**Three-day International Conference on**

**Buddhist Philosophy and Its Role In Inculcating Values Among Youth**

(Feb. 17 -19, 2021)

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**Inaugural Program**

(February 17, 2021)

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| **Feb. 17, 2021 15:00 – 15:30 pm (Indian Time)**  **Wednesday** | **Minute to Minute Program** | |
| Welcome address and objectives of the conference by  **Prof. Sibnath Deb**, Director, RGNIYD, MoYAS, GoI | 3 minutes | 15.00 pm  to  15.03 pm |
| Speech by **Shri Asit Singh**, IRS, Jt.Secretary, MoYAS, GoI | 4 minutes | 15.04 pm  to  15.07 pm |
| Speech by **Shri Dinesh K. Patnaik**, Director General, Indian Council for Cultural Relations, MoEA, GoI | 5 minutes | 15.08 pm  to  15.12 pm |
| Speech by **Ms.** **Usha Sharma**, IAS, Secretary, MoYAS, GoI | 6 minutes | 15.13 pm  to  15.18 pm |
| Presidential Address by **Shri Kiren Rijiju**, Hon’ble Minister, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports (Independent Charge) & Minority Affairs, GoI | 10 minutes | 15.19 pm  to  15.28 pm |
| Vote of Thanks by **Prof. Vasanthi Rajendran**, Head, CTO&CB, RGNIYD, MoYAS, GoI | 2 minutes | 15.29 pm  to  15.30 pm |

**Technical Sessions (Feb.17, 2021, Wednesday)**

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| **Day -1** | **Technical Sessions** | **Topic** |
| 15.30 - 16.00 Hrs | **Prof. C. Upender Rao**  Special Centre for Sanskrit Studies,  Jawaharlal Nehru University,  New Delhi, **India** | The message of Buddha to the youth. |
| 16.00 - 16.30 Hrs | **Ven. Gathare Chandananda Thero**  **Sri Lanka** | Buddhism - Beliefs and Practices among Sri Lankan youth. |
| 16.30 – 17.00  Hrs | **Prof. K.T. S. Sarao**  PhD (Delhi); PhD (Cantab); DLitt (HC)  Professor and Head  Department of Buddhist Studies  University of Delhi, Delhi-110007  **India** | Buddhist Philosophy: Its Relevance in Today's Globalizing World. |
| 17:00 – 17:30 Hrs | **Prof. Dr. Hridaya Ratna Bajracharya**  Vice – Chancellor, Lumbini Buddhist University  Parsa, Lumbini, **Nepal** | Vision of Gautam Buddha and its Relevance Today. |
| **Day 2** | **Technical Sessions (Feb.18, 2021, Thrusday)** | |
| 10.30 – 11.00 Hrs | **Ven. Dr. (Venerable Doctor) Thich Nguyen Dat**  Senior Lecturer on Buddhist Philosophy & Buddhist Psychology  Vietnam Buddhist University, **Vietnam** | "Vietnam Buddhist Education - A Channel of Cultural Exchange between and among Vietnam, India and other countries". |
| 11:00 – 11:.30 Hrs | **Dr. Nidup Dorji**  Department of Public Health  Faculty of Nursing and Public Health  Khesar Gyalpo University of Medical Sciences of Bhutan, Thimphu, **Bhutan** | Buddhism: Why it matters to us? |
| 11.30 – 12.00 Hrs | **Dr. Sonam Chuki**, PhD  Curriculum developer (History education)  Royal Education Council  Paro, **Bhutan** | Rediscovering basic goodness: Boundless ways of being authentic in the global world |
| 12.00 – 12.30 Hrs | **Prof. Bimalendra Kumar**  Department of Pali and Buddhist Studies,  Banaras Hindu University (BHU),  Varanasi (UP), **India** | Concept Of Mindfulness (Smṛti) in Buddhism and its Relevance to Contemporary Youth |
| 12.30 - 13.00 Hrs | **Mr. Say Amnann**, Deputy Director General of Religious Affairs. (MoCR), **Cambodia** | Teachings of Buddha and its Relevance to the Youth of Cambodia |
| 13:00 – 14:00 Hrs | **Break** |  |
| 14.00 - 14.30 Hrs | **Dr. Rajitha P. Kumara**  Senior Lecturer, Deptt. Of Pali & Buddhist Studies University of Kelaniya, Kelaniya, **Sri Lanka** | Early Buddhist Theory of Cognitive Development and its influence on the Individual |
| 14.30 – 15.00 Hrs | **Ven. Baasanbat Bayanbold**  **Mongolia** | Buddha Shakyamuni’s Law of Karma – Ethical Development and Conflict Resolution |
| 15:00 – 15:30 Hrs | **Ven Phra Anandapanyo**  **Thailand** | “How Buddhism is hidden in video games?" & Its influence on the Youth. |
| 15.30 - 16.00 am | **Dr. Amarjiva Lochan**  Associate Professor  Ancient Indian History and Culture  Shivaji College  University of Delhi, **India** | Buddhism – Beliefs and Practices among Indian youth. |
| 16:00 – 16:30 Hrs | **Dr. Suresh Kumar**  Assistant Professor, Department of Buddhist Studies  Nava Nalanda Mahavihara, **India** | Significance of Values in Shaping the Personality of Youth – Role of Buddhist Philosophy. |
| 16:30 – 17:00 Hrs | **Dr. Arvind Kumar Singh** Head & Assistant Professor School of Buddhist Studies and Civilization & Director, International Affairs Gautam Buddha University, Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh-201308, **India** | Beliefs and Practices among Youth as an outcome of the Impact of Buddhist Philosophy. |
| **Day 3** | **Technical Sessions (Feb.19, 2021, Friday)** | |
| 10.30 – 11.00 Hrs | **Dr. Sombat Mangmeesukhsiri**  Director- Sanskrit Studies Centre,  Deptt. of Oriential Languages,  Silpkorn University,  22 Boromarachachonnani Road, Talingchan, Bangkok, **Thailand** | Buddhism and Youth in Thailand: Past, Present and Future |
| 11.00 – 11.30 Hrs | **Mr. Keo Khanteymethea**,  Director of International Cooperation.  (MoCR) |  |
| 11.30-12.00 Hrs | **Ven. Pusselle Wineetha Thero**  **Sri** **Lanka** | Influence of Buddhist Philosophy among the Youth in Sri Lanka. |
| 12.00 – 12.30 Hrs | **Ven. Munkhbaatar.B** | The Compassionate Meditation and Its Values in Modern Time |
| 12.30-13.00 Hrs | **Prof. V.K. Singh**  Professor of Tibetan and Buddhist Studies, Department of Chinese and Tibetan Languages, Punjab University, Chandigarh, **India** | Core Values and Perspectives of Buddhism for Youth Development. |
| 13.00 – 13.30 Hrs | **Dr. Rana Purushottam Kumar Singh**  Assistant Professor  Nava Nalanda Mahavihara (Deemed University),  Nalanda-803111, **India** | Eight Fold Path of Buddha – Message to the Youth. |
| 13.30 – 14.30 Hrs | **Lunch Break** |  |
| 14.30-15.00 | **Dr. Fr. Soosai Lawrence S.J.,**  Jeevan Sangham,  Dumuhan, Bodhgaya,  Bihar, **India** | Life and Philosophy of the Buddha: An Inspiration for Modern Youths! |
| 15.00-15.30 | **Dr. Mukesh Kumar Verma**  Associate professor  Nava Nalanda Mahavihara  Nalanda, Bihar, **India** | Buddhism - Beliefs and Practices among Indian youth. |
| 15.30 – 16.00 Hrs | **Valedictory Function**  Vote of Thanks | |