

THE TEACHINGS OF **BUDDHA** AND THEIR CURRENT RELEVANCE

An International Conference
to mark the Decennial Celebrations of the founding of
The Arunachal University of Studies

Date: 26-28 May 2022 | **Venue:** Arunachal University of Studies, Namsai



About the Conference

Gautama Buddha was an ascetic and a religious teacher of South Asia who lived in the latter half of the first millennium BCE. He is the founder of Buddhism, one of the major religions and philosophical systems of southern and eastern Asia and of the world. The teachings of Lord Buddha, generally known as *Dhamma*, due to their emphasis on peaceful co-existence and its wide pan-Asian presence is considered relevant at all times. Following Buddhist teachings gives many people meaning and understanding in their lives, including in the post-Covid era.

The Arunachal University of Studies (AUS), Namsai, which was founded on May 26th, 2012, is organizing an international conference on the Teachings of Buddha and Their Current Relevance to mark the 10th Anniversary of its founding from May 26 to May 28, 2022, at Namsai. Namsai and the adjoining districts of Eastern Arunachal Pradesh have special significance in the practice of Buddhism and are cultural hotspots. The people of Namsai practice the *Theravada* sect of Buddhism. Translated as 'the way of the elders', it is the oldest surviving form of Buddhism in the world and uses ancient and original Pali scriptures from Buddha's time. Eastern Arunachal's *Theravada* Buddhists are ethnically, culturally, and linguistically closer to the Buddhists of Myanmar, Thailand, Laos, and Cambodia. The conference aims to bring scholars from countries and regions like Taiwan, Sri Lanka, Myanmar, Thailand, Malaysia, and India together to discuss the relevance of Buddha's teachings in the modern world.



About Namsai

Namsai town is the headquarters of the Namsai District in the Indian state of Arunachal Pradesh. It is well connected by air, rail, and road links. The nearest airport is Dibrugarh, which is around 125 km from Namsai, and the nearest railway station is Tinsukia, in Assam, about 70 km away. In May, the weather at Namsai is moderately humid with an average relative humidity of 65%, which can be described as humid but cool. Temperatures in May typically range from 21 to 33 °C, with occasional showers. The Namsai district has risen to the top 15 aspirational districts in the country as a result of the region's transformational growth over the last four years. It is also the land of enchanting pagodas and serenity. The Golden Pagoda Monastery at Tengapani, known as "Kongmu Kham" in the local Tai Khamti language, is a major tourist destination.



About AUS

The Arunachal University of Studies, Namsai was established as a State Education and Skills University by the Government of Arunachal Pradesh through an Act of the State Legislature, which was assented to by the Hon'ble Governor on May 26, 2012, under the sponsorship of the World Education Mission. The Arunachal University of Studies has established a significant presence in the region in terms of quality education, infrastructure, faculty, student strength, and academic programs in a range of disciplines over a relatively short span of ten years.

The Department of Buddhist Studies was established at AUS in 2016. The Department focuses on the study of Buddhist ideas and values in relation to other philosophical and religious traditions. The curriculum examines the larger social, cultural, and historical contexts of the development of Buddhist traditions. Presently, the department offers a certificate course in Pali Language, besides BA-Hons, MA, and Ph.D. programs in Buddhist Studies.



Sub Themes

- 1 Buddhism: Discourse on Loving Kindness**
- 2 Buddhism: A Way of Life**
- 3 The Four Noble Truths of Buddhism**
- 4 Karma: The Real Creator.**
- 5 Dissemination of Buddhism.**
- 6 Enriching Human Life through Buddhism.**

Optional visits to the Buddhist circuit around Namsai will be organized on the third day of the conference.

Target Audience

Students and faculty of Buddhist studies and the Buddhist monks from South and East Asian countries will attend this conference. Leading international experts are being invited to make plenary lectures at the conference.

Important Dates

Submission of Abstract: closes on	:	15 May 2022
Notification of Acceptance	:	16 May 2022
Registration Starts from	:	20 May 2022
Submission of Full Paper	:	24 May 2022

Guidelines for the preparation of abstracts: 200-250 Words long, single-spaced, 12 fonts TNR.

Registration

Participants are requested to register their names in advance. The details for registration are given below:

1. Faculty & Monks*	:	₹ 3000/- (With Paper)
2. Research Scholars	:	₹ 1500/- (With Paper)
3. Students	:	₹ 1000/- (With Paper)
4. Participants	:	₹ 500/- (Without Paper)

* The World Education Mission has offered 100% Sponsorship to all the Monks participating in Programme on Registration Fee.

*(The registration fee does not cover the cost of accommodation and visits.)

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Phone: **Email:**

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5. Sex: Male Female

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