

The Buddhist Study Centre

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Introduction:

India is a land of not only multiple civilizations but has also given birth to many significant social thinkers like Gautam Bhuddha, Mahatama Gandhi, Rabindra Nath Tagore, Pandit Ramabai, Savitribai Phule and so and so forth. It becomes the responsibility of Universities of India towards the nation to acquaint students entering its portals with morals, principles, ideas and values of these thinkers to create an all inclusive egalitarian society.

With this objective in mind University Grants Commission in it's X plan provided financial assistance and encouraged Universities to open Centres like Gandhi Study Centre, Ambedkar Study Centre, Nehru Study Centre & Buddha Study Centre. This is how The Buddha Study Centre came into existence in the year 2006 with Prof. Dharmchand Jain, from department of Sanskrit as the founding Director of the Centre.

Mission:

The purpose of the centre since its inception is to percolate and propagate Buddhist philosophy and teachings. Which in turn shall help us to wake up from our sleep and to come out of the vicious circle of ego.

Vision:

With the rampant denigrating socio-cultural milieu, increased suicidal tendencies and rise in cases of depression It is here the four Noble truths of Buddha and Buddhist Studies comes in the picture.

Thereby we shall ensure maximum participation of students from inside and outside University to become part of the array of diploma and Certificate Courses offered by the centre. We also aspire to make the Centre into a full fledged Department offering U. G. , P. G. and Research Programs.

Activities of the Centre:

The founding Director Prof. Jain laid a very strong foundation of the centre. He organized various activities such as Workshops, Seminars, Conferences Extension Lectures etc. Many Books were also published on Buddhist Philosophy and teachings encapsulating various aspects. On 16th July, 2021 Online Lecture was organized by the Centre on the topic “Introduction to Buddhist Philosophy’. The Guest speaker was Prof. Geshe Nawang Samten, Honourable Vice- Chancellor, Central University of Tibetan Studies, Sarnath, Varanasi

The other Directors of the centre were Prof. Arvind Parihar from Department of History, Prof Kailash Daga from Department of Chemistry, Dr. Mahender Purohit from Department of History. At present the centre is headed by Dr Rajshree Ranawat from Department of English.

Memorandum of Understanding:

The Centre has recently signed MOU with Krantiguru Shyamji Krishna Verma Kachchh University , Gujarat to collaborate for various academic activities.

