

PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

International Conference on
Women and Buddhism: Perspectives on Gender, Culture and Empowerment
&
Exhibition on
Avalokitesvara/Guanshiyin: Feminine symbolism in Buddhist Art

(27th March to 29th March 2017)

Day 1
27th March 2017

Inaugural Session: 10.30 am. - 12.30 pm.

Academic Session-1
Venue - Conference Hall, C.V. Mess, IGNC
Session -1 (Timings – 12.30 -1.45 pm.)*

Chair : Venerable ChatsumarnKabil Singh
Coordinator : Ms. Gargi Goswami

Sl. No.	Name of the Speakers	Title of the Paper
1.	Prof. Sanghasen, India	Ananda alias Videha Muni: The Earliest Forerunner of Women Liberation Movement
2.	Prof. Angraj Chaudhury, India	Buddha's View of Woman
3.	Prof. Baidyanath Labh, India	Buddha's Attitude towards Women

Discussion : 1.30-1.45 pm.
Lunch : 1.45-2.15 pm.

Session – 2 (27th March, 2017)
Venue – Conference Hall, C.V. Mess, IGNCA
Timings - 2.15pm – 4.05 pm*

Chair : Prof. Amarjeev Lochan
Coordinator : Dr. Ajay K. Mishra

Sl. No.	Name of the Speakers	Title of the Paper
1.	Bhikkhuni Thong Niem, Canada	Attributes of Leadership of Buddhist Women during Buddha's Time
2.	Dr. Subhra Baruah Pavagadhi, India	Women empowerment in Early Buddhism
3.	Prof Bimalendra Kumar, India	Some Issues Related with Emancipation of Bhikkhunis in Later Buddhist Texts
4.	Dr. Priyasen Singh, India	Women in Buddhism: An Introspection

Discussion : 3.15 pm.-4.05pm.
Tea : 4.05 pm. -4.15 pm.

***Schedule/Presentation subject to change**

Session-3 (27th March2017)
Venue – Conference Hall, C.V. Mess, IGNCA
Timings - 4.15 pm. – 5.40 pm.

Chair : Prof. Sanghasen Singh
Coordinator : Dr. Swati Chakravarty

Sl. No.	Name of the Participant	Title of the Paper
1.	Dr. Subhash Chandra Dash, India	The Status of Women in the Buddhist Jātakas
2.	Prof. Ratna Basu, India	Delineation of Women in Sanskrit Buddhist Creative Literature
3.	Dr. Ujjwal Kumar, India	A Brief Survey of the Pali Sutta-s connected with Lay Women
4.	Bhante. Panyadeepa Mog, India	Women in Buddhist Literature

Discussion : 5.40 pm. - 5.55 pm.

Schedule/Presentation subject to change*

Session-4 (28th March 2017)
Venue - Conference Hall, C.V. Mess, IGNCA
Timings: 10.00 am. - 11.30 am.

Chair : Prof. Hudaya Kandahjaya
Coordinator : Dr. Ajay Kumar Mishra

Sl. No.	Name of the Participant	Title of the Paper
1.	Venerable Dhammananda Bhikkhuni, Thailand	Where did we derail?
2.	Venerable Kalupahana Piyaratana Thero, Srilanka	Re -Establishment of Bhikkununi order in Sri Lanka and difficulties it faced
3.	Do Thu Ha, Vietnam	Buddhist Feminist Spirituality In Contemporary Vietnam
4.	Dr. Mitashree Srivastava, India	In search of a Buddhist identity:An Anthropological case study of novice women Buddhists at a Bharat SokaGakkai (BSG) district of Delhi.

Discussion : 11.30 am.-11.45 am.
Tea : 11.45 am.-12.30 am.

Movie Screening: 12.30 p.m-1.15 pm.
Coordination: Gargi Goswami

Movie: **Women in Thai Theravada Buddhism, *White Robes, Saffron Dreams***
Director: Teena Gill
Lunch : 1.15 pm

Parallel Session (28th March 2017)

Venue – Auditorium, C.V. Mess, IGNCA

Timings: 10.00 am – 12.30 pm.

Chairperson : Dr. H.P. Negi

Coordinator : Ms.Gargi Goswami

Sl. No.	Name of the Participant	Title of the Paper
1.	Mr. Abhishek Parashar	Women Emancipation through Nikaya Teachings
2.	Ms.Rita Aggarwal	Women and Buddhism
3.	Ms. Rachana Rana	BUDDHA'S ATTITUDE TOWARDS WOMEN
4.	Ms. Neha Panwar	BUDDHA'S ATTITUDE TOWARDS WOMEN: Prominent Buddhist Women
5.	Dr. Oindrila Ghoshal	Theri Gatha: A Human Saga of the Lives of Early Buddhist Nuns

Discussion & Tea

Movie Screening: 12.30 p.m-1.15 pm.

Coordination: Gargi Goswami

Movie: **Women in Thai Theravada Buddhism, *White Robes, Saffron Dreams***

Director: Teena Gill

Lunch : 1.15 pm

Session-5 (28th March 2017)
Venue – Conference Hall, C.V. Mess, IGNCA
Timings - 1.40 pm. -3.00 pm.

Chair : Prof. Madhu Khanna
Coordinator : Dr. Ajay Kumar Mishra

Sl. No.	Name of the Participant	Title of the Paper
1.	Ms. Paulavi Das, India	Women Ordination and Empowerment in Classical Buddhism
2.	Dr. Nawang Tsering, India	Nuns on the way to a spiritual movement
3.	Ms. Swati Chawla, USA	What makes an Empowered Nun?: A View from the Tibetan Nuns Project in India
4.	Ms. Shilpi Das, India	Women, Buddhism, Nationalism : A Study in their Inter-relation through Asit Kumar Haldar's <i>A Panorama of the Life of Lord Buddha Depicting the Life of Lord Buddha</i>

Discussion : 3.00 pm.-3.15 pm.
Tea : 3.15 pm.-3.30 pm.

Session-6 (28th March, 2017)
Venue – Conference Hall, C.V. Mess, IGNCA
Timings - 3.30 pm. – 5.00 pm.*

Chairperson : Dr. Sonal Mansingh
Coordinator : Dr. Radha Banerjee Sarkar

Sl. No.	Name of the Participant	Title of the Paper
1.	Dr. Madhu Khanna, India	Tārā, The Divine Bodhisattva and Her Mortal Representations
2.	Prof. Agata Bareja-Starzynska, Poland & Prof. Byambaa Ragchaa, Poland	Buddhism in Mongolia and the Cult of Tara
3.	Prof. Neela Bhattacharya Saxena, USA	Woman is 'Antahprajnatmika': A Spectrum of Enlightenment from Maradarikas to Female Buddhas in Tantric Buddhism
4.	Prof Andrea Losaries, Austria	Prajñāpāramitā – The Great Mother of all Buddhas A doctrinal analysis of the Divine Female in Tantrika Buddhism transcending gender roles
5.	Dr. Geetika Kaw Kher, India	MahāsiddhaMañibhadrā and the significance of a broken pot in mystic parlance

Discussion: 4.45-5.00 pm.

Tea will be served in the Conference Hall at 3.30pm

5.30 pm: Book release function of the IGNCA publication titled 'Women seers and their songs' by Dr Sonal Mansingh

Tea : 6.30 pm.

Session- 7 (29th March, 2017)
Venue – Conference Hall, C.V. Mess, IGNCA
Timings - 10.00 am. - 11.45 am*

Chairperson : Prof. Andrea Losaries
Coordinator : Ms. Gargi Goswami

Sl. No.	Name of the Participant	Title of the Paper
1.	Prof. Prabin Das and Mr. Vishnu Saikia, India	Tantricism, Women and Buddhism: In Context to Kamakhya Temple of Assam
2.	Dr. H. Sudhir, India	Buddhism, Buddhist Societies and Women in Northeast India
3.	Dr. Savita Khan, Mr.Amit Anand India	Tradition of Feminine in Buddhism: A Case Study of Ugrataara in Mithila.
4.	Ms. Sangeeta Das and Ms.Meenakshi Singh, India	Feminine Power in Tantric Buddhism

Discussion : 11.30 am. - 11.45 am.
Tea : 11.45 am. - 12.00 pm.

Session-8 (29th March, 2017)
Venue – Conference Hall, C.V. Mess, IGNCA
Timings - 12.00 pm. - 12.50 pm.

Sl. No.	Name of the Participant	Title of the Paper
1.	Dr. Karma Sonam Palmo, India	Woman and Buddhahood: Mahayana Perspectives
2.	Nilisha Rao and Aditi Roy, India	Gender Equality and Empowerment of Women In Mahayana Buddhism

Discussion: 12.50 pm. - 1.00 pm.
Lunch : 1.00 pm. -1.30 pm.

Parallel Session (29th March)
Venue – Auditorium, C.V. Mess, IGNCA
Timings: 10.00 am. – 1.30 pm.

Chairperson : Dr. H.P. Negi
Coordinator : Ms. Gargi Goswami

Sl. No.	Name of the Participant	Title of the Paper
1.	Mr. Dheeraj Kumar Nirbhay, India	Women and Engaged Buddhism
2.	Mr.C.B.Gupta and Ms. Karishma Agarwal, India	The Buddha's attitude towards women
3.	Dr. Rajnish Shukla, India	WOMEN IN BUDDHIST LITRETURE
4.	Dr. Snehlata Negi, India	Theries Expression of freedom in Therigatha
5.	Dr. Sarat Kumar Jena, India	Gender in Ancient Odia Poetry: Representation of Women in CharyapadaTradition
6.	Prof. Preeti Dubey, India	The concept of family life in Pali-Literature
7.	Ms. Kalpana Kumari, India	Buddhist Perspective on Eco-feminis m
8.	Ms. Aparajita Bhattacharya, India	The Woman who gave Birth to Buddha: Conceptualizing the 'Divine Mother' in Buddhist Art of Early India
9.	Ms. Prena Bhardwaj	Transcending their 'two finger wisdom' to the perfect awakening-The empowerment of the woman in Buddhism

Tea will be served in the **Auditorium** at time of the discussion.
Lunch : 1.30 pm. – 2.00 pm.

Session- 9 (29th March, 2017)
Venue – Conference Hall, C.V. Mess, IGNCA
Timings: 2.00 pm. - 3.30 pm.

Chairperson : Prof. Nirmala Sharma
Coordinator : Dr. Swati Chakrvarty

Sl. No.	Name of the Participant	Title of the Paper
1.	Dr. Mariko Namba Walter, USA	Women Donors in Buddhist Gandhāra
2.	Dr. Radha Banerjee Sarkar, India	Delineation of Bhikshuni Suksma story in Dunhuang Mural
3.	Swati Mondal Adhikari, India	Karunā as reflected in female representation in Buddhist Art

Discussion : 3.15 pm. – 3.30 pm.

Session- 10 (29th March, 2017)
Venue – Conference Hall, C.V. Mess, IGNCA
Timings - 3.30 pm. - 5.30 pm.

Chair : Dr. Madhu Khanna
Coordinator : Dr. Swati Mondol Adhikari

Sl. No.	Name of the Participant	Title of the Paper
1.	Prof. Karma Lekshe Tsomo, USA	Buddhist Women of South Asia: Traditions and Transformation
2.	Prof. Hudaya Kandahjaya, USA	A Brief Note on the Role of Women in Indonesian Buddhism
3.	Bhikkhuni Maharagama Uppalavanna ;, Srilanka	Gender as an Issue in Buddhism
4.	Prof. Laxman Thakur, India	Constructing the Concept of Gender Equality and Visual Narrative Modes in Mahāyāna Sūtras: A Study of the <i>Gandavyūhasūtra</i>

Discussion : 5.15 pm. - 5.30 pm.

Valedictory Session
(29th March, 2017)
Venue – Conference Hall, C.V. Mess, IGNCA
Timings - 5.30 pm. - 6.30 pm.

Coordinator : Ms. Gargi Goswami

1.	Dr. Radha Banerjee Sarkar	Wrap of the Conference
2.	Karma Lekshe Tsomo, Dr.Madhu Khanna, Dr.Nirmala Sharma, Prof.H.P.Gangnegi& Prof. Sanghsen ,India	Comments and resolution of academic deliverations
3.	Prof. Lokesh Chandra, President, ICCR.	Valedictory Address
4.	Dr. Ajay Kumar Mishra, Kala Kosa, Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts, New Delhi, India.	Vote of Thanks

High Tea : 6.00 pm.