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Important Dates

Last Date for Consent:
15th August 2026

Last Date for submission of abstract:
15th September 2026

Last date for the submission of full paper:
15th December 2026

Conference
1st-3rd February 2027

MAHA BODHI SOCIETY OF INDIA (MBSI)

IN COLLABORATION WITH

NAVA NALANDA MAHAVIHARA (NNM), NALANDA
(DEEMED TO BE UNIVERSITY, MINISTRY OF CULTURE, GOVT. OF INDIA)

THREE-DAY GLOBAL CONFERENCE

ON

“ESA DHAMMO SANANTANO – TOWARDS
AWAKENING THE HUMANITY”
(1st-3rd FEBRUARY, 2027)

Dear Dhamma Friend,

Nearly 2600 years ago, Prince Siddhartha Gautama attained enlightenment beneath the sacred Bodhi Tree at Bodhgaya and became the Buddha. From the day of his enlightenment until his Mahāparinirvāṇa, the Buddha travelled widely across the regions of ancient Jambudīpa (India), sharing his teachings with people from all walks of life. His message was offered freely and compassionately, without any discrimination of gender, class, caste, or social status.

For more than two millennia, the teachings of the Buddha have guided humanity by offering profound insights into the nature of the mind, the problem of suffering, ethical conduct, and the path to liberation. In the present age—when the world faces serious challenges such as conflict, ecological crisis, psychological distress, and moral uncertainty—the message of the Buddha remains deeply relevant and meaningful.

The phrase “*Esa Dhammo Sanantano*”, “This is the eternal law,” found in the *Dhammapada*, expresses the timeless nature of the Buddha’s teaching. The Dhamma is not confined to any particular era, place, or culture. Rather, it addresses universal truths concerning the human condition and offers a path toward inner awakening as well as collective harmony.

The wisdom preserved in the Tipiṭaka and elaborated in classical Buddhist texts has inspired centuries of philosophical reflection, spiritual practice, and scholarly inquiry into the nature of consciousness and reality. In the modern world, Buddhist teachings are increasingly studied not only as religious doctrines but also as psychological, philosophical, ecological, and even scientific frameworks for understanding the mind and the universe. Concepts such as *Paṭiccasamuppāda* (Dependent Origination), *Sati* (mindfulness), and *Suññatā* (emptiness) have found meaningful dialogue with contemporary fields such as neuroscience, cognitive science, environmental studies, and even modern physics.

In this context, the Global Conference on “*Esa Dhammo Sanantano*”, “Towards Awakening the Humanity” aims to explore these important dimensions by bringing together scholars, practitioners, and thinkers from different parts of the world. Through interdisciplinary dialogue and scholarly discussion, the Conference

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will examine how the teachings of the Buddha can contribute to awakening humanity toward wisdom, compassion, peace, and sustainable living.

The theme emphasizes the timeless and universal nature of the Buddha's teaching and its transformative potential for humanity. The Dhamma, as taught by the Buddha, is not merely a historical doctrine but an enduring principle that guides ethical conduct, mental purification, and the realization of ultimate truth. The conference seeks to explore the following areas:

1. The philosophical depth of the Buddha's teachings
 2. The scientific and psychological insights within Buddhist thought
 3. The relevance of the Dhamma in addressing contemporary global challenges
 4. The integration of spiritual wisdom with modern systems of knowledge
 5. Any other relevant topic addressing the theme of the Conference
- Scholars are also welcome to present papers on related themes from other religious traditions or philosophical perspectives that resonate with the central theme of the Conference.

Friends, as a global organization committed to peace and the propagation of the Buddha's teachings, MBSI considers it a solemn responsibility to carry forward the Enlightened One's message into the modern age. Recognizing the vital relevance of the Buddha's social and ethical teachings for peace-building in the contemporary world, MBSI and NNM are organizing a Global Conference themed "*Esa Dhammo Sanantano – Towards Awakening Humanity*" from February 01 to 03, 2027, at Buddhagaya Centre of MBSI and NNM, Nalanda.

This Global Conference also commemorates the historic 20th anniversary of **Jayasri Maha Bodhi Vihara, Bodhgaya**, which was established in 2007.

MBSI warmly invites you to participate in the Conference and present a paper on a topic of your choice related to the theme. Each Speaker will be allotted 20 minutes for presentation, followed by 10 minutes of discussion.

Travel and Accommodation:

For Overseas participants: International participants will be responsible for their international air fare to and from the nearest Indian airport. However, the organisers will reimburse the cost of travel from the nearest Indian airport to Maha Bodhi Society of India, Buddhagaya Centre, including train fare or other local transportation expenses incurred upon arrival in India.

For Domestic participants: Delegates from India will be reimbursed AC Second Class train fare (to-and-fro) between their place of stay and Buddhagaya. Reimbursement of applicable local transportation expenses will also be provided.

The organizers will be pleased to extend modest local hospitality to all participants during the Conference. This will include accommodation at Maha Bodhi Society of India, Buddhagaya Guest House, vegetarian meals, and local transportation connected with the Conference. Hospitality will be available from the afternoon of 31st January, 2027 till the morning of 2nd February 2027.

Kindly confirm your participation by 15th August, 2026 by sending your consent along with the title of your paper to the two email addresses : mbsihq@gmail.com / ujjwal1980@gmail.com

Looking forward to hearing from you,

Yours in the Dhamma,



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