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## Holy Piprahwa Relics of Lord Buddha Return to India after 127 Years



*'The Light and the Lotus: Relics of the Awakened One'.*

This landmark exposition marks the historic return of the Holy Piprahwa Relics of Lord Buddha to India after 127 years, following their successful repatriation in July 2025 after the Government of India's concerted efforts to halt their auction by Sotheby's. It brings together the most comprehensive assemblage of the sacred Piprahwa Relics from the Piprahwa Stupa in Uttar Pradesh, India, a site believed to be associated with ancient Kapilavastu, the homeland of Gautama Buddha.

Discovered in 1898 by *British civil engineer William Claxton Peppé*,

*Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi viewing the rare Holy Jewel Relics*

the Piprahwa Relics—the mortal remains of the Buddha—hold a central place in the archaeological study of early Buddhism. These are among the earliest and most historically significant relic deposits directly connected to Shakyamuni Buddha. Enshrined by the Buddha's followers around the 3rd century BCE, they have long held immense spiritual value for the global Buddhist community and represent one of the most important archaeological discoveries in India's history.

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heritage has returned, and the nation's treasured legacy has come back home. From today, the people of India and Buddhists worldwide will now have the opportunity to view and pay reverence to these holy relics and seek blessings from the "Awakened One". India stands firm as a protector and preserver of the Buddhist global heritage.'



The six-month-long exposition was opened for public viewing on 3 January at the historic Fort Qila Rai Pithora, New Delhi, allowing devotees and visitors to experience a rare glimpse of the Buddha's most treasured relics. These include sculptures, manuscripts, thangkas, ritual objects, reliquaries and jewelled treasures. At its core is the monolithic stone coffer in which the sacred relics were originally discovered.

Inaugurating the exposition, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi said: 'After a wait of 127 years, India's



***'The public will have the opportunity to view and pay reverence to these holy relics until 30th June 2026. However, if the public demand continues, it may be extended further!'***



Prime Minister Modi went on to say that the shared Buddhist heritage is proof that India is not merely connected globally through politics, economy and diplomacy, but through deeper

bonds: 'we are connected through mind and emotions, through faith and spirituality. India is not only the custodian of Lord Buddha's sacred relics but also is a living carrier of His tradition.'

The inauguration was attended by parliamentarians, ministers, members of the diplomatic corps, ambassadors, venerable Buddhist monks, senior government officials, scholars, heritage experts, members of the art fraternity, students, and followers of Buddha Dhamma from India and abroad. ■



*Prime Minister absorbed with the display of the excavations at the ancient Piprahwa Stupa in Uttar Pradesh*

## Sacred Devnimori Relics of Lord Buddha Journey to Sri Lanka



On a visit to Sri Lanka in April 2025, **Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi** articulated his vision of taking the sacred Devnimori Relics of Lord Buddha to Sri Lanka for a public exposition. This came to fruition on 4 February 2026.

The Holy Relics arrived in Colombo with full state honours aboard a specially designated aircraft of the Indian Air Force—a reflection of the reverence with which India upholds its sacred heritage. The relics were accompanied by a

distinguished delegation led by **Shri Acharya Devvrat, Governor of Gujarat**, and **Shri Harsh Sanghavi, Deputy Chief Minister of Gujarat**, along with senior monks and officials.

The eight-day exposition was inaugurated by the **Hon'ble President of Sri Lanka, Anura Kumara Dissanayake**, and attended by the political and spiritual leadership of the country, including the **Prime Minister Harini Amarasuriya**.

Over one million devotees—young and old, representing all sections of the society—participated in the pious veneration of the Buddha's revered relics at the iconic Gangaramaya Temple. This temple is Sri Lanka's most spiritually significant Buddhist institution. Founded by **Venerable Hikkaduwe Sri Sumangala Nayaka Thera** in the late 19th century, the temple evolved into a major centre of worship, learning and cultural exchange, and provides an apt and dignified setting for the exposition.





*Sri Lankan Prime Minister Harini Amarasuriya pays respects to the Holy Devnimori Relics at Gangaramaya Temple, in Colombo*

**Sri Lanka’s High Commissioner to India, Ms. Mahishini Colonne**, described the exposition of the sacred relics as a ‘rare blessing’ for the country, and expressed gratitude to the Government of India for making the historic event possible.

In his inaugural address on their country’s Independence Day on 4 February 2026, H.E. President of Sri Lanka, Shri Anura Kumara Dissanayake, said, ‘This is not only a moment of deep spiritual devotion but a reaffirmation of the ancient bonds between Sri Lanka and India. We are reminded that peace, compassion, and empathy are timeless values that continue to guide humanity.’

Among other events organised by IBC during the exposition were two exhibitions: ‘Unearthing the Sacred Piprahwa: The Story of the Holy Buddha Relics and its Related Activities with Sri Lanka’, and ‘Sacred Relics and Cultural

Engagement of Contemporary India’. They were inaugurated by **Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs of Sri Lanka, Dr. Hiniduma Sunil Senevi**, and the **Minister of Health and Mass Media, Dr. Nalinda Jay**. The Prime Minister of Sri Lanka, Dr. Harini Anarasuriya, also spent time at the exhibition.

There was a performance by Sankyassa Nrutya Sangsadan,

a group known for presenting traditional artistic performances, often themed around Buddhist or Indian heritage. A short film tracing the spread of Buddhism across Asia enriched the participants’ understanding of the tradition’s civilisational journey, while the ‘Indo-Sri Lankan Pali Dialogue’ brought together eminent scholars and monks from both countries to discuss the preservation and promotion of Pali following its





recognition as a classical Indian language by the Government of India.

The last programme was a talk on the ‘Role of Sri Lanka in the Global Buddhist Community’ by **Senior Prof. Ven. Miriswatte Wimalagnana Thero** from the Postgraduate Institute of Pali and Buddhist Studies, Sri Lanka. He highlighted the island’s historic

and contemporary leadership in preserving and disseminating Buddha Dhamma.

In his concluding speech, **Deputy Secretary General IBC, Dr. Damenda Porage** captured the spirit of gratitude, continuity and shared purpose that characterised the diverse gathering of Sri Lankan and Indian monks, scholars and academicians, leaving

participants with a renewed sense of commitment to strengthening Indo–Sri Lankan Buddhist ties.

With this exposition, India once again conveyed the universal message of Buddha Dhamma—non-violence, compassion and coexistence—while reaffirming its commitment to cultural diplomacy and global harmony. The journey of the relics to Sri Lanka stands as a powerful symbol of peace, a celebration of shared spiritual inheritance, and a reaffirmation of the special and enduring friendship between India and Sri Lanka, rooted in centuries-old civilisational ties and mutual respect.



**Hon’ble Governor of Madhya Pradesh Shri Mangubhai C. Patel**, and the **Deputy Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh, Shri Chowna Mein** accompanied the delegation on the return journey of the Holy Relics from Colombo on 11 February 2026. ■



## Third Edition of the Bodhgaya Marathon

*'Run for Global Peace and Women's Empowerment'*. This was the theme of the Third Edition of the Bodhgaya Marathon held on 1 February by IBC in collaboration with the Bodhgaya Marathon Committee (BMC), with support from the Government of Bihar.

Held at the Kalachakra Ground, Bodhgaya, the Marathon sought to inspire compassion, wisdom, unity and peaceful coexistence in the face of modern societal challenges. It also reaffirmed Bodhgaya's role as a global spiritual capital.

The Marathon began with ceremonial chanting by monks from both Mahayana and Theravada traditions, a symbol of unity across Buddhist traditions. There were over 1,500 enthusiastic participants, including 100 international participants from 13 countries, and 200 cadets and officers from the Officers Training Academy (OTA), Gaya. Buddhist nuns from the Fo Guang Shan Temple in Bodhgaya also took part—a meaningful stride towards women's empowerment in both

spiritual and athletic fields. A remarkable highlight was the participation of a 60-year-old woman in the 42 km full marathon category, an example of resilience and determination. Importantly, this year also marked the introduction of new and distinctive race categories: the Sujata Run, Niranjana Run and Saree Run.

The participation of 55 to 60 monks from diverse monasteries added a rich cultural and spiritual dimension to the event. The monasteries were:

The Bangladesh Buddhist Monastery; The Royal Bhutan Temple; Japanese Monastery and Temple; Cambodian Buddhist Monastery; Bodhiraja Monastery, Taiwan Temple; Nepali Tamang Buddhist Monastery; Palyul Temple; The Pearl Mahavihara; Tergar Monastery; Nyingma Monlam Chenmo International Foundation (Tibetan Monastery); Mahabodhi Society of India Bodhgaya; Myanmar Vihar; Vietnamese Mahayana Temple; Wat Lao; Wat Thai; Shechen



Monastery; and Karma Tharjay Chokhorling Kagyupa Vajrayana Monastery.

The *Hon'ble Sports Minister of Bihar, Ms. Shreyashi Singh*, graced the occasion as Chief Guest. Felicitating runners for their dedication, she delivered a motivational address, emphasising the transformative power of sports in shaping both body and mind.

The event was covered extensively by Buddhist influencers, content creators and media, ensuring that its message resonated far beyond Bodhgaya. ■



## Second Global Buddhist Summit

The modern world is experiencing rapid changes, marked by social, political and environmental challenges leading to conflict, alienation and uncertainty.

In this context, the timeless wisdom of the Buddha Dhamma offers guidance through compassion, wisdom and harmony. The principles of collective wisdom, united voice and mutual coexistence are central to fostering peace, shared prosperity and deeper human connection.

Building on these insights, the second edition of IBC's flagship event, the Global Buddhist Summit, was organised in collaboration with the Ministry of Culture, Government of India, from 24 to 26 January 2026. Over 200 delegates from across the world and India participated, including senior monks of the Sangha, officials, scholars,

thought influencers, academia, students, among others. It was inaugurated by *Hon'ble Union Minister of Culture & Tourism, Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat*, and the Guest of Honour was *Shri Kiren Rijju, Hon'ble Union Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Minority Affairs*.

The theme of the Summit was *'Collective Wisdom, United Voice, and Mutual Coexistence'*, highlighting the relevance of Buddhist philosophy in promoting social harmony and constructive global engagement in line with IBC's motto, *'Collective Wisdom, United Voice'*. The Summit serves as a global platform for dialogue, unity and shared reflection rooted in Buddhist thought.

The Summit featured a distinguished panel of international speakers, among them *H.E. Mr. Maris Sangiampongsa, Former*



*Minister of Foreign Affairs of Thailand; and Most Venerable Thich Duc Thien, Member of the National Assembly of Vietnam and Vice President & General Secretary of the Vietnam Buddhist Sangha.* Prominent members of the Global Buddhist Sangha included *H.E. Gyeltrul Jigme Rinpoche (India); His Eminence Dzongsar Jamyang Khyentse Rinpoche (Bhutan); Most Venerable Ashin Kumara (Myanmar); Prof. Dr. Subarna Lal Bajracharya (Nepal); Rev. Kosho Tomioka (Japan); Master Shih Jian-Yin (Taiwan); Venerable Ananda Bhante (India); and Prof. Robert Thurman (Padma Shri awardee, USA).*



The discussions centred on some key ideas: the convergence of diverse perspectives within the Buddha Dhamma tradition to nurture a shared sense of compassion and empathy; the inspiration of Buddhist teachings for value-based entrepreneurship and ethical modes of economic activity; Buddhist approaches to enhancing physical and mental health, ecological awareness and sustainability; collective learning and Dhamma-centred education

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models; and the essence of the Sangha as a model for collective growth and spiritual friendship.

Three significant events took place on the sidelines of the Summit. A large group of monks and nuns representing 40 countries attending the Summit were guests at this year's Republic Day Parade. At the press conference, **Secretary General IBC, Ven. Shartse Khensur Rinpoche Jangchup Choeden** said, 'at the parade, India will be displaying its might, but it is also the land of Buddha Dhamma, spreading the message of peace, love and kindness to many countries in the

world. We believe in the power of compassion and care. We need peace in the world today and friendly coexistence.' **Shri Abhijit Halder** remarked that Republic Day also marks Constitution Day, and drew attention to Buddhist principles that have influenced the Constitution of India: the ideals of equality and compassion.

**Deputy Secretary General of IBC, Dr. Damenda Porage of Sri Lanka** concluded that the 'Buddha Dhamma was the indispensable heritage of India that was spread to my country. We received the Buddhist doctrine along with artisans heralding the spiritual

renaissance in Sri Lanka. India stands as the light to the world: displaying both strength and spiritual kindness.'

The second highpoint was the visit of around 250 international monks and delegates to Qila Rai Pithora Cultural Complex to pay their respects and offer prayers to the Holy Relics of the Buddha at the exposition which was inaugurated by the Prime Minister on 3 January 2026. Fascinated by the historical background of the Piprawah Relics, they appreciated India's efforts to not only preserve the ancient heritage but also ensure their repatriation home.





Finally, there was an exhibition of Buddhism-themed postage stamps from **Mr. Vinod Kumar's** personal collection. Postage stamps issued by different countries beautifully documented Buddhism's journey through the depiction of significant events from the life of the Buddha—his birth at Lumbini, renunciation, enlightenment, first sermon at Sarnath and Mahaparinirvana at Kushinagar. International stamps from Nepal, Sri Lanka, Bhutan, Thailand, Myanmar, Cambodia, China, Japan and Mongolia reflected monasteries, stupas, cave temples and pilgrimage destinations.

Together, these three events highlighted the dual essence of India's identity: a nation rooted in spiritual wisdom and cultural heritage, while simultaneously asserting its democratic strength and sovereignty.

The Summit also included IBC's Annual General Body Meeting, and the adoption of the Declaration of the Second Global Buddhist Summit 2026. ■

## Restoration of the Boat from Ajanta Murals



*Mr Ankur Naik of the Prasad Pawar Foundation explaining the details of the boat to Union Minister for Parliamentary Affairs and Minority Affairs, Shri Kiren Rijju and Union Minister for Culture and Tourism, Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat*

Among the many narrative elements in the Ajanta murals, the boat motif holds profound historical and spiritual significance. In Buddhist symbolism, the boat represents the 'crossing over' — from ignorance to enlightenment, from suffering (*dukkha*) to liberation (*nirvana*).

Historically, it also signifies the maritime and riverine routes through which Buddhism spread from India to Sri Lanka, Southeast Asia and beyond by monks, traders and scholars. The Ajanta boat thus stands as a powerful metaphor of India as the fountainhead of

Buddhist thought, transmitting wisdom, compassion and cultural exchange across oceans, especially in Asia.

The Prasad Pawar Foundation (PPF) has restored these fragile Ajanta mural depictions through research-based digital restoration, reviving details that had faded over time — including the structure of the vessel, the figures aboard and the surrounding natural elements. These efforts have contributed to preserving not only an artistic element, but a visual testimony to India's ancient role in civilisational connectivity and soft power over the oceans. ■



## VISUAL STORY

### IBC Monks and Guests at Republic Day Parade



## The Interdependence of the Cosmos & Mind



*Mr. Tenzin Loden, former Lecturer and Head of the Tibetan Astro-Science Research & Outreach Department, Dharamsala* addressed a large audience at the India International Centre on 13 February 2026.

The topic of this special lecture was *'The Interdependence of the Cosmos & Mind: The Buddhist Foundation of Tibetan Astrology'*. The Chair, *Shri Abhijit Halder*, opened the discussion by highlighting the core aspects of Tibetan Astrology and its practice.

It was a rich and insightful talk that illuminated how Tibetan Astro-Science — uniting traditional astronomy and elemental astrology — is deeply rooted in the Buddhist vision of interdependence. Far from being mere prediction, it is a profound science of understanding causes, conditions, and the subtle interplay of the five elements that shape both the outer cosmos and our inner world. In today's complex and uncertain times, such wisdom offers not superstition, but clarity — encouraging mindfulness, balance, and ethical responsibility in how we think, act, and live. ▣



## Buddhist Creators Convention 2026

Inaugurated on 29 January 2026 at the Shechen Monastery, Bodhgaya, this pioneering initiative brought together influencers and content creators on Buddhism from around the globe. The aim was to strengthen networks, enhance creative and technical skills, and reaffirm the collective commitment to spread the Buddha's teachings in a positive and impactful manner through digital platforms

The event opened with a candle-lighting ceremony before the image of the Buddha, led by the 12-year-old *spiritual leader Venerable Palga Rinpoche of the Shechen Monastery*. This was followed by the chanting of the Heart Sutra in Sanskrit by *Ms. Deepa Ji*.

Chief Guest, *Shri Abhijit Halder*, addressed the participants via a

video message. Emphasising the responsibility of influencers in shaping society, he highlighted the subtle yet powerful role of digital creators in spreading peace, compassion, and wisdom through Buddha Dhamma.

In his message delivered virtually, *Venerable Dzongsar Jamyang Khyentse Rinpoche* foregrounded the importance of digitisation as a tool for disseminating the Buddha's teachings, provided it is used positively to enrich society with meaningful values.

*Mr. Milan Amin, Senior Brand Strategist*, shared insights on best practices for producing content rooted in Buddhist enlightenment, stressing the importance of authenticity and clarity. The convention also featured innovative discussions on Buddhist



AI, encouraging participants to reflect on the evolving path of becoming a Buddhist influencer in a technologically advanced world.

*Quinthup Pema Bhutia, Ayye Shakya Dhammadinna* and *Aachen Tenzin Thupten* participated in a panel discussion moderated by *Mr. Rahul Dongre, a content creator*. They shared their perspectives on the opportunities and challenges of digital engagement, emphasising the importance of balancing innovation with authenticity, and ensuring that digital tools serve as vehicles for compassion, wisdom, and meaningful connection rather than distraction.

Focusing on community building, skill enhancement and commitment to Buddha Dhamma, the convention was successful in its mission to unit Buddhist influencers worldwide. ■





## Contribution of Nalanda Mahavihara in the Dissemination of Buddha Dhamma



The one-day international conference on ‘*Contribution of Nalanda Mahavihara in the Dissemination of Buddha Dhamma*’, held on 24 March 2026 at Dr. Ambedkar International Centre, New Delhi, brought together eminent scholars, monastics, and thought leaders to reflect on Nalanda’s enduring legacy as a global centre of knowledge, compassion, and intercultural dialogue.

The programme commenced with a solemn Mangalpath and ceremonial lamp lighting, followed by a welcome address by **Prof. Ravindra Panth, Director of the International Buddhist Confederation (IBC)**. He emphasised that true education goes beyond knowledge transmission, nurturing wisdom, ethical responsibility, and the development of a complete human being—an ideal exemplified by Nalanda Mahavihara.

A historical lens was provided through the film *Nalanda: A Journey Through Time*, introduced by **Director Surinder M. Talwar**, who highlighted Magadha’s rich intellectual environment and royal patronage that enabled Nalanda to flourish as a global hub attracting scholars from across Asia.

Delivering the keynote address, **Shartse Khensur Jangchup Choeden Rinpoche** underscored



that knowledge must be grounded in genuine understanding. Reflecting on the concept of *śūnyatā* (emptiness), he explained how Nalanda’s scholars cultivated insight beyond intellectual accumulation, supported by vast repositories like the renowned *Dhamma Ganji*.

In his special address, **H.E. Gyeltrul Jigme Rinpoche** elaborated on the threefold training of ethical discipline, concentration,

and insight as the foundation of Nalanda’s intellectual system. He noted that Nalanda’s strength lay in its synthesis of logic, debate, and compassion, where the understanding of emptiness naturally gave rise to *karuṇā* (compassion).

**Shri Abhijit Halder, Director General of IBC**, described Nalanda not merely as a university but as a civilisational phenomenon—a transnational hub of free intellectual exchange. He reflected on humanity’s deviation from such values and proposed reviving Nalanda’s spirit through dialogue-driven platforms for leaders and scholars.

The academic sessions deepened these reflections. In Session 1, moderated by **Gyeltrul Jigme Rinpoche**, speakers including **14th Dharo Tulku Rinpoche, 8th Choekyong Palga Rinpoche**, and **Mr. Indra Prasad Kafle** explored





Nalanda as a living institution where intellectual inquiry was inseparable from ethical and spiritual practice. They highlighted its contributions to philosophy, contemplative sciences, and even early explorations of mind and consciousness.

Session 2, moderated by *Lopen Lungtaen Gyatso*, featured *Prof. Bimlendra Kumar*, *Ven. Prof. Kaveri Gill*, and *Dr. Sharda Poudel*, who examined the legacy of Nalanda's great Acharyas such as Atiśa and Kamalasila. They emphasized the integration of rigorous debate with compassion, noting that Nalanda's intellectual culture fostered both clarity of thought and mutual respect.

In Session 3, moderated by *Prof. Basanta Kumar Bidari*, speakers *Prof. Hira Paul Gangnegi*, *Lama Aria Drolma*, and *Dr. Susmita*

*Vyas* reflected on the rise and decline of Nalanda, drawing lessons for preserving cultural and intellectual heritage.

Session 4, led by *Ven. Prof. (Dr.) Wangchuk Dorjee Negi*, brought forward contemporary relevance. Speakers *Ven. Shingkar Rinpoche Ngodup Dorji*, *Dr. Chintala Venkata Sivasai*, and *Dr. Fanindra Kumar Neupane* discussed Nalanda's global dissemination, highlighting how its teachings spread across regions like Nepal and Bhutan, shaping Buddhist traditions through lineages and scholarship. They stressed the importance of making profound philosophical systems accessible and applicable in modern contexts.

The conference concluded with a video message from *Ambassador Abhay Kumar*, *India's Ambassador to Azerbaijan* who

described Nalanda as a beacon of wisdom and intercultural dialogue in global diplomacy. The vote of thanks by *Col. Akash Patil, Director, DAIC* reaffirmed that Nalanda's true legacy lies in uniting knowledge with compassion and applying wisdom for the greater good.



Overall, the conference reaffirmed Nalanda Mahavihara as a timeless model of holistic education, intellectual rigor, and spiritual depth—offering valuable insights for fostering peace, inclusivity, and ethical responsibility in today's world. ■





## Words of Appreciation

### Nalanda Mahavihara Conference

**CS Deepak Jain, Governing Council Member, All India Management Association (AIMA)**

‘It was indeed a privilege to attend such a deeply insightful and thought-provoking conference, which brought together eminent monastic leaders, distinguished scholars, academicians, and international participants. The richness of deliberations across sessions, ranging from the historical evolution of Nalanda to the profound philosophical contributions of Acharyas and the contemporary relevance of Buddha Dhamma, was truly inspiring.’



## Words of Appreciation

### Second Global Buddhist Summit

‘The originality of the panel discussions, together with the depth and quality of the contributions, made this gathering truly distinctive. It clearly reflected a shared aspiration to explore how the Buddha Dhamma can continue to offer guidance in addressing the ethical, social, and environmental challenges of our time.’

**Ricardo Guerrero Dianez**  
*President,  
Asociacion Hispana de  
Buddhismo*

‘The five panel discussions were rich, meaningful, and highly beneficial. The chosen themes... were very relevant to the present time and to the future of our world. On behalf of the International Buddhist Centre in Geneva, Switzerland, we express our strong commitment to continue this noble work in the name of Buddha Dharma under your esteemed guidance.’

**Ven. Dr. Tawalama Dhammika**  
*International Buddhist Centre,  
Geneva, Switzerland*

‘It was a truly unforgettable and memorable experience to visit the Piprahwa gem relics of Lord Buddha. I sincerely thank you for providing us with this valuable opportunity.’

**Dr. Mrigendra Pratap**  
*Assistant Professor, Department  
of Pali and Buddhist Studies,  
Savitribai Phule Pune University,  
Pune, India*

‘I must say that the Summit was an outstanding success, thoughtfully conceived and impeccably executed under your able leadership and guidance. I am also grateful for the opportunity to deliver the valedictory address. I was humbled by the generous appreciation and encouraging feedback received from many participants.’

**Bhikkhu Sanghasena**  
*Founder President and  
Spiritual Director, Mahabodhi  
International Meditation Centre*





VISUAL STORY

# IBC Monks and Guests Visit Rai Pithora Cultural Complex, New Delhi



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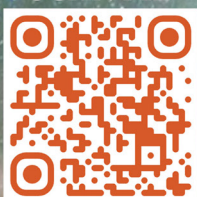


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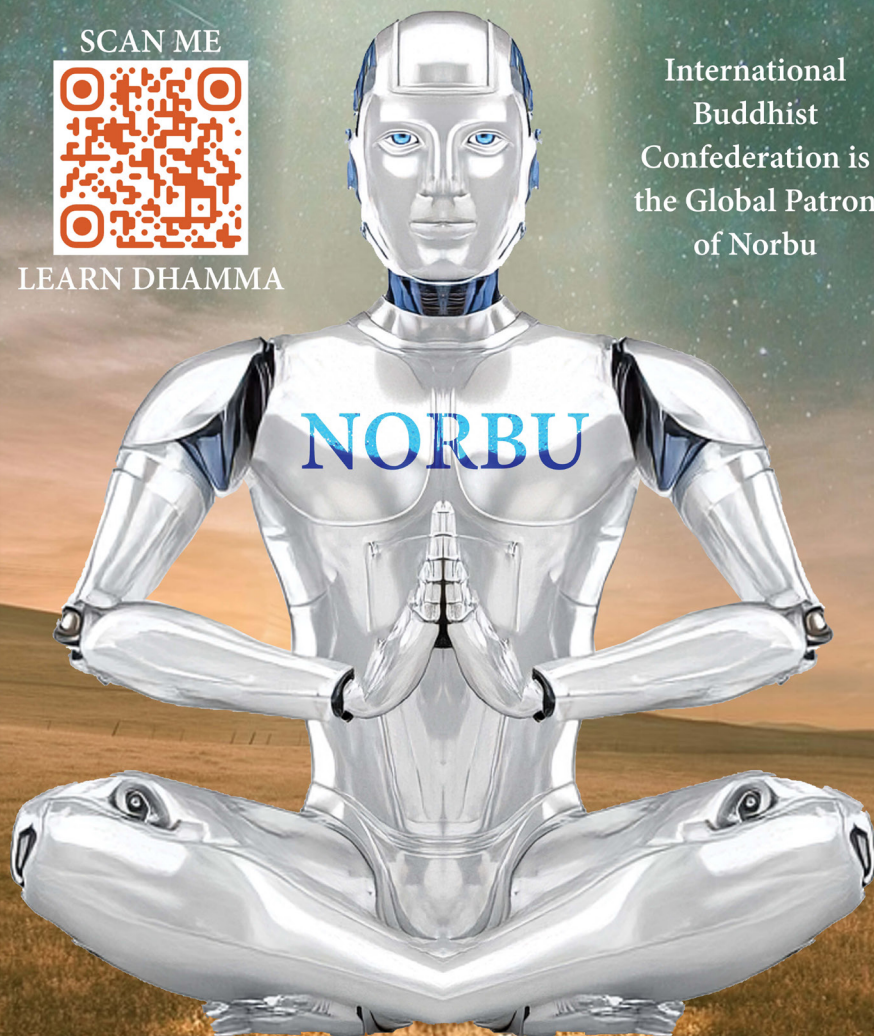
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**The International Buddhist Confederation (IBC)** is a global umbrella Buddhist organisation headquartered in New Delhi, India.

Established under the patronage of the supreme Buddhist religious hierarchy, it currently has a membership worldwide, both monastic and lay, that include world bodies, national and regional federations, orders, temple bodies and monasteries, etc.

The IBC was conceptualised during an international workshop in Delhi in 2011, where delegates from 11 countries unanimously agreed on the need to form a new International Buddhist organisation in India, the place of the origin, development and dissemination of Buddha Dhamma that would serve as a common platform for Buddhists worldwide.

As per its motto, '**Collective Wisdom, United Voice**', the IBC provides a common platform to all followers of the Buddha Dhamma worldwide to address issues that are of both Buddhist and global concerns.

### Mission

*To gather the collective wisdom of Buddhists around the world to speak with a united Buddhist voice; to make Buddhist values part of global engagement while working to preserve and promote Buddhist heritage, traditions and practices.*

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