



Rashtrasant Tukadoji Maharaj Nagpur University, Nagpur
Department of Pali-Prakrit & Buddhist Studies
&
Dr. Madhukarrao Wasnik PWS Arts and Commerce College,
Nagpur-26
Dept. of Pali-Prakrit & Buddhist Studies
Jointly organize
Two Day National Webinar on

Pali Language and Buddhist Archeology

Sub-Themes of the Webinar

- Relation between Pali & Archeology
- Geography depicted in Pali Literature
- Identification of Buddhist places through Pali Literature
- The aspects of Buddhist Archeology
- Development of Buddhist Art and Architecture
- Golden Era of Buddhist Art and Architecture
- Contribution of Buddhist Archeology in Indian History and Culture

On 26-27 February 2021
At 10.00 am as per Indian Time

Via Zoom & YouTube Live

(Registration Free)



About the University

Rashtrasant Tukadoji Maharaj Nagpur University formerly Nagpur University established by Government of Central Provinces Education Department in 1923. It is one of the oldest premier universities in India as well as second oldest in the state of Maharashtra. The university is accredited 'A' grade by NAAC Bangalore. It has four faculties: i.e. Science and Technology, Commerce and Management, Humanities and Interdisciplinary Studies. These have 36 departments and there are 12 other departments and centres. Almost every department has research facilities for M.Phil., Ph.D. and Post. Doc. The University has three national repute Constituent Colleges/Institutions (1) Dr. Ambedkar Law College (with two campuses), (2) Laxminarayan Institute of Technology, and Bar. Wankhede College of Education. The Department and conducted college/Institution buildings are spread in several campuses in and around the city. Currently about Five hundred and three colleges are affiliated to it. More than four Lakh students are enrolled under different courses in the university.

About the Dept. of Pali & Prakrit and Buddhist Studies:

The Department of Pali & Prakrit established in 1958 which is one of the prominent departments of RTM Nagpur University. The most significant fact of this department is that it was established after the great conversion into Buddhism by Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar in 1956 at Nagpur *Deekshabhoomi* along with his millions of followers. Nagpur University took initiatives and started the department for higher studies in Pali and Buddhism. The department runs M.A, M.Phil. and Ph. D. Courses . Every year many foreign students and research scholars from Buddhist Countries take admission in the department. With the growing interest of students in Buddhism, Department initiated M.A. in Buddhist Studies from the year 2011-12. Shortly M.Phil.and Ph.D. Courses in Buddhist studies were introduced.

About Dr. Madhukarrao Wasnik PWS Arts and Commerce College, Nagpur:

The college is one of the oldest institutions in Nagpur established in 1968 situated on Kamptee Road. Under the guidance of its founder and chairman of People's Welfare Society Dr. Madhukarraoji Wasnik ex-MLC, the institution has grown up into a multi faculty college with the strength of over 4000 students and catering to the higher educational needs of the weaker sections of the region where college is situated. The institution offers comprehensive range of under graduate and post graduate degree courses and research facilities. The institution has already undergone three cycles of accreditation. Pali and Dr. Ambedkar thoughts are the popular subjects in the college with oldest research centre for Doctoral and Post-doctoral research.

About the Theme of the Webinar:

Pali is one of the ancient languages i.e. contemporary Lingua-Franca in India. Teachings of Buddha are preserved in this language which is treated as the messenger of Indian culture and Buddha Dhamma. Therefore, Pali is the original source to reach out for essential and complete information about Indian history, culture, philosophy, geography, socio-political, economical and religious conditions, values, customs, traditions, popular literature and educational system, etc. This tradition of the culture later was fostered for oncoming centuries by many contemporary ancient Indian universities like, Taxila, Nalanda, Oduntapuri, Vallbhi, Jagdal, Nagarjunkonda, Lalitgiri, Sarnath, Sanchi, etc. As a matter of fact ancient languages and Indian archeology has a close relation which needs to be studied by the scholars.

Buddha unveiled his teachings in 6th century BC for the welfare of people. Since it was widely accepted it helped popularizing and spreading the Buddha Dhamma all over the country. Emperor Ashoka who embraced Buddhism spread Buddha Dhamma at each corners of the country as well as in abroad. Also to make this Dhamma long lasting he had built 84 thousands of Buddhist Stupas, rock edicts and rock pillars with Buddhist images and symbols. This was the beginning of Buddhist art and architecture helps develop various facets of Buddhist cultural art. The Buddhist art was continued progressing with the later kings who were supporter of Buddhism. Till the 12th-13th centuries Buddhist sculpture, architecture, cave art, paintings and writings have been developed. Essentially, the references to all these Buddhist art forms are found in Pali literature abundantly established a relationship between these two. The cultural heritage in the form of Buddhist art has been preserved by Archeology survey of India. However, the relationship between Pali and Indian art and Archeology need to be introduced to the present day scholars of Buddhism, Pali Language and Archeology. With this objective the present two day national webinar on “Pali Language and Buddhist Archeology” is organized.

About the registration:

❑ Free Registration & Participation

- ❑ Interested participants can register by filling up the form on the following link : (Copy the link to web search for form)

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/17vSO5oTEfwqYy0dChTYyf4FBvHoKJzeZx3PTCEpnaKg/edit>

- ❑ **E-Certificate will be sent within 7 days** to the participants who attend the webinar via zoom or You Tube live stream. Submission of Feedback form will be compulsory.
- ❑ The feedback form will be sent on email of participants. so plz fill the entries of name, institution & email correctly
- ❑ The link of webinar will be sent to the registered participant one day before on email
- ❑ While attending the webinar please mark your presence with the message/wish and participate actively by posting questions.

Submission of Paper for Presentation in Webinar

- Research Scholars are invited to present their papers on the broad theme of the national webinar and on the allied subthemes. Selected papers will be given opportunity to present in the webinar. **Medium: English, Hindi & Marathi**
- Soft copy in MS Word only will be accepted
- Papers submitted in the webinar will be considered for publication in **“Perspectives: A National Interdisciplinary Annual Journal”** in its next issue after peer review. **Authors will be communicated for revisions of papers if required.**
- Papers in English must be in Times New Roman, 12 font for regular and 14 for Titles. For Marathi and Hindi Papers must be written in Kruti deo 14 with the font 14 for regular text and 16 for titles **(Papers must follow latest MLA Stylesheet.)**
- **Paper Publication Fee: Rs. 750/-**
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A/c: 3677162563 MICR Code: 440016022 IFSC Code: CBIN0284426]
- **Last Date of Submission of paper: 25th February 2021**
- **Email for paper submission: pwperspectives@gmail.com**

Speakers & Resource Persons in the Webinar:

Inaugural Session

Chairperson:

Hon. Dr. Subhash Chaudhary,
Vice-Chancellor, RTM Nagpur University, Nagpur

Introductory Remarks

Dr. Niraj Bodhi,
Head, Dept. of Pali-Prakrit, PGTD, RTM Nagpur University, Nagpur

Inaugurator

Dr. C. D. Naik
Professor & Head, Dept. of Dr. Ambedkar Thought and Buddhist Studies
Dr. Babasaheb Ramji Ambedkar University of Social Science, MHOW

Keynote Addressee

Dr. Shrikant Ganvir
Dept. of Ancient Indian History, Culture & Archeology, Deccan College
(Deemed to be University), Pune (M.S.)

Guest of Honour:

Dr. Yeshwant Patil
Principal, Dr. Madhukarrao Wasnik P.W.S. Arts and Commerce College,
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Programme Schedule:
Day I: 26th February 2021, Friday

Session I: Inaugural

- 9.45am : Buddha Vandana & University Song
9.00 am : Welcome & Introductory Remarks by Dr. Niraj Bodhi (HoD)
9.10am : Address by Dr. Yeshwant Patil (Principal)
9. 20 am : Inaugural Address by Dr. C.D. Naik
10.40 am : Keynote Address by Dr. Shrikant Ganvir
11.10 am : Address by Dr. Subhash Chaudhary (Hon Vice-Chancellor, RTM Nagpur University)

Session II: Panel Discussion-I: (11.30 am)

- Moderator:** Dr. Bimalendra Kumar
Panelists: Dr. Yojana Bhagat
Dr. Surjitkumar Singh
Dr. Ramesh Prasad

Session III: Paper Presentation-I (12.40 am)

- Moderator:** Dr. Malti Sakhare

Day II: 27th February 2021, Saturday

Session I: Panel Discussion-II (10.00 am)

- Moderator:** Dr. Priyadarshi Khobragade
Panelists: Dr. Kishor Gaikwad
Dr. R.K. Ahirwar
Dr. Shantideo Sisodiya

Session II: Paper Presentation-II (11.15 am)

- Moderator:** Dr. Madhukar Kathane

Session III: Valedictory (12.30 pm)

- Chairperson:** Dr. Anil Hirekhan (Hon. Registrar, RTM Nagpur University)
Guest of Honour: Palivibhushan Dr. Balchandra Khandekar
Vote of Thanks: Dr. Niraj Bodhi (HoD Pali-Prakrit, RTM Nagpur University)