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**6th Edition  
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Global Dialogues  
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# Landscape of Enlightenment

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The Dialogues that create a platform for expression of experiences, reflections and insights from plural perspectives connecting heritage, education and sustainability for building a future on the foundations of the Buddha's legacy on enlightenment and compassion.

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Initiated in 2018, a total of 5 Editions of the Bodh Gaya Global Dialogues (BGDs) have been organised by Deshkal Society in collaboration with Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA), New Delhi in association with Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA), Jeevika, Government of Bihar, Indian Oil, Bodh Gaya Temple Management Committee, National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC), INPAC Group and Daulat Ram College, University of Delhi with the goal of encouraging informed dialogues on multiple themes under the umbrella of **'Sustainable Development, Heritage and Enlightenment'**.

The 1st Edition of the Bodh Gaya Global Dialogues was held in Bodh Gaya from 9th-12th March, 2018. The 2nd and 3rd editions of the Dialogues were consequently held at IGNCA, New Delhi on 23rd-25th March, 2019 and December 19th-20th, 2020 respectively. The 4th edition of the Dialogues was held at the World Heritage Site, Bodh Gaya on 25th-27th March 2022, while the 5th edition was held in Bodh Gaya on 24th-26th March 2023 and continued the goals set by the first four editions of the Dialogues.

The reports – **Reflections and Insights** – of the first three Dialogues are available at:

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**'Reflections & Insights'**

Report covers of previous Editions of the Bodh Gaya Dialogues

# Programme Schedule

## DAY-1 SATURDAY 16TH MARCH 2024

**REGISTRATION** | 9.00 am Onwards

**INAUGURAL SESSION** | 10.00 am – 11.30 am

**VENUE** | Sushma Swaraj Auditorium, Nalanda University

**LAMP LIGHTING BY CHIEF GUEST AND GUESTS OF HONOUR**

**SHORT VIDEO PRESENTATION**

Bodh Gaya Global Dialogues and Nalanda University

**MODERATOR**

Shri Sanjay Kumar, Secretary, Deshkal Society and Founder, Bodh Gaya Global Dialogues

**WELCOME**

Dr. Rajeev Ranjan Chaturvedy, Associate Professor, Nalanda University

**GUESTS OF HONOUR**

- Shri Arvind Mohan, Chairman, Deshkal Society
- Lt. Gen. P. S. Minhas, AVSM, Commandant, Officers Training Academy, Gaya
- Prof. Vinita Sahay, Director, Indian Institute of Management, Bodh Gaya
- Dr. D. M. Mulay, Hon'ble Member, NHRC, Gol

**KEYNOTE ADDRESS**

Prof. Abhay Kumar Singh, Vice Chancellor (I), Nalanda University

**INAUGURAL ADDRESS BY CHIEF GUEST**

H.E. Shri Rajendra Arlekar, Hon'ble Governor of Bihar

**BOOK RELEASE**

Release and presentation of the book **Imaging Bodh Gaya: Shared Histories and Global Future** (by the Chief Guest and Guests of Honour)

**VOTE OF THANKS**

Shri Sanjay Kumar, Secretary, Deshkal Society and Founder, Bodh Gaya Global Dialogues

**TEA BREAK** | 11.30 am – 12.00 pm

### Session 1 | 12.00 pm – 1.30 pm

**THEME** | Archaeology, History, and Art of the Magadh Region

**VENUE** | Mini Auditorium, Nalanda University

**CHAIR** | Prof. (Retd.) O. P. Jaiswal, Patna University, Patna

- Dr. Elora Tribedy, Assistant Professor, Nalanda University  
*En Route Buddha-kṣetra: Pilgrimage and 'Fluid Spaces' in the Land of Enlightenment*

- Dr. Shashank Shekhar Sinha, Independent Researcher and Author and Publishing Director, Routledge (South Asia)  
*Beyond the Buddha's Heartland: How Sanchi helps us understand Buddhism a bit differently*
- Dr. Sujeet Nayan, Superintending Archaeologist, Patna and Anshuman Mathur, Research Scholar at the ongoing Rajgir Excavation  
*Demystifying Nalanda of yesterday to envision Nalanda of Tomorrow*
- Shri Shanker Sharma, Assistant Superintending Archaeologist, Archaeological Museum Nalanda  
*Ancient Nalanda University (Mahavihara): Historical Glimpses from Archival Records*
- Dr. Tosabanta Padhan, Faculty, School of Historical Studies, Nalanda University  
*Tracing Rajgir's Sacred Spaces and Early Habitation Pattern through Recent Archaeological Explorations*

**LUNCH** | 1.30 pm – 2.30 pm



### Session 2 | 2.30 pm – 3.30 pm

**THEME** | Dharma, Democracy and Indian Diplomacy

**VENUE** | Mini Auditorium, Nalanda University

**CHAIR** | Dr. Rajeev Ranjan Chaturvedy, Associate Professor, Nalanda University

- Ms. Rashmi Samant, Author and Entrepreneur, Udipi
- Shri Sharad Vivek Sagar, Founder and CEO, The Dexterity Global Group, Patna

### Session 3 | 3.30 pm – 5.00 pm

**SPECIAL SESSION** | Strengthening Relationship between India and South Korea through Buddhism and Bodh Gaya

**VENUE** | Mini Auditorium, Nalanda University

This will be a valuable session since it marks the 50th anniversary of India-South Korea diplomatic ties. In addition, this session is held in partnership with Indian Council of World Affairs, New Delhi

**CHAIR** | Dr. D. M. Mulay, Hon'ble Member, NHRC, Gol

- Dr. Lakshmi Priya, Research Fellow, Indian Council of World Affairs, New Delhi  
*Vision of Indian Council of World Affairs*
- Prof. (Retd.) Vyjayanti Raghavan, Centre for Korean Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi  
*India-Korea: Before and Beyond 1973*
- Prof. Santosh Kumar Ranjan, Centre for Korean Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi  
*Unveiling Interwoven Histories and Cross-Cultural exchange of Unsung Cerebral: Exploring the Resilient Bond between British-India and Colonial Joseon*
- Dr. Praveen Kumar, Associate Professor, Central University of South Bihar  
*Spiritual Tourism and the Changing Economic Landscape of Bodh Gaya*

**TEA BREAK** | 5.00 pm – 5.30 pm

## Session 4 | 5.30 pm – 7.00 pm

ONLINE SESSION

VENUE | Mini Auditorium, Nalanda University

CHAIR | Dr. Shekhar Dutt, Former Governor, Chhattisgarh

- Dr. Shushmita Chatterji Dutt, Educationist and Research Consultant, New Delhi  
*Bhikshuni – The Free She*
- Shri Brijender S. Dua, Architect and Designer, Studio Earth, New Delhi  
*Knowing, Deciphering, Communicating a Multilayered World: The Magadh Region*

## Cultural Evening | 7.00 pm – 8.00 pm

Sitar Vadan by Dr. Sumita Chakravorty, Assistant Professor, University of Delhi

VENUE | Mini Auditorium, Nalanda University

*Music can best be defined as the sound that is pleasing to the ear. Dr. Chakravorty's slender fingers bring out the best of notes from the strings of sitar and give a mesmerizing effect to the listeners.*

DINNER | 8.00 pm – 9.00 pm

# DAY-2 SUNDAY 17TH MARCH 2024

## Session 5 | 9.30 am – 11.00 am

THEME | **Understanding Multiple Buddhism(s): Philosophy and Teachings**

VENUE | Mini Auditorium, Nalanda University

CHAIR | Dr. Kusum Kumari, Retired Pro VC, Munger University

- Dr. Anupama Kumari, Assistant Professor, Magadh University  
*Mode of Trial for Indisciplined monks in the Buddhist Order*
- Dr. Pooja Dabral, Assistant Professor, Nalanda University  
*Mahākaraṇā and Pratīyasamutpāda: The Buddha's Legacy for Fostering Universal Peace*
- Dr. Pranshu Samdarshi, Assistant Professor, Nalanda University  
*Tracing the Scholastic and Popular Strands of Magadhan Buddhist Culture in 11th Century Indonesian Archipelago: Some Insights from Recent Textual and Epigraphical Findings from Sumatra and Java*

## Session 6 | 11.00 am – 12.00 pm

THEME | **Envisioning Magadh Region: Locality, Heritage Making and Sustainability**

VENUE | Mini Auditorium, Nalanda University

CHAIR | Dr. Sudhirendra Sharma, Senior Consultant, World Bank, New Delhi

- Dr. Manish Sinha, Professor, Department of History, Magadh University  
*The Tibetans at Bodh Gaya*
- Shri Deepak Anand, a Buddhist Pilgrimage Interpreter based in Bodh Gaya  
*The revitalisation of the sacred footsteps of the Buddha in Magadha*
- Shri Azad Hind Gulshan Nanda, PhD Research Scholar, Nalanda University  
*Survey of Vaibharagiri Hills: From its Archaeology to Heritage*
- Dr. Arvind K. Mishra, Associate Professor, J.N.U., New Delhi  
*Sustainability and Well-being: Socio-psychological Perspective*

TEA BREAK | 12.00 pm – 12.30 pm

## Session 7 | 12.30 pm – 1.30 pm

THEME | **Destination of Branding and Marketing: Buddhist Tourism**

VENUE | Mini Auditorium, Nalanda University

CHAIR | Shri Uday Sahay, Author and Chairman, SAUV Communications

- Shri Saurabh Uboweja, Managing Partner, BOD Consulting  
*Destination Branding and Marketing of Buddhist Circuits in India*
- Dr. Arjit Walia, Educationist and Consultant, Co-Scholastic Education  
*Enhancing the Tourism in Bodh Gaya, Rajgir, and Nalanda: Potentiality and Strategy*

LUNCH | 1.30 pm – 2.30 pm

## Recommendations and Way Forward | 2.30 pm – 3.30 pm

VENUE | Mini Auditorium, Nalanda University

CHAIR | Prof. Abhay Kumar Singh, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor (I), Nalanda University

- Shri Uday Sahay, Author and Chairman, SAUV Communications
- Shri Sanjay Kumar, Secretary, Deshkal Society and Founder, Bodh Gaya Global Dialogues
- Dr. Binodanand Jha, Educationist and Former Director, Department of Education, Government of Bihar

SIGHTSEEING OF RAJGIR

4.00 pm – 6.00 pm





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