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Seventh University Day Observed

Lumbini Buddhist University (LBU) observed seventh annual day on 30 November 2011 with Dr. Ganesh Man Gurung, Chairman of the University Grants Commission (UGC) as the chief guest.

Prof. Tri Ratna Manandhar, Vice Chancellor of LBU, delivered welcome speech and highlighted on the academic activities of the university. He mainly focused on the newly framed curricula of five different programmes at the Master’s level in Buddhism and related areas which were to be implemented at five different affiliated campuses of Kathmandu and Lalitpur. Those programmes include Buddhism and Himalayan Studies, Applied Buddhism, Buddhist Studies (Mahayana Stream), Theravada Buddhism and Buddhism and Peace Studies. Dr. Milan Shakya, Head of the Central Department of Buddhist Studies, Tribhuvan University, suggested that the LBU should run its academic programs at Lumbini at its earliest convenience. Dr. Naresh Man Bajracharya, Associate Professor of Buddhist Studies opined that there should be sufficient experts on Buddhist Studies in the University to run the academic programs successfully. Acharya Karma Syanbu, Vice Chairman of Lumbini Development Trust (LDT) mentioned that the University can play a significant role in the development of Lumbini as the centre of excellence. Dr. Ramesh K. Dhungel said that the LBU should focus on philosophical as well as applied aspects of Buddhism equally so as to prepare manpower at the present context. LBU has every potential and also opportunity to create its identity as an academic institution not inferior to other similar institutions in other countries. Chief guest Dr. Genesh Man Gurung expressed hope that the university will conduct its different academic programmes successfully, and also assured that UGC will favourably consider necessary financial support to the university.

University Day Celebration

Prof. Shanker Thapa, Dean of LBU was the Master of the ceremony. He offered vote of thanks to all those present on the occasion and also clarified the queries of the speakers regarding various academic activities of LBU. Members of the Constituent Assembly, Vice Chancellors of other universities, academicians, Professors, educationists and other dignitaries were invited at the programme.

Address by Dr. Gurung
Third University Council Meeting

The third annual meeting of the University Council is held on 11 October 2012 at Singha Darbar. Rt. Hon’ble Prime Minister Dr. Babu Ram Bhattarai, Chancellor of the University presided over the meeting.

In his welcome address, Dr. Tri Ratna Manandhar, Vice Chancellor of LBU, highlighted the progress made by the university during the last twelve months, and expressed hope that the Master’s level classes on Buddhist Studies will be conducted in Lumbini after the completion of academic building next year.

Dr. Pitambar Lal Yadav, Registrar of the University, presented the annual budget of about 42 million rupees for the fiscal year 2069-70. He mentioned that the university needed full financial support from the government for few more years to develop its infrastructure and to appoint academic and administrative staff. The budget is unanimously adopted by the Council.

While presenting the academic progress report, Dr. Shanker Thapa, Dean of the university, gave an outline of the different degrees at Master’s level on Buddhist Studies, implemented through affiliated campuses from July 2012. He also mentioned LBU’s academic relations with the academic institutions of China and Japan, and the university’s endeavour to establish a research centre in Lumbini to make advanced research on Buddhism and its various aspects.

The Council also unanimously passed the proposal of the Registrar to appoint the internal auditor to audit the university account for the fiscal year 2068-69.

Members of the Council expressed their opinion and offered suggestions to improve the academic standard of the university and to develop its infrastructure. The speakers include - Dr. Shiva Hari Marahatta, Dr. Naresh Man Bajracharya, Acharya Karma Syanbu, Dr. Shiva Kumar Rai, Laxmi Dass Manandhar, Dr. Gitu Giri, Chandra Kala Ghimire, Dr. Ramesh Dhungel, Purna Bahadur Lamichane, Narayan Prakash Agrawal, Pasang Temba Lama and others.

Speaking from the chair, Prime Minister and Chancellor Dr. Bhattarai said that the teachings of Buddha are most relevant to the present society. He expressed the hope that the LBU will be an academic centre for the researchers all over the world. He also assured to give financial support to develop the academic programs and research activities of the university.

The members of the Executive Council, Academic Council, Research Committee and Campus Chiefs were also present on the occasion as guests.

Appointment of the Registrar

Rt. Hon’ble Prime Minister and Chancellor of LBU Dr. Babu Ram Bhattarai, on the recommendation of the Executive Council, appointed Dr. Pitambar Lal Yadav, Associate Professor of History at Mahendra Bindeswari Campus, Rajbiraj, as the Registrar of LBU for four years term. Dr. Yadav has written several books on the political history of Nepal and is also the recipient of Mahendra Vidyabhusan and Amar Singh Thapa Award. He joined LBU as the Registrar on 6 March, 2012.

Construction of Academic Complex at Lumbini

An Academic building is under construction in Lumbini at the cost of 25 million NRs, made available by the University Grants Commission. The construction is expected to complete by May 2013. The building has twenty four rooms including conference and seminar halls, library, multimedia centre, administrative section and class rooms.

Nepal Consult Pvt. Ltd. prepared the design and drawings of the building, and Chandra and Basanta Babul Co. J/V, Siddhartha Nagar is entrusted with the construction works. The agreement for construction was signed between LBU and the contracting company on 27 April 2012. A brief ceremony was also held in Lumbini to lay foundation stone on May 6. Vice-Chancellor of LBU Prof. Tri Ratna Manandhar laid the foundation of the building amidst a function in which the Buddhist monks, Vajracharya priests and Lamas chanted sacred Mantras and performed Puja. Registrar Pitambar Lal Yadav and Dean Prof.
Shanker Thapa of LBU, Vice Chairman of Lumbini Development Trust, Head of the Buddhist Studies Program at Bhairahawa Campus, representatives of the monasteries in Lumbini, and other dignitaries were present at the occasion. During the interaction held after formal foundation laying ceremony, the invitees expressed their views about LBU and its academic activities, and also highlighted on the significance of the university established in the holy place of Lumbini. The roofing of ground floor is completed on 20 October 2012.

Participation in the International Seminars

- Prof. Tri Ratna Manandhar represented LBU at the foundation ceremony of Sanchi University of Buddhism and Indic Studies at Sanchi (India) on 21 Sept. 2012. Inaugurated by the President of Sri Lanka, this is the State University fully funded by the Government of Madhya Pradesh. An international conference on ‘Dharma - Dhamma’ was also organised in Bhopal on 22-23 Sept. Prof. Manandhar spoke on ‘Buddhism in Nepal’ on that occasion. He also chaired one of the sessions under the theme ‘Specific Features of Buddhism and Sanatan Dharma’. Scholars from India, Sri Lanka, Russia and the US presented papers.

- Prof. Shanker Thapa, Dean of LBU participated in the fourth international seminar - ‘Sahaja: The Role of Doha & Caryagiti in the Cultural Indo-Tibetan Interface’ organized by the Centre for Buddhist Studies, Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan (West Bengal, India) from 12 to 14 February 2012. Prof. Thapa presented the paper entitled - ‘Cācā Songs and Buddhist Newārs: Ritual Singing in Vajrayāna Buddhism of Nepal’. Buddhist scholars from India, Austria, Germany, Canada, Australia and Bangladesh participated in the seminar. Prof. Thapa also led a team of the Vajracharyas from Hiranyavarna Mahavihara who performed various Carya dances during the seminar at Shantiniketan.

Master Level Programmes

LBU has started Master’s level programmes in five disciplines of Buddhism and related areas from the academic session of 2012. Five Colleges are affiliated to operate the programmes:
- Lumbini College of Buddhism and Himalayan Studies, Buddhism and Himalayan Studies.
- Lotus Academic College, Applied Buddhism
- Sugat Bouddha Mahavidyalaya, Buddhist Studies (Mahayana Stream)
- Theravada Buddhist Academy, Theravada Buddhism
- Boudha Multiple College, Buddhism and Peace Studies
# M.A. Curriculums

1. **Master of Arts in Buddhist Studies**  
   **First Year**  
   Paper 1 : History of Buddhism  
   Paper 2A : Comparative Religion  
   Paper 2B : Pali or Sanskrit or Tibetan  
   Paper 3 : Buddhist Philosophy and Literature  
   Paper 4A : History of Buddhism of Nepal  
   Paper 4B : Buddhist Art  
   Paper 5 : Research Methodology

   **Second Year (Mahayana Stream)**  
   Paper 6 : Buddhism in East Asia  
   Paper 7 : Sanskrit Buddhist Literature and Reading Sanskrit Texts  
   Paper 8 : Buddhist Ethics  
   Paper 9 : Vajrayana - Origin and Development  
   Paper 10 : Thesis

2. **Master of Arts in Applied Buddhism**  
   **First Year**  
   Paper 1A : History of Buddhism  
   Paper 1B : History of Buddhism of Nepal  
   Paper 2 : Buddhist Philosophy and Literature  
   Paper 3 : Concepts/Theories of Applied Buddhism  
   Paper 4A : Buddhist Art  
   Paper 4B : Buddhism and Society  
   Paper 5 : Research Methodology

   **Second Year**  
   Paper 6A : Buddhist Economics  
   Paper 6B : Buddhist Management  
   Paper 7A : Buddhism and Human Rights  
   Paper 7B : Buddhist Meditation ....  
   Paper 8A : Buddhist Approach to Environment  
   Paper 8B : Buddhist Approach to Health and Hygiene  
   Paper 9A : Buddhist Ethics  
   Paper 9B : Buddhism and Gender Issues or  
   Paper 9A : Buddhist psychology  
   Paper 9B : Buddhist Jurisprudence, Law and justice  
   Paper 10 : Thesis

3. **Master of Arts in Theravada Buddhism**  
   **First Year**  
   Paper 1 : History of Buddhism  
   Paper 2 : Buddhist Philosophy  
   Paper 3A : Theravada Buddhism of Nepal  
   Paper 3B : Buddhism in South and South East Asia  
   Paper 4 : Pali Language and Literature  
   Paper 5 : Research Methodology

   **Second Year**  
   Paper 6 : Pali Language and Literature II  
   Paper 7 : Buddhist Ethics and Meditation  
   Paper 8 : Buddhist Art and Architecture  
   Paper 9 : Social and Psychological Aspects of Buddhism  
   - Buddhism and Social Engagement  
   - Psychological Aspects of Buddhism  
   Paper 10 : Thesis

4. **Master of Arts in Buddhism and Himalayan Studies**  
   **First Year**  
   Paper 1 : History and Development of Buddhism in India and Nepal  
   Paper 2 : Development and Practice of Buddhism in Tibet  
   Paper 3 : Expansion of Tibetan Buddhism in the Himalayan Region  
   Paper 4 : Scripts and Languages - Tibetan, Pali and Sanskrit  
   Paper 5 : Readings and Seminar in Discourse Hermeneutics and Research Methodology

   **Second Year**  
   Paper 6 : Buddhist Heritage of the Himalayan region and the Kathmandu Valley  
   - Himalayan Region of India  
   - Himalayan Region of Nepal  
   - Langtang and Rasuwa Valleys  
   - Upper Arun and Upper Tamor Valleys  
   - Eastern Himalaya  
   - Kathmandu Valley and Neighboring Areas  
   - Tibetan Buddhist Pilgrimage Centre including the sBas-Yul bDun (Seven Hidden Lands) and pilgrimage and Meditation sites related to Padmasambhava and Milarepa, and Tibetan Buddhist Geography of Nepal Himalaya.


   Paper 8 : Buddhist Philosophy, Tenets, Major Literary Texts (mainly Sanskrit and Tibetan), and Preliminary Reading of selected Texts of Pali and Sanskrit  
   - Buddhist Monasticism and Ritualism in Tibet and the Himalayan Region
Paper 9
Individualized or Directed Reading (specialized study) and Thesis Writing
or
Return Journey of Buddhism from Tibet to Nepal and India, and Present State of Tibetan Buddhism outside Tibet

Paper 10
Buddhist Communities of the High Himalayan Region of Nepal or
Socio-Political History of the Himalayan Region or
Himalayan Settlement Pattern, Environment, Geography and Ecology or
A Detailed Study of the Kagyu-pa School of Tibetan Buddhism or
Buddhist history and archaeological findings in the Nepal Tarai and the bordering areas of India

5. Master of Arts in Buddhism and Peace Studies
First year
Paper 1 : History and Philosophy of Buddhism
Paper 2A : Buddhism and Peace
Paper 2B : International Humanitarian ......
Paper 3A : World Religions
Paper 3B : Understanding Conflict and Peace
Paper 4A : Conflict Analysis / Resolution Seminar presentation
Paper 4B : Global Conflict and Globalization
Paper 5A : Development and Peace Studies
Paper 5B : Research Methodology + Field work

Second Year
Paper 6A : Buddhism and Society / Buddhism in the West
Paper 6B : Engaged Buddhism/Polity/Meditation
Paper 7A : Socio-eco Development Issues in Peace
Paper 7B : Post-conflict Peace Process, Reconciliation and Mediation
Paper 8A : Peace Conventions, Treaties and Referendum
Paper 8B : Role of Peace Keeping Agencies
Paper 9A : Nation, States and Agencies
Paper 9B : Strategic Management/Social Violence
Paper 10 : Thesis

Ph. D. Enrollment – 2069 VS

Ten students are admitted for Ph.D. in the Shrawan semester 2069. Name of registered Ph. D. candidates and tentative titles of their research are as follows -

1. Manik Ratna Shakya
   Emblem of Vajradhatu Mandala in Vihara Architecture of Nepal Mandala
2. Naresh Shakesha
   History of Buddhist Painting in Nepal 1200-1500 AD
3. Nutandhar Sharma
   Buddhist Geography of Kathmandu Valley and Adjoining Areas
4. Bed Prakash Upreti
   A Study of Sacred Complex of Swayambhu Stupa in Anthropological Perspective.
5. Naba Raj Khatiwada
   Buddhist Rituals Among the Tamangs of Nepal - A Case Study of Udaypur District.
6. Narendra Kumar Shrestha
7. Radhika Budh Thapa
   Newar Buddhaharmavalambi Mahila Mathi hune Gharelu himsa ek Adhyayan.
8. Mukti Nath Khanal
   Modeling Poverty and health Services Utilization in Nepal: A Study of Buddhist Community in the Western Hill.
9. Bhoj Raj Khatiwada
   An Overview of Nepalese Bureaucracy on the Basis of Buddhist Silas.

Research Methodology Workshop

As per the requirement for Ph. D. enrollment, a seven-day research methodology workshop was organized from 28 Aug - 3 Sept. 2012. Ph. D. students enrolled for the year 2069 participated in the workshop.
The workshop was inaugurated by the VC, Prof. Tri Ratna Manandhar. Dean Prof. Shanker Thapa highlighted on the aims and purpose of the workshop. Registrar Dr. Pitambar Lal Yadav was also present on the occasion. Prof. Tri Ratna Manandhar, Prof. Dr. Vijay K. Manandhar, Prof. Shanker Thapa, Dr. Bhadra Ratna Bajracharya, Dr. Naresh Man Bajracharya and Dr. Ghanashyam Bhattarai presented papers on various themes of research methodology. During the latter half of the workshop, Ph. D. candidates presented and defended research proposals before the panel of experts. The panel of experts was comprised of Prof. T. R. Manandhar, Prof. Shanker Thapa, Prof. Bhim P. Subedi, Dr. Ramesh Dhungel, Dr. Indra Kumari Bajracharya, Dr. Pitambar Lal Yadav, Dr. Milan Ratna Shakya, Dr. Naresh Man Bajracharya, Dr. Govinda Subedi and Dr. Bhadra R. Bajracharya.

Lotus Academic College
Lotus Academic College organized an inauguration ceremony to start Master’s programme in Applied Buddhism on 23 July 2012. Buddhist scholars, Professors and other dignitaries were invited on the occasion. Prof. T. R. Manandhar VC of LBU inaugurated the programme. He extended his best wishes for the successful running of the class. He assured to facilitate the programme with all possible means. Dr. Bhadra Ratna Bajracharya, Chief of the College expressed gratitude to LBU for permission to run the Master’s programme in Applied Buddhism. Sri Satya Mohan Joshi, Chancellor of Nepal Bhasa Academy and an eminent cultural historian threw light on the importance of Applied Buddhism in our daily life.

Sugat Bouddha Mahavidyalaya
Nepal Buddhist Council took initiation to open Sugat Bouddha Mahavidyalaya in Lalitpur to conduct MA programme in Buddhist Studies (Mahayana Stream). It was formally inaugurated on 11 Aug. 2012 by the VC of LBU amidst a function attended by various Buddhist scholars, University authorities, educationists and the stakeholders. The guest speakers and college authorities expressed their commitment to run the programme and uplift academic standard of Buddhist Studies in Nepal. The Vice-Chancellor of LBU promised to extend full support to develop the College.
Boudha Multiple Campus

Boudha Multiple Campus, Boudha, Kathmandu has started MA programme in Buddhism and Peace Studies as an affiliated campus. The opening of the program was inaugurated by the VC of LBU on 6 Sept. 2012 amidst a brief program. He emphasized on the importance and need of the programme. Since it is the integration of themes like Buddhism, Conflict and Peace, it is one of the courses introduced for the first time in Nepal. Ms. Manu Humagain, Programme Chair, Mr. Hit B. Tamang, programme Advisor and Campus Chief Mr. Mohan Khatiwada highlighted on the significance and need of peace education and its relevance to Buddhism. Mr. Khatiwada expressed gratitude for the support provided by the local community of Boudha. Prof. Shanker Thapa, Dean of LBU was also present on the occasion.

Theravada Buddhist Academy

Theravada Buddhist Academy, New Baneshwor started Master’s programme in Theravada Buddhism amidst a grand function at Vishwa Shanti Vihara on August 18, 2012 with Ven. Aggamahapandita BhadantaNyanissaraMahasthavira(SitaguSayadaw), of Myanmar as the chief guest. Inaugurated jointly by Ven. Nyanissara Mahasthavira, Dr. Keshab Man Shakya (Minister of Environment) and Prof. T. R. Manandhar, VC of LBU, the function was participated by Ambassadors of Sri Lanka, Myanmar and Thailand, and Buddhist dignitaries and academicians.

Dr. Suvarna Lall Bajracharya, Ven. Nigrodha and Mahendra Ratna Shakya spoke on the plans of the Academy in implementing the proposed Master’s level courses. Prof. Manandhar wished for successful implementation of the programme. Ven. Jnanapunnik, the Principal of the Academy opined that all the vehicles of Buddhism be integrated as the Buddhayana since they are based on Buddha’s teachings. Registrar of LBU Dr. Pitambar Lal Yadav and Dean Prof. Shanker Thapa were also present on the occasion.

Student Statistics (2012)

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Academic Council Constituted

Prime Minister and Chancellor of LBU Dr. Babu Ram Bhattarai has nominated Dr. Ranjana Bajracharya and Dr. Kashi Nath Neupane as members of the Academic Council for three years. These nominations are made on the recommendation of the Executive Council as per the LBU Act. Dr. Bajracharya is the coordinator of Buddhist Studies program at Padma Kanya Campus, T.U., and Dr. Neupane is the Head of the Department of Buddhist Philosophy at Nepal Sanskrit University.

Nomination in the Executive Council

On the recommendation of the Vice Chancellor of LBU, Prime Minister and Chancellor Dr. Babu Ram Bhattarai has appointed Sri Gajendra Kumar Lama as a member of the Executive Council for three years. Mr. Lama is a Buddhist scholar and the former Vice Chairman of Lumbini Development Trust.

Formation of Second University Council

Prime Minister Dr. Babu Ram Bhattarai, in his capacity as the Chancellor has nominated twenty-four new members in the University Council. As per
the university act, these nominations are made on the recommendation of the Executive Council. The nominated members include two vice chancellors from other universities, two campus chiefs from affiliated campuses, ten distinguished persons from five development regions, seven representatives from different reputed Buddhist organizations, two from among the donators, and one from social service sector. The tenure of the Council members is three years.

Apart from the nominated members, there are ex-officio members in the university council, which include university authorities (Vice Chancellor, Registrar, and Dean), representatives of Nepal government (member of National Planning Commission, Secretaries from the ministries of Education, Finance, and Culture), Chairman of UGC, Vice Chairman of LDT, Regional Administrator of western region, and others. Prime Minister is the chairman and Education Minister is the vice chairman of the University Council.

The University Act has a provision to nominate five members from the Legislative-Parliament. These members will be nominated after the formation of Legislative-Parliament in Nepal.

### Lumbini Buddhist University Council

- **Rt. Hon. Prime Minister**, Chancellor, **Chairman**
- **Hon. Minister of Education**, Pro-Chancellor, **Vice Chairman**
- **Prof. Tri Ratna Manandhar**, Vice-Chancellor, **Member**
- **Prof. Shiva Kumar Rai**, National planning Commission, **Member**
- **Prof. Hira Bdr Maharjan**, Vice-Chancellor, TU, **Member**
- **Prof. Shiva Hari Marahatta**, Vice-Chancellor, NSU, **Member**
- **Secretary, Ministry of Education**, **Member**
- **Secretary, Ministry of Finance**, **Member**
- **Secretary, Ministry of Culture**, **Member**
- **Western Regional Administrator**, **Member**
- **Acharya Karma Shyanbu**, Lumbini Development Trust, **Member**
- **Prof. Ganesh Man Gurung**, University Grants Commission, **Member**
- **Prof. Shanker Thapa**, Dean, LBU, **Member**
- **Dr. Ramesh Dhungel**, Campus Chief, **Member**
- **Dr. Bhadra R. Bajracharya**, Campus Chief, **Member**
- **Ram Lagan Chaudhary**, Saptari, **Member**
- **Ms. Neeta Dev**, Saptari, **Member**
- **Purna Bdr. Lamichane**, Gorkha, **Member**
- **Ms. Meera Jyoti**, Kathmandu, **Member**
- **Dr. Gitu Giri**, Bhairahawa, **Member**
- **Chandrakala Ghimire**, Lamjung, **Member**
- **Prof. Bishwa Nath Kurmi**, Banke, **Member**
- **Ms. Benju Shrestha**, Salyan, **Member**
- **Dr. Khagendra P. Ojha**, Doti, **Member**
- **Ms. Laxmi Bhatta**, Darchula, **Member**
- **Ven. Dharma Murti**, Akhil Nepal Bhikshu Mahasangha, **Member**
- **Ven. Sujata Guruma**, International Bhikshuni Sangha, **Member**
- **Dr. Anoja Guruma**, Dharmodaya Sabha, **Member**
- **Ven. Maitri**, International Buddhist Society, **Member**
- **Dr. Naresh M. Bajracharya**, Paramparagat Buddha Dharma Sangh, **Member**
- **Pasang Temba Lama**, Buddha Dharma Samanwaya Samiti, **Member**
- **Bhikshuni Pema Dolma**, Manang, **Member**
- **Laxmi Dass Manandhar**, Dharmodaya Sabha, **Member**
- **Narayan Prasad Agrawal**, Vipasyana Kendra, **Member**
- **Uday Kishore Tiwari**, **Member**
- **Dr. Pitambhar Lal Yadav**, Registrar, **Member Secretary**

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- Ms. Shreejana Shrestha - Administrative Assistant
- Mr. Krishna Raj Dahal - Admin. Assistant
- Mr. Suresh Raj Acharya - Admin. Assistant
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- Mr. Kameswor Yadav - Driver
- Ms. Maiya Maharjan - Helper
- Mr. Krishna B. Shrestha - Security Guard

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- Ms. Sabita Ghimire - Admin. Assistant
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“If we could see the miracle of a single flower clearly, our whole life would change.”

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