

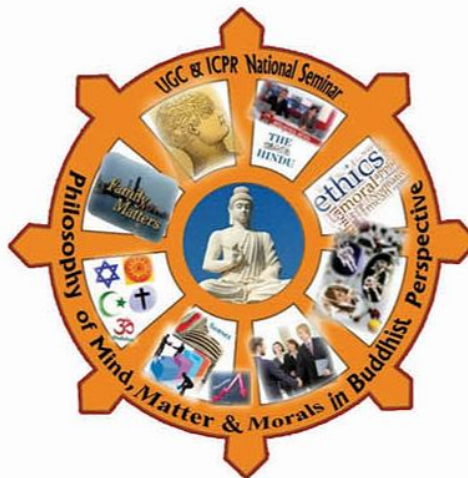
Pradesh, as an Extension Center to cater to the needs of higher education of the people of this region. It is in the fitness of things that a university should grow from this Center to fulfill the desire of the people of this belt. Accordingly, Nagarjuna University came into being in August 1976. Acharya Nagarjuna University since then has grown into a large University with 49 Academic Departments. Its jurisdictions was extended to two districts now having over 400 affiliated colleges offering Under-Graduate, Post- Graduate, Engineering, Education, Law, Pharmacy and Oriental Languages courses. Now it has 55 Post-Graduate teaching-cum-research courses on the campus, while around 70 affiliated colleges offer P.G. courses. The University has one campus - one at Ongole (a fully self-financed center). The most distinguishing feature of the University is that it has 7 exclusive research centers to pursue advanced studies in the frontier areas.

Centre for Mahayana Buddhist Studies

On 16th March, 1982, the Centre was inaugurated by the King of Bhutan, His Majesty Jigme Singye Wangchuk. The Centre with Prof. K.Satchidananda Murthy as its first Hon'ble Director started functioning. As per the guidelines formulated for the Centre by the National Committee of Experts, the Centre lays focus on multi-dimensional study of Mahayana Buddhism. The Centre offers both Post Graduate Teaching and Research programmes in Mahayana Buddhism. The Research scholars enrolled have worked on various aspects of Buddhism. At present, the five faculty members are engaged in both teaching and research activities that vindicate the objectives of multidimensional research activity undertaken by the Centre. The centre had organized many academic activities in the past. Dr.L.Udayakumar has organized UGC National Seminar in January 2014, Global Seminar in January 2015, organized nine 'Series of Lecture Programme' by eminent academicians from IITs and Central Universities, ICPR sponsored Workshop in November 2014 and two 'World Philosophy day' programmes.

Location and Tourist Interest

Acharya Nagarjuna University is located 18 kms from the south of Vijayawada and 15 kms from the north of Guntur in the coastal area of Andhra Pradesh. Amaravathi is the Capital city of AP. Vijayawada and Guntur are well connected by rail and road from all places of India. Both the cities are roughly 280 kms from Hyderabad and 400 kms from Chennai. Vijayawada Airport (Gannavaram Airport) is about 35 KM from the University. Reception counters will be put up at railway stations of Vijayawada and Guntur. Both the Cities are assumed importance as business, culture and education centers. Famous places of Buddhist, religious, archaeological and tourist interests are also located in these cities.



All the queries should be made to the Director of the Seminar

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ACHARYA NAGARJUNA UNIVERSITY
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UGC & ICPR Sponsored National Seminar on

Philosophy of Mind, Matter, and Morals in Buddhist Perspective

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Objective of the Seminar

According to Buddhism, life is a combination of mind, matter, and moral. Mind consists of the combination of sensations, perceptions, volitional activities and consciousness. Matter consists of the combination of the four elements of solidity, fluidity, motion and heat. Morals are the combination of good and bad behavior of the individual in the phenomenological society. Life is the co-existence of mind, matter, and morals. Death is the separation of mind and matter. Rebirth is the recombination of mind and matter. After the passing away of the physical body, the mental forces recombine and assume a new combination in a different material form and condition for another existence. Human individual is conceived as a conscious being having the five constituents such as body, feeling, perception, dispositions, and consciousness. These five matters constitute the human individual which is a mind-body complex. According to Buddhism, this world consists of mind and matter which work together, interdependently. So far there has been a discussion as to which, i.e. mind or matter, is more important. Buddha taught that mind and body should depend on each other and work together towards perfection.

According to Buddha, Dhamma and Vinaya resolve the mind and body conflicts. They must co-relate or balance; Vinaya makes society peaceful and helps people to Dhamma. Buddhism gives importance to Dhamma and Vinaya. It also gives importance to mankind, its social system and gives the opportunity to learn and practise Dhamma through mental action, verbal action, and physical action. But human beings ought to understand that it depends on their own effort and wisdom. There are no moral absolutes in Buddhism and it is recognized that ethical decision-making involves a complex nexus of causes and conditions. When making moral choices, individuals are advised to examine their motivation whether aversion, attachment, ignorance, wisdom or compassion and to weigh the consequences of their actions in light of the Buddha's teachings. Buddhist Practices, which includes meditation, liturgy, mindfulness and self-reflection, make this possible. The path requires sincerity, discipline and self-honesty, and it is not easy. Hence the objective

of the seminar is to establish the correlation between the mind, matter and morals in Buddhist perspective. Academicians, intellectuals and renowned scholars in the field of philosophy, Buddhism, Science, Indian culture and values, etc are welcome to discuss upon the contributions in the field.

Sub Themes

1. Mind and Intentionality

- Mind and Cognition
- Mind and Psychic Factors
- Mind and Emotion

2. Mind and Consciousness

- Mind and Mental Activity
- Mind and Machine
- Mind and Meditation

3. Matter and Physical Objectivity

- Material objectivity and Human subjectivity
- Physical and Mental Events
- Man and Matter

4. Matter and Phenomenological Reality

- Material and Non-Self
- Matter and Neruphenomenology
- Matter and Neuropsychology

5. Morals and Social Interaction

- Moral Values and Social Problems
- Moral Worthy Living and Organizational Integrity
- Moral Action and Agent Happiness

6. Morals and Techno Society

- Moral Culture and Scientific Technology
- Moral Well Bing and Social Development
- Moral Technology and Modern Society

Call for Papers

Abstracts for paper presentation on the above mentioned areas with interdisciplinary approach to analyze culture, history, science, economy, sociology, politics, philosophy, Buddhism, etc are welcome from the academicians and scholars. Abstracts should meet the appropriate word count of 250-300 words and should be submitted only through email to: udaycmbсанu@gmail.com.

Full papers (adhering to latest MLA Style Sheet) should be submitted in 5-10 pages, typed in Times New Roman 12, with single space in A4 size. Only selected papers will be published in a book form with an ISBN from a reputed publisher after the seminar.

Deadline for the submission of Abstracts: 20-01-2016

Deadline for the submission of full paper: 30-01-2016

Last date for payment of Registration fee: 30-01-2016

Registration Fee	
Local Delegates	Rs. 900
Non-Local Delegates	Rs. 1200

- Registration fee covers Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner, Snacks, Tea/Coffee, and Accommodation for three days along with the Conference Kit. Registration fee has to be paid through Demand Draft drawn in favour of Dr. L. Udaya Kumar, Director of the National Seminar, payable at SBI (Nagarjuna University Campus. Branch No: 4793), Nagarjuna Nagar, Guntur. The Registration form and fee (D.D.) should reach the Director on or before 30th January 2016.
- Accommodation will be arranged for the participants in the University Guest House on request. Requests for accommodation should reach the Director on or before 30th January 2016.
- Participants are requested to meet out their travel expenses from their own institutions.

About the University

The name, Nagarjuna University, is quite significant in that the greatest Buddhist preceptor and philosopher Acharya Nagarjuna founded a University on the banks of river Krishna some centuries ago, and made it a great center of learning, attracting a large number of teachers and students from distant parts of the world. The present Acharya Nagarjuna University is not very far from the hallowed spot, as it derives its moral and intellectual sustenance from Acharya Nagarjuna. In 1967, Andhra University started a Post - graduate centre in Nallapadu, Guntur District, Andhra