



# MAULANA ABUL KALAM AZAD INSTITUTE OF ASIAN STUDIES

(An Autonomous Body under The Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India)

## A Three Day International Buddhist Conclave

On

**Buddha - The Unifying Force amongst the Oriental World**

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**Date: 27-29<sup>th</sup> April, 2021**

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**Inauguration**  
**Prof. Sujit K. Ghosh**  
Hon'ble Chairman  
MAKAIAS, Kolkata



**Introducing to the Theme**  
**Prof. K.C. Baral**  
Hon'ble Vice Chairman  
MAKAIAS, Kolkata



**Prof. Sujit Kumar Ghosh**  
Chairman

**Dr. Sarup Prasad Ghosh**  
Director

The Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies (MAKAIAS), an Autonomous Body under the Ministry of Culture, Government of India, is a centre for research and learning with focus on social, cultural, economic, political and administrative developments in Asia with special emphasis on their socio-cultural links with India.

The Institute has been ranked as one of the “Centers with Potential” in a report prepared for Research Councils, UK, by the India foundation for the Arts, Bangalore in June 2010. The title of the report is “Arts and Humanities Research Mapping, India-an overview of the Arts and the Humanities Research landscape in India: Mapping the centers of excellence, potential funders, emerging themes, strengths and weaknesses”.

The webinar aims to focus on deliberating upon the various aspects of Buddhism and its role and relevance in the present world scenario. It will also highlight the rich Buddhist Heritage along with an emphasis on the interrelations between Hinduism and Buddhism. The main focus of the webinar is on India’s socio cultural, economic and political impact on Southeast Asia, South Asia, and East Asia. Hinduism and Buddhism both have spread to these states from India and for many centuries existed there with mutual toleration. The webinar is being organized to encourage interdisciplinary approach along with philosophical viewpoint for better understanding of the influence of Gautama Buddha in Culture and Civilization of this region. This study will enhance cooperation in the field of research and culture between India and its neighboring countries of Southeast Asian considering the impact of Gautama Buddha in future.

#### Themes

1. Major concepts of Buddhism.
2. The confluence of Buddhism and Hinduism.
3. Buddhism as a religio-cultural tradition.
4. Temples and architectural wonders related to Buddhism.
5. Moral sciences and Buddhism.
6. Buddhism and the Oriental World.
7. Buddhist ethics in contemporary period.

#### Organizing Committee:

Patron: Dr. Sarup Prasad Ghosh, Director, MAKAIAS, Kolkata

#### Coordinator:

Dr. Abir Kumar Gorai, Consultant (Academic & Museum), MAKAIAS, Kolkata

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## **PROGRAMME SCHEDULE**

**Day 1: Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> April 2021**

### **Inaugural Session**

**11.00 AM -12.00 PM**

Welcome & Inaugural Address: Prof. Sujit K. Ghosh, Chairman, MAKAIAS, Kolkata  
Introducing the Theme: Prof. K. C. Baral, Vice Chairman, MAKAIAS, Kolkata  
Felicitation Speech: Dr. Sarup Prasad Ghosh, Director, MAKAIAS, Kolkata  
Vote of Thanks: Dr. Abir Kumar Gorai, Consultant, MAKAIAS, Kolkata

### **NATIONAL ANTHEM**

### **Academic Session I**

**12.00 PM to 1.30 PM**

**Chairperson: Prof. K. C. Baral, Vice Chairman, MAKAIAS, Kolkata**

**Speakers:**

Dr. Do Thu Ha, Faculty of Oriental Studies, Vietnam National University

Dr. Sushma Trivedi, Lucknow University

### **Discussions and Chairperson Comments**

### **Lunch Break**

**1.30 PM to 02.00 PM**

### **Academic Session II**

**02.00 PM to 3.30 PM**

**Chairperson: Dr. Sarup Prasad Ghosh, Director, MAKAIAS, Kolkata**

**Speakers: Prof. Md. Sirajul Islam, Dept. of Philosophy & Religion, Visva Bharati, Santiniketan**

**Prof. Sanjib Bhattacharya, Former Registrar, Assam University**

### **Discussions and Chairperson Comments**



**Day 2: Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> April, 2021**

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**Academic Session III**

**11.00 AM to 12.30 PM**

**Chairperson: Prof. Smriti Kumar Sarkar, Former Vice Chancellor, University of Burdwan**

Speakers: Prof. R.K. Chattopadhyay, Vivekananda Chair Professor of Social Science, CU

Prof. Aiswarya Biswas, Head of Dept. of Buddhist Studies, University of Calcutta.

**Discussions and Chairperson Comments**

**Academic Session IV**

**12.30 PM to 02.00 PM**

**Chairperson: Prof. K. S. Chakraborty, EC Member, MAKAIAS, Kolkata**

Speakers:

Dr. Willie Japaries, Nalanda Buddhist & Traditional Health College, Indonesia

Prof. Pradeep Kumar Mane, Assistant Professor, Abasaheb Garware College, Pune

**Discussions and Chairperson Comments**

**Lunch Break**

**02.00 PM to 02.30 PM**

**Academic Session V**

**2.30 PM to 4.00 PM**

**Chairperson: Prof. Md. Sirjul Islam, Dept. of Philosophy & Religion, Visva Bharati,  
Santiniketan**

Speakers: Prof. Bimalendra Kumar, Head of the Dept. of Pali & Buddhist Studies. BHU

Dr. (Mrs.) Sonia Jasrotia, ICCR Chair of Buddhist & Sanskrit Studies, Preah Sihanouk  
Raja Buddhist University, Cambodia

**Discussions and Chairperson Comments**

**NATIONAL ANTHEM**

**Day 3: Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> April, 2021**

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**Academic Session VI**

**11.30 AM to 02.00 PM**

**Chairperson: Prof. Rupendra Kumar Chattopadhyay, Vivekananda Chair Professor of  
Social Science, University of Calcutta**

Speakers: Dr. Kirtiraj DC, Associate Professor, Bharti Vidyapeeth Deemed University,  
Pune

Dr. Shubha Majumdar, Superintending Archaeologist, ASI, Kolkata Circle

Prof. Narasingha Charan Panda, Professor of Sanskrit, Panjab University, Chandigarh,  
Former, ICCR Chair Visiting Professor of Sanskrit, Sanskrit Studies Center, Silpakorn  
University, Bangkok, Thailand.

**Discussions and Chairperson Comments**

**Valedictory Session**

**02.00 PM to 02.30 PM**

**Prof K. C. Baral, Vice Chairman, MAKAIAS, Kolkata & Dr. Sarup Prasad Ghosh,  
Director, MAKAIAS, Kolkata**

**NATIONAL ANTHEM**