



UNIVERSITY OF CALCUTTA

Department of Pali

in collaboration with Pandit Dharmadhar Welfare Society, Kolkata



Commemorating the 125th Birth Anniversary of Pandit Dharmadhar Mahasthvir

NATIONAL SEMINAR

Scope of Pali Language and Literature in the Indian Knowledge System

Monday, 27th July 2026 | 12:00 P.M. onwards

Venue: Senate Hall, University of Calcutta, 87/1 College Street, Kolkata 700073

INAUGURAL SESSION

INAUGURATOR

Prof. (Dr.) Ashutosh Ghosh

Honourable Vice Chancellor, University of Calcutta

GUEST OF HONOUR

Prof. (Dr.) Debasis Das

Registrar, University of Calcutta

CHIEF GUEST

Prof. (Dr.) Ayan Bhattacharya

Honourable Vice Chancellor, The Sanskrit College and University

GUEST OF HONOUR

Dr. Anirban Ganguly

Chairman & Trustee, Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee Research Foundation

SPECIAL GUEST

Prof. (Dr.) Bela Bhattacharyya

Emeritus Professor, Department of Pali, University of Calcutta

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Ven. Buddharakkhita Mahathero

Bhikkhu Meditation Acharya & President Vidarshan Siksha Kendra (Pottery Road Buddhist Monastery)

All Faculty Members, Research Scholars, and Students are cordially invited

PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

National Seminar • Monday, 27th July 2026 • Senate Hall, University of Calcutta

11:30 – 11:45 AM

Registration & Opening

Programme Co-Ordinator : Somali Panda, Indusband Foundation

12:00 – 12:10 PM

Lightening the Lamp by the Dignitaries

Mangala Charan: Dr.Sumanpal Bhikkhu, Guest Teacher, Department of Pali, CU and others

12:10 – 12:30 PM

Welcome Address: Prof. Saswati Mutsuddy, Head, Dept. of Pali, CU

Speeches by the Dignitaries: Inaugural Session

Vote of Thanks: Dr. Sujit Kumar Barua, General Secretary, Ptd. Dharmadhar Welfare Society, Kolkata

12:30 – 12:50 PM

Keynote Address

Prof. (Dr.) Raj Sekhar Basu

Dean of Arts, University of Calcutta

12:50 – 1:40 PM

Special Lectures :

Chair : Prof. Ananya Baruya, Former Dean, Faculty of Art, Jadavpur University

- Prof.(Dr.)Arindam Bhattacharyya, Head, Department of Zoology, CU
- Prof. Arun Kumar Yadav, Head, Department of Pali and Buddhist Studies, BHU
- Dr. Aniket Mahapatra, Department of Bengali, New Alipore College

1:40 PM – 1:50 PM

Refreshment

1:50 PM -2:50 PM

1st Academic session: Modern relevance of the Pali Canon

Chair person: Prof.(Dr.)Aiswarya Biswas, Department of Buddhist Studies, CU

2:50 PM– 3:40 PM

Special Lectures :

Chair Person: Dr. Arindam Bhattacharyya, OSD, Presidency University

- Sri Satyakam Sen, Consultant Indian Museum and Tanay Sengupta
- Dr. Suresh Kumar, Head , Department of Buddhist Tourism Management, NNM
- Dr. Kallol Dasgupta, Guest Teacher, Department of Pali, CU

3:40 – 4:20 PM

and

4:20 – 5:00 PM

2nd Academic session: Buddhist Psychology, Medicine and Textual Studies

Chair person: Dr. Suresh Kumar, Head , Department of Buddhist Tourism Management, NNM

3rd Academic session: Buddhist History, Archaeology, Heritage and Institutional Legacy

Chair person: Prof.(Dr.)Arun Kumar Yadav, Head, Department of Pali and Buddhist Studies, BHU

5:00 – 5:50 PM

Valedictory Session

- Valedictory Speech: Prof (Dr.) Mahua Mukherjee, Former Dean, Department Of Dance, Rabindra Bharati University
- Guest of Honour : Prof. Ananya Baruya, Former Dean, Faculty of Art, Jadavpur University
- Guest of Honour : Prof.(Dr.)Aiswarya Biswas, Department of Buddhist Studies, University of Calcutta
- Guest of Honour : Dr. Arindam Bhattacharyya, OSD, Presidency University

5:50 – 6:00 PM

Vote of Thanks

Dr. Chittaranjan Patra, Guest-Teacher, Department of Pali, University of Calcutta