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***With best wishes on the occasion of the
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Mulagandha Kuti Vihara (1931 – 2017)

Sarnath–The first preaching place of the Buddha

The Importance of Sarnath :

- Preaching of the First sermon by the Sākyamuni Buddha to His first five disciples "*Dhammacakka-pavattana Sutta*".
- Second sermon of the Sākyamuni Buddha, "*Anatta Lakkhaṇa Sutta*".
- First disciple Attains "Sotāpanna" (Koṇḍañña Thera).
- Arahathood of first five disciples after hearing the Second Sermon.
- Ordination of Yaśa Kula-Putra.
- Emerging of first followers of the Triple Gem : The Buddha, Dhamma and Saṅgha.
- Sākyamuni Buddha Sending sixty Arahats to propagate His Dhamma.
- Sākyamuni Buddha spending the first rainy retreat.
- Beginning of the holy word "Sādhu" with veneration to the Sākyamuni Buddha.

From the Founder

I welcome you to this hallowed spot, sacred to the Buddhists of Asia as the place where the Devatideva Sakyamuni preached the first Discourse known as the. Dhammacakkapavattana Sutta to the five Bhikkhus 2520 years ago.

The time has now come to elevate India to a state of progress. No progress is possible if internecine quarrels continue. The ancient Buddhist Bhikkhus followed the path of renunciation when they carried the sociological ethics of Aryan civilization to Japan, Korea, China, Siam, Cambodia, Burma and Ceylon. What happened to the wonderfully sublime literature that existed in India in the Buddhist period? No trace of it is found in India; but fortunately the whole literature exists in its fulness in Buddhist lands. Europeans study Pali, Sanskrit, Chinese, Mongolian, Tibetan in the hope of re-discovering the forgotten teachings of the Samma Sambuddha, which saw the light first in India 2520 years ago. But the sons of India have no idea of the wealth that exists in the wonderful Buddhist literature and very few sons of the soil think of discovering the gems that are embedded therein.

After an exile of 800 years the Buddhists have returned to their own dear Holy Isipatana. It is the wish of the Maha Bodhi Society to give to the people of India without distinction of caste and creed the compassionate doctrine of the Samma Sambuddha. I trust that you would come forward to disseminate the Arya Dhamma of the Tathagata throughout India.

(Anagarika Dharmapala 11.11.1931 on Opening Ceremony Day
of the Mulagandha Kutya Vihara)

The Editor-in-Chief's Note

It is with great pleasure that I write this message on the publication of *Dharmadoot Journal*, a Special Volume on the occasion of Fourth International Conference on Pali and Buddhism (October 30-31, 2017). The Maha Bodhi Society of India, Sarnath is playing an important role in propagating the teachings of the Buddha and in the promotion of the ideals of Anagarika Dharmapala, the founder of Maha Bodhi Society of India. Two-day International Pali Conference is being organized every year since 150th Birth Anniversary of Anagarika Dharmapala and this year, this conference is the fourth one in succession. About thirty scholars are going to participate and present their papers on different aspects of Pali and Buddhist Studies. They will throw light on the teachings of the Buddha, encouraging religious harmony between the people of all religions and walks of life, based upon the materials available in the Pali and Buddhist literature. I am glad that this Special Volume of *Dharmadoot Journal* has been brought out before the lovers of Buddhism. I am thankful to all well-wishers of Maha Bodhi Society of India, who were very cooperative in achieving the objectives of the Society and ideals of Anagarika Dharmapala.

Bhavatu Sabba Maṅgalaṃ

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The Managing Editor's Note

It is a matter of special pleasure and pride for Maha Bodhi Society, Sarnath to present the 83rd Volume of *Dharmadoot Journal* before the scholars of Pali and Buddhist Studies. There are altogether nineteen articles and research papers, covering all aspects of Pali and Buddhism by renowned scholars. We express our heart-felt thanks to all the learned contributors for their valuable writings. We are sure that like the previous issues this too will receive appreciations of the scholars. Thanks are also due to Shri Mahendraji, Sattanam Printers, Varanasi who had been very cooperative in printing and publication of this issue in time.

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The Editor's Note

It is a matter of great pleasure that the Special Volume of *Dharmadoot Journal* is going to be released on the most auspicious occasion of the opening ceremony of annual function of the MBSI, Sarnath and the inaugural function of the Fourth International Conference on Pali and Buddhism at the sacred place of Bodhi tree of Mulagandhakuṭi Vihara, Sarnath, Varanasi on October 30, 2017. The publication of the Journal is a part of the celebration of the annual function of the Maha Bodhi Society of India, Sarnath. At present, MBSI, Sarnath is devoted in preserving the aims and objectives of Anagarika Dharmapala, who gave more stress on the development of Theravada Buddhism, by reprinting of the books and bringing out the regular issues of *Dharmadoot Journal*. Maha Bodhi Society of India, Sarnath has also brought out the reprint of the two books-*The Abhidhamma Philosophy or The Psycho-Ethical Philosophy of Early Buddhism* by Bhikkhu Jagadish Kashyap and *Abhidhammatthasaṅgaho* with *Navanītaṭīkā* by Dharmanand Koshambi in April, 2017. Eminent scholars from different Universities have very kindly contributed for this Special Volume of *Dharmadoot Journal*. One Book has been reviewed. We hope that this Special Volume of the Journal will be a great tribute to Anagarika Dharmapala, who initiated with a noble cause for revival of Buddhism.

On behalf of the Maha Bodhi Society of India, Sarnath, we are thankful to all the contributors for their works, which they allowed to be included in this Special Volume of *Dharmadoot Journal*.

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