

**Selective Phases
of the
Founder's Life**



1893 (Age 29)



1904 (Age 40)



1932 (Age 67)

Namo Buddhaya

Invitation

**159th Birth Anniversary of
Anagarika Dharmapala**

Founder – Maha Bodhi Society of India

17 September 2023



Bodhisattva Anagarika Dharmapala
(17.09.1864 – 29.04.1933)



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Requests the pleasure of your joyful company at the

Mulagandha Kuti Vihara, Isipatana

Sarnath – The First Preaching Place of the Buddha

On Sunday day, 17th September 2023 at 3:30 p.m.

on the auspicious occasion of

159th Birth Anniversary commemoration of

BODHISATTVA ANAGARIKA DHARMAPALA

Founder – Maha Bodhi Society of India &
Great Revivalist of Buddhism in Modern India & the West

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PROGRAMME

16th September (in Mahabodhi Schools)

- ❁ Speeches/ Debates/ Essay/Drawing competition on the theme of Life & Mission of the Founder
- ❁ Other Extra-curricular activities in the Mahabodhi Schools at Sarnath

17th September

- 6:00 a.m. : Morning Pūja & Aspiration
- 9:00 a.m. : Kheer (Prasād) distribution among the devotees and visitors
- 11:00 a.m. : Saṅghadāna (Alms meal to Ven. Monks) in the Dānashālā
- 3:30 p.m. : 'Dhamma Sabhā' to commemorate the 159th Birth Anniversary of 'Bodhisattva Anagarika Dharmapala' in the Mulagandha Kuti Vihara
- 6:00 p.m. : Offering of Lamps (Illumination) around the Vihara and its premises
- 6:30 p.m. : Chanting of the 'Dhammacakkappavattana Sutta'

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At the World's Parliament of Religions in Chicago, U.S.A. 1893, Anagarika Dharmapala said –

“On Buddha : Twenty-five centuries ago India witnessed an intellectual and religious revolution which culminated in the overthrow of monotheism, priestly selfishness, and the establishment of a synthetic religion, a system of life and thought which was appropriately called *Dharma* Philosophical Religion. All that was good was collected from every source and embodied therein, and all that was bad discarded. The grand personality who promulgated the Synthetic Religion is known as *Buddha*. For forty five years he lived a life of absolute purity, and taught a system of life and thought, practical, simple, yet philosophical, which makes man the active, intelligent compassionate and unselfish man to realize the fruits of holiness in this life on this earth...”

“On Buddhism : In the religion of *Buddha* is found a comprehensive system of ethics and a transcendental metaphysic embracing a sublime psychology. To the simple-minded it offers a code of morality, to the earnest student a system of pure thought. But the basic doctrine is the self-purification of man. Spiritual progress is impossible for him who does not lead a life of purity and compassion. The rays of the sunlight of truth enter the mind of him who is fearless to examine truth, who is free from prejudice, who is not tied by the sensual passions and who has reasoning faculties to think...”

“On Dhamma : The ultimate goal of the perfected man is eternal peace. To show humanity the path on which to realize this state of eternal peace, Buddha promulgated the *Noble Eight-fold Path*. The *Nirvana* of *Buddha* is beyond the conception of the ordinary mind. Only the perfected man realizes it. It transcends all human thought. Caught in the vortex of evolution man undergoes change and is constantly subject to birth and death. The happiness in the highest heaven comes some day to an end”

“On Woman : The same rights are given to woman as to man. Not the least difference is shown, and perfect equality has been proclaimed. "Woman", Buddha says in the *Chalavedala Sutta* and in the *Mahavagga*, "may attain the highest path of holiness, *Arahatship*, which is open to man.”

“On Peace : As Buddhism acknowledges no caste system, and admits the perfect equality of all men, it proclaims universal brotherhood. But peoples should agree in the acceptance of the universal virtues. Buddhism advocates universal peace amongst nations, and deplors war and bloodshed. The rights of smaller tribes and nations for a separate existence should be protected from aggressive warfare.”

