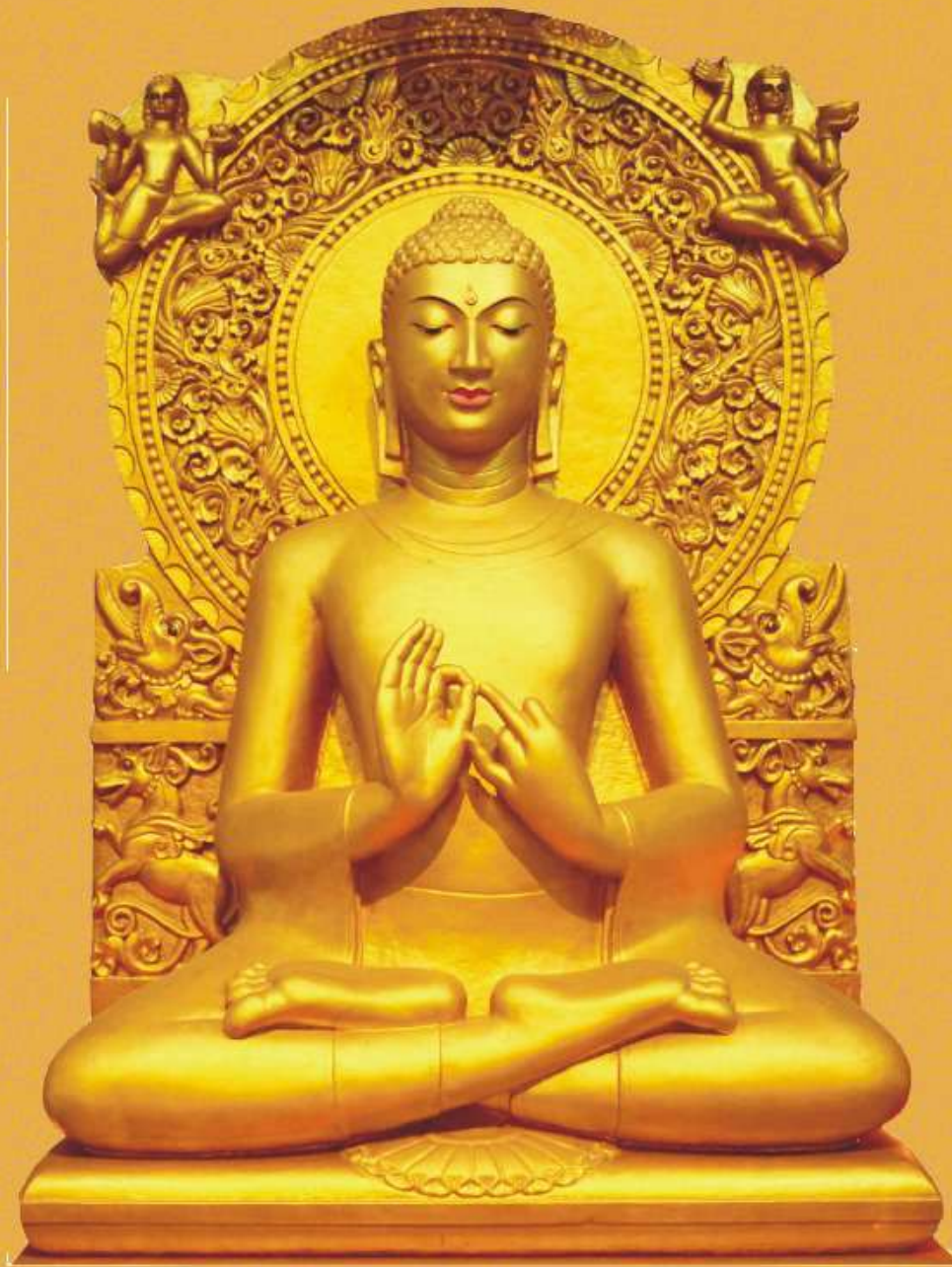


*Invitation*

**2568<sup>th</sup> Buddha Jayanti  
Celebration**

**23<sup>rd</sup> May 2024**



**Maha Modhi Society of India**  
Holy Isipatana Deer-Park, Sarnath  
The Blessed Place of the Buddha's First Sermon



## PROGRAMME

- 06:00 a.m. Offering of milk-rice and Metta chanting and Sharing Merit for World Peace in participation of Chief Priests & Ven. Monks of National & International Buddhist Temples at Sarnath
- 06:30 a.m. Sacred Relics Exposition of the Buddha
- 11:30 a.m. Saṅghadana
- 04:00 p.m. Dhamma Sabhā (2568<sup>th</sup> Buddha Jayantī)
- 05:30 p.m. Deepadāna & Aṭṭhaviṣi Buddha Vandana
- 06:30 p.m. Dhammacakkappavattana Sutta Chanting

### *Other Programmes on Buddha Purnima in coordination with Buddhist Orgs.:*

- 9:30 a.m. Day-long free distribution of meal to Devotees, Pilgrims, Visitors at Maitrī Buddha Vihara/Office - MBSI, Sarnath
- 3:00 p.m. Dhamma Yatra from Dr. Ambedkar Chowk, Kachhari, Varanasi to Mulagandha Kuti Vihara, Sarnath
- 7:00 p.m. Dhamma Desana in the premises of Mulagandha Kuti Vihara

*Aggo hamasmi lokassa, Jettho hamasmi lokassa, Settho hamasmi lokassa  
Ayamanthima jathi, Natthi dani punabbhavo.*

**"I am chief of the world, Greatest am I in the world, Most Exalted am I in the world.  
This is the last birth. There is now no more coming to be."**

*(Prince Siddhārtha's first word)*

*Anekajātisaṃsāraṃ sandhāvissaṃ anibbisam  
Gahakāraṃ gavesanto dukkhā jāti punappunam  
Gahakāra! Dittho'si, punageham na kāhasi  
Sabbā te phāsuka bhaggā, gahakutam visaṅkhitam  
Visaṅkhāragatam cittaṃ tanhānam khayamajjhagā*

**Through countless births in the cycle of existence I have run, in vain  
Seeking the builder of this house;  
And again and again I faced the suffering of new birth.  
Oh housebuilder! Now you are seen. You shall not build a house again for me.  
All your beams are broken, the ridgepole is shattered.  
The mind has become freed from conditioning;  
The end of craving has been reached.**

*(Buddha's first word after enlightenment)*

*'Appamādena Sampadetha Vaya Dhamma Sankhāra'.*

**'Work diligently. Component things are impermanent.'**

*(Buddha's last words before Mahāparinibbāna)*



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**In the 'Dhamma Sabha' commemorating**

**The 2568<sup>th</sup> Buddha Pūrṇimā**

Thursday, the 23<sup>rd</sup> of May 2024 at 4:00 p.m.

**Bhavatu Sabba Mangalam !**

**Mr. Mahendra Singh**

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Chief Monk & General Secretary

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## **Importance of Vesak (Buddha Purnima)**

The Vesak full-moon Day is of utmost significance as this auspicious day marks the occurrence of three major events in the Life of the Buddha. It was on this auspicious day Prince Siddhartha was born in Lumbini, at the age of 35, he attained to Supreme Enlightenment at Buddhagaya and at the ripe age of 81, the Buddha entered into Mahāparinibbāna in Kushinara.



**The Birth of the Bodhisattva Siddhartha**



**Bodhisattva attaining to Samyak Sambodhi,  
to be called the Buddha**



**Mahaparinirvana of the Buddha,  
the 'Great Passing Away'**