



Asadha Poornima

DHARMA CHAKRA DAY

Saturday, 4th July 2020 | 7:30 am IST (GMT +5.5) Onwards
Venue - The Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi &
Mulagandha Kuti Vihara, Sarnath



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PROGRAMME

MORNING SESSION 7.30 am - 11.00 am

07.30 am - 08.30 am

Chanting of Dhamma Cakka Pavattana Sutta from
Mulagandhakuti Vihara, Sarnath

08.30 - 09.00 am Special Address by Heads of States

08.30 - 08.42 am

HRH Samdech Reach Botrei Preah Anoch Norodom
Arunrasmy, Princess of Cambodia

08.42 - 08.47 am

His Excellency Mr Khaltmaagiin Batulga, President of
Mongolia

08.47 - 08.55 am

Arrival of guests at Rashtrapati auditorium

08.55 - 09.00 am

Arrival of Ministers and seated on the dais

09.00 - 09.50 am

09.00 am

Arrival of His Excellency Shri Ram Nath Kovind, President of
India followed by National Anthem

09.01 - 09.06 am

Lighting of lamps at Lord Buddha's statue and flower offering
by all members on the dais amidst Mangalacharan

09.06 - 09.08 am

Handing over of mementos by Ven Dr Dhammapiya,
Secretary General, IBC

09.08 - 09.13 am

Welcome address by Sri Prahlad Patel, Hon'ble Minister of
Culture (Independent Charge) Govt of India

09.13 - 09.15 am

Release of Buddhist manuscript from Mongolia and its
presentation to His Excellency Shri Ram Nath Kovind,
President of India

09.15 - 09.20 am

Address by Dr. Vinay Sahasrabuddhe, Member of Parliament
and President, ICCR

09.20 - 09.25 am

Address by Shri Kiren Rijju, Minister of State for Minority
Affairs, Govt of India

09.25 - 09.32 am

Film by Attodeep, Kolkata, significance of Ashadha Poornima
based on Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore's writing

09.32 - 09.47 am

Keynote address by His Excellency Shri Ram Nath Kovind,
President of India

09.47 - 09.50 am

Vote of thanks by Ven Dr Dhammapiya, Secretary General, IBC

09.50 - 09.52 am

National Anthem and departure of His Excellency Shri Ram
Nath Kovind, President of India

10.00 am - 11.00 am

Live streaming from Mulagandhakuti Vihara, Sarnath

- Brief explanation on the significance of Asadha Poornima and the sacred sites of Dhamekh Stupa and Mulagandhakuti Vihara temple by Ven. Prof. Geshe Ngawang Samten, Vice-Chancellor, Central University of Tibetan Studies, Sarnath and Venerable Mehdankar Bhante, Mahabodhi Society of India, Sarnath

- Video address by His Holiness Dalai Lama

- Video Messages by Supreme Heads of Buddhist Sangha from various countries
- Chanting of Dharma Chakra Parvattana Sutra as per
- Chinese tradition by Buddhist Association of Republic of China (Taiwan)

AFTERNOON SESSION 12.00 pm - 02.00 pm

- Chanting and ceremonies from Mahabodhi Temple, Bodhgaya, India
- Streaming of prayers and ceremonies from Sacred Tooth Relic Temple, Kandy, Sri Lanka
- Chanting of Dhammacakka-pavattana Sutta from the Golden Dome, Wat Dhammakaya, Thailand
- Video Messages by Supreme Heads of Buddhist Sangha from various countries

2.00 - 03.30 am

Special Esala Webcast: Esala - Commemorating The First Sermon

Jointly Produced by: Lotus Communication Network and
International Buddhist Confederation
Presenters: Dr Kalinga Seneviratne and Ms Madhusree Chowdhury

Program Outline:

- Welcome - Ven Dr Dhammapiya, Secretary General, IBC
- Introduction to Sarnath (audio visual presentation)
- Importance of Sarnath to Buddhist pilgrimage - Talk by Head of Mahabodhi Sarnath
- Cultural Presentation by Attodeep, Kolkata
- Important Message of Buddha's First sermon - talk by Prof Bairanath Labh, Nava Nalanda University or Ven. Prof. Geshe Ngawang Samten, Vice-Chancellor, Central University of Tibetan Studies, Sarnath
- Esala song from Awaaz TV (India)
- Sasanha Bucha in Thailand (video from Thai PBS/Dhammakaya TV)
- Talk by Dr Paltha Kohona of SIBA on Kandy Esala Perahera Sri Lanka
- Feature on Kandy Esala Perahera
- Esala song by Bodhiraja Musical group (Sri Lanka)
- Wheel of the Dhamma - English song related to first sermon/Esala (Malaysia)
- Chanting of Dhammacakkappavattana Sutta from Sarnath (recording) and Wrap Up

EVENING SESSION 6.30 pm onward

- Cultural programme by various groups from Indian and abroad
- Lamp lighting ceremony from Sarnath
- Concluding remarks by Ven Dr Dhammapiya, Secretary General, IBC