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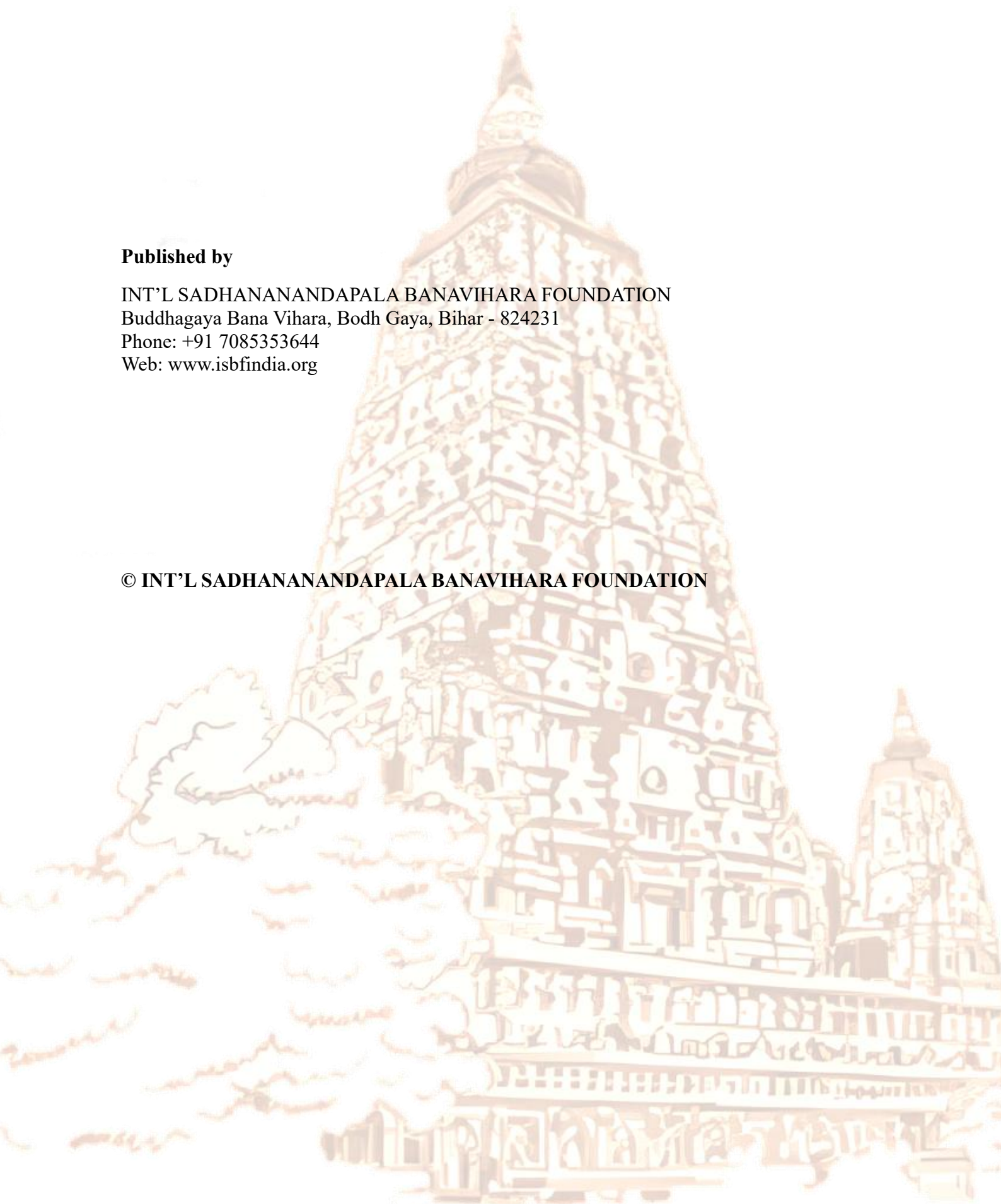
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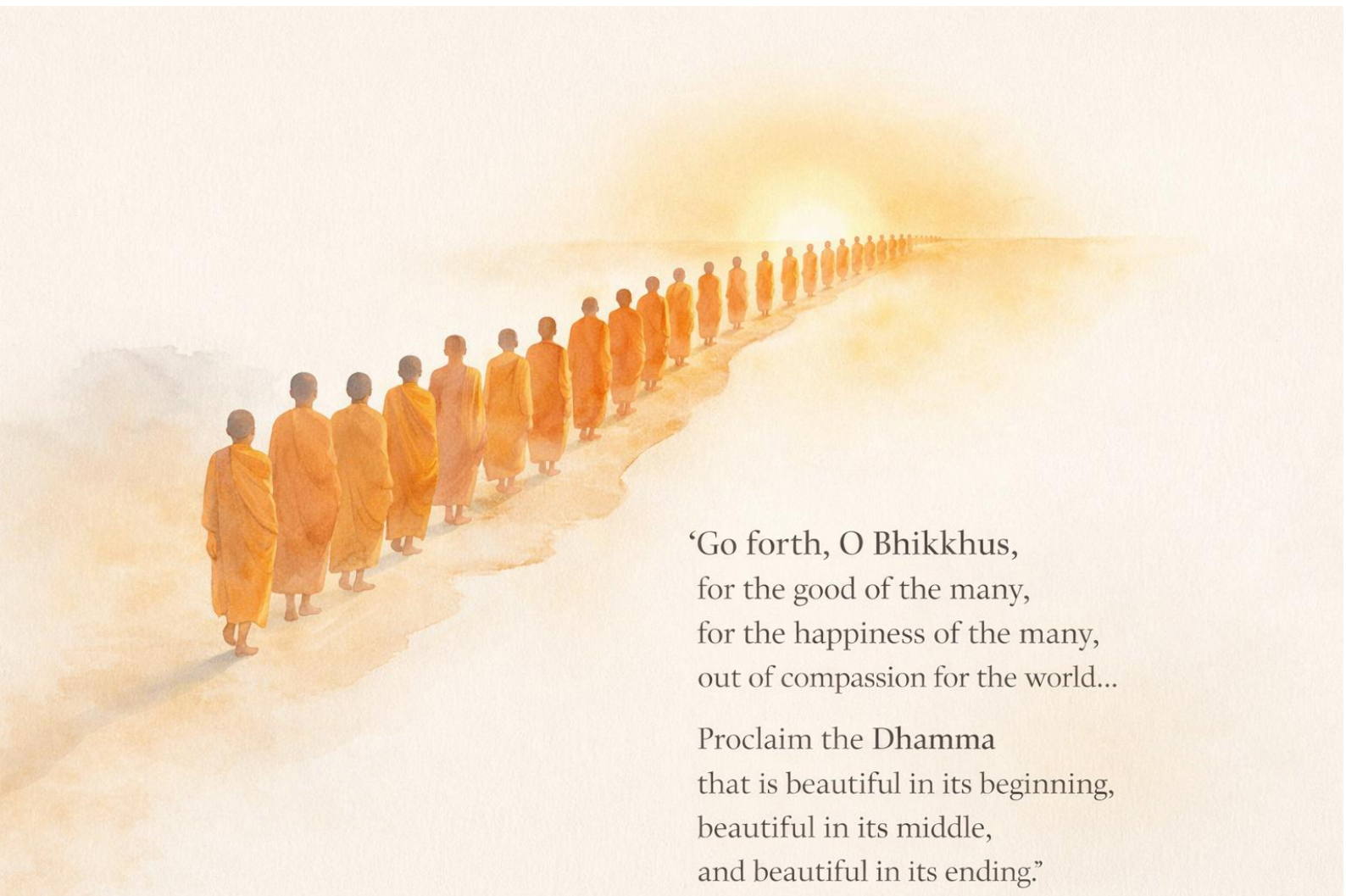
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# About ISBF

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## OUR INSPIRATION

Long ago, the Buddha invited his followers to walk into the world with compassion—to work for the good and happiness of all beings. That gentle invitation, spoken more than two and a half millennia ago, continues to guide hearts and actions even today.

As the Buddha taught:

*“Go forth, O Bhikkhus, for the good of the many, for the happiness of the many, out of compassion for the world... Proclaim the Dhamma that is beautiful in its beginning, beautiful in its middle, and beautiful in its ending.”*

These words are more than a teaching; they are a living call to action. They inspire a path of service, spiritual practice, and care for the world—one that bridges inner transformation and collective well-being.

Moved by this timeless message, the **International Sadhananandapala Banavihara Foundation (ISBF)** was established on **21 October 2021** as a **non-profit charitable organization under Section 8 of the Companies Act, 2013 (India)**. ISBF was founded with the objective of serving humanity and contributing meaningfully to the creation of a free, peaceful, and happy world. Its work spans **spiritual (Dhamma) practice, education, cultural preservation, health and sanitation, women empowerment, and rural development**, guided by compassion and ethical responsibility.

## OUR WORK ACROSS INDIA

From **Bodh Gaya**—the sacred land where the Buddha awakened—**ISBF** draws inspiration from the very source of the Dhamma. From this sacred ground, the Foundation works to bring the Buddha’s wisdom into everyday life, responding mindfully to the challenges of the modern world while remaining firmly grounded in ancient truth.

ISBF serves as an **umbrella organization for Banavihara Centers across India**, providing a shared institutional platform that connects and supports centers in **Bodh Gaya, Arunachal Pradesh, Tripura and Mizoram**. Through coordination, shared learning, and collective purpose, these centers function as hubs of spiritual practice, education, and community service.

## OUR LINEAGE & VISION

From this lineage flows a living tradition of compassion, wisdom, and service—quietly practiced, steadily sustained, and shared across generations.

At its heart, ISBF is a **community of practice**. Monks, novices, lay devotees, volunteers, and supporters come together in the shared aspiration to live the Dhamma. We believe that when the mind is nurtured with wisdom and compassion, positive change naturally flows into individuals, families, communities, and the wider world.

Inspired by the Buddha's medicine of wisdom and compassion—unchanged in relevance for over **2,565 years**—ISBF envisions a society rooted in **wisdom, compassion, and gratitude**, where people of diverse cultures can define their own paths of development and fulfill their spiritual, social, cultural, educational, and economic aspirations. In this way, the ancient path continues to serve the present world, guiding it gently toward peace.

### VISION

To nurture peace, wisdom, and compassion through the living practice of the Buddha Dhamma.

### MISSION

- To support monastic training and education
- To preserve Buddhist traditions and sacred heritage
- To promote ethical living and mindfulness
- To engage in humanitarian and peace-building activities
- To foster international Buddhist cooperation

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## Programs and Activities

## MONASTIC LIFE, SPIRITUAL PRACTICE & LIVING BUDDHIST TRADITIONS

The International Sadhananandapala Banavihara Foundation (ISBF) places monastic discipline, spiritual cultivation, and the preservation of Buddhist traditions at the heart of its mission. Through continuous training, daily practice, and sacred observances, ISBF nurtures a living environment where the Buddha Dhamma is studied, practiced, and shared across generations.

### 2.1 MONASTIC & SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT

#### 2.1.1 Novice Ordination & Monastic Training

ISBF conducts continuous **Novice Ordination and Monastic Training programs** across its Banavihara Centers. These programs provide systematic training in **discipline**, meditation, chanting, ethical conduct, and communal living. Through structured daily routines, participants cultivate simplicity, mindfulness, responsibility, and compassion, forming a strong foundation for spiritual development and moral leadership.



#### 2.1.2 Daily Chanting and Meditation

Daily chanting and meditation form the spiritual foundation of life at all ISBF centers. Morning and evening chanting strengthen devotion (*saddhā*) and recollection of the Buddha's teachings, while regular meditation practice cultivates mindfulness, concentration, and inner calm. These practices sustain discipline, clarity, and spiritual continuity for both monastic and lay practitioners.



## 3.1 SACRED CEREMONIES & CULTURAL PRESERVATION

### 3.1.1 Sangha Dāna and Alms Offering Ceremonies

ISBF regularly conducts **Sangha Dāna and Alms Offering Ceremonies** as expressions of generosity and mutual support between the Saṅgha and lay followers. Through the offering of food and essential requisites, devotees cultivate gratitude, humility, and wholesome intention, while supporting the continuity of monastic life and strengthening community harmony.



### 3.1.2 Vesak Day Celebrations

**Vesak Day** is observed annually at ISBF centers to commemorate the birth, enlightenment, and passing away of the Buddha. The celebrations include meditation, chanting, Dhamma reflections, and acts of generosity, offering an opportunity for collective reflection and renewal of commitment to ethical living, mindfulness, and compassion.



### 3.1.3 Kathina Robe Offering Ceremony

ISBF organizes the **Kathina Robe Offering Ceremony** following the conclusion of the monastic rainy retreat (*Vassa*). This significant Buddhist observance allows lay devotees to offer robes and requisites to the Saṅgha, cultivating generosity (*dāna*), gratitude, and shared

merit. The ceremony strengthens the bond between monastic and lay communities and preserves a central tradition of Theravāda Buddhism.



#### 4. HUMANITARIAN & SOCIAL SERVICES

Guided by compassion (*karuṇā*) and generosity (*dāna*), ISBF undertook humanitarian and social service initiatives translating spiritual values into practical care. These included **Hospital Dāna Services, disaster relief and emergency humanitarian support**, including cross-border assistance, and **community support initiatives** rooted in inclusivity, dignity, and ethical responsibility.

Together, these efforts reflect ISBF's commitment to **Compassion in Action**, responding mindfully to human suffering and social need.

##### 4.1 Hospital Dana Service : Magadh Medical Hospital | 15<sup>th</sup> May 2022

Guided by the Buddha's teaching that "*Health is the greatest gain and contentment the greatest wealth,*" the International Sadhananandapala Banavihara Foundation (ISBF) undertook a **Hospital Dāna Service** on **15 May 2022** at **Anugrah Narayan Magadh Medical College & Hospital, Gaya**, in the sacred Land of Enlightenment, Bodh Gaya. As an expression of compassion in action, ISBF distributed fruits, biscuits, and juice to patients, supporting their health and well-being. This humanitarian initiative was made possible through the generous support of donors from **Bangladesh, India, and Sri Lanka**, whose contributions enabled ISBF to serve patients with nutritious food supplements and extend care to the wider community.



#### 4.2 Cancer Patients Service Day : Regional Cancer Centre, Agartala | | 16<sup>th</sup> May 2022

The International Sadhananandapala Banavihara Foundation (ISBF) organized a Cancer Patients Service Day at the Atal Bihari Vajpayee Regional Cancer Center, Agartala. The program marked the return of public humanitarian activities after two years of pandemic-related restrictions.

As an expression of compassion in action, ISBF distributed fruits, biscuits, and juice to cancer patients to support their health and well-being. This initiative was made possible through the generous support of food donors from Bangladesh, India, and Sri Lanka, whose contributions enabled ISBF to provide nutritious food supplements and extend care and solidarity to the wider community.



#### 4.3 Blood Donation Camp | 16<sup>th</sup> May 2022

The International Sadhananandapala Banavihara Foundation (ISBF) organized a **Blood Donation Camp** on 16 May 2022 at **Nabincherra Higher Secondary School, Pecharthal Block, Unakoti District**, in association with **Noble Friends** and with the support of the **District Blood Bank Unit, Kailashahar**. The initiative was undertaken as an act of compassion and social responsibility, recognizing blood donation as a vital contribution to saving lives and supporting public healthcare.

The camp witnessed enthusiastic participation, with **26 donors** voluntarily donating blood for the benefit of patients in need. The program was conducted in the presence of community leaders, representatives of local institutions, and medical professionals, ensuring that the blood collection process was safe, systematic, and well-coordinated. Donors were acknowledged with certificates of appreciation, reinforcing the spirit of selfless service and community solidarity that lies at the heart of ISBF's humanitarian work.

This humanitarian activity reflected ISBF's commitment to Compassion in Action, promoting awareness of voluntary blood donation and reinforcing the value of generosity, community participation, and service for the welfare of society.



#### 4.4 Myanmar Earthquake Relief Support | 09<sup>th</sup> April 2025

In response to the devastating earthquake in Myanmar, the International Sadhananandapala Banavihara Foundation (ISBF) extended humanitarian assistance as an expression of Compassion Beyond Borders, standing in solidarity with affected communities beyond national boundaries. An amount of 8.5 million Kyats was contributed to support relief efforts and provide essential assistance during this time of hardship.

This humanitarian initiative was made possible through the generous support of the Bharat Banabhikkhu Sangha and devoted lay supporters, whose spirit of *dāna* enabled timely aid to those in need. ISBF remains committed to responding to human suffering with compassion, care, and shared human responsibility wherever it arises.



## 5. International Engagement & Buddhist Unity

The International Sadhananandapala Banavihara Foundation (ISBF) actively fosters **international Buddhist unity** through meaningful collaboration, dialogue, and shared spiritual initiatives. The Foundation maintains close cooperation with international Buddhist institutions, including the **Dhammakaya Foundation (Thailand)** and the **Vietnam Buddhist Sangha**, and participates in significant international Buddhist ceremonies and commemorative events.

Through **delegation visits, cross-border exchanges, and the hosting of international monastic delegations** at its centres in India, ISBF promotes inter-traditional harmony, mutual understanding, and collective responsibility for the preservation and propagation of the Buddha Dhamma. These engagements strengthen global Buddhist solidarity and contribute to peace-building efforts rooted in shared values of wisdom and compassion.

### 5.1 The Kathina Robe Offering Ceremony - International Buddhist Unity | 25 Nov 2023

The **17th Kathina Robe Offering Ceremony**, organized by the **International Sadhananandapala Banavihara Foundation (ISBF)**, was held on **25 November 2023** at the **Mahabodhi Temple, Bodh Gaya**, and marked a significant moment of **international Buddhist unity**, particularly strengthening the spiritual ties between **India and Vietnam**. The ceremony was graced by **Most Venerable Nandapala Mahāthera**, Chief Disciple of His Eminence Bana Bhante, and **Most Venerable Thích Trúc Thái Minh**, Deputy Chairman of the Central Committee of International Buddhism & Information and Communication of the **Vietnam Buddhist Sangha**, and Abbot of **Ba Vang Pagoda, Vietnam**.



The meeting of the two venerable masters at the **Land of Enlightenment** symbolized the deep historical and spiritual connection between India, the birthplace of Buddhism, and Vietnam, where the Buddha Dhamma continues to flourish. Their exchange of reflections and insights reaffirmed a shared commitment to preserving and propagating the Buddha Dhamma through cooperation, mutual respect, and inter-traditional harmony.

The Kathina ceremony brought together monks from **India, Vietnam, Bangladesh, Thailand, Australia, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Tibet, and Laos**, along with more than **2,000 lay devotees** from across the world. The strong participation of the Vietnamese Saṅgha and lay followers highlighted the growing collaboration between ISBF and Buddhist institutions in Vietnam, reinforcing global Buddhist unity through shared faith, practice, and devotion.



## 5.2 Contribution to International Theravāda Buddhist Missionary University (ITBMU)

The International Sadhananandapala Banavihara Foundation (ISBF) contributed in support of the Silver Jubilee Celebration of the International Theravāda Buddhist Missionary University (ITBMU), held on **04 December 2023** at Maha Pasana Guha, Yangon, Myanmar. This contribution marked ISBF's participation in celebrating 25 years of ITBMU's service to Theravāda Buddhist education and Dhamma propagation worldwide.

The donation was formally handed over to the Registrar of ITBMU by ISBF's representative, Ven. Mettananda Bhikkhu, reflecting ISBF's commitment to strengthening international Buddhist education, supporting the Saṅgha, and fostering enduring India–Myanmar Buddhist relations.



### 5.3 500 Novice Mass Ordination Program – International Collaboration with the Dhammakaya Foundation | 02-16 December 2024

The **International Sadhananandapala Banavihara Foundation (ISBF)** organized the **500 Novice Mass Ordination Program** from 2–16 December 2024, marking a significant initiative in international Buddhist cooperation and monastic education. The program was conducted in association with the **Dhammakaya Foundation (Thailand)** and the **Sadhanarama Foundation**, a sister organization of ISBF, reflecting a shared commitment to nurturing moral discipline, spiritual growth, and ethical values among young aspirants.

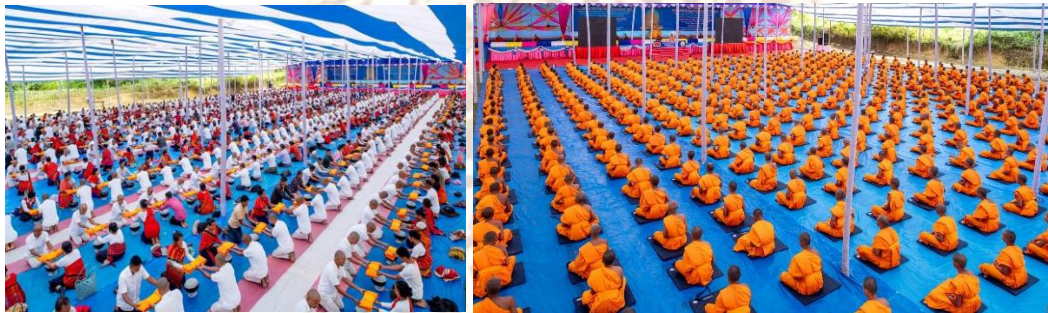


As part of this collaborative effort, the **Universal Goodness (UG5) Ethical Training**, originally introduced by the Dhammakaya Foundation, was integrated into the ordination program. The UG5 framework complements traditional monastic training by emphasizing five universal values—**Cleanliness, Orderliness, Politeness, Punctuality, and Meditation**—which support both personal development and social harmony.



Embedded within the daily routine of chanting, meditation, and Vinaya discipline, the UG5 training enriched the novices with practical life skills grounded in ethical awareness, self-restraint, and compassion. This integration highlights the value of cross-border Buddhist collaboration in strengthening monastic education and preparing young novices for responsible and meaningful engagement with society.

Through this international partnership, ISBF reaffirmed its commitment to fostering Buddhist unity, sharing best practices in monastic training, and nurturing a new generation rooted in wisdom, moral integrity, and universal values. The 500 Novice Mass Ordination Program stands as a collective effort toward peace, harmony, and the preservation and propagation of the Buddha Dhamma through global cooperation.



#### **5.4 Dhammayatra (Peace Walk) | 14<sup>th</sup> December 2024**

As part of the **500 Novice Mass Ordination Program**, the newly ordained novices undertook a **Dhammayatra (Peace Walk)**, symbolizing spiritual discipline, mindfulness, and devotion. Rooted in a tradition dating back to the time of the Buddha, the peaceful procession inspired faith and reflection while strengthening the bond between the Saṅgha and lay community through shared participation and reverence to the Triple Gem.

Through this sacred observance, the **International Sadhananandapala Banavihara Foundation (ISBF)** continues to uphold living Buddhist traditions that nurture harmony, ethical values, and spiritual continuity. The Dhammayatra stands as a meaningful expression of peace in action, inspiring mindfulness, compassion, and inner peace for the benefit of all beings.



### 5.5 Kathina Offering by the Dhammakaya Foundation | 04 November 2025

The Kathina Robe Offering, conducted by the Dhammakaya Foundation at ISBF centres across Arunachal Pradesh, Tripura, Mizoram, and Bodh Gaya, reflected a shared act of faith, generosity, and international Buddhist cooperation. Offered on behalf of Luang Phor Dhammajayo, the ceremony strengthened the bond between the Saṅgha and lay communities while preserving a central Theravāda tradition.

This collaborative observance embodied unity, devotion, and the collective aspiration to support the preservation and propagation of the Buddha-Dhamma for the welfare of all beings.



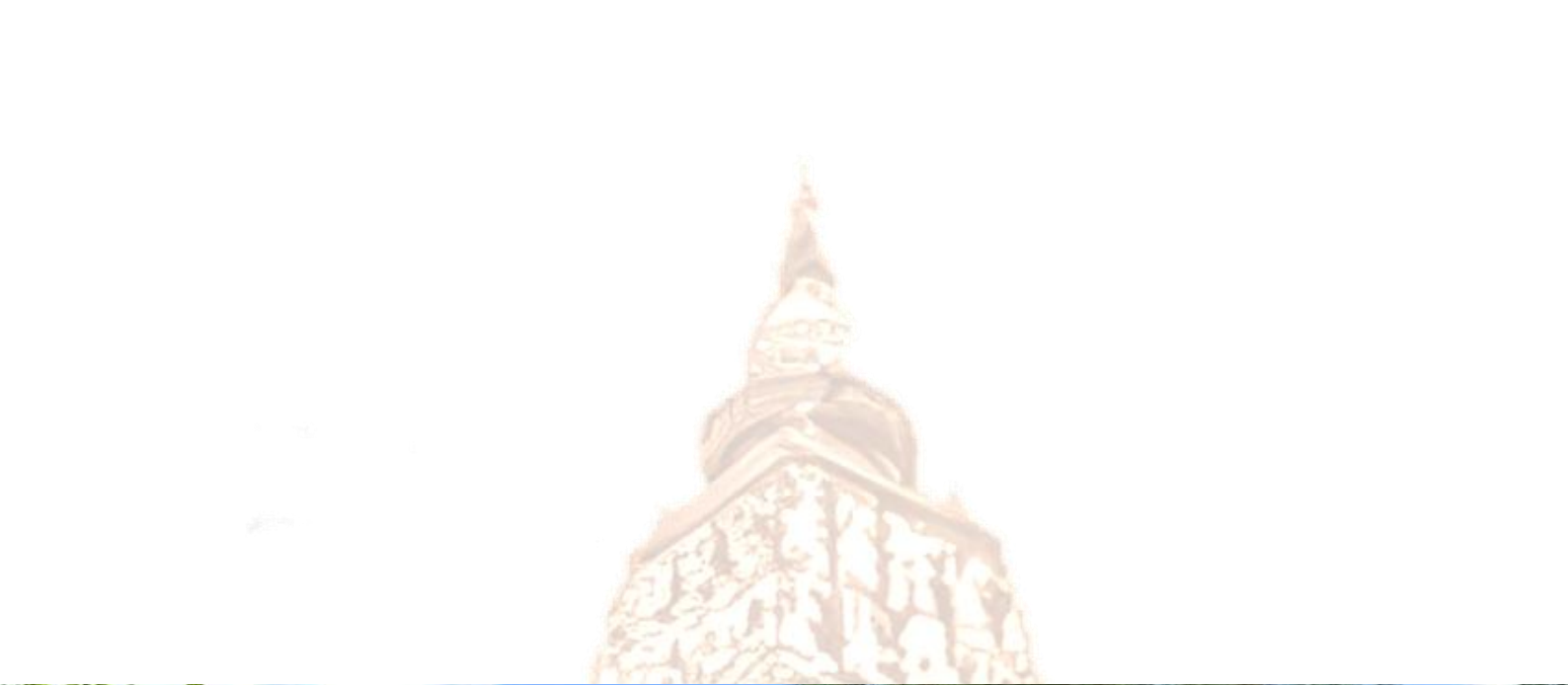
## 5.6 Visit of Most Venerable Junsei Terasawa | 27<sup>th</sup> January 2026

The International Sadhananandapala Banavihara Foundation (ISBF) was honored to host Most Venerable Junsei Terasawa, senior monk of the Nipponzan Myōhōji Order and an internationally respected peace activist, at Buddhagaya Bana Vihara. The meeting marked a meaningful exchange rooted in the Buddha's teachings of non-violence, compassion, and universal responsibility.

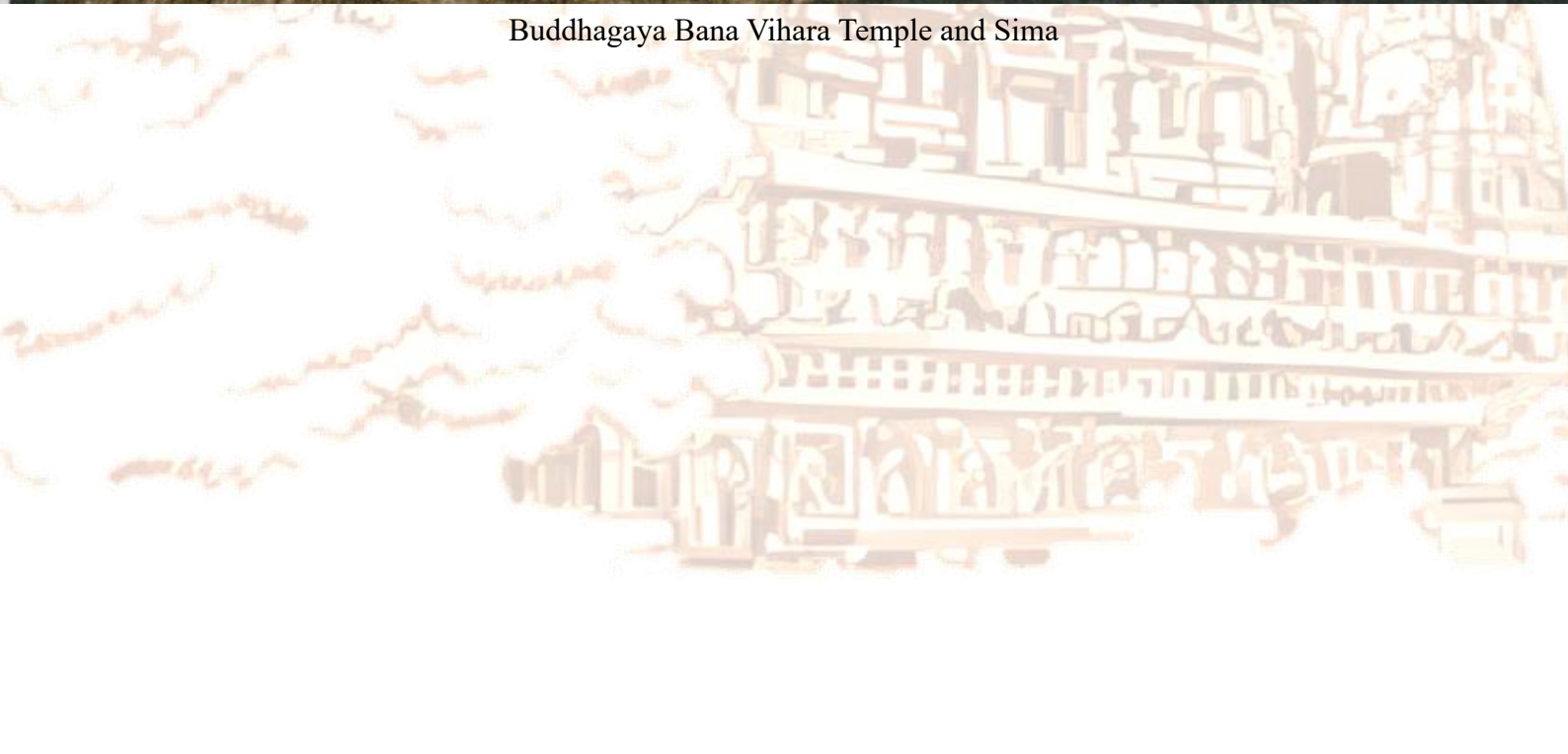
Venerable Junsei Terasawa is widely known for his lifelong commitment to peace, interfaith harmony, and non-violent action inspired by the Buddha's teachings. His presence at Bodh Gaya—the land of Enlightenment—added profound spiritual significance to the gathering, reminding all present of the living relevance of the Dhamma as a force for peace and reconciliation.

This sacred encounter reflected a shared commitment to peace, interfaith harmony, and the application of Buddhist wisdom in addressing global suffering. Held at Bodh Gaya, the Land of Enlightenment, the meeting reaffirmed the role of Buddhism as a living force for reconciliation, ethical leadership, and the welfare of all beings.





Buddhagaya Bana Vihara Temple and Sima







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