

Now it has 55 Post-Graduate teaching-cum-research courses on the campus, while around 70 affiliated colleges offer P.G. courses. The University has one campus - one at Ongole (a fully self-financed center). The most distinguishing feature of the University is that it has 7 exclusive research centers to pursue advanced studies in the frontier areas.

### Centre for Mahayana Buddhist Studies

On 16th March, 1982, the Centre was inaugurated by the King of Bhutan, His Majesty Jigme Singye Wangchuk. The Centre with Prof. K.Satchidananda Murthy as its first Hon'ble Director started functioning. As per the guidelines formulated for the Centre by the National Committee of Experts, the Centre lays focus on multi-dimensional study of Mahayana Buddhism. The Centre offers both Post Graduate Teaching and Research programmes in Mahayana Buddhism. The Research scholars enrolled have worked on various aspects of Buddhism. At present, the five faculty members are engaged in both teaching and research activities that vindicate the objectives of multidimensional research activity undertaken by the Centre. The centre had organized many academic activities in the past. Prof. L.Udayakumar has organized Two UGC National Seminars in January 2014 and February 2106, Global Seminar in January 2015, organized nine 'Series of Lecture Programme' and ICPR Philosophy Workshop in November 2014 by eminent academicians from Foreign University, IITs, and Central Universities, two 'ICPR World Philosophy Day' programs.

### Location and Tourist Interest

Acharya Nagarjuna University is located 18 kms from the south of Vijayawada and 15 kms from the north of Guntur in the coastal area of Andhra Pradesh. Amaravathi is the Capital city of AP. Vijayawada and Guntur are well connected by rail and road from all places of India. Both the cities are roughly 280 kms from Hyderabad and 400 kms from Chennai. Vijayawada Airport (Gannavaram Airport) is about 35 KM from the University. Reception counters will be put up at railway stations of Vijayawada and Guntur. Both the Cities are assumed importance as business, culture and education centers. Famous places of Buddhist, religious, archaeological and tourist interests are also located in these cities.



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## Buddha and Wittgenstein on Culture and Values

(14 - 16 March, 2019)

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## Objective of the Seminar

The seminar is to understand the essence of two philosopher's contributions on culture and Values. Firstly, Gautama Buddha's teaching is a revelation of true and absolute values. Its truth can be tested and tried in one's own experience. One who builds his daily life upon this firm foundation on culture and values. Buddhism is a graduated system of moral and mental training with Nibbana, the highest happiness, as its goal. It is founded upon the principle of causality, the law of cause and effect in the moral domain. In Buddhism the arahat is the perfect embodiment of culture. Simultaneously, good habits of kindness and compassion, honesty and truthfulness, chastity and heedfulness will be developed. Steady, wholesome habits are the basis of good character, without which no culture is possible. Then, one gradually becomes great and cultured Buddhists. Such a person is rightly trained in body, speech, and mind a disciplined, well-bred, refined, humane human being, able to live in peace and harmony with him and others. Secondly, Ludwig Wittgenstein tries to give a very rough sketch on culture and Values. The simplistic conceptions of 'cultures' are bounded entities for human social life. Drawing on the Wittgensteinian concept of language-games, it is argued that a concept of culture which fully acknowledges the contextual character of shared meaning in any society must be dual. Culture provides the form and the dress of the social situation. Wittgenstein experiences the separation of the three tasks as a deep cultural crisis. He approaches ethical problems from two sides and has been able to observe an additional emphasis on the philosopher's personality and socio-cultural background. Sometimes holds a critical attitude towards culture and the development of the civilization. His resentment of the gradual moral and intellectual decline leads to a highly suspicious attitude towards any progress in the fields of culture and science.

Highly qualitative and scholarly papers are invited from faculty members and research scholars since publication is contemplated upon. In the light of this observation, the object of the present seminar is proposed and it will examine all aspects such as.....

## Sub Themes

1. Human Understanding, Impact Work Situation, Economical Changes, Boarder Issues, Gender Issues, Literature and Culture, Peace and Harmony, and Global Environment...
2. Struggle of Language, Intensity and Integrity, Form of Life, Linguistic Understanding, Science and Society, Rules and Form of Life, Socio-Cultural Context and Language and Meaning...
3. Human Action, Deconstruction ,Right state of mind and body, Cultural enlightenment, Culture and Monastic Values, Cross-Cultural Problems, Interpretation Truth and Reality, Human Interaction, Human Emotion, Culture and Society, Culture and Life Style, and Human and Social Values...

## Call for Papers

Abstracts for paper presentation on the above mentioned areas with interdisciplinary approach to analyze culture, history, science, economy, sociology, politics, philosophy, Buddhism, etc are welcome from the academicians and scholars. Abstracts should meet the appropriate word count of 250-300 words and should be submitted only through email to: [udaycmbmsanu@gmail.com](mailto:udaycmbmsanu@gmail.com).

Full papers (adhering to latest MLA Style Sheet) should be submitted in 5-10 pages, typed in Times New Roman 12, with single space in A4 size. Only selected papers will be published in a book form with an ISBN from a reputed publisher after the seminar.

**Deadline for the submission of Abstracts: 25-02-2019**

**Deadline for the submission of full paper: 05-03-2019**

**Last date for payment of Registration fee: 05-03-2019**

## Registration Fee

Local Delegates	Rs. 1500
Non-Local Delegates	Rs. 2000

- Registration fee covers Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner, Snacks, Tea/Coffee, and Accommodation for three days along with the Conference Kit. Registration fee has to be paid through Demand Draft drawn in favour of Prof. L. Udaya Kumar, Director of the National Seminar, payable at SBI (Nagarjuna University Campus. Branch No: 4793), Nagarjuna Nagar, Guntur. The Registration form and fee (D.D.) **OR** you can deposit on Director of the Seminar, **A/c No. 34345558686** (SBI, ANU) should reach the Director on or before 5<sup>th</sup> March 2019.
- Accommodation will be arranged for the participants in the University Guest House on request. Requests for accommodation should reach the Director on or before 5th March 2019.
- Participants are requested to meet out their travel expenses from their own institutions.

## About the University

The name, Nagarjuna University, is quite significant in that the greatest Buddhist preceptor and philosopher Acharya Nagarjuna founded a University on the banks of river Krishna some centuries ago, and made it a great center of learning, attracting a large number of teachers and students from distant parts of the world. The present Acharya Nagarjuna University is not very far from the hallowed spot, as it derives its moral and intellectual sustenance from Acharya Nagarjuna. In 1967, Andhra University started a Post - graduate centre in Nallapadu, Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh, as an Extension Center to cater to the needs of higher education of the people of this region. It is in the fitness of things that a university should grow from this Center to fulfill the desire of the people of this belt. Accordingly, Nagarjuna University came into being in August 1976. Acharya Nagarjuna University since then has grown into a large University with 49 Academic Departments. Its jurisdictions was extended to two districts now having over 400 affiliated colleges offering Under-Graduate, Post- Graduate, Engineering, Education, Law, Pharmacy and Oriental Languages courses.

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