

# **Savitribai Phule Pune University**

## **Dhammasākacchā: International Level Students' Conference 2026**

on

## **Contribution of Buddhist Literature to Indian Knowledge System (IKS)**

**10<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

### **Announcement and Call for Papers**

Abstract Submission: 10<sup>th</sup> October 2025

Final Paper Submission: 30<sup>th</sup> November 2025

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The Department of Pali and Buddhist Studies, SPPU, Pune, India, has been organizing a students' conference since 2014 in order to provide a research platform to the students of Pali and Buddhist Studies to share their research findings. In this academic year 2025–26 the Department is organizing the conference on Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> January 2026 from IST 9:00 am to 6:00 pm. In this regard we hereby invite regular bonafide students of an academic institute pursuing Ph.D., M. Phil., (Research Group); M. A. (PG Group); Integrated M. A. (UG Level), PG-Diploma, Diploma, Advanced, Foundation and Certificate courses (UG Group) to participate and present their research papers. The conference will be organized in offline mode. Only students outside India maybe allowed to attend the conference online on request.

### **Concept Note**

The world is undergoing rapid changes in the knowledge landscape. The gap between the current state of learning outcomes and what is required must be bridged through undertaking major reforms that bring the highest quality, equity, and integrity into the system. World-class institutions of ancient India such as Takshashila, Nalanda, Vikramshila, Vallabhi, set the highest standards of multidisciplinary teaching and research and hosted scholars and students from across backgrounds and countries. Buddhist literature is available in different languages. Do they have some content which can contribute to the Indian Knowledge System (IKS)? What is the take of Buddhist literature on topics such as what is knowledge and processes related to knowledge, knowledge creation, knowledge preservation, knowledge management, and knowledge dissemination? What are the different knowledge areas to which Buddhist literature has contributed and can contribute? It could be literary sciences, medicinal sciences, life

sciences, technology and social sciences. There is a need to highlight the contribution of Buddhist literature to different areas of Indian Knowledge System (IKS).

**Sub-themes:**

1. What is knowledge and what are its types?
2. Buddhist literature on knowledge creation, preservation, dissemination and management.
3. Contribution of Buddhist literature to Literary Sciences (such as Grammar, Lexicography, Prosody and Metrics), Health Science, Environmental Science, Life Sciences, Technology and Social Sciences (such as Economics, Psychology, Sociology, Gender Studies, Jurisprudence).

**Note:** The participants may choose any of these sub-themes and present their papers in the light of the broad theme of the conference highlighting the contribution of Buddhist literature to IKS.

**Instructions:**

- Paper presentation can be done in Pali, Sanskrit, Hindi and English.
- You can present your paper individually or in a group of two/three/four researchers.
- For Research Group the allotted time for the paper presentation will be 15 minutes plus 5 minutes for discussion, total 20 minutes.
- For PG, and UG, Diploma Groups the allotted time will be 10 minutes for paper presentation and 5 minutes for discussion, total 15 minutes.

**Registration Details:**

Please email your details as follows on [dhammasakacchapbs@gmail.com](mailto:dhammasakacchapbs@gmail.com)

- Name of the Student:
- Country of Residence:
- Name of the University/College:
- Name of the Course:
- Academic Year:
- Student Identity Card: (Compulsory)
- Mobile Number:
- Email.id:

### **Registration Fees:**

**\*\*Link for paying Registration Fees will be shared with the registered participants only.**

**\*\*Registration Fee covers the refreshment on the conference day.**

**\*\*Only for those participants who require accommodation for two nights should pay INR 500 extra which would cover the cost of their accommodation, and two dinners and one breakfast of the next day.**

### **Registration Fees as Paper Presenters:**

For Indian Participants:

- Registration fees with accommodation INR 500
- Registration fees without accommodation INR 300

For Foreign Participants:

- Registration fees with accommodation \$ 10
- Registration fees without accommodation \$ 5

Note:

Last date for paying registration fee: 20th November 2025

### **Registration Fees as Attendee:**

- For those who wish to attend the conference without presenting the paper in offline mode the registration fee will be INR 150. This includes attendance certificate and refreshments.

Note:

Last date for paying registration fee: 25<sup>th</sup> December 2025

### **Please note:**

- All the fees are non-refundable
- No TA/DA is admissible.
- Out station participants / foreign participants in need of accommodation may send a request through email to **dhammasakacchapbs@gmail.com** in advance till 30<sup>th</sup> November 2025. The department will try to organise their accommodation in the university guest house subject to the availability of rooms.

- The accommodation will be available from the evening of 9<sup>th</sup> January 2026 till the morning of 11<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

**Please note the following points:**

- 1) Students should confirm their participation in the conference through an email to **dhammasakacchapbs@gmail.com** along with abstract.
- 2) Abstract Submission: Last date 10<sup>th</sup> October 2025
  - Name of the Student
  - Title of the paper
  - Abstract in around 250 words
  - Mobile number
  - Email id
  - Name of the Course
  - Name of the University/College
  - Student Identity Card
- 3) Final Paper Submission: Last date 30<sup>th</sup> November 2025
- 4) Formal acceptance of the research paper will be conveyed after the scrutiny.
- 5) Bring your Institution I-Card on the Conference Day.
- 6) Please bring two hardcopies of your paper on the day of the conference for the submission to the conference organisers.
- 7) The best two papers from each category of,
  - a) Research Programs: Ph. D., M. Phil.,
  - b) Post-Graduate Programs: M.A., and
  - c) Undergraduate Programs: Certificate Courses, Advanced Courses, Diploma, PG-Diploma, B. A., Integrated M. A., (UG Level), will be selected for special awards.
- 8) The decision of judges will be final and binding.

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