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Deadline for submitting full paper: **27th October, 2021**
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Venue:

Conference Hall, Academic Building, Maharaja Bir Bikram University, Agartala

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on
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Concept Note:

Buddhism and Sanatana Dharma have a common past. They are the two oldest and ancient religions in India. We can think of Buddhism in terms of three main categories - philosophy, science and religion. The religious part involves principles and practices that are of concern to not only Buddhism alone, but the Buddhist philosophy of interdependence as well as the Buddha science of mind and human emotions are of great benefit to everyone.

The *Sanatana Dharma*—the eternally relevant principles of positive living, is attributed to the ancient Indian civilization. Sanatana means imperishable, firm, primeval, always present, all pervasively present in time and space, and eternal. *Dharma*, the second word, is also used extensively in the Vedas. Dharma is what supports society, and strengthens its fabric. The people are held aloft by Dharma. Thus, Dharma is not religion which is defined as an organized system of beliefs, ceremonies, and rules ordained to worship god/s. Dharma is a way of life based on a value system, or guidelines, that a group of people share and live. **Thus, Sanatana Dharma** addresses purposeful and meaningful living for anyone who practices its simple yet profound tenets. It provides guidelines for every phase of life: childhood, adolescence, student years, youth, blissful wedded life, and old age.

Whereas Buddhism preached Karuna (compassion) and meditation (mind training) to overcome hatred and sufferings for a peaceful mental and social order, Sanatana Dharma shows a way life based on a value system that provides the wisdom for a meaningful life of every class individual. Thus, both Buddhism and Sanatana Dharma are eternally relevant and universal for promoting peace and social harmony.

North East India is a region which is geographically isolated from the mainland India. It is a home of hundreds of ethnic groups mostly belonging to Sino-Tibetan and Tibeto-Burman linguistic groups. However, politics of ethnic polarization has reached at such a zenith that ethnic integration has become a formidable

challenge. This has been disturbing the political stability, development and peace & harmony and wisdom for a meaningful life in every state of Northeast India.

Therefore, both Buddhism and Sanatana Dharma are relevant not only for building peace and harmony in the violent torn Northeast region but also from the perspective of prospects and promotion of cultural tourism and pilgrimage in the region.

Objectives of the Seminar:

- To study the relevance of Buddha's and Sanatana Dharma's teachings and philosophy for forging a regional space for peace, harmony and prosperity in the region,
- To include discussion on Buddhist and Sanatana Dharma's heritages and traditions for sustainable growth and development in the Northeast India,
- To study and analyse the scope for promoting cultural tourism and pilgrimage for economic development in the Northeast India,
- To identify the challenges and prosperity for geographical contiguity of the Northeast region with South East Asia through the Buddhist and Sanatana Dharma's philosophies.

About Maharaja Bir Bikram University:

Maharaja Bir Bikram University, established by an Act of Tripura Legislative Assembly, began its maiden journey in 2015. Situated in a lush of green landscape adjacent to MBB College, Agartala, the university intends to sail through the vibrant world of academia with the objective of encouraging imagination, innovations and ideas in the newly emerging academic disciplines without ignoring the vast knowledge that have been accumulated over long period of human civilization.

Department of Political Science:

The Department of Political Science started its journey on 10th August, 2016 as the Department of Public Administration. However, MBB University in a Notification dated Dec. 21, 2020 changed the name of

the department from Public Administration to Political Science. The basic objective of the Department is to train Post Graduate Students thoroughly in all branches of the discipline. The curriculum of the Department focuses on the theoretical concepts as well as recent empirical aspects in the discipline to provide necessary conceptual awareness for further specialised studies and research activities.

Sub-Themes:

- Buddhism and Sanatana Dharma: Promoting Universal Peace and Social Harmony
- Social and Political Discontent in the Northeast: Relevance of Buddhism and Sanatana Dharma
- Buddhist and Sanatana Dharma's heritages and traditions for sustainable growth and development in the Northeast India
- Look East Asia, Northeast India and India's Buddhist Diplomacy
- Promoting Geographical Continuity and Forging Space for Regional Prosperity in the Northeast India: Relevance of Buddha's Teachings and Philosophy
- Prospects and Challenges for promotion of Cultural Tourism and Pilgrimage
- Any other topic that is related to the main theme of the seminar

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Original contributions based on theoretical or empirical research and case study on any of the themes of the Seminar as mentioned above or any topic that is related to the main theme of the seminar are invited. Abstracts in A4 size paper, typed in double space (MS Word, Times New Roman, Font Size 12pt), within 200 words should be submitted to brchakma76@gmail.com on or before **27th October, 2021**. The contributor(s) should kindly provide their name, designation, affiliation, mailing address and contact number along with the Abstract.