

# INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

“World Peace, 150th Birth Anniversary of Gandhi,  
and Preservation of Cultural Heritage of the Himalayas”

26-28 June 2019

Mahabodhi International Meditation Centre (MIMC), Leh-Ladakh

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## Conference Agenda

**Day 1: 26 June**

### **Inauguration of Conference**

*Venue: Mahabodhi International Meditation Centre Campus*

*Timing: 4:00 pm onwards*

Time	Activity
4:00 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Grand reception for Thai delegation on successful completion of the 4th Dhamma Padh Yatra (Walk for World Peace) from Dharmashala to Leh.</li><li>- Welcome address by Venerable Bhikkhu Sanghasena (President, MIMC)</li><li>- Address by Phra Pariyatthisutti (Lord Abott of Thai Royal Temple and leader of the Padh Yatra delegation)</li><li>- Address by Chief Guest (to be decided).</li><li>- Presentation of Khattak (Ladakhi traditional scarves) to all the Padh Yatra delegates</li></ul> <p>Venue: Mahabodhi Residential School premises</p>
5:00 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Lighting of the lamp by eminent dignitaries</li><li>- Dhamma song by students of MIMC</li><li>- Opening remarks on the theme of the Conference by anchor</li><li>- Short message by all the speakers</li></ul> <p>Venue: Mahabodhi Cultural Hall/Nagarjuna Auditorium, CIBS</p>
7:30 pm	<p>Dinner</p> <p>Venue: Mahabodhi Global Family Guest House</p>

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## Day 2: 27 June

### Technical Session

Venue: Cultural Hall, Mahabodhi International Meditation Centre

Timing: 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

Time	Activity
10:00 pm - 12:30 pm	Presentations (6 speakers: 15-20 mins each)
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm	Lunch
2:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Presentations (6 speakers: 15-20 mins each)
5:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Tea Break, informal discussions and dispersal

### Speakers in Technical Session (tentative paper titles, order to be decided)

1. Shri Binod Chaudhary  
Chairman, Chaudhary Group, Nepal  
*"Importance of Cooperation between India and Nepal for countering challenges faced in the Himalayan region"*
2. Dr. Suzanne von der Heide  
HimalAsia, Nepal  
*"Challenges in Protecting Heritage Sites and Potential of Local Communities in Heritage Preservation"*
3. Dr. Binny Sareen  
Founder-President, Regional Director for India Global Peace Initiative, Director General, International Peace Initiatives (Hon.), Mount Abu, Rajasthan  
*"From Inner Peace to World Peace"*
4. Dr. Vandana Shukla  
Former Editor, The Tribune, Chandigarh  
*"Gandhi and his Ideas on Culture for Peace building"*
5. Dr. Noor Gillani Founder-President, The PYAR Foundation, (Ret) Principal Research Scientist, NASA-AL National Space Science & Technology Center, (Ret) Professor of Atmospheric Sciences, U. of AL in Huntsville  
*"Muslim Perspective on World Peace"*
6. Prof. A. K. Singh  
Director, Banaras Hindu Museum, Varanasi
7. Dr. Tashi Dorji  
ICIMOD, Nepal
8. Dr. Ghana Shyam Gurung  
WWF, Nepal

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### ***Day 3: 28 June***

#### ***Walk for World Peace***

*Venue: Shanti Stupa*

*Timing: 8:00 am onwards*

<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity</b>
7:30 am	Gather at Sambodhi Meditation Centre to board bus for Leh market
8:00 am onwards	“Walk for World Peace” from Leh main market to Shanti Stupa
12:00 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Arrival at Shanti Stupa</li><li>- Dhamma talk by Venerable Sanghasena</li><li>- Short guided meditation session</li></ul>
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm	Lunch at Shanti Stupa
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Return to Mahabodhi campus, gather at Mahabodhi Cultural Hall

### ***Valedictory Session***

*Venue: Cultural Hall, Mahabodhi International Meditation Centre*

*Timing: 8:00 am onwards*

<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity</b>
3:00 pm - 5:00 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Concluding remarks on the Conference</li><li>- Thank you message by Venerable Bhikkhu Sanghasena</li><li>- Traditional Cultural Performance by students of Mahabodhi</li><li>- Presentation of “Certificates of Appreciation” to speakers</li></ul>
5:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Tea, informal discussions and dispersal

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*Note: The Conference Agenda is under preparation therefore all timings and venues are subject to change and speakers are still to be finalised.*