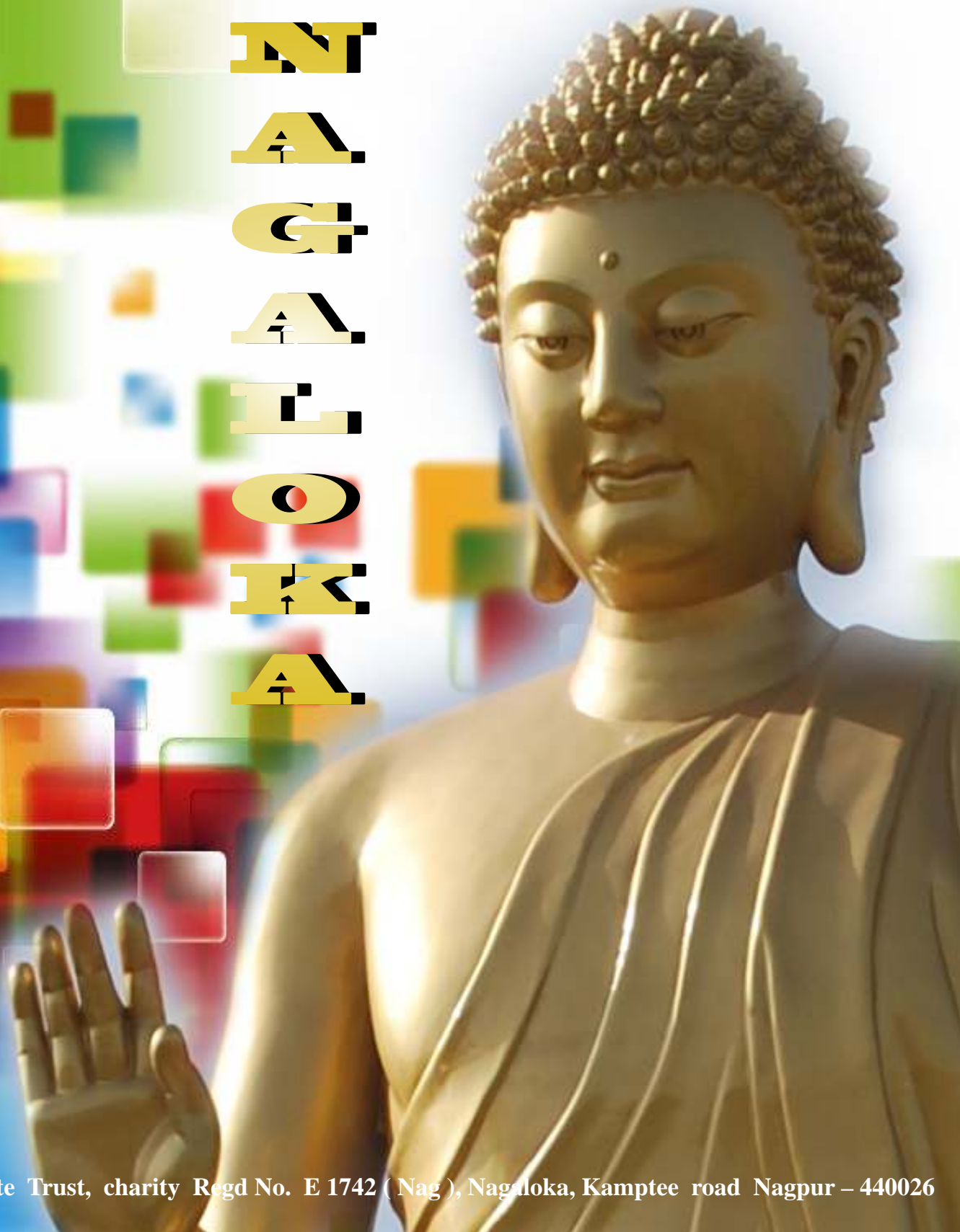


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About Nagaloka

Nagaloka is a campus of 14-acre. Nagaloka campus comprises administration centre, residential facilities, Buddha Vihar, training centre, library, kitchen, guest rooms, and majestic statues of the Buddha and Babasaheb Ambedkar.

Seva Kendra (Service centre) is located on the entrance which also serves as the Administration building. The entrance road leads to Grand Statue of the Walking Buddha. The statue was donated by Buddhist friends from Taiwan. The gigantic walking Buddha is the major attraction and the Nagaloka campus has a feeling of Buddhist Vihar with the walking Buddha as the centre of the premises. A unique statue of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar at the time of his Deeksha in 1956 is also inspiring to the pilgrims who visit in thousands. Nagaloka also has a nursery and a Grand Hall for meditation for 200 people. Adasthan (Firm Resolution) and Paramita (Perfection) are two residential buildings in Nagaloka.

Nagarjuna Training Institute is adjacent to meditation hall. The institute includes library comprising 3000 books and three furnished classrooms. Nagarjuna Training Institute provided training to 754 trainees (241 female and 513 male) from 24 states in India till 2013. They are from about 40 different communities amongst scheduled castes and Tribes. Nagaloka is accorded a special status by the local government and Department of Tourism due to its aesthetics and beauty. Nagaloka is based in Nagpur, Maharashtra.

Nagpur is an important place for cultural and training purposes as it is located in the centre of India. Due to its central location, it is well connected by roads, rails and air to all the states of India. Historically this area is associated with Nagarjuna and the city of Nagpur is the city of Nagas. Hence, the training centre was named after the Great Buddhist Philosopher, Nagarjuna. Nagpur is an important centre for Modern Buddhism as it is in Nagpur, Babasaheb Ambedkar took Deeksha with his followers and since then millions have been inspired not only in the state of Maharashtra, but throughout India. Increasingly Nagpur is gaining wide international attention for Buddhist revival movement.

Founder of Nagaloka



Dhammachari Lokamitra from UK is a Buddhist teacher, who is living in Maharashtra since 1978. He played an important role in starting 22 hostels for India's marginalised communities, 80 community centres, one Women's Development Centre, two meditation retreat centres, and Manuski Social Project. In 1994, Dhammachari Lokamitra with the help of Buddhist friends from Taiwan founded Nagaloka.



Nagarjuna Training Institute



Nagarjuna Training institute is a Buddhist training institute and cultural centre for Indian Buddhists. It is the heart of Nagaloka campus for training. It is registered under Bombay Trust Act as a charity organisation. The Nagarjuna Training Institute is affiliated to University of Nagpur in July 2012. It now offers a degree course in Buddhism, Dr.Ambedkar Studies and Pali. Dr.Ambedkar converted to Buddhism in Nagpur in 1956. That conversion is quickly changing the social face of India, and is one of the most significant factors in the development of democracy in India. But despite its significance, studies on Dr.Ambedkar and Buddhism remain woefully neglected throughout most of India.

The Nagaloka activities and programs:

- 1.One year course in “Buddhism and Social work”. It was started in 2002. So far 11 annual courses are conducted.
- 2.International exchanges
- 3.International conferences on Buddhism and its application
- 4.Weekly Dhamma classes
- 5.Monthly full moon day events
- 6.National conferences on Buddhism, social change, and social action
- 7.Conference on social issues like annihilation of caste and abolition of manual scavenging
- 8.Cultural celebrations around the Buddha image
- 9.Workshops and seminars on Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar's life and mission



Vision and Mission

The vision of Nagaloka is Prabuddha Bharat (Enlightened India). The main mission of Nagaloka is to provide training in Buddhist practices, philosophy, and culture throughout India. Since its inception in 2003, Nagarjuna Training Institute provided training to over 754 people from all over India. Many thousands have participated in events and programs organised in Nagaloka over two decades.

Nagaloka Team

Trustee team:

Lokamitra, Vivekaratna, Maitreyanathand Manidhamma.

Management team:

Pragyaratna, Nagamitra, Asangavajra, Nagadeep, Vimaldassi and Manjuketu.

Teaching team:

Vivekaratna, Pragyaratna, Nagamitra, Padmavir, Sheelvardhan and Divya.



Funding Needs

A. Ten month residential training programme in Buddhist practice and social action for 100 students from all over India
The support we require here is for the food for 100 students.
Every day US\$120 (NT\$ 3,300) is needed. Some donate this in the name of a relative or temple.

B. 10 bare foot Dharma workers for one year support plus travelling: US\$ 1,350 each (NT\$40,000 each) Total US\$ 13,500 (NT 400,000)

C. 5 Retreats and alumni conference: US\$ 7,000 (NT 210,000)

D. Establishment of Community centres in slums and villages for the ex-students to do their social and Buddhist work from – US\$ 7,000 (NT\$ 200,000)

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