1. SAMRAT ASHOK JAYANTI SAMAROH
2. BUDDHA JAYANTI SAMAROH 2017
3. 4TH INTERNATIONAL DHAMMA WALK – (JATHIAN – RAJGIR)
4. GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING OF IBC
Samrat Ashok Jayanti Samaroh

Samrat Ashok Jayanti Samroh being organized by the Asoka Mission, in collaboration with the International Buddhist Confederation (IBC), in New Delhi on 14 April 2017.

The celebration was held in the premises of the Asoka Mission, Mehrauli, New Delhi, that marked the birth anniversary of Emperor Ashok, the only king in history to have relinquished warfare and killing. Had this not happened, and had the great king not adopted the Dhamma, humankind would not have been exposed to Buddha’s eternal message of love, peace, oneness and compassion.

On this occasion Ven. Lama Lobzang, President of Asoka Mission and Secretary General, IBC welcomed the Chief Guest Shri Upendra Kushwaha, Honourable Minister of State for Human Resource Development, Government of India.
The Samrat Ashok Jayanti Samaroh was attended by more than 1000 devotees of Sakyamuni Buddha and admirers of Samrat Ashok. Among the communities that were present in large numbers to celebrate this occasion, the most prominent were the Shakya and Maurya communities. The former traces its lineage to the clan of Buddha Sakyamuni himself, while the latter traces its ancestry back to the Maurya clan to which Emperor Ashok belonged.

Ven Lama Lobzang, President of Asoka Mission and Secretary General, IBC welcomed the Chief Guest Shri Upendra Kushwaha, Honourable Minister of State for Human Resource Development, Government of India.

Ven. Lama Lobzang, Secretary General, IBC said Emperor Ashoka was the tallest figure in India's history and yet there was no day to celebrate his legacy.

"All major symbols of our country's governance are connected with Ashoka. For example, our national emblem Ashoka Chakra. To honour his immense contribution to the Indian ethos, we hope that the Indian government will take note and celebrate this historic day," he added.

He said the Bihar government had already declared Ashoka Jayanti a public holiday in the state.

Chief Guest Shri Upendra Kushwaha, Honourable Minister of State for Human Resource Development, Government of India concur with Ven. Lama Lobzang and assured everyone that he will convey and request the Centre Government to consider declaring “Ashoka Jayanti” a public holiday in the nation.
Large gathering on the occasion of Samrat Ashok Jayanti Samaroh at Asoka Mission
Buddha Jayanti Samaroh 2017

Buddha Jayanti Samaroh 2017 was organized by the Asoka Mission, in collaboration with the International Buddhist Confederation (IBC), in New Delhi on 10 May 2017.

The celebration took place in the premises of the Asoka Mission, Mehrauli, New Delhi.

On the occasion of Buddha Jayanti Samaroh Ven. Lama Lobzang, President of the Asoka Mission and Secretary General, IBC welcomed the Chief Guest Shri Upendra Kushwaha, Honourable Minister of State for Human Resource Development, Government of India, Ven. Dr Dhammapiya, Chairman Dhamma Dipa Foundation, Agartala and other dignitaries

The Buddha Jayanti Samaroh was attended by over 1000 devotees of Sakyamuni Buddha. Among the prominent communities that celebrate this occasion are the Shakya and Maurya communities besides others.
The celebration was inaugurated by lighting up of lamp and Dhamma chanting. There were many cultural dances, singing and performance by the Samrat Ashok club group.

Cultural performance
Ven Lama Lobzang, President of the Asoka Mission and Secretary General, IBC and the Chief Guest Shri Upendra Kushwaha emphasized on the need to follow and practice teachings of Lord Buddha in today’s world where there is so much of hatred and violence. Buddha’s teachings of love and compassion are the only way forward.

Large gathering on the occasion of Buddha Jayanti Samaroh at the Ashoka Mission
One of the important initiatives of the IBC is to organize Dhamma Walks along the Buddha trails to revive the ancient tradition of Cetiya Carika (walking pilgrimage). The path through the valley connecting Raigir with Jethian (Latthivana, Yasthivana) was once an important pilgrimage path connecting sacred Buddhist places like Indrasailaguha (Parwati), Rajagriha, Jethian, Tapovana and Sambodhi (Bodhgaya). The IBC in collaboration with the Light of the Buddha Dhamma Foundation International and other like-minded institutions has been organizing International Dhamma Walk from Jethian to Raigir since 13 December 2014. This was the 4th International Dhamma Walk from Jethian to Raigir on 13 December, 2017. More than 1,000 venerable monks, nuns and laity from 12 countries participated in the Dhamma Walk.
Significance of the Jethian Valley

Jethian in ancient times was called Latthivana or Yasthivana, meaning Bamboo forest. Jethian village is surrounded by hills from three sides and this serene valley has a very deep connection with the Buddha, the Dhamma and the Sangha. After his enlightenment the Buddha, along with the Sangha, left Gaya (Brahmayoni) for Rajagriha. Walking 25 miles north-east along the hills they reached a beautiful bamboo forest, Latthivana (Latthivanuyyana, Yasthivana, Jethian), surrounded by hills on three sides. In the heart of Bamboo Forest was Supatittha Cetiya (Supratishtha Chatiya), and this is where the Buddha stayed during his maiden journey to Rajagriha after his enlightenment.
The International Buddhist Confederation (IBC) organised its 10\textsuperscript{th} Executive Committee (EC) meeting, 3\textsuperscript{rd} Governing Council (GC) Meeting and 2\textsuperscript{nd} General Assembly Meeting (GAM) at ITC Welcom Hotel, Sector 10, Dwarka, New Delhi (India) from 09 to 11 Dec 2017. A total of 519 people (316 foreigners and 203 Indians) were invited to the meetings. In total 240 participants (177 delegates and 63 observers) from 29 countries viz. Australia (4), Bangladesh (8), Bhutan (4), Brazil (2), Cambodia (4), France (2), Germany (2), Indonesia (1), Jamaica (1), Japan (1), Laos (3), Malaysia (10), Mexico (1), Mongolia (2), Myanmar (12), Nepal (18), Norway (1), Russia (1), Singapore (2), South Korea (6), Sri Lanka (31), Taiwan (12), Thailand (6), Uganda (1), United Kingdom (5), United States of America (3) and Vietnam (3), attended the three meetings. A list of prominent participants, who attended the meeting is enclosed at ‘Annexure A’.

Participation of the Tibetan Buddhists also remained proportionately fair with almost all the schools of the Tibetans Buddhism being represented in the meeting. A list of prominent personalities from various Tibetan Buddhism schools is enclosed at ‘Annexure B’.

The meeting began with playing of video messages and reading out of written messages of blessings and support by H.H. the Dalai Lama, H.H. 17\textsuperscript{th} Gyalwang Karmapa, Ogyen Trinley Dorje Rinpoche, 42\textsuperscript{nd} Sakya Trizin Rinpoche, H.E. Abhidhajamaharahthaguru Sayadaw Ashin Nyanissara of Myanmar, H.H. Great Seon Master Jinje Bopwon, the Supreme Patriarch of Jogye Order of the Korean Buddhism. The gathering was also addressed by Shri Kiren Rejiju, the Minister of State for Home Affairs, Government of India.
All the three bodies viz. EC, GC and GA were dissolved following the election of the new Governing Council and Executive Committee held on 10 and 11 December 2017. The General Assembly Meeting was followed by meeting of newly elected Executive Committee on the evening of 11 Dec 2017, wherein the newly elected Secretary General emphasised on the need of becoming independent of funding from the Government of India in a gradual manner and create a corpus of Rupees Twenty Crore for the same. List of the newly elected Governing Council and Executive Committee members is enclosed at ‘Annexure C’.
It is pertinent to mention here that the IBC faced some operating problem due to serious financial issues in the days preceding the GAM. Hence all arrangements had to be executed in a very short span of time. This also resulted in exponential cost escalation of booking of air tickets for the delegates and resulted in few of the participants cancelling their participation. Despite these difficulties, the entire programme was a resounding success.
### Annexure A

## LIST OF THE EMINENT BUDDHIST LEADERS AND IMPORTANT PERSONALITIES

FROM VARIOUS COUNTRIES ATTENDED THE MEETING

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          |                 | Most Ven Jetsunma Tenzin Palmo  
          |                 | Jamyang Wangchuk, Deputy Abbot, Drepung Loseling Monastery, Mundgod  
          |                 | Abbot of Drepung Gomang Monastery  
          |                 | Khen Rinpoche Tenzin Choedak (VREELAND NICHOLAS), Abbot, Rato Dartsang, Mundgod, Karnataka  
          |                 | Geshe Lobsang Dhondup, Acting Abbot, Sera Mey Monastery, Bylakuppe, Karnataka  
          |                 | H.E. Khangser Rinpoche, Sera Jey Monastic Institution, Bylakuppe, Karnataka  
          |                 | Geshe Gyaltset Wangdue, Representative of abbot of Ganden Shartse Monastery, Karnataka |
| 2.      | Kagyu          | Thupteen Tenzin, Abbot, Gyuto Tantrik Monastery, Himachal Pradesh  
          |                 | Ven. Ringu Tulku Rinpoche, Representative of HH. 17th Karmapa  
          |                 | Khenpo Rangdol, Representing Drikung Kyabgon Chetsang Rinpoche |
| 3.      | Sakya          | Dagpo Shabdrung Rinpoche, Sakya College, Uttarakhand  
          |                 | (Representing 42nd Sakya Ratna Vajra Rinpoche) |
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