

# Naidu Opens 3-Day 6th Int'l Dharma Dhamma Conference

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**Biharsharif:** Vice-President M Venkaiah Naidu on Sunday inaugurated the three-day sixth International Dharma Dhamma Conference (IDDC) on Nalanda University (NU) campus and hoped that the event would provide new lessons and insights to make the post-Covid world a better place for humanity — “a world where competition gives way to compassion, wealth makes way for health, consumerism gives way to spirituality and supremacy and dominance yield to peaceful co-existence”.

The sixth IDDC has been jointly organised by the NU and India Foundation.

Naidu also called for critical reassessment of lifestyle and thinking in the wake of Covid pandemic to establish peace and harmony in the world.

He added peace and brotherhood preached by Gautam Buddha was the central idea for ensuring development in



Vice-President M Venkaiah Naidu, governor Phagu Chauhan, CM Nitish Kumar and Nalanda University vice-chancellor Sunaina Singh at Dharma Dhamma conference organised by Nalanda varsity on Sunday

the country. “We should strive to follow these principles. The universal principles of peaceful co-existence, cooperation, mutual care and share, non-violence, friendliness, compassion, peace, truth, honesty, selflessness and sacrifice have been an in-

tegral part of dharmic ethical exhortations,” he said, adding the resurrected NU should not only impart knowledge to the students but also make them wise.

Addressing the event, governor Phagu Chauhan discussed at length the past glo-

ry of NU and expressed his happiness over its revival.

Chief minister Nitish Kumar said Rajgir had a glorious history and it was associated with all major religions. He used the occasion to highlight the success of Covid vaccination in Bihar and elsewhere in the country.

In her welcome address, NU vice-chancellor Sunaina Singh said the middle path shown by Gautam Buddha and the Veda would guide in overcoming the economic and mental distresses caused by Covid pandemic.

Around 150 scholars from the country and abroad will present their research papers at the IDDC.

State rural development minister Shrawan Kumar, Nalanda MP Kaushlendra Kumar, Patna divisional commissioner Sanjay Kumar Agarwal, Nalanda district magistrate (DM) Yogendra Kumar Singh and Nalanda SP Hari Prasath S were among those present on the occasion.

## Naidu to attend NU, agri varsity functions today

**Abhay Singh**

**Patna:** Vice-President M Venkaiah Naidu arrived here on Saturday on a two-day visit. He will address the convocation of Dr Rajendra Prasad Central Agriculture University (RPCAU) on the premises of Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Horticulture and Forestry College at Piprakothi in East Champaran district on Sunday and inaugurate the sixth International Dharma Dharma Conference (IDDC) on the new premises of Nalanda University the same day.

Naidu, who arrived by a special Indian Air Force (IAF) plane, was welcomed at the Patna airport by governor Phagu Chauhan and CM Nitish Kumar. Soon after, he left for the Raj Bhavan for night stay. He would return to Delhi by afternoon on Sunday.

At the RPCAU convocation, Naidu will give away awards and degrees to 400 students.

Nalanda University VC Sunaina Singh said as many as 200 delegates, dignitaries, statesmen and scholars from across the globe will participate in the three-day sixth IDDC being held on the new campus of the university.



## Vice-President to visit Rajgir for Dharma Dhamma meet on Nov 7

**Faryal Rumi**

**Patna:** The Nalanda district administration is gearing up for the visit of Vice-President (VP) M Venkaiah Naidu to Rajgir on Sunday. He will inaugurate the 6th International Dharma Dhamma Conference on the campus of Nalanda University (NU).

Patna divisional commissioner Sanjay Kumar Agarwal held a virtual meeting in this regard with the DM and the SP of Nalanda on Wednesday. He directed them to ensure that all necessary arrangements are made for the VP's visit as per the standard protocol. He also asked them to get the helipad checked and take foolproof security measures during his arrival and departure.

Besides, Agarwal directed the officials concerned to depute adequate number of magistrates and cops on the way to the venue and inside NU's auditorium where the conference will be held.