

## Sakyadhītā Buddhist College

### Objectives

- ✓ To nurture the Buddhist nuns endowed with threefold training (sikkhā) for the dissemination of the sublime teachings of the Buddha
- ✓ To train new generation in Thinking skills and language skills, not deviating from the essence of Buddha's teachings (piṭaka)
- ✓ To create opportunities for Buddhist education at the University level, available locally and as required in the contemporary days

### Background and programme

- Sakyadhītā Buddhist College (SBC) was established in 2018.
- Prior to that, as the first step, the Fundamental course on the Suttanta, Abhidhamma and Vipassanā was conducted in English medium, on September 2017, attended by 43 participants from home and abroad, including both lay and monastic.
- The Foundation course on Buddhist Studies was started in June 2018, attended by 14 nuns.
- In 2019, classes could be extended from Foundation, to Diploma, BA and MA on Buddhist Studies, and was attended by 38 nuns.
- For this 2020 academic year, 30 nuns joined and the classes could be run only for 3 weeks and due to Covid -19, suspended for now.

### Subjects taught

- Suttanta, Abhidhamma, Vipassanā, Pāli, Buddhist English, English, Thinking Skills

### Principals

- Principal (Admin) Sayalay Dr. Nimala (PhD Delhi)
- Principal (Academic) Sayalay Dr. Yuzana Nyani (PhD Delhi)
- (Note: Both are Associate Professors at ITBMU & Lecturers at SSBU).

### Faculty members

- 8 Nun teachers including
  - 2 Doctoral degree holders, 4 PhD Candidates, 2 Master Candidates
- 8 Lay teachers including
  - 3 Doctoral degree holders, 2 PhD Candidates, 3 Master degree holders

All classes are run as dhammadāna, with occasional contributions from donors.