

## THE REQUIREMENTS OF SRI LANKAN MONKS TO THE SAFEGUARD OF BUDDHISM IN THE WORLD

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### Introduction

With considering above theme, the question occurs that all monks are required to protect Buddhism but why Sri Lankan monks are highlighted as exceptional to the safeguard of Buddhism in the world. This researched paper is related as the best answers for all questions that occurs in your mind. Sri Lanka is known as a Buddhist country in all over the world. It has a proud history which sacrificed blood as well as sweat to protect Buddhism from various kinds of invasions. Sri Lankan monks played a great role during those periods with a true sense about the motherland. The Buddha has preached that only in Sri Lanka, Buddhism will remain until five thousand years. Therefore Sri Lankan monks have great responsibilities to protect Buddhism from various kinds of invasions.

### Materials and Methods

Canonical texts , commentaries and chronicles are referred in this observation as primary sources and current role of Sri Lanka monks is expected to analyse with special attention to the secondary sources where it necessary .

### Results

With this research paper, the required results are protected the falling down of Sangha generation to build exemplary Sangha society for upcoming generations to protect Buddhism from various invasions with strategic management.

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## **Discussion**

The main substances which required to discuss has comprised under these sub-topics. Those are,

1. Arrival and expansion of the Sangha society in Sri Lanka
2. The Sri Lankan Sangha's role in the Nuclear Age
3. The Sangha's responsibilities to safeguard of Buddhism

### **Arrival and expansion of the Sangha society in Sri Lanka**

In this sub-theme the briefly explain regarding arrival and expansion of Buddhism with quoting from the chronicles of "Mahavamsa" and "Dipavamsa". The main ambitions of this sub-topic are the required of clear vision about early Sangha generation. It helps to understand the degenerating of Sangha community in current society.

### **The Sri Lankan Sangha's role in the Nuclear Age**

With highlighting the Sri Lankan Sangha's role in Nuclear Age, its directly indicates the main reasons which effect to collapse the Sangha dispensation in Sri Lanka. Such as,

- Divisions and discord of Sangha generations.
- Admittance to the politics, astrology etc...

In the Age of Nuclear monks are much progressed with social activities as much as ordinary people engaged. Therefore numbers of quarrel, discord can be seen among community. Sometimes there are not much difference between ordinary people and monks behaviours.

Before a few months ago, media reported that one man was arrested because of cheating to the people by doing his job as an astrologist. Likewise, there are number of monks who involved in to astrology as their occupation. All this stuff does not make any good sense to the Buddhism neither it clearly shows the breakdown of Sangha Sāsana.

This is the current role of Buddhist monks in Sri Lanka. But we cannot forget that, there are a handful of monks who are doing their Dhamma



missionary silently. But their image hides because of other misbehave monks.

### **The Sri Lankan Sangha's responsibilities to safeguard of the Buddhism**

The Sangha is the key of Buddhism. With sacrificing their life, Buddhism was protected, therefore key of Buddhism must be aware of their responsibilities for safeguard of Buddhism. They must aware regarding main two things.

- Cultivate their mind on the path of liberation
- Perform duties as the Lord Buddha recommended in Sigalovāda sutta

It mainly focuses necessitates of Sri Lankan monks responsibilities to safeguard of the Buddhism.

### **Conclusions**

Personally, I suggested some steps that must consider by Sri Lanka Buddhist monks to preserve Buddhism from various invasions in modern world. Those are,

- Becoming monkhood, once in lifetime, directly influence to reduce corruption in the society as well as giving the value of monkhood. ( In Burma, Nepal, Thailand are some especial cast which they required to be monk in their lifetime)
- Providing Dhamma knowledge with English language, makes perfect on the way of spread Dhamma. Therefore establish English language in the Pirivena is becoming a basic requirement in present time.
- There is a saying that "convince is better than advise". So monks should have good behaviour before they advise lay people to behave well. Still monks are well treated from lay people because in whatever condition until today they protected their dignity. But if monks do not able to protect it, they will lose their value as the Buddha's descendants.

- Finally the role of the monk should be noble and humble to every being. Monks are the key element of the Buddhism to spread Dhamma all over the world. All other Buddhist countries are looking towards Sri Lanka by hoping that Sri Lankan monks have enough courage to eradicate wrong views from the western world about Buddhism.

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