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## BUDDHIST SEMINARY TO BE STARTED IN BANGALORE

"Dr. B. R. Ambedkar, M. P., said in Bombay on Tuesday* that a *Buddhist* seminary would be started in Bangalore as a preliminary steps to spreading *Buddhism* in India.

Dr. Ambedkar, who has declared his intention to embrace *Buddhism* recently, said in an interview with P. T. I. that the *Rajpramukh* of Mysore had donated a five-acre plot which was situated in between the two well-known centres of learning, the *Raman* Institute and the Indian Institute of Science.

He said as a result of his two visits to Burma recently, all help—financial and technical—from the world *Buddhist* Mission and the *Buddha Sasana Council,* had been promised.

Dr. Ambedkar revealed that he had approached successfully for financial help to many people in the country and he would also shortly set out with the begging bowl for public contributions.

### Training Preachers

With the money forthcoming, Dr. Ambedkar said, the seminary would be ready in about two year's time. The main object of this institution would be to train preachers for propagating *Buddhism* among the common folk, he said.

Dr. Ambedkar said that students would be admitted to the seminary without consideration of caste, creed or nationality and would undergo courses in comparative study of religions and other allied subjects. He believed that no one could uphold *Buddhism* truly without studying the other religions also scientifically.

Dr. Ambedkar said the seminary would also have a press where *Buddhist* literature would be printed. A group of eminent scholars from all over the world would be engaged in translating *Buddhist* texts in *Pali* and other languages into English and they would be published by the seminary, he said.

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A large library with books on religion and philosophy would be another feature of the seminary. There would be also temples and classrooms and dormitories for students, teachers research scholars.

He also said that an essay competition, with prizes worth Rs. 10,000 would be announced shortly."[1]

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[1] : The Times of India, dated 12th January 1955.