

## **YMBA's Efforts Started to Propagate the Mangala Sutta (1948 - 1981)**

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### **Abstract**

Young Men's Buddhist Association (YMBA) and some other associations were formed since the time of British Colonial rule. Some of them paid attention to the religious matters since their inception. But YMBA is the one which laid stress on the religious matters only after gaining independence. Though it involved in the political activities in the colonials days, YMBA plays a leading role in the religious activities after 1948. The aim of this paper is to express the youths who were weak in moral character and to persuade them for abstinence from vices. YMBA encouraged to teach Mangala Sermon Thirty eight rules for a beatific life of Lord Buddha at monasteries as well as primary middle and high schools after independence. It also held the nationwide examinations for Mangala Sermon and awarding Ceremonies for the ones who passed those examinations outstandingly.

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