

Urban Development & Housing Dept

BUDDHA SMRITI PARK



ABOUT THE PARK:

The Buddha Smriti Park has been developed by the Government of Bihar to commemorate the 2554th birth anniversary of Lord Buddha. The park will have a museum, where Buddhist relics from Japan, Myanmar, South Korea, Sri Lanka and Thailand will be installed. The park has also received two saplings of the sacred 'Maha Bodhi' trees from Bodh Gaya, place where Lord Buddha is said to have gained enlightenment, and Anuradhapura in Sri Lanka.

Tibetan spiritual leader, the Dalai Lama, on 27th May 2010 inaugurated Buddha Smriti Park here and planted two saplings one brought from Bodh Gaya and the other from Anuradhapura in Sri Lanka of the sacred Bodhi tree. Relics of the Buddhist era brought from Sri Lanka, Japan, Thailand, Myanmar and South Korea were installed in the Park built by Government of Bihar to commemorate the 2550th anniversary of 'Mahanirvana' (Salvation) of Lord Buddha.

Accompanied by Governor Devanand Kunwar, Chief Minister Nitish Kumar and Deputy Chief Minister Sushil Kumar Modi, the Tibetan spiritual leader lit a lamp and took part in a religious ceremony before formally inaugurating a state-of-the-art Buddhist religious structure. The Dalai Lama led the procession of monks to the top of the Stupa where he enshrined the holy relics brought by him and also by the monks from Thailand, Myanmar, Japan, South Korea and Sri Lanka in a

glass case, where a tiny golden statue of the sitting Buddha was kept on a pedestal. The Tibetan spiritual head named the Stupa Patliputra Karuna Stupa as requested by Nitish Kumar.



LOCATION:

The park is located near the Patna Junction, Patna in the heart of the town. The site was once known as Bankipore Jail and had inmates, including freedom fighters and JP agitation followers.



AREA & COST:

The area covers 20 acres of land. The ambitious project cost is estimated to be more than Rs 125 crore. Out of entire space 16 percent of the area will be used for construction for stupa, meditation centers and library. The remaining area is to be used for the park.

ATTRACTION:

MEDITATION CENTRE:

The Meditation Centre has been developed to create a unique facility dedicated to the derived from plan of the monasteries in the ancient Mahavihara of Nalanda. It consists of a total of 60 air conditioned cells, each having a view of the Stupa enshrining the sacred relics of Sakyamuni Buddha. It consists of library consisting of books on Buddhism along with a large Audio-Visual Hall. The Hall has been designed to be used by the groups visiting the park.

PARK OF MEMORIES:

The park of memories is a landscaped open space which would have votive stupas from countries across the world, each designed in the architectural pattern representative of the specific country. The park symbolically represents the dispersion of Buddhism from Bihar to various regions of the world.

MUSEUM:

The Museum building impersonates the free flowing natural form of the Buddhist Cave Monasteries of India that evolved from the earliest examples of Barabar Caves found in Bihar. The museum will showcase the life and times of Lord Buddha through original artefacts, 3-D models, audio - visual medium and multimedia presentations.

STUPA:

The Stupa enshrining the holy relics of the Sakyamuni Buddha, is the focal point of the Buddha Smriti Park. Ambulatory paths around the stupa for parikrama have been provided at three different levels that lead to the highest level of the building. The relics are enshrined within the secure glass structure of the stupa and is accessible for viewing.

