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BRIEF REPORT

Sub: Groundbreaking ceremony of India International Centre for Buddhist Culture and Heritage (IICBCH)

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The International Buddhist Confederation (IBC) reached a momentous milestone in hosting the groundbreaking ceremony, also known as Bhoomi Pooja, for the India International Centre for Buddhist Culture and Heritage (IICBCH) on August 6th, 2023. This auspicious event took place in the sacred land of Lumbini, Nepal. Despite encountering various challenges during the preparation, including unfavorable weather conditions, the ceremony emerged as a remarkable success. This achievement stood as a testament to the commitment and relentless efforts of the IBC team.

The remarkable journey began with the Shilyanas (foundation stone-laying) ceremony held on May 16, 2022, at the IICBCH site by the Honourable Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi, and the then Prime Minister of Nepal, Sher Bahadur Deuba.



The Bhoomi Pooja transpired flawlessly, with participation of a distinguished gathering of 250 plus dignitaries from 10 countries. Among these esteemed guests, over 120 revered Monks from 32 monasteries/temples/centers were present from the Lumbini Monastic Zone. The assembly witnessed the presence of Holy Sangha members including Most Ven Maitri Bhikkhu Mahathera, former Chairman of All Nepal Bhikkhu Association, Ven Metteyya Sakyaputta, former VC Lumbini Development Trust, Ven. Bhikkhu Dhamma Shobhan Mahathero, President, All Nepal Bhikkhu Association, Ven Sukoth Mahathero, Abbot of Thai Monastery, Ven U Sujanitha Mahathero, Abbot of

Myanmar Monastery, Ven Hui Ben, Chinese Temple, Ven Omishi, Japanese Temple, Ven Sunim Bo Hyunas, Korean Temple as well as representatives from the temples of Sri Lanka, Vietnam, Cambodia, Nepal, among others.

Other esteemed figures present at the ceremony were, Former State Minister of Law and Justice, Former Member of Parliament, Mayor of Lumbini and Bhairawa, Deputy Mayor of Lumbini, SP Police, SP Police Armed Force, DSP Police, DSP Police Armed Force, Chief Custom officer, Bhairawa, Board Members and officials of LDT etc.



The commencement of the ceremony was marked by a chanting session starting with Jaya Mangala Gatha by monks from all sects present, followed by chanting by Vietnamese Monks, Japanese Monks, Chinese Monks, Vajrayana Monks, Nalanda Monks and Nuns and finally by Theravada Monks and Nuns in their regional languages.

After the chanting, a ground breaking ritual was performed, which was officiated by Ven Dhammapiya, Secretary General, IBC who welcomed all attending for the ceremony. In his speech, Ven mentioned that India and Nepal share a spiritual and cultural bond, which goes back to 2600 AD when prince Siddhartha was born in Lumbini, Nepal and attained enlightenment as Buddha in Bodhgaya, India.



Shri Dhundiraj Bhattarai, acting Vice Chairman and Treasurer LDT, in his speech reiterated that “it is a matter of great joy for all of us that the construction of the IICBCH is going to start from today, the foundation stone of which was laid jointly by the Hon’ble Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi and the then Prime Minister of Nepal, Shri Sher Bahadur Deuba last year.”

Ven. Metteyya Sakyaputta, former Vice Chairman of LDT referred to a few decades old letter written by an Indian Government envoy supporting Lumbini to be developed as an International Peace Centre (Global Buddhist Village). He further, congratulated IBC and Embassy of India for starting the construction of the IICBCH in such a short span of time.



Shri Karun Bansal, First Secretary, Indian Embassy in Kathmandu, Nepal emphasized the specialized feature of Net zero energy building which is going to be the first of its kind outside Kathmandu, Nepal.

The ceremony culminated with a vote of thanks by Ven Thupten Jigdol, Executive Member of IBC who extended a heartfelt vote of thanks, expressing sincere gratitude on behalf of IBC to all the contributors whose combined efforts had made this ceremony possible. The construction of the IICBCH stands as a tangible manifestation of the shared cultural heritage between India and Nepal. This groundbreaking event is sure to resonate as a significant moment in the history of cultural preservation and spiritual upliftment.



Following the groundbreaking ceremony all Venerable Monks and distinguished guests were taken to Hotel Hokke where the film on IBC project in Lumbini was screened. The event came to an end with a Gala lunch.

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Construction of India International Centre for Buddhist Culture and Heritage in Nepal begins with 'Bhoomi Pooja'. (Photo: ANI)

Nepal: Construction of India International Centre for Buddhist Culture and Heritage begins with Bhoomi Pooja

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A file picture of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Lumbini

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*The construction of the India International Centre for Buddhist Culture and Heritage (IICBCH) began.
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A New Chapter in Cultural Bonding

The construction of the India International Centre for Buddhist Culture and Heritage (IICBCH) has officially commenced following the Bhoomi Pooja rituals in Lumbini, Nepal. This important ceremony was attended by monks representing various Buddhist nations. The location of the center, Lumbini Monastic Zone, is highly significant as it is the birthplace of Gautam Buddha. The foundation stone of the IICBCH was already laid by Prime Minister Narendra Modi during his 2022 visit to Lumbini.

The IICBCH is under the supervision of the International Buddhist Confederation (IBC) and is being built on a plot given by the Lumbini Development Trust (LDT) in alignment with an agreement signed in March 2022.

Building Bridges through Shared Heritage

Venerable Dhammapiya, Secretary General of the IBC, expressed his joy over the start of the construction process. He emphasized the deep cultural bond and harmony between India and Nepal, a relationship that can only be strengthened by initiatives such as the IICBCH.

The center is designed to be a world-class facility that will welcome pilgrims and tourists from all corners of the world. The comprehensive design includes prayer halls, meditation centers, a library, an exhibition hall, a cafeteria, offices, and other amenities. Above and beyond the physical features, the building is designed with environmental sustainability in mind, aiming to be NetZero in terms of energy use, water management, and waste handling.



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Strengthening Connections Through Shared Beliefs

The project was awarded to ACC-Gorakha, an Indo-Nepal joint venture company, by the IBC. The estimated cost of the construction is expected to be around one billion Indian Rupees. The center aims to play an active role in promoting and preserving Buddhist culture and tradition. It is hoped that the IICBCH will serve to deepen and strengthen the relations between nations through shared cultural and religious heritage.

A Symbol of Peace and Unity

The India International Centre for Buddhist Culture and Heritage stands as a symbol of unity and peace, a testament to the enduring bond between the people of India and Nepal. The center is envisioned as a beacon, attracting Buddhists from around the world, and serving as a focal point for the promotion and preservation of Buddhist culture and tradition.

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Once completed, the center will be a tangible embodiment of the teachings of Buddha, a place where the spiritual aspects of Buddhism can be deeply explored. This new chapter in Indo-Nepal relations serves to remind us of the power of shared beliefs and values to bridge cultural divides and foster unity among nations.

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Construction of Indian Buddhist culture and heritage centre kicks off

 Pardafas Reporter  06th Aug 2023



The construction of Indian international Buddhist culture and heritage centre has begun in Lumbini, the birthplace of Lord Gautam Buddha.

Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi and then Prime Minister of Nepal, Sher Bahadur Deuba, had jointly laid a foundation stone during Modi's Lumbini visit last year.

The construction began with special Buddhist worship and recitation by the Vikchhus. The heritage would be established in lotus shape.

During the land worship ceremony, Acting Vice Chairman of Lumbini Development Trust, Siddhi Charan Bhattarai, observed that it was a matter of happiness to have an Indian monastery of international standard in Lumbini. It would help further boost the glory of the birthplace of Lord Buddha.

Nepal and India are not mere neighbours but culturally associated for hundreds of years due to Lord Gautam Buddha, he said, adding that robust cooperation between Nepal and India is necessary to boost Buddhist tourism. The construction of the heritage would be materialized after one and half year, according to him.

Similarly, former Vice Chairman of the Trust, Vikchhu Maittya, said construction of monastery of international level would help promote spiritual and religious activities.

General Secretary of the International Buddhist Confederation, Dr Vikchhu Dhammapiya, said it was significant day to begin the construction of modern heritage promoting Buddhist culture in Lumbini. It would help strengthen relations between Nepal and India.

Also speaking in the programme, Secretary at Indian Embassy in Kathmandu, and member of international Buddhist confederation, believed that the construction of monastery would foster spiritual activities.

The cost of undertaking is Rs 1.60 billion, it was shared. ACC India and Gorkha Builders JV have been contracted for the heritage being built in zero net technology.



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आइतबार रुपन्देहीस्थित लुम्बिनी गुरुयोजनास्थलको परिसरमा भूमिपूजा गरिएको विहार निर्माणको ठेक्का लिएका निर्माण व्यवसायी प्रकाशकुमार श्रेष्ठले बताए । विहार फक्रिएको कमलको फूलको आकारमा निर्माण हुनेछ । बौद्ध धर्म गुरुहरूले भूमि पूजाका क्रममा विहारको जग खनेका छन् ।

भूमिपूजासँगै निर्माणको काम धमाधम अगाडि बढ्नेछ । विहारलाई १८ महिनाभित्र पूरा गर्नुपर्ने चुनौति छ । भारतको ठूलो निर्माण कम्पनी एसीसी इण्डिया र नेपालको गोरखा बिल्डर्सले ज्वइन्ट भेञ्चरमा काम गर्न लागेका छन् ।

नेपाल पक्षको ठेकेदारमा प्रकाशकुमार श्रेष्ठ, प्रवीणराज शाक्य, ई।शिवहरि अर्याल रहेका छन् । लुम्बिनीमा भूमि पूजाको अनुष्ठानका साथै भारत अन्तर्राष्ट्रिय बौद्ध संस्कृति र विरासत केन्द्र (आईआईसीबीसीएच) को निर्माण औपचारिक रूपमा शुरू भएको छ । लुम्बिनी परिसरभित्र बौद्ध भिक्षुहरूको उपस्थितिमा गौतम बुद्धको जन्मस्थान लुम्बिनीमा भूमि पूजा गरिएपछि कामको शुरुवात भएको छ ।

भारतीय प्रधानमन्त्री मोदीले सन् २०२२ मा लुम्बिनीको यात्राका क्रममा तत्कालीन प्रधानमन्त्री शेरबहादुर देउवासँग बौद्ध केन्द्रको निर्माणको आधारशिला राखेका थिए । आधारशिला राखेको एक वर्षपछि शून्य कार्बन उत्सर्जनको माध्यमबाट अत्याधुनिक संरचना निर्माणको कार्यको औपचारिक प्रक्रिया शुरु भएको छ । अन्तर्राष्ट्रिय बौद्ध परिसंघ ९आईबीसी०का महासचिव डा।धम्मपियाले अन्य भिक्षुहरूसँग भूमि पूजामा भाग लिएका छन् ।

डा.धम्मपियाले भूमि पूजामा सरिक हुन पाउँदा निकै खुशी लागेको बताएका छन् । डा.धम्मपियाले भने, 'हामी आज धेरै खुशी छौं । नेपालको लुम्बिनीमा अन्तर्राष्ट्रिय बौद्ध संस्कृति र विरासत केन्द्रको निर्माण शुरु हुन लागेको छ ।' डा।धम्मपियाले भनेका छन्, 'हामी सबैलाई जानकारी छ, भारत-नेपालबीचको आध्यात्मिक र सांस्कृतिक सम्बन्ध २६०० वर्ष पुरानो हो ।'

'मुख्य केन्द्र नेपाल र भारतका नागरिकबीच भाइचारा, सदभाव र सह-अस्तित्वमा रहेको छ', धम्मपियाले भने, 'हामी नेपाल सरकार र नेपालका नागरिक तथा नेपालका बौद्धका अनुयायीहरूप्रति छौं । भारतलाई पनि गौतम बुद्ध जन्मिएको स्थानमा बौद्ध संस्कृति र विरासतका लागि अन्तर्राष्ट्रिय केन्द्र बनाउन दिनुभएको छ ।' अन्तर्राष्ट्रिय बौद्ध परिसंघ (आईबीसी), नयाँ दिल्ली आईबीसी र एलडीटीबीच मार्च २०२२ मा सम्झौतामा हस्ताक्षर भएको थियो ।

सम्झौता अनुसार लुम्बिनी विकास कोष (एलडीटी) द्वारा भारतद्वारा बनाउन लागिएको संरचनामा निर्माणको देखरेख गरिरहेको छ । 'भारत अन्तर्राष्ट्रिय बौद्ध संस्कृति र विरासत केन्द्र लुम्बिनीमा बनाउन लागिएको छ । भगवान बुद्धको जन्मस्थलमा छिटै एउटा केन्द्र प्राप्त हुन लागेको छ ।

जहाँ बुद्धसँग जोडिएका सबै जानकारी उपलब्ध हुनेछ । यो कार्यले दुई देशबीचको सम्बन्ध अझै मजबूत र गहिरो हुनेछ । बौद्ध संस्कृति र परम्पराको प्रचार र संरक्षणमा सक्रिय भूमिका खेल्नेछ', आईबीसीको कार्य समितिका सदस्य डुष्टेन जिगडोलले भनेका छन् ।

निर्माण हुन लागेको केन्द्रमा विश्वस्तरीय सुविधा हुनेछ । जसमा बौद्ध धर्मको आध्यात्मिक कुरामा आनन्द लिन दुनियाँभरिबाट आउने तीर्थयात्री र पर्यटकलाई स्वागत गर्नेछ । फक्रिएको कमलको फूलको आकारमा अत्याधुनिक भवन बन्नेछ ।

आधुनिक भवनमा ऊर्जा, पानी र अपशिष्ट प्रबन्धका विषयमा नेटजीरोको मापदण्ड अनुरूप हुनेछ । भवनमा प्रार्थना कक्ष, ध्यान केन्द्र, पुस्तकालय, प्रदर्शनी हल, कैफेटेरिया रहनेछ । भवनमा कार्यालय र अन्य सुविधा पनि हुनेछन् । लुम्बिनी विकास कोषका पूर्वउपाध्यक्ष अबधेश त्रिपाठीले लुम्बिनी

मास्टरप्लान क्षेत्रभिन्न गौतम बुद्धको पवित्र जन्मस्थानमा बौद्ध संस्कृति र विरासतका लागि भारतले अन्तर्राष्ट्रिय केन्द्रको निर्माणको वास्तविक शुरुआत गर्न लागेको बताए ।

परियोजनाका लागि अन्तर्राष्ट्रिय बौद्ध परिसंघद्वारा भारत-नेपाल संयुक्त उद्यम कम्पनी एसीसी-गोरखालाई दिइएको छ । केन्द्रको निर्माणका लागि एक अरब भारतीय रुपियाँ खर्च हुने अनुमान गरिएको छ ।

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Construction of India Centre for Buddhist Culture & Heritage in Nepal begins with ground breaking ceremony



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The foundation stone for this prestigious project was laid in May 2022

The stage has been set for the construction of the India International Centre for Buddhist Culture and Heritage (IICBCH) in Lumbini, Nepal, with the Bhumi Pujan (ground breaking) ceremony being held by the International Buddhist Confederation (IBC) on Sunday (August 6, 2023).

Located in the Lumbini Monastic Zone, the centre will be a world-class venue that will welcome pilgrims and visitors from all over the globe to experience the soul of Buddhist spirituality.

Lumbini (where Lord Buddha was born), along with Bodh Gaya (in Bihar, India, where he attained enlightenment), Sarnath (in Uttar Pradesh, India, where he gave his first sermon), and Kushinagar (also in Uttar Pradesh, his final resting place) are the primary pilgrimage places of the Buddhist Circuit associated with the life and teachings of Lord Buddha.

The foundation stone for this prestigious project was laid by Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi and Prime Minister of Nepal Sher Bahadur Deuba during the Indian PM's Lumbini visit on May 16, 2022. It aims to promote Dhamma's core values and provide a serene space for global pilgrims to immerse in Lord Buddha's teachings.

The heritage building is expected to be lotus shaped and may be completed in one-and-a-half years.

Prayer halls, meditation centres, libraries, exhibition halls, cafeterias, offices, and other facilities will be housed in a contemporary structure that will be NetZero compliant in terms of energy, water, and waste disposal.

The centre is coming up on a plot of land allocated by the Lumbini Development Trust (LDT) in March 2022, as part of an agreement agreed upon between IBC and LDT.

भूमि पूजन के साथ भारत अंतर्राष्ट्रीय बौद्ध संस्कृति और विरासत केंद्र का निर्माण शुरू

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लुंबिनी (एएनआई): नेपाल के लुंबिनी में रविवार को भूमि पूजा अनुष्ठान के साथ भारत अंतर्राष्ट्रीय बौद्ध संस्कृति और विरासत केंद्र (आईआईसीबीसीएच) का निर्माण औपचारिक रूप से शुरू हो गया। विभिन्न बौद्ध देशों के भिक्षुओं ने भाग लिया, 'भूमि पूजा' एशिया के प्रकाश गौतम बुद्ध के जन्मस्थान लुंबिनी-मठ-क्षेत्र" > लुंबिनी मठ क्षेत्र में की गई।

प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी ने अपनी 2022 की लुंबिनी यात्रा के दौरान तत्कालीन नेपाली समकक्ष शेर बहादुर देउबा के साथ बौद्ध केंद्र के निर्माण की आधारशिला रखी थी। एक साल बाद शून्य कार्बन उत्सर्जन वाली अत्याधुनिक इमारत का निर्माण शुरू करने की औपचारिक प्रक्रिया रविवार को शुरू हो गई।

अंतर्राष्ट्रीय बौद्ध परिसंघ (आईबीसी) के महासचिव आदरणीय धम्मपिया ने साथी भिक्षुओं के साथ 'भूमि पूजा' में भाग लिया।

“हम आज बहुत खुश हैं कि नेपाल के लुंबिनी में अंतर्राष्ट्रीय बौद्ध संस्कृति और विरासत केंद्र का निर्माण आखिरकार शुरू होने जा रहा है। धम्मपिया ने एएनआई को बताया, जैसा कि हम सभी जानते हैं, भारत और नेपाल के बीच आध्यात्मिक और सांस्कृतिक संबंध 2,600 साल पुराना है।

उन्होंने कहा, "मुख्य फोकस नेपाल और भारत के लोगों के बीच दोस्ती, सद्भाव और सह-अस्तित्व पर है। हम नेपाल सरकार और नेपाल के लोगों और नेपाल के बौद्धों के आभारी हैं कि उन्होंने हमें भारत की स्थापना करने का अवसर दिया।" बौद्ध संस्कृति और विरासत के लिए अंतर्राष्ट्रीय केंद्र"।

अंतर्राष्ट्रीय बौद्ध परिसंघ (आईबीसी), नई दिल्ली आईबीसी और एलडीटी के बीच मार्च 2022 में हस्ताक्षरित एक समझौते के तहत लुंबिनी डेवलपमेंट ट्रस्ट (एलडीटी) द्वारा आवंटित भूखंड पर किए जा रहे निर्माण की देखरेख कर रहा है।

“भारत अंतर्राष्ट्रीय बौद्ध संस्कृति और विरासत केंद्र जो यहां लुंबिनी में बनाया जा रहा है। भगवान बुद्ध की जन्मस्थली को जल्द ही एक केंद्र मिलने जा रहा है, जहां उनसे जुड़ी सारी जानकारी उपलब्ध होगी। इससे देशों के बीच संबंध और मजबूत और गहरे होंगे। इसके अलावा, यह बौद्ध संस्कृति और परंपरा के प्रचार और संरक्षण में सक्रिय भूमिका निभाएगा और मुझे उम्मीद है कि यह मील का पत्थर साबित होगा, ”आईबीसी की कार्य समिति के सदस्य डुप्रेन जिगडोल ने एएनआई को बताया।

एक बार पूरा होने पर, केंद्र एक विश्व स्तरीय सुविधा होगी जो बौद्ध धर्म के आध्यात्मिक पहलुओं का आनंद लेने के लिए दुनिया भर से तीर्थयात्रियों और पर्यटकों का स्वागत करेगी। खिले हुए कमल के आकार की अत्याधुनिक इमारत एक आधुनिक इमारत होगी, जो ऊर्जा, पानी और अपशिष्ट प्रबंधन के मामले में नेटजीरो के अनुरूप होगी, और इसमें प्रार्थना कक्ष, ध्यान केंद्र, एक पुस्तकालय, एक प्रदर्शनी हॉल, एक कैफेटेरिया होगा। , कार्यालय और अन्य सुविधाएं।

कार्यक्रम को संबोधित करते हुए, लुंबिनी विकास ट्रस्ट के तत्काल पूर्व-उपाध्यक्ष, आदरणीय मेटेय्या शाक्यपुट्टा ने कहा, "आज लुंबिनी मास्टरप्लान क्षेत्र के भीतर गौतम बुद्ध के पवित्र जन्मस्थान में बौद्ध संस्कृति और विरासत के लिए भारत अंतर्राष्ट्रीय केंद्र के निर्माण की वास्तविक शुरुआत हुई है।" हमें उन युगों में वापस ले जाता है"।

"मुझे उपाध्यक्ष के रूप में अपनी सेवा दृढ़ता से याद है, जब मैंने उन देशों के बारे में दस्तावेजों पर नज़र डालने की कोशिश की जिन्होंने वोट दिया और समर्थन किया कि लुंबिनी को एक अंतरराष्ट्रीय केंद्र और एक वैश्विक बौद्ध गांव के रूप में विकसित किया जाना चाहिए। दस्तावेजों के ढेर के बीच, मुझे एक भारतीय दूत द्वारा लिखा गया प्रारंभिक पत्र मिला, जिसमें लुंबिनी को अंतर्राष्ट्रीय शांति केंद्र के रूप में प्रस्तावित करने के लिए उथन की जोरदार सराहना की गई थी। लगभग सात दशक बाद हम यहां हैं, इसी भूमि पर बुद्ध की शिक्षा का एक सुंदर स्थल-प्रतीकात्मक कमल पैदा होने जा रहा है। , "उन्होंने आगे कहा।

परियोजना के लिए "अनुबंध का पुरस्कार" अंतर्राष्ट्रीय बौद्ध परिसंघ द्वारा भारत-नेपाल संयुक्त उद्यम कंपनी एसीसी-गोरखा को दिया गया है। केंद्र के निर्माण के समय एक अरब भारतीय रुपये खर्च होने का अनुमान है। (एएनआई)

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Construction of India International Center for Buddhist Culture and Heritage in Nepal begins with “Bhoomi Pooja”

Construction of the India International Center for Buddhist Culture and Heritage (IICBCH) has formally begun in Lumbini of Nepal



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Lumbini (Nepal) (ANI): Construction of the India International Center for Buddhist Culture and Heritage (IICBCH) has formally begun in Lumbini of Nepal with the “Bhoomi Pooja”.

Attended by monks from different Buddhist nations, the “Bhoomi Pooja” was performed at the Lumbini Monastic Zone Dr. Dhammapiya, Secretary General of the International Buddhist Confederation (IBC) and other monks participated in the “Bhoomi Pooja.”

Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi during his 2022 visit to Lumbini along with Nepali PM Sher Bahadur Deuba laid the foundation stone for the construction of the Buddhist Center.

Now the formal process to start the construction of the state-of-art building with zero carbon emissions began on Sunday.

The International Buddhist Confederation (IBC), New Delhi, is supervising construction on the property allotted by the Lumbini Development Trust (LDT), under an agreement signed in March 2022.

The project's "award of contract" has been handed by the International Buddhist Confederation to ACC-Gorkha, an Indo-Nepal Joint Venture business. At the time of the center's construction, an estimated 1 billion Indian Rupees will be spent.



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The construction of the India International Centre for Buddhist Culture and Heritage (IICBCH) began.



Lumbini: The construction of the India International Centre for Buddhist Culture and Heritage (IICBCH) formally began at Lumbini in Nepal with the Bhoomi Pooja rituals on Sunday.

Attended by monks from different Buddhist nations, the 'Bhoomi Pooja' was performed at the Lumbini Monastic Zone, the birthplace of Gautam Buddha, the Light of Asia.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi during his 2022 visit to Lumbini alongside then Nepali counterpart Sher Bahadur Deuba had laid the foundation stone for the construction of the Buddhist Centre. A year later the formal process to start the construction of the state-of-art building with zero carbon emission kick-started on Sunday.

Venerable Dhammapiya, Secretary General of the International Buddhist Confederation (IBC) along with fellow monks took part in the 'Bhoomi Pooja'.

"We are very happy today that construction of the International Centre of Buddhist Culture and Heritage at Lumbini, Nepal is finally going to start. As we all know, the spiritual and cultural bond between India and Nepal goes back to 2,600 years," Mr Dhammapiya told ANI.

He added, "The main focus is friendship, harmony, and co-existence between the people of Nepal and India. We are grateful to the Government of Nepal and the people of Nepal and Buddhists of Nepal for giving us the opportunity to set up India International Centre for Buddhist Culture and Heritage".

The International Buddhist Confederation (IBC), New Delhi is overseeing the construction being done over the plot allocated by the Lumbini Development Trust (LDT) under an agreement between IBC and LDT which was signed in March 2022.



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"The India International Centre for Buddhist Culture and Heritage which is being built here in Lumbini. The birthplace of Lord Buddha is soon going to get a centre where all information relating to him will be available. This would further strengthen and deepen relation between nations. Also, it would play an active role in the promotion and preservation of the Buddhist Culture and tradition and I expect it to be the milestone," Dupten Jigdol, a member of the working committee of IBC told ANI.

Once completed, the centre will be a world-class facility welcoming pilgrims and tourists from all over the world to enjoy the essence of the spiritual aspects of Buddhism. The state-of-art building in the shape of a bloomed lotus will be a modern building, NetZero compliant in terms of energy, water and waste handling, and will house prayer halls, meditation centres, a library, an exhibition hall, a cafeteria, offices and other amenities.

Addressing the event, Venerable Metteyya Sakyaputta, the immediate Past-Vice President of the Lumbini Development Trust said, "Today the actual start of construction of India International Centre for Buddhist Culture and Heritage here in the sacred birthplace of Gutam Buddha within the Lumbini Masterplan zone takes us back to those eras".

"I strongly remember my service as the vice-chairman, when I tried to look back into the documents about the countries that have voted and supported that Lumbini should be developed as an international centre and as a global Buddhist village. Among the pile of documents, I found the early letter written by an Indian envoy strongly commending Uthan for proposing Lumbini as International Peace Centre. Almost seven decades later here we are, in this very land a beautiful site-symbolic lotus of the Buddha's teaching is going to be born here," he further said.

The "award of contract" for the project has been given to ACC-Gorakha, an Indo-Nepal Joint Venture company by International Buddhist Confederation. An estimated one billion Indian Rupees is expected to be incurred at the time of construction of the centre.

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Bhoomi Pujan for India International Centre for Buddhist Culture and Heritage held in Nepal

The foundation stone for the esteemed project was laid by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the then Prime Minister of Nepal, Sher Bahadur Deuba, on May 16, 2022, at the site of the IICBCH.



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The International Buddhist Confederation (IBC), in collaboration with the Ministry of Culture, marked a momentous occasion as they celebrated the Bhoomi Pujan ceremony of the India International Centre for Buddhist Culture and Heritage (IICBCH) at Lumbini in Nepal on Sunday.

The foundation stone for the esteemed project was laid by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the then Prime Minister of Nepal, Sher Bahadur Deuba, on May 16, 2022, at the site of the IICBCH.

The event saw the participation of 250 distinguished guests, including 150 revered Monks and 100 devoted laypersons.

The ceremony commenced with serene chanting by various sects, followed by the sacred Bhoomi Pujan conducted by the respected SG, emphasizing the significance of the noble endeavor.

Distinguished speakers, including Ven Dr Dhammapiaya, Ven Maitya Bhante, Sh Sidhicharan Bhattarai (VC LDT), and Sh Karan Bansal (First Secy Indian Embassy in Kathmandu Nepal), delivered inspiring talks during the event.

The establishment of the IICBCH aims to promote the teachings of Lord Buddha and enrich the spiritual journey of pilgrims worldwide, making it a crucial hub for Dhamma-related activities in the Lumbini Monastic Zone. Furthermore, it aligns with Nepal's commitment to achieve Net Zero Greenhouse Emissions by 2045, with sustainability at its core, drawing inspiration from Buddha Dhamma's ecological mindfulness and interconnectedness.

नेपाल: भूमि पूजा अनुष्ठान के साथ IICBSH का निर्माण शुरू

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बुद्ध के जन्मस्थान लुंबिनी मठ क्षेत्र में 'भूमि पूजा'


नेपाल के लुंबिनी में रविवार को भूमि पूजा अनुष्ठान के साथ इंडिया इंटरनेशनल सेंटर फॉर बुद्धिस्ट कल्चर एंड हेरिटेज (आई आई सी बी सी एच) का निर्माण शुरू हो गया । एशिया के प्रकाश गौतम बुद्ध के जन्मस्थान लुंबिनी मठ क्षेत्र में 'भूमि पूजा' की गई । प्रधान मंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी ने अपनी 2022 की लुंबिनी यात्रा के दौरान तत्कालीन नेपाली समकक्ष शेर बहादुर देउबा के साथ बौद्ध केंद्र के निर्माण की आधारशिला रखी थी।

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Nepali counterpart Sher Bahadur Deuba had laid the foundation stone for the construction of the Buddhist Centre. A year later the formal process to start the construction of the state-of-art building with zero carbon emission kick-started on Sunday.



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al and cultural bond between India and Nepal goes back to 2,600 years,"
mapiya said.

He added, "The main focus is friendship, harmony, and co-existence between the people of Nepal and India. We are grateful to the Government of Nepal and the people of Nepal and Buddhists of Nepal for giving us the opportunity to set up India International Centre for Buddhist Culture and Heritage".

The International Buddhist Confederation (IBC), New Delhi is overseeing the construction being done over the plot allocated by the Lumbini Development Trust (LDT) under an agreement between IBC and LDT which was signed in March 2022.

"The India International Centre for Buddhist Culture and Heritage which is being built here in Lumbini. The birthplace of Lord Buddha is soon going to get a centre where all information relating to him will be available. This would further strengthen and deepen relation between nations. Also, it would play an active role in the promotion and preservation of the Buddhist Culture and tradition and I expect it to be the milestone," Dupten Jigdol, a member of the working committee of IBC said.

Once completed, the centre will be a world-class facility welcoming pilgrims and tourists from all over the world to enjoy the essence of the spiritual aspects of Buddhism. The state-of-art building in the shape of a bloomed lotus will be a modern building, NetZero compliant in terms of energy, water and waste handling, and will



The “award of contract” for the project has been given to **ACC-Gorakha**, an Indo-Nepal Joint Venture company by International Buddhist Confederation. An estimated one billion Indian Rupees is expected to be incurred at the time of construction of the centre. (ANI)



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The 1.60 billion rupee heritage Centre is expected to be lotus shaped which will be built in zero-net technology and may be completed in one and a half years. Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the then Prime Minister of Nepal, Sher Bahadur Deuba, had jointly laid the foundation stone during Mr. Modi's Lumbini visit in 2022.

Our Kathmandu correspondent reports, India and Nepal share cultural heritage, and constructing a monastery at international standards in Lumbini will promote spiritual and religious tourism.