

Let's Support And Build **NEPAL**



The Buddhist Forum
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VISION

- To enhance cultural ties and goodwill of Nepal with Asian countries and rest of world.**
- To bring more prosperity in Nepal.**
- To develop more peaceful and cultural ties with India.**

MISSION

- To promote the ancient Buddhist heritage sites of Nepal and generate economy with tourism plans.**

WORLD TOURSIM RANKING OF NEPAL

- According to World Economic Forum, Geneva has prepared the report on “The Travel and Tourism Competitiveness Report 2011” Nepal is ranked on 112.**

The TTCI 2011 Ranking

Rank (out of 139)	Country/Economy	Score (1-7)	Group*	Rank (out of 139)	Country/Economy	Score (1-7)	Group*
1	Switzerland	5.7	Schengen	71	Albania	4.0	
2	Germany	5.5	Schengen	72	Dominican Republic	4.0	Caribbean
3	France	5.4	Schengen	73	Georgia	4.0	
4	Austria	5.4	Schengen	74	Indonesia	4.0	ASEAN
5	Sweden	5.3	Schengen	75	Egypt	4.0	
6	United States	5.3		76	Macedonia, FYR	4.0	
7	United Kingdom	5.3		77	Colombia	3.9	
8	Spain	5.3	Schengen	78	Morocco	3.9	
9	Canada	5.3		79	Trinidad and Tobago	3.9	Caribbean
10	Singapore	5.2	ASEAN	80	Vietnam	3.9	ASEAN
11	Iceland	5.2	Schengen	81	Sri Lanka	3.9	SAARC
12	Hong Kong SAR	5.2		82	Serbia	3.9	
13	Australia	5.2		83	Azerbaijan	3.8	
14	Netherlands	5.1	Schengen	84	Namibia	3.8	
15	Luxembourg	5.1	Schengen	85	Ukraine	3.8	
16	Denmark	5.0	Schengen	86	Guatemala	3.8	
17	Finland	5.0	Schengen	87	Ecuador	3.8	
18	Portugal	5.0	Schengen	88	Honduras	3.8	
19	New Zealand	5.0		89	Cape Verde	3.8	
20	Norway	5.0	Schengen	90	Armenia	3.8	
21	Ireland	5.0		91	Botswana	3.7	
22	Japan	4.9		92	Gambia, The	3.7	
23	Belgium	4.9	Schengen	93	Kazakhstan	3.7	
24	Cyprus	4.9		94	Philippines	3.7	ASEAN
25	Estonia	4.9	Schengen	95	Kuwait	3.7	GCC
26	Malta	4.9	Schengen	96	El Salvador	3.7	
27	Italy	4.9	Schengen	97	Bosnia and Herzegovina	3.6	
28	Barbados	4.8	Caribbean	98	Guyana	3.6	Caribbean
29	Greece	4.8	Schengen	99	Moldova	3.6	
30	United Arab Emirates	4.8	GCC	100	Nicaragua	3.6	
31	Czech Republic	4.8	Schengen	101	Mongolia	3.6	
32	Korea, Rep.	4.7		102	Rwanda	3.5	
33	Slovenia	4.6	Schengen	103	Kenya	3.5	
34	Croatia	4.6		104	Senegal	3.5	
35	Malaysia	4.6	ASEAN	105	Syria	3.5	
36	Montenegro	4.6		106	Venezuela	3.5	Caribbean
37	Taiwan, China	4.6		107	Kyrgyz Republic	3.4	
38	Hungary	4.5	Schengen	108	Ghana	3.4	
39	China	4.5		109	Cambodia	3.4	ASEAN
40	Bahrain	4.5	GCC	110	Tanzania	3.4	
41	Thailand	4.5	ASEAN	111	Zambia	3.4	
42	Qatar	4.4	GCC	112	Nepal	3.4	SAARC
43	Mexico	4.4		113	Algeria	3.4	
44	Cuba Rica	4.4		114	Iran, Islamic rep.	3.4	
45	Puerto Rico	4.4	Caribbean	115	Uganda	3.4	
46	Israel	4.4		116	Swaziland	3.4	
47	Tunisia	4.4		117	Bolivia	3.3	
48	Bulgaria	4.4		118	Tajikistan	3.3	
49	Poland	4.4	Schengen	119	Zimbabwe	3.3	
50	Turkey	4.4		120	Benin	3.3	
51	Latvia	4.4	Schengen	121	Malawi	3.3	
52	Brazil	4.4		122	Ethiopia	3.3	
53	Mauritius	4.4		123	Paraguay	3.3	
54	Slovak Republic	4.4	Schengen	124	Libya	3.2	
55	Lithuania	4.3	Schengen	125	Pakistan	3.2	SAARC
56	Panama	4.3		126	Cameroon	3.2	
57	Chile	4.3		127	Madagascar	3.2	
58	Uruguay	4.2		128	Mozambique	3.2	
59	Russian Federation	4.2		129	Bangladesh	3.1	SAARC
60	Argentina	4.2		130	Nigeria	3.1	
61	Oman	4.2	GCC	131	Côte d'Ivoire	3.1	
62	Saudi Arabia	4.2	GCC	132	Burkina Faso	3.1	
63	Romania	4.2		133	Mali	3.0	
64	Jordan	4.1		134	Timor-Leste	3.0	
65	Jamaica	4.1	Caribbean	135	Lesotho	3.0	
66	South Africa	4.1		136	Mauritania	2.8	
67	Brunei Darussalam	4.1	ASEAN	137	Burundi	2.8	
68	India	4.1	SAARC	138	Angola	2.8	
69	Peru	4.0		139	Chad	2.6	
70	Lebanon	4.0					

HOW ANCIENT BUDDHIST SITES CAN BE BOON TO NEPAL

Nepal is known worldwide for its ancient remains of different civilizations. In today's contrast nearly all the all provinces of the Nepal have sufficient number of ancient Buddhist sites, which can give an edge in developing the tourism sector in all remote parts of provinces. Buddhist tourism circuits could be developed by linking the various ancient sites nationally and internationally. These efforts can enhance growth in rural tourism sector and can be helpful in boosting the local art and craft industry also.

Condition of Buddhist Sites in Nepal

The Himalayan kingdom become the blessed land with the birth of Buddha . Since centuries Nepal has experienced the rich Buddhist heritage structures and now it's time to revive them .

As the campaign highlight's the plight of ancient Buddhist sites all over Asia. Which needs due consideration and attention? In similar direction to justify our cause we have selected sites from all over Nepal which seek yours kind attention

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BUDDHIST SITE AT TILAKURAKOT



The ancient capital of Sakya kingdom (Kapilavastu) is located about 27km west of Lumbini. Tilaurakot houses the vestiges of ancient Sakya palace where Siddhartha lived his early 29 years as a prince. The ramparts of a moat and a fortification wall with its including ancient structural remains in the central part of the mound. The eastern gate of the palace reminds us about Siddhartha's renunciation for the search of supreme knowledge. He renounced the palace at the age 29 quietly at mid night from this Mahaviniskramana dwara.

BUDDHIST SITE AT TILAKURAKOT



PRESENT SITUATION

Require further extensive excavation and exploration all around the site.

Need new innovative promotional plans.

Restoration work is needed in the sites.

BUDDHIST SITE AT NIGLIHAWA



Niglihawa lies about 8km northeast of Taulihawa. It is the birthplace of Kanakmuni, the second Buddha of Bhadrakalpa. The site shelters and Asoka pillar erected by Emperor Asoka in 249 BC. The pillar is broken into two pieces, the lower part bearing inscription submerged in the ground and the upper part lying on the surface. The Asoka inscription engraved in Brahmi script and Pali language testifies the site as the birth spot of the Buddha. it is said that the shower of gold rained in Jambudwipa on the day he was born of father, Yajyadutta, and mother Uttara here.

BUDDHIST SITE AT NIGLIHAWA



PRESENT SITUATION

Require further extensive exploration all around the site.

Need promotional plans.

Restoration work is needed in the sites like lightening, sitting arrangements.

BUDDHIST SITE AT ARAURAKOT



About 3 km northwest of Niglihawa lies a rectangular fortified area popularly known as Araurakot, which believed to be the natal town of Kanakmuni Buddha. The rectangular fortification wall is magnificent even in its ruins.

BUDDHIST SITE AT ARAURAKOT



PRESENT SITUATION

- Extensive exploration and excavation all around the site.**
- Security personal require for the site.**
- Need promotional plans.**
- Restoration work needed.**
- Fencing to provide security to the site.**

BUDDHIST SITE AT SAGARHAWA



About 12km north of Taulihawa lies the forest of Sagarhawa, with a long lake known as Lumbusagar. In this site, the Sakyas were massacred by King Virudhaka out of vengeance. The entire area of this site was littered with blood of the Sakyas. About 70,000 Sakyas were killed in the massacre. Later, in the memory of the noble Sakyas, hundreds of the stupas were built here by their descendants. Dr. A.Fuhrer excavated and explored these stupas in 1897-1898. The Sakyas could fight against the invading army of Virudhaka, however they did not go for bloodshed. They observed their vows of non-violence until their death. They chose to sacrifice their lives than to break the vow of non-violence.

BUDDHIST SITE AT SAGARHAWA



PRESENT SITUATION

**Extensive exploration and excavation all around the site.
Lack security personal on the site.
Need promotional plans.
Restoration work needed.**

BUDDHIST SITE AT KUDAN



The ancient Nyagrodharma, where King Suddhodana met the Buddha, first time after his renunciation lies about 3km southwest of Taulihawa. This is the site where Prajapati Gautami, his second mother offered robe and Yasodhara, his wife invited him for a meal in the palace. Rahula, his son was ordained by Sariputra, his most revered disciple, at the age 8 here. The Buddha preached five important sutras and told the story of his search for supreme knowledge here during his stay with 300 his disciples at Kudan.

BUDDHIST SITE AT KUDAN



PRESENT SITUATION

The Site needs further completion of excavation of mounds left all around the site.

Need promotional plans.

Up-gradation of Restoration work needed.

BUDDHIST SITE AT RAMAGRAM



The Koliyas obtained one of the eight parts of the Buddha's relic which they enshrined here and built a magnificent stupa and worshipped for a long time. Buddhist literary sources mention that Emperor Asoka wanted to open and obtain the Buddha's relic to build eighty-four thousand minor stupas throughout his vast empire. However, the emperor did not touch the precious relic because of the request made by the Dragon King and the people of Ramagram. This surviving single original relic stupa, standing 7 meters high on the bank of the Jharahi River, is the most important stupa of its kind in the whole of the world.

BUDDHIST SITE AT RAMAGRAM



**Extensive exploration and excavation all around the ancient stupa.
Need promotional plans.
Restoration work needed.
Fencing to provide security to the site.**

BUDDHIST SITE AT DHAMNIHAWA



The site has two ancient stupas, which are believed to be the stupas of King Suddhodana and step mother Gautami.

BUDDHIST SITE AT DHAMNIHAWA



PRESENT SITUATION

**Extensive exploration and excavation all around the ancient stupa.
Need promotional plans.
Restoration work needed.
Fencing to provide security to the site.
Personal security is required for the site.**

BUDDHIST SITES IN NEPAL



From the recent reports of exploration all around Nepal it has been found that there are more than 136 ancient Buddhist sites, apart from major ancient site of Lumbini.

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