



Global Pagoda

*Bahujana hitaya, bahujana sukhaya.
For the benefit of many, for the happiness of many*

DHAMMA PATTANA—NEW VIPASSANA CENTRE IN THE GLOBAL PAGODA COMPLEX

The Global Vipassana Foundation is happy to inform all Vipassana meditators that the Global Pagoda complex will house a Vipassana meditation centre—Dhamma Pattana. This centre will have suitable residential and meditation facilities so that old students can meditate seriously in the vicinity of the Global Pagoda where the relics of the Buddha are enshrined. Serious meditators will benefit from the vibrations of the Buddha relics.

The second small pagoda at the Global Pagoda complex will be reserved exclusively for the use of the participants of the courses at Dhamma Pattana. It will contain a hundred meditation cells so that each participant in the course can meditate in an individual cell.

Dhamma Pattana will have an additional vital function. With increasing age and failing health, it has become increasingly difficult for Goenkaji to travel. Since he needs repeated medical consultations, it is increasingly difficult for him to stay for long periods at Dhamma Giri, Igatpuri. However, since Dhamma Pattana is in Mumbai, he can spend more time there. Goenkaji plans to conduct a 90-day course at this centre. Initially, Dhamma Pattana will host ten-day courses, and later, longer courses. A major portion of the construction has been completed.

The estimated total cost of the construction of Dhamma Pattana is USD 2 million.

A functional meditation centre will enhance the role of the Global Pagoda as the lighthouse of Dhamma. Meditators wishing to share in the merits of the construction of Dhamma Pattana may send donations to:

The Treasurer, Global Vipassana Foundation,

C/o Khimji Kunverji & Co., 52 Bombay Mutual Building, Sir P. M. Road, Mumbai 400 001, India.










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Cheques and bank drafts should be payable at Mumbai and drawn in favour of Global Vipassana Foundation, A/c No. 11244, Bank of India, Stock Exchange Branch, Mumbai, India.

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<p>View of Main Entrance to Global Pagoda</p>	<p>View of Dome – the main Meditation Hall. Old students in the Hall packed to capacity participated in the first course under the dome.</p>	<p>The inside of the Dome – the main meditation hall where the first one-day course was conducted on March 19, 2006 by Goenkaji.</p>
		
<p>View from near the centre of Dhamma Hall where Buddha relics will be enshrined</p>	<p>Some workmen on scaffolding, part of around 600 to 700-strong daily workforce</p>	<p>From atop Pagoda Dome. Two stones are being lowered to be 'locked' into position</p>
		
<p>A stone being 'locked' atop the dome</p>	<p>View from top of the dome, presently about one-third the final size of the Global Pagoda. The top of the completed small Northern Pagoda (the size of the Dhamma Giri Pagoda) can be seen on top right</p>	<p>View of completed Northern Pagoda, from one of the entrances to Main Pagoda</p>

		
<p>Work in progress between completed Northern Pagoda and the Main Pagoda</p>	<p>From atop Dome, view of temporary Dhamma Hall (to right of vehicle) where one-day courses are held every Sunday. The dining hall and kitchen is to left of vehicle. To right of Dhamma Hall, work has begun on a 10-day course centre for 100 students.</p>	<p>View of basement of Global Pagoda that will have exhibition gallery etc.</p>

PROGRESS IN PAGODA

After completing the work for laying the massive foundation and the first phase of construction, all efforts are being made to complete the dome of the Global Pagoda by May or June 2006. Until this period, approximately Rs 75 lakhs to Rs 100 lakhs (US \$ 220,000) are required each month for construction.

- Out of 94 layers to be completed in building the dome, 57 layers have been completed as of February 2006. As the height of the dome increases, fewer stones are required in each layer.
- The total height of the Pagoda will reach 315 feet.
- Besides work on the Global Pagoda, necessary RCC work for completing the exhibition gallery is in progress. Simultaneously, ventilation and acoustic consultants are working on details to complete this work, along with construction of dome of the main Pagoda.

Donate a Stone, for the Global Pagoda

The Global Pagoda presents a rare opportunity to earn merits by participating in a historic project that will serve as a beacon of Dhamma for centuries to come.

Anyone can participate in this Dhamma project. The amount donated is not important - the volition to contribute is. The Global Pagoda is being built in stone. You can now choose to make a donation for any number of stones, even one stone. Every member in the donor's family can feel joyful that he or she has donated for this most beneficial Dhamma project.

Cost of one Serration stone is Rs 5,000 (US \$ 114.36); cost of one Dome stone is Rs 3,500 (US \$ 80.054); cost of one Column stone is Rs 1,000 (US \$ 22.87) ; cost of one Support stone is Rs 100 (US \$ 2.28). Cheques/drafts may be drawn in favour of "Global Vipassana Foundation" payable at Mumbai, and may be mailed to

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All donations qualify under Section 80 G of the Income Tax Act in India. Foreign donors should contact the Treasurer for clarification on tax concessions in their respective countries.

Online donations accepted at <http://www.globalpagoda.org/>

One-day courses (for old students only) every Sunday at the Global Pagoda (Dhamma Pattana) Goraigoan, Mumbai. 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
For gate pass to visit Global Pagoda, please call: Tel: (022) 2845111, 2845-2261 Tel/Fax: 2845-2112. Email: globalpagoda@hotmail.com;

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