

### **Dhamma Bodhi**

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Dhamma Bodhi, meaning 'Enlightenment of Dhamma', is located in Bodhgaya in South Bihar, where the Buddha attained enlightenment. Bodhi means enlightenment. The Maha Bodhi Temple commemorates the Buddha's enlightenment, and its grounds contain the Bodhi Tree. This temple can be seen from Dhamma Bodhi. The 12-acre Centre is near Magadh University. Goenkaji has conducted many Vipassana courses in Bodhgaya, the first of these as early as 1970. However, the first course on the Centre was held in November 1995 in which sixty-five students participated.

Presently, Dhamma Bodhi is under renovation and courses will recommence after construction is over in another six months. A Dhamma Hall to seat 100 students is being built, as well as a Pagoda with 75 to 80 cells. 24 additional rooms for male and female students are also being built. In winter, over 50 percent of students to Dhamma Bodhi come from outside India.

### **Dhamma Upavana**

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Dhamma Upavana, meaning 'Park of Dhamma', is presently land with construction yet to begin.

### **Dhamma Sikkim**

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Dhamma Sikkim, meaning 'Sikkim, the State (province) of Dhamma', was established in March 2003 to serve the Himalayan state of Sikkim in Northeastern India. Situated on a terraced hill on 12 hectares of land at Changey Seanty in East Sikkim, the Centre can serve upto 50 students, 25 male and 25 female. Presently, dormitory-type accommodation is available.