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BODH GAYA

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Knowledge
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Enlightenment**

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CHAIRMAN'S PROFILE



Uday Kotak is the Founder and MD & CEO of Kotak Mahindra Bank Kotak. The Bank has a consolidated net worth of around US\$7.75 billion and over 50,000 employees. Uday believes that the true measure of performance is value creation. Investors who kept faith with the enterprise over the past 32 years have seen 40% CAGR on their investments.

Today, Kotak is among India's most efficient, high-performing and trusted banks. Uday's strategy for growth is defined by quality, simplicity and prudence. This conviction and a respectable distance from market exuberance has ensured that the bank is well capitalized and its asset book is of high quality. The group has a global presence with offices in key financial markets. The group's vision for equitable prosperity extends beyond banking and financial services. The Kotak Education Foundation works with some of India's most economically depressed communities, attempting to alleviate poverty in a sustainable way through education and livelihood programmes.

Uday is a member of the International Advisory Panel of Monetary Authority of Singapore and the International Advisory Board of the Government of Singapore Investment Corporation (GIC). He has served as Chairman of Securities & Exchange Board of India (SEBI), constituted Corporate Governance Committee, and is Chairman of Advisory Committee on Corporate Insolvency and Liquidation constituted by the Insolvency & Bankruptcy Board of India, and Chairman of Board of Governors of Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Bodh Gaya, among others.

He has been conferred with multiple awards, including the Ernst & Young World Entrepreneur of the Year 2014 Award, ET Business Leader of the Year 2015 Award for Corporate Excellence and Lifetime Achievement Award at the Financial Express Best Banks Award for FY 2015-16.

Uday holds a Bachelor's degree in Commerce and an MBA from Jamnalal Bajaj Institute of Management Studies, Mumbai.



DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Welcome to IIM Bodh Gaya, situated in the land of enlightenment, where knowledge and wisdom rests in the soil. We as an institute are striving hard to regain the past glory of this land, we seek to become the next "Seat of Learning" in this part of the world. Our mission is to develop meticulously curious minds into leaders of persevering brilliance who seek to move ahead of time, with an ability to manoeuvre firms through the ever-changing business environment. We seek to honour the responsibility of creating socially responsible managers by blending in the old and the new, the traditional and the technological.

Our curriculum requires these highly motivated and bright students to undergo some mandatory courses in the first year. Once they complete the first year courses, they undergo an internship to learn from corporate life. After completing their internships, these students are allowed to choose from a variety of electives in their second year. Many students choose electives to pursue their industry-specific and/or disciplinary interests. Besides academics, students also learn from their vibrant community life on campus. They manage and take part in a number of co-curricular and extra-curricular activities which provide them opportunities to grow beyond classrooms. Our methods aim at training young ambitious minds into mature business professionals.

We thank our existing Industry Partners for the invaluable support they have extended to us over the past couple of years. We truly value these relationships and would like to nurture them to higher levels. I also take this opportunity to reach out to new Partners to help us serve them, by offering the pool of talented and inspired young minds whom we have nurtured for them. We wish to have a long-lasting and mutually beneficial relationship with Industry & corporate world who are our important stakeholders.

Kindly treat this as a personal Invitation to visit our Campus, looking forward to meet you!

Vinita Sahay
Director, IIM Bodh Gaya

ABOUT INDIA



A country with vibrant hues of culture, vivid history and brilliant minds, India is the seventh largest country in terms of area and largest democracy in the world. For a very long time now, India has been serving as a spiritual hotspot for the world and offers experiential journeys of mindfulness, meditation and enlightenment to those who come seeking them. The canvas of India's culture is vast and vivid with a rich heritage.

Coming to education, Albert Einstein once said: 'We owe a lot to Indians who taught us how to count, without which no worthwhile scientific discovery could have made'. Famous Indian mathematicians including Aryabhata and Ramanujam made some of the most critical and essential contributions

to mathematics, including giving the world the concept of 'zero'. These contributions are admired and respected by scientists and mathematicians across the globe. India boasts of creating and nurturing some world-class premiere institutions especially Indian Institutes of Management and Indian Institutes of Technology. These institutions are well renowned for their academic rigour and legacy.

In a multi-cultural and multi-lingual environment. Indian academicians learn the virtues of hard work and diligence at an early age and bring a valuable global and multi-cultural perspective along with their academic credentials. India is one of the few countries in the world which can be termed as secular in its true meaning.

Home to more than nine recognised religions, all living in tandem with each other despite their cultural differences, India is a true symbol of "Unity in diversity".

Today, India holds a unique identity on the international landscape. The warmth in the relations and euphoria in celebrations make the country stand out distinctively in the global fraternity. The country's liveliness and generosity attract many tourists to its vibrant culture which is an amalgamation of religions, festivals, food, art, crafts, dance, music and many other subtle but life enriching experiences. Everything, from the culture and values to customs, rituals and traditions, is special in this 'Land of Gods'.

ABOUT IIM BODH GAYA

119

acre campus



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The Indian Institutes of Management have been the archetype of management schooling in India since their foundation after our independence in 1947. IIMs are perceived as the most prestigious and elite B-schools in India which lay emphasis on practical experience and critical thinking rather than stressing on rote learning and conventional academic schedule.

Set up as the 15th institute under the mentorship of IIM Calcutta, the oldest IIM in the country, IIM Bodh Gaya, right from its inception, has meticulously followed its mentor's footsteps. Building on the grand heritage of the IIM brand, IIM Bodh Gaya fosters a culture and curriculum whose sole purpose is to create socially responsible managers and emotionally mature leaders.

In a short span of time, IIM Bodh Gaya has strengthened its position in the corporate world, with its students already working in commendable positions. Apart from the conventional classroom setup, IIM Bodh Gaya lays much emphasis on practical learning. Students are encouraged to take up various industry-based research projects which are subjected to evaluation by the faculty. A dynamic curriculum in consonance with academics and industry experts provides the students with the opportunities to master new skills and explore diverse perspectives. They partake in the academic rigor for which IIMs are known for. Students are exposed to extensive practical learning along with the basic concepts across various domains of MBA i.e. Marketing, Operations, HR, and Finance through various quizzes, assignments, live projects, interactive sessions, and examinations. In the second year, there are a diverse range of electives which the students can choose based on their key areas of interest.

IIM Bodh Gaya's educational curriculum aims to equip the students with an essence of management skills to help them navigate through the modern business environment across the globe. The institute employs the case study method, made famous by Harvard Business School, in order to give insights into the real world dynamics that render compelling opportunities amidst onerous settings.

To augment the learning process, IIM Bodh Gaya has shifted to its permanent academic block. The academic block boasts of state-of-the-art facilities, centralized air-conditioning and a library with a wide array of topics. This academic block is a part of the 119 acre campus which is being constructed by CPWD, the design of which is an amalgamation of modernism and ideologies that are a part of Bodh Gaya.

The design of the permanent campus is an amalgamation of these renowned ideologies with modernism which contributes towards a futuristic vision of establishing a holistic form of educational space. The grandeur of the campus architecture is translated through different design elements. Entering the campus, one is greeted with the Buddhist 'toranas' (ornamental gateways), the abstract demeanours of which are imposing and yet rooted to the ground.

Another striking feature of the design that sits adorned between these 'toranas' is the Bodhi Tree under which Lord Buddha attained enlightenment. The Bodhi Tree is the inspiration for a striking steel edifice. The glorious scale of this edifice is visible from every point in the campus and helps transmit the values of wisdom, dynamism, and tranquillity within the site. The institute's library block is a literal translation of the inside space onto its facade. The library walls are shaped as a vertical stack of books, while open books form the inspiration for the skylights on the building. The architects have ideated the campus in a manner which consciously embraces the site's context. The designs seek to enrich the overall educational experience of students aspiring for holistic human development.

IIM Bodh Gaya is also now the first 3rd generation IIM to have its own integrated campus. The building was built and furnished under initiatives taken by the Government of Bihar. The campus encompasses cutting-edge facilities like Beltron and NKN internet connectivity, fully centralised Air-conditioning, Computer Lab with 100+ computers. There are separate academic and administrative blocks with class rooms, auditorium and offices for Placement Committee, IR Committee and Media and PR cell, adding to this development is an eco-friendly campus.

LIFE IIM BODHGAYA



08:30_{am}

Alarm snoozed!

Few more minutes of sleep YAY!

01:00_{pm}

Lunch TIME



Phew! PERT and CPM were something! LUNCH TIME! Oh! Today is the last day for the Innovation Challenge, better wrap up the marketing presentation after lunch and not wait till that 11:59 pm deadline. Wait! Today we have a guest lecture at 2:30pm, better get in my business formals!



Hmm... Better go now.

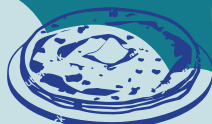
08:45_{am}

What's TODAY?

Saturday. Capitalization was an intriguing topic....need to ponder over it... I have to read the case. Better ask for help. I think discussing in the mess should be enough.



TIME **2** TIME



09:15_{am}

Aloo Parantha along with Capitalization. Should be enough for the class.

Now RUN!



05:00_{pm}

That was interesting, never knew advertisements could have so many facets. What should we play today? Yesterday we played BASKETBALL... Lets go for Volleyball today. Inter-college volleyball is also approaching, so let's get those serves right.





07:00pm

MARKETING CLUB MEETING...

let's decide on the agenda. I think the details of the OB Case Discussion competition should be finalized by today. Can't wait to compete with future managers from other B-Schools.



09:00pm
DINNER time

Let's grab some tasty Chicken Biryani along with Kheer. India vs England Test Match! What is the score? Let's go to the common room.



11:00pm

Where did I keep my Kotler. I need to go through the Hug me campaign of Coca Cola for Monday's Marketing Quiz as well.

SUNDAY
Masti 12:30am

It's midnight and It's Sunday! I hear someone playing Guitar, FIFA and PUBG too.... The perfect way to Start the end of the week

02:00am

THE ECONOMIC TIMES



That was fun but before I sleep let's have a look at Economic Times since I just had a glance at it in the morning.

04:00am

zzz What a day!

I can't keep my eyes open any longer. Let's get some sleep... zzz.



COMMITTEES

Public relations and Media cell

Public Relations and Media Cell is responsible for engaging with local connections from newspaper to media channels. The club looks into possible connections that are necessary for the institution. The committee is responsible for Newsletters, college magazines, fest promotions, photography and social media. Apart from that the committee also provides support to every other committee and club with writing, designing, photography and film making.

Alumni Relations

Alumni Relations is the alumni connect platform of IIM Bodh Gaya. Alumni Relations is responsible for alumni meets that take place in various cities. The committee is also responsible for conducting various city meets where new and old students can meet.

International Relations Committee

The International Relations Committee is the gateway for international outreach and global partnerships at IIM Bodh Gaya. It is dedicated to enrich and amplify institute's academic rigor through meaningful and mutually beneficial collaborations with esteemed institutions across the world.

Cultural Committee

Cultural committee is a significant part of IIM Bodh Gaya. Cultural committee creates a culture for students by organising various events throughout the year, which includes freshers, farewell and every festival. Cultural committee also organises fun events for students to increase interaction among them which in future develops bonds and friendship.

Admissions Committee

Admissions Committee at IIM Bodh Gaya is responsible for clearing queries regarding admissions. The Admissions Committee is in constant touch with students and clears their queries regarding hostel, faculty, place etc. Admissions committee is the first point of contact for all the new students and it becomes imperative to solve their problems.



Envision (Entrepreneurship-Cell)

Envision, Centre for Industrial Relations & Entrepreneurship Development (E-cell), IIM Bodh Gaya is a non-profit student organization. We aim at manifesting the entrepreneurial spirit of the young students with a vision to promote innovation and good governance. Envision helps in the development of entrepreneurial ecosystem by enabling interaction between its major components like students, entrepreneurs, mentors, angel investors, venture capital firms and the corporate world. We also support them by providing necessary resources such as mentoring, consulting and networking. We enhance the industry exposure of the students by inviting eminent personalities for guest talks and sharing ideas about the latest developments in their respective expertise.



Strategy and Consulting Club

The Strategy and Consulting Club aims to be a student association, which seeks to equip the student body with resources to make informed decisions on consulting careers, tools necessary to build successful careers in consulting and opportunities to promote extracurricular excellence.



Comunicación Club

The purpose of Comunicación club is to provide a platform through which students may enhance their communication and leadership skills. This will in turn bolster their personal growth and professional competence which is much needed in today's integrated business world. The club aims at organizing various events to provide opportunities which will help members to come out as confident speakers which shall further help them in their career prospects.

Sports Club

The Sports club at IIM Bodh Gaya is responsible to keep participants in the club indulged in sports and fitness activities. The initiatives from the sports club helps to maintain a lighter and healthier environment within the campus. The club provides a platform that facilitates students to participate in various intra-college sports tournament organised for the batch.



MaSq : The Marketing Club

MaSq depicting 'Marketing Squad' is the Marketing and branding club of IIM Bodh Gaya. It aims to provide students an all-round experience of marketing through both on-campus activities and industrial exposure. The club is mainly involved in hosting marketing and branding related activities like case study competitions and other events which supplement academic learnings.



FinIQs

FinIQs, The Finance Club, provides its members with a platform to explore and learn about various aspects of the financial world. The Club provides various opportunities for students to expand their knowledge of finance and the world of business from both a practical and technical perspective. It ensures that the students are well prepared to deal with complexities of the outside financial world. The club organizes a multitude of events such as quizzes, workshops and competitions which cover various topics such as investment banking, risk management, private equity, portfolio management, fixed income, and other domains of finance.



Pragati : The Social Service Club

Pragati inculcates social responsibility in the future managers/leaders. Pragati aims to promote social awareness and conduct activities focused at educating students about the pressing issues across the globe. It also offers volunteering opportunities, leadership experiences and career exploration.

The club initiates activities like:

- Remedies for social problems like environmental degradation through plantation drive etc.
- Tie-up with local authorities to promote local culture like Pitrapaksha festival and Kalachakra festival
- Blood donation camp, mini marathon to promote healthy lifestyle
- Promote education focusing on financial inclusion.



COURSE STRUCTURE



Finance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Management Accounting I 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Management Accounting II • Financial Management I 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial Management II
HR/OB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organizational Behavior I 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organizational Behavior II 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Human Resource Management
Marketing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marketing Management I 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marketing Management II 	
Economics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Microeconomics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Macroeconomics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • India and the World Economy
Operations Management & Quantitative Techniques	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statistics for Management 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operations Research • Decision Models/ Design Thinking 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operations Management
IT & Decision Sciences	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information Technology & Systems 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business Research Methodology 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business Data Analytics
Strategic Management			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategic Management
Business Communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Managerial Oral Communication 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workshop on Interviews and Presentations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Written Communication Analysis • Indian Legal System
Public Policy and Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustainable Development 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business Ethics & Corporate Social Responsibility

CORE SUBJECTS

ection



ELECTIVES

Marketing

- Consumer Behavior
- Sales & Distribution
- Integrated Marketing Communication
- B2B
- Product & Brand Management
- Services Marketing
- Retail Management
- E Commerce & Digital Marketing
- Relationship Marketing
- Pricing

Human Resources

- Performance Management
- Psychological & Psychometric Testing
- Motivation
- Conflicts and Negotiations
- Industry Relations

Economics

- Econometrics

Operations

- Supply Chain Management,
- Project Management,
- Revenue Management & Dynamic Pricing

Finance

- Security Analysis and Portfolio Management ,
- Futures, Options and Derivatives
- Bank Management
- Project Appraisal
- Financial Risk Management
- International Finance
- Behavioral Finance

Analytics

- Business Analytics Using R & Python
- Business Data Mining & Machine Learning
- Design Thinking

Strategy

- Competitive Industry Analysis
- Merger & Acquisitions
- Entrepreneurship and New Ventures
- Competition and Globalization

SEMINAR & CONCLAVE



At IIM Bodh Gaya we provide students with the opportunities to enhance their perspectives and stay abreast with the ever-changing corporate world.



Envision Cell

On 7th December 2018, a session was held in IIM Bodh Gaya of Start-Up India. Startup India is the initiative of the Government of India. The work plan of this initiative is based on the following three pillars: simplification and simplicity, funding support and incentives and industry-academic partnerships and incubation. This initiative of IIM Bodh Gaya is to make the students job maker rather than jobseeker. IIM Bodh Gaya wants to transform its students into successful entrepreneurs in the future.

At the end of the session, the students of IIM Bodh Gaya put their ideas in front of Start-Up India. Rahul Raj, a student of IIM Bodh Gaya also presented his prototype app in front of the panel. IIM Bodh Gaya is completely dedicated to startups and wants many entrepreneurs to emerge from Bihar. This session was filled with curiosity and opened new doors for the students with regards to starting up.

Gyanodaya

Gyanodaya -IIM Bodh Gaya's maiden HR conclave was held on 15th and 16th of September 2018. The theme of the conclave was "Changing HR trends in the modern world". Dr Vinita Sahay started the conclave by addressing the student body and all the dignitaries present. Dr Vinita Sahay said "IIM Bodhgaya is a new member of the IIM society because of which it has to try harder than the

rest". After the speech of the director the first keynote speaker, Mr Manoj Prasad took the stage. He quoted Alvin Toffler "The illiterate of the 21st century will not be those who cannot read and write, but those who cannot learn, unlearn and relearn" and said that this emphasised the disruption going around us through blockchain, IoT, artificial intelligence and deep learning. Our next keynote speaker Mr Sumit Sabharwal, gave his insight on the topic. The diversity of the workforce is also an important factor as having a diverse workforce improve the culture of the organisation and increases profitability by 50%. The keynote speaker for the second day was Mr Parthasarathi Mishra. He started his speech by saying that in Tata Steel they do not use boys and girls while addressing instead they say, person. He said that the pinch of HR is missing from HR these days, we may talk about analytic and artificial intelligence but it is the human interaction which runs the business. He concluded by saying that the first and most important thing for an HR is the belief if someone believes he can do it then surely he can do it. The session moved on to the panel discussion which was on the topic "How to manage the contingent workforce". With HRM present from different industries. The downside of the contingent workforce is the attrition rate which are in double digits. The discussion ended with a conclusion that the contingent workforce is required at the lower end of the pyramid where most of the work does not require a high level of skillset. Overall, it was an enlightening experience for the entire IIM Bodh Gaya fraternity.



SOME OF THE EMINENT GUEST SPEAKERS

Vijay Sinha

Senior Vice President- HR & Admin.
JSW Steel Ltd.

Ved Arya

Founder and Former CEO of SRIJAN

Abhilash Misra

CEO of NSE Academy Ltd.

Krishnamurthy Subramanian

Chief Economic Advisor, Govt of India

Prateek Ranjan

CRM East Region, Tata Motors

Rajendra Singh

Waterman - Magsaysay Awardee

Atul Parvatiyar

Professor of Practice in Marketing & Supply Chain Management Area and the Director, Centre for Sales & Customer Relationship Excellence at Rawls College of Business at Texas Tech University, USA

Amit Kumar Sahoo

Senior HR Business Partner, Capgemini India

Shiva Kumar

HR Head, Acquity Analytics & Labs India Pvt Ltd

Subhankar Ghose

Chief People Officer, Zoom Insurance Brokers Private Limited

Bikram Nayak

Head TA, L & T Construction

Kamalika Deka

Regional Head HR North, Domino & Pizza, India

Sahil Nayar

Associate Director HR, KPMG India

Saumen Chatterjee

Director HR, DR. Reddy & Laboratories

Michelle Suradkar

Group CHRO, MullenLowe Lintas Group

Rashmi Mansharamani

Corporate Head HR, The Wave Group

Manoj Prasad

VP-HR, Reliance Industries Limited

Sumit Sabharwal

Head-HR, Fujitsu Consulting India

Parthasarathi Mishra

CHRM- Tata Steels Limited

Badrish Prakash

Senior Director at Tiger Analytics

Raghav Narsalay

Managing Director at Accenture Research

Smita Shahi

State HR Head (Bihar) Reliance Jio Infocom

Amber Dubey

Partner KPMG

Kumar Nachiketa

Vice President Deloitte



PAST RECRUITERS

ALUMNI TESTIMONIALS

Sushmita Payal, Batch 2016-18

Coming to IIM Bodh Gaya has been one of the best decisions of my life. Being in the presence of people from all four corners of the country in such a dynamic environment has instilled values in me that no amount of education could provide. Playing, dining, studying and competing together and against each other has helped me expand my horizons exponentially and become the outgoing, cheerful, competitive and responsible individual that I am today. I hope the upcoming batches have the same, if not a steeper growth curve.

Pranav Daund, Batch of 2017-19

A manager is as good as his connections. Although being an emerging IIM, IIM Bodhgaya helped me create a lot of connections which I am finding extremely useful in my professional life. I will always remember the all-nighters before exams, the late night Maggi parties and the time spent discussing a plethora of topics over dinner!

It is here where I truly learnt what being a team player actually means because every single person of this close knit family worked hard and contributed in every way possible to ensure that this institute has a rich legacy, which the future batches will be proud of.

Srikar Prabandham, Batch of 2017-19

The 2 years I spent at the Enlightening IIM transformed me in a way which I never imagined was possible for a person like me. Professors that love to teach, batch mates who bring out the best in you, Seniors who inspire and guide you, helped a wanderer to channelise his thoughts whose opinions matter now in crucial decisions. The hostel life is one thing that I will cherish my entire life- watching cricket finals together in the common room, playing volleyball and those late-night TT fights, celebrating almost all the festivals- all these experiences will remain embedded in my memory for life. IIM Bodh Gaya is a sapling which will grow up to become the mighty Bodhi Tree, take my word for it.

Pinky Paliwal, Batch of 2016-18

In the beginning, I was very skeptical about joining IIM Bodh Gaya, but the moment I came to this college, I was met with nothing but energy and enthusiasm. It has been a great experience at IIM Bodh Gaya, be it learning new courses, interacting with faculties and guest speakers, engaging with batch mates, getting help from our humble seniors, and enjoying with fun-loving juniors. I found the environment at IIM Bodh Gaya very supportive and conducive to intellectual thinking and learning, which significantly contributed towards my success. To anyone thinking about making into IIM Bodh Gaya, I'd say 'just go for it', because it's well worth it in the end.

Miraj Makadiya, Batch of 2016-18

"Two roads diverged in a wood and I, I took the one less traveled by, and that has made all the difference"; These words from Robert Frost truly describe my experience at IIM Bodh Gaya. IIM BG has given me an invaluable and enriching experience working through case studies and discussions on real-life business problems with professors and peers from various industries. It is the place that has given me an environment of infinite opportunities. I have made memories of a lifetime from this experience and I feel honoured to be a part of its history.

Sai Prasad, Batch of 2017-19

"When you want something, all the universe conspires in helping you to achieve it" My stint at IIMBG affirms my belief in the above statement. Along with helping me in expanding my horizon in management knowledge, IIMBG has also helped me in discovering my potential. It has all the necessary things to make student life-enriching. I had joined IIMBG with many dreams and it was a 'ticking all the boxes' experience for me.

ABOUT BODH GAYA

The crucible of Buddhism, Bodhgaya was where Prince Siddhartha attained enlightenment beneath a bodhi tree 2600 years ago and became Buddha (the 'Awakened One'). In terms of blessedness, this tiny temple town is to Buddhists what Mecca is to Muslims. Bodh Gaya lies 13 km. south of Gaya beside the river Phalgu. At the centre of Bodh Gaya stands the elegant Mahabodhi Temple, rising to the lofty height of 55 metres. Inside the temple, a single chamber holds a large gilded image of the Buddha.

At the rear of the temple to the west lies the large Bodhi tree beneath which Buddha gained nirvana.

In Bodh Gaya, almost every nation with a Buddhist following has its own monasteries – Bhutan, China, Japan, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Cambodia, Thailand, etc. Besides, there are monasteries belonging to the lesser known sects of Indian Buddhism. All these are within an easy walking distance of the Mahabodhi temple. Each temple has its own architectural style. Each offers visitors a unique opportunity to peek into different Buddhist cultures and compare architectural

styles. The Indosan Nipponji Temple is an exercise in quiet Japanese understatement compared to the richly presented Bhutanese Monastery nearby, which houses some wonderfully colourful and intricate frescoes. The most impressive of all the modern monasteries is the Tergar Monastery of the Karmapa school of Tibetan Buddhism. It's a glory of Tibetan decorative arts that will leave you slack-jawed as you enter. A none-too-distant runner-up is the impressive Thai Temple, a brightly coloured wat with gold leaf shimmering from its arched rooftop and manicured gardens. Meditation sessions are held here mornings and evenings. The Tibetan Karma Temple, with double-dragon brass door knockers, and Namgyal Monastery, contain large prayer wheels. Monasteries are open sunrise to sunset. Bodh Gaya attracts thousands of pilgrims from around the world every year, who come for prayer, study and meditation. They spend weeks, even months here, practising meditation techniques or enrolling for introductory courses in Buddhist teachings or learning to read Pali, the language of the ancient commoners and of the Buddha.



HOW TO REACH



Rail: Gaya is a major Railway junction on the Grand Chord line served by express, superfast and Rajdhani express trains. The nearest railway station is Gaya (17km).

Local Transport: Taxis, Tongas, Auto Rickshaws, Cycle Rickshaws are available.

Bus: Regular direct bus services are available from Gaya, Patna, Nalanda, Rajgir, Varanasi. Bihar State Tourism Development Corporation run buses from Patna- Bodh Gaya route twice a day..



Air: Bodh Gaya has an international airport served by Druk Air, Thai Airways, Air India and Indigo Airlines. Alternatively, one can fly to Patna (110 km away) and take a train, luxury bus, or a taxi to reach Bodh Gaya.

The nearest airport is at Gaya, 7 Kms and Patna, 135 kms. Most airlines connect Patna with Mumbai, Delhi, Ranchi, Lucknow and various other cities.

Road: Bodh Gaya is well connected by road to Gaya (17km), Nalanda (101 km), Rajgir (78 km), Patna (135km), Varanasi (252 km), Kolkata (495km)





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