



MESSAGE

I am happy to learn that the state government with support from Ministry of Tourism, Govt. of India is organising the International Buddhist Conclave in Bodh Gaya from September 26-28, 2014, with an aim to promote Buddhist Circuit in Bihar.

Bihar has tremendous potential for tourism. There are wide ranges of tourist spots in the state which can be explored and experienced. I believe this conclave will help in showcasing the Buddhist spots in Bihar on an international platform.

On this occasion, I extend my greetings of felicitations to the organisers and participants for being part of this conclave and wish them all success in their future endeavours.

Best Wishes,

Jitan Ram Manjhi
Hon'ble Chief Minister, Bihar



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It gives me great pleasure that the Ministry of Tourism, Govt. of India in collaboration with the State Government of Bihar and Uttar Pradesh is organizing the International Buddhist Conclave in Bodhgaya and Sarnath from the 26th to 28th September 2014.

India is one of the world's great reservoir of history, cultures, philosophies, religions and global interest to visit and experience these assets and this puts India amongst the most desired destinations for tourist and pilgrims.

The Buddhist Circuit has been identified as one of the priority circuits by the Government of India and the Ministry of Tourism is taking various initiatives for the development and promotion of this Circuit. The International Buddhist Conclave is one such initiative to promote and showcase the Buddhist heritage of the country to the international tour operators, media representatives and opinion makers participating in the Conclave.

I extend a very warm welcome to our guests from overseas and wish them a pleasant stay in our country. I hope this glimpse into the rich culture and heritage of India will encourage them to come back again.

Shripad Naik
Minister of State (Independent Charge)
For Tourism & Culture
Government of India



MESSAGE

Dear All,

We all know that the state of Bihar has immense potential of tourism. Either it's Lord Buddha or Lord Mahavira, or Guru Govind Singh Jee Mahahraj or Hazrat Makhdum Sheikh Sarfudeen Yahiya Maneri; be it Emperor Ashoka or our always remembered freedom fighters Mahatma Gandhi; all have contributed to the glory of India.

After two years, the Buddhist conclave has come to Bihar. I am glad that the state government with support from Ministry of Tourism, GoI is organising the Buddhist Conclave in Bodh Gaya from September 26-28, 2014. This event is set to cater and promote tourism to the stakeholders including tour operators, travel agents, etc. and will create a success history for the state and nation.

On this occasion, I extend my greetings of felicitations to all the organizers, participants, delegates who have come a long way to be part of this conclave and help us in promoting the Buddhist circuits in Bihar.

I wish the conclave a great success.

Best Wishes,

Dr. Javed Iqbal Ansari
Minister
Deptt. Of Tourism, Bihar



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I am very pleased that the Ministry of Tourism, Govt. Of India is organizing an International Buddhist Conclave in Bodhgaya and Sarnath in September 2014, in collaboration with the State Governments of Bhar and Uttar Pradesh.

India, the birthplace of one of the world's major religions, Buddhism, has a very rich Buddhist Heritage, with several important sites associated with the life of Lord Buddha which are of great interest for followers of Buddhism the world over.

The International Buddhist Conclave is one of the Ministry of Tourism's initiative to promote India as the land of origin of Buddhism and to increase visits of pilgrims as well as tourists wishing to experience the essence of Buddhist heritage, to the Buddhist sites in the country.

The Conclave will include a presentation and an exhibition highlighting the Buddhist attractions in India and visits to important Buddhist sites in and around Bodhgaya and Sarnath. I am sure that the business meetings between the international and domestic tour operators during the Conclave will contribute significantly to increase in visits to the Buddhist Circuit in India.

I wish all guests from overseas a memorable stay in India and all participating delegates a successful Conclave.

Parvez Dewan
Secretary
Ministry of Tourism
Government of India



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It's a matter of immense pleasure that Bihar Tourism in collaboration with Ministry of Tourism, Govt. of India is hosting the International Buddhist Conclave, 2014 at Bodh Gaya from September 26-28, 2014.

I am confident that this conclave shall usher new opportunities to the prospects of Bihar Tourism at international arena.

I express my warm wishes to all the delegates for being the part of such memorable event. I also congratulate the organizers, officials and all concerned for their sincere effort in making this event a grand success.

Best Wishes,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Anjani'.

Anjani Kumar Singh, I.A.S.
Chief Secretary
Government of Bihar



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I am delighted to know that Bihar Tourism is hosting a three-day International Buddhist Conclave, 2014 at BodhGaya with the support of Ministry of Tourism, Govt. of India in which honorable delegates from world over taking part to strengthen the harmony of the mankind.

I resolve that this Conclave shall take Bihar Tourism to the new horizon of international tourism. Bihar had the privilege of serving the Lord Buddha who spread the message of peace and tranquility across the world. The places associated with him are sacred worldwide. The Bihar has a rich past with plenty of historical, religious and archeological monuments that if showcased properly at the global platform shall become one of the most sought after destinations in the world.

I express my humble gratitude to the organizers and all the delegates participating in this conclave and wish this event a great success.

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized 'S' and 'K' followed by a horizontal line.

S. K. Negi
Development Commissioner
Bihar



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At the outset , I extend my sincere gratitude to the Ministry of Tourism , Govt. of India, for giving us the opportunity to host the coveted international Buddhist conclave , 2014, and to showcase our heritage and legacy to the venerable delegates from across the globe .

I believe the conclave will provide a platform to the Domestic and International Tour Operators, Travel Writers, Opinion Makers, Travel Journalists and Scholars along with other Stake Holders to exchange their rich ideas and experiences, which in turn would help us in improving our strategies for further development of Buddhist Circuit across India. The conclave will also enable the delegates to perceive the rich heritage and legacy of the very LAND OF BUDDHA, the historic BIHAR. It will also provide an opportunity to introduce them with the enormous potential of tourism existing in the state. We 'd be glad to receive comments & valuable suggestions from this august gathering to further enhance the contribution of Bihar to the world tourism.

I extend my sincere thanks and gratitude to the Ministry of Tourism, our Chief Secretary and Development commissioner for inspiring and guiding us in our endeavor at every step. I would also like to express my thanks to my colleagues of other departments for their able assistance. My heartfelt thanks to District Administration Gaya & Rajgir , Airport Authorities, Gaya , Archeology Directorate & BTMC for their unstinting support.

I take this opportunity to thank all my officers and staff of the Tourism Department, Directorate and Corporation for displaying utmost sincerity, hardwork and camaraderie in execution of the task to make this event plausible.

Last but not least I'd record my appreciation for all the Artists, Creative Agency, Consultant, Adviser, Event organizer , Hoteliers, Transporters for giving the best of their efforts in making this event a success and to all print and electronic media for providing wide coverage of this event.

Warm Regards,

Dr. Deepak Prasad
Principle Secretary
Deptt. Of Tourism, Bihar





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