

Buddhavanam

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Buddhavanam Latest News

The contestants of Miss World 2025 from 22 countries visited Buddhavanam, a Buddhist theme park, on the occasion of Buddha Purnima recently.

About Buddhavanam

- It is a **Buddhist theme park** located on the **northern bank of Krishna River in Telangana**.
- The Government of India has sanctioned the project as **part of developing an integrated Buddhist Circuit** with a vision to attract a large number of domestic and international tourists, particularly from southeast Asia.
- It has an extent of 279 acres.
- It is developed to **showcase the life and teachings of Gautama Buddha**.
- It features the Entrance plaza, **Buddhacharitha Vanam (Life of Buddha)**, **Jataka Park** (which highlights **stories from Buddha's previous lives**), **Dhyana Vanam for meditation**, the **Stupa Vanam** (home to the imposing **Maha Stupa**), and an **in-house Buddhist Heritage Museum**.

- There are intricate carvings on the drum and dome portions of the Mahastupa and a virtual hanging sky with lotus petals under the sky inside the Mahastupa.
- **Located just beside Nagarjuna Sagar**, a reservoir formed due to the construction of the dam across the river Krishna, **Nagarjunakonda or Sriparvata – Vijayapuri, served as capital city of the Ikshvaku dynasty**, which ruled Andhradesa during the **3rd and 4th centuries A.D.**
 - **Nagarjunakonda** was **named after** the famous **Buddhist scholar and Madhyamika philosopher Acharya Nagarjuna**.
 - Nagarjunakonda was a **centre of Mahayana Buddhism**, where many Buddhist sects had their monasteries, shrines, and stupas built to propagate the Dhamma.
 - **Excavations** conducted at Nagarjunakonda between 1954 and 1960 have **revealed the existence of a Maha Stupa, Votive Stupas, Chaityas, Silamandapas** and a good number of **Buddhist sculptural panels and antiquities**.
 - The structures exposed also included a palace complex and a few Brahmanical temples built of bricks.
 - The sculptural panels were depicted with the major events of the life of the Buddha and Jataka stories.
 - **Most of the structures** were **reconstructed on the Nagarjunakonda Island** and at Anupu, a ferry point on the right bank of the river Krishna.

Buddhavanam FAQs

Q1: Where is Buddhavanam located?

Ans: Telangana

Q2: Nagarjunakonda was the capital city of which ancient dynasty?

Ans: It served as capital city of the Ikshvaku dynasty, which ruled Andhradesa during the 3rd and 4th centuries A.D.

Q3: What type of Buddhism was prominent in Nagarjunakonda?

Ans: Mahayana Buddhism

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