

# **Ancient Buddhist Universities in India**

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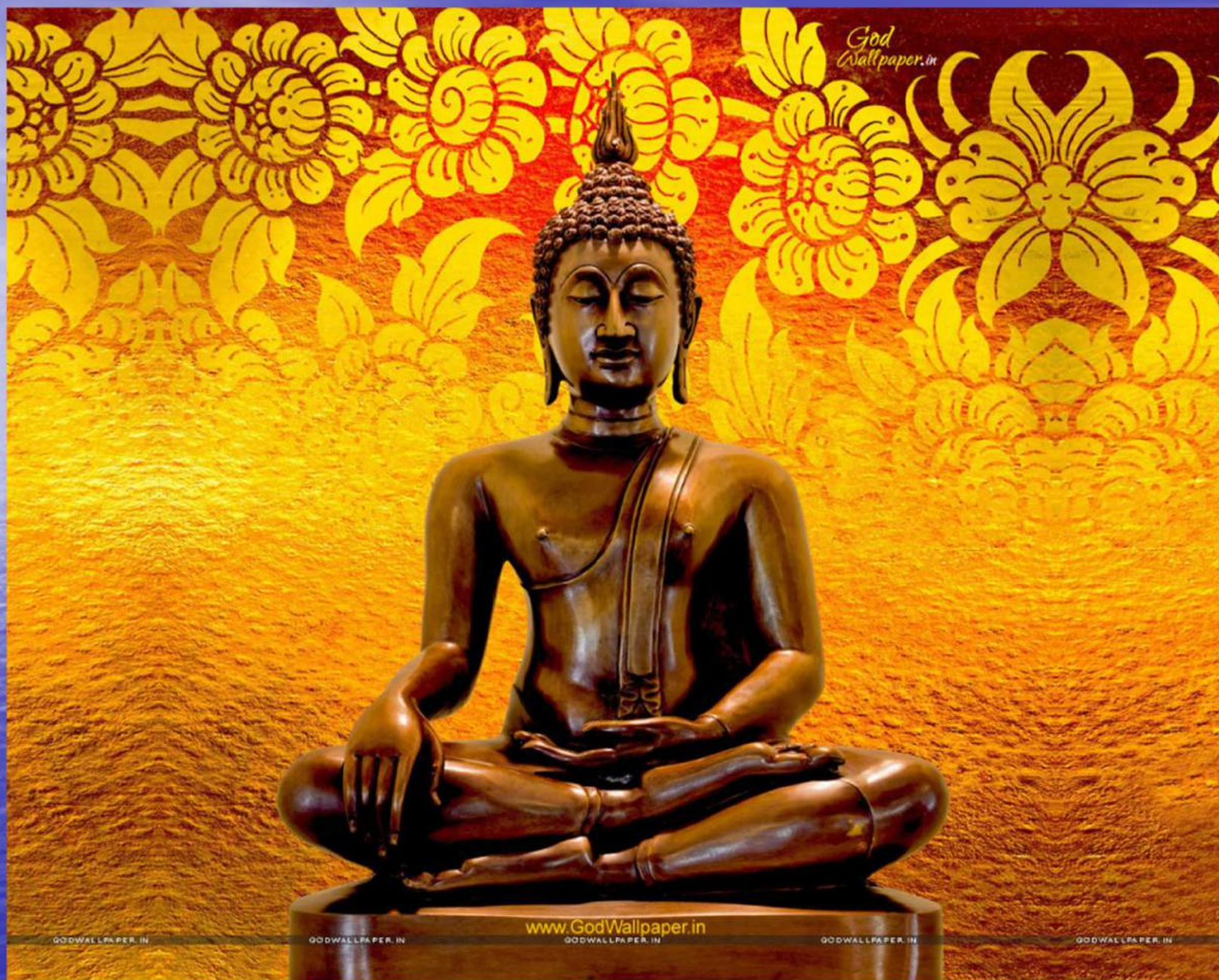


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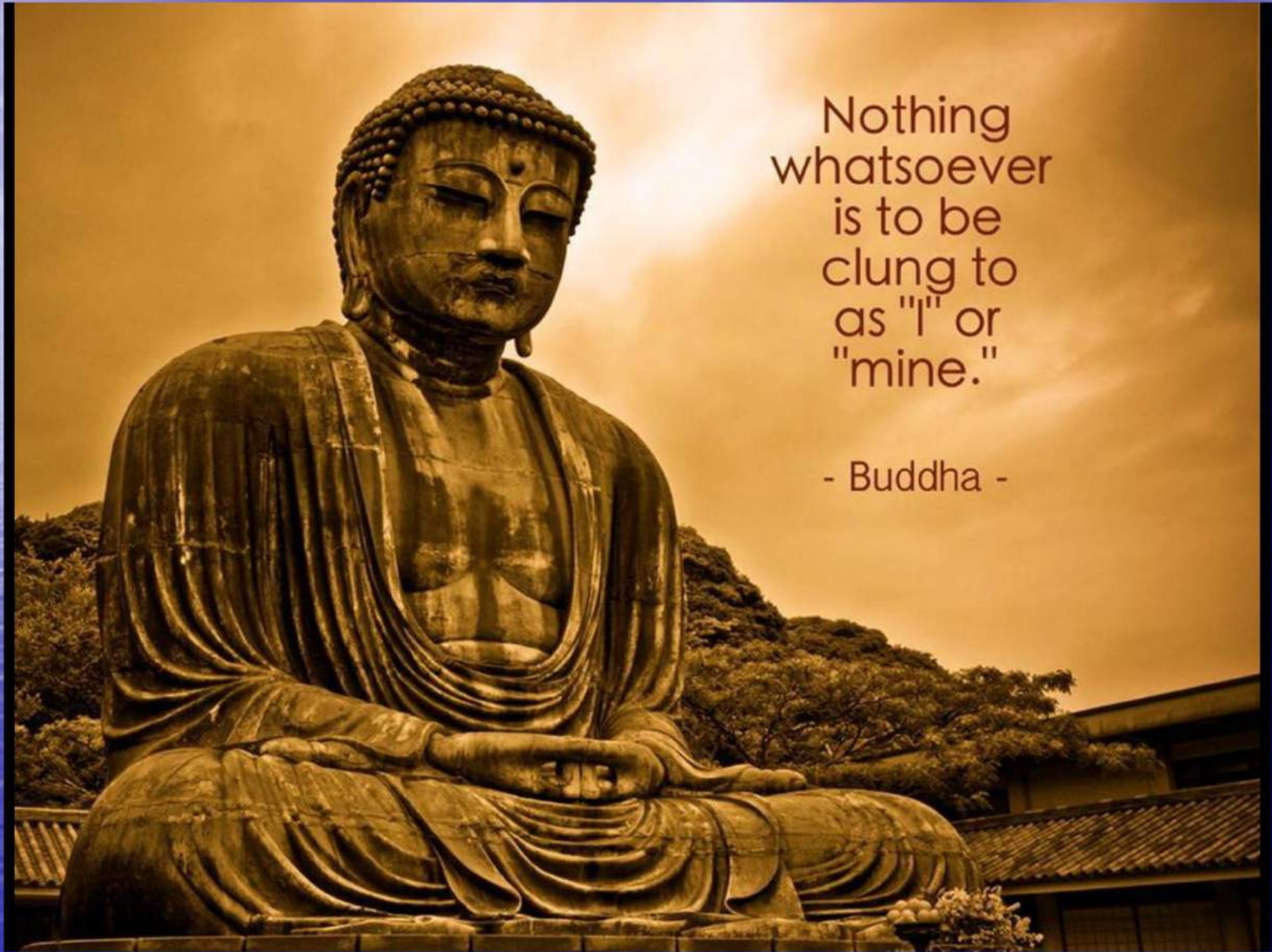












Nothing  
whatsoever  
is to be  
clung to  
as "I" or  
"mine."

- Buddha -











# Ancient Buddhist University in India

- In contrast to this with the rise of Buddhism in India, there arose many center's of learning which did not exist before.
- Buddhist monks could opt for a life of meditation in the forests, or a life of teaching, preaching, propagating the Dhamma as a result of these activities, seats of learning arose.
- These seats of monastic learning (Pirivenas) gradually developed and some of them became full-fledged universities.



## 22 Major Ancient Buddhist University

- These organized institutions in the form of Monasteries, Viharas and Universities formed the spinal cord of the country.
- Well established regular educational institutions were founded during Buddhist period.
- Gradually big shrines and hermitages began to function as educational institutions.
- With the passage of time these places assumed the status of institutions imparting primary and higher education.



1. Takshila Buddhist University
2. Nalanda Buddhist University
3. Vallabhi Buddhist University
4. Vikramshila Buddhist University
5. Teleadaka Buddhist University
6. Odantapuri Buddhist University
7. Sompura Buddhist University
8. Jaggadala Buddhist University
9. Phushpagiri Buddhist University
10. Nagaarjunakonda Buddhist University
11. Kashmir or Shardha Buddhist University



1. Ujjain Buddhist University
2. Nabadwip Buddhist University
3. Tawang Buddhist University
4. Shrangiri Buddhist University
5. Samye Buddhist University
6. PanditVihara Buddhist University
7. Gunshila Buddhist Women University
8. Kashi Buddhist University
9. Kanchipuram Buddhist University
10. Kururshetra Buddhist University
11. Kanheri Rock-cut Buddhist University



# Takshila University





# Nalanda University





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# Vallabhi University





# Vikramshila University





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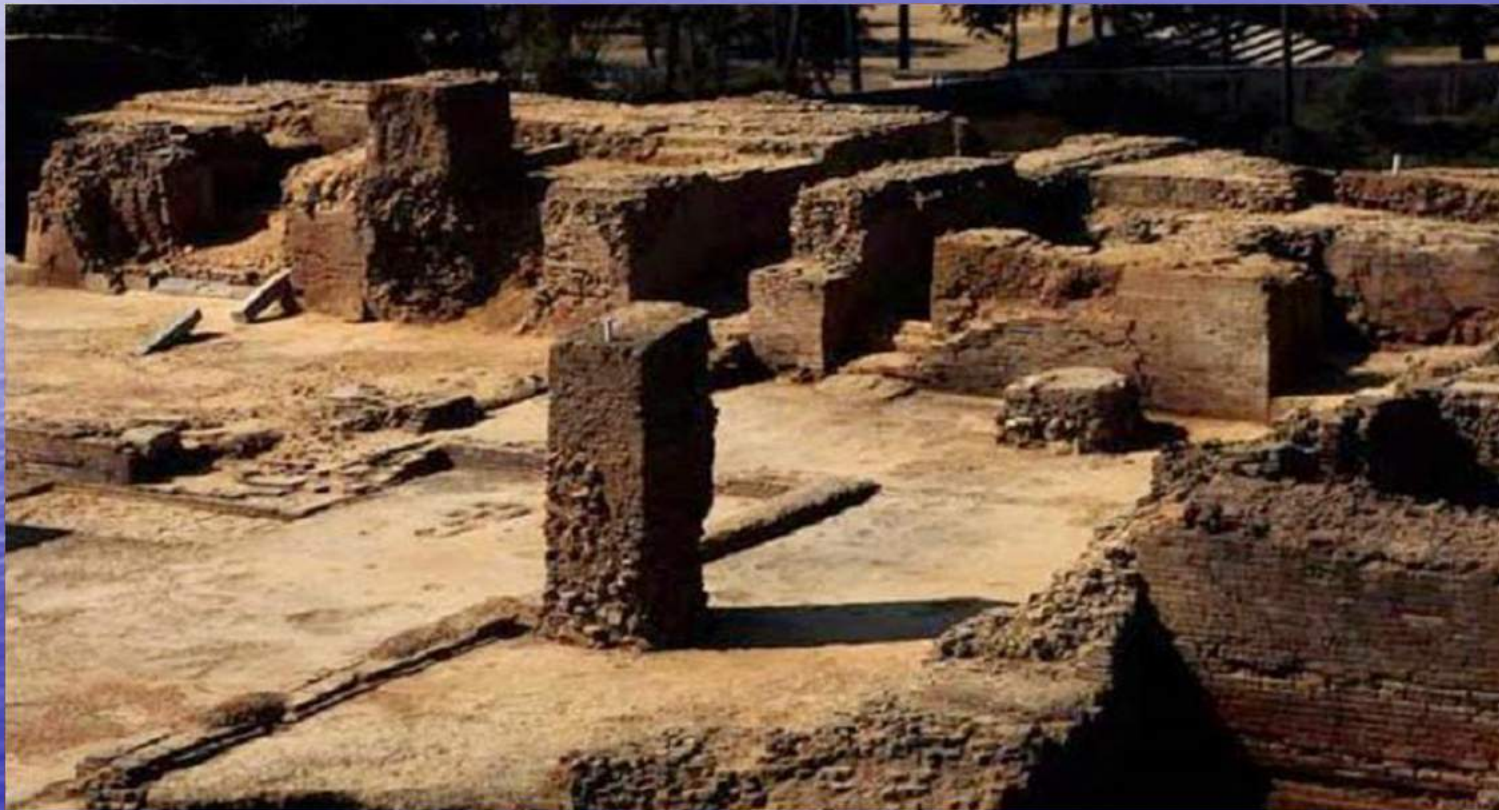


# Telhara or Teledaka University





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# Jagaddala University



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# Somapura University





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# Odantapuri University



# Odantapuri University





# Samye University





# Nagarjunakonda University





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# Pushpagiri University





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# Chetiyagrama Pandit Vihara





# Kashmir or Sharda University



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# Kashmir or Sharda University





# Tawang University





# Navadwip University



*Ballal Dhipi*





# Navadwip University



**Ballal Dhibi**



# Kanheri Rock-Cut University







Ajanta caves, Maharashtra





Panoramic view of Ajanta Caves  
from the nearby hill





**Cave 9, a first period Hinayana style chaitya worship hall with stupa but no idols.**





Chaitya with stupa, Cave IV (4), Aurangabad Caves





Buddha Stupa in Cave 9.





**Dubdi, Gompa, Yuksom, Sikkim**





**Inside a monastery in Yuxsom, the face of  
Budhha.**





**The Golden Chorten near Tashiding Monastery**





**top view of the new monastery and the lama's quarters at ralong, which is about 13kms. from the town of rabong or ravangla**





**The Parinirvana Temple with the Parinirvana Stupa, in Kushinara, Uttar Pradesh, India. This is the place where the Buddha attained Parinirvana (death of a Buddha).**





**Reclining Buddha statue.**





**Dhamek Stupa**





**Anandabodhi tree in Jetavana monastery.**





**Scene in Jetavana, showing some small stupas.**





**Mahasukhamdada Chin Thargyi Pagoda  
(Burmese Temple)**





**Karumadikkuttan stupa**





**Maha Bodhi Temple, Bodhgaya, India.**





**A Buddhist devotee offering prayers to the Buddha at the temple**





**Nalanda University India ruins**





**A statue of Gautama Buddha at Nalanda in 1895.**





**Vishwa Shanti Stupa at Rajgir, one of the 80 Peace Pagodas around the world.**





**Image of Buddha in the Dukhang.**





**Sacred texts in the library hall of  
the monastery**





**The 9 Stupas at Thiksey Monastery**





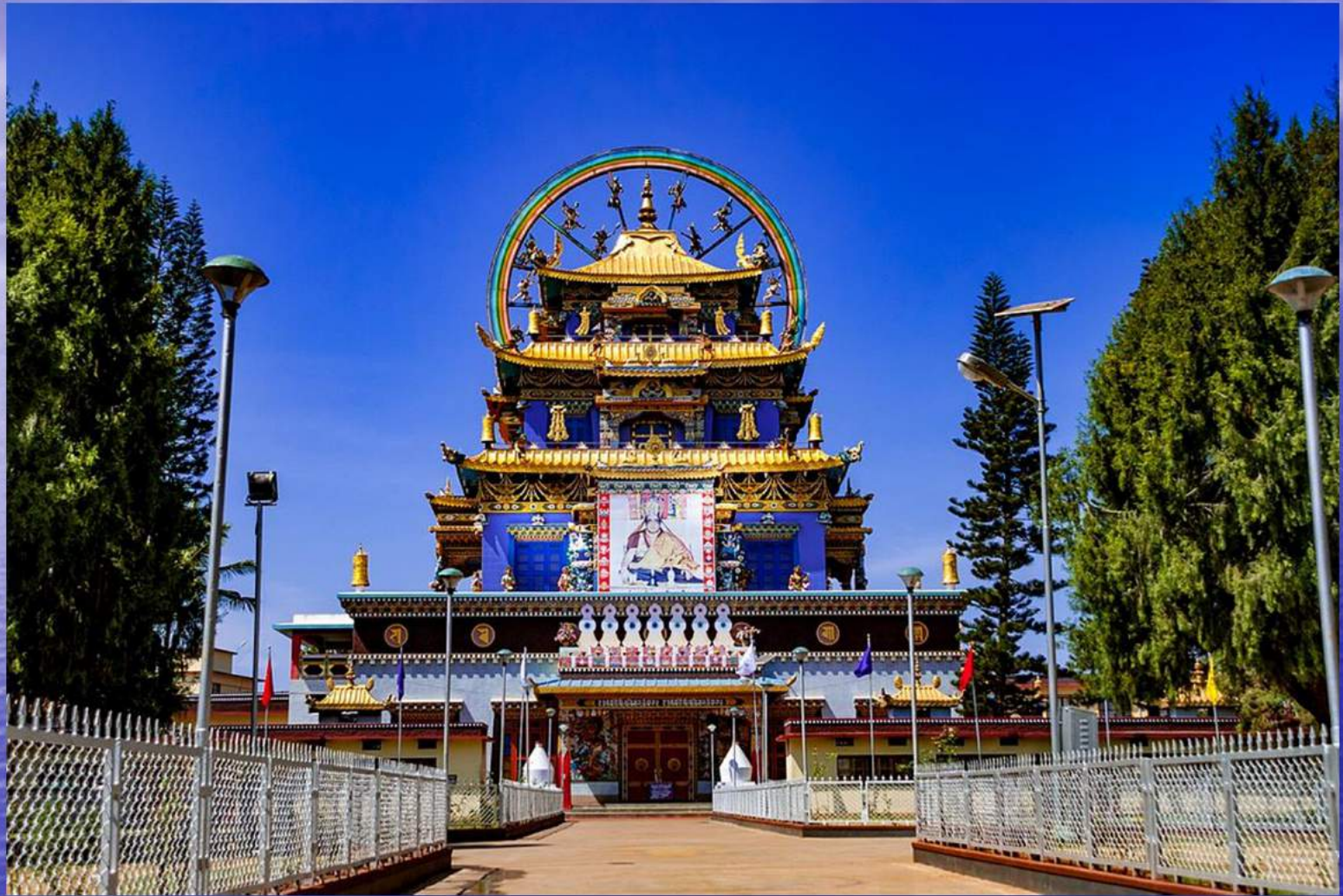
**Buddha Statue in Namdroling  
Monastery**





**Padmasambhava Buddhist Vihara**





**Zangdog Palri Temple**





**Namrodoling Monastery Bylakuppe - Golden Temple at the Tibetan Settlement near Kushalnagar, Karanataka**





**Shanti Stupa at Dhauligiri**





**Skeleton Buddha at Lalitgiri**





**Full view of Lalitgiri complex**





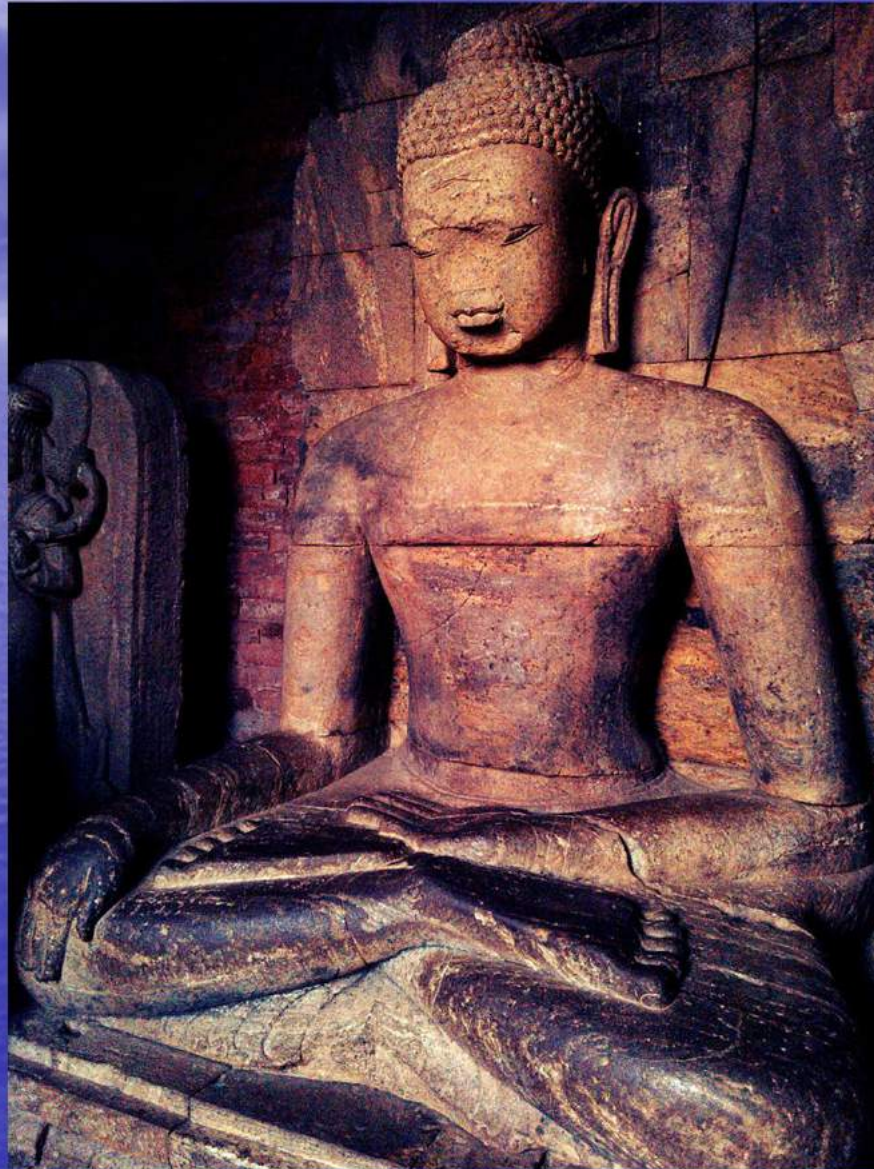
**The Chariot Wheel of Sun Temple,  
Konark, Odisha**





**Rock-cut stupas**





**Buddha's structure inside main complex**





**Stupas at Ratnagiri**





**A Buddhist Monastery at Bhutia Basti  
(settlement) in Darjeeling, 1870s.**





**Maitreya Buddha**





**Buddhist Temple Darjeeling West  
Bengal India1**





**The Zang Dhok Palri Phodong  
monastery atop Durpin Hill.**





**Mag-Dhog Yolmowa Monastery or  
Aloobari Monastery**



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