

SAKYA THEGCHEN PHUNTSOK LING



JAIGAON SAKYA MONASTERY &
BUDDHA BHARATI SCHOOL, INDIA

THE VISION



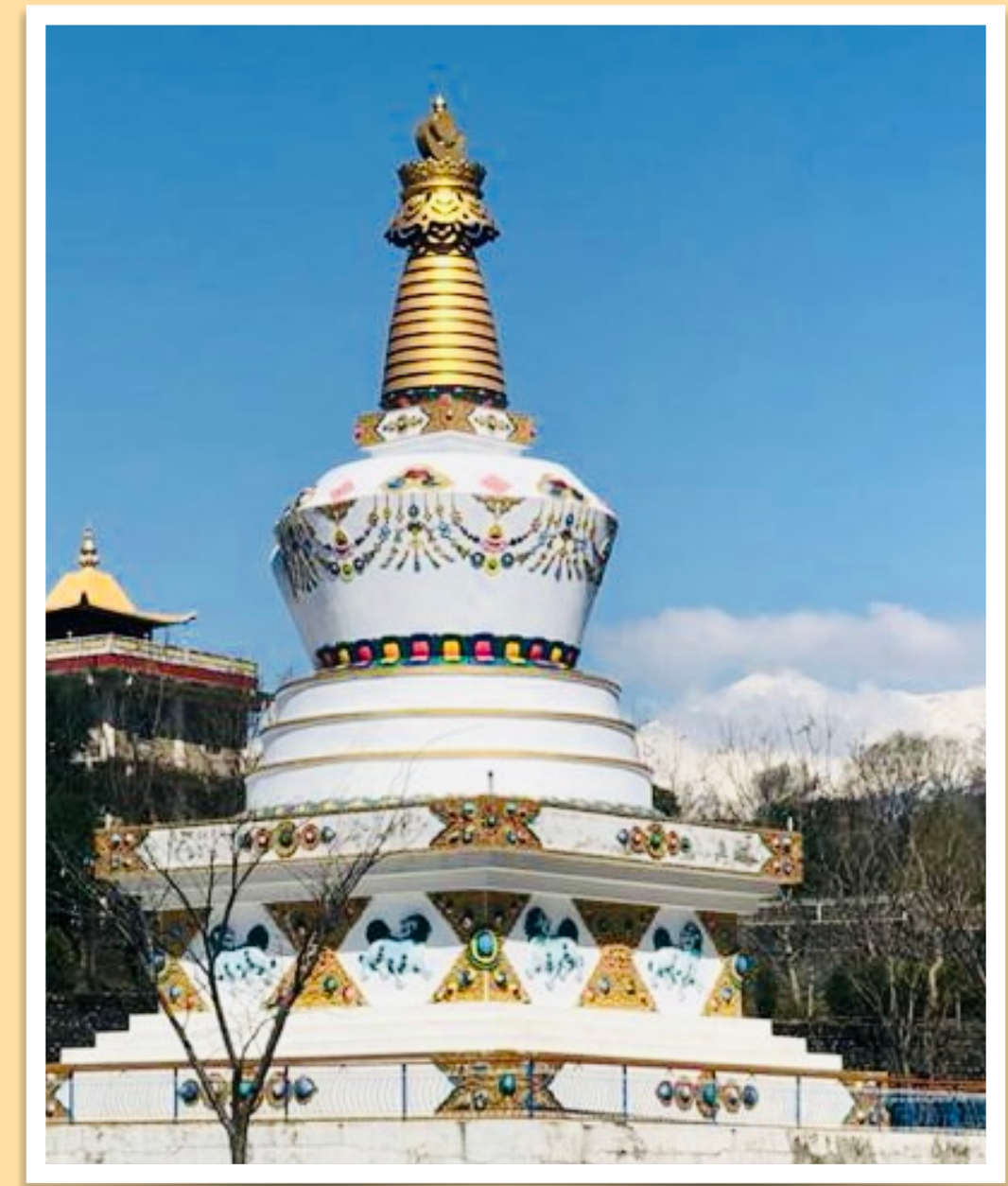
On a visit to Bhutan in the 2000's, H.H. the late Jigdal Dagchen Sakya crossed the border to Jaigaon in the Indian state of West Bengal and remarked that this was a favorable site for a Sakya Monastery of Tibetan Buddhism. Later, a generous plot of land was acquired and the work to fulfill H.H. Jigdal Dagchen Sakya's goal began.

Following the passing of H.H. Jigdal Dagchen Sakya in 2016, his family, Sangha and supporters have redoubled efforts to establish the Monastery and an adjacent school just as he wished for. The goal is to have a much-needed space substantial enough to facilitate the revival and continuation of the Tibetan Buddhist teachings and practices, particularly those of the Sakya Khön lineage that H.H. Jigdal Dagchen Sakya passed onto three of his grandsons: H.E Avikrita Vajra Sakya, H.E. Abhaya Vajra Sakya and H.E. Asanga Vajra Sakya.

THE SANCTUARY

The Monastery being built is called Sakya Thegchen Phuntsok Ling in Tibetan, which means “the Sanctuary for the Mahayana Teachings of Sakya to be Abundant” and will follow the curriculum of teachings established by the Khön dynasty in Sakya’s headquarters in Tibet, Lhakang Chenmo. This will include:

- The study of the classical treatises of the Nalanda tradition of Buddhist philosophy;
- The periodic teaching of the Path that Include the Result (Lamdre);
- The daily Tara Puja for world peace and healing;
- The daily Mahakala Puja for protection and clearing obstacles;
- The monthly Guru Dorje Dragpo Tsal puja;
- The annual grand ceremonies focused on the tantric mandalas of Vajrakila, Hevajra, Vajrayogini and others along with the anniversaries of the great masters of the tradition;
- Various other teachings, meditations and spiritual activities.



PROSPECTUS

The layout of the Monastery has been designed to facilitate the ideal study and practice of Mahayana Buddhism. This will include:

- The Sakya Thegchen Phuntsok Ling main temple including Shakyamuni Buddha statue, 21 Taras shrine, Sakya Founders statues and other Dharma-supports (statues, frescoes, etc.);
- The Phuntsok Phodrang residence for H.E Avikrita Vajra Sakya, H.E. Abhaya Vajra Sakya and H.E. Asanga Vajra Sakya along with their family and staff;
- The Domtson Dampa Library housing the teachings of the Buddha (Kangyur), the classic Indian Buddhist commentaries (Tengyur) the collected works of the Sakya Masters, archives of many rare and important Tibetan Buddhist texts, and modern academic materials;
- The H.H. Jigdal Dagchen Sakya Memorial Stupa with interior prayer-wheel and statue;
- The Protector Shrine including statues of the main Dharma Protectors, Mahakala, Magzorma, etc.;
- The Lamdre Hall (that will eventually house a 3D Sakya Refuge Tree) for daily Ngondro practice and Guru Pujas on special occasions;
- The Manjushri Hall with statues and paintings of the Rigsum Gönpö (Lords of the Three Enlightened Families - Manjushri, Chenrezig and Vajrapani) for individual meditation;
- Monks' quarters;
- Guest quarters;
- A conference hall



EDUCATION OF HEART AND MIND

The school, which is being built nearby Sakya Thegchen Phuntsok Ling, is called Buddha Bharati School. It will provide a comprehensive education to Tibetan and local children, male and female, in Tibetan language from elementary classes up to college level. Contemporary languages and sciences will also be taught so that the unique knowledge of Tibetan Buddhism will be safe in the hands of students equipped to relate their education and culture to the modern world.



SUPPORT

Generous benefactors enabled the land for Sakya Thegchen Phuntsok to be obtained and building work to begin but further funds are needed to fulfill the goal to establish this sacred space. Any donations in support of our goals are gratefully received. In addition, those who wish may sponsor individual aspects of the project. An outline of the funds required to reach that goal is as follows:

- Main temple construction
- Shakyamuni Buddha statue
- Main shrine objects and paintings
- Lamdre Hall Shrine
- Manjushri Hall Shrine
- Tara Shrine
- Monks' quarters
- Guest quarters
- Sakya Founders statues
- The Phuntsok Phodrang residence
- Domtson Dampa Library including texts
- H.H. Jigdal Dagchen Sakya Memorial Stupa with interior prayer-wheel and statue
- Protector Shrine including statues and paintings
- Main school building and equipment
- Overall building, engineering, costs etc

THE MERIT OF BUILDING A MONASTERY

A Reflection by Avikrita Vajra Rinpoche

In the Avadana teachings, Shakyamuni Buddha told the story of Maniprabha, a lay practitioner who rose to the rank of a god with a celestial mansion in a previous age from the tremendous merit of offering a complete monastery and stupa to the Buddha of that time. In the Vinaya teachings, the Buddha elaborates on this by saying that not only can building a monastery bring positive outcomes in this life and the next, it can overcome obstacles such as epidemics and, in fact, the merit is inestimable. He listed many different forms of giving that each produce a greater degree of merit, saying:



"Greater than the donation of one who gives food to a hundred Arhats is the result of one who offers land to a community of monks of the four directions. Greater than this is the result of one who has a monastery built on that land. Greater than this is the result of one who provides the monastery with all its furnishings..."

THE MERIT OF BUILDING A MONASTERY

"One who gives donations will gain bliss.
One who gives donations has no fear.
Such a donor will be offered donations
Among the gods and humans.

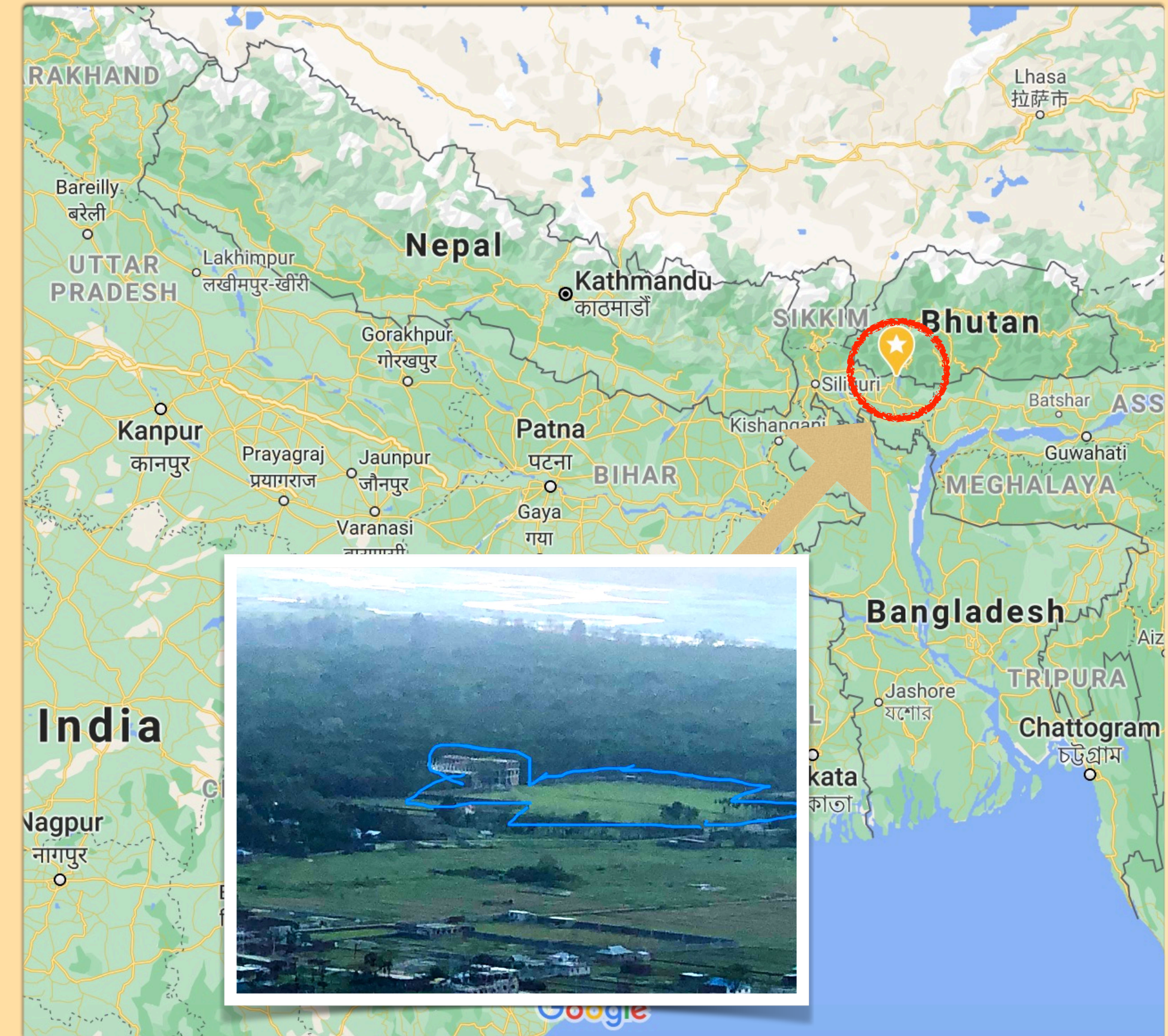
"Therefore, one who wishes for prosperity,
Royal success, heavenly estates
And liberation always
Gives donations without apprehension."



Therefore, it is clear from the Buddha's teachings that not only is the merit of donations for establishing a monastery with a stupa by practitioners incalculable for this life and our future, but also for the attainment of liberation. The Buddha is saying that about just fitting the building with seats and beds. So, imagine how incredible it is to fill such a sacred space with the Buddha's teachings and Sangha practicing those teachings? That is just what His Holiness Jigdal Dagchen Dorje Chang wanted and, through the merit of generosity, that is just what we will create.

APPENDIX 1: LOCATION AND ENVIRONMENT

- 15 acre of land, or $\sim 60700 \text{ m}^2$;
- Located in an open valley in Jaigaon, West Bengal, India. 209m above sea level, with a good view of the mountains in Bhutan and rivers nearby;
- Conveniently located near cities such as Siliguri, Darjeeling, etc. The closest international airport is 160km away;
- The climate is warm and temperate. Over the course of a whole year, the temperature typically varies from 13°C (55°F) to 34°C (93°F).



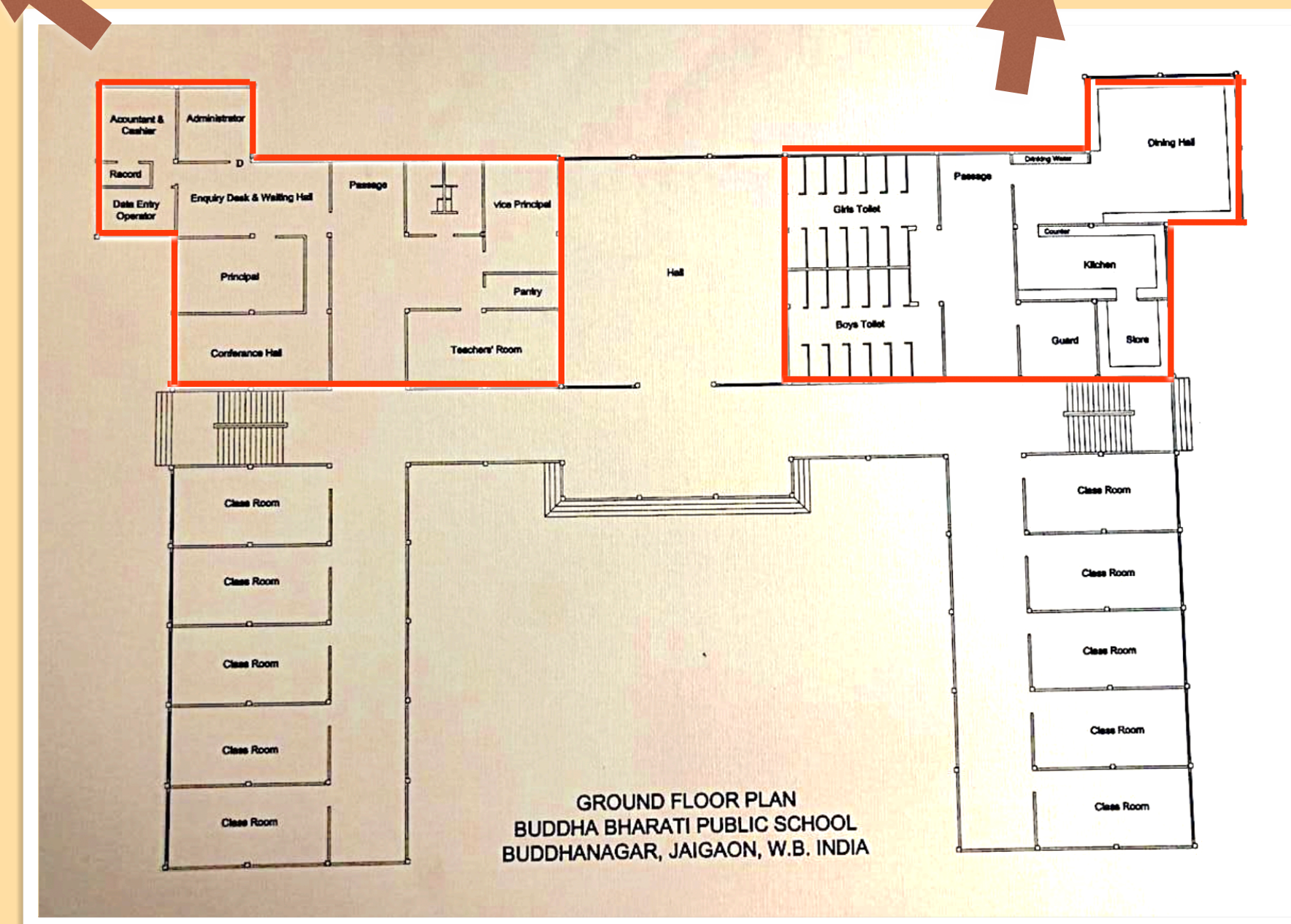
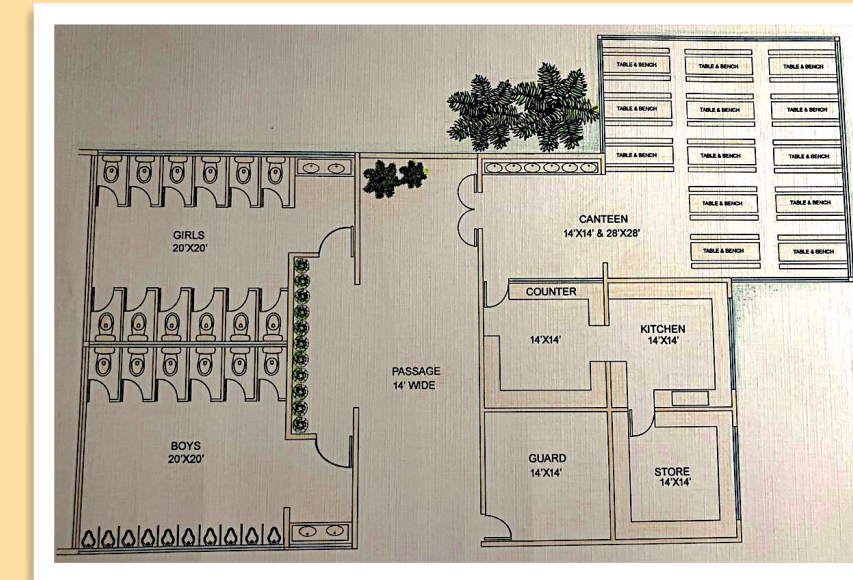
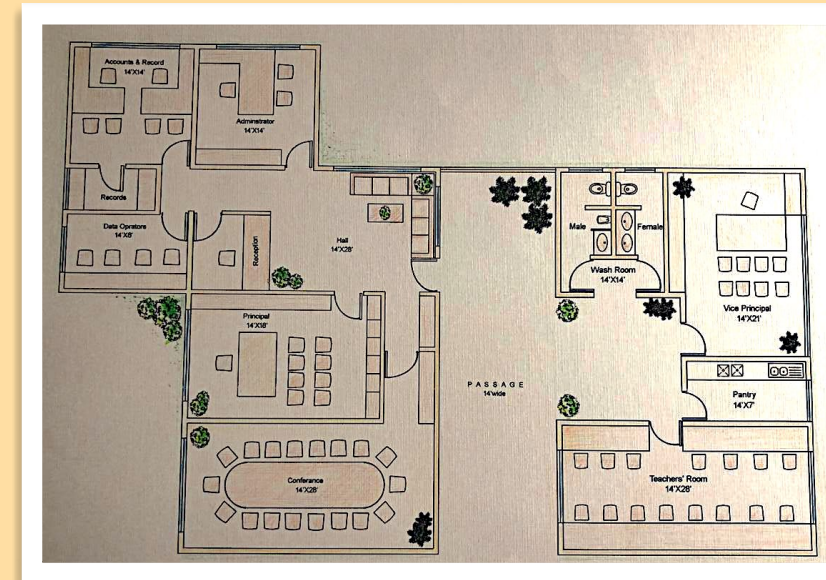
APPENDIX 2: BUILDING PLAN

- The main building, with 11600 m² building area, is a 5 floored comprehensive structure with shrine halls, classrooms, library, auditoriums, dormitory, dining hall, etc.

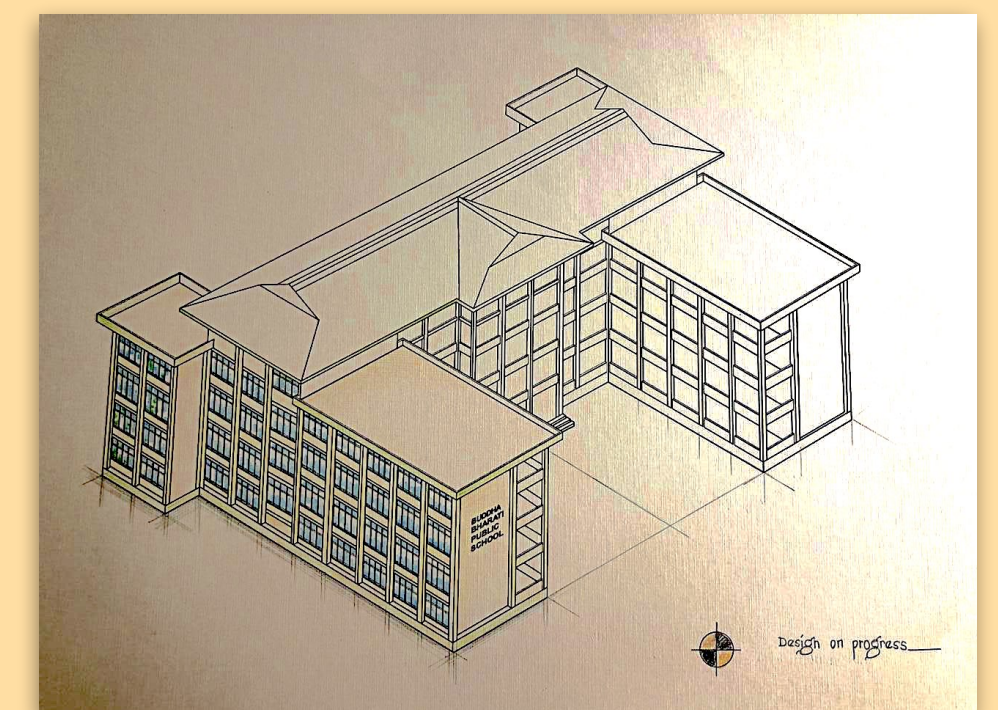
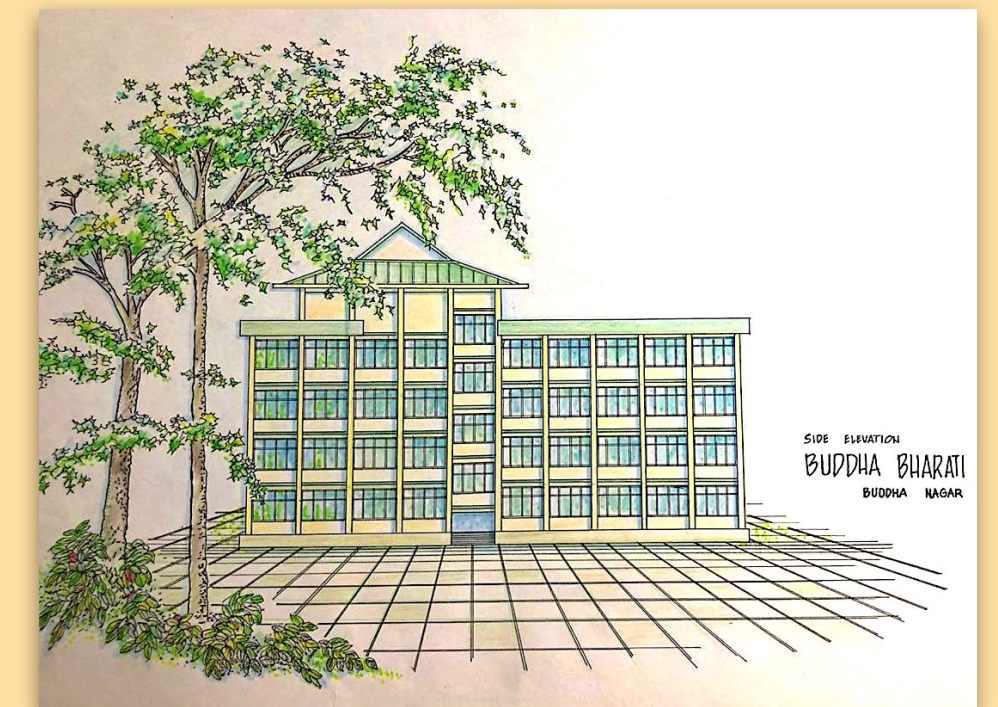
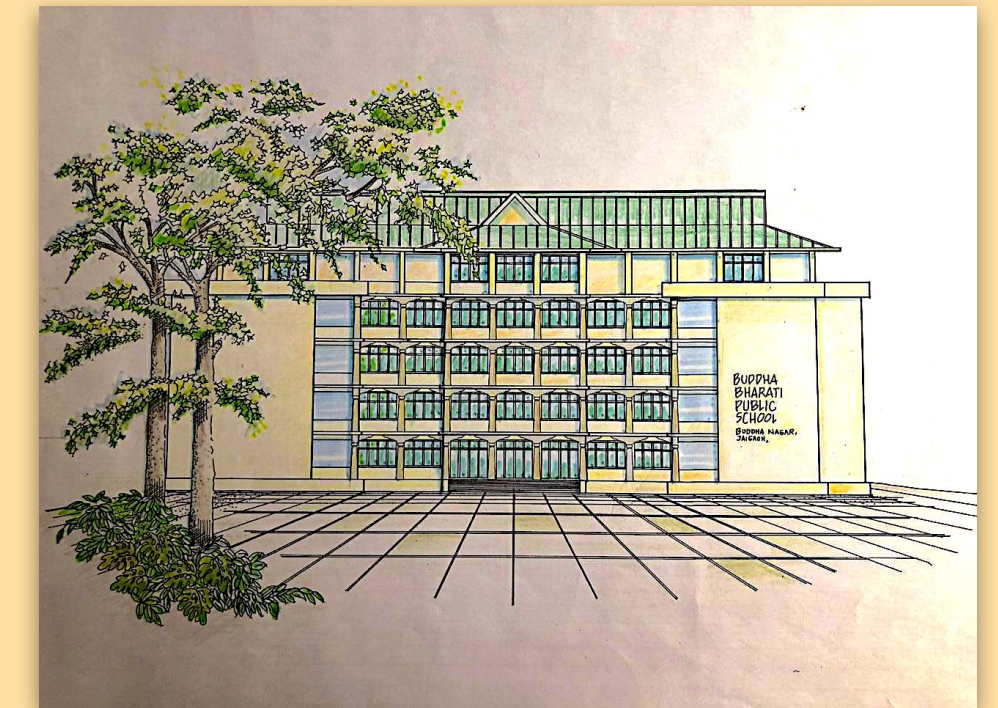


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- 1 temple,
- 3 small auditoriums,
- 1 protector hall,
- 1 Tara hall,
- 1 library,
- 6 administrative offices,
- 22 classrooms,
- 2 meeting rooms,
- 4 bedrooms for high lamas,
- 1 staff room for teachers,
- 56 dormitory rooms,
- 1 big kitchen,
- 6 small kitchens,
- 2 dining halls,
- 6 public toilets...



Ground Floor Plan



APPENDIX 3: PROJECT PROGRESS SPRING 2021

- Since the project started in 2017, four floors of the main structure of the complex building are almost finished. Total cost incurred by April 2021 is R.S. 61.5 million, or ~ USD 837,000.



The foundation of the main body structure



The foundation of the complex



Scaffold and floor formwork



Gen Jamyang Gyaltzen supervising the work



Structure of the complex building (part)



Structure of the complex building (front)



The roof of the complex building has been capped



Structure of the complex building (back)



Reinforced concrete foundation beam and column

APPENDIX 4: PROJECT COST ESTIMATION

Project Cost Estimation						
No.	Item	Price	Technical Indicators			Percentage
		(USD 000s)		Units	Unit Price (\$)	(%)
I	Construction and installation	2694.67	m²	11,600	232.30	88.42
1	Foundation	123.55	m²	2,000	61.78	4.05
2	Above ground	1557.99	m²	11,600	134.31	51.12
2.1	Civil Engineering	895.75	m²	11,600	77.22	
2.2	Electric Engineering(high voltage)	89.58	m²	11,600	7.72	
2.3	Electric Engineering(low voltage)	89.58	m²	11,600	7.72	
2.4	Water supply and drainage engineering	89.58	m²	11,600	7.72	
2.5	Fire engineering	89.58	m²	11,600	7.72	
2.6	Ventilation and air conditioning engineering	107.49	m²	11,600	9.27	
2.7	Marking Engineering	17.92	m²	11,600	1.54	
2.8	Exterior wall decoration	160.62	m²	13,000	12.36	
2.9	Others	17.92	m²	11,600	1.54	
3	Interior decoration	877.84	m²	11,600	75.68	28.81
3.1	Above ground	537.45	m²	11,600	46.33	
3.2	Interior furniture	322.47	/	11,600	27.80	
3.3	Others	17.92	m²	11,600	1.54	
4	Outdoor project	135.29	m²	51,600	2.62	4.44
4.1	Greens	61.78	m²	20,000	3.09	
4.2	Paving	55.60	m²	20,000	2.78	
4.3	Others	17.92	m²	11,600	1.54	
II	Other expenses	75.76				2.49
III	Reserve fund	277.04				9.09
	Total investment	3047.47	m²	11,600	262.71	100.00

- Estimated Total Cost: USD 3 million; Unmet needs:~ USD 2.2 million
- The actual cost is subject to final occurrence and may increase or decrease.

May the virtue of all the generosity given in support of Sakya
Thegchen Phuntsok Ling cause the precious jewel of Tibetan
Buddhism to shine forever in our world!

