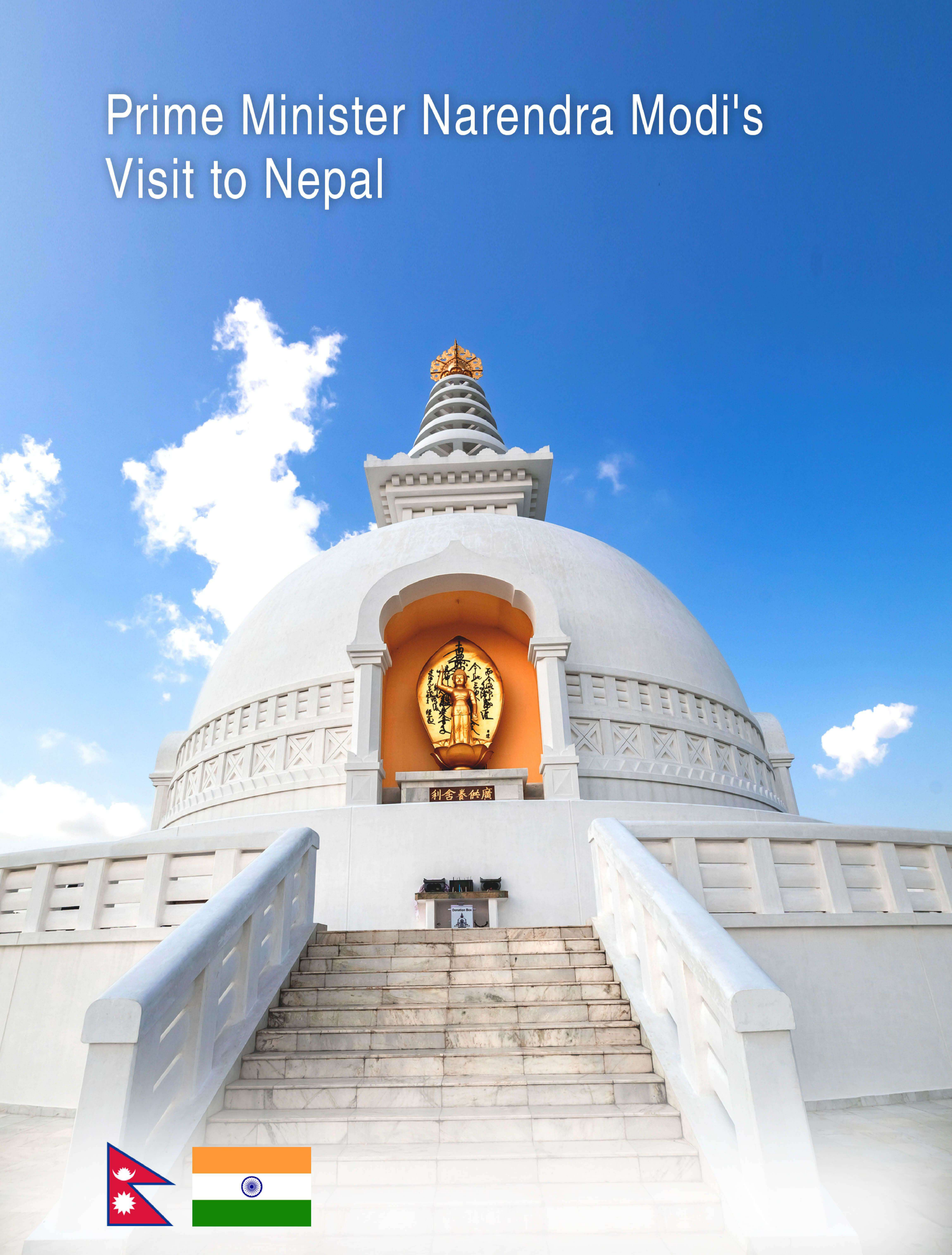
Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Visit to Nepal



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On the auspicious occasion

Prime Minister Narendra Modi embarks on a jou

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rney to Lumbini, the birth place of Lord Buddha

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Prime Minister Sher Bahadur Deuba and seve

ived at the helipad by the Nepalese
eral Ministers from the Government of Nepal

Beginning the Nepal visit with prayers at

t the sacred Maya Devi Temple, Lumbini

At the birth location of Prince Siddhartha Gautam

Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited the Mayadevi Temple in Lumbini, Nepal on May 16, 2022 as the first stop of his one-day visit to Lumbini. He was accompanied by the Nepalese Prime Minister Sher Bahadur Deuba and his wife Dr. Arzu Rana Deuba.

The two leaders paid their respects at the Marker Stone inside the temple premises, which pinpoints to the exact birth spot of Lord Buddha. Later they attended a pooja conducted as per Buddhist rituals and also lit lamps near the Ashoka Pillar located adjacent to the temple. The pillar, which was erected by Emperor Ashoka in 249 BC, bears the first epigraphic evidence of Lumbini being the birthplace of Lord Buddha.

The two Prime Ministers watered the Bodhi tree sapling from Bodh Gaya which was gifted by PM Modi to Lumbini in 2014 and also signed the temple's visitor's book.

"I feel blessed to have prayed at the Maya Devi Temple on Buddha Purnima. May Lord Buddha bless us all and make our planet peaceful and prosperous"

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi

Deepening the cultural and people-to-p

At the Shilanyas ceremony for the India Interna

eople linkages between India and Nepal

tional Centre for Buddhist Culture and Heritage

Taking forward our cultural ties

Prime Minister Modi, along with Prime Minister Deuba, performed the Shilanyas ceremony for construction of the India International Centre for Buddhist Culture and Heritage in the Lumbini Monastic Zone, Lumbini, Nepal.

The Centre will be constructed by the International Buddhist Confederation (IBC), New Delhi, on a plot allocated to IBC by the Lumbini Development Trust (LDT), under an agreement between IBC and LDT signed in March 2022.

After the Shilanyas ceremony, which was performed by monks belonging to three major Buddhist traditions - Theravada, Mahayana and Vajrayana, the two leaders unveiled a model of the Centre.

Once completed, the Centre will be a world-class facility for pilgrims and tourists from all over the world. It will be a modern building, NetZero compliant in terms of energy, water and waste handling, and will house prayer halls, meditation centers, library, exhibition hall, cafeteria, offices and other amenities.

"The India International Centre for Buddhist Culture and Heritage in the Lumbini Monastic Zone will be an important centre for learning and cultural exchanges between India and Nepal. Honoured to have performed the Shilanyas for the Centre with Prime Minister Sher Bahadur Deuba."

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi

"Most importantly, the Centre will strength
India and Nepal. It will also further popularise t
-Prime Minister

en the shared bond of Buddhism between
he teachings and noble ideals of Lord Buddha”
Narendra Modi

Towards strengthening ongoing coop
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peration and developing new areas in
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Key MoUs were inked which will diversify and deepen cooperation between the two neighbours.

List of MoUs/Agreements signed and exchanged

- MoU between Indian Council of Cultural Relations (ICCR) and Lumbini Buddhist University on the establishment of Dr. Ambedkar Chair for Buddhist Studies
- MoU between Indian Council of Cultural Relations (ICCR) and Kathmandu University (KU) on the establishment of the ICCR Chair of Indian Studies
- MoU between Indian Council of Cultural Relations (ICCR) and CNAS, Tribhuvan University on the establishment of ICCR Chair of Indian Studies
- MoU (in collaboration) between Kathmandu University (KU), Nepal and Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IIT-M), India
- Letter of Agreement (LoA) between Kathmandu University (KU), Nepal and Indian Institute of Technology (IITM), India [For Joint degree program at Master's level]
- Agreement between SJVN Ltd and Nepal Electricity Authority (NEA) for Development and implementation of Arun 4 Project