

**Executive Summary  
on the State of conservation of  
World Heritage property  
Mahabodhi Temple Complex at Bodh Gaya  
(C 1056 Rev)  
Bihar, INDIA**

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Bodhgaya Temple Management Committee (BTMC) constituted under the provisions of Bodh Gaya Temple Act of 1949 takes care of Mahabodhi Temple (Mahabodhi Mahavihara) Complex at Bodhgaya in the District of Gaya, Bihar, India. It is under the administrative control of Home (Special) Department, Government of Bihar. The Committee consists of 8 Members, including the Member Secretary, with District Magistrate, Gaya, as Ex-Officio Chairman. There are 12 Resident monks headed by the Chief Monk and 86 regular employees besides daily wage / casual workers engaged as and when in need in the management.

In response to the decisions adopted at the World Heritage Committee at its 34<sup>th</sup> session at Brasilia, 2010 and 36<sup>th</sup> Session at St Petersburg, 2012, and cater to needs recommended in the 36 COM 7B.61, The World Heritage Committee, BTMC is preparing a Site Management Plan (SMP) of Mahabodhi Temple Complex by a Consultant, selected through open tender and appointed in June, 2013 and under the guidance of a 4 members Review Committee constituted by BTMC. The preparation of SMP is in the final stage and it will be submitted to the World Heritage Committee after approval and adoption by Government of Bihar at the earliest within 2014 for necessary consideration and confirmation for implementation.

Mahabodhi Temple Complex at Bodh Gaya is well maintained in general, certain ongoing conservation works inside the Temple is undertaken by Archaeological Survey of India. The Bodhi Tree is well maintained under the care of Forest Research Institute, Dehradun. The latest visit of Dr. N.S. K Harsh, Head, Forest Pathology Division, FRI to Bodhgaya on 25-26 November, 2011 observed and noted in the report that the Bodhibriksha is in very good health.

There was an unfortunate incident of bomb blasts inside the premises of Mahabodhi Temple in the morning of 7<sup>th</sup> July, 2013 and after that onwards, the Security of Mahabodhi temple complex is presently under the charge of Bihar Police. Adequate security measures with checking at 3 stages through metal detectors and frisking of visitors for entry into Mahabodhi Temple premises are provided by the Bihar Police along with BTMC guards.

The Government of Bihar appointed a full-fledged Police Officer in the rank of Deputy Superintendent of Police as Security Incharge of Mahabodhi Temple exclusively besides usual Police administrative setup deployments at Bodhgaya. All structures of shops at the Pedestal area at the north of Mahabodhi Temple were removed and boundary walls surrounding the entire Pedestal area were built as security measure. The other boundary walls surrounding the Temple complex on three sides at the East – South and West are also under renovation/ reconstruction for completion within March, 2014 to ensure full protection of the Temple complex against security threats. The Temple complex is also provided with CCTV Cameras coverage at important sites and the same is under the process of up gradation with wider coverage with night vision cameras. The OUV of the property is intact and well preserved and not affected by the bomb blast.