

# Buddhist museum to come up in G Noida

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**A**fter high rise buildings, educational hub, IT zones and industrial units, Greater Noida is soon going to have North India's first Buddhist Museum and research Centre. A state-of-the-art Buddhist Museum and Research Centre spread over 25 acres of land within the Gautam Budh University campus has been approved recently at the Greater Noida Authority's board meeting. Estimated to cost Rs 84 crore, the museum will house art galleries, exhibition centre, class rooms, sculpture sections. The museum will also organise various cultural workshops.

According to Mohinder Singh, chairman, Greater Noida Development Authority, "Such projects would create a new benchmark in higher education, training and research. Architect CP Kukreja and Associates has prepared the concept and master plan

of the project. The project is expected to be completed by 2012."

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"With emphasis on the rigorous training and education of our young aspirants, we ensure experiential learning and cutting edge research in various fields of studies. The university's meticulously designed curriculum and training programmes focus on imparting all necessary skills required among the new entrants of the industry and corporate world," said SR Lakha, Vice Chancellor, Gautam Buddha University.

Gautam Buddha University, which was established by the Noida-Greater Noida Authority, is being run in 511 acres of lush green campus at Greater Noida.