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We find that first Vihara to be constructed in modern times was at Kusinagar in 1902 by Ven. Mahavira. Venerable Bodhanand established Buddha Vihar at Risaldar Park, Lucknow in 1925. In 1931, the famous Mulagndha Kuti Vihar constructed at Saranath by the Maha Bodhi society was opened. The opening of this Vihara marked an important milestone in the history of modern Buddhism. Most of the other Viharas have come up after the Buddhist renaissance of 1956 started by Dr. Ambedkar. In 20th century Buddha Viharas and Dr. Ambedkar Parks have become the symbols of Buddhism therefore a district-wise description of Buddha Vihar and Dr. Ambedkar Parks is necessary.

AGRA

A. BUDDHA VIHARAS:
1. Purvodaya Buddha Vihar, Chakki Pat, Agra:
   Pandit Raghunath Prasad was the main person besides Paunch Committee behind the establishment of this Vihar. Baba Sahib Dr. Ambedkar established first idol at Agra. In side premises of this Vihar a Junior High School and a Stupa of has been established.
4. Buddha Vihar Auliya Road, Agra(Estd. In 1960)
5. Buddha Vihar, Nagla Bhijwani, Auliya Road.
11. Siddharth Buddha Vihar, Siddharth Nagar, (Gobar Chauki), Agra.

Arhat Buddha Vihar, Aligarh
25. Nagsen Buddha Vihar, Talaiyya Kai Pada.¹

B. DR. AMBEDKAR PARKS AT AGRA:

There are more than 50 statues of Dr. Ambedkar at Agra at present. Some significant parks may be mentioned:

1. Dr. Ambedkar Park, Agra Fort.
2. Dr. Ambedkar Park, Jagdish Pura.
5. Dr. Ambedkar Park, Negla Bhijawani.
6. Dr. Ambedkar Park, Aitmadrpur.
7. Dr. Ambedkar Park, Sadabad.
8. Dr. Ambedkar Park, Tedhi Bagiya.
9. Dr. Ambedkar Park, Gjab Pura, Shahganj.
10. Dr. Ambedkar Park, Bara Khambha.
11. Dr. Ambedkar Park, Nagla Uda.
12. Dr. Ambedkar Park, Panchokhara.²

ALIGARH

A. BUDDHA VIHARAS:
1. Arhat Buddha Vihar, Begour Durgabad, Aligarh:
   It was established on 31.8.94. Shri Revti Singh alias Kaka founded this Vihar. Bhante Sangh Mitra manages the affairs of Viharas.
2. Adarsh Buddha Vihar, Nagla Man Singh, Aligarh:
   This Buddha Vihar was founded by Aligarh Bhikshu Sangh.
3. Buddha Vihar, Chavani Dayaram, Naurangabad, Aligarh

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¹ Interview with Shri Kartar Singh Bharti on 25.12.96 at Purvodaya Buddha Vihar Chakki Pat Agra.
² Interview with Dr. Narayan Singh, Sangathan Mantri Bhartiya Buddha Mahasabha, on 25.12.96 Agra.
4. Karuna Buddha Vihar, Pachon, Sikandara Rau, Aligarh
5. Dr. Ambedkar Buddha Vihar, Kasimpur Power House, Aligarh
6. Dr. Ambedkar Buddha Vihar, Nagla Shyam, PO Bhainali, Aligarh
7. Shantarekshak Buddha Vihar, Shahpur Qutub, Aligarh
8. Dr. Ambedkar Buddha Vihar, Nagla Shyam, Aligarh

B. DR. AMBEDKAR PARKS:
1. Dr. Ambedkar Park, Near State Bank of India, Kathpula, Aligarh
2. Dr. Ambedkar Park, Near State Bank of India, Kathpula, Aligarh
3. Dr. Ambedkar Statue, Hathras Road, Near Kaval Dal Samadhi, Aligarh
4. Dr. Ambedkar Statue, Kothi Lankaram, Aligarh:
   The statues of Dr. Ambedkar also have been installed at many villages in Aligarh viz.; Utara, Surajpur, Gazipur, Palasahibabad, Siddharthnagar (Chuharpur), Jalalpur (Khair Road), Chamrola, Shadalpur.¹

ALLAHABAD

A. BUDDHAA
1. Buddha Bal Udyana, Allahabad:
   This children park is two kms. away from High Court. It was established in 1992. It was founded by Shri Shankhwar Advocate.
2. Buddha Vihar. Ball Road, Allahabad:
   It is situated near Government Hospital. It was established in 1993. Shri Munishwar is the founder of this Vihar. Reverend Bhant Sanghamitra lives here. There are two rooms in the Vihar.
3. Buddha Vihar, Uncha garhi, Rajapur (Allahabad).²

AMBEDKAR NAGAR

A Dr. Ambedkar Park, is situated at Jalalpur, Tanda in District, Ambedkar Nagar.³

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¹ Interview with Shri Jeet Singh Advocate, President Sanskritik Samiti, Bhartiya Baudh Mahasabha on 24.12.96 at Adarsh Buddha Vihar, Nagla Man Singh, Aligarh.
² Interview with Shri Ram Asrey Baudhda, Savyojak, Bhartiya Baudhda Mahasabha on 02.11.96 at Allahabad.
³ Interview with Shri J.N. Aditya President Bhartiya Baudhda Mahasabha on 06.12.96 at Kanpur.
AZAMGARH

A. BUDDHA VIHARAS:
1. Dr. Ambedkar Buddha Vihar Jigar Sandi, Azamgarh:
   It was established in 1985.
2. Buddha Vihar, Umare village, Azamgarh:
   It was established in 1975.
3. Buddha Vihar, Umare, Village Azamargh:
   It was established in 1975.
4. Bhim Sangh Jyoti Buddha Vihar, Mohammadabad, Azamgarh:
   It is situated in Gohana sub division of district Azamgarh. It was
   established in 1973 by its founder Shri Shiv Pujan Gautam.
5. Dr. Ambedkar Buddha Vihar, Narauli, Azamgarh:
   It is situated at Narauli, 20 kms. away from Azamgarh City. It
   was established in 1973. It was founded by Dr. Ambedkar
   Mahasabha Narauli. At present Bhante Vinay Kirti is looking after
   the Vihar.
6. Buddha Vihar Jahanaganj, Azamgarh:
   It was established in 1986 by Buddha Mahasabha Jahanaganj.

B. AMBEDKAR PARKS:
1. Dr. Ambedkar Park, Azamgarh:
   It was established in 1992, near collectorate. A lifesize statue of
   Dr. Ambedkar had been installed here.
2. Dr. Ambedkar Park, Ambadi, Azamgarh:
   It is 6 Kms. away from Azamgarh. It was founded in 1991 by Dr.
   Ambedkar Mahasabha.¹

BAHRAICH

A. BUDDHA VIHARAS:
1. Old Thai Monastery:
   It was established in 1982.
2. New Thai Monastery:
   It is an Indo-Thai Project started in 1990 by Buddha Araha Anek
   Prasang Society. Talat Kamal is the key person behind this project.
   Mr. Midhat Iqbal is staying here to manager the afairs.²

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¹ Interview with Bhante Vinay Kirti on 20.12.96 at Azamgarh.
² Interview with Mr. Midhat Iqbal at New Thai Monastery on 06.12.96

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3. Mahamonkol Meditation Center, Sravasti, Bahraich:
   It was established in 1994 over an area about 54 acres by Upasika Bonkocs from Thailand. Vipassana is held here daily in morning and evening. Campol Noprakul manages the affairs of the Then Mahamonkol Meditation Centre.¹

4. Bhartiya Buddha Mahavihar, Balrampur Road, Sravasti, Bahraich:
   It was established in 1990 by Bhante Dhamma Sagar. At present two rooms have been constructed. A Shatabdi Pillar and a Dr. Ambedkar Statue have also been installed inside the premises. Bhante Vinay Sagar and Shrmner Gyan Sagar stay here.²

5. Anand Gyanodaya Tirya Dhyan Bhawan Kendra, Balrampur Road, Sravasti, Bahraich:
   Bhikshu Sheel Ratan is the founder and manager of this center. Shri Bindra Prasad is the president of this committee.

6. South Korean Buddha Vihar, Balrampur Road, Sravasti, Bahraich:
   It is likely to be completed soon. At present, the site has no building.

7. Bhartiya Bauddha MahaViharas Evam Shramner Prashikshan Kendra, Bahraich:
   It was established in 1990 by Bhante Swarupanand. Bhante Sanghnand is the manager of this center. About 9 minor students are getting training here. About 9 rooms have been completed herein. Professor A. Lal is the President of the committee.

8. Chinese Temple, VIHARAS, Stupa and Meditation Hall, Sravasti, Bahraich:
   It was established in 2501 Buddha era by venerable Lee Jen Cheng. Now it is managed by Bhant Galgendar Pragyanand on behalf of Mahabodhi Society of India. A Statue of venerable Jen Chang has been installed here. 3 statues of Lord Buddha are present inside the main temple built of marble. 17 minor students (Shramners) are reseeding here who study in Jetavana Ucchatar Madhyamika Vidyalaya, Srawasti, Bhrach.

9. Burmese Temple, Sravasti, Bahraich:
   It was built by venerable U. Mahindra in 1930 and belong to Burmese Buddhist Sangha council. Presently U. Amba Atha is in-charge of the temple. Venerable Pradeep also lives here. Its main gate was erected in 1958.

¹ Interview with Bhante Viney Sagar on 06.12.96 at Sravasti.
² Interview with Bhikshu Sheel Ratan at Sarnath on 06.12.96.
Navajetavana Mahavihar, Sravasti
10. Jetavana Vihara:, Srawasti, Bahraich:
   Presently it is under the supervision of the Archaeological Survey of India.
11. Sri Lanka Buddhist Temple (Nav Jetavana Vihar) Sravasti, Bahraich:
   It is situated in front of the Jetavana VIHARAS. Venerable R. Saddhalokothera is incharge of the temple. There are two Stupas erected inside this temple one Stupa was erected in memory of Venerable Matiwala Sangharatana (1911-1984), erected in 1986, and the other was built in memory of Late Mrs. Lobsong Chime wife of Mr. Pasang Tsering of Shigatse. Mr. T.B.Disnayake and Ven. Saddha Loko were present here, who provide information. It is run by Anand Bodhi Society.

B. AMBEDKAR PARK:
1. Dr. Ambedkar Park, Bahraich City:
   It was established in 1992 by Bhartiya Dalit Shoshit Sangh at Bahraich city.

**BALLIA**

1. Dr. Ambedkar Park Shahpur, Pokridapur, Ballia :
   It was founded by Shri Sukhari Prasad Gautam in 1981.
2. Dr. Ambedkar Park, Barmarati Patti, PO Bhimpur, Ballia :
   It was founded by Shri Bal Chand Bharti in 1986.

**BANDA**

**A. BUDDHA VIHARAS:**
1. Buddha Vihar, Atarra, Banda:
   Shri Jamuna Das and Bhante Swayam Kirti founded this Buddha Vihar.
2. Buddha Vihar, Chitrakut, Banda:
   Bhante Swayam Kirti has founded it. Shri Sev Das is also associated with it.
3. Buddha Vihar, Van Baba Ka Purwa, Atarna, Banda:
   Shri R.K. Sailani and Bhante Swayam Kirti has founded it.
4. Buddha Vihar Baghahata, Baveru, Banda:
   Shri Mul Chand Gautam is associated with it.
5. Buddha Vihar, Lodhan Purwa, Naraini, Banda:

B. AMBEDKAR PARK:
1. Dr. Ambedkar Statues of Banda:
   Dr. Ambedkar statues have been installed at Sudinpur (Atarra), Tarawa (Karbi), Atarra, Bachehi (Atarra) and Pachnehi (Baveru)\(^1\).

BARABANKI

A. BUDDHA VIHARAS:
1. Dr. Ambedkar Park, Satrikh Chauraha, Barabanki:
   It was established in 1990 on 14\(^{th}\) April. The statue installed inside was unveiled by Shri Beni Prasad Verma.
   2. Dr. Ambedkar statue, Near Chaya Cinema, Barabanki\(^2\)

B. AMBEDKAR PARK:
1. Dr. Ambedkar Statue, Barabanki:
   It is situated near chhaya cinema.

BAREILLY

A. BUDDHA VIHARAS:
1. Chandramani Buddha Vihar Dela Peer, Bareilly:
   It was established in 1978 in 5 acre. The statues of Buddha, Dr. Ambedkar and Rahul Sankrityayan have been installed here. A library namely Ashwaghosh Pustkalaya is also situated inside the premises.
2. Buddha Vihar, Station Road, Baheri, Bareilly:
   This Vihar was established in 1990 by Ambedkar Mahasabha, Baheri, A monk lives here to manage the Vihar.
3. Gautam Buddha Park, Near R.T.O. Chauraha, Bareilly:
   It was established in 1976, in 580 square metre area.
4. Baudhha Vihar, C.B.Ganj, Bareilly:
   This Buddha Vihar was founded in 1992, by Shri Vasant Kumar Baudh. Mr. Vasant Kumar Baudha is a retired bank employee. He

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1. Interview with Bhante Swayam Kirti on 08.12.96 at Banda.
2. Interview with Shri Gautam Jayant, Member Bhartiya Buddha Mahasabha on 10.12.96, at Lucknow.
attained Deeksha from Reverend Bhate Pragyanand. He has inspired 50 families to embrace Buddhism. The expenditure of this Vihar was wholly borne by Shri Vasant Kumar Baudhha.

Some Buddhists people have established Buddha Viharas at Village Purnnapur (Karampur) and at Grahi, Bareilly.

B. AMBEDKAR PARKS:
1. Dr. Ambedkar Park Biharipur, Bareilly:
   This park was established by Ambedkar Sangharsh Samiti in 1991. A Statue of Dr. Ambedkar has been installed here.
2. Dr. Ambedkar Park, Kotwali, Bareilly:
   It was established in 1977.
3. Dr. Ambedkar Park, Baheri, Bareilly:
   This park was established in 1990 by Ambedkar Maha Sabha. Ambedkar statue was unveiled here by M.P. Mr. Santosh Kumar Gangwar.

BASTI

A. BUDDHA VIHARAS:
1. Dr. Ambedkar Buddha Vihar, Haraiyya, Basti:
   Dr. Ambedkar Buddha Vihar, Haraiyya was established in 1980. Shri R.B. Trisharam is the founder of this Vihar.
2. Dr. Ambedkar Buddha Vihar, Sain Vadera, Basti:
   It was established in 1980. Rev. Bhante Gyan Ratna founded this Vihar.
3. Dr. Ambedkar Buddha Vihar, Bhaharwa, Basti:
   It was established in 1993. It is situated between Bhanupur and Karmaiyya villages. It was founded by Shri Jayasram Gautam.
4. Gautam Buddha Vihar, Maghar, Basti:
   It was established in 1980 and Shri Pankaj Kumar Gautam is its founder. There are 2 rooms in vihar where in the statue of Lord Buddha has been installed here.

B. AMBEDKAR PARKS:
1. Dr. Ambedkar Park, Colloctrate, Basti:
   It was founded in 1992 near collectorate, Court. A lifesize statue of Dr. Ambedkar has been installed here.

1. Interview with Bhante Tejankar Deep on 16.12.96 at Bareilly.
2. Interview with Shri Moolchand Bhatti on 16.12.96 at Bareilly.
3. Interview Bhante Gyan Ratana on 04.11.96 at Basti.
2. Dr. Ambedkar Park, Khalilabad, Basti:
   It was established in 1995. A lifesize statue of Dr. Ambedkar has
   been installed in the park.1

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**BUDAUN**

A. **BUDDHA VIHARAS:**

1. Buddha Vihar, Sisaura, Budaun:
   This Buddha Vihar is situated at Sisaura village in Budaun near
   Myau. It was established in 1991. Shri Dori Lal Sagar in the founder
   of this Buddha Vihar.

   We can see Buddha Vihar is situated at village Kuamar, PO Bara Tegdor,
   Budaun and at Ujhiyani town also.2

B. **DR. AMBEDKAR VIHARAS:**

   Recently the Buddhist people of Budaun have established some
   parks after the name of Dr. Ambedkar at Ujhiyani town, village
   Junamai, Bavrala, village Para, Dataganj, village Kama, Dataganj
   and village Sissaiyya.3

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**BULANDSHAHR**

A. **BUDDHA VIHARAS:**

1. Triretna Buddha Vihar, Bhimnagar, Shiwal, Bulandshahr:

   Bhante Pragya Rashmi has established this Buddha Vihar on 19th
   August, 1991. Shri Kishan Lal was the president of the management
   committee. It is 17 Kms. away from Bulandshahr on Anupshahr
   Road.

2. Buddha Vihar, Narora, Bulandshahr:

   It was established in 1994 by Bhante Gyan Jyoti.

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1. Interview with Shri Pankaj Kumar Gautam at Gautam Buddha Vihar, Maghar on 04.11.96 at
   Basti..
3. Interview with Shri Uttam Chand, Distt. President Bhartiya Bauddha Mahasabha on 14.12.96 at
   Budaun.
3. Buddha Vihar, City Station, Khurja, Bulandshahr:
   It was founded by Bhante Dhammakirti¹.

B. AMBEDKAR PARKS:
1. Dr. Ambedkar Park, Near Deputy Ganj, Chauraha, Bulandshahr.
2. Dr. Ambedkar Park, Syana, Bulandshahr:
   It is situated near chandpur chungi.
3. Dr. Ambedkar Park, Ansari Road Chauraha, Bulandshahr:
   This park was established by City Board. Shri Sundar Singh was
   the Chairman of the City Board at the time of the installation of the
   statue. The statue was unveiled by Mr. D.P. Yadav².

DEHRADUN

A. BUDDHA VIHARAS:
1. Buddhist Institute, Sakya Center, Massourie Road, Dehradun:
   It was established in 1984. Ngawany Gyatso is incharge of the
   institute. There are 200 students 110 major and 90 minor. A
   beautiful emage of Lord Buddha is installed in the Center. Regzim
   (Vidyadhar) provided many pieces of information³.
2. Drikung Temple, Dehradun:
   It is situated on Sahastradhara Road, Dehradun.
3. Buddhist Temple, Claimnt Town, Dehradun:
   150 students stay here.
4. Ngor Monastery, Manduwala, Vikas Nagar Road, Dehradun:
   200 students stay here⁴.
5. The Sakaya College, Massourie Road, Dehradun:
   The Sakya College is an institute of traditional Buddhist
   Philosophical and scriptural studies where the ideals of Buddhist
   monasticism and regornons scholarship are cultivated simultaneously.
   It was established in 1972. It is the oldest school of its kind among
   the Tibetans in India and Nepal.

¹. Interview with Bhante Pragya Rashmi on 06.11.96 at Bulandshahr.
². Interview with Shri Man Singh Gautam, General Secretary of Bhartiya Bauddda Mahasabha U.P.
   on 06.11.96 at Bulandshahr.
³. Interview with N.Gyasto at Buddhist Institute, Dehradun on 12.12.96.
⁴. Interview with Shri Shyam Lal, Distt. President of Bhartiya Bauddda Mahasabha, Dehradun on
   2.12.96.
The college was founded in 1972 by H.H. Sakya Trizin, the spiritual head of the Sakya order or Tibetan Buddhism. Ven. K.A. Rinponche was its first principal. Ven. Khanko Migmar Tsering is its principal presently. 100 students reside and study here1.

6. Tibetan Buddha Vihar, Mussourie, Dehradun:

It was established in 1962 and inaugurated in 1964 Dalai Lama is its founder. Presently Lomsang Sample is in charge of the Vihar. 4 monks live here. 24th April is observed as the foundation day.

A Stupa is situated near the meditation center. Tsering Tibetan was available here to communicate in English2.

B. DR. AMBEDKAR PARK:
1. Dr. Ambedkar Statue, Ghantaghar, Dehradun:

It was unveiled on 15.6.93 by Captain Satish Sharma, Minister of State Petroleum. It was donated by Shri S.K. Mangalik3.

ETAH

A. BUDDHA VIHARAS:
1. Buddha Vihar, Soron, Etah:

This Baudh Vihash is situated at Sahavar Road, Railway Station. It was established in 1980 by Shri Ghuri Lal Jatav. A statue of Lord Buddha has been installed here. Many monks stay and sojourn here4.

2. Buddha Vihar Ambedkar Colony, Ganj Dundwara, Etah:

This Vihar was established in 1985 by Ex. MLA Shri Hariram Shakya.

3. Buddha Vihar, Sakit, Etah:

This Baudh Vihash was established in 1980 by Shri Pyare Lal Shakya, Ex. MLA Saket. Shri Pyare Lal Shakya has inspired there at least 200 families to embrace Buddhism.

4. Shakya Muni Vihar, Atraiji Kheda, Etah:

Its name was Shakya Buddha Vihar but on account of the request of Mr. B. P. Ashok it was renamed as Shakya Muni Vihar. “Aruna Bodhi” was planted here by Dr. D.S.Ashok then Add1.S.P., Etah. There are two rooms in it. It was established in 1980s by the local people4.

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1. Interview with Ven. K.A. Migmar Tsering at Dehradun on 12.12.96.
2. Interview with Lomsang Sample at Tibetan Buddha Vihar, Mussourie, Dehradun on 12.12.96.
3. Interview with Shri Shyam Lal Buddhist on 12.12.96. at Dehradun.
4. Interview with Shri Sunil Shakya Advocate on 08.11.96. at Etah.
B. DR. AMBEDKAR PARKS:

1. Dr. Ambedkar park, Saket, Etah:
   This park was established in 1992 by Ambedkar Utthan Samiti and Ambedkar Mahasabha Saket. This park is situated at Nagarpalika Ground.

2. Dr. Ambedkar Park Anapur, Etah:
   This park was established by Ambedkar Mahasabha in 1980. The non-Buddhist local population opposed the construction of this park.

3. Dr. Ambedkar Park, Bilram, Etah:
   This park was established in 1985 by Ambedkar Sangharsh Samiti and the inauguration of this park was done by the then District Magistrate Shri Mata Prasad. A statue of Dr. Ambedkar has been installed here.

4. Dr. Ambedkar Park, Sidhpura, Etah:
   This park was established in 1991 by Ambedkar MahaSabha Sidhpura, Etah.

5. Dr. Ambedkar Park, Ganjdundwara, Etah:
   This park was established in 1988 by Nagarpalika, Ganj Dundwara.

6. Dr. Ambedkar Park, Sahavar, Etah:
   This park was established in 1982 by Zanab Mushir Ahemad, Chairman, Town Area.

7. Dr. Ambedkar Park, Collectorate, Etah:
   It was inaugurated by Shri Gulab Sehra (Minister of State for Social Welfare) on 20th April, 1982. It was founded by Dr. Ambedkar Murti Sthapna Samiti. Shri Hetram Shastri was the President of the committee.

8. Ambedkar Park, Soron, Etah:
   This park is situated at Sahavar Road. It was established in 1985. A beautiful Statue of Dr. Ambedkar has been installed here.

9. Ambedkar Park Kasaganj, Etah:
   This park is situated at Soron Gate near Nagarpalika office. This Park was established in 1972 by Ambedkar Mahasabha, Kasaganj. Mr. B.P. Maurya, the then Union Minister of State of Industries inaugurated this park.
A. BUDDHA VIHARAS:
1. Buddha Vihar Ratnipur, Etawah:
   This Buddha Vihar was established in 1988. The founder of this vihar is Bhante Dhamma Kamo. Statues of Lord Buddha and Dr. Ambedkar have been installed here.
2. Buddha Vihar, Viruni, PO Ratnipur Oraiyya, Etawah:
   This Buddha Vihar was established in 1991 on 15th February. Bhante Vishuddhanand is its founder. Statues of Lord Buddha and Dr. Ambedkar are installed inside the Vihar. Bhante Vishuddhanand arranges Sunday prayers here.
3. New Buddha Vihar, Friends Colony, Etawah:
   It was established in 1996. Shri Radhey Shyam Shakya and Gyani Ram Sant were the key persons behind its establishment.
4. Buddha Vihar, Ambedkar Bhawan, Civil Lines, Etawah:
   This Buddha Vihar is situated at Civil Lines, Etawah. It was established on 29th July in 1979. Its founder was Shri Gaya Prasad Verma who has died in some years ago. He was MLA from Lakhna constituency and held for sometime the post of a minister of state in the Mulayam Singh Yadav ministry. At present 3 big halls are there. A park viz. Dr. Ambedkar Park is also situated inside the premises of this Buddha Vihar. At present Bhante Ashwaghosh manager the affairs of the Buddha Vihar1.
5. Gautam Buddha Vihar, Rajau, PO Aghiyapur, Etawah:
   It was established in 1988. Bhante Ashwaghosh founded this Buddha Vihar. A lifesize statue of Dr. Ambedkar is also likely to be installed by the end of this century.
6. Buddha Vihar, Bharathna, Etawah:
   It was established in 1970.
7. Buddha Vihar, Jaswantnagar, Etawah:
   It was established in 1994.

B. DR. AMBEDKAR PARKS:
1. Dr. Ambedkar Statue, Exhibition Ground, Etawah:
   This park was established on 14th April 1994. A lifesize statue of Dr. Ambedkar has been installed here. Mr. K.M.Sant I.A.S. the then collector and District Magistrate provided a great deal of cooperation.

1. Interview with Bhante Ashwaghosh on 10.11.96 at Etawah.
2. Dr. Ambedkar Park, Vaidhpura, Etawah:
   This park was established in 1990. Its founder is Shri Guljari Lal Pradhan.

3. Dr. Ambedkar Park near Railway Station, Etawah:
   This park was established in the fag end of 70s. Shri Mullayam Singh Yadav and Shri Gaya Prasad Verma cooperated some Buddhist people to take the initiative for the construction of this park.
   We can see Dr. Ambedkar Parks at Jaswantnagar, Awas Vikas Colony and Achalda also.
   Dr. Ambedkar statues have been installed at Madhaiyya Shri Naraiyan, Varahipura, Shanti Colony, Ikdiil.¹

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**FAIZABAD**

**A. BUDDHA VIHAR:**

1. Buddha Mandir, Ayodhya, Faizabad:
   It is situated in Ayodhya.

**B. DR. AMBEDKAR PARKS:**

1. Dr. Ambedkar Park, Village Atravan, Faizabad:
   It was established in 1983.

2. Dr. Ambedkar Park, Collectorate, Faizabad:
   It was established in 1993.

3. Dr. Ambedkar Park, Dr. Ambedkar Nagar Colony, Faizabad:
   It is situated in Sahabganj Colony. It was founded by Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar Nagar Vikas Samiti. Shri Ram Dhani is the president of the Samiti.²

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**FARRUKHABAD**

**A. BUDDHA VIHARAS:**

1. Buddha Park Rokari, Farrukhabad:
   It was established in 1985. The statues of Lord Buddha have been installed at some other place also viz. Bhagwatipur (Rajpur), Sugar Factory (Kaimganj), Saipur Rajlamai etc.

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¹. Interview with Bhante Ashwaghosh on 10.11.96 at Etawah.
². Interview with Shri Tej Bahadur Ambedkar Divisional President Bhartiya Baudhda Mahasabha on 20.10.96.
2. Siddhartha Buddha Vihar, Farrukhabad:
   This Buddha Vihar is situated at Ambedkar Nagar colony, Kadri, Gate Furrukhabad. It was established on 15\textsuperscript{th} October, 1990. A statue of Lord Buddha installed inside the hall of the Buddha Vihar was donated by Smt Rambeti wife of Shri Tula Ram. Shri Chimman Lal is the founder of this Buddha Vihar.

3. Tathagat Buddha Vihar, Farrukhabad:
   This Buddha Vihar is situated at Buddha Puram, Ganga Darwaja, Farrukhabad. This Buddha Vihar was established in 1958. This Buddha Vihar was founded by Revered Bhante D. Aryadev Mahathera. The main gate of Buddha Vihar was constructed in 1984 by Bhartiya Baudh Mahasabha and it was inaugurated on 10\textsuperscript{th} June, 1984 by the then member of parliament, Shri Dayaram Shakya. Shri R.V. Baudtha is the president of the management Committee and Shri Sone Lal Baudtha is the General Secretary.

4. Buddha Vihar Tilsariya, Kayamganj, Farrukhabad:
   This Buddha Vihar was establishment in 1990 by its founder Reverend Bhate D. Arya Deva Mahathera. A four feet statue of Lord Buddha is installed inside the main hall. A statue of Dr. Ambedkar has also been installed here. The compound of the Buddha Vihar is full of greenery.

5. Shivali Buddha Vihar and Maya Devi International Library Sankisa (Basantpur), Farrukhabad:
   This Buddha Vihar is established at village Basantpur on Sankisa, Farrukhabad. Sankisa is one of the eight Mahatirthas of Buddhism. The founder of this Buddha Vihar is Reverend Bhante Vinay Priya.

6. Buddha Vihar, Anguri Bag, Farrukhabad:
   It was established in 1985. Bhante D.R. Dev thero was one of its founders. Ram Vilas Bhaskar also was one of the founders.

7. Buddha Park, Chilsari, Farrukhabad:
   It was established in 1970.\textsuperscript{1}

\textbf{B. DR. AMBEDKAR PARKS}

1. Dr. Ambedkar Park, Sary Prayag, Farrukhabad:
   It was founded on 23\textsuperscript{rd} September, 1991, by Dr. Suresh Chandra Katiyar, Predhan and it was inaugurated by Kaptan Singh Yadav.

2. Dr. Ambedkar Park, Dr. Ambedkarnagar, Grursahayganj, Farrukhabad:
   The statues of Dr. Ambedkar have also been installed at Rajpal

\textsuperscript{1} Interview with Bhante Vinay Priya on 27.10.96 at Farrukhabad.
Pur (Bhatasa), Rosanabad, Brahmpur Jagir (Rasidabad) Nawabganj, Mohammadabad, Indargarh, Fategharh, Kannauj and Rajaypur.

3. Dr. Ambedkar Park, Ghatiya Ghat, Agra Road, Farrukhabad:
   This park was established in 1990 on the land donated by Shri Mauji Lal Chaudhary resident of Khanpur, Farrukhabad Shri Mauji Lal Chaudhary was the founder of this park. The Buddhists of surrounding area donated a statue of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar.¹

FATEHPUR

A. BUDDHA VIHARAS:
1. Buddha Vihar, Ambedkar Nagar, Fathepur:
   It was established in 90s.

B. DR. AMBEDKAR PARKS:
1. Dr. Ambedkar Park, Allipur Bahera, Khaga Tehsil, Fatherpur:
   This park was established in 1992. A cement statue of Dr. Ambedkar also has been installed here. It was founded by Ambedkar Sabha, Allipur. The president of Ambedkar Sabha, Allipur Shri Paras Nath contributed very much in the construction of this park.
2. Dr. Ambedkar Park, District Court, Fatehpur:
   This park was established on 14th April, 1994. It was founded by Dr. Ambedkar Mission of India. Its founder is Shri Bindra Prasad, National President of Dr. Ambedkar Mission of India. Shri Shviraj, organizer of Ambedkar Samanvaya Samiti also was instrumental in its foundation. A lifesize statue of Dr. Ambedkar has also been installed inside the premises.
3. Dr. Ambedkar Park, Abunagar, Fatehpur:
   This park is situated at Abunagar Colony. It was founded on 14th August, 1988. Its founder is Shri Shivraj, the organiser of Dr. Ambedkar Samanvaya Samiti.²

FIROZABAD

A. BUDDHA VIHARAS:
1. Prajna Jyoti Buddha Vihar, Purushottam Nagar, Firozabad:
   It was established in 1960.

¹ Interview with Shri Mauji Lal Chaudhary on 27.10.96 at Farrukhabad.
² Interview with Shri Shiv Raj, the organiser of Dr. Ambedkar Samanvaya Samiti on 18.10.96 at Fatehpur.
2. Dharm Darshi Buddha Vihar, Firozabad:
   It was established in 1981.
3. Buddha Vihar, Baudhda Nagar, Firozabad:
   It was established in 1975.
4. Buddha Vihar, Shantinagar, Firozabad:
   It was established in 1992.
5. Buddha Vihar, Nausera, Firozabad:
   It was established in 1988.
6. Buddha Vihar, Nagla Bhatta, Firozabad:
   It was established in 1992.
7. Buddha Vihar, Nagla Rali (Tundala), Firozabad:
   It was established in 1978.
8. Karuna Buddha Vihar, Mohammadpur, Firojabad:
   It was established in 1970.
9. Buddha Vihar Narki, Firozabad:
   It was established in 1979.
10. Ratanpunj Buddha Vihar, Nagla Mirja, Firozabad:
    It was established in 1982. Bhante Buddha Sharan Sthavar is founder.
11. Buddha Vihar Sailai, Firozabad:
    It is situated at Sailai village, 10 Kms. away from Firozabad. It was established in 1985. Shri Suresh Nimish, Advocate is its founder.
12. Dr. Ambedkar Buddha Vihar, Bhim Nagar, Firozabad City:
    It was established in 1980. Bhate Karunanidhi looks after the management of the vihar.

B. DR. AMBEDKAR PARKS:
1. Dr. Ambedkar Park, Mohalla Ambedkar Nagar, Firozabad:
   It was established in 1970 by its founder Shri Chedi Lal.
2. Dr. Ambedkar Park, Rasoolpur Mohalla, Firozabad:
   It was established in 1972. A lifesize statue of Dr. Ambedkar has been installed here.
3. Dr. Ambedkar Park, Bhim Nagar Mohalla, Firozabad:
   It was established in 1990.
   At present, Dr. Ambedkar Parks are seen at some other places also viz. Hamaupur, Shanti Nagar, Basath, Narayannagar, Nosera, Nagala Kila, Makhanpur, Nagala Rati.¹

¹. Interview with Bhante Baudhda Sharan on 16.10.96 at Firozabad.
GHAZIABAD

A. BUDDHA VIHARAS:
1. Buddha Vihar, Rajnagar:
   It is a beautiful Buddha Vihar under construction. Shri Amirchand Kaushal, Shri Khushi Ram Buddha have been helping the foundation of this Buddha Vihar.

B. DR. AMBEDKAR PARKS:
1. Dr. Ambedkar Park, Garh Mukteshwar, Ghaziabad:
   It was founded by Buddhist Society of India. At that time Mr. Chandra pal I.A.S. was D.M. Ghaziabad. The Statue installed inside was unveiled by Prakash Rao Ambedkar on 14th June 1984.
2. Dr. Ambedkar Statue, Hapur, Ghaziabad:
   It was installed in 1974 on 15th August by a committee headed by Shri Ved Prakash.¹

GHAZIPUR

A. BUDDHA VIHARAS:
1. Buddha Vihar Chavni Line, Ghazipur:
   It was founded by Dr. B.S. Kushvaha in 1995. Some disturbance has taken place recently on account of this establishment.
2. Buddha Vihar, Saarivan Mohalla, Ghazipur:
   It was established in 1992 by Bhartiya Buddha Maha Sabha.

B. DR. AMBEDKAR PARKS:
1. Dr. Ambedkar Park, Lanka Mohalla, Ghazipur:
   It was established in 1995.
2. Dr. Ambedkar Park, Ghazipur:
   Shri Devi Dayal I.A.S. was instrumental in its establishment.
3. Dr. Ambedkar Park, Raghnathpur, Ghazipur:
   It was establishment in 1987.
4. Dr. Ambedkar Park, Bigna Village, Ghazipur:
   It was establishment in 1995 by Shri Mohan Lal Gautam Shri Siya Ram Jatava donated land for this purpose.
5. Dr. Ambedkar Park, Baruin, Ghazipur:
   It was establishment in 1996.²

¹. Interview with Shri Ami Chand Kaushal Distt President Bhartiya Baudhha Mahasabha on 26.10.96 at Ghaziabad.
². Interview with Dr. Musafir Ram on 08.10.96 at Ghazipur.
A. BUDDHA VIHARAS:
1. Bhim Jyoti Buddha Vihar, Bahraich Road, Railway Crossing, Padri Shankar, Gonda:
   It was founded by Master Shri Ram Raj.

B. AMBEDKAR PARKS
1. Dr. Ambedkar Statue, Near Police Lines, Gonda:
   It was established by Baba Saheb Dr. Ambedkar Janma Shatabdi Samiti. The place was given by Nagar Palika. Shri Ram Autar Chaudhary was the president and Shri Ramesh Saraswati was the General Secretary of the Janma Shatabdi Samiti. The Statue was unveiled by Ramapati Shastri in 1992 on 30th May.

2. Dr. Ambedkar Park, Utraula, Gonda:
   It was founded in 1994.¹

GORAKHPUR

A.) BUDDHA VIHARAS
1. Dr. Ambedkar Buddha Vihar, Bilbabu Gaon, Gorakhpur:
   Dr. Ambedkar Buddha Vihar at Bilbabu village was established in 1988. It is situated 20 Kms. away from district headquarter near Sardarnagar. Shri Ram Charan Baudhha the founder of this Vihar had to struggle a lot while founding it.

2. Buddha Vihar, Basaratpur, Garakhpur:
   It was founded in 1991. A statue of Lord Buddha has been installed here.

3. Arogya Mandir, Gorakhpur:
   The statue of Lord Buddha has been installed here.

4. Buddha Vihar, Ramgarh Tank, Gorakhpur:
   It was inaugurated by Ms. Mayawati in May, 1997.

5. Buddha Vihar & Dr. Ambedkar Statue Bilwa babu, Sardarnagar Gorakhpur.

B. DR. AMBEDKAR PARKS:
1. Dr. Ambedkar Statue, kachahri, Garakhpur:
   A Statue of Dr. Ambedkar has been installed here by SC/ST Kalyan Parishad.

2. Dr. Ambedkar Statue, Ambedkar Bhawan Park, near Hadaw Phatak, Gorakhpur.

3. Dr. Ambedkar Park, Shahpur, Gorakhpur.

4. Dr. Ambedkar Park, Gorakhpur.
   It was established in 1995 inside the premises of Collectorate.

¹. Interview with Shri Ram Autar Chaudhary, Editor, Border, monthly journal on 10.10.96 at Gonda.
5. Dr. Ambedkar Park Himayunpur Village, Gorakhpur:
   It was situated 20 kms. Away in the west from district headquarter.
6. Dr. Ambedkar Park, Basaratpur, Gorakhpur:
   It was established in 1987. The statues of Dr. Ambedkar and Lord Buddha have been installed in the Park Shri Sakal Prasad Gautam founded this Park.
7. Dr. Ambedkar Park, Ram Lila Ground, Gorakhpur:
   It was established in 1992 near Ram Lila Ground. This park was founded by Shri Bhanu Pratap Baudhha.
8. Dr. Ambedkar Park, Bodhargani Chauraha, Gorakhpur:
   It is situated on Dohari Gate road. It was established in 1990. Shri Ram Samujh, Income Tax officer inspired some people to found this Park.1

HAMIRPUR

A. BUDDHA VIHARAS:

B. DR. AMBEDKAR PARKS:
2. Nagar Palika Complex.
5. Damar Village.
6. Sarsai Village
8. Chani Buzurg.
9. Chilli.
10. Modhana Town.
11. Rath Sehsil.

1. Interview with Shri Bhanu Pratap Baudhha on 10.10.96 at Gorakhpur.
HARDOI

A. BUDDHA VIHARAS:

1. Buddha Vihar, Near Balamau Railway Station, Hardoi:

   This Buddha Vihar was constructed by Dr. C.L. Buddha in 1994.
   At present Shramner G.D. Baudhda lives here.

2. Buddha Vihar, Near Simra Chauraha, Hardoi:

   It was established in 1994 by Shri Pyare Lal Gautam on account
   of the disputed land the Buddha Vihar could not be developed.

3. Buddha Vihar, Saratho, Hardoi:

   It was established in 1990 by Shri Pyare Lal Gautam Shramner
   Siyaram Gautam lives here and manages the Buddha Viharas.

4. Ellora Buddha Vihar, Hardoi:

   It was established in 1990. Bauddha Parishad , Bilgram Manages
   this Buddha Vihar. The construction of the Gate of this Buddha
   Vihar was done by Shri Sunil Kumar Gautam I.P.S. At present there
   are two rooms in the Buddha Vihar which were constructed by Shri
   Chaturi Lal Kashyap and Shri Ganesh Satyarthi in 1994. It is situated
   near Sadar Tehsil Office. A monk reverend Bhante Shiv Pal Gautam
   resides here.

5. Ambedkar Park, Near Tehsil Hardoi, Hardoi:

   This Park was established by Dr. Ambedkar Memorial Sansthan
   of Dr. Ambedkar was installed here by Neeraj Kumar Gupta I.A.S.,
   District Magistrate, Hardoi. The Patron of this park Shri Naresh
   Agarwal, Ex. MLA Hardoi. Shri Naresh Ex. MLA is the patron of
   this Ambedkar park.

6. Ambedkar Park, Village Atwa, Asigaon, Hardoi:

   In 1995, Inspite of opposition of non-Buddhist Population, the
   scheduled caste established here, a statue of Dr. Ambedkar on a plot
   of land of Gram Samaj.

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1. Interview with Shri Garib Das Baudhda, Distt President Bhartiya Baudhda Mahasabha at
   Hamirpur on 24.10.96.
7. Ambedkar Park, Pihani Town, Shahpur Road, Hardoi:
   30th Km. away from Hardoi, this park was established by
   Ambedkar Mahasabha in 1995. A Statue of Dr. Ambedkar is also
   installed here. Shri Moti Lal Vohra, Governor of the state unveiled
   the statue on 2nd January, 1995.\(^1\)

**HARDWAR**

A. **BUDDHA VIHARAS:**

1. Buddha Vihar, Rohalki, Fayalpur Village, Hardwar:
   Bhante Bijay Ghosh has founded this Vihar.

B. **DR. AMBEDKAR PARKS:**

1. Dr. Ambedkar Park, Tivedi Colony, Hardwar:
   It was completed on 14.4.93 by Nav Yuvak Sanghathan, Tivedi
   Colony, A statue inside the park is installed here inside the premises.
   The area of the park is about 1 Bigha.
2. Dr. Ambedkar Park, Dr. Ambedkar Chauk, Kadaccha Mohalla,
   Hardwar:
   The statue installed inside was unveiled by Rashid Masud M.P. It
   is situated in jwalapur.
3. Other Parks and Statues in Hardwar:
   Some statues of Dr. Ambedkar have been installed in remote
   villages of hardwar. They are situated at jagdishpur, P.O. Kankal,
   ravli Mahdud, Aneki, Roorki town near Nagarpalika, Sarkhedi
   village, sector 2 of BHEL.\(^2\)

**JALAUN**

A. **BUDDHA VIHARAS:**

1. Buddha Vihar, Chirevalivillage, Jalaun:
   It was established in 1983 by its founder Bhante Prajna Sheel.
2. Buddha Vihar, Marak Pura village, Jalaun:
   It was established in 1992 by its founder Bhante Devanad.
3. Buddha Vihar Kukar Gaon, Jalaun:
   It was established in 1970 by its founder Bhante Dhamma Sheel.

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1. Interview with Shri Tula Ram Hansa on 12.10.96 at Hardoi.
2. Interview with Bhante Vijay Ghosh on 08.09.96 at Hardwar.
4. Buddha Vihar, Kohni, Jalaun:
   It was established in 1970 by its founder Bhante Dhamma Sheel.
5. Buddha Vihar, Saijad Pura, Jalaun:
   It was also founded in 1970 by Bhante Dhamma Sheel.
6. Buddha Vihar, Alapiura, Jalaun:
   It was established in 1975 by Buddha Vihar Ambedkar Sangharsh Samiti. Ram Das Upasaka Manages this VIHARAS.
7. Buddha Vihar, Ait, Jalaun:
   It was founded by Bhante Pragya Sheel in 1990.

B. DR. AMBEDKAR PARKS:
1. Dr. Ambedkar Park, Ait, Jalaun:
   It was established in 1992 by Nagarpalika.¹

JAUNPUR

A. BUDDHA VIHARAS:
1. Buddha Vihar, Near Line Bazar Poloce Station, Jaunpur:
   This Buddha Vihar was established in 1986 by Shri Shivram Maurya. It is in the Jaunpur City. Shri Shiv Ram Maurya embraced Buddhism in 1980 and since then he has been working sincerely for the mission Buddha.
2. Buddha Vihar, Khalipur, Jaunpur:
   This Buddha Vihar is situated in Khallipur village 8 Kms. Away from jaunpur. It was established by Dr. Ambedkar Sabha, Khallipur in 1992.
3. Buddha Vihar, Netanagar, Machlishahar, Jaunpur:
   This Buddha Vihar is situated in Machlishar. It was established by Shri Lok Nath Baudhha in 1975 who belonged to Netanagar. He embraced Buddhism in 1970 and since then he has been working for the spread of Buddhism.
4. Chambal tara, Buddha Vihar, Jaunpur:
   This Buddha Vihar was established in 1980 by Shri Paras Nath Maurya. This is the most beautiful Vihar of this district. Shri Paras Nath Maurya embraced Buddhism in 1945.
5. Buddha Vihar, Khajurheti, Machli Shahar, Jaunpur:
   This Buddha Vihar was established in 1986 by its founder Shri Hazari Lal Baudhha. monks live here and manage the Buddha Vihar.

¹ Interview with Bhante Pragya Sheel on 10.09.96 at Jalaun.
B. DR. AMBEDKAR PARKS:
1. Dr. Ambedkar Park, Machlishar, Jaunpur:
   It was established in 1990 by Dr. Ambedkar Vikas Samiti, Machlishar. This is a very beautiful park. A marble statue of Dr. Ambedkar has been installed here.
2. Dr. Ambedkar park, Jaunpur:
   This is situated near the district court. It was established in 1993.¹

JHANSI

A. BUDDHA VIHARAS:
1. Buddha Vihar, Pareecha, Jhansi:
   Bhante Sugatanand founded this Buddha Vihar in 1990.
2. Buddha Vihar, Indora, Jhansi.
4. Buddha Vihar, kudain (Kataria), Jhansi.
5. Buddha Vihar, Maseehagani, Jhansi.

B. DR. AMBEDKAR PARKS:
   Dr. Ambedkar statues have been installed at Pareecha collectorate chauriraha, Bundelkhand Degree College, Hansari office of Divisional Railway Manager and at Pareecha.²

KANPUR

A. BUDDHA VIHARAS:
1. Buddha Vihar, Simra, Kanpur City:
   It was established in 1994. Shri Mohan Lal Bauddha is its founder who donated his personal land this purpose. Bhante Ashwakirti lives here.
2. Adarsh Buddha Vihar, Hasanpur, PO Ruts Kanpur:
   It was established in 1981. Shri Vivekanand is its founder.
3. Buddha Vihar Juhi Kanpur City:
   It was established in 1979 by its founder Bhante Deepankar. The statues of Lord Buddha and Dr. Ambedkar have been installed here inside the premises.

¹  Interview with Shri Lok Nath Baudhudda on 20.10.96 at Jaunpur.
²  Interview with Bhante Sugatananda on 10.09.96 at Jhansi.
4. Buddha Vihar, Khalua, Kanpur City:
   It is situated at Jhakar Kati Kanpur. There are 2 rooms inside the Vihar. Bhan
te Vishuddhananda founded it. The statues of Lord Buddha and Dr. Ambedkar
have been installed here.

5. Buddha Vihar, Shardanagar Kanpur City:
   This Bihar was established in 1994. 2 rooms and 1 hall have been completed
here. Shri Baruanand is Its founder.\(^1\)

KUSINAGAR

A. BUDDHAS VIHARAS:

1. Dr. Ambedkar Buddha Vihar, Kusinagar:

2. Tibetan Buddha Vihar, Kusinagar:

3. Buddha vihar, Kusinagar:
   When in 1890 the late Ven. Mahavir Swami came to stay at Kusinagar, site of
the Mahaparisivarana of the Buddha, it was not only a deserted one but a
dreaded place also. Ven. Mahavira whose first shelter was only a bamboo cottage
took steps to restore the Viharas and to promote accommodation for the visitors.
Necessary funds for this purpose were raised by him from Burma with the help
of mailing Khee Zarhee of Swamiji’s work was continued in this
duration by his worthy associate Ven. U. Chadramani who came to
stay with him in 1903 and made Kusinagar as his permanent
residence.\(^2\)

4. Korean Buddha Vihar, Kusinagar:
   It was established in 1995.

5. Burmese Buddha Vihar, Kusinagar:
   Burmese Buddha Vihar was founded by rev. Bhikshu Mahavir in 1935. There
is also a Guest House of 40 rooms inside the Vihar. Rev. Bhikshu Chandranmani
did a lot of contribution to this Vihar.

6. Srilanka Buddha Vihar, Kusinagar:
   It was established in 1986. It was founded by Rev. Bhikshu Sanankar.

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1. Interview with Prakash Ratna Gautam Divisional President Bhartiya Baudha Mahasabha on
   18.10.96.

2. Buddhism in Modern India, by D.C. Ahir Page 83.
The Main Stūpa after restoration.

The Nirvāṇa Temple.

With Gratitude from Kusinagar, Page 16 by Dr. D.R. Patil, Archaeological Survey of India.
7. Bhim Jyoti Buddha vihar, Kusinagar:

8. Buddhist Musem, Kusinagar:
   This museum was found in 1978 by rev. Bhikshu Buddha Mitra. there is also a meditation center inside the premises of museum. Bhikshu Buddha Mitra also founded a Guest House here.

9. Gautam Buddha Vihar, Kusinagar:
   Rev. Bhante Karunasheel with the help of Taiwanese Buddhist monks and Indian upasakas founded it is 1993.

10. The Main Stupa of Kusinagar:
   The Stupa was excavated and completely exposed by carleyle in 1876.1 In 1927, the Stupa was completely restored out of the donations of U Po Kyu a U Po Hlaing of Burma. Inside its drum a small chamber, representing a miniature replica of the original Stupa was constructed at a height of 6.1 m above the ground level. On the 18th March 1927, this chamber was ceremoniously closed, in the presence of sixteen Buddhist priests headed by Rev. U. Chandramani, with numerous objects of gold, silver and a copper-plate inscription was deposited inside recording the fact and circumstances of the discovery and the site by the Archaeological survey of India and its restoration.2

11. The Nirvana Temple:
   The temple stands on the same plinth as the Stupa behind it. The ruins of this temple and the reclining Nirvana statue inside were discovered by carleyle in 1876. By sinking a vertical trench at the center of its mound he first discovered the great statue in a much shattered condition lying on a broken pedestal. Many of its broken parts were then missing, and it appeared that it had once in the past been repaired with plaster. In his search for the missing parts he found many of them buried in the core of the pedestal itself with their help he restored and repaired the statue and the pedestal almost to their original forms and shapes, though some of the broken fragments of the statue were still wanting.

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2. Ibid., 19.
The statue measures 6.1m in length and is executed out of one block of sandstone of mixed reddish colour probably from chunar. It represents the Dying Buddha reclining on his right side with his face turned towards the west.

There is no doubt that the temple so hypothetically restored by carlelyle did not essentially conform to the one in which the great statue had originally been installed in the fifth century A.D.

In May 1955, a committee was appointed by the Govt. of India for the improvement of the sites connected with the life of Buddha Jayanti celebrations. On the representation of the Buddhists the committee considered it absolutely necessary to remove the restored structure entirely, as it offered practically no space for the pilgrims to circumambulate the statue and made the interior entirely suffocating, and proposed to build a new structure suitably designed in conformity with the character and importance of the movement. As a result thereof the present temple was constructed in 1956.¹

12. The Matha-Kuar Shrine:

More than a furlong south-west of the main site, by the side of the road, is the Matha-Kuar shrine, where in is installed a colossal statue of Buddha locally called Matha-Kuar. The statue measures 3.05 m in height and is carved out of one block of the blue stone of the Gaya region to represent Buddha seated under the Bodhi tree in a pose known as the Bhusparsa-mudra (‘earth-touching attitude’), which symbolically expresses the supreme moment in Buddha’s life just before his enlightenment.

The statue was found broken into two pieces and was repaired and restored to its original position in the chapel and the existing temple built to shelter it in 1927 out of the contributions made by the donors².

13. The Cremation Stupa (Ramabhar):

Less than 1.61 Km to the east of the Matha-Kuar shrine stands a mound facing the road from Kasia to Deoria. There is a sheet of water, called Ramabhar Jhil or pond, close to it, which dries up in summer. It is the site of the cremation Stupa or the Makutabandhana chaitya of Buddhist tradition.

About a hundred years back, the mound attracted the attention of a civil officer, who did some digging at its top, but what he found is not known.

¹. Kusinagar by Dr. R. D. Pal, Page 22, Archaeological Survey Of India, 1981.
CHANTAJI CHAITYA
(under construction)

The Cremation Stūpa (Rāmahāṭī).

With Gratitude from Kusinagar by Dr. D.R. Patil,
Archaeological Survey of India.
Cunningham also tried to dig it but left the attempt. In 1910, another attempt was made by Hirananda Shastri, who, by sinking a shaft at its center, went down to 1.52 m below the water-level and found a brick flooring and corners of walls.

He then exposed parts of the eastern face of the mound and discovered that it represented an unusually large Stupa with a circular drum, 34.14 m in diameter, resting on a circular plinth, consisting of two or more terraces, and 47.24 m in diameter at the base. In the point of dimensions the Stupa appears to have been double the size of the main Stupa of the main site. During the year 1956, the entire basement of the Stupa was exposed. ¹

14. Chantaji Chaitya:

It was founded by Ms Mayawatī on 2nd May 1997. On the same day, with the request of Bhante Gyaneshwar, Padrauna was named as Kusinagar district. This chaitya is being constructed by chantaji chaitya Nirmana samiti of Myanmar. It is a mini replica of swedgon faya of Myanmar. The height of this chaitya is 108 feet.

**B. DR. AMBEDIKAR PARKS:**

1. Dr. Ambedkar Park Kusinagar:

Rev. Bhante Gyaneshwar founded it in 1993 near Tibet Buddha Vihar.²

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**LALITPUR**

**A. DR. AMBEDIKAR PARKS:**

1. Dr. Ambedkar Parks at Lalitpur:

Dr. Ambedkar Parks are situated at Jail Chauraha Ambedkar Nagar (Devgarh Road) and jakhora (Telbeht).³

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**LAKHIMPUR KHIRI**

**A. BUDDHAS VIHARAS:**

1. Buddha Vihar, Siddhartha nagar, Lakhimpur khiri:

Bhante Sumangal established this Vihar and professor Angne Lal laid the foundation stone in 1976. A statue of lord Buddha was installed and unveiled by Bhante Sumangal Dev.

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¹ Kusinagar by Dr. R.D. Pal, Page 31, ASI, 1981.
² Interview with Bhante Karunasheel on 22.10.96 at Kusinagar.
³ Interview with Dr. Bhagirath Distt President, Bhartiya Bauddha Mahasabha Jhansi on 10.09.96 at Jhansi.
Dr. Ambedkar Udyan, Lucknow.
2. Sunauva Buddha Vihar, Lakhimpur Khiri:
   It was established in 1982. It is situate in Nigson sub division of Lakhimpur khiri. Bhante Sumangal Dev was its founder.
3. Buddha Vihar Sunaura, Lakhimpur Khiri:
   It is situated in Nighasan sub division. It was inaugurated by Bhante Sumangal Dev.
4. Buddha Vihar, Bhudiya, Lakhimpur khiri:
   It is also situated in Nighasan sub division. Shri Rajjan Lal Manager its affairs. Bhante Sumangal Dev Inaugurated it. Some other Buddha Viharas are also found some other places viz. Khechn Purba (1985), Sankas (1980), Daupur (1982), Khamariya (1975), Pasirawa (1979).

LUCKNOW

A. BUDDHA VIHARAS:
1. Buddha Vihar (Puraniya) Indira Nagar, Lucknow:
   It was established in 1990s.
4. Buddha Vihar (Risaldar Park), Lucknow:
   It was founded by Bhadant Bodhanand in 1925. Presently Bhadant Pragyanand is the head of this Vihar. In 1991, the Risaldar Park in front of the Vihar was named as Bodhanand Park, but on account of local opposition, the name could not be changed.

B. DR. AMBEDKAR PARKS:
1. Baba Saheb Dr. Ambedkar Park, Hazratganj, Lucknow:
   It was established in 1972 on 14th April by Baba Saheb Dr. Ambedkar Smarak Nidhi. Dr. Dauji Gupta, Dr. A. Lal and Sjhri Shankar Lal are its patron. Shri K.L. Sonkar was the president of this committee. The Statue installed inside was unveiled by Dr. Dauji Gupta in 1972.
2. Dr. Ambedkar Udyan Gomtinagar, Lucknow:
   It was inaugurated on 14th April, 1997 by Ms. Mayawati the then chief Minister of U.P.¹

¹. Interview with Bhante Sumangal Dev on 24.10.96 at Lakhimpur Khiri.
MAHARAJGANJ

A. BUDDHAS VIHARAS:

1. Chandramani Buddha Vihar, Kunsarvan, Marajganji:
   It was established in 1983, 45 Km. away from district headquarter, near Sindhaul. It was founded by Bhikshu Dharma Sagar. Three are 4 rooms in the Vihar and a marble statue of Lord Buddha has been installed inside the Vihar. A statue of Dr. Ambedkar is also there.

2. Dr. Ambedkar Buddha Vihar, Sadva, Maharajganj:
   It was establishment in 1995. Bhikshu Dharma Sagar is its founder. At present there is no monk in the Vihar. A Statue of Lord Buddha has been installed in the Vihar.

3. Gautam Buddha Vihar , Rampur, Maharajganj :
   This Vihar is situated 7 Km. away from the district headquarters in the south. It was founded by Shri Ram Charan Buddha in 1993. Churaipurwa (1986), Mastipur (1990).

4. Dr. Ambedkar Vihar , Bauliva Village , Maharajganj :
   It was established in 1992.

5. Bodhisattva Buddha Vihar , Parasiya Village , maharajganj :
   It was established in 1993 on kanta Road.

6. Buddha Vihar Comparegani, Maharajganj:

7. Dr. Ambedkar Buddha Vihar, Lalpur, Maharajganj :
   Reverend Bhante Suman kirti founded it in 1984. A statue of Lord Buddha has also been installed inside the vihar.

8. Buddha Vihar, Brijmanganj, Maharajganj :
   Rev. Bhikshu Gyan Sagar founded it in 1991 Nrijmanganj town are 30 Km. away from district headquarter. A statue of Lord Buddha has also been installed here.1

B. DR. AMBEDKAR PARKS:

1. Dr. Ambedkar Park , Nichaul, Maharajganj :
   It was established in 1993, Shri Ram Narain Buddha founded this park.

2. Dr. Ambedkar Park Baruiya, Maharajganj:
   It was established in 1994. Shri Ram Narain Prasad Baudhha founded it with local cooperation.

3. Dr. Ambedkar Park, Anand Nagar, Maharajganj :
   It was established in 1995. Bhikshu Dharmanand founded it.

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1. Interview with Bhikshu Gyan Sagar on 04.11.96 at Maharajganj.
4. Dr. Ambedkar Vihar, Panaima, Maharajganj:
   This vihar is situated 15Km. away from district headquarter in the
   north. Master Jagdish founded it in 1980.¹

   **MAHOBA**

   A. **BUDDH VIHAR**:
      No Buddha Vihar is situated here.
   B. **DR. AMBEDKAR PARKS**:
      Dr. Ambedkar Parks have been established at Ala chauk(1985),
      Ramnagar Charkhare(1996), Bajariya(1994) and another near Police
      Chaudi Bhagariyapur.²

   **MATHURA**

   A. **BUDDHA VIHARAS**:
      1. Buddha Vihar, Laminagar, Mathura:
         It was established in 1992.
      2. Buddha Vihar, Jait, Mathura.
      3. The Parks after the name of Lord Buddha have been established at
         Delhi Gate (1986), Ambedkarnagar(1990), Chhata, Narauli, Barari,
         Raya etc.

         The statues of Dr. Ambedkar have also been installed at
         Ambedkar Nagar, Tayipur, Mahavan (Sadabad) Livan (Sadabad),
         Sukhdevpur, Ajaynagar, Laxminagar and Delhi Gate.

   **MAINPURI**

   A. **BUDDHA VIHARAS**:
      1. Sarai Gyan Buddha Vihar, Mainpuri :
         It is situated at Mohalla Sari Gyan. This Buddha Vihar was
         founded by Shri Hari Singh Shakya, retired Block Development
         Officer. A statue of Lord Buddha has been established inside the
         Vihar. Shri Hari Singh Shakya is a staunch Buddhist. He has
         provided Baudha deeksha to 150 families in this area.

¹Interview with Shri Garib Das Bauddda, Distt President Hamirpur at Mahoba.
²Interview with Dr. D.S. Ashok, S.S.P. Mathura on 10.06.97 at Mathura.
2. Baudhada Vihar, Nagla Taken, Po. Bewar, Mainpuri:
   This Baudhada vihar was established in 1993 by Shri Lalji Baudha. A statue of Lord Buddha has been installed herein. A monk Reverend Ram Charan Gautam stays here. Here is responsible for the management of this Baudhada Vihar. Shri Lalji Baudha has donated 2 bighas of land to Baudhada Vihar.

   This Baudhada Vihar is situated at Etah Road, near Sabji Mandi. It was established in 1988 by Buddhist society of Kurawali. A statue of Lord Buddha has been installed here.¹

B. DR. AMBEDKAR PARKS:
1. Dr. Ambedkar Park, Mainpuri:
   This park was established by Ambedkar Mahasabha in 1978. The then Chief Minister, Ram Naresh Yadav inaugurated this Park. A statue of Dr. Ambedkar has been installed here. This is very beautiful park.

2. Dr. Ambedkar Park, Bewar, Mainpuri:
   It is situated at Agra Road, It was established by Nagarpalika Bewar. A statue of Dr. Ambedkar has been installed here.

3. Dr. Ambedkar Park, Sirsa, Mainpuri:
   This park was established by Bhartiya Baudhada Maha Sabha in 1990. A statue of Dr. Ambedkar has been installed here. This statue was denoted by Shri Bharat Singh Satyarthi, Manager, Syndicate bank.²

4. Dr. Ambedkar Park, Kurawali, Mainpuri:
   This park was established in 1990 by Nagarpalika Kurawali. It was inaugurated by Shri Bhagwat Pal, Chairman nagarpalika, Kurawali on 14th April 1990. A statue of Dr. Ambedkar has been installed here.³

MAU

A. BUDDHA VIHARAS:
1. Bhartiya Buddha Vihar, Mohammadabad, Gohana, Mau.
   It was founded in 1988 by Buddhankur Bhim Jyoti Samiti. There are two rooms and a hall inside the Vihar.

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¹. Interview with Bhante R.C. Gautam at Mainpuri on 112.09.96.
². Interview with Shri B.S. Satyarthi on 12.09.96 at Mainpuri.
³. Interview with Shri B.S. Satyarthi on 12.09.96 at Mainpuri.
Lord Buddha Statue, Bhim Jyoti, Meerut
2. Buddha Vihar, Aralia, PO Karaha, Mau:
   It was established in 1997 by Baudha Mahasabha, Araila. Shri Siya Ram Buaddha upasaka lives inside the Vihar and manages its affairs.

B. DR. AMBEDKAR PARKS:
1. Dr. Ambedkar Park, Bhti Bazar, Mau:
   It was established in 1922.\(^1\)

**MEERUT**

A. BUDDHA VIHARAS:
1. Buddha Vihar, village Lalpur, PO Naibasti, Meerut:
   This Buddha Vihar was established in 1993. Shri Sobha Ram Baudhda founded this Buddha Vihara.
2. Buddha Vihar, Sher Gadhi, Meerut:
   It was established in 1989. Its founder is reverend Bhante Sangh Jyoti. Statues of lord Buddha and Dr. Ambedkar have been installed inside the premises.
3. Buddha Vihar, Mohan Puri, Meerut City:
   This Buddha Vihar was established at Mahanpuri in 1960 by Buddhist Society of Meerut. At present, there are three rooms. This Buddha Vihara was founded by Shri Harbhajan Singh and Shri Vir Singh. Shri vir Singh is present the District President of Buddhist Society Meerut.
5. Navjeevan Baudhda Vihar, Meerut City.
6. Buddha Vihar, Subhash Nagar, Meerut:
   This Vuddha Vihar is situated at Sushash Nagar, Meerut. It was established in 1991.
7. Bhim Jyoti Buddha Vihar Old Mohanpuri, Meerut:
   It was established on 15th February, 1982 and inaugurated by Thai Ambassador, His excellency Sompoon Rochanakoran.
8. Panchsheel Buddha Vihar, Subhashnagar, Meerut:
   It has been founded by Buddhist Society of India. Buddha Viharas have also been constructed in Nagla Shekhu and kuti Shastri nagar.

\(^1\) Interview with Shri Siya Ram Baudhda on 16.10.96 at Mau.
B. DR. AMBEDKAR PARKS:
1. Ambedkar Park, village Pasna, Meerut:
   This Park was established in 1900, by its founder Shri Mohan Lal
   Gautam. A statue of Dr. Ambedkar has been installed.
2. Dr. Ambedkar Park, Collectorate Chauraha, Meerut.
3. Dr. Ambedkar Park, Sindhivli, Meerut:
   It was established in 1993 at Sindhavli, Meerut.¹

MIRJAPUR

A. BUDDHA VIHARAS:
1. Vipassna Buddha Vihar, Railway Crossing, Barondha, Mirzapur:
   It was established in 1984 by Bhartiya Bauddha Maha Sabha. Shri
   T.R. Vikram remained instrumental in its establishment. Statues of
   Lord Buddha and Dr. Ambedkar have been installed here.
2. Buddha Vihar, Pataihara, Mirzapur:
   It was established by Shri Radhey Shyam Gautam in 1996.

B. DR. AMBEDKAR PARKS:
1. Dr. Ambedkar Park, Bamaipatti, Cghuruva Patti, jaswant Singh ka
   Pura, Chanduli, Mirzapur:
   It was established in 1992.
2. Dr. Ambedkar park, Ranapur, Block Majhavan, Mirzapur:
   It was established in 1995.
3. Dr. Ambedkar park, Simri village, Mirzapur:
   It is situated in Majhavan Block, Mirzapur.
4. Dr. Ambedkar Park, Kanak Sarai, Mirzapur:
   It was established in 1994. It is under construction.
5. Dr. Ambedkar Park, Chunar Mirzapur:
   It was established in 1993. The then MLA Shri Ram Kishor Bind
   inaugurated this park.
6. Dr. Ambedkar Park, Purushottam Nagar, Narayanpur Block, Mirzapur.
   It is established in 1992.²

¹ Interview with Shri T.R. Vikram on 28.09.96 at Mirzapur.
² Interview with Shri Ram Pyare Gautam Divisional President, Bhartiya Bauddha Mahasabha at
   28.09.96.
MORADABAD

A. BUDDHA VIHARAS:
1. Buddha Vihar, Mohalla Chunni Khurja Gate, Chandausi. Manager: Shri Ram Kumar
2. Buddha Vihar, Mohalla Sotipur, Sambhal, Moradabad.

B. DR. AMBEDKAR PARKS:
1. Dr. Ambedkar Park, Civil Lines, Moradabad. Managed by Mahanagar Palika, Moradabad.
2. Dr. Ambedkar Park, Mahmudpur, Nakhaba. Manager: Shri Hari Pal Singh
8. Dr. Ambedkar Statue Khanpurban, Asmauli. Manager: Shri Datra Pal
9. Dr. Ambedkar Park, Hasanpur.
10. Dr. Ambedkar Park, Thana Saidan Gali.
11. Dr. Ambedkar Park, Subhash Nagar, Dhanaura. Secretary: Suman Rani. ¹
15. Dr. Ambedkar Park, Mal Godam Road, Chandausi. Manager: Shri Ram Surat Singh.
16. Dr. Ambedkar Park, Mal Godam Road, Chandausi. Manager: Shri Satish Premi.

¹ Interview with Shri Mohar Singh, President Dr. Ambedkar Shiksha Prasar Samiti, on 08.09.96 at Moradabad.
17. Dr. Ambedkar Park, Mohalla Maulagarh, Chandausi.
   Manager: Shri Raj pal Singh.
18. Dr. Ambedkar Park, Dr. Ambedkar Colony, Harthala, Sonakpur.
   Managed by Mahanagar Palika, Moradabad.
   Manager: Smt Barkharani.
   Manager: Shri Preetpal.
22. Dr. Ambedkar Park, village Khabri Bilari.
   Manager: Patram Singh.
   Manager: Shri Chote Lal.
25. Dr. Ambedkar Park, village Jiganiyan.
   Manager: Shri Fateh Singh.
   Manager: Shri Laloo Singh.
27. Dr. Ambedkar Park, Guyar nagla, P.S.H.N. Garhi.
   Manager: Shri Shankar Ial.
28. Dr. Ambedkar Park, village Sonakpur.
   Manager: Shri Radhey Lal
29. Dr. Ambedkar Park, village Kaji Pura.
   Manager: Shri Som Pal Singh.
30. Dr. Ambedkar Statue, Milakpur, tataatarpur, P.S. Mainather.
   Manager: Lavkesh Kumar.
31. Dr. Ambedkar Park, Shaikh Bar Khas, P.S. Kundarki.
   Manager: Shri Ram Singh
32. Dr. Ambedkar Park, village Madhupuri, P.S. Mainather.
   Manager: Shri Nahar.
33. Dr. Ambedkar Park, village Gumsani, P.S. Amroha Deha.
   Manager: Shri Asha Ram.
34. Dr. Ambedkar Statue village Mukhtiyarpur neveda.
   Manager: P.S. Kanth.
35. Dr. Ambedkar Statue, village Jalalpur, P.S. Amroha Dehat.
   Manager: Shri jayaram.
36. Dr. Ambedkar Statue, village Jalalpur, P.S. Amroha dehat.
   Manager: Shri Jayaram.
37. Dr. Ambedkar Statue, Suraj nagar, Thakurdwara.
   Manager: Shri Har Pal Singh.
38. Dr. Ambedkar Statue, Village Longi khurd, P.S. Thakurdwara, Manager: Shri Ram Swaroop Thekedar.
39. Dr. Ambedkar Statue, village Bathana, Bilari. Manager: Dr. Rameshwar.
42. Dr. Ambedkar Statue, village Jiganiya, P.S.H.N. garhi. Manager: Shri Fateh Singh
43. Dr. Ambedkar Statue: village Khokhara, P.S.H./N. Garhi. Manager: Shri Ialoo Singh
44. Dr. Ambedkar Nagar: village Bahadur, P.S. Kundarki. Manager: Shri Amar Singh.¹

**NAINITAL**

A. BUDDHA VIHARAS:
1. Gadhan Kunyoolang Mahayan Buddhist, Monastery:
   It was established 1980 Mr. Tashi is presently its manager. Presently 13 monks are residing here.

B. DR. AMBEDKAR PARK.
   No Park is there.

**PILIBHIT**

A. BUDDHA VIHARAS:
   No Buddha Vihar Situated in Pilibhit.

B. DR. AMBEDKAR PARKS:
1. Dr. Ambedkar Park Statues in Pilibhit:
   Dr. Ambedkar Statues have been established at Beesalpur tehsil and Degapatti, village at Pilibhit.²

¹. Interview with Shri Gurudayal Singh Baudhda, Divisional President, Bhartiya Baudhda Mahasabha on 08.09.96 at Moradabad.
2. Interview with Shri Girdhari Lal Baudhda on 10.09.96 at Pilibhit.
PRATAPGARH

A. BUDDHA VIHARAS:

1. Buddha Vihar Gadwara, Pratapgarh:
   This Buddha Vihar was founded in 1994 by Shri Lal Chand Maurya. Shri Lal Chhand Maurya embraced Buddhism in 1985 and since then he is sincere towards Buddhist Mission. He arranged a Buddhist convention and inspired 65 person to embraced Buddhism. Shri Maurya Spent his own money to build this Buddha Vihar. He manages this Buddha Vihar himself.

2. Buddha Vihar, Pratapgarh:
   This Buddha Vihar was established by Dr. Ambedkar Mahasbha Pratapgarh in 1986.

3. Buddha Vihar, Mandavi, Paratapgarh:
   This Buddha Vihar is situated at Mandavi, 35 Km. away from Pratapgarh. This Buddha Vihar was founded in 1976 by Shri Kirti Singh Baudhda. It was constructed on the plot of land of Shri Kirti Singh.

4. Buddha Vihar, Madhoganj, Pratapgarh:
   This Buddha Vihar is known by the name of Buddha Mandir. This Buddha vihar was constructed by an organisation namely Bhikshu Kalyan Mitra. The organisation Bhikshu Kalyan Mitra was founded by Shri Hira Lal Baudhda. This Buddha Vihar is 20 Km. away from Pratapgarh.

5. Bhikshu Sunit Buddha Vihar, Pratapgarh:
   This Buddha Vihar was built by Manav Ekta Organisation in 1990. This Buddha Vihar is established in village Vadi Katariya, P.O. Baba Ka Gaon, District Pratapgarh. A Statue of Lord Buddha has been installed here. A monk lives here.¹

RAI BAREILLY

A. BUDDHA VIHARAS:

1. Dr. Ambedkar Buddha Vihar, Panchsheel Balapur, Rae Barelly:
   This Buddha Vihar was established on 26th may, 1983. There are 2 rooms in the building. Bhante Gyan Dev Baudhda was its founder. Bhante Gyan Dev himself manages the Buddha vihar. Bhante Gyan Dev provided deeksha to 120 persons of this area.

¹ Interview with Shri Lal Chand Maurya on 26.09.96 at Pratapgarh.
2. Buddha Vihar, Madanpur, Tehsil Salaum, Rai Barely:
   This Buddha Vihar was established on 15th July, 1992 by Ambedkar Mahasabha, Madanpur. There are 2 rooms in this Buddha Vihar. Shri Girdhari Lal Gautam founded this Buddha Vihar, Who is also the founder of Dr, Ambedkar Mahasabha Madanpur.

B. DR. AMBEDKAR PARKS:
1. Dr. Ambedkar Park, Rai Barely City:
   This park was established in 1985. Shri Komil Ram, the then Deputy Collector guided some people to found this park.
2. Dr. Ambedkar Park, Madhukarpur, Rai Barely.
   This Park was established in 1993. A lifesize cement statue of Dr. Ambedkar has been installed here. The credit of its construction goes to Ambedkar Memorial Society Madhukarpur.
3. Dr. Ambedkar Parkdal Mau, Rai Barely:
   This Park was established in 1988. A lifesize cement statue of Dr. Ambedkar has been installed inside the premises. Shri K.K. Chaudhary the then Deputy Collector unveiled the statue. The park was constructed by Ambedkar Mahasabha Dal Mau.¹

RAMPUR

A. BUDDHA VIHARAS:
No Buddha Vihar is situated here.

B. DR. AMBEDKAR PARKS:
1. Ambedkar Park, Civil Lines, Rampur:
   This park was established in 1995 through the efforts of Mayawati Government in Uttar Pradesh. It is situated near the District magistrate’s residence. Ambedkar statue is yet to be unveiled.
2. Ambedkar Park, Shahabad, Rampur:
   It was founded in 1991 by Shahabad Ambedkar Samiti. A statue of Dr. Ambedkar has been installed here.
3. Ambedkar park, Swar, Rampur:
   This is a beautiful park established in 1990. The local Non-Buddhist population opposed the construction of this park.

¹. Interview with Bhante Gyan Dev on 24.09.96 at Rai Barely.
5. Other Ambedkar Parks are situated at Agapur, Ratue Negla, Kakraua, Sainta Khera, Mohamdipur, Chamrava.¹

**SHAHJAHANPUR**

**A. BUDDHA VIHARAS:**

1. Buddha Vihar Village Patti Bahadur, Shahjahanpur:
   Buddha Vihar is situated 10 Km. away from Shahjahanpur in village-Patti. The founder of this Buddha Vihar is Rev. Bhante Chandra Ratna.

2. Buddha Vihar, Near Police Line, Puwayn Road, Shahjahanpur:
   This Buddha Vihar was established in 1984 by Buddha Vihar Nirman Samiti Gautam the founder of this Samiti is Shri Shripal Singh Gautam who is a headmaster by profession. There are three rooms in it. This Buddha Vihar also runs a coaching centre.

3. Buddha Park, Mohalla Katra, Shahjahanpur:
   In Mohalla Katra, a beautiful statue of lord Buddha has been installed near district hospital.

4. Ashoka Buddha Vihar, Kumarpur, Shahjahanpur:
   This vihar is situated in Kumarpur village of Puwayan Tehsil. It was established in 1990. Its founder was Rev. Bhante Dhamma Darshan. There are two rooms inside on every Sunday, many persons of the local Buddhist population visit the Vihar.
   Some other Buddha Viharas are situated at Chakjhau, Pipariya, Mhao, Denabujurg, Sadhabad Nagar, Seremau, Vada Kuter, Budhianpur and Trulak of Shahjahanpur.

**B. DR. AMBEDKAR PARKS:**

1. Dr. Ambedkar Park, Tilhar, Shahjahanpur:
   This Park is situated near Tilhar tehsil; office This park was established in 1900 by Ambedkar Vikas Samiti, Tilhar. A statue of Dr Ambedkar Vikas Samiti Tilhar. A Statue of Dr. Ambedkar has been installed.

2. Dr. Ambedkar Park, Near Police Station, Jallabad, Shahjahanpur:
   This Park is situated in Jalalabad Tehsil. It was established by Dr. Ambedkar Mahasabha in 1987. A statue of Dr. Ambedkar has been install, here.

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¹ Interview with Dr. C.L. Chanchal on 20.06.99 at Rampur.
3. Dr. Ambedkar Park, O.C.F. Ground, Shahjanpur:
   This park was established in 1993 by Shri Shripal Gautam. A cement statue of Fr. Ambedkar has been installs here.
4. Dr. Ambedkar Park, Avas Vikas Colony, Shahjanpur
   This park was established in 1990. A statue of Dr. Ambedkar has been installed here. This park was constructed by Smt Sarla Sagar upon her plot of land by her own expenditure. Now it has been decided to the public.¹

SIDDHARTH NAGAR

A. BUDDHA VIHARAS:
1. Mahendra Buddha Vihar, Panchnavan, Siddharth Nagar:
   Mahendra Buddha Vihar established 1980 is situated between Shajana Tilakpur and Aligadhva. It was constructed by Bhikshu T. Jeena Ratan.
2. Burmese Buddha Vihar, Naugadha, Siddharth Nagar:
   Burmes Buddha Vihar, Naugadha, was established in 1945. It is run by Burmese Buddhist monks.
3. Shrilanka Buddha Vihar, Naugadha, Siddharth Nagar:
   It was established in 1960. A brass statue of lord Buddha has been installed here. At present Asvadeep Bhante in in-charge of the Vihar.
4. Dr. Ambedkar Buddha Vihar, Jadva Pandey, Siddharth Nagar:
   It was established in 1983. Shri Ram Dayal Baudhha Diwakar was its founder. A statue of Lord Buddha was installed here by Rev. Bhikshu Dharma Sagar. Now days Rev. Bhante Dharma Sagar is in-charge of the Vihar.

B. DR. AMBEDKAR PARKS:
1. Dr. Ambedkar Park, Hanumanganj, Siddharth Nagar:
   It is situated 25 Km. away from district head quarter in the south. A lifesize statue of Dr. Ambedkar and another statue of Lord Buddha have been installed here. It was established in 1989. This park was founded by Dr. Ambedkar Vikas Simiti.
2. Dr. Ambedkar Park, Sorgarh, Siddharath Nagar:
   It was established in 1994. It is 10 Kms. Away from district headquarter at Sorgarh. This Park was founded by Pattu Ramajuj.
3. Dr. Ambedkar Park, Rudhauli, Siddharth Nagar:
   This park was established in 1995.

¹. Interview with Bhante Dhamma Darshan on 12.09.96 at Shahjahanpur.
4. Dr. Ambedkar Park, collectorate, Siddharth Nagar:
   It was found in 1996.¹

SITAPUR

A. BUDDHA VIHARAS:
1. Buddha Vihar, Purna Sitapur.

B. DR. AMBEDKAR PARKS:
1. Dr. Ambedkar Statue, Lal Bagh Chauraha, Sitapur:
   It was founded on 14th April, 1987, by Dr. Ambedkar Pratima
   Sthapanam Samiti. Shri Bindra Prasad was the president of this Samiti.
2. Dr. Ambedkar Statue, Village-Bahadurpur, Sidhauli, Sitapur:
   It was established on 26 December, 1982.
3. Dr. Ambedkar Statue, Kamalpur, Opp. Police Station, Sitapur:
   It was founded by Shri Nattha Ram Rasik.
4. Dr. Ambedkar Park, Mohali, Sitapur:
   It is situated 20 Km. away from Sitapur on Shahjahanpur Road,
   Sitapur.

SONBHADRA

A. BUDDHA PARKS:
1. Buddha Vihar Obra, Sonbhadra:
   It was founded by Shri Shiv Nath Prasad Gautam in 1970. There
   are three rooms and a hall inside the Vihar.
2. Buddha Vihar, Ronkuol, Sonbhadra:
   It was founded by Shri Sal Mani Prasad in 1970. A statue of Lord
   Buddha was donated here by Shri Lal Chand Maurya. A statue of
   Dr. Ambedkar has also been installed here.

B. DR. AMBEDKAR PARKS:
1. Dr. Ambedkar Park, Anpara, Sonbhadra:
   It was established in 1980.
2. Dr. Ambedkar Park, Mujhahara, Sonbhadra:
   Dr. Ambedkar Park Mujhahar was established in 1994.
3. Dr. Ambedkar Park, Unrudrapur, Sonbhadra:
   It was established in 1996. Shri Hari Lal Gautam donated land for
   the construction of this Vihar.

¹. Interview with Bhante Dharma Sagar on 22.09.96 at Siddharthanagar.
4. Dr. Ambedkar Park, Khulua, Sonbhadra:
   It was established in 1996.¹

**SULTANPUR**

1. Dr. Ambedkar Statue, Near Primary School, Hadai Village, Sultanpur:
   This statue is situated outside the village, on Muraini Road under Dostpur Police Station, on 15th November this statue was damaged by some non-Buddhist miscreants.²

**UNNAO**

1. Alvak Buddha Vihara, Bangarmau, Unnao
2. Buddha Vihara, Awas Vikas Colony:
   Shri J.N. Aditya is founder of this vihar.

**VARANASI**

Mulagandhakuti Vihara, Sarnath, Varanasi:

Saranath, the Holy Isipatana, was completely in ruins till the beginning of this century. When Anagarika Dharmapala visited this place in 1891, he resolved to save the decaying Dhammeka Stupa, symbol of the First Sermon of the Buddha, and the carvings from the hands of the vandals. Some years thereafter he laid the foundation of a new Sarnath by purchasing a few bighas of land from a local Zamindar. In 1904, he purchased another 10 bighas of land. The foundation stone of Mulagandhakuti VIHARAS, the life of new Sarnath, was laid in November, 1922 by Sir Harcourt Butler, has a historic basis. This name was first used for the monastery in which Lord Buddha actually resided. During the archaeological excavations at Sarnath a piece of tablet was found on which this name was inscribed. This discovery prompted Anagarika Dharmapala to name the new Vihara as ‘Mulagandhakuti Vihara’. The donor was Mrs. Mary E. Foster of Honolulu, who is generally called the modern Visakha of the Buddhists. This magnificent Vihara was opened on November 11, 1931 (Kartika Purnima).

¹ Interview with Shri Shiv Nath Proud Gautam on 27.09.96 at Sonbhadra.
² Interview with Shri Prem Narayan Baudhha Distt President Bhartiya Baudhha Mahasabha on 04.08.96 at Sarnath, Varanasi.
On the same day, the scared relics of Lord Buddha, which were discovered from Taxila, Punjab, in 1913-14 by Sir John Marshal, were presented by the Director General of Archeology to the Maha Bodhi Society on behalf of the Government of India, and enshrined in this Vihara.

The beautiful Ajanta-style Frescoes in the Mulagandhakuti Vihara were painted by the famous Japanese artist, Mr. Kosetsu Nosu who spent about three years in executing the work in 1932-35. The late Mr. B.L. Broughton, who donated Rs. 10,000/- was the chief donor for this splendid work of beautifying the Mulagandhakuti Vihara.

The Bhikkhus-in-charge of the Mulagandhakuti Vihara are:
(i) Ven. N. Somananda Nayaka Thera.
(ii) Ven. Dr. Dharmarakshita.

The other Buddhist temples at Sarnath are: The Burmese, Thai and Tibetan monasteries.¹

¹. Buddhism in Modern India, Page 83, by D.C. Ahir.