



The iconic Bodhi sapling which symbolises the birth of Buddhism was planted Wednesday here at Dhauligiri. Buddhists from Sri Lanka planted the Bodhi plant brought from their country. A large number of Buddhist monks including Srinivas Nayak Mahathera from Sri Lanka and Raghunath Mohapatra of Odisha were present during the plantation ceremony. Earlier this week, the Buddhist monks from Anuradhapura, Sri Lanka arrived at the capital city. The saplings would be planted at Buddhist sites in the state like Ratnagiri, Lalitgiri and Dhaulagiri January 22 to 23. Mahathera is a member of the Centre of Theravada Buddhism. Incidentally Mahathera is an honorific term in Pali for senior bhikkhus and bhikkhunis (Buddhist monks and nuns) in the Buddhist monastic order.

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