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Bodhi Kunja or Jang Chhub Ga' Tshal Ling is a liberal humanistic Rimay Buddhist centre of love, light and peace situated in the heartland of Bihar. It is located on a 2 acre or 0.85 hectare property which is the large ancestral family home of Lama Shree, Rani & their son Kashyap, converted, at their own initiative, into a centre replete with a temple, residential and limited retreat facilities. Frescoes in the temple are complete whilst the paintings of wall frescoes depicting the Eighty Four Mahasiddhas of India are being executed by Tibetan artists from Ladakh.

Dharma students of all Dharma Families from the world over are welcome to visit and stay here for as long as they wish. They are encouraged to engage in their individual practices and studies as also participate in daily activities. Discussions on various Dharma topics may also be carried out with the resident spiritual friend, Lama Shree. He is also a spiritual healer and hypnotherapist who concentrates on alternative systems of medicine and healing. He is a Reiki Master and a strong advocate of Reishi and Ozone Therapy. Food preferred is vegetarian and smoking is discouraged.

A follower of the Rimay or the all inclusive tradition inspired by the example of the great nineteenth century Master of Tibet, Jamyang Khyentse'i Wangpo, transmitted through the Noble Predecessors of the Tibetan diaspora. One who follows this approach would naturally belong to a distinct Dharma Family or Lineage. Simultaneously the person would magnanimously accept the unquestionable validity of all other Buddhist traditions.

One such would be open to creative and meaningful interactions with other authentic Principal Masters, their teachings and disciples as occasions may present themselves. Such a person would invariably steer clear of schisms, politics and making choices favouring one particular incarnation of a Master over any other, invariably acknowledging the validity of all the genuine incarnations of the same Master as also all Principal Gurus.

Munger is located south of the River Ganga which actually flows northwards for a couple of kms there, adding to its purported spiritual significance. It lies 180 kms northeast from Bodh Gaya by train, 176 kms east from Patna, 400 kms from Varanasi and 1100 kms from New Delhi, 476 kms northwest from Kolkata and 330 kms west of Siliguri. The ruins of Vikramashila University are a convenient 110 kms eastwards in villages beyond Kahalgaon. The Govt of Bihar is keen on developing this place as a pilgrimage. Fresh excavations have also been ordered close to the site of the main temple. Yet another section lies on the southern bank of the River Ganga, as mentioned in Gedun Choephel's book.

The railhead is Jamalpur Junction on the ECR which conveniently accessible from all over India. Munger town is 6 kms by local transport from there. The locale where this centre is situated is known as Purabsarai. The centre may be identified by its large inset house with a clock tower and dome. Locals also refer to it as Dalip Babu's residence.

The atmosphere is peaceful and far removed from the hassles, trials and travails of life generally encountered by pilgrims in India. Bodhi Kunja provides an atmosphere of relaxation and self upliftment. Facilities include an ever expanding library in English, Hindi and naturally Tibetan. Its sylvan surroundings include a stupa and temples of Guru Padmasambhava and White Tara in three corners. The compound wall is adorned by bas reliefs in cement of representations of the Three Jewels and the Three Roots in all directions.

Currently projects are underway to erect stupas in Munger and various other places for which ts'a ts'as are being prepared. Land purchased near www.auroville.org, the Siliguri area in North Bengal and Rajgir, await development into Rimay centres at auspicious junctures.

The active participation of Mahasiddhas or Highly Accomplished Rinpoches, Lamas and Khenpo Rinpoches, together with their disciples and devotees is invited for the proper establishment of the Budha's Dispensation in the land of its origin. **25-03-2010.**