



Second Tallest Statue of Gautam Buddha

- The **world's second tallest statue of Gautam Buddha** is proposed to be built in **Dev Ni Mori, Sabarkantha district, Gujarat.**
- The proposed statue (108m) would be second in the world after the **Spring Temple in China (153 meters).**
- **Relevance of Dev Ni Mori**
 - Dev Ni Mori was excavated by the state archaeology department in 1953.
 - The remains of a Buddhist monastery belonging to **3rd-4th century AD** have been unearthed from **Devni Mori.**
 - The most important discovery from the site however was a **1,700 year old casket** which has **bodily relics of Buddha.**
 - The inscription clearly mentions that the casket contains bodily relics of Buddha.
 - The presence of a stupa and monastery has reconfirmed a strong presence of Buddhists in **Vadnagar** during the early centuries of Christian era.
 - The recent excavations have brought to light a Buddhist Monastery belonging to the **2nd-7th century AD**, within the **fortified area of Vadnagar, Gujarat.**
 - The monastery had two votive stupas and an open central courtyard around which initially nine cells were constructed. The arrangement of cells around the central courtyard creates a swastika-like pattern.

Note

- The **Statue of Unity** is the world's tallest statue at 182 metres (597 ft) located in **Narmada Valley Kevadiya, Narmada district, Gujarat.**

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