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CHENNAI – 18 Nov, 2026 Over 12,000 Devotees Pay Homage to the Sacred Relics of Shakyamuni Buddha at Golden Pagoda, Namsai, in the First Two Days.

The exposition of the Sacred Relics of Shakyamuni Buddha at the Golden Pagoda (Kongmu Kham), Namsai, Arunachal Pradesh, has received an overwhelming response from devotees. More than 12,000 devotees visited the exposition during its first two days, on 14 and 15 November 2026. They offered prayers, paid homage to the Sacred Relics and sought the blessings of Lord Buddha.

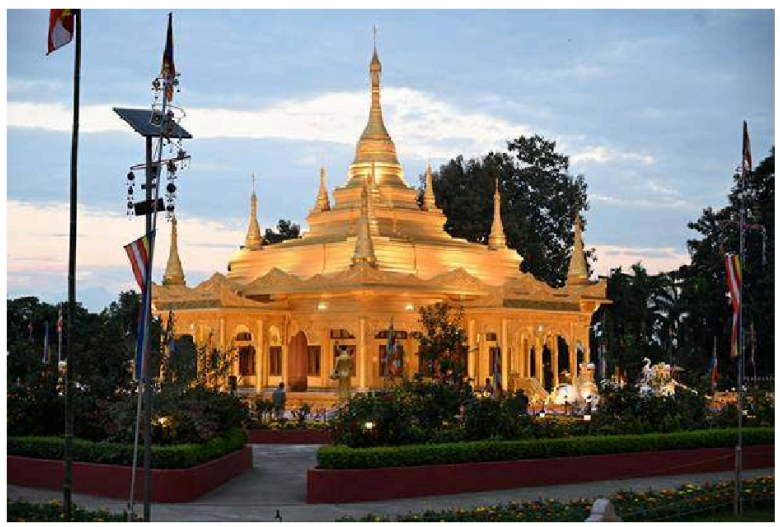
With more than 31,000 devotees visiting the exposition at Tawang and over 35,000 at Bomdila, the cumulative footfall across the three venues has exceeded 78,000 by the end of 15 November 2026.

Devotees from different parts of Namsai district and neighbouring regions have been gathering at the Golden Pagoda since the commencement of the exposition. Long queues of devotees reflect their deep faith and reverence for the Sacred Relics. The large turnout also reflects the enduring influence of Buddhist teachings and traditions in the region.

The exposition at Namsai marks the third and final phase of the Sacred Relics Exposition in Arunachal Pradesh, being held from 31 October to 21 November 2026.

The exposition commenced at the historic Gaden Namgyal Lhatse (Tawang Monastery) on 31 October 2026. Union Minister of Culture and Tourism Gajendra Singh Shekhawat and Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh Pema Khandu attended the inaugural ceremony. Venerable Buddhist monks and other distinguished guests were also present.

Following the conclusion of the exposition at Tawang on 7 November, the Sacred Relics were taken to Thubchog Gatsel Ling (TGL) Monastery, also known as Lower Gompa, in Bomdila. The six-day exposition at Bomdila was held from 8 to 13 November 2026.



The Sacred Relics arrived at Namsai on 14 November 2026. They were ceremonially received and enshrined at the Golden Pagoda. The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh, Lt Gen Kaiwalya Trivikram Parnaik (Retd.), inaugurated the exposition in the presence of Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein and Raghav Prasad Bhatnagar, Director General, International Buddhist Confederation (IBC). State Ministers, public representatives, Buddhist monks and other dignitaries attended the ceremony.

The exposition across Tawang, Bomdila and Namsai has brought the Sacred Relics closer to devotees from different parts of Arunachal Pradesh. It has also brought together people from different Buddhist traditions in a spirit of shared faith and devotion.