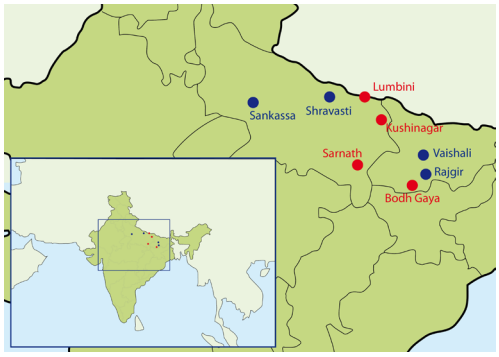
MATERIAL 1

ORIGIN OF BUDDHISM



About 560 B.C. Buddha was born in Lumbini as a king's son. At the age of 35 he reached enlightenment in Bodhgaya, he died after 45 years of teaching in Kushinagar, North India.



Stupa in Bodhgaya, the location of Buddha's enlightenment



Buddha statue in Bodhgaya

Buddha attained enlightenment, a state of being unshakable, supreme joy and boundless compassion. He said, "I teach because all beings desire happiness and wish to avoid suffering. Find your own Clear Light."