

## IN00041 Sarnath Buddha Image Inscription 1 of the Time of Budhagupta

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(Translation 1 and 2)

Verse 1) When a century of years, increased by fifty-seven of the **Guptas** had passed away, when **Budhagupta** was ruling the earth;

Verse 2) On the seventh of the month of **Vaiśākha**, when (the asterism) **Mūla** was visible in the sky, the image was caused to be made by me, **Abhayamitra**, a Buddhist monk.

Verses 3-4) Having caused to be made this wonderful image of (Buddha) accompanied by **devaputras**, decorated with hands upraised, exquisite umbrella and lotus throne, (and) painted with a layer of painting—whatever spiritual merit accrues, may it be for the attainment of the extinction (of worldly existence) by ( my) parents and preceptors and of mankind!