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FOREST, ENVIROMENT & CLIMATE CHANGE DEPARTMENT

NOTIFICATION

The 30th June 2025

S.R.O. No. 490/2025—Whereas Forest block Gothamundia PRF under Section 4 of the Odisha Forest Act, 1972, has been notified by Government of Odisha, Revenue Department Notification No. S.R.O. No.120/80, dated the 25th January 1980 indicating an area of 214.32 Ac./ 86.73 ha in Badamba Forest Range of Athagarh Division as per Annexure-I;

And whereas, the Government of Odisha in the Forest & Environment Department have notified a "Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for Geo-referencing of Forest Block boundary through DGPS Survey" in the *Odisha Gazette* vide Notification No. 22572400112016-10F(Cons)-77/2016-14097-F&E, dated the 4th July 2017, for preparation of such geo-referenced forest maps in pursuance of the directives of Hon'ble Supreme Court in their Order, dated the 6th July 2011 (in IA Nos. 1868, 2091, 2225—2227, 2380, 2568 and 2937 in Writ Petition (C) No. 202 of 1995 – Lafarge matter);

And whereas, the Government of Odisha have appointed all Tehsildars in their respective Tehsil jurisdiction in the respective Districts as Forest Settlement Officer (FSO) vide Notification No. 7767—10F(TR)38/2020-F&E, dated the 21th May 2020;

And whereas, the Forest Revenue Joint Verification Committee has jointly verified and confirmed the boundary pillar positions as per report in Annexure-II;

And whereas, the Forest Settlement Officer has certified 'No Change' in the boundary extent of Gothamundia PRF Post 25th October 1980. The DGPS survey boundary coordinates have been verified by ORSAC and certified by the Forest Settlement Officer. The computed area (UTM Zone 45N projection and WGS 84 datum) Gothamundia PRF is 91.438 ha or 225.95 Ac. The change in area is due to method of Survey & Area Computation.

Therefore, it has been decided to supplement the existing notification of the Gothamundia PRF with the above mentioned FSO certified DGPS surveyed Forest Block map as per Annexure-III, and the statement of geo-coordinates of the forest block boundary pillar positions as per Annexure-IV, which shall be treated as the precise boundary description of the Gothamundia PRF and shall form an integral part of the original notification in place of any other form of boundary description notified earlier.

There shall be no change to the admitted rights in the original notification.

[No. 15693-FE-DIV-MISC-0011/2016-10F (Cons) 34/2020-FE&CC]

By order of the Governor

SATYABRATA SAHU

Additional Chief Secretary to Government

Pillar		Bearing in degree,	Distance		
From	To		M.	Ch.	Links
9	10	358		6	00
10	11	325		4	00
11	12	284		10	00
12	13	277		10	00
13	14	308		8	00
14	15	273		10	00
15	16	247.30		8	00
16	17	255		4	00
17	18	246		4	00
18	19	240		4	00
19	20	211		4	00
20	21	182		8	00
21	1	179		8	00
Total			1	70	00

Thus the entire traverse of the proposed Block is 1 mile 70 chains and 0 link consisting of 21 artificial boundary pillars.

2. In exercise of the powers aforesaid the State Government do hereby appoint the Forest Settlement Officer, Cuttack to enquire into and determine the existence, nature and extent of any rights or privileges claimed by or alleged to exist in favour of any person in or over the lands comprised within the limits specified above or in or over any forest produce to be found thereon and to deal with the same as provided in Chapter II of the said Act.

[No. 5674—F. S.-444/79-R.]

By order of the Governor
B. P. CHOUDHURI
Under-Secretary to Government

REVENUE DEPARTMENT
NOTIFICATION

The 25th January 1980

S. R. O. No. 120/80—In exercise of the powers conferred under section 4 of the Orissa Forest Act 1972 (Orissa Act 14 of 1972), the State Government do hereby declare that it has been proposed to constitute as reserved forest, the lands situated in the district of Cuttack under Baramba Range of Athgarh Forest Division the limits of which have been demarcated by cairns or line cleared to a width 15 feet or by natural boundary as specified below.

Name of the Block ... Gothamundia Forest Block ✓
Area of the Block ... 214.32 acres ✓
Situation of the Block ... The Block is situated, on the eastern side of village Gopalpur
Boundary of the Block—
✓ North—Gopalpur village boundary
✓ South—Amantin and Damangadia village boundaries
East—Krishnachandrapur village boundary
West—Gopalpur village boundary

Description —The starting point, i. e., B. P. No. 1 starts from 50 links distance from Gopalpur Kusupal village road.

Pillar		Bearing in degree	Distances		
From	To		Mile	Chain	Link
1	2	94		6	00
2	3	110		10	00
3	4	106		10	00
4	5	112		10	00
5	6	124		10	00
6	7	134		4	00
7	8	232		10	00
8	9	248		10	00
9	10	190		10	00
10	11	111		10	00
11	12	118		10	00
12	13	123		10	00
13	14	110		10	00
14	15	106		10	00
15	16	110		4	00
16	17	187		10	00
17	18	230		6	00
18	19	294		10	00
19	20	287		10	00
20	21	292		10	00
21	22	282		10	00
22	23	301		10	00
23	24	315		10	00
24	25	305		7	03
25	26	330		10	00
26	27	335		10	00
27	28	347		10	00
28	29	357		10	00
29	30	323		10	00
30	31	359		6	00
31	1	55		7	00
Total			3	40	00

Thus the entire traverse of the forest block is 3 miles and 40 chains consisting of 31 artificial boundary pillars.

In exercise of the powers aforesaid the State Government do hereby appoint the Forest Settlement Officer, Cuttack to enquire into and determine the existence, nature and extent of any rights or privileges claimed by or alleged to exist in favour of any person in or over the lands comprised within the limits specified above or in or over any forest produce to be found thereon and to deal with the same as provided in Chapter II of the said Act.

[N.J. 5678—F. S.-442/79-R.]

By order of the Governor

B. P. CHOUDHURY

Under-Secretary to Government

FOREST REVENUE JOINT VERIFICATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Forest Division: Athgarh**Forest Range:** Badamba**Minutes of Joint Verification:**

List of participation of the Forest-Revenue joint verification committee is given at Table 1.

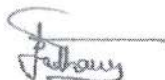
Verification of the boundary of **Gothamundia PRF** Forest Block was carried out during 01-02-2022 to 01-02-2022. Existing pillar position recorded through GPS were plotted and compared against geo-referenced cadastral maps of adjoining villages. The verified forest boundary map is enclosed at Plate-1. Findings of the verification w.r.t. revenue cadastral is given below:

- Name of notified forest block: Gothamundia PRF
- Notification no. & date: SRO No-120/80 Dt. 25-01-1980
- Area as per notification: 86.73 Ha.
- Existing no. of boundary demarcations in conformity with adjoining village boundary: 1 nos. (Annexure -1)
- New boundary demarcations in conformity with adjoining village boundary: 42 nos. (Annexure -2)
- GPS area of verified boundary: 91.237 ha
- GPS perimeter of verified boundary: 6.213 km

Observations:

Notification is enclosed at Appendix-1. Traverse map is not available. The verified boundary area found to be 86.730 Ha (Diff is 4.507 Ha, i.e. 5.20 % from NFA). Forest boundary demarcation Pillars are in Conformity with Cadastral Map, existing pillars & HRSI. Change of area is due to old method of Survey and Area computation.

TABLE - 1

Forest and Revenue department officials(RO/FR/FG/RI/Amin) and TP involved in Joint verification of Forest Boundary		
Name	Designation	Signature
Sarcoj Kumar Patra	R.I. Gopapur	 Revenue Inspector Gopapur
Maheswar Pradhan	Forester	 Forester Gopapur Section
Suresh Kumar Sarangi	RO, Badamba	 Forest Range Officer Badamba Range
Counter Signed by:		
 Tahsildar  Divisional Forest Officer Athagarh Division		

TAHASILDAR, BARAMBA

**Geo-referencing of Notified Forests in
Athagadh Forest Division
Reference Forest Block Boundary Map
w.r.t Adjacent Revenue Village (Cadastral) Boundary
(Based on Forest Revenue It. Verification)
Gothamundia P.R.F., Badamba Range**



0.1 0 0.1 0.2 0.3 0.4 0.5 km

Scale 1:50,000

Legend

- Existing Pillar (1 nos)
- New Pillar (42 nos)
- Virtual Pillar (1 nos)
- X Rejected Pillar (1 nos)
- ▭ RF Boundary
- Village Boundary

Index Map

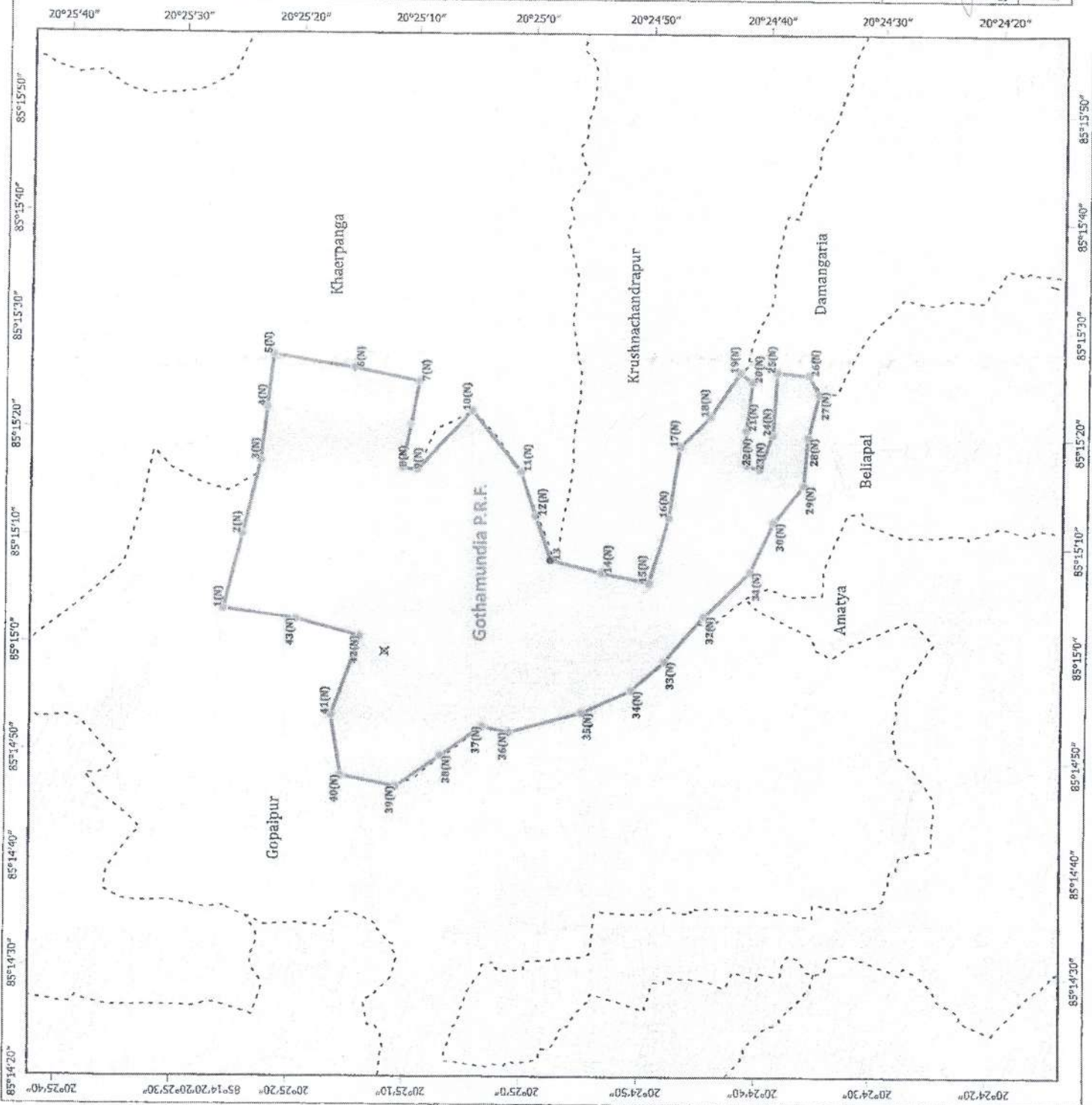
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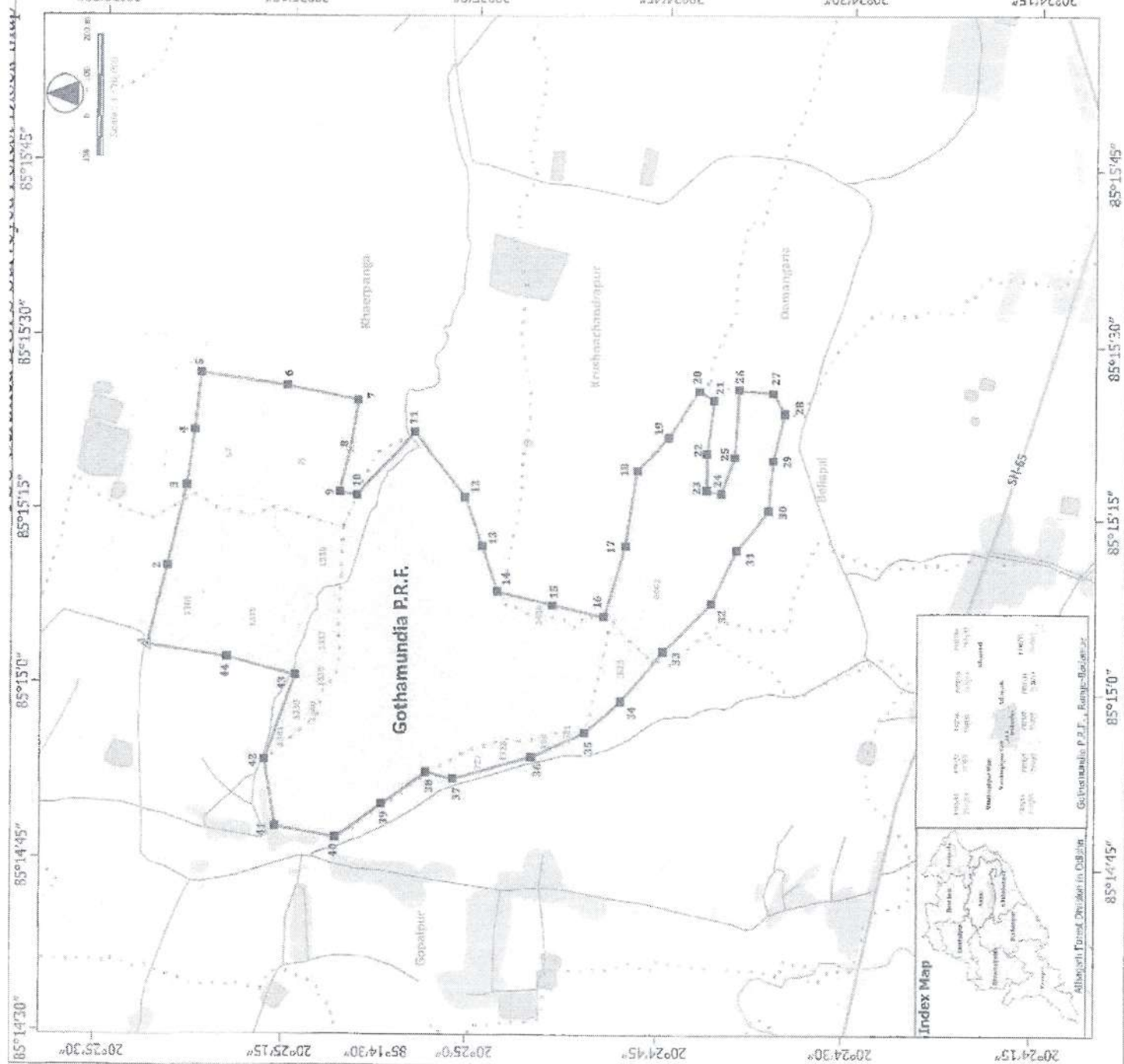


Notified Area
= 86.73 ha.
GPS area* as per joint verification = 91.237 ha.
(*Projected area in UTM Proj. Zone 45N & WGS 84 Datum)

Mitesh Kumar
Forest Range Officer
Athagadh Forest Division
Badamba Range
Gothamundia P.R.F.

Prepared by: SPARC Pvt. Ltd. (CDLTP) Angur Circle





STATEMENT OF GEO-COORDINATES OF PILLAR POSITIONS

Forest Division: **Athgarh** Forest Range : **Badamba** Forest Block Name: **Gothamundia PRF**

Ground Control Point (GCP) References. (All coordinates in WGS84 datum & UTM Zone 45N projection)

GCP Type	GCP Location	Latitude(DMS)	Longitude(DMS)	Latitude(DD)	Longitude(DD)
FPCP	Badamba Range Office	20°24'52.498800"	85°21'3.952800"	20.41458300	85.35109800
FSCP1	Gothamundia PRF , Pillar No- 1	20°25'25.974912"	85°15'3.398580"	20.42388192	85.25094405

Geo-coordinates of Boundary Pillar Position (Total: 44 nos.)

Pillar No	Latitude(DMS)	Longitude(DMS)	Latitude(DD)	Longitude(DD)
1	20°25'25.974912"	85°15'3.398580"	20.42388192	85.25094405
2	20°25'24.499344"	85°15'10.218564"	20.42347204	85.25283849
3	20°25'23.089440"	85°15'17.081100"	20.42308040	85.25474475
4	20°25'22.515708"	85°15'22.032144"	20.42292103	85.25612004
5	20°25'22.092492"	85°15'26.924760"	20.42280347	85.25747910
6	20°25'15.254436"	85°15'25.884432"	20.42090401	85.25719012
7	20°25'9.453504"	85°15'24.655356"	20.41929264	85.25684871
8	20°25'10.099884"	85°15'20.626488"	20.41947219	85.25572958
9	20°25'10.901244"	85°15'16.673400"	20.41969479	85.25463150
10	20°25'9.513228"	85°15'16.410276"	20.41930923	85.25455841
11	20°25'4.786968"	85°15'22.027104"	20.41799638	85.25611864
12	20°25'0.616728"	85°15'16.364196"	20.41683798	85.25454561
13	20°24'59.231700"	85°15'12.204432"	20.41645325	85.25339012
14	20°24'57.969756"	85°15'8.314740"	20.41610271	85.25230965
15	20°24'53.623548"	85°15'7.173576"	20.41489543	85.25199266
16	20°24'49.596048"	85°15'6.216444"	20.41377668	85.25172679
17	20°24'47.990520"	85°15'12.305340"	20.41333070	85.25341815
18	20°24'47.145240"	85°15'18.814392"	20.41309590	85.25522622
19	20°24'44.675604"	85°15'21.802212"	20.41240989	85.25605617
20	20°24'42.265728"	85°15'25.806672"	20.41174048	85.25716852
21	20°24'41.036616"	85°15'24.972552"	20.41139906	85.25693682
22	20°24'41.589792"	85°15'20.467332"	20.41155272	85.25568537
23	20°24'41.541696"	85°15'17.141364"	20.41153936	85.25476149
24	20°24'40.339872"	85°15'16.888500"	20.41120552	85.25469125
25	20°24'39.287880"	85°15'20.124504"	20.41091330	85.25559014
26	20°24'38.989872"	85°15'25.965000"	20.41083052	85.25721250
27	20°24'36.232128"	85°15'25.701696"	20.41006448	85.25713936
28	20°24'35.295048"	85°15'23.956416"	20.40980418	85.25665456
29	20°24'36.191196"	85°15'19.864044"	20.41005311	85.25551779
30	20°24'36.468216"	85°15'15.446808"	20.41013006	85.25429078
31	20°24'39.038796"	85°15'12.030984"	20.41084411	85.25334194
32	20°24'41.081292"	85°15'7.446168"	20.41141147	85.25206838
33	20°24'44.888940"	85°15'3.242556"	20.41246915	85.25090071
34	20°24'48.196548"	85°14'58.939584"	20.41338793	85.24970544

Pillar No	Latitude(DMS)	Longitude(DMS)	Latitude(DD)	Longitude(DD)
35	20°24'50.989716"	85°14'56.195088"	20.41416381	85.24894308
36	20°24'55.141884"	85°14'54.046680"	20.41531719	85.24834630
37	20°25'1.245396"	85°14'52.119168"	20.41701261	85.24781088
38	20°25'3.473436"	85°14'52.658412"	20.41763151	85.24796067
39	20°25'7.087044"	85°14'49.913484"	20.41863529	85.24719819
40	20°25'10.825320"	85°14'47.021244"	20.41967370	85.24639479
41	20°25'15.740544"	85°14'47.952132"	20.42103904	85.24665337
42	20°25'16.636872"	85°14'53.571804"	20.42128802	85.24821439
43	20°25'14.290572"	85°15'0.892368"	20.42063627	85.25024788
44	20°25'19.766568"	85°15'2.374956"	20.42215738	85.25065971

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