

Bhoomi Pujan and Khanan F.A.Q.



All Tonks are accessible by eco-friendly trails. Each trail has a path that is laid with limestone. Left picture shows three trails that meet at a beautiful spot near Guruji's tapasya sthal. In the background is a sign identifying the location of Bhagwan Adinath's Tonk.

Q. When is bhoomi puja and khaan?

A. August 28-29, 2010. (Paryushanji start next weekend)

What is bhoomi puja and khaan?

Bhoomi puja is purification of ground and khaan is ground-breaking

What is the program for August 28-29?

August 28 program will comprise morning pujas followed by swamivatsalya. The next event would be Shikharji Mahapujan of all 30 Siddhas. This will be followed by bhakti, vyaakhaan and cultural program etc. August 29 program will comprise bhoomi puja vidhi vidhan, and other community events. These will start around 8:00 am and continue until late afternoon. Invitation cards for the event will have definitive program.

How many donors can do Bhoomi Puja/ Khaan per Tonk?

There is no limitation on number of donors per Tonk

Does every donor get a chance to do bhoomi puja/ khaan?

Absolutely. If one has made the \$1,008 donation for bhoomi puja, one will be able to perform bhoomi puja. Same for khaan

Why is the amount for bhoomi puja / khaan \$1,008?

We received many suggestions. It was felt that Guruji would have wanted wide participation. Accordingly, the sum of \$1,008 was fixed so that a large number of donors will have the opportunity to participate in this auspicious and historic event

Can I donate for bhoomi puja or khaan for more than one Tonk?

Yes, you can donate for as many tonks you want by donating \$1,008 for each puja or khaan

Where will I do bhoomi puja / khaan ?

Bhoomi puja / khaan will be performed at the site of the proposed 30 Tonks. There will be held a lottery to decide the Tonk for which you will do bhoomi puja / khaan. The first round of lottery for assignment of tonks will be held and results announced at Siddhachalam on August 28th, 4:00 pm.

Will bhoomi puja and khaan be held at the site of each Tonk?

Yes, they will be held at the proposed site of each Tonk in groups

Will the name of every donor be engraved at Siddhachalam?

Absolutely, yes. If one donates at least \$1,008 for bhoomi puja/ khandan. Our objective is to encourage future generations to follow the example set by this so they are encouraged to donate for good causes. Replicating our most important teerth in North America at Siddhachalam is a worthy cause

How will the names be engraved?

The names will be engraved in a plaque at a prominent place at Siddhachalam. We hope to engrave them in marble

How many names will be engraved?

Two names per donor. Two names may include any family member or friend

Will donors for bhoomi puja and khandan get souvenir to memorialize the event?

Yes. These would be presented on August 29, 2010, at 8:30 am



Pictures show Shikharji trails and two Sadhvijs at a Tonk

Will Siddhachalam help arrange accommodation for out of town donors?

Siddhachalam will make arrangements, including with neighborhood hotels at negotiated group rates. Please contact stay@siddhachalam.org for further information

Can one donate any amount or must every contribution be at least \$1,008?

Contribution for bhoomi puja/ khandan is \$1,008. However, one can donate any amount for the **Shikharji at Siddhachalam** project. Every dollar is important and appreciated. We will recognize all contributions

How can one sponsor a tonk? Will it be by ghee boli, fixed amount (nakra) or some other method?

We have 30 tonks. Some tonks will be dedicated by ghee boli, some through wide participation under a lottery plan, and some others opened for sponsorship for a fixed sum. ***The idea is to give each donor the best chance to help bring Shikharji darshan experience to America***

Tell us more.

We are touched by the joyful expressions of interests to sponsor tonks or be instrumental in pratishtha. We will announce details as soon as they are finalized, possibly at bhoomi puja. Please make sure that you are at Siddhachalam on August 29 morning to take laabh

Will we have other opportunities to contribute on 28th and 29th?

Yes, there will be bolis and nakra for pujas, aarti, mangal devo and other events on August 28th as well as 29th