

Pratishtha FAQs



What is pratishtha?

Pratishtha involves seeking blessings and performing ceremonies associated with consecrating the marble charan paduka (symbolic footprint) on the Tonk. Pratishtha also involves paying homage to the siddha or arihant represented by that Tonk, among others

Will Tonks have pratimajis (idols)?

No. They will have charan paduka. Tonks in Teerthraj Shikharji in Jharkhand, India, do not have pratimajis

When will pratishtha be held?

Pratishtha is the next and final step after Shilanyas. It will be performed on an auspicious date and time after the Tonk (other than the charan paduka) is installed and the charan paduka is ready for consecration

What is involved in pratishtha?

Pratishtha of a Tonk comprises various ceremonies and events associated with the dedication of the charan paduka, including installation of dhvaj (flag), filling-up of gupt bhandaar (hidden vault), various pujas, aarti and mangal divo

Can someone who has taken the benefit of pratishtha share it with others?

Yes. The family that has taken the principal benefit of pratishtha may involve or share it with one or two families. It is for the principal donor to finalize contribution and naming details with the other sharing families

Will Siddhachalam memorialize the names of donors for pratishtha?

Yes. Siddhachalam will duly recognize the donors for pratishtha. For those interested in having their names memorialized, up to 15 names per Tonk will be beautifully engraved in marble and elegantly displayed with a view to create a permanent record of their historic role

Can Siddhachalam invite in the future anyone, in addition to the principal donor, to participate in ceremonies associated with pratishtha?

Yes. However, the principal donor(s) will decide the names to be engraved and memorialized

Will Siddhachalam present a souvenir to the donor for pratishtha?

Yes, Siddhachalam will present the donor with a beautiful keepsake in silver that will serve as a reminder of the worthy and noble act of teerth nirmaan (the making of a place of pilgrimage). Closer to the event, it will also provide shuddh clothes (new puja clothes) that are custom made for the occasion

Questions? Please email president@siddhachalam.org. Thank you and Jai Jinendra