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SHIKHARJI AT SIDDHACHALAM SHILANYAS MAHOTSAV AUGUST 6-7, 2011

Jai Jinendra

It is with great pleasure that we invite you to participate in celebrating Shilanyas (foundation stone-laying ceremony) of Shikharji at Siddhachalam.

Teerthraj Shikharji is the most revered Jain pilgrimage. Twenty of the 24 Tirthankars of the current avasarpini (cycle of time) attained moksha (nirvana) here.

Siddhachalam is the tapa and karma-bhoomi (place of asceticism and work relating to promotion of Ahimsa and other Jain principles) of Jain Acharya Sushil Kumarji ("Guruji"). It is an ashram, a nature and animal preserve, and a teerth (pilgrimage place) for all who believe in Jain principles.

The discovery that replica of Shikharji's Tonks can be laid, almost to scale, at Siddhachalam's 120 acres of beautiful, hilly, terrain brings alive Guruji's vision of Shikharji yatra experience in America.

With your contribution and enthusiastic participation, we completed bhoomi puja (purification of land) for Shikharji at Siddhachalam last year. Shilanyas is the next step in bringing Shikharji darshan experience to America.

You can help replicate Shikharji by contributing to Shilanyas

There are 30 Tonks and only a limited number of shilas (foundation stones). Attached flyer* provides details for participation. **Now** is the time for all who believe in Jain principles, regardless of sect or faith, to come forward and seize this rare and extra-ordinary opportunity for teerth nirmana (building a pilgrimage) and be remembered.

Please tear here and return with your check to Siddhachalam. Also donate at www.siddhachalam.org/shikharji

Yes! I want to help bring Shikharji darshan experience to America and help preserve my rich heritage. Here is my contribution for Shilanyas:

Shila \$1,008 each: \$ _____

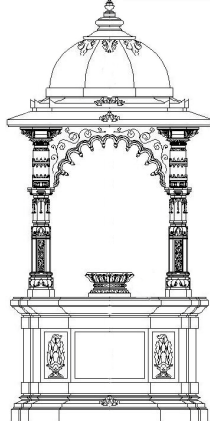
Shila \$5,004 each (Ghee Boli Tonk): \$ _____

I want to make a bid for Main Shila of **my choice** of **Ghee Boli Tonk** and my bid is (minimum \$11,000): \$ _____
For Tonk of _____

My contribution at this time is: \$ _____

Full Name(s): _____

Please turn over for address and other details. Thank you!



Naming Rights

Be Remembered by Future Generations

Small Shilas {Dikpal Shilas}

- \$1,008:** Up to 2 names of one family in total (self and spouse, for example) will be engraved in marble at a prominent location in Siddhachalam for all donors
- \$5,004:** Up to 5 names of one family in total (self, spouse, and parents, for example) will be engraved in marble at a prominent location in Siddhachalam on special चित्रपट for the 6 Ghee Boli Tonks

Main Shila {Dharni Shila} of Ghee Boli Tonks

Please see flyer for open Ghee Boli Tonks. Laabh for Main Shila of 25 Tonks already taken

- By Bidding:** Up to 11 names of one family up to two generations in total (including self, spouse, family members, town, native place, etc.) will be engraved in marble on the plaque next to the Tonk

Puja Vastra

Prior to Shilanyas, Siddhachalam will provide shudh puja clothes to all donors:

- **All shila donors:** one gents hand-embroidered kurta-pyjama
- **All donors for main shilas and small shilas of Ghee Boli Tonks:** one ladies hand-embroidered sari in addition to above

For donation by credit card, please call Siddhachalam (908) 362-9793 attention: Bajrang Joshi

Please use this space to provide your contact information and comments, if any

My address is: _____

Email and phone: _____

Please help me with stay arrangements during Shilanyas. We will be a party of _____

Comments: _____

The Foundation of a Tonk Shilanyas is on August 6-7, 2011

JAI JINENDRA

THERE are several ways to take laabh and participate in the Shilanyas (foundation laying) ceremony of Shikharji at Siddhachalam – the world's first complete, scaled, replication of Teerthraj Shikharji.

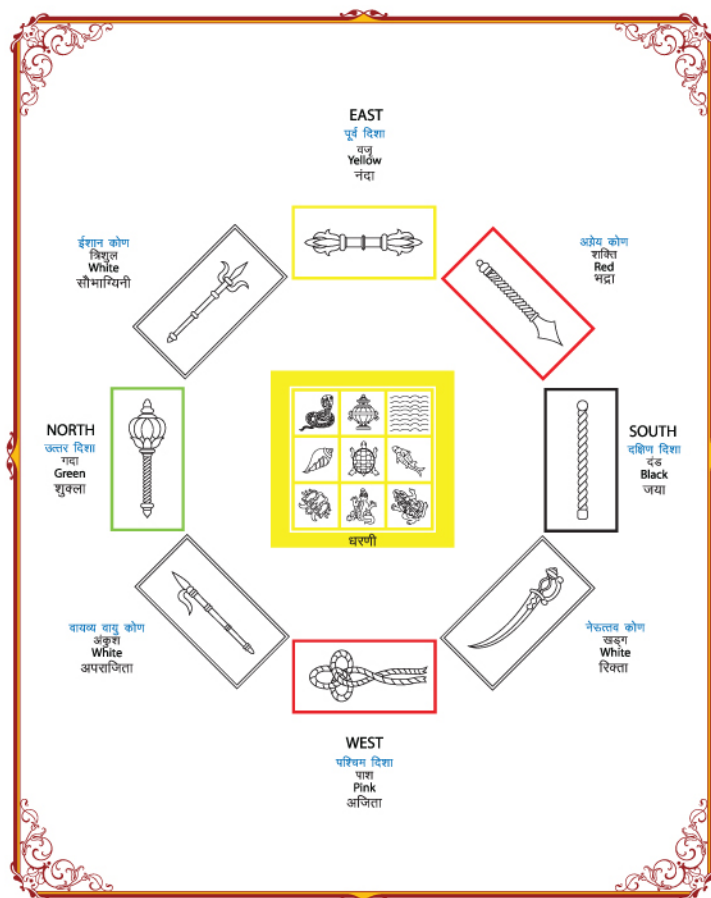
The foundation of a Tonk is similar to the foundation of a temple for a Tirthankar. The diagram shows the foundation stones ("shilas") and their names.

In the center is the **Dharni Shila** (main shila) and around it are eight **Dikpal Shilas**.

NINE families can participate in the Shilanyas of each Tonk – one family for laying each of the 9 shilas. There are 30 Tonks. All will perform Shilanyas. Here are the ways to participate:

- **By Ghee Boli** – of one of the five remaining Dharni Shilas*
- **\$1,008** – for each Dikpal Shila of the 24 Tonks
- **\$5,004** – for each Dikpal Shila of the 6 Ghee Boli Tonks

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The **Dharni Shila** has, among other auspicious engravings in marble, symbols of various life forms that might be disturbed in the course of laying the foundation. **Shilanyas involves, among other things, seeking their respectful permission.** The **Dikpal Shilas** depict the weapon each of the eight guardians of the different directions ("ashta-dikpals") bear in their arms.

* **Five Dharni Shilas** now remain open for participation. These are through Ghee Boli for the following Tonks: **Shri Adinath**, our first Tirthankar; **Shri Mahavira Swami**, our 24th Tirthankar; **Shri Parasvath**, our 23rd Tirthankar; **Shri Chandra Prabhu**, our 8th Tirthankar; and **Shri Gautam Swami**, the first chief disciple of Shri Mahavira Swami. Laabh for the Dharni Shila of the sixth Ghee Boli Tonk, of **Shri Shantinath Prabhu**, our 16th Tirthankar, has been taken for \$45,000. This is the time to take laabh for Dharni Shila for other Ghee Boli Tonks! **Please email your bid to** Jaipat Singh Jain, president@siddhachalam.org or call him at (908) 887-0814. *Jai Jinendra and thank you!*