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Bhoomi Pujan & Khanan August 28-29, 2010

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Model marble Tonk and plaque installed at Siddhachalam.

30 such Tonks will be installed on the 120-acre land in the layout that exists at Shikharji.

Bhoomi Pujan (purification of ground) and Khanan (ground-breaking) is the first event for Shikharji at Siddhachalam.

If you wish to give our future generations an opportunity to better know and relate with their rich heritage, now is the time to donate generously.

Help bring the joy of teerth darshan to America

Sakal Sangh is Respectfully Requested to Save the Dates August 28-29, 2010,

for the Auspicious Occasion of Bhoomi Pujan & Khanan of Shikharji at Siddhachalam



SHIKHARJI AT SIDDHACHALAM

Shikharji is called Teerthraj, the foremost Jain place of pilgrimage. Twenty of the 24 Tirthankars of the current avasarpini attained moksha here. So did countless others.

We have an extraordinary and rare opportunity to create a complete replication of Shikharji in America at your teerth and give our future generations a heritage to be proud of.

Bhoomi Pujan and Khanan, August 28- 29, 2010 Donation and Details

Donation for Bhoomi Pujan (purification of ground): U.S. \$1,008 Donation for Khanan/ khaat mahurat (ground-breaking): U.S. \$1,008

- All are cordially invited to be part of this historic occasion
- All donors will perform Bhoomi Pujan/ Khanan
- Names of all donors will be engraved in marble at Siddhachalam, recognized at samaroh and announced by Siddhachalam
- All donors will be honored with commemorative souvenir for their contribution to the world's first complete replication of Teerthraj Shikharji
- Please see FAQs inside for more details



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Photo: Pratimaji of Shri Parasnath Bhagwan in Main Temple is in Shwetambar tradition



Two sadhvijis on yatra to Shri Parasnath Tonk. Shri Parasnath Tonk is at the highest spot at Shikharji. As it happens, the location of Shri Parasnath Tonk at Siddhachalam will also be at its highest spot.

Shikharji at Siddhachalam

By Jaipat Singh Jain

Jai Jinendra. Many Jains are unable to undertake journeys to places of pilgrimage. This is more so for those outside India. As visits become infrequent, and future generations of Jains grow up away from India, so might understanding and bhava ("feeling") associated with pilgrimage.

Teerthraj Shikharji in Parasnath Hills in Giridih, Jharkhand, is the place where 20 of the 24 Tirthankars of the current avasarpini and countless others attained nirvana. It has marble tonks at each of the spots where our 20 Tirthankars, four shashvat Jina² and two ganadhars are thought to have attained nirvana. In addition, it has tonks in honor of the other Tirthankars, a Jal Mandir and Bhomiyaji temple (see inside for layout and details).

Shikharji is the loftiest Jain teerth.³ As recently explained by a Jain muni: "When just one auspicious event of one Tirthankar

can convert a place into a pilgrimage, it will be quite impossible for human intelligence to assess the holiness and power of that pilgrimage where as many as twenty Tirthankars have lit-up the inextinguishable light of nirvana. Although the first light of nirvana was lit-up in Ashtapad (in the Himalayas), today that pilgrimage is invisible to us. Under such a circumstance, Sammet Shikhar is that pilgrimage which we can hail as the "Shikhar" (summit) of the first light of nirvana."⁴

For a variety of reasons, however, including remote location and difficult terrain, Shikharji is visited less frequently by some.

Siddhachalam Jain Tirth, the world's first teerth outside India, has embarked on complete, scaled, replication of Shikharji's Tonks, Jal Mandir and Bhomiyaji temple.



Deer and other animal life are protected at Siddhachalam. Each year, Siddhachalam distributes nearly 25,000 pounds of corn for deer and other animals during winters.

Siddhachalam is uniquely placed to undertake this task.

Acharya Sushil Kumarji Maharaj
("Guruji") that is available at
Siddhachalam's front desk is entitled "When
I was Fourteen or Fifteen." In the lecture,
Guruji reminiscences a dialogue he once had
with his spiritual Guru, Roopchandji

Maharaj.⁶ Roopchandji Maharaj asked Guruji his purpose in life.



Tapasya sthal inside one of the trails where Guruji often meditated has a life-size pratima of Guruji. Siddhachalam has 11 nature and meditation trails measuring over 3 miles

Guruji recalls having said that it was twofold: to be a perfect yogi, and to build many temples.⁷ As is testified by the countless legends of his life, Guruji was a perfect yogi. And Siddhachalam, Guruji said, was the place he saw in his vision when a child.

Upon founding Siddhachalam, Guruji said that one of its purpose was to replicate Shikharji and four other teerths. Later, shortly before he left for devlok, he caused Siddhachalam to acquire an adjoining property so that it may have in the future a direct entrance from the north. That action was prophetic.

If the map of Shikharji is condensed in scale and then superimposed over the map of Siddhachalam by aligning the north entrance of Siddhachalam with the entrance of Shikharji, one finds that the Jal Mandir of Shikharji sits on the old spring house located at Siddhachalam. The spring house is a perennial source of natural water. Furthermore, almost all of the 30 Tonks of Shikharji get spread on our nature and meditation trails as if a near mirror image.

The layout of Siddhachalam mirrors the layout of Teerthraj Shikharji's 30 Tonks and Jal Mandir

Siddhachalam is blessed to bring Shikharji darshan experience to America. Shikharji at Siddhachalam will enable our future generations to preserve and better share and relate with their rich heritage.

The 30 Tonks at Siddhachalam will be in white marble and accompanied by a marble plaque. Each Tonk will have details of the Siddha represented and the marble plaque will have details of the donors. See Shikharji and Siddhachalam map inside. Siddhachalam welcomes you to your teerth.

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¹ Nirvana means liberation from the cycle of death and rebirth. Avasarpini means the regressive half of the current cycle of time ("kalpa").

² Shashvat means eternal. Jina is a synonym for a Tirthankar. Ganadharas are direct disciples of Tirthankars.

³ A teerth is often a place made auspicious by a significant event in the life of a great soul.

⁴ Mahopadhyaya Lalitprabh Sagar ji, *Jain Pilgrimages, Reverence and Art*, Prakrit Bharti Academy, Jit-Yasha Foundation, Jaipur, 2000.

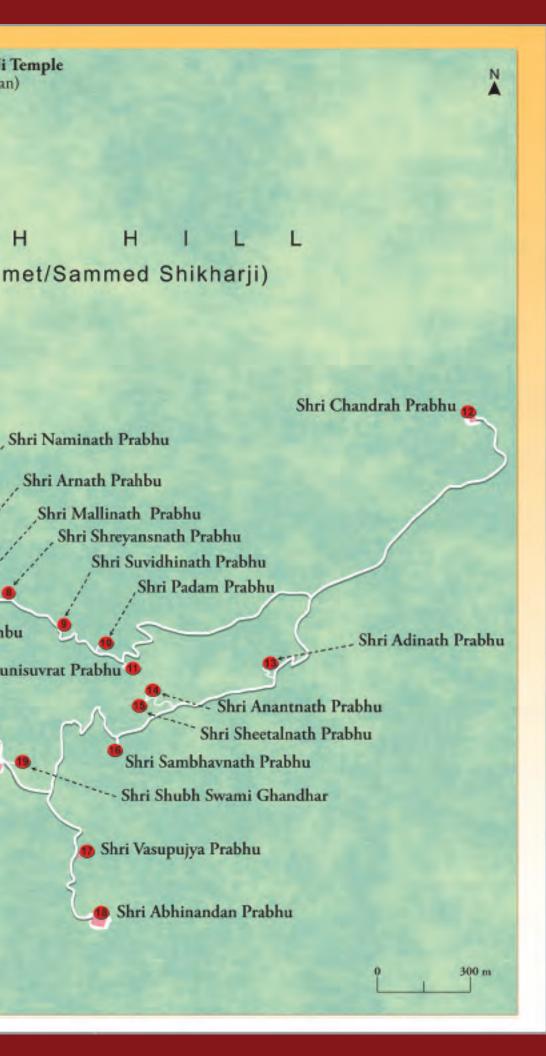
⁵ Guruji joined Chotelalji Maharaj, a Jain monk, when he was 7-years-old and became a monk when he was 15.

⁶ Roop Chandji Maharaj left his body more than 100 years ago. He was a great yogi and enlightened master in the family of monks to which Guruji belonged. He was Guruji's spiritual guru and communicated with Guruji in spirit during meditation.

⁷ Guruji was a monk in the Jain sthanakvasi tradition. Sthanskvasi reject the veneration of images. Guruji, however, was an iconoclast in the tradition of great reformers. He focused on the foundational principles of Jain dharma rather than differences among faiths. He shared with all the message of the Jinas, particularly ahimsa and anekantavada (perception, according to this doctrine, depends on standpoint) and held that peace and respect for environment was essential to mankind's survival. Siddhachalam is an ashram for all who respect the message of the Jinas.

⁸ The Shwetambar Jain Society of Shikharji has pledged to sponsor the first Tonk..





This is likely the most authentic map of Shikharji's Tonks today. It was commissioned by Siddhachalam in 2009 and has been prepared by well-known cartographers, Maps of India, and confirmed by satellite image, personal visit of informed Jains and review of literature.

The 30 Tonks of Shikharji, Jal Mandir and Bhomiyaji are identified here. Below is a complete list:

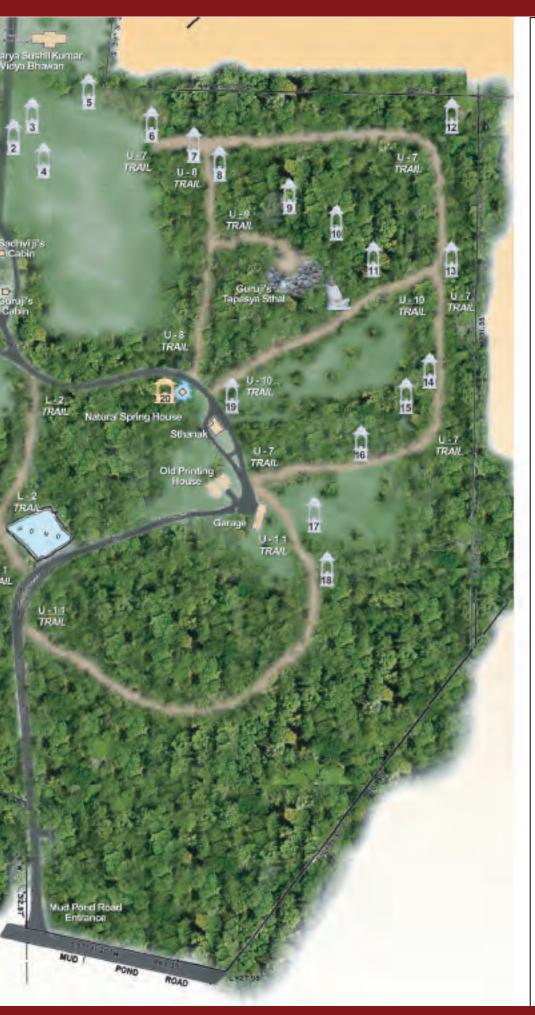


TONK LEGEND

- 1. Shri Gautam Swami
- 2. Shri Kunthunath Prabhu
- 3. Shashwat Jin Shri Rishbanan Prabhu
- 4. Shashwat Jin Chandranan Prabhu
- 5. Shri Naminath Prabhu
- 6. Shri Arnath Prabhu
- 7. Shri Mallinath Prabhu
- 8. Shri Shreyansnath Prabha
- 9. Shri Suvidhinath Prabhu
- 10. Shri Padam Prabhu
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- 12. Shri Chandrah Prabhu
- 13. Shri Adinath Prabhu
- 14 Shri Anantnath Prabhu
- 15. Shri Sheetalnath Prabhu
- 16. Shri Sambhamath Prabhu
- 17. Shri Vasupujya Prabhu
- 18. Shri Abhinandan Prabhu
- 19. Shrì Shubh Swami Ghandhar
- 20. Jal Mandir
- 21. Shi Dharamnath Prabhu
- 22. Shashvat Jin Shri Vardhman Prabhu
- 23. Shashvat Jin Shri Varishen Prabhu
- 24 Shri Sumatinath Prabhu
- 25. Shrì Shantinath Prabhu
- 26. Shri Mahavir Prabhu
- 27. Shri Suparashavnath Problem
- 28. Shri Vimalnath Prabhu
- 29. Shri Ajitnath Prabhu
- 30. Shri Neminath Prabhu
- 31. Shri Parshavnath Prabhu



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Map of Siddhachalam with the proposed tonks.

The tonks (and Jal Mandir) are identified by numbers 1 through 31. Below is a complete list.

- 1.Shri Gautam Swami
- 2.Shri Kunthunath Prabhu
- 3.Shashvat Jin Shri Rishbhanan Prabhu
- 4. Shashvat Jin Chandranan Prahbu
- 5.Shri Naminath Prabhu
- 6.Shri Arnath Prahbu
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- 16.Shri Sambhavnath Prabhu
- 17.Shri Vasupujya Prabhu
- 18.Shri Abhinandan Prabhu
- 19.Shri Shubh Swami
- 20.Jal Mandir
- 21.Shri Dharamnath Prabhu
- 22.Shashvat Jin Shri Vardhman Prabhu
- 23.Shashvat Jin Shri Varishen Prabhu
- 24.Shri Sumatinath Prabhu
- 25.Shri Shantinath Prabhu
- 26.Shri Mahavir Swami
- 27. Shri Suparshavnath Prabhu
- 28.Shri Vimalnath Prabhu
- 29.Shri Ajitnath Prabhu
- 30.Shri Neminath Prabhu
- 31.Shri Parshavnath Prabhu

Map also shows Siddhachalam's 11 nature and meditation trails spread over nearly 3 miles. One of the trails contains a life-size pratima of Acharya Sushil Kumarji close to the spot where he did meditation. These trails were rededicated and Guruji's tapasya sthal identified and opened to all in August 2008. In 2009, over 15,000 yatris visited Siddhachalam.

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(check as applicable):

• 28th Breakfast: \$1,101

• 28th Lunch: \$2,101

• 28th Dinner:\$2,101

• 29th Breakfast:\$1,501

• 29th Lunch:\$2,501

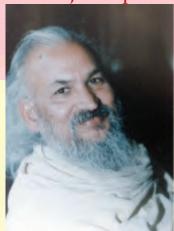
• 29th Snacks & dinner: \$2,101

I would like to volunteer for the following activities (check as applicable):

- Help with Pujan on 28th
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- On-site Printing Work on 28th night
- Serving:
 - o Lunch on 28th
 - o Dinner on 28th
 - o Breakfast on 29th
 - o Lunch on 29th
- Bhakti on 28th evening
- Handling Audio Equipment
- Handling Video Equipment
- Photography
- Report-writing
- Parking Help
- Help with Transportation
- Logistics at Tonks
- Cultural Program on 28th evening

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Saturday, August 28 11:00 am – 10:00 pm Shri Shikharji Mahapujan Pujans, Bhakti and Cultural Program

> Sunday, August 29 8:00 am – 5:00 pm Bhoomi Pujan and Khanan



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Bhoomi Pujan & Khanan FAQ





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

Q. When is bhoomi pujan and khanan?

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

What is bhoomi pujan and khanan?

Bhoomi pujan is purification of ground and khanan 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 starting at 1:30 pm. This will be followed by bhakti, vyaakhaan and cultural program etc. August 29 program will comprise bhoomi pujan 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 Pujan/ Khanan per Tonk?

There is no limitation on number of donors per Tonk

Does every donor get a chance to do bhoomi pujan/ khanan?

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

Why is the amount for bhoomi pujan / khanan \$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 pujan or khanan for more than one Tonk?

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

Where will I do bhoomi pujan / khanan?

Bhoomi pujan / khanan 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 pujan / khanan. 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 pujan and khanan 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 pujan/ khanan. 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 pujan and khanan 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 Sadhvijis at a Tonk

Will Siddhachalam help arrange accommodation for out of town donors?

Siddhachalam will help 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 pujan/ khanan 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 the bhava of Shikharji darshan 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 pujan. 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

hikharji Project Leads

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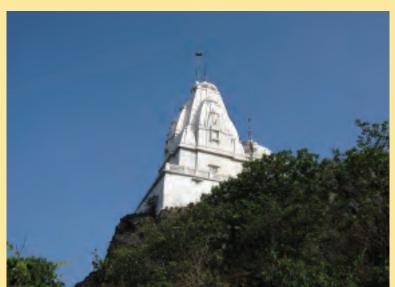
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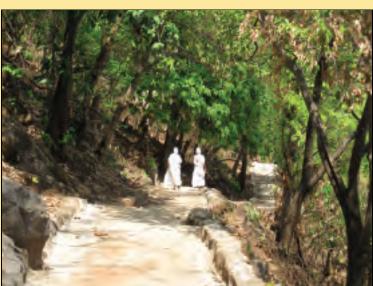
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