THE TALLEST IDOL OF BHAGWAN RISHABHDEV IS SET TO BE INSTALLED ON FEBRUARY 11.

A 108 feet standing idol of the first Tirthankar Bhagwan Shri Rishabhdev, which is the highest Jain idol in the world, is being carved from a single stone at the 2,500ft high hills of Mangi Tungi and is all set to be installed on February 11.

The Supreme Sadhvi, Pujya Ganini Pramukh Shri Gyanmati Mataji had given an inspiration for the construction of this idol in 1996 during her Chaturmas at Siddhakshetra Mangitungi (Nasik) Maharashtra. Then, the Shilapujan was done in the year 2002 and with great continuous efforts, this grand task has completed in the year 2015.

Now, only 28 days are left for the month-long grand event which is expected to attract over 10 lakh devotees of the Digamber Jain community from across India. Panchkalyanak Pratishtha is slated from 11-17 February and Maha Abhishek will be held from 18 February to 6 March.

Mangi-Tungi are two hills of Sahyadri ranges and are known for Jain pilgrimage "Shri Digambar Jain Siddhakshetra". There are many temples of Jain Tirthankaras located in this area.

Maharashtra government has approved the initial funds of Rs18.5 crore for the civil work in the temple area spread in 100 acres. The government is expected to approve another Rs22 crore.