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To  
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**Subject: Safe guarding sanctity of supreme place of worship Shikharji**

We are Fill in the name of your Jain Center of Jains comprising of ..... members. The Jains constitute as a minority of the nation but have always been true sons of the soil and have served India with honor and distinction.

We are hereby appealing the state government on behalf of all our members to look in to the matter immediately regarding the Holy Shikharji Tirth. Shikharji Tirth is Nirvanbhoomi of 20 Tirthankaras and hence, entire Jain community is connected with this Mahatirth by faith and emotions.

The community has been in distress with the report of Government of Jharkhand promoting tourism, construction of helipad and military barracks and press note indicating construction of Marang Buru temple. The development of sacred Shikharji Tirth as tourist destination will invite several havocs and social evils hampering the piousness of the hill.

Sanctioning the temple of deity Marang Buru on the Hill will invite more hunting and sacrifices on the Hill which is against the principles of Jainism.

The authorities keep assuring that piousness of the Hill will be kept in mind during development but they are blissfully unaware of the damage that will surely happen to the spiritual prowess of this holy place. The entire hill is sacred and any such activities dent the sacredness of the Hill.

**We therefore, appeal and urge you that the Government must recognize and declare the Hill as Place of Worship and let it retain its characteristics.** There are very few pious places across the globe and these places bolster fructification of the virtues and merits within.

Recognizing the entire Hill such as Tirumala, Niyamgiri and others as place of worship and object of worship is not unknown in India and are being accorded legal protection for preservation of their sacredness.

As described in Jain scriptures, Shikharji Hill is being worshipped since time immemorial and is the topmost place and object of worship.

We sincerely request you to take immediate action towards our appeal "Save Shikharji" and prevent damage to our holy institution. We will support the Government that preserves the heritage and richness of our religious places which are epitomes of sanctity and piousness for all Jains.

Regards,

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Signature

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Print Name and Title