

**Success regarding maintenance of sanctity of the world's
holiest and revered pilgrimage place of Jains, the World
over**

Shri Sunil Singhi, Member, National Commission for Minorities, led a deligation of Jain community and met Hon'ble Chief Minister of Jharkhand Shri Raghuvar Das, regarding **maintenance of sanctity of the world's holiest and revered pilgrimage place of Jains, the World over.**

It is popularly known as "Shikhar Ji", in Giridhi District of Jharkhand. It is located on Parasnath Hill, the highst mountain in the state of Jharkhand and is the most important Jain tirath (Pilgrimage Centre) for the Jains, where 20 of the 24 Jain tirthankar along with many others monks attained "Moksha". The elevation of the Parasnath Hill is 1365 Mtrs or 4478 ft. Shree Shikhar ji is the highest peak of the Parasnath Hill, on top of the hill there is **beautiful Jian temple** made of marble.

A campaign was going on to save Shikhar Ji by Jains to declare the pious shikhar ji hill as "Place of Worship". Due to the wholehearted efforts of Shri Sunil Singhi, Member, National Commission for Minorities, the Hon'ble Chief Minister agreed and assured the delegation led by Shri Sunil Singhi that Government of Jharkhand is committed in keeping the sanctity intact of the holy place of worship of Jains. And no action will be taken by the Jharkhand Government which might breech sanctity of the holy pilgrimage of the Jain community.

Honorable Chief Minister issued necessary instruction to all the concerned departments of Jharkhand Government in this regard. He also instructed the concerned officers to discuss the matters regarding development and provision of infrastructure facilities as well as security of pilgrims at the pilgrimage with the Trustee in advance and implement the suggestion so received on priority basis.

There had been a long standing demand of the Jain community that the sanctity of ancient centuries old “Parasnath Sammed Shikharji Parvat” should be protected, which has been fulfilled due to concerted efforts of Shri Sunil Singhi Ji.

The delegation thanked Honorable Chief Minister for accepting the long standing demand of the Jain Community regarding protection of the sanctity of this holy pilgrimage.

The Department of Tourism, Art Culture, Sports and youth Affairs of Jharkhand Government also issued an office Memorandum No.1391/Ranchi dated 22.10.2018 in this regard on the same day.