

Om Shri Sai Nathaya Namah:

The Pashupatinath Temple will now be seen in Indore

With the blessings of almighty Lord Shiva the foundation stone was laid for the building of Shri Sarveshwar Mahadev Temple at Tillor Khurd, Indore, which will be a replica of the ancient and sacred temple of Lord Pashupatinath at Kathmandu, Nepal, along with a Care Home for children with special needs. The ceremony was graced by the presence of revered saints from across the country namely Mahant Shriman Raghumuni Ji (Shi Mahant, Shri Bada Udasin Akhada), Mahamandaleshwar Guru Sharnanad Ji (Raman Reti - Gokul Mathura), Shri Dahya Bhai Shastri Ji (Nadiad), and political leaders like Shri Kailash Vijayvargiya, Shri Ramesh Mandola, and Shri Jeetu Patwari.

The temple being built by the Shiv Om Sai trust about eighteen kilometers from Indore at Tillor Khurd will be exactly like the Pashupatinath Temple from its Architecture, to the other temples of Goddess Mother Annapurna, Vasukinath, Lord Hanuman, Lord Unmat Bhairav and Lord Ganesha that will also be built in the temple complex exactly like in Kathmandu, and also the five faced Holy Lingam. A care home for children with special needs is also being made within the same campus. The main temple will be built on an area of 5500 sq ft and the care home over an area of 25,000 sq ft, with the total campus being spread over an area of 90,000 sq ft.

The inspiration for building the temple came one Monday during the month of Shravan in 2014 when, during Shiva *puja*, one of Guruji's (founder of the Shiv Om Sai Trust, Shri Manoj Thakkar Ji) disciples mentioned to Guruji that, many years back when he had fallen seriously ill, his father had promised to establish a temple of Lord Shiva along with his family if his health improved; he had gotten better since but the promise remained unfulfilled yet. Upon hearing this Guruji said "We will all make the temple together and god willing a magnificent one." Since Shri Manoj Thakkar Ji is working on a book with the sacred Shiva Sutra and Kashmir Shaivism as its base, he felt that the inspiration to build the temple had come to further, and in continuation of, the same, and therefore the architecture of the temple also drew inspiration from the temple of Lord Pashupatinath at Nepal.

A learned thinker and writer on philosophical and spiritual subjects, **Shri Manoj Thakkar Ji**, has authored three books namely *Pran Kavya - Ek Abhivyakti*, a philosophical rendering of the popular Madhushala; *Kashi Marnanmukti*, a widely appreciated and awarded spiritual novel; and *The Mystic Faith – For a Drop of Nectar*, a pictorial reference book on the bathing festival of Kumbh. All profits generated through the sale of his books are directed to the Shiv Om Sai Trust.

The Shiv Om Sai Trust which is building the temple and the care home is a public charitable trust registered under The Madhya Pradesh Public Trusts Act, 1951 with Regd. Number 1134 and was formed in 2012 to monitor and account for the use of funds generated through the sale of books being published by Shiv Om Sai Prakashan towards the development of a care home for children and young adults with special needs at Indore, Madhya Pradesh, with an objective of providing them with the best of medical and educational facilities and a caring and supportive atmosphere.