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Press Release:

Jains across the spectrum are up in arms against the Government's plans to convert Shikharji Tirth as a Place of Tourism, vis a vis the Place of Worship.

Converting the holy and pious Shikharji Tirth as a Place of Tourism will destroy the piety of the most religious Tirth of Jains', which has seen the Nirvaan Kalyanak of 20 out of 24 Jain Tirthankars.

The Save Shikharji Movement is a 'Jan Andalon' that wishes to convey the anguish and pain of Jains to the Government. The movement has seen participation of Lakhs of Jains that have spoken in a single voice through physical and online signature campaigns, and demanded that Shikharji be officially declared a 'Place of Worship'.

Lending credence to this Save Shikharji movement is the unflinching support from all jains across the globe irrespective of any sects along with blessings of number of figureheads of various denominations across Jainism. Jain Sanghs across India are making a fervent appeal and sharing their deep anguish when the rights and religious beliefs of Jains across India are being hurt by giving a step motherly treatment to this Place of Worship.

Given the precedence in declaring multiple holy locations of different faiths' as a Place of Worship such as Tirumala Hill Mt. Khangchen Dzonga in Sikkim, Mt.Niyamgiri in Odisha there is no reason why the peaceful Jain community must lose its most precious and sacred Place of Worship.