

Experiencing Culture: Shantinath Museum Aharji, District Tikamgarh – M.P. (Category: Construction & Building Design)

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INTRODUCTION



Aharji is a historical pilgrimage site for Jainism in India. The main temple in Aharji is Shri 1008 Shantinath Temple which has an 18 feet high colossus of Lord Shantinath, the principal deity with two standing idols of Lord Kunthunath&Arahnath on both sides. Around the main temple, there has been erected a “TrikalChoubisee” (24 Teerthankars each for three eras Present, Past & Future). The main temple was completed in 12th century and colossus of principal deity Lord Shantinath was installed in VikramSamvat 1237.

Siddha KshetraAharji is a very ancient sacred place and very important from historical & archaeological aspects. Broken fragments of Jain idols & Jain temples have been excavated here. These sculptures were put onto display in 1948 in the form of Shantinath Museum.

Through this museum & its peripheral activity in the premises of Aharji Siddha Kshetra, an effort is being made to make the visitor experience Jain culture.

