



**Design & Construction of Rath of  
Bhagwan Shri Ajitnath at Tarangaji Teerth  
A Project Report for Shri Anandji Kalyanji Pedhi**





**Tarangaji Teerth** is a Jain religious place near Kheralu in Mehsana district Gujarat, India, with two compounds of Jain Teerth that are important examples of the Māru-Gurjara style of architecture.

Bhagwan Ajitnathaji Teerth, was constructed in 1161 by the Chaulukya King Kumarapala, under the advice of his Guru, Kalikaal Sarwagya Param Pujya Acharya Bhagwant Shri Hemachandracharya.





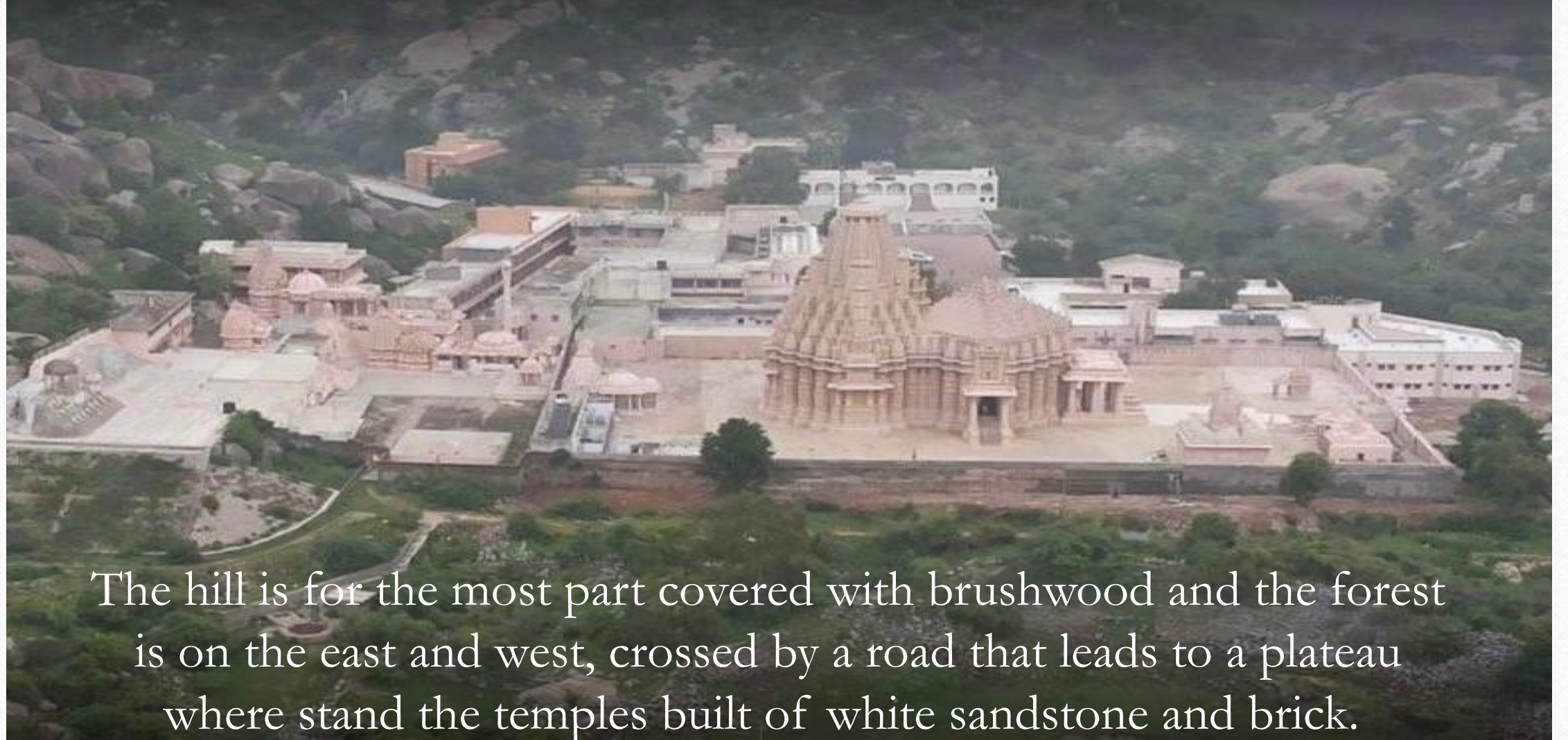
# History

Tarangaji Teerth became an important Jain religious teerth in the 12h century.

In Kumarapal Pratibodha of Somaprabhacharya, composed in Vikram Samvat 1241, it is stated that Jain Maharajsahebji Pujya Shri Khaputacharya had built a Teerth for Goddess Tara and thus the town was named Tarapur.







The hill is for the most part covered with brushwood and the forest is on the east and west, crossed by a road that leads to a plateau where stand the temples built of white sandstone and brick.



# About Shri Anandji Kalyanji Pedhi

Shri Anandji Kalyanji Pedhi is the largest and the oldest Jain Pedhi(Trust).

The Pedhi takes care and manages the Teerth of Palitanaji, Ranakpurji, Tarangaji and many more..



# About Sri. K.P. Umapathy Acharya

- Specialist in Theory & practice of Hindu Architecture, Iconography & Sheet Metal works.
- Presently taking care of the Gurukulam at Kumbakonam, and teaching architecture to the students studying there.
- Construction of three new temples and renovation of two temples near Kumbakonam is in process.
- Construction of a Devi Temple with lime mortar-without using steel and cement.





He is a recipient of Best Artist Award by Govt. of Tamilnadu, 2004 & Shanta Prasad Award for outstanding excellence in traditional knowledge and skill. (Crafts Council of India), 2008

The Design given by Guru Umapathyji is as per the measurements of the Tarangaji Derasar as per Shashtras.





# Details of Proposed Rath

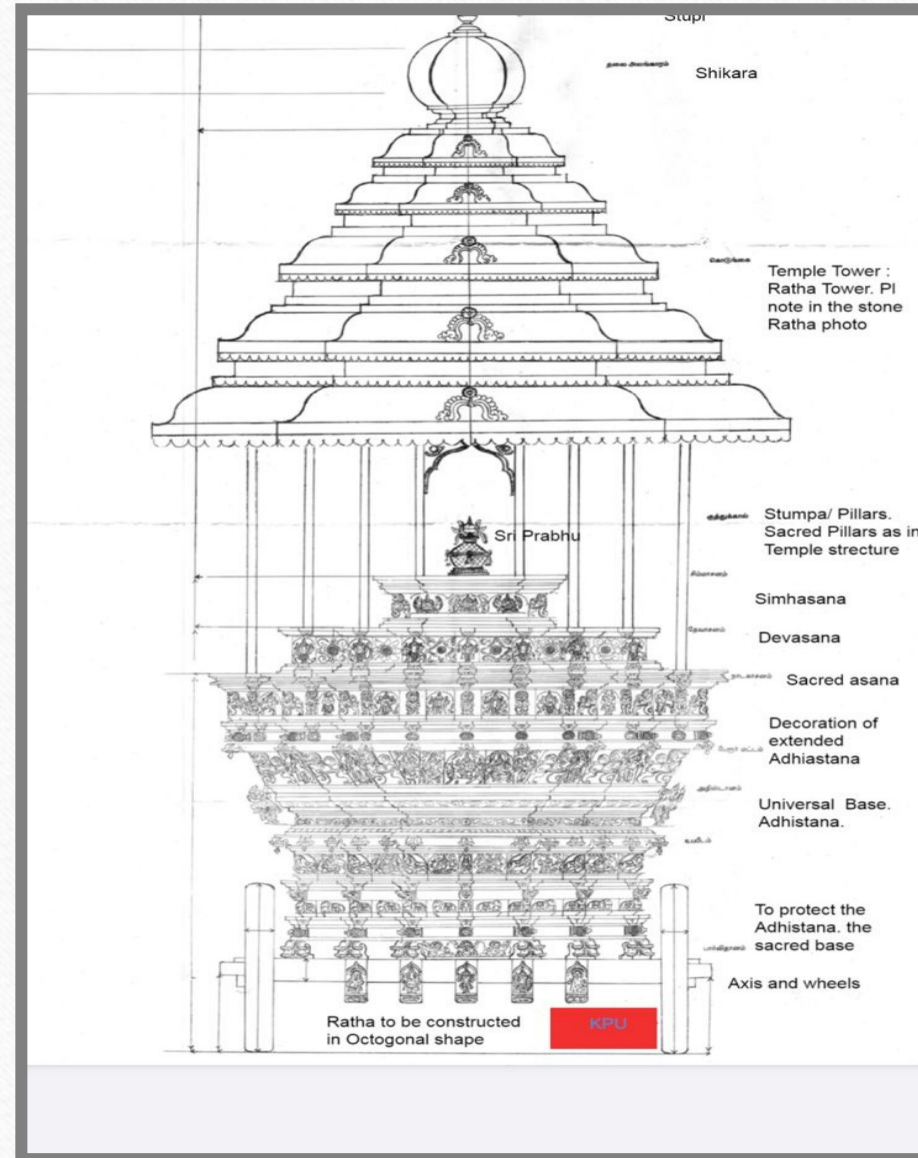
Rath Design given by Guru Umapathyji is of Octagon Shape with measurements as below:

- Height - 25 feet 3 inches
- Width - 9 feet 3 inches
- Height up to Simhasana as 9 feet 3 inches

This rath will be carved by Vighrahas & symbols around the body to match with the story of Bhagwan Ajitnathji.



# Design of Rath







# Rath Reference Images

















Approx 312 Vighrahas would be Hand Carved Around the Rath.



# Requirements for Rath Construction

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- As per above measurements, a total of 1400 cft of Burma Teak Wood will be used.
- 200 Brass bells (small size).
- Wheels would be made from Iron Metal/Brass/Wood.
- 312 Vighrahas would be carved around the Rath.



# Bhagwan Ajitnathji Jain Derasar: Dimensions

	Particulars	Length	Width	Height
1	Derasar external measurements	77 ft	57 ft	142 ft
2	Measurement Of Ghabhara	17 ft 10 inches	18 ft 5 inches	26 ft
3	Mandorav	5 ft 6 inches	7 ft 7 inches	15 ft
4	Samran From Outside	71 ft	66 ft	76 ft
5	Rangmandup From Inside	43 ft 8 inches	43 ft 5 inches	34 ft 6 inches
6	Garbhgruh Door	-	6 ft	11 ft 4 inches
7	Rangmandup Entrance Door( 3 Doors Are Identical-East Side)	-	6 ft 3 inches	6 ft 8 inches

Source: Sheth Shri Anandji Kalyanji Religious Trust





In the centre of the main square of the length of 230 ft (70 m) and breadth 230 ft (70 m), this temple is 50-ft (15 m) long, 100-ft (30 m) broad and 142-ft (43 m) high.

It has a perimeter of 639 ft (195 m). The 902 ft (275 m) high wooden summit of this temple is beautifully carved.



# Timeline

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Project will be completed in around 16-20 months.



# Thank You

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