



# INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL CENTRE FOR THE ARTS

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### SECTION I : IDENTIFICATION

#### 1. Name

**Present** : Gumani Mahavira Temple, Puri Town, Dist- Puri  
**Past** :  
**Other Name (if any):** : ---

#### 2. Location

<b>LONGITUDE</b>	85°49'19"E	<b>LATITUDE</b>	19°48'32"N	<b>ELEVATION</b>	13 ft
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**Address** : **Village (village code)** Lugapati, Grand road, Puri Town  
**Post** : Puri **Via**: Puri Town  
**Tehsil**: Puri **District**: Puri  
**State** : Orissa **PIN**: 752001  
**Approach** : This temple in the precinct of Bada Akahnda Matha, is situated at Lugapati, Grand Road, Puri.

#### 3. Property Type

##### **Buildings**

Palace  
Fort  
Citadel  
Govt. building  
Railway station  
Defence building  
Industrial building  
Other public buildings  
Residential building

##### **Engineering structure**

Bridge  
Tunnel  
Other engineering structure

##### **Religious structures**

✓ Temple  
Mosque  
Minar  
Church  
Monastery  
Stupa  
Tomb, Mausoleum

##### **Open space and related structures**

Public square  
Park or garden  
Graveyard  
Baolis, Well  
Tank  
Cave

##### **Other Structures**

Wall  
Gateway  
Pillar  
Others (specify)

##### **Note:**

The temple consists of a *Pidha Vimana* & *jagamohana* of *Kalingan* order.

#### 4. Property Use

**ABANDONED / IN USE :** In use  
**Present** : Living temple, the presiding deity is a two armed Hanumana.  
**Past** : Worshipped.

#### 5. Age (Source)

**PERIOD** : Suryavamsi Gajapati rule  
**YEARS** : 15<sup>th</sup> Century AD.  
**Precise date of Construction** : ---  
**Completion** : ---  
**Subsequent changes** : Repaired by Endowment Department.  
**Destruction / Demolition** : ---

#### 6. Ownership / Level of Protection

	<b>SINGLE / MULTIPLE :</b>	Multiple
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**Public** : Archaeological Survey of India / State Archaeology Department / Any Other (Please specify) : Endowment Department, Government of Orissa.  
**Private** : ---  
**Any other (Please specify)** : ---  
**Name** : Mahanta Sri Ganagadash Maharaj  
**Address** : Lugapati, Grand road, Puri  
**Phone** : ---

#### 7. Association

##### • WITH EVENTS

**In History** : ---  
**In Rituals** : *Dolapurnima, Ratha yatra, Bahuda yatra* etc. During *Ratha yatra* the movable image of the deity is taken to the temple of lord Jagannath for service of Jagannatha.  
**In Building Construction** : ---  
**Any other (specify)** : ---

##### • WITH PERSONS

**Patron** : Endowment Department, Government of Orissa.  
**Architect / Engineer** : ---  
**Any other (specify)** : ---

#### 8. Statement of Significance

<input type="checkbox"/> Architectural	✓ Architectural
<input type="checkbox"/> Archaeological	
<input type="checkbox"/> Historical	
<input type="checkbox"/> Religious	✓ Religious
<input type="checkbox"/> Any other (specify)	: On the basis of architectural features, the temple can be

assigned to the 15<sup>th</sup> century AD i.e. Suryavamsi Gajapati period.

## **SECTION II: DESCRIPTION**

### **9. Physical Description and Decorative Features**

<b>• Context</b>	<b>* Drawings</b> (Attach extra sheet if necessary) No
<b>Urban / Rural Setting</b> :	Urban setting
<b>Surroundings</b>	<b>Stand in Isolation</b> Complex
	<b>Integral part of a Landscape</b>
	<b>/ Street / Complex :</b>
<b>• Quantification</b>	6.50 mtrs x 5.40 mtrs x 6.30 mtrs
<b>Area Dimension ( L x B x H) :</b>	---
	(m / cm/ feet / inch)
<b>Number of Blocks</b> :	Two
<b>Number of Storys</b> :	NA
<b>• Spatial Organization</b>	
<b>Orientation</b> :	The temple is facing towards south.
<b>Plan</b> :	The <i>vimana</i> & <i>jagamohana</i> are square on plan.
<b>Allocation of Spaces</b> :	6.50 mtrs (L) x 5.40 Mtrs (W)
<b><u>ARCHITECTURAL STYLE</u></b>	
<b>• Ornamentation</b>	
<b>Exteriors</b> :	The total <i>jangha</i> of the <i>vimana</i> is decorated with series of <i>khakhara mundis</i> where as <i>upara jangha</i> is decorated with <i>pidha mundis</i> . The conjunctions are carved with <i>Vyala</i> figures in upper part and <i>Nayika</i> figures in lower part. River goddess <i>Ganga</i> & <i>Yamuna</i> are noticed on either side of the door frame of <i>jagamohana</i> standing over their respective mounts and holding usual attributes. The doorjambs are decorated with scroll works like <i>Lata</i> & <i>Nara Sakha</i> . The <i>parsvadevata</i> niches enshrine deities like <i>Anjana</i> in eastern, <i>yama</i> in western niche & <i>Vayu</i> in the northern niches. In the architrave of the <i>vimana</i> there is a <i>navagraha</i> panel.
<b>Interiors</b> :	Plain
<b>Movable Collections</b> :	Nil
<b>* Any Other</b> (specify) :	The temple is <i>panchangabada</i> in elevation.

### **10. Construction Technology**

<b>Structural System</b> :	<i>Pidha vimana</i> & <i>Jagamohana</i> of <i>Kalingan</i> order.
<b>Building Techniques</b> :	Ashlar dry masonry
<b>Material of Construction</b> :	Sand stone & Laterite

### **11. Condition Assessment**

**In General**

**Good / Fair : Fair**

✓	Sign of Deterioration
	Serious Deterioration
	Danger of Disappearance

**In Brief (Attach extra sheet if necessary)**

Pipal trees are found on all sides of the roof.

**12. Threats to the Property**

	Natural
	Negligence
✓	Vandalism
✓	Urban Pressures

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**SECTION III: REFERENCES**

**13. Reference Sources** (published and unpublished textual details)

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**14. Photographs**

(attach list as in page 6, in case of multiple photographs)

**Photo Reference :**  
**CAPTION :**

**15. Audio / Video**

(related to rituals / performance / festivals etc.)

**Reference :**  
**DESCRIPTION :**

**16. Maps/Plans/Drawings**

**17. Listers**

**NAME :** B. B. Satpathy **NAME :**

**18. Reviewers**

**NAME :** Dr. S. Pradhan **NAME :**  
**COMMENTS** **COMMENTS :**