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SECTION I : IDENTIFICATION

1. Name

Present : Varahi Image in front of Rakshyakali Temple, Jajpur Town, Dist. - Jajpur

Past : ---

Other Name (if any): : ---

2. Location

LONGITUDE 86° 20' 12" E **LATITUDE** 20° 50' 31" N **ELEVATION** 32 ft

Address : **Village (village code)** Viraja Road, Jajpur Town
Post : Devidwar **Via**: Devidwar
Tehsil: Jajpur Town **District**: Jajpur
State : Orissa **PIN**: 755007

Approach : The temple, on the right side of Jajpur-Binjharpur road is situated at a distance of 1.5 kms from town bus-stand towards Viraja temple.

3. Property Type

Buildings

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

Religious structures

- Temple
- Mosque
- Minar
- Church
- Monastery
- Stupa
- Tomb, Mausoleum

Other Structures

- Wall
- Gateway
- Pillar
- Others (specify)-Sculpture

Engineering structure

- Bridge
- Tunnel
- Other engineering structure

Open space and related structures

- Public square
- Park or garden
- Graveyard
- Baolis, Well
- Tank
- Cave

Note:

The temple is a modern structure having a *pidha vimana* and a *pidha jagamohana*. However, an independant Varahi image is kept in front of the temple, iconographically which can be dated to the 10th/11th century A.D.

4. Property Use

ABANDONED / IN USE : In use

Present : Living temple and the presiding deity is goddess Kali and the goddess Varahi is kept in front of the temple.
Past : Worshipped

5. Age (Source)

PERIOD : The temple is recent construction but the Varahi image kept in front of the temple belongs to the Somavamsi rule.
YEARS : 10th/11th century A.D.
Precise date of Construction : ---
Completion : ---
Subsequent changes : ---
Destruction / Demolition : ---

6. Ownership / Level of Protection

SINGLE / MULTIPLE : Multiple

Public : Archaeological Survey of India / State Archaeology Department / Any Other (Please specify) : ---
Private : ---
Any other (Please specify) : Rakshyakali Puja Committee
Name : ---
Address : AT- Viraja Road (Jajpur Town), PO- Devidwar, Dist- Jajpur, Orissa
Phone : ---

7. Association

• **WITH EVENTS**

In History : ---
In Rituals : *Kalipuja and Ashokastami*, etc are observed here.
In Building Construction : ---
Any other (specify) : ---

• **WITH PERSONS**

Patron : Now it is looked after by the Rakshyakali Puja Committee.
Architect / Engineer : ---
Any other (specify) : ---

8. Statement of Significance

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Archaeological | ✓ | Archaeological |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Historical | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Religious | ✓ | Religious |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Any other (specify) | : | |

