



# INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL CENTRE FOR THE ARTS

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### SECTION I : IDENTIFICATION

#### 1. Name

**Present** : Somesvara Siva Temple, Old Town,  
Bhubaneswar, Dist.-Khurda

**Past** : ---

**Other Name (if any):** : ---

#### 2. Location

**LONGITUDE** 85°50'00" E      **LATITUDE** 20°14'06" N      **ELEVATION** 85 ft

**Address** : **Village (village code)** Kharakhia Vaidyanatha Sahi,  
Old Town  
**Post** : Old Town      **Via**: Bhubaneswar  
**Tehsil**: Bhubaneswar      **District**: Khurda  
**State** : Orissa      **PIN**: 751002

**Approach** : The temple is located within the Kharakhia Vaidyanatha temple precinct in Old town area of Bhubaneswar. One can approach the site from the left side of the Vaidyanatha road leading from Lingaraja temple to Kapilesvara. It is about 300mtrs south of the Lingaraja temple.

#### 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 has a *rekha vimana* and a *pidha jagamohana* of *Kalingan* Order.

#### 4. Property Use

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**ABANDONED / IN USE :** Living temple

**Present** : It is a living temple and the presiding deity is Sivalinga within a circular *Yonipitha*  
**Past** : Worshipped.

#### 5. Age (Source)

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**PERIOD** : Somavamsi rule  
**YEARS** : 10<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> centuries A.D.  
**Precise date of Construction** : Last decade of 10<sup>th</sup> century or first decade of 11<sup>th</sup> century A.D.  
**Completion** : ---  
**Subsequent changes** : The temple was renovated by the Orissa State Archaeology under the X and XI Finance Commission Award.  
**Destruction / Demolition** : ---

#### 6. Ownership / Level of Protection

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**SINGLE / MULTIPLE :** Single

**Public** : Archaeological Survey of India / State Archaeology Department / Any Other (Please specify)  
**Private** :  
**Any other (Please specify)** : The temple is looked after by Babulal Makaddam Badu Mohapatra  
**Name** :  
**Address** : Kharakhia Vaidyanatha temple, Old town, Bhubaneswar, Dist-Khurda, Orissa.  
**Phone** : ---

#### 7. Association

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• **WITH EVENTS**

**In History** : ---  
**In Rituals** : The Saivite rituals like *Sivaratri*, *Sankranti* and *Mahavishuba Sankranti* are observed here.  
**In Building Construction** : ---  
**Any other (specify)** : ---

• **WITH PERSONS**

**Patron** : Originally, the Somavamsi but now the temple is looked after by Babulal Makaddam Badu Mohapatra  
**Architect / Engineer** : ---  
**Any other (specify)** : ---

#### 8. Statement of Significance

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