



# INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL CENTRE FOR THE ARTS

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### SECTION I : IDENTIFICATION

#### 1. Name

**Present** : Rock Art Shelter of Kundapitha -I, Dist.- Sambalpur.  
**Past** : ---  
**Other Name (if any):** : ---

#### 2. Location

**LONGITUDE** 84°40'09" E      **LATITUDE** 21°09'08" N      **ELEVATION** 1165 ft.

**Address** : **Village (village code)** Kundapitha hill  
**Post** : Naktideul      **Via**; Naktideul  
**Tehsil**: Rairakhol      **District**: Sambalpur  
**State** : Orissa      **PIN**: 768118

**Approach** : This rock shelter is situated on the summit of the Kundapitha hill at a distance of 2 kms east of Ambakhola Gumpa This is situated in the Reserve Forest of Rail in Rairakhol tehsil of Sambalpur district.

#### 3. Property Type

##### *Buildings*

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

##### *Religious structures*

- Temple
- Mosque
- Miner
- Church
- Monastery
- Sputa
- Tomb, Mausoleum

##### *Other Structures*

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

**Rock Art Shelter**

##### *Engineering structure*

- Bridge
- Tunnel
- Other engineering structure

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

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

##### **Note:**

The rock panel in the shelter depicts engravings of the prehistoric times as attested by microlithic tools embedded on the floor of the rock shelter.

#### 4. Property Use

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**ABANDONED / IN USE :** Abandoned

**Present** : Abandoned  
**Past** : Used as dwelling place by prehistoric men.

#### 5. Age (Source)

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**PERIOD** : Mesolithic period  
**YEARS** : ---  
**Precise date of Construction** : ---  
**Completion** : ---  
**Subsequent changes** : ---  
**Destruction / Demolition** : ---

#### 6. Ownership / Level of Protection

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**SINGLE / MULTIPLE :** No claimant

**Public** : Archaeological Survey of India / State Archaeology Department / Any Other (Please specify) : Located in the Reserve Forest without any claimant.  
**Private** : ---  
**Any other (Please specify)** : ---  
**Name** : ---  
**Address** : ---  
**Phone** : ---

#### 7. Association

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• **WITH EVENTS**  
**In History** : ---  
**In Rituals** : ---  
**In Building Construction** : ---  
**Any other (specify)** : ---  
• **WITH PERSONS**  
**Patron** : ---  
**Architect / Engineer** : ---  
**Any other (specify)** : ---

#### 8. Statement of Significance

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| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Architectural       | : |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Archaeological      | ✓ | Archaeological  |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Religious           | : |   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Any other (specify) | : | On the basis of art style and Mesolithic tools collected from the floor, the engravings can be assigned to the Mesolithic period. |

## SECTION II: DESCRIPTION

### 9. Physical Description and Decorative Features

- **Context**  
**Urban / Rural Setting** :  
**Surroundings** :
    - \* **Drawings (Attach extra sheet if necessary) :** No Reserve forest
    - Stand in Isolation** : Integral part of a landscape
    - Integral part of a Landscape / Street / Complex :**
  
  - **Quantification**  
Area Dimension ( L x B x H) : 23.00 mtrs x 4.00 mtrs x 10.00 mtrs (L x D x H)  
(m / cm/ feet/ inch)  
Number of Blocks : One  
Number of Storys : ---
  - **Spatial Organization**  
Orientation : Oriented north-south, the rock shelter is facing towards east.  
Plan :  
Allocation of Spaces : 23.00 mtrs x 4.00 mtrs x 10.00 mtrs (L XD)
- ARCHITECTURAL STYLE**
- **Ornamentation**  
Exteriors : ---  
Interiors : The balk wall of the shelter preserves four engravings of deer and geometric patterns.
  
Movable Collections : Microlithic tools  
\* **Any Other (specify)** : ---

### 10. Construction Technology

- Structural System** : Rock shelter
- Building Techniques** : ---
- Material of Construction** : Sandstone

### 11. Condition Assessment

**In General Good / Fair** :

- Sign of Deterioration
- Serious Deterioration
- Danger of Disappearance

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

The shelter faces the problem of the growth of microbiological organism.

### **12. Threats to the Property**

- Natural
- Negligence
- Vandalism
- Urban Pressures

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**SECTION III: REFERENCES**

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

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**14. Photographs**

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

Photo Reference                        :  
CAPTION                                    :

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**15. Audio / Video**

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(related to rituals / performance / festivals etc.)

Reference                                :  
DESCRIPTION                            :

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**16. Maps/Plans/Drawings**

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**17. Listers**

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**NAME :**        B. B. Satpathy

**NAME :**

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**18. Reviewers**

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

**NAME :**  
**COMMENTS :**