



# INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL CENTRE FOR THE ARTS

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### SECTION I : IDENTIFICATION

#### 1. Name

**Present** : Rock Art Shelter of Gupta Ganga, Dist. - Keonjhar  
**Past** : ---  
**Other Name (if any):** : ---

#### 2. Location

**LONGITUDE** 85° 32' 90" E **LATITUDE** 21° 30' 21" N **ELEVATION** 2710 ft

**Address** : **Village (village code)** Guptaganga  
**Post** : Telkoi **Via**: Gonasika  
**Tehsil**: Telkoi **District** :Keonjhar  
**State** : Orissa **PIN**: 758027

**Approach** : The rock art shelter of Guptaganga is located at a distance of about 0.5 kms north of the village Guptaganga and about 1.5 kms north-west of Gonasika in Telkoi tehsil of Keonjhar district.

#### 3. Property Type

<p><b>Buildings</b></p> <input type="checkbox"/> Palace <input type="checkbox"/> Fort <input type="checkbox"/> Citadel <input type="checkbox"/> Govt. building <input type="checkbox"/> Railway station <input type="checkbox"/> Defence building <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial building <input type="checkbox"/> Other public buildings <input type="checkbox"/> Residential building	<p><b>Religious structures</b></p> <input type="checkbox"/> Temple <input type="checkbox"/> Mosque <input type="checkbox"/> Minar <input type="checkbox"/> Church <input type="checkbox"/> Monastery <input type="checkbox"/> Stupa <input type="checkbox"/> Tomb, Mausoleum	<p><b>Other Structures</b></p> <input type="checkbox"/> Wall <input type="checkbox"/> Gateway <input type="checkbox"/> Pillar <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Others (specify) <b>Rock art shelter</b>
<p><b>Engineering structure</b></p> <input type="checkbox"/> Bridge <input type="checkbox"/> Tunnel <input type="checkbox"/> Other engineering structure	<p><b>Open space and related structures</b></p> <input type="checkbox"/> Public square <input type="checkbox"/> Park or garden <input type="checkbox"/> Graveyard <input type="checkbox"/> Baolis, Well <input type="checkbox"/> Tank <input type="checkbox"/> Cave	<p><b>Note:</b> The rock shelter preserves paintings in monochrome of red.</p>

#### 4. Property Use

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**ABANDONED / IN USE :** Abandoned

**Present** : Abandoned  
**Past** : Dwelling place of 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"/>	Historical	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Religious	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Any other (specify)	: On the basis of the style of execution and collected prehistoric tools, the paintings can be assigned to the Mesolithic period.

## SECTION II: DESCRIPTION

### 9. Physical Description and Decorative Features

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- **Context**  
**Urban / Rural Setting** :  
**Surroundings** :
  - \* **Drawings** (Attach extra sheet if necessary) : No Reserved forest
  - Stand in Isolation**
  - Integral part of a Landscape / Street / Complex :** Integral part of a landscape.
  
- **Quantification**  
Area Dimension ( L x B x H) : 0.70 mtrs (L) x 0.40 mtrs (B)-Rock Art Panel  
8.70 mtrs (L) X 5.70 mtrs (D) X 2.00 mtrs (H) - Rock Shelter  
(m / cm/ feet / inch)  
Number of Blocks : One  
Number of Storeys : N.A.
  
- **Spatial Organization**  
Orientation : Oriented east-west the shelter is facing towards south.  
Plan : N.A.  
Allocation of Spaces : 8.70 mtrs(L) x 5.70 mtrs (D)

### ARCHITECTURAL STYLE

- **Ornamentation**  
Exteriors : N.A.  
Interiors : The shelter preserves the specimens of painting in red in the ceiling. The motifs are of series of seven triangles in a line, a serpentine and an obliterated form.
  
- Movable Collections : Microliths of cores, flakes etc are found in the foothill.  
\* **Any Other** (specify) : --

### 10. Construction Technology

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- Structural System** : Rock shelter
- Building Techniques** :
- Material of Construction** : Quartzite gneiss of greenish colour

### 11. Condition Assessment

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**In General Good / Fair** : Fair

- Sign of Deterioration
- Serious Deterioration
- Danger of Disappearance

In Brief (Attach extra sheet if necessary):

**12. Threats to the Property**

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- Natural
- Negligence
- Vandalism
- Urban Pressures

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**SECTION III: REFERENCES**

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

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- 1.
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**14. Photographs : 05 nos**

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

Photo Reference :  
CAPTION :

**15. Audio / Video**

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(related to rituals / performance / festivals etc.)

Reference :  
DESCRIPTION :

**16. Maps/Plans/Drawings**

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**17. Listers**

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