



# INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL CENTRE FOR THE ARTS

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### SECTION I : IDENTIFICATION

#### 1. Name

**Present** : Digambara Jaina Temple, Khandagiri,  
Bhubaneswar, Dist.-Khurda

**Past** : ---

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

#### 2. Location

**LONGITUDE** 85°47'08" E      **LATITUDE** 20°15'74" N      **ELEVATION** 287 ft

**Address** : **Village (village code)** Khandagiri hilllock  
**Post** : Khandagiri      **Via**: Bhubaneswar  
**Tehsil**: Bhubaneswar      **District**: Khurda  
**State** : Orissa      **PIN**: 751030

**Approach** : The temple is situated on the top of the hillock Khandagiri that is honeycomb with a series of rock-cut Jaina caves. It is located on the rightside of the road (MDR-78), branching from the National Highway No-5 at Khandagiri square.

#### 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)

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

#### 4. Property Use

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**ABANDONED / IN USE :** In use

**Present** : It is a living temple and the enshrining deities are a series of Jaina Tirthankara images  
**Past** : Worshipped.

#### 5. Age (Source)

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**PERIOD** : British period  
**YEARS** : 19<sup>th</sup> century A.D.  
**Precise date of Construction** : First quarter of the 19<sup>th</sup> century A.D.  
**Completion** : ---  
**Subsequent changes** : The original temple was quite earlier, but the present one is made of building materials of the earlier temple which was dated to the 19<sup>th</sup> century A.D.  
**Destruction / Demolition** : ---

#### 6. Ownership / Level of Protection

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**SINGLE / MULTIPLE :** Multiple

**Public** : Archaeological Survey of India / State Archaeology Department / Any Other (Please specify) : Bengal, Bihar and Orissa Digambara Jaina Tirthankara Committee.  
**Private** : ---  
**Any other (Please specify)** : Bimala Devi Jain is the local caretaker.  
**Name** : Bimala Devi Jain  
**Address** : At/Po- Khandagiri, Bhubaneswar, Khurda, Orissa.  
**Phone** : ---

#### 7. Association

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• **WITH EVENTS**

**In History** : Local legends ascribe the temple to Mahameghabahana Kharavela of 1<sup>st</sup> century B.C. This however does not hold any ground on account of the architectural features of the temple.

**In Rituals** : ---

**In Building Construction** : ---

**Any other (specify)** : ---

• **WITH PERSONS**

**Patron** : It is looked after by Bengal, Bihar and Orissa Digambara Jaina Tirthankara Committee and Bimala Devi Jain as the local caretaker.

**Architect / Engineer** : ---

**Any other (specify)** : ---

#### 8. Statement of Significance

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| <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 the architectural feature, the temple can be dated to the 19 <sup>th</sup> century A.D. it is a good tourist attraction. |



