



# INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL CENTRE FOR THE ARTS

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### SECTION I : IDENTIFICATION

#### 1. Name

**Present** : Suvarnameru Temple, Sonepur Town,  
Dist.-Suvarnapur  
**Past** : ---  
**Other Name (if any):** : ---

#### 2. Location

**LONGITUDE** 83° 54' 53" E

**LATITUDE** 20° 50' 01" N

**ELEVATION** 365 ft

#### Address

: **Village (village code)** Sonepur Town (Badabazar Pada)  
**Post** : Sonepur Town **Via/ PS:** Sonepur Town  
**Tehsil:** Sonepur Town **District:** Suvarnapur  
**State** : Orissa **PIN:** 767017

#### Approach

: The temple is located on the left bank of the river Tel, a tributary of the river Mahanadi and about 2 kms from Sonepur bus stand.

#### 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 *rekha vimana* and a *pidha jagamohana* with later addition of *natamandapa* and an *ardha mandapa*.

#### 4. Property Use

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**ABANDONED / IN USE :** In use

**Present** : It is a living temple, enshrining a Sivalinga within a circular *yonipitha*.  
**Past** : Worshipped.

#### 5. Age (Source)

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**PERIOD** : Chauhan rule of ex-Sonepur state.  
**YEARS** : 17<sup>th</sup> century A.D.  
**Precise date of Construction** : ---  
**Completion** : ---  
**Subsequent changes** : ---  
**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) : Endowment Department, Government of Orissa  
**Private** : Suvarnameru Temple Committee  
**Any other (Please specify)** : Ramasankar Sahu (President)  
**Name** : ---  
**Address** : At/PO- Sonepur Town (Badabazar Pada), Dist.- Suvarnapur, Orissa, Pin-767017  
**Phone** : ---

#### 7. Association

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• **WITH EVENTS**

**In History** : ---  
**In Rituals** : *Sivaratri, Sitalasasthi, Kartika Purnima, Chandanyatra, Dola Purnima, etc.*  
**In Building Construction** : ---  
**Any other (specify)** : Marriage, thread ceremony and engagement etc.

• **WITH PERSONS**

**Patron** : Originally, the Chauhans but now by Endowment Department, Government of Orissa  
**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)	: The architectural style and the decorative motifs assign the temple to the 17 <sup>th</sup> century A.D.



