

Dhabaleswar Temple

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Dhabaleswar Temple Latest News

The president recently offered prayers at the Dhabaleswar Temple near Berhampur, marking the final engagement of her three-day visit to Odisha.

About Dhabaleswar Temple

- It is a **Hindu temple** dedicated to **Lord Shiva**.
- It is **located on an island** on **River Mahanadi** near Cuttack, **Odisha**.
- It is one of the oldest temples in Odisha. It **dates back** to the **early 10th and 11th century**.
- The **temple structure** was constructed during the rule of the **Somavamshi dynasty** by **King Yayati Keshari**.
- The **present-day temple** was constructed by **King Bir Kishore of Khurda** around **1232 AD**.

Dhabaleswar Temple Architecture

- It is built in the **Kalinga style** of architecture.

- The **main temple** structure is built of **sandstone**. It has a **square plan with a pyramidal roof**.
- Several smaller shrines of various deities surround the main temple.
- The temple has three main chambers, with the central chamber housing the idol of Shiva.
- The temple has a beautiful entrance known as Jagamohan. **Intricate carvings** of animals, birds, and mythological figures decorate it.
- **Around the temple**, there is a **marble-covered raised platform**.
- The temple contains multiple sculptures of deities on its walls.
- The distinctive feature of the Dhabaleswar Temple is its **two-tiered roof**, which is **made of terracotta tiles**.

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