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The Sri Dharmasthala Manjunatheshwara Temple at Dharmasthala recently welcomed the formation of a Special Investigation Team (SIT) by the Karnataka government to probe the allegation of mass secret burial of unidentified bodies in the pilgrimage centre.

About Dharmasthala Manjunatheshwara Temple

- It is a **Hindu temple** located in the town of **Dharmasthala in Karnataka**.
- It is dedicated to **Lord Shiva**, who here is worshipped as Lord Manjunatha.
- The temple dates back **800 years**.
- It has **Madhwa Vaishnava priests** and is **administered by a hereditary Jain family**, the **Heggades**.

Dharmasthala Manjunatheshwara Temple Architecture

- The temple has been built following the **Kerala temple architecture**.

- Kerala-style temples are **different from temples in other South Indian temple** architecture, and the Manjunatha Dharmasthala temple reflects this differentiation.
- **Materials** used in building the temple are **wood, clay, stone, metals, and laterite**. The base structure is made up of granite and laterite.
- The temple has a **square plan**, and therefore a **pyramidal sloping roof**.
- The wooden **roof is covered in gold-plated copper plates** to protect the inner skeletal framework.
- Wooden pillars support the front pavilion of the temple.

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