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The South Central Railway (SCR) will operate Amrut Bharat Express connecting Assam and two Telugu States facilitating devotees to visit Maa Kamakhya temple on Nilachal Hill in Guwahati in Assam.

About Kamakhya Temple

- It is situated on **Nilachal Hill** and adjoins the **southern bank of the Brahmaputra River in Guwahati, Assam.**
- The temple is **dedicated to Goddess Sati**, an **incarnation of goddess Durga** and the consort of Lord Shiva.
- It is one of the **most revered centres of Tantric practices.**
- It is regarded as one of the **oldest of the 51 Shakti Peethas in India.**
- The former temple was destroyed by Kala Pahar, which was later **reconstructed in 1565 by Chilarai**, who was the **reigning king of the Koch dynasty.**

- **Ambubachi Mela** is one of the **major festivals** of this temple. The festival is held every year to **commemorate the yearly menstruation of Goddess Kamakhya**.

Kamakhya Temple Architecture

- It had been modelled out of a combination of **two different styles**, namely, the **traditional Nagara, or North Indian**, and **Saracenic, or Mughal style of architecture**.
- This unusual combination has been named the **Nilachala Style of Architecture**.
- It has a unique structural style that is **shaped in the form of a beehive surrounded by different sculptures** of different gods.
- This is the **only temple of Assam** having a **fully developed ground plan**.
- It consists of **five chambers**, garbhagriha or sanctuary, antarala or vestibule, Jagan Mohan or principal chamber, bhogmandir or ritual chamber and natmandir or opera hall for performing traditional dance and music associated with sukta temples.
- It is interesting to note that the superstructure of each of the above chambers exhibits different architectural features.

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