

## SHREE MAHALAXMI MANDIR

Kolhapur, Maharashtra, India

Goddess

Goddess Ambabai is the main deity of this temple, who is an incarnation of Goddess Lakshmi. The image of Mahalakshmi carved in black stone is 3 feet in height and It weighs about 40 kilos. The precious stones that adorn the deity indicate the antiquity of the idol. The platform of the Goddess is made of stone in Karveernivasini Temple. The statue of the Goddess has four arms. In the lower right hand she holds the matulinga, (a fruit similar to and ordinary lemon but much larger in size). In the upper right hand she holds large mace, kaumodaks, its head touching the ground. In the upper left hand she holds the shield or khetaka, and while in the the lower one she holds a bowl, panpatra. On the crown of the Goddess are a cobra-hood and a Shiva-ling with a Yoni around it. Standing behind is the Goddess' vahana-a lion.

### Interesting Facts

Sati devi's Eyes had fallen here and the temple is also one of the 18 Maha Shakti Peethas.

### Best Season To Visit

The best season to visit the temple is Winter season. The best months to visit are September to February.

### Weather

Highest - March to May (39°C during day and 22°C during night)Average - May (35°C during the day and 25°C during night)Lowest - December to February (34°C during day and 16°C during night)Monsoon season - June to September

#### Dress Code

For men the dress code is Shirt & Trouser, Dhoti or Pyjamas with upper cloth.

For women the preferred dress code is saree or half-saree with blouse or chudidhar with pyjama and upper cloth.

Shorts, mini-skirts, middies, sleeveless tops, low-waist jeans and short-length T-shirts are not allowed.

### Do's & Dont's

Do bathe and wear clean clothes before you enter the temple.

Do respect ancient customs and co-pilgrims while at temple.

Smoking and drinking is prohibited in this temple.

Chewing betel leaves, tobacco, gutka and spitting inside temple is strictly prohibited.

transport connections

Name

Distance

Contact Number

Kolhapur Bus Stand

2.6 KM

0231-2650620

Kolhapur Railway Station

2.1 KM

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Kolhapur Airport

10.6 KM

022-28300606

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