

## MAA SAMALESWARI TEMPLE

### Khetrajpur, Sambalpur, Odisha, India

Goddess

The main deity of this temple is Goddess Samaleswari who is an incarnation of Goddess Parvathi. The Idol of Shree Shree Samalai Devi consists of a large block of Granite rock with an inverted, trunk like projection at the bottom. This also symbolizes a yoni, and is an interesting kings-yoni worship. A shallow cut on her "Baraha" like face symbolises her mouth. Traditional Sambalpuri nose ornament of pure gold hangs down from her imaginary nose. Beaten gold leaf fixed on two disproportionate golden eye like depression on the face acts as substitute for her eyes in an attempt to define the face of the mother deity on a mass of self shaped rock, the devi's idol inspires sublime sentiments of awe, fear, reverence, devotion, love and affection towards all-pervading motherhood.

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 - April to June (45°C during day and 35°C during night) Average - May (35°C during the day and 25°C during night) Lowest - December to February (26°C during day and 21°C during night) Monsoon season - August to October

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

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Contact Number

Sambalpur Bus Stand

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9513508001

Sambalpur Junction

2 KM

918404993146

Biju Patnaik International Airport

280 KM

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