The Mukteshwara temple in Haveri district of Karnataka is renowned in the archeological circles because it was built during the transition period from Kilimukha to Veerashaivam, where other forms of Lord Shiva were eschewed in favor of the Lingam. This movement was spearheaded by Basaveshwara in Karnataka and the earliest scriptures mentioning Basaveshwara are found here in Mukteshwara Temple.