The Mahadeva Temple was built based on the general plan of the Amruteshwara Temple at [Annigeri](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Annigeri" \o "Annigeri) (used as the prototype). The Mahadeva Temple has the same architectural components; there is a difference in their articulation. The Mahadeva Temple at Itagi was built circa 1112 CE by Mahadeva, a commander (*dandanayaka*) in the army of the [Western Chalukya](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Western_Chalukya_Empire) King [Vikramaditya VI](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vikramaditya_VI" \o "Vikramaditya VI). Itagi is about 22 miles (35 km) east of [Gadag](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gadag" \o "Gadag) and 40 miles (64 km) west of [Hampi](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hampi" \o "Hampi). The temple is dedicated to [Hindu](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hinduism) God [Shiva](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shiva). The well-executed sculptures, finely crafted carvings on walls, pillars and the tower make it a good example of complete [Western Chalukyan art](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Western_Chalukya_architecture) which speaks volumes about the taste of the Chalukyan artisans.