

17. Balalingeshvara Temple

Place – Vignasanthe, Tiptur

District : Tumakuru

Taluk : Tiptur

Locality : Vignasanthe, Tiptur

Geo – Coordinates:

Lat : 13.1483°N

Long : 76.5405°E



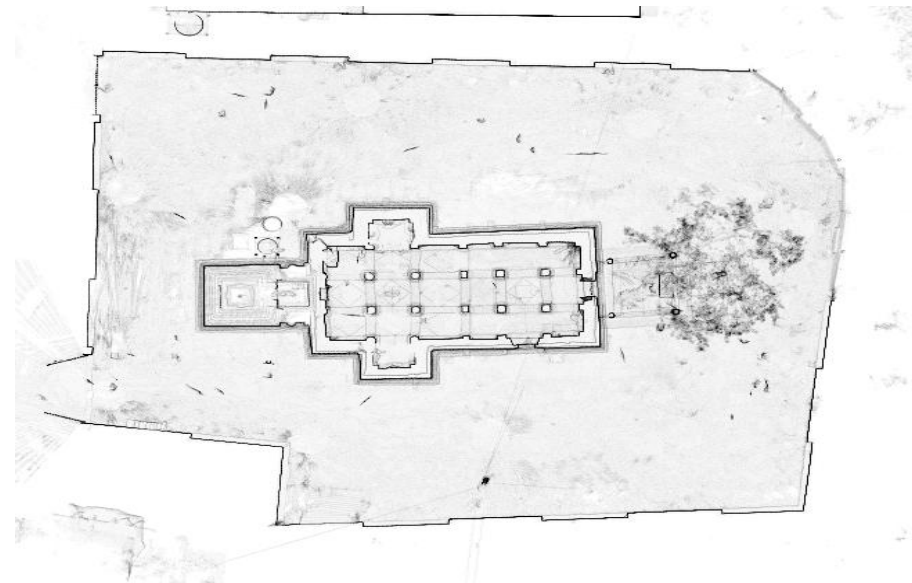
History

The Balalingeshvara Temple is located at Vignasanthe, Tiptur Town, Tiptur Taluk, Tumakuru district.

It is a plain building with a stone tower. The tower is of stepped pyramidal design with seven cornices. On each face of the *sikhara* is a *kirtimukha* with a standing Saiva deity. Over the projection on the *sukanasi* is a well-carved figure of Sala killing the lion. Here the hero's head is shown bent back in an effort to pull the lion's tongue out and thrust the sword in.

The inner view shows that the temple must have originally consisted of a *garbhagriha* with a small *linga*, a vestibule with a shallow lotus ceiling, and a *navaranga* of nine squares borne on four cylindrical pillars, with extra cells on the north and south. In the north cell are kept images of Ganesha, Virabhadra, Kesava and Nagas. Perhaps in the late Hoysala or early Vijayanagara period the front hall of soapstone with cubical pillars having octagonal shafts and ornamental necks appear to have been added.

3D Point Cloud



Plan