

10. SOMESHWARA TEMPLE

Place – Pura

District : Koppal
Taluk : Kushtagi
Locality : Pura

Geo – Coordinates:
Lat : 15.712593 °N
Long : 76.463477°E



History

The temple is known as Kotilingeswara temple. This is a fine specimen of Vijayanagara period. In the spacious prakara are number of mantapas containing rows of lingas. The temple consists of a garbhagriha, an antarala, a sabhamantapa, an ardhamantapa and a mukhamantapa and a large prakara. A sivalinga of about 54 cm is installed on a square pitha in the garbhagriha. These are pilasters on the four lorners of the garbhagriha, its ceiling has a padma, and the entrance is very small. The antarala has four corner pilasters and the doorfame has four sakhas with a gajalaksmi image on the lalata. Sabhamantapa contains four pillars in the middle, four corner pilasters and eight ardhakambas, in the center, facing the garbhagriha is a Nandi sculpture.

In between sabhamantapa and mukhamantapa is ardhamantapa, with small entrance on either side, here in the uttaranga are five kostas, which are modeled as replicas of small sikharas, Mukhamantapa contains four corner pilasters, their doorframe has five sakhas and its gajalakshmi in the lalata.

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