16. MAHADEVA TEMPLE Place – Vajarabanda

District: Koppal

Taluk : Yelburga

Locality: Vajarabanda

Geo - Coordinates:

Lat : 15.667925 °N

Long : 76.10799°E





History

The ground plan of the temple consists of a garbhagriha, an open antarala and a sabhamantapa. The entrance of the garbhagriha doorway contains ardhakamba, in the Lalatabimba is the figure of Gajalakshmi, and in side is Kalmeshvara Mahadeva linga. In the open antarala is a Nandi sculptor, which is facing the garbhagriha.

Sabhamantapa also has a Nandi sculpture and consists of four pillars in the center, having square base and top, 8-16 sided pattika in the center and circular capital and the ceiling resting on horizontal crossbeam. Two pillars each are set on the kakshasana in the sabhamantapa, to the east, south and north. Its walls are half enclosed, here the west, south and north walls have niches, these have ardhakamba and with purnakambha on either side of the niches and on top are modeled after vesara sikhara.

In the exterior, the temple is built on high jagati. Its adhistana contains upana, jagati, tripatta kumuda and padma.

To the north of the temple is an ancient well known as Kapila bavi in same vicinity are veeragals and remains of an ancient temple.

3D Point Cloud

