04. Sri Trishankeshwara temple Place - Brahmagiri Hill

District: Chitradurga
Taluk: Molakalmuru
Locality: Brahmagiri Hill

Geo - Coordinates: Lat : 14.8054° N Long : 76.8090° E





History

Trishankeswara temple is located on Bhahmagiri hill near Siddapura, Molakalmuru taluk, Chitradurga district. This building is typical of a prevalent local type and has a garbhagriha, a sukanasi and a navaranga. The garbhagriha contains a linga, about 2 m high, and a pedestal of black stone, placed under a shallow lotus bhuvanesvari. The garbhagriha doorway has Saiva dvarapalas on the jambs. The lintel has projections and drops, common to the Chalukyan and Hoysala style. The sukanasi doorway has a Gajalakshmi lintel supported by jambs with rhomboid floral ornamentation, all in granite. A kalasa is carved on the lower portion of each jamb. On the sides, there are niches now containing a Ganesa and a Kesava, evidently brought here from some other temple.

The open *navaranga* has 16 pillars and shallow *padma* ceilings. A stone railing, 75 cm high, runs round the *navaranga*. A Ganesa and a *viragal* are kept here. The temple has a plain pyramidal *vimana*.

