O2. Sri Siddeshwara temple Place - Nirgunda

District: Chitradurga
Taluk: Hosadurga
Locality: Nirgunda

Lat : 13.781591°N Long : 76.188188°E

Geo – Coordinates:





History

Sri Siddeswara temple is located in Nirgunda, Hosadurga taluk, Chitradurga district. This is a triple shrine temple (*trikutachala*) with a set of *garbhagriha* and *sukanasi* each placed to the north, west and south of a common *navaranga*. A porch is attached to the eastern side of the *navaranga*. The walls are plain but relieved by square pilasters and have two courses of eaves with bud-like ornamentation. The brick and mortar tower over the *garbhagriha* is probably a later addition.

The front porch of the temple is reached by a flight of steps on either side of which are the roughly worked elephant balustrades. The figures of Venugopala and Channakesava in the side shrines are of good workmanship. The *garbhagriha* has a well-worked *somasutra* and *linga*. The *sukanasi* has two finely carved jambs with perforated screens of fine scrolls; within each scroll a human figure is carved.

The side-shrines dedicated to Chennakesava and Venugopala have Vaishnava dvarapalas.



