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M14 - Premises Of Temple And Parivara Devatas

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Premises Of Temple And Parivara Devatas

The Characteristics of the Premises:

Seven types

- Antarmandala,
- Antarhara,
- Madhyahara,
- Bhaya Hara,
- Maryadi,
- Maha Maryadi and
- Pravesa and the Temples of Parivara Deities (Attending Deities) 8/16/32 Deities in the complex of the Presiding Deity's Main Temple (Of Siva or Vishnu or Devi) Dhvajasthambha and Balipitha lakshanams, Mantapa lakshanas, Gopura Lakshana

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प्राकारलक्षणम्

अधातस्संप्रवक्ष्यामि प्राकाराणां तु लक्षणम् ।
सर्वेषामपि हर्म्याणां बाह्ये बाह्ये तु कुड्यकम् ॥
रक्षार्थं विमानानं शोभार्थं च तथाधुना ।
परिवारनिवेशार्थं प्राकारं प्रोच्यते बुधैः ।, (मयमतम्)
शोभार्थं उन्नतार्थं वा प्राकारं कारयेत् बुधः ॥

विश्वकर्मीयम्

अथ वक्ष्ये विशेषेण प्राकाराणं च लक्षणम् ।
रक्षार्थं शोभनार्थं च शालायाः सदनस्यच ॥ (काश्यपशिल्पम्, शिल्परत्नम्)
व्योमादि सप्तशीलान्तं प्राकारं कल्पयेद्द्विजः ।
शैवादिसर्वमूर्तीनां पंचप्राकारकल्पनम् ।
वैष्णवालयविषये तु एकादि सप्तशालकाः ॥ (विश्वकर्मीयम्)

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The Characteristics of the Premises(Seven Types)

अन्तर्मण्डलमेकं तु अन्तर्हारं द्वितीयकम् ।
मध्यहारं तृतीयं तु बाह्यहारं चतुर्थकम् ॥
मर्यादी पंचमं चैव महामर्यादी षड्भवेत् ॥
प्रावेशं सप्तप्राकारं नामभेदं तु कल्पयेत् ॥

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The Characteristics of the Premises(Seven Types)

Antarmandala

Antarhara

Madhyahara

Bhaya Hara

Maryadi

Maha Maryadi

Pravesa

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Temples Of Siva Parivara Devatas

- Depending on the number of the prakaras of the Main Temple The Number of Parivara Deities or Family Deities can be 8 or 16 or 32 or all the three together:
- In the first prakara, 8 Deities,
- In the 2nd Prakara, 16 Deities
- In the 3rd prakara, 32 Deities can be placed.

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Temples Of Siva Parivara Devatas

Their Details are in the following manner:

■ **8 Deties:**

North: Vishnu, North-East : Surya, East: Nandi, South –East: Durga, South – 7 Matrkas, South-West: Ganapati, West: Kesava and in the North West: Subrahmanya should arranged.



Temples Of Siva Parivara Devatas

Their Details are in the following manner:

■ **16 Deities:**

Vayau: North –West, 11 Rudras, Candra and Bhairava – North, Ishana – North-East, Surya, Indra and Ashvins - East, Agni : South-East, Pitr Gods, Yama and Rohini : South, Nirti – South-West, Apsarasas, Varuna and 7 Sages: West.

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Temples Of Siva Parivara Devatas

Their Details are in the following manner:

- **32 Deties:**

North-West: Vasus, Trimurtis, Dhanada, Indra, Kalagnirudra, Srikantha, Nagadevas, Bhava: North, Bhudevi: North-East, Sikha, Ugra, Shani, Ananta, Arka, Bhava, Maruts: East, Apsarasas: South –East, Gouri, Sharva, Virinchi, Sivottama, Bhronga, Isha, Agastya: South, Kousika: South West, Ekanetra, Vinayaka, Sarasvati, Lakshmi, Ekaksha, Ekarudra, Pasupati: West



Ashta Parivara Devatas Of Various Deities

In Shakti Temples:

- North-West: Bhuvaneswari, North: Mahishasura Mardhini, North-East: Kshetrapala, East: Bhetala, South-East: Chamundi, South: 7 Matrikas and Virabhadra, South-West: Ganapati. West: Vaishna

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Ashta Parivara Devatas Of Various Deities

In Vinayaka Temples:

- North-West: Skanda, North: Shanaischara, North East: Nataraja or Shivalinga, East: Mushaka, South-East: Agni, South: 7 Matrikas, Sout-West: Sasta, West: Vishnu

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Ashta Parivara Devatas Of Various Deities

In SkandaTemples :

- North-West: Krishna, North: Shanaischara, North East: Nataraja, East: Mayura, South-East: Kalimata, South: 7 Matrikas, South-West: Ganapati. West: Vishnu

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Ashta Parivara Devatas Of Various Deities

In SastaTemples:

- North-West: SkandaNorth: Siva, North East: Kshetrapala, East: Munnodi and Elephant, South-East: Kalika Devi, South: 7 Matrikas, Sout-West: Ganapati. West: Vishnu and Sapta Kanyas .

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Temples Of Vishnu Parivara Devatas

- North-West: Bhudevi
- North – Katyayani
- North-East: Kshahetrapala
- East: garutman
- South-East: Vishnu Durga
- South: Sapta Matrkas
- South West: Lakshmi
- West: Nrsimha

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Temples Of Vishnu Parivara Devatas

- In the inner circle: The spouses of Vishnu can be placed either in the same Sanctum or in separate chambers on either sides of the Sanctum
- In the Second Prakara: West: Lakshminaryana or Varaha Murti North: Rama or Dasa Avataras

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Dhvajastambha And Balipitha Lakshanams

Place of Dhvaja Stambha and Balipitha:

In the Eastern Direction After the Vahana of the respective Deities the Dhvaja stambha and Bali Pitha should be placed

The recommended Trees: Chandanam, Devadaru, Red Sandal, Teak

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Dhvajastambha And Balipitha Lakshanams

Height of Dhvajastambha:

- Normally it should be 3 or 4 or 5 times to the Vistara of the Praasada.
- If the Dvara harmya is multi-storyed dhvajastambha should be equal to the height of the first storey.
- If we have to measure in the Hastas length it can be: 7/9/11/21/25/33 Hastas height.

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Dhvajastambha And Balipitha Lakshanams

Width of Dhvaja stambha:

- It is in proportion to the height and has different measurements at different parts of it such as: Mulapada, Adhithana, Upapitha, and Agrapada

Balipitha:

- This can be in front of or on the back side of Dhvajastambha. The height of the Balipitha can be in proportion to the Garbhagrha Suddha Dhvara Vistara.



Mantapa Lakshanam

Place of the Mantapa:मण्डपस्थानम्
प्रासादस्य मुखे चिव दिशासु विदिशासु वा ।
ग्रामादीनां तु मध्ये वा दिशासु विदिशासु वा ।
उद्याने वा नदीतीरे तटाकेवार्धिवा पुनः ।
सेवार्थं मण्डपं कुर्यादष्टदिङ्मुखमण्डपम् । (काश्यपशिल्पम्)

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Mantapa Lakshanam

Purpose of Mantapa:

- For Bhogas, Yaga, Abhisheka, for performance Arts, for Vivaha of he God and Goddesses, and for other purposes.

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Mantapa Lakshanam

Partitions of Mantapa:

- Mukha Mantapa – In front of Sanctum
- Antarala – The space between Mukhamantapa and Garbha Grha
- Mahamantapa – The immediate outer to Mukha mantapa
- Nrta Mantapa –The front part of Maha mantapa

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Mantapa Lakshanam

Types of Mantapas:

Meruka, Viajaya, Siddha, Padmaka, Bhadraka, Shiva, Veda, Alamkrita, Darpa, Kaushika, Kuladarin, Sukhanga, Saukhya, Garbha, Malya and Malyadbhuta are the 16 types of Mantapas.

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Mantapa Lakshanam

- The measurements of Mantapas vary depending on many reasons which can be availed from the Vastu and Agama tests

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Gopura Lakshanam

- Ekatala
- Dvitala
- Tritala
- Catustala
- Pancatala
- Shat Tala
- Sapta Tala
- Ashta Tala
- Navatala
- Dasatala
- Ekadasa Tala Dvadasatala
- Trayodasa Tala, Shodasa Tala

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Gopura Lakshanam

- Kalasas over the gopura can be: 3 or 5 or 7
- The Beauty of the Temple depends on its Gopuram

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