

Cover Story Brihadeeswara Temple

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Brihadeeswara Temple, Tanjore.

Brihadeeswara Temple is a well known temple in Tanjore. This Shiva temple is built during the reign of first Raja Raja Chola in 6 years duration. This is known to be one of the biggest Shiva Temple in India. This Shiva Linga having 9 ft. tall and 23.5 ft. circumference, started growing in all directions. People believe that centuries ago saints drilled a nail on rear side to control it. People believe that this is the energy center (Meru) in south India and also Southern Himalayas. Thousands of workers struggled for Six months to transport the Shiva Linga through Narmada river. This tallest construction and the Kalasa right above it makes everyone look upwards.

This 14 story construction (216 ft) makes anyone happy. The history says that a Six mile inclined road was constructed to take a 90 ton monolithic stone to that height. This is the technique used in the pyramid constructions in Egypt.

The statue of Nandi (the bull, vehicle for lord Shiva) is 19.5 ft long and 8.25 ft wide, 12 ft High, weighing 25 tons brings joy to ones eyes. This is made out of a monolithic rock and is the second biggest statue in India.

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