

Group of temples, Sibsagar

Assam



This unique group of temples at Sibsagar was built by the Ahom kings in the 18th century AD. The most important temples of the group are Vishnudol and Sivadol, located on the banks of the Sibsagar tank. The high *sikharas* surmounting the temples exhibit rare grace and symmetry.



Contributions solicited in the range of Rs. 50 - 60 Lakhs for following activities:

1. Environmental development.
2. Laying of pathways.
3. Tourist facilities.
4. Flood lighting.



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This is a place of the confluence of three major religions namely, Brahmanism, Buddhism and Jainism. The site has an image of a twelve-handed deity with a small canopy standing in the *sama pada* posture with eight figures on the pedestal. This sculpture belongs to the ninth century AD. Some archaic votive *stupas* of this place can be assigned to the early centuries of the Christian era. The Jaina figures like *Rishabhanatha* and *Neminatha* are carved on a huge granite rock which formed a cave. These images probably belong to the ninth century AD. An inscription is engraved on the rock in Nagari characters of the eighth century AD. Numerous buried structures of the sixth to twelfth century AD can be seen here.



Contributions solicited in the range of Rs. 20 - 30 Lakhs for following activities:

1. Conservation of monuments.
2. Environmental development.
3. Providing tourist facilities