

**KALCHURI
TEMPLE
ARCHITECTURE**

⇒ The temple style belongs to Nagara style of architecture. It is crowned with Panchratha Shikhara. It has pyramidal mardapa.

⇒ Karna Temple is the largest and most prominent temple. Other temples are Shiva temple, Vishnu temple and Shiva temple.

⇒ Another interesting temple is the Pancha Math temple. It is a series of five small temples of different architectural style that is located on a single raised platform.

⇒ The temple site is protected by ASI.

⇒ Nagara style is affected by Orissa influence because of the nearby Kholite.

⇒ The Shikhara is surpassed with two Amalaka which are further surpassed by a Kalash or Chudamani.

⇒ The sharp gable roof of the central is surpassed by the central lions placed in front of the sanctum door.

Important Temples -

Kaama Temple - It is a most popular temple made by Kalchuri King Kaama. It is also called Triyathna Temple. It is a set of 3 temples. Sukrasika is present in temple.

Siva Temple - This Siva temple is also called Machhendranath temple. On the basis of Panchrath plan it is made. It is constructed over a high platform.

Keshava - Nataraj Temple - It is a Vishnu temple - near Machhendranath temple. It is also a set of two temples in which share the same Mandapa.

Palalshwar Temple - It is a Shiv temple with garbhgriha, ambala and Mandapa. Similar architecture of Machhendranath temple.

Tohila Devi Temple - It is west to Palalshwar temple. Based on Triyathna Plan. The statue of Goddess is broken.

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Konkatar temple → It is 22 km away from Tehalpur. It is a high platform with a Shikhra. Shikhra and chammala are dancing in the temple. Deval temple is given in the Shikhra.

Kharod - It is in Bihalspur (C.G.) Shiv temple. These human shapes and Changa-gamma were made in entrance.

Songpur - It is in the Sharda district. It is a Vishnu temple. Saptashthi, Brahmagrah, Mandapa, Antrah are like the Kamalavaya. Mahadev temple Shikhar was decorated with three amalak.

Above Kalerhesi temple mainly situated in Tripuri but some other spreaded in entire region are specific temples. Like the Kharasana for Chandel. Tripuri is for Kalerhesi.