Yogini Temples of MP & Shakta Worship

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Prelude to The Yogini Cult

Yoginis in the Chaushatti Yogini (64 Yogini) temple of Hirapur

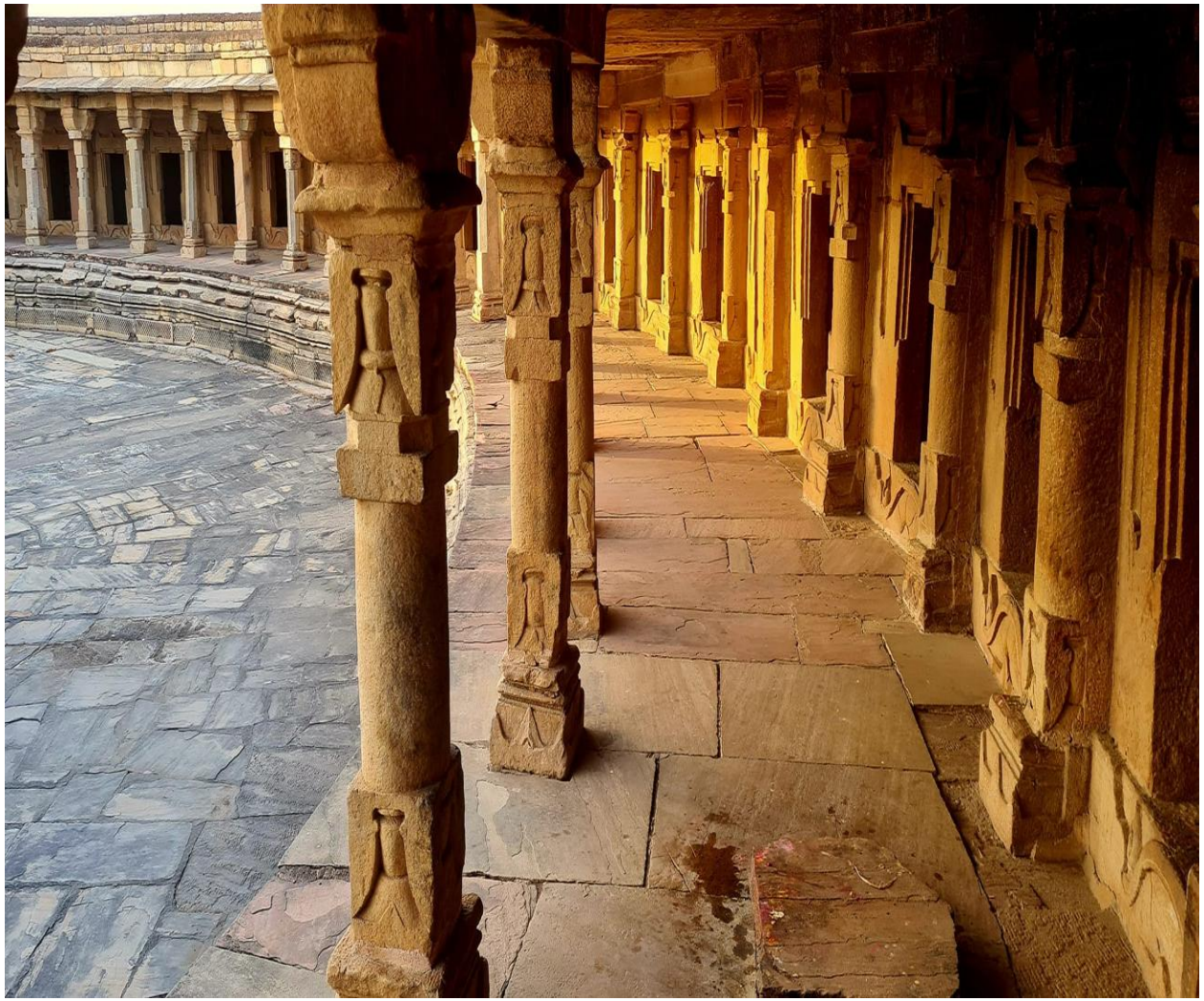
- ❑ The Puranas & Yogini Worship.
  - Skanda Purana
  - Kalika Purana
  - Markendya Puran
  - Devi Mahatyma - Chandi
- ❑ The Span of Yogini Cult.
  - MP, Odisha, Delhi, Thaneshwar, Assam, Gujarat, Chattisgarh.
- ❑ The Benign & Benevolent Mother.
- ❑ The Occult Powers.
- ❑ Village Deities.

The Yogini Cult – Discovering the Mystic World of Tantra

Betals, on either side of Chausatti Yogini temple entrance

- ❑ Tribal & Village lores & fables.
- ❑ Graam / Village Devata or Kula Devata or Ishta Devi.
- ❑ The Legend of Chamunda.
- ❑ Assimilation with Buddhism.
- ❑ The Concept of Ashta Matrikas.
- ❑ 64,42 or 81 & the Yogini Chakras.

The Pinnacle & Tapestry



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- ❑ 8^{th} Century CE – 16^{th} Century CE.
- ❑ Decline during Bhakti Movement.

A Short Tour

The Legendary Varahi