

ART AND ARCHITECTURE OF JAIN TEMPLES IN UTTAR PRADESH, INDIA

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ABSTRACT

India has a deep-rooted culture and civilization going back to 5000 years in history. India's ancient but continuing civilisation has fascinated and mesmerised the world. Highly rich and diverse culture has been a subject of study across the world. A tour of famous Jain temples in Uttar Pradesh, India was made to study the visual philosophy in architecture of temples and idols of Jain sects. During the study a tour of 13 famous Jain pilgrimage places namely, Ahichhatra, Ayodhya Ji, ShriKampila Ji, ShriKakandi, Jain shrine of Kaushambi, ShriChandrapuri, ShriRatnapuri, Varanasi, Singhpuritirth, Shauripuritirth, Jain siddha kshetra of Mathura, Hastinapur-Jamboodweep and ShriRishabhanchal were visited across the Uttar Pradesh province of India. It has been observed that all the studied holy places are unique for their ancient history, architecture of idol and temple. The temples are of deep sense of approbation and the centre for peace and meditation.

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