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Saptashrungi Devi Mandir is situated near Nanduri village Nasik Maharashtra. The temple lies atop the cliff with an altitude of 1,230 m.

The temple is dedicated to Goddess Saptashrungi & is known as one of the 'three and half Shakti Peethas' of Maharashtra.

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The temple is also one among the 51 Shakti Peethas where one of Sati's limbs, her right arm is reported to have fallen. It is also believed that the presiding deity of the temple is Mahishasur Mardini, who was the slayer of the demon Mahishasur.

It is a two storied shrine & the idol is said to be swayambhu (self-manifested) which was carved on a rock on the sheer face of a mountain. She is surrounded by seven (sapta-in Sanskrit) peaks (shrunga-in Sanskrit) hence the name- Saptashrungi Mata (mother of the seven peaks).

The image of Devi is huge-about 10 feet tall with 18 hands, holding various weapons. The idol is always coated with Sindoor. The Devi is decorated with high crown, a silver nose-ring and necklaces.

Pics clicked by me two days before.