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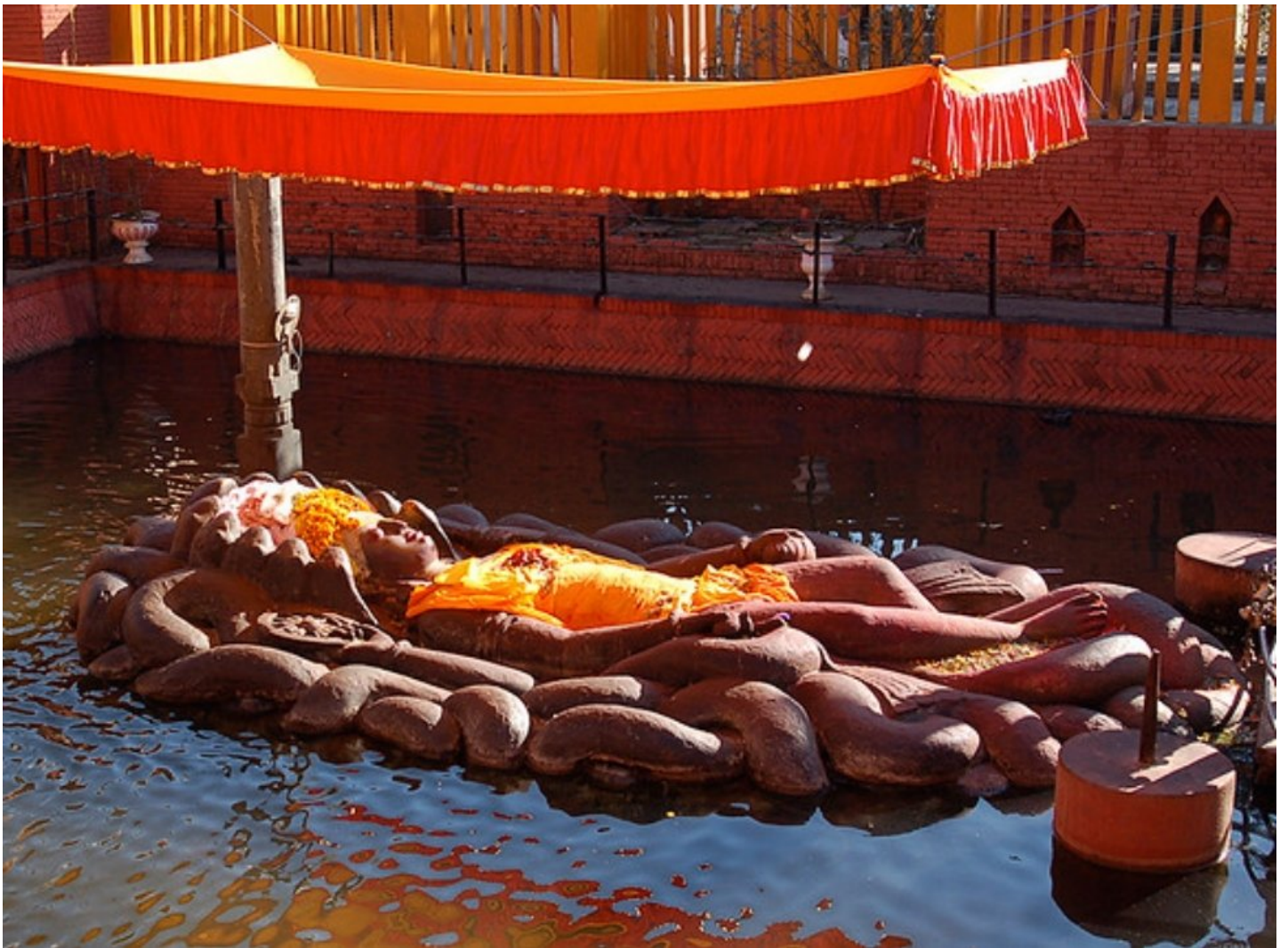
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10 Kms away from Kathmandu at the base of Shivapuri Hill lies South Asia's sculpture wonder, the Budhanilkantha temple, the Abode of Bhagwan Vishnu. The temple houses the world's largest and most beautiful stone-carved idol of Bhagwan Vishnu.



This idol is made with a single block of black basalt stone of unknown origin. Sculpture is 5m long & lies in a resting position in a 13m long pond also called the 'cosmic sea'. Vishnu idol in the lake is believed to have been built during the reign of 7th century King Vishnugupta.



It was rediscovered later during reign of Malla Dynasty. Water in lake is believed to have originated from Gosainkund, a lake formed as a result of Bhagwan Shiva's Trident striking with mountain. Local legend describes existence of mirror-like image of Bhagwan Shiv under the statue.

