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#THREAD Chandramouleshwara temple is dedicated to bhagwaan Shiva, entrance Unkal is an area in the Hubli-Dharwad municipality in #Karnataka. It is estimated to be a 900-year-old temple from the Badami Chalukyan era. Chalukyas built this temple in 11th - 12th century [@LostTemple7](#)

It is on old Pune – Bangalore highway NH4, about 3 km north of Hubli city centre. The beautiful, natural, scenic Unkal Lake is located in this area. The Chandramouleshwar temple is dedicated to Bhagwan Shiva. It houses two big Shivalingas.

The main shrine has four entrances in all the four directions. The presiding deity of the shrine, Bhagwan Chandramouleshwar faces east. The other Linga is known as Chaturmukha Linga, literally meaning the four faced Linga.

It was built on the lines of Badami, Aihole and Pattadakal temples. Fables say that the Chalukyans wanted to boast their architectural prowess and wealth to their enemies. To do so, the Chalukyans commissioned anonymous artisans to build this temple overnight.

But, the artisans couldn't complete the work within a night and the temple structure remains incomplete. According to some folklore, the sculptor Jaknacharya and his son built this temple.

It is a Monument of National importance and is designated as a Protected Monument under the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites Act (1958) by Archaeological Survey of India (ASI).

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