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**Some lesser known facts of world heritage site Konark Sun temple~**

**Every single person knows Konark is pride of Odisha as well as Jewel heritage of nation**
**The eastern Ganga King the Great Langula Narasimha Deba built this temple on 1242 CE**
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According to historician Dr Anil dey it was established on 1242 September 25 .
And the temple was inaugurated on January 27 ,1258.
The temple completed in 15 years, 4 months and 2 days.
*It is the only (first)rarest 24wheeled chariot-shaped ancient Sun temple in the world

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The chariot shaped temple having 24 wheels , 7 horses , huge elephants and Lions in moving position.
The temple was erected as it is up to 315 years of establishment
People found worshiping the deity Sun god of Konark according to kalinga tradition & rituals.
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After end of Gajapati ruling , The Mughal pirates attached kalinga's coast and razed the main Konark shrine to the ground
They smashed the temple Garbha gruha's #RatnaMuda(top of temple)
Where generally the owners(doner) used to offer wealth to God according to Hindu believe
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The above painting was done by hist.Ferguson in 1837
According to him,the broken garbha gruha(main temple)was partially erected,which was of150ft height
*The attack period was calculated as1568(post Gajapati era)
*After entry of mughals the Temple became abandoned forever
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Probably the beginning of the falling of Konark began in the early 1600s.

In 1798 the bhoi ruler of Sri Dibyasingha dev ■■nd brought the single black stoned pillar(45ft) #ArunaSthambha from konark to Puri
And he established that pillar in front of famous Jagannath temple
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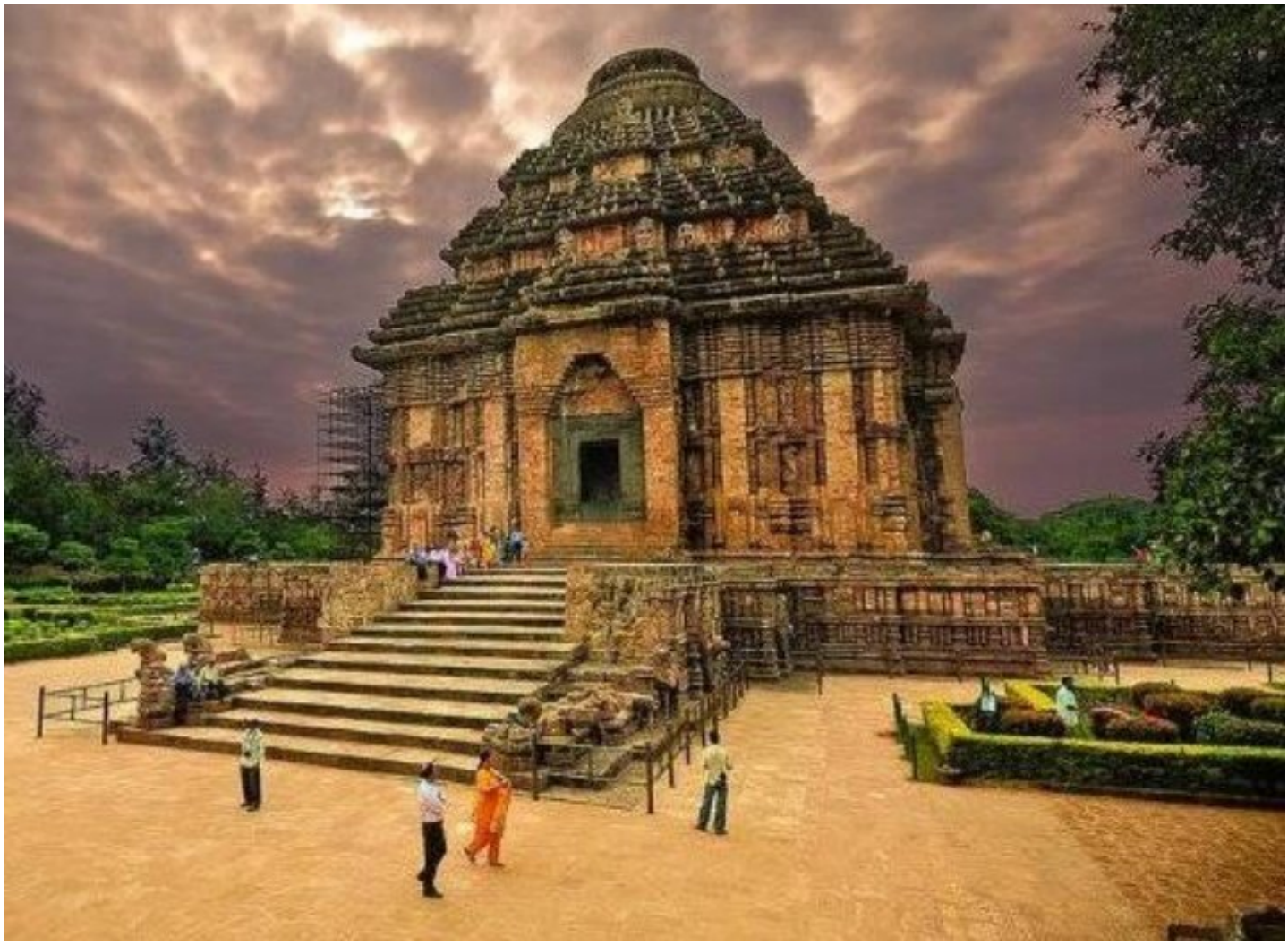
The main shrine height was 228 ft, jagan mohana is 150ft .
The area of the premises is 11acres

In 1868 and 1892 Britishers stolen most of antique sculptures but they didn't succeed to take the "Navagraha panel" from konark
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Heavy cast Iron rods,stones,iron chains were used in the construction of Konark
Konark never had a magnet at the top, it never used to attract seamen

*Dharma the wonder boy never jumped from the top of the temple Dharmapada is just a fictional character & Its_a_fictionalStory



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