



Tatpuruṣa Śiva

A four-armed standing image of Tatpuruṣa Śiva is enshrined in the eastern face, to the south of the image of Nandikēśvara. He holds a paraśu, mṛga and a round object in his hands. According to the Āgamic texts, Tatpuruṣa is described as being golden in colour, wearing a silk garment and upavīta, holding an akṣamālā in the right and the mātulaṅga fruit in the left hand. The round object, therefore, is probably the mātulaṅga fruit.

