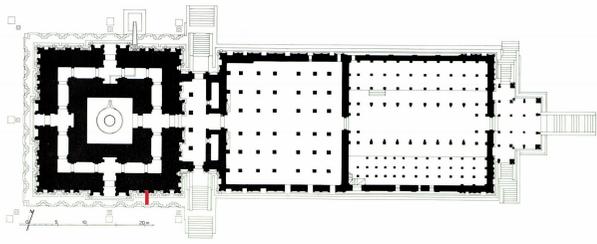


# Aghōra Śiva



The image of Aghora-Śiva is in the southern niche. The god, with his high jaṭāmakuṭa, sports a terrific countenance. There are eight arms, with a bell on a long handle, pāśa, shield, and kapāla in the left arms and a triśūla and a sword in his right arms. The other two emblems are not visible. According to the text, Aghōra should have three eyes, a crescent moon, kuṇḍalas, moustache, open mouth with prominent teeth, should be adorned with snakes and scorpions and must be endowed with eight arms, khatvāṅga, kapāla, shield, and pāśa in the left hands, and triśūla, paraśu, sword, and daṇḍa in the right arms. This image of Aghōra wears snakes as waist band, as keyūra, on the neck and head. He is endowed with eight arms. The two other emblems which are not visible, is probably the paraśu and khatvāṅga.

