



Bhubaneswar, the capital of modern Orissa, is an amazing potpourri of old world charms and new world comforts. The scriptures refer to the ancient Bhubaneswar as the *Ekamra Kshetra*, literally meaning 'mango orchards' which remind us the union of Lord *Shiva* with Goddess *Parvati*. The blending of modernity with tradition here is flawless. The city is found with about seven thousand temples. The artistic sculptures of these temples attract a large numbers of tourists to feel the magic behind them.



However since last few years cultural efflorescence of the city goes beyond the temples. To disseminate the tourists with the larger canvas of the place covering Art & Crafts, Dance & Music, Handicrafts & Handlooms, etc., a Mega Festival titled *Ekamra- Utsav*, the Temple City festival has been conceived. This day's long festival features mini marathon to martial art, food festival to dance and music festival. *Rajarani* Music festival as a part of such *Utsav* goes on at the end of this *Utsav* every year. This three days music festival held against the backdrop of the famous 11<sup>th</sup> century *Rajarani* temple.

## THE RAJARANI TEMPLE AT A GLANCE



Set amidst the well maintained gardens, the 11th century *Rajarani* Temple is famous for its sculpted figures and the successive tiers of projections rising to form its 18 m tower. Somehow, it is very similar to the famous *Khajurao* Temple. The *Rajarani* takes its name from the local sandstone used to build it.

The temple no longer has an image of the deity in the sanctuary but its strong *Saiva* associations are testified from the figures of *Shiva* and his consort *Parvati* on the platform and *Saiva* doorkeepers. Another attraction of this temple is the carvings of the eight *dikpalas* (temple guards), who protect the temple from the different directions. They are *Indra* (east) the head of the demigods, *Agni* (southeast) god of fire, *Yamaraja* (south) god of death, *Nirriti* (southwest), *Varuna* (west) god of water, *Vayu* (northwest) god of air, *Kubera* (north) god of wealth, and *Isana* (northeast). This temple is completely dedicated to Lord *Brahma*. This famous temple is situated at old Bhubaneswar near *Tankapani* Road.



## THE RAJARANI MUSIC FESTIVAL

In order to show case the glorious tradition of Indian classical music, every year *Rajarani* Music Festival is organised by the Department of Tourism in association with organizations like *Orissa Sangeet Natak Academi*, Bhubaneswar Music Circle, NALCO



and the Union Ministry of Tourism. The festival is celebrated in the *Rajarani* Temple complex in Bhubaneshwar. Various famous vocalists and instrumentalists from across the country came to perform at the *Rajarani* Music Festival. Along with music ancient temple complex provides a dramatic atmosphere with its beautiful sculptures. The evenings of concerts arranged for the occasion are relaxing, entertaining and mood

elevating. The musical evenings dazzle with awesome performances by the great maestros of Indian classical music creating an allegory of “*darbari gayans*” (musical performances in an Indian king’s court) of age old histories.

## RAJARANI MUSIC FESTIVAL, 2010

Like every year, this year also *Rajarani* Music Festival is all set to commence on from 18<sup>th</sup> -20<sup>th</sup> January at the *Rajarani* Temple campus. At its inauguration the evening will be started with “*Tabla Lahar*” by the Maestro Pt. Umesh Chandra Kar. Other highlights of this year are: *Sufi* Vocal, *Odissi* Vocal, *Hindustani* Vocals and *Ragas* and other forms of classical music.



The evenings are expected to leave a enchant moment with all the music lovers and visitors at a large who will be coming to enjoy the evenings even after the end of the festival.

## HOW TO REACH

### **By Air:**



Mumbai.

Nearest airport for *Rajarani* Temple is Biju Pattnaik Airport located in 6 Kms. distances. The major domestic carriers are like Indian, Jet, Sahara, and Deccan operate regular flights from New Delhi, Kolkata, Visakhapatnam, Nagpur, Hyderabad, Chennai, and

### **By Rail:**



The nearest railway station is Bhubaneswar Railway Station and the distance from Railway Station to *Rajarani* Temple is 6 Kms.

For more railway query click on to <http://www.trainenquiry.com>

### **By Road:**



time.

Interstate bus services operate daily between Kolkata and Puri via Bhubaneswar and Tatanagar (Jamshedpur). Besides Intracity bus service, Auto Rickshaws are also available all

## SCHEDULE OF THE EVENT

Venue: Rajarani Temple Complex

Date: 18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> January

Time: 6:30p.m everyday

Date	Programme	Artiste(s)
18.01.10	Tabla Lahara	Pt. Umesh Chandra kar
	Sufiana Vocal Music	Wadali Brothers – Padmashree Ustad Puran Chand Wadali & Ustad Piyare Lal Wadali
19.01.10	Odissi Vocal Recital	Smt. Arati Mishra
	Hindustani Vocal Recital	Shri Kaivalya Kumar Gurav
20.01.10	Hindustani Vocal Recital	Sushree Mita & Rita Pattanaik, Khurdha
	Classical Crossover	-Mr. T. M. Hoffman – Shakuhachi & Koto -Ms. Sahana Banerjee – Sitar -Mr. Dhaneswar Swain – Mardala -Mr. Pramath Kiran – Morching & Djembe -Mr. Biplab Bhattacharyya –Tabla

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