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Unakoti is an important site of archaeological wonder. It is a historic Shaiva pilgrimage spot and dates back to 7th – 9th centuries if not earlier. While the marvellous rock carvings, murals with their primitive beauty form the chief attraction, natural beauty including hilly topography and waterfalls are an added bonus. These carvings are located at a beautifully landscaped forest area with green vegetation all around which add to the beauty of Unakoti.

The images found at Unakoti are of two types: namely rock-carved figures and stone images. Among the rock cut carvings, the central Shiva head and gigantic Ganesha figures deserve special mention.

The central Shiva head known as Unakotiswara Kal Bhairava is about 30 feet high including an embroidered head-dress which itself is 10 feet high. On each side of the head-dress of the central Shiva, there are two full size female figures - one of Durga standing on a lion and another female figure on the other side. In addition, three enormous images of Nandi Bull are found half buried in the ground. The Unakoti rock-cut carvings have the distinction of being the largest bas-relief sculpture in India. There are various other stone as well as rock cut images at Unakoti.

Unakoti Myth

According to Hindu mythology, when Lord Shiva was going to Kashi along with one crore gods and goddesses, he made a night halt at this location. He asked all the gods and goddesses to wake up before sun rise and proceed for Kashi. It is said that in the morning, except

Shiva himself, no one else could get up. Hence he set out for Kashi himself cursing the others to become stone images. As a result, we have one less than a crore stone images and carvings at Unakoti.

According to the local people at Unakoti, there was a sculptor and potter named Kallu Kumar. The local tribals believe that it was Kallu Kumar who had carved all these images and sculptures.

He was a devotee of Parvati and wanted to accompany Shiva and Parvati to their abode on Kailash Parbat. On Parvati's persuasion, Shiva agreed to take Kallu to Kailash if he would sculpt a crore (ten million) images of Shiva in one night. Kallu worked as a man possessed. But as the dawn broke the number of images was still one less than a crore. Shiva who was keen to get rid of this nuisance called Kallu, used this excuse to leave behind Kallu Kumar and his images at Unakoti.

Festival:

Every year a big fair popularly known as Ashokastami Mela is held in the month of April. The festival is visited by thousands of pilgrims. Another smaller festival takes place in January. Apart from that, tourists also flock to see this marvel of nature almost every other day from different parts of the country.

How to Reach:

Air - The State Capital, Agartala is well connected by air with Delhi, Kolkata, Guwahati and Chennai. The M. B. Airport at Agartala is 186 km away from Unakoti of Kailashahar Sub-Division under Unakoti District.

Rail - The nearest rail head is Dharmanagar Railway which is about 18 km from Unakoti. From Agartala to Dharmanagar or Kumarghat by train /bus and thereafter half an hour journey by local transport to Unakoti. Local tourist cabs, auto rickshaw, bus etc. are available at Dharmanagar railway station to reach Unakoti.

Road - Unakoti is well connected by road with Agartala, the state capital of Tripura. It is 186 km from Agartala, 8 km from Kailashahar and located at Kailashahar under Unakoti District. It takes about 4 hours to reach Unakoti by road from Agartala. Luxury coaches both of private travel agencies and Public Sector Transport Corporation including tourist cabs, and small cars ply on this road.

Local Transport:

Tourist cabs, local taxi and bus services are available to and from Agartala Airport to Dharmanagar or Kumarghat Rail station to reach Unakoti on hire. Tourist cabs are also arranged by Tourism Department at Agartala Airport Tourist Information Centre on hire for local transportation.

Entry Formalities:

There is no need of entry formalities like Restricted Area Permit (RAP) or Inner Line Permit (ILP) to visit Tripura.

Nearby Attractions:

Manu Valley Tea Estate, Rang Rung Tea Estate, Ramkrishna Mission Temple, Nutan Kalibari, Kailashahar.

Where to Stay:

Name of Hotel/ Guest House	Address	Contact details
Unakoti Tourist Lodge,	Kailashahar	8787845121
Juri Tourist Lodge	Dharmanagar	8787845121
Nirmala Hotel	Netaji Corner, Old Motorstand, Kailashahar	08256927210
Hotel Debroy	Kumarghat	03824-261417
Sri Krishna Hotel	Kailashahar Town	03824-222859

Where to Eat:

1. Sri Krishna Hotel, Kailashahar Town.
2. Kima Uncle, Kailashahar.
3. Royal Cuisine Restaurant, Kumarghat.
4. SfD Restaurant, Dharmanagar.

Shopping:

1. Kailashahar Shopping Complex, Kailashahar Town.
2. Kidz Wonder, Pani Chowki Bazar, Kailashahar.