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About the Book

The hilly region of Maharashtra on the western coast of India is famous for a long and rich tradition of rock-cut architecture with some of the famous and world heritage Buddhist and Brahmanical cave-sites such as Ajanta, Ellora and Elephanta. Compared to these, the Jaina caves of the region, except those at Ellora, are little known.

This book attempts to bring to light these less-known Jaina caves, about seventy caves scattered over western, hilly areas and excavated over a span of 1500 years, from 1st century BCE to 14th-15th century CE, with largest number excavated during 9th to 14th-15th century CE. It documents each Jaina cave of the region that has come to light so far, in minute details recording architectural, iconographic and stylistic features, provides an analytical chronological framework and places the caves in historical context by analyzing the cultural milieu of contemporary society and discussing the issues of patronage and continuance with cave architecture by the Jainas till as late as 14th-15th century CE. The placement of each cave-site within contemporary physical as well as cultural landscape is discussed.

These Digambara caves, following regional architectural trends, are quite plain and rough excavations, with the exception of a few decorative ones, but display a wealth of icons, thus emphasizing very focused interests of the patrons. Excavated against the backdrop of reviving trade activities and varied socio-religious contexts of a changing society, these caves form an important evidence of later phase of rock-cut architecture, of which these are the only examples.

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Nani, my late grandmother, whose zest for life was unparallel

PREFACE

It was at Ellora, the only site with well-known Jaina caves in Maharashtra, that I first visited a Jaina cave. These similar-looking caves with rows and rows of meditating figures of Jinas, repetitive themes of Parsvanatha-Bahubali and same pair of yaksa-yaksi, appeared very monotonous, especially after the vibrant, varied Brahmanical iconography with massive, almost life-like sculptures and exquisite Kailasa monolith. But even within this apparent monotony, the large hall of Indra Sabha with beautiful purnaghata carrying pillars, completely relieved pilasters in the shrine doorway and large, almost polished icons of Sarvanubhuti-Ambika made an impression that convinced me that it was not the 'degeneration' of art as most scholars had assumed, but rather the nature of the ascetic sect that had produced such iconographic programme and icons with seemingly 'similar' expressions. Eventually I tried to learn more about other Jaina caves of the region and realised that the material was very scanty and scattered. Most scholars were not even aware of the existence of these caves. Thus, began the present study, initially aimed at brining these caves into light by recording them in detail and tentatively fixing the chronology. As I started visiting these sites, I began to 'see' them in their historical setting, occupying specific space in the surrounding landscape, both physical as well as cultural. And the study of historical development of each 'site' and Jainism in the region became imperative.

This work was submitted in 2001 to Deccan College Post-Graduate & Research Institute, Pune, as a dissertation towards obtaining Ph. D. degree. Since then I have updated some data with recently published material. A lot of description of the original thesis has been edited and presented here in tabular form to make it more reader-friendly. But since documenting these neglected caves is one of the major thrusts of the present study, some description, though tedious, has become inevitable. This rather drab description is illustrated with a large number of line drawings of almost all architectural components and costume-ornament details of icons and numerous photographs. The glossary, drawn from the Encyclopaedia of Indian Temple Architecture, published by American Institute of Indian Studies, includes only the architectural terms that have been used in the text and other more commonly used terms have been excluded. Similarly, individual names, place names and some of the familiar terms are not italicized to avoid cluttering the text.

Only the previously reported sites have been studied and no claim is made here to have explored the entire region. Further explorations may bring into light hitherto unknown Jaina caves. Though all these caves had been recorded briefly, locating some of these sites proved to be difficult, as most have been forgotten even by the local people. For the convenience of those interested in visiting these sites, local names of the caves and bearings of exact locations are given in as much details as possible.

The experiences during innumerable field visits to these sites have been varied. While most caves lay neglected and in ruins, it has been interesting to see how more and more such old sites are being taken over by Jainas and how their attempts to 'develop' these caves, which include tiling the floors, painting the icons, whitewashing the walls and of course, building temples and dharmashalas at the base of the hill, have changed entire face of not only these caves, but also the surrounding village. With such drastic changes made to an ancient site and recognising the right of a community over its religious place, it is hoped that at least a proper study would be allowed before our rich heritage and past is lost forever.

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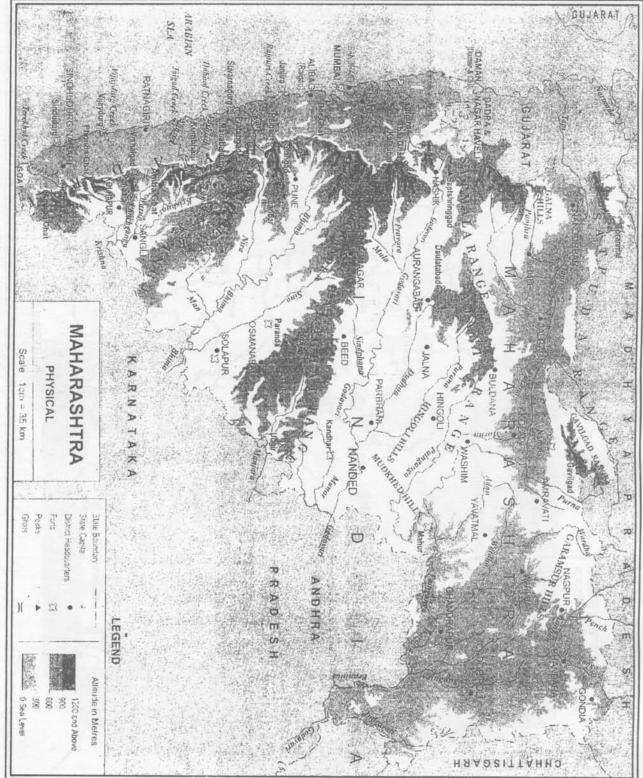
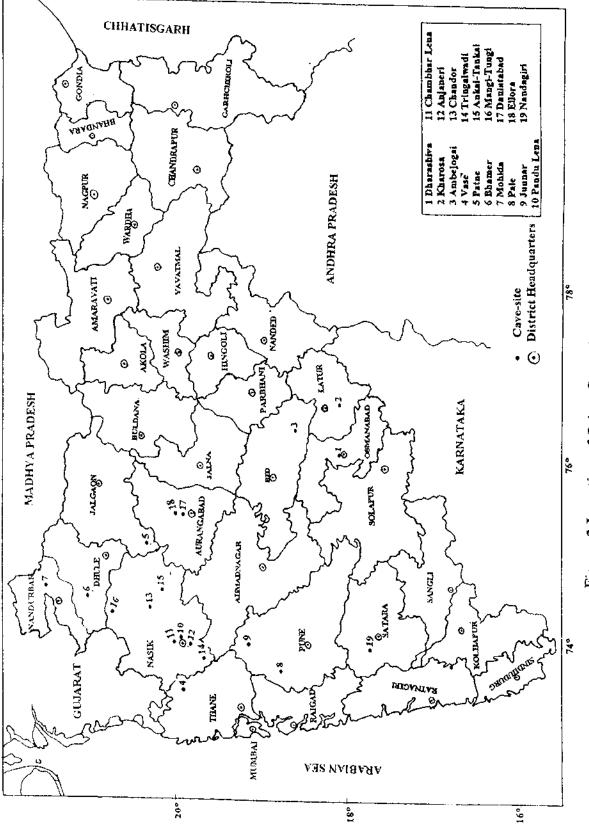
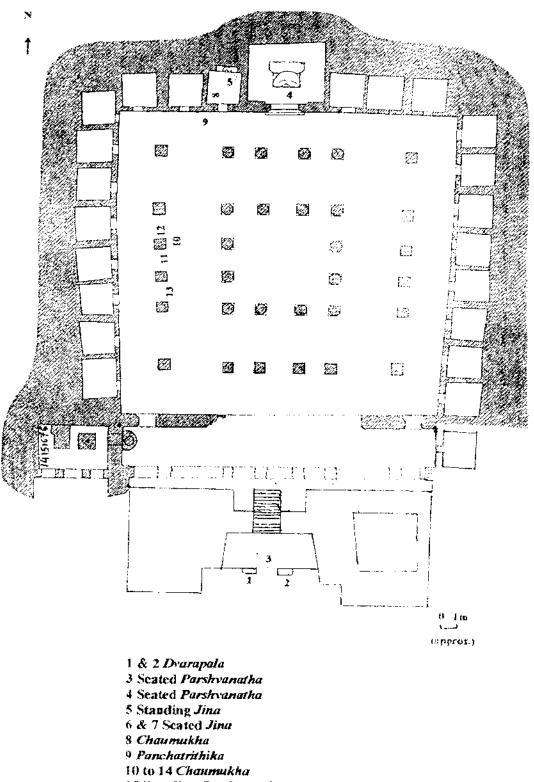


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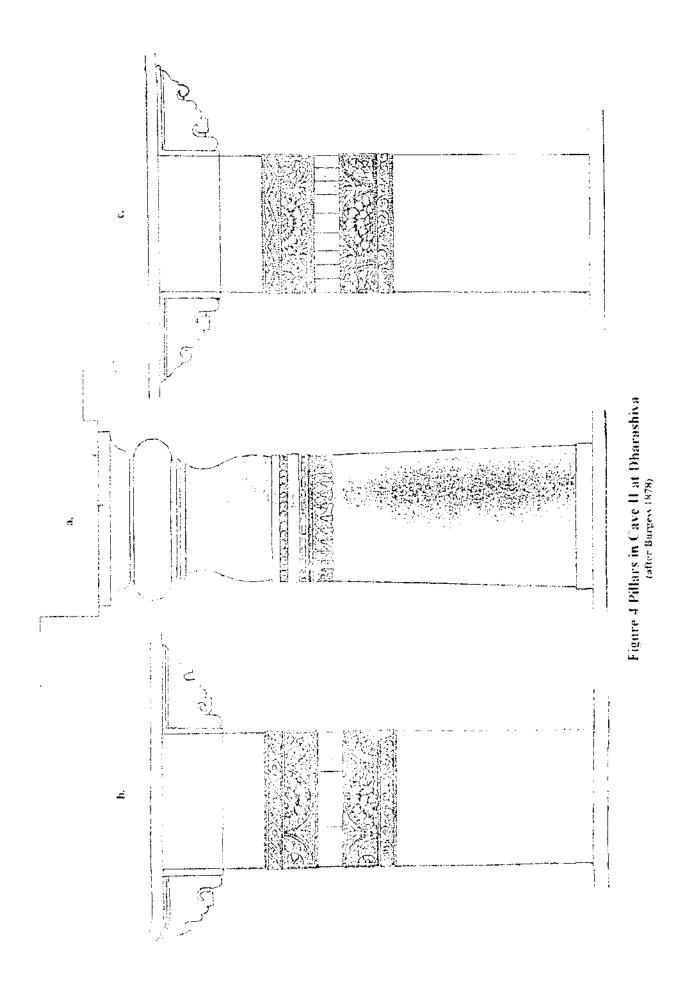


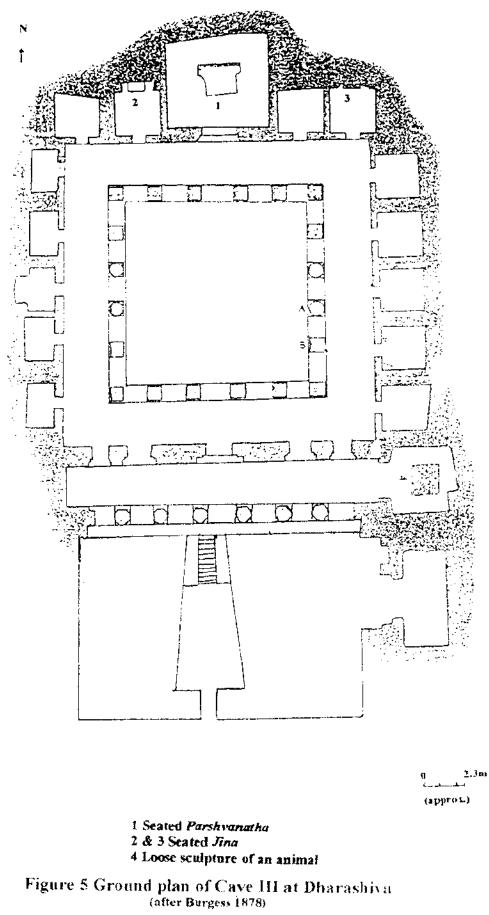
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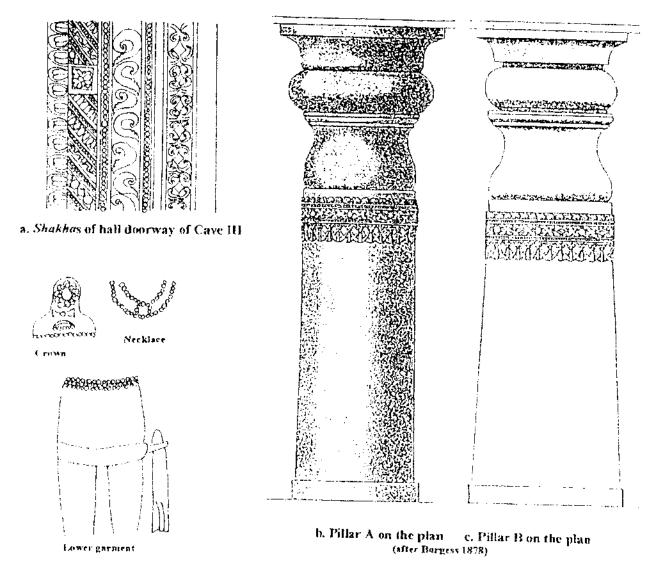
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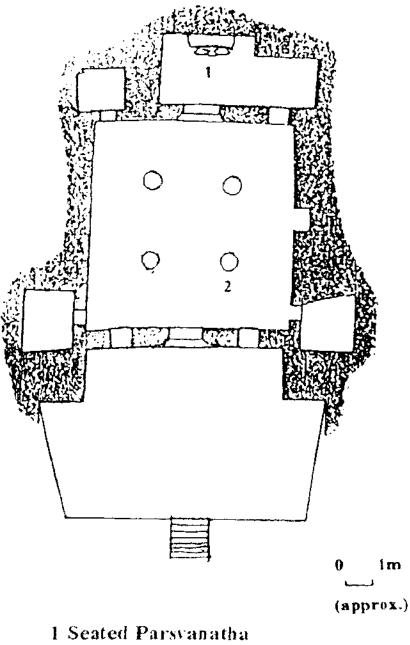






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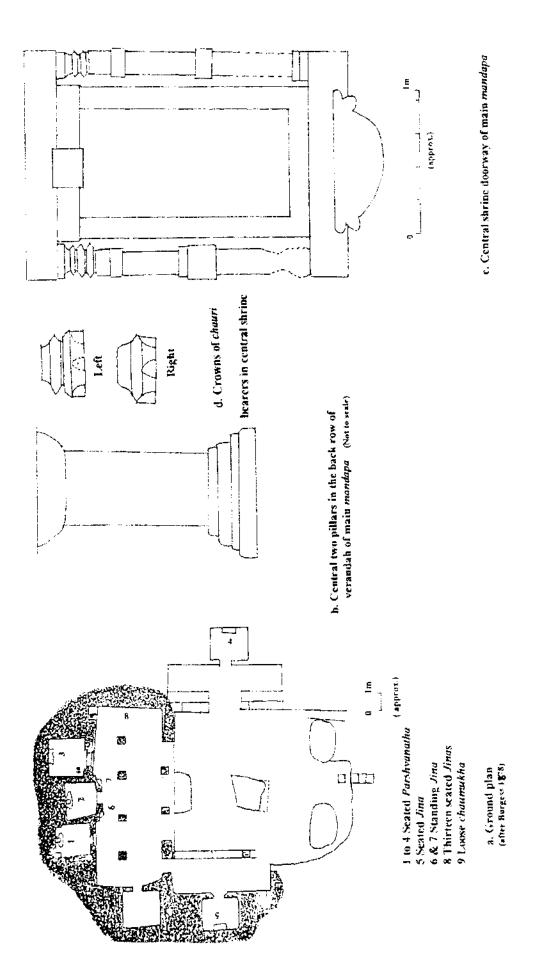
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Ground plan of Cave IV (after Burgess 1878)

Figure 7 Ground plan of Cave IV at Dharashiva





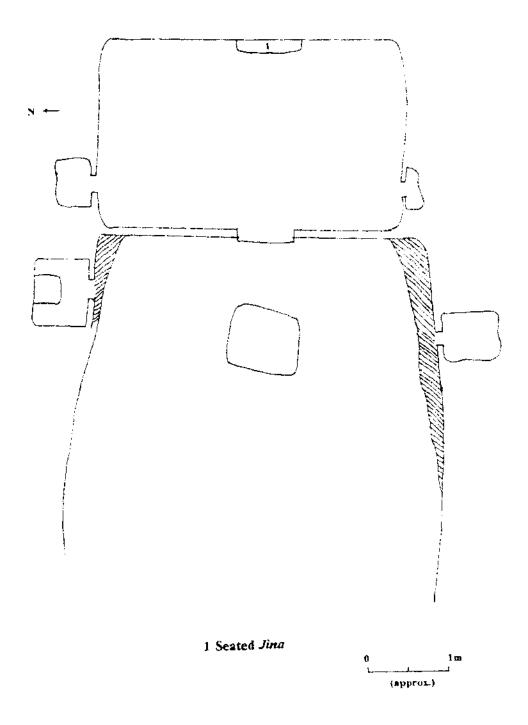
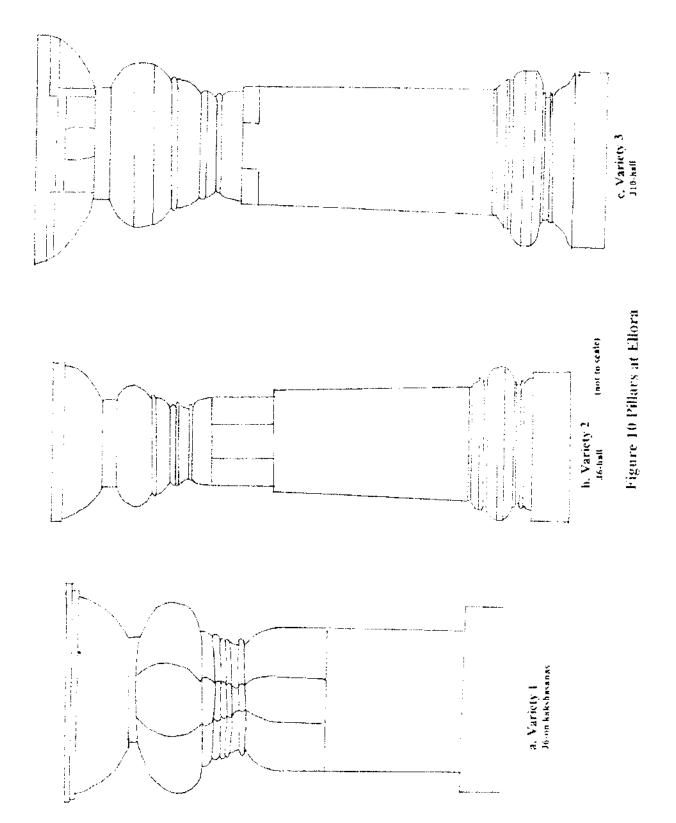
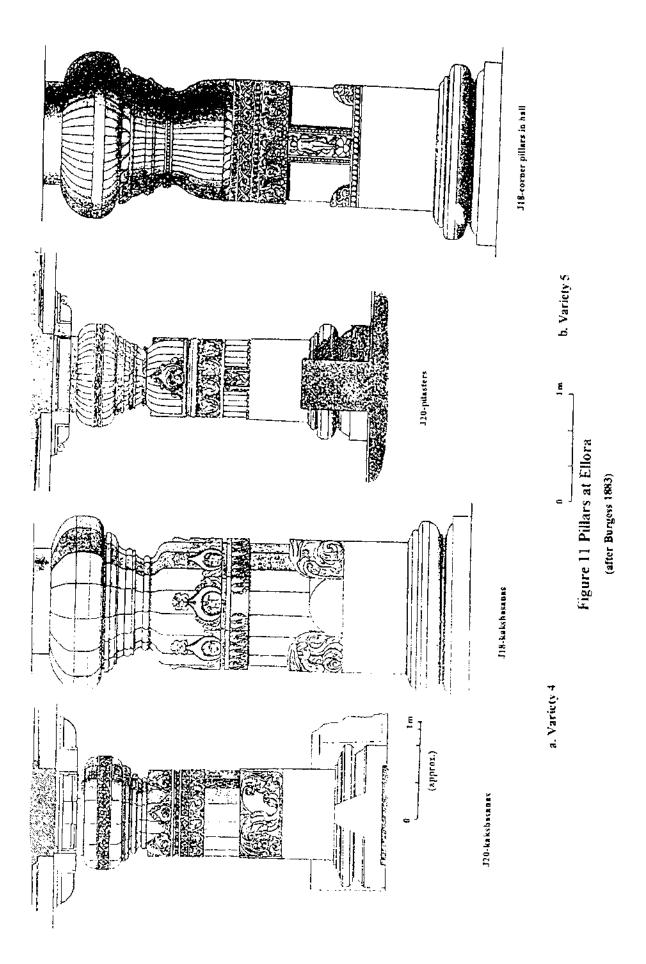
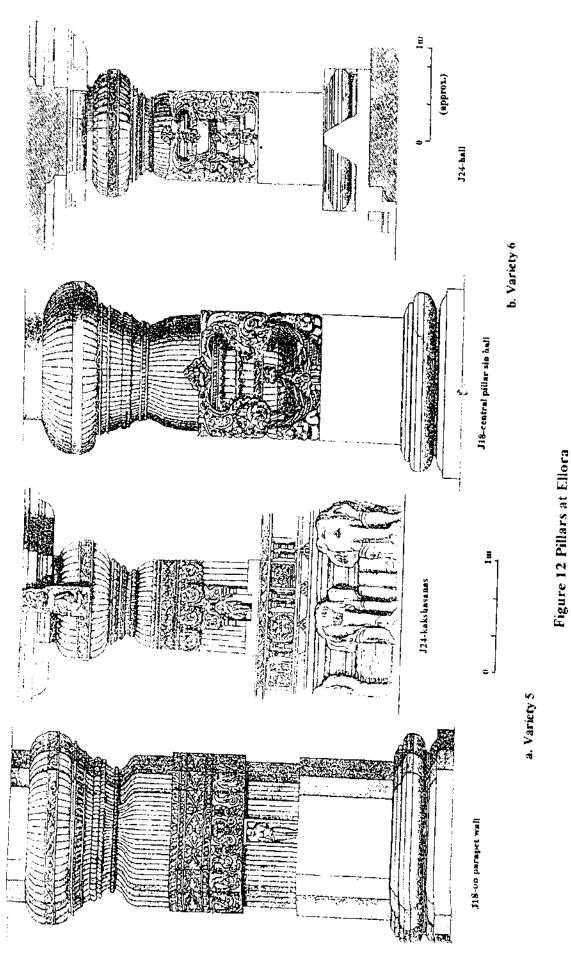


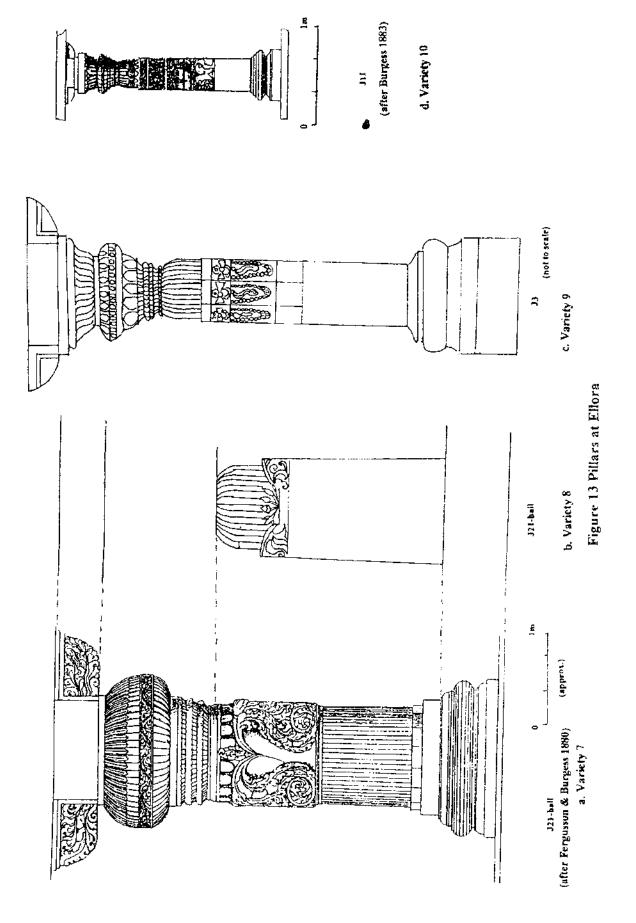
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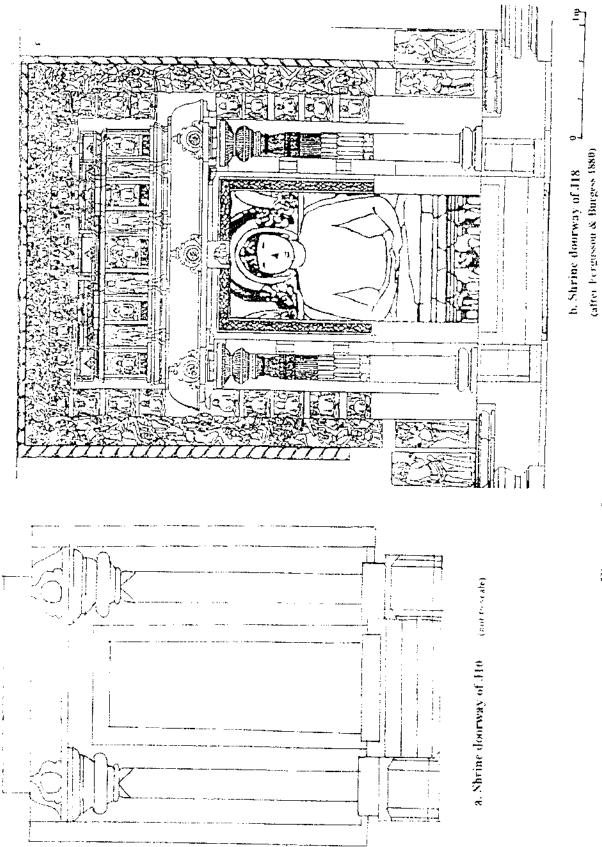


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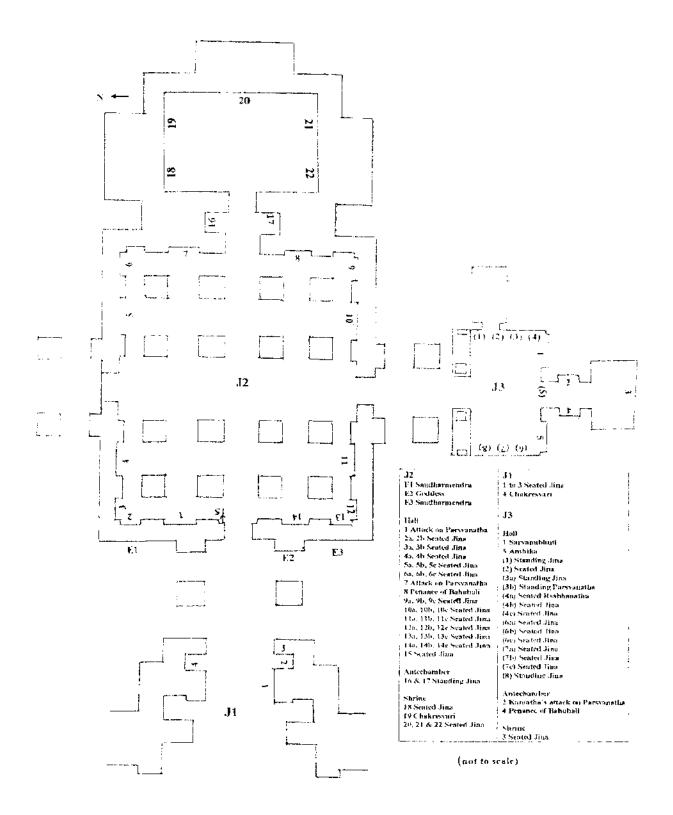


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J1 a. 1-Chauri hearers

b. 4 Chakreshvari

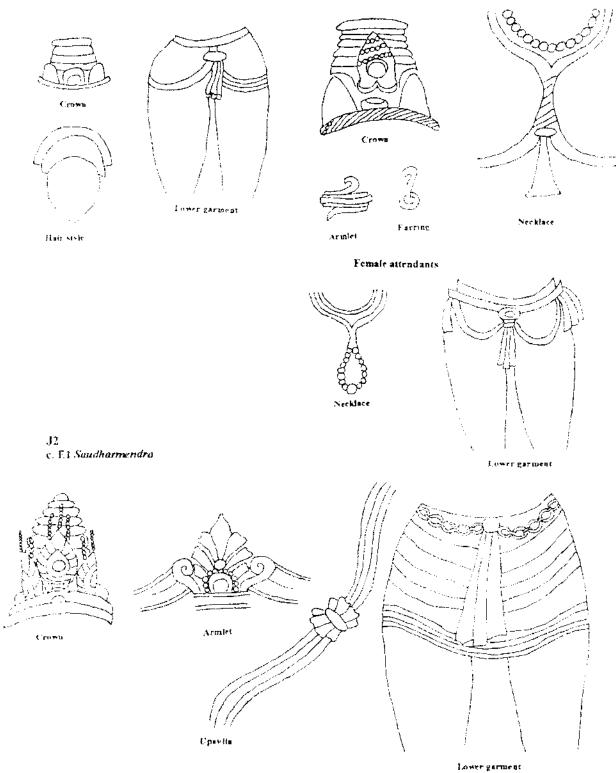
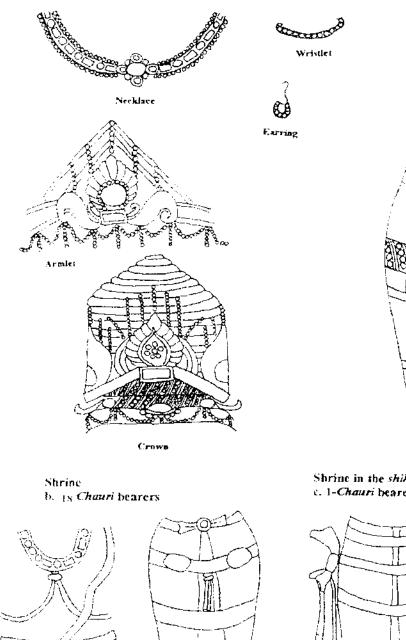
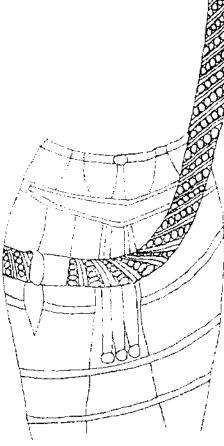


Figure 16 Costume and jewellery-J1 & J2 at Ellora

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a. Dvarapala of main hall doorway





l ower garment

 Shrine b. 18 Chauri bearers
 33

 Shrine in the shikhara c. 1-Chauri bearers
 34

 Shrine in the shikhara c. 1-Chauri bearers
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 Shrine in the shikhara
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 Shrine in the shikhara
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Figure 17 Costume and jewellery-J2 & J3 at Ellora

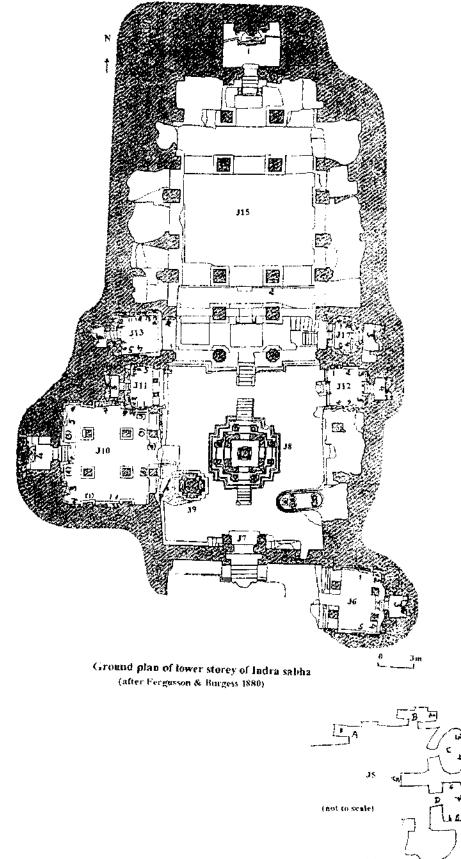


Figure 18 Ground plan of J5, J6 and lower storey of Indra sabita

36	J12
1 Kamatha's attack on Parsvanatha	1 Sarvanubhuti
la Seated Rsabhanatha	2 Two scated Jinas
2 Sarvanubhuti	3 Kamatha's attack on Parsvanatha
3 Seated Jina	4 Seated Jina
4 Ambika	5 Penance of Bahubali
5a Seated Jina	6 Two seated Jinas
5 Penance of Bahubali	7 Ambika
310	J13
1 Kamatha's attack on Parsyanatha	1 & 2 Standing Jina
2 Kamatha's attack on Parsyanatha	4 Attack on Parsyanatha
3 Sarvanubhuti	5 Seated Jina
4 Seated Jina	6 Sarvanubhuti
5 Ambika	7 & 9 Sarasvati
6 Jina and Dikpalas	8 Seated Jina
7 Penance of Bahubali	10 Ambika
8 Attack on Parsyanatha	10a Seated Jina
(1) Seated Jina	11 Seated Jina
(2) & (3) Standing Jina	12 Penance of Bahubali
(4) Scated Jina	13 Scated Rsabhanatha
(5) Standing Jina	13a Standing Jina
(6) Penance of Bahubali	
(7) Scated Rsabhanatha	J15
(8) Standing figure	1 Seated Jina
(2 Standing Jina
J11	~
I Kamatha's attack on Parsvapatha	J17
1a Scated Jina	1 Kamatha's attack on Parsyanatha
2 Sarvanubhuti	2 Sarvanubhuti
3 Scated Jina	3 Seated Jina
4 Ambika	4 Ambika
5a Seated Jina	5 Penance of Bahubali
5 Penance of Bahubali	

J6 a. 1 Attack on *Parshva* Padmanti

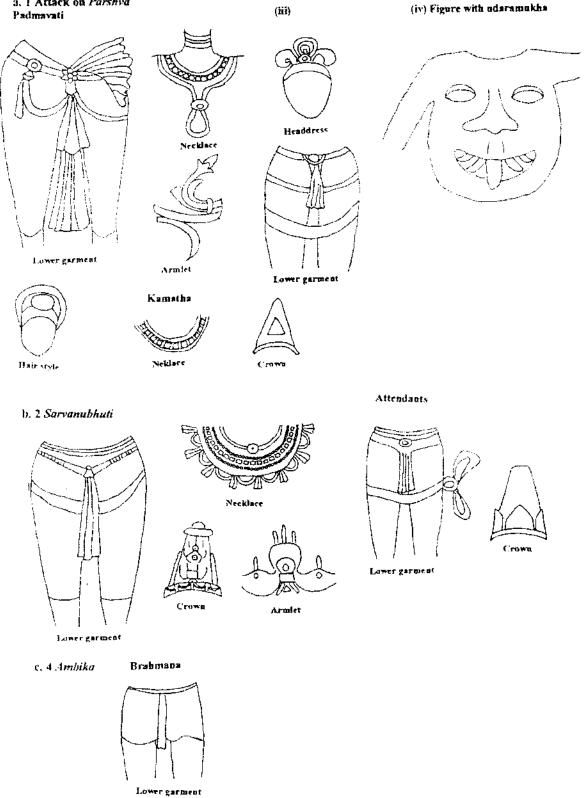


Figure 19 Costume and jewellery-J6 at Ellora

J10 1 Attack on Parshva

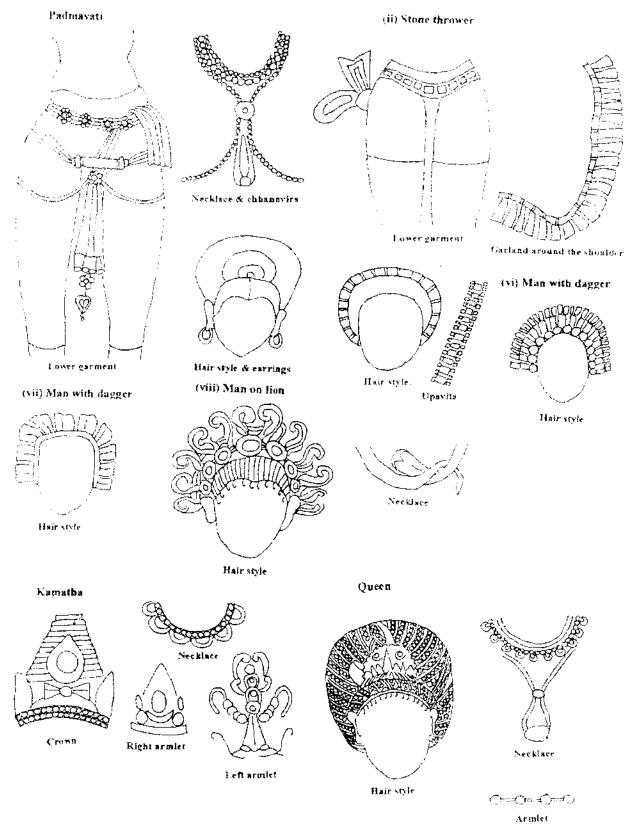
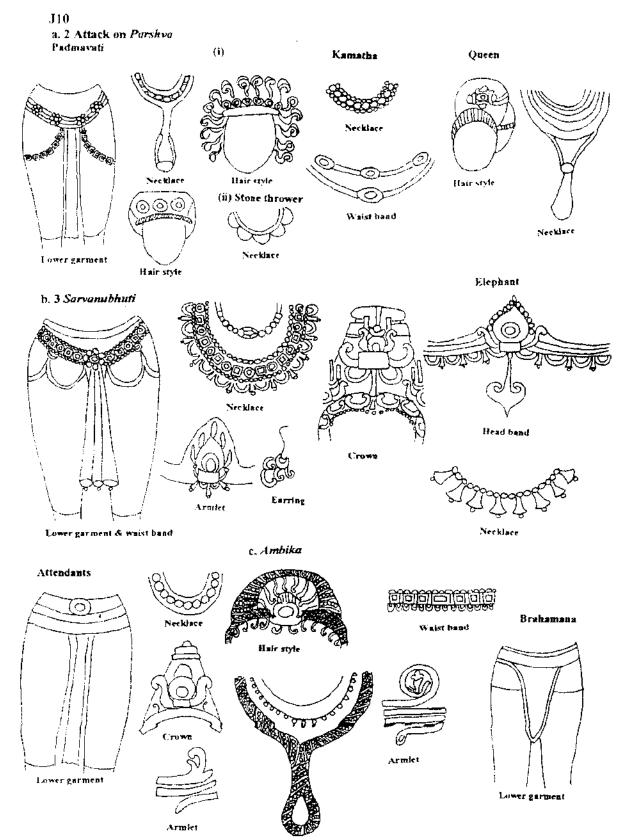


Figure 20 Costume and jewellery-J10 at Ellora



Necklace

Figure 21 Costume and jewellery -J10 at Ellora

J10 aJPenance of *Bahubali* Female on right – Female on left

Necklace

Bair style

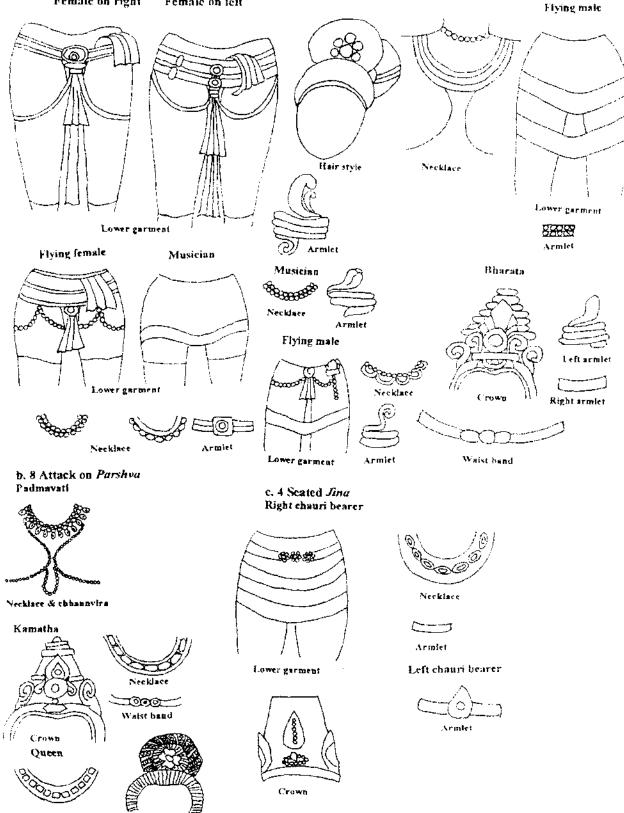
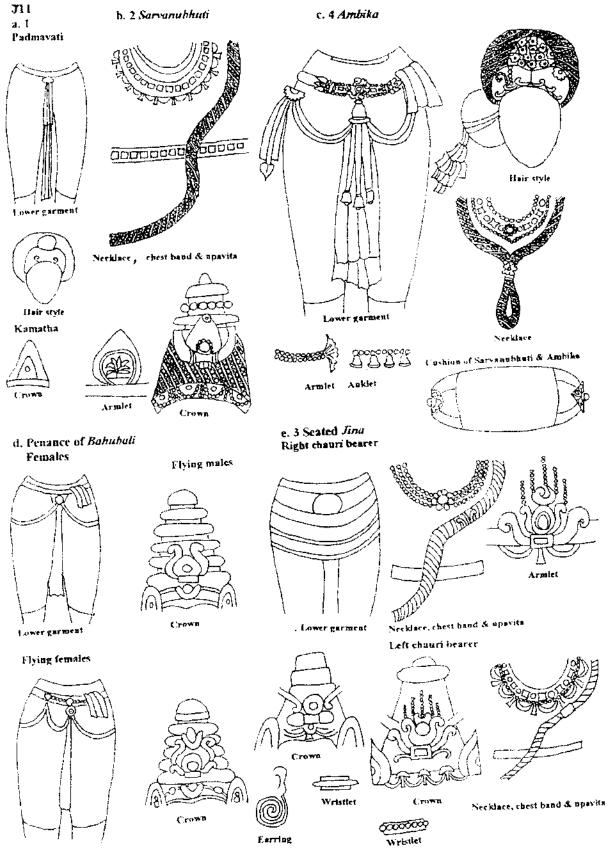


Figure 22 Costume and jewellery-J10 at Ellora



Lower garment

Figure 23 Costume and jewellery-311 at Ellora

312 a. † Sarvanubhuti

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b. Attack un Parshva Padmavati

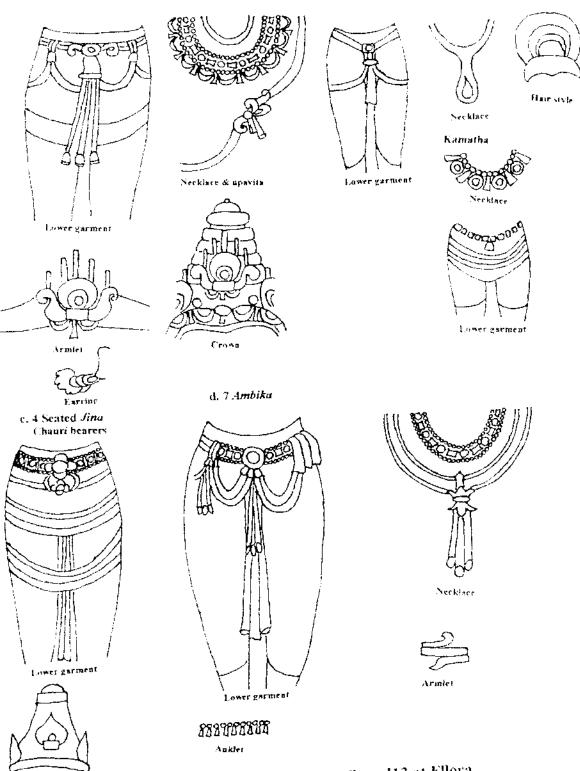


Figure 24 Costume and jewellery-J12 at Ellora

J13 a. 4 Attack on Parshva

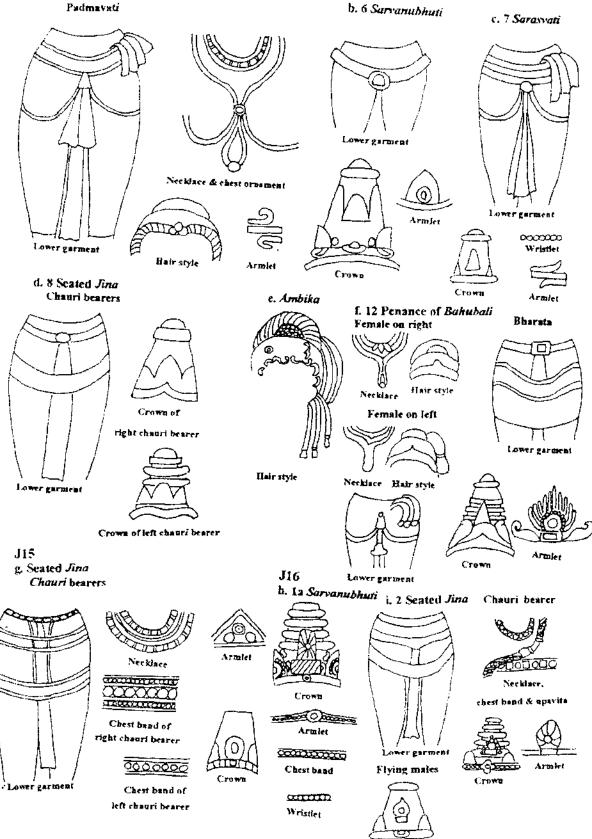


Figure 25 Costume and jewellery-J13, J15 & J16 at Ellora

J14 a. Attack on *Parshva*

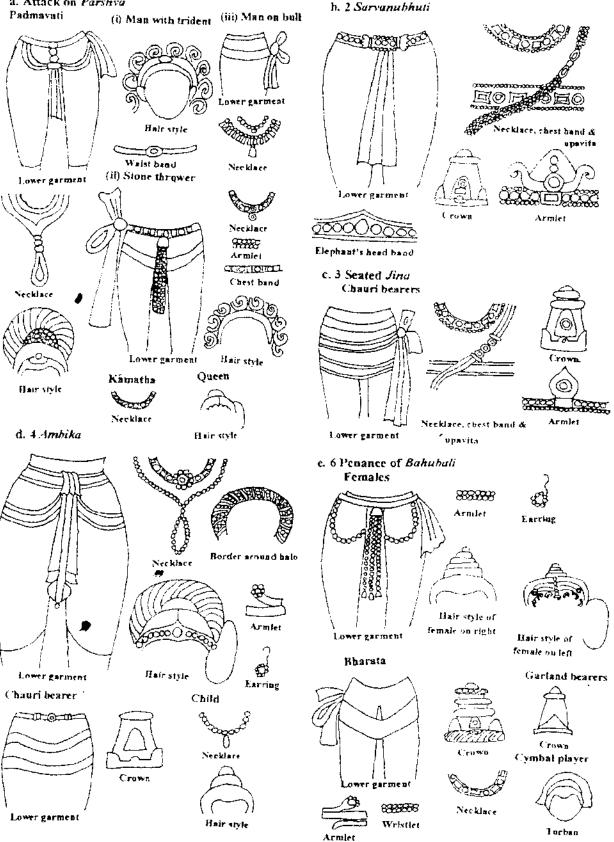


Figure 26 Costume and jewellery-J14 at Ellora

J17 a. 1 Attack on *Parshva* Padmavati

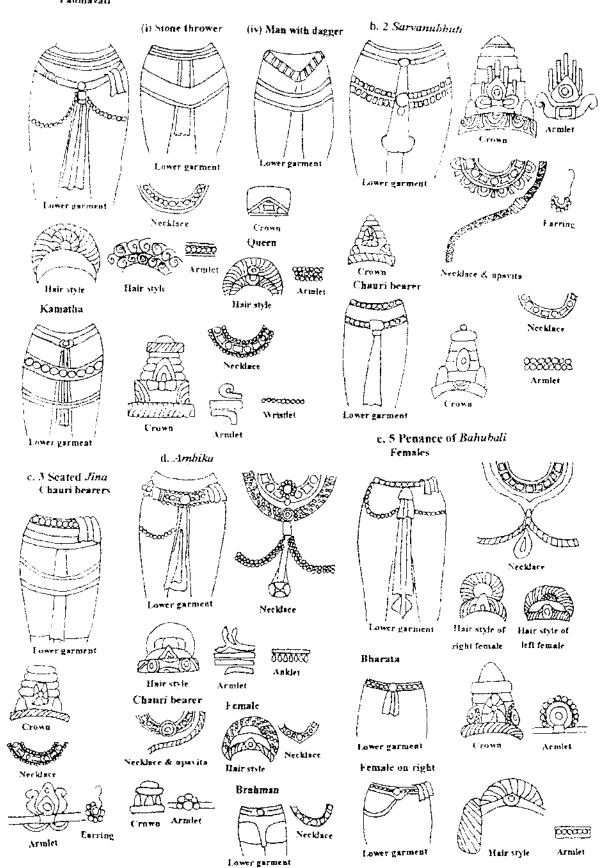
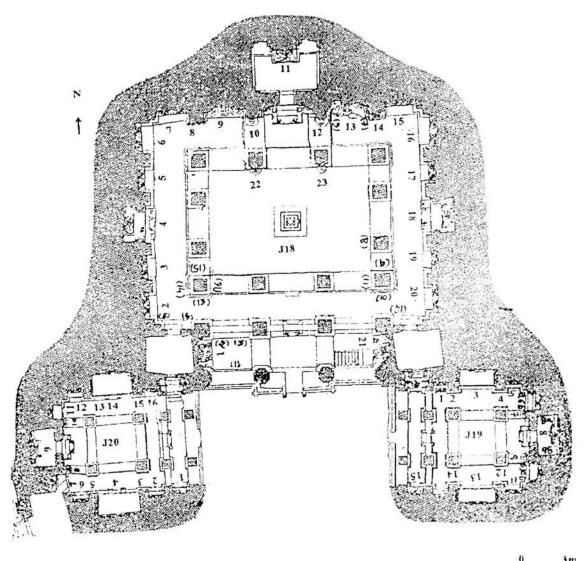


Figure 27 Costume and jewellery-J17 at Ellora



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Ground plan of upper storey of Indra sabha (after Fergusson & Burgess 1880)



Figure 28 Ground plan of J14, J16 and upper storey of Indra sabha

J14 1 Kamtha's attack on Parsvanatha 2 Sarvanubhuti **3 Seated Jina** 4 Ambika 5 Two seated Jinas 5 Penance of Bahubali

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1 Kamatha's attack on Parsvanatha 1a Sarvanubhuti 2 Seated Jina 3 Penance of Bahubali

J18

I Sarvanubhuti 2 & 3 Two seated Jinas 4 Seated Jina 5 to 7 Two seated Jina 8 Seated Jina 9 Kamatha's attack on Parsvanatha 10 StandingJina 11 Scated Jina 12 Standing Jina 13 Penance of Bahubali 14 Seated Jina 15 to 17 Two seated Jinas 18 Seated Jina 19 & 20 Two seated Jinas 21 Ambika 22 & 23 Standing Jina (1) Panchaparmeshthis (2) Man entering temple (3) Temple (4) Padmavati (5) Sarasvati (6) Seated Jina (7) Seated Jina (8) Goddess on lotus (9) Standing Jina (10) Standing Jina (11) Standing Parsvanatha (12) Two standing Jinas (13), Standing Rsabhanatha (14) Standing Jina (15) Standing Jina

(16) Standing Parsvanatha

J19A 1 Four-armed goddess 2 Three seated Jinas 3 Sarvanubhuti

J19

1 & 2 Two seated Jinas 3 Kamatha's attack on Parsyanatha 4 & 5 Two seated Jinas 6a. 6 Seated Jina 6b Seated Parsvanatha 7 Standing Jina 8a, 8, 8b Seated Jina 9 Standing Jina 10a, 10, 10b Seated Jina 11 & 12 Two seated Jinas 13 Penance of Bahubali 14 Two seated Jinas 15 Ambika

J20A 1 Ambika 2 Chakresvari

J20

1 Sarvanubhuti 2 & 3 Two seated Jinas 4 Kamatha's attack on Parsvanatha 5 & 6 Two seated Jinas 7 Seated Jina 8 Standing Jina 9 Seated Jina 10 Standing Jina 11 Seated Jina 12 & 13 Two seated Jinas 14 Penance of Bahubali 15 & 16 Two seated Jinas



Figure 29 Costume and jewellery-J18 at Ellora

J18 a. 9 Attack on Parshva

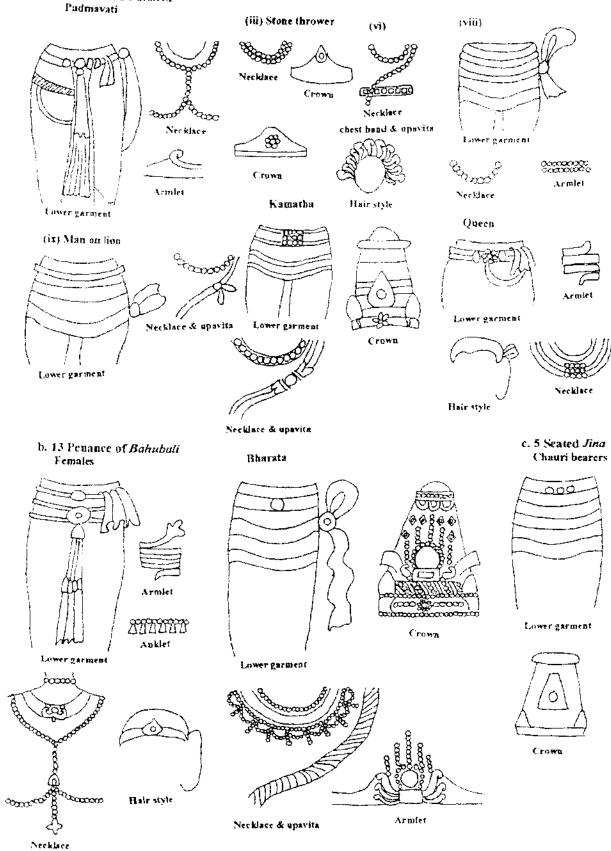
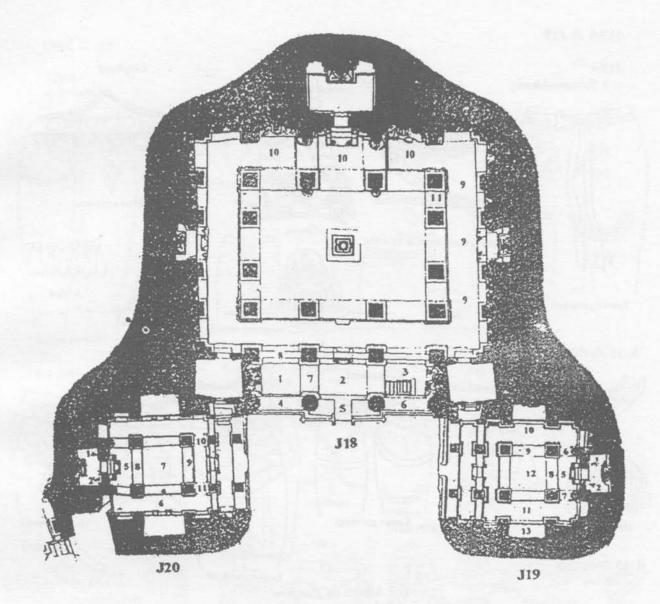


Figure 30 Costume and jewellery-J18 at Ellora



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J18

1 Lotus 2 Lotus 3 Lotus **4** Seven Figures 5 Figures 4 6 Six Males 7 Two Couples 8 Three Couples **9** Flying Figures 10 Flying Figures 11 Floral Design

J19

1 Flying Couples 2 Flying Couples 3 Parshvanatha 4 Bahubali 5 Saudharmendra & Figures 6 Two Couples & Four Females 7 Couple 8 Two Couples & a Fighting Scene 9 Two Couples 10 Figures 11 Figures 12 Figures

- 13 Figures

J20

1 Figures 2 Figures 3 Parshvanatha 4 Bahubali 5 Saudharmendra 6 Figures 7 Figures 8 Couples 9 Couples 10 Figures 11 Figures

Figure 31 Placement of paintings in J18, J19 and J20 at Ellora

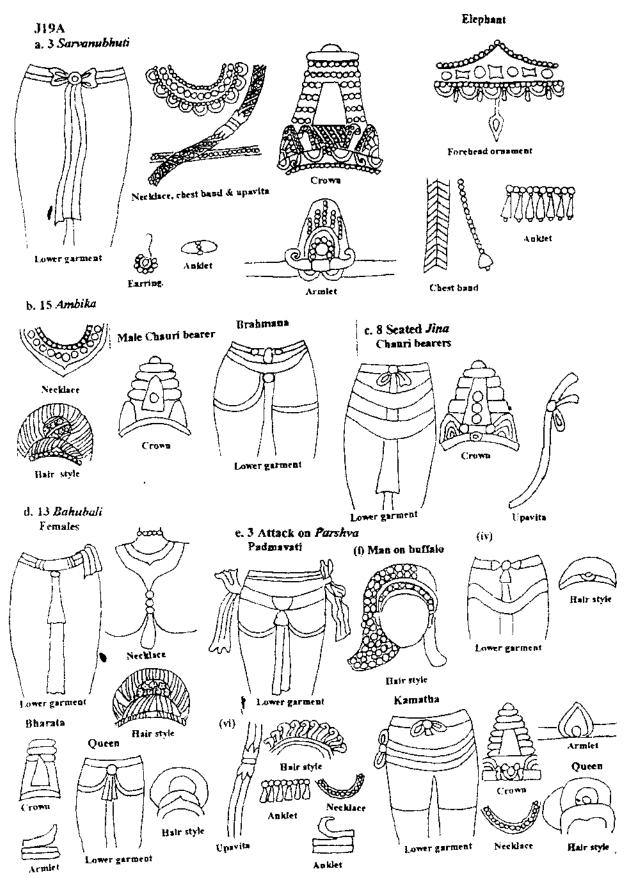


Figure 32 Costume and jewellery-J19A & J19 at Ellora

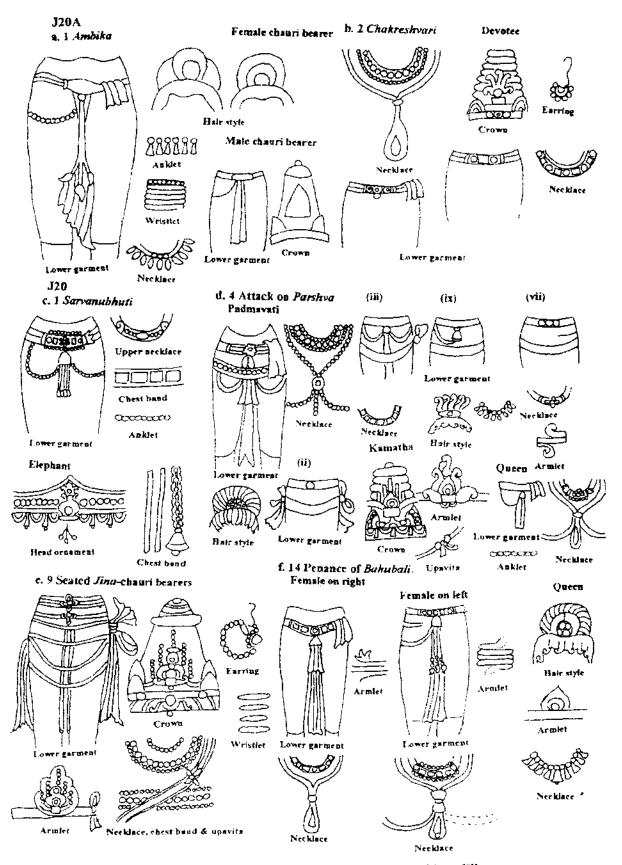
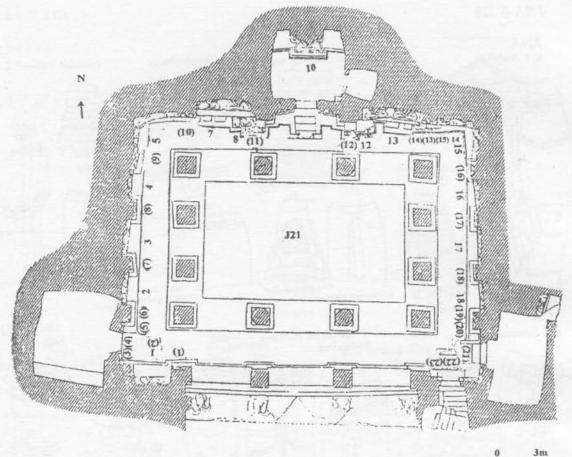


Figure 33 Costume and jewellery-J20A & J20 at Ellora



(approx.)

J21	(1) Seated Jina (2) Three seated Jinas
 Seated Parsvanatha 2b & 2c Two seated Jinas 3b, 3c Two seated Jinas 4b Two seated Jinas 4b Two seated Jinas 4c Seated Jina 5b Standing Parsvanatha and seated Jinas 6b & 6c Two seated Jinas 6b & 6c Two seated Jinas 7 Two seated Jinas 8 Sarvanubhuti 9 Standing Jina 10 Seated Jinas 13 Two seated Jinas 14 Two seated Jinas 15 Two seated Jinas 16b & 16c Two seated Jinas 17b Two seated Jinas 17c Three seated Jinas 18b & 18c Two seated Jinas 	 (2) Three seated Jinas (3a) Seated Jina (3b) Standing Parsvanatha (4) Standing Parsvanatha (5a) & (5b) Seated Jina (5c) Two seated Jinas (6) Seated Jina (7) Seated Jina (8) Seated Parsvanatha (9) Seated Jina (10) Seated Jina (11) Seated Jina (12) Seated Jina (13) Seated Jina (14) Seated Jina (15) Seated Jina (16) Seated Jina (17a) Kamatha's attack on Parsvanatha (17b) Standing Parsvanatha (18) Seated Jina (20a) Standing Parsvanatha (20b) Seated Jina (21) Standing Jina (22) Seated Jina (23) Seated Jina

Figure 34 Ground plan of upper storey of Jagganatha sabha (after Fergusson & Burgess 1880)

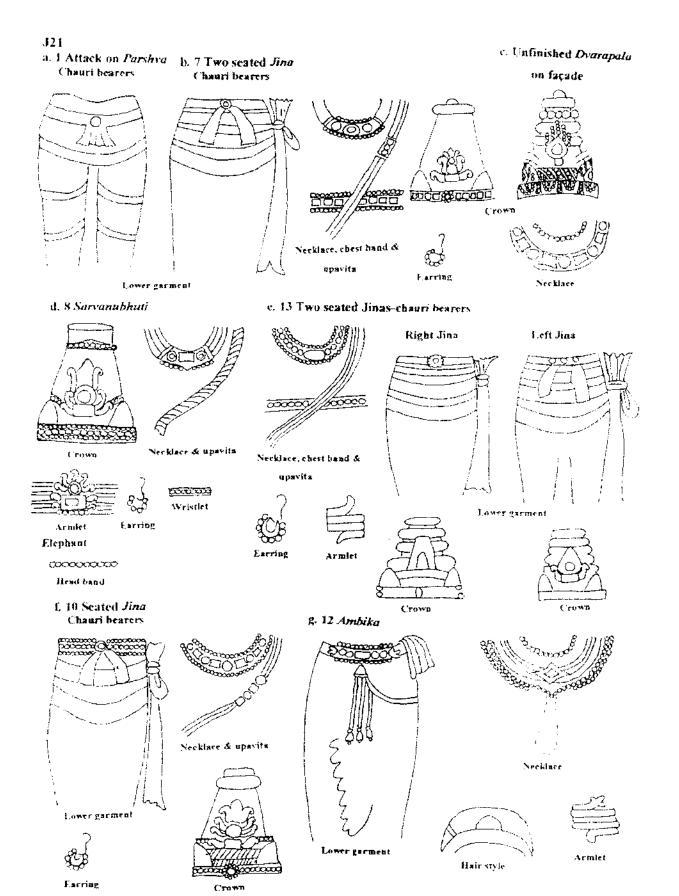
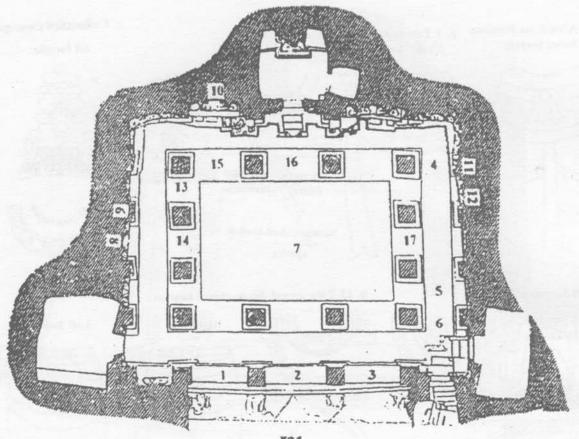


Figure 35 Costume and jewellery-J21 at Ellora

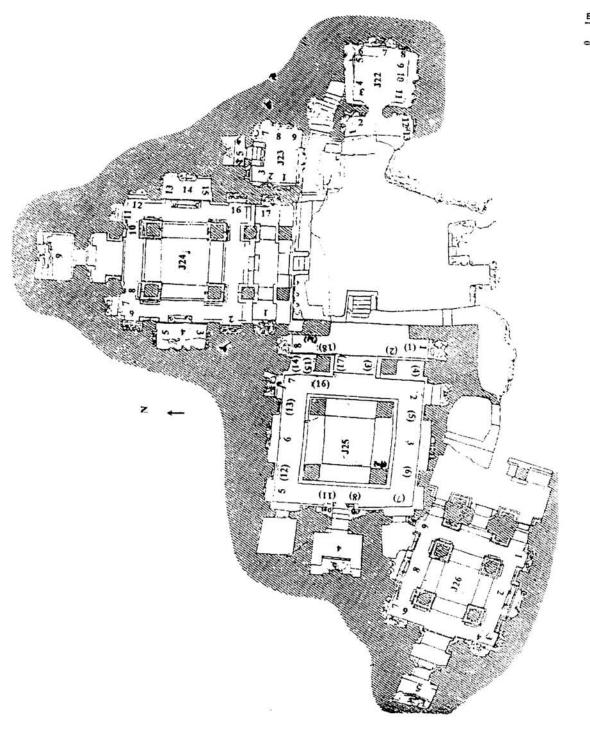


J21

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J21

- 1 Figures 2 Jina 3 Figures 4 Figures 5 Figures 6 Figures 7 Samvasarana 8 Jina
- 9 Standing Jina
- Seated Jina
 Bahubali & Seated Jina
 Two Seated Jinas
 Couple
 Figures
 Figures
 Dancing Figures



(after Fergusson & Burgess 1880)

Figure 37 Ground plan of lower storey of Jagganatha sabha

J22

1 Standing Parsyanatha 2 Kamatha's attack on Parsvanatha **3** Scated Jina 4 Standing Rsabhanatha 5 Kamatha's attack on Parsvanatha 6 Sarvanubhuti 7 Seated Jina 8 Ambika 9a & 9b Two seated Jinas 10 Kamatha's attack on Parsyanatha 11 Seated Jina 12a Sarvagubhuti 12b Seated Jina 12c Devotee 12d Ambika 13 Seated Jina

J23

Seated Jina
 Kamatha's attack on Parsvanatha
 Sarvanubhuti
 to 6 Seated Jina.
 Ambika
 Penance of Bahubali
 Seated Jina

J24

Sarvanubhuti
 & 3 Two seated Jinas
 Kamatha's attack on Parsvanatha
 & 6 Two seated Jinas
 Seated Jina
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 Standing Jina
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 Seated Jina
 Standing Jina
 Seated Jina
 Seated Jina
 Seated Jina
 A Fenance of Bahubali
 & 16 Two seated Jinas
 Ambika

J25 1 Sarvanubhuti 2 Seated Jina 3 Kamatha' attack on Parsyanatha 4 Seated Jina 5a, 5b & 5c Two seated Jinas 6 Penance of Bahubali 7 Seated Jina 8 Ambika (1a) Seated Jina (1b) Two seated Jinas (2) Seated Jina (3a) & (3b) Seated Jina (3c) Standing Jina with devotees (4a) Seated Parsvanatha (4b) Seated Jina (5a, b), (6a, b), (7a, b, c), (8a, b) (9), (10), (11a, b), (12a, b, c) (13a, b), (14), (15), (16a, b) Seated Jina (16c) Standing Jina with devotees (17a) & (17b) Seated Jina (17c) Standing Jina with devotees (18) Seated Jina (19a) Seated Jina (19b) Standing Jina with devotees (19c) Seated Jina (19d) Two seated Jina (19c, f, g, h) Seated Jina (20) Standing Parsvanatha

J26

1 Two seated Jinas 2 Kamatha's attack on Parsvanatha 3 Two seated Jinas 4 Sarvanubhuti 5 Seated Jina 6 Ambika 7 Two seated Jinas 8 Penance of Bahubali 9 Seated Jina

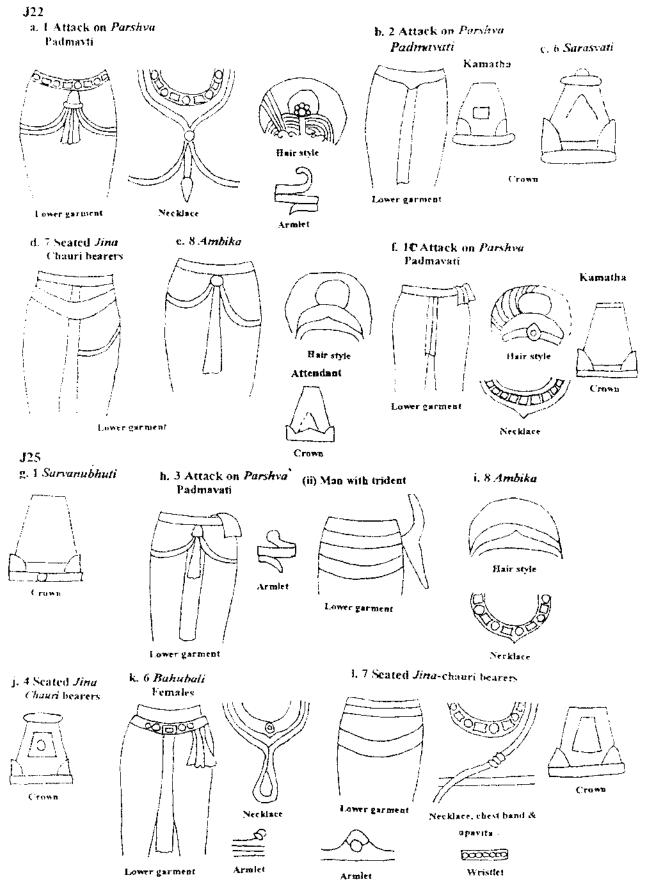


Figure 38 Costume and jewellery-J22 & J25 at Ellora

J23 3. ? Attack of

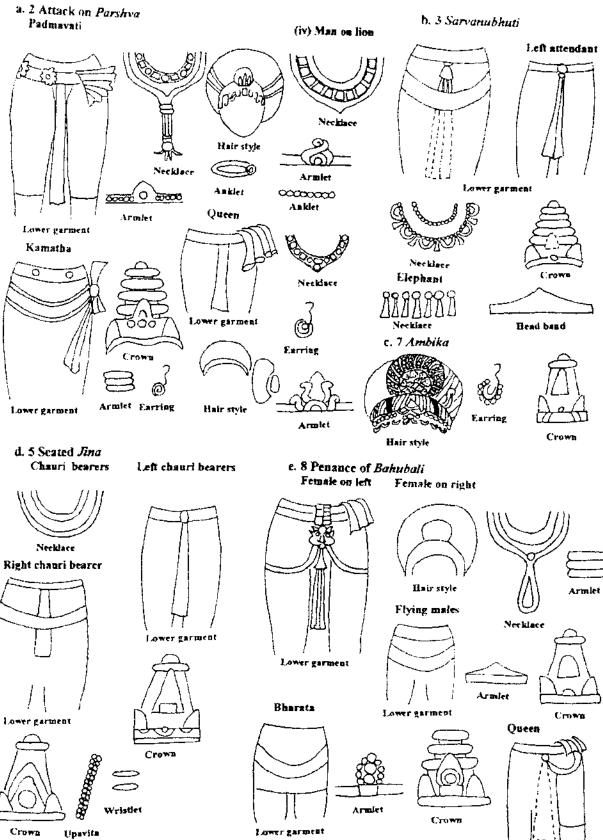


Figure 39 Costume and jewellery-J23 at Ellora

Lower garment

J24

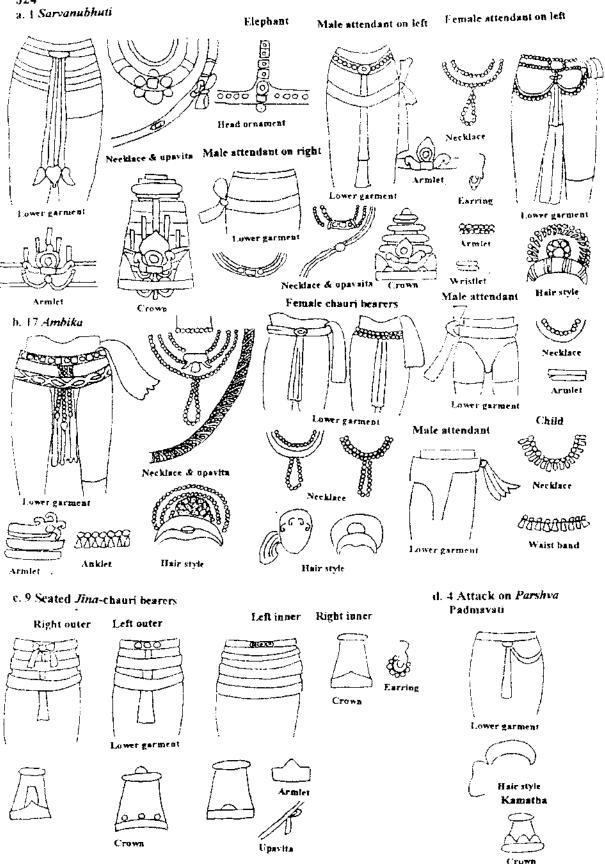


Figure 40 Costume and jewellery-J24 at Ellora

J26 a. 2 Attack on Parshva

b. 4 Sarvanubhuti

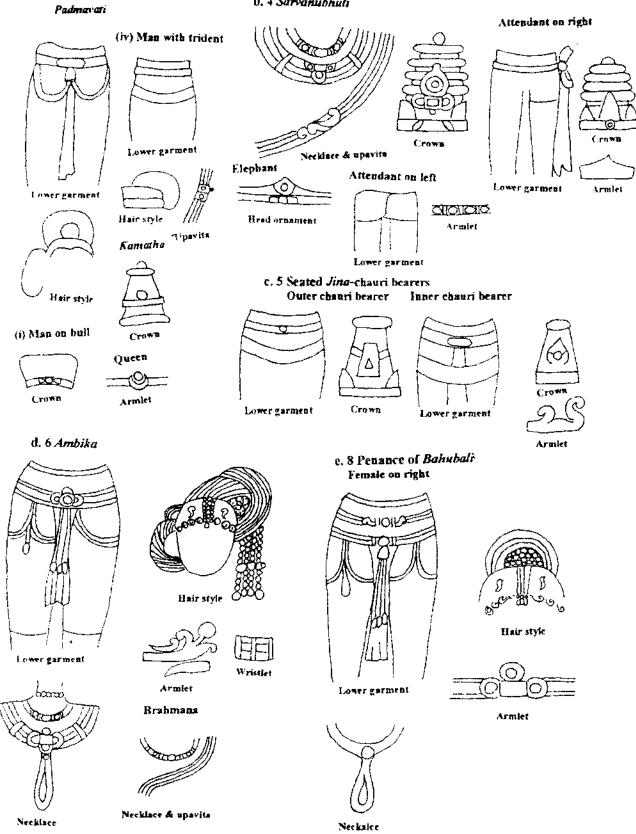


Figure 41 Costume and jewellery-J26 at Ellora

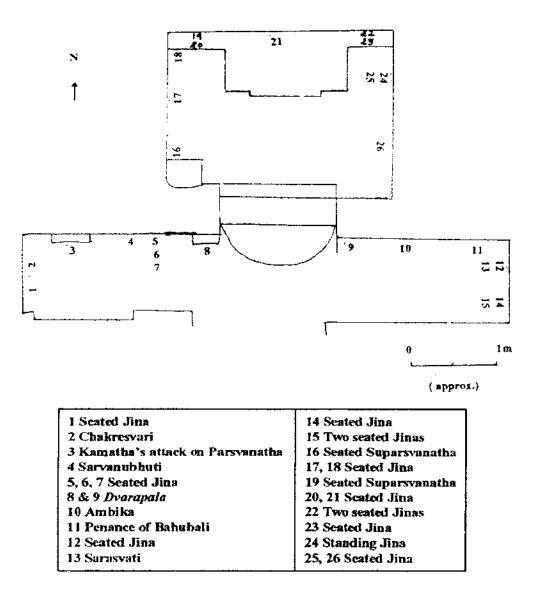


Figure 42 Ground plan of Cave I at Mangi-Tungi

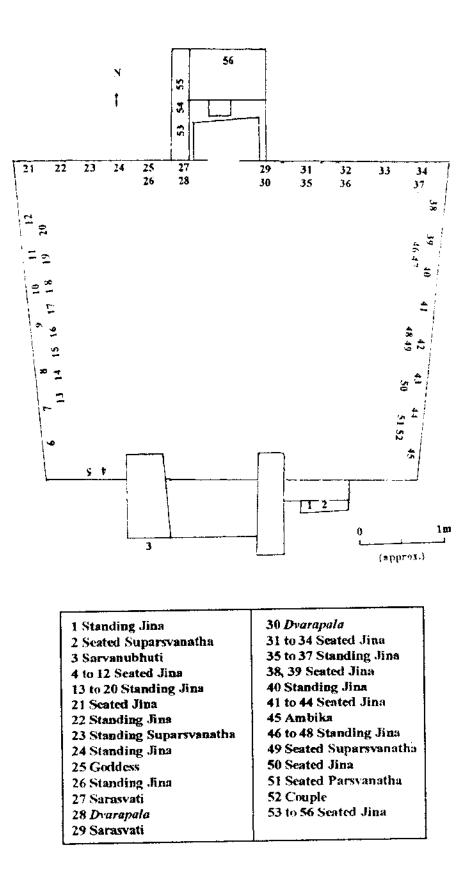
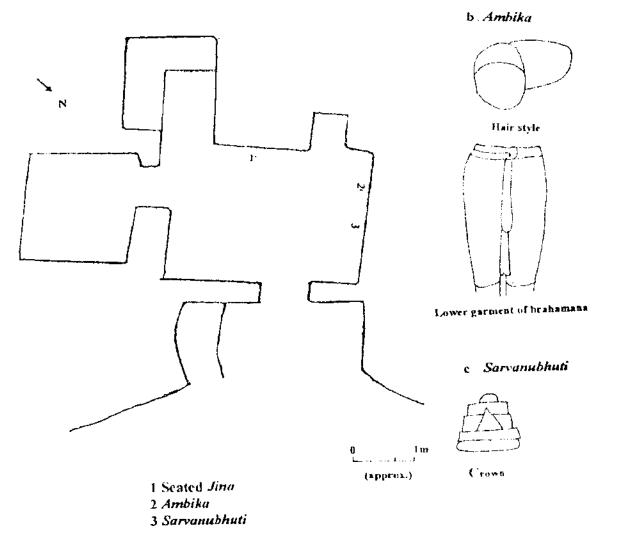
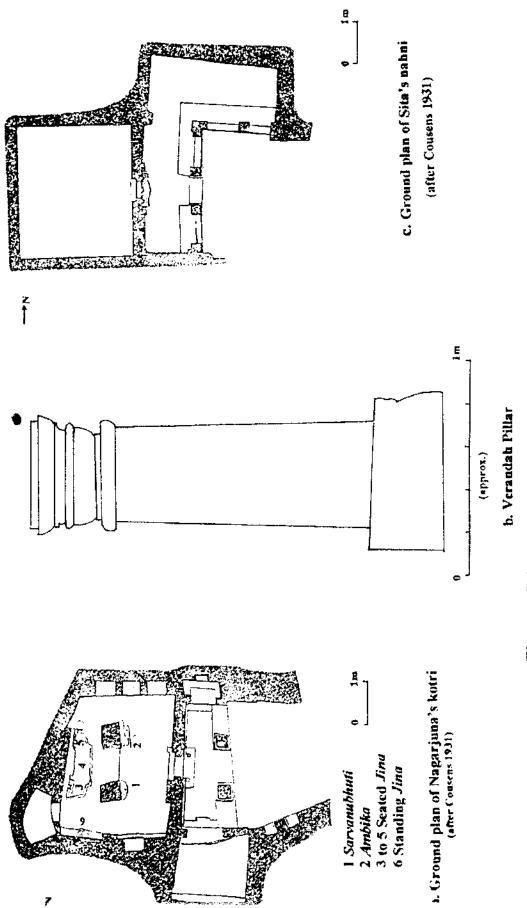


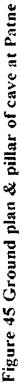
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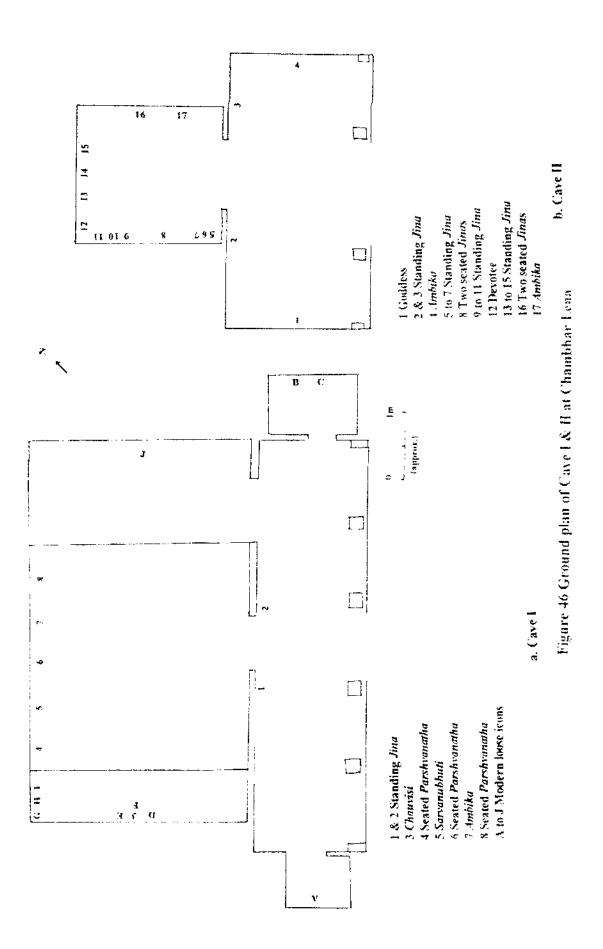


a Ground plan of cave at Pandu Lena (after Dhavalikar 1984)

Figure 44 Ground plan of cave at Pandu Lena







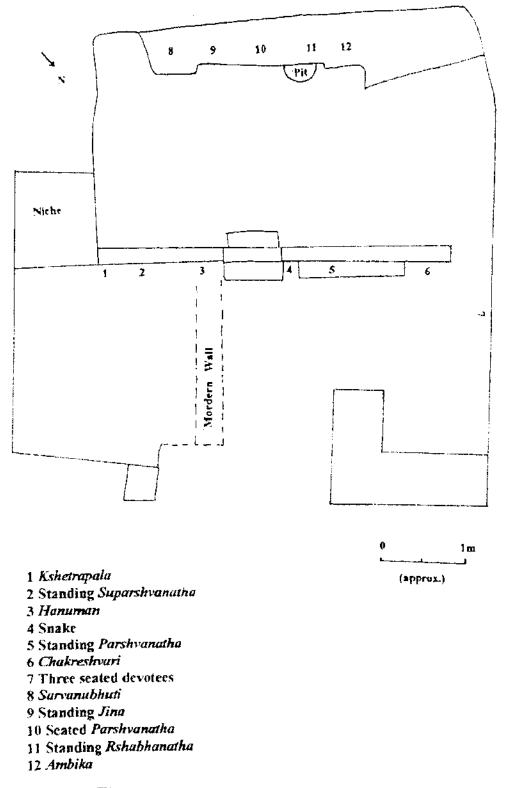
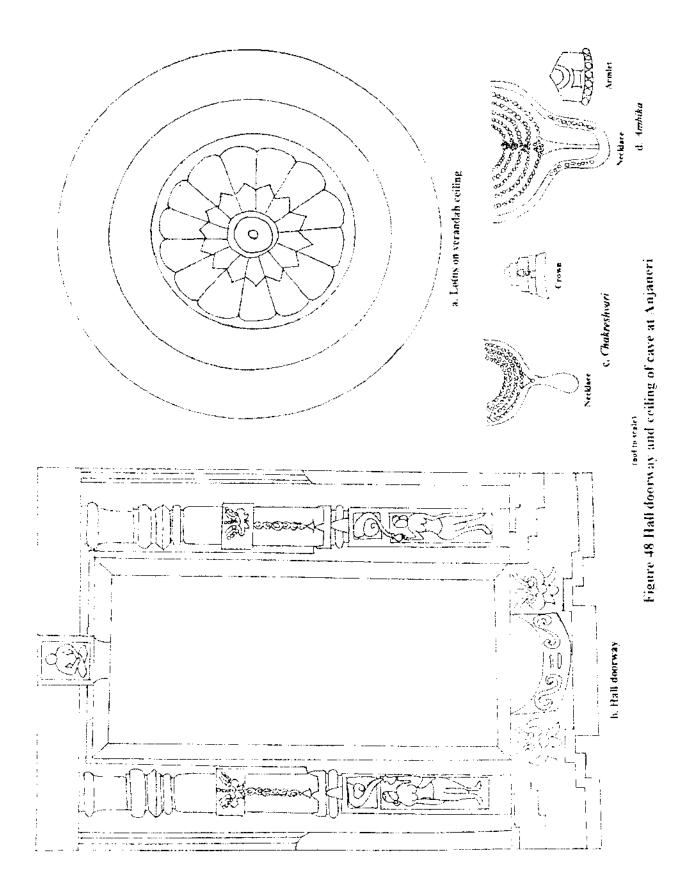


Figure 47 Ground plan of cave at Anjaneri



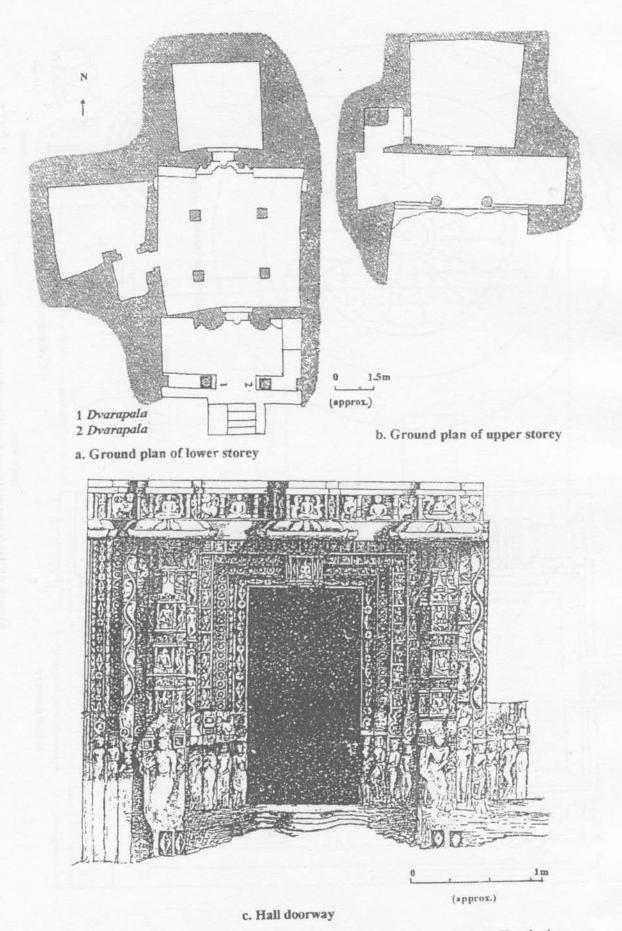


Figure 49 Ground plan & hall doorway of Cave I at Ankai-Tankai (after Fergusson & Burgess 1880)

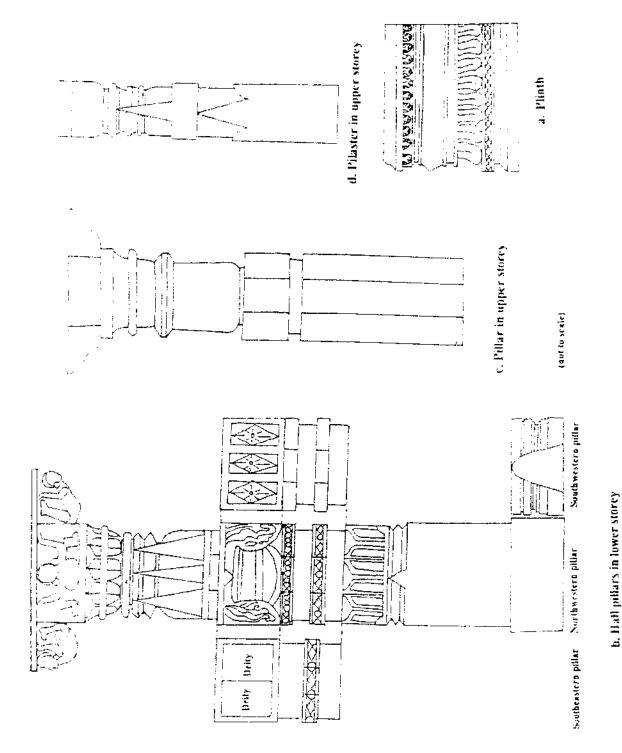
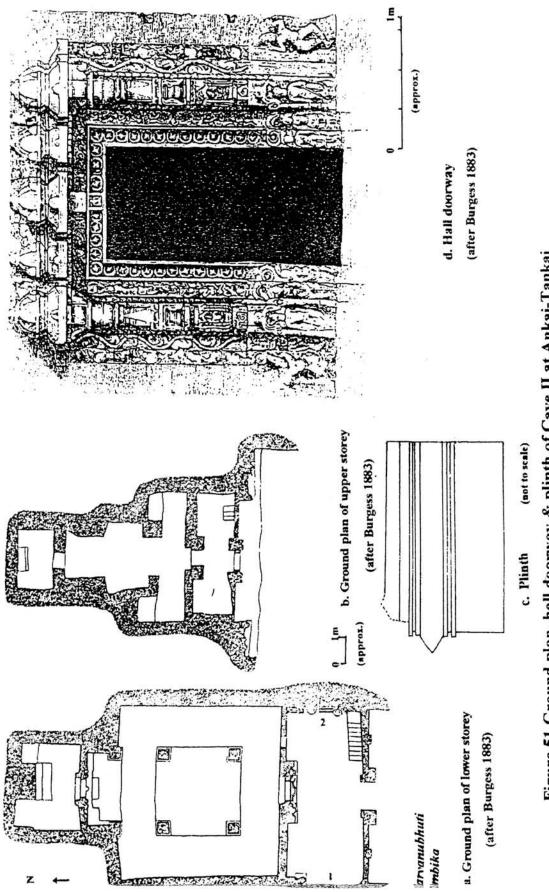
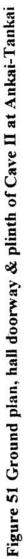
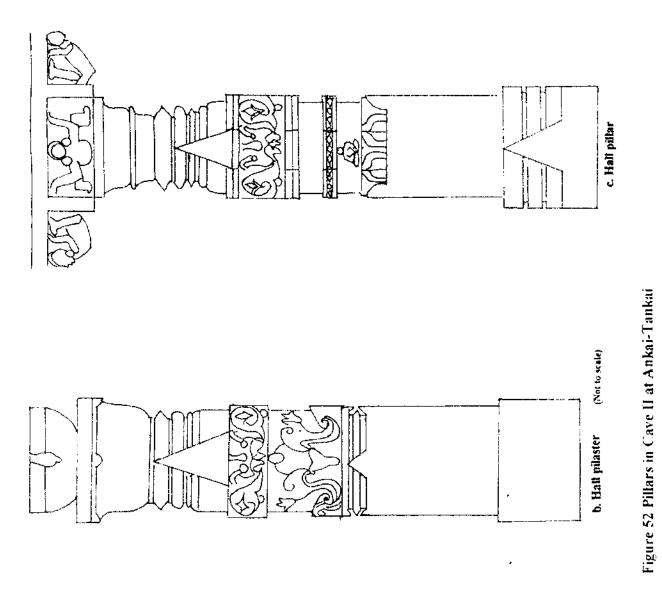
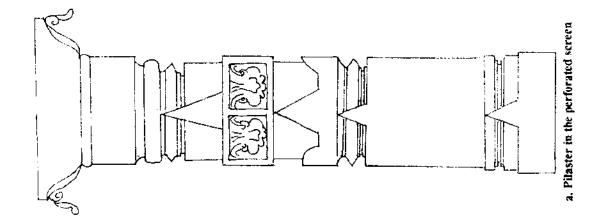


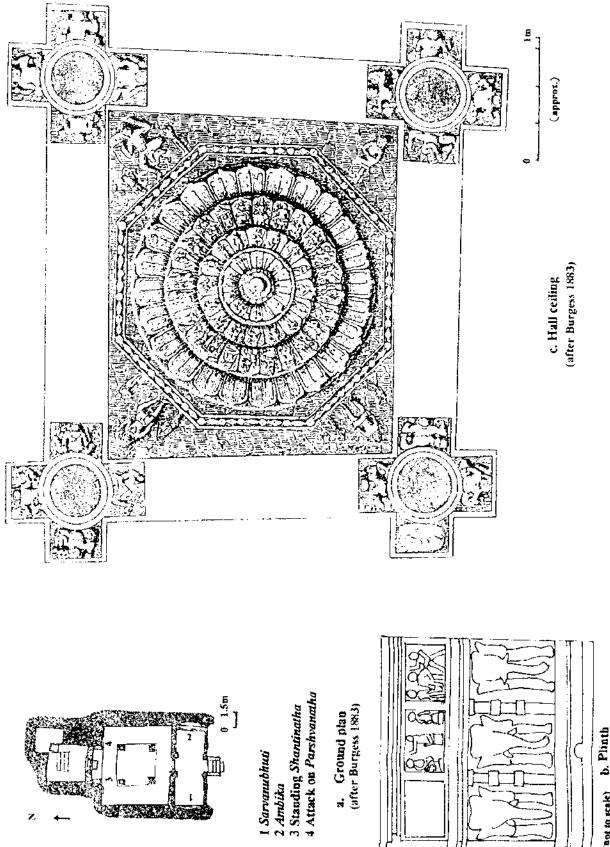
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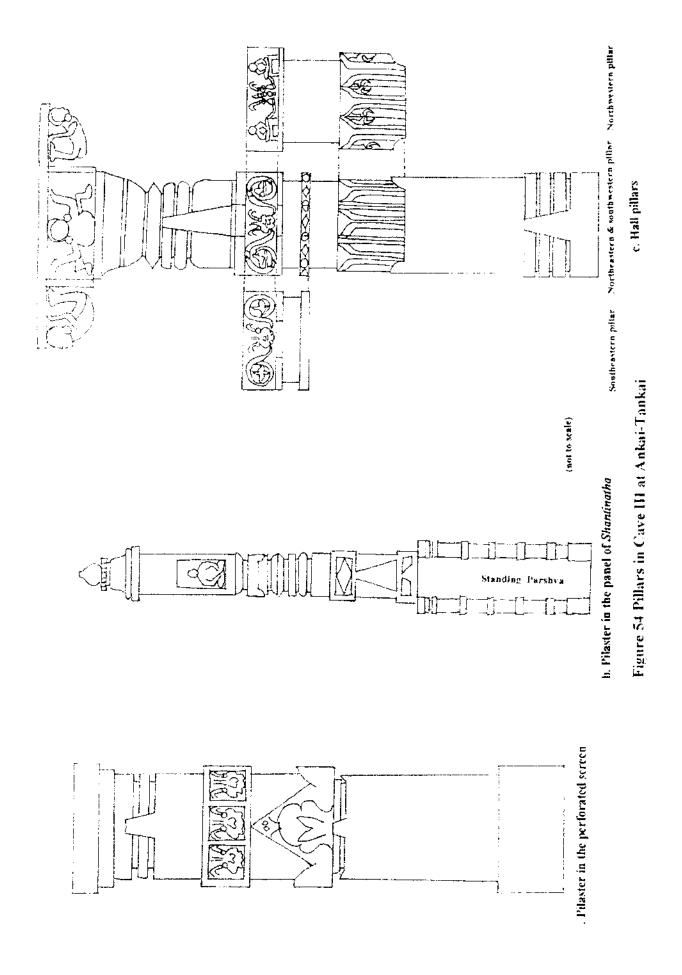








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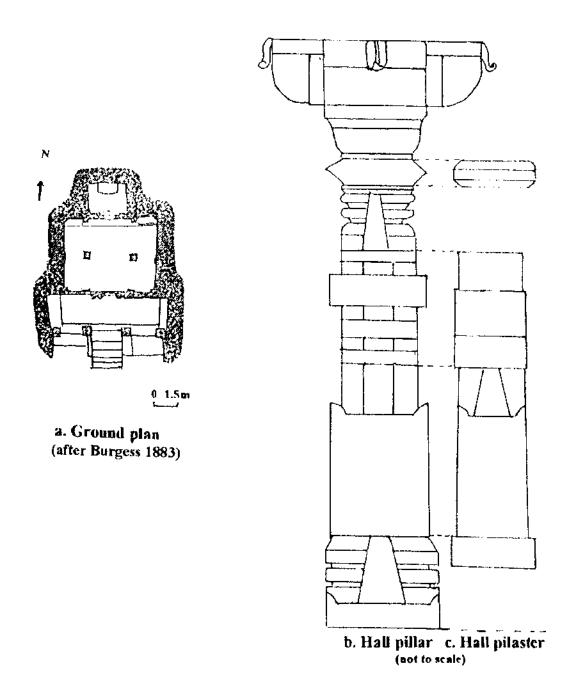
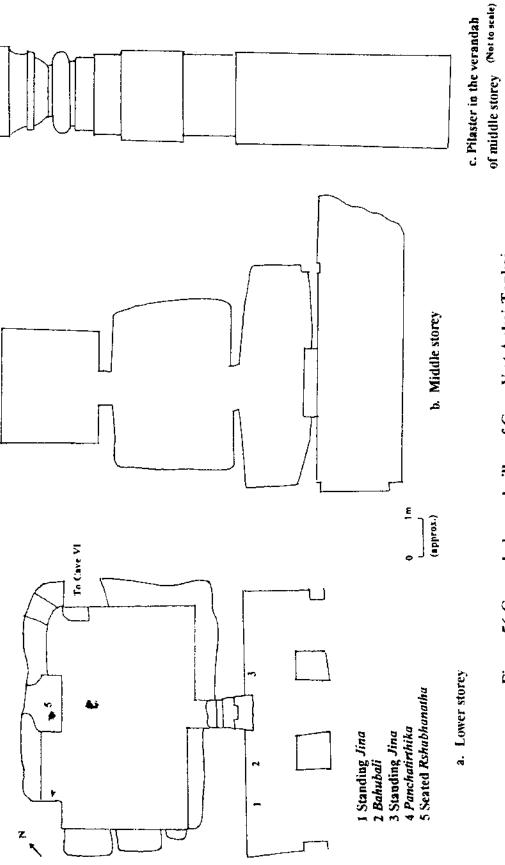
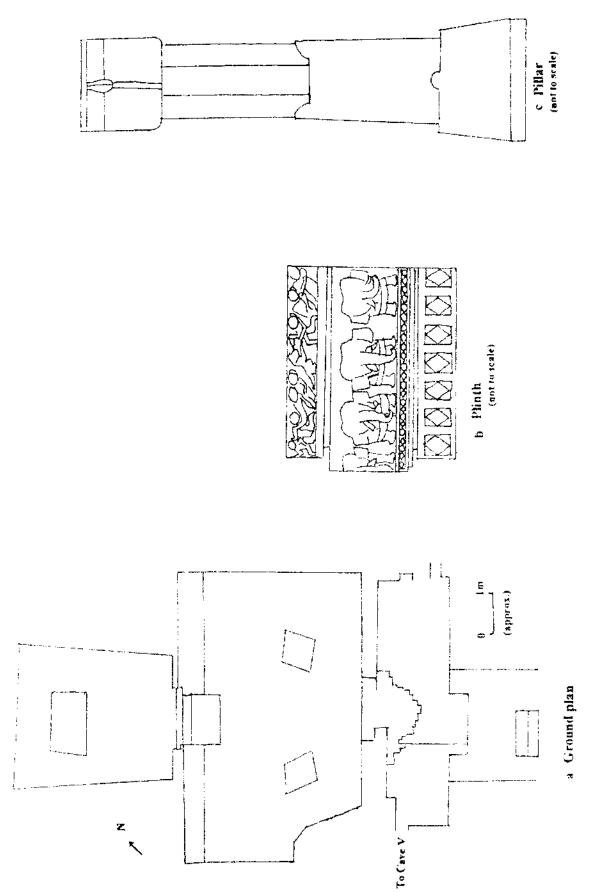
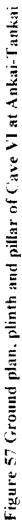


Figure 55 Ground plan & pillar of Cave IV









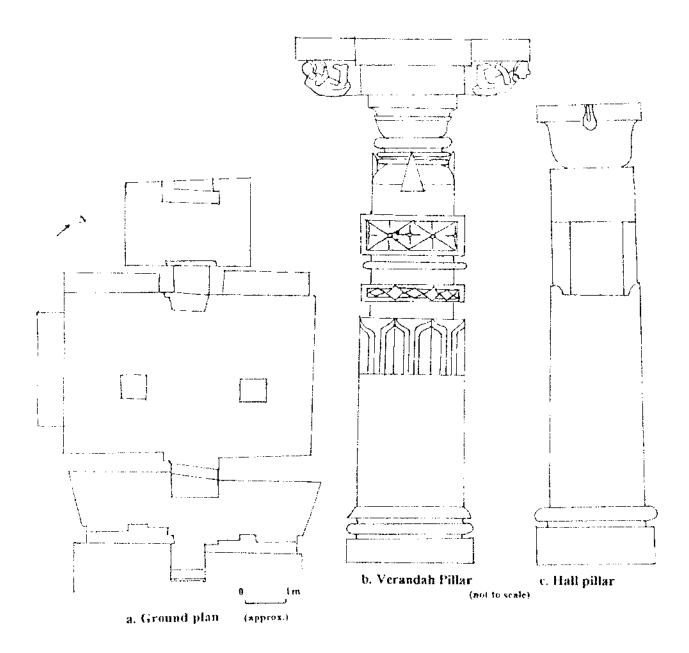
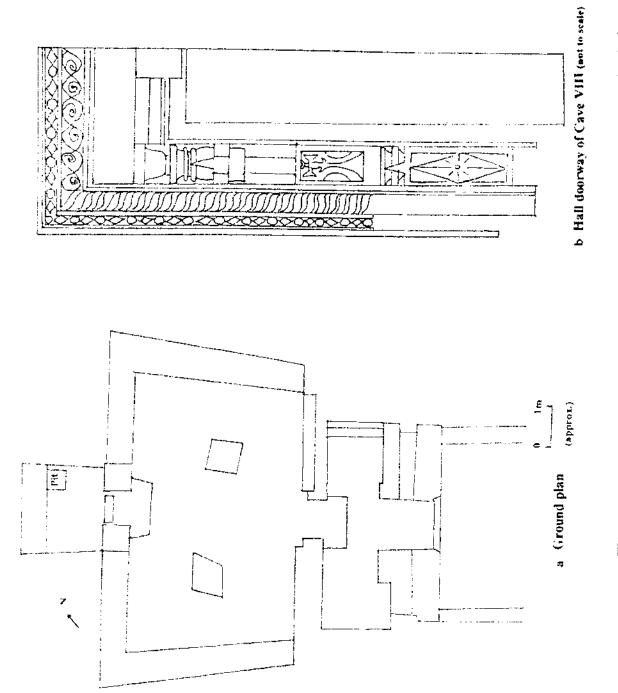


Figure 58 Ground plan & pillars of Cave VII





Cave IX

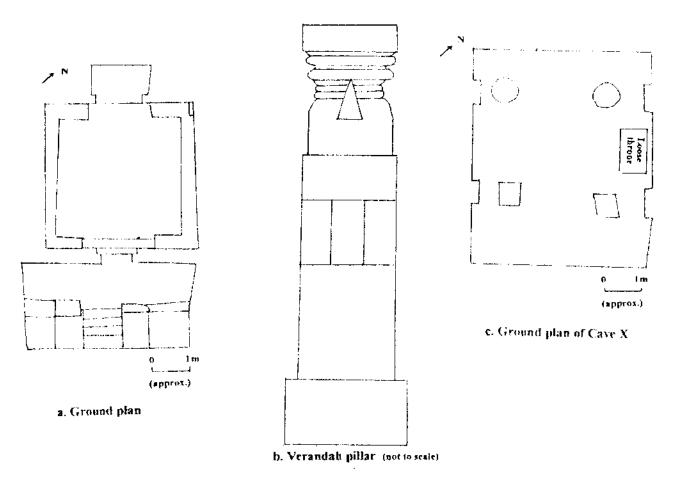
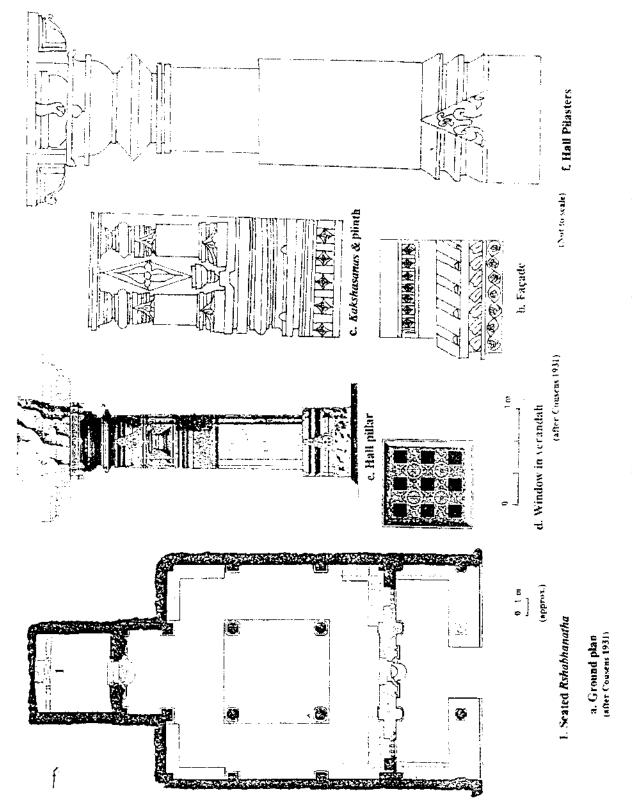
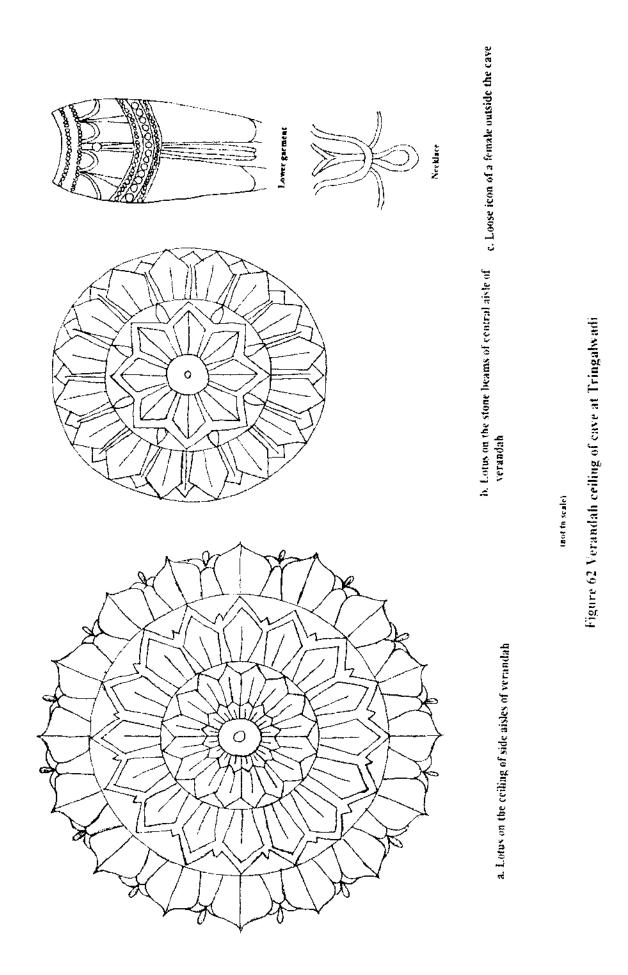


Figure 60 Ground plan & pillar of Cave IX and ground plan of Cave X at Ankai-Tankai







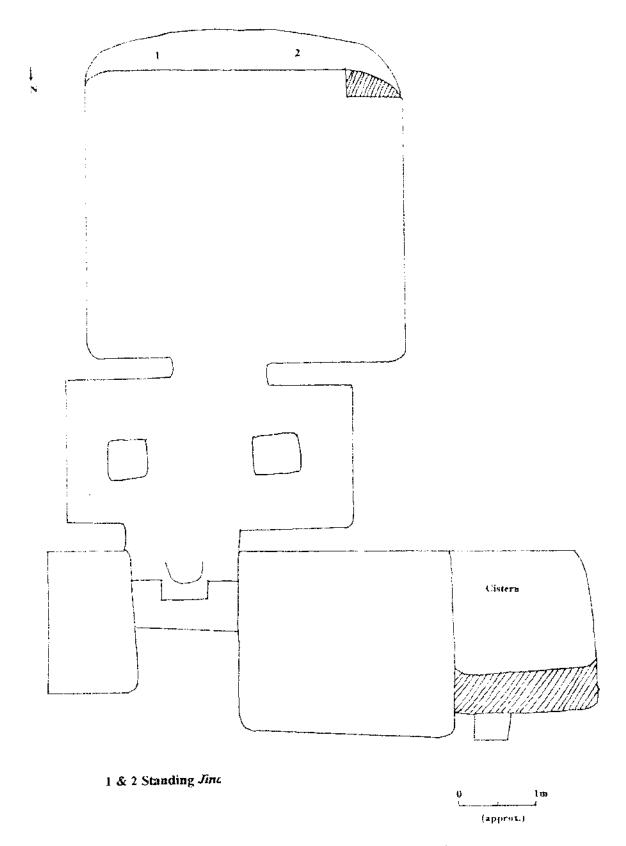


Figure 63 Ground plan of cave at Vase

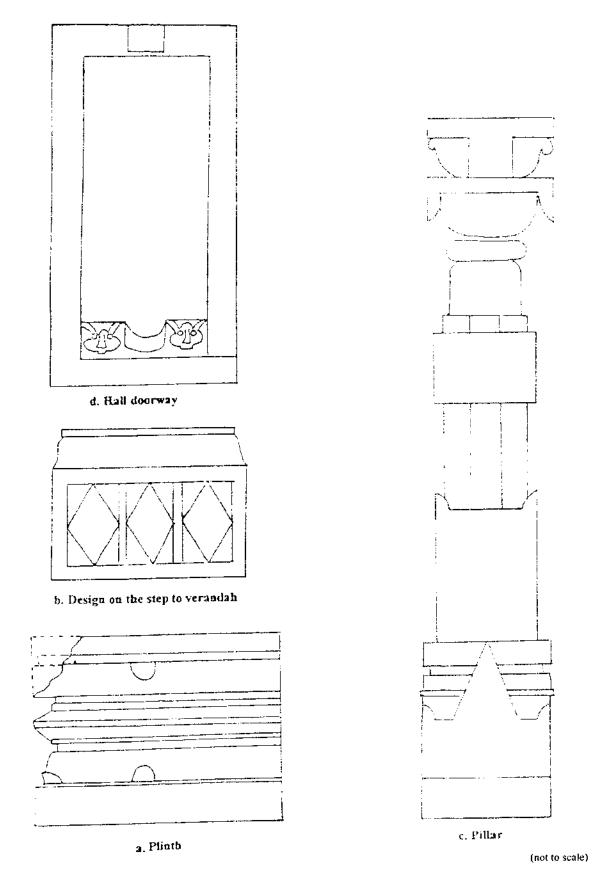
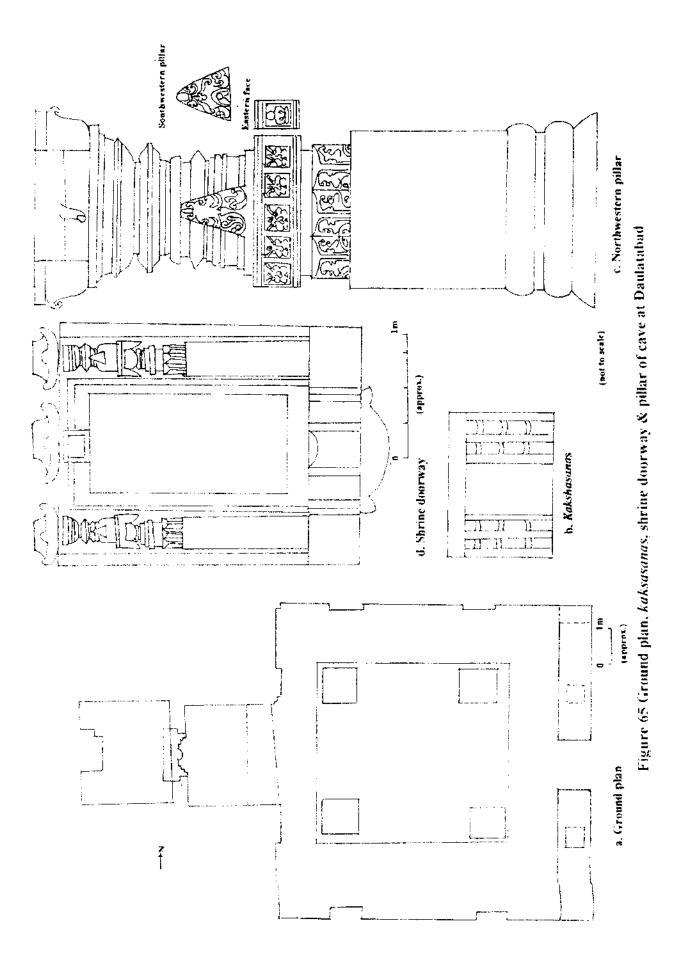
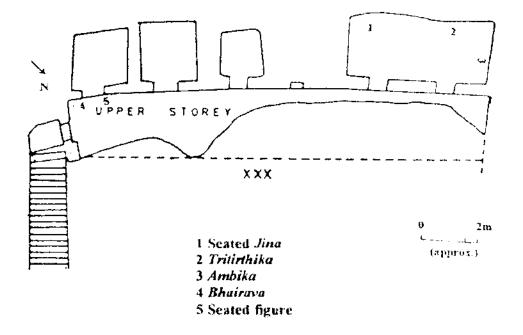


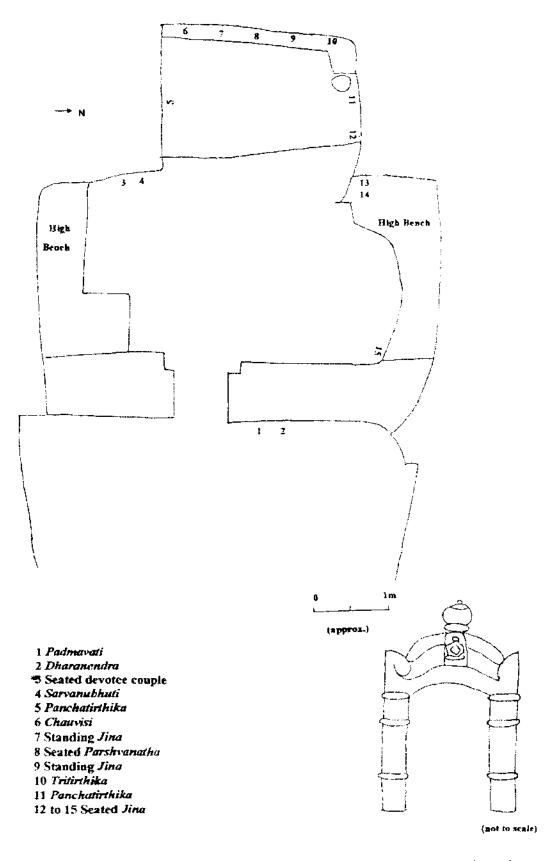
Figure 64 Plinth, hall doorway & pillar of cave at Vase





Ground plan of cave at Junnar (after Jadhav 1980)

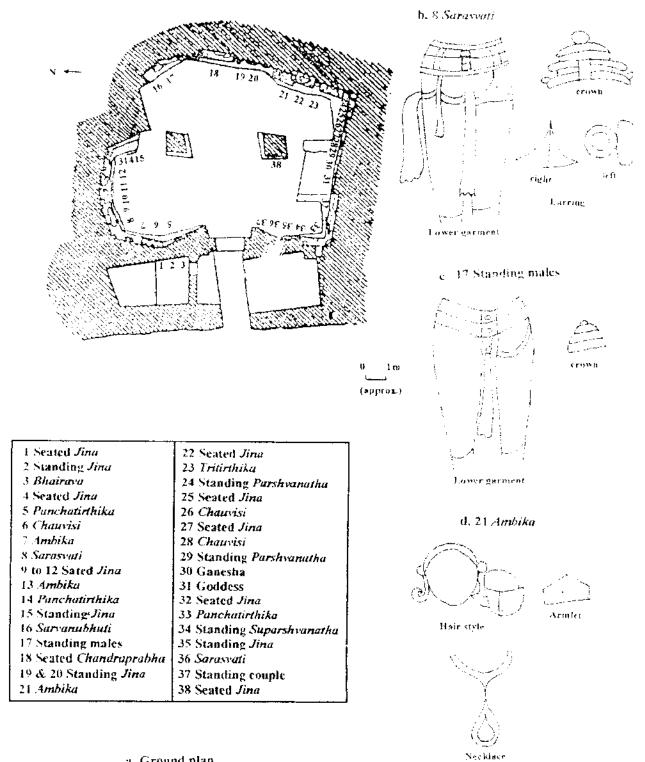
Figure 66 Ground plan of cave at Junnar



a. Ground plan

b. Niche of Padmavati

Figure 67 Ground plan of cave at Bhamer



a. Ground plan (after Cousens 1934)

Figure 68 Ground plan of cave at Chandor

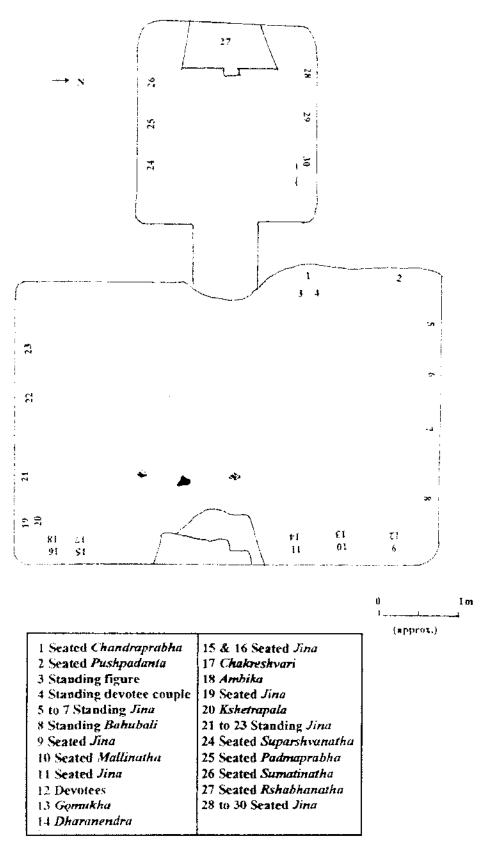


Figure 69 Ground plan of Cave Lat Mohida

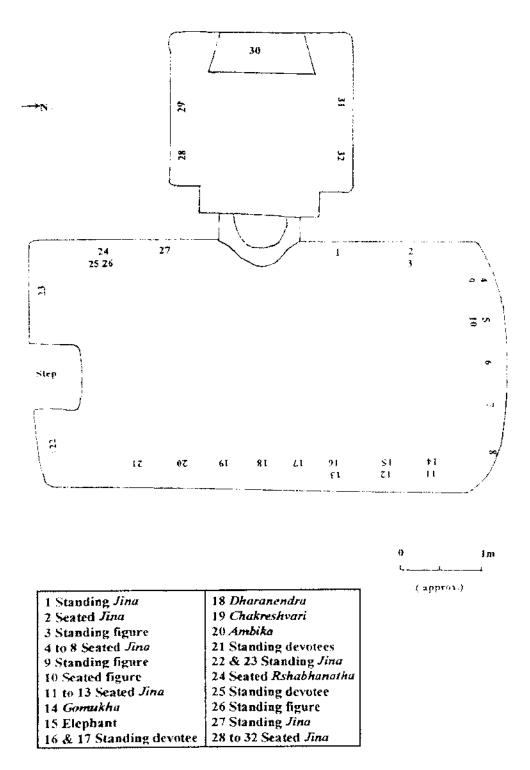


Figure 70 Ground plan of Cave II at Mohida

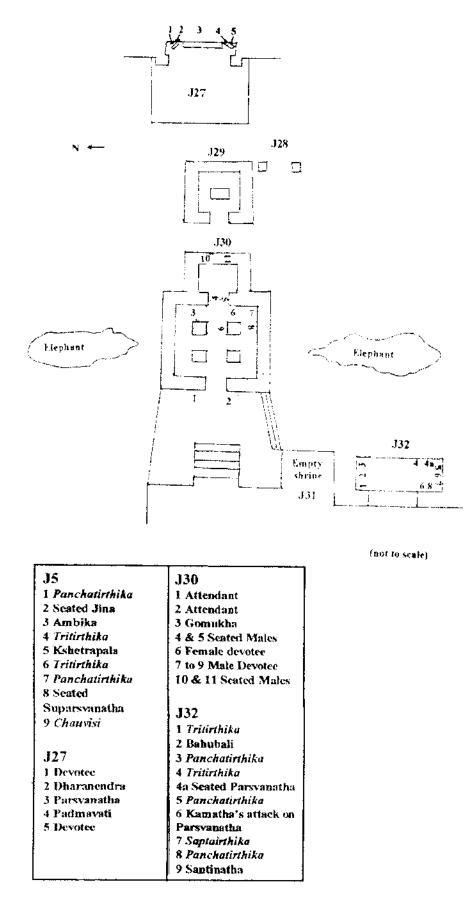
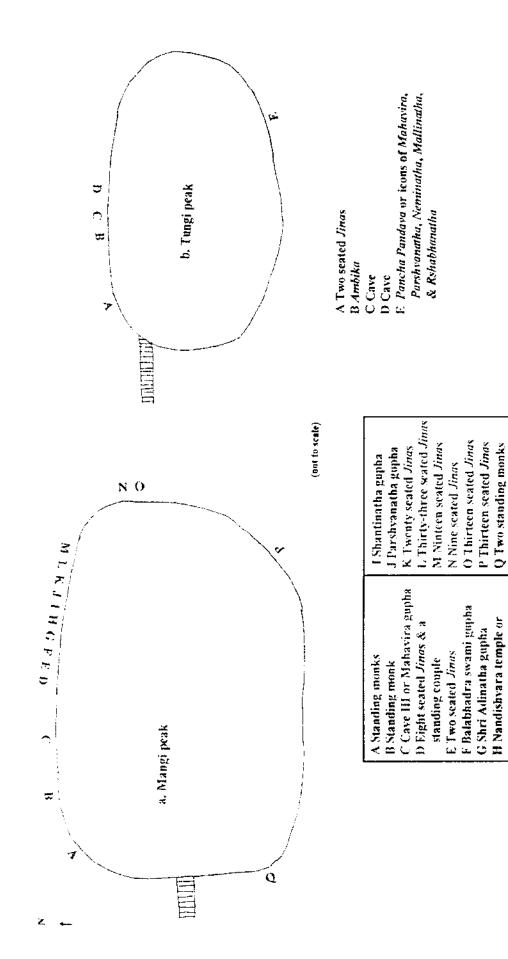
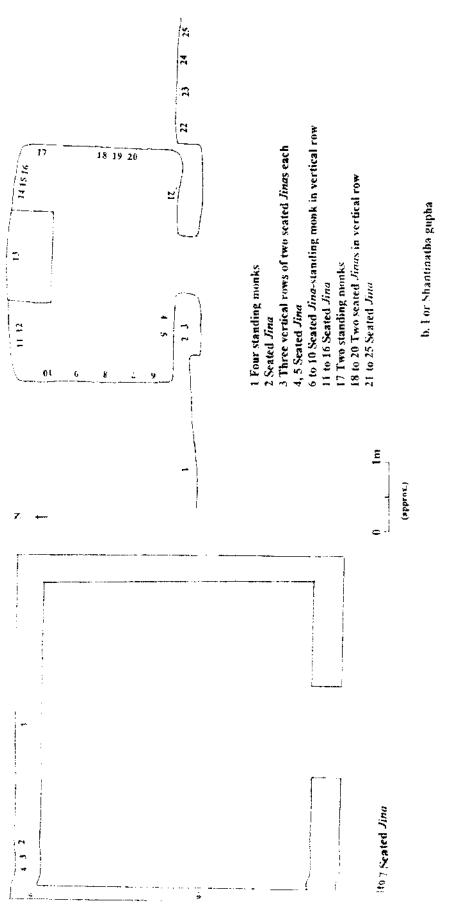


Figure 71 Ground plan of J5 and J27 to J32 at Ellora (after Pereira 1977)





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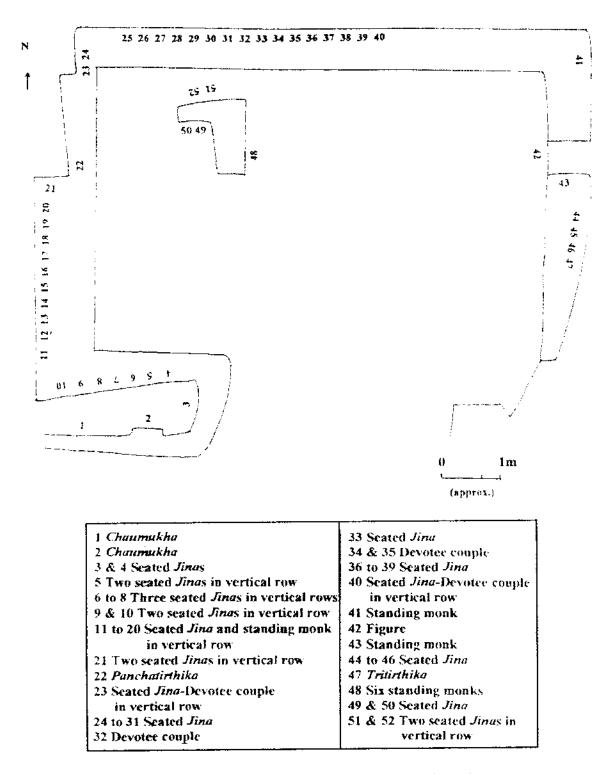
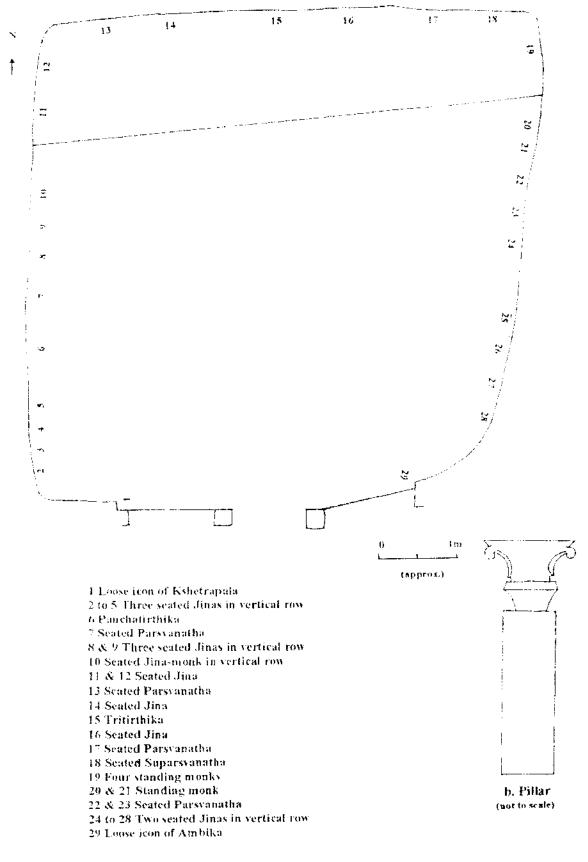


Figure 74 Ground plan of G on Mangi peak



a. Ground plan

Figure 75 Ground plan & pillar of J on Mangi peak

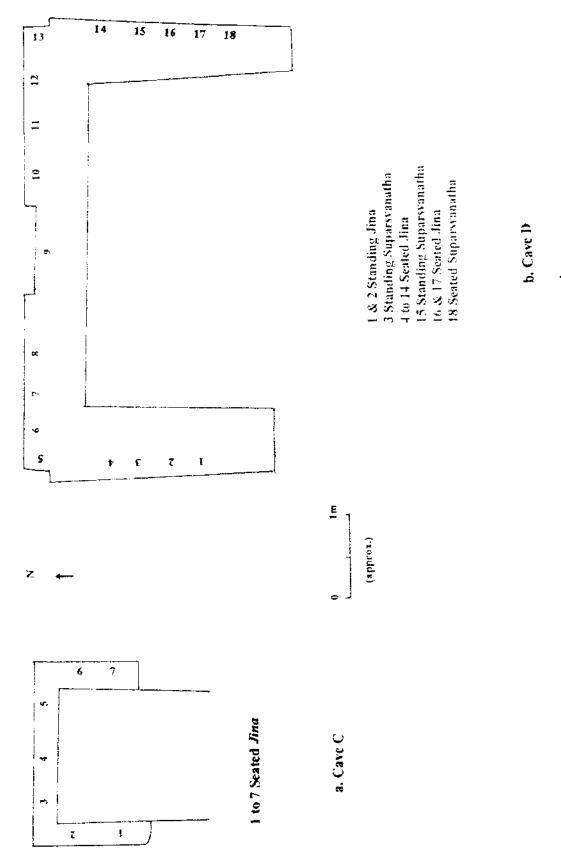
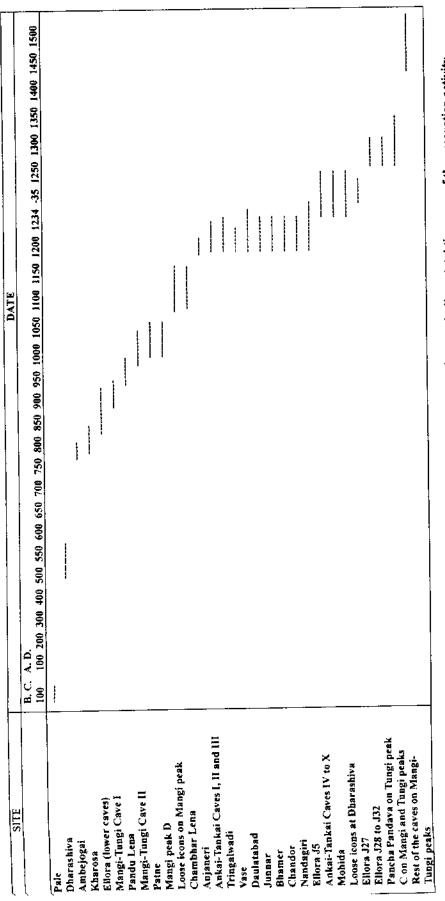


Figure 76 Ground plan of caves on Tungi peak



----- indicates approximate time-frame within which these caves could have been excavated and does not indicate total time span of the excavation activity.

Figure 77 : Chart showing approximate dates and chronological sequence of the Jaina caves



Plate 1 : Caves on the northern side of the ravine, Dharashiva



Plate 2 : Doorway to courtyard, Cave II, Dharashiva



Plate 3 : Parsvanatha on the inner face of doorway, Cave II, Dharashiva



Plate 4 : Rock-cut structure (*stupa*?) inside the courtyard, Cave II, Dharashiva

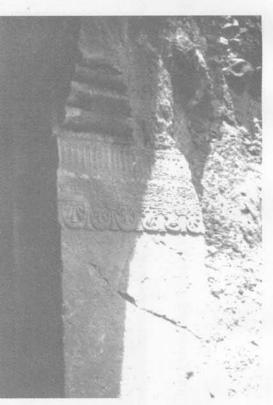


Plate 5 : Pilaster in the verandah, Cave II, Dharashiva



Plate 6 Gana figures on the plinth, Cave II, Dharashiva



Plate 7: Right end of verandah and traces of passage, Cave II, Dharashiva



Plate 8: Main icon, Cave II, Dharashiva

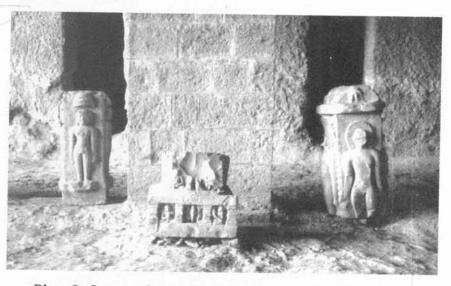


Plate 9: Loose chaumukhas kept in Cave II, Dharashiva



Plate 10 : Painting of Jina figure on the bracket of hall pillar, Cave II, Dharashiva



Plate 11 : Pillars in the hall, Cave III, Dharashiva



Plate 12: Loose icon of Suparsvanatha, Cave IV, Dharashiva



Plate 13 : Cave at Ambejogai



Plate 14: Elephants in the courtyard, Ambejogai



Plate 15: Main excavation of the cave at Ambejogai



Plate 16: Parsvanatha in the central shrine of main excavation, Ambejogai



Plate 17. Saivite cave-Hatthikhana near Jaina cave, Ambejogai

Plate 18: Unfinished exterior, Chhota Kailasa or J2, Ellora







Plate 19: J3-Small cave in the courtyard of Chhota Kailasa, Ellora

Plate 20: J4-Unfinished cave in pit, Ellora

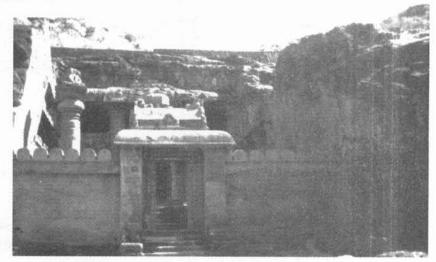


Plate 21 : Indrasabha or Cave XXXII, Ellora

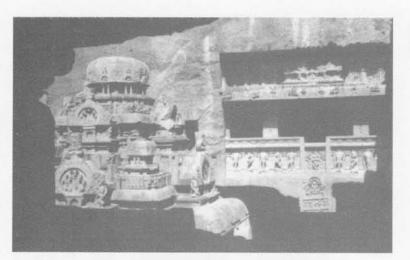


Plate 22: J8-Monolithic shrine in the courtyard of Indrasabha, Ellora



Plate 23 : J9-Manastambha in the courtyard of Indrasabha, Ellora



Plate 24 : J17-Small cave at the lap of the stairway to the upper storey of Indrasabha, Ellora

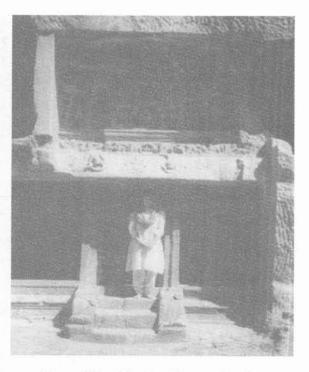


Plate 25: J12-Small cave in the courtyard of Indrasabha, Ellora

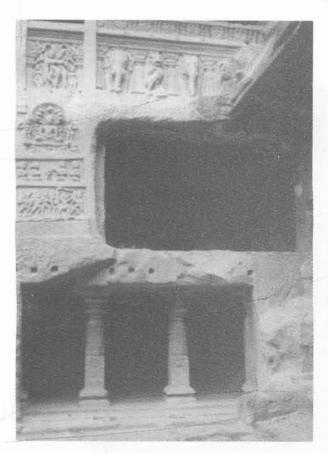


Plate 26: J11 and J14-Small caves in the courtyard of Indrasabha, Ellora

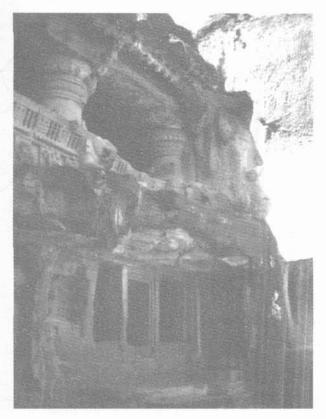


Plate 27: J21 and J23-Jagganathasabha, Ellora

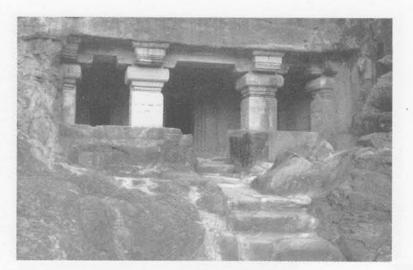


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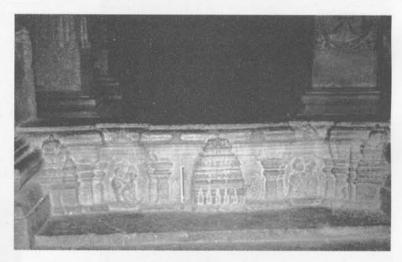


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Plate 30: Dwarf pillar on kaksasana-J20, Ellora

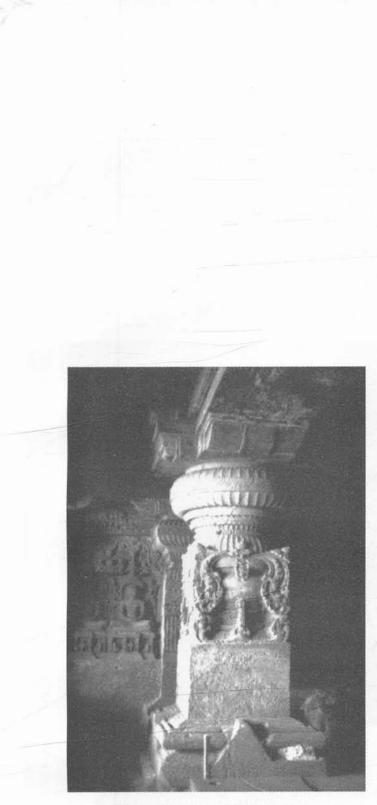
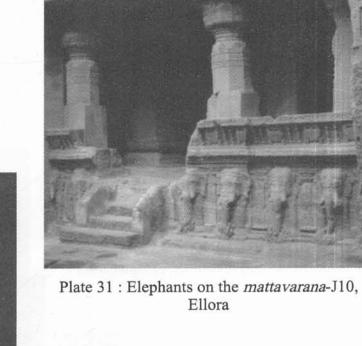


Plate 32 : Pillar in J24, Ellora



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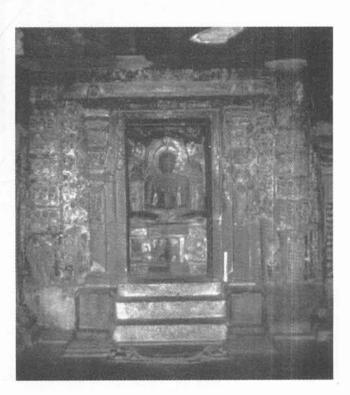


Plate 33 : Auspicious dreams above the doorway-J20, Ellora



Plate 34 : *Makara torana* in front of the shrine doorway-J26, Ellora

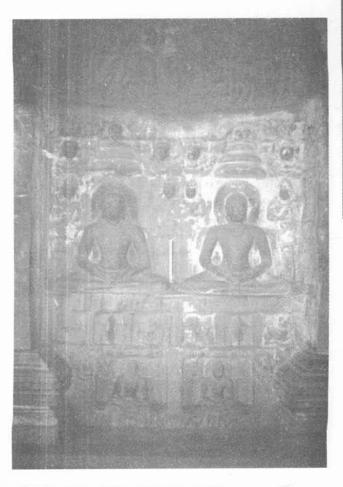




Plate 35 : Jina figures and Ambika on the back wall of J21, Ellora

Plate 36: Jinas in two tiers on the sidewall of J21, Ellora



Plate 38: Shrine image of J21, Ellora

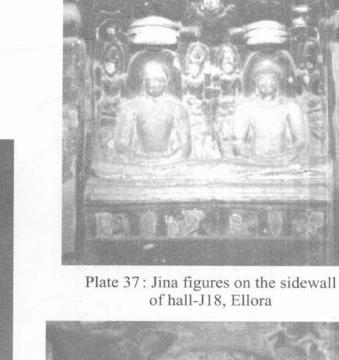




Plate 39: Sarvanubhuti in the verandah end-J18, Ellora



Plate 41 : Kamatha's attack on Parsvanatha-J6, Ellora

Plate 42 : Kamatha's attack on Parsvanatha-J10, Ellora



Plate 40: Ambika in the verandah end-J18, Ellora



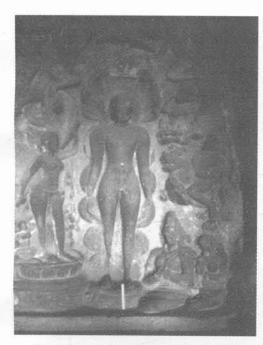
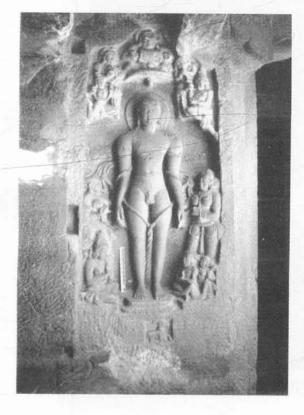


Plate 43 : Kamatha's attack on Parsvanatha-J18, Ellora



Plate 44 : Penance of Bahubali-J11, Ellora



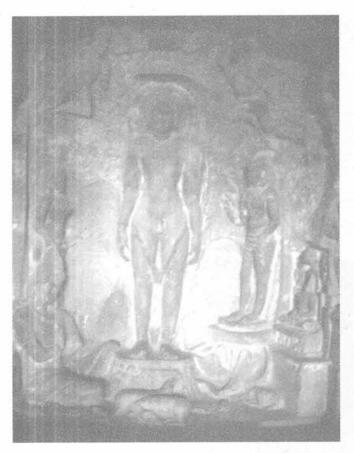


Plate 46: Penance of Bahubali-J18, Ellora



Plate 47: Chakresvari in *gopura* of Chhota Kailasa-J1, Ellora



Plate 48 : Chakresvari, J20A, Ellora



Plate 49: Sarasvati flanking the shrine doorway-J13, Ellora



Plate 50: Sarasvati near the doorway leading to J20A-J18, Ellora



Plate 51 : Padmavati near the doorway leading to J20A-J18, Ellora



Plate 52: Dancing Indra on the main verandah wall of Chhota Kailasa-J2, Ellora

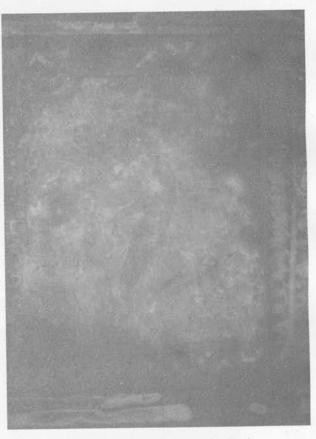


Plate 53 : Painted panel depicting dancing Indra on hall ceiling-J19, Ellora



Plate 54: Shrine in *sukanasa* on the roof of Chhota Kailasa-J2, Ellora

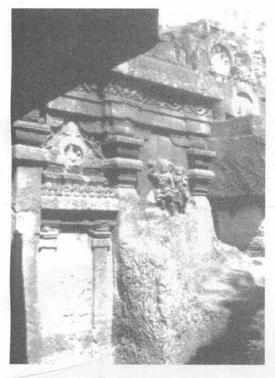


Plate 55 : Exterior wall of Chhota Kailasa-J2, Ellora



Plate 56 : Main verandah of Chhota Kailasa-J2, Ellora

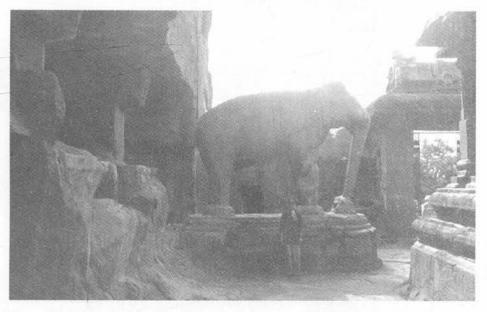


Plate 57: Monolithic elephant in the courtyard of Indrasabha, Ellora



Plate 58: Jina and *dikpala*s on sidewall of hall-J10, Ellora





Plate 60: Standing Jina on hall pillar with an inscription below-J15, Ellora

Plate 59: Santinatha with an inscription below-J13, Ellora



Plate 61: Exterior of J18, Ellora

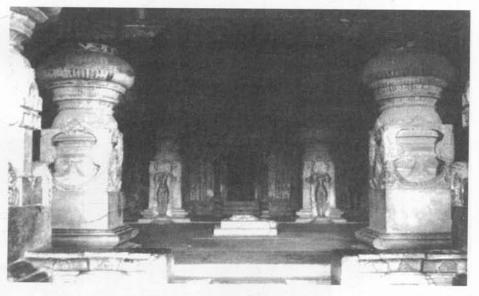


Plate 62: Hall of J18, Ellora

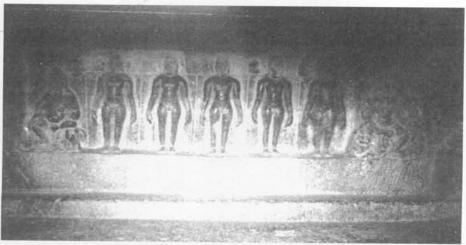


Plate 63 . Panchaparamesthis-J18, Ellora



Plate 64 : Paintings on the side aisle ceiling of hall-J18, Ellora



Plate 65 : Paintings on the sidewall of the shrine-J19, Ellora



Plate 66: Paintings on shrine ceiling-J19, Ellora



Plate 67: Painting on the stone beam between pillars of hall-J19, Ellora



Plate 68: Painting on the left sidewall of shrine-J20, Ellora

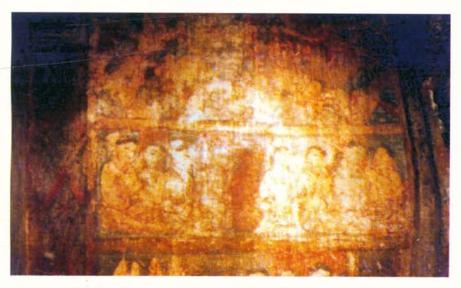


Plate 69: Painting on the right sidewall of shrine-J20, Ellora



Plate 70 : Painted panel of Bahubali on the front wall of shrine-J20, Ellora



Plate 71 : Paintings on the shrine celing-J20, Ellora



Plate 72: Paintings on the shrine celing-J20, Ellora



Plate 73 : Painted panel of Jina on the stone beam between pillars in verandah-J21, Ellora



Plate 74 : Painting on the stone beam between pillars in verandah-J21, Ellora

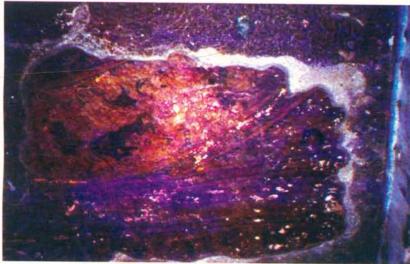


Plate 75: Samvasarana with narrative panel around, Hall ceiling-J21, Ellora

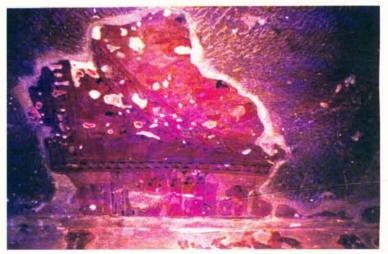


Plate 76: Samvasarana with narrative panel around, Hall ceiling-J21, Ellora



Plate 77: Samvasarana on hall ceiling-J21, Ellora

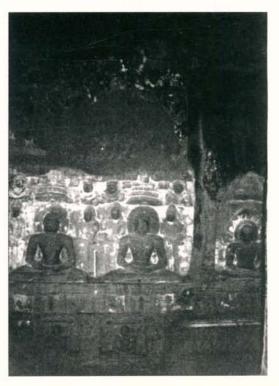


Plate 78: Jinas in two tiers and painted panel of Jina on the sidewall of hall-J21, Ellora



Plate 79. Painted panels of two seated Jinas on left sidewall of hall-J21, Ellora



Plate 80: Painted bracket of pillar-J21, Ellora



Plate 81: Jinas on front wall of verandah-J25, Ellora



Plate 82 : Jina with devotees and inscription below-J25, Ellora



Plate 83 : Paintings on the hall ceiling-Kailasa-Cave XVI, Ellora

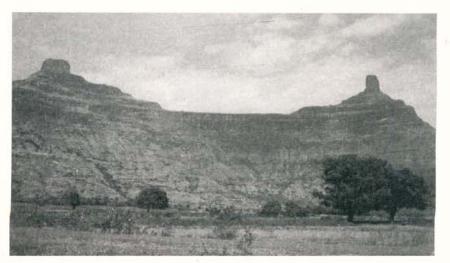


Plate 84: Mangi-Tungi hills, Nasik district

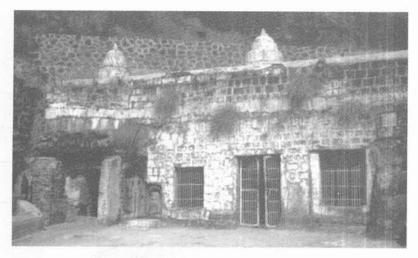


Plate 85: Lower caves, Mangi hill



Plate 86 : Jina and Chakresvari, Cave I, Mangi hill

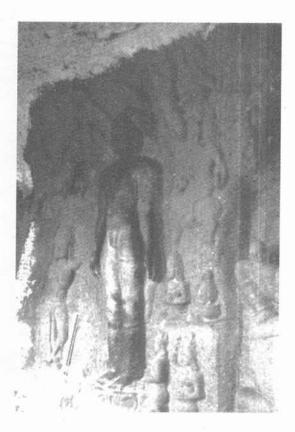


Plate 87 : Kamatha's attack on Parsvanatha, Cave I, Mangi hill



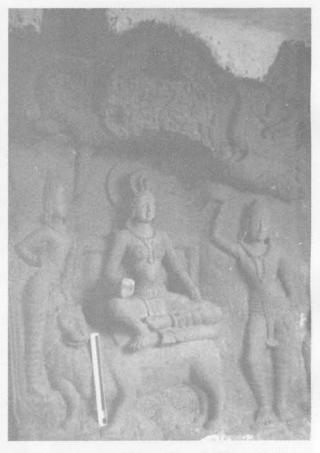


Plate 88 : Sarvanubhuti, Cave I, Mangi hill

Plate 89: Ambika, Cave I, Mangi hill

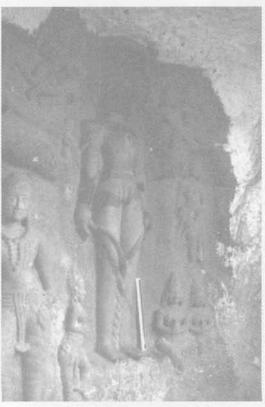


Plate 90 : Penance of Bahubali, Cave I, Mangi hill



Plate 91 : Sarasvati, Cave I, Mangi hill

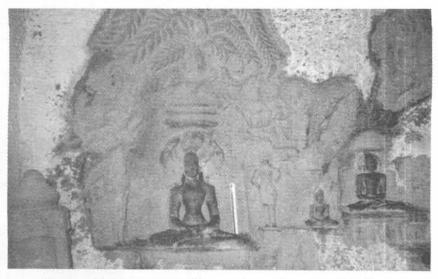
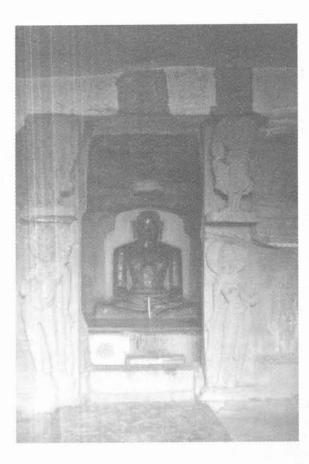


Plate 92 : Suparsvanatha on the sidewall of shrine, Cave I, Mangi hill



Plate 93 : Goddess, Cave II, Mangi hill



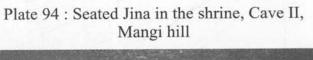




Plate 95: Seated Rsabhanatha, Pandu Lena



Plate 96 : Ambika and Sarvanubhuti on the sidewall, Pandu Lena



Plate 97: Jaina cave, Patne



Plate 98: Icons on rough pillars, Patne

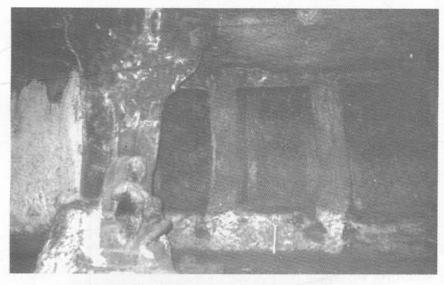


Plate 99: Niches in the sidewall, Patne



Plate 100: Ambika, Patne

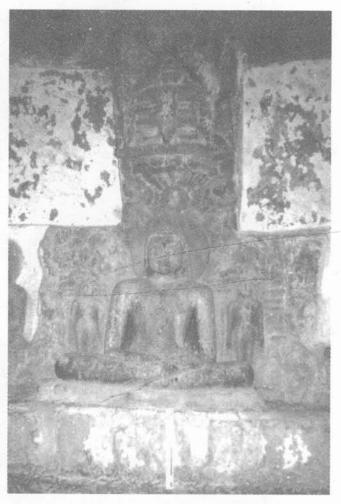


Plate 101 : Seated Jina on backwall, Patne

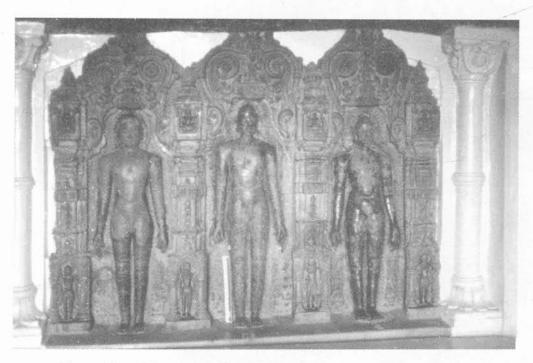


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Plate 103 : Seated Jinas and Ambika, Cave II, Chambhar Lena





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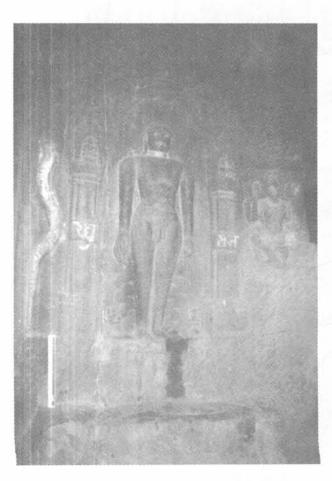


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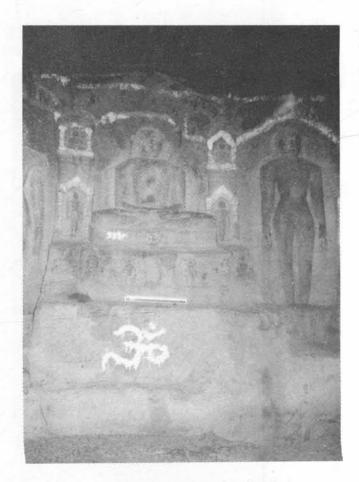


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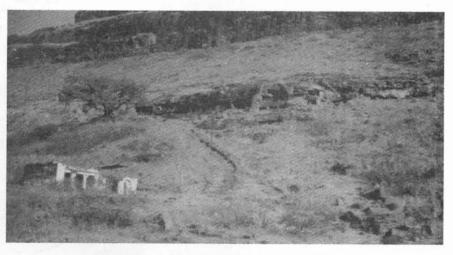


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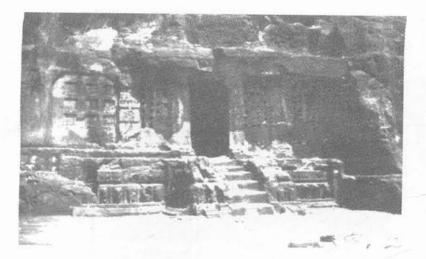


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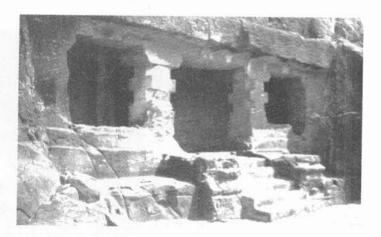


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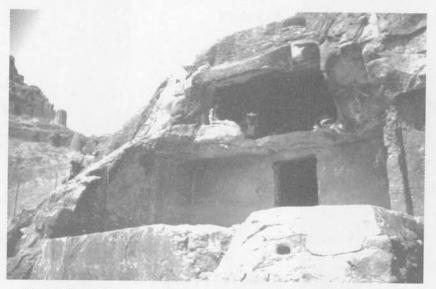


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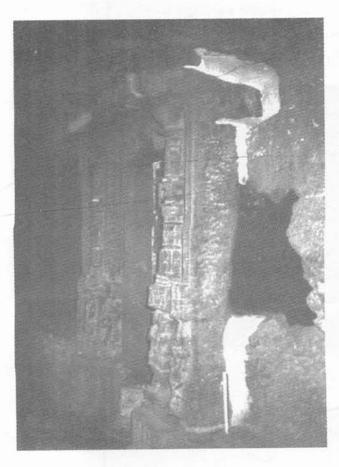


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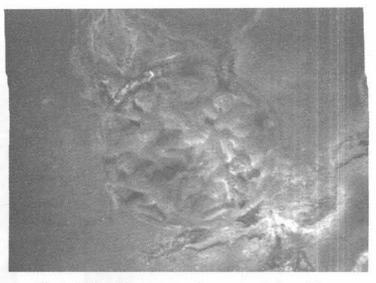


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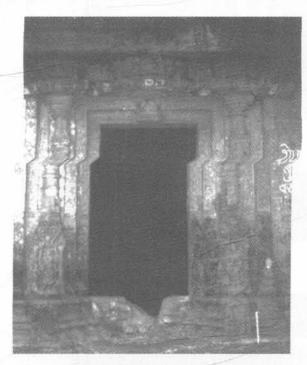
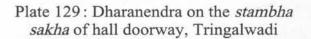


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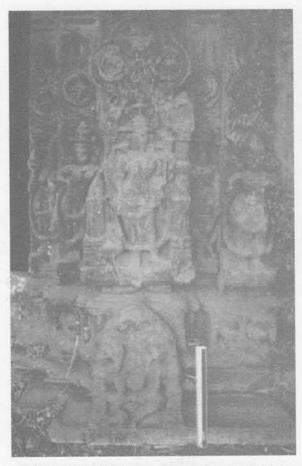


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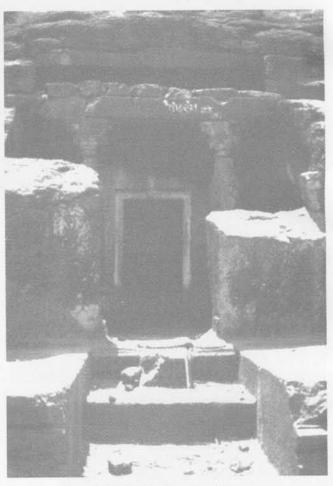


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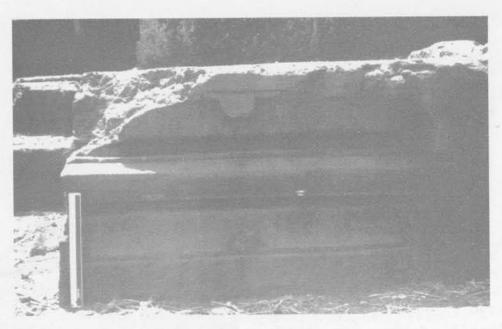


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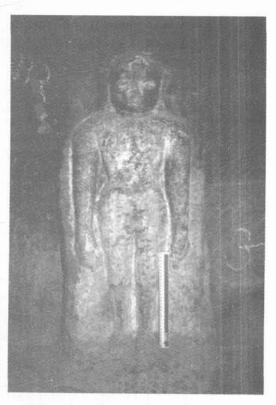


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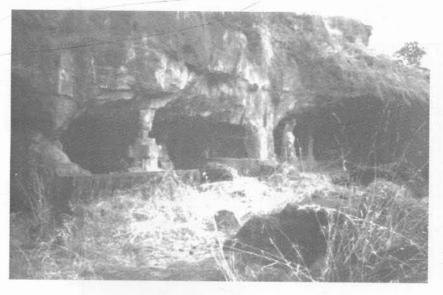


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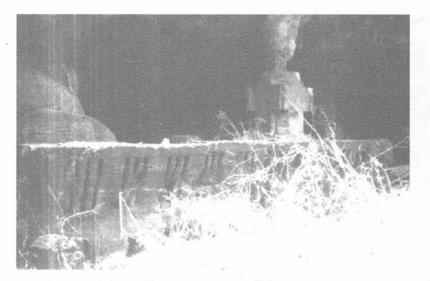


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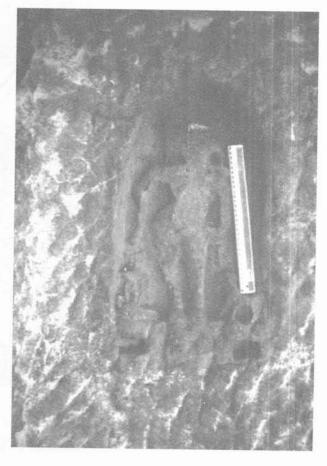




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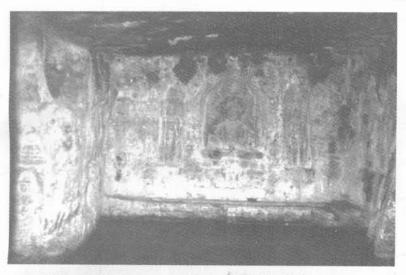


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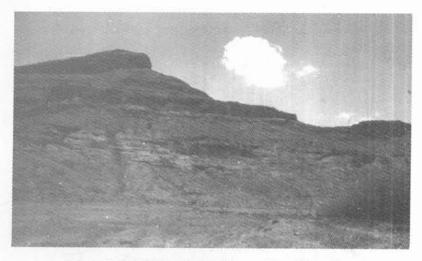


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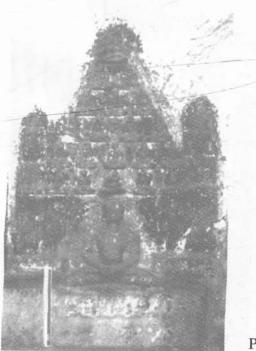


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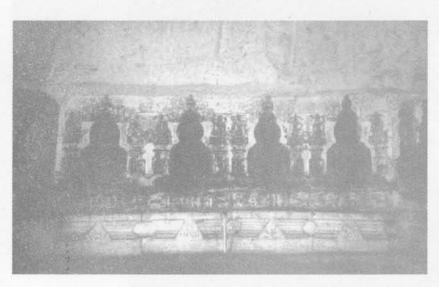


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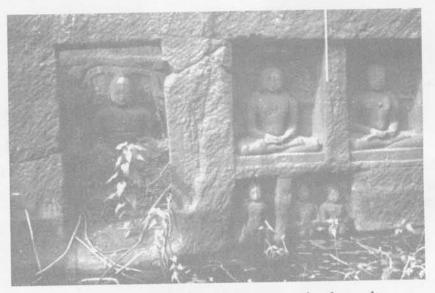


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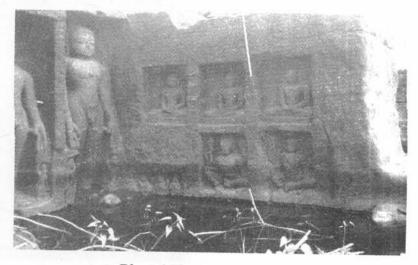


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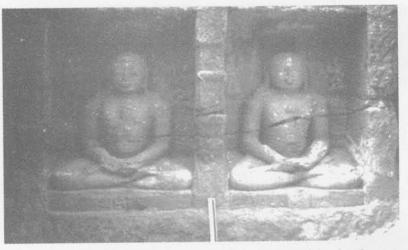


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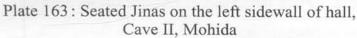




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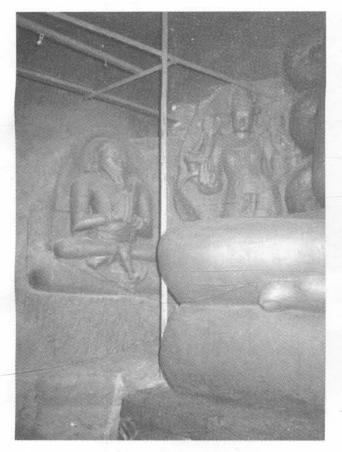


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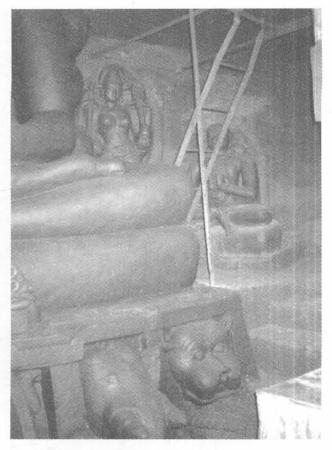


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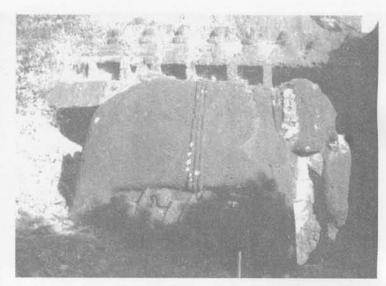


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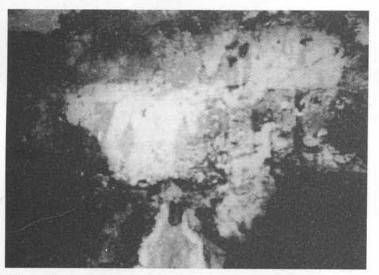


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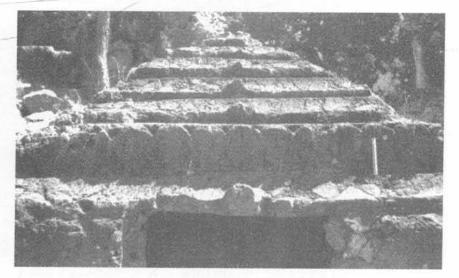


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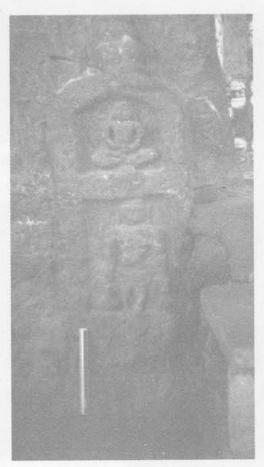


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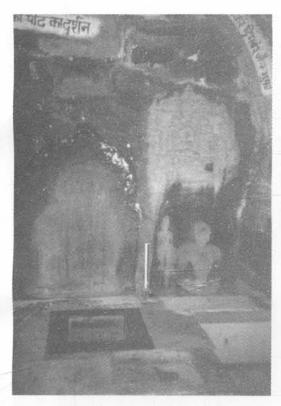


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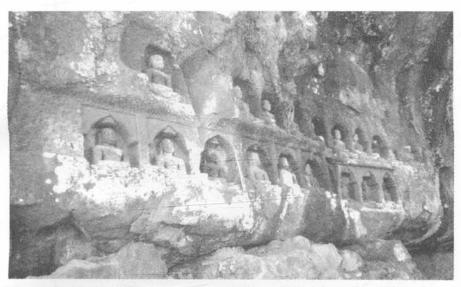


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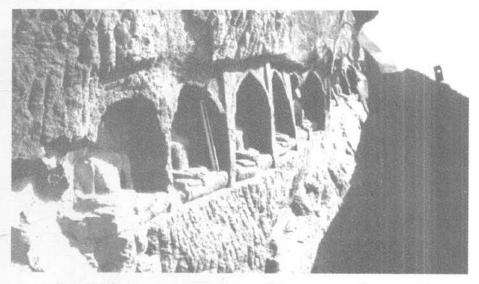


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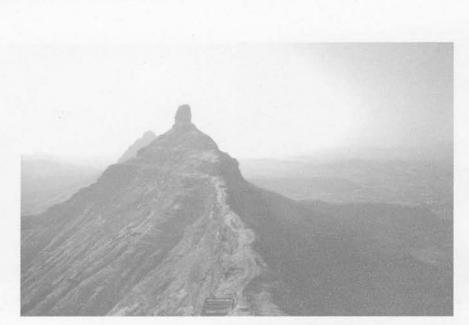


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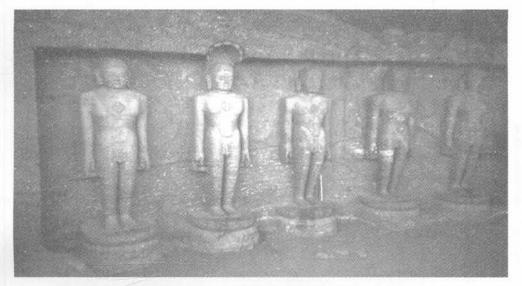


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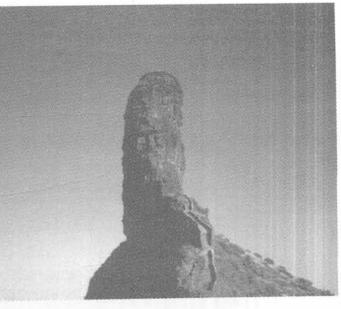
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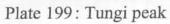


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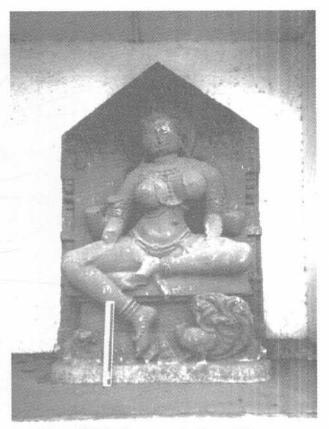


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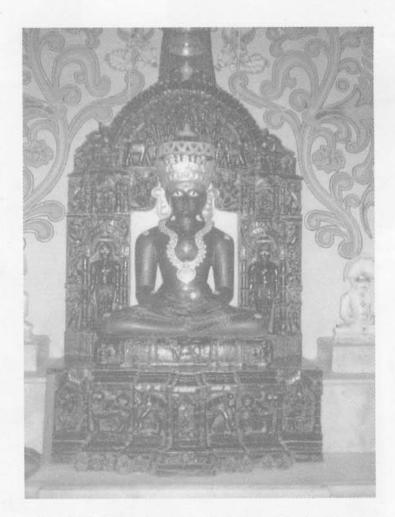


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