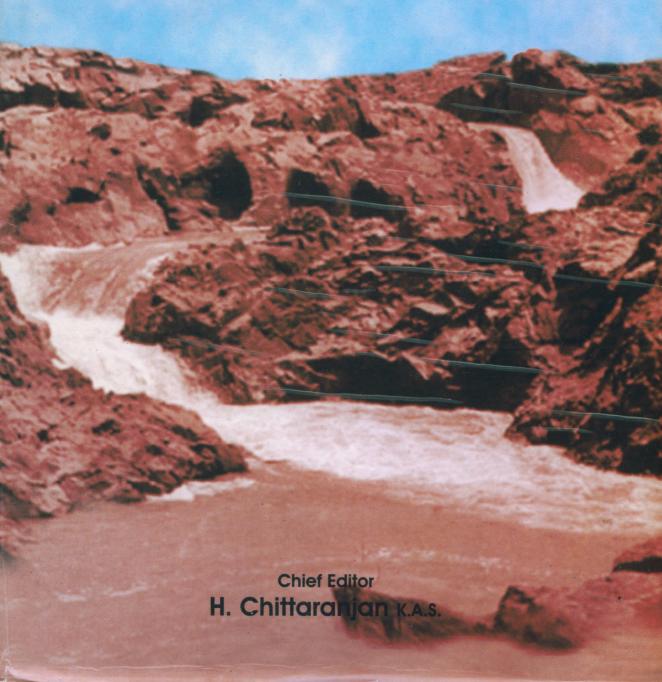
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antarala : Vestibule

ashthadikpala : Regents of the eight cardinal points or directions bhuvaneshwari : Central decorated hallow ceiling of the Pillared Hall

chandrashila : Attractive Floral design slab

dasavatara : Representing the ten incarnations of Vishnu

devakoshta : Niches housing the semi-gods dravida shikhara : South Indian style Tower

dwadasaditya : Twelve Adityas carved on the prabhavali of a sun sculpture

dwarapala : Door-keepers

ekaldwi/tri/chatur/kuta : Single/double/triple/quadruple temple/shrine

garbhagriha : Sanctum Sanctorum

gopura : Tower surmounting the enclosure doorway

gosasa : Commemorative stone representing the gift of 1000 cows

(Gosahasra)

jalandhra : Perforated window

jamabhandi : Mode of collecting Land Revenue

kadamba nagara shikhara : Multi Stepped towers surmounting the Sanctum Sanctorum sekshasana : Seating arrangement provided in the Pillared Hall or Porch

kirana stambha : Small Sun Pillar, shadow of which indicates time

kirtimukha : Lion faced decorative motif projecting from the front portion

of the Tower

lalata : Head piece of the door jamb

makaratorana : Crocodiles holding decorative arch

mukha mantapa : Porch

nagara shikhara : North Indian style of Tower nandi mantapa : Mantapa housing Lord Nandi

navaranga : Pillared Hall

nishidi : Commemorative stones of Jaina ascetic and deciples

pancha shikhara : Five miniature tower motifs decorative Panel

poomakumbha : A sacred pot shaped flower vase decorative motif adorning

the door jamb

prabhavali : A decorative radiance arc behind the head of the image or deity

pradakshina patha : Circum-ambulatory Passage

prakara : Enclosure wall surrounding the Temple structure

sabha mantapa : Multi Pillared Spacious Hall

sallekhana : Observing the ritual of fasting unto death by jains

shakhalankara : Single/double/triple/quadruple decoration motif over the door jamb

shikhara : Tower over the main Sanctum Sanctorum

vesara : Admixture of both Southern and Northern styles