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Chaunsath Yoginis ~ 64 Warrior Goddesses of Adi Parashakti

According to the Devi Mahatmya, 64 Yoginis are fierce and beautiful forms of Mahadevi Parvathi

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Names of Chaunsath Yoginis or 64 Yoginis

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1. divyayoginī – दिव्ययोगिनी
2. mahāyoginī – महायोगिनी
3. siddhayoginī – सिद्धयोगिनी
4. gaṇeśvarī – गणेश्वरी
5. pretākṣī – प्रेताक्षी
6. ḍākinī – डाकिनी
7. kālī – काली
8. kālarātri – कालरात्रि
9. niśācarī – निशाचरी
10. jhaṃkārī – झंकारी
11. ūrdvavetālī – ऊर्द्धवेताली
12. kharparī – खर्परी
13. bhūtayāminī – भूतयामिनी
14. ūrdvakeśī – ऊर्द्धकेशी
15. virupākṣī – विरुपाक्षी
16. śuṣkaṃgī – शुष्कंगी
17. māṃsabhojanī – मांसभोजनी
18. phetkārī – फेत्कारी
19. vīrabhadrākṣī – वीरभद्राक्षी
20. dhūmrākṣī – धूम्राक्षी
21. kalahapriyā – कलहप्रिया
22. raktā – रक्ता
23. ghoraraktākṣī – घोररक्ताक्षी
24. piśacī – पिशची
25. bhayaṃkarī – भयंकरी
26. caurikā – चौरिका
27. mārikā – मारिका
28. caṇḍī – चण्डी
29. vārāhī – वाराही
30. muṇḍadhariṇī – मुण्डधरिणी



31. bhairavī – भैरवी
32. cakriṇī – चक्रिणी
33. krodhā – क्रोधा
34. durmukhī – दुर्मुखी
35. pretavāhinī – प्रेतवाहिनी
36. kaṇṭakī – कण्टकी
37. dīrghalaṃbauṣṭhī – दीर्घलंबौष्ठी
38. mālinī – मालिनी
39. mantrayoginī – मन्त्रयोगिनी
40. kālāgnī – कालाग्नी
41. mohinī – मोहिनी
42. cakrī – चक्री
43. kapālī – कपाली
44. bhuvaneśvarī – भुवनेश्वरी
45. kuṇḍalākṣī – कुण्डलाक्षी
46. juhī – जुही
47. lakṣmī – लक्ष्मी
48. yamadūtī – यमदूती
49. karālinī – करालिनी
50. kauśikī – कौशिकी
51. bhakṣiṇī – भक्षिणी
52. yakṣī – यक्षी
53. kaumārī – कौमारी
54. yantravahinī – यन्त्रवहिनी
55. viśālā – विशाला
56. kāmukī – कामुकी
57. vyāghrī – व्याघ्री
58. yākṣini – याक्षिनि
59. pretabhavanī – प्रेतभवनी
60. dhūrjaṭā – धूर्जटा
61. vikatā – विकता
62. ghorā – घोरा
63. kapālā – कपाला
64. laṅgalī – लङ्गली

Legends About The 64 Yoginis as Per Scriptures

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Lalita Sahasranama and Vishnu Purana mention Goddess Parvati or Shakti to be Maha Yogini (Great Ascetic) and Kula Yogini. Yogini Sahasranamaand Kaula Kularnava Tantra refers to mother goddess or supreme devi to be Maha Yogini .

There are 64 Tantric yoginis. Source of yoginis is Mata Parvati. Kalika Purana, Brihad Nandikeswara Purana, Chandi Purana of Sarala Das, Brihndla Tantra, Bata Avakasa of Balaram Das, Skanda Purana, Agni Purana, Brahmanda Purana etc mention all yoginis of Mata Parvati.



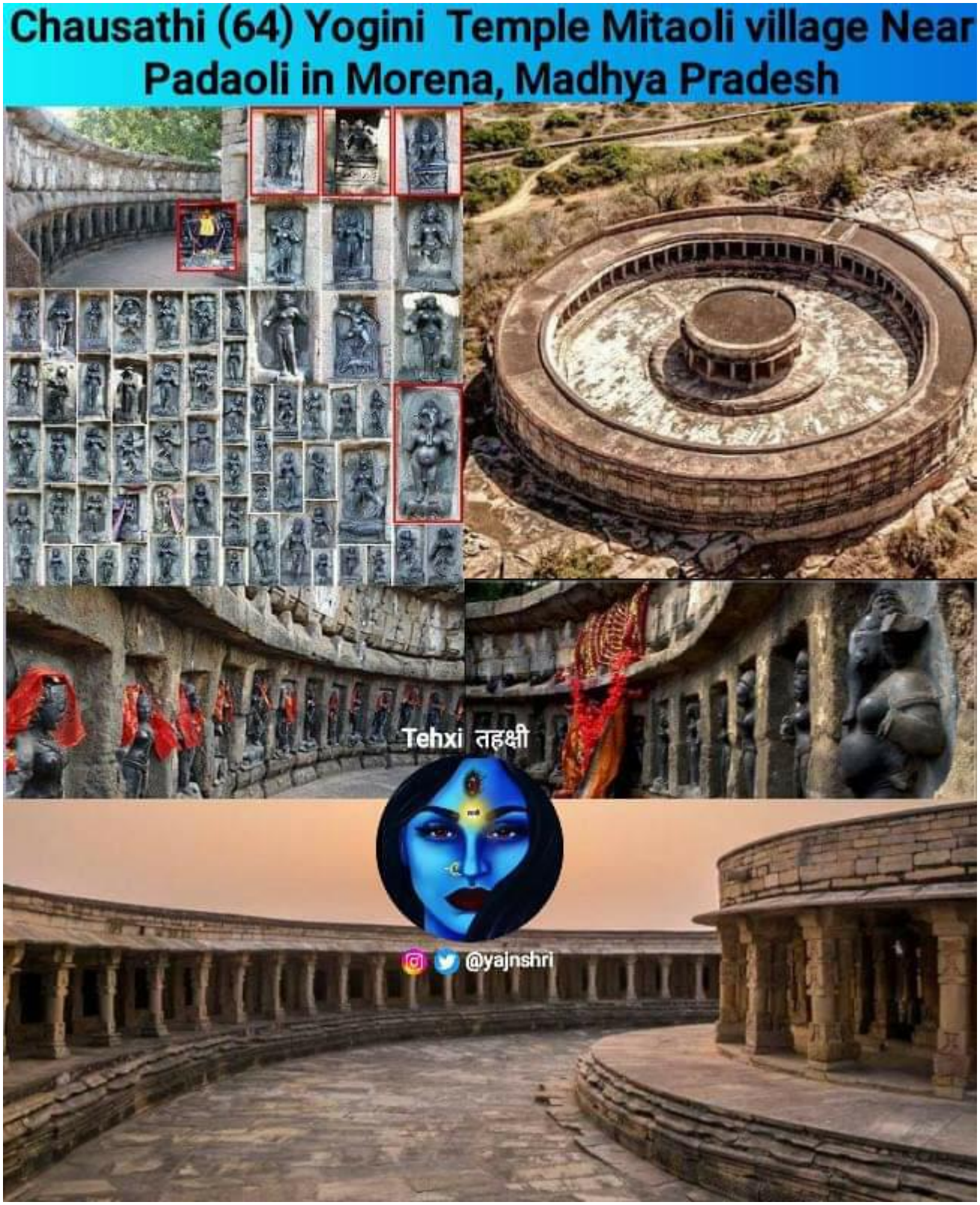
Ashta Matrikas & 64 Yoginis

Supreme Devi as Maha Yogini. In antiquated days, 8 extraordinary Female Shaktis arose out of the Universal Shakthi Energy called Parashakthi – these were the Divine Maha Mothers (called Ashta Matrikas) of all resulting Yoginis. These 8 Matrikas showed one by one into Eight Sacred Shaktis, subsequently bringing about the 64 Tantric Yoginis.

Matrika goddesses called Brahmi, Maheshvari, Kaumari, Vaishnavi, Varahi, Indrani and Chamundaa were manifested from Mata Parvati and 64 yoginis emerged from mother goddesses or Saptamatrikas. Each matrika is also one yogini.

Yoginis possess many magical powers and qualities which are divine. They are also village goddesses or gramadevatas who protect people. They possess powers like garima, anima, mahima, istiva, parakamya, vasitva and kamavasayitva (power to be able to fulfill one's desires).

The Chausath Yogini temple is in Mitaoli village near Padaoli in Morena, Madhya Pradesh .According to an inscription dated to 1323 CE, the temple was built by the Kachchhapaghata king Devapala (r. c. 10551075).



The Devi Sukta of the Rigveda 10.125.1 through 10.125.8, is among the most studied hymns declaring that the ultimate metaphysically reality (Brahman) is a Devi

A Yogini is the sacred feminine force made incarnate, as an aspect of Parvati

There are 8 Matrikas & 64 Yoginis

Adi Parashakti & Ashta Matrikas.

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According to the Devi Mahatmya, these eight goddesses assisted Durga in the battle against the demons Shumbha, Nishumbha and Raktabija.

Seven of these goddesses are seen as the female personifications of the powers of the various gods and have the iconography of the corresponding god. The eight matrika is Chamunda who is identified as Kali.

Names of Ashta matrikas :

Brahmani Vaishnavi Maheswari Indrani Varahi Narasinghi Kaumari Chamunda