



12 JYOTIRLINGAS OF INDIA



1. All 12 Jyotirlingas — Master Table

Jyotirlinga	Location + Geographical Features	Important Exam Facts	Map
1. Somnath ★	● Prabhas Patan, Gir Somnath, Gujarat 🇮🇳 Arabian Sea coast, Saurashtra	◆ Traditionally 1st Jyotirlinga. ◆ Attacked by Mahmud of Ghazni (1025–26). ◆ Reconstructed after Independence; inaugurated in 1951.	
2. Nageshwar ★	● Near Dwarka, Devbhumi Dwarka, Gujarat 🇮🇳 Saurashtra coast	◆ Associated with Darukavana. ◆ Situated on Dwarka–Beyt Dwarka route.	
3. Mallikarjuna ★	● Srisailem, Nandyal, Andhra Pradesh 🇮🇳 Nallamala Hills, Krishna River	◆ Located in Eastern Ghats. ◆ Also associated with Bhramaramba Shakti Peetha. ◆ Near Srisailem Dam.	Location in Andhra Pradesh
4. Mahakaleshwar ★	● Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh 🇮🇳 Shipra (Kshipra) River	◆ Famous Dakshinamukhi (south-facing) Jyotirlinga. ◆ Bhasma Aarti. ◆ Ujjain hosts Simhashta Kumbh.	



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5. Omkareshwar ★	📍 Mandhata Island, Khandwa, Madhya Pradesh 🇮🇳 Narmada River	◆ Island traditionally associated with ॐ shape. ◆ Omkareshwar–Mamleshwar temple tradition.	
6. Kedarnath ★	📍 Kedarnath, Rudraprayag, Uttarakhand 🇮🇳 Garhwal Himalayas, Mandakini River	◆ Part of Panch Kedar and Chota Char Dham. ◆ High-altitude Himalayan shrine; closes in winter.	
7. Bhimashankar ★	📍 Pune, Maharashtra 🇮🇳 Sahyadri / Western Ghats, Bhima River source region	◆ Bhimashankar Wildlife Sanctuary. ◆ Indian Giant Squirrel (Shekru).	 Bhimashankar mandir in its namesake village 
8. Trimbakeshwar ★	📍 Trimbak, Nashik, Maharashtra 🇮🇳 Brahmagiri Hills, Godavari source region	◆ Associated with the origin of Godavari River. ◆ Present temple built under Peshwa Balaji Baji Rao. ◆ Three-faced lingam tradition.	 Location within Maharashtra



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9. Grishneshwar ★	📍 Verul (Ellora), Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar, Maharashtra 🏞️ Deccan Plateau, near Ellora Caves	◆ Traditionally 12th Jyotirlinga. ◆ Restored by Ahilyabai Holkar. ◆ Near UNESCO-listed Ellora Caves.	
10. Vaidyanath / Baidyanath ★	📍 Deoghar, Jharkhand 🏞️ Santhal Pargana region	◆ Famous Shravani Mela. ◆ Kanwar Yatra from Sultanganj, Bihar. ◆ Also associated with Shakti Peetha traditions.	
11. Rameshwaram ★	📍 Rameswaram, Ramanathapuram, Tamil Nadu 🏞️ Pamban Island, between Palk Bay & Gulf of Mannar	◆ Part of Char Dham pilgrimage. ◆ Associated with Lord Rama. ◆ Famous long corridors and 22 sacred teerthams.	
12. Kashi Vishwanath ★	📍 Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh 🌊 Ganga River	◆ Present temple reconstructed by Ahilyabai Holkar (c. 1780). ◆ Maharaja Ranjit Singh donated gold for the temple.	



2. State-wise Quick Revision

State	Jyotirlingas (District / City)	Total
Maharashtra	Bhimashankar (Pune), Trimbakeshwar (Nashik), Grishneshwar (Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar)	3
Gujarat	Somnath (Gir Somnath), Nageshwar (Devbhumi Dwarka)	2
Madhya Pradesh	Mahakaleshwar (Ujjain), Omkareshwar (Khandwa)	2
Uttar Pradesh	Kashi Vishwanath (Varanasi)	1
Uttarakhand	Kedarnath (Rudraprayag)	1
Jharkhand	Vaidyanath (Deoghar)	1
Andhra Pradesh	Mallikarjuna (Nandyal)	1
Tamil Nadu	Rameshwaram (Ramanathapuram)	1
Total: 8 States	12 Jyotirlingas	12



3. One-Minute Revision Tricks

State Count: 3-2-2-1-1-1-1-1

River / Mountain Connections:

- Shipra → Mahakaleshwar
- Narmada → Omkareshwar
- Godavari → Trimbakeshwar
- Mandakini → Kedarnath
- Krishna → Mallikarjuna
- Ganga → Kashi Vishwanath
- Western Ghats → Bhimashankar
- Pamban Island → Rameshwaram