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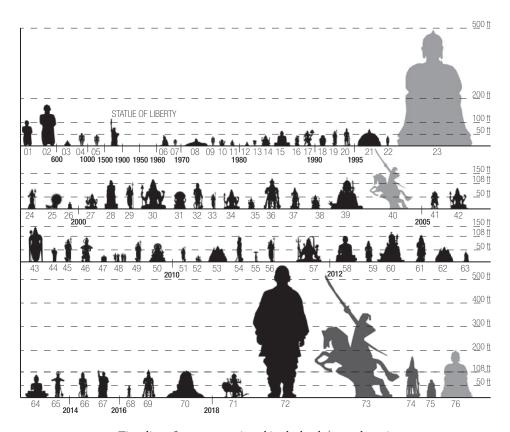


FIGURE FM.1 Time line of statues mentioned in the book (not exhaustive; scales are approximate). As of 2018, statues in lightest gray were proposed; those in medium gray were in progress. See Table FM.1 for key to time line and map of statues.

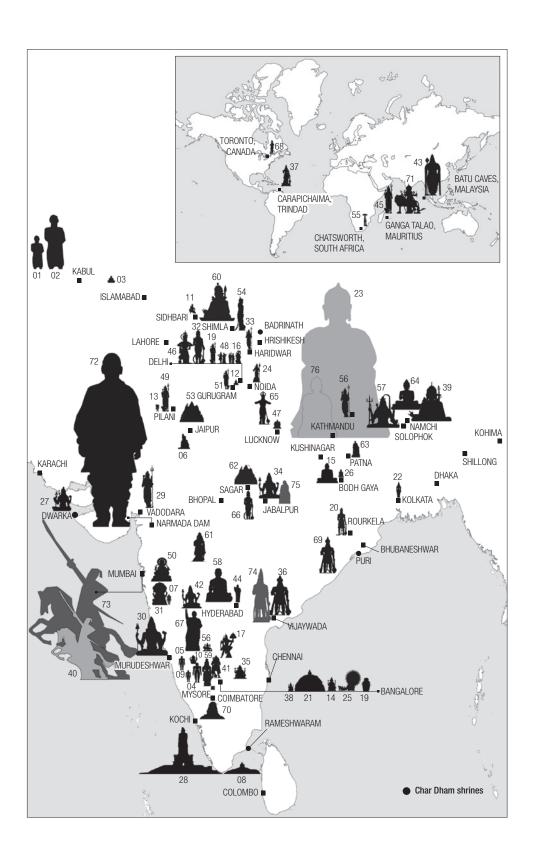


FIGURE FM.2 Map of statues as of 2018 (not exhaustive; scales and locations are approximate). See Table FM.1 fo key to timne line and map of statues.

TABLE FM.1 Key to timeline and map of statues (FM.I, FM.2).

	DATE	NAME	CITY/STATE/ COUNTRY	SCULPTOR	HEIGHT (FEET)	MATERIAL	PATRON
I	ca. 507	Buddha (standing)	Bamiyan Valley, Afghanistan		115	Sedimen- tary rock	
2	ca. 554	Buddha (standing)	Bamiyan Valley, Afghanistan		174	Sedimen- tary rock	
3	ca. 700	Buddha (seated)	Swat Valley, Pakistan		22	Granite	
4	ca. 938/981	Bahubali/ Gommateshwara (standing monolith)	Shravanabelagola, Karnataka		57	Granite	Chavundaraya
5	1432	Bahubali/ Gommateshwara	Karkala, Karnataka		42	Granite	Veera Pandya
6	1962	Chambal Devi	Gandhi Sagar Dam, Madhya Pradesh	Ram Sutar	45		Government of India
7	1963	Bahubali	Kumbhoj, Maharashtra		28	Marble	
8	1970	Vivekananda (standing)	Kanyakumari, Tamil Nadu	Narayanrao Sonawadekar	12	Bronze	Vivekananda Rock Memorial Trust
9	1975	Bahubali/ Gommateshwara (standing monolith)	Dharmasthala, Karnataka	Renjala Go- palakrishna Shenoy	39	Granite	Veerendra Heggade (temple trustee)

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Ю	1979	Ganesha (for festival)	Shimoga, Karnataka	Kashinath	29	Clay	
II	1980	Hanuman (kneeling)	Sidhbhari, Him- achal Pradesh	Kashinath	25	Concrete	Chinmaya Mission
12	1985	Mahavir (seated)	Mehrauli- Gurgaon Road, Delhi	Shamaraya Acharya	13.5	Granite	P. C. Jain (watches)
13	1987	Hanuman (standing)	Panchavati Park, Pilani, Rajasthan	Matu Ram Varma	21	Concrete	L. N. Birla (businessman)
14	1989	Ganesha (seated)	Kolar, Karnataka	Kashinath	45	Concrete	Chinmaya Mission
15	1989	Buddha (seated)	Bodhgaya, Bihar	V. Ganapati Sthapati	64	Chunar sandstone	Daijokyo, Japan
16	1990	Hanuman	Basant Gaon, New Delhi		45	Granite	Prabhudutt Brahmachari
17	1990	Hanuman	Puttaparthi		70	Concrete	Sathya Sai Baba
18	1992	Krishna	Vishwa Shanti Ashram, Bangalore-Tumkur Rd, Karnataka	Kashinath	45	Concrete	Sadguru Sant Keshavadas, Temple of Cosmic Religion
19	1994	Shiva (stand- ing) "Mangal Mahadev"	Birla Kanan, New Delhi	Matu Ram Varma	85	Concrete	B. K. Birla (businessman)
20	1994	Hanuman (standing)	Rourkela, Orissa	Laxman Swamy	75	Concrete	Jai Hanuman Trust
21	1995	Shiva (seated)	Kemp Fort, Bangalore	Kashinath	65	Concrete	Ravi Melwani (department stores)
22	1995	Krishna (stand- ing) "Mangal Madhav"	Calcutta	M. Muthia Sthapati	45	Granite	B. K. Birla

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	DATE	NAME	CITY/STATE/ Country	SCULPTOR	HEIGHT (FEET)	MATERIAL	PATRON
23	(1997)	Maitreya (proposed)	Kushinagar, Uttar Pradesh		(500)	Concrete	Lama Zopa Rinpoche, Foundation for the Preservation of the Mahayana Tradition
24	1998	Shiva (standing)	Film City, Noida, Uttar Pradesh	Matu Ram Varma		Concrete	Gulshan Kumar, T-Series
25	1999	Surya (standing)	Eagleton Golf Resort, near Bangalore	Sridhar	65	Concrete	M. Ashok Kumar, Sri Chamundesh- wari Developers
26	1999	Maitreya	Bodhgaya, Bihar		24		Lama Zopa Rinpoche
27	2000	Shiva (sitting)	Nageshwar temple, Dwarka, Gujarat	Kashinath	65	Concrete	Gulshan Kumar
28	2000	Thiruvalluvar (standing)	Kanyakumari, Tamil Nadu	V. Ganapati Sthapati	133	Granite	Govt. of Tamil Nadu (M. Karu- nanidhi, Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam)
29	2002	Shiva (standing) "Sarveswhar Mahadev"	Sursagar Lake, Vadodara, Gujarat	Matu Ram Varma	Ш	Concrete	Yogesh Patel (Bharatiya Janata Party)
30	2002	Shiva (seated)	Murudeshwar, Karnataka	Kashinath	123	Concrete	R. N. Shetty (builder, businessman)
31	2002	Ganesha (seated)	Kolhapur, Maharashtra	Kashinath	75	Concrete	Chinmaya Mission
32	2002	Hanuman (standing)	Chattarpur, New Delhi	Matu Ram Varma	IOI	Concrete	Anonymous (for Baba Sant Nagpal)
33	2003	Shiva (standing)	Haridwar, Uttarakhand	Kashinath and Sridhar	75	Concrete	Gulshan Kumar
34	2003	Shiva (seated)	Kachnar City, Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh	Sridhar	81	Concrete	Arun Tiwari (builder, Kachnar City)

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35	2003	Ganesha (seated)	Kanakapura Road, Bangalore	Sridhar	45	Concrete	Vishranthi Dhama Health Club and Spa
36	2003	Hanuman (standing)	Paritala, near Vi- jaywada, Andhra Pradesh		135	Concrete	Paritala Anjaneya Temple
37	2003	Hanuman (standing)	Carapichaima, Trindad	Thangam Subrama- nian	85	Concrete	Avadhoota Datta Peetham
38	2003	Ganesha (seated)	Bangalore	Sridhar	32		
39	2004	Guru Rimpoche/ Padmasambhava (seated)	Namchi, Sikkim	Naresh Kumar Varma (initial design)	135	Concrete	Government of Sikkim (Pawan Chamling, Sik- kim Democratic Front)
40	(2004)	Shivaji (proposed)	Mumbai, Maharashtra	Ram Sutar	(309)		Government of Maharashtra (Congress Party)
41	2005	Hanuman (standing)	Tumkur, Karnataka	Kashinath and Sridhar	75	Concrete	Kote Anjaneya Swamy temple
42	2006	Shiva (seated)	Bijapur, Karnataka	Sridhar (initial design)	70	Concrete	Basant Kumar Patil (Kannada film producer)
43	2006	Murugan (standing)	Batu Caves, Malaysia		140		Sri Subramaniar temple
44	1992-2006	Buddha (standing)	Hussain Sagar Lake, Hyderabad	S. M. Ganapathi Sthapati	58	Granite	Government of Andhra Pradesh (N. T. Rama Rao, Telugu Desam)
45	2007	Shiva (standing)	Ganga Talao, Mauritius	Naresh Kumar Varma	108	Concrete	Government of Mauritius (Anil Bachoo)
46	1994-2007	Hanuman (standing)	Karol Bagh, New Delhi		108	Concrete	Brahmaleen Nagababa Shri Sevagiri Ji Maharaj

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47	2008	Ambedkar (seated)	Ambedkar Memo- rial, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh	Ram Sutar	27	Bronze	Government of Uttar Pradesh (Kumari May- awati, Bahujan Samaj Party)
48	2009	Ram, Sita, Radha, Krishna	Birla Kanan, New Delhi	Naresh Kumar Varma	31	Concrete	B. K. Birla
49	2009	Shiva (standing)	Pilani, Rajasthan	Matu Ram Art Centre	80	Concrete	S. K. Birla (businessman)
50	2009	Ganesha (seated) "Mangal Murti Morya"	Talegaon, Maharashtra	Naresh Kumar Varma	72	Concrete	B. K. Birla
51	2010	Shiva (standing)	Palam Vihar, Gurgaon, Haryana	Naresh Kumar Varma	65	Concrete	Balkrishna Saini (real estate, au- tomobile service station)
52	2010	Durga (standing)	Ballari, Karnataka	Sridhar	26	Concrete	B. Sriramulu (Bharatiya Janata Party)
53	2010	Shiva (seated)	Bishangarh, Jalore, Rajasthan	Sridhar	65	Concrete	Bhawarlal Kh- ivesra, Maharaja Build Tech Ltd. (construction)
54	2010	Hanuman (standing)	Shimla, Himachal Pradesh	Naresh Kumar Varma	108	Concrete	H. C. Nanda Trust (Nikhil Nanda, Escorts Ltd., engineering and manufacturing)
55	2010	Hanuman (standing)	Chatsworth, Durban, South Africa		40	Concrete	Shri Vishnu Temple Society
56	20II	Shiva (standing)	Sanga, near Kathmandu, Nepal	Naresh Kumar Varma	108	Concrete	Kamal Jain, Hilltake (water tanks)
57	2011	Shiva (seated)	Solophok, Namchi, Sikkim	Sridhar (initial design)	108	Concrete	Government of Sikkim (Pawan Chamling, Sikkim Democratic Front)

	DATE	NAME	CITY/STATE/ COUNTRY	SCULPTOR	HEIGHT (FEET)	MATERIAL	PATRON
58	2012	Basaveshwara (seated)	Basavakalyan, Bidar, Karnataka	Sridhar	108	Concrete	Mate Mahadevi, Basava Dharma Peetha
59	2012	Hanuman (standing)	Mysore, Karnataka		70	Granite	Avadhoota Datta Peetham
60	2012	Guru Rimpoche/ Padmasambhava (seated)	Tso Pema, Rew- alsar, Himachal Pradesh	Drupa Kunzang (Bhutan)	123	Concrete	Lama Wangdor Rinpoche
61	2012	Hanuman (standing)	Nandura, Maharashtra		105	Concrete	
62	2013	Shiva (seated)	Sagar, Madhya Pradesh	Sridhar	61	Concrete	Shivmandir Development Trust, Sindhunagar Colony, Sagar (developers)
63	2013	Gandhi (standing)	Patna	Ram Sutar	40	Bronze	Government of Bihar (Nitish Kumar, Janata Dal)
64	2013	Sakyamuni (seated)	Ravangla, Sikkim	Sakya Brothers	95	Concrete	Government of Sikkim (D. D. Bhutia, Sikkim Democratic Front)
65	2013	Hanuman (standing)	Shahjahanpur, Uttar Pradesh	Veerendra Shekhawat	104	Concrete	
66	2014	Hanuman (standing)	Chhindwara, Madhya Pradesh	Naresh Kumar Varma	IOI	Concrete	Anonymous (constituency of Kamal Nath, Congress Party)
67	2015	Basaveshwara (standing)	Gadag, Karnataka	Sridhar	ш	Concrete	Karnataka Tour- ism Development Corporation, Government of Karnataka
68	2016	Hanuman (standing)	Toronto, Canada	Naresh Kumar Varma	50	Concrete	Richmond Hill Vishnu Mandir

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69	2017	Hanuman (standing)	Damanjodi, near Koraput, Odisha		108	Concrete	National Alumin- ium Company, Abhaya Anjaneya Parichalana Samiti
70	2017	Shiva (bust) "Adiyogi"	Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu		II2	Steel	Jaggi Vasudev, Isha Foundation
71	2018	Durga (standing)	Ganga Talao, Mauritius	Naresh Kumar Varma	108	Concrete	Government of Mauritius (Anil Bachoo)
72	2018	Vallabhai Patel (standing) "Statue of Unity"	Kevadiya, Gujarat	Ram Sutar	597	Concrete	Government of Gujarat, Govern- ment of India (Narendra Modi, Bharatiya Janata Party)
73	(Stayed by court, 2019)	Shivaji (equestrian)	Mumbai	Ram Sutar	(690)	Concrete	Government of Maharashtra
74	(In progress, 2019)	Hanuman (standing)	Srikakulam, Andhra Pradesh	Shankar (structural engineer)	(176)	Concrete	Sri Ram Bhaktha Hanuman Seva Samithi Trust
75	(In progress, 2019)	Saibaba (seated)	Shahdol, Madhya Pradesh	Sridhar	72	Concrete	Virat Sai Dham Seva Samiti
76	(Proposed)	Maitreya (seated)	Kushinagar, Uttar Pradesh		200		Lama Zopa Rinpoche





PLATE 1 Kashinath, 65-ft. seated Shiva at Kids Kemp department store, also known as Kemp Fort, Old Airport Road, Bangalore, inaugurated in 1995. Photographed in 2007.



PLATE 2 Kashinath, 123-ft. seated Shiva, Murudeshwar, Karnataka, completed in 2002. View from Shri Murudeshwara temple gopuram, March 2012.



PLATE 3 135-ft. seated Guru Rinpoche, or Padmasambhava, at Samdruptse Hill, Namchi, Sikkim, inaugurated in 2004. Initial design by Naresh Kumar Varma; completed by Lobdon Lhundrup, Bhutan. Photographed in March 2013.

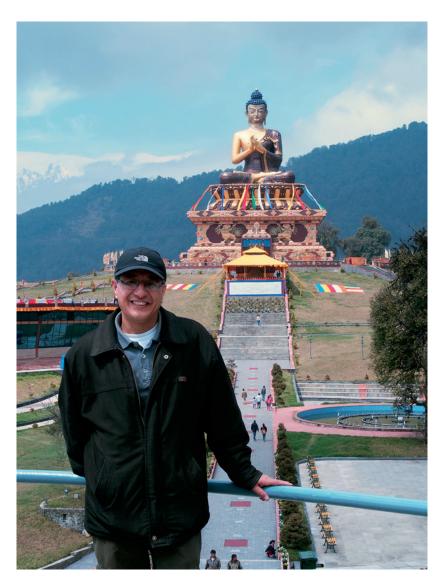


PLATE 4 Sanjay Sakya with Sakya brothers' 95-ft. seated Sakyamuni at Ravangla, Sikkim, before the statue's inauguration in March 2013.





PLATE 5 Thangam Subramanian, 85-ft. standing Hanuman, inaugurated in 2003, and plywood cutout featuring Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Swami, leader of the Avadhoota Datta Peetham. Sri Dattatreya Yoga Center, Carapichaima, Trinidad, December 2009.

PLATE 6 Vivekananda Rock Memorial (left) and Thiruvalluvar statue (right). Kanyakumari, Tamil Nadu, April 2018.



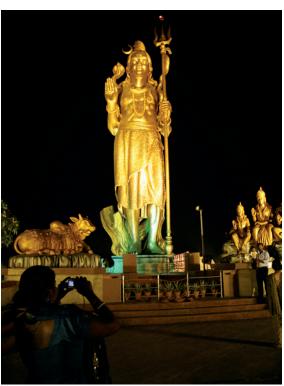
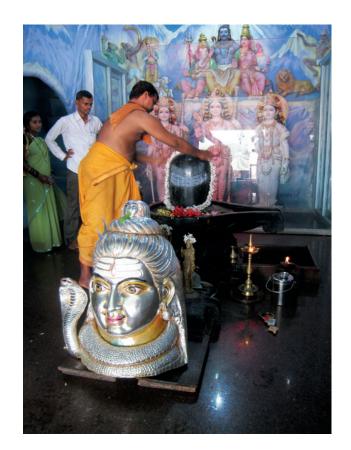


PLATE 7 (above)
Kanwariya pilgrims
returning from Haridwar arriving at Birla
Kanan for a rest stop
and to pay obeisance
to Mangal Mahadev,
July 2009.

PLATE 8 (left) Mangal Mahadev illuminated at night, Birla Kanan, May 2009. PLATE 9 (right)
Shri Sundhara
Rameshwara lingam,
under Shiva statue,
Murudeshwar,
including lingam cover
in the form of Shiva's
head and painted
diorama-like backdrop.
March 2012.

PLATE 10 (below)
View of Murudeshwar beach from steps ascending to Shiva statue, with rajagopuram under construction on right. December 2007.







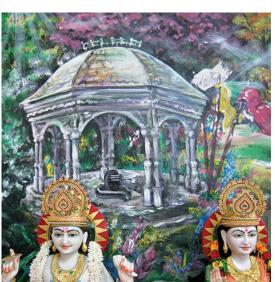


PLATE 11 (above) Mural in Gita Ashram prayer hall, Carapichaima, Trinidad, December 2009.

PLATE 12 (*left*)
Gita Ashram mural, detail showing Shiva lingam in gazebo with *jhandis* (flags) next to it. Trinidad, December 2009.



PLATE 13 (above)
View of temple complex at Ganga Talao,
Mauritius, New Year's
Day, 2014. On the far side of the lake is the Hindu
Maha Sabha's Kashi
Vishwanath Mandir.

PLATE 14 (right)
Shiva statue outside
Mauritiuseshwarnath
Shiv Jyotir Lingum
temple (Shiv Parivar
Mandir) with
monumental Shiva
in the background.
Ganga Talao, Mauritius,
January 2014.

