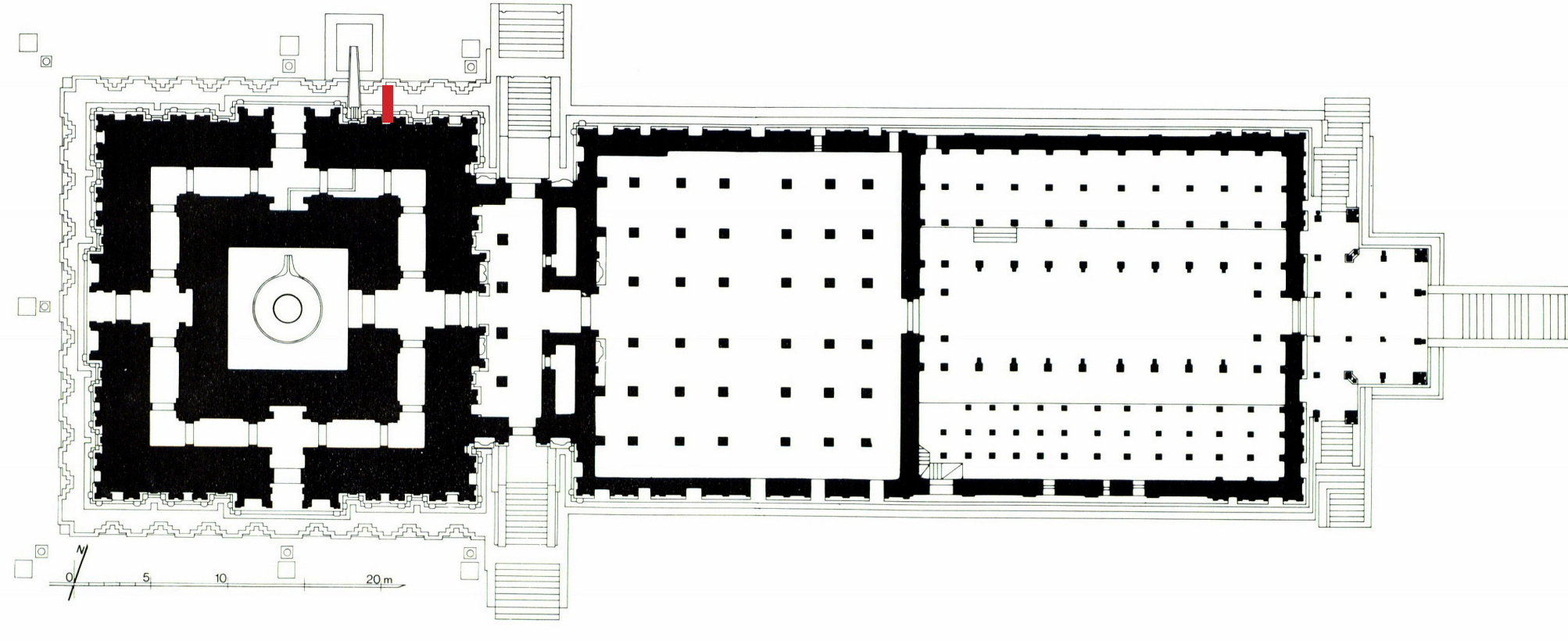


Vāmadēva Śiva



The image of Vāmadēva in the Brhadīśvara temple is in the northern wall, to the west of Āliṅgana Candraśekhara. The deity is four-armed with paraśu and mrga in the rear arm, and sword and shield in the front arm. According to the Āgamic text, Vāmadēva is red in colour and wears a vastra as upavīta. The nose is prominent. He wields a sword and shield. According to the Makuṭāgama, Vāmadēva is four-faced with four arms and bedecked with jewels like bracelets and armlets; he wears a crown made of corals. His arms hold an axe and noose and are in varada and abhaya poses. Three-eyed, he wears kuṅḍala in his ears.

