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Title: Need to take suitable measures to preserve the Konark Sun Temple, a world heritage site in Puri, Odisha.

SHRI BIBHU PRASAD TARAI (JAGATSINGHPUR): Konark Sun Temple also known as "Black Pagoda" is situated in Puri district, Odisha. This Temple, built in the thirteenth century, is conceived as one of the most sublime monuments and prime tourist attractions of India. It was inscribed as a World Heritage Site by the UNESCO for its outstanding universal value, and its uniqueness as a heritage of the mankind in 1984. [Rabindranath Tagore](#), Viswakabi being delighted at the outward structure of the temple wrote: "Here the language of stone surpasses the language of man." But, unfortunately, the gigantic structure of temple now is in a dilapidated condition due to its exposure to saline impact of sea, heavy rains, growth of vegetation on the temple, etc. But no comprehensive action for its repair or maintenance has been taken. Hence, I would like to draw the kind attention of Minister of Culture as well as Minister of Tourism to take necessary steps as early as possible to preserve the structural resources of Konark temple.