

BHARAT DARSHAN

TELANGANA - ANDHRA PRADESH

Discovering the Cultural Essence and
Natural Splendor

(16.11.2023 To 20.11.2023)

Itinerary Overview

- ▶ **Day-1** : Yadadri Temple, Rock climbing at Bhongir fort, Pembarthi Metal Handicraft, Halt at Warangal
- ▶ **Day-2** : Thousand pillar temple, Bhadrakali temple, Warangal fort, Ramappa temple, Halt at Bhadrachalam (T.S.)
- ▶ **Day-3** : Sree Seetha Ramachandraswamy Temple and Godavari river Boating at Papikonda National Park, Halt at Kakinada.
- ▶ **Day-4** : Coringa wild life sanctuary, Kakinada beach, Halt at Kakinada
- ▶ **Day-5** : Kanak Durga temple, Bhavani island, Returned to Dr. MCR HRD Institute, Hyderabad

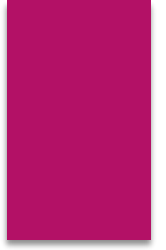
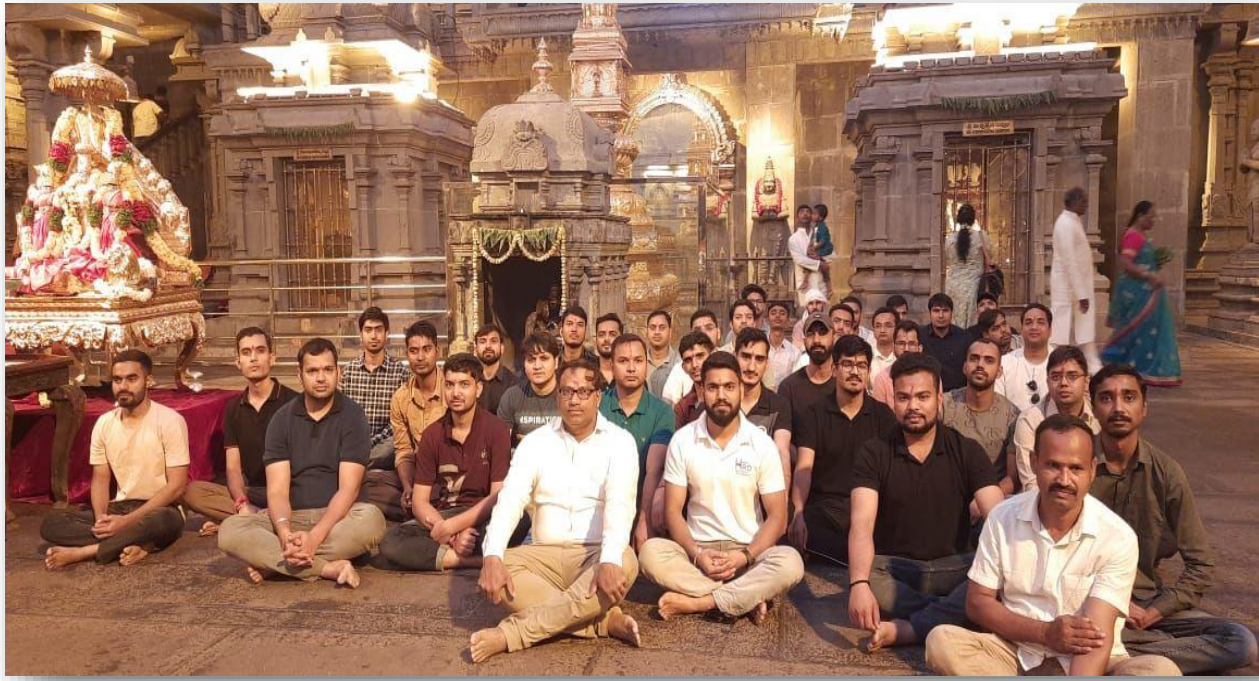


DAY – 1
Hyderabad – Warangal
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Yadadri temple or Sri Laxminarasimha Swamy Temple

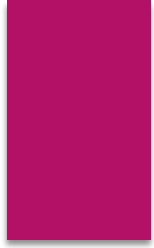
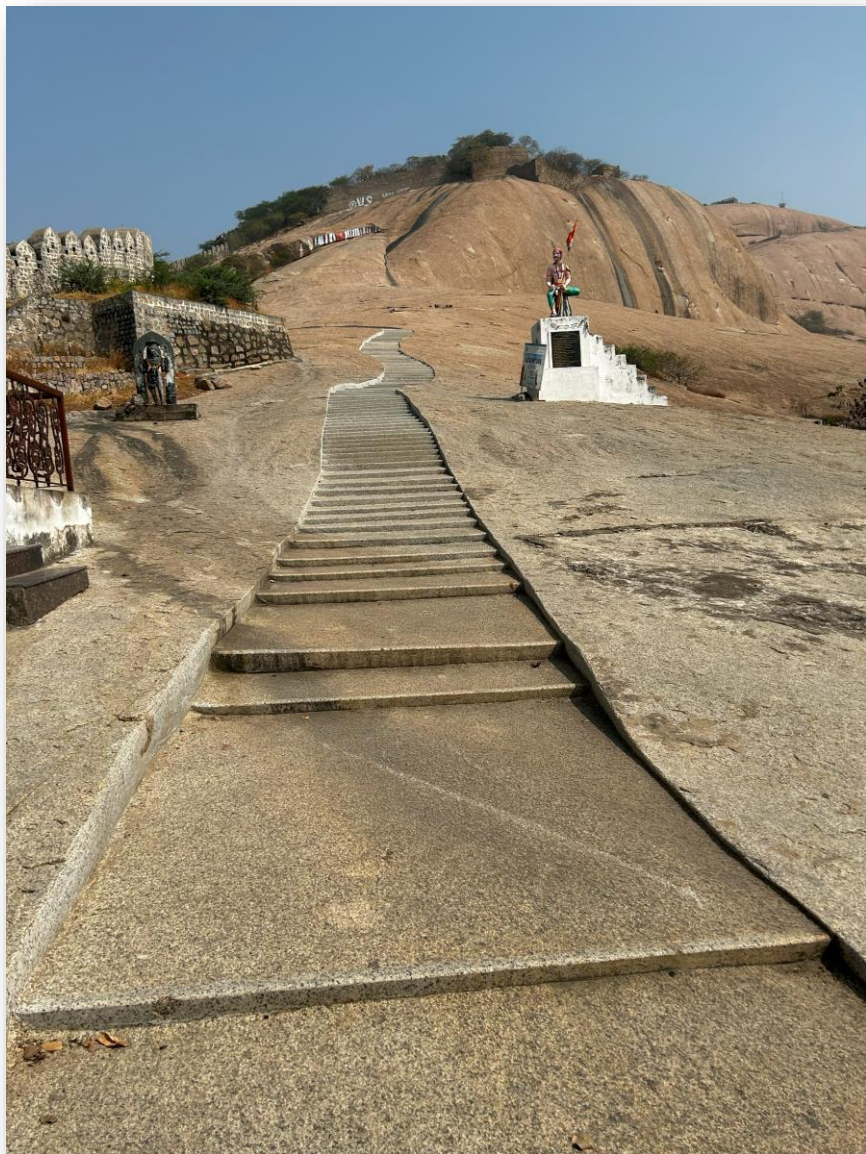
- ▶ Dedicated to an incarnation of Lord Vishnu.
- ▶ 60 km from Hyderabad city.
- ▶ Situated in yadadri Bhongiri district, Telangana
- ▶ Lord Narasimha has taken on the role of a "doctor" and is known as "Vaidya Narasimha" by his devotees at this shrine to cure many chronic diseases and the role of a 'do gooder' to those who are under the influence of bad planets, witch craft and black magic.





Rock Climbing at Bhongir Fort

- ▶ Bhongir Fort, located in Bhongir (Bhuvanagiri) town in the state of Telangana, India.
- ▶ **Historical Significance:** The fort has a rich history that dates back to the 10th century. It was built by the Western Chalukya ruler Tribhuvanamalla Vikramaditya VI.
- ▶ **Architecture and Structure:** The fort contains remnants of underground chambers, trap doors, stables, armories, and a majestic stone throne. The ruins of several structures within the fort complex, including temples, royal palaces, and residential quarters, reflect its past glory.
- ▶ **Strategic Importance:** Its unique position atop a solitary rock hill provided the fort with a natural defense system, making it a strategic stronghold in the region.



Interaction with Mountaineer Ms. Anvita Reddy.

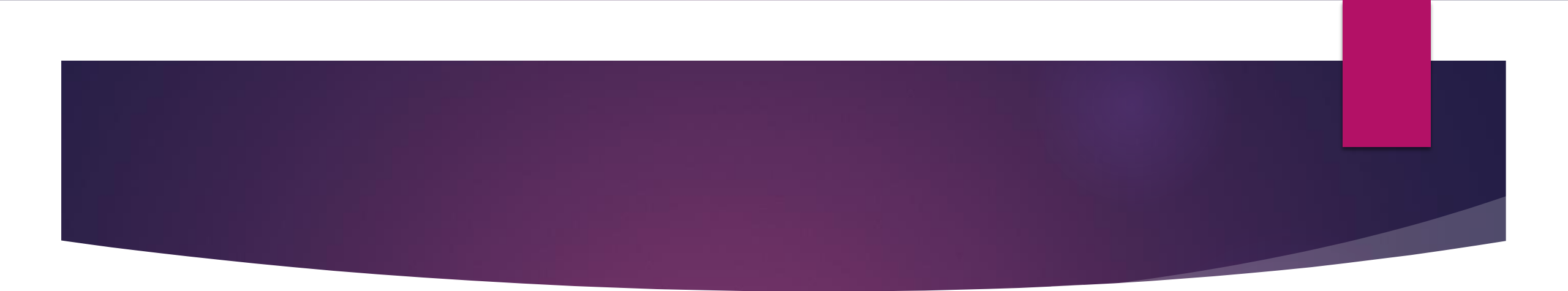
- ▶ Interacted with Mountaineer Ms. Anvita Reddy,
- ▶ She is currently instructor in Rock Climbing School, Bhuvangiri in foothills of Bhongir Fort.
- ▶ She shared her valuable experience of climbing Mt. Everest in 2022 and many other peaks of the world.
- ▶ She is the first Indian to climb Mt. Elbrus in winter season.
- ▶ Which motivated many of us to do some adventures task in our life.



Pembarthi Metal Handicraft

- **Origin:** Pembarthi Metal Handicraft originated during the Kakatiya dynasty in the 10th-12th centuries.
- **Location:** From Pembarthy village, Jangaon district, Telangana, India.
- **Materials:** Primarily uses brass, with some work in copper and silver.
- **Techniques:** Involves sheet metal art, etching, embossing, and inlaying.
- **Designs:** Features intricate patterns inspired by Indian mythology and nature.
- **Products:** Includes vases, plates, panels, and decorative items for temples and homes.
- **Cultural Significance:** Holds religious and cultural importance in Telangana.
- **Recognition:** Certified as G.I. Tag

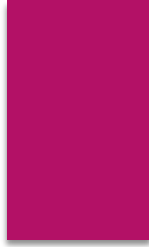




DAY – 2
Warangal - Bhadrachalam
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Thousand Pillar Temple

- **Location:** Located in Hanamakonda, part of the Warangal City in Telangana, India.
- **Era of Construction:** Built in 1163 AD by King Rudra Deva of the Kakatiya dynasty.
- **Architectural Style:** Reflects the Kakatiya style of architecture with influences of Chalukyan style.
- **Deities:** Dedicated to Lord Shiva, Vishnu, and Surya.
- **Structure:** Features a thousand pillars, none of which obstruct the view of the temple sanctum.
- **Rock-cut Elephants:** Notable for its rock-cut elephants and perforated screens.
- **Cultural Significance:** A testament to the artistry and craftsmanship of the Kakatiya period.



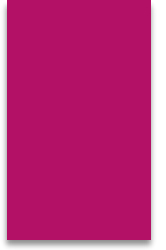
Bhadrakali Temple & Lake (Warangal)

- **Location:** Situated in Warangal, Telangana, India, near the Bhadrakali Lake.
- **Historical Era:** Originally built in the 7th century by the Chalukya king Pulakeshin II.
- **Dedication:** Dedicated to Goddess Bhadrakali, a form of the Mother Goddess.
- **Architectural Style:** Reflects a blend of Chalukyan and Kakatiyan architectural styles.
- **Key Features:** Prominent features include the square-shaped stone image of the deity and a lake adjacent to the temple.
- **Cultural Importance:** A significant center for Shaktism and local festivals.



Warangal Fort

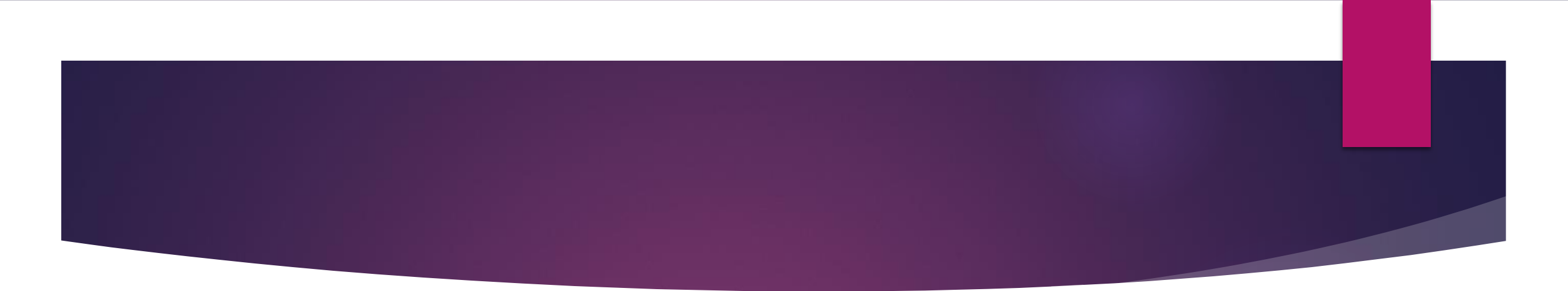
- **Location:** Mathwada, Warangal, Telangana
- **Era of Construction:** The fort was initially built in the 13th century during the reign of the Kakatiya dynasty, under the rule of Ganapati Deva.
- **Architectural Style:** Warangal Fort showcases the distinctive Kakatiya architectural style, which includes intricately carved arches and pillars. The fort is renowned for its beautiful and ornate stone gateways, known as the 'Kirti Toranas', which are considered architectural masterpieces.
- **Historical Events:** The fort witnessed several historical events, including invasions and battles, notably against the forces of the Delhi Sultanate.
- **Current Status:** Today, the fort stands partly in ruins but remains a significant historical site.
- **UNESCO Recognition:** The fort, along with other monuments of the Kakatiya dynasty, has been proposed for UNESCO World Heritage Site status, recognizing its historical and architectural significance.



Ramappa Temple / Rudreshwara Temple

- ▶ **Location:** Located in Palampet, Warangal, Telangana
- ▶ **Era of Construction:** Built in 1213 AD during the reign of the Kakatiya ruler Ganapati Deva.
- **Dedication:** Dedicated to Lord Shiva, it's named after the sculptor Ramappa, who played a significant role in its construction.
- **Architectural Style:** Exhibits the distinctive Kakatiya style, with intricate carvings and a unique star-shaped platform.
- **Structural Innovation:** Known for its lightweight sandstone bricks, which are said to float on water.
- **Famous for:** Its intricate carvings, especially the dancing figures on the temple's pillars.
- **UNESCO World Heritage Site:** In 2021, Ramappa Temple was inscribed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, recognized for its architectural significance and Kakatiya art.
- **Cultural Significance:** Represents the high point of medieval Deccan temple architecture.

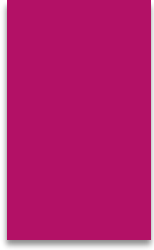




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Bhadrachalam - Kakinada
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Sree Seetha Ramachandraswamy Vari Devassthanam


- ▶ The Lord Rama Temple in Bhadrachalam is a Hindu site dedicated to Lord Rama.
- ▶ Known for its spiritual ambiance, the temple stands along the banks of the Godavari River.
- ▶ People believe Lord Rama has directly kept his foot on the hill of Badradri during Vanvas along with Seetha Mata & Lakshmana.



Godavari river Boating between Papikondalu Hills

- The boat ride on the Godavari River was a journey through tranquility.
- Journey started from Vararamachandrapur with various fun activities like dances, acts, etc on boat.
- Boat rested at Parentapalle for lunch and sailed again through valley areas of Jidugumma, Kondepudi, Kolluru, Ballamamidigondi and took U-Turn from Shriramavaram.
- The river, flanked by lush forests and teeming with life, was a refreshing experience. The gentle lap of the water against the boat, the cool breeze, and the rhythmic sound of the oars created a meditative ambiance that was both rejuvenating and introspective.
- The boat journey came to halt with beautiful sunset view.

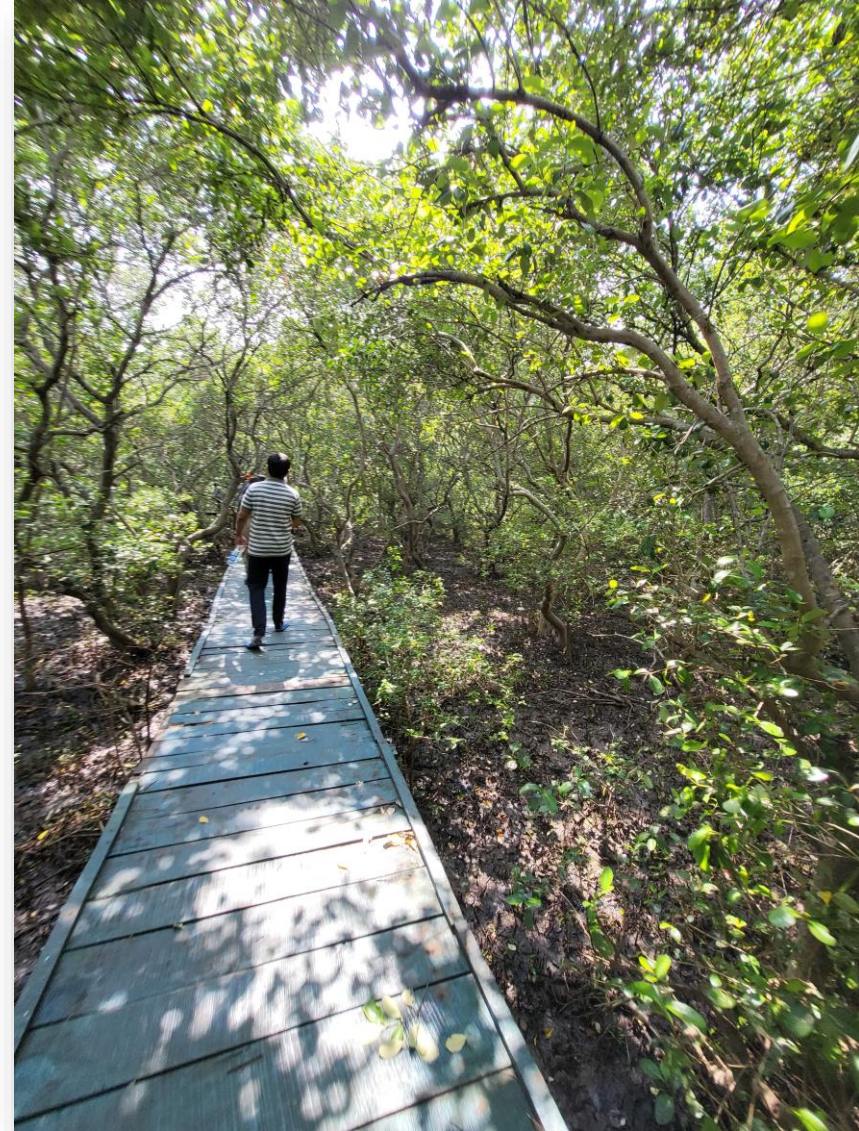




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Kakinada
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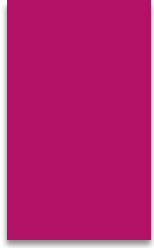
Coringa Wildlife Sanctuary

- 1. Location and Geography:** Coringa Wildlife Sanctuary is located near Kakinada in the East Godavari district of Andhra Pradesh
- 2. Mangrove Ecosystem:** The sanctuary is one of the largest stretches of mangrove forests in India.
- 3. Biodiversity:** Notable bird species include the White-Backed Vulture and the Long-Billed Vulture, both of which are critically endangered. The mangroves also provide a habitat for various fish and crustacean species.
- 4. Conservation Importance:** The sanctuary is an important ecological site for the conservation of mangrove vegetation and the wildlife it supports.
- 5. Tourism and Recreation:** Coringa Wildlife Sanctuary attracts nature enthusiasts, bird watchers, and photographers. The sanctuary offers boat rides through its water channels, providing visitors a close view of the mangroves and the wildlife inhabiting them.



Kakinada Beach

- **Location:** Kakinada, Andhra Pradesh
- Situated along the bay of Bengal
- **Scenic Route:** Scenic Beauty with a long stretch of golden sand with sight of large ships in background.
- **Cultural Significance:** Near Uppada, a village famous for its weaving industry and fishing community.
- **Tourism Impact:** A popular tourist destination, attracting visitors for its natural beauty and tranquil environment. Glass bridge is also point of attraction for visitors.

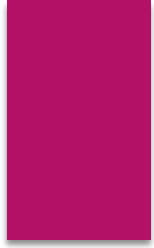




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Kakinada - Vijaywada
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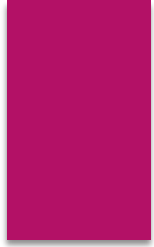
Kanak Durga temple

- **Location:** Vijayawada, on the Indrakeeladri Hills.
- **Deity:** Dedicated to Goddess Kanaka Durga, known as the goddess of power, riches, and benevolence.
- **Significance:** The temple is regarded as a Swayambhu (self-manifested) shrine and holds immense religious importance.
- **Architecture:** Features traditional Indian temple architecture with intricate carvings and sculptures.
- **Festivals:** Celebrates prominent festivals like Dussehra and Navaratri, attracting thousands of devotees.
- **Cultural Impact:** Acts as a center for religious and cultural activities, playing a significant role in the spiritual life of the region.



Bhavani Island

- ▶ **Location:** Bhavani Island is located in the Krishna River, near Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh, India.
- ▶ It is one of the largest river islands in the country and is a popular tourist destination.
- ▶ Accessible by boat, the island offers a serene escape with lush greenery and scenic landscapes.
- ▶ Visitors can engage in various recreational activities such as boat rides, water sports, and nature walks provide a peaceful retreat..
- ▶ The island has facilities for picnics, making it a favorite spot for families and friends.



Conclusion

- ▶ Our journey was greatly enhanced by an immersive experience of cultural and historical richness. Delving into the intricate mosaic of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh was a truly delightful endeavor. We delved deep into the region's customs, traditions, and the genuine hospitality of its residents.
- ▶ We extend our heartfelt gratitude to **Shri Sukumar** and **Shri Srinivas** for their indispensable guidance and support throughout this expedition, facilitating a seamless and enlightening experience.



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