

Ancient Two Temples in Kurnool, District, A.P.State.

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ABSTRACT:

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History of the Temple:

In 13th century the Kakatiya Emperor Prathapa Rudra Deva gifted Nandikotkur region to Sirisingadeva who was the then army chief of Kakaatiya Empire. Then this region was call Navanandikotkur and later on it took the name of Nandikotkur during this time Siriasingadeva kept his relatives and friends as guardians to the place, Atmakur, parumanchala, Lingapuram ,Byrapuram and Beeravolu Later in course of time, The Idol of Suryanarayana God(Sun God) was little damaged. During this time, the elders of the village formed a committee to restructure (or) reshape the Idol. The then Ex M.L.A. Sri Byreddy Rajasekhara Reddy garu supported them and got the Idol well structure and shaped. On the walls of the Temple, we find inscriptions and writings sculpted by Chalukya and Kakatiyas.

Description of the Temple:

To the right side of Suryanarayana temple, we find goddess Sari Bramarambika and Lord Mallikarjuna Swamy temples. In this temple Idols of goddess Chayadeva and Ushadeva (wits), have been installed. These temples are constructed according to Kakatiya architecture with the consent of Sri Prathaparudradeva, the empire of kakathiya. Navananda stupas were installed, following the Shiva tradition. The area of the temple occupies 10 acres and huge wall are constructed for the protection of the Temple; The Idol shrine and in the centre, Koneru (A stone faced tank with steps for bathing) and exist way, give a pleasant look to the pilgrims.

Importance of the Temple:

People from different places of the country visit this for the blessings of Lord Suryanarayana; since 1950 the regular on and daily prayers about rituals are performed, till today. During Ratha saphami, the rays of the Sun fall on the feet of Lord Suryanarayana Deva. Many People from the different parts of the Country flock at the temple to observe this great miracle. The Sun God here is also called as the God of Health.

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History of the temple:

Nearly 700(Seven Hundred Years) back the girl of Sri Rangapuram, A village which is on the other banks of the River Krishna, came to her in-leas house with a tradition of carry Seer of rise in her saree which is called (**Odibeeyam Telugu Word**). When she came with Odibeeyam to Tharthur a miracle happened that there was a Idol of Sri Ranganatha is her Odibeeyam, t hat is in her embrace. So this was thought be a great miracle of god Sri Ranganatha, so she installed the same Idol of Sri Ranganatha Swamy at that village. This was revealed as per the local puranas and chalukya inscriptions. Later M.L.A. the temple was renovated by tie Local people and constructed a big temple; the donors were Ex M.L.A. Byreddy Rajasekhara Reddy, M.L.A. Smt. Gowru **Charitha** Reddy and Educationalist Sri.K. Janardhana Reddy.

Description of the Temple:

At the temple has a wide area of 15 acres. The temple is constructed a beautiful with 3 staired gopuram in front of the temple. The Idol of Lord Hanuman and Mandapam, Antaralapam and Garbhagudi temples. In this temple there are also Idols of Lord Ganapathi, Nandi and Navagrahas. Sri Ranganatha Swamy of tharthur is said to be the incarnation of Lord Maha Vishnu, all the

people of nearly 20 villages in and around Tharthur visits the temple regularly. Nearby this temple we find temples of Bata Sunkulamma, Poleramma.

Importance of the Temple:

Since 700 years in A.P (State), Tharthur has gained its importance and popularity for its Jathara in the Name of Sri Ranganatha Swamy. This Jathara is celebrate in the month of April. It begins on Sriramanavami date and continues for 20 days, many Pilgrims from Telangana, A.P.(State) visit this place. In this Jathara there is a great exhibition of farmers. T h is exhibition has become very popular in state. Many farmers and Local peoples participate in this. The Ratha of Sri Ranganatha Swami pulled by the public and many people celebrate this occasion happy. Paruveta, There Prabha is most importance of the celebrations.

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