

01. Sri Ranganatha temple

Place - Rangasthala

District : Chikkaballapur

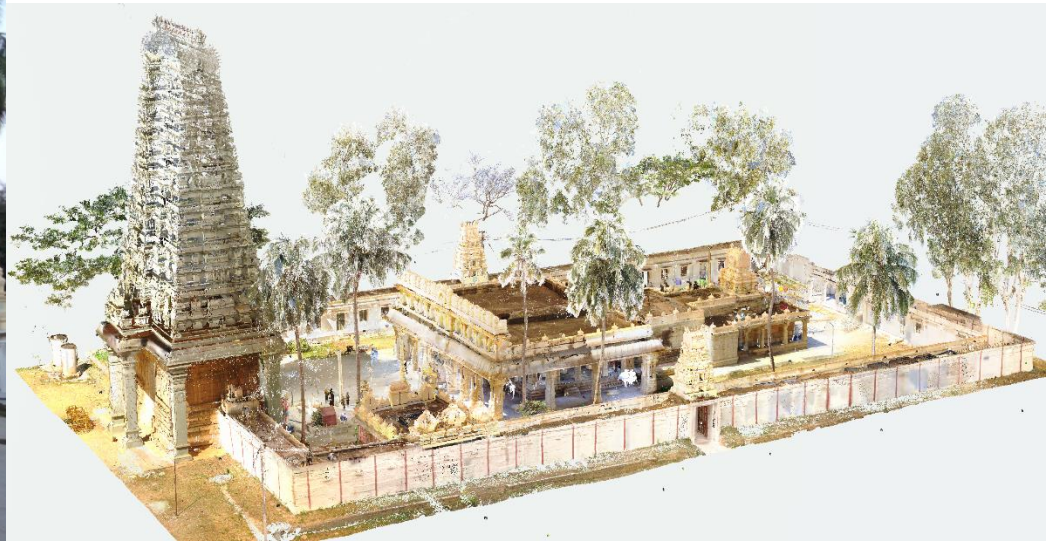
Taluk : Chikkaballapur

Locality : Rangasthala

Geo - Coordinates:

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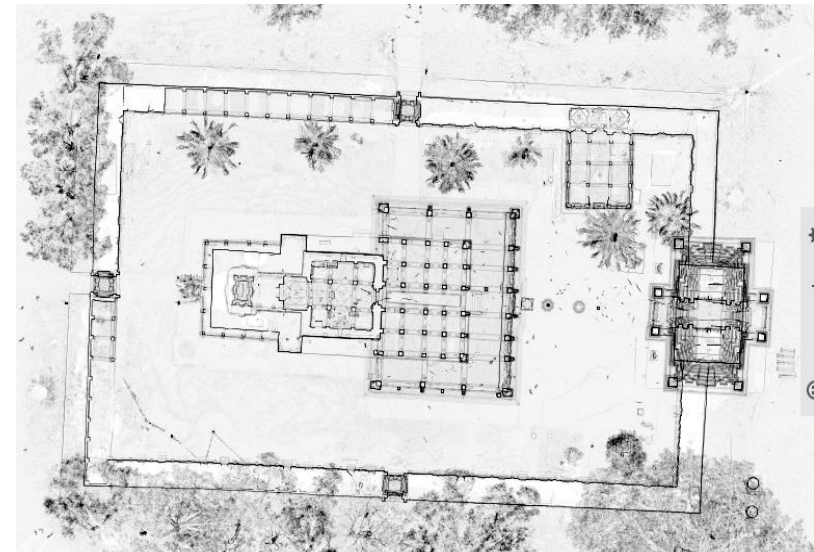
History

This is a large temple consisting of a *sandhara garbhagriha*, a *sukanasi*, a *navaranga*, a *mukhamantapa* and a *varandah* running round the *mukhamantapa*, all located in the middle of a large cloistered courtyard surrounded by a *prakara* wall. Its *mahadvara*, which faces south, is about 5.5 m high and there are doorways in the other three directions also. There are also pillared *mantapas* in front of the doorways except the east.

In the *garbhagriha* is a fine reclining figure of Ranganatha, about 1.2 m long, with the head to the west canopied by a five-hooded cobra. There are figures of Sridevi and Bhudevi seated at the Lord's feet. The *pradakshinapatha*, has two cells facing each other and house the images of gods, goddesses and Alvars.

The *mukhamantapa*, a fine structure, stands on an ornamental plinth supported by 24 sculptured pillars. The *varandah* which is on a lower level has 14 sculptured pillars, which are loftier and larger in size than those of the *mukhamantapa*. All the pillars are sculptured in three panels on all the sides. The *sikhara* over the *garbhagriha* resembles that of the temple at Srirangam, being in the shape of a basket, and is carved with figures. The *mahadvara* has a beautiful *dvaragopura*, renovated recently. It has two inner and two outer pairs of well-carved jambs, with male and female figures surmounted by scrollwork. In the *navaranga* are kept *utsavamurtis* of Ranganatha with consorts, Visvakshena, Ramanujacharya, Nammalvar and Chakrattalvar.

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02. Sri Venkataramanaswamy Temple Place - Alambagiri

District : Chikkaballapur
Taluk : Chinthamani
Locality : Alambagiri

Geo - Coordinates:
Lat : 13.342567 ° N
Long : 78.05389 ° E



History

The temple, located inside a spacious *prakara* with a *mahadvvara* on the east, consists of a *garbhagriha*, a closed *sukanasi*, an open *sukanasi*, a *navaranga* and a pillared *mantapa*. A shrine dedicated to Lakshmi is in the southwest corner of the *prakara*. Inside the *prakara*, to the right of the *mahadvvara* is a *Kalyana mantapa*.. The open *mantapa* in front is raised on 8 pillars standing on a platform. The pillars have projecting prancing lions.

An image of Venkataramana, about 1.5 m high is installed in the cella with Sri and Bhudevi images on either side of it. Metallic image of Vishnu and his consorts (utsava murtis), about 9 in number, are placed in the closed *sukanasi*. Two well-executed life-size *dvarapala* images are placed on either side of the *navaranga* doorway. The pillars in the front *mantapa* have the images of *Gandabherunda*, dancing Krishna, Chandra, Hanuman, Narasimha, Lakshminarasimha, etc. The Lakshmi shrine consists of a *garbhagriha* and a *sukanasi*. In front of the pillared *mantapa* is a small shrine in which an image of Garuda is placed. Behind this shrine is a *dwajastambha* and a *balipitha*.

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03. SRI BHEEMESHWARA AND NAKULESHWARA TEMPLE Place - Kaivara

District : Chikkaballapur
Taluk : Chinthamani
Locality : Kaivara

Geo - Coordinates:
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Long : 77.987508° E

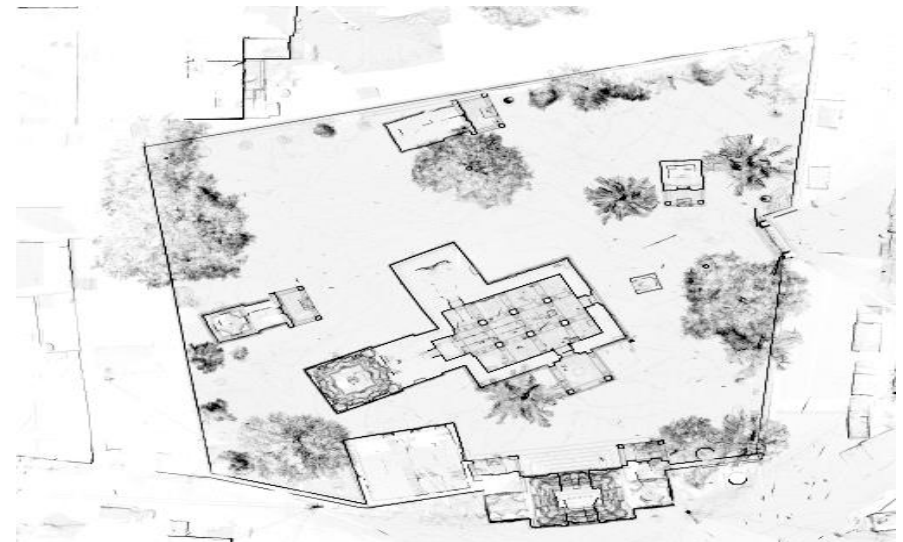


History

The Bhimeswara temple consists of a *garbhagriha*, a *navaranga*, a porch and a *mahadvara*. The *navaranga* has two entrances on the east and the south, the latter with a porch facing the *mahadvara*, and is supported by 6 pillars sculptured on all the four sides in three panels. The sculpture on one of the pillars illustrates the story of Bhima killing the demon Baka. Among the other sculptures on the pillars are, the hunter Kannappa keeping his leg on a *linga*, an elephant worshipping a *linga* with a lotus, Dakshinamurthy, a huntress getting out a thorn from her leg, Gandabherunda, sage Vyaghrapada, etc.

The Nakuleswara temple stands to the north of the Bhimeswara temple. It has a small towerless *garbhagriha* and an approach room in front. A *linga* is placed in the *garbhagriha*.

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04. Hussain Shah Dargah

Place - Hirebidanur

District : Chikkaballapur
Taluk : Gouribidanuru
Locality : Hirebidanur

Geo - Coordinates:
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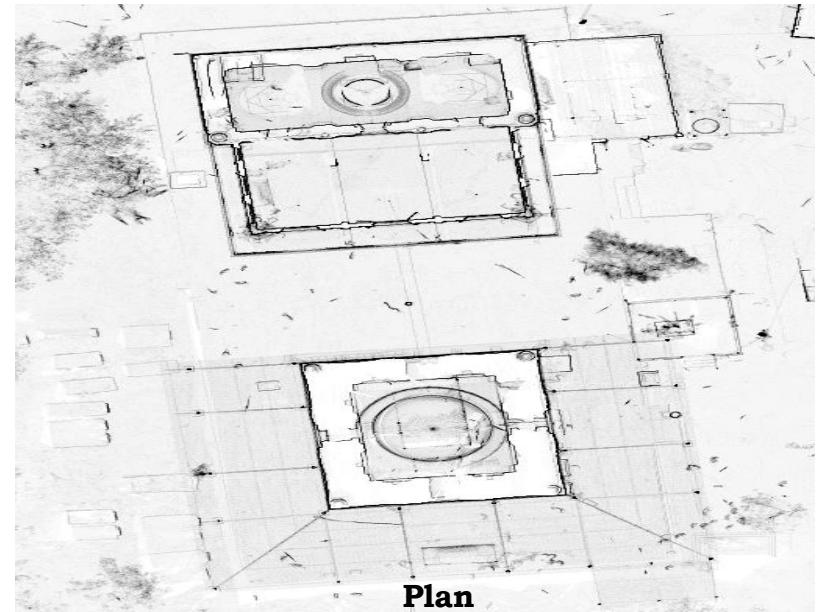


History

The dargah is popularly known as Nyamat Bi Darga, though it is named Hussain Shah Dargah in official records. It is located in Hirebidanur, Gowribidanur taluk, Chikkaballapura district. It is a square structure [almost], about 10.6 x 9.7 m, with a narrow doorway, four minarets at the corners and a big dome on the roof. There are drip stones all round. The *dargah* contains 4 tombs – from left to right:

1. of Hussain Shah, 2. of his wife Saidani Bi, 3. of his daughter-in-law Nyamati Bi, and 4. of Sakina Bi, daughter of Nyamati Bi. The intervening space between 3 and 4 is said to have been reserved for the tomb of Hussain Shah's son, who went away to Mecca leaving his parents and wife. Only the tomb of Nyamati Bi is worshipped.

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