

Famous Temples in Nandyala District, Andhrapradesh State

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ABSTRACT

1. Chenna Kesava Swamy temple:

Miduthur (Mandal) in Nandyala District of Andhra Pradesh State it belongs to Rayalaseema region it is located 40 kilometers From district head quarter.

Description of the temple:

At the temple has a wide area of 10 acres. The temple is constructed a beautiful with 3 staired gopuram in front of the temple. The idol of Lord Hanuman and Mandapam, Antarala and Garbhagudi temples. In this temple there are also idols of Lord Ganapati, Nandi, Navagrahas. Sri Swamy Temple of Miduthur is said to be the incarnation of lord Maha vishnu, all the people nearly 25 villages in and around Miduthur visit the temple regularly. Near by this temple of Bata Sunkulamma and Poleramma (Local goddess).



Local believe that in those days when caste system was so rigid and when Harijans (Scheduled Caste) were not allowed into the main temple of lord Chenna Kesava this temple was built for the benefit of the Harijans, particularly the Mala's community worship Chenna Kesava as their family deity. Devadasi or

Basini system was also practiced in front of Chenna Kesava mandapam by the Mala,s Community and other Sudras.

History of the temple:

The Great Vijayanagar rulers like Krishna Devaraya constructed a temple complex for the deity along with Chenna Kesava there are additional Shiva temple in this shrine. When Janamejaya son of Parikshit became the king he wanted to avenge the death of his father and performed sarpa yaga (serpent penance). The Saint Vasista asked Janamejaya to perform consecration (prathista) of Vaishnava Temple to redeem the sins of killing innocent snakes during the Sarpa yaga consequently, a Chenna kesava Idol was consecrated in Koundinya Asrama to perform regular poojas. After many years the idol was covered by an anthill Telugu Word(Putta), in the 11th century AD.

Importance of the Temple:

Since 130 years in AP state Miduthur, has gained its importance and popularity for its thirunaal Telugu world in the name of Sri Chenna Kesava swamy. This thirunaal is celebrated in the Month of May every year. It begins on after Sriramanavami date and continues for 10 days, many pilgrims from Telangana , AP state visit this place. Many farmers and local people participate in this thirunaal . The Ratha of Chenna Kesava Swamy is pulled by the public and many people celebrate this occasion happy. Paruveta, Theru prabha is most importance of the celebrations.

2. Omkaram temple:

Temple is located in Nallamala Forest , is a very small village in Bandi Atmakur Mandal in Nandyal District of Andhra Pradesh state .it is located 25 kilometers from Nandyal headquarter the temple is dedicated to Lord Siva.

Description of the temple:

The temple is located in Nallamala Forest. The temple is surrounded by thick forest and big Prakara whose walls are built of large blocks of granite accurately fitted. there are two entrances into the courtyard the one in the east by a Gopuram and another one is on the south the temple were constructed as a style of Badami Chalukya s and Vijayanagar rules the additional temple was constructed and developed by the local rulers of Nandas the main shrines lord siva and Parvathi Devi are situated in the east.



History of the temple:

According to the Omkaram Siva Temple constructed by Vysamaharshi is the period of Krishna Devaraya temple is an ancient historical spiritual and meditation place. Then the Ex- Minister of Bellary Gali Janardhana Ready supported to the funds for the walls of the temple we find inscription and writing sculpted by Chalkya,s and Vijay Nagar rulers.

Importance of the Temple:

People from different places of the country visit this for the blessing of Shiva and Parvati. Since 1998 the regular and daily prayers about rituals are performed till today. Mahashivratri is a great celebrated here.

3. Nandavaram Temple:

Nandavaram is a small village in the Banaganapalli, District of Nandyal Andhra Pradesh state. It belongs to Rayalaseema region it is located 32 kilometers from district head quarter.

Description of the temple:

The village is a best known for the famous Chowdeshwari Devi (Kasi Vishal Lakshmi) temple. It is said that the goddess is Chowdeshwari Nandavaram Presiding deity of Nandavarika Brahmin community and so they took great responsibility in funding this temple as well as providing basic amenities to the pilgrims. Nandavarika Brahmins are allowed to enter the Garbhagriha and perform the Pooja rituals to Goddess Devi. Through the year many devotees come here to visit his famous temple.

**Importance of the temple:**

Temple is the Mahashivratri which is celebrated in the month of every year February and March. This festival is celebrated. One of the great and remarkable temples of South India. It is located on the Bank of the river of Kundu, devotees come from different places like Telangana, Maharashtra, Karnataka and Tamilnadu to visit and offer prayers at Nandavaram.

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