

## **A Report on Heritage Walk and Crafts Corner**

**TITLE:** Heritage Walk and Crafts Corner  
**DURATION:** 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023  
**PLACE:** Mandya and Tumkur  
**ORGANIZER:** NSS, Acharya Institute of Technology

The Department of Mechatronics Engineering organized Heritage Walk to Adichunchungiri, and Yedyuru Siddhalingeswara Temple of Mandya and Tumkur district, Karnataka state, as a part of the Social Connect & Responsibilities (SCR) Course for 3rd sem students on 1st March 2023. A total of 46 students were part of the Heritage Walk along with three faculty members. This SCR activity was initiated by Mr Sandeep K, Assistant Professor, Department of MT, along with Mrs Bhagirath. V, Assistant Professor, and Mr. Chandrashekhhar L, Assistant Professor, Department of Mechatronics Engineering, AIT.

### **Details of the Walk:**

The travel started from the Acharya Institute of Technology campus at 9:30 AM and reached the Adichunchungiridestination by 11:00 AM. The team members visited Kalabhairaveshwara temple, the cultural heritage of Karnataka. The Team left for Yedyuru Siddhalingeswara Temple by 2.30 pm and visited the Markonahalli Dam, and concluded the journey by 5:00 pm at the Acharya campus. The Social Connect & Responsibilities is activity-based that offers a set of activities for the students to connect with fellow human beings, nature, society, and the world at large. Heritage walk helps students know the culture of the place, connect to the people around, and know the place along with its historical importance.

### **Objectives**

1. Knowing the history and culture of the city.
2. Connecting to the people around through their history.

### **Outcomes**

1. Promotes connections between individuals by fostering awareness, comprehension, and appreciation
2. Provided information about the different social players and the social context.

3. Assisted in identifying and comprehending the requirements of society and the environment.
4. Emphasized respectful and caring interactions with others and the natural environment.

### About the Place of Visit

#### 1. ADHICHUNCHUNAGIRIHILLS

Adichunchanagiri is also known as kalabhairaveshwara swamy temple. It is at a height of 3,300ft. It is surrounded by dense forest where peacocks roam freely and so it is called as Mayuravana. Lord Gangadhareshwara is the deity worshipped here. It is said that at the time of moonrise, the hills appear like the moon crested Shiva.

It is one of the ancient temples whose history runs for about 2000 years. Ancient Vedic culture was founded here. All the yagnas and prayers along with natural resonance are the reason for spirituality present here. According to mythology, it is believed that Lord Shiva killed two demons chuncha and kancha here. After that, he gave the place to Siddha yogi who established a Natha tradition. Shiva also guided him to disseminate the righteousness in the society. People believe that this place has a tradition from the days of Ramayana. Moreover, the place is referred in inscriptions as Chunchanakote (1205 A.D.) Chunchanahalli (1484 A.D), Adichunchanagiri (1896 A.D) and was a part of ancient Kalkuninaduduring Hoysala regime. Until now, nine inscriptions (four in Chunchanahalli and five on the hill) are reported from this place. The Matha has a Siddha Seat as well as ancient temple of gods Chandramouleshwara, Annapurneshwari and Bhairava. Towards the south of the Matha there is a Kalyani, referred as Bindu Sarovara. Sri Annadani Matha with JwalaPectha (firechair) here is a special attraction

## Photographs of Adichunchungiri



Sri Kalabhairavaeshwara



Kambadamma



### Yedyur Siddhalingeshwara Temple

The Yedyur Siddhalingeshwara Swamy temple is a famous temple of lord Siddhalingeshwara. The temple is situated in the Kunigal town of Tumkur district. It has the samadhi of Tonda Siddhalinga, a great saint from the late 15th century. The architect of the temple is beautifully carved and eye-catching. The little details on the bells, jewels, and vessels, add beauty to the temple. The temple has a chariot and some inscriptions, determining the spiritual greatness of the Sage. It is said that Shri Siddhalinga Swamy was not born out of the mother's womb but appeared as an infant child to a childless couple. He was a great spiritual teacher and used to travel across due to his preachings, which has gathered several disciples. The disciples have written on Lingayat faith and philosophy based on his teaching. People believe that he is the incarnation of lord shiva and has the power to cure the problems of all people from different religions.

Many special rituals are performed every year such as the temple holds a 15 daylong 'Jathra', starting from the 7th day after 'Ugadi'. The 'Jathra' is conducted to mark the attainment of Samadhi by Shri Siddhalingeshwara Swamy. During Maha Shivarathri, a Hindu festival, Sahasra Rudrabhisheka is performed at the temple. The last day of Karthika month is celebrated by lighting Laksha Deepa (one lakh lamps) around the temple. During the month of Shravana, special poojas namely Sahasra kamala pooja (one thousand lotus flowers) and Laksha Bilvarchana (one lakh bilva leaves) pooja are performed. On every new moon day, Kumbhahisheka is performed in the temple.

# Photographs of Yedyur Siddhalingeswara



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