

## TOURIST PLACES IN SURPUR

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### ABSTRACT

*In Hyderabad Karnataka area, Surpur taluk is very attractive and beautiful because of tourist places, temples, forts beautiful with, and Krishna Villesh River etc. It is a land of music, art and painting, architecture. There are several cultural centers which attract the tourist from all over Karnataka. Kodekal Basavanna, the place has many historical and many natural tourist attraction and yet the same time the place have the religious, Historical monuments have been the attraction of the place. The many dynasties have ruled the Surpur among them was the Nayakar had important place in the history of Surapur. Which played very important role in the freedom movement of the India in general and particularly to the Karnataka? They have been strong opposed the British rule of law and they have fought against their atrocities.*

**KEYWORDS:** *Freedom, Rule of law, Atrocities, Monuments, Religious Monuments, Natural Places and Tourist Attraction.*

### INTRODUCTION:

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### KODAKAL BASAVANNA:

In the famous historical town of Kodakal, there is a temple of Kodekal Basavanna famous for prophetic saying which are spread over the land. There is anna dasoha to all his devotees. This ancient temple has got a great spiritual power. Another feature is that it reflects harmony between the Hindus and Muslims two dominant

religious of this area. Religious equality, amity and harmony are the basic principles preached by the saint Kodekal Basavanna. This temple is 42 km away from the town of Surpur.

### **MOUNESHWAR TEMPLE OF TINTANI:**

The Mouneshwar temple of Tinthani is another more attractive tourist place because of the beautiful temple of Mouneshwar built in mixed style of architecture. Saint Mouneshwar born and lived during 17<sup>th</sup> Century propogated the ideas of inter-religious harmony and religious tolerance. He was not only a mystic but also a serious social thinker and reformer. Like Basavanna and Sarvagna he criticized social evils like meaningless religious rituals, practices and supertious, hypocrising of the upper class and upper caste people. He preaches the unity of all religion. According to him there is only one God for both the Hindus and Muslims. It is the temple where the graves of his and his muslim guru are built on one on other. The Samadi of his guru is in the underground and above that there is samadi of Lord Mouneshwara.

### **VENU GOPAL TEMPLE:**

The historically famous temple of Venu Gopal is at the centre of Surpur town. It is build during the early 18h Century by the Surpur King. There are holy statue of Alavas within the inner temple. Every year there will be huge Jatra to celebrate the birthday of Lord Krishna. Hundred and thousands of people gather to see the procession and worship of their deity. People offer coconuts and archana to the God of Venu Gopal. Several sports rustling, climbing the pillar are arranged to entertain and delight the people. The celebration is very unique.

### **TAYLOR MANZIL:**

This is the building of residency where colonel Philip Meadows Taylor lived as a administrative and ruler under aegis of the Nawab of Hyderabad. This speciality of historical famous building that it is at the level of 1866 feet above the sea level on the top of a hill. Military point of view this is built in a strategic place and the inner doors all vibrate and make sound if anybody knocks at the main door. There is a Divan Khan, kitchen, spacious bedroom and also rooms for the servants. One can see the whole town of Surpur from this place he has mentioned about the architectural beauty of this building. in his autobiography, the story of my life.

### **TEMPLE OF CHAYA OF BHAGAVATI:**

Unlike, any temple in Surpur taluk, Chaya Bhagavati temple is built inside rocky hill. It is 65 KM away from the town of Narayanapur and on the left bank of Krishna River. In this cave temple there are Mantapa, inner temple

and padakas of (feet marks) Brahma Vishnu and Goddess Bhagavati. There is also installation of Shivalinga. Chaya Bhagavati being a relative of lord sun god. She made penance in the place. In spring season, everyday forest rays of the sun. It fall on the face of Goddess Bhagavati Chaya means shadow. She is the Goddess of shadow. The people come from far of places and stay there for sometime worship their goddesses and experience the spiritual power of this ancient place. This is another important tourist place.

### **LARGE SCALE GRAVESTONES OF RAJA KOLURU:**

There pre-historic gravestone of large scale is found in the village je as Raja Koluru. This place is 42 KM away from the town of Surpur. More than 800 relics of the Stone Age culture were explored during the excavation for making a river canal. Those relics belong to the cookery ranting tools and other kinds. Items belong the primitive men and women. There large scale grave stone are found in a valley of 3 to 4 acres. Some people call them as houses of pigmies, Bhuddist Bikshu and people belong to Maurya Empire. more historical research yet to be carried on in this area.

### **BONAL BIND SANCTUARY:**

This is the only and most important bind sanctuary in north Karnataka area. It is 10 KM away from the town of Surpur. This was the place of vast collection of water and it is called the biggest reservoir, colonel meadows Taylor took lot of interest in developing this sanctuary where a wide variety of beautiful birds come and stay here in a certain season.

### **BASAVA SAGAR DAM:**

B.S. Dam is built across Krishna River. It is 85 KM away from the town of Surpur. Foundation stone was laid by Lal Bhahadur Sastri in 1964. It is vast reservoir providing water supply to five lakh hector area. The dam is close to the small village called Siddapur. Below the dam, beautiful rose gardens are created with water springs and varieties of plants trees are found in the garden. For tourist the best season to visit this dam in the month of July and August. The tourist enjoys seeing huge reservoir.

### **HOT WATER SPRINGS OF VAJJALA:**

It is 52 KM away from the town Surpur. There are not water springs by the side of the temple of Ramalingeshwara. This is in only hot water spring in Yadgir district and it provider hot water and year 12 month of the year. The tourist comes visit this place and see the wonder.

### **THE HILLS OF KUPPI:**

It is 50 KM away from the town of Surpur. There are some pre-historic places called small hills of Kuppi. This tourist see this natural beauty of the Kuppi Hills.

### **THE MONUMENT OF CAPTAIN GEORGE NAWBBURY:**

Captain George Nawbbury was the commander of British Regiment of British Indian army where with his army he came to attack the fort of Surpur. King Raja Venkatappa Nayak becomes ready to face him in the battlefield it is in the place of Rukmapure, he branch fought and died. He was buried with all military honours. His mounemtn is of historic significance.

### **WATER FALL OF DABADABI:**

It is 32 KM away from the Surpur. There is a waterfall called dabadabi. The water jumps of height of 10 feet and it is wonderful to see the water falling. There are small temples of Maheshwara Marthanda and Eshwar. There are beautiful statue of Shiva Durga and Mahesh Mardini.

### **THE OTHER INTERESTING TOURIST PLACES IF RAYANA PALYA:**

This place is very close to Rajan Kollur which is 50 KM away from the town of Surpur. Because of, son-in-law of Ramaraya came there during the battle of Vijayanagar. It is called Rayon Palya, the fort has two huge doors and it is beautiful to see.

### **MARADI MALLIKARJUN TEMPLE OF LAXMIPURA:**

This is at another important tourist place. There is a beautiful temple of Lord Mallikarjun (Lord Shiva). It is a main road of Shahapur and Surpur. It is just below the rocky hill. It is also very attractive place. It is on the top of the hill. It is surrounded by other hisotical places like Taylor Manzil, Mahanandi Hill, Rotti Stone hill, and Horse hill. They are all naturally made beautiful places in Surpur taluk. Tourists from the different parts of the Karnataka come here to see and enjoy.

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