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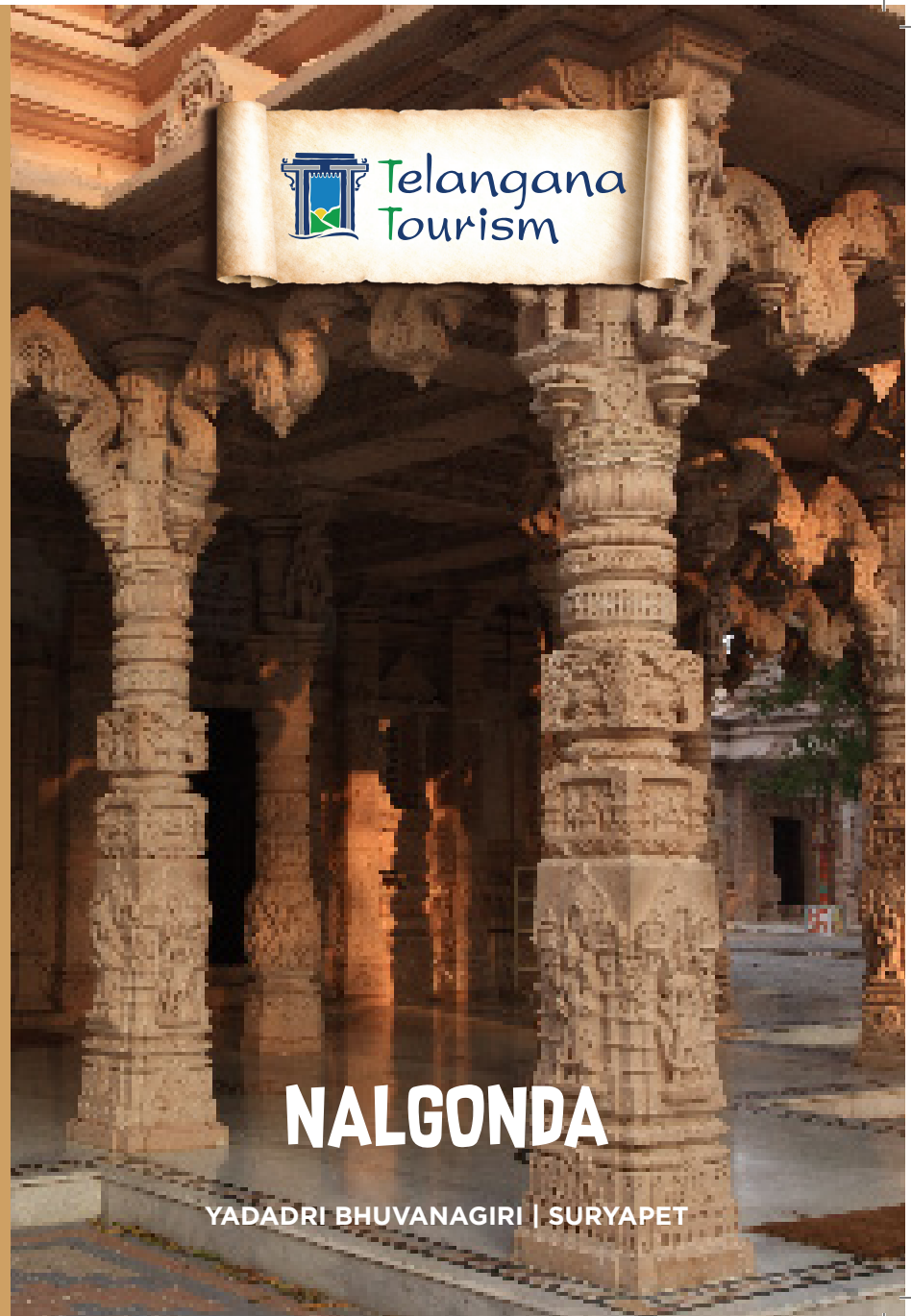
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NALGONDA

YADADRI BHUVANAGIRI | SURYAPET



Tourist map of Nalgonda



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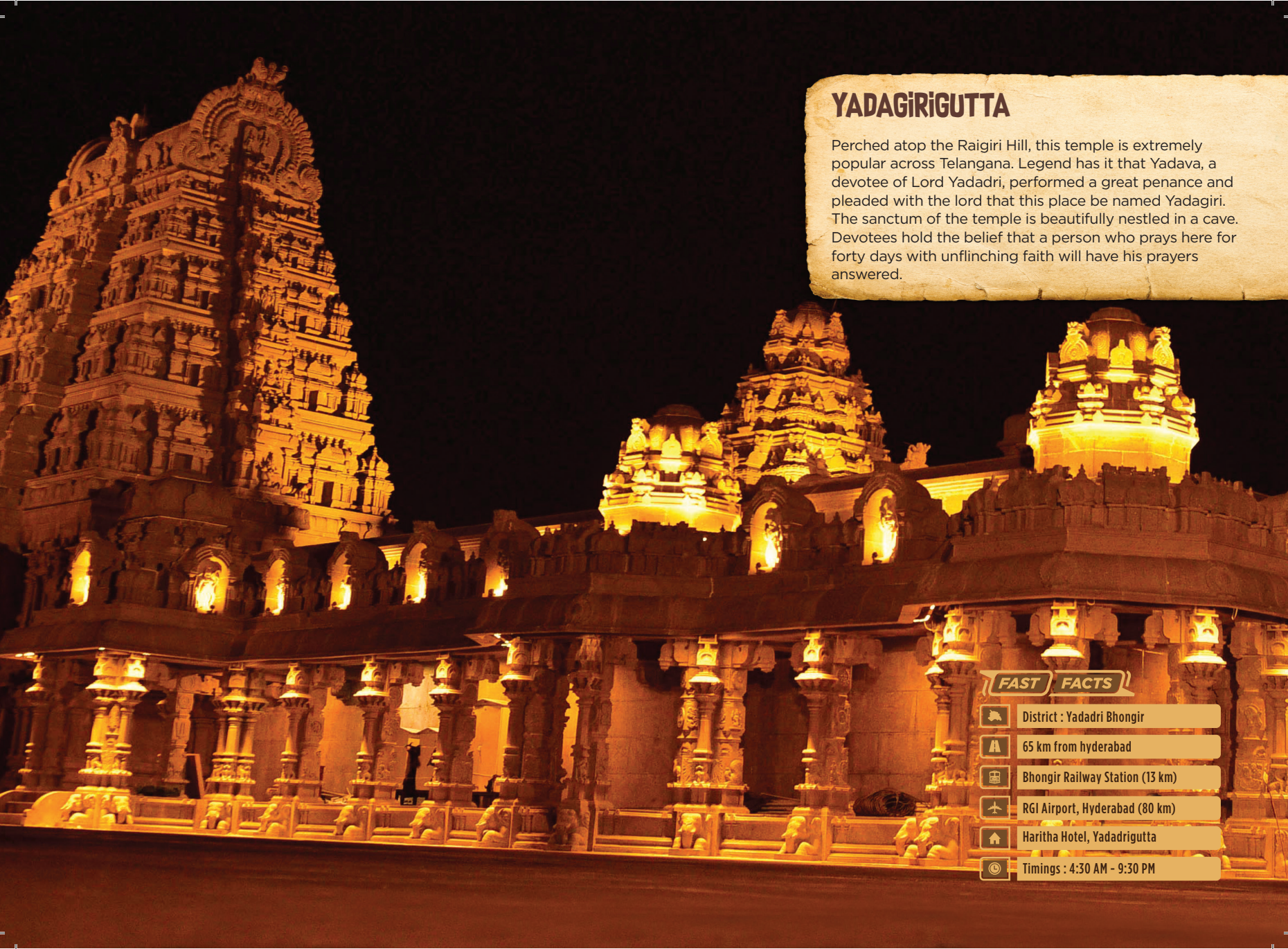
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Nalgonda in Telangana stands out as a region with significant Buddhist settlements that have been carefully restored to their former glory. During the construction of Nagarjuna Sagar Dam, a treasure trove of ancient ruins including revered Stupas, Viharas, Monasteries, and a university were discovered, offering valuable insights into the Buddhist way of life. Other locations such as Gajulabanda, Nandikonda, and Phanigiri also preserve Buddhist relics for visitors to discover. The theme park Sriparvatam showcases Telangana's rich Buddhist heritage and has become a popular tourist destination. Along with its numerous waterfalls, the park features a stunning Jain temple, making it an ideal destination for tourists seeking an immersive cultural experience. Come and explore the fascinating world of Telangana's Buddhist history. Nalgonda is presently divided into Nalgonda, Yadadri and Suryapet.



YADAGIRIGUTTA

Perched atop the Raigiri Hill, this temple is extremely popular across Telangana. Legend has it that Yadava, a devotee of Lord Yadadri, performed a great penance and pleaded with the lord that this place be named Yadagiri. The sanctum of the temple is beautifully nestled in a cave. Devotees hold the belief that a person who prays here for forty days with unflinching faith will have his prayers answered.

FAST FACTS



District : Yadadri Bhongir



65 km from Hyderabad



Bhongir Railway Station (13 km)



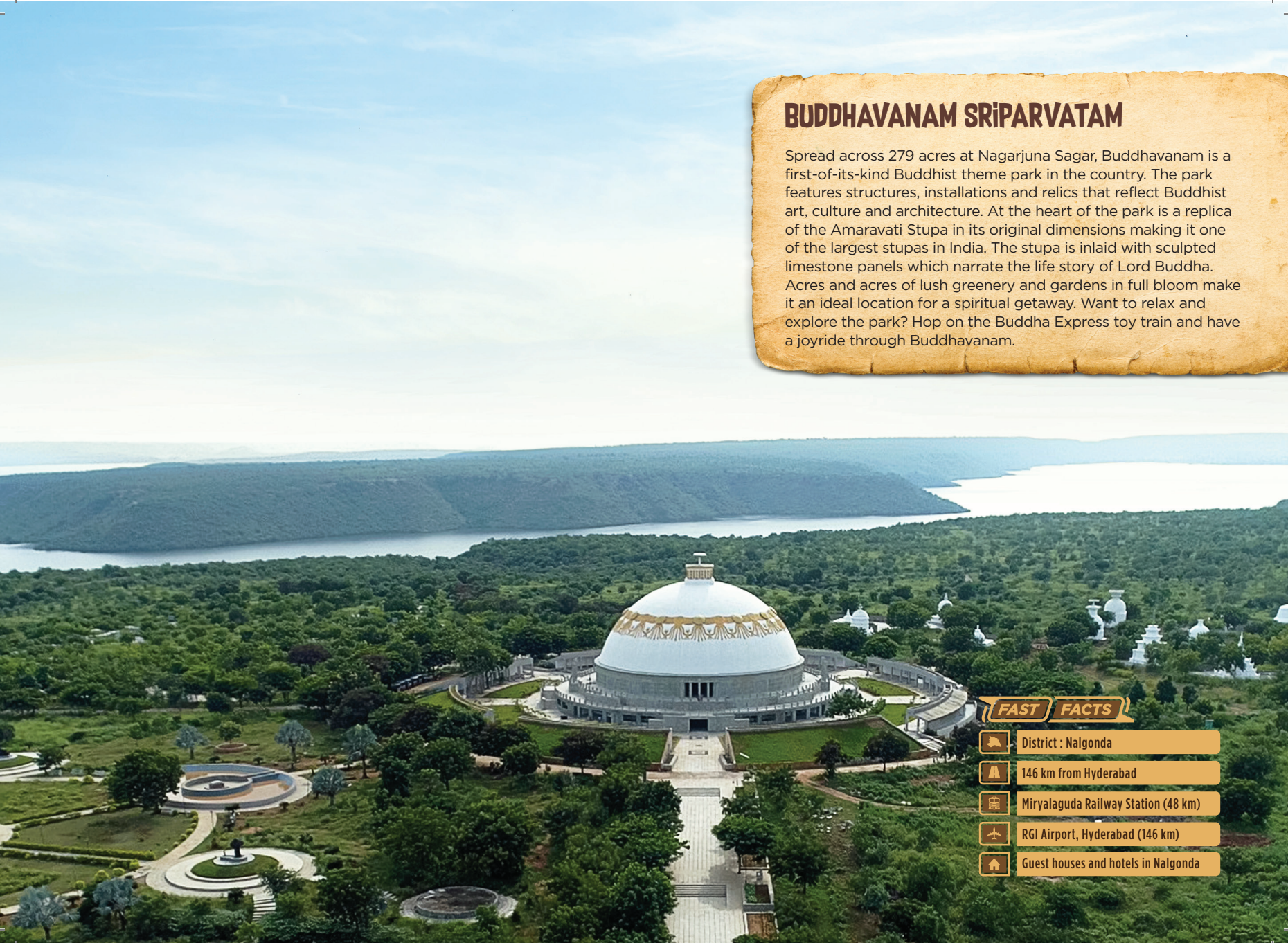
RGI Airport, Hyderabad (80 km)



Haritha Hotel, Yadadrigutta



Timings : 4:30 AM - 9:30 PM

An aerial photograph of Buddhavanam Sriparvatam, a large Buddhist theme park. The central feature is a massive white dome with a golden band around its base, surrounded by lush green trees and manicured lawns. In the background, a large reservoir is visible, bordered by green hills under a clear blue sky. The entire scene is captured from a high vantage point, showing the scale of the park and its integration with the natural landscape.

BUDDHAVANAM SRIPARVATAM

Spread across 279 acres at Nagarjuna Sagar, Buddhavanam is a first-of-its-kind Buddhist theme park in the country. The park features structures, installations and relics that reflect Buddhist art, culture and architecture. At the heart of the park is a replica of the Amaravati Stupa in its original dimensions making it one of the largest stupas in India. The stupa is inlaid with sculpted limestone panels which narrate the life story of Lord Buddha. Acres and acres of lush greenery and gardens in full bloom make it an ideal location for a spiritual getaway. Want to relax and explore the park? Hop on the Buddha Express toy train and have a joyride through Buddhavanam.

FAST FACTS

-  District : Nalgonda
-  146 km from Hyderabad
-  Miryalaguda Railway Station (48 km)
-  RGI Airport, Hyderabad (146 km)
-  Guest houses and hotels in Nalgonda



FAST FACTS

-  District : Suryapet
-  124 km from Hyderabad
-  Suryapet Railway Station (44 km)
-  RGI Airport, Hyderabad (163 km)
-  Guest houses and hotels in Suryapet



NANDIKONDA

Nandikonda village is situated along the banks of the River Krishna. The village gained popularity following the sudden discovery of Buddhist structures, including monasteries and pillared halls. These excavated structures are now on display at the Museum of the Central Archaeological Department, showcasing the rich cultural heritage of the region.

FAST FACTS

-  District : Nalgonda
-  151 km from Hyderabad
-  Nalgonda Railway Station
-  RGI Airport, Hyderabad (178 km)
-  Guest houses and hotels in Nalgonda

GAJULABANDA

Gajulabanda rose to prominence after excavations in the area unearthed Buddhist structures including a stupa, a vihara complex and a chaitya. What's interesting is that the stupa discovered here has unique features that distinguish it from those found in Nagarjunakonda and Amaravati. Aside from the antiques recovered from the site, which include stucco figurines, two limestone lions with intricate carvings were also discovered during the excavations.



PILLALAMARRI TEMPLE

The village of Pillalamarri is renowned for the many temples built during the mighty reign of the Kakatiyas. These shrines are magnificently adorned with frescos, inscriptions, and beautifully carved stone pillars. Devotees throng the shrine of Lord Chennakeshava Swamy nearby. Every year, from February to March, the temple hosts grand annual celebrations that attract large crowds.

FAST FACTS

-  District : Suryapet
-  130 km from Hyderabad
-  Suryapet Railway Station (10 km)
-  RGI Airport, Hyderabad (85.1 km)
-  Guest houses and hotels in Suryapet



BHONGIR FORT

The Bhongir Fort sits atop a sturdy single rock formation on a hilltop. Spread across 40 acres and standing at a height of 500 feet, this magnificent fort was built by the Western Chalukya ruler Tribhuvanamalla Vikramaditya. It has a unique construction with two grand entry points that are protected by rocks. Other tourist attractions at the fort include a moat that encircles the fort, a vast underground chamber, trap doors, an armoury, stables, ponds, wells, etc. From the fort, one can get a fascinating view of the countryside.

FAST FACTS

- District : Yadadri Bhongir
- 48 km from Hyderabad
- Bhongir Railway Station (79 km)
- RGI Airport, Hyderabad (116 km)
- Guest houses and hotels in Yadadri

MATTAPALLY

Mattapally is renowned for the Sri Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy temple, located on the picturesque banks of the Krishna River. Visit during the Vaikunta Ekadasi festival and the Janu Mahotsvam in May, when grand celebrations are held, drawing devotees from far and wide.



FAST FACTS

- District : Suryapet
- 215 km from Hyderabad
- Miryalguda Railway Station (54 km)
- RGI Airport, Hyderabad (150 km)
- Guest houses and hotels in Suryapet



PHANIGIRI

Phanigiri is located around 35 km from Suryapet. The place gained prominence following the excavation of a Buddhist settlement dating back to the 1st and 2nd century AD. Visitors can explore over 25 Chaitya halls, stupas, and viharas, characterized by thick brick walls. The limestone sculptures found here are remarkable works of expressive art. Additionally, a Sri Rama temple is located at this site, adding to its spiritual significance.

FAST FACTS

- District : Suryapet
- 127 km from Hyderabad
- Suryapet Railway Station (42 km)
- RGI Airport, Hyderabad (165 km)
- Guest houses and hotels in Suryapet
- Timings : 6 am - 6 pm

RAMAGIRI



The Sri Sita Ramachandra Swamy Devasthanam has a history dating back approximately 200 years. Originally situated in Malboul, the temple was relocated to its present location. The temple now houses an idol of Andalamma (Godadevi) and is known for the grand celebration of the Andalu Kalyanam festival.

FAST FACTS

	District : Nalgonda
	102 km from Hyderabad
	Nalgonda Railway Station
	RGI Airport, Hyderabad (118 km)
	Guest houses and hotels in Nalgonda

WADAPALLY



This beautiful town is situated at the confluence of two rivers - Krishna and Musi. The place is known for the Sri Meenakshi Agastheswara Swamy temple, which was built by the Kakatiya rulers during the 12th century. This temple features a unique attribute - a crevice at the top of the Shivalinga filled with water. Even if water is removed from the crevice, the original water level remains unchanged, making it a fascinating sight to behold.

FAST FACTS

	District : Nalgonda
	170 km from Hyderabad
	Miryalaguda Railway Station (28 km)
	RGI Airport, Hyderabad (183 km)
	Guest houses and hotels in

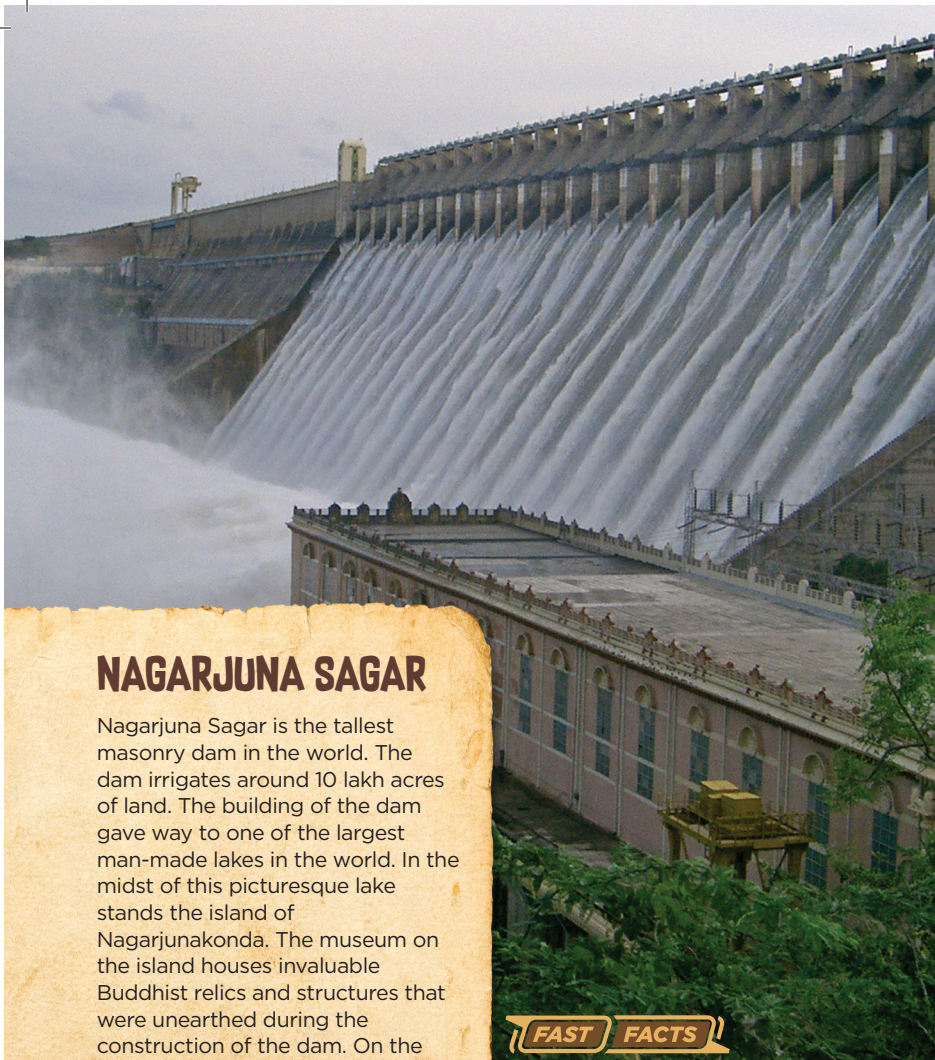


This brilliantly sculpted Jain temple was constructed in the 4th century, making it over 2,000 years old. History indicates Jainism flourished during this era. The specialty of this temple is that the deity in the temple is around 1.5 meters high and devotees regularly throng the temple to pay their homage. Nearby one can find the Veerananayana Swamy Temple which was built around 1104 AD. Someshwara Swamy temple which is a splendid

example of western Chalukya architecture and Kolanupaka Museum.

FAST FACTS

	District : Yadadri Bhongir
	78 km from Hyderabad
	Aler Railway Station (6 km)
	RGI Airport, Hyderabad (108 km)
	Guest houses and hotels in Yadadri



NAGARJUNA SAGAR

Nagarjuna Sagar is the tallest masonry dam in the world. The dam irrigates around 10 lakh acres of land. The building of the dam gave way to one of the largest man-made lakes in the world. In the midst of this picturesque lake stands the island of Nagarjunakonda. The museum on the island houses invaluable Buddhist relics and structures that were unearthed during the construction of the dam. On the banks of the Nagarjuna Sagar reservoir, the ruins of an ancient Buddhist settlement has been reconstructed, where visitors can view sacred stupas, viharas, monasteries, a university and an altar.

FAST FACTS

	District : Nalgonda
	00 km from Hyderabad
	Nalgonda Railway Station (65 km)
	RGI Airport, Hyderabad (165 km)
	Haritha Vijay Vihar Hotel



POCHAMPALLY

Pochampally sarees are known the world over because of their exquisite weaving. The skillful weavers almost spin magic with their hands, utilizing techniques passed down from generation to generation. Pochampally weave is also known as Ikat or tie and dye weave. What sets it apart is the process of transferring designs and colours onto the warp and weft, which are then woven together. The fabric is typically cotton, silk, or sico, and sometimes a fascinating blend of these. All colours are derived from natural sources.

FAST FACTS

	District : Yadadri Bhongir
	42 km from Hyderabad
	Bhongir Railway Station (95 km)
	RGI Airport, Hyderabad (116 km)
	Guest houses and hotels in Yadadri

PANAGAL

At Panagal, one can witness the beautiful temples Pachchala Someshwara and Chaya Someswara. Built during the 11th and 12th centuries, Chaya Someswara temple has amazing sculptures on its walls and pillars, depicting various stories from the Ramayana and the Mahabharata. A few erotic images on the walls are evocative of the ones found in Khajuraho. The temple's enigma lies in the fact that the shadow of a pillar remains cast upon the Shivalinga from sunrise to sunset.



FAST FACTS

	District : Nalgonda
	101 km from Hyderabad
	Nalgonda Railway Station (3 km)
	RGI Airport, Hyderabad (165 km)
	Guest houses and hotels in Nalgonda