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HISTORICAL TOUR

TO

**UNDAVALLI CAVES, DR.BR.AMBEDKAR MEMORIAL STATUE
&
GANDHI HILL**

VIJAYAWADA

Krishna Dist. A.P

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A HISTORICAL TOUR was organized by the Department of History on **29-08-2024, at Vijayawada (UNDAVALLI CAVES, DR.BR.AMBEDKAR MEMORIAL STATUE&GANDHI HILL) Krishna Dist.** In this tour 2 Staff members and 27 Students participated.

HISTORY OF UNDAVALLI CAVES

The Undavalli caves are carved in the Gupta style of rock-cut architecture, dated back to the 4th-5th century CE. Most Gupta emperors were Vaishnavas; Many sculptures of the deity Narasimha, as well as other legends of Vishnu and from the text *Ramayana* are featured in the caves. These are associated with the Vishnukundina kings of 420–620 CE. These caves are dedicated to Ananta Padmanabha, a form of Vishnu laying upon Shesha. Later Jain and Buddhist monks used these caves as rest houses.

These caves were originally excavated through the rock face between the 4th and 5th centuries CE, and served as Buddhist monasteries or viharas for monks.



Undavalli Caves in Vijayawada

History of DR.BR.AMBETHKAR (memorial statue)

The *Statue of Social Justice* also known as the **Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Smriti Vanam** (English: *Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Memorial*), is a 206-ft tall statue located in Vijayawada in the Indian state of Andhra Pradesh. The memorial dedicated to B. R. Ambedkar, an Indian polymath, statesman, social reformer and the father of the Indian Constitution. This Ambedkar's statue is 206 feet (63 m) tall and stands on an 81 feet (25 m) tall base building, making its total height 206 feet (63 m). It is the fourth tallest statues in India.

Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar was a crusader for social justice and was the chief architect of India's Constitution which secured social and fundamental legal rights and equality for its citizens. A barrister, economist, politician and reformer, he was the first Law and Justice Minister of independent India. He was commonly known as the 'Champion of the Untouchables.'^{[7][8]}

The Government of Andhra Pradesh decided that on the occasion of 125th birth anniversary of Ambedkar i.e. 14 April 2016, an Ambedkar Memorial would be set up which would be 206 feet high. In April 2016, the then Chief Minister of Telangana, K. Chandrasekhar Rao, has also decided to install a 206-feet tall statue of Ambedkar in Hyderabad city.



Dr.Br.AMBETHKAR Statue in Vijayawada

History of GANDHI HILLS

The Gandhi Hill (elevation 500 ft (150 m)) is a hill in Vijayawada, situated behind the Vijayawada railway station in the Tarapet area. A Gandhi Memorial, built on this hill, is the first in the country to have seven stupas. The hill is also popularly known by the name of Gandhi.^{[1][2]} The hill was formerly known as ORR hill.

Gandhi Hill is considered as a monument of Indian Independence struggle and pays homage to Father of the nation, Mahatma Gandhi. The Gandhi Hill Memorial has a stone slab with inscriptions of Gandhi quotations. The facility has a library and a planetarium, and offers a show on the father of the nation. On 6 October 1968, a stupa 52 ft (16 m) tall was unveiled by former President of India, Dr. Zakir Hussain. There are also seven tall pillars, each 150 m (490 ft) tall.



STUDENTS AT GANDHI HILL IN VIAJAYAWADA

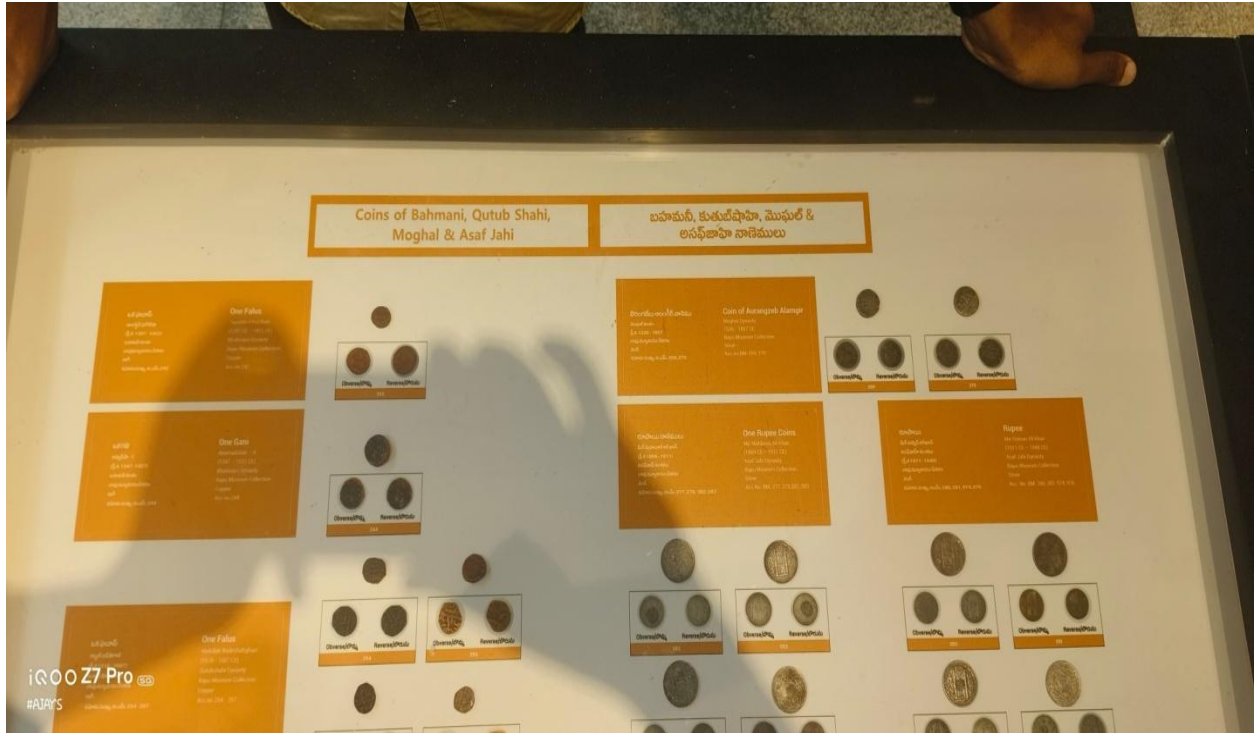
HISTORY OF ARCHEOLOGICAL MUSEUM - VIJAYAWADA

The museum was created as part of the celebrations of the Golden Jubilee of Queen Victoria in 1887. The foundation stone was laid by Robert Sewell, District Collector of Krishna district, on 27 June 1887. Sri Pingali Venkayya presented a tri-colour flag to Mahatma Gandhi at this location in 1921.

The Andhra Pradesh State Department of Archaeology and Museums is a department of the Government of Andhra Pradesh which oversees archaeological exploration and maintenance of heritage sites and museums in the Indian state of Andhra Pradesh. It was established in the year 1914 under the stewardship of Dr. Ghulam Yazdani. As a result of formation of A. P. State in 1956, the Department of Archaeology and Museums, Hyderabad was expanded and it became known as Andhra Pradesh Department of Archaeology and Museums in the year 1960. When the state of Telangana was formed in 2014, the department was separated into two; leading to disputes between the two newly formed departments over historical artifacts.



ARCHEOLOGICAL MUSEUM in Vijayawada



Archeology Museum



Vijayawada Junction Railway Station is an Indian Railways station in Vijayawada of Andhra Pradesh, categorized as a *Non-Suburban Grade-1 (NSG-1)* station in Vijayawada railway division. Situated at the junction of Howrah–Chennai and New Delhi–Chennai main lines, it is the fourth busiest railway station in the country after Howrah Junction, Kanpur Central and New Delhi. The station serves about 1.40 lakh passengers, over 190 express and 170 freight trains every day. It is one of the major railway junctions of the Indian Railways and is a nationally important halt. In September, 2023 It has been awarded Platinum Rating Certificate for its Environmental projects from IGBC (Indian Green Building Council)

Student & Staff at Vijayawada Railway Station



Staff & Students visiting the Kondapalli Toy shop

Students visiting Kondapalli Toy shops can learn about the rich cultural heritage and craftsmanship of the area. They can witness the handmade, intricately carved wooden toys, which are a hallmark of Kondapalli. These toys, often themed around mythology, rural life, and animals, offer a unique educational experience.

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Staff & Students at Kondapalli Fort