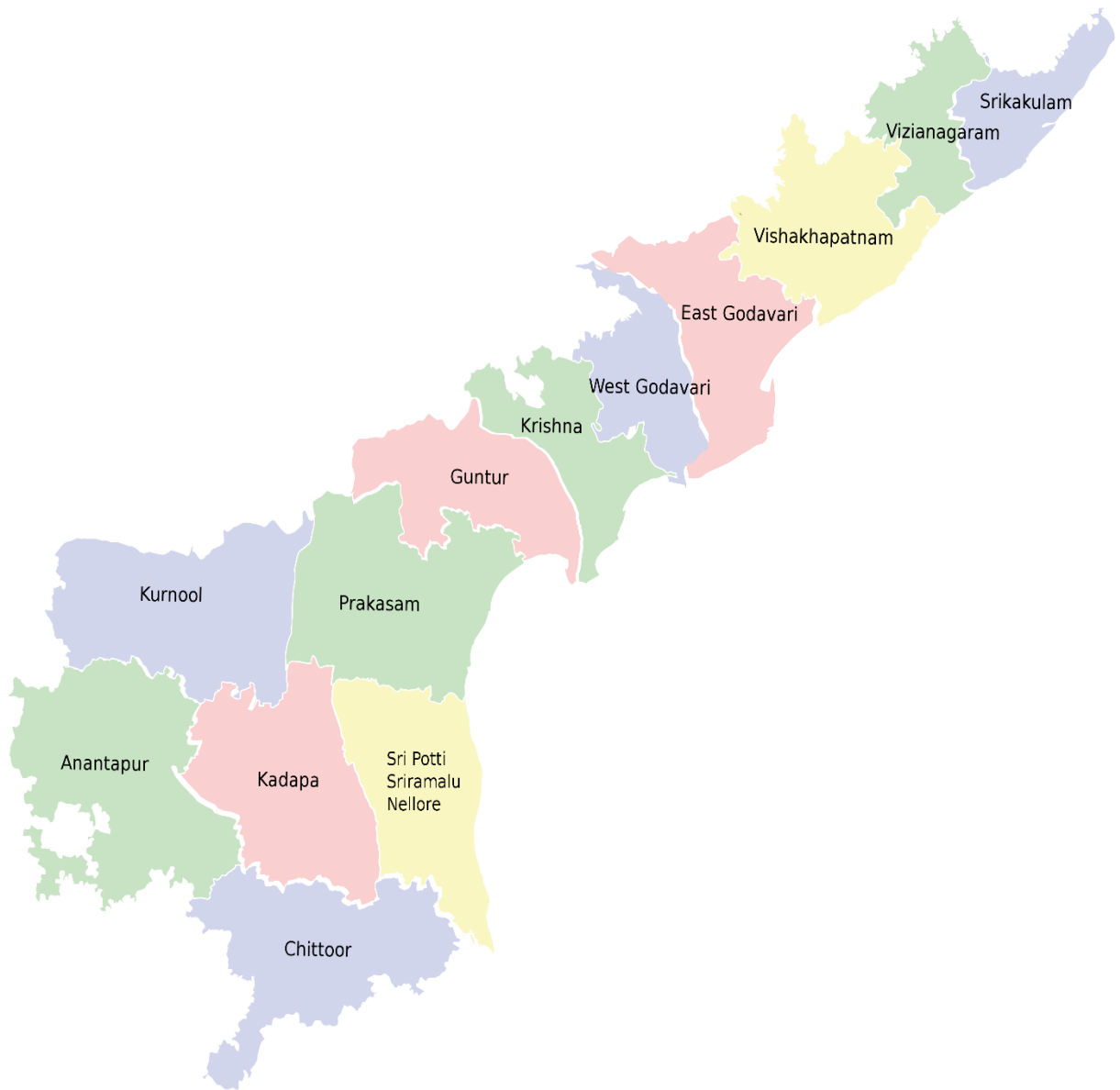




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ANDHRA PRADESH TEMPLES

Temples to be visited in Andhra Pradesh ...



1. Kanaka Durga Temple



Located in Vijayawada, Kanaka Durga Temple is one of the most famous temples in Andhra Pradesh. Kanaka Durga at temple on the Indrakeeladri hill is said to be self-manifested. Often considered as the presiding deity of Vijayawada, Kanaka Durga is found to be mentioned in the sacred texts as the Goddess of Power. Kanaka Durga Temple is believed to be built by Arjuna for Goddess Durga. Holding significant spiritual significance, this temple has been mentioned in Shiva-Leela

and Shakti-mahimas as well. This undoubtedly tops the list of the best temples in Andhra Pradesh.

Location: Arjuna Street Mallikarjunapeta Indrakeeladri, Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh 520001

2. Siva Mallikarjuna Temple



Located on the Nallamala Hills in Srisailem, Siva Mallikarjuna Temple is one of the twelve jyotirlingas of Lord Shiva that you will find in India. Holding importance to two Hindu sects i.e. Shaivism and Shaktam, this temple is also known for being one of the eighteen Shakti peethas of Goddess Parvati. At this temple, you will find Shiva represented as Mallikarjuna and Parvati as Brahmaramba. It tops the list of the most famous temples in Andhra Pradesh because of being one of the three temples that have jyotirlinga and is revered as Shaktipeeth.

Location: Srisailem, Andhra Pradesh 528102

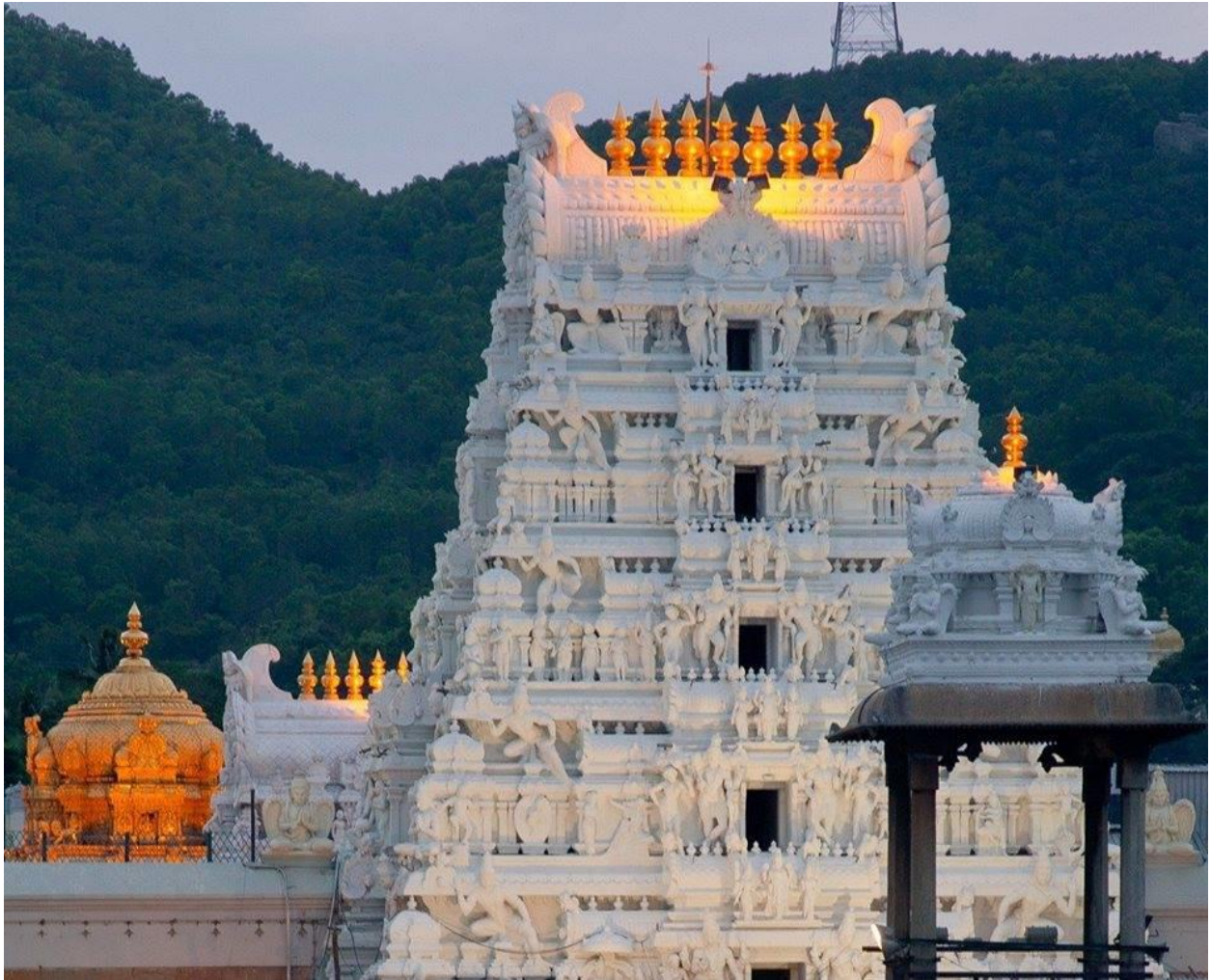
3. Veerabhadra Temple, Lepakshi



Lepakshi temple in Andhra Pradesh is known for being embellished with rich architecture and intricate arts. Located in Anantapur district, this temple takes pride in being home to one of the largest nandi statues in the country. The nandi statue here is made of granite and is monolithic. Constructed in the 16th century, this temple adorns itself with Vijayanagara style of architecture. The carvings and paintings will leave you speechless at the Lepakshi temple in Andhra Pradesh. According to Skanda Purana, this temple is believed to be one of the divya kshetram.

Location: Lepakshi, Andhra Pradesh 515331

4. Tirumala Venkateswara Temple



Known for being the richest Hindu temple in the world, Tirumala Venkateswara Temple is a Vaishnavite temple located in Chittoor district. Tirupati balaji temple in andhra pradesh is dedicated to Venkateswara who is said to be an incarnation of Lord Vishnu. Often recognized as Temple of Seven Hills, this temple adorns itself with Dravidian architecture. You will find the Vaikhanasa Agama tradition of worship to be followed here. Tirupati balaji temple in andhra pradesh is also known for being one of the eight Vishnu Swayambhu Kshetras. This temple is listed as the last earthly Divya Desam as well.

Location: S Mada St, Tirumala, Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh 517504

5. Yaganti Temple



Being one of the top 10 temples in andhra pradesh, Yaganti Temple is devoted to Lord Shiva. Located in Kurnool district, this temple this temple was constructed according to Vaishnavite traditions. Constructed by King Harihara Bukka Raya in the 15th century, this temple has a Pushkarini, Agastya Cave, Venkateswara Cave, and Veera Brahman Cave. Sage Agastya is said to have bathed in Pushkarini before worshipping the Lord Shiva. Many believe that bathing at the Pushkarini to be beneficial.

Location: Temple Gopuram, Yaganti Rd, Yaganti, Andhra Pradesh 518124

6. Ahobilam Temple



Located in the Eastern Ghats of the Kurnool district, Ahobilam Temple is one of the most visited temples in andhra pradesh. Being one of the 108 Divya Desams, this temple is believed to be the place where Hiranyakasipu was killed by the Lord. This place is also known as the Nava Narasimha Kshetra because of Lord Narasimha being worshipped at different temples located in the close proximity of the main temple. You will be able to find nine different forms of Lord Narasimha in Ahobilam. Some of the temples here will require you to trek through rocky paths.

Location: Brahmamgari Matam, Ahobilam, Andhra Pradesh 516503

7. Simhachalam Temple



Known for being one of the most visited temples in andhra pradesh, Simhachalam Temple is dedicated to Lord Narasimha. Located on the Simhachalam hill in Andhra Pradesh, this temple in Visakhapatnam adorns itself with a fusion of architectural styles from Odisha, Chalukyas, and Cholas. You will find two temple tanks here i.e. Gangadhara and Swami Pushkarini. Being home to a number of sub-shrines as well as mandapams, this temple is one of the top 10 temples in andhra pradesh.

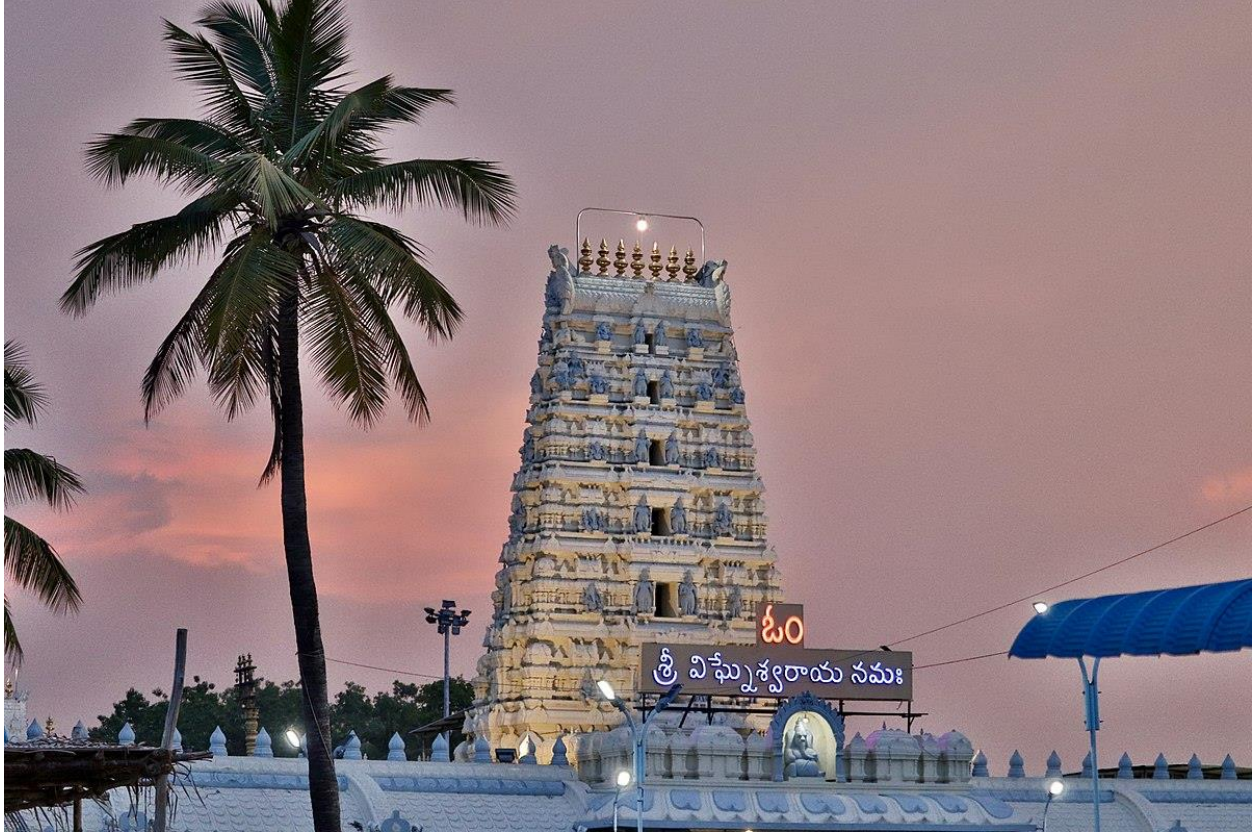
8. Mallikarjuna Swamy



Resting at the southern bank of Krishna river, this temple is the main highlight of the town of Srisailem. One of the most celebrated places in the town, it has its roots attached to the past 6 centuries of India. Built by King Harihara Raya of Vijaynagar, this temple mesmerizes with its magnificent architecture and grandeur. As per the legends of the town, this temple has the idol of sage Bringi who was cursed by Goddess Parvati for worshipping Lord Shiva. According to the curse the sage was supposed to stand but Lord Shiva consoled the Goddess and gave him a third leg to stand comfortably. The temple also has idols of Nandi Sahasralinga and Nataraja.

Location: Srisailem, Andhra Pradesh 528101

9. Kanipakam Vinayaka Temple



This temple is the gem of Chittoor and was constructed around 11th century CE by Kulothunga Chola. The temple was later rebuilt by Vijayanagara rulers around the year 1336. The legends say that the idol of Vinayaka grows every year and the armour which was offered 50 years ago does not fit anymore. This historical temple worships Lord Ganesha as the primary deity and is also called the Shrine of water. This water in the complex is considered holy and cures many kinds of deformities.

Location: Main Road, Chittoor, Kanipakam, Andhra Pradesh 517131

10. Srikalahasti Temple



Located at a distance of 36 kms from Tirupati temple, the Srikalahasti Temple is one of the famous temples in Andhra Pradesh. The main deity in the temple is Lord Shiva and the Kalahasti temple holds much importance among the Hindu devotees. Built-in the year 1516 by Krishnadevraya, this temple has a beautiful entrance and intricate carvings that depict various Mythological illustrations. This is also called the Kashi of the South.

Location: Srikalahasti, Andhra Pradesh 517644

11. Mangalagiri



This beautiful temple is located in Guntur in Seemandhra, Andhra Pradesh. The literal translation of the name is 'the Auspicious Hill'. The temple is one of the 8 important Mahakshetrams and considered to be one of the sacred places in India. The Mangalagiri holds quite an importance in the Indian culture and it is believed that Lord Vishnu manifested himself in the soil of Mangalagiri and Goddess Lakshmi performed penance at the peak of the hill.

Location: Guntur, Seemandhara, Andhra Pradesh

12. Sri Padmavathi Ammavari Temple



Situated at a few kilometers distance from the main city center, this temple is dedicated to Goddess Padmavathi. Considered to be one of the sacred places in Tirupati, this is the place that is home to many stories and legends. According to the local legends, Akasha Raja of Thondamandalam was performing a yajna and ploughed the earth to find a girl in a lotus flower. Later the girl married Lord Venkateshwara. This temple holds its own significance and devotees come from different places to offer their prayers.

Location: Sannidhi St, Tiruchanur, Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh 517503

13. Thousand Pillar Temple



This is an ancient temple which is located at a small town named Hanamkonda in Andhra Pradesh. The temple is home to around a thousand pillars, which are part or extensions of the adjacent pillars. The pillars are constructed in such a way it forms the walls of the temple. Made in the shape of a star, this temple is one of the famous pilgrimage centers which invites around 1000 devotees every day.

Location: 1000 pillars temple backside, Machili Bazar Rd, Hanamkonda, Telangana 506001