



The Nageshwara temple has the main deity of Nageshwara (“Lord of Snakes”, form of Shiva) in linga form and other deity related to lord Shiva, like Chamundeshwari, Saptamathrike(7 forms of goddess durga), Ganapati, Sharada and also Channakeshava. Channakeshava temple has the standing idol of Channakeshava(form of Vishnu) and other deities related to Lord Vishnu. These temples too have the Kalasha and Hoysala crest on top of the shrine and have intricate carvings on both inside and outer walls. The sad part is that no regular poojas are done for the deities.

#### ***4.10 Mavinkere Sri Ranganatha Swami Temple***

**Mavinkere Sri Ranganatha Swami Temple, venkataramana swami road,halekote, Halekote, Karnataka 573211** Mavinkere Sri Ranganatha Swami Temple is located at Mavinkere on the banks of the Hemavathi River., Karnataka at a distance of 24 kms from Hassan and 185 kms from Bangalore. Since this temple is on banks of river Hemavathi, Lord venkataramana is praised here as “Hemavathi thatavasa”.

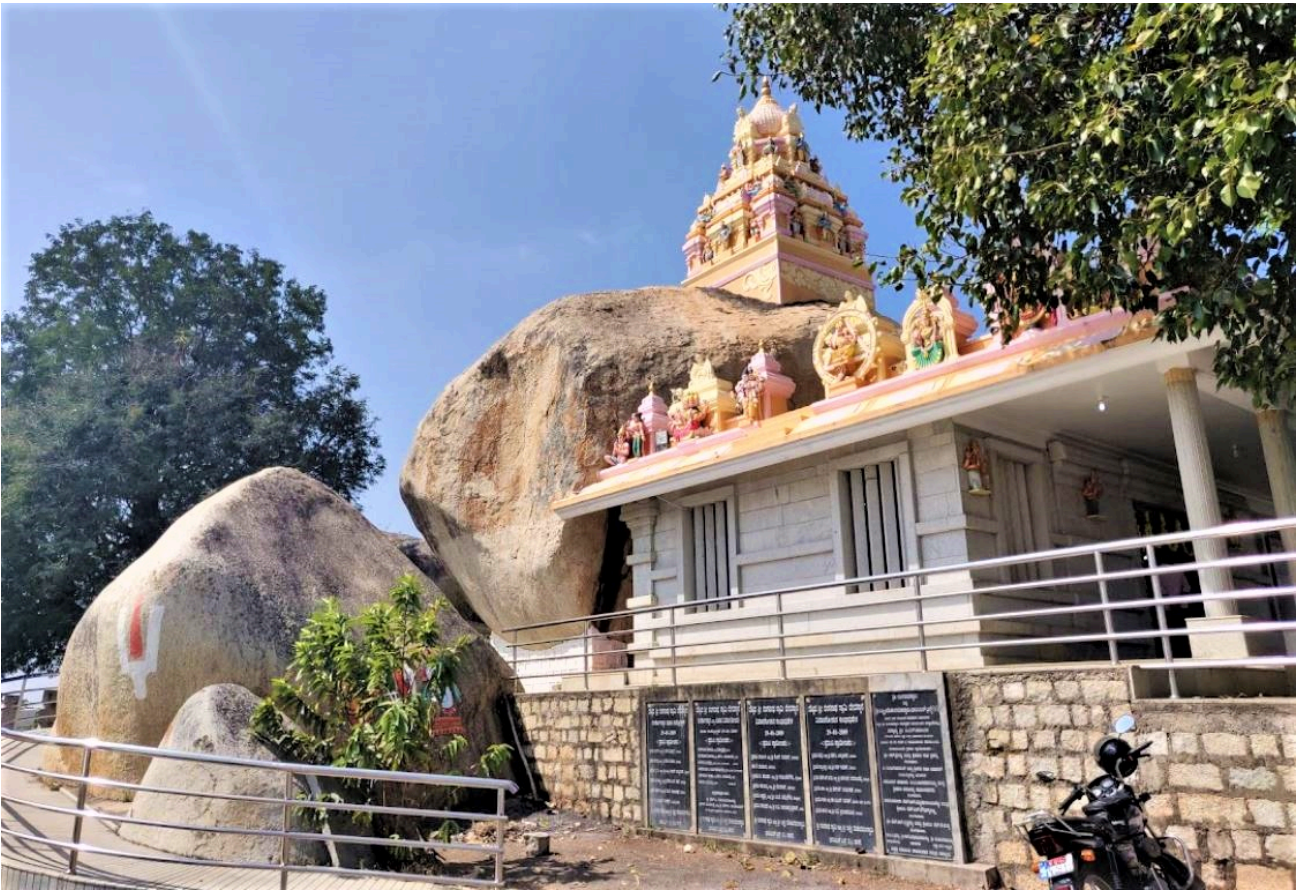


One of the most beautiful places in the state of Karnataka is the region that surrounds the Mavinakere Sri Lakshmi Venkataramanaswamy temple in the Hassan district. Situated atop a small hill, the temple overlooks the surrounding countryside and lush greenery so that the visitors to the temple also get a breathtaking view from the top of the hill.

The pradishtapana of the presiding deity is said to have been done by the great Saint Vasishta. As per the history, Mavinakere was the residence of Palegar Lakshmana Nayaka and a ruined fort belonging to the Palegar is situated here. When he ruled this region, he noticed that one of his cows was emptying its milk on top of the Mavinakere hill. Out of curiosity, he followed the cow, and indeed it was emptying on a stone in the cave. From that day onwards, the stone is worshiped as Lord Ranganatha, though at that time there was a dispute that the stone was Shiva linga. The inscriptions call the deity Thiruvengalanatha, who is none other than Lord Vishnu.

The newly built gopuram/tower which was consecrated last January is grand. There is also a large tree that is hundreds of years old which survives to this day. There is also a separate shrine for goddess Padmavathi inside the temple premises. Sri Ramanujacharya, who introduced Vishishtadwaitha, is said to have rested for a while here on this hill and sought the darshan of Sri Ranganatha, offering his devotional bhajans. There is a 3 feet standing idol of the lord behind the Ranganatha stone in the sanctum sanctorum of the temple.





Mavinakere has two beautiful temples. Lakshmi venakataramana temple is in village. Bettada Ranganatha temple is situated on a hill in the same village. There is a nice motorable road and one can reach the hill temple. The calm and spiritual environment of temple is to be seen to be believed.. There is an idol of Sri Anjaneya swamy (swayambu).

A special procedure called Vaikhanasa Agama is observed to clean the temple and different poojas are done. The grand Rathotsava on Pushya Nakshatra Trayodashi-Chaturdashi, i.e the previous day of Full Moon during Megha Masa, marks the start of a 15 days long grand jatra that takes place at Ranganathswami temple. Thousands of devotees from all corners of the state gather here during this Jatra. Temple Timings: 9 AM – 1 PM & 2 PM – 5 PM

#### ***4.11 Sri Yoga Narasimha Swamy Temple, Gorur***

**Sri Yoga Narasimha Swamy Temple, Gorur, Karnataka 573120** Sri Yoga Narasimha Swamy Temple is located at Gorur, on the banks of river Hemavathy Karnataka at a distance of 28 kms from Hassan and 210 kms from Bangalore. There are more than 800+ Narasimha temples in India and this is one of them.