

## **SRI PARASURAMESWARA TEMPLE Gudimallam, Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh, India**

God

The presiding deity of the temple is Sri Parasurameswara Swamy. The Lord is an incarnation of Lord Shiva. Parasurameswara Swamy is a Lingodbhavamurti, faces East direction. The Siva Linga is 5 feet tall. The Shiva Lingam is believed to be the manifestation of the hindu Trinity, Brahma manifests at the bottom, Vishnu at the mid-part and Shiva on top. The hunter exhibits perfect anatomical proportions and his torso resembles the shape of a bull's head. The image is well built with broad shoulders, narrow hips, tight buttocks and toned abdominal muscles. He is radiating an abundance of vitality and energy. The hunter stands in sthanaka posture and spreading his legs wide apart and his feet are firmly planted on the shoulders of Amarapurusha (crouching dwarf yaksha). His face is peaceful and serene, if not smiling. The two armed idol exhibits both hands keep hanging loosely. His right hand holds the dead goat by the hind legs and his left hand also holds a globular pot and it also clutches the long thick battle axe (parasu) at its handle. The fierce weapon also rests on his left shoulder.

Goddess

Goddess Parvati is the consort of Lord Siva and situated in the courtyard.

### **Interesting Facts**

Parasurameshwara temple was built on the banks of Suvarnamukhi river, this Lingam is believed to depict the trinity.

The magnificence of the temple lies in the structure of sanctum and the Gopuram, built in the shapes of 'Shiva Lingam' and 'Gaja Pushti' respectively.

The oldest linga known to man (dated to 3rd century bc), the lingam purely representing phallus/yoni worship, this linga seems to be the transition point in shaivism, between the old and new form.

The main chamber of temple gets flooded with water of Suvarnamukhi river every 60 years, last time this happened was on December 4, 2005.

#### Best Season To Visit

The best season to visit gudimallam is the Winter season. The best months to visit are October to March.

#### Weather

Highest - March to July (42 °C during day and 20 °C during night)  
Average - May (40 °C during day and 20 °C during night)  
Lowest - November to February (27 °C during day and 18 °C during night)  
Monsoon season - August to November

#### Dress Code

For men the dress code is Shirt & Trouser, Dhoti or Pyjamas with upper cloth.

For women the preferred dress code is saree or half-saree with blouse or chudidhar with pyjama and upper cloth.

Shorts, mini-skirts, middies, sleeveless tops, low-waist jeans and short-length T-shirts are not allowed.

## Do's & Dont's

Do bathe and wear clean clothes before you enter the temple.

Do respect ancient customs and co-pilgrims while at temple.

Smoking and drinking is prohibited in temple premises.

**Chewing betel leaves, tobacco, gutka and spitting inside temple is strictly prohibited.**

transport connections

Name

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Renigunta Bus Station

16 KM

0866-2570005

A.P.S.R.T.C. BUS STAND, Tirupati

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0877- 2289900

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