Venur's claim to fame is the monolith of Bhagawan [Bahubali](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bahubali" \o "Bahubali) also known as Lord [Gomateshwara](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gomateshwara" \o "Gomateshwara). The single rock statue is 38 feet in height and was erected by the [Jain](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jain) ruler Timmanna [Ajila](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ajila" \o "Ajila) in the year 1604. The statue is supposed to have been sculptured by [Amarashilpi Jakanachari](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Amarashilpi_Jakanachari" \o "Amarashilpi Jakanachari). The statue stands facing westward on a high platform on the banks of the river [Phalguni](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Phalguni_river" \o "Phalguni river). This statue of Bahubali is one of the five giant monoliths (of the same Jain monk) found in Karnataka, which are more than 20 feet in height.