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**PROPOSED ITINERARY FOR SHIVANASAMUDRA, TALAKADU & SOMANATHAPURA.**

**TENTATIVE ITINERARY:**

* Departure from school @ 6 am.
* En route breakfast.
* Visit Somanathapura & Talakadu.
* Lunch.
* After lunch, visit shivanasamudra & proceed to Bangalore.
* Arrive at school around 9 pm.
* **Shivanasamudra/ Bluff:**  These sparking waterfalls **flows through** the abundant sylvan forest of Karnataka in **Deccan Plateau, plunges 320 feet and are 893 meters wide. Cauvery forms many islands** throughout its journey from Talacaurvery to Bay of Bengal. **One such island is Shivanasamudra or Bluff**, also called Simsha. This water falls has twin jumps, the **Gagana Chukki**/Western falls and the **Bhara Chukki**/Eastern falls. The **Hydroelectric power stations** are **the first of its kind in Asia, in 1902,** is still functional. It was **commissioned by the Diwan of Mysore, Sir K Seshadri Iyer.** The **first town** to receive the electricity from this station was **Kolar Gold Fields**; hence Kolar became the first town in Asia to get hydroelectricity.
* **Talakadu:**  **A**lso Known as '**Talakad**' is on the banks of the river Cauvery, is **known for its sand dunes**. Tradition says that **two hunters** by name **Tala and Kada** attained moksha by offering worshipto the deity Vaidyanatheswara and the place came to be called after them. The place was also known as **Gajaranyakshetra.** Talakad is also **tagged with the curse** called **“Curse of Talakad” by Alamelamma** on the Wodeyars of Mysore. The Talakadu curse has established itself in the folklore as a miracle since the early part of 16th century because of **two strange events** **visible even to date:** (i) Thalakaadu, a historically vibrant city, is **now submerged under sand dunes several meters deep**, and (ii) the **Mysore royal family** have faced problem in having a **rightful heir to the throne since 1610s.** Both these events linked to an apparent curse by a pious lady(Alamelamma) have defied logic.
* **Somanathpura:** This temple was **built in 1268 A.D**. by Somnath who was a commander back then during the Hoysala’s reign. Also called as Keshava temple, Somnathpur is **mainly** **famous** because of this temple and the architectural design the temple possess. It is **one of the three** Hoysala temples **nominated for UNESCO World Heritage Site status.** The temple is built on an **elevated star shaped platform.** The most characteristic feature of this temple is its **16 different ceilings**, each depicting a **different stage of a blooming plantain (banana flower).**