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**SRIRANGAPATNA AND BALMURI FALLS.**

**TENTATIVE ITINERARY:**

* Departure from school campus @ 6:30 am.
* En route breakfast.
* Visit Sri Ranganatha swamy temple, Tippu summer palace & Nimishamba temple.
* Lunch.
* Visit Balmuri falls.
* Snacks.
* Arrive @ school campus around 9 pm.
* **Sri Ranganatha temple:** **One of the five** important pilgrimage sites along the **river Kaveri** for devotees of Ranganatha. The **five sacred sites** are together known as**Pancharangakshetrams**in Southern India. Since Srirangapatna is the **first temple** starting from upstream, the deity is known as **AdiRanga (first ranga).**
* **Tipu’s summer palace**: Tipu Sultan’s Summer Palace, also known as Dariya Daulat Bagh, means **“wealth of the sea”.** This palace, used to be the **summer retreat of Tipu Sultan.** It has a museum which has various items on display associated to **Tipu Sultan and his father,** Hyder Ali. **Clothes** of Tipu Sultan, **his crown, Silver vessel** which belonged to Hyder Ali, **war weapons, coins etc**. have been showcased here. The **first floor** of the palace also **constitutes rare sketches, paintings and block prints** of all the prominent personalities and events.
* **Nimishamba temple:** Sri Nimishamba is considered as the **incarnation of Goddess Parvathi,** the consort of Lord Shiva. **Shrichakra** is carved on a stone in front of Sri Nimishamba and pooja is performed. There is a belief that Sri Nimishamba is going to remove all the problems and troubles of her devotees **within a minute**. That is why she is called Nimishamba. **Nimisha means a minute.** This temple was installed at the time of Mummadi Krishnaraja Wodeyar about **300 to 400 years ago.**
* **Balmuri falls:** Balmuri Falls is a **man-made beauty**. The waterfall is **caused by a check dam** that exists over the Cauvery River. As the river takes a right turn near the site where the waterfall exists, it is called Balmuri. In the Kannada language **Bala means ‘right’** and **Muri means ‘curve’.** The check dam has been constructed across the river to act as a wall that tries to stop the flow of water. This is done to hold the water of the Cauvery River in order to **feed the many irrigation canals** that flow out of this location.