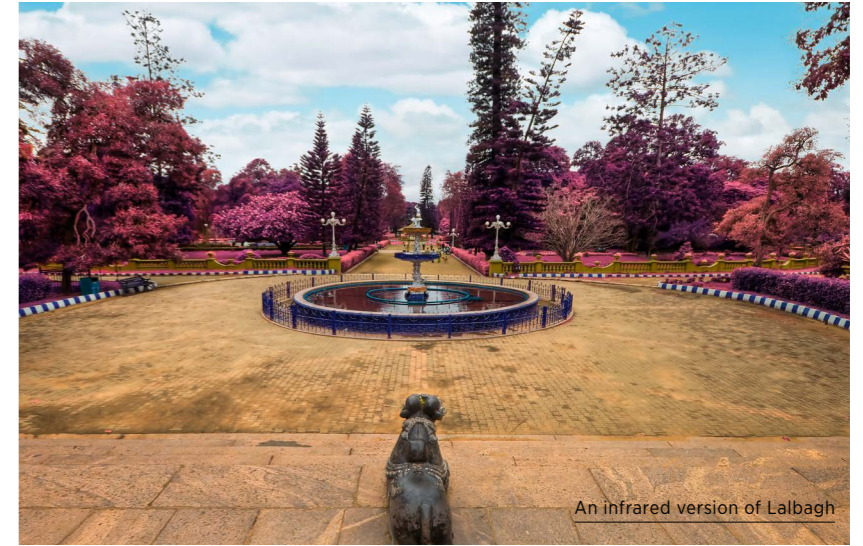




Ancient ruins on Hemakuta Hill at sunset in Hampi



An infrared version of Lalbagh

# MEMORIES FOR A LIFETIME

A STATE THAT HAS MOUNTAINS, BEACHES, VALLEYS, ISLANDS AND MORE, THERE IS SOMETHING NEW TO DISCOVER IN DIFFERENT PARTS OF BEAUTIFUL KARNATAKA. **BY BINDU GOPAL RAO**

**O**ne State Many Worlds”, the tagline of Karnataka’s tourism department, cannot be more apt. The state has something for every kind of tourist. The best part of touring the state is that you will stumble upon several gems that are relatively undiscovered which makes it an attractive tourist destination.

The state has declared 2017 as the Year of the Wild and the Tourism Department has identified nine eco-trekking routes along

the scenic Western Ghats for both tourists and trekkers. According to Deepika Kapoor, Project Director, The Golden Chariot & Hospitality and Consultant, Karnataka State Tourism Development Corporation (KSTDC), “While we do not have a defined policy, we do something almost every day to attract tourists to the state. In fact, we would like to let people know that there is so much more to explore beyond the surface. So we are promoting Dasara as a festival across the state and not necessarily restricted to Mysore. We

are also focusing our attention on eco friendly holidays and medical tourism as well and we recently also had a conference around this too. Likewise, we want to promote our other forests as well that goes beyond Kabini and Bandipur as the abundance of wildlife here is something that people must know about.”

We take you through four well-known tourist getaways in Karnataka – Bengaluru, Mysore, Mangalore and Belgaum, before guiding you to some other fascinating and yet relatively unexplored places.

## A PIONEER IN HOME STAYS

What happens when the easy comfort of your home fuses with the indulgence of a hotel? Home stays combine the best of both and bring you the ultimate experience during your holiday. Those who like to indulge in a travel experience that is off the beaten path will tell you that time spend at a home stay is the best way of knowing about the local culture and traditions of any place. Choose from a generous selection of home stays across Karnataka. Go online to [www.karnatakaturism.org/Homestay](http://www.karnatakaturism.org/Homestay) and choose from hundreds of them located in 14 districts of the state.

The capital city, **Bengaluru** is a cosmopolitan metropolis that blends tradition and new age technological advances seamlessly to make it one of the most preferred cities to live in India. Arguably the city with the best weather in the country, Bengaluru also has several interesting sights. Living up to its tag of ‘Garden City’, are the two large lung spaces – Cubbon Park and Lalbagh – that are home to various botanical species of plants. Lalbagh also hosts a much awaited flower show twice a year – during Republic Day and Independence Day.

The simple summer palace of Tipu Sultan, used by him as a summer retreat, is a two storey teak wood structure with exquisitely carved wooden pillars, arches and balconies in Indo-Islamic architecture. The fort nearby is said to have been built by the founder Kempe Gowda (after whom the international airport is named) and has five sculpted arches and a Ganesha temple in its precincts.

A major landmark the city is the Dodda Ganesha temple that has an 18 feet high and 16 feet wide idol of Ganesha. Adjacent is the Basavana Gudi (or the Nandi Temple), that has



Mysore Palace

MYSORE IS OFTEN CALLED THE CULTURAL CAPITAL OF KARNATAKA

a massive bull and this is where the annual ground fair called Kadlekai Parishe is held in the last week of November. The adjoining Bugle Rock garden has several rocks dating back to many centuries. The State legislature building Vidhan Soudha and High Court Attara Kacheri are buildings that are must be seen for their amazing Indo Neo-Dravidian, Indo-Saracenic and Dravidian styles of architecture. Shopping, eating out and having a good time is second nature here and this is a city that will never disappoint the traveller.

The cultural capital of the state is **Mysore** being home to the stunning palaces courtesy the Wodeyar royals who once ruled the state from here. Located just 130 km from the capital



Mysore Palace ceiling with decorative art

Bengaluru, the ride is a breeze courtesy the beautiful four lane road that connects the two cities. Taking centre stage is the Mysore Palace or the Amba Vilas Palace that sees more footfalls than many other monuments in India. This palace has a Public Durbar Hall with imported French lamp representing Egyptian figurines and a Private Durbar Hall that was used by the king for private audience. Carved rosewood doors inlaid with

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## DAZZLING COLLECTIONS FROM AABUSHAN JEWELLERS



Vishal P Bohra, Director, Aabushan Jewellers

**KNOWN FOR ITS EXQUISITE**

designer jewellery, Aabushan Jewellers' fine detailed jewellery is studded with

rare, hand-picked precious stones which make these jewellery stand out from the rest. They are best known for their Rajwada collection, Polki collection, Traditional Antiques, Jack and Rose collection and the Mozcerro Italio collection, leaving their customers with multiple choices to pick from the exclusive designs. Known for their antique jewellery, they also display a strikingly elegant

collection in bridal wear, lightweight jewellery, diamond, platinum and silver. Each piece comes with the same craftsmanship and style that you would expect from any of the world's best designer jewellery.

The wide range of their exquisite jewellery collections leaves their customers with a better choice. The designs are a graceful dance between the traditional and contemporary. This makes Aabushan's jewellery all the more desirable. Their wide range of dazzling bridal collection in gold and diamonds are literally a dream come true for every bride-to-be.

Aabushan is very well known for its creation in gold. Over the decades, it has been celebrating the finest designs in pure gold to suit every occasion in the journey called life. From birth to marriage and beyond, every day is turned extra special with Aabushan's pure gold. And

every auspicious moment is made divine by adding a tinge of purity with pure gold from Aabushan. The firm's range in gold includes bridal collection, engagement collection, teens wear, antique collection, lightweight collection, daily wear collection, party wear collection, office wear collection, etc.

With over 70 years of expertise in the jewellery business, Aabushan Jewellers has evolved from being a family jeweller in Karnataka to setting up its own stores across the state. Rising from humble beginnings, it is now one of the most recognized brands within the country as well as internationally. The firm's dexterous team strives hard to come up with unique and innovative designs and patterns. These can be customized according to the specifications of the clients.

ivory, opulent gilded columns, stained glass ceilings, ornamental steel grills and chandeliers with delicate floral motifs, the royal throne and the wooden elephant howdah decorated with 84 kg of gold reflect the grandeur of days of the past.

While in Mysore a visit to the 12th century Chamundeshwari temple atop the Chamundi hill houses the presiding deity of the Wodeyar kings is a must. The Sri Chamarajendra Zoological Gardens, St. Philomena's Cathedral, Jaganmohan Palace and Brindavan Gardens are other important places here. This apart check out the Regional Museum of Natural History, Rail Museum, Indira Gandhi Central Museum and the Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan while you are here. However if you are here during the annual Dasara festival, you can witness the grand 10 days



Shrichamundeshwari Temple in Mysore

that culminate in a grand procession called Jumbo Savari, a parade with decorated elephants, colourful tableaux, dance groups, music bands and other floats that originate from the palace grounds to Banni Mantap (a locality in Mysore).

Set amidst the sparkling waters of the Arabian Sea and the Western Ghats, the coastal town of **Mangalore** is the main port city of the state. Surrounded by verdant hills, ancient temples and Jain basadis, this is the chief maritime city of Karnataka.

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# WONDERLA MEMORABLE OUTINGS AT WONDERLA

## WONDERLA HOLIDAYS LIMITED



Arun K Chittilappilly, Managing Director

is India's largest and most popular amusement park operator in India. The company currently owns and operates three amusement parks in Kochi, Bengaluru and Hyderabad and a resort at Bengaluru. Wonderla is unique in that it designs and creates its own attractions, and has an R & D facility to design and manufacture rides for its amusement parks. Many of its rides have been custom made and imported from reputed international suppliers, making them



unique in India. Wonderla parks have been visited by over three crore people since 2000 making them the most visited amusement parks in India. It is ranked as India's No.1 amusement park and Asia's 6th best amusement park as per Trip Advisor ranking for the fifth consecutive year. Wonderla also has the best safety record for its parks, that are ISO 14001 and OHSAS 18001 certified. Wonderla stands for an energising and memorable outing for guests of all ages and help them #GetCloser. For more information, visit

[www.wonderla.com](http://www.wonderla.com)

Wonderla Kochi occupying 35 acres of land offers variety of entertainment to people of all age groups, with 57 state-of-the-art rides and other allied facilities.

Wonderla Bangalore, spanning over 82 acres, offers a spectacular range of entertainment with 61 land, water, hi-tech and kids rides.

Wonderla Resort located besides the amusement park in Bangalore comprises of 84 luxury rooms, with amenities including a well-maintained multi-cuisine restaurant, a rest-o-bar, recreational facilities like a heated swimming pool, kid's activity centre and a full-fledged gym.

Wonderla Hyderabad, located on ORR Exit no#13 and just 10 minutes away from the Hyderabad Airport, is spread over 50 acres and has 43 spectacular ranges of attractions.

Kadri Manjunatha Temple in Mangalore



Mangalore fish curry



MANGALORE IS NAMED  
AFTER A GODDESS CALLED  
MANGALADEVI

While you are here start your trip at the ancient Mangaladevi temple dedicated to the Goddess after whom the city has been named. The oldest Shiva temple in Mangalore perched on the Kadri hills is the Kadri Manjunatha temple that has an elaborate entrance arch and multiple carved pillars and a spire covered

in brass. Also pay obeisance at the St. Aloysius Chapel whose walls are covered with the paintings of artist Antony Moshaini of Italy and dates back to 1899. The Thannirbavi Beach, part of the Mangalore Port Trust, is one of best beaches of the city and a great place to watch the sunset.

The Panambur beach with stunning views of the light house and sailing ships, the Surathkal beach and the nearby temple of Lord Sadashiva and the Ullal beach close to the ruined fort of Abbakka Devi are some other beaches that you must see while you are here. One of the best things about Mangalore however lies in its delectable cuisine from Mangalore Buns to Goli Bajji to Mangalorean Fish Curry that you must sample. Also try the Gadbad, an ice cream sundae that is a speciality of the region and is a mix of different

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The Windflower resort at Vythiri

## VARIED EXPERIENCES AT WINDFLOWER

**THE WINDFLOWER RESORTS & SPA** boasts of tastefully designed resorts in varied settings. Each resort comes with its unique partnership with nature and its surroundings. It also features the signature Emerge Spa. The resorts are located at Mysore, Bengaluru, Coorg, Bandipur, Vythiri and Pondicherry. Whether one

is looking for a corporate offsite, a romantic getaway, a weekend break, a family holiday, a wellness Ayurvedic experience, a reunion or just spaces where one can refresh, Windflower has something for everyone.

Take the case of Windflower Mysore, where you can rewind to a land where the body and soul are still honoured, where inspired art and architecture echo vibrations of a time that stands still and proud. Mysore is home to kings and warriors, giraffes from the savannah, and Ashtanga yoga gurus. Named after the demon Mahishasura, Mysore was the seat of Wodeyar and Vijayanagara dynasties, and where Tipu Sultan died for his land, sabre in hand, in his resistance against the British empire. India's second greenest city has resurged as one of the world's capitals of alternative living, healing and being.



Agastya Lake from South Fort in Badami

## CALLING ALL SHUTTERBUGS

The Department of Tourism, Government of Karnataka, in association with Youth Photographic Society, organizes a monthly photography contest to promote tourism in the state. The Picture of the Month is displayed on large hoardings of the Department, which are put up at prominent places, along with the name of the photographer. Award-winning pictures are also used in the promotion material of the Department with due credits to the photographer. Since July 2017, Karnataka Tourism has doubled the Picture of the Month Awards to encourage women photographers to compete and win awards. Each winner of the Picture of the Month Award will go home with ₹ 10,000 in cash.

flavours with nuts, fruits, jelly and cream that will leave you asking for more.

Officially called Belgavi, **Belgaum** is a city that is akin to the second capital of the state and is home to the administrative building Suvarna

Vidhana Soudha. The Belgaum Fort at the centre of the town dates back to 1519 and has been rebuilt over time and is one of the oldest in the state. The entrance has shrines of Goddess Durga and Lord Ganapati and this area also has two old mosques -

Jamia Masjid and Safa Masjid. The structures inside are a blend of Deccan and Indo - Saracenic styles of architecture. The Neminatha idol made from black stone is located inside the Kamala Basti here is a must visit.

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## A FUN-FILLED STAY AT ROYAL ORCHID BRINDAVAN MYSORE



### EXPERIENCE THE AMAZING ROYAL ORCHID BRINDAVAN GARDEN IN MYSORE

set next to a UNESCO Heritage site. The facility offers a plethora of activities planned to keep you engaged and cheerful during your stay at this serene destination. Followed by an exquisite lunch at the coffee shop on arrival, the hotel offers complimentary usage of in-house facilities and games such as billiards, access to swimming pool, video games, miniature golf, garden chess, choice of movies from the library and a session on arts and craft tools for kids.

Moreover it's one of the very few hotel in Mysore which is also pet friendly. In the evening, one can take a

most beautiful walk alongside the KRS dam and enjoy seeing the illumination of the famous Brindavan Gardens with a musical fountain set under a star-lit sky during dinner. The weekend siesta can be followed by relaxing the body, mind and soul at the Kumuda Spa. The hotel also offers excursions to the Bird Sanctuary and Tipu's Fort and opportunities to participate in many fun filled activities.

**Book in advance: Dusshera celebrations in Mysore will commence at 9 a.m. on Sept 21, 2017.**

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Also check out the Mukhamantapa, a lotus carved on the ceiling. A visit to the building where Swami Vivekananda stayed for 12 days in 1892 is today the Ramakrishna Mission in Belgaum. The Kapileshwara Temple is referred to as Dakshina Kashi and it is widely believed that visiting the 12 Jyotirlingas is incomplete without paying a visit here. The one place that you must not miss seeing however is the Kittur Fort and Palace located about 50 km away and is associated with the heroic Rani Chennammawho ruled and protected this place. This is the place from which the queen carried out an armed rebellion against the British rulers and today you can visit the ruins of this place. The local handloom and cottage industry is well known and the silk weavers located in Vadgaon and Angol are



Ramakrishna Mission Ashram mandir at Belgaum

known for the designing exquisite saris.

Beyond the big four just described above, there are some other hidden gems as well. If you want to get a good understanding of the state of Karnataka, you can start from the North. **Bidar** for

instance has several monuments and mausoleums that attract historians, offbeat travellers and those who love architecture. This place offers a pleasant stroll down a land of medieval memories that glimmer like the silver etchings of bidriware, a craft unique to this city.

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## UNCOMPROMISING QUALITY FROM ABHARAN JEWELLERS



**THE ABHARAN STORY** began in 1935 when the late Burde Sadananda Kamath opened the first jewellery shop in Udupi. Abharan became hugely popular with its mission to provide only pure, exquisite and high quality jewellery to customers. Today, Abharan has grown into a retail chain with showrooms in Udupi, Shivamogga, Mangaluru, Karkala, Kundapur, Hebri and Byndoor. Abharan now also has separate silver showrooms in Udupi and Mangaluru offering a wide variety of beautiful jewellery and artifacts. Abharan delights its customers with

the widest range of jewellery products. In fact, Abharan has exquisite collections in traditional, contemporary and designer jewellery, catering to the various tastes of customers. It also has an exclusive diamond and platinum counter which boasts of an array of contemporary designs that's in keeping with the latest trends. Its designer platinum jewellery collection comprises the best brands in India. The company is an ISO 9001: 2008 certified jeweller selling 'Hallmark' jewellery. In fact, Abharan was the first to introduce the Karatometer in the country. Abharan has an online purchase window enabling customers to choose and purchase jewellery through the internet. With uncompromising quality and customer satisfaction measures Abharan has won customers the world over.

The world famous Gol Gumbaz that adorns the skyline of **Bijapur** is a splendid architecture visible from any part of the city. Built in Indo-Sarcenic style, the symmetry and grandeur make it possible for the monument to be seen in its entirety. Bijapur has other fine examples of architectural prowess. Likewise in **Bagalkot** there is a Jain basadi of Parshwanatha, a Virakta matha and several mosques of which Panka Masjid is a sterling structure in stone.



Hampi ruins on the banks of the Tungabhadra

**Hampi** which is in close proximity. Located on the banks of the Tungabhadra, the Hampi ruins cover about nine square miles; but the fortifications and the outposts of the city include a larger area. The Virupaksha Temple, Vittala Raya temple and Hampi Bazaar

The twin cities of **Hubli** and **Dharwad** also in the northern part of the state are home to rich musical heritage and also some ancient temples that are stunning examples of Hoysala architecture. And how can you not visit the UNESCO site

are amongst the several important monuments here. An Archaeological museum maintained by the Central Government at Kamalapura near Hampi is a good place to understand the art patronised by the royalty here. If architecture is your calling, you

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## ‘THE MANGALORE PROPERTY MARKET HAS BEEN RESILIENT’



Mr. Srinath Hebbar, Managing Director, Land Trades Developers & Builders

**Karnataka is one of India’s leading states as far as tourism is concerned. How did it achieve this eminent position?**

Karnataka has a rich tapestry of culture, heritage and natural splendour. Arabian Sea, Western Ghats and historical marvels like Mysore and Hampi attract tourists. Friendly people, good transport and accommodation have also helped. The government has introduced home stay concept to promote tourism. In Mangalore, beach tourism is becoming big. **To what factors would you attribute the tremendous success of Land Trades in just 25 years?** Good firsthand experience of the

trade and sincerity to the customer have been our greatest strengths. Well-conceived projects with good location, design and construction, clean paperwork and devotion to quality and timely completion have given us a big edge.

**How do you gauge the Mangalore property market today? Which segments promise the most growth potential?**

Property market here has been stable and sustainable for the last two decades. The trade has proved to be resilient even in very challenging situations. Our geography allows development to be focused in a very small region. Low cost housing and mid segment apartments always enjoy steady demand. Premium segment is promising.

**What are your views on Mangalore as a tourist destination?**

Pilgrims and business travellers are our main visitors. We have all four modes of transport and tremendous potential, but there’s been no conscious effort to attract tourists. Now there is a drive to promote beaches with surfing and adventure activities.

**Which are the places in Mangalore that you would recommend to a first time tourist to the city?**

Our rivers and beaches are lovely, the temples exude divinity. St. Aloysius Chapel has magnificent paintings. Moodabidri is a must-visit town with historical and religious landmarks. Hasta Shilpa Heritage Village at Manipal and the temple town of Dharmasthala are worth visiting.



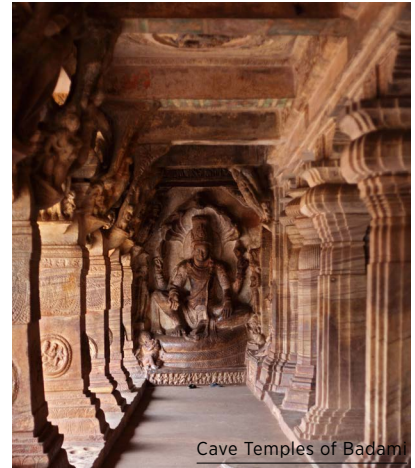
The Lad Khar Temple in Aihole

**A KEEN FOCUS ON MICE**

Unlike many other governments which woo the leisure traveller, Karnataka also has the interests of the corporate traveller in mind. Fully aware that Meetings, Incentives, Conferences & Exhibitions (MICE) are vital for any organization to inspire higher performance, the Karnataka State Tourism Development Corporation (KSTDC) has devised special packages for corporate travellers. There is a diversity of destinations spanning different budgets and interests.

must stop at the **Aihole** which was once the commercial capital of the Chalukyas. There are several massive stone tombs on the expanses of the spread over two acres of land. About 30 temples here are within the fort and the abundance of red sand stone is seen here. The Hindu and Jain rock-cut temples of Aihole are an architectural delight. Close by along the river Malaprabha, is an isolated cluster of rust-tinged, golden sandstone temples of **Pattadakal** that have an array of ancient temples that are a perfect ode to the artistic legacy of the Chalukyas.

The 10 major temples display interesting architectural features and are also an important site for the study of the development of temple architecture in South India. Go further ahead and you will reach the rocky ridges of **Badami**. Located



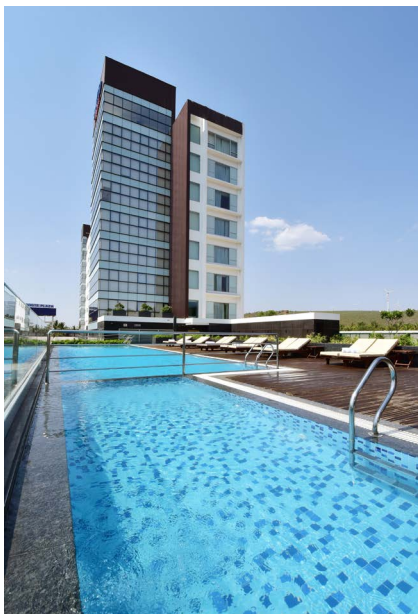
Cave Temples of Badami

strategically at the mouth of a ravine between two red sandstone cliffs and overlooking the aquamarine toned waters of the Agastya Lake, Badami was the mythological land where saint Agastya killed the demons Vatapi and Ilvala.

Badami has four cave temples

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**STAY LEISURELY AT FAIRFIELD BY MARRIOTT BELAGAVI**



**CHECK INTO THE FAIRFIELD BY MARRIOTT BELAGAVI** (Belgaum) for that much required

“We Time”. Located amidst breath-taking landscapes, there is no better way to soak up the sun than on the hotel’s outdoor pool deck, as you are mesmerized by lush green hills - an ideal setting for a perfect getaway. A unique temperature controlled pool, sprawling lawns and a dedicated kid’s area make for the perfect leisure spot, waiting to transform your stay into memorable moments to cherish.

Located just adjacent to the Pune-Bengaluru National Highway, the Fairfield by Marriott Belagavi is tastefully designed to offer patrons functionality, safety, consistency, comfort and value. Visitors can walk up to the neighbors next door for that Irish Jive at The Irish House or magical Indian flavours at The Copper Chimney. Or sip that Hot Cuppa; or dive into a plethora of dining options at KAVA – All Day Dining to satiate the palate; and stir that Martini as you engage in conversation with near ones at the Al Fresco as the sun sets over the horizon.



carved out of rocks dedicated to Shiva, Vishnu and also Jain Gods. The Banashankari Amma Temple is a Hindu shrine located at Cholachagudd near Badami and is also a popular stop. The Central Archaeological Department has maintained a museum here and has preserved many valuable relics.

As you travel to the centre of the state, you arrive at **Davangere**, that is home to some ancient temples like the Anekonda Nandi, Eshwara Temple, Bethuru Kalleshwar Temple and the Neerthadi Ranganath Temple, among others. While you are here, you must sample the famed Davangere Benne Dosa, a culinary delight as well as the Nargis Mandakki which is a spiced puffed rice that is best enjoyed with chilli fritters!

Close by is **Chitradurga** known for



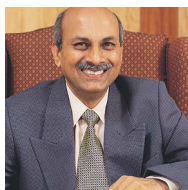
Detailed carvings on statues at the Chennakeshava temple

its fort that has 18 ancient temples inside including the Hidimbeshwara temple. The fort has several gateways and entrances, granaries, oil pits, four secret entrances, a palace, a mosque and water tanks. Stop at the Chandravalli Caves located close by

when you are here. Further away is the town of **Hassan** which has several fine examples of Hoysala architecture and sculpture. India's second largest earth dam is here — at Gorur formed across the Hemavathi reservoir and was built in 1979.

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## KLE SOCIETY'S CENTURY OF COMMITMENT TO TRANSFORMING LIVES



Dr Prabhakar Kore, Chairman, KLE

**SEVEN TEACHERS SUPPORTED** by three patrons founded the Karnatak Lingayat Education Society and established

an Anglo-Vernacular School at Belgaum on November 13, 1916. Expanding to different domains of education, healthcare and research, and traversing wider geographies, KLE today has 250+ institutions, 1,25,000+ students, 4,000+ beds for healthcare services and 16,000+

employees. The visionary efforts of its present Chairman, Dr Prabhakar Kore, MP, and his team at the Board of Management have heralded the emergence of a "Global KLE". The KLE focus continues to be welfare of the poor and needy with over 60 per cent of its institutions based in rural and semi-urban areas.

KLE provides education at pre-primary, school, pre-university, graduate, post graduate and post-doctoral levels and includes Technical, Health Sciences, Basic Sciences, Commerce, Humanities, Management, Law and professional education. The establishment of KLE Health Sciences University in 2006 and KLE Technological University in 2015 have paved the way for nurturing and empowering skilled professionals. KLE Health Sciences University is part of the National Institutes of Health (USA),

Global Network for Women's and Children's Health Research and the Reproductive Health Research network of the WHO and has collaborations with several national and international agencies including the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and UK Medical Research Council. Its research initiatives aimed at improving the health status of mothers and children have made a global impact. The KLE Technological University is committed to promoting entrepreneurship and is partnering the "Make in India" initiative of the Government of India. KLES Dr Prabhakar Kore Hospital & Medical Research Centre, Belagavi, with 2,400 beds, has emerged as a lifeline for the region. With a combined capacity of 4,000+ beds including 1,700 charitable beds, KLE is the largest private player in the region.

The twin temples of Nageshwara and Channakeshava in Mosale have intricately designed architecture and scriptures and are widely believed to be prototypes of the famed temples of Belur and Halebid that are also located here. The Shettyhalli church built on the banks of the River Hemavathi in the 18th century submerged in water during the

monsoons is another place that you must see.

And if you are looking for cool vistas, green coffee shrubs, pepper plantations and nature at its best head to the Scotland of India, **Coorg**. While you are here visit **Virajpet**



The Golden Temple also known as Padmasambhava Buddhist Buddha Vihara

known for its Ayyappa temple and Shiva temple atop the Malethirike hill. The 220 years old St. Anne's church built in Gothic architecture has two massive bells and its blue spire is hard to miss.

**Bylakuppe** is home to one of the

largest Tibetan settlements in India. Bylakuppe is the Tibetan Refugee resettlement in the west of Mysore district. The Golden Temple in Bylakuppe, Karnataka, is a home for thousands of Tibetans who are living in exile and is also a centre for Tibetan Buddhism in south India. The district headquarters at Madikeri has the Raja Seat from where you can see stunning views of the entire valley awash in hues

of green. The famed Abbey Falls are a sight to behold in the monsoons as the water is in full stream as is Talacauvery the birth place of the much revered Cauvery River.

As you head further South, you reach the district of **Chamrajnagar**

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## GOGTE INSTITUTE'S MANY ACHIEVEMENTS



**KARNATAK LAW SOCIETY'S GOGTE INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY**, the flagship Institute of Karnatak Law Society, Belagavi, was incepted in 1979 and it is included under the section 2(f) and 12(b) of UGC act 1956, permanent affiliate and an Autonomous Institution under Visvesvaraya Technological University, Belagavi. Spread across a sprawling mango meadow of over 23 Acres, GIT houses eight undergraduate and nine

post-graduate disciplines including MBA and MCA programs. GIT has the honour of sheltering over 4,500 students and more than 250 highly qualified and motivated work force. The institute also carries the distinction of getting NBA Accreditation by AICTE for the third time in succession, in 2015. In the recent visit of NBA, five of its programmes viz. Civil Engg., Mechanical Engg., Electrical & Electronics Engg., Electronics & Communication Engg. and Computer Science & Engg. were conferred with the accreditation status.

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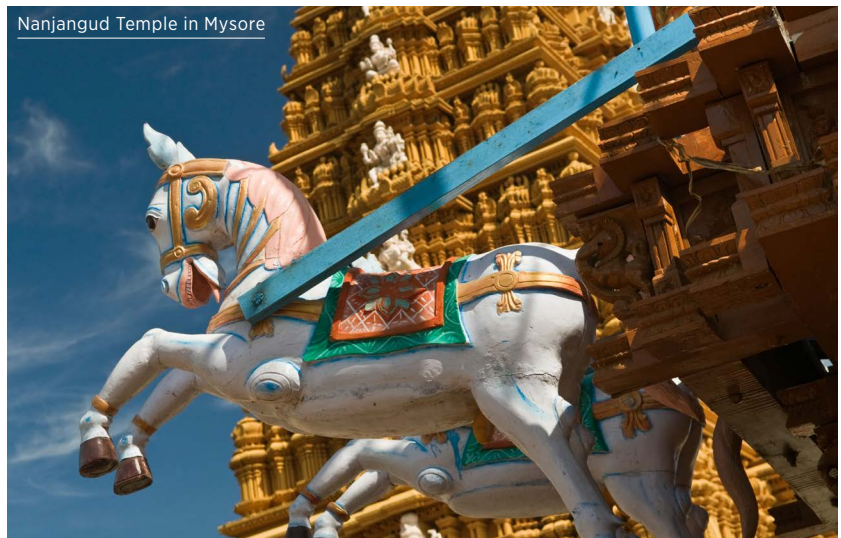
The institute has been growing steadily on the R & D front with the funding support from the agencies like AICTE, DST, UGC, VTU etc. A few patents, thousands of research papers and many product innovations are to the credit of the institute. A strong industry connect with top companies such as Tata, Mercedes Benz, KPIT, Amazon, Microsoft, to name a few, makes the institute a wonderful platform for experimental learning. A fine library with more than 30,000 e-books and lakhs of volumes, as well as more than 1000 journals / e-journals subscription acts as knowledge support system. Sports, tech fest – AVALANCHE, cultural fest – AURA and many more help in building a holistic profile for the students.



The Sivanasamudram falls on the Kaveri river

that is home to the Himavada Gopalaswamy Betta is a scenic spot that has religious significance and is also part of a reserve forest. The temple is on the slopes of a hillock with grassland all around. The hill is mostly shrouded in thick fog and the morning mist is famed here. You will also find the Male Mahadeshwara Hills is a celebrated pilgrimage centre which attracts thousands of devotees from all over South India in South Chamaraja Nagar District.

In the South is also **Shivanasamudra** in Mandya district, an enchanting island created by the branching out of the Cauvery into two streams and has two beautiful temples - Someshwara and Ranganatha. The Shivanasamudra Falls is the second biggest waterfall in India and the lush green valley forms a perfect setting for the Cauvery River, as it hurtles down from a height of 75 m into a deep, rocky gorge to form two picturesque



Nanjangud Temple in Mysore

falls, Barachukki and Gaganachukki. Close to Mysore is **Nanjangud** home to the Nanjundeswara or temple that goes back several centuries and also has an idol installed by Tipu Sultan. Further down are the forests of Bandipur, Nagarhole and Kabini that have the highest density of tigers in the country.

THE SHIVANASAMUDRA FALLS IN SOUTH KARNATAKA HAS THE DISTINCTION OF BEING THE SECOND BIGGEST WATERFALL IN INDIA

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