

WHV – Kakatiya Rudreshwara Camp

Kakatiya Rudreshwara (Ramappa) Temple, Telangana, India

Cultural property inscribed on the
World Heritage List since 2021

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Rudreshwara, popularly known as Ramappa Temple, is the main Shiva temple in a walled complex built during the Kakatiyan period (1123–1323 CE). The building features decorated beams and pillars of carved granite and dolerite with a distinctive and pyramidal Vimana (horizontally stepped tower) made of lightweight porous bricks, so-called 'floating bricks', which reduced the weight of the roof structures. The temple's sculptures illustrate regional dance customs and Kakatiyan culture and the choice of setting for the edifice followed the ideology and practice sanctioned in dharmic texts that temples be constructed to form an integral part of a natural setting.

Project objectives:

Implemented for the first time, the project aims at raising awareness about the cultural value of the Ramappa temple and the geo-engineering and construction technology of the great Kakatiya stapas and engineers. It promotes a spirit of adventure and togetherness towards the integration of various cultural and heritage activities in the region around the kakatiyas 3T concept of Tank, Temple and Township.

Project activities:

The volunteers will learn about the materials and techniques used to build the temple and its integration in the natural surroundings. They will study the current role and local impact of the water conservation system of the Kakatiyas, and they will contribute to the greening of the site surrounding areas with appropriate tree planting respectful of the heritage authenticity. Finally, they will take pictures and organise an exhibition about the local stories and myths associated with the history of the site.

Partners:

Archeological Survey of India, INTACH Warangal Chapter.

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