

WHV – Ramappa Camp

Kakatiya Rudreshwara (Ramappa) Temple, Telangana, India

Cultural property inscribed on the World Heritage List (2021)

PROJECT DATES

02 - 13 October 2023

THE SITE - 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.

OBJECTIVES - For its second consecutive year of implementation, the project aims at raising awareness about the architectural and cultural importance of the Ramappa temple and the geo-engineering and construction technology of the great Kakatiya sthapatis and engineers. It promotes the creative genius and universal value of the site, the selection of materials depending on the area and the application of those technologies for posterity.

ACTIVITIES - The volunteers will learn about how the society evolved around the 800 years-old concept of Tank, Township and Temple (3T) and its impact on the contemporary culture and life of the region. They will study the water conservation system of the Kakatiyas, and will work with local youth and other stakeholders to clean the smaller monuments which are part of the site, in respect of its authenticity. Finally, they will learn elements of heritage documentation and organise a photo exhibition.

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