

WHV – Kakatiya Rudreshwara Camp

Kakatiya Rudreshwara (Ramappa) Temple, Telangana, India

Cultural property inscribed on the World Heritage List (2021)

PROJECT DATES

15 - 26 October 2024

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 third 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 learn elements of heritage documentation, implement cleaning activities, and will work with the local community and school children to utilise photography and traditional performing arts to raise awareness about the site.

PARTNERS - ICOMOS India, Archeological Survey of India, TSTD, INTACH Warangal Chapter, Heritage Telangana, Sarpanch Village administration, you organisations and cultural groups; Indeed solutions.

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