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Dear Sai Brothers and Sisters

This month our sojourn is to the sacred Tungnath.

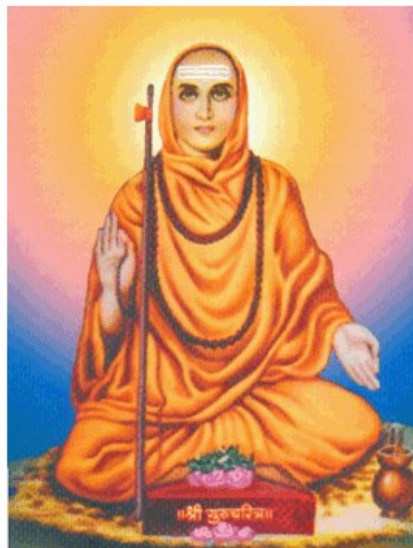
Ganagapur



Main entrance to the temple

Shree kshetra Ganagapur is a holy place of Lord Dattatreya and the place is very important "Darshaneeya kshetra". The place is connected to "Sri Nrusimha Saraswathy Swamy" who is the second incarnation of Lord Dattatreya. Importance of this kshetra was explained by ShreeGuru which can be seen in "Shree Gurucharitra". This Nirguna Mutt is adorned with the Nirguna Padukas.

It stands on the bank of the river Bhima in Afzalpur taluka in Gulbarga district of Karnataka. The confluence of Bhima and Amaraja rivers are considered extremely holy. Whoever takes bath in Sangam, will be free from their sins and their wishes will be fulfilled. There is a temple in Sangam in which the Shree Nrusimha Saraswathy Swamy performed the Anushtaan. The 'Shella Padukas' of Swamy are here.



Shree Nrusimha Saraswathy Swamy - second incarnation of Lord Dattatreya (1378-1458)

Shree Nrusimha Saraswathy Swamy (1378-1458) is the Purna avatar of Lord Dattatreya. He was born in Karanjapur which is modern Lad-Karanja or karanja in Maharashtra Vidharbha region. Shree Nrusimha Saraswathy Swamy (Shreeguru) was initially named as Narahari or Shaligramadeva. His father's name was Madhav and mother's name was Amba-Bhavani. His surname was Kale. He was born in a Deshastha Brahmin family Shulka-yajurvedi Brahman Kanva Shaka at Karanja.

Shreeguru assured that he would forever abide at Ganagapur and go round the village for 'Biksha' at 12:00 noon. Offering "Madhukari" to the people at Ganagapur and taking Biksha from atleast 5 houses is having

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very importance at this holy place. Even today Lord Dattatreya takes biksha everyday at Ganagapur. ShreeGuru "Sri Nrusimha Saraswathy" confirmed the same and it can be seen in Gurucharitra.

At the time of Antardhan, Shreeguru said to the disciples and citizens of Ganagapur as follows:

Vasathi Rani Sangamase Jate Nithya Bikshese Taya Vare Ganagapurase Madhyana Kaala Pareyasa

"You need not worry. I shall stay at this Ganagapur kshetra secretly. I shall have bath at the Bheema-Amaraja Sangam river in the morning. In the mid day, I shall come to Ganagapur mutt and accept Biksha in this village and accept your pooja and devotional services. From the view point of the public, I am going away from this place. My living presence will be experienced by any one who bathes in the Bheema-Amaraja Sangam and takes darshan of my Padukas here. I will receive poojas at this Kshetra in the form of Padukas". The Padukas of shreeguru Shree Nrusimha Saraswathy Swamy at this place are "Nirguna Padukas"

Shreeguru has been blessing his devotees with his divine acts on countless occasions. The aspirations of Datta devotees who worship him at Ganagapur Kshetra with true love, faith and dedication will be fulfilled. The miraculous experiences of such will ever remain hidden in the devotees own hearts. This is true even today also and devotees are getting experiences of Lord Datta's presence at Ganagapur Kshetra. Mentally retarded people and people who are suffering from chronic deceases are coming to this place and getting cured from their sad feelings. The trouble of spirits and ghosts vanishes and one can get peace of mind with the darshan of Swamy Padukas at this Kshetra.

Shree Swamy Mutt (Nirguna Padukas)



The Main Mutt in Ganagapur where Shree Guru used to Stay is known as Nirgun Math. This Nirguna Math is adorned with the Nirguna Padukas. There is a Holy Tree of Ashwattha in the Temple (Nirgun Math). Shree Kshetra Ganagapur is a Holy Place of Lord Dattatreya and the place is very important "Darshaneeya kshetra". The Kshetra Importance was explained by Shreeguru and it can be seen in "Shree Guru Charitra".

There is an Assurance from Shreeguru that he would forever abide at Ganagapur and go round the village for 'Biksha' at 12:00 noon is literally true even today. Offering "Madhukari" to the people at Ganagapur and taking Biksha from atleast 5 houses is having very importance at this Holy Place. Even today also, the process is continuing and the devotees are having faith that Lord Dattatreya is taking biksha everyday at Kshetra Ganagapur.

Sangam - Confluence of Bheema-Amaraja rivers

Sangam is like Prayaga. The importance of Sangam was explained by Shreeguru in Shreegurucharitra. Whoever takes bath in Sangam, he will be free from his sins and his wishes will be fulfilled. Bath in Sangam in Kartheeka Maasam, Maagha Maasam, Makara Sankranthi, Poornima and Amaavasya days, before and after Grahana period is very virtuous.

Audumbar Vriksh (fig tree)

According to Gurucharitra it is supposed to be the tree got shot from a dry twig by the grace of Sri Nrusimha Saraswathy Swami Maharaj while curing leprosy of a learned vedic pandit. Leprosy disease of a brahmin by name Narahari was cured by Shree guru Nrusimha Saraswathy swamy and the story can also seen in Shreegurucharitra. Narahari bowed to Shreeguru and began to pray him at that time. The 8 sloka stotra composed by Narahari has become famous and are being reciting in the temple at night even today also.

The stotra is now familiar as Nrusimha Saraswathy Ashtaka. Shreeguru blessed Narahari and said, whoever recites the sloka every day with full devotion, they will get ashta aishwarya, spiritual power, wealth, and fame. One who performs Guru Charitra Parayan with "Sapthaha deeksha" at the premises of this Audumbar tree, will definitely have the darshan of Lord Dattatreya in any form and their desires will be fulfilled.

Sangameshwaraalayam at Sangam

After worshipping Audumbar at Sangam, worship Sangameshwara in the Sangameshwaralaya temple with devotion. This Shivalinga is like Mallikarjuna of Srisailem. Bow to Nandi and Chandi and have 3 rounds like round from Nandi to Chandi and Chandi to Nandi back and have darshan of Lord Shankara.

Ash Hill

Ash hill is nearer to Sangam and it is said that there was a hill from which Ash came from the days of Lord Parashurama. Lord Parashurama performed penance at this place. The ash is very powerful and now it is in the form of Mud only.

Ashta Teerthas

Nrusimha Teerth, Sreepada Teerth, Rudrapada Teerth, Bhagirathi Teerth, Paapa Nashaka Teerth,, Koti Teerth, Chakra Teerth Manmadha Teerth are termed as Ashta theerthas.

The importance of bath in these Ashta teerthas is given in Shreegurucharitra. Some devotees are take bath everyday during their stay at Ganagapur and some are take atleast one time bath during their yatra period. Bath in Ashtateerthas in Poornima, Amaavasya, Karthika, Makara Sankramana, Naraka Chathurdashi days is very powerful.

Kalleshwar Temple

Kalleshwaralaya is nearer to Manmadha theertha i.e., one of the Ashta theerthas The importance of Kalleshwar temple was also explained in Shree gurucharitra. Have darshan of this Shiv lingam.It is equal to having darshan of 12 Jyothir lingas.

Vishranthi Katta

Vishranti Katta is the Place on the way to Sangam from Ganagapur. It is the place where Shree Guru used to Relax while going to Sangam and while returning. This is in the Farm of the Farmer to whom Shri Guru blesses with Huge Yield of Crops even in the Scarcity and the Same can be Seen in Adhyay 48 of Shri Guru Charitra.

Chinthamani Ganapathi

The idol of Chinthamani Ganapathy can be seen in the inner side of Swamy Mutt. Shree guru gave instructions to disciples to have darshan of this Ganapathi in Ganagapur.

Our sojourn continues next month...Till then Sai Ram