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A Study Tour to Local Historical Sites to Study Indian Knowledge System (IKS)

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Brief Report and Photographs

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Objective:

- To understand the historical and cultural significance of the Nilkantheshwar temple.
- To learn about the architectural style and construction techniques used in the temple.
- To appreciate the religious and spiritual importance of the temple.
- To develop critical thinking and observation skills through guided tours and discussions.
- To foster curiosity and interest in local history and heritage.

Brief Report

On August 31, 2019, a study trip was organized to the local historical site Nilkantheshwar (Harihareshwar) Temple on behalf of the History Department. All the students who were the officers and members of the History Board were present on this occasion. On this occasion, Head of History Department Dr. S.G. Benzalwar narrated the history of the temple. At the same time, the students were given information about the architectural style of the temple, the sculpture inside and outside the temple. The idols of Sursundari on the exterior of the temple are the features of this temple. Many questions in the minds of the students were also discussed with historical reference. Many Hemadpanthi style temples were built in this region under the Chalukya power of Kaiyani in the 11th century. These temples are still important to understand the political, socio-religious and economic conditions of the Chalukya period. The study of the temple is important for understanding the local history.

The Arya Samaj temple near Nilkantheshwar temple is also a historically important place. Arya Samaj was the first to create anti-Nizam awareness in the Hyderabad Liberation War. The Arya Samaj temple was built by the Arya Samaj workers in Nilanga. This temple was vandalized by the Nizam's Razakar organization in 1935. Freedom fighter Sesherao Waghmare waged a legal fight against it and rebuilt this temple from the Nizam. In this way the Nilanga Arya Samaj created a tradition of fighting against the Nizam legally. The students understood this history by actually seeing the Arya Samaj temple. Public Administration Department Head Dr. V. P. Sandur was present on this occasion.

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Outcomes:

- Students were made able to describe the history and significance of the Nilkantheshvar temple.
- Students became able to identify and explain the architectural features and symbolism used in the temple.
- Students became able to understand the importance of the temple in the local community and its contribution to the region's cultural heritage.
- Students will develop their critical thinking skills through analysis and discussion of the temple's historical and cultural context.
- Students will demonstrate an appreciation for the value of preserving historical sites and cultural heritage.

Study Trips to Local Historical Sites – Snapshots





Dr.S.G.Benjalwar while explaining the historical background of Nilkantheshwar temple and Chalukya period temple style.