

# Historical View: A Study on Hulugana Maradi Temple and Triyamba Keshwara Temple

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The place Huligadri or Huligana Marudi is famous as Dakshina Sheshadri, a temple of lord Shrinivasa. The place Huligana Maradi is located near Terakanambi of Gundlupet. It is around one and a half hours of road travel from Mysore. One can reach the temple by asking the route to Sri Venkataramana Swamy Betta at Terakanambi.

The temple is surrounded by hills, forest and lakes which is very attractive this place is known as Dakshina Sheshadri. It is known by the names – Sheshadri – Kanakadri – Venkatadri – Vyaghradri – Huligadri – Dakshinadri – Vyagrachala in the different yugas respectively.

According to varahapurana once there was a challenge between the ancient serpent Adhishesha and the wind god Vayudeva regarding who is superior to this hill. Adhishesha tries himself around a huge mountain and challenges Vayudeva to untie his hold Vayudeva the wind god tries to untie Adhishesha with force.

Adhishesha did not move Vayudeva again with much force creates a hurricane and splits the mountain into two parts and blows it away one part falls towards north and the other falls towards south. The southern part is called Dakshina Sheshadri and the northern part is called Tirupathi or Sheshadri. One who is unable to visit Tirupati can visit this place for the blessing of lord Srinivasa.

The name Huligana Maradi means a hillock where tigers live. Once upon a time this was a dense forest and many tigers lived in this place. Gradually the numbers of tigers decreased now.

The diety is installed by sage Mandavya. Now Shri Jayaram and Shri Nagaraja takes care of puja and rituals at the temple which they got through the ancestry. The forefathers of Sri Jayarama and Sri Nagaraja has started performing the religious ritual at this place from around 800 years. Their ancestor are from Komaandoor of Tamilnadu.

Huligana Maradi temple building is 500 years old. 500 years ago a Savkar Dasa Keshava Shetty of Terakanambi built this temple. 22 years ago raja gopuranirmanasamiti was formed and it was inaugurated by the Governor, Sri T.N.Chaturvedi in 2005.

On the day of sankranti the Brahma Rathostava will be celebrated every year and one more Rothostava will be celebrated on the first Saturday of sravana month decorating the diety with butter turmeric and different Abhishek's will happen frequently.

There is a belief that sage mandavya who installed diety comes here in the from of frog to offer puja to the lord. Even today a frog can be seen near the diety.

One more attraction about this temple is that it has a bow and an arrow belonged to lord Rama. People from villages around cities far away and even from foreign countries come to this place to visit lord and seek his blessings.

### **Triyambakeshwara Temple**

The temple Triyambakeshwara is located at Triyambakapura, 8 Kms from Gundlupet. This temple has the history of more than 1000 year. The speciality of this temple is that we can see the falling of sunlight from morning till whole night directly the Shivalinga.

The temple Triyambakeshwara is located at Triyambakapura village in Gundlupet taluk, Chamarajanagara District. One inscription says that this was built in the year 1435. The right next door of the temple we can see Triyambakeshwari temple idols of Durga Devi Shanmukha, Ganapathi, statue of Nandi, Subramanya and idols of kubera are found here.

After certain period after this temple was built this was dilapidated condition. From 2009 with the support of the revenue department and village people the pooja and religious rituals is bring carried out. This temple was built during the time of cholas. The temple became famous from 2009.

In the main entrance of the Triyambakeshwara Temple Nataraja art forms are there along with veena and dancing we can see the seven notes of music.

One more speciality of this temple is that the king Chitragupta Somashekara wanted solution for killing of Brahmin for that what the king used to do was everyday we visited all the nearby temple of (till 12 miles) Kerala, Karnataka and Tamilnadu to get a solution for his curse of Brahma hathya (killing of Brahmins). In Karnataka the temple Triyambakeshwara was known for the solution of Brahma hathya, because as the inscription says we can see the light of sun on the statue of Nandi as well Shivalinga all the time (morning, evening and night) Those who comes first time for this temple come from the eastern side, they can do the darshanas of Triyambakeshwara, and Durga Devi and they go from the southern side, the speciality of this southern side is that king got the solution for the problem of Brahma hathya. Even till today the devotees comes to this temple for seeking the blessings of lord for their problems in business, career and debt.

There will be special poojas on Mondays and Fridays. During festivals the special rituals will be held. We don't know clearly the origin of the temple as some people say it was built at the time of cholas and some says it was built by Maharaja's of Mysore. But we can see the durbar hall with 36 pillars inside the temple.

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