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Conservation of Historical and Religious Places around Barpali

Students and staff of the college visit the following historical and religious places around Barpali, start cleanliness drive and encourage the people of the area to keep the places neat, clean and green:-

- 1. Temple of Ma SarvamangalaKorba.
- 2. Temple of MahadevKanki Korba.
- 3. Kabir Math, Kudurmal Korba.

Temple of Ma SarvamangalaKorba.

The Sarvamangala Temple, located in Korba, Chhattisgarh, is a prominent Hindu shrine dedicated to Goddess Durga, revered here as Sarvamangala. Constructed approximately 123 years ago by the ancestors of local zamindarRajeshwarDayal around 1898, the temple stands as a testament to the region's rich cultural and spiritual heritage.

Situated along the banks of the Hasdeo River, the temple complex is surrounded by other significant shrines, including the TrilokinathMandir, Kali Mandir, and JyotiKalashBhavan. A unique feature of the temple is a mysterious cave that runs beneath the river, emerging on the opposite side. Historical accounts suggest that Rani DhanrajKunwar Devi utilized this cave for her daily visits to the temple.

The temple's architecture showcases intricate designs, with walls adorned with various depictions of Goddess Durga. Within the premises, a 500-year-old banyan tree is believed to fulfill devotees' wishes, who tie protective threads to its branches as part of their prayers.

During the auspicious festival of Navratri, the Sarvamangala Temple becomes a focal point for devotees, with special ceremonies, prayers, and cultural programs attracting thousands of visitors. The temple remains open 24 hours, accommodating the spiritual needs of all who seek blessings.

The Sarvamangala Temple not only serves as a place of worship but also stands as a symbol of the enduring faith and traditions of the people of Chhattisgarh.

39 students of Govt.CollegeBarpalivisited the temple every day during Navratri in Nov,2023 and started a cleanliness drive in the temple and served the pilgrims.

The staff and students of the college visit the temple once a month, worship the goddess Durga and serve the needy and poor people. They visit the old age home situated near the temple and serve the old people.





The temple of KankeshwarMahadev Templekanki, Korba

KankeshwarMahadev Temple, also known as ChakreshwarMahadev Temple, is a revered Hindu shrine located in Kanki village, approximately 20 kilometers from Korba, Chhattisgarh. Situated on the banks of the Hasdeo River near Urga, this temple is dedicated to Lord Shiva and holds significant historical and religious importance.

Historical Background

The temple is believed to have been constructed around 1857 by the Zamindars of Korba. The main sanctum houses a Shiva Lingam, symbolizing Lord Shiva, with intricately carved idols of Goddess Parvati and Lord Ganesha positioned behind it. The temple's entrance is adorned with images of Nagkanyaka, and the complex features numerous ancient sculptures and idols scattered throughout.

Cultural Significance

KankeshwarMahadev Temple serves as a prominent center for devotees, especially during festivals like Mahashivratri and the holy month of Sawan, when the temple witnesses a substantial influx of pilgrims. The serene surroundings, enriched by dense forests and multiple ponds, add to the spiritual ambiance of the site.

Visitor Information

The temple is accessible via road, with the nearest airport located in Bilaspur and the closest railway station in Korba. Visitors can also reach the temple by bus, arriving in Korba and then proceeding to Kanki village. The area is also known for attracting migratory birds during certain seasons, offering an added attraction for nature enthusiasts.

KankeshwarMahadev Temple stands as a testament to the rich cultural and religious heritage of Chhattisgarh, providing visitors with a profound spiritual experience amidst natural beauty.

31 students of Govt.College Barpali visited the temple during Mahashivratri in Feb, 2024 and started a cleanliness drive in the temple and served the pilgrims.

The staff and students of the college visit the temple once a month, worship the Lord Shiva and serve the needy and poor people. They provide food items to the migratory birds and advice the local people to protect the flora and fauna of the region.





Kabir Math, Kudurmal



Kabir Math is a historical site in Kudurmal, a small village in the Korba district of Chhattisgarh, India. The site is the burial place of one of the disciples of the 15th century poet-saint Kabir.

Location:

 Kudurmal is located on the banks of the Hasdeo River, about 15 kilometers from Korba

Features:

- The site includes the burial place of a disciple of Kabir
- The site also includes the Sankatmochan Hanuman Mandir, a temple built by Saint Mahatma Kevlal Patel
- The temple has an idol of Hanuman and other small temples of Kali, Durga, Ram, Sita, and Kabir
- There is a cave below a rock near the temple, which is said to attract stones thrown by pilgrims
- A fair is held on MaghPurnima every year (January and February)

Significance:

- The site is a significant place for the KabirPanth, a denomination and philosophy based on the teachings of Kabir
- KabirPanth followers come from many religious backgrounds, as Kabir never advocated changing religions

Kudurmal is a small village situated around 15 KM away from Korba district headquarter. The historical importance is that there is a Samadhi of one of the disciple of Saint Kabir's, which is about 500 years old.

Besides this, there is a temple named Sankatmochan Hanuman Mandir, which was built by Mahatma Kevlal Patel, who was a prominent Saint.an idol of Hanuman has been installed in the centre of the temple. thesorroundings of the temple has small other temples of Kali, Durga, Ram, Sita, Kabir etc. There is a fair on MaghPurnima in every year (January and February).

near the temple there is a cave below a rock, which is also attracted by the pillgrims rock.

21 students of Govt.College Barpali visited Kabir Math during Maghpurnima in Jan-Feb, 2024 and learnt the poems of the great poet Kabir Das. They learnt the lessons of communal harmony and other great virtues. The poems of kabir das are relevant even today. A visit to the Kabir Math is always motivating and inspiring.

[https://korba.gov.in/tourist-place/kudurmal/]

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