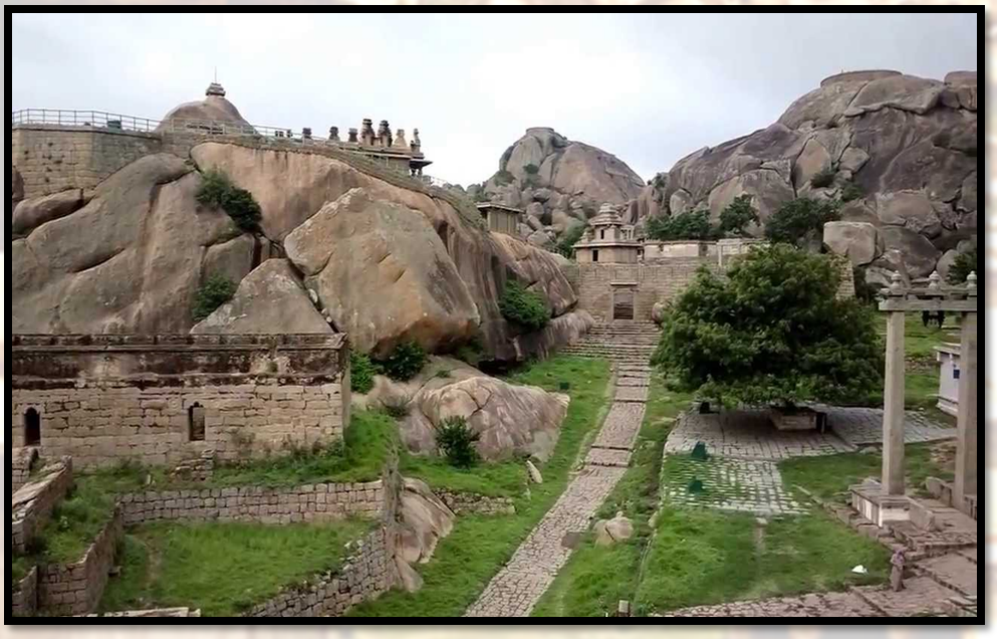
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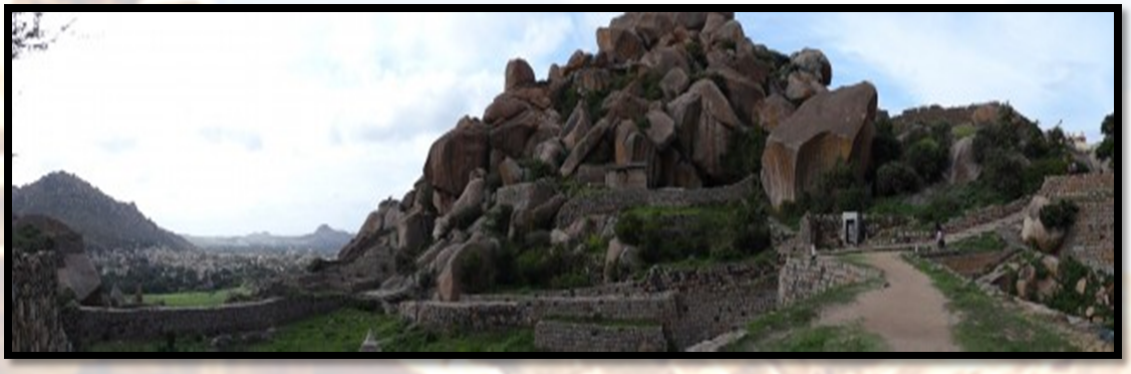
CHITRADURGA FORT

The Chitradurga fort situated in the state of Karnataka, is located within a set of defence walls that are built across several hills. The town derives its name from this fort, which means "a picturesque fort" the translation of the Kannada equivalent 'Chitrakaldurga'. This fort is surrounded by seven circular walls, three of which are on built on the ground while four placed on the adjoining hills.



A view of a section of the fort

Did you know: The Chitradurga fort is said to have 19 impressive doors, 38 smaller doors, 35 special entry points and 4 secret entrances the fort, however is entered through the four gateways of the outermost wall.



A panoramic view of the fort

Timmana Nayaka who was a chieftain under the Vijayanagar empire was given the rank of governor of Chitradurga as a reward for his military skills by the Vijayanagar ruler. This marked the beginning of the rule of the Nayakas of Chitradurga .

ACTIVITY

Who made Timmana Nayaka the ruler of Chitradurga fort?

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The snake motif at the entrance of the fort

Did you know: Chitradurga is an interesting place that has many legends attached to it. According to one of the mythologies of Mahabharata, Hidimba a man eating Rakshasa (Devil) and his sister Hidimbi lived on the hills of Chitradurga. Hidimba was a big menace to the people of this region and therefore when the Pandavas came here , Bhima the strongest of all the Pandavas killed Hidimba, and restored peace to the region.

This fort complex also has a water reservoir, granaries, a mosque and several ancient temples, for instance the Hidimbeshwara temple, Gopalkrishna temple, Sampige Siddeshwara temple etc.

Did you know: When the fort of Chitradurga was attacked by Hyder Ali, according to a legend there was a woman by the name of **Obavva,** the wife of a guard at the fort, is said to have single handily killed several of Hyder Ali's men who are were entering the fort through a small hole in between the rocks. She attacked them with a pestle (onake) and thus this legend is famously called the **Obavve onake** legend.

ACTIVITY

1. Select a monument in your city and find out an important fact or legend about the monument.

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2. Match the following

Kumbhalgarh fort	New Delhi
Panhala fort	Rajasthan
Red fort	Telangana
Golconda fort	Maharashtra

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