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DODDA BASAVANA GUDI/ NANDI KSHETRAM, BENGALURU

#karnatakatemple

The biggest and exclusive shrine dedicated to Nandi.

The massive Nandi is carved out of a single rock of granite. Kempe Gowda, the founder of Bengaluru, built the shrine in 1586.



Years back, groundnut was grown in this area. Every full moon night, farmers found their fields plundered. So farmers waited in their fields one full moon night. When they heard noise, one farmer threw his crowbar in that direction. To their horror, they found a huge golden bull.



The farmers fled away. When they returned next day, they found a huge stone bull in that same place. When the matter was reported to Kempe Gowda, he built a Nandi shrine there.

The farmers started the practice of a groundnut fare, kadalekai parishe, every year in Karthika.



It is said that the murti keeps on growing in size. The farmers nailed an iron peg on the head of Nandi, which is visible in the form of a trishula even to this date.

River Vrishabhavati is said to have its origin at the feet of Nandi, here.

