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BANASHANKARI AMMA, NEAR BADAMI (KAR)

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Originally built by Chalukyas in 7th century. Devi Banashankari was their family deity. This image of Banashankari Amma was installed by Jagadekamalla I in 630 AD.

Later renovations were done by Marathas.



Once, a demon Durgamasur was troubling the people of this area. Answering the prayers of Devas, Ma Parvati emerged from the yajna fire as Banashankari and killed Durgamasur.

This area has rich forests of coconut, betel nut and other trees.

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It is said that during a severe famine, Devi provided vegetables and fruits to the people of this area.

Hence, she is also worshipped here as Shakambhari.

In the annual festival called Banashankari jatre, a Rath yatra takes place and Devi moves around the city in the chariot.

