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SRI VARAHA NARSIMHA, SIMHACHALAM, VIZAG (AP)

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One of the 32 Narsimha Kshetram of Andhra. It has a unique form of Narsimha, appearing like a shivlingam

It is said that Narsimha's fierce nature is soothed by worshipping him with Varaha, considered a peaceful deity



The shrine is believed to have been constructed by Prahlada. With time, it crumbled.

In Treta yuga, King Pururava was passing from here in his vimana. The vimana was attracted to this place by a mystic power.

When the place was unearthed, the deity was found.

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Pururava's wife, Urvashi, had a dream that the deity should remain covered in sandalwood paste for the whole year except on Akshaya Tritiya.

This practice has continued till date.

The mukhya mandap here, has a pillar kappam stambham believed to possess curative powers.



Chandanotsava/ Chandan Yatra is the most important festival celebrated on Akshaya Tritiya. The sandalwood paste is removed from the moolavar deity and nijarupa darshan (original form of deity) for twelve hours of the day are done by devotees.

