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SRI DURGA DEVI, KUNJARU GIRI, NEAR UDUPI (KAR)

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Popularly known by the names: Kunjarugiri, Durgabetta and Vimanagiri and installed by Sri Parashurama.

The high hills look like Kunjara (Elephant) for which the place is known as Kunjaragiri or Kunjarugiri.



It is said that after creating Kerala, Parashurama found a pearl in deep sea which he transformed into a nose ring and adorned it on the murti of Kunjaru Amma here. He also created four tirthas called Dhanus Thirtha, Gada Thirtha, Bana Thirtha n Parashu Thirtha around the hill.



Till day, it is believed that he is performing penance in the cave below the Durga Betta. The shrine of Parashurama is on top of the rock hill by the side of Gada Thirtha.

Sri Madhvacharya is believed to have visited the shrine every day during his childhood.

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One day, when he was in the Kunjaru shrine, his mother called and he jumped straight to his house. To this day, his footprints can be seen on a particular rock.

This place is also called Vimanagiri as the Devas came by Vimana to offer floral tribute when the murti was installed

