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MA CHAMUNDESHWARI, MYSURU (KAR)

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The fierce form of Shakti who slayed the demons, Chanda, Munda and Mahishasura-the buffalow-headed demon.

Ma Chamundeshwari is the Kuldevi of the Mysuru Maharajas and the presiding deity of Mysuru.



In the earlier days, the Hill was identified as Mahabaladri in honour of Shiva who resides in Mahabaleswara. It is believed that the hair of Sati had fallen here, so it is one of the 18 shakti peethas, also known as Kraunch Peetham.

Later, Devi incarnated here as Chamundi.



Devi Chamundi killed Mahishasura after a fierce battle which gave her the name Mahishasura Mardini. Mahishasur was a mighty Demon who could alter his feature from a human to buffalo and was born to demon Rambha and Mahishi.



It is believed that the Devi murti was established here by Rishi Markandeya. An image of Sri Chakra which symbolizes the Devi herself, is also worshipped.

The shrine is famous for a black granite statue of Nandi and that of Mahishasura holding a sword and a serpent in his hands.



Chandan gowda