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Do you know?

■The Goddess Bhadrakali of Warangal is the original owner of the kohinoor diamond.■

In 625 CE, King Pulakesi II of Chalukya dynasty had built the Bhadrakali Temple. When the region came under the reign of Kakatiya rulers, they made Bhadrakali..



...as their tutelary deity, and fixed the left eye of the goddess with the rare Kohinoor diamond.



The fascinating diamond itself was mined from the Kollur mines of Golconda.

Later, in 1310CE, the Delhi sultanate under Alauddin Khilji brought the empire of Kakatiyas under their regime, destroyed the Bhadrakali temple & took away the prized Kohinoor to Delhi as their loot.

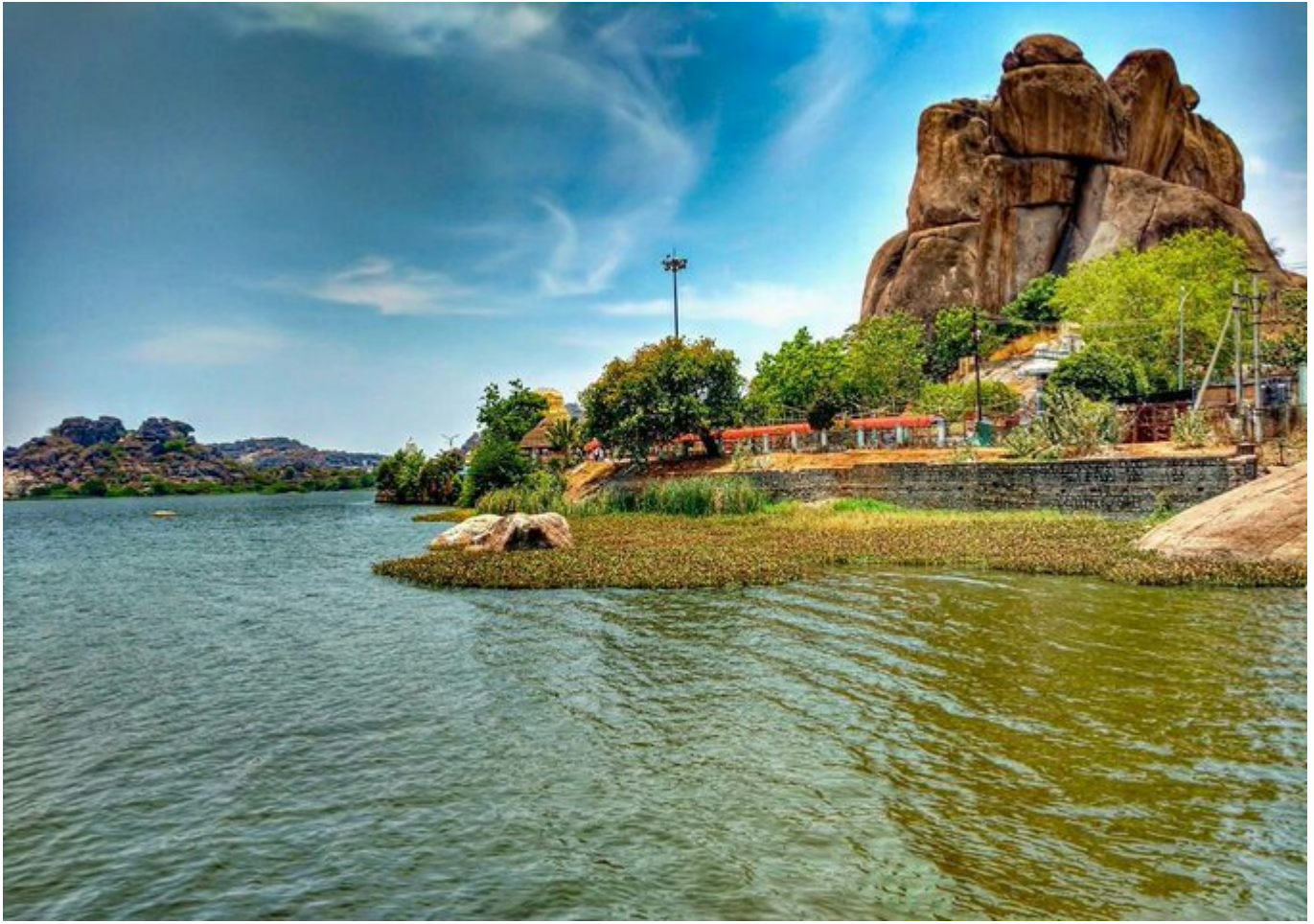
Then onwards, the awe-inspiring diamond went from one hand to another– from Babur and Humayun to Sher Shah Suri to Shah Jahan, Aurangzeb and Maharaja Ranjit Singh of Patiala.

When Maharaja Ranjit Singh was nearing his death, he willed that the ownership of the coveted diamond be given to the deity at Jagannath Temple. However, the British officials ignored the will of the king, and instead, took it to England as a gift to their queen.

As for the Bhadrakali Temple we see today, after facing much plundering and damage in the last centuries, the temple was restored in the 1950s by an ardent devotee and some philanthropic affluent merchants.



Also known as the Golden Temple of south India, the Chalukya style architecture of the temple is worth admiring. The temple wears a golden hue at sunrise and sunset, hence, it has earned the sobriquet “the Golden Temple of South India.” A gorgeous lake is just next to the temple.



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