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HIGHLY IGNORED OUR MANDIR HERITAGE NEAR NASHIK



On the very busy Nashik - Tryambakeshwar route, Anjaneri is one of the forts nearby Nasik. The fort is well known among trekkers and is also widely considered to be the birthplace of Hanuman.



On the foothills of the fort, are many Hindu and Jain monuments, including cave temples. The area around Anjaneri was once ruled for a brief period by Veersen Ahir (also spelled Abhir), who made it his capital.

This place was used by Raghunathrao Peshva alias Raghobadada as summer retreat when he was in exile. During British Raj, the christian missionaries of Saharanpur and Malegaon regularly visited Anjaneri during summer and held the service of the Church of England.

A large number of temples were built here independently of one another, unusual for temples of such a small size. They are not clustered around a central shrine in the manner that most small Indian temples are, instead each stands alone and is dedicated to a different deity.

The shrines have been damaged very badly and probably on purpose.

There are temples dedicated to Lakshmi, Narsinha, Vishnu and Ganesha. There are also some utterly ignored Jain caves nearby the temples.

The temples are situated at around 30 km from Nashik city and can easily be visited using a vehicle. The place is also in the vicinity of the famous Tryambakeshwara temple, considered to be one the the 12 Jyotirlingas.