

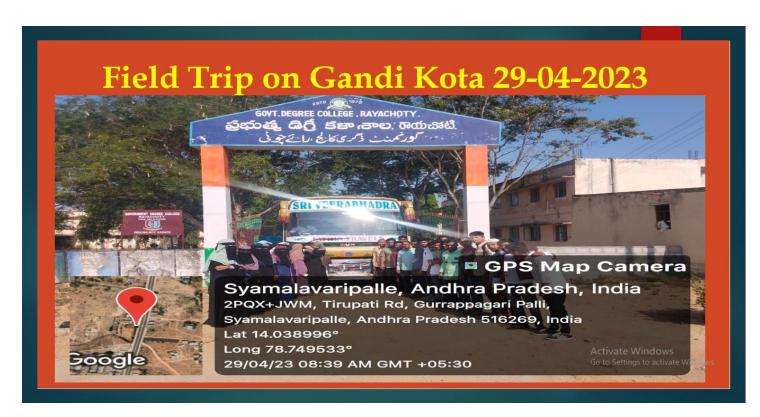
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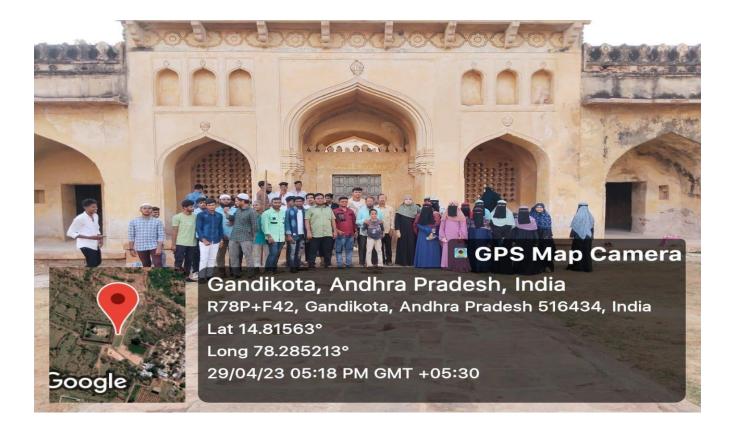
The Department of Political Science Urdu Medium organized one day field trip historical place at Gandikota fort on the date of 29-04-2023. Gandikota is a village and historical fort on the right bank of the Penna river, 15 km from Jammalamadugu in Kadapa district, Andhra Pradesh, India. The fort was the centre of power for various dynasties, such as the Kalyani Chalukyas, Pemmasani Nayakas, and the Golconda Sultanate.

In the fort are two ancient temples, dedicated to Madhava and Ranganatha. They are in ruins and the fort area is full of the debris of ages and many ancient structures in varying stages of decay. The large granary, with a vaulted roof, is now used as watchman's quarters. The Jamia Masjid has two adjacent minarets. A heritage festival is held every year in the fort area.

The other structures in the fort, include another large granary (used for storing food and grains late back), a magazine, a graceful 'pigeon tower' with fretted windows and an extensive palace built by bricks with some plastered decorations and some wells. There is an old cannon lying in the fort. There is the 'Rayalacheruvu' with its perennial springs irrigating some lime and plantain gardens. It is said that this 'Cheruvu' was connected to a fountain in Jamia Masjid by pipes, traces of which can still be seen.

There were other gardens and springs. There is an undated inscription on a boulder, near the 'Nagajhari' outside the fort, recording the gift of two gardens at the place to the temple. There was a garden called 'Parebagh' with a waterfall at the foot of the hills, on the bank of the Penneru.

The other main attractions at the fort includes House of the Drum (drums were used to alert the army in case of invasion), Charminar, Jail (where in the prisoners were held captive) and Red Koneru (Also known as pond of Swords, The huge lake in front of the mosque, where the warriors used to dip their swords in this lake and the waters used to turn blood red after the war.



The picture of staff and students Government Degree College Rayachoty at the gate of mosque and entrance of the mosque they called the small charminar. This field trip approximately 45 students and 4 staff are attended in this field trip. November 2015, Andhra Pradesh government cited a plan to develop Gandikota as next major tourist hub of Andhra Pradesh.



At a distance of 500 m from Gandikota Bus Stop, Jamia Masjid is an ancient mosque situated inside the Gandikota Fort. Also known as the Central Mosque of Gandikota, it is one of the must visit places in Gandikota as part of Bangalore 2 day trip.

Spread over miles, the massive 12th century Gandikota fort, made in red sandstone, comprises of gorgeous palaces with intricate carvings, religious places and a 5 mile perimeter wall. Jamia Mosque is one of the most noted architectural masterpieces inside the fort complex. Located besides a Hindu temple, the mosque set a great example of unity in diversity. The mosque was later addition to the fort than the temple of Raghunatha.

With simple architecture, the Jamia Mosque of Gandikota is quite grand in size and looks similar to Charminar in Hyderabad. Though the walls of the mosque have lost its sheen over time, it still manages to bewitch travelers with its simple, yet elegant Islamic architecture. Visitors of the masjid are first greeted by a grand multi-arched entrance, and then the main prayer hall where thousands of people once converged in heartfelt prayers. From the top of the entrance, one can spot the tower of the Madhavaraya temple located close by.





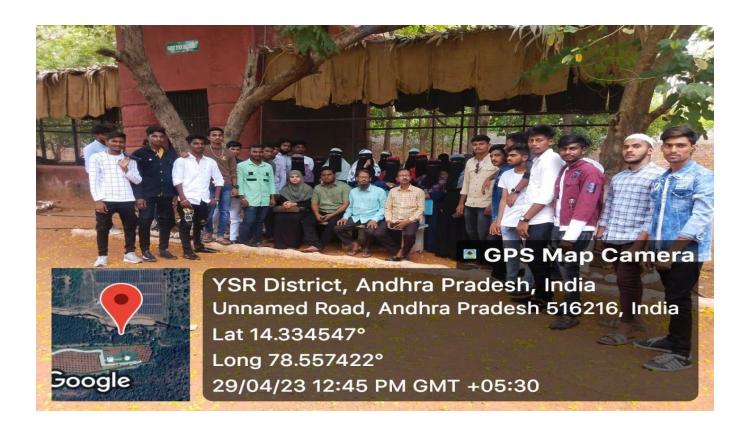
At a distance of 1 km from Gandikota Bus Stop, Pennar River Gorge is a viewpoint situated in the small village of Gandikota. Often called as the Grand Canyon of India, it is one of the must visit places in Gandikota.



The Staff and Students GDC Rayachoty to go the Gandikota in the bus maximum students present in the field trip 29-04-2023.



Madhavaraya Temple is a 16th century Hindu temple located in the Gandikota Fort, in the Kadapa district of Andhra Pradesh, India. Dedicated to Krishna, it is also known as Madhava Perumal Temple or Madhavaraya Swamy Temple. The Government of India has designated it as a Monument of National Importance.





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