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This is to inform the students of III Semester that, heritage walk to "Belur and Halebidu" has been arranged between 06-03-2023 to 08-03-2023 as per the subject "Social Connect and Responsibilities". Kindly make the best utilization of this heritage walk.

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REPORT ON VISIT TO HISTORICAL SITE BELUR AND HALEBIDU

(As a part of Social Connect and Responsibilities)

The students of III Semester visited the Heritage place Belur and Halebidu as a part of subject Social Connect and Responsibilities between 06/03/2023 to 08/03/2023. Belur, situated on the banks of river Yagachi, 38 km from Hassan, is a world famous tourist destination. The town is renowned for its Chennakeshava temple, one of the finest examples of Hoysala workmanship. The temple was consecrated by the famous Hoysala king Vishnuvardhana to mark his victories in 1116 AD against the Cholas and called the Vijaya Narayana.

Grey- Green Chloritic Schist (Soapstone) was used for the construction of Belur and Halebidu. One of its most striking features is that it is star-shaped. They are especially known for the beautiful and detailed temple architecture. The Students observed number of features: Gopura which is the bright yellow painted tower of the gate, clearly visible at the western terminus of the Belur; Dhvajastamba and Garuda-7m high, its wooden column has been re-clad in gleaming brass sheets; Dipastamba-10m stands freely some 30m southwest of the dhvajastambha. The students also visited Kappe Chennigaraya Temple dedicated to Chennakeshava and Lakshminarayana.



Fig 1: Visit to Belur



Fig 2: Visit to Halebidu

Halebidu temple is of Dvikuta type, with two east facing linga sanctuaries identified with Vishnuvardhana and Shantaladevi. Each sanctuary is preceded by a vestibule opening into a mandapa with four central columns.

Sub-shrines besides the steps climbing to the mandapa entrances are supported on friezes of elephants and yalis. Free standing Nandi pavilions are aligned with the mandapa entrances on axis with the temple's two linga sanctuaries.

The two mandapas of the temple are linked by a 4m wide aisle to achieve a continuous space, almost 50m from North to South.

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