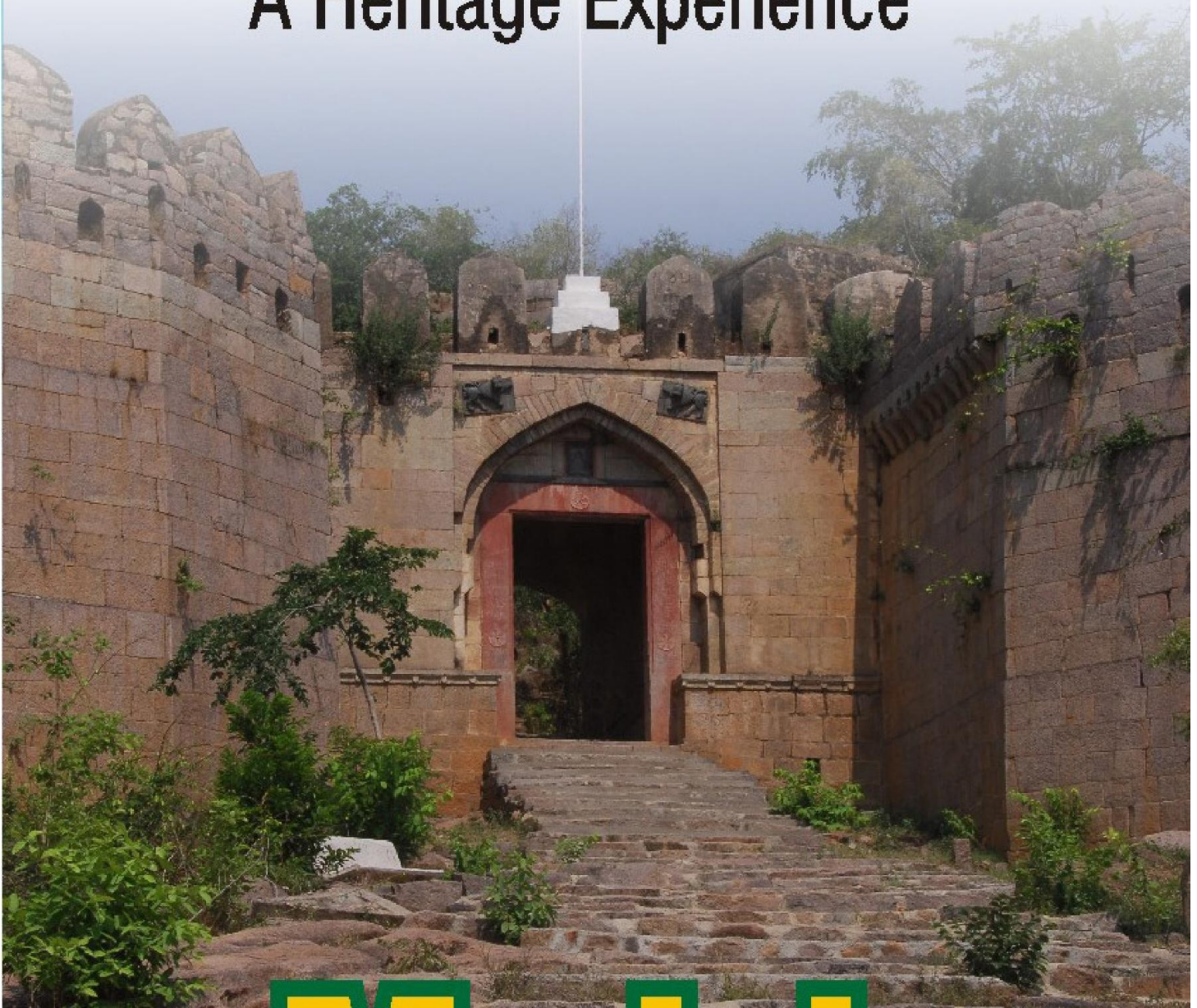




Marvellous Medak A Heritage Experience



Medak, a district in the state of Telangana is bound by Warangal and Nalgonda districts in the east and Hyderabad district in the south. From the western side, this district shares its boundaries with Karnataka state and from northern side, with Nizamabad district. Major rivers flowing through the district are Manjeera, Valdhi, Gudleruvagu and Kadaluru. This district is spread over an area of 9,699 sq. km, out of which 9.96% is covered by forest. In Medak district, people are engaged in agriculture and allied activities. A major attraction of this district is Medak Church, which is the single largest diocese in Asia and second largest in the world. Medak Fort is another major attraction of the district, which is frequented by tourists visiting the region.

TSTDC Heritage Hotel: Telangana State Tourism Development Corporation has identified the Mubarak Mahal built by Qutb Shahi Kings to set up the first heritage hotel in the entire state, providing accommodation for tourists. It includes AC Rooms, Restaurant, and other facilities for a comfortable stay. Arrangements have been made for travel and sightseeing to the nearby places of interest.

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Medak Fort

Medak, as a former Kakatiya stronghold, is famous for the Medak Fort, a citadel which was the pride of the Kakatiyas. It was built during the reign of the Kakatiya emperor Pratapa

both sides of the entrance. At the fort, one can see a 17th century cannon that is 3.2 meters long. The summit of this fort offers breathtaking views of the surrounding Medak city.



Medak Church

Medak Church stands gloriously as the main landmark of Medak City. Built on an extensive scale in pure white granite, this gothic style structure constructed by Revd. C.W. Posnett, was sanctified on 25th December 1924. This Church is renowned for its large pointed stained glass windows that tell the story of the Bible i.e. like the Birth scene of Jesus, Angels, Prophet Isaiah, Mary and astrologers in a kaleidoscope of colours, visible iridescently in sunlight, it is a marvelous sight. Made of Italian tiles, the Bell tower of Medak Church rises up to height of 175 feet. The Church can accommodate 5000 people at a time.

TSTDC Facilities: Telangana State Tourism Development Corporation has developed excellent tourist facilities in this idyllic location, abounding in natural beauty - Singur Lakeview Resort adjacent to the reservoir of the spectacular Singur Dam in Medak district. The Lake view resort at Singur Dam, overlooks the natural beauty of the reservoir lake. The Resort provides luxurious rooms, restaurant and all amenities. The Resort has a grand view of the reservoir and dam. Perfectly in harmony with the picturesque natural surroundings the extensively landscaped Resort with Park on the waterfront provides tourist amenities, conferencing facilities, cottages, children's play area, illumination, fountains and much more. The reservoir offers opportunities for exciting aqua sports and recreational activities. An exclusive jetty with lifeguard and safety measures, will make this park...the complete eco-tourist haven.

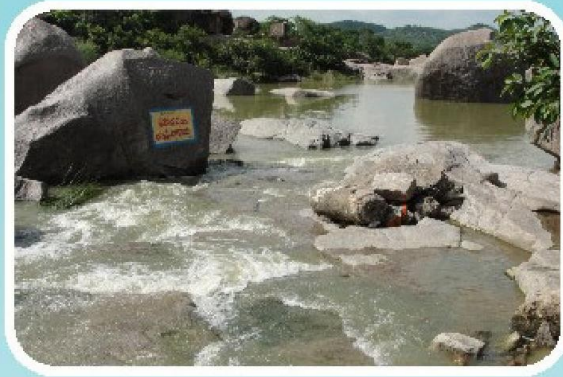
Pocharam Wildlife Sanctuary

Pocharam Wildlife sanctuary is located at about 15 km from Medak and 115 km from Hyderabad. It was once the favorite hunting ground of the Nizams. The sanctuary, sprawling across 129.84sq.km is rich in flora and fauna. The



Pocharam reservoir is situated adjacent to the sanctuary. It attracts a wide variety of birds like Bar headed Goose, Brahminy Ducks, and Open Billed Stork. The sanctuary is home to animals like the leopard, forest cat, wild dog, wolf, jackal, sloth bear, sambhar, Nilgai chinkara, chital and four

River Manjira. This picturesque spot marks the confluence of seven rivulets and hence its name 'Edupayalu'. Beautiful rock formations are found in the surroundings.



Telangana State Tourism Development Corporation's facilities comprising 18 rooms and a Restaurant are coming up and nearing completion in this sacred destination.

Wargal

Sri Vidya Saraswati Temple or **Wargal Saraswati Temple** is a Hindu temple located in Medak district and is at a distance of around 47 km from Hyderabad. The deity of



education in Hinduism is Goddess Saraswati. It is among the few temples of Saraswati in Telangana State. This temple is located on a hillock near Wargal village.

Many families visit the temple for their children's Akshara Abhyasam (learning ceremony). Vasant Panchami and Sharad Navratri festivals are celebrated every year. Navratri's, Moola Nakshatram (Birth star of Goddess Saraswati) is the most auspicious day for worshipping Saraswati Devi. During this day special rituals are performed at the temple.

Lakshmi Narasimhaswamy Temple

Accessing

Medak is 90 kms from Hyderabad and is well served by road network. Frequent buses and private transport are the options to choose from. Accommodation is easily available in hotels and lodges of Medak.

Rajiv Gandhi International Airport, also popular as Hyderabad International Airport, is the main gateway to the destination. Nearest railway station, which can be used to reach the district is Manoharabad Railway Station.

Medak Bus Station is the main bus station serving the district of Medak. This station is served by Telangana State Road Transport Corporation (TSRTC) buses from destinations like Hyderabad, Secunderabad, Nizamabad and Warangal, among others.

The best time to visit Medak district is from September through February.

**Customised packages can be
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