



## AN HISTORICAL UNDERSTANDING OF DEVANAHALLI TALUK AS A TOURISM DESTINATION: AN OVERVIEW

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### Introduction:

Devanahalli, an historical town which is located 40 KMs. To the north-east of Bangalore city. Devanahalli is also called in different names such as Devanahalli, Devanapura, Dyavandahalli and Devanadoddi. Of late, this town has been a center of attraction for different reasons. An international airport, Devanahalli business park, Aerospace part, Science park, financial city etc. are being setup in and around Devanahalli; historically speaking it was the birth place of Tippusultan It was a part of Gangavadi.

Historical attachment of the town is multifacet. It was a part of a number of Kingdoms like Gangavadi, Rashtrakuta's, Nolambas, Pallava's, Chola's, Hoysala's and Vijayanagara. It was also a birth place of Tippu Sultan. A Family of refugee's came from Conjeevaram the modren day Kanchi and settled near Nandi Hills, Bairegowda, their leader dreamt of setting up of a settlement in this region. His son Malla Bairegowda founded Devanahalli, Chikkaballapur and Doddaballapur, during the times of Vijayanagara rule Mallabairegowda constructed the initial mud fort in 150/ A.D. In 1747 A.D the fort passed into the hands of wodeyars of Mysore under the command of Nanjaraja, It was conquered many times from the maratha's and later came under the contort of Hydrali and Tippusultan. Tippu also renamed Devanahalli as yousafabad but it never become famous.

Devanahalli a small town located in Bengaluru rural district is mad the head quarter of a Taluk along with Nelamangala, Doddaballapura, and Hosakote Taluks in Bengaluru rural district. The total geographical area is 431 square kilometers with a population of 209712. The total villages of the taluk are 214 with 4 Hobli's and 21 panchayals. The taluk being the neighborhood, most of it intensively influenced by urban expansion of Bengaluru city. The taluk is

bounded by vijayapurataluk in the east, Hoskote taluk in the south chikkaballapur taluk in north and shidlgatta in the north. The Devotion 888 miters the important tourist places near by are Nandi hills, Benagaluru, Shivagange, Shivanadurga and lepakshi the languages spoken a taluk are Kannada, Telugu, English ect. The taluk is well connected by road ways and also by airway. The Present study which deals with an historical understanding of Devanahalli taluk as a tourism destination an overview as the following

## **Objectives.**

1. To make out the relationship between the historical places and the development of tourism.
2. To understand how rent development, boost up the tourism development in the taluk.
3. To evaluvate the inter dependency of historical sights and tourism.

## **Hypothesis:**

The present study has the following hypothesis.

1. The historical sites remain the major reasons for the development of tourism in the taluk.
2. The development of tourism brings regulation to the historical places in the taluk.
3. The recent developments impact the development of tourism both positively and negatively.

The present study which deals with historical aspects and tourism developments has adopted both primary and secondary data. Some of the books written by individual authors, government publications, internet remain as the main secondary sources. The researcher also visits. The study area and collect the relevant information all the available information has been regimented into tables chartes and graphs according to the fulfillment of the present research work. Thus, the partical fulfillment of the presentresearch work has been regimented into tables charts and graphs according to the fulfillment of the present research work. Thus, the partial fulfillment of the present research work has been met.

The Devanahalli taluk is studded with full of sites with historical importance. Every corner of the taluk one or the other way connected with some history. Beginning with the taluk headquarter Devanahalli which is a central place for many historical reason's years before Devanahalli remain nearly a small town whose attraction was just age-old Fort tip memorial, Vishweshwarayya memorial etc. But the recent developments that cme in the world wide as not left bangalore and devanahalli as wll rapid urbanization, rapid increase in the population growth, improved means of communication etc. have let the growth of bangalore city and it brought a certain impact on its sub-urban areas and areas nearby Devanahalli stood as an answer to the growing need of bangalore city setting up of international airports changed the very scope of once a small town to hub of other consequent developments around the town. A number of latest innovations have been set up and over raided the historical importance of the city. These developments certainly a boosting means to develop Devanahalli as a satellite town of Bangalore. In meeting the growth and development a better means of communication and infrastructural improvements are necessary and have been the same case for few years.

## **Temples: -**

The temples wides spread in the taluk take theirroutes from a historical event. In Devanahalli itself there are notable temples like Chowdeswari, KasiViswanath, Sri Sai Baba temple, Thirumaleswamy temple, SriDandamemma temples etc.

Sri venugopalswamy temple which is very famous in the town owes its history to the various historical events. At the outer set this temple is in the Dravidian style of architecture. So much of culture is being attached to this temple. There is another temple called DeyyaluBachhegowdanadevalaya. There is another temple Sri Tabbalingeshwaradevalaya at Gangavara which is also a historically important another hobli head quarter of Devanahalli taluk is a small town called Vijayapura which is full of historical temple some of them are Omkareshwaradevalaya, Channakeshwaradevalaya, Sri Nagareshwaradevalaya etc. are historically important tourist places which generally attract tourists.

There are runt temples which came up in and around Devanahalli town and taluk. Among recent developments Sri Anjanaya, Shilpa Murthy a jain temple on ParvathaGudda a famous bande beside ParvathaGudda, Sri Sai temple, Jain mandir etc. have come up in the taluk headquarter which made Devanahalli one of the tourist attraction in the state, Generally the temples in India obviously take their birth in the historical events the same way the temples in Devanahalli taluk remained a symbol of historical evidence.

### **Other attractions**

Apart from the historical sites there are other sites which attract tourists are the international airport, Avati Betta, Ganapati lake in Vijayapura, Goshale in VijayapuraKundanada betta, Jail in Koramangala etc. Apart from the historical sites there are other reasons which attract the people many great persons hail from this taluk. Besides the places in Devanahalli taluk there are some attractions which are surrounded in the near by areas are Nandi hills, Kotilingeshwara temple, Lepakshi which also play an important role in attracting the tourists.

### **Historical places and tourism: -**

The historical places situated in the taluk certainly the attractions for tourism but the essential infrastructure means of communications needed facility better road connectivity is essential which is only possible with the increasing number visitors to the taluk in this way a taluk has enough historical strength to attract the tourist this scenario brings people into the taluk and develop the tourism. The department of the tourism under taken laying down the roads constructing the essential bridges to connect every tourist spot. The setting up of new international airport has helped a for better routes from Bengaluru which bring lot of urbanites to wee kind recreation in the taluk.

The composition of the tourists has been analyzed in the recent past and found that people for short duration from short distances are visiting the taluk and preferably try to visit maximum near by places in a trip. Apart from religious and historical places there are geographical places which attract tourists from various places over all, all the factors historical, religious and geographical have made Devanahalli taluk a true destination for the short recreation and also long-term recreation. The recent development in the form of district head quarters at Devanahalli, international airport, technological park better means of transportation have added a new dimension to the existing phenomena.

### **Conclusion:**

Though there are many factors which influence tourism development in Devanahalli taluk but it is historical factors which always play a leading role in making the taluk an attractive place for tourism development. The tourism basically an industry which is basial on historical places for most of the times and hence same is the case with Devanahalli taluk that from very ancient times the taluk ruled by various kings who left their legacy which is a major heritage of the taluk. Thus, an historical understanding of

Devanahalli taluk as a tourism destination is truly bears the richness of the past to encourage present tourism.

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