

Shilparamam



If its neighbour is distinguished as a centre of excellence in IT education, Shilparamam, a contrast in time and substance to the Cyber Towers, is memorable as a unique achievement in reviving and preserving centuries-old handicrafts and folk forms of theatre and dance. On display at the crafts village is the colourful and magnificent artistry of the countryside in all its splendour. The setting is exquisitely scenic and serene, encompassing 50 acres of greenery, millenia-old rock formations and undulating landscape.

The vast expanse of land of this beautiful village is a gift of the Andhra Pradesh government to the South Zone Cultural Centre. The entire project is conceived as an endless, year-round festival of arts and crafts showcasing the talents and the skills of the rural folk from all parts of the country.

You enter the village through a majestic gateway flanked by two life-size terracotta horses.



These live demonstrations of artisanship bring back to the visitor pictures of a bygone era of Dhaka muslin, Kondapalli toys, Bankura horses, gudda-guddis of Punjab, temple arts and a motley of Indian arts and crafts forms which have survived the assaults of both the industrial and cyber revolutions. In short, a visit to the village is an unforgettable spiritual experience for the visitor. As one visitor remarked :

"The village was conceived with an idea to create an environment for the preservation of traditional crafts. A festival celebrated at Shilparamam is a 'reincarnation of arts and crafts' when artifacts, related functional skills and supportive traditions are presented in a manner connecting the boundaries between theatre, crafts, music, dance and poetry, each complementing the other".



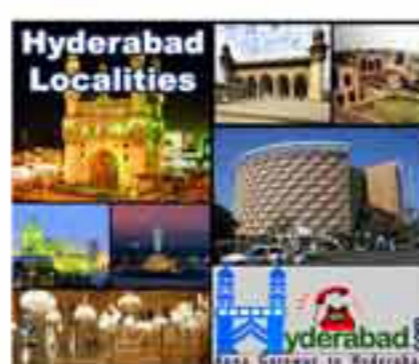
Guide

City Buses : 10H, 47K, 47S

Timings : 10.30 am to 8.30 pm

Enquiry : 040 - 2310 0455

Ticket : Rs. 10/- (Adults)
Rs. 5/- (Child)



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