

P R E F A C E

Karnataka a land of surprises is rich in cultural and natural heritage sites situated in an excellent location and attracting both Indian and foreign tourists. Hampi is situated on the banks river Tungabhadra in Bellary district. This is an excellent tourism destination for both foreign and Indian tourists. It is situated just 12 Kms. away from Hospet City which is connected by rail and good network of roads.

At **Hampi**, the past comes alive. The whispering winds, Tungabhadra river, unique Rocky hillocks and magnificent Archeological remains of Vijayanagar Empire makes every tourist/visitor a mute spectator. The serene, majestic and imposing environment of Hampi World Heritage Site welcomes the tourists to the world's largest '**open-air museum**'. Once the proud '**City of Victory**' is now a '**City of ruins**'. However, the ruins of these historical monuments have stood the ravages of man and time and still evoke the memories of regal splendour. There were opulent palaces, marvelous temples, massive fortifications, ceremonial places, baths, markets, aqueducts, pavilions and stables for royal elephants. Most of these important structures are located in two areas: **Royal center and Sacred center**.

Vijayanagara was a celebrated name in the history of South India and the glory of the Vijayanagara empire glow brilliantly. In medieval times trade and commerce, other economic activities like industries flourished and played an important role in the rise and growth of cities and towns. The city Vijayanagara emerged as capital city and became a centre of various religious sects, centre of trade and commerce and of artistic and cultural activities.

The vicinity of a **river** was considered as a **natural fortification** besides serving as a means of transport and water resource. The site selected for the

new capital on the southern bank of the Tungabhadra was remarkable. In one of the epigraphs it is described that its rampart was Hemakuta, its moat was the auspicious Thungabhadra, its guardian was the world protector Lord Virupaksha its ruler was the great king of king's, Harihara.

The people of the Vijayanagara city were very religious minded and they celebrated religious rituals and festivals like *Mahanavami*, *Ugadi*, *Makarasankrathi*, *Deepavali*, *Ramanavami*, *Mahashivarathri* etc., The celebration of periodical fairs and festivals in the capital contributed to the growth of trade in the capital. The articles of inland trade were many and were generally sold in the different bazars of the city. These fairs undoubtedly added to the material prosperity of the people and the capital.

The basis for **planning and intervention** in an existing fabric is the knowledge and understanding of the site concerned, in terms of both its history and its present condition. The entire '**Master Plan**' document is prepared as per the provisions of Karnataka Town and Country Planning Act 1961. The '**Master Plan**' is presented in the form of **plans and report**.

The report is designed in such a way that it includes 14 different chapters related to the present and future conditions of the '**World Heritage Area**'. As per 2001 Census the **Local Planning Area (includes 27 villages and a town)** has a population of about **60,000** and expected to have about **90,000** people by the end **2021**. An attempt is being made to understand the '**Heritage Area**' and proposals in the form of Land Uses to regulate and guide the developmental activities of the Planning Area are worked out. The Plan also envisages the protection and conservation of historic urban fabric, riverfronts and water bodies, rocky hillocks and forests, and prohibited areas, which needs immediate attention of the concerned authorities.

The HAMPI WORLD HERITAGE AREA MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY, HOSPET has prepared the “**Master Plan for Hampi Local Planning Area**” under the provisions of Karnataka Town and Country Planning Act 1961 and is submitting the **Master Plan for Provisional approval** under section 13 (1) of KTCP Act 1961 to the Government of Karnataka through the Director of Town Planning, Bangalore.

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