

Srisailam Temple

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Why in news?

The restoration works at the Sri Bhramaramba Mallikarjuna Swamy in Srisailam, undertaken by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI).

- Mallikarjuna Swamy Temple or Srisailam Temple is a Hindu temple dedicated to the deities Shiva and Parvati.
- **Located at** - Srisailam, Andhra Pradesh.
- **Surrounded by** - Forests of the Nallamala Hills, on the banks of ***Krishna River***.
- **Gods worshiped** - Shiva is worshiped as Mallikarjuna and his consort Parvati is depicted as Bhramaramba.
- **Unique feature** - It is one of the ***12 Jyotirlingas*** of Shiva and as one of the ***52 Shakti peethas*** of Goddess Parvati.
- Srisailam is unique as it is the ***only temple*** that serves as both a Jyotirlinga and a Shakti Peetha under one roof.
- **Historical significance** - There are inscriptional evidence from the Satavahana dynasty which place the temple to be existent from the 2nd century.
- Most modern additions to the temple were done during the time of king Harihara I of Vijayanagar Empire (14th and 15th centuries).
- During the 18th and 19th centuries, many chenchus graced the temple grounds and were part of many rituals and prayers.
- **Architecture** - This ancient temple built in the ***Dravidian style*** with lofty towers and courtyards is one of the finest specimens of ***Vijayanagar architecture***.
- **Visited by** - Many great saints like Adi Shankaracharya, rulers mainly Sri Krishna Devaraya, Chatrapathi Sivaji and several other spiritual personalities.
- **Festival** - Maha Shivaratri is celebrated annually, is a vibrant showcase of traditional music, dance, and rituals, uniting devotees in a spirit of joy and camaraderie.

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