

# DANTHAPURI



Dantapuri stands grandeur for the buddhist culture and ancient Kalinga kingdom ,occupies most important place in Indian History. Located at a distance of 20kms from Srikakulam ,it describes about the ancient Buddhist monument. It was constructed by 1st Indravarma of Kalinga ganga dynasty between 498 & 499 A.D. Here on the bank of pond big statue of budda was found. Every stone found in excavation s here is in the form of Idol. The most important striking feature is that 4 stupas are found in the excavations. On the bank of fort towards eastern side big statue was found which was identified as Ajathanadh,the 2nd therthankara of Jains. It has got it s name as the tooth of lord budda left here.

## MADEENABABA DARGA Kalingapatnam

Madeenababa darga is one of the most interesting holy shrines of tourist interest where people of all religions worship Madeenababa in Darga and it speaks for the Hindu – Muslim unity. Ancient history and inscriptions here establish the fact that Meer Syed Mohammad (later popularly known as Madeena baba) visited this place during 11th century A.D.,to spread the holy message of Mohammad from Madeena to establish peace and protect innocent and poor. Nawab Anwaruddin constructed this mosque during 1118. Mysterious fact here is that Madeena baba, a towering personality of 14 ft height has incarnated here on the 16th day Ramjan in 1118.



## HATAKESWARASWAMY ALAYAM Singupuram

Hatakeswara swamy alayam is the only cave temple of Srikakulam district present on the hill Sindura west to singupuram is at distance of 10kms from Srikakulam. Previously this town is called as Simhapuram as it was ruled by king Simhabala. Inscriptions on the pillars of temple establish the fact that this temple was constructed during 11th century A. D.and later mandapam. Here on the hill every year in the month of Chaitram Kalyanotsvam be celebrated auspiously for 9 days. Here relics of buddist idols of Tara and Mareechi are found in excavations. Here on the hill top there is holy spring through which holy water oozes out through out the year.



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