

# Lakkundi Heritage Restoration

**Objective** - The project aims to uncover buried architectural wonders and restore historical significance to secure a spot on the UNESCO World Heritage Sites tentative list.



## Historical Significance

- Formerly known as **Lokkigundi**, the village was a major hub under the **Chalukya, Yadava, and Hoysala** dynasties and is renowned as the "village of hundred wells."
- It served as the capital for Hoysala king **Eradane Ballala** in 1192 A.D. and was famous for its "tankashale" (mint).
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## Recent Discoveries

- Excavations at the **Kote Veerabhadreshwar temple** have yielded **Neolithic relics**, pushing the site's history back thousands of years.



## Protection & Expansion

- Currently featuring **7 ASI-protected** and **16 State-protected** structures, plans are underway to add **8 more monuments** by February 2026.





## Community Initiative

- A massive relic collection drive gathered **1,050 historical items** from local households, with residents also donating land for an **open-air museum**.



## UNESCO World Heritage Sites in Karnataka

UNESCO World Heritage Site	Year Inscribed	Location (District)	Historical & Ecological Significance
 Group of Monuments at Hampi	1986	Vijayanagara	The grand capital of the <b>Vijayanagara Empire</b> , situated on the banks of the Tungabhadra River. Famous for its Dravidian architecture, the Virupaksha Temple, and the Vijaya Vittala Temple (known for its iconic stone chariot and musical pillars).
 Group of Monuments at Pattadakal	1987	Bagalkot	Represents the pinnacle of <b>Chalukyan</b> architectural art (7th-8th centuries). It uniquely blends both <b>Nagara</b> (North Indian) and <b>Dravidian</b> (South Indian) building styles. The standout structure here is the Virupaksha Temple, built by Queen Lokamahadevi.
 Western Ghats (Sahyadri)	2012	Spans Western Karnataka	A UNESCO natural heritage site and one of the world's hottest biodiversity hotspots. Out of the 39 protected properties making up this site across India, <b>10 are located in Karnataka</b> (including Kudremukh National Park, Agumbe, and Pushpagiri Wildlife Sanctuary).
 Sacred Ensembles of the Hoysalas	2023	Hassan & Mysuru	The newest addition to Karnataka's list. Showcases the stellar star-shaped, soapstone architecture of the <b>Hoysala Empire</b> . This specifically includes three sites: the Chennakeshava Temple (Belur), Hoysaleswara Temple (Halebidu), and Keshava Temple (Somanathapura).