

Harishchandragad Fort

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Harishchandragad Fort Latest News

Four tourists from Mumbai were seriously injured recently during a landslide while they were descending the Harishchandragad fort in Ahilyanagar district of Maharashtra.

About Harishchandragad Fort

- It is a **hill fort** located in the Ahmednagar district of **Maharashtra**.
- Nestled in the **Western Ghats**, it stands at approximately 1,422 meters above sea level.

Harishchandragad Fort History

- The fort originally dates back to the **6th century** during the rule of the **Kalchuri dynasty**.
- The **citadel was built during this era**, and **various caves** probably have been **carved out in the 11th century AD**.
- **Sage Changdev used to meditate** here in the **14th century AD**.
- Later the fort was under the **control of the Mughals** and the **Marathas captured** it in **1747 AD**.

- **Remnants of microlithic human inhabitants** have been discovered here.
- The **various Puranas**, like Matsyapurana, Agnipurana, and Skandapurana, have **many references** about Harishchandragad.

Harishchandragad Fort Architecture

- One of the most prominent structures on the fort is the **Harishchandreshwar Temple**, dedicated to Lord **Shiva**.
 - Built in the **Hemadpanti architectural style**, the temple boasts intricate carvings and a massive Nandi sculpture at its entrance.
 - The temple's sanctum houses a shivling, making it a revered pilgrimage site.
- The Konkan Kada, or the **Konkan Cliff**, is one of Harishchandragad's most striking features.
 - This **semicircular overhanging cliff** offers stunning **views of the Konkan region**, and during certain seasons, a **rare phenomenon** called the **"Brocken Spectre"** can be observed, where **one's shadow appears on the clouds with a rainbow halo**.

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