

Kalaburagi Fort

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Kalaburagi Fort Latest News

The MP for Kalaburagi recently met with Union Culture Minister and submitted a letter seeking urgent approval for the proposed ₹20 crore conservation and rejuvenation project for the historic Kalaburagi fort.

About Kalaburagi Fort

- Kalaburagi Fort, also known as **Gulbarga Fort**, is a historic fort located in Kalaburagi (Gulbarga), **Karnataka**.
- It was **initially constructed** by **Raja Gulchand**, a **feudatory of the Kakatiya dynasty** of **Warangal**, in the **12th century**.
- It was later **strengthened by Alauddin Hasan Bahman Shah**, the ruler of the **Bahmani dynasty**.
- **Bahmani Sultans** had the **longest rule in Kalaburagi** between the **14th and 16th century**.
- It **served as the capital of the Bahmani Sultanate**, one of the most **powerful Muslim kingdoms in the Deccan** region during the mediaeval period.

Kalaburagi Fort Architecture

- The architecture showcases a **blend of Hindu and Islamic styles**, reflecting the diverse cultural influences of its builders and occupants over the centuries.
- Being **positioned atop a hill**, the fort provided a strategic advantage for defence.
- The fort's structures include **mosques, palaces, tombs**, and other buildings, built using materials like **granite and limestone**.
- Notable features include **massive walls, bastions, ornate gateways**, and intricate **carvings**, showcasing the craftsmanship of the artisans of that era.
- The fort's layout reflects its strategic importance, with a **series of concentric walls** and **defensive structures** designed to withstand sieges.
- The fort is a monumental structure **highly fortified with 15 towers mounted with 26 guns**; each gun located inside the fort is 8 metres (26 ft) long and is **still well preserved**.

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