

Sannati Bhuddist site

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About Sannati Buddhist site:

- It is the ancient **Buddhist site** on the bank of **Bhima river** near Kanaganahalli (forming part of Sannati site) in Kalaburagi district, Karnataka. It is also popular among tourists for the **Chandrala Parameshwari Temple**.
- Major findings in this site:
 - It is believed to have been developed in three constructional phases – **Maurya, Early Satavahana and Later Satavahana** periods stretching from 3rd Century B.C. to 3rd Century A.D.
 - **Ranamandala** area of Sannati offers a unique chronological scale from **prehistoric to early historic times**.
 - An **inscription** written in the Prakrit language using the Brahmi script is also found here.
 - The excavation also recovered another precious stone of historical importance – a stone **sculpture portraying Mauryan Emperor Ashoka**. The emperor is seen surrounded by his queens and female attendants in this rare sculpture. The sculpture had the words “**Raya Asoko**” etched on it in **Brahmi script** leaving little scope for mistaking the identity of the man featured in it.
 - The recoveries included around 60 dome slabs with sculptural renderings of selected **Jataka stories**, main events in the life of the Master, portraits of Shatavahana monarchs and certain unique depictions

of Buddhist missionaries sent by Ashoka to different parts

- The site of ancient **Nagavi Ghatikasthana**, which was often termed the Takshashila of the South by historians, is around 40 km away from Sannati.
 - The Ghatikasthana, which had the status of a present-day university, was a major education hub during rulers of the Rashtrakuta and Kalyana Chalukya dynasties between the 10th and 12th Centuries.
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Q1: What are the Jataka tales?

These are a large collection of Buddhist morality stories in which the Buddha recounts some of his past lives on his long road to enlightenment.

Source : [Nuggets of history from Sannati village in Kalaburagi district](#)

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