

Marakata Lakshmi Ganapati Temple, Kanajiguda, Secunderabad

History & Significance

Marakata Lakshmi Ganapati is revered as the embodiment of the primordial Omkara, the first deity to be worshipped in all Vedic rituals. Lord Ganapati is the remover of obstacles and the giver of knowledge, prosperity, happiness, and fulfillment. He awakens the inner spiritual energy (Mooladhara chakra power), removes inner negativities, and guides devotees toward liberation.

This temple is unique because it houses a rare and highly sacred **Marakata (Emerald) Lakshmi Ganapati** idol along with **Navagrahas with their consorts and vehicles** – considered extremely special and uncommon.

The deity is described as the unified masculine form of the three great divine energies – Mahakali, Mahalakshmi, and Mahasaraswati – while Mahalakshmi Herself is worshipped here as the feminine divine power.

Historical Background of the Site

About **200 years ago**, the Kanajiguda area was mainly agricultural land. At the present temple site, there existed a large step-well containing a sacred idol of Goddess Mahalakshmi. Farmers used that water for irrigation and offered prayers to the Goddess every Deepavali day for health and prosperity.

Over time, the well and the idol became buried under mud and debris, according to local tradition.

Later, through a divine dream-vision of Goddess Lalita Parameswari received by Sri Satyanarayana Shastri Garu, instructions were given to build a temple for **Marakata Lakshmi Ganapati** at this very location. With great effort, planning, and modern technical support, the temple was constructed and the idol was consecrated in **2016** by a revered Peethadhipati.

Form of the Deity

Marakata Lakshmi Ganapati is depicted with multiple divine attributes, holding sacred weapons and symbols such as: Sword, Discus, Goad, Noose, Lotus, Mace, Fruit, Nectar vessel, Sugarcane bow, Broken tusk gesture of blessing

Goddess Lakshmi is seated with Him, symbolizing prosperity-bestowing power. The form represents vast cosmic energy and Vishnu-tattva pervasiveness. Devotees believe darshan grants great merit and blessing.

Special Devotional Practice

It is believed that performing:

- **16 pradakshinas (circumambulations)** with a sincere wish
- Then after fulfillment, **108 pradakshinas**
- Followed by Abhishekam and Homam

brings success in desired goals.

Especially Beneficial For

Worship here is considered highly beneficial for:

- Ashlesha, Jyeshtha, Revati star-born devotees
- Aries, Taurus, Gemini, Cancer, Virgo, Scorpio, Capricorn, Aquarius, Pisces signs
- Those with Ashtama / Ardha-Ashtama planetary afflictions
- Those born on 5, 7, 14, 16, 23, 25 dates

Participation in **32-substance Abhishekam and Homams** is believed to help with:

- Education, career, business progress
- Marriage and progeny
- Foreign travel
- Financial, debt, court, and house-related problems

Navagraha Worship Feature

The temple includes Navagraha idols with their colors, consorts, and vehicles. Performing:

- Abhishekam
- Charity
- Pradakshina
- Homam

to the Navagrahas here is believed to reduce planetary afflictions and bring success.

Regular & Annual Ritual Programs

Regular services include:

- Suprabhata Seva
- Abhishekam
- Lakshmi Ganapati Homams
- Chaturavritti Tarpanam
- Sahasranama Archana
- Durva Yugma Puja

Special observances:

- Sankashti Chaturthi special pujas each month
- Navaratri celebrations in Bhadrapada month
- Karthika month Rudrabhishekam & homams
- Dhatri Narayana & group Satyanarayana vratas
- Annual Brahmotsavams from Chaitra Shuddha Vidiya to Panchami

Temple Darshan Statement:

Darshan of Marakata Lakshmi Ganapati along with Navagrahas with consorts and vehicles is believed to destroy sins and grant great auspiciousness.