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Subject: Meguti temple and Display of Name of ASI site

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Director Genral
ASI.

Sir,

It is to submit before you that recently I visited about one dozen sites being protected by ASI in Badami, Pattadkal, Hampi and Aihole. I want to submit two suggestions to the ASI administration.

1. What I noticed there is that you have placed a board on every site carrying the title – 'Protected Monument' with details of the concerned law of 1958. And it is a fix board for every site.

Surprisingly, many sites do not have a single display board about the name of monument and its details, e.g- Mahakoteshwar Temple.

My suggestion is that please add the name of site or monument on the same board carrying information as "protected monument."

2. There is a famous Jain temple at a small hill top of Aihole. This is perhaps, known as Meguti Temple. The inscription (shilalekh) of poet Ravikirantri about Pulkeshian second is placed there but there is no sign board is given in the streets of Aihole about this historical site. Moreover, the entry point of the temple has been encroached by local residents and animal farm has been developed there. Please take necessary action.

Enc. photo of Board

Regards
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