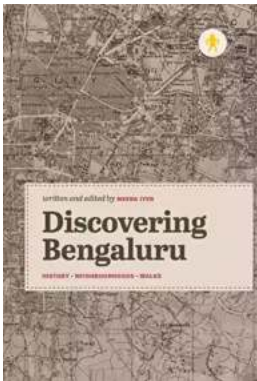


# Discovering Bengaluru History Neighbourhoods Walks

Are you ready to embark on a journey through the vibrant streets of Bengaluru, India? Bengaluru, also known as Bangalore, is a city rich in history and culture, and there's no better way to explore its hidden gems than by taking a stroll through its various neighbourhoods. From ancient temples to colonial-era architecture, this article will guide you through some of the most captivating walks in Bengaluru, unveiling the fascinating stories that lie within these streets.

## **The Charm of Basavanagudi**

Our first neighbourhood walk takes us to the charming suburb of Basavanagudi, located in South Bengaluru. Known for its traditional way of life, Basavanagudi offers a glimpse into the city's past. As you wander through its narrow lanes, you'll encounter beautifully adorned temples, such as the famous Bull Temple, dedicated to Nandi, the sacred bull symbolic of Lord Shiva.



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Bull Temple in Basavanagudi - a majestic piece of architecture

While exploring Basavanagudi, make sure to visit the Dodda Ganapathi Temple, another significant religious site. Its towering statue of Lord Ganesha attracts devotees from far and wide. The neighbourhood is also home to numerous traditional eateries where you can savor delectable local delicacies.

### **The Colonial Charms of Indiranagar**

Indiranagar, once a British military base, now boasts an eclectic mix of colonial and modern architectural styles. This upscale neighbourhood offers a fascinating blend of history and contemporary living. Take a stroll along the wide tree-lined avenues and discover beautifully preserved British-era bungalows.

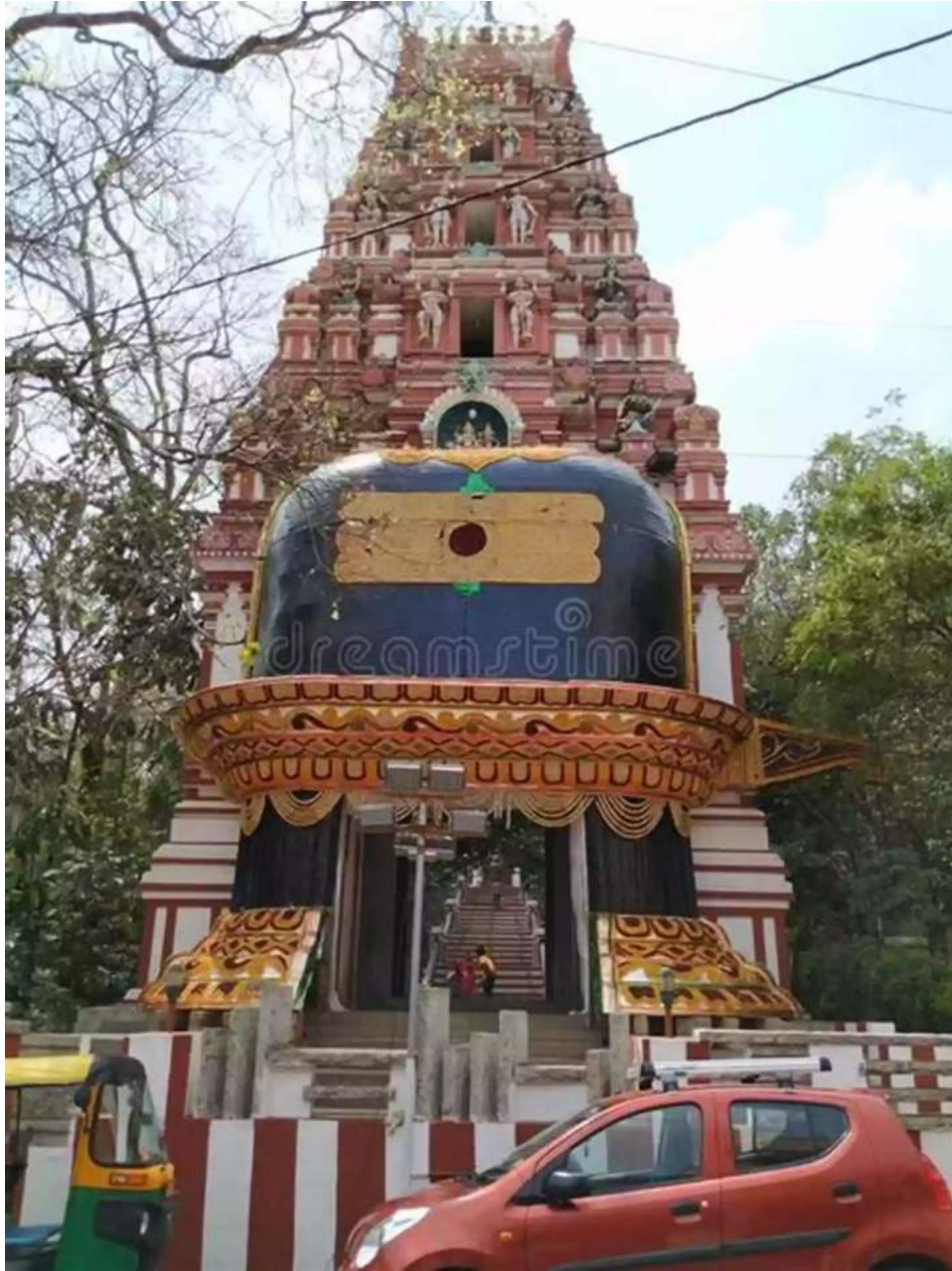


Colonial bungalows in Indiranagar - remnants of its British past

One of the highlights in Indiranagar is the impressive St. Mary's Basilica, a neo-Gothic style Catholic church. The stained glass windows and the stunning Gothic spire make it a must-visit for architecture enthusiasts. Indiranagar is also known for its vibrant nightlife, offering numerous trendy bars and restaurants to unwind after your walk.

### **The Serenity of Malleswaram**

Next, we head to Malleswaram, a peaceful neighbourhood situated in North Bengaluru. This area is known for its well-planned layout and serene atmosphere. Walking through its quiet streets, you'll find yourself transported to a bygone era.



Gopuram of Kadu Malleswara Temple in Malleswaram - a marvel of Dravidian architecture

A must-visit in Malleswaram is the Kadu Malleswara Temple, dedicated to Lord Shiva. The towering gopuram (entrance tower) with intricate carvings is a sight to behold. The neighbourhood is also dotted with small parks and traditional markets, perfect for a leisurely stroll.

## The Majesty of Shivajinagar

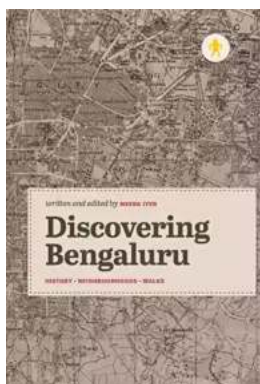
Our final neighbourhood walk takes us to Shivajinagar, a bustling commercial area with a rich historical past. This vibrant locality is home to numerous mosques, reflecting the strong Muslim influence in the area.



Jama Masjid in Shivajinagar - a magnificent mosque that stands tall

The awe-inspiring Jama Masjid, one of the largest mosques in Bengaluru, is the highlight of this walk. Its grand arches and imposing minarets make it a remarkable architectural sight. Exploring Shivajinagar will also lead you to bustling markets, aromatic street food stalls, and shops selling traditional garments.

These are just a few examples of the many historical neighbourhoods waiting to be discovered in Bengaluru. Each walk offers a unique blend of history, architecture, and local culture, providing an authentic experience of the city. So put on your walking shoes and immerse yourself in the captivating history of Bengaluru!



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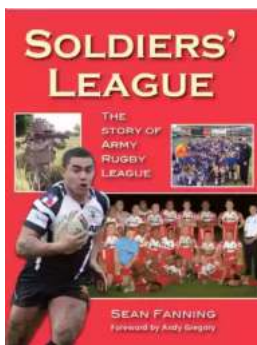
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Bengaluru got the moniker 'Garden City' not because of Lalbagh but because of the gardens in the compounds of numerous bungalows and houses. When urban land ceiling was imposed in 1976, those gardens became victims of the legislation; many owners subdivided their land to save it from acquisition by the

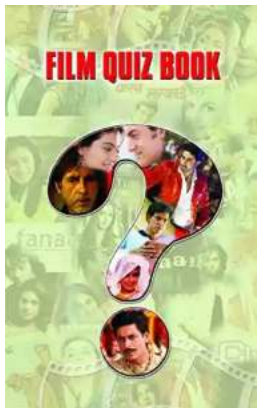
government. Then came builders and developers, and Bengaluru was never the same. Gone were the gardens. Some of the old houses that remain are described in the book.

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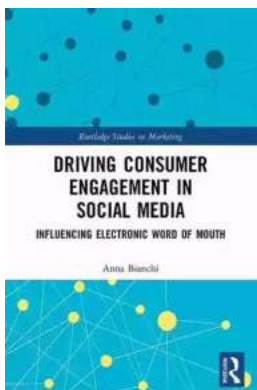
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