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(1) Date of festival } This festival came on this year on the 5th March last, corresponding the year Vijaya, month Magha, day Chaturdasi.

(2) Description of Festival } On the eastern side of Kotappa Konda, there is a temple about 1/2 a mile distance above, from the foot of it, containing Koteswaraswami, a representative of Siva. This festival owes to this Swamy and is chiefly intended for Sivites. It is one of the important pilgrimages in this District.

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Pilgrims begin to attend the festival from the previous evening, and begin to disperse from day-break and entirely disappear from noon. This festival is chiefly decorated with big cars called "Prabhalu"

3, Number of pilgrimages } The number of pilgrims is estimated at about 30,000 people this year. These attended from different ~~neighbouring and distant~~ districts and from Nizam territories.

(4) Accommodation } There being no village close to the hill, all the pilgrims halt on the open ground near the hill on the eastern side. This contains 2 tanks, several wells and some shady trees. In addition to these 2 topes were planted in the year 1886 at the expense of Local Fund with marry, Murgosa Mangoes &c. but these are not ~~yet~~ fit for halting as they are not sufficiently grown, because the land is not a suitable one. The extent of the ground occupied by pilgrims is estimated to be about 1 x $\frac{3}{4}$ mile with vacant places at intervals. As it is covered with shrubs, weed ant hills &c, it is cleared as usual & made fit, for encamping pilgrims. The hill rachute in tanks and wells.

is removed and kept clean.

Stagnant water is conveyed to convenient distances by means of small channels newly dug, and erecting a road dam. The ground is made into different sections, separated by streets of different widths with places at intervals for cart stands &c.

The streets are marked in accordance with the Proceedings of Government No 1096 dated 7th May 1891.

(5) Conservancy } 7 Latrines were erected, 4 for males and 3 for females at the foot of the hills at convenient distances from the assemblage of pilgrims.

These and streets are kept clean by a conservancy establishment of 6 Scavengers. borrowed from the union villages of Narasaraopeta and Chilakalurpett as usual.

The streets of the camp are fumigated with sulphur tar, blue fires. 24 lamps are lighted on 2 nights. Local fund maistry of the Taluk supervised the sanitation works.

(6) Water supply. On the encamping ground there are two tanks,

21 descending wells

2 natural ponds near the temple on the hill.

These are kept clean by removing the silt and the spontaneous growth of Nachu te

One tank and some wells are selected for drinking purposes and the rest for domestic and bathing purposes.

For watering cattle sufficient earth troughs are kept near 1 tank and some wells.

This year water supply is sufficient as there are good rains during the year.

(7) Medical Supervision } The Civil Apothecary of the Taluk attended the festival.

(8) Police force } The following Police Force is engaged as a preventive measure and as a check against the transgression of sanitary arrangements.

Inspectors 2
Head Constables 6
Constables 88
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The District Superintendent also attended the festival.

(9) Attendance of Revenue officials } The Divisional Officer, the Tahsildar and the stationary Sub. Magistrates attended the festival

10 Crime Nil

Cattle for sale 250

(11) Disease 2 Cases of cholera — Both known after death.

(12) Provisions and other materials brought for sale } Rice, condiments and other articles of consumption.

Fruits such as oranges plantains &c

Sugar cane, cocoanuts &c

~~Animals such as bullocks cows, country ponies &c~~ LVK LVK

Looking glasses, Toys, umbrellas, glassware &c chinaware. clothes of different descriptions. glass bangles &c are imported from different quarters for sale- ~~also~~ animals such as bullocks, cows country ponies &c

The following statement shows the number of shops &c opened for sale

Timber for sale	300
New carts	250
Cattle for sale	250
Provisions	350
Pots	100
Fruits shops	150
Clothes	50
Looking glasses	50
Bangles &c	100
Toys	25
Sugar cane	10
Books	5
Sweet meat shops	150

About 400 carts with big cars called Prabhalu and about 800 carts of pilgrims are also brought

Two parties with wooden coloured figures composing each about 20 in number called Davendra Sabha. Judges Courts &c attended the festival, and exposed them for inspection at the rate of 3 pies per head. These figures by means of Machines, ~~draw~~ drum. sing, move, try cases and so forth.

Besides the above 6 Round Swingings called "Rankularatam

Expenses incurred on account of his festival should be borne out

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