

Project

Collect the information about any five tourist places in Telangana. You may include the following details for each place.

1. Name of the tourist place :
2. Distance from your place :
3. How to reach there from your place :
4. Important details (when to go there, things to see, accomodation, etc.) :
5. Have you ever visited? If so, give details:
6. Your opinion about the place :

C. Reading

Bammera Pothana, the jewel of Telugu literature

Bammera Pothana was the remarkable poet who was born in our state. He translated Bhagavatham into Telugu. He was born in Bammera village of Warangal district. He belonged to an agricultural family. His father was Kesanna and his mother was Lakshamma. He never hesitated to work in the agricultural fields despite his interest in poetry.

At the early age, Pothana wrote Bhogini Dandakamu for King Sri Singa Bhoopala. Later, he wrote Veerabhadra Vijayamu describing the adventures of Veerabhadra, the son of Lord Shiva. The main theme of the work was the destruction of the yagna performed by king Daksha in the absence of Lord Shiva.

Pothana was a devotee of Lord Shiva. Later, he became a devotee of Lord Rama and developed interest in salvation. It is said that he was invoked by Lord Rama and took up the work of translating Vyasa's Bhagavatham into Telugu, which was later known as Pothana's Bhagavatham. It is said that Lord Rama himself complemented the work Pothana himself credited this in his Bhagavatham.



Palikedidhi Bhagavathamata

Palikinchedivadu Ramabhadhrundata Ne

Palikina Bhavaharamagunata

Palikeda Verondu Ghadha Palukaga Nela

Pothana dedicated his Bhagavatham to Lord Rama refusing the orders of King Padma Nayaka. He thought it would be better to dedicate the divine work to Lord Rama, not to any mortal king.

Pothana was fond of using rhythm and repetition of sounds. His descriptions touch the hearts of the readers. Even common people quote the verses of 'Gajendra Mokshamu' and 'Prahlada Charitra' from Pothana Bhagavatham.

Pothana is not among us now. But, his works live forever and ever. His poetry still rings in our ears.

Glossary

remarkable (<i>adj</i>)	:	special
hesitate (<i>v</i>)	:	pause before doing something
devotee (<i>n</i>)	:	one who is strongly interested in something
translate (<i>v</i>)	:	to change into a different language
complement (<i>v</i>)	:	make something better
rhythm (<i>n</i>)	:	musical pattern
quote (<i>v</i>)	:	repeat the words said by someone

Answer the following questions

1. What was the greatest work of Bammara Pothana ?
2. Why do you think Pothana did agricultural work ?
3. Pothna didn't dedicate his work to the king. Why ?
4. What special qualities can we observe in Pothana's works?

