



HINDU

Vana Ganga

Brahma Kund

Lakshmi Narayan Temple

Jara Devi Temple





Vana Ganga

A narrow neck of the valley projects towards the South in between the two hills – Sonegiri and Udaygiri, and forms a sort of pass which gives access to the plains of the Gaya district on the Southern side of the hill. Through this pass the rivulet Van Ganga wades its way out of the valley and joins the River Phalgu towards the South- East.

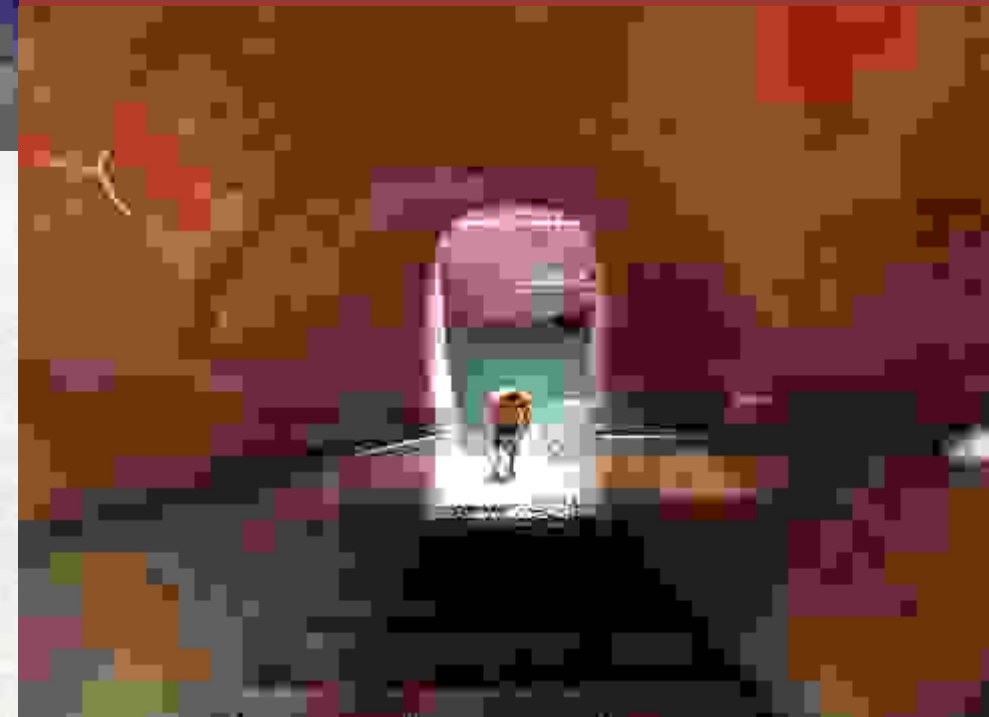
The most interesting of the ancient relics in this part of the valley are inscriptions in the peculiar “Shell Characters” found engraved on a rocky ground which are now protected by modern stone enclosure wall, these inscriptions are believed to be of 5th to 8th Century CE.

Brahma Kund

Absorbing the Illness of Mankind

Hindu devotees from all over the country visit Rajgir with Brahma Kund as their focal point to take a dip in the sacred water of this hot water spring.

These 11 hot water springs thronged by the Hindus are believed to have healing power for several chronic ailments. There is a separate enclosed spring which is exclusively meant for ladies. The vendors sell ritualistic articles along the sides of the wide flight of the stairs that leads to the Kund.





Lakshmi Narayan Temple

Devotion and Belief

This temple is devoted to the Hindu God Narayan and Lakshmi, the goddess of wealth and the consort of Narayan. The devotees come here after taking a dip at the Brahma Kund to pay offerings. The temple compound extends to encompass the hot-springs of the Brahma Kund.

It is very popular destination amongst the Hindu pilgrims.

Jara Devi Temple

Mother Goddess

Jara Devi, the Goddess of Old Age is worshipped at this temple. The Devi cult of Hindu Goddesses includes this manifestation of the aged goddess. However, the locals believe this place as the fabled worshipping place of the King Jarasandha of Mahabharata era.

The present temple is situated on top of a conical mound of stones bearing the traces of an ancient temple. A trial excavation in 1950s showed enough indication of a larger temple ruin beneath.

