



Nirmal Fort and Udasi Mutt

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Nirmal Fort and Udasi mutt in Nirmal Town in Adilabad district of Telangana are undergoing ruination.

Nirmal Fort

- Nirmal is a prominent town in Adilabad district. The town has glorious past due to patronization of arts and culture by ruling nobility.
- The region was ruled by Kakatiyas, Chalukyas, the Qutubshahis and Nizams who have contributed immensely to the growth of cultural heritage.
- Nirmal Fort, also called as the Shamgarh fort, was built by the French.
- Nirmal is about 280 km north of Hyderabad. It is renowned for wooden toy industry and Nirmal Plates that depict miniature paintings and floral design.

Udasi Mutt

- The Udasi mutt in Nirmal town was built around 1822 in the Deccan by Dewan Chandulal, who was the Prime Minister for Nizam, Asaf Jah III, a follower of the Udasi sect of ascetics which was based on the teachings of Guru Nanak's elder son Sri Chand.
- Followers of Sri Chand established mutts at all the places visited by Guru Nanak.
- The mutt in Nirmal Town was built during Guru Nanak's second Udasi between 1511 CE and 1513 CE.
 - To spread the "real message of God" Sri Guru Nanak Dev ji travelled in all four direction – North, East, West and South, these long travels are known as the "Four Udasis".
 - Udasis were the missionary travels of Guru Nanak, the second one covering Sri Lanka and the Deccan, including Vijayawada and Guntur in Andhra Pradesh, and Hyderabad and Nirmal in Telangana.

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