

# Shri Dattatreya Shrines and Holy Places in India and across Narmada Parikrama

**1. Mahur (Nanded, Maharashtra)**- It is believed that Lord Dattatreya made his first appearance on this earth at Mahur. It was here that the trio of gods, who were pleased with Sati Anasuya for having passed their test successfully, condescended to be born as her son. Thus, Mahur is a pilgrim place of high antiquity. Also called the resting place of Sri Datta, this is the original *saktipitham* of goddess Renuka.

Railway route-Situated in District Nanded, about 110 km from the city of Nanded, Mahur is an important railway station on Manmad- Hyderabad route.

Bus route- Pune/ Mumbai- Aurangabad- Jalna- Mehkar- Vashim- Pusad- Mahur.

Accommodation- There are lodges available for devotees in the town of Mahur.

**2. Girnar (Junagarh, Gujrat)** - Situated in the hilly terrain of Sourashtra, about two km away from Junagarh, this is the place where Sri Datta blessed Gorakhnath. A climb of 9999 steps takes one to the top of Mount Girnar where a little shrine of Sri Datta has perched itself. It has the *padukas* of the Lord in it, and many have experienced his presence around the place.

Railway route- Passes through Surat - Ahmedabad- Rajkot- Junagarh.

Bus route- There is a regular bus service from Surat and Baroda and Ahmedabad to Junagarh (Girnar).

Accommodation- There are lodges available for devotees in the town of Girnar.

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**3. Pithapur (East Godavari, Andhra Pradesh)** - This is the birth place of SripadaSrivallabha, the first incarnation of Lord Dattatreya. Also known as Padagaya, it is situated near Kakinada in the East Godavari district of Andhra. It was here that Sripada was born to Appalaraja Sharma and wife Sumati maharani. His birth was came as a reward for Sumati as she had served meal to a mendicant before the lunch of the Brahmins invited on the occasion of *SarvapitriAmavasya*. The mendicant, none other than Sri Datta himself, blessed her, saying he would be born as her son.

Railway route – Pithapur is 10 km away from Samalkot, a railway station on the Hyderabad- Vizag route. One can avail of auto or bus services to reach Pithapur from Samalkot. There are also trains running between Secunderabad and Pithapur. The temple trust provides the devotees

with free lodgings and boardings. For More Information, Please Contact Shri Shripad Vallabh Mahasamsthan, Pitha Puram – Tel. ( 08869 ) 250300 / 252300

**4. Kuravapur( Raichur, Karnataka)** – Situated on a little island in River Krishna, this is the place where SripadaSrivallabha stayed for 14 years. It was here that Sri VasudevanandaSarasvatiperceived the divine chant ‘DigambaraDigambara...’ A cave where he stayed and which stood witness to his penance can still be seen in the village.

The trip of Kuravapur is incomplete without the darsana of Pancadevapahad, a hill on the opposite coast of the river where Sripada held his court. He also carried out his daily exercises in the form of Surya namaskaras at this place. A devotee, Sri Vitthala baba has constructed an ashrama known as ‘Vallabhapuramashrama’ at the site. There are two ways to visit Kuravpur.

Railway route -One can alight at Raichur, a junction on Mumbai-Chennai rail route, and take an S.T. bus from Raichur to Atkur. The frequency of this bus is four trips a day, and it takes about an hour to reach its destination. From Atkur, the coast of the Krishna is five minutes away. Cross the river in a boat/ butti. The temple is at a distance of two kilometers from the coast, and almost 45 minutes of walking take one to the temple. The road is inconvenient, and there are no facilities like public toilets or washrooms available. The priests in the temple try to provide as much help as possible. Thus, the whole journey from Raichur is concluded in two hours.

Bus route -

Solapur-Akkalkot-Chaundapur-Gulbarga-Jevargi-Shahapur-Yadgir-Narain Peth-Makhmal-Panchadevapahad (On the Krishna coast). On crossing river from Panchapahad, one lands in Kuravpur which is just opposite to Panchapahad.The distance from Solapur to Panchapahad is 350 km.

Accommodation – There are a few rooms available for staying. For meals, however, the temple priests have to be informed in advance.

For More Information, Please Contact :- Shri Kshetra Kuravpur Dist. Raichur Karanataka

Shri Vasudev Bhatt K. Pujari/Shri Manjunath K. Bhatt Pujari Tel. (08532)280570/09448561483

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**5. Karanja (Vashim)-** This is the birth place of Sri NrisimhaSaraswati, the second reincarnation of Lord Dattatreya. The house in which he was born is still in a good condition. This is the place where Sri NrisimhaSaraswati first blessed Sri VasudevanandaSaraswati. On the order of the latter a temple was constructed at the site in 1934 by LeelanandaBrahmanandaSaraswati. A peculiarity of this temple is that it has an idol of Sri NrisimhaSaraswati in his child form whereas all other places in the country have his *padukas*. The presence of Swami is still felt at the place.

Railway route- The station of Murtijapur on Mumbai- Howrah route is 30 km away from Karanja.

Bus route- Karanja is situated at a distance of about 60 km from cities like Vashim, Amravati, Akola and Yavatmal, and there is regular bus service available.

Accommodation – There are lodging facilities made available by the temple trust. A ‘mahaprasada’ is served at 1 in the noon to the devotees.

For More Information, Please Contact :- Shri Guru Mandir, Karanja ( 07226 ) 222455/224755

**6. Nrisimhawadi (Kolhapur)-** Situated at the confluence of rivers Krishna and Pancaganga, this is a 700- year old place where Sri NrisimhaSaraswati spent twelve years of his life. The famous incident of Swami’s uprooting the creeper from a Brahmin’s yard took place at a nearby village named Amarapur. The present temple of Wadi was built by the king of Beder whose blind daughter was cured by Swami. On the opposite coast of the river stands Sri DattaAmaresvara temple, Sri VasudevaSaraswatipitham and the Yakshini temple- all three constructed by Sri NrisimhaDikshit, the favourite disciple of Sri VasudevanandaSarasvati. They were later renovated by Sri DattaMaharajKaveeshvar who also built a *ghat* nearby.

Railway route- Wadi is 50 km away from Kolhapur and 22 km from Sangli which is an important station on Kolhapur- Mumbai route.

Accommodation -There are lodging facilities made available by the temple trust. A ‘mahaprasada’ is served at 12 in the noon to the devotees.

For More Information, Please Contact :- Shri Nrusimha Saraswati Datta Samsthan , Nrusimhawadi Tal. Shirol Dist. Kolhapur ( 02322 ) 270064/270006/270501

**7. Audumbar (Sangli)-** Situated on river Krishna, it is another important place near Sangli. This was where the addle-headed Brahmin of Kolhapur was turned into a scholar by Swami. This was also the place where Sri Datta appeared before Sri Ekanatha and Sri Janardana Swami. Swami emphasized the importance of Audumbara tree, and assured his devotees of his eternal presence in it. According to his words, a single recitation of the Gurucaritra performed under the sacred tree bestows upon the reader as much merit as 1000 such recitations would produce. Besides, he gets the blessings of Sri NrisimhaSaraswati.

Bus route- There is a regular bus service between Sangli and Audumbar.

Accommodation – Private lodgings are provided. For More Information, Please Contact :- Shri Datta Samsthan, Audumbar Tal. Palus Dist. Sangli Sri. Santosh Joshi and Sri. Rambhau Pujari.

( 02346 ) 230058 / 9970129713

**8. Ganagapur(Gulbarga, Karnataka)** - The area within the radius of 2-3 km of the confluence of river Bheema and river Amaraja has been rendered sacred by the sacrifices and penance performed by many generations of sages. For this same reason Sri NrisimhaSaraswati chose Ganagapur for his 23- year long stay in Karnataka. It is believed that even today he goes about the town at 12 in the noon, begging alms in the form of a monk.

The temple at Ganagapur has his formless padukas in it. This is one of the most important Datta places in the country.

Railway route- Ganagapur is a station on both, Mumbai- Hyderabad and Mumbai- Bangalore routes.

Bus route- There is a regular bus service between and Ganagapur.

Accommodation – There are many lodges available in town. One can avail of the boarding facilities provided by ‘annachatramandala’s.

For More Information, Please Contact :- Shri Datta Samsthan Gangapur – (08470) 274335

**9. Maniknagar (Beder, Karnataka)** - This is the place named after Manikprabhu, the revered Datta devotee, and the pioneer of pan-religion sect. His mother was visited by Lord Dattatreya in her dream, and told that the same would be born as her son. This was on the day of Ram navani. On the day of Dattajayanti (December 22, 1817) she was blessed with a son. He was born in village Ladvanti near Basavkalyan. He performed many miracles in his life, one of which reminds us of Sri NrisimhaSarasvati. Like Swami, who had assumed more than one form to visit the houses of his devoteesManikprabhu, on the occasion of Diwali, took lunch at the house of many of his followers at a time. To one’s further surprise, he was resting at the same time at Zarni. It was characteristic of him not to send away any person empty-handed. Even Saibaba of Shirdi had received alms at his hands. ManikPrabhu was also a contemporaryof Swami Samartha. The two were well acquainted with eachother. They often met.

Manikprabhu established ‘Sakalamatasampradaya’, which was an effort to unite all sects of Hindus living in Muslim kingdoms.This is the only place where the ‘*gaadi*’ tradition is still being followed.

Bus route – Maniknagar is 140 km from Sholapur, 40 km from Beder and 65 km from Humnabad. Bus services are available from all three towns.

Accommodation -There are lodging facilities made available by the temple trust. A ‘*mahaprasada*’ is served at 1 in the noon to the devotees.

For More Information, Please Contact :- Shri Manik Prabhu Samsthan Maniknagar Tal. Humanabad Dist. Bidar Tel. (08483) 203242 / 09448469913

**10. Akkalkot-** '*Vatavriksha*' Sri Swami Samartha of Akkalkot was an incarnation of Sri Datta. When his penance in Kardalibana was disturbed by a native, he set off on a tour of India. After traversing the length and breadth of the country he reached Mangalvedha and lived there for 12 years. Then, on the second day of the bright fortnight of Cairta, he entered Akkalkot which became his home for the remaining 22 years of his life. His whole biography is full of fantastic stories. He spent all his life under a banyan tree. General Alcart, a British journalist and historian had made darsana of him and having returned to Britain, declared that those who wished to see Jesus Christ should visit Akkalkot.

Bus route - Akkalkot is 35 km from Sholapur.

Accommodation-There are lodging facilities made available by the temple trust. A '*mahaprasada*' is served at 12 in the noon and at 8 in the evening.

For More Information, Please Contact :- Shri Vatvruksha Swami Maharaj Trust, Akkalkot Dist. Solapur Tel (02181)220321 / 221909

**11. Mangaon-** This is the birth place of Yogiraj Sri VasudevanandaSaraswati aka Tembe Swami. He was born to Sri Ganesh Sastri and wife Ramabai on 13.08.1854, the fifth day of the dark fortnight of Sravana. Lord Dattatreya himself had visited Ganesh Sastri in his dream and revealed his plan to be born as the latter's son. The life of Sri VasudevanandaSaraswati is indeed like a lotus bloomed under the loving gaze of Sri Datta, a lotus which filled the lives of common people with its fragrance. He travelled throughout the country on foot, and his contribution towards the propagation of the Datta sect throughout the country is quite unmatched. He was a master of all trades. An expert in the science of medicine, *mantra- yantra* and *tantra*, an accomplished astrologer, a prolific writer- poet who composed as effortlessly in Sanskrit as in Marathi, a silver- tongued orator, an ardent *hathayogi*, he was a Datta devotee of the first order. He indeed was Lord Dattatreya in human form. While Mangaon was his birth place, Garudesvar was the place where he put a full stop to his august life.

Bus route- Mangaon is in district Sindhudurga. A diversion on Savantwadi- Kudal bus route leads to Mangaon. There is a regular bus service between Kolhapur and Savantwadi.

Accommodation -There are lodging facilities made available by the temple trust. A '*mahaprasada*' is served at 12 in the noon to the devotees.

For More Information, Please Contact :- Shri Datta Mandir, Mangaon Tal. Kudal Dist. Sindhudurga Tel. (02362) 236245/236425

**12. Garudeshwar (Narmada, Gujarat) -** The *Samadhi* of Sri VasudevanandaSaraswati is in Garudeshwar, a place on the coast of river Narmada.

Bus route- Garudeshwar is 68 km away from Ankaleshwar, a town on Surat- Ahmedabad route. The bus goes via Tehsil town Rajpipli.

Accommodation -There are lodging facilities made available by the temple trust. A 'mahaprasada' is served at 12 in the noon to the devotees.

For More Information, Please Contact :- Shri Datta Samsthan Garudeshwar Dist. Narmada Gujrat Tel . (02640 237005 / 237065)

**13. SrikshetraKadganchi (Gulberga, Karnataka)** – This was the native place of Sayandeva, a disciple of Sri NrisimhaSaraswati whose fifth- generation successor, Sri SaraswatiGangadhar composed the revered Gurucaritra. The temple is famous by the name of Sayandeva Devasthanana.

Bus route- Sited on Gulberga- Aland road, Kadganchi is 23 km away from Gulberga and 40 km away from Ganagapur. For More Information, Please Contact :- Shri Sayandev Datta Samsthan, Kadgabchi Tal. Aland Dist. Gulbarga – 09740625679 / 09901178593

**14. Manthangudi (Mehboobnagar, Andhra Pradesh)** –Vallabheshwar, a devotee of SripadaSrivallabha, while on his way to Kuravapur, was attacked by a gang of robbers. Sripada, who had declared his life-work over and disappeared long ago, reappeared and brought his dear follower back to life. The incident took place at Manthangudi.

Bus route- Manthangudi lies on Hyderabad- Raichut bus route. It is 10 km away from Matkal, and autoes are available from Matkal. Also, bus routes Matkal- Narva and Matkal- Ujekot pass through Manthangudi. A devotee on his way to Kuravapur passing through Matkal should not miss a chance of this little detour.

**14. SrDattabhojanpatramandir (Shirol, Kolhapur, Maharashtra)**- This is a temple attributed to Sri NrisimhaSaraswati. It was here that Swami was served cooked jawar by the wife of a poor Brahmin, Gangadhar. As she had no serving bowl, Swami benevolently poured the meal on a stone in the yard and ate it contentedly. He pressed his palm on the stone so as to leave impressions of his fingertips on it. He asked the lady to worship the stone. This incident took place between *saka* 1364 and 1376. The stone is being worshipped since then. Even today, the impressions of symbols like *sankha*, *cakra* and *padma* on the fingers of Swami become visible when milk is poured on its surface. As Swami took his mid-day meal here, the place was named 'bhojanpatramandir'.

Bus route – Situated 6 km away from Nrisimhawadi, Shirol is on Sangli- Nrisimhawadi route.

For More Information, Please Contact :- Shri Dattaguru Bhojan Patr Mandir – Shri Vasant Kulkarni (02322)236781 / 236415 / 236876

**16. SriDattatreyamandir (Bhatgaon, Nepal)** – Situated 10 km away from Kathmandu and shaped like a *damaru*, this is a three- storeyed temple built after the pagoda style. The idol of Sri Datta in the temple with one head and two hands is considered as his original form.

**17. Sri Devapattana (Nepal)** – Situated 10 km away from Kathmandu, this is a temple attributed to Macchindranatha, the first of the navanathas. The idol here is made in red sandalwood. It is believed that Nepal is the birth place of the natha sect, and that the 'Gorkha's, as the Nepalese are commonly known, were named after Gorakshanath.

**18. Sri kshetraNareshwar (Gujrat)** – This temple on the coast of river Narmada was established by Sri RangavadhutaMaharaj, a disciple of Sri VasudevanandaSaraswati. It has an idol of Sri Datta with three heads and six hands. One can also make the darsana of the Lord's *padukas*. Situated 92 km away from Garudeshwara, the place also has the *Samadhi* of Sri Rangavadhuta.

**19. Gurushikhara (Mount Abu, Rajasthan)** – Situated in the Aravaliranges, Gurushikhara is more than 4000 feet above sea level. At the height of about 5650 feet is Sri DattatreyaGumpha, a cave turned into a shrine. It has a beautiful temple of Sri Datta with the impressions of his feet in it.

Bus route – Gurushikhara is situated in district Sirohi, about 8 km away from Abu road railway station.

**20. Citrakuta (Uttar Pradesh)** – Known as the sacred land where Sage Agasti performed his penance, this is the birth place of Lord Dattatreya. The temple here has the idols of Sage Atri, Anasuya, Durvasa, Dattatreya and Candra in it.

**21. Dattaghat (Varanasi)** – A temple on the coast of the Ganges, the place is believed to be visited by Sri Datta everyday.

**22. Dattanagar (Shimla, Himachal Pradesh)** – Dattanagar is about 14 km away from Rampur, a town on Shimla- Sri khandakailash or Shimla- Kinnarkailash route. The temple here is rectangular in shape, and contains the idols of Dattatreya, Atri and Anasuya.

**23. Anasuya hill (Chamoli, Uttarakhand)** – Situated 20 km away from Chamoli is Gopeshwar, a tehsil place. A further walk of 5 km takes one to Anasuya. This is the place where Sage Atri had performed penance. A temple of Sri Datta stands on the hill. It is unique for its three-faced Siva lingam. This lingam is the symbol of tri-headed Dattatreya, and is the only lingam of its kind in the entire world. The temple abounds with devotees on the occasion of DattaJayanti who visit it in biting cold even after the closing of the Badrinath temple. Many walk from Gopeshwara to Anasuya with embers in hands to fulfill their pledges. Prayers here are believed to yield instantaneously fruit.

**24. Sri Dattacaranapaduka (Badrinatha, Uttarakhand)** – Behind the Badrinatha temple rise the mountains Nara and Narayana. A way from here leads to Mount Nilakantha. It is on this way that the impressions of the Lord's feet are seen. They are about 2 km from Badrinatha, imprinted on two ascending rocks. The impression of the left feet is on the lower rock while the other is seen a bit higher, a pair typical of a person climbing the hill. Every visitor to Badrinatha must make a darsan of these *padukas*.

**25. Gokarnamahabaleshwara (Karnataka)** – This is a place mentioned in the Gurucaritra as well as SripadaSrivallabhacaritra. It was here that Sri Datta had performed penance. The temple here is known as '*ShadakshariDattamandir*.'

**26.Dattapitha (Chikmangalore, Karnataka)** –It is believed that an *anushtan* performed at this place yields a quick fruit.

Bus route – The place is 80 km away from Chikmangalore.

**27. Sri Dattasansthan (Balekundri, Belgum, Karnataka)** – This is the place known as the native place of Sri PantamaharajBalekundrikar.It is believed that his Guru Sri BalamukundaDikshita performed penance at Sri Sailyam and disappeared in Kardalibana. The followers of Pantamaharaj are known by the name of 'Avadhootasampradaya'. His *Samadhi* is at Balekundri.

Accommodation – Lodging and boarding (*prasada*) facilities available.

For More Information, Please Contact :- (0831) 2418247 / 2418480 / 3295744

**28. SriChidambaraDikshitansthana (Murgod- Belgum, Karnataka)** - This is the place famous for the *Samadhi* of Sri ChidambaraDikshita. It is believed that he was an incarnation of Lord Siva. His biography is strewn with miraculous deeds. His annals mention that during a sacrifice performed by him Swami Samartha had served ghee to the guests. The temple here is a Siva temple, and the whole place can be described as beautiful and serene.

Bus route –Murgod is 60 km away from Belgum.

Accommodation -Lodging and boarding (*prasada*)facilities available.

For More Information, Please Contact :- Shri Shiv Chidambareshwar Mul Mahasamsthan Kshetra, Kangeri, Murgod, Tal. Saundanti Dist. Belgaum Tel. (08337) 265674 / 09008374994

**29. Sri kshetraVaradahalli (Sagar- Hubli, Karnataka)** –A quiet and picturesque place, Varadahalli is known for the *Samadhi* of Sridhara Swami. His contribution towards bringing into light the holy places like Pithapur, Kuravapur and Kardaliban is, though seemingly unnoticeable, immense.

Bus route –Varadahalliis on Sirsi- Sagar road situated about 120 km from Hubli.

Accommodation - Lodging and boarding (*prasada*) facilities available.

For More Information, Please Contact :- Varadashram At Varadahalli, Post Yedgigalamane Tal Sagar Dist. Shimoga Karnataka Tel. (08183) 236166 / 236011

**30. Avadhoota Dattapitha (Mysore, Karnataka)** – This temple was established by Sri Ganapati Saccidananda Swami. His life was full of incredible incidents, the stories of which are corroborated by the empirical accounts of his devotees. This is an important Datta place in Karnataka.

Bus route- The place is on Ooti- Mysore road, about 5 km from Mysore,

Accommodation - Lodging and boarding (*prasada*) facilities available.

For More Information, Please Contact :- Avadhoota Dattapitha Tel. 2486486 / 09008009127

**31. Shirdi (Ahmednagar, Maharashtra)** – The place where lies the Samadhi of Sri Saibaba is now a world- famous Dattakshetra. The devotees of Baba believe him to be an incarnation of Lord Dattatreya who, even today, appears before them and grants their wishes.

Accommodation - Lodging and boarding (*prasada*) facilities available.

**32. Sucindram (Kanyakumari, Tamilnadu)** – This is a temple of Lord Dattatreya believed to have been constructed by Vishvakarma. It was here that Indra invoked Lord Vishnu and attained purification. In another age, Hanuman took a dip in the ocean at this place and alleviated the pain of his inflamed body that had been produced after the burning down of Lanka. The temple at Sucindram is spacious. It also has the shrines of Atri and Anasuya. On the premises is a lake called Sucindrateertha.

Bus route – Sucindram is 15 km away from Kanyakumari.

**33. Dattavadi (Sakhli, Goa)** – This is another spacious temple of Sri Dattatreya. The idol is with three heads and six hands. This is a singular idol in that it has the head of Lord Siva between those of Lord Brahma and Lord Vishnu.

Bus route – The place is 37 km away from Panjim.

### **Datta places on the way of Narmada Parikrama**

The Datta sect views Narmada parikrama (Circumambulating River Narmada) as a highly significant spiritual activity. One begins this journey from Amarakantaka, famous for the headwaters of river Narmada, and concludes it at Omkareshwara, one of the 12 jyotirlingams.

It is a meritorious act to begin with a resolution and carry out the task on foot. Those who followed this convention were privileged to have a darsana of Mother Narmada in human form.

Sri VasudevanandaSaraswati had spoken highly of this pilgrimage. He made all his disciples undertake it. He himself, while on his tour of India, sprained his ankle at Nemavar, known as the navel of Narmada. It became difficult to step out and beg for alms. When he lay there helpless, Narmada assumed the form of a maid and besmeared his foot with sacred ashes. To everyone's surprise, the ankle recovered immediately. Thus, this parikrama has been taken up by thousands of people for the last thousands of ages. Narmada is the only river to be circumambulated in this fashion. The various Datta places that are situated on the course of this parikrama are as following-

Gwarighat, Jabalpur – The Datta temple here has idols of SripadaSrivallabha and Sri NrisimhaSaraswati. Sri VasudevanandaSaraswati had put up a brief stay here during his journey. The temple provides the devotees with lodging and boarding (*prasada*) facilities.

Ramghat- It was here that Lord Rama had performed penance as a way of expiation for killing Ravana, a Brahmin. The place has a Datta temple which provides the devotees with lodging and boarding (*prasada*) facilities.

Rajghat- It is known for an ancient Datta temple.

Hoshangabad- On the Karraghat is a spacious temple of Lord Dattatreya. The place is also known for the hut of Sri Seetaramamaharaj, the younger brother of Sri Tembe Swami. This is an important place in the parikrama. The Datta temple provides the devotees with lodging and boarding (*prasada*) facilities.

Khedighat – It was here that Sri VasudevanandaSaraswati had performed one of his *caturmasas*. The temple here provides the devotees with lodging and boarding (*prasada*) facilities.

Brahmandaghat- It was here that Sri VasudevanandaSaraswati had stayed for some time. The temple here provides the devotees with lodging and boarding (*prasada*) facilities.

Ametha - It is known for an ancient Datta temple.

Dattapada- Also known as Dattamadhi, this place has a spacious Datta temple which provides the devotees with lodging and boarding (*prasada*) facilities.

Dimar – It is famous for a spacious, beautifully engraved Datta temple. The dome of the temple is remarkably big.

Tilakawada - It was in the picturesque temple here that Sri VasudevanandaSaraswati had stayed for some time. The temple here provides the devotees with lodging and boarding (*prasada*) facilities.

Nareshwara / Garudeshwara – As mentioned before.

Chikhaldā- It was here that Sri Vasudevananda Saraswati had performed one of his *caturmasas*. The temple here provides the devotees with lodging and boarding (*prasada*) facilities. The successors of freedom fighter Chapekar brothers dwell here.

Mandaleshwara- The place has a Datta temple and a Ram temple. Sri Vasudevananda Saraswati used to perform penance in the solitude of the Datta temple. Even today, it provides the devotees with lodging and boarding (*prasada*) facilities.

Budhni - It was in the Datta temple here that Sri Vasudevananda Saraswati had performed one of his *caturmasas*. The temple here provides the devotees with lodging and boarding (*prasada*) facilities.

Nemavar – This is believed to be the navel of River Narmada. The place has a spacious Datta temple which provides the devotees with lodging and boarding (*prasada*) facilities.

Bhalod – The temple here has a beautifully sculptured ido of Sri Datta made in granite. Sri Vasudevananda Saraswati and Sri Rangavadhoota Swami, both had stayed at this place for some time. Today, the management of the temple is liked after by Sri Pratapemaharaj who carries out this duty lovingly and faithfully.

The Narmada parikrama is worth embarking upon by every Datta devotee at least once in his lifetime.