

A Heritage Walk to Save Geo Heritage



MP Sri MVV Satyanarayana (at leftside) & Sri Dronamraju Srinivasa Rao, Chairman VMRDA with Chapter Convener Ms Mayank Kumari Deo

ErraMatti Dibbalu, Bheemunipatnam at Vizag

22 July 2019: A heritage walk was conducted from Kali Temple to YMCA to create awareness to save Visakhapatnam's Geo Heritage. The walk was flagged by Sri MVV Satyanarayana (at leftside), Honourable Member of Parliament and Sri Dronamraju Srinivasa Rao, Chairman VMRDA (in centre). This is an attempt to create a Geo Park in Visakhapatnam and the first in India, with the Support of the Government.

Around 370 people attended the walk. INTACH Members, Officers from the Tourism and Archaeological Department, Cadets from the Navy, NCC and NSS were present along with Members of Vizag Chamber of Commerce & Industries (VCCI) and other eminent citizens of Visakhapatnam.

Visakhapatnam District with its significant geological sites including ErraMatti Dibbalu (which is one of the 34 National Geoheritage sites recognized as important geological features in our country so far by the Government of India), Natural Arch in Visakhapatnam beach, Borra caves, Bauxite deposit and volcanic ash layer from Indonesia deposited in Araku valley 75000 years ago coupled with archaeological (Thotlakonda, Bavikonda, Bojjannakonda) and cultural tourist sites such as Araku valley, has a great potential to become a member of Global Geoparks Network (GGN) of UNESCO.