

Bangalore



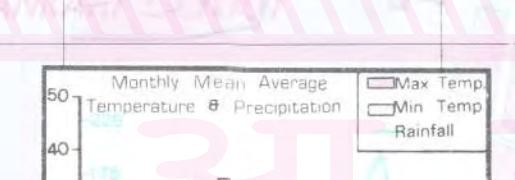
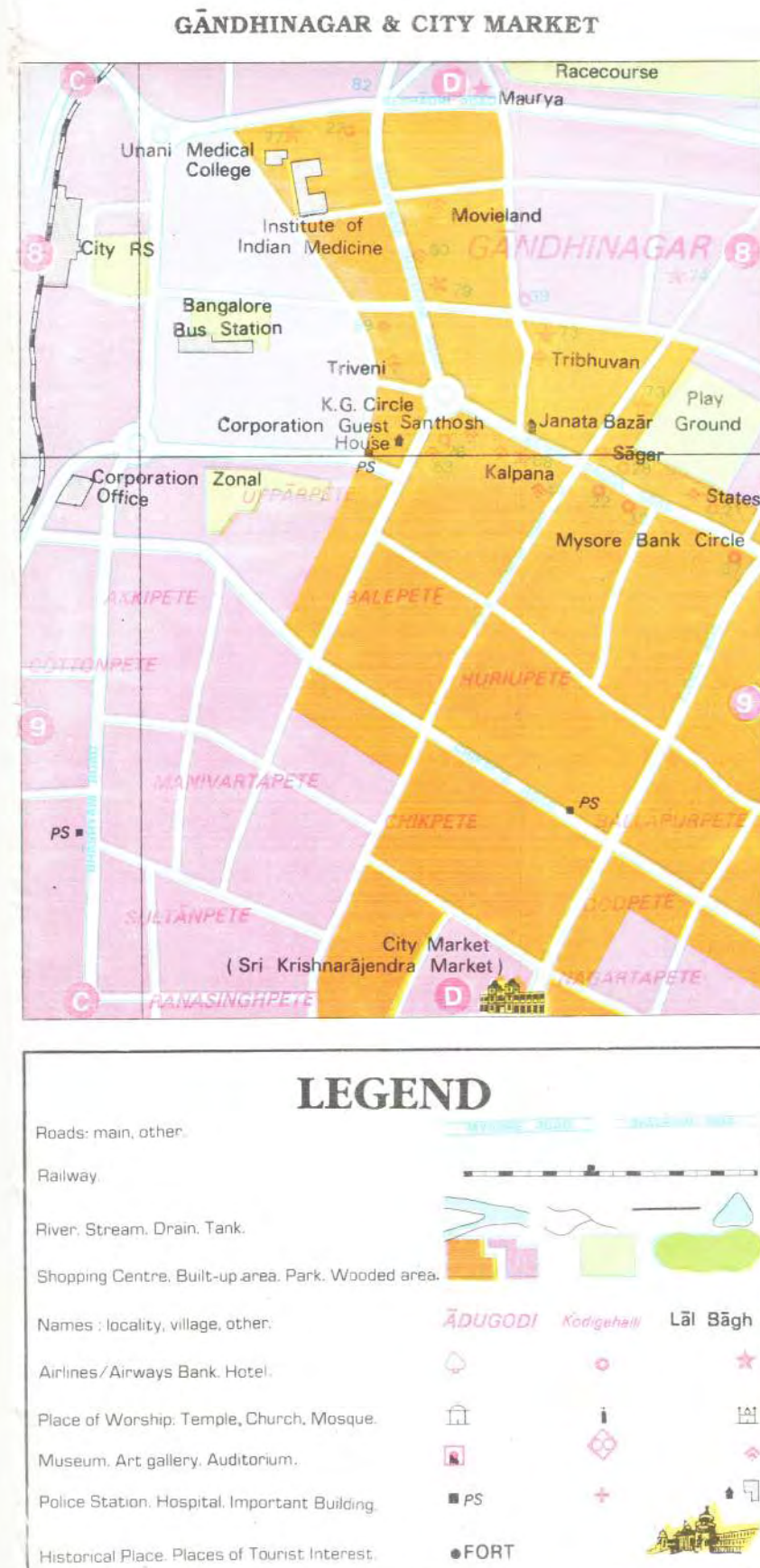
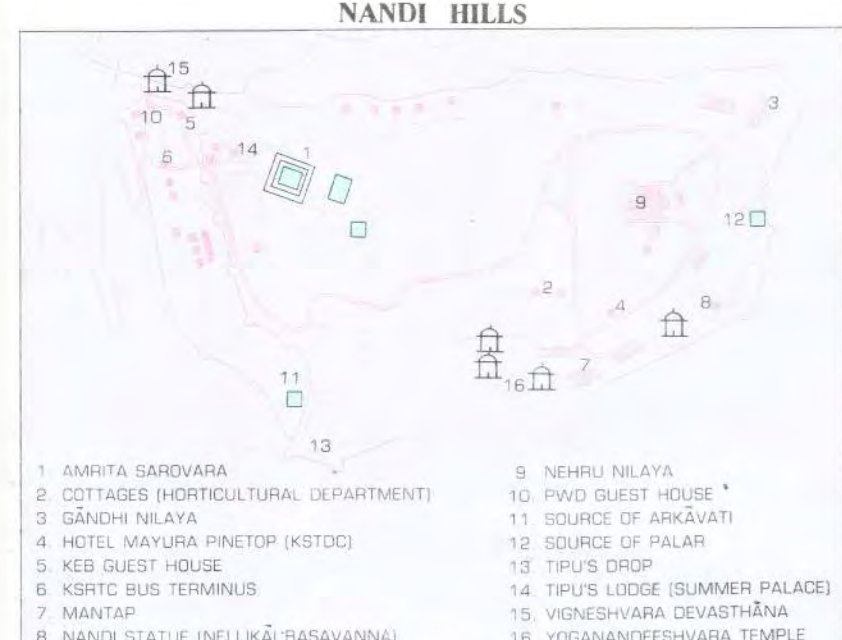
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EVOLUTION OF BANGALORE

Bangalore, the capital of Karnataka is often described as the Garden City of India. There is a popular story about the origin of the name, Bangalore. The Hoysala King, Viraballala, was said to have been hunting in the area one day. When he began to feel hungry, he came upon a poor old woman and asked her to give him something to eat, she served him with boiled green beans and he, therefore, named the place *Benaga Kāluru*, which means 'boiled-beans village'. This later became 'Bangaru' which the British changed to Bangalore. However, a similar name occurs in historical records much before this and it appears to be of a floral origin, from the tree *Benaga*. The Neolithic remains found at the Racecourse and at Jalahalli show that the place has been inhabited from prehistoric times. The Chola structures at Dūmūr and Halsūr testify to the existence of flourishing townships in the area during the 10th Century A.D.

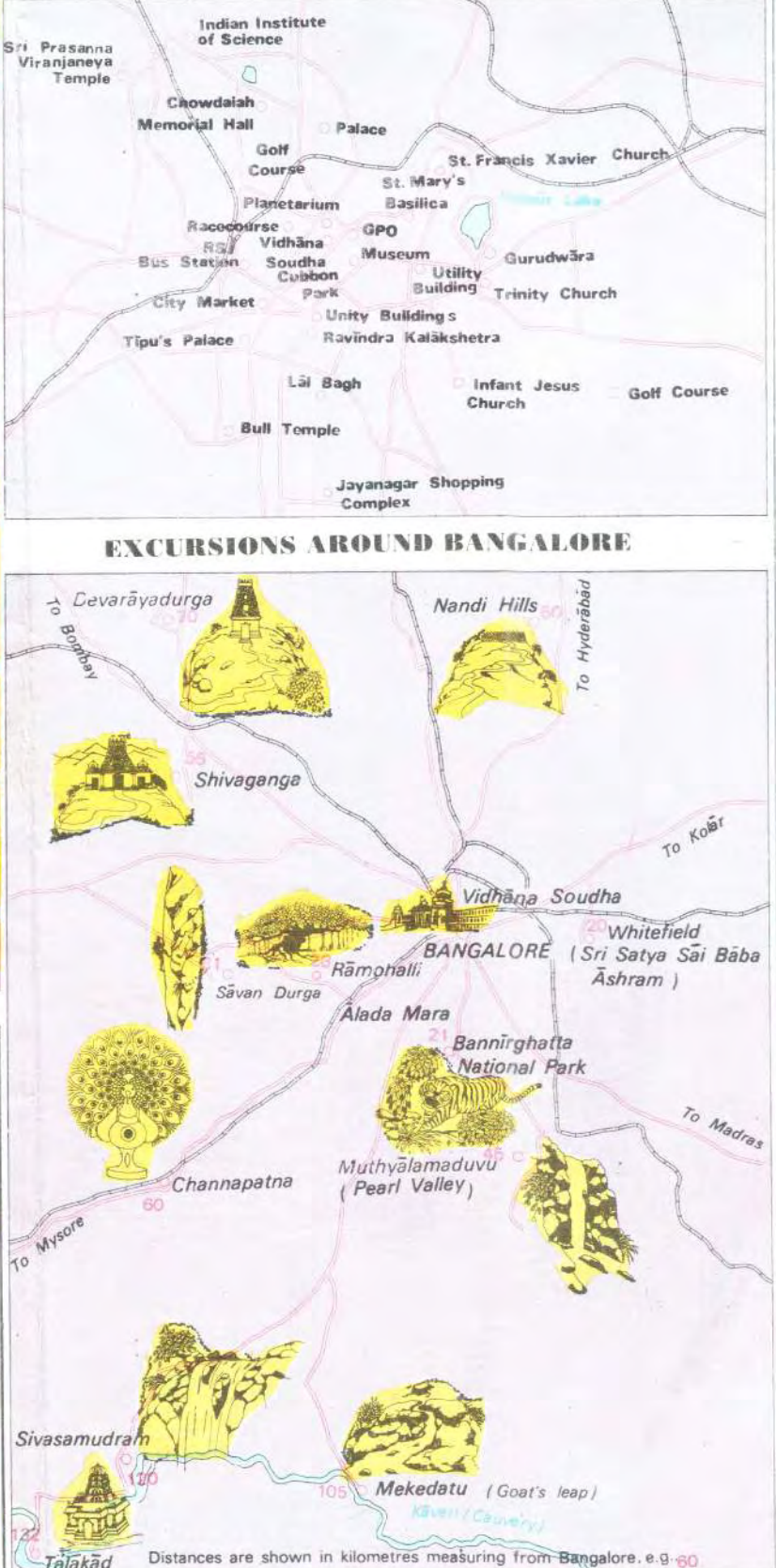
Bangalore was founded by Kempe Gauda - in 1537 A.D. He predicted a great future for the town and built watch-towers known as 'Kempegaua Towers' at four elevated places around the town, which has since grown far beyond his expectations. In 1809 some British troops were stationed near Halsūr which became the Cantonment - 'Dandū' in the local language. The British ruled the Cantonment municipality till 1947. This merged with the Bangalore municipality to form the Bangalore Municipal Corporation in 1949. Bangalore became the administrative capital of the then State of Mysore during the British Commissioner's rule. The Secretariat which was housed in Tipu's palace and Aihāra Kuchēri was later shifted to the 'Vidhāna Soudha', a magnificent stone building. Bangalore, is endowed by nature with a salubrious climate. Today, it is a major industrial and commercial centre. Some of the country's prestigious industries and scientific and research institutions are found here. A number of Central and State Government offices are also located in Bangalore.



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PLACES OF TOURIST INTEREST IN BANGALORE



REFERENCES

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