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ShReddy stated that there were 21 Members in the World Heritage Committee with China currently as the Chair of the Committee and credited the success to the goodwill that PM Narendra Modi has built with UNESCO member countries during his tenure.

A brief description on the Rudreswara(Ramappa) Temple

The Rudreswara temple was constructed in 1213 AD during the reign of the Kakatiya Empire by Recherla Rudra, a general of Kakatiya king Ganapati Deva. The presiding deity here is Ramalingeswara Swamy. It is also known as the Ramappa temple, after the sculptor who executed the work in the temple for 40 years.

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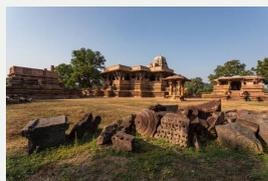
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