

HOYSALA INSCRIPTION FOUND NEAR ARSIKERE

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The inscription was found close to the site where a government engineering college is coming up at Kellengere near Arsikere. **SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT**

An inscription of the Hoysala period and pedestals, said to be of an ancient structure, were found close to the site where a government engineering college is coming up at Kellengere near Arsikere.

The local people noticed the inscription and pedestals while the ground-levelling work was underway for the last two days. They informed the taluk administration and officers of the Department of Archaeology, who visited the spot on Monday.

As much as 15 acres of government land, spread over Lakshmidevarahalli and Kellengere villages, have been taken up for the construction of the college.

Arsikere tahsildar Santhosh Kumar told *The Hindu* that the inscription was found on the private land adjacent to the government land identified for the college.

“While the owner was levelling the ground with a tractor, the inscription was found. The pedestals were found on the government land. The workers have kept them safe. Officials of the archaeology department said they would shift them to the museum,” he said.

The local people have also asked the State government to take up excavation at the site. Harisha Kolagunda, a lecturer at Hoysaleshwara PU College in Arsikere, said Arsikere had prominence since the rule of Hoysalas. “The department should take up excavation at the site, without allowing any construction work. A detailed study could bring out more significant things,” he opined.

The department has decided to send a team of experts to study the place. Kumar H.C., curator of Archaeology Museum in Hassan, who visited the spot on Monday, said the stone inscription was in Kannada. “It is a Jain inscription. We have to study it in detail,” he said.

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