

PREFACE

Humacha is one of the important Jaina sacred place & famous Jaina shrine. Humacha at present is a small town located in the Hosnagar taluka in the Shimoga district of Karnataka state. But once Humacha occupied unique place in the history of Jainism because it was the centre of Jaina culture from 8th to 12th centuries A.D. The King Jinadatta, one of the rulers of Santara dynasty, made Humacha as his capital and built palaces, offices, lake, Jaina temples, & matha etc.

Even today number of Jains used to go to Humacha for seeking blessings from goddess Padmavati. Generally we visit this place every year and saw many historical Jaina temples as well as inscriptions there. Therefore I took interest and selected this topic for my research work.

This work is heavily based on inscriptions translated by B.L. Rice. Again I undertook field work there and collected some material. An attempt has been made in this work to study "Jainism of ancient Karnataka with special reference to Humacha," by using some original work as well as secondary books pertaining to this topic.

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