

Sacred grove – gift from our ancestors

Devarabana or Sacred grove is a part of our rural life. It is a place where local deities are worshipped by the villagers and the place itself is considered sacred by local tradition. Sacred groves are actually patches of vegetation or cluster of trees protected in the name of god. Groves exist from time immemorial and their history can be traced back in local folklore, literature even in traditional practices.

Uttara Kannada district, belongs to the central Western Ghats region, is bestowed with Sacred groves in various forms and names. Villages are dotted with Bhutappana Bana, Birappana Bana, Yakshi Bana, Marammana Bana, Nagara Bana and deities are Bhutappa, Birappa, Yakshi, Mariamma, Naga Devata accordingly.



Devarabana plays a major role in rural socio-religious life. It is a place for social gathering which strengthen bonding among people during festival and religious ceremonies, representing communal identity and harmony.

