

Gandhamardan Hills

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The Gandhamardan Hill Range was declared Biodiversity Heritage Site (BHS) by the Odisha government.

- Gandhamardan has become the **37th biodiversity heritage site in India.**



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About Gandhamardan Hills:

- The hill is located between the **Balangir and Bargarh districts of Odisha, India.**
- It is well known for **medicinal plants.**
- The hills have historical monuments such as the **Nrasinghanath temple** located on the northern slope and **Harishankar temple** on the southern side.
- Hiuen Tsang described the hill shrine as a Buddhist heritage site named **Parimalagiri** in his chronicles.
- **Dasycarpa and one spider** peucetia harishankarensis are **endemic to this hill.**