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The **saalu mantap** (temple's pavilion) of **Hampi's Virupaksha temple** has recently collapsed.



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About Hampi's Virupaksha temple:

- The temple is dedicated to **Lord Virupaksha** or **Pampapathi**, a form of Shiva and consort of the local goddess "**Pampa**", and is situated in **Hampi, Karnataka**.
- It is a part of the **Group of Monuments** at Hampi, which is a **UNESCO World Heritage Site**.
- Originally built in the **7th century**, the temple gained prominence during the **Vijayanagara Empire** (1336 to 1646).
- It is built in the **Dravidian temple** architecture style, featuring grand **gopurams** (3), **Vimana**, **intricate carvings**, and **pillared halls**.