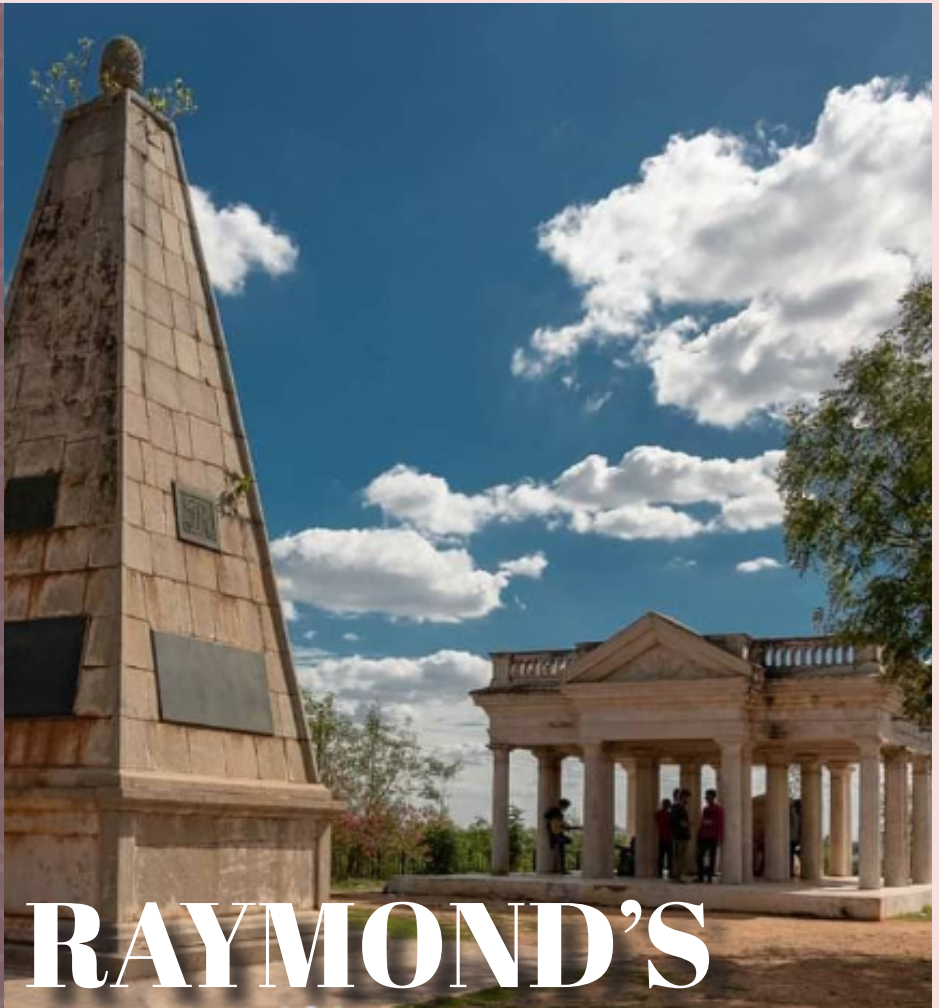




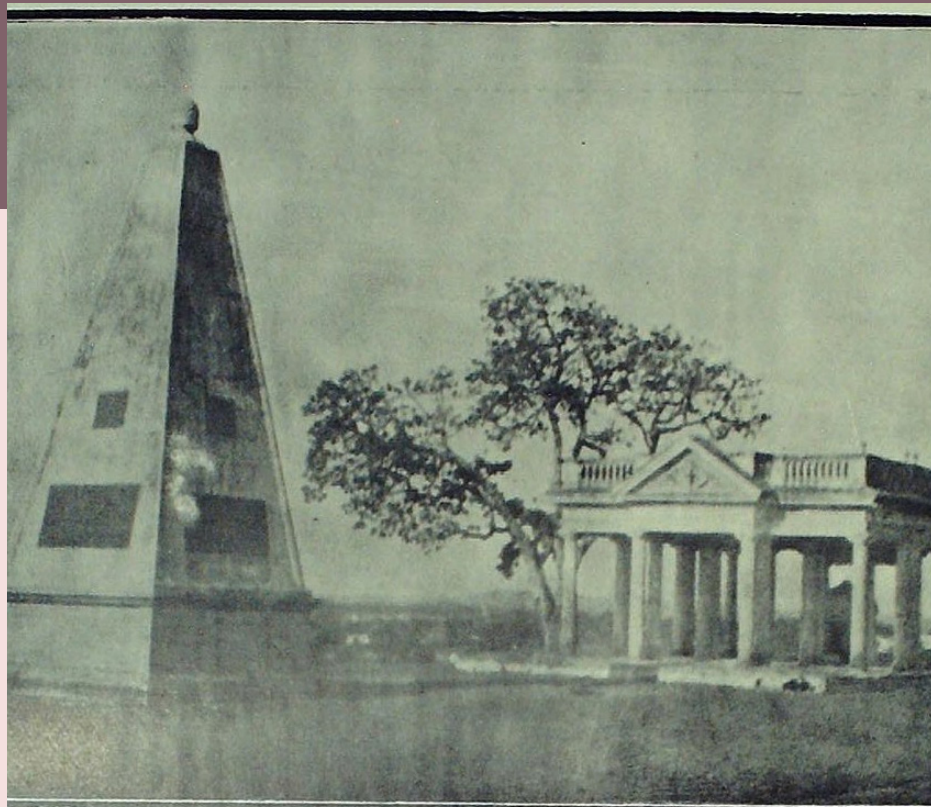
RAYMOND'S TOMB

MOOSARAMBAGH

HERITAGE PARTNER SCHEME

The tomb site is dedicated to Michel Joachim Marie Raymond (1755–1798), a French general who served in the army of Nizam II, Nizam Ali Khan, and was one of the most influential European figures in late-18th-century Hyderabad.

He was fondly known locally as “Moosaram” in Hyderabad, giving the area the name of Moosarambagh.



TOMB OF MICHAL JOACHIM MARIE RAYMOND.



About the Complex

Located on a hilltop in Moosarambagh, eastern Hyderabad, the tomb complex occupies a landscaped setting that originally functioned as a hill garden, offering views over the surrounding terrain.

The elevated location reflects European commemorative traditions, where monuments were often placed prominently within natural landscapes to signify honor and remembrance. The site today is an important historic landmark within the dense urban fabric of Hyderabad.

The importance of the site lies not only in its architectural uniqueness but also in its symbolic and cultural value.

**A rare French
memorial in the Deccan**

The RAYMOND'S TOMB



Raymond's tomb represents early Indo-European collaboration before the Nizam and British dominance and reflects Hyderabad's cosmopolitan history. It remains a place of remembrance, where local traditions honor Raymond annually, underscoring his enduring legacy as a respected foreign figure in the Nizam's court. As a historic landscape combining monument, garden setting, and memorial symbolism, the tomb site stands as a significant yet understated chapter in Hyderabad's layered heritage.

The tomb is a granite obelisk approximately 7 metres high, a form strongly associated with European memorial architecture and classical symbolism. The obelisk bears the engraved initials "JR" (Joachim Raymond) .



Surrounding the main obelisk are smaller subsidiary obelisks and markers, believed to commemorate family members.



The use of granite, the clean geometric form, and the absence of ornate decoration distinguish the monument from Indo-Islamic tomb architecture, making it a rare example of European funerary design.



Reimagining a Historic Site: Future possibilities



Raymond's Tomb is envisioned as a tranquil heritage park that weaves together history, landscape, and public life. Through sensitive landscaping, trails, and immersive storytelling, the hilltop memorial becomes a space where visitors engage with Hyderabad's French history while enjoying green open spaces and panoramic city views. Carefully integrated amenities and small-scale cultural and educational activities may activate the site and serve as both a place of remembrance and a meaningful urban retreat.

Highlighting French Heritage of Hyderabad



Heritage Garden & Historical Park: Adapt the hill and surrounding area into a landscaped park, including walking trails, seating, and viewing decks that offer panoramic views of the city.



Cultural & Community Events: Use the garden and terraces for small-scale events, walks, and history-themed guided tours. Host educational programs or workshops.

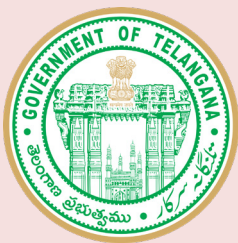


Visitor Amenities: Add heritage-sensitive lighting, shaded seating areas, and refreshment kiosks without disturbing the historic fabric.



Wellness Activities for the Community: Introduce spaces for yoga, meditation, and mindful outdoor activities, allowing locals and visitors to enjoy health and wellness in a historic setting.

** Ideas and AI-generated images are for conceptual reference only, Partners are encouraged to share alternate proposals and their vision for the site.*



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