

Bahubali Box Set From India

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Bahubali is a god of the Jain Community here in India . These match-boxes are rare in India .

Shravanabelagola in Hassan District is 157 km away from Bangalore and is an important Jaina centre. There is a pond and two stony hills, called Chandragiri and Indragiri. Chandragiri has the Chandragupta basadi of the Gangas, and the Parashwanatha basadi here is the biggest.

The town below the Jaina matha, whose walls have very old paintings. Indragiri has the Gommata monolith, some 58' tall, installed by a Ganga general and scholar Chavundaraya, and also Siddhara basadi, Odegal basadi, Chennanna basadi, Chauvvisa Tirthankara basadi, and also the finely engraved pillar called Tyagada Brahma Pillar. The floral designs on it are excellent.

To the north of town is Jinanathapura, which has the Aregal basadi and the Shantinatha basadi of Hoysala times. Shravanabelagola has over 500 inscriptions, some of which record the deaths of starving of Jaina ascetics and laymen.

1. *Top left* - Bahubali and Bahubali cart-shaped temple
2. *Top right* - Bahubali and Indragiri Hill
3. *Bottom left* - Bahubali and Feet of Bahubali
4. *Bottom right* - Slightly larger pic version of #1

