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The biennial 'Sammakka Saralamma Jathara – 2016' will commence on 17th February and conclude on 20th February in Medaram village of Tadvai Mandal in Warangal District. Telangana is going to witness the mammoth congregation of nearly one crore tribal and non-tribal pilgrims for the first time after the State formation. The Telangana Government has made all the arrangements for the feast. The itinerary is as follows:

17 February, Day 1: Goddess Saralamma, daughter of Sammakka, will be brought to the altar

18 February, Day 2: Sammakka to be brought to the altar

19 February, Day 3: Devotees and pilgrims offer jaggery and obeisance to mother-daughter deities of Sammakka-Saralamma at the altar

20 February, Day 4: Idols of Sammakka and Saralamma will be taken back into the forest

The historical figures Sammakka and Saralamma refused to oblige an unjust taxation law brought in by the Kakatiya dynasty rulers and martyred while fighting them. Muriyas, Mariyas, Dhurves of Madhya Pradesh, Gonds of Orissa and Maharashtra, Gothikoyas of Chhattisgarh, Chenchus of Adilabad, Koyas/Nayakpods of Khammam and Karimnagar districts and Rajagonds from Bastar region are expected to attend the mega event.

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