The town is known for its [Dharmasthala Temple](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dharmasthala_Temple" \o "Dharmasthala Temple) which houses the shrine of [Shiva](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shiva), Manjunatha, [Ammanavaru](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ammavaru" \o "Ammavaru), [Chandranath](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chandraprabha" \o "Chandraprabha) and the Dharma [Daivas](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Deva_(Hinduism)" \o "Deva (Hinduism)) (guardian spirits of [Dharma](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dharma)) — Kalarahu, Kalarkayi, Kumaraswamy and Kanyakumari. The temple is unusual in that it is run by a [Jain](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jain) administration and [poojas](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Poojas" \o "Poojas) are conducted by [Hindu](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hindu) priests of the [Madhva](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Madhvacharya" \o "Madhvacharya) order. Lakshadeepa, the festival of lights, is the annual festival of Dharmasthala in November–December. On an average the flow of pilgrims is about 10,000 people a day. A mechanised kitchen provides free food for all pilgrims, and there are guest houses with modern amenities.