

## 06. Sri Venugopalakrishna temple

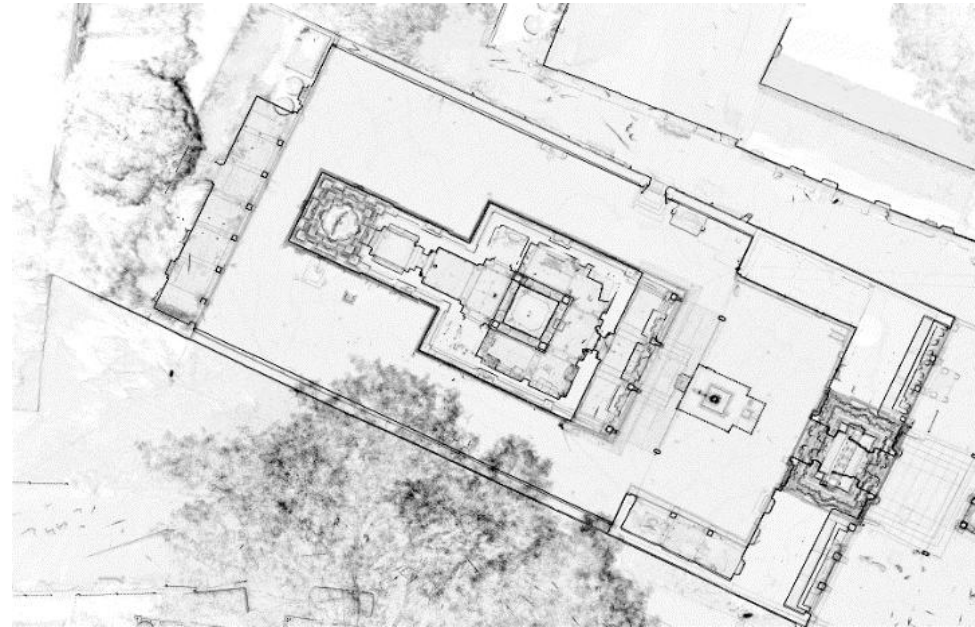
### Place - Devanahalli

**District** : Bengaluru Rural  
**Taluk** : Devanahalli  
**Locality** : Devanahalli

**Geo - Coordinates:**  
**Lat** : 13°14'57.52"N  
**Long** : 77°42'31.56"E



## Overview



## History

This is a beautiful Dravidian structure consisting of a *garbhagriha*, a *sukanasi*, a *navaranga* and a *mantapa* in front, all situated within a spacious *Prakara* with a tall *dvaragopura* to east. An image of Venugopalakrishna flanked by Rukmini and Satyabhama is installed in the cella. The *navaranga* has four black stone pillars carved with images on all the four sides. Some of the figures worthy of note are *Hayagriva*, dancing female figures with attendant musicians, a conch flower, a huntress getting a thorn out of her leg and a *kinnara* with the lower half of the body in the form of a bird.

The outer walls of the temple have a frieze of large images about 50 cm high, illustrating scenes mostly from the Ramayana. The *Balakanda* story is well illustrated on the north and the south walls. A portion of the north wall has the images of *Dasavatara*. In a cell inside the *prakara* is kept a vehicle called *Chitragopura Vahana*. The stucco figures in the niches over the front *verandah* of the temple and the *gopura* are well executed.