

01. Sri Ranganatha temple

Place - Rangasthala

District : Chikkaballapur

Taluk : Chikkaballapur

Locality : Rangasthala

Geo - Coordinates:

Lat : 13.456657° N

Long : 77.700785° E



History

This is a large temple consisting of a *sandhara garbhagriha*, a *sukanasi*, a *navaranga*, a *mukhamantapa* and a *varandah* running round the *mukhamantapa*, all located in the middle of a large cloistered courtyard surrounded by a *prakara* wall. Its *mahadvara*, which faces south, is about 5.5 m high and there are doorways in the other three directions also. There are also pillared *mantapas* in front of the doorways except the east.

In the *garbhagriha* is a fine reclining figure of Ranganatha, about 1.2 m long, with the head to the west canopied by a five-hooded cobra. There are figures of Sridevi and Bhudevi seated at the Lord's feet. The *pradakshinapatha*, has two cells facing each other and house the images of gods, goddesses and Alvars.

The *mukhamantapa*, a fine structure, stands on an ornamental plinth supported by 24 sculptured pillars. The *varandah* which is on a lower level has 14 sculptured pillars, which are loftier and larger in size than those of the *mukhamantapa*. All the pillars are sculptured in three panels on all the sides. The *sikhara* over the *garbhagriha* resembles that of the temple at Srirangam, being in the shape of a basket, and is carved with figures. The *mahadvara* has a beautiful *dvaragopura*, renovated recently. It has two inner and two outer pairs of well-carved jambs, with male and female figures surmounted by scrollwork. In the *navaranga* are kept *utsavamurtis* of Ranganatha with consorts, Visvakshena, Ramanujacharya, Nammalvar and Chakrattalvar.

3D Point Cloud

