



Mantralayam

Mantralayam is a town in [Kurnool district](#) in [Andhra Pradesh, India](#). It lies on the banks of the [Tungabhadra](#) river on the border with neighbouring [Karnataka](#) state. It is also called as Manchale. This town is noted for the holy presence of the Vrindavana of Guru [Raghavendra Swami](#), a Madhwa saint and follower of Sri [Madhwacharya](#). It is believed that Guru Raghavendra Swami is in the Vrindavana from the past 339 years and is believed to be in the Vrindavana for another 361 years. While entering the Vrindavana, Guru Raghavendra Swami stated that he would be there (in the Vrindavana) for 700 years.



Top view of the Temple



Sri Raghavendraswamy moola paduka

The nearest railway station is Mantralaya Road, 16 kilometres away. This station is on the Guntakal - Raichur railway route. There are frequent bus services from [Adoni](#), [Yemmiganur](#), [Kurnool](#) in [Andhra Pradesh](#) and from [Raichur](#) and [Bellary](#) in [Karnataka](#). Mantralaya is about 53 km from [Adoni](#), 24 km from [Yemmiganur](#), 100 km from Kurnool and 250 km from the state capital [Hyderabad](#), 35 km from [Raichur](#) and 120 km from [Bellary](#).

Manchalamma is the presiding deity of the Manchale village and one has to offer prayers to Manchalamma first before they enter Sri Raghavendra Swamiji's(SRS) mutt to get his blessings. The Manchalamma's shrine is located on the left of the SRS mutt and both are on the banks of River Tunghabhadra.

Sri.Appanacharya was the prime student of Swamiji. Swamiji stayed with Sri.Appanacharya in Bikshala(aka Bichali) for 13 years. This place is also located on the banks of River Tunghabhadra and it is 20 km from Mantralayam.



Route to Panchamukhi Anjaneya Temple and Bikshalaya (Bichali): From Mantralayam Temple to Panchamukhi Anjaneya Temple & Bichali, you can easily hire Shared Autos outside of the temple. Panchamukhi Anjaneya Temple is 23km(Approx.) First, you have to pass through Madhavaram village. From there, take a right turn and proceed till you reach R.Tungabhadra. The roads are very bad and a permanent bridge is under construction. After you pass this, you enter the Raichur District of Karnataka. Proceed further and you reach Chiksugur camp junction. The road to the right leads to Panchamukhi Anjaneya Temple and left goes to Bichali. The road to Panchamukhi Anjaneya Temple is worst. The Temple is open for Darshan from 0530Hrs and closes at 1300Hrs. Again it opens in the evening and closes at 2000Hrs. From here, it is 18km to Bichali and you have to pass through Chiksugur camp Junction and proceed straight. The road from Chiksugur camp Junction is very good. Bichali is on the banks of R.Tungabhadra and you can see this from the Rail bridge after Mantralayam Road station towards Raichur. This spot is very serene and scenic and worth the time you spend. You can take bath in the River as it is shallow. But exercise care, as the bed is very rocky. Even today, the Appanacharya generations are performing the poojas daily. Visiting here in the month of August can be difficult as floods are common during monsoon. After the 2009 floods, the 400 years old Appanacharya's house has been completely washed off and it is currently being renovated. Due to lack of funds, the pace is slow.

Lakhs of devotees come here to have a glimpse of the Brindavana or Vrindavana every year.

There are lots of hotels around the mutt and getting accommodation is not difficult. Summers are hot here and winter season is pleasant. Winter mornings may be very chilly.



Pilgrim Accommodation

Manchalamma

Guru Raghavendraswamy
Brindavanam on the day of
Akshaya Tritiya

Admin Building

