



UNVEILING THE BEAUTY OF MADURAI & MANAMADURAI

Jagadguru SriMan Madhwacharya Moola Maha Samsthana, Sri Uttaradi Matha is a significant Madhwa institution with various branches across BharataKhanda, that serves as a centre of spirituality, devotion, education and community activities.

INSIGHTS ABOUT THE MADURAI BRANCH:

Madurai is an energetic, ancient city on the Vaigai River in the South Indian state of Tamil Nadu. Its skyline is dominated by the 14 colorful gopurams (gateway towers) of Meenakshi Amman Temple. In this vibrant city, the branch of Sri Uttaradi Mutt is currently under construction, with its inauguration expected in February 2026.

Pt. Muralidharachar has been in Madurai for several years now and takes care of both Madurai branch and Manamadurai branch. The new building was conceived in thoughts a few years ago and a lot of work has already happened with generous help from many devotees. We solicit further cooperation from devotees to take the Madurai building to completion.

INSIGHTS ABOUT THE MANAMADURAI BRANCH:

Manamadurai is a town located about 58KM from the heart of the Madurai City. The heart of the Uttaradi Math branch at Manamadurai is the brindavana of Sri Satyapriya Teertharu, the 24th pontiff of Sri Uttaradi Math.

An extraordinary feature of this brindavana is that, unlike the usual Koormasana alone, it sits atop a Koormasana with a spiral snake, with the brindavana placed above it. He has written many works. The most famous one is Sri Jaya Teertha Sthuthi, a stotra on Teeka Rayaru. The place where Manamadurai branch is there is called Agrahara. There is also a small temple for Anjaneya Swamy nearby. Mamamadurai is considered a gateway to Rameshwaram. Madhwas traveling from Madurai to Rameshwaram normally visit Manamadurai, have darshan of Sri Satyapriya Teertharu, take prasada and then proceed to Rameshwaram. Thus Manamadurai occupies a significant place in pilgrimage by Madhwas to Rameshwaram.



Moola Brindavana of Sri Satyapriya Teertharu, Uttaradi Math, Manamadurai

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Sri Satyapriya Teertharu is a great pontiff of Sri Uttaradi Math. The brindavana of Sri Satyapriya Teertharu is in Agraharam of Manamadurai.

He received sanyasashrama from Sri Satyapoorna Teertharu and initially was named Sri Satyavarya Teertharu. But since he was on sanchara Sri Satyavijaya Teertharu became peethadhipathi after Sri Satyapoorna Teertharu. So, he took over the mantle of Sri Uttaradi Math subsequently with the name Sri Satyapriya Teertharu.

He has authored the following works:

1. Commentary on Maha Bhashya
2. Commentary on Mandukopanishad Bhashya
3. Commentary on Atharvanopanishad Bhashya
4. Commentary on Tatva prakashika
5. Chandrika Bindhu
6. Sri Jaya Teertha Sthuthi
7. Sri Satyavijaya Sthuthi

Of these Sri Jaya Teertha Sthuthi is like a glowing diamond with fabulous content praising Teeka Rayaru written with unparalleled literary command. Sri Jaya Teertha Sthuthi audio is available in UM Stotra and Sri Uttaradi Math Apps.

Aradhana of Sri Satyapriya Teertharu is on Chaitra Shuddha (Sukla paksha) Trayadashi. Aradhana here is celebrated on all three days viz., poorvaradhana, madhya aradhana and utara aradhana in a grand way.

Sri Satyapriya Teertharu once visited Melukote in Karnataka to have darshan of Sri Yoga Narasimha Swamy. When He arrived, the doors of the temple were closed. He then stood in front of the temple doors, poured out his heart in praise of Narasimha Swamy and prayed. The doors flung open, bells rang and mangalarathi was performed, to the surprise of all.

Once some thieves stole the pooja box, jewels and the bell. Sri Satyapriya Teertharu prayed to Anjaneya. Out of no where, many monkeys started coming, located the thieves and surrounded them. The thieves came back running and handed over all the items to Swamiji and asked to forgive them.

Once a king of that area offered Swamiji three plates filled with items not worthy of pooja but covered them with cloth. Srighalu could see the game, pitied the king and prayed to Moola Rama Devaru. The king started losing his eye sight and fell at the feet of Srighalu and prayed. Srighalu prayed to Rama Devaru to keep at least one eye of the king alright. After realising his mistake the king donated 3 villages and hundred acres of fertile land and inscribed this on a copper plate also. Sri Satyapriya Teertharu was a great scholar and mystic and we pray that His blessings be on all devotees.

[Click here](#) to know more about Sri Satyapriya Teertharu.

ABOUT MADURAI AND MANAMADURAI BRANCHES:

The branch of Sri Uttaradi Math in Madurai is coming up in EB City, Kovalan Nagar which is approximately 2.5 kms from Madurai junction. It is a new building under construction and it will have 5 rooms, a hall and toilet / bathroom facilities. The inauguration of this building is expected to be in February 2026. After inauguration, devotees would be able to go to Madurai peacefully and avail accommodation and Tirtha prasada facilities here. Family functions and various homas can also be performed. Madurai is like a main center from where one can go to Manamadurai, Rameshwaram, Totadri, Kanyakumari, Trivandrum etc.

Manamadurai is at about 55 kms from Madurai by road and the branch there has the moola brindavana of Sri Satyapriya Teertharu. Teertha Prasada can be availed at Manamadurai upon prior intimation. One hall and a room are available at Manamadurai for transit accommodation when one travels from Madurai towards Rameshwaram.

APPEAL FOR DONATION TOWARDS CONSTRUCTION AT MADURAI

The new building in Madurai is coming up at a rapid pace. Donations are solicited towards finishing activities like electrical work, plumbing, fittings of various nature like fans, lights, A/c units, Geyser or Solar water heaters, chairs, tables, cots, bedding material and the like. Donations can also be done towards rooms and various basic facilities needed. Devotees wishing to contribute towards this can visit - <https://klr.bz/MDUBUILDG>.

LOCATION & HOW TO REACH:

- Madurai is best reached by train. A good number of trains come from Chennai as well as Bengaluru. Driving down to Madurai is also a viable option with highways leading to Madurai being in good condition. Plenty of buses also connect various cities of Tamilnadu and Madurai. There is an airport also in Madurai.

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UM Madurai building under construction - 1



UM Madurai building under construction - 2

PLACES TO VISIT IN AND AROUND MADURAI AND MANAMADURAI:



Meenakshi Amman Temple, Madurai

- **Meenakshi Amman Temple (3 KM from Math):** The temple is a beautiful one with a grand architecture. Meenakshi Amman, a form of Parvathi devi is the main attractions. Rudra devaru here is called Sundareshwarar. This is a must visit temple when you are in Madurai.



Sundararaja Perumal Temple, Azhagar Kovil

- **Azhagar Kovil, Sri Sundararaja Perumal Temple:** Azhar kovil is at about 50 kilometers from Madurai and can be easily reached by road. Main deity is Sri Sundararaja Perumal, a form of Vishnu. It may be noted that many Madhwars in that region have Sundararaja Perumal as family deity.



Nayakar Mahal, Madurai

- **Tirumalai Nayakar Palace :** This is the palace of the Naikars who ruled Madurai dating back by about 400 years. The Sound and Light show conducted here in the evenings is an attraction for those visiting Madurai with family and children. It is at about 5 kms from the Math



Pazhamudhir Solai, Murugan temple

- **Shanmukha temples at Pazhamudhir Solai and Thiruparakundram:** In the hill behind Azhar kovil is a famous temple for Lord Shanmukha, popularly called Lord Muruga in Tamilnadu. Buses ply from the bottom of the hill to the temple on the hill top. Another important Muruga temple is in Thiruparakundram, the first of the 6 famous temples for Lord Muruga.

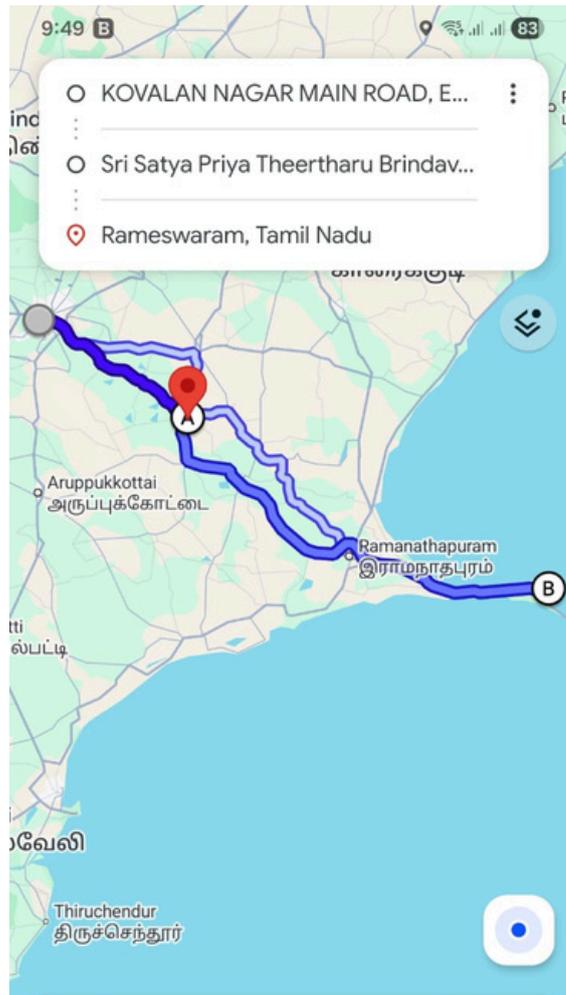


Rameshwaram

- **Rameshwaram:** It is an island town situated at about 3 hours from Madurai. Rameshwaram has many details that need to be described and we will write about it in our writeup about UM Rameshwaram Branch.

Other places to visit from Madurai: One can drive down to Totadri, a swayam vyaktha kshetra from Madurai. If you go further down from Totadri, Kanyakumari can be visited. Trivandrum is also within reach by car or public transport. In the other direction, one can go to Srirangam and nearby places. Madurai is at the center of many pilgrim spots. With our own premises coming up in Madurai, we hope to see more devotees making use of it as a vantage point to come to and see all nearby places.

MAP FOR PLACES AROUND MADURAI



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