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SRI ANANTESHWARA, UDUPI (KAR)

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The biggest and one of the oldest shrines of Udupi. The deity is Vishnu enshrined in a Shivalingam.

As per legend, King Ramabhoja worshipped Parashurama on a silver pedestal here and Parashurama manifested himself as Ananteshwara.



It is said that Shiva taught Parashurama in various arts of fighting. As dakshina, Shiva asked Parashurama to reside here in the form of a shivlingam. Parashurama, an incarnation of Vishnu, agreed and so Vishnu is worshipped in shivlingam and said to be in the heart of Shiva.



Parents of Sri Madhvacharya had worshipped here continuously for 12 years to beget a child. The great Acharya was born in fulfillment of their penance. It was this place where Shri Madhavacharya obtained lessons from his Guru Shri Achyuthaprekshacharya.

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Sri Madhavacharya is reported to have disappeared from human sight in his 79th year while holding a discourse on Upanishads at a particular spot in this shrine. Since then, this spot has been adored as a sacred spot, containing the invisible presence of the Acharya.

