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### SRI RAJAGOPALASWAMY, MANNARGUDI (TN)

Called Dakshina Dwaraka/Chambakaranya Kshetram. Here Krishna is shepherd boy with whip in hand and turban on head. There are bangles in his hand and he is adorned with ornaments worn by children. A cow and 2 calves are by His side.

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Once, Rishi Gopila and Gopralaya did tapasya to please Sri Vishnu. Prabhu asked them to go to Dwarka to meet Krishna. By the time the two rishis reached Dwarka, Krishna had left Earth. So the two came to Mannargudi and prayed to Sri Vishnu to reveal his Krishna avtar.



Vishnu, then, appeared as Krishna before them.

The moolavar here has a dangling Kundalam in one ear and an earring in the other ear. It is said that once Krishna and Gopiyars had a bet as to who would bathe the quickest. In his eagerness to win, Krishna ran back in a hurry.



He wore his kundalam in one ear and Gopiyar's ear ring in the other.

In the Mahabharata, Pulastya tells Bheeshma that anyone staying for a night at MannarKoil earns the merit of having gifted a 1000 cows.

Milk is the main naivedyam here. Dosa is the naivedyam in evening puja

