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Since 1137 CE, the original body of Vaishnava philosopher and guru Ramanujacharya has been preserved inside Sri Ranganathaswamy Temple in Srirangam, Tiruchinarpalli.

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900 YEARS OLD RAMANUJACHARYA



ORIGINAL BODY PRESERVED IN SRIRANGAM TEMPLE



Sri Ramajunacharya was a follower of the Sri Vaishnavism school of thought.

To keep the body in good shape, sandalwood paste and saffron are used, with no further chemicals added.

A coat of camphor mixed with saffron, which forms an ochre/orange color on the preserved body, is applied twice a year, and this tradition dates back over 878 years.

His body is placed behind his statue and is exposed to all devotees for darshan.

Fingernails can be seen, indicating that the object is a human body.

Lord Ranganatha personally commanded that his bodily body be put in the southwest corner of the Srirangam temple's fifth circuit.

Many Srivaishnavas are unaware that in Srirangam, their holiest place dubbed "Bhuloka Vaikuntam" (Heaven on Earth), the body of Sri Ramanuja has been preserved in its original state without fanfare or publicity

and without the use of any of the chemical preservatives used for Egyptian and Goan mummies.

After applying numerous layers of chemicals, the Egyptian mummies are preserved in a sleeping position and wrapped in fabric.

The original body of Ramanujacharya, on the other hand, is kept in a normal sitting position and is open to the public for viewing.

This is the only time an actual human body has been stored for so long inside a Hindu temple.

Ramanuja was born in the village of Perumbudur, about twenty-five miles west of Madras, in the year 1017 A.D. His father, Kesava Somayaji, was a very pious and virtuous lady, and his mother, Kantimathi, was a very pious and moral lady.

Ilaya Perumal was Ramanuja's Tamil name. Ramanuja lost his father at a young age.

Then he went to Kancheepuram to continue his Vedic studies with one Yadavaprakasha, an Advaita philosophy teacher.

In Tirupati, Ramanuja had re-installed the Govindaraja idol, which had been hurled into the sea by Kulotthunga Chola, a Saivaite.

Ramanujacharya's original body was mummified and stored in Lord Ranganatha temple at Srirangam, where he attained his Acharyan Thiruvadi (his Acharya's lotus foot).