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Cultural and spiritual center in Geneva

Our Purpose

Fondation Temple Sri Balaji (Sri Balaji Temple Foundation) has been registered as a not-for-profit Foundation with the Canton of Geneva in April 2024.

The main vision of this Foundation is to build a Balaji Temple in Geneva, Switzerland, based on the ancient principles of *Sanatana Dharma*, the universal code of conduct encompassing the natural and compassionate way of living with spiritual consciousness.

This temple project is the result of unanimous desire of many ardent devotees of Geneva, Switzerland, who want to build a *Balaji temple* based on the tenets of *Sanatana Dharma* and *Vedic* principles, following *Agama Shastras* (principles for temple construction and deity worship). It will be based on the doctrine of Vedas, the unwritten and everlasting virtuous code of conduct, the foundation of Sanatana Dharma. The temple is also envisioned to provide a wholistic environment for the spiritual upliftment of its visitors.

At present, there is no such temple in the whole of Switzerland and this spiritual vacuum is attempted to be fulfilled through this endeavour. Around 50000 devotees from different nationalities, who currently follow Hinduism (as laid down by Sanatana Dharma principles) are eagerly looking forward towards the fruitification of this project.

Our rich heritage





In olden days, the temples were not just conceived as mere places of worship but built with an intellectual purpose of community building and social welfare!! In addition to being places of worship and spiritual guidance, they doubled as centres for patronizing art, culture and learning.

The temple management was entrusted with organizing festivals and supporting charitable activities, thus overseeing the welfare of the society at large.

Divine food partaken by the deity (prasadam) in form of meals and sweet dishes have been regularly served in temples to ensure that everyone is well nourished, as only then they can focus on spiritual upliftment .

We would like the Balaji temple of Geneva , to be an epitome of the very same Sanatana Dharma principles in Geneva and Switzerland, at large .

Our Values

Learning and Education

Conserve the rich heritage and tradition of SANATANA DHARMA

Knowledge of ancient wisdom



Progress on spiritual journey through Guru (Acharya's) guidance





YOGA and DHYANA

experience the attributes of Supreme

Chant VEDIC Mantras in Sanskrit and Thamizh

NAMA SANKEERTAN

sing the holy names of Lord

Place of worship

Prepare and distribute SATTVIC food

Conduct VEDIC rituals and ceremonies

Celebrate festivals and special occasions together



Practice Spirituality in day-to-day life

Celebrations and Rituals

Amenities

Learning Centre
DHYANA-ADHYAYANA

- A library to store original versions of Hindu philosophical texts in Sanskrit and other languages accompanied by authentic translations/ commentaries.
- Development centre to conduct classes on Bharatiya culture, meditation, yoga etc.
- Conduct culinary lessons for healthy and mindful (Sattvic) cooking
- Place to engage kids and teens in ancient wisdom using modern digital technology



Food and catering
PRASADAM

- A kitchen to prepare food, in a Sattvic and traditional manner with strict rules of hygiene .This will be an integral part of the temple premises.
- Food distribution (prasadam) is part of regular temple activities after daily rituals and religious ceremonies

Event Hall
MANDAPAM

- An event hall to perform religious ceremonies and gatherings for prayers and chanting .
- Auditorium to plan motivational talks by renowned guest speakers for mental, emotional and physical well being

Accessibility and Parking**
PRAVESHAM

- It would be ideal to have the temple in a place easily accessible by public transport
- For devotees coming from far, it is envisaged to have a visitor's parking

Guest House**
VISHRANTI

- It is also envisioned to have a guest house for the comfort of visitors and devotees (construction to ensure low environmental impact and usage of renewable energy sources).

** part of long-term aspirations of the foundation

Our commitment

Economic Contribution: The Sri Balaji Cultural and Spiritual Centre is expected to contribute significantly to Geneva's economy right from its construction phase (for e.g. hiring architects, builders, purchase of raw materials etc.) as well as by local purchases in the long run for day-to-day activities such as flowers, food and cooking ingredients.

This project is also expected to draw visitors /devotees from other parts of Switzerland and Europe at large as well. During festivals and special occasions, the number of visitors and footfalls will significantly increase, thereby increasing further economic activities in the form of hotels, transportation, etc.

Corporate social responsibility: We envisage forming a greater alliance with local charities such as Armée du salut, Le Care in helping out the disadvantaged people in the local areas. A number of the founding members of this foundation are already engaged in corporate social responsibility on a regular basis and we would like to institutionalize and expand this work .

Sustainability: All parts of the project are designed to be implemented with strict adherence to environmental and sustainability considerations. We are highly respectful of Mother Nature, who is the basis of our material existence.

Keeping this in mind, all constructions and daily activities shall be environmentally friendly and to the maximum extent possible make use of renewable sources of energy and biodegradable /reusable materials .

We plan to ensure that the construction and operation of the centre shall not cause any hindrance to the local population, and we are committed to comply with sustainability goals .

Current Roadmap

Present status

We have identified a 200 sq.m building in the central location of Grand-Saconnex in Geneva ,in the vicinity of landmarks such as Palais des Nations, CERN, Geneva lake etc.

It is an old farm building that can easily be transformed into a 600 sq.m spiritual center spreading over three floors.

This location is well served by public transportation and also easily accessible from Geneva airport. There is also ample public parking slots nearby as well.

The initial investment for this acquisition comes to around 1 425 000 Swiss Francs.

Next steps

After acquisition, a construction permit and renovation approval is needed so that the building can be transformed into a fully functional one for the purposes of this cause.

A total budget of 2 750 000 Swiss francs is anticipated to transform the first floor into an open space dedicated for the cultural and community activities .

The uppermost floors will be dedicated to spiritual activities .

Timeline

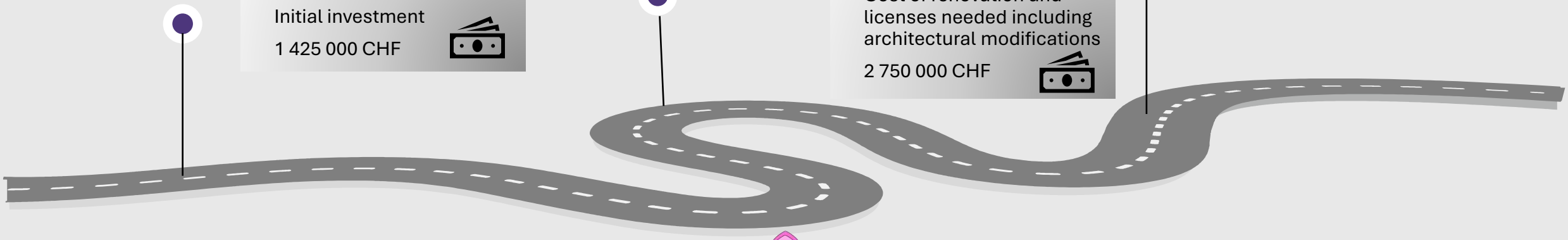
A total of 14 months is planned to be the estimated schedule for the main renovations to take place before the temple can finally open it doors for visitors .

Initial investment

1 425 000 CHF

Cost of renovation and licenses needed including architectural modifications

2 750 000 CHF



Actual site pictures







Your contribution

To achieve a vision of this scale and to create a spiritual and cultural beacon that will serve for generations to come is indeed an Herculean task.

Your kind support and generous contributions will go a long way to help realize this dream. Every penny matters, whether big or small, your donation is a sacred offering that brings us closer to completing this divine project.

We encourage monthly contributions to keep up with the pace of the project and accomplish within the timelines. Significant donors or organizations may also sponsor specific parts of the temple (murti, mandap, pillars, etc.).

Let us come together as a community to build a house for the Divine. Your support today will be remembered for generations to come.

- **Donate Online**:
- **Bank Transfer**:
- **Donation Schemes** : Contact trustees directly
- **Volunteer With Us**:

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