

Vedanshi

The part of the sacred knowledge

O Arjuna, My son! a performer of good actions never meets destruction. Whether in this world or in the beyond, he falls not into evil plight!

Chapter 6, Verse 40; Bhagavad Gita

A Monthly Newsletter

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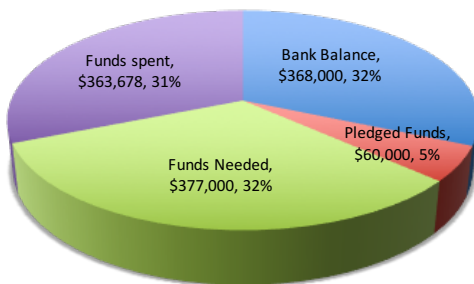
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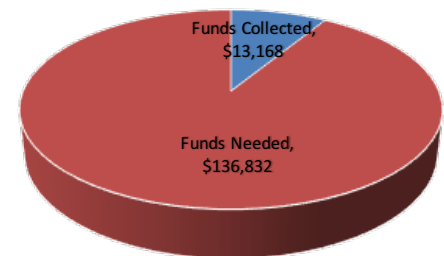


Temple - Fundraising Campaign

Total Estimated Cost: \$1,168,678



Fund Raising Challenge : \$150,000

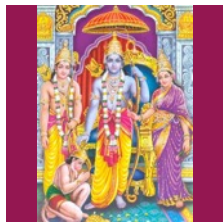


Land Cost	\$200,000
Land Preparation	\$26,745
Architectural and Civil Engineering Services	\$43,433
Temple and Annex Building Construction including Parking Lot	\$548,500
Deities Statues Cost	\$50,000
Shikars (Gopuram) Cost including installation	\$200,000
Lighting, Security and Fencing	\$75,000
Operating Costs (4th Quarter 2017)	\$25,000
Total Cost	\$1,168,678

Challenge Update

For the second year in a row, Mr Ajay Patel put forth another challenge similar to 2016. This challenge was initiated in a Trustee Meeting conducted on March 12th, 2017. For every \$3 that is donated towards SHSK Temple, there will be a \$1 match. The matching contribution will max upto \$50,000 therefore taking the challenge amount to \$150,000. SHSK request all the supporters to fulfill this challenge to obtain the funds needed for the temple to the amount of \$200,000, to get a step closer to the overall funds needed for the Temple project. Thanks to our generous supporters who came forward to contribute \$13,168 so far after initializing the challenge on March 12th, 2017. This challenge excludes already committed \$60,000 donation made prior to March 12th, 2017. This challenge will end on December 31st, 2017. SHSK Board sincerely thank Mr Ajay Patel for his continued support to SHSK Temple Project.

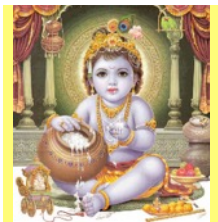
Sita Ram



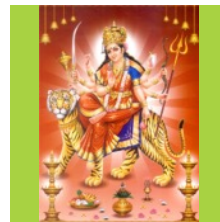
Ganesh



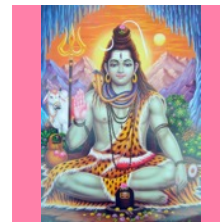
Krishna



Durga



Shiva



SHSK Temple Project Summary

Sanatan Hindu Sanskar Kendra (SHSK) is a 501 (C) (3) organization formed in 2013 to build and operate a Hindu Temple in Lafayette, Louisiana. SHSK bought a **5.67 acre land for \$200,000 on 110, Hapsburg Lane, Lafayette, Louisiana** in 2014. Bhoomi Puja on Temple land was performed on September 6th, 2014. The land was prepared by clearing the unwanted trees and bushes in 2016 and it costed \$26,745.

Foundation Stone Ceremony was performed on the auspicious day of Makara Sankranti on January 14th, 2017. SHSK paid \$43,433 for Architectural and Civil Engineering services and obtained Building Permit on April 7th, 2017.

The project includes

- 2520 sqft Temple Building
- Shikars (Gopuram)
- 3250 sqft Annex Building
- 60 space concrete Parking lot
- Fence around the entire lot
- Lighting and Security
- Water well
- Sewage Plant
- Retention Pond

The presiding deities of the temple are

- Balaji
- Shiva
- Durga
- Radha Krishna
- Ganesha
- Karthikeya Parivar
- Ram Parivar
- Hanuman
- Lakshmi
- Saraswati

Also includes

- Garuda
- Nandi & Turtle
- Navagrahas

The 3d model of the temple building is shown on Page 3 along with the 2d drawings of 3 Main Shikars (Gopurams), Central dome and the entrance Samaran. Temple floor plan is shown on Page 4 which includes a small kitchen to make Puja Prasad and a small office room on either side of the Foyer at the entrance.

The floor plan for Annex Building is shown on Page 4, which includes restrooms and bigger kitchen. Annex building will be utilized to serve Mahaprasad during Temple major activities. Annex building will be also used to conduct classes for children and satsangs. Annex Building will be available to SHSK members to perform religious ceremonies for a nominal fee.

SHSK is actively looking for a priest to hire as early as August 2017. The priest will also manage day to day activities of temple and organize the puja ceremonies with the support of temple committee members. The deities statues are ready to ship from India and expected to be delivered late summer 2017. The pictures of the deities are shown on Page 4.

The Grand Opening of the temple is targeted towards late **October of 2017**. The Grand event "PranPratishta" and "Kumbabhishekam" (Shikar Pooja) is planned for the **Spring of 2018**.

The total value of the land & Buildings are forecasted to be \$1,168,678. SHSK estimated budget for Temple and Annex building construction is about \$898,500, out of which \$93,500 was already paid towards the project. SHSK current cash balance is \$368,000 and there is additional \$60,000 of funds committed for 2017. SHSK is seeking to raise the remaining funds in the order of **\$377,000** by end of 2017. The breakdown of the budget is shown on Page 1. From SHSK initiation till now, SHSK successfully raised funds to the amount of \$736,349 with the support of SHSK members and friends.

SHSK Levels of Donation

Diamond Sponsor - \$50,000 and above

Platinum Sponsor - \$25,000 to \$49,999

Gold Sponsor - \$10,000 to \$24,999

Silver Sponsor - \$5,000 to \$9,999

Bronze Sponsor - \$360 to \$4,999

SHSK Annual membership dues are \$100 per member and \$5000 for Lifetime Membership.

Sponsorship opportunities are available towards specific cause for the temple. Some of the opportunities are given below:

- **Deity Sponsorship - \$500 and above**
- **Deity Pedestal - \$1000**
- **Temple Kitchen - \$5000**
- **Temple Office - \$2500**
- **Temple Main Door - \$5000**
- **Main Shikar (middle) - \$50,000**
- **Side Shikar (2) - \$25,000 each**
- **Central Dome - \$25,000**
- **Entrance Samaran - \$20,000**

More detailed list of Sponsoring opportunities will be posted on SHSK website - www.sanatanlft.org

SHSK is supported by dedicated volunteers who steer the operations of year round activities. SHSK is managed by group of 11 Trustees and working committees. The working committees are formed to manage specific job duties to implement the goals set by Trustees. The committees are:

1. Executive Committee
2. Building Committee
3. Pooja Committee
4. Fundraising Committee
5. Event Committee
6. Food Committee

SHSK is actively seeking for capital funds for Temple construction and request all the SHSK supporters to contribute to their best of their ability. We also request SHSK members to forward this request to like minded friends and family. To send a Donation by check, please make checks payable to "SHSK" and mail it to

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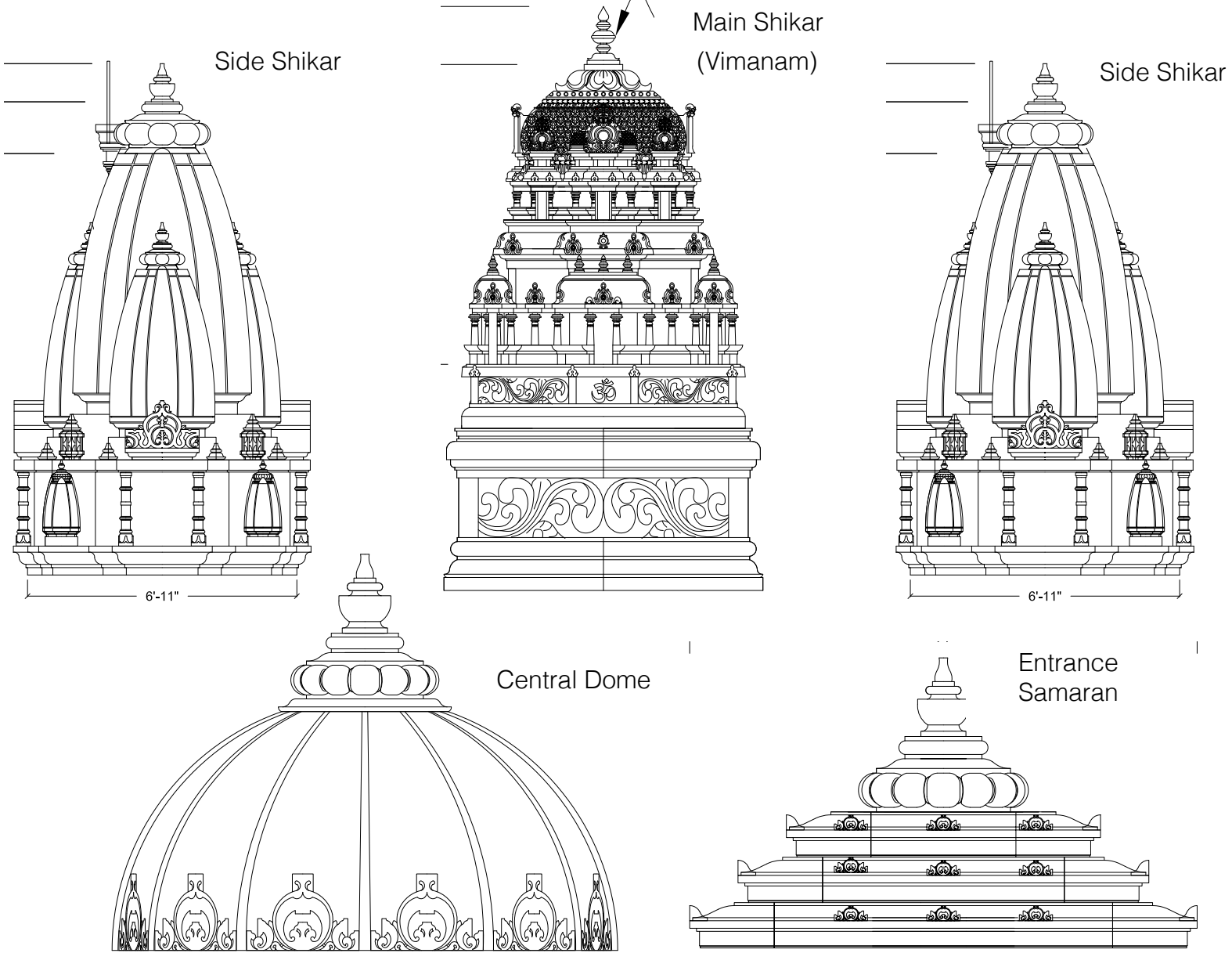
Donations are also accepted online through the following link: <http://sanatanlft.org/support-us/>

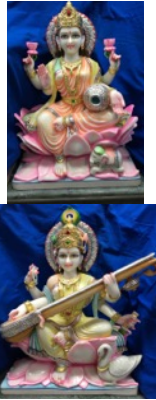
To become an Annual Member of SHSK please use the following link: <http://sanatanlft.org>

To become a "Dollar-a-Day" Sponsor please use the following link: <http://sanatanlft.org>

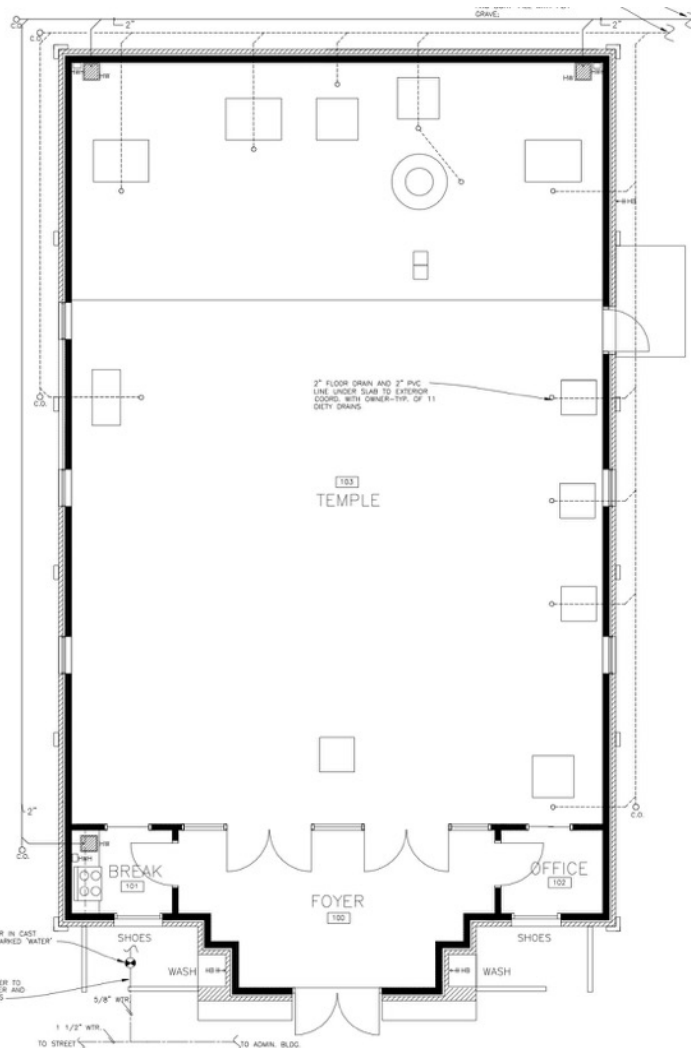
SHSK frequently post updates on the Temple Project on its [website](#) as well as on [SHSK Facebook Page](#). We are grateful for your generous contribution and support towards SHSK Temple Project and our thanks to all the supporters to make this project successful.

Sincerely
SHSK Board Members

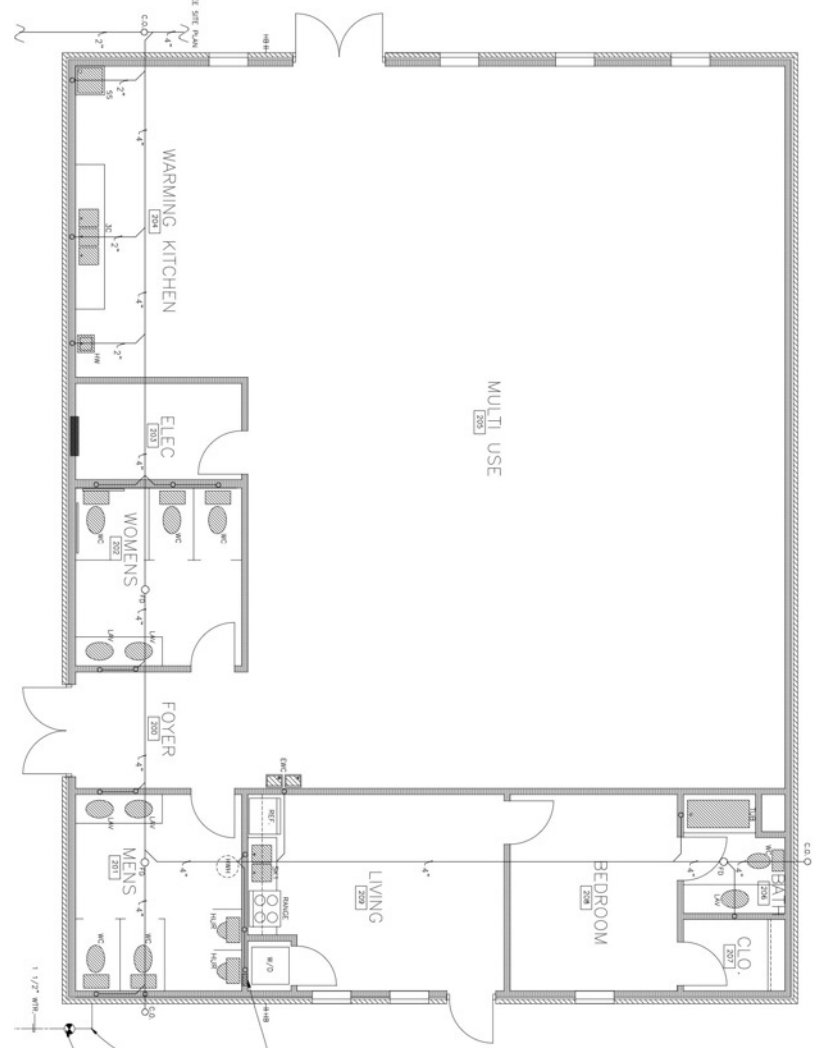




Presiding Deities of
SHSK Hindu Temple



Temple Floor Plan



Annex Building Floor Plan