

sri lalitha temple

Building a Sacred Legacy for Future Generations

A Vision for Land Acquisition & Temple Construction

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Our Mission, Vision & Core Values

Our Mission

To establish a permanent Śrī Lalitā Temple that nurtures devotion, preserves Vedic traditions, promotes cultural education, and serves the community with compassion for generations to come.

Our Vision

To build a premier Śrī Lalitā Temple complexes in North America which is a spiritual sanctuary where worship, learning, service, and culture flourish together.



"Together, we are not merely constructing a temple, we are establishing a timeless center for Sanātana Dharma, devotion, culture, learning, and community for generations to come."

Sanātana Vaidika Dharma

The Eternal Way of Life

Sanātana Vaidika Dharma, often called the Eternal Way of Life, is the timeless spiritual tradition rooted in the wisdom of the Vedas. It is not a religion, but a way of life that teaches harmony between the individuals, society, nature, and the Divine. For thousands of years, it has guided humanity through values such as righteousness (Dharma), selfless service, compassion, devotion, and the pursuit of spiritual wisdom. At the heart of this tradition are Hindu temples, which serve as sacred centers of worship, learning, culture, and community. They preserve our spiritual heritage, inspire future generations, and provide a space where individuals can experience peace, devotion, and a deeper connection with the Divine.



The Eternal Significance of a Temple

More Than a Building
A Living Center of Dharma

शिखरश्शिर मित्याहुः गर्भगेहं गलन्तथा ।
मण्डपं कुक्षिरित्याहुः प्राकारं जानुजंङ्घयोः गोपुरं पादमित्याहुः ध्वजञ्जीवनमुच्यते ।।

śikharaśśira mityāhuḥ garbhagehaṃ galantathā |
maṇḍapaṃ kukṣirityāhuḥ prākāraṃ jānujaṅghayoḥ gopuraṃ pādamityāhuḥ dhvajañjīvanamucyate ||

According to the Āgama Śāstras, a temple is designed as the living body of the Divine. Every architectural element represents a sacred aspect of the cosmic creation. Entering a temple is not merely visiting a place of worship — it is a spiritual journey toward inner transformation and union with the Divine.



The Purpose of a Temple

- Preserve Sanātana Dharma
- Pursue Vaidika traditions
- Connect humanity with the Divine
- Inspire devotion, peace, and spiritual growth
- Teach timeless values to future generations
- Foster unity through worship and service
- Center for Vedic education and learning
- Nurture music, dance, and culture

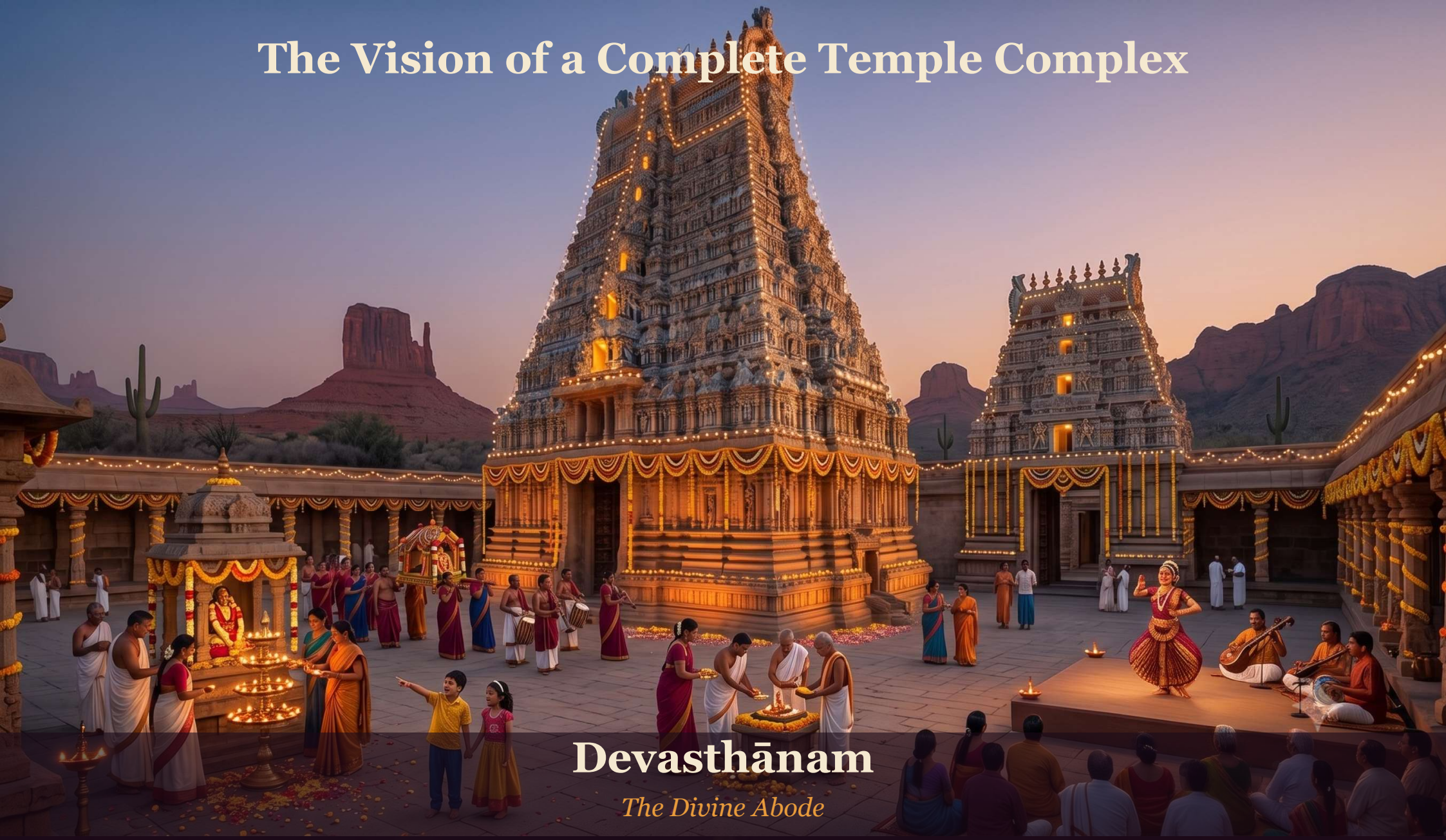
A Center of Divine Energy

Temples built according to Āgama, Vāstu, and Śilpa Śāstras have become powerful spiritual energy centers. Sacred yantras, rituals of consecration, and the temple architecture are designed to create an environment that promotes peace, concentration, and spiritual elevation.

Our Responsibility

Our ancestors built magnificent temples that continue to inspire us thousands of years later. Today, we have a rare opportunity — and a sacred responsibility — to build a permanent home for Śrī Lalitā Temple in Arizona, creating a spiritual inheritance for countless future generations.

The Vision of a Complete Temple Complex



Devasthānam

The Divine Abode

A traditional temple is much more than its sanctum sanctorum. Every structure within the complex serves a sacred purpose in preserving Dharma and serving society.

According to traditional temple structure, a complete temple complex should comprise of a Rājagopuram, a Vimānagopuram, a Garbhālayam, a Mukhamaṇḍapam, and an enclosing Prākāram etc.



Gośālā

Sacred Cow Sanctuary

In Indian culture, a cow is not viewed merely as an animal but as "*Gomātā*", the very embodiment of Mahālakṣmī. Therefore, having a gośālā within the temple premises is considered the most auspicious and scientific practice. The significance of the gośālā in a temple can be understood through the following:

- The Abode of all Deities according to the Purāṇas, 33 crore (types of) deities reside in the body of a cow.
- It is believed that Śiva resides in the face, Viṣṇu in the heart, Lakṣmī Devī in the hindquarters, and Brahmā at the base of the horns.

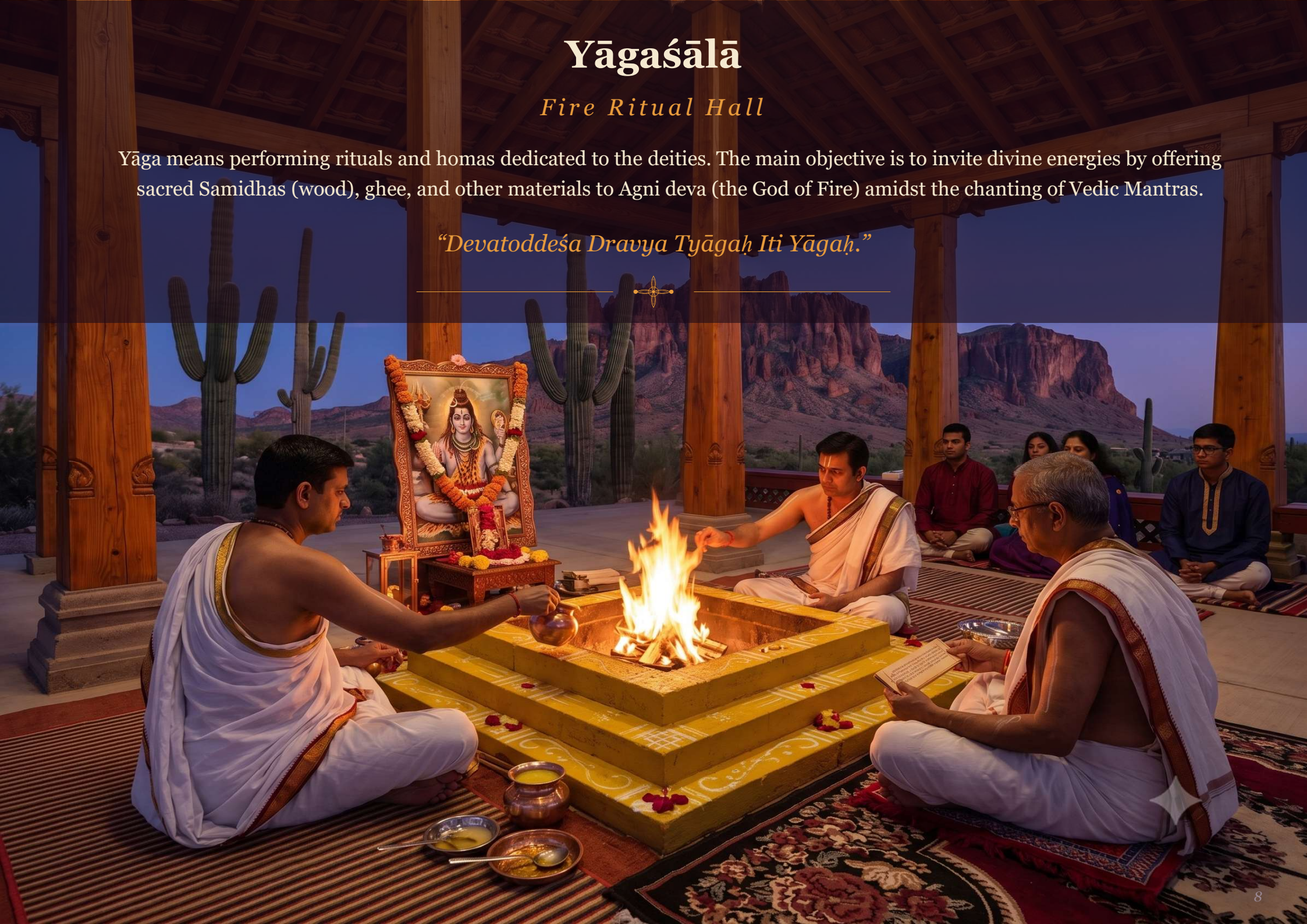
Devotees believe that visiting the Gośālā in a temple and offering grāsam (fodder) to the cow grants the merit of worshipping all the deities.

Yāgaśālā

Fire Ritual Hall

Yāga means performing rituals and homas dedicated to the deities. The main objective is to invite divine energies by offering sacred Samidhas (wood), ghee, and other materials to Agni deva (the God of Fire) amidst the chanting of Vedic Mantras.

"Devatoddeśa Dravya Tyāgaḥ Iti Yāgaḥ."







Puṣkariṇī

The Sacred Temple Pond

In a temple complex, the Puṣkariṇī (temple pond) is not just a water source; it is a symbol of sanctity and purification. According to Hindu dharma Śāstras, the Puṣkariṇī holds a unique place in temple architecture. Its importance is as follows:

A) The water in the Puṣkariṇī is considered Tīrtham rather than ordinary water. Purāṇas state that in many sacred pilgrimage sites; these ponds possess energy equal to holy rivers like the Gaṅgā and Yamunā.

B) The Teppotsavam (Float Festival) is significant event during the annual Brahmotsavams. The Lord and Goddess cruise upon a decorated boat (Teppa) in the Puṣkariṇī.

Kalā Vedika & Kalyāṇa Maṇḍapam

Kalā Vedika

In the Ṣoḍaśopacāra Pūjā (sixteen types of hospitalities) offered to God, ‘dance’ and ‘music’ are also considered essential offerings. Artists use the Kalā Vedika to dedicate their knowledge to the Divine. Every art form performed here is equivalent to prayer. The Kalā Vedika serves as a platform to explain Purāṇic legends and principles of dharma to the common people in easily understandable formats like Hari-kathā and Burra-kathā.

Pravacanas: It is here that Vedic scholars and spiritual gurus deliver discourses to guide devotees on the path of Dharma.

Kalyāṇa Maṇḍapam

A sacred venue for divine weddings, religious celebrations, community gatherings, and auspicious ceremonies that strengthen family and society.



A Complete Devasthānam

Additional Facilities

- Veda Pāṭhaśāla
- Meditation Hall
- Pākaśāla (Temple Kitchen)
- Bhojanaśālā (Dining Hall)
- Granthālaya (Library)
- Community Service Programs
- Cultural & Educational Initiatives

Together, these facilities transform the temple into a true Devasthānam — a complete spiritual, educational, and cultural institution.



Our Journey & Our Leadership

A Vision Rooted in Devotion







Śrī Lalitā Temple was established through the vision, dedication and spiritual leadership of our Founding Member and Head Priest, **Śrī Anil Sarma Amaravadi**.

Under his guidance, the temple has grown from its humble beginnings into a vibrant spiritual and cultural center serving the Arizona community. From the temple's inauguration and establishment of its religious traditions to the planning and conduct of festivals, spiritual programs and Vaidika activities, **Śrī Anil Sarma Amaravadi** continues to provide spiritual direction and leadership to Śrī Lalitā Temple. His vision is to create not just a place of worship, but a complete Devasthānam—a permanent spiritual, cultural and educational institution where Sanātana Dharma can be practiced, preserved and passed on to future generations.

The journey of Śrī Lalitā Temple is therefore a journey built on vision, faith, sevā and community participation.

Years of Devotion, Service and Growth

Since its grand opening on March 31, 2024, Śrī Lalitā Temple has grown into a vibrant spiritual and cultural center for the Arizona community. More than 3,000 devotees attended the inaugural celebration, marking the beginning of a journey built on devotion, service and community participation.

Over the past few years, Śrī Lalitā Temple has celebrated Hindu festivals and religious observances with growing participation and enthusiasm. Navarātri has become one of our signature celebrations, welcoming more than 7,000 devotees over nine days.

In June 2025, Śrī Lalitā Temple conducted the grand Prāṇa Pratiṣṭhā of *Śrī Mahā Lakṣmī*, *Śrī Mahā Sarasvatī* and *Śrī Gaṇapati*. With the addition of these divine forms, Śrī Lalitā Temple evolved into a *Triśakti Pīṭham*, further strengthening its spiritual significance and vision.

Our Volunteers

The Strength Behind Śrī Lalithā Temple

The growth of Śrī Lalithā Temple has been made possible by the dedication of an extraordinary group of volunteers. Across religious activities, food service, cultural programs, education, operations and community engagement, volunteers continue to give their time, skills and devotion throughout the year.

Religious Committee

A dedicated team of 13+ member team plans, coordinates and executes the temple's religious services, festivals and special spiritual programs under the spiritual guidance of our Head Priest.

Food Committee

One of the pillars of temple service, our 25+ member team prepares and serves prasādam with devotion throughout the year. By 2025, the team had served prasādam to approximately 37,000 devotees, including during major festivals and special events.

Flower Committee

Our 15+ member team lovingly prepares garlands and floral decorations for the deities. Every Thursday, throughout the year, volunteers gather at the temple to prepare offerings, along with special decorations for festivals and occasions such as Śākambarī Alaṅkāram.







Our Volunteers (cont'd)

Saree Committee

A dedicated 7+ member team manages saree sponsorships—from coordinating with devotees and scheduling offerings to maintaining records and caring for the deity's sarees and ornaments.

Cultural Committee

Our 3+ member team helps bring India's rich artistic and spiritual traditions to life at Śrī Lalitā Temple. They organize and schedule cultural programs and special presentations, including Bharatanāṭyam, Kūcipūḍi, Harikathā, Bhagavad Gītā Pārāyaṇam, Saundarya Laharī Pārāyaṇam and other devotional and cultural programs.

Through these activities, the temple provides a platform for artists, scholars, children and devotees to experience and participate in the rich cultural heritage of Sanātana Dharma.

Front Desk Committee

Our 5+ member team serves as an important connection between the temple and devotees. They respond to questions, provide information about events and sponsorships, maintain donor records and support numerous administrative activities throughout the year.







Our Volunteers (cont'd)

Operations Committee

A team of approximately 12+ volunteers support major events throughout the year, managing parking, crowd coordination, event arrangements and numerous behind-the-scenes responsibilities that help every program run smoothly.

Procurement Committee

Our 3+ member procurement team ensures that the temple has the materials and supplies needed for daily operations, rituals and events. From identifying the right items and securing good value to picking up and delivering supplies, this team works quietly behind the scenes to keep the temple prepared.





Our Volunteers (cont'd)

Education Committee

Education and preservation of Vaidika Dharma are central to our mission. Priests and dedicated volunteers have helped 73+ students learn Vedic hymns such as Rudram and Puruṣa Sūktam. More than 30+ students have studied Saundarya Laharī, while many others have learned Lalitā Sahasranāmam and Viṣṇu Sahasranāmam.

Youth Committee & Chaitanya Bāla Summer Camp

Our children's programs have been especially meaningful. Through the Caitanya Bāla Summer Camp, children were introduced to mantras, ślokas and the values of Vaidika Dharma through engaging lessons and presentations. The program attracted 50+ students, demonstrating the growing interest among younger generations.





A Community Powered by Sevā

Beyond these organized teams, many more volunteers step forward whenever the temple needs support. Every festival, religious ceremony, cultural program and community activity is made possible by people who willingly give their time and talents in the spirit of Sevā.

Together, these volunteers form the backbone of Śrī Lalitā Temple.

A Community That Continues to Grow

The past two years have witnessed remarkable growth in:

- Devotee participation
- Volunteer involvement
- Religious activities and celebrations
- Vaidika Dharma education
- Cultural and spiritual programs
- Community service and engagement

This growth reflects not only the success of Śrī Lalitā Temple, but also the deep faith and commitment of the community it serves.

At the heart of this growth remains the vision and spiritual guidance of our Founding Member and Head Priest, ***Śrī Anil Sarma Amaravadi****, supported by dedicated priests, volunteers, donors and devotees.*

From a Vision to a Permanent Legacy

The vision for Śrī Lalitā Temple extends far beyond the temple we have today.

Our aspiration is to establish a permanent, traditional Śrī Lalitā Temple complex in Arizona—a complete Devasthānam that brings together worship, Vaidika Dharma, education, culture, service and community life.

By 2029 — Establish the Foundation

Our goal is to:

- Acquired the land for the permanent temple
- Complete the necessary due diligence
- Engage qualified architects and a scholarly Sthāpati
- Develop the traditional temple architectural design
- Submit the plans for city approvals
- Obtain the necessary approvals and reach the construction-ready stage



By 2035 — A Permanent Temple for Arizona

Our long-term goal is to complete a fully realized Āgamic temple complex that serves Arizona as a permanent center of worship, Vaidika Dharma, education, culture and community service.

This is not simply a construction project. It is a multi-year spiritual and community endeavor that requires vision, disciplined execution, financial strength and the continued support of devotees.

What We Are Doing Today

To achieve this vision, Śrī Lalitā Temple is focused on two essential resources:

Financial Strength

A permanent temple requires substantial financial resources for land acquisition, architectural planning, construction and long-term sustainability.

Dedicated Sevā

People are the heart of every successful temple. We will continue to build a strong community of volunteers who can support religious, educational, cultural, operational and service activities.

Our Two Major Initiatives

Dharma Vardhinī

A dedicated fundraising initiative focused on creating the financial foundation for land acquisition and the future permanent temple complex.

Dollar-a-Day

A community-supported initiative designed to help meet the temple's ongoing operational expenses, including rent, salaries, pooja materials and other day-to-day requirements.

Building Tomorrow, Beginning Today

What began with a vision and a community of devoted families has grown into a thriving spiritual institution.

The next chapter is to create a permanent home for Śrī Lalitā Devī—a place where generations will come to worship, learn, celebrate, serve and connect with their spiritual heritage.

With the blessings of the Śrī Lalitā Devī, the guidance of our Founder and Head Priest **Śrī Anil Amaravadi**, the dedication of our volunteers, and the faith and generosity of our donors and devotees, we aspire to transform this vision into a legacy for Arizona and future generations.



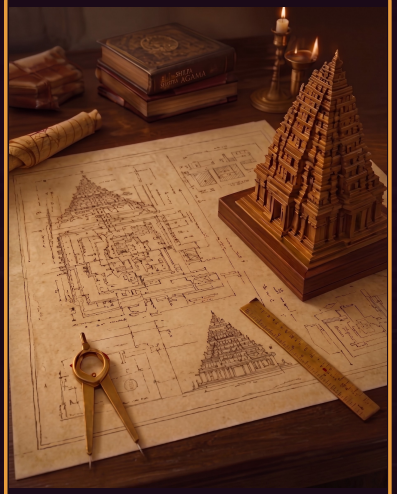
Roadmap

Phase 1
Land Acquisition



- Secure sufficient land to build a complete traditional temple campus

Phase 2
Master Planning



- Temple Architecture
- Āgama Compliance
- Infrastructure Design
- Vāstu Planning

Phase 3
Temple Construction



- Sanctum Sanctorum
- Rāja Gopuram
- Vimana Gopuram
- Maṇḍapas
- Yāgaśālā
- Puṣkariṇī
- Go-Śālā
- Kalā Vedika
- Community Facilities



Phase 4
Consecration & Community Growth

- Mahā Kumbhābhiṣekam
- Daily Worship
- Festivals
- Cultural Education
- Vedic Studies
- Community Outreach

Become a Founding Pillar of This Sacred Legacy

Throughout history, great temples have stood not only because of master architects and devoted priests — but because visionary devotees chose to make the impossible possible.

The land we acquire today becomes the sacred foundation upon which future generations will worship, celebrate, learn, and preserve Sanātana Dharma.

Today, Śrī Lalitā Temple stands at a defining moment. Your generosity will help create:

- A permanent home for Śrī Lalitā Tripurasundarī
- A center for Vedic education and Dharma
- A sanctuary for prayer and meditation
- A home for classical arts and culture
- A place where children learn timeless values
- A spiritual refuge for thousands of families

Sponsorship Tiers

Our Sacred Mission: Acquire land and build Śrī Lalitā Temple

Śrī Lalitā Temple stands at a pivotal moment in its journey. We are working to acquire permanent land for our temple — a sacred space where future generations can worship, learn, and celebrate our timeless traditions. This endeavor requires $1 million in community support, and we are calling upon devoted families like yours to help make this vision a reality.

Mahārāja Poṣaka	**$200,000**
Rāja Poṣaka	**$100,000**
Kṣetra Poṣaka	**$50,000**
Kṣetra Samrakṣaka	**$25,000**
Kṣetra Sevaka	**$10,001**
Bhūvardhinī	**$5,001**
Dharmavardhinī	**$2,501**

Every contribution made today becomes part of a legacy that will continue serving devotees for centuries.

Visit website https://srilalithatemple.org/temple-land/ to know more about sponsorship details.

An Appeal to Join the Divine Journey

We humbly invite you to become one of the founding patrons of Śrī Lalitā Temple.

"Devāgāram karomīti saṅkalpād eva kāraṇāt /
Sadyaḥ kāya-gatām pāpam nyaseth janma-satārjitam".

This translates to: "Merely by the firm resolve or thought of building a house for God (a temple), one instantly casts away the sins accumulated across a hundred births."

Your support is not merely a donation, it is an offering to the Divine, an investment in Dharma, and a gift that will continue to bless countless lives.

Join Us.
Build With Us.
Leave a Legacy That Will Last Forever.





"When we build a temple, we build far more than stone and structure — we build faith, preserve culture, inspire future generations, and create an eternal offering to the Divine."

Building a Sacred Home for the Divine. Preserving Dharma for Future Generations.

वैदिको धर्मो! परमो धर्मह !!

"Vaidiko Dharmo ! Paramo Dharmaḥ !!"

Śrī Lalitā Temple Management