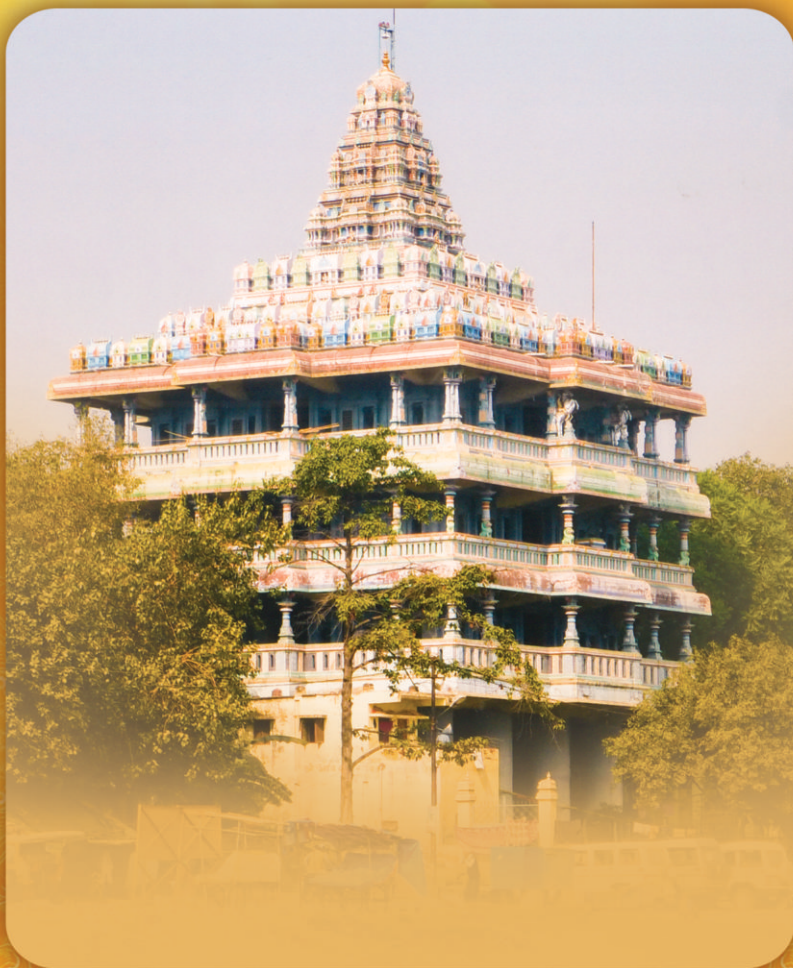


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Allahabad, also known as Prayag, has been an important centre in India for unity and cultural integration for thousands of years. It is visited by lakhs of Indians from all parts of the country every year and during the Kumbh Mela, held once in 12 years, it sees the largest congregation of people in the world. It is also associated with the culturally integrating philosophy of Adi Sankara.

The imposing Sankara Vimana Mandapam at the Sangam in Allahabad was consecrated in 1986 under the guidance of Paramacharya, His Holiness Pujya Shri Chandrasekharendra Saraswathi Mahaswamigal of Kanchi Kamakoti Peetam. His Holiness desired that a suitable shrine be built at the Sangam in Allahabad for devotees to offer prayers after the ritual bath at the Sangam. This was made possible with the support of several agencies including the Uttar Pradesh Government, the Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanam, other temple administrations all over India and other religious and cultural agencies as well as generous donations from several individuals.

The temple, built on the floodplains of the Ganges, is a unique three-tiered structure resting on a platform supported by 17 pillars. The three levels of the temple have Goddess Kamakshi at the first level, Lord Venkateswara at the second level and a Sahasralingam at the top level. Facilities for devotees to conduct special prayers also exist. Since 1986 when the Mandapam was consecrated, it has been managed by the Kanchi Kamakoti Peetam and supported financially mainly from the Hundi collections and donations offered by devotees.

Being the tallest structure in the Sangam area, the U.P. government also uses the temple regularly as a monitoring and observation post during the Kumbh Melas and other occasions that draw huge crowds. It is also a landmark promoted by UP Tourism at Allahabad.

The Shankaracharya of Kanchi Kamakoti Peetam, His Holiness Pujya Shri Shankara Vijayendra Saraswati Swamigal, has desired that the thirty-year-old temple be fully renovated and consecrated before the Ardh Kumbh scheduled to be held in December 2018. The renovation project was the last project blessed by His Holiness Pujya Shri Jayendra Saraswati Swamigal before His Mahasamadi.

An extensive inspection of the repairs needed urgently has since been undertaken and it is estimated that it will cost about Rupees 1.15 cr. and can be completed in a period of six to seven months.

His Holiness Pujya Shri Shankara Vijayendra Saraswati Swamigal has constituted a committee under the aegis of The Shri Jayendra Saraswati Swamigal Golden Jubilee Charitable Trust to supervise the execution of the repairs and renovation activities and to seek donations for the purpose. As a Unit of the Trust, the donations are eligible for exemption under Sec 80G of the Income Tax Act.

Please see reverse page for contributions towards the renovation.

Contributions by way of Cheque / Demand Draft / Pay order may be drawn in favour of 'Sankara Vimana Renovation Committee' and sent to our Chennai address below.

Direct transfers may be sent by RTGS / NEFT to the account details given below. An intimation with the details of the remittance along with name, address, etc may also be sent by e-mail to enable reconciliation with the bank statement and sending the receipt. Overseas contributors may kindly contact by e-mail before sending their contributions.

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