Stichting Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam (SVK) – KVK: 87100177

OPERATIONAL & FINANCIAL REPORT (2025)

Stichting Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam (SVK) is a Netherlands-based non-profit foundation dedicated to fostering spiritual, cultural, and community life through the Sri Balaji Temple in Oirschot. Guided by the principle that "the world is one family," SVK provides an inclusive platform for worship, traditional festivals, scriptural learning, classical arts, yoga, and community service. The foundation works with volunteers and partner organizations to preserve Indian heritage, encourage intercultural understanding, and build a lasting cultural centre and temple for present and future generations in the Benelux region.

SVK expresses its sincere gratitude for the continued support received from all quarters. We deeply appreciate the generosity of our devotees and donors, the dedication of our volunteers, and the cooperation of civic and municipal organisations across the region, including Gemeente Oirschot and Gemeente Eindhoven. We also gratefully acknowledge the Embassy of India in The Hague and our institutional and community partners— Stichting SGS Benelux, Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams, Eindhoven Marathi Mitra Mandal, the Telugu Association of Netherlands, Hoi India, Hamara Group, Samuka, Gujarati Samaj – Netherlands, Shrigandha, Hindu Swayam Sevak Sangh, Sanskriti & Sanskar , the Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts—as well as the many religious, cultural, music, dance schools and civic institutions across the globe whose encouragement and collaboration continue to advance our mission.

Objectives Achieved in 2025

During 2025, SVK strengthened its role as an open and inclusive community platform. Its religious, cultural, educational, and wellbeing programmes gave individuals and families regular opportunities to worship, learn, volunteer, build friendships, preserve heritage, and connect with the wider Dutch community. The activities below show not only what was organised, but also how each initiative contributed to social connection, intergenerational learning, cultural understanding, and practical community support.

Temple Operations & Cultural Programs

- **Devotee Accessibility Commitment:** Fulfilled our core community commitment by keeping the temple in Oirschot open and fully operational for devotees **every Saturday and on all important festival days**, anchoring it as a consistent spiritual haven for the regional diaspora.
- **Historic Spiritual Milestones by Brahmasri Vaddiparti Padmakar Garu:** Successfully hosted a monumental series of spiritual and scriptural events.

- **Sri Satyanarayana Swamy Vratham:** A mass-scale performance of the traditional *Vratham* led directly by Brahmasri Vaddiparti Padmakar Garu, bringing together in collective prayer for peace and prosperity.
- **Gītā Jayanti Celebrations with Stichting SGS Benelux:** Collaborated directly with Stichting SGS Benelux to host a landmark Gītā Jayanti event. The celebration featured a specialized discourse titled **"Gītā for Modern Life"** by Datta Peetha Asthana Vidwan Sri Srikanth Datta Challa (Director of the SGS Gita Foundation). During the program, the profound relevance and universal importance of the Bhagavad Gītā were thoroughly explained. This was paired with a **practical demonstration** where children and youth from the renowned *Gītā Mahāyajña* program showcased fluent scriptural chanting, illustrating accessible techniques for modern memorization and everyday practice.
- **Sri Srinivasa Kalyana Mahotsav:** Successfully collaborated directly with **Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD)** to host the grand Sri Balaji Kalyana Mahotsav in Eindhoven. The landmark event went viral within the European diaspora network, drawing **close to 2,000 devotees** who witnessed the sacred rituals performed by official TTD priests, and coordinated a massive *Anna Prasadam* (lunch) logistics framework.
- **Shri Rama Parivar Idols & Sacred Journeys:** In line with our vision to establish a spiritually vibrant center, we are blessed to share that the **Shri Rama Parivar idols** are central to our deity consecration plan. To seek divine blessings and maintain traditional sanctity, sacred journeys and pilgrimage connections were undertaken to holy abodes including **Bhadrachalam** and **Ayodhya** with the Pancha dhathu idols. Bringing the spiritual essence and heritage of Ayodhya and Bhadrachalam to mainland Europe will be a historic milestone for the diaspora. Once did the pratishta in the Sri Balaji Temple, **Sri Sita Rama Kalyanam** was performed and for whoch approxiamtely 1500 devotees had darshan of the newly wed celestial couples.
- **Maha Shivratri Celebrations:** Planned and executed the traditional **Shiva Parvathi Kalyanam**, which successfully inaugurated the year's high-capacity ritual festivals. The Shiva Parvathi Pancha dhatu idols had the divine bath in Triyuginarayan Mandir where the actual wedding of the Shiva and Parvathi was conducted by Bhagavan Brahma and witnessed by none other than Bhagawan Vishnu.
- Sri Balaji Temple had the greatest oppurtunity of successfully conducting the the three important Kalyana mahotsavs (**Sri Srinivasa Kalyana Mahotsav, Sri Sita Rama Kalyanam & Shiva Parvathi Kalyanam**) in one year.
- **4th Annual Ganesh Mahotsav:** Partnered with the *Eindhoven Marathi Mitra Mandal*, hosting continuous poojas at the Oirschot temple and culminating in a highly visible public procession through **Eindhoven Centrum** for over 1,500 attendees.
- **Classical Music & Fine Arts Heritage:** Organized foundational community showcases to keep the diaspora rooted in traditional classical arts, establishing these cultural celebrations as annual fixtures: **Sri Thyagaraja Aradhana:** Gathered local musicians, vocalists, and classical music enthusiasts to pay homage to Saint Thyagaraja, featuring group renditions of the *Pancharatna Kritis*.
- **Sri Purandara Dasa Aradhana:** Celebrated the foundational pillar of Carnatic music with dedicated community singing, engaging children and adults alike in traditional compositions.
- **Sri Annamacharya Aaradhana:** Partnered with the *Telugu Association of Netherlands (TANE)* to curate a musical and dance tribute, drawing classical artists and traditional dance academies from across the country.
- **International Yoga Day:** Organized and hosted dedicated public sessions for **International Yoga Day** as a core part of our community health and wellness outreach, introducing traditional

yoga practices, dynamic mindfulness, and stress-relief methods to both the diaspora and the local Dutch public.

- SVK – Sri Balaji Temple had the opportunity of having the **Shri Alok Kumar ji** (International President -Vishwa Hindu Parishad) in the temple along with **Shri Ram Ji** (HSS -Europe).
- Sri Balaji temple also had the opportunity of conducting a divine program under the guidance of **Sri Chinna Jeeyar Swamy**. **Sri Chinna Jeeyar Swamy visited Sri Balaji Temple and under his guidence d**evotees participated in the pooja ceremony and took the blessings of Swamy.
- **Temple Operational Milestones:** Maintained a robust daily operational calendar at the permanent shrine, streamlining routine worship protocols and handling growing weekly pilgrim influxes seamlessly.
- **Volunteer Allocation Expansion:** Effectively engaged an updated network of local volunteers, ensuring flawless execution of large-scale crowd logistics, administrative safety, and food distribution without commercial overheads.

Discourses Organized

The discourse programme translated traditional teachings into clear, practical English wherever possible, helping multilingual audiences—including young people and those with limited knowledge of Indian languages—understand their ethical, philosophical, and historical relevance. These sessions encouraged reflection, lifelong learning, respectful dialogue, and stronger connections across generations and communities.

- **Brahmasri Vaddiparti Padmakar Garu** : **Agni Purana Discourse Series:** The first-ever detailed discourses on the sacred **Agni Purana** delivered by a legendary *Avadhani* in **mainland Europe**, making profound Vedic texts accessible to the European diaspora.
- **Ayodhya Mahatyam Discourse by Dr. Venkatesh Swami:** Successfully conducted a highly illuminating scriptural discourse on the glory and sacred history of Ayodhya (**Ayodhya Mahatyam**). Delivered entirely in **English** by the esteemed scholar **Dr. Venkatesh Swami**, this program provided deep philosophical and historical context, engaging a diverse, multilingual audience across the Benelux region.
- **Sri Dushyanth Sridhar Tour:** Successfully organized a prestigious nationwide English discourse series featuring the renowned public speaker Sri Dushyanth Sridhar. The sessions brought timeless *Sanatana Dharma* wisdom directly to highly receptive audiences across **Den Haag, Eindhoven, and Utrecht**.

Temple Infrastructure & Expansion Strategy

SVK's infrastructure work is intended to create a safe, accessible, and sustainable home for community life. A permanent temple and cultural centre would provide space for worship, education, youth and family activities, yoga and wellbeing programmes, volunteering, cultural performances, community meals, and intercultural events. Engagement with public authorities and specialist institutions also helps ensure that the project meets Dutch legal, safety, environmental, and governance standards while preserving its traditional character.

- **Land Acquisition:** Conducted multiple rounds of highly successful discussions with various governmental and nongovernmental organisations regarding the critical next steps for securing a permanent plot of land. These engagements have yielded a very positive outlook, positioning the temple to successfully achieve its strategic goal of acquiring the land required for the new complex.

- **Agama Sastra Groundwork:** Successfully initiated the comprehensive structural strategy and strategic roadmap for constructing the permanent, traditional Temple building in accordance with ancient **Agama Sastra** guidelines.
- **Diplomatic Briefing & Presentation of Miniature Model:** Conducted a highly successful high-level meeting with **His Excellency Mr. Kumar Tuhin**, the Ambassador of India to the Kingdom of the Netherlands. During this crucial diplomatic briefing, management proudly presented a **detailed miniature version of the architectural plans for the new traditional Temple and cultural centre**. The Ambassador expressed great appreciation for the structural vision.
- **IGNCA Memorandum of Understanding (MoU):** Established a major institutional collaboration framework by partnering with the **Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA)** under the **Ministry of Culture, Government of India**. IGNCA has agreed to sign an **MoU** to provide foundational research, historical archiving, and traditional architectural expertise for the construction project.
- **Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) Engagement:** Formulated the primary institutional outreach strategy to engage **TTD** for direct guidance on sacred scriptural compliance, structural dimensions, and technical craftsmanship oversight required for an authentic Vedic shrine.
- **ANBI Status Acquisition:** We are grateful to the Dutch Tax Authority (*Belastingdienst*) for acknowledging our request and granting the official **ANBI (Algemeen Nut Beogende Instelling)** designation from the. This represents a monumental milestone for the temple's financial operations, rendering all devotee donations structurally tax-deductible under Dutch fiscal law and establishing the foundational transparency required for long-term institutional gifting, corporate matching, and periodic giving contracts (*periodieke gift*).
- **Local Municipal Engagement:** Partnered effectively with local Dutch municipal authorities (including **Gemeente Oirschot** and **Gemeente Eindhoven**) to secure necessary public safety permits, align with ecological crowd-control guidelines, and foster intercultural harmony within local European neighborhoods.

Future Plans

SVK's future plans are centred on meeting the long-term needs of a growing and diverse community. The aim is to develop facilities and partnerships that improve access, support regular educational and cultural programmes, strengthen volunteer-led services, and create a welcoming place where people of different ages and backgrounds can participate, learn, and connect.

A Brief Summary of the Goal

The principal goal is to secure a permanent site and build the Sri Balaji Temple and cultural centre in the Benelux region in accordance with **Agama Sastra**, the traditional principles governing temple design and worship. Beyond providing additional capacity for a growing number of devotees, the centre is intended to serve the wider community through cultural education, youth engagement, wellbeing activities, volunteering, community meals, artistic programmes, and intercultural exchange.

- **Paths Taken** **Formalizing Land Acquisition Contracts:** Moving forward with the positive leads and local administrative pipelines to identify and finalize the formal acquisition of the land plot.
- **Execution of the IGNCA MoU:** Activating the formal administrative pipelines to execute the newly agreed **MoU with IGNCA**, formalizing institutional exchange, blueprint modelling, and design consultations with traditional architectural scholars (*Sthapatis*).
- **ANBI-Driven Capital Campaigns:** Activating structured fundraising campaigns leveraging our new tax status to provide financial predictability for the upcoming phases of the building project.
- **Global Institutional Ties:** Structurally reinforcing long-term programmatic alliances with global religious authorities, the Indian Embassy in The Hague, and local Dutch councils to ensure smooth integration for major high-profile diplomatic and spiritual heritage events.

Change in Management

To guide the temple through its next phase of community growth, SVK refined its organisational structure and welcomes its current office bearers: Aravind Mamidi as President, Sunilkumar Bheemsetty as Secretary, Mohan Doraiswamy – as Treasurer. Together, the three-member board sets the foundation's strategic direction, supervises its finances, and oversees its organisation and communications.

The strengthened structure is are designed to strengthen accountability, financial transparency, safety, volunteer support, and coordination with public institutions, helping SVK. Clearer responsibilities will help the foundation deliver programmes more reliably, respond to community needs, and create give volunteers meaningful opportunities for volunteers to contribute and develop leadership skills.

- **Strategic Oversight Partition:** Seamlessly distinguished strategic governance board duties (focused on strict legal compliance, **ANBI annual data publishing obligations**, EU regulations, and financial audits) from everyday executive temple operation groups.
- **Portfolio Realignment:** Integrated new dedicated portfolio heads into the management circle to independently oversee fiscal transparency protocols, temple logistics, municipal/embassy liaison, and large festival safety protocols.
- **Volunteer Team Decentralization:** Created localized task forces within the volunteer network, empowering senior volunteers to lead project subgroups for specific temple events, queue management, and *Anna Prasadam* distribution.

Financial Overview

The draft annual accounts show steady financial growth in 2025. Donation income increased to **€58,053**, compared with **€43,266** in 2024. Total operating expenses were **€42,928**, including €42,458 in general and administrative costs and €470 in depreciation, resulting in a positive annual balance of **€15,125**. At 31 December 2025, SVK held **€62,168** in cash and cash equivalents, while total assets stood at **€70,325**. Reserves increased to **€60,634**, and current liabilities were **€9,691**, comprising advance donations for idols and temple construction. These figures reflect the continued generosity of the community and provide a sound basis for sustaining programmes and preparing responsibly for the temple and cultural centre's future development. The summarised financials are publicised in the website.

Supporters can contribute through periodic donations or one-time donations (Donation page), both of which can help turn the foundation's aspirations into reality. While current resources are sufficient to maintain the present level of activities, fulfilling SVK's broader objectives—including a permanent temple and cultural centre—will require a multifold increase in participation, generosity, and long-term community support.

Conclusion and Thanks

As we reflect on the progress made, we remain mindful that there is still much to learn and many miles to go. We approach the journey ahead with humility, gratitude, and a commitment to serve with greater care and effectiveness. We look forward to the continued support, advice, guidance, and active participation of our devotees, donors, volunteers, partner institutions, civic organisations, well-wishers, and the broader community as we work together to realise this shared vision.

With Kind Regards

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