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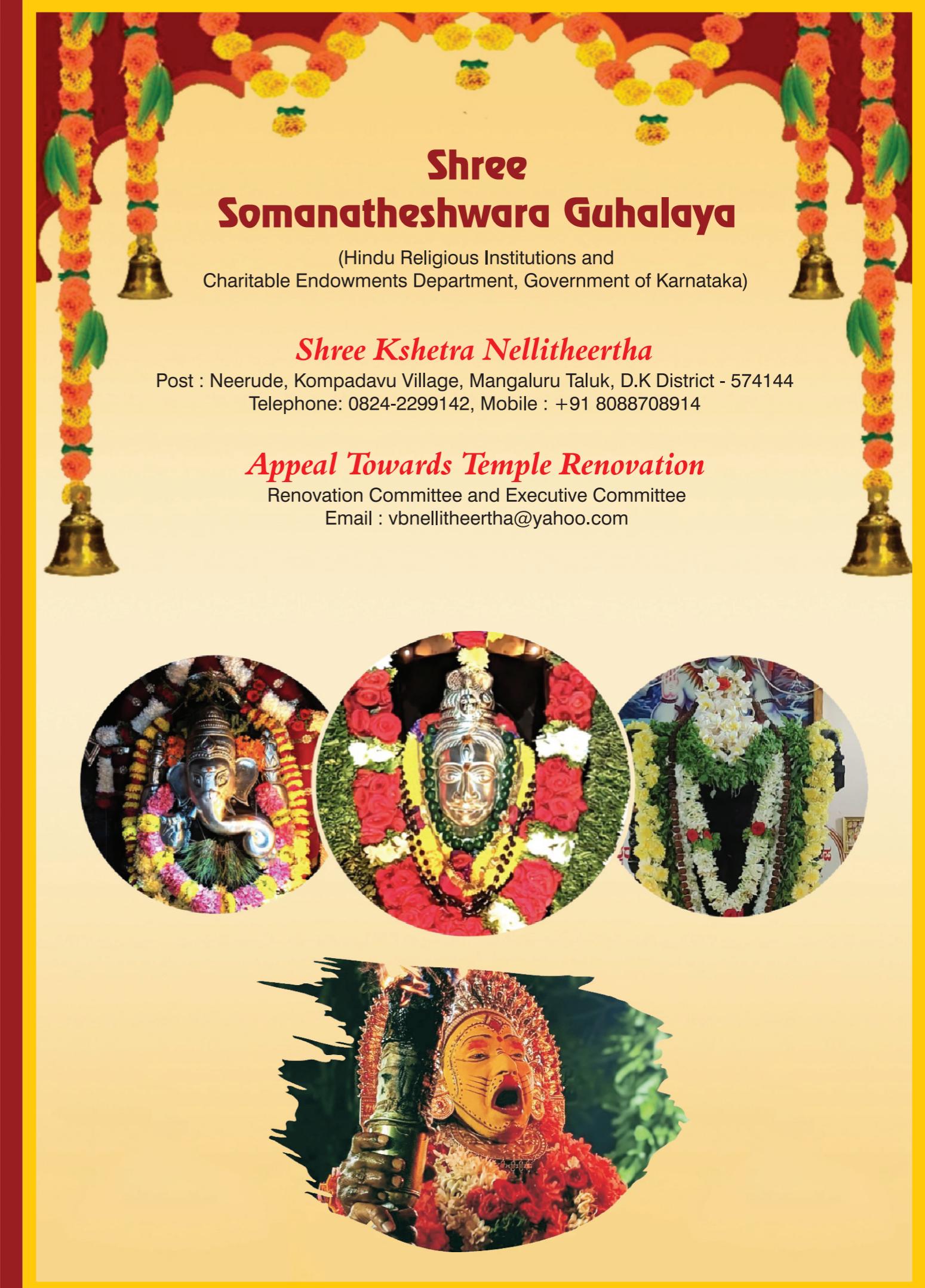
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Shree Somanatheshwara Guhalaya

(Hindu Religious Institutions and Charitable Endowments Department, Government of Karnataka)

Shree Kshetra Nellitheertha

An Appeal

Dear Devotees,

Amongst the numerous Tirthakshetras in Bharata, Nellitheertha holds a special and elevated status. Due to the power of the Tapas performed by Rishis and Saints, there exists the presence of Lord Shiva in the form of a Shivalinga inside a cave here. Historical records show that this place has existed under the administration of the Chowta Arasus of Moodabidare and has a recorded history of more than 700 years! An ancient Somanatheshwara temple, along with Lord Ganapati, exists here and is beautifully encroached on one side by mother nature in the form of the entrance to the cave. Till recently, this special jewel amongst the religious and spiritual places of Tulu Nadu was not so well known. However, this has changed recently.

Inside the cave, at about a distance of 200 metres, there exists a beautiful pond. It is believed that Ganga, flowing via the locks of Lord Shiva, has its presence in this pond. It has been experienced that those who take bath in this pond with devotion get rid of many diseases. The soil available around the pond has medicinal properties too. Devotees take bath in the pond and then offer water on the head of the Shiva Linga that is seated in a natural pedestal. The darshana of Lord Somanatheshwara and Sage Jabali inside the cave is indeed a divine and unforgettable experience. People experience a surge in their spiritual energy when they spend time in this temple.

In the recent years, due to the contributions and efforts of devotees, the renovation of the Shree Somanatheshwara temple has taken place in the years 1985, 2005 and 2014. Due to this, the inner prakara of the temple is in reasonably good shape. However, the number of devotees who are visiting the temple and taking bath inside the cave is steadily increasing, year after year. Along with this, the number of requests for conducting religious and dharmika events, including shodasha samskaras, in the temple, is going up consistently. Visitors from the district, and from other places, is showing a consistent upward trend.

Due to these reasons, it has become paramount to provide basic facilities and infrastructure for visiting devotees and for the religious events that take place. In order to make these facilities possible, a committee for the repair and renovation of the temple has been constituted. The necessary plans and budget estimates for these works have been prepared and submitted to the Hindu Religious Institutions And Charitable Endowments Department, Government of Karnataka. The approval of the Government authorities have been duly obtained vide order number DVS:MSC:CR 229/2023/292129/F3 dated 21-02-2024. It has been estimated that an amount of Rupees 2.25 Crores shall be required to successfully complete all the planned works. We hope to complete the planned works within the next two years and be able to perform the Brahmakalasha rituals during 2026-2027.

We request all large-hearted devotees to contribute generously to this noble cause and obtain the blessings of Lord Somanatha and Lord Ganapati.

Approximate Estimations for the Temple Renovation

| Details | Approx (in Lakhs) |
|----------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| New office building (2 floors) | - 13.50 |
| Repair of the Temple well | - 00.75 |
| New Bathroom | - 00.75 |
| Renovation of cave entrance | - 02.50 |
| New roof for the outer prakara | |
| East side | - 11.00 |
| West side | - 04.00 |
| North side | - 04.00 |
| South side | - 02.50 |
| New stairs for the Naga sannidhana | - 01.50 |
| Suttu Pouli for the outer prakara | |
| West side | - 11.00 |
| North side | - 20.00 |
| New Jabali sannidhana | - 09.00 |
| Storeroom (west side) | - 20.00 |
| Toilets (west side) | - 15.00 |
| New function hall | - 70.00 |
| Stairs for the Lord's abhisheka well | - 02.00 |
| New rooms (for seva kartas and temple staff) | - 30.00 |
| Total estimate | - 217.50 |

Note:

1. Devotees are requested to take up the financial responsibility for any of the above mentioned works in totality.
2. It has been decided to enshrine names of people contributing more than 1 lakh on a granite stone board.
3. The Suttu Powlis require approximately 20 stone pillars. The cost of each pillar is approximately Rs 50,000. Devotees are requested to sponsor the cost of one or more of these pillars.
4. The cost of the rooms for seva-kartas and staff can be separately borne as well. Devotees are requested to enquire about the same in the temple office.

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