



**Sri Mayapur Chandrodaya Mandir**

*Temple of the Vedic Planetarium*

# THE TEMPLE <sup>OF</sup> THE MILLENNIUM

**“ Practically this institution is the real United Nations, and here in Mayapur we are trying to create a place of inspiration for people throughout the world. From all over the world they will come to see.**

**— A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada** ”



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In 1972, ISKCON Founder/Acharya His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada began to reveal his vision for a spiritual city and World Headquarters for his movement in Sridhama Mayapur, West Bengal, India, the sacred birthplace of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu, the golden avatar of Sri Krishna in Kali-yuga and inaugurator of the chanting of the Hare Krishna maha-mantra. Part of that vision for a spiritual city, which had been predicted long before by Srila Bhaktivinoda Thakur, was the construction of the immense and influential Temple of the Vedic Planetarium (TOVP), the Sri Mayapur Chandodaya mandir, whose purpose would be to

***"I have named this temple Sri Mayapur Chandodaya Mandir, the Rising Moon of Mayapur. Now make it rise, bigger and bigger until it becomes the full moon. And this moonshine will be spread all over the world. All over India they will come to see. From all over the world they will come."***  
**- Srila Prabhupada**

“exhibit Vedic culture throughout the whole world”. Not until 2008 did construction of the TOVP begin in earnest under the able guidance and \$30 million of funding from project Chairman Ambarisa das (Alfred Ford), great grandson of Henry Ford, the world-renowned auto manufacturer. Today, the project is almost finished and the Grand Opening is scheduled for early 2022. We extend a sincere invitation to you to participate in the completion of this historic and life-changing project that will exhibit the wisdom, culture and spirituality of Vedic India to generations of seekers for thousands of years to come.

## TEMPLE OF THE VEDIC PLANETARIUM (TOVP)

The holy place of Sridhama Mayapur is declared in the scriptures to be the best of holy places in this age of Kali. It is thus literally the spiritual capital of the world, and the TOVP will herald that message to one and all. The superstructure, constructed by Gammon International is complete, and finishing work is being managed

by the well-known Cushman & Wakefield Project Management Consultancy. Situated in the ISKCON Mayapur city on over 600 acres of spacious, fertile landscape at the confluence of the Ganges and Jalangi rivers, it stands 350' tall as a beautiful and self-effulgent ornament towering

over the plains of this sacred spot. Capped by three main domes topped with dazzling, gold-plated Chakras, and eight smaller chatris, the overall structure blends modern architectural design with classic Vedic architecture, utilizing the traditional Vedic building and spacial orientation science of Vastu.



Situated on a footprint of 13.3 acres, the TOVP is one of the largest religious structures in the world, surpassing the Taj Mahal, Hagia Sophia and St. Paul's Cathedral, and is  $\frac{3}{4}$  the size of the Giza pyramid. The total square footage is over 400,000 square feet, and the main temple/ kirtan hall alone is 1.5 acres and can accommodate 10,000 people. The main dome is the largest stainless steel dome of its kind in the world, and hanging within it like a beautiful chandelier is the massive rotating model of our universe as depicted in ancient Vedic cosmological and astronomical scriptures.



**Hagia Sofia**  
Istanbul, Turkey  
55m

**Taj Mahal**  
Agra, India  
73m

**St. Paul's Cathedral**  
London, United Kingdom  
111m

**Temple of the Vedic Planetarium**  
Mayapur, India  
113m

**St. Peter's Basilica**  
Vatican City  
138m

Standing directly underneath the Vedic cosmology chandelier and observed by lifesized murtis of universal Gods and Goddesses placed throughout the temple is the 140 foot long, three-sectioned altar housing the Deities of the Gaudiya Vaishnava Guru Parampara, the Pancha Tattva (Sri Caitanya and His four associates), and Sri Sri Radha Madhava and the Ashta Sakhis respectively. The temple West Wing will house the 150 seat planetarium theater that will be used for screening a range of presentations of Vedic cosmology, philosophy and science, as well as evidence that challenges the modern scientific approach to reality through

atheistic and mechanistic explanations. The East Wing will be the glorious temple of Sri Nrsimhadeva, the lion-man avatar of the Lord, along with His loving devotee Prahlad Maharaja, situated on their magnificent marble and granite altar. Staircases winding up the three upper levels of the temple room interior along balconies over-looking the Vedic cosmology chandelier and temple room will offer visitors the opportunity to view exhibits and dioramas about Vedic history, science and cosmology, as well as study the incredible details of the Vedic universal structure up close. From the lower, middle and upper planetary

systems including the incredible 4 billion mile circular Bhu-mandala plane, all the way to the final transcendental realm of Goloka Vrindaban in the spiritual sky, visitors will become immersed in the authoritative and scientific version of the universe and beyond from conclusive Vedic authority. The temple 45 acre frontage will be adorned with luscious gardens and attractive walkways interwoven with gorgeous water displays and fountains, yajna-shalas, gazebos and sitting areas, surrounded by the residential quarters, ashrams, shops, restaurants and schools of the expanding Mayapur city.

# OUR INVITATION TO YOU

*"If the devotee offers something to the Lord, it acts for his own interest because whatever a devotee offers the Lord comes back in a quantity a million times greater than what was offered. One does not become a loser by giving to the Lord; one becomes a gainer by millions of times."*

- Srila Prabhupada

*"He who has built a temple for Vishnu reaps the great fruit which one gains by celebrating sacrifices every day. By building a temple for the Lord he takes his family, a hundred generations past and a hundred to come, to the region of Acyuta."*

- Agni Purana

Once-in-a-lifetime opportunities to make history and also make the world a better place to live are rare and should be taken advantage of immediately. Major construction on the Temple of the Vedic Planetarium is complete and detailed finishing work continues as we head rapidly towards the Grand Opening in 2023. We invite you to become a part of this life and world-changing project by contributing to the completion of the construction. Your help will not only benefit this cause but will bring you and your family unimaginable spiritual and material benefits. Generations of visiting pilgrims for thousands of years to come will be uplifted by this temple, and you will share in their spiritual progress because you helped provide them the opportunity.

**Please accept our personal invitation to help the MISSION 23 MARATHON to complete the TOVP by 2023. There are many donation options to choose from according to your means and they are payable in installments or at one time. Visit the TOVP website today and make your pledge to be a part of history in the making.**

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