

Chairman of SVBF His Vision and Passion

Ravi Subramanian was not a religious man, nor was he interested in religion. It was by sheer chance that he met H.H. Jagadguru Bharatji Teertha Mahaswamiji during his 1984 Yatra in Mumbai. He was fortunate to be blessed on his wedding day, 9th April 1984, in Lord Muruga's temple at Chedda Nagar, Chembur, Mumbai. From 1984, his life was transformed, and for 26 years now, he has been visiting Sringeri every year; at least four times a year.

Sri Ravi Subramanian has been involved in three projects for the Sringeri Math.

1. The Mumbai Sharada Temple

He was involved in the construction of this temple and was a key player in its establishment. He conducted the Athi Rudra Mahayagna in 1992 during the Kumbhabhishekam.

2. Founder and Chairman of SVBF USA

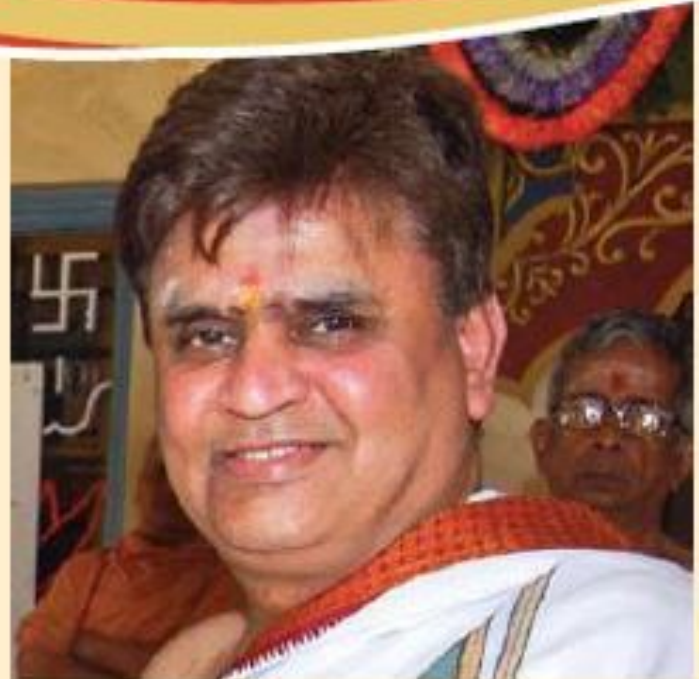
In 1993, he acquired 36 acres of land in Pennsylvania and donated the same to the Sringeri Vidhya Bharati Foundation (SVBF). SVBF Temple was inaugurated on 13 July 1995. In 1997 with the help of other devotees, he conducted an Athi Rudra Maha Yagna. A hundred priests from India participated in this – the first yagna ever conducted in North America. He remained the Chairman of SVBF till 2004.

3. Founder of SVBF Canada

In 2005, he founded SVBF Canada by acquiring an existing Shiva Temple in Etobicoke, Toronto.

His Vision

The city of Toronto has over a hundred Hindu Temples. People of Indian origin look eagerly for spiritual guidance and inspiration, being so far away from their home country. SVBF Canada understands these needs fully and provides the requisite services. These are authentic, traditional services rendered by trained priests. After acquiring the Temple, SVBF Canada also bought the adjacent property and built



a state of the art Community Centre, which was opened on 13th December 2008. SVBF is one central platform where all religious, cultural and social needs meet.

The construction of the Temple is based on the grand South Indian traditional and religious guidelines including a huge rajagopuram in the front. It began in 2009 and will be completed by June 2010.

His Life

Ravi is married to Rama. Their daughter Rati is studying law in Pace Law School, New York.

Their son Raj is pursuing a degree in 'Entrepreneurship and Finance' at Syracuse University, New York. Currently Rama and Ravi live in Canada. He is the Chairman of Silverline Technologies, a publicly traded company. Rama is an artist.

His Conviction

Ravi considers himself truly fortunate to be closely associated with the Sringeri Math. He believes His Holiness is goddess Shardamba herself. Ravi is convinced that, "if you completely surrender to His Holiness and leave all your problems, He will take care."