

## **Project**

**Title of the Project:** Guest house

**Name and address of the  
Organization:**

Shantigiri Ashram  
H.No.258, Anandamadam,  
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**Person in charge of the  
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**Project Location:**

**Village:** Anandamadam  
**District:** Kasargod  
**State:** Kerala  
**Country:** India

**Financial Plan:**

A. Total Cost: **INR 55,27,200 Euro 74691**  
B. Own contribution **INR 500,000 Euro 6757**  
C. Amount Requested **INR 50,27,200 Euro 67930**

## **Aims & Objectives:**

**Aim:** To facilitate spiritual, interreligious and socio-pastoral Activities

### **Objectives:**

#### **1. OBJECTS:**

- a) To give an opportunity to people who wish to find a bigger vision for their life, by dedicating their life to God and to serve humanity by leading a spiritual life.
- b) To establish a Research Centre in spirituality and to publish books and articles on spiritual subjects.
- c) To engage in social activities as are necessary for the good of humanity motivated by the principle "whoever in need, is our neighbor".
- d) And generally creating a context to allow people to heal from deep wounds of the past and find hope and strength for a fulfilling life.
- g) Eco spirituality: loving the Earth and all of creation.
- h) Growing medicinal plants and promoting ayurvedic healing
- i) Education for peace by teaching non-violent communication

## **Organization Background:**

The project of The Shantigiri ashram is supported by two communities:

- The members of Camaldolese Benedictine monks of Saccidananda Ashram, Shantivanam, - Tamilnadu, which was founded by three great visionaries, Fr. Jules Monchanin, MEP, Dom Henri Le Saux, OSB and Dom Bede Griffiths, OSB (Cam). Especially Father Bede was a leading proponent of interreligious dialogue. They tried to integrate the values of Western monastic tradition with the values of the Indian monastic tradition.
- A western association of lay people (friends of Shantigiri), deeply concerned by the suffering of Mother earth and of creation. They are from different professional and life experiences: teachers, psychologists, engineers, scientists, architects. Their main motivation can be summarized by one word "participation". This includes sharing their life experience, material support, caring for the wellbeing of all of creation. Fr. Bede called it lay monasticism. For Panikkar a monk is a universal archetype. He speaks from his personal experience as "a monk without a monastery" and without the robes to arrive at "the monk that is in each of us", the one who "aspires with his whole being to reach life's ultimate end", or simply, to Be."(Blessed simplicity).

## **Activities:**

It is a Benedictine ashram. The members live the benedictine monastic life integrated with the Indian spiritual tradition.

The ashram is situated among many Hindu families, so we conduct interreligious dialogue, inculturation, yoga, and meditation programmes opened for the people of all faith.

Cultivating the medicinal plants and distributing the seedlings of the medicinal plants to people around the ashram.

Providing help for the education of the children of the poor families.

Providing counseling for children and others who are in need.

The ashram is providing awareness classes about the dangers of pollution and global warming.

Distributing seedlings of fast growing trees to protect our planet from global warming.

Promoting biological farming and ashram farm represents a good model for biological farming.

As the ashram is in its beginning stages, a lot of financial support necessary.

### **Information on Money Transfer:**

In order to make easy the money transfer, we are providing the account number of our Congregation in Rome.

a. Name of Account: Congregazione Monaci Camaldolesi Ordine San Benedetto

b. Account Number: 000003897X21

c. IBAN:IT76N0569603224000003897X21

B.I.C: POSOIT22XXX

**. George Abraham  
Shantigiri ashram  
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