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Two-storey building to house dining hall, classrooms for Punjabi language lessons

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GURDWARA Sahib Rawang (GSR) is seeking help to raise RM2.2mil for ongoing renovation works.

Treasurer Jimmy Sidhu said the Sikh temple in Selangor was first constructed in 1938.

"While the main building was rebuilt in 1976, the *langgar* or dining hall has not been rebuilt since 1938.

"The dining hall flooded after a down-pour, so the renovation is both necessary and timely," he added.

The total cost is RM3.2mil, of which only RM1mil had been raised so far.

"We still need RM2.2mil to complete the works," said Jimmy, adding that construction began in February last year and was at 50% completion.

To raise funds, the temple has been organising various charity initiatives, including dinners and golf tournaments.

"Donations have also come from our members, numbering 200, and other well-wishers," Jimmy said.

He said the two-storey building, when completed, would serve as a hub for the Sikh community.

"We will use the space upstairs for the Punjabi Education Centre which runs language classes," he added.

Jimmy also highlighted the temple's role



Gurdwara Sahib Rawang is undertaking renovations for facilities (right) that will accommodate language classes among others. — KAMARUL ARIFFIN/The Star

in supporting the Rawang community during the Covid-19 pandemic.

"We provided daily provisions to scores of families during the lockdown," he said.

The gurdwara was also among the first in the area to instal solar energy panels, selling the energy generated to Tenaga Nasional Bhd (TNB).

Those interested in donating can bank in their contribution to the GSR Building Fund in CIMB at account number 8008600827.

For details, call Jimmy at 012-391 0040 or Harmendar at 016-668 5900.