

# International Service (Seva) and Hinduism

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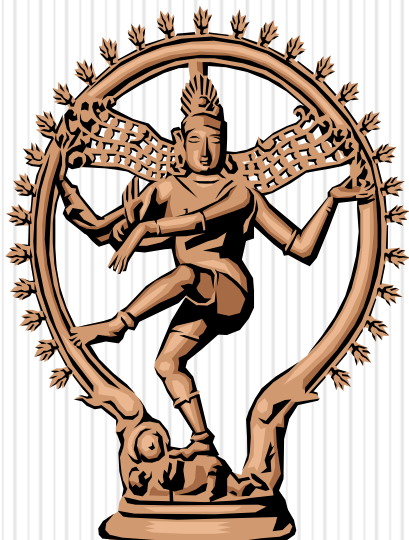
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# Concept of Tolerance from Hinduism

*Om sarve bhavantu sukhinaha. Sarve santu niramayah.  
Sarve bhadhrani pashyantu. Maa kaschid dukha  
bhaaghave.*

May all beings be happy. May all beings be healthy.  
May all beings experience prosperity.  
May none in the world suffer.



*Ekam sat vipraha bahudha vedanti*  
Truth is one, the wise call it by many names

# Concepts of Service

“*Seva*”: service, charity

“*Dasyam*”: sharing, allocation

“*Dhaanam*”: giving, generosity

“*Dayadhvam*”: caring, kindness



# The Virtue of Service

- *There is none other who does greater good than the one who removes the hunger of those in a difficult situation, helpless, weak and disturbed. - Mahabharata XIII.59.11*
- *Giving to the poor is true charity. All other giving expects a recompense. - Tirukural 221*
- *There are only two castes in this world, one that gives and the other that do not give. – Avviyar*

# American Hindu World Service (AHWS)

- An NGO aimed toward promoting service through Hindu faith-based perspectives since 2011
- Currently working in Nigeria, Pakistan, Nepal and currently in talks with working in India
- To provide international humanitarian services to people of all races, classes, and ethnic groups, including those individuals affected by HIV/AIDS, marginalized groups, youth, indigenous groups, and LGBT communities
- Recognized and invited by events hosted by USAID, State Department, and United Nations

# Nigeria

- Working in Nigeria since 2012, first program
- Variety of HIV/AIDS, nutrition, women's empowerment, Ebola and malaria prevention projects in and around Lagos – testing, awareness, health education, youth leadership, skills promotion, cooking demos, etc.
- Promoted interfaith development – traditional African religions, Christians, and Muslims
- Organized HIV/AIDS, malaria testing and nutrition awareness events for sex workers, laborers, factory workers, widows and orphans in and around Lagos
- Recently opened a restaurant called





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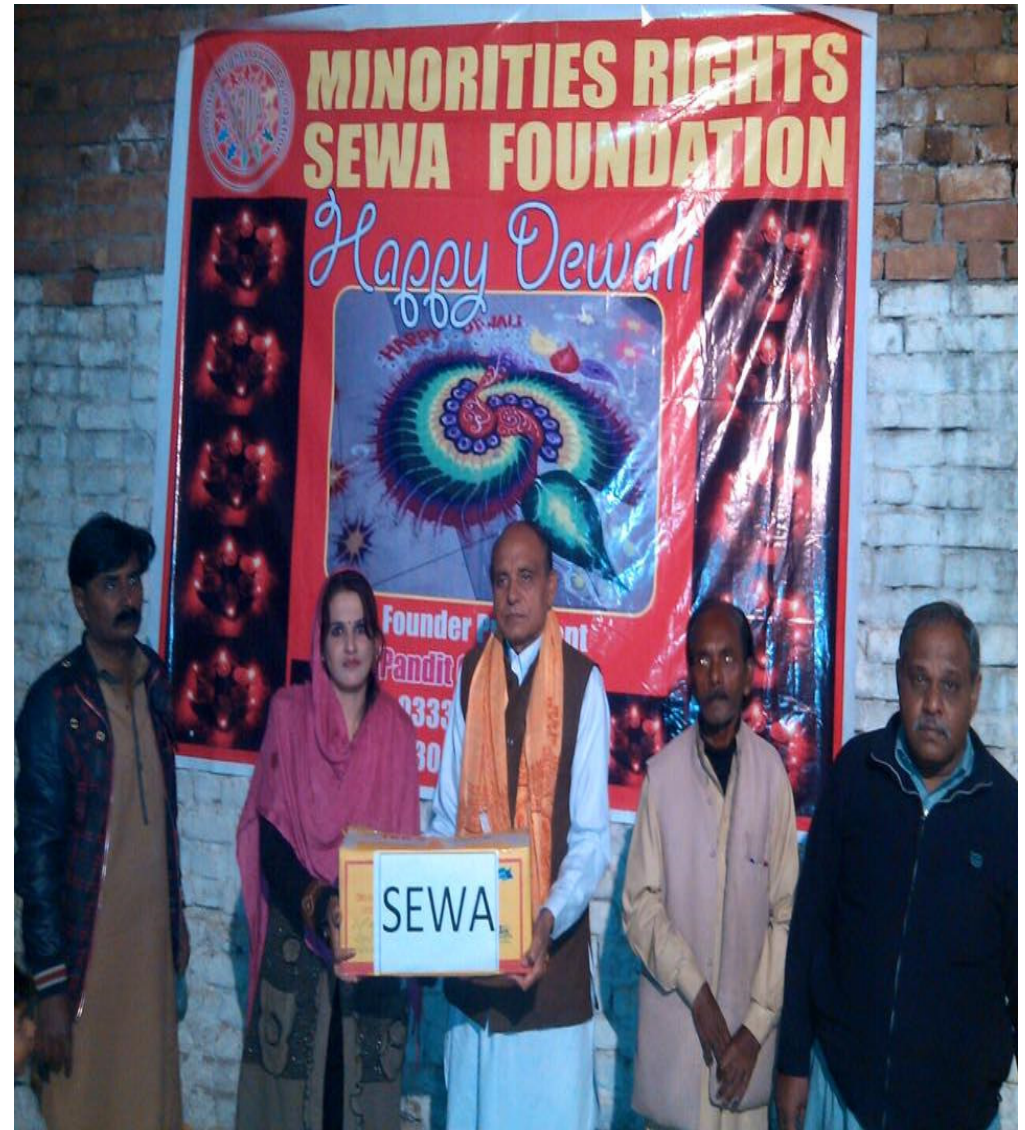


# Pakistan

- Established the Women's Empowerment center with our partner, Minority Rights Seva Foundation (MRSF) in Rawalpindi, Pakistan in 2014
- Conducted interfaith events with Hindus, Muslims, and Christians in celebrating Diwali, Janmashami, Raksha Bandhan, Christmas, Easter, and Eid – distribution of items (food, clothing) to the poorest people
- Supporting 40 schoolchildren from the poorest families – Hindus, Muslims and Christians
- Continues interfaith harmony and dialogue with local Hindu temples, mosques and churches within Rawalpindi and outskirts







# Nepal

- Currently working since 2015 with our partner, Paribartan, based in Kathmandu
- Provided food, medicine and emergency supplies for earthquake in 2015
- Provided school supplies and winter clothing for the marginalized Chepang community in rural Tihar district in 2016 and early 2017
- In the process of establishing a formal partnership due to recent election









# India

- Possible project with unconventional school – Masti Ki Paathshala (School of Fun)
- Giving students the opportunity to learn about life lessons, skills, and making learning fun and effective
- Opening the doors to not just children, but also adults who can have the chance to learn new ideas
- Waiting for clearance with FCRA regulations









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