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4.25 – 4.35 p.m.	Govardhan Eco Village: Vedic smart villages and rural development	Shri Gauranga Das Director, Govardhan Ecovillage, Bharat
4.35 – 4.45 p.m.	California Textbook Correction Movement by Hindu community - A case study	Shri Sanjay Tripathi Exec Director, Pacific region, HSS, USA
4.45 – 4.55 p.m.	Hindu activism in America and the model to be replicated across the world	Shri Satyanarayana Dosapati Hindu Activist, USA
4.55 – 5.05 p.m.	Unifying our efforts for maximum social, cultural and spiritual impact	Shri Balabhadra Das President, Vedic Friends Association, USA
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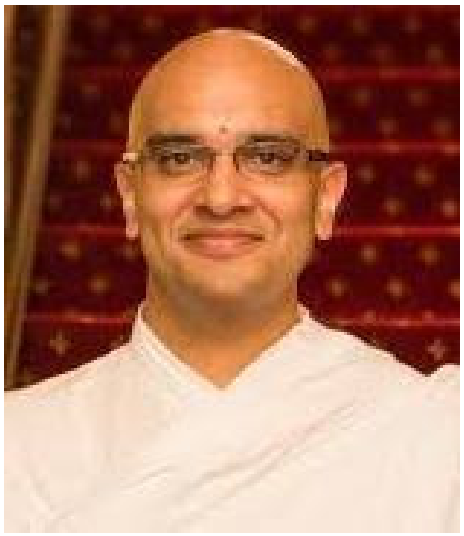
Chairperson



Dr Sharan moved to Washington DC from London, UK to serve as the first full-time Director for Hindu Life in Campus Ministry at Georgetown University, making him the first Hindu monk to serve at a Catholic Institution. He is an adjunct Professor in the Department of Theology and Linguistics. His academic training is in Indology, Sanskrit Philology, Classical Indian Intellectual Systems, Indian Religious Traditions and Society, Medieval Braj Literature, and Vedānta. He is also an instructor of Hindu priests and holds the title of 'Yagyacharya' (Master in Hindu Rituals).

Brahmachari Vrajvihari Sharan

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Shri Gauranga Das

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Shri Gauranga Das
Director
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Shri Sanjay Tripathi is an IT professional with over 25 years of experience. He has interests in pharma manufacturing and he is the Director of Pharmanova Healthcare in Ghana. He is an advisor to Dharma Civilization Foundation, an initiative in the academic domain in mainstream US Universities towards Hindu Dharma. Sanjay is the lead community coordinator for California Textbook Movement. He has been involved with CA Textbook issue since 2005 and held the program lead for CA Textbook Reform at Hindu Community Institute. He is the Executive Director for Pacific region, HSS, USA.

Shri Sanjay Tripathi
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Shri Satyanaraya Dosapati is US based activist with several successes: forcing Andhra Pradesh CM in 2007 to ban conversions inside Hindu temples; and bringing attention to the plight of backward caste minor girls in West Bengal being kidnapped and thrown into sexual slavery. He helped to organize All American Rally for Trump encouraging ethnic communities to support the Trump Presidential Election. He is well known for challenging 100 and 30 million-dollar lawsuits from Sonia Gandhi proxies in the US when he exposed her through newspaper advertisement. He received his Bachelors from IIT Chennai and is pursuing a career in telecom in US.

Shri Satyanaraya Dosapati
Hindu Activist
USA

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Sanghe Shakti Kaliyuge (Organization is strength)

TOPIC: Hindu Activism in America and the model to be replicated across the world

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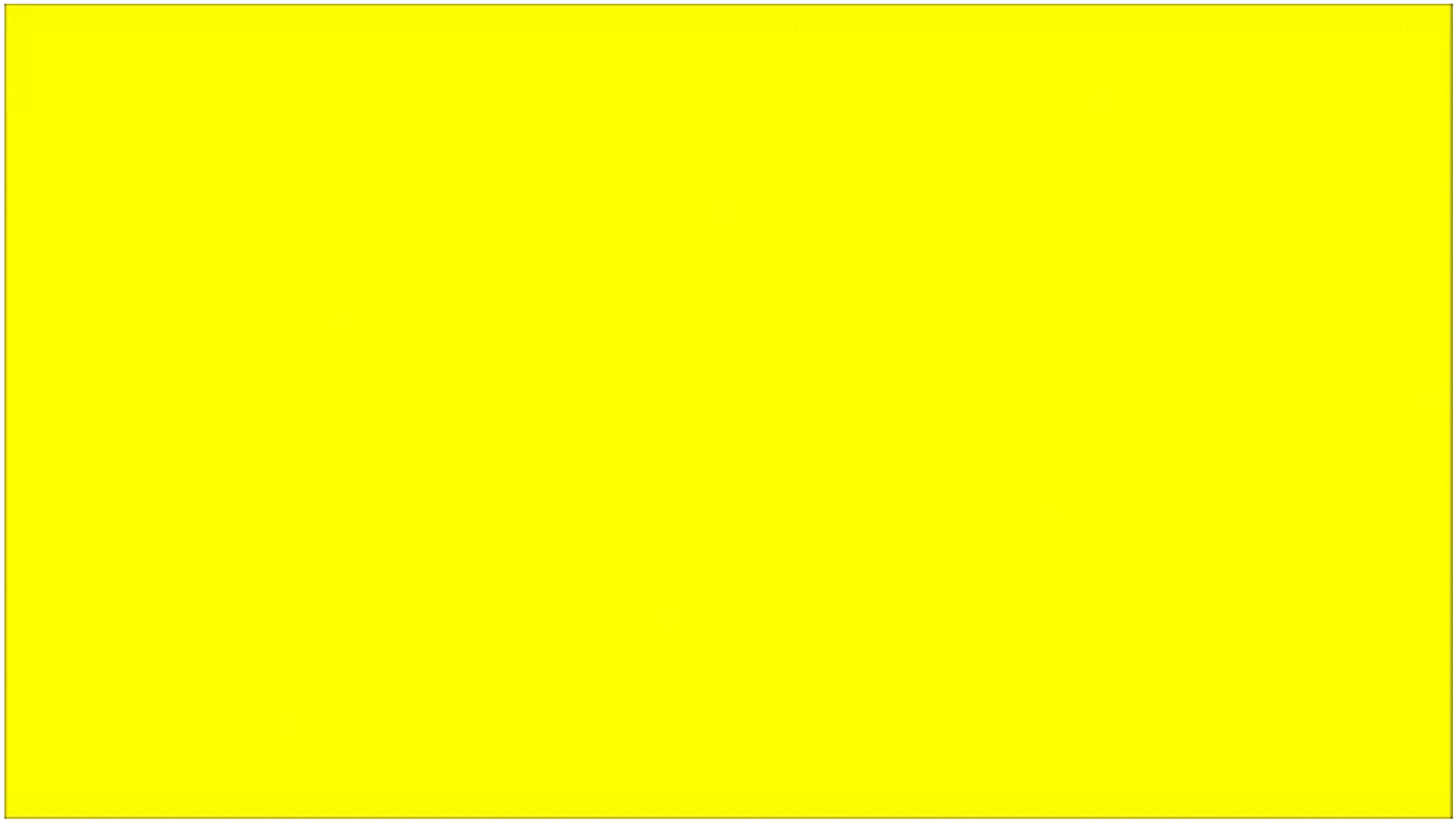
A short video on Hindu activism is US 2007-2017



Activism – main ingredients

- **The main ingredient for activism is passion and deep love. Every thing else is secondary.**
- **Who teaches a mother how to save her child in time of danger?**
- **Who would take credit for taking care of his/her ailing mother?**
- **Lesson from 'the squirrel that built Rama Sethu'!!**

Activism – US/West Context

- **Bharat leaders are sensitive about the opinions of the West and the NRI community.**
- **Most of the anti-Hindu and adharmic activities against Bharat originate in the West.**
- **There is critical mass of Hindus in the West to become an effective force of change for Bharat and Hinduism.**

Activism – Issues

- **Most NRI Hindus are self-centred, concerned largely only about the uplift in their careers and that of their children.**
- **Even when NRIs are organized much energy is spend on who gets credit or centred mostly in local language/Bollywood type activities.**
- **Until social media appeared, their source of information was anti-Bharat and anti-hindu Western media.**
- **Even many dharmic organizations are inward looking (or advocacy oriented) and not known to take up bold activities confronting the anti-Dharmic from the West or Bharat.**

Activism – Solutions

- **Never underestimate the power of combination of pen & passion. For activism, one would need to write honest, well researched, motivating and passionate articles/presentations and use the power of social media to disseminate. ('Death of Hinduism', 'India's killing fields', 'Plunder of India').**

- **Overcome fear of taking up activism and taking on the powerful. Trust that institutions in West in general support freedom of expression and use the available tools and facilities. (e.g, Sonia Gandhi and multimillion dollar lawsuits)**

- **Overcome pettiness on things like who get credit and reflect every one you interact with sooner or later will be gone and keep the purpose of protecting Dharma and Bharat in mind. Bharat and Sanatana Dharma is like your second mother.**

Activism – Solutions

- **Do not be concerned about numbers. Even small numbers with effective combination of message and social media is very powerful (e.g, W Bengal love jihad exposure done with small numbers across multiple cities).**

- **Built alliances with organizations both within and outside Bharat but be independent of them. It requires skill, patience and commitment to drive everyone energies towards the goal (e.g, EVM paper trail, VVPAT).**

- **Do not expect pat and thank you. In fact, people may even pull you down or completely ignore you. Your reward is only in doing what is right!!**

Activism – No one can do it alone.

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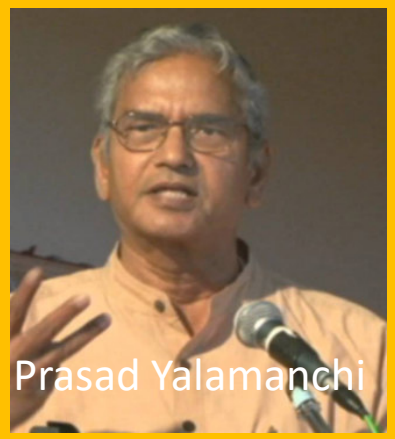
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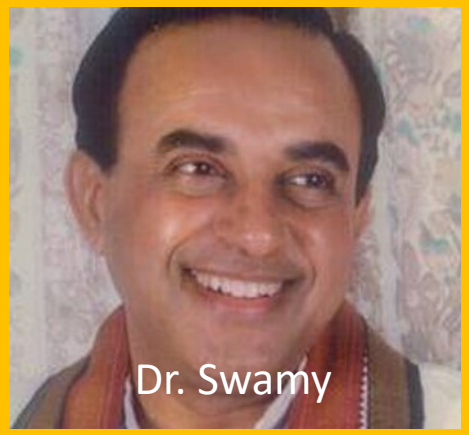
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Shri Balabhadra Dasa (Benny J Tillman) is the President of Vedic Friends Association. A direct disciple of His Divine Grace AC Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada (Founder of the ISKCON), Balabhadra Dasa joined the Hare Krishna Movement in 1973 in Atlanta and has since travelled extensively in Bharat and other parts of the world practicing and teaching the ancient Vedic philosophy. Shri Dasa's specialization is engaging the youth in Dharmic activities in many of its dimensions. He is eager to work with like-minded people and organizations in serving their socio-spiritual needs.

Shri Balabhadra Dasa
President
Vedic Friends Association, USA

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