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<b>2nd World Hindu Congress Chicago, USA, Sept 7-9, 2018</b>						
<b>PROGRAM OVERVIEW DRAFT</b>						
<b>FRIDAY September 7, 2018</b>						
<b>HINDU ORGANIZATIONAL CONFERENCE</b> <i>Organization is Strength</i> Conducted by the Hindu Organizations, Temples, Associations Forum						
The Hindu Organisational Conference brings together a vast array of Hindu organizations, including temples, associations, and institutions to share best practices, experiences, resources, and ideas. The session also provides a platform to discuss challenges and opportunities for generating inclusive prosperity ethically and effectively. The guiding theme of the conference is "Sanghe Shakti Kaliyuge", which means "Organization is Strength".						
<b>Lunch</b>						
<b>Introductory Remark - Keynote</b>						
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<b>Room</b>	<b>2:30 PM</b>	<b>Session 1. Mandir as a Nuclei for serving the needs of Hindu Community</b>	<b>Chair: XXX</b>	<b>75 Min</b>		
<b>G Room</b>						
		<i>Concept &amp; Structure: Temple Model with Fit, Form and Function for the Environment and the People</i>	<b>TBD</b>	10		
		<i>Seva: Temples as an instrument for serving Hindu Society - Seva role</i>	Madhu Pandit Das (Akshaya Patra foundation)	10		
		<i>Program Strategy: Role of temples in creating positive impact on youth, family and society (Communication, Chaplaincy or Counselling)</i>	Dr Uma Mysorker - Ganesh Temple (or Shiva Subramaniam Shiva Vishnu Temple)	10		
		<i>Governance: Sustainable and Independent Temples - free from government</i>	Swami Parmatmanandji (Acharya Sabha)	10		
	<b>Q&amp;A</b>			35		
	<b>3:45 PM</b>			75		
<b>Break</b>						
<b>Room</b>	<b>4:15 PM</b>	<b>Session 2. Linguistic Organizations: Think Collectively, Act Valiantly</b>	<b>Chair: XXX</b>	<b>75 Min</b>		
<b>G Room</b>		We need to promote positive inter community bonding and interactions for better understanding and common good of Hindu society. For example, create a collaborative platform of Linguistic Organizations to strengthen Hindu society, and stem further fragmentation and exploitation of these communities by political parties and other religious groups. Often inter community conflicts are engineered for various reasons. Petty egos are fed and divisions surface. Apathy, ignorance and absence of a deeper understanding of the cultural roots results in lack of engagement in the larger interests of Hindu society; in the extreme, at times, these organizations cease to participate in the Hindu activities. To correct this, there is need for increased involvement and harnessing of the traditional latent potential in linguistic organizations to revitalize the respective communities and the Hindu society.				
		<i>Origins, Awareness, Recognition</i>	<b>Tamil, Telugu</b>	10		
		<i>Secularism - what does it mean to linguistic groups</i>	<b>Kanada, Malayalam</b>	10		
		<i>How they support it? How can we identify the gap? How to bridge the gap?</i>	<b>Marathi, Gujarati</b>	10		
		<i>Common cultural ground - art, festivals and identity</i>	<b>Bengali, Punjabi</b>	35		
	<b>Q&amp;A</b>			65		
	<b>5:30 PM</b>					
<b>Plenary Session</b>						
<b>Networking - Dinner</b>						
<b>Breakfast</b>						
<b>Saturday September 8, 2018</b>						
<b>Room</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>Session 3. Human rights violation around the world</b>	<b>Chair: Sri Sri Ravi Shankar</b>	<b>75 Min</b>		
<b>G Room</b>		Hindu community has been on the receiving end for sometime in various parts of the world, such as in Pakistan, Bangladesh, Afghanistan, Indonesia, Malaysia, and in West Asian countries, and Gypsies in Europe. As a billion society, it is our responsibility to help our Hindu brothers and sisters in these countries, so that they get fair treatment and can live with dignity. Network Hindu organizations actively addressing these issues e.g. HAF, GHRD.				
		<i>Defending Hindu Human Rights (GHRD)</i>	Shri Sradhanand Sheetal	10		
		<i>Influencing Government Policies</i>	Professor Professor Ved Prakash Nanda (Romania related work)	10		
		<i>Success Stories of Hindu Activism in America and the model to be replicated across the world</i>	Satya Dosapati	10		
		<i>Fighting for Hindus at Ground Zero (Bangladesh) - identify good speaker for this session</i>	Saumitra Ghokle has the name	10		
		<i>Sindhi</i>	Shri Lakhubhai Lohana	35		
	<b>Q&amp;A</b>			75		
	<b>10:45 AM</b>					
<b>Break</b>						
<b>Room</b>	<b>11:15 AM</b>	<b>Session 4. Operational mechanism for Hindus to reach the unreached areas</b>	<b>Chair: XXX</b>	<b>75 Min</b>		
<b>G Room</b>		Developing operational mechanism and resources for Hindus to reach the unreached areas: such as South America, Africa and Eastern Europe. Most of these unreached areas belonged to various indigenous tribes with ancient tradition, culture and heritage. Many of these groups have been either converted to Islam or Christianity. It has been noted that some of these groups continue to practice their ancient traditions although they have been converted. Now there is a revival and they are looking towards Hindus because of similarities. So there is an opportunity to work with these groups.				
		<i>Reaching to the South American community</i>	Swami V A Param Adwait, Peru	10		
		<i>Getting legal recognition of Hindu Dharma in Italian Government system</i>	Swamini Hansanand Giri, Italy	10		
		<i>African community</i>	Swami Satyanand, Ghana	10		
		<i>ISKCON from Central Asia - Uzbekistan?</i>	<b>tbd - AD, Swami V ji</b>	10		
	<b>Q&amp;A</b>			35		
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z			Lunch			
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m	Room	2:30 AM	Session 5. Responding to Socio-Cultural Challenges before Global Hindu Society	Chair: XXX	75 Min	
d	G Room		There are many challenges that the Hindu society faces in lands outside of Bharat, apart from discrimination and human rights violations. These are genuine socio cultural needs that arise in a totally foreign context. What can we do to share these common concerns and develop common frameworks and solutions that can be shared. These challenges also present opportunities for Hindus to contribute positively to their adopted lands drawing upon the depth and richness of their ancestral heritage.			
s			tbd	Pandit Ram Hardwar	10	
s			Spiritual but not religious (SBNR)	Bodhi Vellan Swamy	10	
s			Challenges of Conversion for Hindus across the Globe	Sharad Ghole (Dharma Jagran)	10	
s			tbd	Shri Balabhadra Dasa, President Vedic Friends' Association	10	billman108@yahoo.com 404 820-5308 (M)
s			Family: Incubator for Hindu Dharma (absorb values by osmosis, environment, ambience vs purposeful inclusion)	Sadhvi Ritambara ?	35	
		Q&A			75	
z		3:45 AM				
m	Room	4:15 PM	Session 6. Case Studies - Success Stories	Chair: xxx	75 Min	
d	G Room		Sharing exemplary and inspiring case studies and success stories. Throughout the world, there are many inspiring stories and case studies of Hindus working to promote Hindu values. The presenters selected for this panel were sort-listed from 15 case studies that were selected for their creativity, sustainability, diversity, and the number of people impacted. We then conducted an online poll where the World Hindu Congress community selected four panelists to present here at the conference. We hope that you will be able to learn from these presentations and implement their learnings in your own communities.			
s			Sri Lanka	tbd	10	
s			Malaysia	tbd	10	
s			Australia	tbd	10	
s			Middle East	tbd	10	
s			Q&A		35	
z		5:30 PM			75	
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m		6:00 PM	Plenary Session			
z			Networking - Dinner			
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			Can Hindu Organizations work together for the larger Hindu resurgence? (Chinmaya Mission, Bharat Sevashram Sangh, Sri Ramakrishna Mission, BAPS, ISKCON, Art of Living, Gayathri Parivar, RSS, VHP, Acharya Sabha, etc.)			
			All these Hindu organizations are working for the Hindu resurgence in their own core competence and areas of influence. However, they do not come on one platform to discuss, deliberate and devise common strategy to serve the Hindu movement. We need to improve this scenario and to see how to bring them together to work for the larger interest, respecting their individual identity.			