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<b>2nd World Hindu Congress Chicago, USA, Sept 7-9, 2018</b>						
<b>PROGRAM OVERVIEW FINAL 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>2:00 PM Introductory Remark</b>						
HOTA Coordinator's Remarks			Dr Guna Magesan	10	<a href="mailto:gunamagesan@gmail.com">gunamagesan@gmail.com</a>	0091 7227 89 5560
<b>Room</b>	<b>2:30 PM</b>	<b>Session 1. Mandir as a Nuclei for Serving the Needs of the Hindu Community</b>	<b>Chair: Dr. Srilekha Reddy Palle</b>	<b>75 Min</b>	<a href="mailto:srilekha1977@gmail.com">srilekha1977@gmail.com</a>	001 703 839 3976
<b>G Room</b>		Temples have sustained Hindu Dharma through time immemorial and are a central force that nourishes the growth of the community in which they exist. Mandirs, as we prefer calling them, are derived from the words <i>man</i> which symbolizes inner-self and <i>dir</i> which means dwelling place. In this session, we will explore further how sustainable and independent temples as a nucle serve and can continue to address the growing needs of the community with the appropriate fit, form and function for the environment and the people in that community. A strategic vision for the programs, the creation, planning and effective execution of these programs can be the magnetic force that can attract youth, individual, family and community by creatig a positive impact.				
		Introduction by the Chair	Dr. Srilekha Reddy Palle	10	<a href="mailto:srilekha1977@gmail.com">srilekha1977@gmail.com</a>	001 703 839 3976
		Freeing temples from Government clutches	Swami Paramatmanandji - Acharya Sabha, Bharat	10	<a href="mailto:swamips108@gmail.com">swamips108@gmail.com</a>	0091 9898 91 7776
		Temple initiated Sewa - The largest mid-day meal program in the world	Sadhu Madhu Pandit Das - Akshaya Patra Foundation	10	<a href="mailto:mpd@iskconbangalore.org">mpd@iskconbangalore.org</a>	0091 9900 16 1008
		Temple Conceptualization and Functions	Dr. Shiva Subramaniam - Shiva Vishnu Temple, USA	10	<a href="mailto:doc4baby@aol.com">doc4baby@aol.com</a>	001 202 444 8709
		Temples as Universities: Positive Impact on Individuals, Youth, Families and Community	Ma Mukhikananda, USA	10	<a href="mailto:ma.mukthika@innerawakening.org">ma.mukthika@innerawakening.org</a>	001 425 269 8152
	<b>Q&amp;A</b>			25		
	<b>3:45 PM</b>			75		
<b>Break</b>						
<b>Room</b>	<b>4:15 PM</b>	<b>Session 2. Human rights violation around the world</b>	<b>Chair: Gurudev Sri Sri Ravi Shankar</b>	<b>75 Min</b>	<a href="mailto:gurudev@artofliving.org">gurudev@artofliving.org</a>	0091 9845 25 7571
<b>G Room</b>		Hindu community has been on the receiving end of aggressions, breaches against humanity and marginalization for sometime in various parts of the world, such as in Bangladesh, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Indonesia, Malaysia, and in West Asian countries, and Gypsies in Europe. As a society of more than a billion, the Hindu community does have strength in numbers which can be leveraged to help our global Hindu family obtain fair treatment and a life of dignity in any part of the world. The diversity of this presented in this session will not only bring forth the atrocities, but also present a resolve to stand for the greater good of the Hindu community by lobbying, building awareness and unifying our efforts for maximum impact.				
		Introduction by the Chair	Gurudev Sri Sri Ravi Shankar	10	<a href="mailto:gurudev@artofliving.org">gurudev@artofliving.org</a>	0091 9845 25 7571
		Defending Hindu Human Rights	Shri Sradhanand Sital	10	<a href="mailto:sital108@gmail.com">sital108@gmail.com</a>	0031 611 376 504
		Influencing Government Policies in Eastern Europe	Prof. Ved Prakash Nanda	10	<a href="mailto:nandas@earthlink.net">nandas@earthlink.net</a>	001 303 377 6438
		Fighting for Hindus in Bangladesh	Shri Sitangshu Guha	10	<a href="mailto:guhassb@gmail.com">guhassb@gmail.com</a>	001 646 696 5569
		Pakistani Hindus: A Genocide Forgotten	Dr. Omendra Ratnu	10	<a href="mailto:dratnu@hotmail.com">dratnu@hotmail.com</a>	0091 9829 01 1162
	<b>Q&amp;A</b>			25		
	<b>5:30 PM</b>			75		
<b>6:00 PM 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. Collaboration Between and Within Linguistic/Cultural Organizations</b>	<b>Chair: Sanjay Tripathi/Ami Patel</b>	<b>75 Min</b>	<a href="mailto:tripathisan@gmail.com">tripathisan@gmail.com</a>	001 408 507 7643
<b>G Room</b>		To promote positive inter community bonding and interactions for better understanding and common good of Hindu society, significant challenges need to be addressed. There are a number of linguistic organizations that claim they are only cultural organizations even though their membership is mostly Hindu. There is fragmentation not limited just to linguistic line but is deeper within the same linguistic group. 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. The goal of this panel is to share their strengths and challenges on this safe space platform created through HOTA and come up with creative ways in which to engage these organizations that will be mutually beneficial.				
		Introduction by the Chair	Shri Sanjay Tripathi	10	<a href="mailto:tripathisan@gmail.com">tripathisan@gmail.com</a>	001 408 507 7643
		Panelist 1 - Telugu	Srinivas Pinnapureddy - ATA		<a href="mailto:spinnapureddy@sbcglobal.net">spinnapureddy@sbcglobal.net</a>	001 832 642 0100
		Panelist 2 - Telugu	Harinath Policherla - TATA		<a href="mailto:policherla@gmail.com">policherla@gmail.com</a>	001 313 407 9558
		Panelist 3 - Tamil				
		Panelist 4 - Kannada				
		Panelist 5 - Gujarati				
		Panelist 6 - Marathi				
		Panelist 7 - Punjabi				
		Panelist 8 - Bengali	Judhajt Senmazumdar		<a href="mailto:jit.senmazumdar@gmail.com">jit.senmazumdar@gmail.com</a>	001 510 938 8777
		Panelist 9 - Nepali				
	<b>Q&amp;A</b>	Conclusions of the Panel Discussion		5		
	<b>10:45 AM</b>			75		
<b>Break</b>						

m	Room	11:15 AM	Session 4. Operational mechanism for Hindus to reach the unreached areas	Chair: BK Ushaben Naik	75 Min	<a href="mailto:ushapuja108@gmail.com">ushapuja108@gmail.com</a>	
d	G Room		Over the past several centuries, the Hindu diaspora has spread across the globe forming communities overtime yet there are many 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. In the present times, there is a revival of these ancient practices and they are looking towards our Hindu community because of similarities. This presents an opportunity which will be further explored in this session with the challenge to develop operational mechanisms and find means to assimilate resources for Hindus to reach these unreached areas.				
s			Introduction by the Chair	BK Ushaben Naik	10	<a href="mailto:ushapuja108@gmail.com">ushapuja108@gmail.com</a>	
s			Reaching to the South American community	Swami V A Param Adwaiti, Peru	10	<a href="mailto:swamibap@mac.com">swamibap@mac.com</a>	0051 992 54 1980
s			Getting legal recognition of Hindu Dharma in Italian Government system	Swamini Hansanand Giri, Italy	10	<a href="mailto:hamsaji@gmail.com">hamsaji@gmail.com</a>	0039 338 597 8135
s			African community and Hindu Thoughts	Swami Satyanand, Ghana	10	<a href="mailto:hindumonasteryofafrica@yahoo.com">hindumonasteryofafrica@yahoo.com</a>	00233 2130 1443
s			Reaching to un-reached areas - focusing on Central Asia	Bhakti Vijnana Goswami, ISKCON	10	<a href="mailto:bhakti.vijnana.goswami@pamho.net">bhakti.vijnana.goswami@pamho.net</a>	007 926 099 9270
s		Q&A			25		
s		12:30 PM			75		
z			Lunch				
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m	Room	2:30 AM	Session 5. Responding to Socio-Cultural Challenges before Global Hindu Society	Chair: Pandit Ram Harodwar	75 Min	<a href="mailto:ptramhardwar@gmail.com">ptramhardwar@gmail.com</a>	001 646 210 2754
d	G Room		Socio-cultural factors such as customs, lifestyles and values that characterize the Hindu society, although a norm in India, are an outlier in many parts of the world. Cultural aspects including concepts of education, language, law, religion, organizations, values and attitudes are all genuine socio cultural challenges that arise outside of India. These challenges also present opportunities for Hindus to contribute positively to their adopted lands drawing upon the depth and richness of their ancestral heritage. In this session, common concerns will be explored to extract opportunities that can lead to the development of common frameworks and solutions that can be implemented.				
s			Introduction by the Chair	Pandit Ram Harodwar	10	<a href="mailto:ptramhardwar@gmail.com">ptramhardwar@gmail.com</a>	001 646 210 2754
s			Socio-cultural challenges before Hindu community: A woman's perspective	A woman speaker	10		
s			Family: Incubator for Hindu Dharma	Shri Gaurang Nanavati	10	<a href="mailto:gaurang.uncle@gmail.com">gaurang.uncle@gmail.com</a>	001 713 927 6010
s			Digital Strategy - across spectrum - including preaching and teaching	Dr. Krishna Giri	10	<a href="mailto:krishna_giri@msn.com">krishna_giri@msn.com</a>	0091 8939 92 2260
s			Spiritual but not religious (SBNR)	Shri Joseph Emmett	10	<a href="mailto:joseph@vedantasf.org">joseph@vedantasf.org</a>	001 713 301-0577
s		Q&A			25		
s		3:45 AM			75		
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m	Room	4:15 PM	Session 6. Global Hindus Making Global Impact	Chair: Brahmachari Vrajivhari Sharan	75 Min	<a href="mailto:doc4baby@aol.com">doc4baby@aol.com</a>	001 2028078200
d	G Room		Over the course of Hindu history, noble Hindus emerge from the Hindu community that live the values of Hindu Dharma with such vigor and passion to "think collectively and act valiantly." In this session, let us get inspired by these phenomenal ideas that create a ground swell for social change and sustainability.				
s			Introduction by the Chair	Brahmachari Vrajivhari Sharan	10	<a href="mailto:doc4baby@aol.com">doc4baby@aol.com</a>	001 2028078200
s			Govardhan Eco Village: Rural Development of Vedic Smart Villages	Shri Anand Chaitanya Das	10	<a href="mailto:anandchaitanya@gmail.com">anandchaitanya@gmail.com</a>	
s			Scaling for SAI Agro-forestry Model for Small Farmers in Sub-Sahara Africa	Shri Jitendra Kumar Sinha	10	<a href="mailto:jitendrasinha@hotmail.com">jitendrasinha@hotmail.com</a>	0091 9967 34 3996
s			California Textbook Movement by Hindu community - A successful case study	Shri Sanjay Tripathi	10	<a href="mailto:tripathisan@gmail.com">tripathisan@gmail.com</a>	001 408 507 7643
s			Hindu Activism in America and the model to be replicated across the world	Shri Satya Dosapati	10	<a href="mailto:htlaya123@gmail.com">htlaya123@gmail.com</a>	001 732 939 2060
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