

Number	Time	Topic	Name	Duration	email	phone
2nd World Hindu Congress Chicago, USA, Sept 7-9, 2018						
PROGRAM OVERVIEW DRAFT						
FRIDAY September 7, 2018						
HINDU ORGANIZATIONAL CONFERENCE Organization is Strength Conducted by the Hindu Organizations, Temples, Associations Forum						
The Hindu Organizational 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 Kalyuge", which means "Organization is Strength".						
Lunch						
2:00 PM Introductory Remark - Keynote tbd						
Opening Prayer & Remarks			Swami Pratyagbodhanand?	5		
Coordinator's Remarks			Guna Magasen	5		
Room	2:30 PM	Session 1. Mandir as a Nuclei for Serving the Needs of the Hindu Community	Chair: SriLekha Reddy Patle	75 Min	srllekha1977@gmail.com	703 839 3976
G Room		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 man which symbolizes inner-self and dr- which means dwelling place. In this session, we will explore further how sustainable and independent temples as a nuclei 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 creating a positive impact.				
		Introduction by the Chair		10		
		Sustainable and Independent Temples	Swami Parmatmanandji (Acharya Sabha)	10		
		Temples as Service Centers	Madhu Pandit Das (Aksihaya Patra foundation)	10		
		Temple Conceptualization and Modelling	Dr. Shiva Subramaniam - Shiva Vishnu Temple	10		
		Temples as Universities: Positive Impact on Individuals, Youth, Families and Community	Ma Mathikananda	10	ma.mathika@innerawakened.org	425-269-8152
	Q&A			35		
	3:45 PM			75		
Break						
Room	4:15 PM	Session 2. Human rights violation around the world	Chair: Sri Sri Ravi Shankar	75 Min		
G Room		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		10		
		Defending Hindu Human Rights (GHRD)	Shri Sreedhanand Sheetal	10	shri108@gmail.com	
		Influencing Government Policies (Romania related work)	Prof. Ved Prakash Nanda	10		
		Fighting for Hindus in Bangladesh	Sh. Sitangshu Guha	10	gubastb@gmail.com	646-696-5569
		Pakistani Hindus: A Genocide Forgotten	Dr. Omendra Ratnu	10	driratnu@hotmail.com	91 98290-11162
	Q&A			35		
	5:30 PM			75		
Plenary Session Networking - Dinner						
Breakfast						
Saturday September 8, 2018						
Room	9:30 AM	Session 3. Collaboration Between and Within Linguistic/Cultural Organizations	Chair: Sanjay Tripathi	75 Min	tripathisan@gmail.com	
G Room		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		10		
		Origins, Awareness, Recognition	Srinivas Pinnapureddy - ATA	5	spinnapureddy@sbccglobal.n	832-642-0100
		Secularism - what does it mean to linguistic groups	Harinath Policherla - TATA	5	policherla@gmail.com	313-407-9558
		How they support it? How can we identify the gap? How to bridge the gap?	Marathi, Gujarati	5		91 982 901 1162
		Common cultural ground - art, festivals and identity	Bengali, Punjabi	5		
			Kannada	5		646 696 5569
	Q&A			40		
	10:45 AM	Panel Discussion		75		
Break						
Room	11:15 AM	Session 4. Operational mechanism for Hindus to reach the unreached areas	Chair: BK Ushaben	75 Min	ushabua108@gmail.com	
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.				
		Introduction by the Chair		10		
		Reaching to the South American community	Swami V.A Param Adwaiti, Peru	10		
		Getting legal recognition of Hindu Dharma in Italian Government system	Swamini Hansanand Giri, Italy	10	hansaji@gmail.com	39-338597-8135
		African community	Swami Satyanand, Ghana	10		
		ISKCON from Central Asia - Uzbekistan	BB Govind Swami, ISKCON	10		
	Q&A			25		
	12:30 PM			75		
Lunch						
Room	2:30 AM	Session 5. Responding to Socio-Cultural Challenges before Global Hindu Society	Chair: Pandit Ram Harodwar	75 Min	dranhardwar@gmail.com	646 210 2754
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.				
		Introduction by the Chair		10		
		TBD	Chidanand Muni and if not then, Swami Pratyagbodhanand	10		
		Family, Incubator for Hindu Dharma	Gaurang Nanavati	10	gaurang_uncle@gmail.com	713-927-6010
		Challenges of Conversion for Hindus across the Globe	Sharad Dhole (Dharma Jagran)	10	dhole.sharad@gmail.com	91-8779693282
		Spiritual but not religious (SBNR)	Joseph Emmett	10	joseph@vedantastf.org	713-301-0577
	Q&A			25		
	3:45 AM			75		

Shri Lakhubhai Lohana
Anirban Ganguly

Room	4:15 PM	Session 6. Global Hindus Making Global Impact	Chair: Brahmachari Saran & Sohini Sircar	75 Min		
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.				
		Introduction by the Chair		10		
		Govardhan Eco Village: Rural Development of Vedic Smart Villages	Anand Chalantya Das	10	anandchalantya@gmail.com	
		Scaling for SAI Agro-forestry Model for Small Farmers in Sub-Sahara Africa	Jitendra Kumar Sinha	10	jitendra@ksinha@hotmail.com	91 9967343906
		BAPS Swaminarayan Sarantha	Yagnesh Patel/Lenin Joshi	10	yagneshv.patel@gmail.com	
		Hindu Activism in America and the model to be replicated across the world	Satiya Dosapalli	10		
		Q&A		25		
	5:30 PM			75		
	6:00 PM	Plenary Session				
		Networking - Dinner				

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