Introductory Remarks

Coordinator

Prof Guna Magesan

Till recently, Prof Guna Magesan was the Vice Chancellor of Institute of Advanced Research in Gandhinagar, Gujarat. He is now the Director, International Operations, Manushyaa Blossom Pvt Ltd (a startup Siddha Pharmaceutical company) and a full-time volunteer for World Hindu Congress. In 2014, he was the CEO of World Hindu Economic Forum. Previously, he was the Professor and Head of Environmental Science Dept in Fiji National University. Prior to that, he was a Senior Scientist with New Zealand Govt. His work on Hindu-Maori relations is well recognized. He is the General Secretary, Vishva Hindu Parishad of New Zealand.

SESSION 1

2.30 – 3.45 p.m.	SESSION 1: Mandir and Culture: Serving the needs of Hindu Community Chairperson: Dr Srilekha Reddy Palle, Representative, Durga Temple of Virginia, USA	
2.30 – 2.40 p.m.	Session Introduction by Chairperson	
2.40 – 2.50 p.m.	Freeing temples from Government clutches	Swami Paramatmananda Saraswati Hindu Dharma Acharya Sabha, Bharat
2.50 – 3.00 p.m.	How a temple initiated the largest mid-day meal program in the world	Sadhu Chanchalapathi Dasa Akshaya Patra Foundation, Bharat
3.00 – 3.10 p.m.	Temple conceptualization and functions	Dr Siva Subramanian Shiva Vishnu Temple, USA
3.10 – 3.20 p.m.	Spiritual but not religious (SBNR)	Shri Joseph Emmett Vedanta Institute Houston, USA
3.20 – 3.45 p.m.	Question and Answers	

SESSION 1: Mandir and Culture: Serving the needs of Hindu Community

Chairperson

Dr Srilekha Reddy Palle received her doctorate from Boston University. She was the vice president of South Asian Public health association and is a member of American healthcare executives. Dr. Palle was the past president of Durga temple of Virginia, the first temple of Bhagwati Durga built in USA. During her tenure at Durga temple, she successfully launched several programs for youth, senior citizens and conducted community outreach programs. She is currently playing an active role in American Hindu coalition.

Dr Srilekha Reddy Palle
Representative
Durga temple of Virginia, USA

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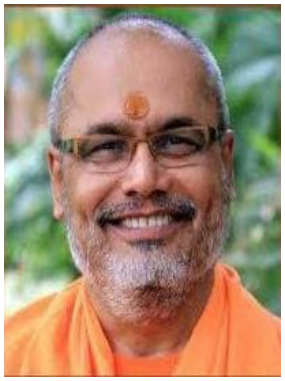
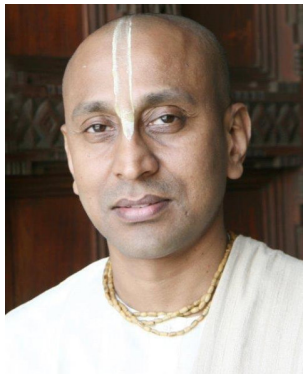


Swami Paramatmananda Saraswati



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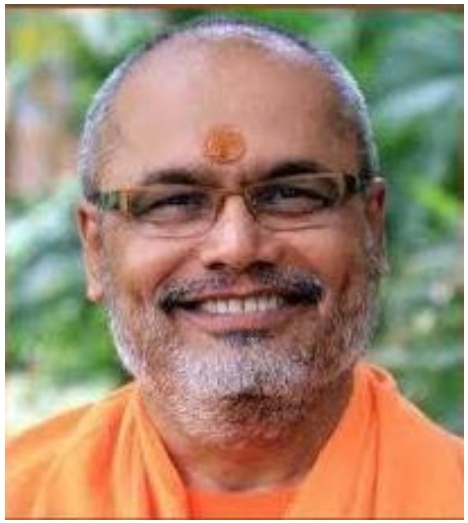

Swami Paramatmananda Saraswatiji is a senior disciple of PP Swami Dayananda Saraswati and founder of Arsha Vidya Mandir in Rajkot, Gujarat. For the past 30 years, Swamiji has been teaching Vedanta in a traditional way, blending with modern examples, for easy understanding. Swamiji is Secretary General for Hindu Dharma Acharya Sabha. Pujya Swamiji has represented Hindu Dharma at more than 15 international conferences

Swami Paramatmananda Saraswati
Hindu Dharma Acharya Sabha, Bharat

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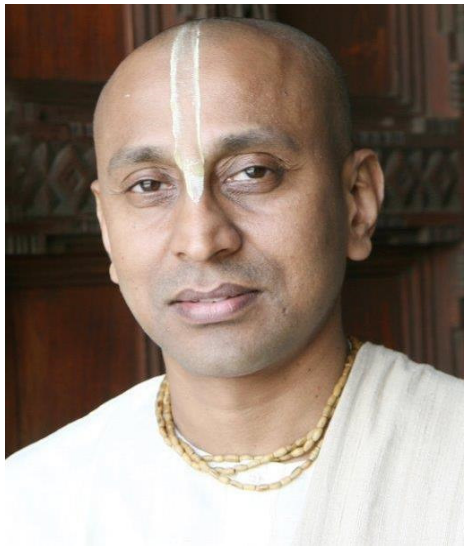

Sadhu Chanchalapathi Dasa is the Vice Chairman and Trustee, Akshaya Patra Foundation; Senior Vice President, ISKCON-Bangalore. He joined the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, for a Masters program in ECE. In 1984 he became a monk and missionary member of ISKCON, Bangalore. He travels and lectures extensively on ancient Vedic spirituality as well as the intersection of science and spirituality. He has played a lead role in the making of 3D animated TV serial Little Krishna, which became a prime time show on the Nickelodeon Channel in Bharat.

Sadhu Chanchalapathi Dasa

Akshaya Patra Foundation, Bharat

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Dr Siva Subramanian works at Georgetown University. He does research in Pediatrics, Public Health and Clinical Trials. Their current projects are infant mortality reduction, facial Recognition Technology for the Detection of Genetic Abnormalities study, Neonatal Ethics and neonatal palliative care. He also teaches Pediatrics, Neonatology and religious traditions in Health Care and complementary and alternative medicine. Dr Subramanian is the founder of Sri Siva Vishnu Temple, the Association of Hindu Jain Temples of Metropolitan Washington DC, and the Council on Hindu Temples of USA.

Dr Siva Subramanian
Founder
Shiva Vishnu Temple, USA

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Shri Joseph Emmett is the Director, Vedanta Institute Houston, USA. Since 1996, he has been a student of Swami Parthasarathy, and graduated after full-time, three-year residential course at Vedanta Academy. He has spent over a decade in Bharat, at the ashram, deepening his knowledge. He offers Beyond Business seminars for management teams and leadership groups such as Young President's Organization. He also speaks at universities, schools and cultural organizations. He taught for a semester at Pomona College near Los Angeles. He has been the Vedanta faculty-in-residence at Ananda-in the Himalayas, and Calamigos Guest Ranch in Malibu.

Shri Joseph Emmett
Vedanta Institute Houston, USA

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SESSION 2

4.15 – 4.25 p.m.	Session Introduction by Chairperson	
4.25 – 4.35 p.m.	Defending Hindu human rights	Shri Sradhanand Sital Global Hindu Rights Defence, Netherlands
4.35 – 4.45 p.m.	Fighting for Hindus in Bangladesh	Shri Sitangshu Guha Leader, BHBCUC USA, USA
4.45 – 4.55 p.m.	Pakistani Hindus: A genocide forgotten	
4.55 – 5.05 p.m.	Human rights violation against Yazidi community	Dr. Ajay Tejasvi Narasimhan Expert, International politics and leadership
5.05 – 5.15 p.m.	Safeguard the rights of Roma (forgotten children of Bharat Mata)	Padma Bhushan Ved Prakash Nanda Professor, University of Denver, USA
5.05 – 5.30 p.m.	Question and Answers	

SESSION 2: Human rights violation around the world

Chairperson

Prof Ved Prakash Nanda is a Distinguished Professor and Director of the Ved Nanda Center for International and Comparative Law at the University of Denver, where a Ved Nanda Professorship has also been established. He holds leadership positions in numerous international organizations, has authored or co-authored 24 books, and has received numerous national and international awards, the latest being the 2018 American Bar Association International Law Award, and Padma Bhushan from the Government of Bharat. He is a regular commentator in both the electronic and print media.

Padma Bhushan Ved Prakash Nanda
Professor
University of Denver, USA

Panelists

Shri Sradhanand Sital

Shri Sitangshu Guha

Dr Ajay Tejasvi Narasimhan

SESSION 2: Human rights violation around the world

Panelist

Shri Sradhanand Sital is the Chairperson of Global Human Rights Defence (GHRD) based in Netherlands. GHRD is an international human rights organization with the objective of promoting human rights for those areas where severe violations have victimized relatively large populations. He was awarded the 2012 Suryadatta National Award for Global Public Service.

Shri Sradhanand Sital
Chairperson
Global Human Rights Defence, The Netherlands

SESSION 2: Human rights violation around the world

Panelist

Shri Sitangshu Guha is a columnist, a former college professor, and a Human Rights defender. Guha is a Bangladeshi immigrant in USA. He plays a pivotal role against persecution of Hindus in Bangladesh. He has campaigned worldwide and reached out to global Human Rights institutions advocating injustices committed against the Hindus in a pluralistic democracy and to save Bangladesh from the grasp of militant Islamists. Guha compiled and published several books. He lectured at the UN on 13th May 2003

Shri Sitangshu Guha

Leader
BHBCUC, USA

SESSION 2: Human rights violation around the world

Panelist

Dr Ajay Tejasvi Narasimhan is an international politics and leadership expert. He has a Ph.D. in Political Science from Claremont Graduate University and holds a Master's degree in Foreign Policy from Georgetown University. He has an M.S. in Artificial Intelligence from the University of Southern California. He has published several articles on the topics of leadership, state fragility and development results. He has worked at the World Bank Group for the past 15 years, and worked closely with 42 governments, assisting and supporting their reforms for good governance and collaborative leadership. He is a senior volunteer with the global Art of Living Foundation.

Dr Ajay Tejasvi Narasimhan
Expert
International politics and leadership

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SESSION 3

SESSION 3: Collaboration Between and Within Linguistic/Cultural Organizations

Chairperson

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Shri Sanjay Tripathi
Executive Director
Pacific region, HSS, USA

9.30 – 9.40 a.m.	Session Introduction by Chairperson
9.40 – 10.40 a.m.	Panel Discussion, Question and Answers Panelists: 1. Dr Harinath Policherla, President Telangana American Telugu Association, USA 2. Shri Balaji Rajagopalan, Bharati Tamil Sangam, USA 3. Shri Amarnath Gowda, Chairman, Board of Trustees, AKKA, USA 4. Shri Vasudev Patel, Medical Doctor and Gujrat Community Volunteer 5. Shri Avinash Padhye, President, Bruhan Maharashtra Mandal, USA 6. Shri Judhajit Senmazumdar, Bengali Association, USA 7. Shri Sukhi Chahal, Founder and Chairman, Punjab Foundation, USA
10.40 – 10.45 a.m.	Conclusions of the Panel Discussion

PANEL DISCUSSION

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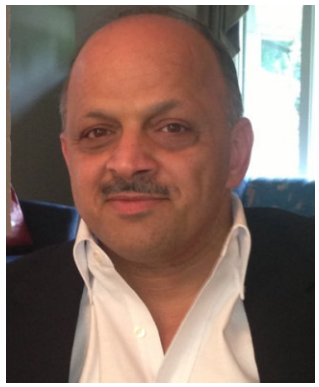

Shri Avinash Padhye

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Shri Sukhi Chahal

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Sanghe Shakti Kaliyuge (Organization is strength)

TOPIC: Pro-Bharatiya & Hindu Cultural Challenges for Tamil Community in US

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Pro-Bharatiya and Hindu Cultural Challenges for Tamil Community in US

Balaji Rajagopalan – Entrepreneur & Bharati Tamil Sangam Board of Director

Accomplishments

- Changed anti-Bharat perception of Tamil community
- Voice against attack on Hindu Dharma
- Hindu Dharma in US
  - California Text Book issue, Dharma Civilization Foundation (DCF), HAF, Sri Andal Issue, Temples…
- Right social service
  - Sewa International, Annapoorna…

Challenges

- Vocal segment of Tamil Community is anti-Hindu & anti-Bharat
- Malicious script changes and Scholarly articles against Hindu Cultural identity for Tamilians
- Attack on Pro-Bharat Tamilians & Initiatives
- Common People Brainwashed

Action Needed

- Bharati Tamil Sangam is local to Bay Area. We need more such Tamil organizations across different states in US
- Pro-Hindu voices have to become strong
- Need like minded people, scholars to come together and collaborate more in public against the planned, funded cultural destruction and intimidation for people who speak against it

END Of SESSION 3

SESSION 4

11.15 – 11.25 a.m.	Session Introduction by Chairperson	
11.25 – 11.35 a.m.	Reaching to the South American community	Swami B A Paramadvaiti Founder, VRINDA, South America
11.35 – 11.45 a.m.	Getting legal recognition of Hindu Dharma in Italian Government system	Swamini Hamsananda Giri Gitananda Ashram, Italy
11.45 – 11.55 a.m.	African community and Hindu thoughts	Swami Satyananda Saraswati Hindu Monastery of Africa, Ghana
11.55 – 12.05 p.m.	Reaching to unreached areas - Focusing on Central Asia	Shri Anuttama Dasa ISKCON, USA
12.05 – 12.30 p.m.	Question and Answers	

SESSION 4: Operational mechanism for Hindus to reach the unreached areas

Chairperson

Ushaben is with Brahma Kumaris since 1974. Implementing the spiritual teachings and practical meditation, she experienced a great change, and realizing the benefits she dedicated herself. At present, she is based at the Global Headquarters of Brahma Kumaris. She is a Rajyoga meditation teacher, a management trainer and a motivational speaker. She has completed research on the great epics of Bharat. Her guidance encourages people to overcome mental stress, anxiety, addictions and low self-esteem. BK Ushaben has been felicitated with "Hall of Fame" award.

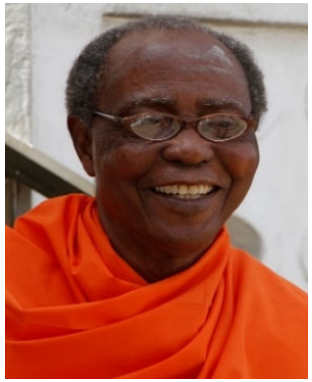
BK Ushaben

Brahma Kumari World Spiritual University, Bharat

Panelists

Swami B A Paramadvaiti

Swamini Hamsananda Giri



Swami Satyananda Saraswati

Shri Anuttama Dasa

SESSION 4: Operational mechanism for Hindus to reach the unreached areas

Panelist

Swami BA Paramadvaiti is the founder and spiritual master of VRINDA, an association of Vaisnava devotees of Bhagwan Krishna in the Gaudiya lineage of Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu. He is the founder of Vrindavan Institute for Vaisnava Culture and Studies; General Secretary of World Vaisnava Association; Representative of Vishva Hindu Parisad for South America; Inbound Yoga School and Oida Therapy Institute; Founder of Foundation of Ancient Wisdom. He was born in Germany but now lives a life as a traveling mendicant. He has rarely spends more than three days in a place for the last 20 or so years.

Swami B A Paramadvaiti
Founder and spiritual master
VRINDA, South America

SESSION 4: Operational mechanism for Hindus to reach the unreached areas

Panelist

Swamini Hamsananda Giri, Gitananda Ashram, Italy, has devoted her life to the highest spiritual aims and to her Guru, H.H. Paramahamsa Guru Maharaj Swami Yogananda Ghiri. The protection of Dharma inspired her hard and passionate work for the Italian Hindu Union - Sanatana Dharma Samgha, towards granting the rights of the Hindu Communities in Italy. As the Vice President of the Italian Hindu Union, she gives voice to the Hindu communities in a constant dialogue with the Italian Government and its politicians, educational and religious institutions and media. She teaches Hindu philosophy, Sanskrit and yoga.

Swamini Hamsananda Giri
Gitananda Ashram, Italy

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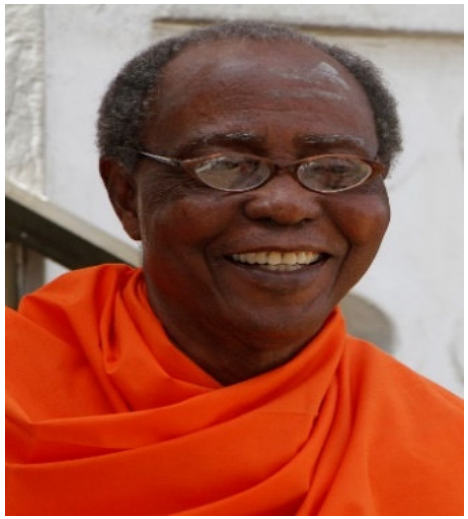

Swami Satyananda Saraswati is the Head of the Hindu Monastery of Africa. He became a disciple of Swami Ghananand Saraswati, the first Hindu monk from Ghana. Swami Satyananda is a Ghanaian who was born a catholic, became Hindu and has been working for the Hindu Dharma for over 35 years. Swamiji started his path into spiritualism at a tender age. After a successful career as an accountant, Swamiji renounced to live in the monastery. He helped his Guru to restructure the Monastery and to promote the teachings of Hindu Dharma.

Swami Satyananda Saraswati
Hindu Monastery of Africa, Ghana

SESSION 4: Operational mechanism for Hindus to reach the unreached areas

Panelist

Shri Anuttama Dasa currently serves as ISKCON's International Director of Communications and is on the Board of the Bhaktivedanta College in Belgium. He is a regular contributor to ISKCON News and has authored articles for the ISKCON Communications Journal. After exploring varied traditions ranging from Zen Buddhism to Methodism, Anuttama Dasa finally ended up in an ISKCON ashrama in Colorado in 1975. He was initiated by Srila Prabhupada in Vrindavan, Bharat in 1976.

Shri Anuttama Dasa
ISKCON, USA

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SESSION 5

2.30 – 3.45 p.m.	SESSION 5: Challenges and Opportunities before the Hindu Society Chairperson: Pandit Ram Hardowar, Shri Surya Narayan Mandir, USA	
2.30 – 2.40 p.m.	Session Introduction by Chairperson	
2.40 – 2.50 p.m.	Shaping global Hindu identity	Dr Ajay Shah Convener, American Hindus Against Defamation, USA
2.50 – 3.00 p.m.	Challenge and opportunity before Hindu society in Indonesia and support from the global Hindu movement	Prof I Ketut Widnya Director General, Hindu Dept, Ministry of Religious Affairs, Republic of Indonesia
3.00 – 3.10 p.m.	Family: Incubator for Hindu Dharma	Acharya Sri Gaurang Nanavaty Chinmaya Mission, USA
3.10 – 3.20 p.m.	Digital Strategy - across spectrum - including preaching and teaching	Dr Krishna Giri CEO, Digital Strategy, Bharat
3.20 – 3.45 p.m.	Question and Answers	

SESSION 5: Challenges and Opportunities before the Hindu Society

Chairperson

Pt Ram Hardowar graduated from the University of Guyana, and worked as a geo-technical engineer. He learned the basics of Hindu Dharma from the late Dharmacharya Pt Lallman Shukla. Upon the passing of his father, Pandit Hardowar took over the mantle of Shri Surya Narayan Mandir. He is Director of Surya Narayan Seva Outreach Sangh, a non-profit organization to help the less fortunate in Guyana through medical and educational outreach as well as providing scholarships to deserving students.

Pandit Ram Hardowar
Shri Surya Narayan Mandir
USA

Panelists

Dr Ajay Shah

Prof I Ketut Widnya

Acharya Sri Gaurang Nanavaty

Dr Krishna G V Giri

SESSION 5: Challenges and Opportunities before the Hindu Society

Panelist

Dr Ajay Shah is the Convener of American Hindus Against Defamation. He is the co-founder of Hindu Students Council; co-founder and CEO of HinduNet, the first Hindu website which initiated Hindu presence in the electronic media. He was the editor of the Hindu Vishwa and Jt General Secretary of VHPA. In 1990, Ajay wrote "Our Kashmir," - about the issues in Kashmir and its impact on Hindus. Dr Shah credits ABVP for giving him inspiration to work towards Hindu cause. He has doctorate in Chemistry and now volunteers his time as Adjunct Professor in Strategic Management at Amrita University School of Business.

Dr Ajay Shah
Convener
American Hindus Against Defamation, USA

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Prof I Ketut Widnya is the Director General, Department of Hindu, Ministry of Religious Affairs of Republic of Indonesia. He has worked as a journalist and served as editor of Karya Bhakti, a local newspaper in Bali. He completed his postgraduate education at the University of Delhi, Bharat. He has worked as lecturer at Institute Hindu Dharma Negeri (IHDN) Denpasar; Chairman, State Hindu Religion College Gde Pudja Mataram; Director, Doctoral Program in Religious Sciences, IHDN Denpasar. He was awarded with Indian Council of Cultural Relations Distinguished Alumni 2016 Award.

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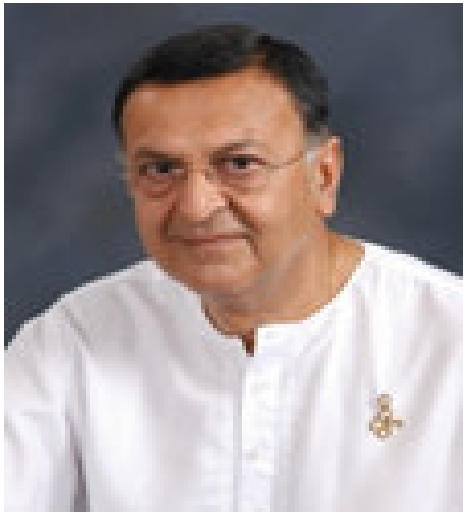

Acharya Sri Gaurang Nanavaty is a dedicated Hindu leader in Chinmaya Mission Houston. He has enriched many lives with the wisdom of Vedanta. Inspired by Swami Chinmayananda, he undertook an intense study in the Vedanta Course in California. Since then, he has devoted himself to nourish the scriptural learning and cultural growth of thousands of families. He has been honored in "Jewels of Gujarat" as one of the most eminent global Gujarati personalities. He is a trustee of Chinmaya Viswavidyapeeth, and he is a Director of Chinmaya Mission West.

Acharya Sri Gaurang Nanavaty
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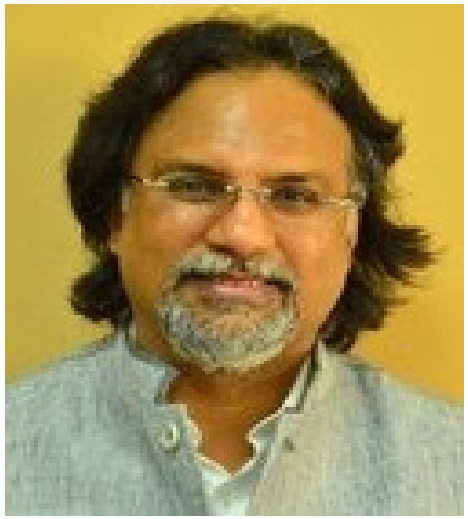

Dr Krishna G V Giri has over 25 years of experience in management consulting, technology services, and growth and strategy for health and public service for Asia Pacific. He was former Vice Chairman and Managing Partner of Accenture (Bharat and Asia Pacific) - Health and Public Service. He was involved in AADHAR Program, a unique identification project, along with most of e-governance programs. He has Masters in International Relations and Public Policy from Tufts University. Dr Giri has Doctorate from Dr MGR University. He has adopted a few villages to bring in sanitation, education and healthcare to the women

Dr Krishna G V Giri
CEO
Digital Strategy, Bharat

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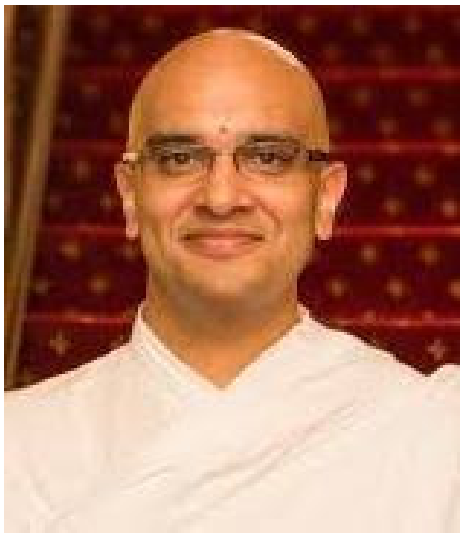
SESSION 6

4.15 – 4.25 p.m.	Session Introduction by Chairperson	
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
4.55 – 5.30 p.m.	Question and Answers	

SESSION 6: Global Hindus Making Global Impact

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

Director
Hindu Life in Campus Ministry at Georgetown University, USA

Panelists

Shri Gauranga Das

Shri Sanjay Tripathi

Shri Satyanaraya Dosapati

Shri Balabhadra Dasa

SESSION 6: Global Hindus Making Global Impact

Panelist

Shri Gauranga Das is the Director of Govardhan Eco Village, the only Bharatiya NGO to receive the United Nations Award in Sustainable Tourism from UNWTO. He also received the title of IGBC Fellow from Indian Green Building Council. Shri Das is the Global Duty Officer of ISKCON; Divisional Director of devotee care, temple development, systems and administration of ISKCON temples worldwide; and Trustee of ISKCON GBC College. He is an inspirational speaker and has spoken in conferences like TEDx and corporates like Google, Microsoft and Intel.

Shri Gauranga Das
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Govardhan Eco Village, Bharat

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Shri Sanjay Tripathi
Executive Director
Pacific region, HSS, USA

SESSION 6: Global Hindus Making Global Impact

Panelist

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

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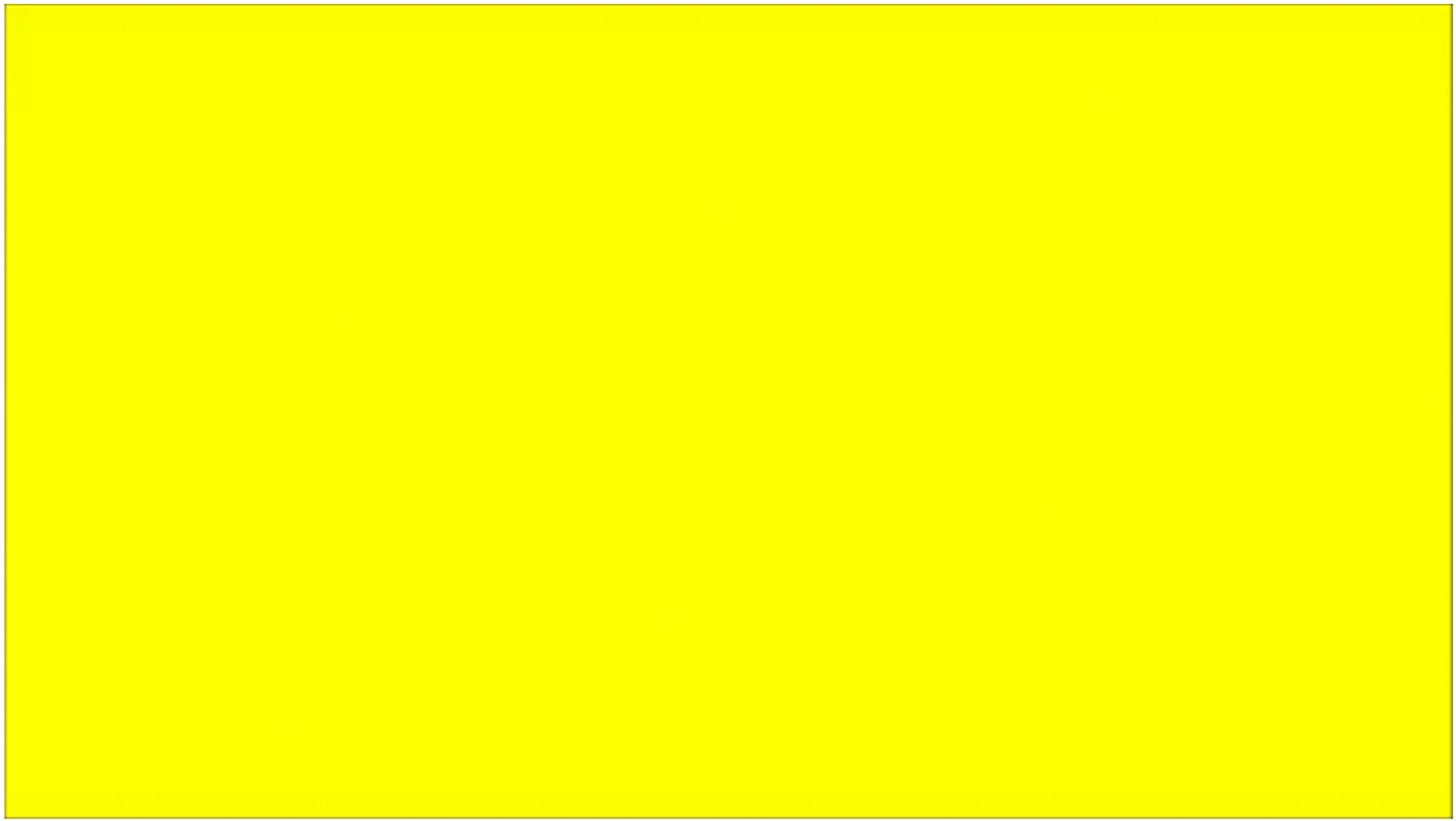
A short video on Hindu activism is US 2007-2017



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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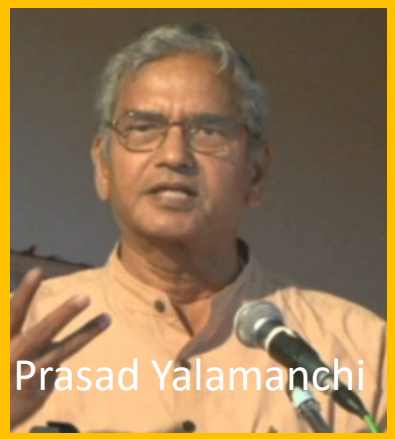
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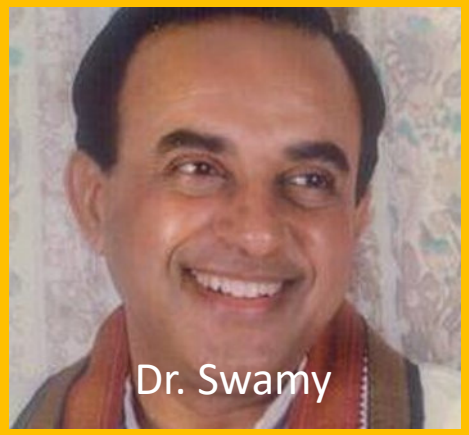
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SESSION 6: Global Hindus Making Global Impact

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