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	2nd World Hindu Congress Chicago, USA, Sept 7-9, 2018														
	PROGRAM OVERVIEW DRAFT														
	FRIDAY September 7, 2018														
		8:00 AM	Registration (Tea and coffee available)										60 min		
		9:00 AM	Assemble in the Grand Ball Room										30 min		
	Grand Ball Room	9:30 AM	PLENARY SESSION 1 - INAUGURATION									Chairperson: TBD	180 min		
			POSTER INAUGURATION									Chairperson: TBD	30 min		
		12:30 PM	Lunch Interaction with Poster Presenters and Lunch										90 min		
			Assemble in the Conference Halls										30 min		
		2:00 PM	CONCURRENT SESSIONS 1:										75 min		
	Conf Rooms		Economic Conf	Women Conf	Youth Conf	Education Conf	Media Conf	Political Conf	Organization Conf						
		3:45 PM	Break & Reassemble										30 min		
		4:15 PM	CONCURRENT SESSIONS 2:										75 min		
	Conf Rooms		Economic Conf	Women Conf	Youth Conf	Education Conf	Media Conf	Political Conf	Organization Conf	Chairpersons: TBD					
		5:30 PM	Break - Interaction with Poster Presenters during Break Assemble for Plenary										60 min		
	Grand Ball Room	6:30 PM	PLENARY SESSION 2: Can Hindu organisations work together for the larger Hindu resurgence?									Chairpersons: TBD	90 min		
		8.00 – 9.30 PM	Networking - Dinner										90 min		
	Saturday September 8, 2018														
		8:00 AM	Tea and coffee available										60 min		
		9:00 AM	Assemble in the Conference Halls										30 min		
		9:30 AM	CONCURRENT SESSIONS 3:										75 min		
	Conf Rooms		Economic Conf	Women Conf	Youth Conf	Education Conf	Media Conf	Political Conf	Organization Conf	Chairpersons: TBD					
		10:45 AM	Break & Reassemble										30 min		
		11:15 AM	CONCURRENT SESSIONS 4:										75 min		
	Conf Rooms		Economic Conf	Women Conf	Youth Conf	Education Conf	Media Conf	Political Conf	Organization Conf	Chairpersons: TBD					
		12:30 PM	Lunch Interaction with Poster Presenters and Lunch										90 min		
		2:00 PM	Assemble in the Conference Halls										30 min		
		2:30 AM	CONCURRENT SESSIONS 5:										75 min		
	Conf Rooms		Economic Conf	Women Conf	Youth Conf	Education Conf	Media Conf	Political Conf	Organization Conf	Chairpersons: TBD					
		3:45 PM	Break & Reassemble										30 min		
		4:15 PM	CONCURRENT SESSIONS 6:										75 min		
	Conf Rooms		Economic Conf	Women Conf	Youth Conf	Education Conf	Media Conf	Political Conf	Organization Conf	Chairpersons: TBD					
		5:30 PM	Break - Last Session with Poster Presenters during Break Assemble for Plenary										60 min		
	Grand Ball Room	6:30 PM	PLENARY SESSION 3: Motivational Talks									Chairpersons: TBD	90 min		
		8.00 – 9.30 PM	Networking - Dinner												
	Sunday September 9, 2018														
		8:00 AM	Tea and coffee available												
		9:00 AM	Assemble in the Grand Ball Room										30 min		
	Grand Ball Room	9:15 AM	PLENARY SESSION 4: Confluence - Summary & Outcomes Winners of Best Poster Presentation									Chairperson: TBD	75 min		
	Grand Ball Room	10:30 AM	PLENARY SESSION 5: Taking Hindu Society Forward - Strategic inputs & thoughts from delegates									Chairperson: TBD	60 min		
		11:30 AM	Short Break										15 min		
	Grand Ball Room	12:00 AM	PLENARY SESSION 6: Thanking Sponsors, Donors, Co-Hosts, Organizers									Chairperson: TBD	30 min		
	Grand Ball Room	12:30 AM	PLENARY SESSION 7: Closing									Chairperson: TBD	75 min		
		1:45 PM	Lunch Interaction with Poster Presenters and Lunch												

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d			2nd World Hindu Congress Chicago, USA, Sept 7-9, 2018				
z			INAUGURAL AND GRAND PANELS DRAFT				
d			FRIDAY September 7, 2018				
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z		8:00 AM	Registration (Tea and coffee available)				
z		9:00 AM	Assembling in the Hall		Duration (minutes)		
	Room						
m	Grand Ball Room	9:30 AM	PLENARY SESSION 1 - INAUGURATION		180 Min		
			Master of Ceremony: Introduction	XXX	5		
			Ekalmata Mantra	Chandrika Tandon & Choir (TBC)	5		
			House rules	Master of Ceremony, WHC 2018	5		
			Sankha Dhvani & Lighting of lamp	Hon. Guests	15		
			Introductory Remarks about WHC 2018	Dr Abhaya Ashana, Coordinator, WHC 2018	10		
s			Welcome address	Dr. SP Kothan, Chairperson, Organizing Committee, WHC2018	15		
			Honoring Geeta Press Gorakhpur, BAPS Swaminarayan, Chinmaya Mission, ISKCON	President, Vishva Hindu Parishad	20		
s			Hindu Buddhist Brotherhood of Dharma, a Uniting Factor	Param Pawan Dalai Lama, 14th Dalai Lama	20		
s			Prime Minister Republic of Mauritius	Hon. Pravind Jugnauth	15		
s			Vice President Republic of Suriname	Hon. Ashwin Adhin	15		
s			Vice President Republic of Mauritius	Hon. Paramasivum Pillai Vyapoory	15		
			Book Release	All Dignitaries and Editor	10		
s			TBD	Dr Mohanrao Bhagwat	20		
s			Remarks	Raju Reddy, Vice-Chairperson, WHC2018	5		
			Instructions & Announcements	tbd	5		
z		12:30 PM	Lunch		180		
d			FRIDAY September 7, 2018				
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m	Grand Ball Room	6:30 PM	PLENARY SESSION 2: Can Hindu organizations work together for the larger Hindu resurgence?	Chairperson: Dattatreya Hosabale	90 min		
d			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.				
s			Introducing the Panelists of this Session by Chairperson	Ma. Dattatreya Hosabale	10		
s			Head Chinmaya Mission Worldwide	Puja Swami Swaroopanand	12		
s			Head Bharat Seva Ashram Sangh	Swami Purnatmananda Ji	12		
s			Head BAPS International Relation	Puja Sadhu Brahma Bihari Das	12		
s			Head Art of Living	Gurudev Sri Sri Ravi Shankar	12		
s			Head all World Gayatri Pariwar	Puja Pranav Pandya	12		
			Question and Answers, and Conclusions		20		
					90		
z		8.00 – 9.30 PM	Dinner				
d			Saturday September 8, 2018				
m	Grand Ball Room	6:30 PM	PLENARY SESSION 3: Bharat's journey towards the present historic juncture	Chairperson: Prof. Subhash Kak	90 min		
d			The idea behind this plenary panel (on Saturday September 8th evening) is to showcase Bharat's journey towards the present historic juncture, its challenges ahead and its prospects for a better tomorrow. Bharat is re-awakening not just as an economy, but as a civilization. Bharat's recent economic performance, due in part to the leadership, has been attracting world attention, but the phenomenon is naturally multi-faceted and we would like the panelists to highlight it within their area of expertise, both retrospectively and prospectively as their vision for the future.				
			Opening remarks by Chairperson	Prof. Subhash Kak			
s				Dr. Sonal Mansigh			
z		8.00 – 9.30 PM	Dinner				

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d			2nd World Hindu Congress Chicago, USA, Sept 7-9, 2018				
z			CONCLUDING SESSIONS DRAFT				
d			Sunday				
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z		8:00 AM	Tea and coffee available				
z		9:00 AM	Assembling in the Hall		Duration (minutes)		
			Room				
m	Grand Ball Room	9:15 AM	PLENARY SESSION 4: Confluence - Summary & Outcomes	Chairperson: YYY, xxx	75 Min		
s			Opening remarks		5		
s			Hindu Media Conference		10		
s			Hindu Political Conference		10		
s			Hindu Organizational Conference		10		
s			Hindu Economic Conference		10		
s			Hindu Women Conference		10		
s			Hindu Youth Conference		10		
s			Hindu Education Conference		10		
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m	Grand Ball Room	10:30 AM	PLENARY SESSION 5: Confluence Taking Hindu Society Forward - Strategic inputs & thoughts from delegates	Chairperson: YYY, zzz	60 min		
s			Guidelines	Moderator	5		
s			Remarks from Delegates		45		
s			Summation		10		
z		11:30 AM	Break				
					60		
m	Grand Ball Room	12:00 AM	PLENARY SESSION 6: Thanks	Chairperson: Dr. Bharat Barai	30 min		
s			Thanking Sponsors, Donors, Co-Hosts, Organizers	tbd	30		
m	Grand Ball Room	12:30 AM	PLENARY SESSION 7: Closing	Chairperson: YYY, zzz	75 min		
s			Closing Remarks A	tbd	30		
s			Closing Remarks B	tbd	30		
s			Announcement for WHC 2022	tbd	5		
s			Vote of Thanks	tbd	10		
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d			HINDU ECONOMIC FORUM <i>Making Society Prosperous</i> Conducted by the World Hindu Economic Forum				
d			This conference brings together executives, entrepreneurs, and industrialists alongside economists and business strategists to share best practices, ideas, and real world experiences. 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 "Making Society Prosperous."				
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m			Introductory Remark - Keynote		tbd		
s		2:00 PM	Introductory Remarks - Coordinator, WHEF 2018	Dr. Mukesh Aghi	10	maghi@usisfp.org	
m	Room	2:30 PM	Session 1. Bharat Economic Growth Story-Next 20 years	Chair: Prof. Arvind Panagariya- Former Vice Chair NITTI Ayog- Professor Economic Columbia University	75 Min		
d			Bharat today is growing at a rate of over 7%. As the Modi administration delivers structure reforms: bankruptcy code, GST, and many more, the current growth is expected to accelerate to 8-9% growth for the next 20 years. This provides opportunities for both global investors and local citizens.				
			Session Chairperson's Remarks	Prof. Arvind Panagariya-	15		
s			tbd	Ajay Singh, Chairman-Spice Jet	15		
s			tbd	Arun Kumar, KPMG- Chairman & CEO India	15		
s		Q&A			30		
z		3:45 PM			75		
z			Break				
m	Room	4:15 PM	Session 2. Corporate America: How Business Leaders from Bharat are part of the C Suite	Manoj Singh. Former COO Deloitte-Board Member DXC Technology	75 Min		
d			The Fortune 500 companies have seen large numbers of immigrants from Bharat occupy C level positions in these organizations. Satya Nadella-Microsoft, Ajay Banga-MasterCard, Indra Nooyi-Pepsi, Sunder Pichai-Google, Bhavesh Patel-Lyondell Basell etc. Is it the education, culture, ambition or sheer luck that has propelled people from Bharat in the United States to the top echelon of Corporate America?				
			Session Chairperson's Remarks	Manoj Singh	15		
s			tbd	Arun Kumar Sharma Chief Investment Officer-IFC World Bank	15		
s			tbd	Rajesh Subramaniam-Executive Vice President/Chief Marketing Officer Federal Express	15		
s		Q&A			30		
z		5:30 PM			75		
m		6:00 PM	Plenary Session Networking - Dinner				
z			Breakfast				
d			Saturday September 8, 2018				
m	Room	9:30 AM	Session 3. U.S.-Bharat Corridor: Business Opportunities	Chair: Ed Monser-President Emerson Electric	75 Min		
d	E Room		Current trade between U.S.-Bharat is approximately \$110 billion dollars. Ambitious target between the two nations has been set at \$500 billion per annum. This will provide ample opportunities for entrepreneurs across the border to participate in economic growth story				
			Session Chairperson's Remarks	Ed Monser	15		
s			tbd	Dilip Sundaram President, Corporate Affairs at Mahindra Group - Americas	15		
s			tbd	Daniel Bryant Executive Vice President Global Public Policy-Walmart	15		
s		Q&A			30		
z		10:45 AM			75		
z			Lunch				
m	Room	11:15 AM	Session 4. Business Trends: What are the growth opportunities?	Chair: Prof. S.P. Kothari, Sloan School of Management, MIT	75 Min		
d	E Room		We stand on the brink of a technological revolution that will fundamentally alter the way we live, work, and relate to one another. Disruptive nature of Amazon, Tesla, Uber, Airbnb and others are providing exponential growth opportunities for the participants. What other opportunities are around the corner as economic, technological and social trends converge.				
			Session Chairperson's Remarks	Prof. S.P. Kothari	15	kothari@mit.edu	
s			tbd	Mukesh Chatter, General Partner, NeoNet Capital	15	mukesh.chatter@neonetlic.com	
s			tbd	Shri Mohan Das Pai Chairman Manipal Global	15		
s		Q&A			30		
z		12:30 PM			75		
z			Lunch				
m	Room	2:30 AM	Session 5. Entrepreneurial Start Ups in Emerging Markets: Raising Capital & Success Stories	Chair: Rangu Salgame- Chairman Princeton Growth Ventures	75 Min		
d	E Room		Startups across the world create jobs, innovate, disrupt and fuel economic growth of a nation. What does it take to understand a new idea, raise capital and build teams that are successful while disruptive the current order?				
			Session Chairperson's Remarks	Rangu Salgame	15		
s			tbd	Shri Rohit Bhayana Managing Partner-Lumis Partners	15		
s			tbd	Shri B.V. Jagdeesh, Managing Partner-KAAJ Ventures	15		

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z	3:45 AM			75		
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m	Room	4:15 PM	Session 6. Planned Networking Session	Chair: Srinivas Chidumalla (Bharat) , Sanjay Kumar (Thailand)	75 Min	
d	E Room		The World Economic Forum's Global Education Initiative (GEI) - Educating the Next Wave of Entrepreneurs provides specific recommendations for the academic, public, private and non-profit sectors to collaborate in supporting the development of entrepreneurship ecosystems, in which education is a key driver. The importance of entrepreneurship education for developing the skills, attitudes and behaviors necessary to create jobs, generate economic growth, advance human welfare and stimulate innovation to address global challenges.			
			instructions		5	
s	Q&A				70	
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d			HINDU EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE <i>Quality Education For All</i> Conducted by the Hindu Education Board				
d			This conference brings together educators, academics, administrators, government representatives, students, advocates, and other stakeholders to discuss challenges and opportunities in the field of education, including access to high quality, affordable education, the academic study of Hindu dharma, history, and society, as well as investing in creative modalities for dharmic values-based education. Objectives: Universally accessible quality educational system for all; Enabling people to become meaningful contributors to societal goals (16% of global population cannot rely on others to educate it. In past we have had our own institutions); Institutions of excellence to set benchmarks and standards (provide leadership, enhance self-confidence, immunize from external distortions).				
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m			Introductory Remark - Keynote		tdb		
s			Deep Prajwalan and Saraswati Vandana	Children all Chairpersons	5		
s			Opening Remarks	Nachiketa Tiwari	5		
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m	Room	2:30 PM	Session 1. Quality Education in Growing Economies	Chair: G. Viswanathan, Chancellor, VIT University	75 Min		
d	D Room		Bharat is growing. Citizens want effective policy initiatives so that quality education gets universalized. In general government institutions are not taken in high regard. People, even in poor areas want to opt for private institutions. But they lack finances. Further, there is no guarantee that private institutions are necessarily of great quality. What is the way out? What is the role of the government?				
s			Session Chairperson's Remarks: Challenges to Running and Improving Quality in Bharat's Technical Institutions	G. Viswanathan	10		
s			Quality and the Role of Medium of Instruction	Vijay D. Patil, Managing Director, DY Patil University	12		
s			Quality of and the Role of Government in Running, European and American Institutions	Rahul Karad, Managing Trustee, MIT University	12		
s			How Has Symbiosis Raised the Quality Bar: A Case Study	Vidya Yeravdekar, Principal Director, Symbiosis Society	12		
s		Q&A			25		
s			<i>Conclusion</i>		4		
z		3:45 PM			75		
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m	Room	4:15 PM	Session 2. Role of Institutions in Developing Scholars in Hindu Studies	Chair: tbd	75 Min		
d	D Room		Hindu Studies is an ignored area of study. In fact, in Bharat "Hindu Study" is not even listed as an area of study in the UGC's scheme of things. This is strange as Bharat does recognize studies in other religions as valid areas of specialization. In contrast, most of the Western universities actively promote the area of "religious studies". And they also generate specialists in Hindu studies. Thus, there is an ever increasing dearth of scholars from Bharat with specialization in "Hindu Study". There is clearly a need to address this problem. Recently established universities affiliated with spiritual organizations like Ramakrishna Vivekananda University, Chinmaya University, Dev Sanskriti Vishwavidyalaya could fill in this important gap.				
s			Session Chairperson's Remarks: The Cost of Not Developing Our Own Scholars in the Area of "Hindu Studies"	tdb	10		
s			<i>The Cost of Not Developing Our Own Scholars in the Area of "Hindu Studies"</i>	Swami Mitrananda, Chinmaya University	12		
s			<i>Why Should the UGC Introduce "Hindu Studies" as an Area of Study?</i>	P. Venkat Rangan, VC, Amrita University	12		
s			How Can Hindu Institutions Can Create Scholars in Area of Hindu Studies?	Chimaya Pandya, Dev Sanskriti Vishwavidyalaya	12		
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m	Room	9:30 AM	Session 3. Networking and Encouraging Hindu Scholarship Across the Globe	Chair: Manoj Khandelwal, Global Coordinator, WAHA	75 Min		
d	D Room		<i>There is a stark dichotomy between the real Hindu history and tradition as it is practiced and the manner in which it is described both in the academia and the mainstream media. Moreover, the depiction in the text books or in the media coverage of Hindu dharma, culture and society relies on stereotypical fallacies and the analyses of Hindu "experts" who are rarely practicing Hindus themselves and lack the insight into the tradition that comes through direct practice.</i>				
s			Session Chairperson's Remarks: WAHA: Networking Hindu Academicians Across the World	Manoj Khandelwal	12		
s			tdb	Hari Kiran, Founder, Advaita Academy	12		
s			<i>A Charter and a Sustainable Model for a Global Network for Hindu Scholars</i>	Sankrant Sanu, MD, Garuda Publications	12		
s			<i>Challenges of Networking Scholarship in area of Dharma/Hindu Studies</i>	Manohar Shinde, Founding Director, Dharma Civilization Foundation, USA	12		
s		Q&A			27		
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m	Room	11:15 AM	Session 4. Strengthening Our Knowledge Traditions and Languages	Chair: Swamini Pramananda, Purna Vidya	75 Min		

d	D Room		Bharat has world's largest corpus of original texts and manuscripts. Our knowledge traditions are ancient, diverse, and deep. However, not much effort has been made to learn about these traditions, and the knowledge contained therein. In many areas, understanding traditional perspectives can open up new ways of thinking. Then there are cases, where traditional knowledge can actually solve some of the modern problems. There is also a need to strengthen Bharat's languages. Sans these languages, all the traditional knowledge would become the preserve of museums and archives.			
s			<i>Session Chairperson's Remarks</i>	Swamini Pramananda	12	
s			<i>Neurology and Aesthetic Traditions from Bharat</i>	Vilayanur S. Ramachandran, Neuroscientist, UCSD	12	
s			Sanskrit: The Language of Science as Well as of Beauty (Developing Scholarship I Bharatiya Knowledge Traditions)	Prof. K. Ramsubramanian Prof. IIT Mumbai, Indian Knowledge Systems	12	
s			The Consequences of Sanskrit-West Encounter	Oscar Pugol, Grammarian, Director of Instituto Cervantes, Rio de Janeiro	12	
s			Q&A		27	
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m	Room	2:30 AM	Session 5: Responding to Western Academic Challenges	Chair: Arvind Sharma, Professor of Religion, McGill University	75 Min	
d	D Room		There is a stark dichotomy between the real Hindu history and tradition as it is practiced and the manner in which it is described both in the academia and the mainstream media. Moreover, the depiction in the text books or in the media coverage of Hindu dharma, culture and society relies on stereotypical fallacies and the analyses of Hindu "experts" who are rarely practicing Hindus themselves and lack the insight into the tradition that comes through direct practice.			
s			Session Chairperson's Remarks: Does the Western Framework of Understanding Hindus Structurally Promote Our Mispportrayal	Arvind Sharma	12	
s			Mispportrayal of Hindus: A Historical Perspective	Rajiv Malhotra, Founder, Infinity Foundation	12	
s			Implications of Mispportrayal of Hindus on Bharat's Policies, and Destiny	Koenraad Elst, Indologist and Writer	12	
s			Exposing Academic Biases against Hindus through Well Researched Popular Literature	Vamadeva Shastri, Vedacharya	12	
s			Q&A		27	
z			3:45 AM		75	
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m	Room	4:15 PM	Session 6: Case Studies in Innovation Across the Globe	Chair:	75 Min	
d	D Room		There are numerous Hindu initiatives in area of education across the world? What are their experiences? What are the success stories? What type of challenges can be managed through collaboration and networking.			
s			<i>The Consequences of Ignoring Bharatiya Jurisprudence Principles and Practices</i>	U. R. Nagasamy, Historian and Archaeologist	12	
s			tbd	Rupa Saminathan, Educationist, Malaysia	12	
s			Linkages Between Curricula and Soft Power Status of Nations	Sachidananda Joshi, Chairman, IGNCA	12	
s			tbd	Venkat Dhulipala	12	
s			Q&A		27	
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d			HINDU MEDIA CONFERENCE <i>Truth is Supreme</i> Conducted by the World Hindu Media Forum				
d			This conference brings together journalists, bloggers, media house executives, public commentators, social media enthusiasts, and observers to share ideas and experiences. The session also provides a platform to discuss challenges and opportunities in emerging forms of media and evolving strategies to keep the world better informed through accurate and honest reporting and unbiased analysis of events happening in the Hindu world. The guiding theme of the conference is "Truth is Supreme."				
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m		2:00 PM	Introductory Remark - Keynote		1bd		
s		TBD	Coordinator's remarks	Sushil Pandit, Vikas D	5		
s		TBD	Keynote Address	Anupam Kher	15	anupampkher@gmail.com	
s		TBD	Message	Richard Gere	2		
m	Room	2:30 PM	Session 1. News Media and the Hindu Perspective	Chair: Rohit Sardana, Times Now	75 Min	sardanarohit@gmail.com	
d	F Room		Hindu movement and Hindu resurgence is often referred to as a regressive trend. It is also used as a moral equivalence to bail out the extremists of all shades and persuasions. There is little space or time devoted to even the ongoing Hindu genocide, leave aside the everyday discriminations Hindus face across the world. A lot of it may be due to genuine ignorance but a massive inherent prejudice is undeniable. This session will discuss current role of the news media at large and will also discuss how to engage with media houses to bring unbiased views about Hindus and Hinduness.				
			<i>Making a case with broader audience - what is fake and what is reality?</i>	Prafulla Ketkar, Organiser	10	prafulla10@gmail.com	
			<i>Competing with regional media and readership</i>	Hitesh Shankar, Panchjanya	10	hitesh.shankar@gmail.com	
			<i>Standing out as an independent voice</i>	Francis Gautier, Journalist	10	francoisgautier26@gmail.com	(91) 9343538419
			<i>Serving NRI community with independent thoughts and knowledge</i>	Sree M Iyer, PGURUS.com	10	sreemiyer@gmail.com	
			<i>Persuading the case during live debates</i>	R.K. Sinha	10	askswami ji	
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z			Break				
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m	Room	4:15 PM	Session 2. Technology and Future Trends	Chair: Vamsee Juluri	75 Min	juluri@ustca.edu	
d	F Room		Media is, essentially, a delivery system. From a mere ink-on-paper beginnings a few centuries that enabled one-way dissemination, it is today electronics driven with screens on hand-held devices allowing real-time two-way engagement. How is media consumption changing and what kind of opportunities and challenges it will bring about?				
s			<i>Film and movie making opportunity in the streaming world</i>	Ashay Javadekar, Producer, Amazon	10	Ashayjavadekar@gmail.com	
s			<i>Current status and future trends in the Print media</i>	Prerna Lau Sian, UK, CEO Vahan UK	10	pernas@hotmail.co.uk	
			<i>Community outreach via online media and podcasting</i>	Aadit Kapadia, Myit Cofounder	10	ak@myind.net	
			<i>1bd</i>	Unmesh Khadilkar, CTO ZEE TV USA	10	unmesh@satf.esselgroup.com	917-767-0686
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		9:30 AM	Keynote Address	Shri. Subhash Chandra, Founder ZEE TV	15	sc@subhashchandra.com	
m	Room	9:30 AM	Session 3. Social Media – Riding this Wave with a Hindu Agenda	Chair: Avatans Kumar	75 Min	avatans@me.com	
d	F Room		Facebook, Twitter, WhatsApp, Instagram, Microblogs, etc. are, virtually, out-trending the mainstream media. It effectively challenges the self-serving 'left-liberal' consensus against the Hindu interests. It is also proved to be a strong counterpoint to a generally hostile mainstream media. On the other side, instant misperceptions due to fake news and data misuse in the social media is bringing serious challenges. How should Hindus leverage opportunities and counter the challenges?				
s			<i>Tweeting for a cause</i>	Neha Shrivastava, Social media Writer	10	nehasr17@hotmail.com	
s			<i>Dealing with trolls and fake news while standing out for the cause</i>	Shefali Vaidya, Social Media Writer	10	shefali@gmail.com	
s			<i>1bd</i>	Vinay Singhal, Witty Feeds	10	vinay@wittyfeed.com	
s			<i>Hinduism, India, Geo-politics and Social media</i>	Sunanda Vashishtha, Social Media Co.	10	sv@myind.net	
		Q&A			35		
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m	Room	11:15 AM	Session 4. Commerce of Media – Opportunities for Entrepreneurs	Chair: 1bd	75 Min	anupampkher@gmail.com	
d	F Room		21st Century media is largely Internet based and many times acts like a participatory democracy. This includes news coverage, analysis, opinion writing, broadcasting, entertainment, and educational outlets. These outlets have great potential to monetize and make profitable while working for a cause. How Hindu entrepreneurs can capitalize this opportunity and at the same time, contribute for the greater good?				
s			<i>Broadcasting for social awareness</i>	Suresh Chavanke, Sudharshan TV	10	schavanke@gmail.com	
s			<i>1bd</i>	Vishnu Manchu, Telju Hero	10	vishnu@vidyanikethan.edu	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Manchu_Vishnu
s			<i>1bd</i>	Rahul Tewari, Producer Director TV	10	rk@swastikproductions.com	91 981 981 0901
s			<i>1bd</i>	CB Patel, Publisher of Asian Voice, UK	10	cb.patel@abplgroup.com	
		Q&A			35		
z		12:30 PM			75		
z			Lunch				
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m	Room	2:30 AM	Session 5. Entertainment Media and Representation of Hindu Values	Chair: Radha Bharadwaj/David B. Cohen	75 Min		
d	F Room		Entertainment media is a great medium which if used constructively, can represent one's values, culture and philosophy. It not only helps to bring social awareness among one's own society but also helps to educate the rest of the world audience. The industry's record in this regard thus far has been quite skewed. Hindus are, often, reduced to a caricature in Bhartiya cinema and popular lyrics. Although exceptions exists, the entertainment media has largely and openly ridiculed what the Hindus hold sacred even as reverence in other faiths goes unquestioned. Misrepresentation, concoction, deliberate assaults on the rituals, faith and identity of Hindus to undermine them. There is great potential for entertainment industry and its owners to bring creative contents accurately representing cultural stories, history, and social contribution of Hindus.				
s			<i>1bd</i>	Mohan Lal Vishwanathan	10	askswami ji	
s			<i>Role of entertainment media while searching social realities</i>	Vivek Agnihotri, Producer Director	10	vivekagnihotri05@gmail.com	
s			<i>Scripting for movies without diluting the history</i>	K.V. Vijayendra Prasad, Script Writer	10	askswami ji	
s			<i>Media represents the society or vice versa?</i>	Madhur Bhandarkar, Producer Director	10	askswami ji	
		Q&A			35		
z		3:45 AM			75		
m	Room	4:15 PM	Session 6. Hindu Identity in the Era of Multiculturalism and Globalization	Chair: Makarand Paranjape	75 Min	makarand@nu.ac.in	

d	F Room	This panel discussion will center on the question 'Why be a Hindu today?' The discussion is particularly significant given the historical backdrop of colonization and freedom struggle, and the subsequent onward march to Hindu revival and resurgence, as the forces of multiculturalism and globalization save no effort to compel the Hindus to hide behind 'atheism' and 'secularism.' There is an increasing trend towards historical revisionism, re-interpretation, twisting of the historical events, characters, social norms and values. What is the role of books in positively influencing the mass consciousness and psyche?				
s		<i>Modern style for ancient stories and youth awareness</i>	Amish Tripathi, Author	10	amish.tripathi@gmail.com	
s		<i>A golden page of the history - never forgotten but narrowly researched</i>	Parag Tope, Author	10	paragtope@gmail.com	
s		<i>ibid</i>	Hindol Sengupta,	10	hindol.sengupta@gmail.com	
s		<i>ibid</i>	Prasenjit Basu,	10	prasenjit.k.basu@gmail.com	
z	Q&A					
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m	6:00 PM	Plenary Session				
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z		<i>ibid</i>	Ravi Baichwal, Anchor WLS-TV	10	Ravindra G. Baichwal@abc.com	(312) 502-9736

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z			2nd World Hindu Congress Chicago, USA, Sept 7-9, 2018				
z			PROGRAM OVERVIEW DRAFT				
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d			HINDU POLITICAL CONFERENCE <i>Responsible Democracy For All</i> Conducted by the World Hindu Democratic Forum				
d			This conference brings together elected representatives, appointees, staffers, policy experts, and other stakeholders involved in shaping and affecting public policy to deliberate on issues impacting Hindus at the local, national, and global levels. This session also seeks to encourage Hindus to become more civically and politically engaged.				
d			FRIDAY September 7, 2018				
z			Lunch				
m			Introductory Remark - Keynote		tbd		
s		TBD	Opening Remarks	Shri Ashwin Adhin, Vice President, Surinam	10		
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m	Room	2:30 PM	Session 1. Reasserting a Strong Hindu Political Voice in T&T, Suriname, Guyana, Mauritius, South Africa and Fiji	Chair:	75 Min		
d	A Room		After achieving recent political success in the Girmitya countries of Trinidad & Tobago, Suriname, Guyana, and Fiji, Hindus have suffered several political setbacks. This session will focus on strategies to reassert a strong Hindu political voice and create new political leadership at all levels of governance.				
s		tbd		Ravi Dev, Former MP, Guyana	10		
s		tbd		Shri Birman Prasad, National Federation Party, Fiji	10		
s		tbd		Santosh Kalyan, Member National Assembly, South Africa	10		
s		tbd		Ambassador of Suriname to Washington DC - Niernala Badrising	10		
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z			Q&A		35		
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m	Room	4:15 PM	Session 2. Collective Strategies to Address Adverse and Complex Political Environments (Sri Lanka, Malaysia, Indonesia, Nepal, Myanmar)	Chair: Shri C.V. Wigneswaran, Chief Minister of Northern Province, Sri Lanka	75 Min		
d	A Room		Hindus in Sri Lanka, Malaysia, and Indonesia face complex legal, social, and political obstacles. This session will focus on strategies to unite and leverage political and civil society leaders in these countries to affect positive change for Hindus.				
s		tbd		I Made Mangku Pastika, Governor of Bali, Indonesia	10		
s		tbd		Satyalingam, Member of Parliament, Sri Lanka?	10		
s		tbd		Bidhya Devi Bhandari, President of Nepal	10		
s		tbd		Govind Singh Dev, Malaysia	10		
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d			Saturday September 8, 2018				
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m	Room	9:30 AM	Session 3. Strategy for Protecting Hindu Rights in Hostile Countries (Pakistan, Bangladesh, Afghanistan)	Chair: Subramaniam Swamy	75 Min		
d	A Room		Hindus are systematically deprived of their basic rights in Pakistan, Bangladesh, and Afghanistan by the government and non-state actors. This session will focus on strategies and specific policy recommendations that need to be implemented to protect the rights of Hindus in these countries.				
s		tbd		Gurubachan Singh Khalsa, SDI	10		
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z		tbd		Afganistan, Baluchistan, Sindh?	10		
z		tbd		Keshu Bai Krishnkumari	10		
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z			Q&A		35		
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m	Room	11:15 AM	Session 4. Expanding and Cultivating Political Leadership in Western Democracies (USA, Canada, UK, Australia, New Zealand, Netherlands, France)	Chair: Raja Krishnamoorthy	75 Min		
d	A Room		Hindus in the US and other Western Democracies have increasingly been elected or appointed to government positions at the local and national level in recent years. This session will focus on mechanisms to expand the role, visibility, and influence of Hindus in politics, while cultivating new political leaders at the grassroots level.				
s		tbd		Kawal Jit Bakshi, NZ	10		
s		tbd		Mahesh Bindra, MP, NZ	10		
s		tbd		Ash Kalra, California Assembly Member, USA	10		
s		tbd		Lord Jitesh Gadhia, Member House of Lords	10		
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m	Room	2:30 AM	Session 5. Empowering the Next Generation of Political Leaders – Training, Mentoring, and Developing Support Systems	Chair: Swati Dandekar	75 Min		
d	A Room		The future of a strong Hindu political voice across the globe rests in the hands of the next generation. This session will focus on how to effectively train, mentor, and develop support systems and networks for young Hindus to enter and succeed in all levels of politics.				
s		tbd		Shri Jay Chaudhari, North Carolina Senator, USA	10		

s		tbd	Shri Niraj Antani, Ohio State Representative, USA	10		
s		tbd	Rahul Kumar, State Councilor Frankfurt Kelsterbach, Germany	10		
s		tbd	Priti Patel, MP, /Sec. of State for Intl. Dev., UK	10		
s		Q&A		35		
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m	Room	4:15 PM	Session 6. Way Forward	Chair: Pradeep Kapur	75 Min	
d	A Room		Interaction			
s		Lawyer, Media, UK	Manoj Ladwa???	10		
s		tbd	Gautam Bhattacharya	10		
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s		Q&A		35		
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HINDU YOUTH CONFERENCE <i>Rise, Organize, Lead and Emerge</i> Conducted by the Hindu Student & Youth Network						
This conference brings together youth organizations and Hindu students active throughout the global Hindu community to share best practices and experiences. This session also provides a platform to discuss challenges and opportunities for mentorship, pathways to leadership, as well as building capacity for youth to impact the common good through service.						
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m	Room	2:30 PM	Session 1. Strengthening Hindu identity	Chair:	75 Min	
d	B Room		One of the key roadblocks to strengthening the Hindu community is a reluctance to identify openly and proudly as Hindu. We are told that identifying as Hindu means assuming the mantle of superstition and caste; we are told that advocating for the rights of the Hindu community implies subscribing to a narrow-minded, right wing agenda. This narrative about Hindu identity stems from an external perspective. This session will examine how we as young people can change the narrative of Hindu identity by preparing Hindu youth to be ambassadors of Dharma to the broader, global community. Ultimately, how we construct identity and view ourselves is projected outward and is hence a crucial first step in safeguarding our interests.			
			Chairperson's remarks	tbd	12	
s			Owning the narrative of Hindu Identity	Drishi Mae – President, NHSF UK	12	
s			Commanding Respect in Host Society	Varun Khanna, Assistant Professor of Sanskrit, UPenn, USA	12	
s			Firm Hindu Identity: An Inclusive Approach	Prashant Singh, Youth archery champion, Trinidad & Tobago	12	
s		Q&A			27	
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z			Break			
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m	Room	4:15 PM	Session 2. Hindu Youth as drivers and leaders of the economy	Chair: tbd	75 Min	
d	B Room		The Arthashastra famously declares, "Dharmasya moolam artham." Dharma is toothless without an economic engine to sustain it. This session will examine the inspirational and pragmatic stories of three young Hindu entrepreneurs and examine <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The current need for Hindu youth to become job-makers (entrepreneurs) instead of job-seekers • Novel mechanisms to develop a micro-environment/ ecosystem to promote and sustain entrepreneurship • Re-think models of seva toward social entrepreneurship to leverage innovation for service 			
s			Chairperson's remarks	tbd	12	
s			Global Perspective - Hindu Youth as Aspiring Leaders of the Global Economy	tbd	12	
s			A Hindu Model for Comprehensive Economic Growth (Socio-Economic)	Shobhit Kumar Vision India Foundation, India	12	
s			Hindu Youth as Drivers of Economy	Nisha Holla, Founder, Biomoneta Research, India	12	
s		Q&A			27	
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m	Room	9:30 AM	Session 3. Engaged Hindu Action through Knowledge	Chair: xxx	75 Min	
d	B Room		In today's digital age of mass communication, education and dissemination of information are crucial for positioning our society and determining its narrative. As students and young professionals, we as Hindu youth are crucially positioned to be able to speak for our traditions in a variety of different fields and in crucial arenas where our voice is sorely needed. This session will feature young Hindu thought-leaders who will <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss how we can prepare the current generation to reclaim and represent what is Hindu in the public space • Identify professional fields in which Hindus are traditionally underrepresented that are crucial for ensuring that our voice is audible in the modern idea-space • Address how we can deal with cultural appropriation of Hindu traditions and symbols-- a critical issue we face as young people 			
s			Chairperson's remarks	tbd	12	
s			Knowledge-based representation of Hindu Dharma	Nihar Sashttal National Youth Coordinator, HSS, USA	12	
s			Addressing Under representation: A strategic approach	Gopal Patel Director, Bhumi Project, UK	12	
s			The Hindu Perspective on Global Defense and Strategy: Protecting Our Interest and Traditions	Nikki Avalokiteshwari, General Secretary, Aliansi Pemuda, Bali (Indonesia)	12	
s		Q&A			27	
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m	Room	11:15 AM	Session 4. Proactive Engagement in Media	Chair: Anuradha Dev, Guyana	75 Min	

d	B Room		Much of the conference agenda focuses on the importance of owning the narrative of what it means to be Hindu. This session will hone in on the pivotal and specific role of media in this endeavor. Today, Hindus remain crucially underrepresented in media of all kinds. This session will critically examine the role of media in shaping narratives and the opportunities that exist for aspiring youth within this career track. It will also address the need for Hindu youth to get involved in these fields so that our voice can help influence policy-making and social attitudes. The approach taken in this session will be to develop a proactive and consistent - rather than reactive-- strategy.			
s			Chairperson's remarks	Anuradha Dev	12	
s			Hindu Projection in Media: Changing the Narrative	Vinay Kumar Singhal, CEO, WittyFeed, India	12	
s			Media as a Career: Influence and Opportunities	Aditya Patvardhan, Documentary filmmaker, USA	12	
s			Proactive in Social Media	Karolina Goswami India in Details, Poland	12	
			Q&A		27	
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m	Room	2:30 AM	Session 5. Politics and Hindu Human Rights - Importance for the Next Generation	Chair: Sushyant Subra, Australia	75 Min	
d	B Room		Even today, Hindus continue to be amongst the most persecuted and neglected communities in many parts of the world, including Pakistan, Bangladesh, Southeast Asia, the Gulf and West Asia, and even in parts of India itself. Despite being such a large community, what are the factors that have prevented us from speaking up effectively for our Hindu brothers and sisters in other parts of the world? What are the avenues available to us to get involved in human rights-based efforts to protect the most vulnerable within our community?			
s			Chairperson's remarks	Sushyant Subra	12	
s			Politics as career option for Hindu Youth in serving and positioning Hindu society	Mayuri Parmar Fmr Director, Conservative Friends of India; NHSF, United Kingdom	12	
s			Young Hindu Politician: A success story	Himanshu Gulati - Minister of Justice and Public Security, Norway	12	
s			Abuse of Human Rights of Hindu & How to raise Hindu Voices	GHRD, Netherlands	12	
s			Q&A		27	
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m	Room	4:15 PM	Session 6. Workshop - Creating a Strong Network for Communication and Unanimous Voice	Chair:	75 Min	
d	B Room		Here, we aim to project the conference experience into future action. By networking, Hindu youth and leaders will exchange strategies and experiences, resources, and brainstorm on particular topics that appeal and connect to youth. The goal of this session is for individuals to develop contacts that will help strengthen their local and global endeavors and to also develop working relationships and action items crucial for the HSYN projects that will sustain the action-oriented agenda formed at the conference <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Young Hindu Business Network • Global Mentorship Program • Human Rights Defense Task Force 			
s			Young Hindu Business Network and Social Entrepreneurship Initiatives	Arnav Kejriwal, Hindu Students Council, U.S Adriana Salazar, ICCS, Colombia	12	
s			Global Human Rights Defense Taskforce	Devika Sital GHRD, Netherlands	12	
s			Workshop: Underrepresented areas in Education	tdb	12	
			Global Mentorship Program (Women)	Sadhna Gupta, MBA student, Stanford, USA	12	
s			Q&A		27	
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d			HINDU WOMEN CONFERENCE Highest respect to the <i>Women</i> Conducted by the Hindu Women Forum				
d			This Conference aims to bring together Hindu women leaders from all fields of endeavor to share wisdom and best practices, learn from each other and collaborate to strengthen our local communities and our global Hindu family. This is a celebration of our glorious heritage but an opportunity to collaborate in the design and execution of a roadmap towards an even better future for ourselves as individuals and also as a society. It also provides a platform to deliberate the unique strengths and approaches Hindu women offer in addressing some of the most pressing issues impacting the wellbeing of Hindus, humanity, and the world.				
d			FRIDAY September 7, 2018				
m			Lunch				
m		2:00 PM	Inauguration		30 Mins		
s			Deep Prajwalan and Shakti Vandana		3		
s			Opening Remarks by Coordinator	Sushri Ramarathna BL	7	ramarathna.ubi@gmail.com	9900165456
s			Keynote	Sushri Chandrika Tondon	15	chandrikatandon@gmail.com	19175150494
m	Room	2:30 PM	Session 1. Women and Economy: Recognition of Hindu Women's Contribution		75 Mins		
d	C Room		As the economy diversifies into new sectors like artificial intelligence and genetics, women are also entering a new era of change. Traditional roles in agriculture, handicrafts and teaching are morphing into newer roles for women. Expectations that society sets for women and those they set for themselves also are changing rapidly. In the current environment, what does history teach us and how can women use the lessons from the past to overcome challenges and forge a path ahead. While economic success is one measure, how do women integrate a holistic approach to managing and contributing value to society as a whole.	Chair: Sushri. Anuradha Gokhale	10 + 3	whf.digital@gmail.com	
			Introducing the chairperson and the session	Sushri. Sabitha Venugopal	2	sabitha8081@gmail.com	7708140738
			Chairperson's Remarks				
s			Entrepreneurship and Micro savings-The power of investing in women	Dr. Nandini Tandon	12	nandini11@gmail.com	415-806-6559
s			Wearing multiple hats and redefining success	Sushri. Toni Dasgupta	12	tdasgupta@vedafunds.com	213 538 8664
s			Breaking the glass ceiling	Sushri. Meena Patel	12	meena.patel@sap.com	630-347-4413
s			Q&A		20		
s		3:45 PM	Conclusion - Chairperson		4		
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m	Room	4:15 PM	Session 2. Hindu Women in Education		75 Mins		9449867979
d	C Room		It is a well-known fact that a society in which women are well educated is a prosperous society. It is also a little-known fact that Hindu women were denigrated during the previous few centuries, and women's education was given a back seat, such that women's illiteracy rose substantially, till it became the norm for girls not to be educated. One of the effects of this was that women were unable to perform their role as educators for their family. Mother was no longer 'the first Guru'. The mother today is influenced by Western education and ideas, and busy with the 'rat race'. Today's fast life does not lend time to teach the child much about Hindu Sanskars, values etc. If Mother is the first Guru, mother herself is not educated about traditions/values, and may be influenced by 'Western' (secular) ideas. The child seeking answers does not get them, in large part because mother is unable to provide the answers. What can be done about this problem? How can we empower the mother to provide Hindu Sanskars to the children?	Chair: Sushri Tejaswini Anantkumar	10 + 3	tejaswini.acf@gmail.com	9449867979
			Introducing the chairperson and the session	Sushri. Smita Daffardar	2	smita_daffardar@yahoo.com	6783081010
			Chairperson's Remarks				
s			Responsibility of Women as Hindu Ambassadors	Sushri. Nivedita Bhide	12	nivedita@vkendra.org	9443150486
s			Bharathiya Itihas - Past, Present & Future	Sushri. Meena Chandawarkar	12	meena_r_c@yahoo.com	9845002733
s			Guiding Society Through Education: Value Based Education and Policy Making in Education:	Dr. Vinhyavasini	12	vinhdya@rocketmail.com	592-600-2009
			Q&A		20		
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d			Saturday September 8, 2018				
m	Room	9:30 AM	Session 3. Media and Art		75 Mins		
d	C Room		This session will focus on all the different ways in which media and the arts can be used to empower Hindu women and showcase values of Hindu Dharma and Hindu womanhood in positive ways. How can Hindu women participate more prominently in media and the arts to promote themselves and their culture? And how can ideas about Shakti, the sacred feminine, be brought into the media and especially the arts in a way that will educate and inspire mainstream audiences? Storytelling, through literature and film, through dance and song, is a powerful way of influencing how society thinks and the values that are accepted and upheld by different communities. We have to become savvy in how we leverage the media and arts to promote a healthy vision of women's issues and the meaning of womanhood and to disseminate the timeless values and principles related to Dharma.	Chair: Sushri. Anupama Hosakere	10 + 3	dhaatu@gmail.com	9886444593
			Introducing the chairperson and the session	Sushri. Aditi Banerjee	2	banerjeea@gmail.com	3472052972
			Chairperson's Remarks				
s			Influencing/Reaching Society through Art & Literature & Folk Art	Sushri. Rasita Vishnu	10	rasita@gmail.com	713578901, 9480826555
s			Portrayal of Women in Modern Media (print media, electronic, movies etc.)	Sushri. Malvika Avinash	10	malavikaavinash@gmail.com	9845136901
s			Social Media – Opportunities & Challenges	Sushri. Yashika Singh	10	alps64@gmail.com	2782466530
s			Shaktivtav	Sushri. Neha Srivastava	10	nehasi87@hotmail.com	6462038445
s			Q&A		15		
s		10:45 AM	Conclusion - Chairperson		5		
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m	Room	11:15 AM	Session 4. The Role of Hindu Women in Shaping the Society		75 Mins		
d	C Room		Gruhini – The services rendered by a Gruhini, if translated in monetary terms would supersede the salary of a qualified experienced software engineer. Role model to a teaching fraternity – Home is the first school and mother is the first Guru. Positive Parenting – Hindu families facing modern threat from marital discord, domestic oppression, drug abuse, bringing up kids in non-conductive environment. Women's contribution towards social trending – Women is no longer confined to her family alone but she has a wider role towards society and country as well which in turn has started influencing the human thought process. Behavioral pattern – Action speaks louder than the words. Passion, compassion, duty with contentment.	Chair: Mananiya Alaka Inamdar	10 + 3	alakaainamdar@yahoo.co.in	9341108430
			Introducing the chairperson and the session	Sushri. Manju Tiwari	2	msrtiwari@gmail.com	6785768513
			Chairperson's Remarks				
s			"Awakening The Yoga Shakti in Hindu Dharma".	Sushri. Yogini Shambhavi ji	10	shambhavi.yogini@gmail.com	5059836609
s			"Redefining the Role of Women in the Hindu Tradition.	Sadhvi Swatmavidyananda	10	swaminiss@yahoo.com	617 933 8917
s			Creating a pipeline family society, nation and the world through Positive Parenting	Sushri. Amrita Tailor	10	amritapatel@gmail.com	
s			Socio-cultural issues and Contemporary Challenges	Prof. Madhu Purnima Kishwar	10	madhukishwar@manushi-india.org	263 77770, 011 23916437
			Q&A		15		

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m	Room	2:30 PM	Session 5. Inspiring Women		75 Mins	
d	C Room		Woman's role in our society has been unique through ages. She is teacher for her children, financiers for her household, doctor and caretaker for all members of family, society. There women who use their talents to step beyond, who are achievers in their own way. It is these women who inspire us This session is a dialog with these living legends to find out their story, their inspiration and their struggles in the way of success.	Chair: Sushri Chayaa Nanjappa	10 + 3	md@neclarfreshfoods.com 9880055606
			Introducing the chairperson and the session	Sushri. Veena Kaldare	2	678-438-2236
			Chairperson's Remarks			
s			Social Work for Hindu cause	Sushri. Akila Ramanathana	8	akilaramathinam@gmail.com 61 450117372
s			Spiritual	HH Archana ji	8	anishdewangopal@gmail.com 9312835685
s			Sports	Sushri. Arunima Sinha	8	arunima@arunimasinha.com 714 253 3515
s			Politics	Sushri. Vanathi Srinivasan	8	bjpvanathi@gmail.com 518.649.6883
s			Sports	Sushri. Shital Mahajan	8	kalyanghule@gmail.com 99196 45246
s			Q&A		7	
Z		3:45 PM	Conclusion - Chairperson		5	
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m	Room	4:15 PM	Session 6. Way Forward – Networking of Hindu Resourceful Women across the Globe		75 Mins	
d	C Room		Introducing the chairperson and the session	Sushri. Sai Patil	2	saipatil_hss@gmail.com 9143107920
s			Summary of all the sessions in a nut shell. Identify our potential, plan of action.	Chair: Dr. Uma Vaidya	10 + 3	sahityasushama@gmail.com 9820107397
s			What's next? Need of the hour, current situation of the society, how can we help?	Sushri. Jyothi Reddy	10	jyothireddy911@gmail.com 16023844858
s			Group Workshop Instructions - 4 to 5 different groups discuss about next action plan (Education, Economics, Social issues, Politics/media)	Sushri. Sai Patil	5	saipatil_hss@gmail.com 602-384-4858
			Group Workshop	SushriYash Desai ji, Manga Anantamula ji & Shilpa Chheda ji	20	priva.tandon600@gmail.com 9-864-2234,986 706 0004
s			Each team presents the action plan they come up with	Team Members	10	
			Plan of Action	Priya Tondon	8	
Z		5:30 PM	Resolution and Conclusion - Chairperson		7	
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m		6:00 PM	Plenary Session			
Z			Networking - Dinner			
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1. Hindu women and economy - Sabithaji Venugopal
2. Education - Smitaji Dattardar
3. Media and art - Aditiji Banerjee
4. Multiple roles of women in the society - Manjuji Tiwari
5. Inspiring women - case studies - Veenaji Kaldare
6. Way forward - networking and next steps - Saiji Patil

Number	Time	Topic	Name	Duration	email	phone
2nd World Hindu Congress Chicago, USA, Sept 7-9, 2018						
PROGRAM OVERVIEW DRAFT						
HINDU ORGANIZATIONAL CONFERENCE <i>Organization is Strength</i> 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".						
FRIDAY September 7, 2018						
Lunch						
2:00 PM Introductory Remark						
		HOTA Coordinator's Remarks	Dr.Guna Magesan	10	gunamagesan@gmail.com	0091 7227 89 5560
Room	2:30 PM	Session 1. Mandir as a Nuclei for Serving the Needs of the Hindu Community	Chair: SriLekha Reddy Palle	75 Min	srilekha1977@gmail.com	001 703 839 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 <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 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	SriLekha Reddy Palle	10	srilekha1977@gmail.com	001 703 839 3976
		Freeing temples from Government clutches	Swami Paramatmanandji - Acharya Sabha, Bharat	10	swamips108@gmail.com	0091 9898 91 7776
		How a Temple initiated the largest mid-day meal program in the world?	Sadhu Madhu Pandit Das - Akshaya Patra Foundation	10	mpd@iskconbangalore.org	0091 9900 16 1008
		Temple Conceptualization and Functions	Dr. Shiva Subramaniam - Shiva Vishnu Temple, USA	10	doc4baby@aol.com	301 814 7482
		Temples as Universities: Positive Impact on Individuals, Youth, Families and Community	President Vedic Friends' Association	10	btillman108@yahoo.com	(404) 820-5308
	Q&A			35		
	3:45 PM			75		
Break						
Room	4:15 PM	Session 2. Human rights violation around the world	Chair: Gurudev Sri Sri Ravi Shankar	75 Min	gurudev@artofliving.org	0091 9845 25 7571
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	Gurudev Sri Sri Ravi Shankar	10	gurudev@artofliving.org	0091 9845 25 7571
		Defending Hindu Human Rights (GHRD)	Shri Sradhanand Sital	10	sital108@gmail.com	0031 611 376 504
		Influencing Government Policies (Romania related work)	Prof. Ved Prakash Nanda	10	nandas@earthlink.net	001 303 377 6438
		Fighting for Hindus in Bangladesh	Sh. Sitangshu Guha	10	guhasb@gmail.com	001 646 696 5569
		Pakistani Hindus: A Genocide Forgotten	Dr. Omendra Ratnu	10	dratnu@hotmail.com	0091 9829 01 1162
	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: tbd	75 Min		
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				
		Panelist 1 - Telugu	Srinivas Pinnareddy - ATA		spinnareddy@sbcglobal.net	001 832 642 0100
		Panelist 2 - Telugu	Harinath Policherla - TATA		policherla@gmail.com	001 313 407 9558
		Panelist 3 - Tamil				
		Panelist 4 - Kannada				
		Panelist 5 - Gujarati				
		Panelist 6 - Marathi				
		Panelist 7 - Punjabi				
		Panelist 8 - Bengali	Judhajt Senmazumdar		jt.senmazumdar@gmail.com	001 510 938 8777
		Panelist 9 - Nepali				
	Q&A	Conclusions of the Panel Discussion		5		
	10:45 AM			75		
Break						
Room	11:15 AM	Session 4. Operational mechanism for Hindus to reach the unreached areas	Chair: BK Ushaben	75 Min	ushapuja108@gmail.com	

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	10	ushapuja108@gmail.com		
s		Reaching to the South American community	Swami V A Param Adwaiti, Peru	10	swamibap@mac.com	0051 992 54 1980	
s		Getting legal recognition of Hindu Dharma in Italian Government system	Swamini Hansanand Giri, Italy	10	hamsaji@gmail.com	0039 338 597 8135	
s		African community and Hindu Thoughts	Swami Satyanand, Ghana	10	hindumonasteryofafrica@yahoo.com	00233 2130 1443	
s		Reaching to un-reached areas - focusing on Central Asia	Bhakti Vijnana Goswami, ISKCON	10	bhakti.vijnana.goswami@pamho.net	007 926 099 9270	
s	Q&A			25			
	12:30 PM			75			
		Lunch					
m	Room	2:30 AM	Session 5. Responding to Socio-Cultural Challenges before Global Hindu Society	Chair: Pandit Ram Harodwar	75 Min	ptramhardwar@gmail.com	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	ptramhardwar@gmail.com	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	Gaurang Nanavati	10	gaurang.uncle@gmail.com	001 713 927 6010	
s		Digital Strategy - across spectrum - including preaching and teaching	Dr Krishna Giri	10	krishna_giri@msn.com	0091 8939 92 2260	
s		Spiritual but not religious (SBNR)	Joseph Emmett	10	joseph@vedantastf.org	001 713 301-0577	
s	Q&A			25			
	3:45 AM			75			
m	Room	4:15 PM	Session 6. Global Hindus Making Global Impact	Chair: Brahmachari Saran	75 Min		
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 Saran	10			
s		Govardhan Eco Village: Rural Development of Vedic Smart Villages	Anand Chaitanya Das	10	anandchaitanya@gmail.com		
s		Scaling for SAI Agro-forestry Model for Small Farmers in Sub-Sahara Africa	Jitendra Kumar Sinha	10	jitendraksinha@hotmail.com	0091 9967 34 3996	
s		California Textbook Movement by Hindu community - A successful case study	Shri Sanjay Tripathi	10	tripathisan@gmail.com	001 408 507 7643	
s		Hindu Activism in America and the model to be replicated across the world	Satya Dossapati	10	hitaya123@gmail.com	001 732 939 2060	
s	Q&A			25			
	5:30 PM			75			
		Plenary Session					
		Networking - Dinner					

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