

Time		Name
2nd World Hindu Congress Chicago, USA, Sept 7-9, 2018		
ARRIVAL-REGISTRATION-WELCOME DINNER		
Thursday September 6, 2018		
	Arrival at O'Hare International Airport WHC Welcome Booth at the Airport Van Transportation to Congress Venue - Westin Hotel After Registration, Shuttle Vans to Other Hotels. Vans available every 10 mins	
All Day	Registration	
	Relax, Rest, Reconnect	
6:00 PM - 6:30 PM	Assemble for Welcome Program Askoh Singhal Hall (Grand Ballroom)	
6:30 PM	Cultural Program	
	Welcome	Dr Sham Sheth
	Classical Dance Recital	Smt Pavithra Srinivasan
	Music Recital by Renowned Artists: Smt Kavita Krishnamurti, Pandit Dr Lakshminarayana Subramaniam	Padma Shri Kavita Krishnamurti, Padma Bhushan, Pandit Dr Lakshminarayana Subramaniam
	Musical Song Performance	South American Hindu Group
	Word About the Sculptures in the Lobby	Naresh Kumar
	Instructions	Dr Siddhesh Shevade
8:00 PM	Dinner	

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		2nd World Hindu Congress Chicago, USA, Sept 7-9, 2018						
		PROGRAM OVERVIEW						
		Thursday September 6, 2018						
	All Day	Registration						
	6:30 PM - 8:00 PM	Cultural Program						
	8:00 PM	Dinner						
		FRIDAY September 7, 2018						
	7:30 AM	Registration (Tea and coffee available)						
	9:00 AM	Assemble in the Ashok Singhal Hall (Grand Ballroom)						
	9:30 AM	PLENARY SESSION 1 - INAUGURATION						
		POSTER INAUGURATION						
	12:30 PM	Lunch Interaction with Poster Presenters and Lunch						
		Assemble in the Conference Halls						
	2:00 PM	CONCURRENT SESSIONS 1:						
		Economic Conf	Women Conf	Youth Conf	Education Conf	Media Conf	Political Conf	Organization Conf
	3:45 PM	Break & Reassemble						
	4:15 PM	CONCURRENT SESSIONS 2:						
		Economic Conf	Women Conf	Youth Conf	Education Conf	Media Conf	Political Conf	Organization Conf
	5:30 PM	Break - Interaction with Poster Presenters during Break Assemble for Plenary						
	6:30 PM	PLENARY SESSION 2: Collective Efforts for Hindu Resurgence						
	8:00 PM	Networking - Dinner						
		Saturday September 8, 2018						
	7:30 AM	Tea and coffee available						
	9:00 AM	Assemble in the Conference Halls						
	9:30 AM	CONCURRENT SESSIONS 3:						
		Economic Conf	Women Conf	Youth Conf	Education Conf	Media Conf	Political Conf	Organization Conf
	10:45 AM	Break & Reassemble						
	11:15 AM	CONCURRENT SESSIONS 4:						
		Economic Conf	Women Conf	Youth Conf	Education Conf	Media Conf	Political Conf	Organization Conf

12:30 PM	Lunch Interaction with Poster Presenters and Lunch							
2:00 PM	Assemble in the Conference Halls							
2:30 PM	CONCURRENT SESSIONS 5:							
	Economic Conf	Women Conf	Youth Conf	Education Conf	Media Conf	Political Conf	Organization Conf	
3:45 PM	Break & Reassemble							
4:15 PM	CONCURRENT SESSIONS 6:							
	Economic Conf	Women Conf	Youth Conf	Education Conf	Media Conf	Political Conf	Organization Conf	
5:30 PM	Break - Last Session with Poster Presenters during Break Assemble for Plenary							
6:30 PM	PLENARY SESSION 3: Hindu Society: Glory of the Past, Pain of the Present and Dream for the Future							
8.00 PM	Networking - Dinner							
	Sunday September 9, 2018							
7:30 AM	Tea and coffee available							
8.30 AM	Assemble in the Ashok Singhal Hall (Grand Ballroom)							
9:00 AM	PLENARY SESSION 4a: Confluence - Summary & Outcomes Winners of Best Poster Presentation							
10:15 AM	PLENARY SESSION 4b: Confluence - Discussion, Inputs from the Delegates							
11:15 AM	Short Break							
11.45 PM	PLENARY SESSION 5: Thanking Sponsors, Donors, Co-Hosts, Organizers							
12.15 PM	PLENARY SESSION 6: Closing							
1:30 PM	Lunch							

z	Time	Topic	Name
d		2nd World Hindu Congress Chicago, USA, Sept 7-9, 2018	
z		PLENARY SESSIONS - INAUGURAL AND GRAND PANELS Ashok Singhal Hall (Grand Ballroom)	
d		Friday, September 7, 2018	
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z	7:30 AM	Registration (Tea and coffee available)	
z	9.00 AM	Assemble in the Ashok Singhal Hall	
m	9:30 AM	PLENARY SESSION 1 - INAUGURATION	
		Master of Ceremony: Introduction	
		House rules	Master of Ceremony, WHC 2018
		Sankha Dhvani (Blowing of conch shell)	Swami Vigyananand
		Deep Prajwallan (Lighting of the Lamp)	Hon Guest
		An Echo From the Past - September 1893	Padma Bhushan Anupam Kher
		Ekatmata Mantra	Smt Chandrika Tandon
		Introductory Remarks about WHC 2018	Dr Abhaya Asthana, Coordinator, WHC 2018
s		Welcome address	Dr SP Kothari, Chairperson, Organizing Committee, WHC 2018
		Recognizing BAPS Swaminarayan, Chinmaya Mission, Geeta Press Gorakhpur, ISKCON	Shri Ashok Chowgule, Vishva Hindu Parishad
s		Message	Param Pawan Dalai Lama, 14th Dalai Lama
		Message	Mahant Swami, BAPS Swaminarayan
s		Message by Vice President Republic of Suriname	Hon Ashwin Adhin
		Release of the Book "Prabodhan II"	All Dignitaries and Prof Saradindu Mukherji
s		Sumantrite, Suvikrante	Dr Mohanrao Bhagwat
		Hindu Heroes	Multimedia Presentation
s		Closing Remarks	Shri Raju Reddy, Vice-Chairperson, WHC 2018
		Vote of Thanks	Dr Sham Sheth, Host WHC 2018
		Poster Presentations Announcement	Master of Ceremony, WHC 2018
z	12:30 PM	Lunch	
d		Friday, September 7, 2018	
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	6.15pm	Video messages	Sri Sri Ravi Shankar Art of Living Dr Pranav Pandya All World Gayatri Pariwar Sadhu Brahma Bihari Das BAPS Swaminaravan
m	6.30 PM	PLENARY SESSION 2: Collective Efforts for Hindu Resurgence	Moderator: Shri Dattatreya Hosabale
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		Introduction by Session Moderator	Shri Dattatreya Hosabale
s		President, Bharat Seva Ashram Sangh	Swami Purnatmananda
		Sarsanghchhalak, Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangha	Dr Mohanrao Bhagwat
s		Head, Chinmaya Mission Worldwide	Swami Swaroopanand
s		Head, Art of Living Foundation	Sri Sri Ravi Shankar

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Time allowed to MC for introducing people

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s		Head, BAPS International Relation	Sadhu Brahma Bihari Das
		Secretary General, Hindu Dharma Acharya Sabha	Swami Paramatmananda Saraswati
		Sadguru, Namdhari Panth	Sadguru Dalip Singh
		Chairperson, Akshaya Patra Foundation	Shri Madhu Pandit Dasa
		Question and Answers, and Conclusions	
z	8.00 PM	Dinner	
d	Saturday, September 8, 2018		
m	6.30 PM	PLENARY SESSION 3: Hindu Society: Glory of the Past, Pain of Present and Dream for Future	Moderator: Prof Subhash Kak
d		The idea behind this plenary panel 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. Sri Aurobindo: Country whose young men are inspired by glory past, pain of present and dream for future move on path of progress	
		Opening Remarks by Moderator	Prof Subhash Kak
		Hindu Dharma - A Uniting Factor	Padma Bhushan Dr R. Nagaswamy
s		Richness of Arts and Culture	Padma Vibhushan Dr Sonal Mansingh
		Growth Potential of Hindu Economy	Padma Shri Mohandas Pai
z	8.00 PM	Dinner	

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d		2nd World Hindu Congress Chicago, USA, Sept 7-9, 2018	
z		PLENARY - CONCLUDING SESSIONS	
d		Sunday September 9, 2018	
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z	7:30 AM	Tea and coffee available	
z	8:30 AM	Assemble in the Ashok Singhal Hall	
m	9:00 AM	PLENARY SESSION 4a: Confluence - Summary & Outcomes	Chairperson: Dr. Abhaya Asthana
s		Opening Remarks - Chairperson	
s		Hindu Political Conference	Shri Sanjay Puri
s		Hindu Media Conference	Shri Sushil Pandit
s		Hindu Economic Conference	Dr Mukesh Aghi
s		Hindu Women Conference	Smt B. L. Ramarathna
s		Hindu Youth Conference	Shri Parth Parihar
s		Hindu Organizational Conference	Prof Guna Magesan
s		Hindu Education Conference	Dr Nachiketa Tiwari
		Poster Presentations	Dr Jai Bansal
m	10:00 AM	PLENARY SESSION 4b: Confluence - Discussion, Inputs From Delegates	Chairperson: Dr Abhaya Asthana
s		Guidelines	Moderator
s		Remarks from Delegates	
s		Summation	
z	11:00 AM	Break	
m	11:20 AM	PLENARY SESSION 5: Thanks	Chairperson: Dr Bharat Barai
s		Thanking Sponsors, Donors, Co-Hosts, Organizers	Dr Bharat Barai
s		WHEF Announcement	
		Announcement for WHC 2022	Shri Susheel Saraff
m	12:00 PM	PLENARY SESSION 6: Closing	Master of Ceremonies
s		Message - Governor of Illinois Hon Bruce Vincent Rauner	
		Message - President of Oak Brook Shri Gopal Lalmalani	
		Message - Congressman Peter Roskam	
		Keynote - Honorable Vice President of Bharat Shri Venkaiah Naidu	
		Shanti Mantra	
z	1:30 PM	Lunch	

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z		2nd World Hindu Congress Chicago, USA, Sept 7-9, 2018	
z		CONFERENCE ROOM - ASHOK SINGHAL HALL (Grand Ballroom - EB)	
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".	
d		FRIDAY September 7, 2018	
z		Lunch	
m	2:00 PM	Introductory Remarks	
s		Introductory Remarks	Dr Mukesh Aghi Coordinator, WHEF 2018
m	2:30 PM	Session 1. Bharat Economic Growth Story-Next 20 years (Panel Discussion)	Chair: Prof Arvind Panagariya Professor, Columbia University; Former Vice Chair NITI Aayog
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.	
s		This session focuses on Bharat's transformational growth story. Bharat is the world's fastest growing economy and projected to continue growing at a rate of 7.4% in 2018 and 7.8% in 2019, according to the IMF Economic Outlook. Reforms are beginning to pay off, and the next 20 years are expected to continue to see fast growth from the country, which has three decades before hitting the point where the working age population begins to decline. This discussion will be chaired by Professor Arvind Panagariya, noted economist, Former Vice Chair of NITI-Aayog, and Professor of Economics at Columbia University. Joining Professor Panagariya will be Arun Kumar, Chairman and CEO of KPMG India, along with Richard Rossow, Senior Advisor at the Center for Strategic & International Studies, who will share their views on the country's economic outlook over the coming decades.	Prof Arvind Panagariya Professor, Columbia University; Former Vice Chair NITI Aayog
s			Shri Subhash Thakrar Former Chairman, London Chamber of Commerce & Industry
s			Shri Richard Rossow Senior Advisor, Center for Strategic & International Studies, USA
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z	3:45 PM	Break	
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m	4:15 PM	Session 2. Corporate America: How Business Leaders from Bharat are part of the C Suite (Panel Discussion)	Shri Manoj P. Singh Former COO, Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu, Board Member DXC Technology, USA
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?	
s		From Mastercard to Adobe and Microsoft to Google, around the world, many successful CEOs are of Bharatiya origin. Though comprising less than 1% of the US population, Bharatiyas founded 8% of all American technology and engineering startups by 2012. This session will focus on why Bharatiya leaders have been able to succeed in leadership and entrepreneurship roles and what aspects add to their success. Chairing the session is Manoj Singh, Former COO of Deloitte and Board Member of DXC Technology. Arun Kumar Sharma, Chief Investment Officer at the IFC World Bank and Raj Subramaniam, Executive Vice President and Chief Marketing Officer, Federal Express and Sachin Lawande, CEO of Visteon will also share their views on why leadership success rates are so high in the Bharatiya population.	Shri Manoj P. Singh Former COO, Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu, Board Member DXC Technology, USA
s			Shri Arun Kumar Sharma Chief Investment Officer, IFC World Bank
s			Shri Rajesh Subramaniam Executive Vice President/Chief Marketing Officer, Federal Express
			Shri Sachin Lawande President and CEO, Visteon, USA
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z	5:30 PM	Free Time	
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m	6:30 PM	Plenary Session Networking - Dinner	
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d		Saturday September 8, 2018	
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m	9:30 AM	Session 3. USA-Bharat Corridor: Business Opportunities (Panel Discussion)	Chair: Shri Edward L. Monser President, Emerson Electric, USA
d		Current trade between US-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	
s			Shri Edward L. Monser President, Emerson Electric, USA
s		As the second largest population in the world with a fast-growing consumer base, Bharat is an extremely attractive destination for investors. Over the past year, the country increased its rank 30 spaces in the World Bank's Ease of Doing Business Report, following reform implementations over the past few years. The trend is moving forward and opportunities are growing for business leaders looking to engage with Bharat. This session focuses on the present business climate in Bharat, along with the challenges and opportunities that are currently at stake for investors. The discussion is chaired by Ed Monser, President of Emerson Electric and will feature Dilip Sundaram, President of Mahindra Group, Daniel Bryant, Executive Vice President of Global Public Policy, Wal-Mart, and Adrian Mutton CEO and Founder, Sannam S4.	Shri Dilip K Sundaram President, Corporate Affairs, Mahindra Group, Americas
s			Shri Daniel Bryant Senior Vice President Global Public Policy and Government Affairs, Walmart, USA
			Shri Adrian Mutton CEO and Founder, Sannam S4, USA
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z	10:45 AM		
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m	11:15 AM	Session 4. Business Trends: What are the growth opportunities?	Chair: Prof S.P. Kothari Professor of Accounting and Finance, MIT Sloan School of Management, USA
d		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.	
			Prof S.P. Kothari Professor of Accounting and Finance, MIT Sloan School of Management, USA

10 mins To commence at 2.15 allowing time for people to settle.

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s		This session focuses on recent trends including the latest technologies and innovations that investors can use to grow assets. The session will be chaired by Professor S.P. Kothari, Professor at MIT's Sloan School of Management, along with Mukesh Chatter, General Partner at Neonet Capital. Mohand Das Pai, Chairman of Manipal Global and B. V. Jagdeesh, Managing Partner, KAAJ Ventures. The speakers will share their past experiences with the latest business trends and how Bharat watchers can capitalize on the market.	Shri Mukesh Chatter General Partner, Neonet Capital, USA	
s			Padma Bhushan Mohandas Pai Chairman, Board of Manipal Global, Bharat	
			Shri Nikhil Nanda Chairman & Managing Director, Escorts Limited, Bharat	
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z	12:30 PM	Lunch		
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m	2:30 PM	Session 5. Entrepreneurial Start Ups in Emerging Markets: Raising Capital & Success Stories	Chair: Shri B. R. Shetty Founder and Chairman of BRS Ventures, UAE	75 min
d		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 disrupt the current order?		
		This session will focus on the entrepreneurial landscape of Bharat and the US, and how the two countries can share lessons learned regarding funding and operational techniques for startups. Bharat is quickly emerging as a "Startup Nation" under programs implemented by Prime Minister Modi, such as "Digital India" and "Startup India". The country is quickly becoming a startup hub, and investors are following suit. The panel will feature B. R. Shetty, well-known Hindu entrepreneur, along with Rohit Bhayana, the Managing Partner of Lumis Partners, Milind Kamble, Chairman, Dalit Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Shri Jwala Rambarran, Former Governor, Central Bank of Trinidad and Tobago.	Shri B. R. Shetty Founder and chairman of BRS Ventures, Neopharma, Dubai, UAE	15
s			Shri Ragunathan Kannan Director, Sathguru Management Consultants, Bharat	15
s			Shri Satya Bansal CEO, Barclays Wealth, Bharat	15
		Hindu Diaspora Bond - An innovative model for raising finance	Shri Jwala Rambarran Former Governor, Central Bank of Trinidad	15
		Question and Answers		15
	3:45 PM	Announcements		
z		Presentation on Hindu Economic Forum Chapter	Shri Jai Kishan "JK" Jhaver Governing Council Member WHEF	5
		Announcement for WHEF	Shri Suresh Pansari	5
z	3:55 PM	Break		
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m	4:15 PM	Session 6. Planned Networking Session	Chair: Shri Srinivas Chidumalla (Bharat), Shri Sanjay Kumar (Thailand)	75 mins
d		The World Hindu 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		Networking		70
z	5:30 PM	Free Time		
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m	6:30 PM	Plenary Session		
z		Networking - Dinner		
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z		2nd World Hindu Congress Chicago, USA, Sept 7-9, 2018	
z		MAHAMANA MALVIYA HALL (Lilac AC)	
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).	
d		FRIDAY September 7, 2018	
z		Lunch	
m	2:00 PM	Introductory Remarks	
s		Introductory Remarks	Prof Nachiketa Tiwari Coordinator, Education Conference
			15 Program to commence at 2.15pm
m	2:30 PM	Session 1. Quality Education in Growing Economies	Chair: Dr G Viswanathan Founder and Chancellor, VIT University, Bharat
d		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?	
		Session introduction by Chairperson: Challenges to running and improving quality in Bharat's technical institutions	Dr G Viswanathan Founder and Chancellor, VIT University, Bharat
s		Policy changes needed to make education affordable and of high quality	Prof Satish Modh, Director, VESIM Business School, Bharat
s		Promoting human values on campus: MIT-World Peace University: A case study	Dr Rahul Vishwanath Karad Managing Trustee, MIT University, Bharat
		A sustainable business model for a school for providing affordable and quality education	Dr Kiran Patel Entrepreneur and Philanthropist, USA
		Question and Answers	
z			10
z	3:45 PM	Break	
z			15
m	4:15 PM	Session 2. Role of Institutions in Developing Scholars in Hindu Studies	Chair: Prof Saradindu Mukherji Member, Indian Council of Historical Research, Bharat
d		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 introduction by Chairperson:	Prof Saradindu Mukherji Member, Indian Council of Historical Research, Bharat
s		The cost of not developing our own scholars in the area of "Hindu studies"	Swami Mitrananda Chinmaya Vishwa Vidyapeeth, Bharat
		The relevance of Hindu knowledge traditions in present world	Dr William F. Sands Dean, Maharishi University of Management, USA
		A plan for developing scholarship in the area of "Hindu Studies"	Brahmachari Dinesh Kashikar Art of Living Foundation, USA
		An indigenous operations model for educational institutions for developing Hindu scholarship	Smt Chandrika Tandon Board Member, New York University, USA
		Question and Answers	
z			15
z	5:30 PM	Free Time	
m	6:30 PM	Plenary Session	
z		Networking - Dinner	
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d		Saturday September 8, 2018	
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m	9:30 AM	Session 3. Networking, Creating and Encouraging Hindu Scholarship Across the Globe	Chair: Dr Manoj Khandelwal, Global Coordinator, WAHA, Australia
d		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 introduction by Chairperson	Dr Manoj Khandelwal Global Coordinator, WAHA, Australia
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s		Networking to create Hindu Scholars across the globe	Shri Hari Kiran Vadlamani Founder Advaita Academy, Bharat	15
s		Towards a sustainable ecosystem for Hindu writers and scholars	Shri Sankrant Sanu MD, Garuda Publications, USA	15
s		Challenges of networking scholarship in area of Dharma/Hindu studies	Dr Manohar Shinde Founding Director, Dharma Civilization Foundation, USA	15
		Question and Answers		15
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z	10:45 AM	Break		
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m	11:15 AM	Session 4. Strengthening Our Knowledge Traditions and Languages	Chair: Prof K Ramsubramanian Prof. IIT Mumbai, Bharat	75 mins
d		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		Session introduction by Chairperson - The relevance of Hindu knowledge traditions in present world	Prof K. Ramsubramanian Prof. IIT Mumbai, Bharat	15
s		Learning Sanskrit today: The language of science and beauty	Shri Ramji Raghavan Founder Chairman, Agastya International Foundation, Bharat	15
s		The consequences of Sanskrit - West Encounter	Shri Oscar Pujol Riembaui Instituto Cervantes, Brazil	15
		The relevance of Hindu knowledge traditions in present world	Swamini Pramananda Purna Vidya, Bharat	15
		Tradition of asking questions to seek knowledge	Dr Shirin Kulkarni Co-Founder, Council for Creative Education, Finland	15 *
		Question and Answers		
z		Conclusion		
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z	12:30 PM	Lunch		
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m	2:30 PM	Session 5: Responding to Western Academic Challenges	Chair: Prof Arvind Sharma Professor of Religion, McGill University, Canada	75 mins
d		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 introduction by Chairperson: Does the western framework of understanding Hindus structurally promote our misportrayal	Prof Arvind Sharma Professor of Religion, McGill University, Canada	15
s		Misportrayal of Hindus: A historical perspective	Shri Rajiv Malhotra Founder Infinity Foundation, USA	15
s		Implications of misportrayal of Hindus on Bharat's policies, and destiny	Dr Koenraad Elst Indologist and Writer, Belgium	15
s		Exposing academic biases against Hindus through well researched popular literature	Padma Bhushan David Frawley (Vamadeva Shastri) American Institute of Vedic Studies, USA	15
		Question and Answers		15
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z	3:45 PM	Break		
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m	4:15 PM	Session 6: Perspective from Across the Globe	Chair: Dr Sachin Nanda Coordinator, Vichar Manthan, UK	75 mins
d		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.		
		Session introduction by Chairperson	Dr Sachin Nanda Coordinator, Vichar Manthan, UK	5
s		The consequences of ignoring Bharatiya jurisprudence principles and practices	Padma Bhushan R. Nagaswamy Historian and Archaeologist, Bharat	15
s		Portrayal of Hindu Dharma and culture in Malaysian schools	Dr Rupa Saminathan Educationist, Malaysia	15
		Understanding the partition: Pakistan as a new Medina	Prof Venkat Dhulipala Associate Professor, History, University of North Carolina Wilmington, USA	15
		Question and Answers		15
		Chairperson's Summation		10
		Concluding Remarks	Prof SP Kothari Professor, Accounting and Finance, MIT Sloan School of Management, USA	15
z	5:30 PM	Free Time		
z				
m	6:30 PM	Plenary Session		

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Networking - Dinner

z	Time	Topic	Name	
z		2nd World Hindu Congress Chicago, USA, Sept 7-9, 2018		
z		CONFERENCE ROOM - Junior Ballroom - A		
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".		
d		FRIDAY September 7, 2018		
z		Lunch		
m	2:00 PM	Introductory Remarks		
s	2:00 PM	Introductory Remarks	Shri Sushil Pandit, Shri Vikas Deshpande, Coordinators, Media Conference	15
	2:15 PM	Keynote Address Video Message	Shri Subhash Chandra Chairman, Zee TV, Bharat Padma Bhushan Anupam Kher A national Award Winning Actor	
m	2:30 PM	Session 1. News Media and the Hindu Perspective	Chair: Shri R Jaganathan Editorial Director, Swarajya, Bharat	75
d		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.		
		Session introduction by Chairperson	Journalist, editor, columnist, and anchor, Bharat	10
		Making a case with broader audience - what is fake and what is reality?	Shri Prafulla Ketkar Editor, Organiser Weekly, Bharat	10
s		Competing with regional media and readership	Shri Hitesh Shankar Editor, Panchjanya Weekly, Bharat	10
		Maintaining non-partisan views in partisan dialogue	Shri R Jaganathan Editorial Director, Swarajya, Bharat	10
		Serving NRI community with independent thoughts and knowledge	Shri Sree M Iyer Founder, PGurus online platform,	
		The role of journalists to defend/promote Hindu thoughts in mainstream media	Shri Francois Gautier Editor-in-Chief, Paris-based La Nouvelle Revue de l'Inde, Bharat	10
s		Q&A		25
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z	3:45 PM	Break		
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m	4:15 PM	Session 2. Technology and Future Trends	Chair: Shri Amit Khanna Film Maker, Former President of Reliance Entertainment Network,	75 mins
d		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?		
		Session introduction by Chairperson	Shri Amit Khanna Film Maker, Former President of Reliance Entertainment Network, Bharat	10
s		Film and movie making opportunity in the streaming world	Shri Ashay Dileep Javadekar Filmmaker, USA	10
s		Current status and future trends in the Print media	Smt Purna Lau Sian CEO, Vaahan Political Magazine, UK	10
		Community outreach via online media and podcasting	Shri Aadit Kapadia Co-Founder, MyIndMakers, USA	10

		Developing community focused media outlet	Smt. Dhanashree Ramchandran Founder and CEO, Nous Labs, USA	10
s		Q&A		25
z	5:30 PM	Free Time		
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z		Networking - Dinner		
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m	9:30 AM	Session 3. Social Media – Riding this Wave with a Hindu Agenda	Chair: Shri Avatans Kumar PR & IT Consultant, USA	75 mins
d		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		Changing the narrative of Hindus in the media: the role of media ownership	Shri Vinay Kumar Singhal Co-Founder and CEO, WittyFeed, Bharat	10
s		Tweeting for a cause	Smt Neha Srivastava Founder, Shaktitva Project	15
s		Dealing with trolls and fake news while standing out for the cause	Smt Shefali Vaidya Author and blogger, Bharat	15
s		Hindu Dharma, Bharat, Geo-politics and Social media	Smt Sunanda Vashisht Writer and columnist, USA	15
s		Q&A		20
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z	10:45 AM	Break		
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m	11:15 AM	Session 4. Commerce of Media – Opportunities for Entrepreneurs	Chair: Shri Suresh Chavhanke Editor-in-Chief, Sudharshan News, Bharat	75 mins
d		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		Session introduction by Chairperson	Shri Suresh Chavhanke Editor-in-Chief, Sudharshan News, Bharat	10
s		Opportunities in television media	Shri Kartikeya Sharma Founder & Promoter of iTV Network, Bharat	15
s		Social awareness by bringing history to life	Shri Rahul Kumar Tewary Director, Swastik Productions, Bharat	15
		Challenges and opportunities for ethnic media in the US	Shri Prashant Shah Founder Editor, India Tribune, USA	15
s		Q&A		20
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z	12:30 PM	Lunch		
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s	2:30 PM	Video Keynote Address	Padma Bhushan Anupam Kher A national award winning actor, Bharat	15
m	2:45 PM	Session 5. Entertainment Media and Representation of Hindu Values	Chair: Shri David B Cohen Attorney and Columinst, USA	75 mins
d		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.		
		Session introduction by Chairperson	Shri David B Cohen Attorney and columnist, USA	10
s		Role of entertainment media while searching social realities	Shri Vivek Agnihotri Film director and producer, Bharat	15

s		Presentation of Hindu values in movies and on TV serials.	Shri Amit Khanna, Film Maker, Fmr President of Reliance Entertainment Network	15
s		Media represents the society or vice versa?	Padma Shri Madhur Bhandarkar Film director and script writer, Bharat	15
z		Q&A		20
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z	3:45 PM	Break		
m	4:15 PM	Session 6. Hindu Identity in the Era of Multiculturalism and Globalization	Chair: Prof Makarand Paranjape Professor, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Bharat	75 mins
d		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 'seccularism.' 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?		
		Session introduction by Chairperson	Prof Makarand Paranjape Professor, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Bharat	10
s		Modern style for ancient stories and youth awareness	Shri Amish Tripathi Author, Bharat	15
s		Decapitalizing history: An alternative look back at a living civilization	Shri Parag Tope Author, USA	15
s		Integrating Hindu ethos in the global economy	Prof Prasenjit Basu Economist, Singapore	15
s		Standing out as an independent voice documenting the historical facts	Shri Francois Gautier Editor-in-Chief, Paris-based La Nouvelle Revue de l'Inde, Bharat	15
z		Q&A		5
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z	5:30 PM	Free Time		
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z		Networking - Dinner		

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z		2nd World Hindu Congress Chicago, USA, Sept 7-9, 2018		
z		CONFERENCE ROOM - Magnolia		
d		HINDU YOUTH CONFERENCE <i>Rise, Organize, Lead and Emerge</i> Conducted by the Hindu Student & Youth Network		
d		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.		
d		FRIDAY September 7, 2018		
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s	2:15 PM	Introductory Remarks	Shri Parth Parihar Coordinator, Youth Conference	15 mins
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m	2:30 PM	Session 1. Strengthening Hindu Identity	Shri Ravi Jaishankar Board of Trustees, Hindu Students Council, USA	75 mins
d		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.		
		Session introduction by Chairperson	Shri Ravi Jaishankar Board of Trustees, Hindu Students Council, USA	10
s		Changing the narrative of Hindu identity	Sushri Drishti Mae President, National Hindu Students Forum, UK	15
s		Think before you act: Strengthening the Hindu identity	Shri Varun Khanna Assistant Professor of Sanskrit, University of Pennsylvania, USA	15
s		Firm Hindu identity: An inclusive approach	Sushri Prashaanta Singh, Student, Dental Surgery, Trinidad & Tobago	15
s		Question and Answers		20
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z	3:45 PM	Break		
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m	4:15 PM	Session 2. Engaged Hindu Action Through Knowledge	Chair: Sushri Sai Khisty KPKMG LLP, USA	75 mins
d		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 use traditional Hindu models in today's context and why they are unique and sorely needed 		
s		Session introduction by Chairperson	Sushri Sai Khisty KPMG, LLP, USA	10
s		Knowledge-based representation of Hindu Dharma	Shri Nihar Sashittal, Independent Researcher and Columnist	15
s		Addressing under-representation: A strategic approach	Shri Gopal Patel Director, Bhumi Project, UK	15
s		The Hindu perspective on global defense and strategy: Protecting our interest and traditions	Sushri Nikki Avalokitesvari Secretary, Vivekananda Spirit, Indonesia	15
s		Question and Answers		20
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z		Networking - Dinner		
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m	9:30 AM	Session 3. Hindu Youth as Drivers and Leaders of the Economy	Chair: Shri Siddarth Pai Founding Partner and CFO, 3one4 Capital, Bharat	75
d		<p>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</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The current need for Hindu youth to become job-makers (entrepreneurs) instead of job-seekers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Novel mechanisms to develop a micro-environment/ ecosystem to promote and sustain entrepreneurship • Discuss how Hindu youth can become leaders of the economy 		
s		Session introduction by Chairperson	Shri Siddarth Pai Founding Partner and CFO, 3one4 Capital, Bharat	10
s		Dharma and the opportunities of a de-centralized economy	Shri Aditya Mishra Founder, ZPX, Singapore	15
s		A Hindu model for comprehensive economic growth	Shri Shobhit Kumar Vision India Foundation, Bharat	15
s		Hindu youth as drivers of the economy	Smt Nisha Holla Co-Founder, Biomoneta Research, Bharat	15
s		Question and Answers		20
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	10:45 AM	Break		
	11:00 AM	Education and Hindu Identity	Shri Aryaman Meswani Student, Bharat	15 mins
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m	11:15 AM	Session 4. Proactive Engagement in Media	Chair: Shri Sumit Sharma Coordinator Web and Social Media, HSS, UK	75 mins
d		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		Session introduction by Chairperson	Shri Sumit Sharma Coordinator Web and Social Media, HSS, UK	10
s		Changing the narrative of Hindus in the media: The role of media ownership	Shri Vinay Kumar Singhal CEO, WittyFeed, Bharat	15
s		Media as a career: influence and opportunities	Shri Aditya Patwardhan Documentary filmmaker, USA	15
s		The impact of proactivity in social media	Smt Karolina Goswami Founder and Editor-in-Chief, India in Details, Bharat	15
		Question and Answers		20
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z	12:30 PM	Lunch		
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m	2:30 PM	Session 5. Politics and Hindu Human Rights - Importance for the Next Generation	Chair: Shri Sushyanth Subramanian Hindu Youth Australia, Australia	75 mins
d		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? How can we use politics to effect change and why is it important to be in politics.		
		Session introduction by Chairperson	Shri Sushyanth Subramanian Hindu Youth Australia, Australia	10
s		Politics as career option for Hindu youth in serving and positioning Hindu society	Smt Mayuri Parmar Amin Founder, Parmar Advisory, UK	15
s		Young Hindu politician: A success story	Shri Himanshu Gulati Member of Parliament, Norway	15

s		Abuses of the human rights of Hindus and how to raise our voice against it	Sushri Devika Sital Volunteer, Global Human Rights Defence, Netherlands	15
s		Question and Answers		20
z	3:45 PM	Break		
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m	4:15 PM	Session 6. Workshop - Creating a Strong Network for Communication and Unanimous Voice	Chair: Smt Nitika Sharma Hindu Youth New Zealand, New Zealand	75 mins
d		<p>Here, we aim to project the conference experience into future action. By networking, Hindu youth and leaders, we 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</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Young Hindu Entrepreneurs Network <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Global Mentorship Program • Human Rights Defense Task Force 		
		Session introduction by Chairperson	Smt Nitika Sharma Hindu Youth New Zealand, New Zealand	10
s		Young Hindu entrepreneurs network	Smt Parth Parihar Hindu Students Council, USA Sushri Liza Bhansali Coordinator, HSYN, Bharat	35
s		Global human rights defense taskforce	Sushri Devika Sital Volunteer, Global Human Rights Defence, Netherlands	35
s		Workshop: HSYN Beyond the World Hindu Congress	Shri Parth Parihar, USA Smt Nitika Sharma, New Zealand	35
		Global Mentorship Program (Women)	Sushri Sadhna Gupta MBA student, Stanford, USA	35
s		Summation of workshops – Chairperson		30
z	5:20 PM	Closing remarks for Hindu Youth Conference	Sushri Amruta Houde, Co- ordinator, Youth Conference	10
	5:40 PM	Free Time		
m	6:30 PM	Plenary Session		
z		Networking - Dinner		

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	2nd World Hindu Congress Chicago, USA, Sept 7-9, 2018		
	CONFERENCE ROOM - GARGI HALL (Grand Ballroom GHJ)		
	HINDU WOMEN CONFERENCE Highest Respect to the Women - Conducted by the Hindu Women Forum		
	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.		
	Friday September 7, 2018		
	Lunch		
	Introductory Remarks		
2.00 PM	Introductory Remarks - Coordinator	Smt BL Ramarathna Coordinator, Hindu Women Conference	15 mins
	Keynote	Smt Chandrika Tandon Chairperson Tandon Capital Associates, USA	15 mins
2:30 PM	Session 1. Women and Economy: Recognition of Hindu Women's Contribution	Chair: Dr Somdutta Singh Co-Chair, Nasscom Product Council, Bharat	75 mins
	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.		
	Introducing the chairperson and the session	Smt Sabitha Venugopal	2
	Session introduction by Chairperson	Dr Somdutta Singh Vice Chairperson, Nasscom, Bharat	13
	Wearing multiple hats and redefining success	Dr Toni DasGupta CEO, Veda Financial, USA	15
	Breaking the glass ceiling	Smt Meena Patel Vice President, Digital Business Services, USA	15
	Women in finance: sharing learned lessons with women entrepreneurs	Dr Nandini Tandon Entrepreneur and venture capitalist, USA	15
	Question and Answers		15
3:45 PM	Break		
4:15 PM	Session 2. Hindu Women in Education	Chair: Prof Anuradha Gokhale Professor, Illinois State University, USA	75 mins
	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 samskars, 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 samskars to the children?		
	Introducing the chairperson and the session	Sushri Smita Daftardar	2
	Session introduction by Chairperson	Prof Anuradha Gokhale Professor, Illinois State University, USA	13
	Responsibility of Hindu women as Hindu ambassadors	Padma Shri Nivedita Bhide Vice President, Vivekananda Kendra, Bharat	15
	Role of Hindu women in the past present and future in guiding society through value based education and policy making	Dr Meena Chandawarkar Former Vice Chancellor, Karnataka State Women's University, Bharat	15

s		Preserving Hindu identity in a multi-cultural society	Dr Vindhya Vasini Persaud Member of Parliament and President of the Guyana Hindu Dharmic Sabha, Guyana	15
s		Question and Answers		15
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z		Networking - Dinner		
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d		Saturday September 8, 2018		
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m	9:30 AM	Session 3. Media and Art	Chair: Smt Anupama Hoskere Director, Dhaatu Puppet Theater, Bharat	75 mins
d		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.		
		Introducing the chairperson and the session	Sushri Aditi Banerjee	3
		Session introduction by Chairperson	Smt Anupama Hoskere Director, Dhaatu Puppet Theater, Bharat	12
s		From social networks to collaborative network	Dr Rasita Vishnuram Public Affairs & Indic Researcher	15
s		Portrayal of women in modern media	Smt Malavika Avinash Lawyer & Actress, Bharat	15
s		Social media – opportunities and challenges	Sushri Yashika Singh Head of Genre, Religion: South African Broadcasting Corporation, South Africa	15
s		Questions and Answers		15
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z	10:45 AM	Break		
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m	11:15 AM	Session 4. The Role of Hindu Women in Shaping the Society	Chair: Smt Alaka Inamdar National Joint Secretary of Rashtra Sevika Samiti, Bharat	75 mins
d		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-conducive 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.		
		Introducing the chairperson and the session	Smt Manju Tiwari	3
		Session introduction by Chairperson	Smt Alaka Inamdar National Joint Secretary of Rashtra Sevika Samiti, Bharat	10
s		Awakening the yoga shakti in Hindu Dharma	Yogini Shambhavi Chopra Co-Director, American Institute of Vedic Studies, USA	10
s		Redefining the role of women in the Hindu tradition	Swamini Svatomvidyananda Arsha Vijnana Gurukulam, USA	10
s		Positive parenting	Smt Amrita Tailor Health Scientist, CDC, USA	10
s		Socio-cultural issues and contemporary challenges	Prof Madhu Purnima Kishwar Professor, Indian Council for Social Science Research	10
		Questions and Answers		25
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m	2:30 PM	Session 5. Inspiring Women	Chair: Sushri Chayaa Nanjappa Founder & Managing Partner, Nectar Fresh, Bharat	75 mins
d		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.		
		Introducing the chairperson and the session	Sushri Veena Katdare	3
		Session introduction by Chairperson	Sushri Chayaa Nanjappa Founder & Managing Partner, Nectar Fresh, Bharat	10
		Sports	Padma Shri Shital Mahajan Extreme sportsperson, Bharat	10
s		Politics	Smt Vanathi Srinivasan Lawyer, Social Activist, Author State General Secretary of BJP, Bharat	10
		Social work for Hindu cause	Smt Akila Ramarathinam National General Secretary, Vishva Hindu Parishad of Australia Inc, Australia	10
		An Entrepreneur	Dr Somdutta Singh Co-Chair, Nasscom Product Council, Bharat	10
s		Q&A		22
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z	3:45 PM	Break		
m	4:15 PM	Session 6. Way Forward – Networking of Hindu Resourceful Women across the Globe	Chair: Dr Uma Vaidya Former VC, Kavikulguru Kalidas Sanskrit University, Bharat	75 mins
d		Introducing the chairperson and the session	Smt Sai Patil Dr Uma vaidya	2
		Summary of all the sessions in a nut shell, identify our potential, plan of action.	Former VC, Kavikulguru Kalidas Sanskrit University, Bharat	13
s		What's next? Need of the hour, current situation of the society, how can we help?	Smt Jyothi Reddy CEO, Key Software Solutions Inc, USA	10
s		Group Workshop Instructions - 4 to 5 different groups discuss about next action plan (Education, Economics, Social issues, Politics/media)	Dr Sai Patil Director, Mylan Pharma, USA	5
		Group Workshop	Smt Yash Desai , Smt Manga Anantamula & Smt Shilpa Chheda, Smt Priya Tondon, Smt Jaya Asthana	20 *
s		Each team presents the action plan they come up with	Team Members	10
		Plan of Action	Smt Priya Tondon	8
z		Resolution and Conclusion - Chairperson		7
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z		2nd World Hindu Congress Chicago, USA, Sept 7-9, 2018	
z		CONFERENCE ROOM - LILAC BD	
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	
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s	2:00 PM	Introductory Remarks	Shri Ashwin Adhin Vice President, Suriname
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m	2:30 PM	Session 1. Reasserting a Strong Hindu Political Voice in Trinidad & Tobago, Suriname, Guyana, Mauritius, South Africa and Fiji	Chair: H.E. Shri Jagdishwar Goburdhun Mauritius High Commissioner to Bharat, New Delhi
d		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.	
		Session introduction by Chairperson	
s		Challenges faced in building a united political front between Caribbean Hindus and the Hindu diaspora at large	Shri Ravi Dev Former MP, Guyana
s		Challenges faced by Hindu politicians in post-apartheid South Africa	Smt. Santosh Kanyan Member National Assembly, South Africa
s		Complexities of religious dynamics in Caribbean politics	Shri Chandresh Sharma Former MP/Cabinet Minister, Trinidad & Tobago
		Q&A	
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z	3:45 PM	Break	
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m	4:15 PM	Session 2. Expanding and Cultivating Political Leadership in Western Democracies (USA, Canada, UK, Australia, New Zealand, Netherlands, France)	Chair: Shri Raja Krishnamurthy Member of the US House of Representative, USA
d		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.	
		Session introduction by Chairperson	Shri Raja Krishnamurthy Member of the US House of Representative, USA
s		Impactful participation of Hindus in the political process	Shri Rahul Kumar State Councilor Frankfurt Kelsterbach, Germany
		Strengthening the representation of Hindus in global politics	Shri Adi Sathi Young Politician, USA
s		Navigating the complexities of religion and race in the American political landscape	Shri Niraj Antani Ohio State Representative, USA

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z		2nd World Hindu Congress Chicago, USA, Sept 7-9, 2018		
z		CONFERENCE ROOM - ASHOK SINGHAL HALL (Grand Ballroom ABCD)		
d		HINDU ORGANIZATIONAL CONFERENCE <i>Organization is Strength</i> Conducted by the Hindu Organizations, Temples, Associations Forum		
d		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 Kaliyuge", which means "Organization is Strength".		
d		FRIDAY September 7, 2018		
z		Lunch		
m	2:00 PM	Introductory Remarks		
s	2:15 PM	Introductory Remarks	Prof Guna Magesan Coordinator, HOTA conference	15
m	2:30 PM	Session 1. Mandir and Culture: Serving the needs of Hindu Community	Chairperson: Dr Srilekha Reddy Palle Durga Temple of Virginia, USA	75 mins
d		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 dir 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.		
		Session introduction by Chairperson	Dr Srilekha Reddy Palle Durga Temple of Virginia, USA	10
s		Freeing temples from Government clutches	Swami Paramatmananda Saraswati Secretary-General, Hindu Dharma Acharya Sabha, Bharat	12
s		How a Temple initiated the largest mid-day meal program in the world	Sadhu Chanchalpathi Dasa Akshaya Patra Foundation, Bharat	12
s		Temple conceptualization and functions	Dr Siva Subramanian Shiva Vishnu Temple, USA	12
s		Spiritual but not religious (SBNR)	Shri Joseph Emmett Vedanta Institute Houston, USA	12
s	Q&A			12
z	3:45 PM	Break		
m	4:15 PM	Session 2. Human rights violation around the world	Chairperson: Padma Bhushan Ved Prakash Nanda Professor, University of Denver, USA	75
d		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. The diversity of the presenters 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.		
		Session introduction by Chairperson	Padma Bhushan Ved Prakash Nanda Professor, University of Denver, USA	10
s		Defending Hindu human rights	Shri Sradhanand Sital Chairman, Global Human Rights Defence, The Netherlands	10
s		Fighting for Hindus in Bangladesh	Shri Sitangshu Guha Leader, BHBCUC USA, USA	10
s		Pakistani Hindus: A genocide forgotten		10

		Human rights violation against Yazidi community	Dr Ajay Tejasvi Narasimhan Expert, International politics and leadership	10
s		Safeguard the rights of Roma (forgotten children of Bharat Mata)	Padma Bhushan Ved Prakash Nanda Professor, University of Denver, USA	10
s		Question and Answers		15
	5:30 PM	Free Time		
m	6:30 PM	Plenary Session		
z		Networking - Dinner		
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d		Saturday September 8, 2018		
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m	9:30 AM	Session 3. Collaboration Between and Within Linguistic/Cultural Organizations	Chairperson: Shri Sanjay Tripathi Executive director for Pacific region, HSS, USA	75mins
d		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, creating 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. 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.		
s		Session introduction by Chairperson	Shri Sanjay Tripathi, Executive Director for Pacific region, HSS, USA Ami Patel, Canada	75 mins
s		Panelist 1 - Telugu	Dr Harinath Policherla	
s		Panelist 2 - Tamil	Shri Balaji Rajgopalan	
s		Panelist 3 - Kannada	Shri Amarnath Gowda	
s		Panelist 4 - Gujarati	Shri Vasudev Patel	
s		Panelist 5 - Marathi	Shri Avinash Padhye	
s		Panelist 6 - Punjabi	Shri Sukhi Chahal	
s		Panelist 7 - Bengali	Shri Jadhajit Senmazumdar	
s	Q&A	Conclusions of the Panel Discussion		
z	10:45 AM	Break		
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m	11:15 AM	Session 4. Operational mechanism for Hindus to reach the unreached areas	Chairperson: BK Ushaben Bharat	75 mins
d		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		Session introduction by Chairperson	BK Ushaben Bharat	10
s		Reaching to the South American community	Swami B A Paramadvaiti Founder, VRINDA, South America	12
s		Getting legal recognition of Hindu Dharma in Italian Government system	Swamini Hamsanand Giri Gitananda Ashram, Italy	12
s		African community and Hindu thoughts	Swami Satyananda Saraswati Hindu Monastery of Africa, Ghana	12
s		Reaching to un-reached areas - Focusing on Central Asia	Shri Anuttama Das ISKCON, USA	12
s		Questions and Answers		12

z	12:30 PM	Lunch		
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m	2:30 PM	Session 5. Challenges and Opportunities before the Hindu Society		Chairperson: Pandit Ram Hardowar Shri Surya Narayan Mandir, USA
d		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.		75 mins
s		Session introduction by Chairperson	Pandit Ram Hardowar Shri Surya Narayan Mandir, USA	10
s		Shaping global Hindu identity	Dr Ajay Shah VHP of America, USA	15
s		Challenge and opportunity before Hindu society in Indonesia and support from the global Hindu movement	Prof I Ketut Widnya Director General, Department of Hindu, Ministry of Religious Affairs, Indonesia	15
s		Family: Incubator for Hindu Dharma	Acharya Shri Gaurang Nanavaty Chinmaya Mission, USA	15
s	Q&A			20
	3:45 PM	Break		
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m	4:15 PM	Session 6. Global Hindus Making Global Impact		Chairperson: Brahmachari Vrajvihari Sharan Director, Hindu Life in Campus Ministry at Georgetown University, USA
d		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.		75 mins
s		Session introduction by Chairperson	Brahmachari Vrajvihari Sharan Director, Hindu Life in Campus Ministry at Georgetown University, USA	10
s		Govardhan eco village: Rural development of Vedic smart villages	Shri Gauranga Das Director, Govardhan Ecovillage, Bharat	10
s		California Textbook Movement by Hindu community - A successful case study	Shri Sanjay Tripathi Exec Director for Pacific region, HSS, USA	10
s		Hindu activism in America and the model to be replicated across the world	Shri Satyanarayan Dosapati Hindu Activist, USA	10
s		Temples as learning centers	Shri Balabhadra Dasa President Vedic Friends' Association, USA	10
s	Q&A			20
	5:30 PM	Free Time		
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m	6:30 PM	Plenary Session		
z		Networking - Dinner		

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