



SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL HINDU CONFERENCE

DURBAN-2024



“UNITED COMMUNITIES, STRONGER SOUTH AFRICA”

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SA is a growing democracy and within its Constitution all religions and expressions of faith are allowed to foster side by side.

As a dynamic Hindu community that has contributed to the economic and social life of SA, the Hindu community stands tall facing many hardships and overcoming harrowing difficulties over the decades of their arrival to this continent.

In the passage of time and their long and endearing legacy to the country, Hindus have contributed immensely to the fabric of the soul of South Africa and have made huge strides in shaping education as well as the political discourse in SA.

However, Faultline’s July 2021, was a wave of civil unrest in Kwa Zulu Natal and parts of Gauteng and saw a community under siege, facing new challenges.

Today, after thirty years of democracy, the Hindu community finds itself at a threshold amidst forced conversions, economic and financial challenges, family breakdown, confronting health issues and corruption, yet a deep resilience still prevails in the hearts of the Hindus-a beacon of light that yearns to be rekindled to grow once again.

In recognizing the current state of the Hindu society Vishwa Hindu Parishad-SA is organizing its first ever National Hindu Conference in Durban



WHO IS VISHWA HINDU PARISHAD

Vishwa Hindu Parishad is regarded as the largest Hindu organisation in Bharat and is engaged in many aspects of education, seva, advocacy, training and organizing the Hindu society.

It was first launched in 1964 by Swami Chinmayanandaji, Guruji Golwalker who was the second Sarsangachalak of RSS who presided over RSS for 33 years amongst other important Hindu leaders. Its main objective is to unite the entire Hindu society by galvanizing, strengthening and organizing them.

A wide range of Sants, Swamis, Acharyajis and Yogis came together to pave the way for organizing the Hindu society and in the process to network and build an informed and empowered society for the future. Over the years Vishwa Hindu Parishad grew to be established in several countries outside Bharat.

Vishwa Hindu Parishad -South Africa is a non-profit organization committed to supporting our society to help educate and inspire change through various activities, conducting Training and Education Sessions, Seva activities as well as engaging in HOTA activities-(Hindu Organisations and Temple Associations) to foster growth at the temple level.

The need for management principles for temples are key to expand the work of Hindu organisations. Temples must expand their services to cover such aspects as family health and well- being, youth development, business and propagation of Hindu Dharma. As learning centres of hope and light, temples must move beyond prayer to be innovative and impactful in society.



WHO IS THE WORLD HINDU FOUNDATION

The World Hindu Foundation is a facilitator organisation from VHP set to organize conferences that bring together sectors of Hindu society to network and map out future growth opportunity of the Hindu society. The World Hindu Congress held every 4 years is an instrument to organize the global Hindu community for Hindu resurgence. These are held to discuss issues of relevance and importance to the Global Hindu community and organizes 7 parallel conferences covering the areas of Economy, Education, Media, Politics, Youth, Women and Organisations together

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE CONFERENCE

- Position Hindu presence in SA and the global community
- Make Hindu visible, acceptable, and respectable
- Hindu voice should be impactful
- Project Hindu leadership in strategically significant areas
- Further Hindu values through crafting of systems and methods
- Place for networking and developing synergies

WHAT ARE THE AIMS OF THE NATIONAL HINDU CONFERENCE

- 1 To network and Strengthen our Hindu society.
- 2 To bring the Samaj closer towards Hindutva/ Hindu-ness thinking.
- 3 To consolidate the key Focus areas of the day which includes Education, Politics, Economics, Media, Conversion, Women and Youth.

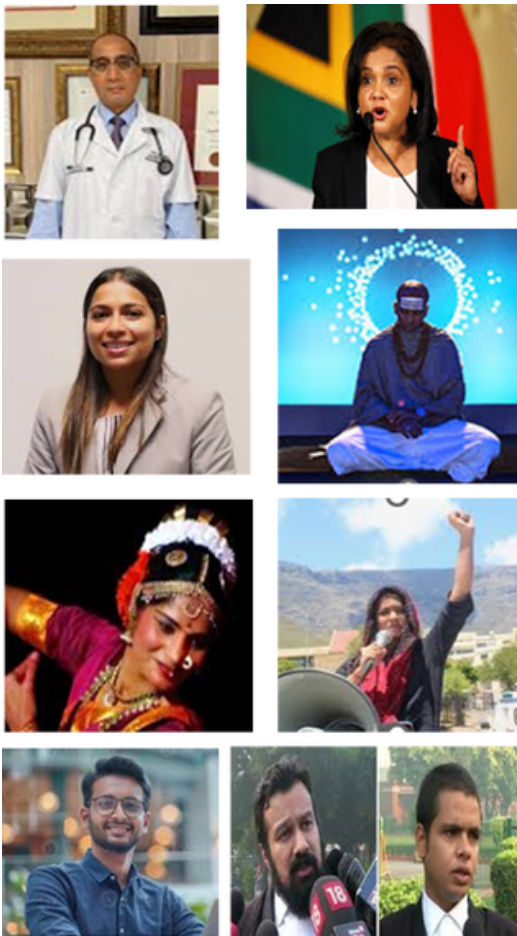
The outcomes of the Groups engagement- must eventually design a Plan of Action to pave the way forward for the resurgence of the Hindu Samaj



WHO WILL BE ATTENDING

Hindus from all walks of life from High profile thought leaders, including Sannyasa, Sadhus, Hindu community leaders, Government officials and Politicians, Researchers, Judiciary, the police, Professionals, Industrialists, Medical Volunteers and Entrepreneurs.

These will include Women and youth leaders and artists who have made a contribution to the rich cultural life of SA



The Conference will be attended by high Profile and outstanding South Africans in various fields of expertise gathering together to raise awareness of:

- Threats and challenges Hindus face in South Africa.
- The role of the media in creating narratives for Hindus in South Africa.
- The Impact of Religious practices amongst Hindus and role of Sannyasas, Pundits, Gurus, and leaders
- The Future of Religious Education how it should be implemented.
- The impact of Hindu vernacular languages.
- Respect, the underlying value for Hindu Unity and Strength.
- Building, fostering and sustaining a Hindu Economy.
- Youth involvement and participation in the development of a modern society
- Political participation and the representation of the rights of Hindus
- How we can support, uplift, educate our marginalized Hindus that face several challenges.

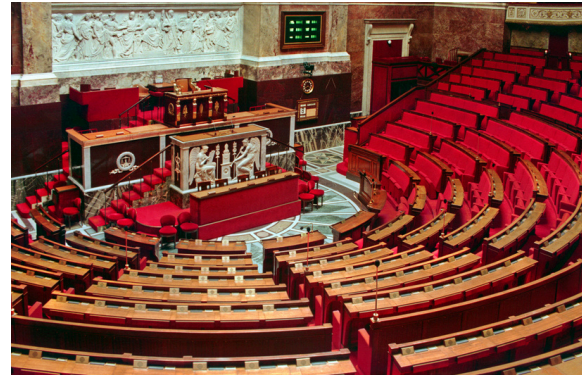
WHY THESE SESSIONS

There will be 8 sessions spread across 2 days covering topics critical for Hindu community

POLITICS

Politics plays a decisive role in modern societal discourse and governance. Many Hindus are highly educated and financially successful but do not participate in the political process, thus losing out to smaller but more politically-aware communities. The World Hindu Democratic Forum has the following goals:

- Hindu politicians should collaborate across party lines to safeguard Hindu interests & fight for Hindu human rights.
- Examples in Pakistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Kashmir, Kenya and Mozambique
- Develop support systems for Hindu politicians
- Encourage young people to get involved in politics and build leadership



EDUCATION

Education is the manifestation of perfection already in individuals: a medium of attaining knowledge. Indeed it is the most powerful weapon that can be used to bring about change.

This Conference aims for "QUALITY EDUCATION FOR ALL".

Advancement for Hindus in education is imperative. The need to teach the youth to have pride in our heritage is of paramount importance. The Conference will also attempt to assist in providing a value based education and creating



MEDIA

Media is one of the most potent forces shaping societies today. Hindus need to establish a vigorous presence in all forms of media. Hindu Media Forum (HMF) is a platform which aims to –

Mobilize elements in the traditional as well as the emerging forms of news media to provide the correct perspective on issues impacting Hindus.

- Influence stakeholders in the entertainment industry to correct the misrepresentation of Hindu culture and civilization.
- Correct perspectives and perceptions of Hindu thought, philosophy, culture, art and ways of worship
- Mainstream Hindu stories in the Media and showcase the achievements and good work that the community contributes to.
- Profile pioneers in the community that have contributed to the public discourse especially in diaspora countries.



HINDU WOMEN AND HINDU YOUTH

HINDU WOMEN

Hindu women are qualified, educated and talented, but their talent is not being utilized for the larger Hindu renaissance and their participation is minimal. The Hindu Women Forum intends to:

- Engage the knowledge & talent of Hindu women for the Hindu resurgence and ensure maximum participation.
- Provide a feminine perspective and solutions for modern, contemporary problems. Feminist discourse in Bharat is presently dominated by foreign ideologies which are anti-family and destroying the fabric of society.
- Strengthen women's voices who have contributed to the mainstream of Dharmik values and to public life .



HINDU YOUTH

Youth are talented and are the rising stars of a future generation who would need to build on the foundations and values set by the elders. The conference seeks to

- Mobilise the youth potential at the Universities and schools
- Provide a youth perspective on issues facing their lives and Gen Z needs and wants
- Build leadership and entrepreneurial opportunities for school leavers
- Strengthen their voices to be vibrant value driven and pride in their Heritage

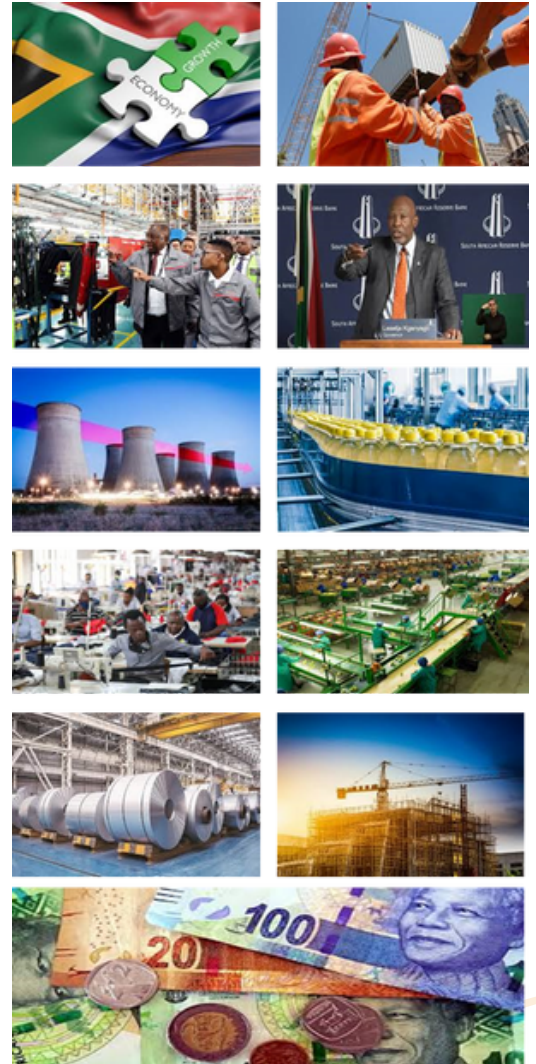


ECONOMY

- Prosperity and strength go together.
- The prosperity and strength of Hindus was never at the cost of others, because we follow Dharma.
- When Dharma was strong in Bharat its benefits spread to sister countries as well.
- To promote Dharma for global well-being, Hindus have to organise in all directions.

In alignment to the ideals of the World Hindu Economic Forum(WHEF), the National Hindu Conference aims to raise awareness of how to make the Hindu society prosperous, by creating and sharing surplus wealth. Afford training for entrepreneurs to have access to:

- Global Market Access,
- Affordable Capital
- Technology Adoption
- Human Resource
- Mentorship for young entrepreneurs
- Respect for Businessmen
- Promoting cooperation and collaboration globally from Auckland to Alaska, Oslo to Johannesburg



HINDU ORGANISATIONS AND TEMPLE ASSOCIATIONS (HOTA)

HOTA- Hindu Temples and Organisations was set up by VHP to target the main centres of Hindu activities and make Temples and buildings accessible for practical usage to build and grow the future leaders of the society

Education of priests and practical skills transformation of Hindu leaders have been identified as a key area of concern in this regard

HOTA Forum is a collaborative platform for Hindu community, individuals, various organisations, schools, institutions, temples, sampradaya, mandala and all associations; that work in the larger interest Hindu community, promote Hindu dharma, festivals and various aspects of knowledge from the Hindu heritage, such as yoga, ayurveda, meditation.

Purpose of establishing the HOTA Forum is to:

- * Organise the Hindu society
 - * Collectively shape the Hindu identity and
 - * Strengthen the Hindu society from within
- strategic positioning will automatically follow



CONVERSION

Perhaps one of the biggest threats of the Hindu Samaj is Conversion to other faiths. Over the decades the population statistics reveal a decline in numbers due to several factors.

The Conference will raise awareness of the weaknesses and offer opportunities to change the way in which our society can deal with these challenges and pave the way for a new discourse in dealing with this social evil.

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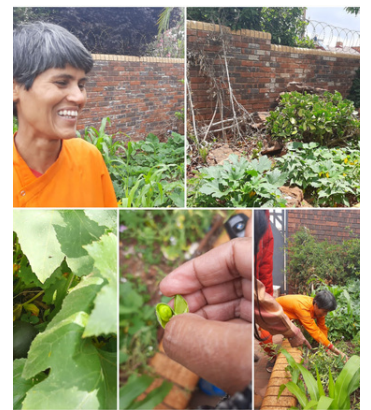
**"They alone live who
live for others, the rest
are more dead than
alive!"**

SWAMI VIVEKANANDA

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**A Nation is
advanced in
proportion to
Education and
intelligence
spread among
the masses.**

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WELCOME

Vishwa Hindu Parishad SA warmly invites you to the South African National Hindu Conference in Durban to be part of a shared experience of history.

The aims and objectives of Vishwa Hindu Parishad are to consolidate and strengthen Hindu Society; To protect, develop and spread Hindu values; To establish and strengthen contacts and help all Hindus globally.

The South African National Hindu Conference will be the forefront of Hindu engagement across a range of sectors.

Join us by, shaping, sharing and driving a new agenda together to build our country through our rich Hindu Heritage and value system based on love, truth, peace and righteousness.

Join us 9th (Sat), 10th (Sun) Nov 2024

[Link to register for Conference](#)

Registrations closes on Oct-31 (Thursday)

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SOUTH AFRICA

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