



Hindu Organisations, Temples and Associations Forum

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Jai Srimannarayana !

JET (Jeeyar Educational Trust) Australia Foundation hosted the 10th Annual HOTA Forum on 19th May 2024 at Glenwood Community Hub, Glenwood, NSW. The event was organized in a grand style by the incoming host JET Australia Foundation, Sydney chapter. JET Australia works under the guidance of renowned Acharya His Holiness Sri Sri Sri Tridandi Ramanuja Chinna Jeeyar Swamiji.

HOTA (Hindu Organisations, Temples and Associations) is a forum of Hindu temples and other Hindu organisations working together to discuss and deliberate various topics of common interest, issues, ideas and opportunities with the objective of enhancing community service and preservation of Hindu culture.

Since the HOTA launch year, the following organisations have hosted the event.

- 2014 - Sydney Sri Ayyappa Temple
- 2015 – Shri Shiv Mandir, Minto
- 2016 - Shri Venkateswara Temple, Helensburgh
- 2017 – Shri Ram Krishna Temple, Austral
- 2018 – Mukti Gupteshwar Mandir, Minto
- 2019 & 2020 – Sydney Shri Sai Mandir, Regents Park
(2020 Online meeting due to Covid-19 pandemic)
- 2021 – Hare Krishna Cultural and Community Centre (HKCCC – ISKCON West Sydney)
- 2022 – BAPS Swaminarayan Mandir, Rosehill
- 2023 – Sri Mandir, Auburn

The representatives from the participating organisations in 2024 forum, were asked to share their ideas from one of the following themes:

- Our role and responsibility with youth and children OR
- How can all the organisations work together and support each other

Thanks to the continued support from the Hindu organisations, this year witnessed 85 representatives from 55 Hindu organisations comprising Temples, community language schools, community-based organisations and associations participating in the forum. Representatives from each organisation briefly talked about the activities of their respective organisation and then put forward one or two points on one of the suggested themes.

The proceedings of the day were well managed by JET team, including JET Youth volunteer Yashaswini as the Master of Ceremony. The special guests for the forum included Hon Stephen Bali, Member of NSW Parliament from Blacktown, Hon Sandhya Reddy, Deputy Mayor, Strathfield Council, Hon Barbara Ward, Councillor, Ku-ring-gai Council and Hon Livingston Chettipally, Councillor, Blacktown Council.

The event started with a prayer and lighting of the lamp by the dignitaries and representatives from JET Australia Sydney. Dr Jyothi Marry, President, JET Australia





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Sydney Chapter, welcomed all the dignitaries and attending representatives from various Hindu organisations.

The Chief Guest Hon Stephen Bali MP congratulated JET Australia for organising this milestone event. In his brief speech, he praised the contributions of Hindus in Australia. The guest speakers included Hon Sandhya Reddy, Deputy Mayor, Strathfield Council, Hon Barbara Ward, Councillor, Ku-ring-gai Council and Hon Livingston Chettipally, Councillor, Blacktown Council.

Shri Subramanian Ramamoorthi, National President, VHP Australia, highlighted and appreciated JET Australia being the first organisation to host HOTA meeting in NSW. It is to be noted here that over the last 9 years, various temples were hosting the event. Shri Ramarathinam, HOTA Coordinator, presented a brief overview of HOTA and the accomplished past initiatives and potential future initiatives that are likely to be considered.

As a part of the proceedings, Shri Chand Chadha, President Sri Mandir (2023 HOTA host), handed over the HOTA baton to Dr Jyothi Marry, President JET Australia Sydney Chapter, the incoming host for 2024. Smt Akila Ramarathinam, National General Secretary VHP Australia presented a certificate to Sri Mandir acknowledging their HOTA related services in 2023.

Following were the key points raised by the HOTA members during their presentation:

- Feasibility of training young volunteers for all organisations for serving their respective organisations better
- Sharing of all members' events via HOTA NSW Facebook page ([Hindu Organisations Temples and Associations \(HOTA\) Forum New South Wales | Facebook](#))

The highlight of the meeting was the pledge taken by members of all participated organisations to send at the least one volunteer to each event organised by other HOTA members in future when they come to know of the event. The pledge included assisting the organisers in whatever way they could, be that time, money or any other resources. This pledge was successfully mooted by Shri Sewa Singh Redhu, President, Association of Haryanvis in Australia. Smt. Malar Vytheeswaran, Secretary, JET Australia Sydney chapter, proposed a vote of thanks to the participated dignitaries and all the organisation representatives. The host organisation provided a sumptuous vegetarian lunch at the end of the proceedings.

The next event to be organised by the host JET Australia will be Raksha Bandha' in Aug / Sep 2024. A formal invitation will be sent to all HOTA member organisations and shared in the HOTA NSW Facebook page when the date is finalised. Here are few photos from the 2024 HOTA Forum proceedings.

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