



Hindu Organisations, Temples and Associations Forum

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Pranams to Sri Krishna

Sri Venkata Krishna Vrundavana Sydney (SVKVS) hosted the 11th Annual NSW HOTA Forum on 1st June 2025 at Glenwood Community Hub, Glenwood, NSW. The event was organized in a grand style by the incoming host Sri Venkata Krishna Vrundavana Sydney temple. The temple which is currently under initial phases of construction, is being established under the guidance of His Holiness Sri Sri Sri Sugunendra Theertha Swamiji, of Jagadguru Sri Madhwaachaarya Moola Mahaa Samsthanam, Shri Puthige Matha, Udupi, Karnataka, India.

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 fostering unity, cultural exchange, mutual support and representation for Hindu communities.

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
- 2024 – JET Australia Sydney Chapter

Thanks to the continued support from the Hindu organisations, this year witnessed nearly 100 representatives from 55 Hindu organisations comprising Temples, community language schools, community-based organisations and associations participating in the forum.

The proceedings of the day were well managed by SVKVS team. Masters of Ceremony included Shri Srinivas Rao, Shrimati Savitha Adiga and Shrimati Shreya Nagendra.

The special guests for the forum were:

- Hon Warren Kirby MP – State Member for Riverstone
- Hon Dr. Hugh McDermott MP – State Member for Prospect
- Hon Julia Finn MP – State Member for Granville as a representative of NSW Premier
- Hon Scott Farlow MLC – Shadow Minister for Planning & Housing





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Hon Moninder Singh, Councillor Blacktown and
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The event started with a prayer and lighting of the lamp by the dignitaries and the priest from SVKV Sydney. The SVKVS Patron Shri Jagan Krishnamoorthy welcomed all the dignitaries and attending representatives from various Hindu organisations. On behalf of HOTA NSW, Shri Subramanian Ramamoorthi, President, VHP Australia welcomed the guests. Following this, Shri Shailendra Rawat, NSW HOTA Coordinator presented a brief overview of HOTA NSW and the accomplished past initiatives. Shri Guru Krishnamoorthy from SVKVS temple spoke about the temple project since its inception with the blessings from the Guru Sri Sri Sri Sugunendra Theertha Swamiji of Puthige Matha, Udipi. He also highlighted the current status of the project. The children from SVKVS team recited Shrimad Bhagavad Gita shlokas from Chapter.

All the special guests spoke briefly in praise of SVKVS temple and HOTA NSW for organising this milestone event. They emphasized the growth of Hindu Community organisations and their contributions to New South Wales multiculturalism.

As a part of the proceedings, Dr Jyothi Marry, President JET Australia Sydney Chapter (2024 HOTA host), handed over the new look HOTA baton to the 2025 SVKVS temple who will be the host for 2025. The participating dignitaries jointly presented a certificate to JET Australia Sydney acknowledging their HOTA related services in 2024.

The MC acknowledged the participation of the attending Hindu organisations. This was followed with brief presentations by the representatives of 10 new organisations who joined HOTA this year.

As a part of the brainstorming session, the attendees from the participating organisations were requested to write down their ideas that need to be discussed for promoting Hindu unity, values and welfare in Australia. This session was spearheaded by Shri Sewa Singh Redhu (Association of Haryanvis in Australia) and his panel comprising Dr. Jyothi Marry (JET Australia), Shri Shyam Gohil (BAPS), Shri Shailendra Rawat (VHP), Shri Sharad Handoo (Kashmiri Pandit Association) and Shri Kapil Bajaj (Hindu Economic Forum)

The ideas from the attendees spanned multiple areas including:

- Strengthening collaboration across temples and Hindu organisations
- Creating platforms for youth engagement and education
- Promoting social welfare through volunteering and fundraising
- Addressing broader issues like temple safety, climate change, and multicultural outreach
- Enhancing community visibility through media, events, and centralised hubs





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All the suggestions were carefully reviewed and the team identified the following three main activities that could be considered as priority for engaging the community in the forthcoming future.

1. Social Activity: Organise a Blood Donation Drive on 15th August or another significant day to demonstrate our community's commitment to serving others.
2. Environmental Activity: Conduct a Tree Plantation Drive on Tree Day (last Sunday in July) or participate in a Clean-up Drive by partnering with Clean-up Australia.
3. Youth Engagement & Volunteering: Design an activity specifically to engage youth and promote volunteering, fostering a sense of ownership and active participation in our community's initiatives.

These activities will be reviewed by HOTA NSW Secretariat along with VHP Australia committee in the light of their alignment with the objectives of HOTA and a suggested action plan will be shared with the current host organisation SVKVS for their review and execution.

The meeting concluded with Vote of Thanks message by the MC and Australian National Anthem rendered by SVKVS youth team. The event was closed with a delicious vegetarian lunch organised by the host SVKVS temple.

The next event to be organised by the host SVKVS will be Raksha Bandhan in Aug / Sep 2025. 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 2025 HOTA Forum proceedings.

Video can be viewed using the link below:

[HOTA NSW 2025 SVKVS](#)





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