



# Hindu Organisations, Temples and Associations Forum

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Jai Siya Ram

Association of Haryanvis in Australia (AHA) proudly hosted the 12th Annual NSW HOTA Forum on 28 March 2026 at the Ermington Community Centre in the City of Parramatta. The event was organised with great enthusiasm and grandeur by AHA as the incoming host.

Founded on 29 June 2018, the Association of Haryanvis in Australia (AHA) was formally launched on 5 October 2018 at the Parliament of New South Wales, marking a significant milestone in bringing the community together.

The HOTA (Hindu Organisations, Temples and Associations) Forum is an open and inclusive platform that brings together Hindu organisations, temples, associations, and individuals to collaborate in promoting unity, cultural harmony, and the timeless values of Hindu Dharma.

Since its inception in 2014, the HOTA Forum has been hosted each year by a different Hindu organisation, reflecting a spirit of shared responsibility and collective leadership. Over the past five years, the Forum has been hosted by:

- **2021** – Hare Krishna Cultural and Community Centre
- **2022** – BAPS Swaminarayan Mandir
- **2023** – Sri Mandir
- **2024** – JET Australia Sydney Chapter
- **2025** – Sri Venkata Krishna Vrundavana Sydney

This rotating hosting model strengthens community bonds and encourages broader participation across the Hindu ecosystem in Australia.

Thanks to the continued support and active participation of Hindu organisations, this year's forum witnessed an impressive gathering of nearly 120 representatives from over 75 organisations, including temples, community language schools, and various community-based organisations and associations. This strong turnout reflected the growing unity, collaboration, and shared purpose within the Hindu community.

Guest arrivals and registrations commenced at 9:00 AM, accompanied by light refreshments and an engaging networking session. The atmosphere was warm and vibrant, as attendees reconnected and built new relationships. A specially curated IGM video by the Association of Haryanvis in Australia (AHA) from 2025 played in the background, with its melodious soundtrack adding to the welcoming ambience of the morning.

The formal proceedings began with a welcome address by the AHA Master of Ceremonies, Deepa Malik, who also introduced AHA as the host of this year's HOTA Forum. The theme for the forum, **"Ek Drishti, Ek Disha"** (One Vision, One Direction), was thoughtfully presented, setting the tone for a day focused on unity, Vision, alignment, and collective progress for the Hindu community.





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The event commenced on an auspicious note with a prayer followed by the traditional lighting of the lamp by the dignitaries and priests, symbolising the dispelling of darkness and the beginning of a meaningful gathering.

The Master of Ceremonies then invited the distinguished guests to grace the stage:

Hon Chris Minns - NSW Premier and State Member for Kogarah  
Hon Warren Kirby MP – State Member for Riverstone  
Hon Clr Cameron MacLean - Representing Donna Davis State MP for Parramatta  
Hon Clr Sandhya Reddy - Deputy Mayor of Strathfield  
Hon Clr Moninder Singh - Representing Mayor Brad Bunting, Blacktown Council  
Hon Clr Sameer Pandey, Parramatta  
Hon Clr Sreeni Pillamarri, Parramatta  
Hon Clr Mohit Kumar, Blacktown and  
Shri Raj Datta

As part of the formal proceedings, Jaganmohan Krishnamoorthy, President of Sri Venkata Krishna Vrundavana Sydney (2025 HOTA host), ceremonially handed over the HOTA baton to the Association of Haryanvis in Australia (AHA), represented by its President, Sewa Singh Redhu, as the incoming host. In recognition of their dedicated service, the dignitaries jointly presented a certificate to the SVKVS team, acknowledging their valuable contributions to HOTA during 2025.

Welcoming the gathering, AHA Patron Shri Sewa Singh Redhu extended his greetings to all dignitaries and representatives from various Hindu organisations. He also shared the vision of AHA and HOTA for the year, centered around the theme **“Ek Drishti, Ek Disha”**—emphasizing unity of thought and direction.

On behalf of HOTA NSW, Shri Subrahmanyam Ramarathinam and Shri Shailendra Rawat warmly welcomed the attendees and presented a brief overview of HOTA NSW, highlighting key initiatives and achievements from previous years.

This was followed by the felicitation of Hon. Chris Minns, who, in his address, appreciated the collective efforts of the community. In his speech, he praised the inspiring gathering of organisations driven to build a better future for the community around them. He acknowledged impactful initiatives ranging from blood donation drives to disaster recovery support, recognizing the community’s meaningful contributions to society.

The Master of Ceremonies acknowledged the presence and participation of both longstanding and newly participating Hindu organisations, including Chinmaya Mission Australia, Bageshwar Dham Sanatan Sanagam Sydney, Bihar Foundation,, Sanatan Dharma Temple Artarmon, Bhaktipath, World Spiritual Forum NSW Pty Ltd, Bharat Dharma Academy Limited, Shri Jagannatha temple Castle Hill and Sanatan Hindu Sanskriti.

The Master of Ceremonies also invited Warren Kirby along with the esteemed local councillors





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to the stage for a felicitation ceremony, recognizing their continued support and engagement with the community.

The first panel discussion focused on **youth engagement within Hindu organisations** and was moderated by Shri Shailendra Rawat. The discussion brought forward fresh perspectives on empowering youth, highlighting the need to entrust them with greater responsibilities and leadership opportunities. The session also emphasized the importance of structured knowledge-sharing initiatives across organisations to foster deeper engagement, skill development, and a stronger sense of belonging among young members.

The second panel discussion explored the theme: **“How can HOTA organisations contribute more to society in Australia?”** and was moderated by Shri Amardeep Malik. The session concluded with a strong emphasis on **coming together and creating collective impact**, enabling organisations to work together at scale. This approach would help reach a wider section of the community and ensure that the benefits of these initiatives create a deeper and more lasting impact across Australian society.

The forum then progressed to a collaborative roadmap discussion centered around the theme **“Ek Drishti, Ek Disha”** moderated by Shri Vibhor Sharma. This segment featured a panel discussion followed by an open floor, encouraging participants to actively share ideas, propose initiatives, and explore potential partnerships. The discussion reflected a strong collective intent to align efforts and work towards a unified vision for the community.

Over the coming months, the host will explore the possibility of initiating a **collaborative platform under HOTA focused on community contribution and social impact**.

This may include initiatives such as:

- joint community service activities
- coordinated charity and volunteering programs
- engagement with local councils and institutions
- and opportunities for youth to actively participate in social impact

The day’s proceedings were thoughtfully summarised by the HOTA team, followed by a heartfelt vote of thanks delivered by members of the AHA team, expressing gratitude to all dignitaries, participating organisations, volunteers, and attendees for their valuable contributions.

The event concluded on a warm and convivial note with a delicious vegetarian lunch, generously organised by the host AHA team, providing further opportunity for informal interactions and networking.

Looking ahead, the next major event to be organised by AHA will be **Raksha Bandhan celebrations in August 2025**. A formal invitation will be extended to all HOTA member





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organisations, with further details to be shared on the HOTA NSW Facebook page once the date is finalised.

Here are a few glimpses from the 2025 HOTA Forum proceedings.





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