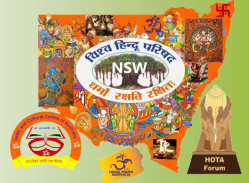


# "VASUDHAIVA KUTUMBAKAM" HINDU HERITAGE AND CULTURAL VALUES

“संगच्छध्वं”

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## VHP-Walk

### “Create an Impact”

11-04-2021

Cumberland state Forest

VHP Australia works hard to promote and practice Hindu Heritage and cultural values and also emphasis on the human values, VHP Australia organized a Walk with a thought to create some opportunities to all VHP family members and friends spread across different suburbs to meet and be relaxed and accept the new normal during this pandemic.

The walk was initiated by the VHP Australia Sanskrit school Coordinators as a awareness session about the nature and importance of protecting them.

The walk was breathtaking and meeting new people was fun - We would like to recollect, Mary Davis quote - “To walk in nature is to witness a thousand miracles.” And we did.

-Thana & Thanish

**Tiny steps to Footprint  
Add on a hand to support.  
Lead by  
VISHVA HINDU PARISHAD OF AUSTRALIA**

**VHP Australia NSW  
WALK**  
Participate and create an impact.

Date: 11-04-2021 / Sunday  
Time: 0930AM-0100PM  
Place: Cumberland State Forest,  
95 Castle Hill Rd, West Pennant Hills NSW 2125 NSW

**Carry Lunch & Drink  
for your family**

**BE ON TIME**

Contact Rama 0434 213 020

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The Forestry trail and Sensory Trail were entertained by the beautiful and handsome VHP Juniors and their cheerful parents from different VHP SS Branches.

The enthusiastic VHP family enjoyed the beautiful relaxing walk which started in the morning around 1000, with lovely slogans

It was a very fun experience with everyone. I liked how we had a hike. -Srivats

It was very good and the best part of the day was when we all played games together with new people... Anvita padki

and hails to Bhagawan finishes their interactions with the mother nature with a refreshing thoughts and energy around 1230



It was relaxing, short yet good time for parents to walk along and mix along.

Games are means of strengthening the team. Kudos to organizing team.-Praharsha



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## Volunteer Teachers Training 17-04-2021

On Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2021, Vishva Hindu Parishad of Australia (VHP) held a Sydney-wide training and development day for all VHP Sanskrit teachers. The full day of training was held at Quakers Hill Community Centre and received an enormous turnout from VHP volunteers who teach Special Religious Education in NSW Government mainstream schools, as well as teachers who conduct Saturday and Sunday classes at several of VHP Sanskrit School of Australia's branches across Sydney.



The event was warmly honored with the attendance of the NSW Minister for Skills, Tertiary Education, Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans, Hon. Dr Geoff Lee who acknowledged and congratulated VHP on its important contributions to the wider community of NSW. The Minister noted the benefits of VHP's work in Sanskrit education which included preserving and spreading the beauty of the Sanskrit language and culture to the next generation of Australian Hindus. He also noted the enormous volunteer effort of more than 3,000 Community Language School teachers across NSW who have contributed to the doubling of student



enrolments at NSW Community Language Schools in the last 20 years.

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The Minister offered his words of appreciation as he assisted in awarding each participant at the training day with a Certificate of Achievement.



Ms Merryl Wahlin, Programs Manager at the Sydney School of Education and Social Work, was also in attendance on behalf of Dr. Ken Cruickshank, Director of the Sydney Institute of Community Language Education. Merryl provided a keynote address with great recognition of the various reasons why VHP Sanskrit teachers choose to provide such invaluable service, stating that one of the biggest reasons is that it provides each individual a sense of connection to the Hindu community and its rich heritage.



The full day training kicked off with an interactive session into teaching Spoken Sanskrit, including a Syllabus Overview, facilitated by two very knowledgeable VHP Sanskrit teachers, Srimati Sukanya and Srimati Anuradha. They carried all participants through a simulated session of teaching and learning spoken Sanskrit at a beginner's level, and included a variety of teaching approaches and methods throughout. All participants thoroughly enjoyed the interactive session and each took away a handful of learnings to apply into their own classes.



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The first half of the afternoon session consisted of a deep dive into the Maheshwarani Sūtrāṇi, the complex Shiva Sutras of the Sanskrit alphabet, facilitated by VHP's most senior and revered Sanskrit teacher Sri Narayana Mahodaya. The deep dive was an exhilarating introduction into the pure and genius organisation of the Sanskrit alphabet ingrained within 14 powerful sutras. The session then moved on to a group singing of the Samskritam Geetham led by Srimati Uma Rajesh, followed by a very detailed deconstruction of a Subhashitam poem and its teachings led by Srimati Amita Saxena.



The afternoon session started with a presentation by Kumari Carmila Chand (myself) from Hindu Youth Australia, about the Sanskrit Language and its connection to Indo European Languages and People. The presentation was followed by a wrap up address from Srimati Jayanthi Thilak, VHP NSW State Secretary, who provided all participants with a summary of the various services being offered by VHP Australia in NSW in regards to Sanskrit education and related programs. The teachers training and development day was a huge success and provided all teachers with rich opportunities to learn, grow and network. VHP Australia looks forward to bringing many more opportunities to teachers, students, youth and the wider community across NSW in the near and far future.

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The Hon Minister Lee our Chief guest for the Volunteer Teachers Training made a statement in Parliament last 13<sup>th</sup> May 2021 Thursday --[Hansard](#)

**VHP SANSKRIT SCHOOL – In his words ...**

**Dr GEOFF LEE** (Parramatta—Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education, and Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans) (15:29):

I recognize the great work of the VHP Sanskrit School in New South Wales. Today New South Wales has a robust Hindu community. According to the 2016 census 189,400 people in New South Wales identified as Hindu. Hinduism is one of the most youthful religions in Australia. Some 34 per cent of Hindus are under the age of 14 and 66 per cent are under the age of 34. Hindus have established many temples and celebrate a myriad of Hindu festivals, which I am fortunate to attend in my capacity as both the member for Parramatta and the multiculturalism Minister.

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**In that respect, on Saturday 17 April I was pleased to join the VHP Sanskrit School—which is part of Vishva Hindu Parishad of Australia, or VHP—at its training day for Sanskrit teachers in Quakers Hill.**

I saw firsthand the work it does to ensure that generations of Australian children learn ancient Sanskrit and absorb its messages of peace, harmony and inclusiveness.

The VHP Sanskrit School is an integral part of language education in New South Wales. I congratulate the volunteers on their passion, dedication and enthusiasm for teaching the Sanskrit language and culture to the next generation.

**The VHP Sanskrit School is a community organization that aims to promote the principles of unity in diversity, social cohesion, multiculturalism, harmony and inclusiveness in Australia.**

I put on record my concerns about the remarks that were made by Mr. David Shoebridge from the other place about the Vishva Hindu Parishad during a recent budget estimates hearing. I have conveyed to him my view that his comments were unhelpful and I have asked that he reconsider them, noting the undesirable impact they have had on community harmony.

The NSW Department of Education and the NSW Police Force have stated that VHP is not an organisation of any concern in this State. New South Wales is one of the most successful multicultural societies in the world. We come from more than 307 ancestries, speak nearly 220 languages and practice nearly 150 religions. That is a lot of diversity. But here is the thing: What makes us a success is that we find unity in our diversity.

Being a multicultural society means that we are connected to the world. We have enshrined in legislation the principles of multiculturalism and we actively live out those principles every day. Our resilience as a multicultural society can be measured by the way we respond to global issues as a unified community. No matter what happens overseas, we must remain united by our common commitment to Australia. In New South Wales we work together and discuss our differences with mutual respect. Overseas events can have a substantial impact on our communities and we recognise that. But the great thing about living in Australia is that we have learned to live alongside each other and to celebrate our many common values and priorities.

From the First Peoples to the newest arrivals, we all have a stake in the future of this land and we all share a vision for the future in which we all stand together, united by our Australian values.

New South Wales is a place of acceptance, opportunity and hope for a better life. At all times, and particularly during times of difficulty, we must come together in support of those shared ideals. It is part of the great success story of multiculturalism in New South Wales that, despite our differences, we can still live together and support each other in times of need.

**I congratulate the VHP Sanskrit School as well as VHP National General Secretary and Hindu Dharma Scripture Coordinator Mrs Akila Ramarathinam. I thank all the volunteers for the work they do in the community. Their efforts ensure that our children understand the value of history, language, culture and the eternal messages of peace and harmony, which is so important to our future.**

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VHP Sanskrit School would like to thank

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