

Sri Venkateswara Temple Kumbhabhishekam 6-10 April 2023

Sydney devotees witnessed the Ashtabandhana Kumbhabhishekam event at Sri Venkateswara Temple, Helensburgh during April 6-10. During this 5-day event, several Rithviks from Vedic and Cultural Centre of Australia were blessed to participate and assist the main priests for successful conclusion of the event.



Adi Sankaracharya Jayanthi 25 April 2023

On Tuesday 25th April, Vedic and Cultural Centre of Austraila (VCCA) organised Ekadasha Rudrabhishekam on the occasion of Shri Adi Sankaracharya & Sri Ramanujacharya Jayanthi at Mukti Gupteshwar temple, Minto, Sydney.



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Participation at Gita Mahotsav 29-30 April 2023

On 29-30 April, the International Gita Mahotsav was organized by the Association of Haryanvis in Australia. VHP Australia's Hindu Organisation and Temple (HOTA) division provided collaborative support for the successful conduct of the event. This included organising Gita Havan at BAPS Swami Narayan Mandir, Gita Mahaa Haarathi at Parramatta Riverside and presentation on the Gita Seminar at International Convention Centre, Darling Harbour by Smt Akila Ramarathinam, National General Secretary of VHP Australia.



<u>Sri Lalitha Sahasranaama Lakshaarchana – 06 May 2023</u>

VCCA organised their annual Lalitha Sahasranaama Lakshaarchana on 6th May at Quakers Hill Community Centre.



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Participation during Bharat Prime Minister Hon Modi ji's visit 23 May, 2023

The Prime Minister of Bharat, Hon Narendra Modi ji visited Sydney on 23-24th May. On 23rd May, Hon Prime Minister addressed Indian diaspora at Kudos centre, Olympic Park. VCCA Rithviks participated in welcoming ceremony along with Temple priests. In addition, VHP Australia was invited to be a part of the event to meet the Hon Prime Minister.





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Annual HOTA NSW Meeting 17 June 2023

The Hindu community of New South Wales came together for the 9th Annual HOTA meeting on 17th June 2023 at Sri Mandir, Auburn NSW. The chief guest, Federal Energy Minister Hon Chris Bowen spoke about the contributions of Hindu and Indian community in Australia. Hon Julia Finn, Member for Granville highlighted her long association with Hindu community and Sri Mandir. The Cumberland Council Deputy Mayor Hon Suman Saha and Strathfield Councillor Raj Datta spoke about the contributions from the Indian community particularly the Hindus across the state and their roles as Councillors in maintaining and developing harmony among the various communities.





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International Yoga Day 21 June 2023

The International Yoga Day was celebrated during the week of 18-25 June by VHP Sanskrit School branches.



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Hindu Education & Cultural Centre (HEACC)

Hindu Education & Cultural Centre have started working on a mission to establish a Hindu school in the northwest suburb of Oakville near Sydney. HEACC has identified 5 acres of land in Oakville and has deposited ten per cent in February 2023. Intensive fundraising efforts have begun to raise the remaining balance in the next few months.

Australian Independent School, a membership body for not-for-profit schools, has been approached to understand the school registration process. HEACC aims to submit the registration to the curricular body NESA March 2025 and commence school in January 2026.

HEACC needs support from every one of you. For more information, please visit the website <u>www.heacc.org.au</u>. Please donate for the noble cause that will see our next generation reaping the benefits of knowing the Sanatana Hindu dharmic values and culture besides their regular school curriculum



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World Hindu Congress 2023

Hindus are a 1.2 billion-strong community, comprising 16% of the world's population with a presence in around 200 countries in the 21st Century. Across the world, Hindus have been leaders and catalysts in all spheres of human endeavour including business, economy, education, governance, media, technology, and culture. As a civilisation, we have always aspired for a Dharmic world that is prosperous, just, and peaceful. However, such aspirations can only be realised if the Hindu leadership - spread across nations, societies, and cultures - comes together to organise and combine its energies for global welfare. <u>The World Hindu Congress (WHC)</u> is the only global platform where this translates into reality.

The WHC enables all Hindu leaders, activists, thinkers, and influencers to come together and work towards a common vision. It provides the Hindus a platform to connect, share ideas and inspire each other for the greater common good. The WHC has been a facilitator for the cultural, social, and material advancement of Hindus. The WHC is also a place where critical issues impacting Hindus worldwide are addressed. These include denial of human rights, discrimination, and downright physical and cultural assaults on the community.

The **World Hindu Congress 2023, Bangkok**, Thailand will be held from **24**th–**26**th **November 2023.** The theme is *Jayasya Aayatanam Dharmaḥ*, meaning "Dharma, the Abode of Victory." Seven parallel thematic conferences (Economy, Education, Media, Political, Women, Youth, and Organisatons) to articulate the values, creativity, and entrepreneurial spirit of Hindus in all their vibrance and glory will constitute this WHC. The conferences will provide space to discuss and deliberate upon the opportunities and challenges facing Hindus across the world and how to address them valiantly. These conferences will also focus on areas of strategic importance to Hindus and provide avenues for collaboration among Hindu leaders, activists, and thinkers for the Hindu resurgence. The WHC will add to the grand pride of being a Hindu and assume duty and responsibility towards Hindu Dharma fearlessly. Your valuable participation and support will make the global Hindu community achieve a new milestone in building up a strong Hindu society.

We have a restricted number of seats at the Congress. Register yourself NOW for the WHC 2023 at Bangkok and avail of the special Early Bird Pricing. Early bird registration ends on 31st July 2023.

Watch World Hindu Congress Video https://youtu.be/4xjiYV4Xr2w

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Forthcoming Events

16th September 2023 Raksha Bandhan Festival organized by 2023 HOTA Host Sri Mandir, Auburn, NSW

23rd September 2023 Sri Vishnu Sahasranaama Lakshaarchana



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