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There comes a time when every community must decide whether it will preserve its culture, traditions and religious heritage. We at the Hindu Students Council of America feel that our community has reached this time. We must rise to the challenge of preserving one of the greatest cultures ever to exist - our culture.

To do this, we have brought together people who have achieved, and people who care. We have brought together the community leaders of the future, the students, to meet with community leaders of the present, so that we can learn from each other.

Hindu Students Council has entitled this conference "Empowerment for the 21st Century." We hope that you leave with a stronger feeling of community and personal empowerment - spiritually, culturally, socially and politically. Yuva is a celebration. It is a celebration of our generation. It is one of the most significant congregations of Hindu American students ever to take place in America.

CRITICAL DIMENSIONS OF EMPOWERMENT

"SHATTERING THE GLASS CEILING" - ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND IT'S PROMISE FOR INDIAN AMERICANS

Over the past two decades, people of Indian descent have made tremendous inroads into American industry as technicians, researchers, and lower and middle managers. However, despite talent and drive, Indian Americans with rare exception are allowed to ascend the corporate hierarchy only so far before they hit the "Glass Ceiling." This session examines private entrepreneurship as an alternative paradigm to joining established corporations with a potentially limited scope for advancement. This session will also explore some of the tremendous opportunities and potential risks young entrepreneurs will face in the competitive, dynamic and global marketplace of the 21st century.

- Raj Vattikuti, Founder and President Complete Business Solutions Incorporated, Farmington Hills, Michigan

POLITICAL PARTICIPATION AND IMPACTING THE AMERICAN AGENDA

The economic success of the Indian American community has been nothing short of remarkable. As a counterpoint, the political influence wielded by our community is in no way commensurate with its economic or professional status. The purpose of this session is to better understand ways in which this generation of ambitious Indian Americans can help shape the political landscape in the next century, and have greater influence over the political changes that will impact us in the United States and in India.

- Vani Singhal, Elected as Young Democrat, Washington DC
Democratic National Committee

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY AND THE INDIAN FAMILY

HSC strongly believes that an important part of personal and group empowerment is the willingness to confront important social issues that face our community. This evocative session will deal with some of the social problems that are frequently evaded by Indian Americans. Topics will include domestic violence, substance abuse, child abuse and other non-domestic crime such as the emergence of Indian gangs, etc. Our goal is to stimulate thought and introspection around these issues, and to provide a forum for broad-based community awareness and social reform.

- Molly Chaudhuri, Assistant District Attorney Norfolk County, Massachusetts

THE ETHNIC EXPERIENCE

People of Indian descent first emigrated to the United States over a century ago. However, Indians first began to join the 'American kaleidoscope' in a significant way in the sixties, when large scale immigration from Asia was again legalized. Despite economic and professional success, issues such as integration versus assimilation, leveraging economic success into political clout, and misperceptions on the part of the majority community remain to be resolved. "The Ethnic Experience" will focus on the experiences of other minority communities

in dealing with these issues, and the lessons they provide for Indian Americans.

- Dr. Norman Adler, Jewish Leader, Vice Provost, Northeastern Univ.
- Mr. Douglas, Leader of Korean-American Community

HINDU: "TO BE OR NOT TO BE?"

In the attempt to better integrate with main-stream American society, many Indians see Hinduism as an impediment to achieving their social and professional goals. As a result, some are very willing to sacrifice their sense of religious identity for perceived long-term benefits. A student panel will discuss this phenomenon, and present their views on the merits of preserving one's faith in contemporary American society.

- Panel of Students

HEALTH AND HAPPINESS - A WHOLISTIC APPROACH: UNITING BODY, MIND, AND SPIRIT

An integral aspect of individual empowerment is the maintenance of physical and mental health. Western medicine has so far focused on the alleviation of physical symptoms associated with a given illness, while ignoring some of the mental and spiritual factors that may be involved. "Health and Happiness - A Wholistic Approach" will focus on the integrated approach to health and well-being that has been put forward by traditional systems of medicine such as Ayurveda. Discussions will include ways in which the individual can bring together mind, body and spirit in order to lead a more healthy, dynamic and peaceful life.

- Dr. David Frawley (Vamadeva Shastri)
Author of Several Books, Director of the American Institute for Vedic

Studies, Santa Fe, New Mexico

VEDIC HISTORY - SARASWATI TO GANGA

Part of empowerment is knowing one's history. Until recently, Western historians and the Indian historians whom they influenced, have portrayed the history of the Indian subcontinent as one of continuous invasion and subjugation. The most famous theory is of the 'Aryan Invasion' that supposedly brought the Hindu religion and the Sanskrit language to India for the first time. This session will explore this historical myth, analyze the assumptions on which it is based, and look at recent archaeological evidence that contradicts this version of the origins of Hindu Civilization.

- Dr. David Frawley (Vamadeva Shastri)

HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE INDIAN SUBCONTINENT

Recently the issue of human rights in the Indian subcontinent has become a subject of debate and concern. Millions of people are forced to live without many of the political and social rights that we consider inalienable; police brutality and terrorism are two prominent examples. This session will provide a global perspective on the condition of the Hindu diaspora the world over, with a special emphasis on the Indian subcontinent.

- Dr. K.L.Kaul, Former professor of Punjab University and Wayne State University, MI.

RETHINKING GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT: ECONOMICS AND MANAGEMENT

World is searching for alternatives after the collapse of Communism and after finding the inherent inadequacies of the Capitalistic systems. Are we going to be victims of a greater economic, social, political and environmental disasters? What's wrong in current systems of economics and management? Here is a special session for us to ponder over these issues.

- Prof. Romesh Diwan, Former chairman, Economics Department, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI), NY Consultant to the United Nations (UNCTAD) and MTI Author of , Visiting professor of many universities including London School of Economics. Author of many books including Alternative Development Strategies and appropriate technology (Co-author Dennis Livingston) and Gandhian Economics.

- Prof. Sabine O'Hara, Graduate Management Institute at Union College, NY. Dr. O'Hara has conducted research in environmental and ecological economics, socio-economics, international economics, and social ethics and had numerous papers published both in Germany and the U.S. She is the past director of Public Policy of the NYS Council of Churches and was representative at the UN Conference on Environment and Development in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 1992.

- Prof. S.K. Chakrabarty, Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Calcutta. Chairman, Management Center for Human Values. Proponent of "The Divinized Manager & Ashramized Business" He has written six books on "Human Values and Corporate Transformation" Fifteen books on Management Theory and Practices, Management Development and Appraisal, Human Dimension and Financial Control etc.

THE VALUE OF SPIRITUALITY IN MODERN LIFE

This spiritual benediction will present some of the principle tenets of the Hindu system, and will look at Hindu Dharma as an activist philosophy as expounded in the Bhagavad Gita. We will give special attention to balancing high personal ambition with social sensitivity and concern for the well-being of others. This final address promises to be an informative and inspirational end to a highly unique conference.

- Swami Tadatmananda Arsha Vidya Gurukulam, Saylorsburg, Pennsylvania

ART EXHIBITION

HINDU contributions to world culture and thought depicted in paintings and posters on the development of Science, Mathematics, Language, Art, Music, Architecture, Medicine, Health and other fields. Posters illustrating the spread of Hindu culture and thought throughout the world will also be on display.

GRAND CULTURAL

Show This show featuring youth performers will highlight the rich musical and dance traditions of India. Items will include ancient forms of dance like Bharatnatyam and Kuchipudi as well as current folk dances from different regions of India. Musical performances will also include items from the classical and contemporary traditions. In addition, there will be dance presentations from different parts of the world influenced by Hindu culture. Artists from Indonesia, Thailand, Sri Lanka, and the Caribbean will help make this evening truly extraordinary.

WHAT IS HSC?

Hindu Students Council (HSC) is an international forum to promote Hindu heritage. In the short span of its existence HSC has grown rapidly and its programs have attracted thousands of students across the United States and Canada. Presently there are thirty university chapters of HSC. We offer a wide range of activities and leadership opportunities and encourage students to participate in activities of their interest. HSC is sponsored by VHPA, Inc.

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CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Friday May 27

6:00pm - 1:00am Kick Off Celebration

Saturday May 28

10:00am - 11:15am Inaugural Session

11:30am - 5:30pm Discussion Seminars with Guest Speakers

"Shattering the Glass Ceiling" - Entrepreneurship and it's Promise for Indian Americans - Raj Vattikuti - President of Complete Business Solutions, Inc.

Political Participation and Impacting the American Agenda - Vani Singhal, Elected as Young Democrat to Democratic National Committee

Social Responsibility and the Indian Family - Molly Chaudhuri, Assistant District Attorney Norfolk, MA

Ethnic Experience - the story of other minority groups

Health and Happiness - A wholistic approach: Uniting Body, Mind, and Spirit - Dr. David Frawley, Director, Vedic Studies Institute, New Mexico

Vedic History - Saraswati to Ganga - Dr. David Frawley

Human Rights in the Indian Subcontinent

Hindu: "To be or not to be?" - Student Perspectives

6:00pm - 7:30pm Banquet Dinner

8:00pm - 11:00pm Cultural Show

Sunday May 29

8:00am - 10:00am Yoga and Meditation

10:30am - 11:45am HSC Project Sessions

Seva (Social Service)

HSC Community Action Network

Status of Hindu Women

EVENING MOONLIGHT CRUISE UNDER THE STARS

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