

HSS hosts Hindu Unity Day

Houston - An excellent display of 31 posters presenting a comprehensive view of Indic Dharma and Bharat's contributions in various areas was a highlight of Hindu Swayamsevak Sangh USA – Houston chapter's annual networking meeting of local Hindu organizational leaders held on June 10, 2006. This set of posters is available for display around the Houston area at temples, libraries, community halls and other venues through September. Volunteers will accompany the display to set it up and provide further information to those viewing the exhibit.

Those attending the networking meeting were so appreciative of this opportunity to meet others with similar goals that it was proposed that such a meeting might be held quarterly.

Those attending represented both the most recently established temple – Hindu Temple of The Woodlands – and the longest established temple in the Houston area – Hindu Worship Society. They also included local heads of international and national institutions as well as independent temples and service organizations. Due to the large number present the time given to each speaker was limited to three minutes to present information about their organization.

Participating organizations included the following: Arsha Vidya Gurukulam, Art of Living Foundation, Arya Samaj of Greater Houston, Bochanaswasi Akshar Purushottam Swaminarayan Sanstha (BAPS), Chinmaya Mission Houston, Gayatri Parivar, Hindu American Foundation, Hindu Students Council, Hindu Temple of the Woodlands, Hindu Worship Society, Hindus of Greater Houston, Houston Durgabari Society, Indic Culture and Traditions Seminars (ICATS), International Society of Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON), Jain Vishva Bharti Preksha Meditation Center Houston, Kerala Hindu Society, Mahatma Gandhi Library, Sri Meenakshi Temple Society, Nithyananda Foundation, Param Shakti Peeth, Radha Krishna Temple, Sanatan Hindu Center

Sant Nirankari Mission, Swami Vivekananda Yoga Anusandhana Samsthan USA (SVYAS), and Vishwa Hindu Parishad of America



- Houston. The event master of ceremonies, Amit Misra, challenged attendees to think about their ROI – Return on Investment – since millions of dollars have been invested in the real estate and other properties of the local temples and organizations. He also proposed that cooperation among organizations be extended in areas of facilities, Speakers Bureau, and perhaps selected local service projects.

Featured speaker was Swami Brahmavairagya, ordained by the Ramakrishna Mission, who has traveled in much of the world,

meeting Hindus of different backgrounds but especially in and from Caribbean nations. He gave a number of examples of the accomplishments of Hindus in different nations when they came together for a common cause.

The event was concluded with the awarding of prizes to national, regional, and zonal winners of the KBRE Ramayan contest for children and youth which involved more than 3000 young people nationwide in the early part of 2006.

A delicious vegetarian lunch was provided by the hosts.