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Ralph Waldo Emerson on Bhagavad Gita

"I owed a magnificent day to the Bhagavad Gita. It was the first of the books; it was as if an empire spoke to us, nothing small or unworthy, but large, serene, consistent, the voice of an old intelligence which in another age and climate had pondered and thus disposed of the same questions which exercise us."

GHHF Suggested Reading

<http://www.savetemples.org/2012/05/15/ghhf-hinduism-suggested-books-to-read/>

"Autobiography of a Yogi" by Paramhansa Yogananda

"Crimes Against India and the Need to Protect its Ancient Vedic Traditions" by Stephen Knapp

"The Heart of Hinduism: The Eastern Path to Freedom, Empowerment and Illumination" by Stephen Knapp

"Hindu Temples - What Happened to Them Vol. I" by Sita Ram Goel, Arun Shourie

"Hindu Masjids" by Prafull Goradia

"Being Different" by Rajiv Malhotra

"Breaking India" by Rajiv Malhotra & Aravindan Neelakandan

"Rewriting Indian History" by François Gautier

"India's self denial" by François Gautier

"Negationism in India: Concealing the Record of Islam" by Koenraad Elst

"Decolonizing the Hindu Mind - Ideological Development of Hindu Revivalism" by Koenraad Elst

"Invading the Scared" by Krishnan Ramaswamy, Antonio de Nicolas and Aditi Banerjee

"American Veda: From Emerson and the Beatles to Yoga and Meditation How Indian Spirituality Changed the West" by Philip Goldberg

"How I Became a Hindu: My Discovery of Vedic Dharma" by David Frawley

"Universal Hinduism Towards a New Vision of Sanatana Dharma" by David Frawley

"Am I A Hindu? The Hinduism Primer" by Ed Viswanathan

"Indian Mind Then and Now" by Michael Danino

"The Complete Idiot's Guide to Hinduism, 2nd Edition" by Linda Johnsen

"An Introduction to Hinduism" by Gavin D. Flood

"Hinduism under Siege" by Subramanian Swamy

"Rama Sethu" by Subramanian Swamy

"Dancing with Siva, Hinduism's Contemporary Catechism" by Satguru Sivaya Subramuniyaswami

"Living with Siva, Hinduism's Contemporary Culture" by Satguru Sivaya Subramuniyaswami

"Merging with Siva, Hinduism's Contemporary Metaphysics" by Satguru Sivaya Subramuniyaswami

"How to Become a Hindu, A Guide for Seekers and Born Hindus" by Satguru Sivaya Subramuniyaswami

"What Is Hinduism?" by Himalayan Academy

"Vedic Experience" by Raimundo Panikkar

"Sanatana Dharma: The Eternal Natural Way" by Sri Dharma Pravartaka Acharya

"India Unveiled" by Robert Arnette

"The Vedic Way of Knowing God" by Sri Dharma Pravartaka Acharya

"Radical Universalism: Does Hinduism Teach that All Religions are the Same?" by Sri Dharma Pravartaka Acharya

Books on or by Sri Swami Vivekananda

Biography of a number of Hindu Saints over the Centuries Mahabharata; Ramayana; Vedas; Upanishads and Puranas

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“50,000 temples will be closed down in Karnataka due to lack of sufficient funds.” Sri Sri Ravi Shankar

“Per Revenue and Endowments Board of Andhra Pradesh, as of March 2005, Andhra Pradesh has 198,857 temples, 147,991 churches and 175,959 mosques. 90% of mosques and churches are newly constructed while the number of temples that existed for thousands of years are dwindling.”

GHHF Mission:

Global Hindu Heritage Foundation (GHHF) is formed to Preserve, Promote, Maintain and Protect Hindu Culture, Hindu Temples, Mutts, Peethams, Endowments, Trusts and other institutions globally. To achieve this objective, GHHF will take the necessary and appropriate actions against all laws, policies, activities undertaken by any government, that undermine the existence of the Temples The ultimate goal is to ensure all the Hindu Temples and other Hindu institutions become independent of state government control.

The Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowment Act allowed the state governments to take over only Hindu Temples. The Act had bestowed several powers on the governments like auditing temple funds, appointing archakas (priests), constituting a committee to monitor temple affairs, creation of a common pool fund, regulation of investment of funds and use of surplus funds. All appointments, property, finances, renovations, pujas etc. are monitored and controlled.

On the other hand, Mosques and churches are free from government control and are not included in the Endowment Act. While Mosques and Churches are mushrooming in Andhra Pradesh temples that existed for thousands of years are in dilapidated state. For example, according to one estimate, aggressive investment by missionaries and Saudi outfits since 2005 in Andhra Pradesh has resulted in 13,319 new mosques and 15,836 new churches while thousands of temples are disappearing. An informative presentation of the plight of Hindu temples in India is available at <http://www.savetemples.org>

GHHF Goals:

- **Revive and renovate old and dilapidated temples and bring back the glory and legacy.**
- **Take necessary and appropriate actions against all discriminatory laws, policies, activities undertaken by any government, individuals and/or any organizations that adversely affect the Hindu religion, Hindu Temples and other Hindu institutions.**
- **Raise awareness among Hindus about the fate of Hindu institutions.**
- **Establishment of a “Hindu temple Governing body” comprising Hindus similar to Muslim Wakf board.**
- **Preventing illegal activity against temple property.**
- **Protect temples from Government takeover.**

Examples of government abuses in different states towards Hindus and Hindu Institutions are listed below:

NORTH INDIA - Only selected Temples are taken over by the respective state governments through Specific Shrine Act. All well known Hindu temples including those at Puri, Kashi, Mathura, Ayodhya, Badrinath, Kedarnath, Vaishno Devi, Mumbai (Shree Siddhi Vinayak Temple), Shirdi, Amarnath, Puri Jagannath, Kamakhya Devi Temple are under government’s control.

Maharashtra:

1. **Siddhi Vinayaka Temple** – Of the 50 crore Trust Fund, some of it is transferred to private trusts illegally; gold ornaments are auctioned.
2. **Shiridi Saibaba Temple** - 5.2 crores spent for road construction to benefit a local MLA who is also Trust member; Nearly One crore rupees spent to lay the run way for President Patil to land and have darshan. The Maharashtra government asked Shiridi Temple to pay for it.
3. In May 2010 the government was talking about taking over all Temples making certain amount of money.
4. Proposed to pass Black Magic Law mainly targeting Hindus as being superstitious.



Jammu and Kashmir:

1. Vaishno Devi Temple and Amaranth Temple are under the government control. A) In June 2010, the government is charging (a kind of Jiziya) Rs. 2000 entry fee per vehicle to park and go to Amarnath Temple.
2. In 2008, the Trust Board paid crores of rupees and bought about 90 acres of land to provide amenities to the pilgrims. Because of the pressure from Islamic terrorist groups, government nullified the deal. It took months of protests by Hindus to reverse their decision allowing the pilgrims to use the land.
3. Mata Vaishno Devi Temple University created with the funds of Vaishno Devi Temple does not have Hindu religious studies in its curriculum.

Rajasthan: Chamundi Devi Temple is under government control.

Uttar Pradesh: Mathura Temple was ransacked for three times and finally built a mosque on top of Matura Krishna Janmasthan place. Kasi Vishwanath Temples in a bad shape with little maintenance. Gorakhpur Sun Temple does not provide any facilities, not even drinking water and neglecting to take care of the 4th and 5th century idols.

Bihar: Government control over the temples through its Hindu Endowments department has resulted, according to the Religious Trust Administrator, in the loss of temple properties worth Rs. 2000 crores.

Orissa: Government was planning to sell 70,000 acres of land belonging to Lord Jagannath Temple; in 2004 government decided to sell temple lands in four States - Orissa, Andhra Pradesh, West Bengal and Madhya Pradesh - and create a corpus of Rs. 100 crore. Badrinath Kedarnath and Haridwar Temples are under government control.

SOUTH INDIA - All four southern states have taken over the Hindu Temple through the enactment of Endowment Acts.

Andhra Pradesh:

Over the last eight years, AP state government is waging a war to undermine the Hindu institutions by selling Temple lands, diverting funds for non-Hindu institutions, demolish the Temple structures, ignoring the need repairs, allowing the Temples gopuras to collapse and yielding to the pressures of Unions at TTD.

At the same time the state government was giving preferential treatment and allotting crores of rupees to the Christian and Muslim Institutions. Nearly 70,000 employees of the State Endowment Department are unable to prevent the encroachment of lands and not committed to serve the devotees who pay their salaries that come from every Hindu temple in the state.

1. In 2006, Government attempted to take over 5 out of 7 Tirumala Hills of 650 year old Tirumala Temple for Church and Tourism Purposes.
2. All the Hindu temples must contribute 15-18 % of the income per year to the Endowment Department.
3. The government allocates Rs. 6.5 crores or more to the Mosques and Rs. 1.1 crores for churches for their repairs and renovations respectively.
4. In Simhachalam, Christian Missionaries have illegally occupied over 300 Acres of temple land.
5. In Bhadrachalam, the govt. donated 884 Acres out of 1289 Acres of Temple land for non-Hindu Activities.
6. In Srisailem, the government has sold over 1600 Acres of Temple land surrounding the temple to various Christian Organizations including Tribal Gospel.
7. In March 2006, government demolished the 1000 pillar Mantapam at Tirumala.
8. The charge that 85% percent of revenues from TTD be transferred to state exchequer was not denied by the state government.
9. JRG Wealth Management Limited, a Christian organization, was given the contract to procure “Prasadam” materials for TTD.
10. TTD has to contribute a minimum of Rs. 2.2 crores annually to a common good fund in addition to their share.
11. Of the 420,028 acres owned by Temples in Vishakhapatnam, Kakinada, Guntur, Kurnool, Warangal and Hyderabad, 60,843 acres were allowed to be occupied illegally while 2,349 acres are in litigation. With a staff of over 70,000 in the Endowment Department, there seems to be a lack of initiative to take real steps to prevent illegal occupation.
12. On November 23, 2005, the government decided to take complete control of Hindu mutts such as Hathiramaji of Tirupati, Raghavendra Swamy mutt in Mantralayam, Byragi mutt of West Godavari District, Gavi mutt in Ananthapur and others whose assets are worth crores of rupees.
13. In August 2005, government has decided to sell 100,000 acres of Sri Narasimha Swamy Temple in Simhachalam and other nearby Temples.
14. Government runs special buses but there is an extra surcharge on the fares for Hindus going to observe their festivals. This surcharges contrast with the subsidy given to Moslems’ Haj. In 2007 state government added a 50% surcharge on Maha Shivaratri day to make it difficult for poor Hindu devotees to visit temples.
15. In 2006 after Smt. Veena Noble Das took charge as Vice-chancellor of Padmavathi Mahila University she got removed

the photos of Lord Venkateswara and Goddess Padmavathi from all the institutions of the Mahila University and she also got removed the portrait of Lord Venkateswara from her office. Instead she kept a portrait of Jesus Christ and the Cross n her office table. She is sending batches of students in the University buses to the church. It is also stated that in the Mahila University, the students are not allowed to have tilak on the forehead now a days and that students putting tilak are being discriminated.

16. On March 14, 2006, government auctioned 3,000 acres of Temple lands in East Godavari District.
17. In 2008, GO 29 was issued with a scheme to fund Rs. 2 crores for Christian Pilgrimage to the Holy land of Jerusalem.
18. In 2010, there are 150 employees and other people involved in ticket scandal worth more than 130 crores.
19. Some of the Arjita Seva tickets are sold to select people up to 2060. Nobody can buy these tickets till that year.
20. The Rajagopuram that was built about the 500 years ago in front of the famous Sri Kalahasti temple - popularly known as 'Dakshina Kashi' - in Chittoor collapsed on May 26, 2010 (Wednesday) night. Because of total neglect of the government, it failed to take steps to stabilize the Rajagopuram.
21. On October 23, 2011 Bhavanarayana Temple in Bapatla, Guntur District in AP hit the DUST in the early morning hours. This unique Temple is believed to have been built by Chola king Kimikantha about 1500 years ago. About 500 years ago, the 75 feet Rajagopuram was built in front of the main Temple. Raja Vasireddy Venkatadri Naidu of Amaravathi Kingdom renovated this Temple in 1865.
22. TTD is failing to take steps to stop the mining of the hill that was adorned with Vakula Mata Temple. If they do not enforce Stay Order, the Temple may collapse.
23. Christian Evangelical activities are going unnoticed on Tirumala Hill and Government has taken no appropriate actions to prevent them.
24. The AP government acquires more than 100 acres to build Padmavati College with the GO requiring the government to allocate equivalent number of acres to TTD. No action has been taken.

Treatment to Non-Hindu institutions in A.P.

1. Govt. allocates Rs 1.1 Crores to Churches for their repairs and renovations.
2. Govt. allocates 6.5 crores to Mosques for their repairs and renovations.
3. Per 8/22/2006 GO 21, Govt. allocated Rs. 80,000 for each church for it’s repairs and renovations and Rs. 1.5 crores for constructing a new church.
4. Haj subsidy is being granted to Muslims to go to Mecca for the last 30 plus years.
5. Separate Haj terminal at the Airport is constructed to provide better facilities for Muslims to travel.
6. In 2007, the state government started giving subsidy for Christians to travel to Bethlehem.



Karnataka:

- 1. Most of the money received from temples are diverted to Muslims and Christian institutions for vote banks. For e.g., in 2003, 79 crores are generated but Temples received only Rs 7.1, while madarsas-hajj subsidy received Rs. 59.15 and Churches Rs. 12.75 crores.
- 2. Diversion of Temple money to other religious organizations could cause as many as 50,000 of the 2.6 lakh temples in Karnataka to close down within five years.
- 3. Many ancient temples are in extremely poor condition, their managements and priests carp about inadequate funds, salaries are not disbursed regularly, and priests are forced to survive on donations made by devotees in the arthi plate.
- 4. All the hereditary Temples and Mutts have to contribute 5% of their revenues to the Government.

Treatment to Non-Hindu institutions in Karnataka

In November 2006, the state government announced a grant of Rs. 30 million for the construction of Hajj House (for Muslims).

Tamil Nadu:

- 1. Sri Sankaracharya was arrested on false charges.
- 2. Installed the statues of anti Hindu Periyar in front of Sri Ranganpatnam Temple against the will of Hindus and High Court, and illegally encroached the Temple lands.
- 3. 38,465 temples are under government control. More than 30,000 temples receive less than Rs. 5000 per year.
- 4. 78 percent the temples are in shambles according T Muruganandan report.
- 5. At present, 4,78,681 acres of dry, wet and manavari lands, 22,599 buildings and 33,627 sites belonging to religious institutions are under government control; Temples receive only 25% of the income from these lands and shops; rest goes to tenants and government.
- 6. Within Chidambaram Temple premises, government was planning to demolish certain buildings, put up powerful lights and pull down over 100-year-old structures to make way for air-conditioned offices wherein prasadams was stored previously.
- 7. 1,200-year-old Siva temple of the Pallava period at Tiruppullivanam village in Kanchipuram district, Tamil Nadu, has been wiped clean of its beautiful Chola-period paintings. The frescoes, about 975 years old, have been sandblasted out of existence. Two 16-pillared mantapas are among the temple’s treasures that have been destroyed.

Kerala:

- 1. Recently Devaswom Board was dissolved and Government is planning to take over more temples for economically looting them.
- 2. In Sabarimala, 2,500 acres of temple land has been sold by the government’s board.
- 3. Under the Kerala Land Reforms Act, over 12,000 acres of Guruvayoor temple’s land has been reduced to a few hundred acres only.
- 4. Guruvayoor Temple money was diverted to other governmental projects denying the improvements for 45 Temples.
- 5. Church-backed encroachers occupied “huge areas of forest land, running into thousands of acres near Sabarimala while the government denied the permission to use few acres to provide amenities to Ayyappa devotee.
- 6. Diluted the rituals at Sabarimala and levied taxes on the income of the Temples.

Treatment to Non-Hindu institutions in Kerala: No state government since independence had ever dared to take over one single church or mosque or just one cent of their vast land holdings.

GHHF Accomplishments

2007-2009 Activities

- So far we are able to support a number of legal cases against the Government with regard to the sale of Temple lands.
- In June 2007 Public Function was conducted at Satya Sai Nigamagamam to bring awareness to the public about the Plight of Hindu Temples in India.
- Organized a protest during Sri Y. S. Rajasekhara Reddy’s visit in Chicago with about 500 Hindus; met with him and submitted 21 point Memorandum of Concerns. YouTube video link: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j5EQV9-vngI&feature=related>
- In June 2007 & 2008 we appeared on Gemini TV’s Guest Hour to address the Temple issues. Google video link: <http://video.google.com/videoplay?docid=-6260659503313213353&hl=en>
- In June 2007 AP Government passed anti-Conversion law around major Hindu temples.
- AP Government declared all 7 hills of Tirumala belong to TTD. A few weeks earlier AP Government attempted to take over 5 of the 7 temples.
- AP Government initiated ‘daily Dhoopa, Deepa, Naivedyam scheme’ to selected temples.
- In July 2008 we also appeared on Gemini TV’s Guest Hour.
- **In 2007-2008 Maha Pada Yatra-I:** Started from Basara (Adilabad District) on 16.9.2007 and reached Thirupathi on 25.1.2008 covering a distance of 3200 kilometers in 130 days. 10,000 attended. Many Acharyas and others attended.
- **In 2008-2009 Pada Yatra-II:** Started from Srikurmam covering a distance of 5500 kilometers in 200 days in 11 districts. 15,000 people attended. Acharyas, politicians and Hindu leaders spoke on this occasion.

2010 Activities

- In January 2010, we stopped the installation of Cross on a rock which many Hindus believe as sacred due to spring of water coming out due to Lord Rama’s arrow.
- In June 2010, 15 people appeared on TV9 talking about the corruption, arjitha seva ticket scandal, Sri Kalahasti Rajagopuram collapse. YouTube video links:
Part 1: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rJqRW8fqF8o>
Part 2: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9x8SGiltQ2I>
- Met with L K Advani, Ashok Shingal, Pravin Tagodia, Vedantam, B Dattatreyulu, Rama Jois, Venkaiah Naidu, Y S Rajasekhara Reddy, Chandra Babu Naidu, I V Subba Rao (IAS), Ramana Murthy (IAS), Endowment Minister AP, Endowment Commissioner, and many officials to submit our request to work for repeal of Endowment Act.
- Met at least 20 different Swamiji’s and Peetadhipathis to update out efforts.
- Submitted 15 recommendations to Minister for Endowment and TTD Executive Officer on May 28, 2008. They have accepted or implemented the following: a) Government announced Sri Kalahasti Rajagopuram will be built and completed by 2012; b) Appointed a Committee to examine all major Rajagopurams for any structural damages; c) Investigated the Northwest Corner of Ananda Nilayam of Lord Venkateswara Temple; d) Removed the

- plants growing on Rajagopurams that may create cracks; e) Agreed to keep Gollamantapam at the original place and strengthen the structural base to prevent any possible collapse; f) Investigating the arjita seva ticket scam – State level Vigilance department is investigating (we request the case to be assigned to CBI); g) Increased the salaries of the Archakas; h) Delayed granting housing plots to employees.
 - In July 2010 we stopped the sale of 5.24 acres of Tirumala Giri Sri Venkateswara Temple lands near Vijayawada.
 - TTD was planning to allot House sites to the employees by using lands donated by Devotees Centuries ago; GHHF and HDPS have recommended that the TTD lands should not be used to allot Housing sites or apartments to the employees of TTD. We strongly feel that those lands should be used for the promotion of Hindu values, for colleges, for feeding the cows by raising grass and other crops, for providing housing to Leprosy patients and other matters strictly for religious matters. High Court issued Stay orders on November 29, 2010.
- 2011 Activities
- In 2011, the Sri Kurmam Temple in Sri Kurmam is one of a kind; no other Temple is found for this Vishnu avatara; by it’s very nature, Kurmams (tortoise) gather around the Temple. Authorities failed to protect the Kurmams. GHHF & HDPS got involved and made sure to have one acre lot allotted for the tortoise with a budget to feed them.
 - In 2011, more than seven acres of Endowment land was occupied by Christians in Lalpeta near Guntur; built compound wall and erected a very tall Cross and started operating as a church. With our intervention we are able to get it removed that took nearly two months.
 - In 2011 Endowment Department decided to auction more than seven acres of land belonging to Sri Mahankali Temple in Old Hyderabad; GHHF and HDPS got involved, staged a dharana (protest) in front of the Office and was able to postpone the auction indefinitely with the help of Endowment Minister and Chief Secretary of Revenue.
 - In 2011, GHHF and Sanatana Dharma Foundation (SDF) invited Dr. Subramanian Swamy to Dallas – He gave a lecture at Karya Siddhi Hanuman Temple in Frisco; Recognized four stalwarts who did a tremendous job in serving the cause of Sanatana Dharma – Dr. Subramanian Swamy, Sri Kamal Kumar Swamy, Sri Tapan Ghosh, and Dr. Rajiv Malhotra in Dallas, TX.
 - On March 26 - participated in one hour TV program known as Varadhi on TV9 channel in Andhra Pradesh to discuss the status of Hindu Temples. Please watch the hour long interview from the below links: **USA - Varadhi - GHHF President Prakash Rao Velagapudi with NRIs.**
Part 1: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KQnKHTJUGis>
Part 2: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EvV0_VAQOj0
Part 3: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=spsElcnRmu0>
- 2012 Activities
- In 2012 GHHF met with Sri Baba Ramdev in Haridwar, Sri Swami Chidananda in Rishikesh, Sri Ganapathi Sachchidananda Swamiji, Sri Datta Vijyananda Teerdha Swamiji and many other spiritual leaders to explain about our Mission and take their blessings.
 - GHHF has organized two Musical Concerts by Dr. Ghazal Srinivas in May 2012 in Dallas, TX and Houston, TX.
 - Under the aegis of Dr. Ghazal Srinivas, **DEVALAYAM** audio Cd was released by Sri Datta Vijayananda Swamiji in March 2012 in Hyderabad. Dr. Ghazal Srinivas sung all the songs that were written by Sri Rasaraju, Sri Sirasri, Sri Taatavarthi Rajagopalabalam, Sri

Kalikivayi Mahankali Rao, and others. Music is provided by Dr. Ghazal Srinivas. First song in the Devalayam CD is produced on Video. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lmIn-1VN3vE>

2013 Activities

- On January 8 an Award Ceremony was conducted in Hyderabad honoring the officials of the Endowment Department who conducted an unprecedented Punya Nadula Arthi (Arthi offered to Sacred Rivers) on Karthik Purnima in 2012. Eight executive officers from different cities were honored at the ceremony. Also, the winners of “On the Spot Drawing” were recognized and cash prizes were given to the top five students.
- A spectacular Dance program was conducted by a group of ten dancers who choreographed the songs of “Devalayam” CD.
- GHHF in coordination with Sri Paripoornananda Swami and Kadari Organizing Committee organized a massive Satyanarayana Puja where more than 3000 Dalits participated in the event.
- Organized Swami Paripoornananda US trip May thru July 7, 2013. His program were arranged in many cities: Dallas, TX; Huntsville, AL; Atlanta, GA; Raleigh, NC; Marlboro, NJ; Staten Island, NY; Washington, DC; Detroit, MI; Davies, FL; Houston, TX.
- Organized lectures by former DGP of Andhra Pradesh, Dr. K. Aravinda Rao in Atlanta and Dallas.
- Lectures were delivered by Dr. Prakasarao Velagapudi on the mission of GHHF and the plight of Hindu Temples in Atlanta, GA; Austin TX; and New Jersey.
- Dr. Prakasarao Velagapudi delivered a lecture on the significance of the relationship between Hindu ethic, Hindu Genius and Business Management at World Hindu Economic Council in Dallas TX.
- Co-sponsored Bhakta Prahlada Dance program in New Jersey.
- Dr. Subramnay Swamy lectures were organized in Dallas in July and Chicago in September.
- NATS (North America Telugu Society) produced a remarkable Video “KshetraDarshini” highlighting the sacredness and significance of more than 40 Andhra Pradesh Temples. Song was written by Sri Rasaraju and sung by Dr. Ghazal Srinivas. NATS was very gracious to give the rights to GHHF for their distribution to promote the mission of their organization. Thus KshetraDarshini Video and CD are produced.
- GHHF exposed the Islamic University plans near Tirupathi with lot of investigation and with documentation. Now almost all the parties are working on this matter to see that it would not see the daylight.
- Through two anonymous donor, GHHF contributed **\$33,600** for the renovation of Amrutheswara Swami Temple near Tenali in AP.
- Through anonymous donor, GHHF donated **\$50,000** to produce an historical Anthology on the Hindu Kings and how they ruled their subjects. Negotiations are being made to show on BBC and History Channel and other Channels. The total project cost is about \$500,000.
- In October, Dr. Ghazal Srinivas conducted Ghazal Concert in Atlanta, GA.
- On October 25 GHHF representatives (Prasad Yalamanchi, Satya Dosapati, Arvind Kumar and Prakasarao Velagapudi) met with The New York Times journalist to discuss and express our concerns regarding an article on Muzaffarnagar and Sri Narendra Modi.
- India Cultural Center and Temple (ICCT), Memphis, TN and GHHF are conducting GandaBherunda Lakshmi Narasimha Mahayajnam on February 8 thru 12, 2014 in Mangalagiri at Panakala Narasimha Swamy Temple. Dr. Duggirla Prasad, who is the Chairman of ICCT, is coordinating the whole Yajnam. He is kind enough to recognize the efforts of GHHF and listing us as a Cosponsor of the Mahayajnam with no obligations.

- Organized the Discourses by Dr. Bachampalli Santosh Kumar on the significance of Karthik Masa and other sacred topics in Atlanta in November.
- On November 30, Swami Paripoornananda and Dr. Ghazal Srinivas went to Tirupthi, met with the Collector and discussed about the Islamic University episode, and also met Sri M G Gopal and talked about the progress of Vakulamata Temple with TTD.
- Submitted a letter to TTD requesting them to permission to GHHF to build Vakulamata Temple.
- Swami Paripoornananda and Dr. Ghazala Srinivas participated in Nadula Arthi on Karthka Purnima Day – November 17.
- Donated **\$125,000** to TTD through one of the devotees.
- SavetemplesGaana Lahari Musical Band consisting of Six singers and four musicians conducted superb musical program highlighting the song on the importance and significance of Hindu Temples and Hindu culture in Madanapalle and Tirupathi, on December 29 and 30 respectively.
- Chittoor SaveTemples Committee was formed to monitor the activities among all major Temples in the district. Hutch Kumar is named the President of the Committee.
- Visited Islamic University for Women land site on December 31.
- Held News Conference with News media to discuss about Vakulamata Temple, Islamic University for Women, and issued related to TTD.

2014 Activities

- In January, GHHF conducted two Seminars on the Plight of Hindu Temples in Bhimavaram and Eluru.
- In February, GHHF participated in the seminar on the importance of revival of Bharath and the efforts of our activities in Padmavati Kalyan Mantapam in Tenali.
- Cosponsored and participated in Sri Lakshmi Narasimha Ganda Bherunda Mahayagnam in February 8-13 at Panakala Swamy Temple at Magalagiri, Andhra Pradesh.
- Memorandum was submitted in February with 21 points to Honorable Narendra Modi about the revival of Bharath and Sanatana Dharma.
- Spoke on the opportunities to reestablish Dharma at Chai pe Charcha meeting held in Dallas TX in March.
- Organized Swami Paripoornananda Saraswathi of Sreepeetham of Kakinada visit to USA in the following cities: Raleigh NC; Dallas, Texas; Austin TX; Temple TX; Detroit MI; Los Angles CA; San Diego CA; San Jose, CA, Portland OR; Seattle WA; St. Louis MO; Washington DC; New Jersey; Tampa FL and Fort Lauderdale FL.
- Released a book entitled “THIRD EYE” written by Swami Paripoornananda in July in Washington DC.
- Dr. Ghazal Srinivas, Brand Ambassador, organized a mammoth International Short Film Festival on SaveTemples in Hyderabad on August 22-23 in Prasad Labs. More than 100 short Films and Documentaries were submitted. 40 films were selected by Jury Committee consisting of Sri D S Dikshutulu, Trainer and Film, TV, Theater Communication; Sri Sirasree, Famous Lyricist and Critic; Sri V N Adithya, Famous Film Director; Madhura Sridhar, MD of Madhura Audios and Film Director; Dr. Santosh, RSS Pracharak. Many political, religious and Film personalities attended the function.
- Met Endowments Minster Sri Manikyala Rao and Commissioner of Endowments Smt. Anuradha (IAS) and submitted list of concerns related to Temple Lands, Gomata, Temple Jewellery, Vakulamata Temple, Islamic University, Allotment of plots to Union members of TTD.
- Attended a meeting in Bangalore, organized by Temple Worshipers Society of Tamil Nadu on “Hindu Temples and Government Control” with special guests – Sri Swami Dayananda Saraswati and

- DR. Subramanian Swamy.
- Met His Holiness Sri Sri Ravi Shankar and presented our brochure on the “Plight of Hindu Temples and Government Control”.
- Devalayam Hindi CD called "MANDIR" launched by Sadhvi Ritambara Devi in Vatsalyagram, Brindavan, UP.
- Met Dr. Subramanian Swamy and discussed about Release of Temples, Management of Temples by Hindus. Submitted recommendations.
- Met with Honorable Minister Sri Venkaiah Naidu and discussed about various issues that were submitted to Honorable Narendra Modi in February.
- Presented a paper on the “Plight of Hindu Temples and Government Control” at Patriotic Social Media Foundation, organized by Dr. Subramanian Swamy, in New Delhi.
- Met with a number of VHP and BJP representatives in New Delhi & Hyderabad.
- Met 15 short film makers and producers, who participated in savetemples international film festival 2014.
- Arranged a visit of Hon. P. Manikyala Rao Garu to Dallas to visit Hanuman Temple..
- Hosted Honorable Justice of Andhra Pradesh Sri Nooty Rama Mohana Rao and organized his Lecture in Dallas..
- Met with Deputy Speaker Sri Mandala Buddha Prasad and had open and frank discussions for 3 days about the government control of Hindu Temples..
- “Sadguru Tattvam” a book focusing on the importance of Sadguru and speeches delivered on welcoming Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Swamiji over the last 15 years to USA was released in Avadhuta Datta Peetham.
- Sri Ram Sharma Kasibhatla, GHHF Board of Director organized a lecture on the Control of Hindu Temples by Governments in Bangalore.
- A lecture on “Spirituality and Business Management” was delivered to GMR Group in Bangalore.

2015 Activities

- January 10 **Appeared on ETV** to discuss about the need for the repeal of Endowment Act
- January 12 Met and had **dinner with Honorable P. Manikyala Rao** and discussed about few issues related to Temples in AP.
- February 1 -5, Participate in a five-day **5th International Conference of Elders of Ancient Cultures and Traditions**, hosted by the International Centre for Cultural Studies (ICCS). Over 70 from 40 countries participated at Avadhuta Datta Peetham in Mysore, Karnataka.
- May 9, Lecture on "**Reincarnation: Scientific Evidence to Hindu Doctrine**" was presented at Hind Temple of Amarillo.
- June 8, “**Photography Contest on Godavari Pushkaralu 2015**” was announced to appreciate the age-old customs of celebrating, glorifying and appreciating the significance of taking bath in Godavari river.
- August 22, **Hindu Unity Conference Seminar by Dr. Subramanian Swamy** along with Rajiv Malhotra & Others was organized at Swaminarayan Temple in Hanover Park, Chicago, IL
- August 23, Prasad Yalamanchi organized Dr. Subramanian Swamy **Lecture on Hindu Jewish Dialog** - Seminar on “Lifetime Pursuit in Protecting Dharma" at Manava Seva Mandir, Itasca, ILL.
- August 27, arranged four speeches in Dallas: "**Meet and Greet" luncheon speech with Dr. Subramanian Swamy** at the Saffron House in Addison, TX.
- August 27 “**Promises made by Narendra Modi! Will he be successful in meeting the challenges?**” in Dallas TX.
- August 28, **The economic climate for investment in India** to IT Indian Businessmen, Dallas TX

- August 28, “**Symposium on Protection & Restoration of Hindu Temples**” Irving TX 75038
- August 29, **Dr Swamy** spoke at newly constructed Karya Siddhi Hanuman Temple on the resiliency of Hindu Religion and future of Hindutva.
- September 11 attended three-day **Global Dharma Conference** at N J Convention & Expo Exhibition, Edison, NJ
- September 12, participated in the **inauguration of Bhaarat Today TV Channel** started by Swami Paripoornananda in NewJersey
- September 16, **Sri Tapan Ghosh** to spoke about the Status of West Bengal Hindus in Kingston, NJ 08528.
- September 18, Sri Tapan Gosh spoke on the “Plight of Hindus in West Bengal” Plano, TX Plano, TX
- October 4th, GHHF conducted **Award Ceremony** honoring the photographers: *First Prize winner: Sri Rahul from Mahabubnagar, Second Prize Winner: Sri Suresh Noone from Mancherial, Third Prize Winner: Sri K V Prithvi from Hyderabad*
- October 6th, Sponsored **GHHF Cottage** in Varanasi on the banks of Ganga River
- October 10th, In Vishakhapatnam, GHHF organized the **Seminar on the Repeal of Endowment Act, Walkathon to protect the COW**. More than 15 invited Guests spoke along with Dr. Subramanian Swamy, Swami Swaroopananda Saraswathi of Sri Sharada Peetham
- November 24-27, **Visited NINE Goshalas** and donated **Rs 25,000 are each one**.
- December 1-4, attended “**Dharmic Sadassu**” being organized by **TTD in Tirupati on Dec 2nd**. More than 40 Swamijis and Peethadhipathis and Prasad Yalamanchi and Prakasarao Velagapudi are invited to participate and discuss the issues affecting the Hinduism.
- Submitted a paper to Dharmic Sadassu on “**Rampant Christian Deceptive Conversion of Hindus: Recommendations to Stop Conversion and Start Reconversion.**”
- December 5 &6, Prasad Yalamanchi and Prakasarao Velagapudi attended **Virat Hindusthan Sangam** training near **Vijayawada**. Both of us spoke on the greatness of Hinduism and the need for repeal of Endowment Act.
- December 8, appeared on Bharat Today TV as **a panelist** to discuss the topic on “***Gauraksha Sarvajagadraksha***” (Protection of Cow is equal to Protection of the entire universe.” <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w42nuVPH0FE>
- December 9, GHHF and Bhaarat Today hosted **Brainstorming Session** on the Management of Hindu Temples. Swami Paripoornananda hosted the event. Sri P V R K Prasad (IAS), Sri JSV Prasad (IAS) Dr. Arvind Rao (IPS), Sri Soundararajan Ranga Rajan, T R Ramesh from Chennai, Dr. Hanuman Chowdary, Dr. S Raghavendra Prasad, Dr. Ghazal Srinivas, Sri Sudhish Rambhatla, Sri Govind Hari, K. Ramakrishna, Nandini Velagapudi, R V V Krishna Rao, Ratnakar Pullangari, and others attended.

2016 Activities

- In January, announcement was made requesting people to submit original video on the topic “**My Native Place – My Ancient Temple: Past and Present**”. **Best videos will be selected for awards.**
- In February, submitted a letter requesting the **Sri M Manikyala Rao, the Minister for Endowments to declare Krishna Janmash-tami** as **Gopuja Dinotsava Day**
- In March, selected two experts in Temple management to write “**Constitution on the Management of Hindu Temples**”
- April **Gopuja Dinotsavam - Government of Andhra Pradesh accepted our request and issued a G O (Government Order) on April 1, 2016. The GO reads that, *Keeping the above position, Government hereby declared that every Sri Krishna Janmashtami shall be observed as “Gopuja Dinotsavam.” All the Executive Officers of all temples are directed to take up Gopuja activities on Sri Krishna Janmashtami hereafter every year.***

- In June, **actively campaigned requesting all Indians to sign the petition to issue DIWALI postal stamp in USA.**
- In July, **Chandi Homam** -Dr. Ghazal Srinivas couple have performed **CHANDI YAAGA in Amaravati** Punyakshetram in Guntur District successfully. Former Minister Shri D. Manikya Vara Prasad, Mr. Venu Gopal from Vishwa Hindu Parishad, Darshanapu Srinivas were attended the Homam. His Holiness Shri **Viswanji Maharaj** attended the event and participated in the CHANDI YAAGA.
- In August, **Sri Pujya Paripoornananda Swamiji conducted two lecture in Dallas area;** “Relevance of Hindu Customs and Traditions” and “**Gomata, Gopuram and Gurukulam**
- During Krishna Pushkaralu**, Ghazal Srinivas produced a CD and was inaugurated by Sri Chinna Jeeyar Swami on the significance of Pushkaralu
- Prime Minister Sri Narendra Modi releases a CD on Tiranga Yatra to mark the 70th anniversary of India’s Independence.**
- In September & October **Bhagavata Saptaham, rendered by Sadhvi Sri Tiruppavai Kokila Manjula Sree, was organized in USA:** Los Angeles, San Francisco, Detroit and Columbus, New Jersey, Washington DC area, Tampa FL, and Atlanta.
- In September, **Dr. Subramanian Swamy gave status report on the Repeal of Endowment Act in the Supreme Court, the abuses of Hindu Temples by the government in Dallas TX**
- SaveTemples International Documentary Festival On “Our Native Place – Our Ancient Temple – Past & Present”** was conducted on October 1, 2016 at Prasad Labs, Hyderabad. **First Prize:** Naga Sai Makkam (Nagesh) Documentary: Kurumurthy Raya (Awarded: Rs 100,000), **Second Prize:** Kottapalli Seetaram Documentary: Mahendragiri (Awarded: Rs 75,000), **Third Prize:** Sathya Prasad Documentary: Manushulu Chesina Devudu. (Awarded: Rs 50,000).
- Maha Kumbabhishekam was performed in Sri Ksheera Ramalingeswara Swamy Temple in Palakol**, West Godavari on October 20 and 21, 2016. **Sri Swaroopanandendra Swamy and Sri Paripoornananda Swamiji**, attended the function.
- Suprabhatams** were sung by Dr Ghazal Srinivas for these Temples: Sri Ksheera Ramalingeswara Swami, Palakol; Sri Bhaavanarayana Swamy Temple, Sarpavaram near Kakinada; Lord Lakshmi Nrusimha Swamy Temple, Mangala Giri; and Sri Jaladeswara Swamy Temple, Ghantasala.
- Vakula Mata Temple** issue was taken up by GHHF about four years ago. **Sri Swami Paripoornananda Saraswathi, Dr. Ghazal Srinivas, Sri Bhanu Prakash Reddy** and many people have participated in the movement. The issue was litigated in the legal system by illegal miners of the mountain. **High Court cleared the way on November 16, 2016 directing TTD to build Vakula Mata Temple.**

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