



American Hindu Coalition to Host a Presidential Inauguration Hindu Gala

Washington, D.C. – For the first time in U.S. history, a Presidential Inauguration Gala with a focus on Hinduism will take place. Organized by the American Hindu Coalition (AHC), the event will be held on Sunday, January 19, 2025, from 8 PM to 11 PM, in the historic and elegant ballroom of The Mayflower Hotel, located just a few blocks from The White House.

This gathering represents an effort to celebrate diversity and cultural heritage while fostering unity among communities. Notably, members of the Latino community have joined hands with the AHC to support this momentous occasion.

The gala promises a memorable evening, with cultural performances, a visual presentation highlighting Hindu landmarks like Angkor Wat and Maha Kumbh, and an exquisite selection of Indian cuisine. The program also offers an opportunity to deepen understanding of Hinduism among attendees, which will include many notable non-desi guests.

The event is being coordinated by respected leaders within the community, including Dr. Sudhir Parikh, Dr. Romesh Japra, Dr. Shivangi, and others. Dr. Shoba Chokkalingam, a dedicated member of the AHC and to whom President Trump personally called due to the controversial “curry” remark, is the coordinator of the gala.

“This gala is more than an event - it’s a celebration of the Hindu identity and its growing influence,” said Mr. Harsh Sethi, President of the AHC.

With prominent Hindu and other appointees from the new cabinet, members of Congress of Indian origin, and other key dignitaries expected to attend, the evening also offers an opportunity to connect with Latino business and political leaders.

Tickets and additional details are available through Dr. Shoba Chokkalingam at +1 (217) 974-1830 or by email at HinduAmericanGala@gmail.com.

“We encourage members of the Hindu diaspora - from India, Nepal, the Caribbean, and other regions - to come together for this significant celebration of our cultural and civic engagement,” added Dr. Alok Srivastava, a leader in faith-based initiatives.