The "Dismantling Global Hindutva" Conference

Advancing Bigotry and Hinduphobia

"Dismantling Global Hindutva" conference is being held on the weekend of Sept 10-12, 2021. This conference paints Hindus disproportionately and falsely as purveyors of extremism, actively denies the genocide of Hindu people, and most troublingly, labels those who disagree as "Hindutva," which the conference organizers define as Hindu extremism.

The conference’s features the “Hindutva Harassment Field Manual” as an official resource that categorically states that Hindus have never “faced systematic oppression throughout history and in present times.” This resource also denies that anti-Hindu bias has ever led to “casualties on...horrific scales.”

"By holding the conference on the 20th Anniversary of 9/11, the organizers send a troubling message - that, “Global Hindutva” is a problem that has permeated beyond India to the extent that the next 9/11 is imminent and will be caused by “Hindu extremists.” This is a false and dangerous conflation of the Al Qaeda, the Taliban, and global terrorism with Hindu organizations.

Endorsing this conference is endorsing the denial of genocide and advancing bigotry against a global religious minority.
Kavita Krishnan is on the Politburo (Central Committee) of CPI-ML, which has a history of supporting armed struggle and violence and glorifies letters and works by Charu Mazumdar, one of the key figures of the violent Naxalite movement in India. The party has openly stated, “...it is totally false to suggest that we have given up the policy of armed resistance...Militant sections capable of resistance have come up in many villages...”

On May 17, 2021, amidst the COVID-19 crisis in India and the overwhelming deaths, journalist Neha Dixit demeaned Hindu funeral rites by alleging them to be part of “omnipresent...oppressive Brahmanical practices.”

Nandini Sundar, a professor at the Delhi University, was also named as a key link between violent Maoist leaders (the CPI-Maoist is also recognized as a terror outfit by the State Department) and their urban sympathizers by Podiyam Pandu, a Naxalite involved in a deadly attack on Indian Police in 2017.

Anand Patwardhan is a filmmaker, whose short film, titled “We Are Not Your Monkeys,” falsely analogizes monkeys in the epic to “lower caste” Dalits using colonial race theories. The filmmaker himself notes that juxtaposing images of the Ramayana with controversial scenes is meant to “disenchant the visual pleasures gained from encounters with the images of the Hindu pantheon.” The film’s version of Hinduism is intended to nauseate the viewer.

Meena Kandasamy, has authored a poem that calls the Hindu deity Rama a “di**head” who needs “the testicle of a golden deer” to “rouse [his] manhood” and portrays the Hindu goddess Sita as lusting after Ravana, her kidnapper in the epic Ramayana.
What Can You Do?

- Urge universities to reconsider their decision to be co-sponsors and supporters of the “Dismantling Global Hindutva” conference and request them to ask the organizers to remove their institutions’ names, logos and association from the conference website, event marketing materials and social media posts.

- Support Hindu students and those on campuses who may feel threatened or targeted by such Hinduphobic events.

- Amplify our social media campaign #dismantlehinduphobia.

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