Dismantling Global Hindutva Conference:
Why It Must Be Condemned

The conference claimed:
Hinduism inspired Nazism
Hinduism is a danger to democratic and egalitarian values

Dr. Gajendran Ayyathurai
Called Hindus “violent, malignant Brahmins” and single out five Hindu last names: Iyer, Kompella, Trivedi, Sharma and Mukherji (Mukherjee) as those with a history of extreme violence, quoting that they are “violent advocates of...malignant Brahmanism.”
Dangerously declared that “Brahminism played a very crucial role in the creation of Nazism itself.”

P. Sivakami
Declared that Hinduism is “a danger to independence, equality and brotherhood.” In another instance, she stated that Hinduism is against democratic values, concluding that “…harboring the idea that Hinduism is per se harmless and only Hindutva is the culprit will not do any good to the observance of lofty democratic ideals.”
Disparaged some of the most iconic Hindu leaders such as Swami Vivekananda, Sri Aurobindo and Mahatma Gandhi as “Hindutva ideologues.” Stated that Hinduism and “Hindutva” are inextricably linked and that Hindutva is a historical expression of Hinduism.

Openly called for dismantling of Hinduism by saying: “...there is no Hindutva without Hinduism...Hindutva is inextricably linked to and is a form of Hinduism...and we do not think there is any way to understand Hindutva if you disaggregate it from [Hinduism]...and there is absolutely no way to dismantle it...if you are going to...ignore the Hinduism of it.”

Asserted "...without hesitation, that Hindutva is indeed inseparable from Hinduism, and arguments of Hindutva is not Hinduism are deeply dangerous, Brahminical and laced with erasure and violence. They will not take us to the future we aspire..."

Stated: “I did not at least hear anyone, definitely myself, deny the fact that Hinduism is deeply imbricated with Hindutva...nobody on this panel has been denying it..."
THE IMPACT

Paints a target on the backs of Hindu students and faculty members and endangers their civil rights.

Directly contributes to the existing corpus of xenophobia aimed at non-Christian religions as "un-American," or "incompatible with democracy" and/or "the Constitution."

Hides behind the veil of "Academic freedom" to advance bigotry and hatred.
WHAT CAN YOU DO?

1. Write to universities to put out a statement distancing themselves from such hate and unscholarly behavior. Hold their university departments liable for targeting Hindus in the name of "academic freedom."

2. If you are a student, parent or alumnus, set up a meeting with university administrators to impress upon them the dangers of institutionalization of bigotry against Hindus.

3. Talk to your lawmakers about concerns regarding publicly funded universities sponsoring hate.

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

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