

# HINDUPOST

#### Satyamev Jayate NaAnritam (Truth Alone Triumphs, Not Untruth)

....an initiative of the Hindu Media Forum

# BACKGROUND

- As part of the inaugural World Hindu Congress 2014, a media conference was organized by the Hindu Media Forum (HMF) to deliberate and formulate solutions to the challenges facing Hindu society in the field of media.
- A unanimous view emerged that issues concerning Hindu society get neither proper coverage nor a just representation in media, both in Bharat and elsewhere.
- Vested interests have created a negative perception around the word 'Hindu', which causes self loathing in Hindus, and Hindu-phobia in others.
- Hindus lack socio-cultural and political awareness, and are unaware of the problems faced by their brethren in other parts of the world.
- The universality of Hindu Dharma and the contributions of Hindu civilization need to be emphasized.
- All this is possible only by developing new media platforms to articulate the correct perspective.

# **DIGITAL MEDIA**

- Today, the paradigm of traditional media is being disrupted by the rise of digital media.
- Digital media such as social media has proven to be the new equalizer, giving an outlet for opinions of people who had no say in the mainstream media.
- Youth no longer rely on newspapers and their primary source of news is the internet.
- We should adapt to this new paradigm to be effective interlocutors in society, politics, and religion.
- Hence digital media provides the best avenue to connect the world Hindu community, and voice the correct perspective loud and clear.
- HinduPost is envisioned as the digital media platform that will empower Hindus globally to voice the correct perspective.

# HINDUPOST GOALS

- To act as a bellwether for the correct perspective on issues impacting Hindu society.
- To correct the faulty perception and ingrained prejudices regarding Hindus prevalent in mainstream media.
- To connect Hindu communities spread across the world, helping them to learn about and from each other's experiences.
- Provide a platform for Hindu thinkers & writers to voice their opinions.
- To raise awareness about the rich socio-cultural legacy of Hindu civilization.

### FORMAT

- HinduPost will be a news, commentary and opinion platform built for web and mobile, initially available only in English language.
- The following categories are proposed to be covered-
  - News
  - Politics
  - Society & Culture
  - Media
  - Economy
  - World (Country/Region reports)
  - History
  - Human rights watch

- Contributors from across the world will be invited.
- It will include a news aggregator section to collate news impacting Hindu society.
- Audio/Video gallery for interviews and talks with Hindu thinkers.

# **KEY DIFFERENTIATORS**

- Global & integral view, without confining to any one geography or category.
- Contributors from all parts of the world.
- Relevance to Hindu society & civilization will be sole drivers.
- Aim to inform, engage, inspire solutions to fight discrimination and promote fellowship amongst Hindus.
- Unique features like Hindu human rights violation database, Hindu news aggregator.

#### TEAM

- HinduPost has constituted an Editorial Board (EB) which will guide and provide a strong intellectual bulwark to the organisation. Its members would provide strategic advice and insights to nurture an intellectually vibrant conversation on issues affecting Hindu polity around the world.
- Current members of the EB include:
  - Prof. Kapil Kapoor
  - Shri Shivaji Sarkar
  - Prof. V Suryanarayana
  - Dr. Gautam Sen
  - Dr. Sardendu Mukherjee
  - Shri Kiran Ramsahay
  - Shri KG Suresh
  - Shri Sushil Pandit
- The extended team includes contributors from different parts of the world, and staff writers at Gurgaon.

# **GET INVOLVED**

- CONTRIBUTE: We solicit contributions from Hindu writers, researchers, leaders, activists and professionals from across the world.
- OPERATIONS: We welcome support in editing, proof reading and managing the website.
- ADVOCATE: Refer HinduPost articles to friends and family once it is live. Spread the word about HinduPost on various social media platforms like Twitter, Facebook, Google+ etc.
- Please contact us at our email id <u>hindupost.in@gmail.com</u> if you are interested in any of the above.
- We welcome all suggestions and feedback.



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