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SATYA DHARAM SAMVAD URGES UNITY AND CONDEMNS THE DIVISIVE DHARAM SANSAD LED BY YATI NARSINGHANAND

The Satya Dharam Samvad (SDS) in a statement issued on December 6, 2024 gave a clarion call for like-minded Hindu religious leaders and organizations to reject the divisive Dharam Sansad being organized by Yati Narsinghanand. In this statement reflecting the true spirit of Hinduism, SDS emphasized the importance of promoting unity, tolerance, and dialogue over the rhetoric of hatred and division.

This statement, issued by SDS, has so far been signed by 62 signatories, reflecting a broad consensus among Hindu spiritual leaders:

“As guardians of Hinduism’s profound and inclusive legacy, we are deeply troubled by the growing misuse of religion to foster hatred, division, and violence within our society.”

Hinduism, with its timeless ideals of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam (the world is one family) and Sarva Dharma Sambhava (respect for all religions), has always stood as a beacon of peace, acceptance, and unity. It pains us to see that, in the name of religion, certain actions and statements are eroding these cherished values, sowing discord among communities. Hinduism also unequivocally rejects divisions based on caste and any form of oppression perpetuated in its name. True spirituality lies in recognizing the divine in all beings and fostering equality and mutual respect.

The upcoming “World Religion Convention,” set to be held on December 17-21, 2024, and provocative rhetoric targeting specific faiths, are clear departures from the true spirit of Sanatan Dharma. Such acts not only undermine the spiritual sanctity of Hinduism but also jeopardize the delicate harmony and unity of our nation, which thrives on its diversity and interfaith coexistence.

As devoted representatives of Hindu spirituality and tradition, we firmly state the following:

- **Rejecting Hate Speech and Divisive Acts:** We unequivocally condemn any words, actions, or gatherings that promote hatred, disrespect other faiths, or incite violence. These are antithetical to Hindu values and teachings.
- **Fostering Interfaith Understanding:** We believe in building bridges through dialogue and nurturing mutual respect among all religions. A peaceful and harmonious coexistence is key to collective growth and spiritual well-being.
- **Standing Against Extremism:** We strongly oppose the exploitation of religion for political agendas or divisive motives. Hinduism does not need to diminish other faiths to affirm its identity or strength. True spiritual growth comes from introspection, compassion, and shared humanity.
- **Demanding Accountability:** We urge responsible authorities to take decisive action against those who manipulate religion for selfish or political gain, ensuring fairness and justice prevail.
- **Appealing for Unity:** We call on all Hindus and people of other faiths to come together in the spirit of kindness, understanding, and mutual respect. Our nation’s greatest strength lies in its unity amidst diversity.”



This statement has been signed by representatives of various organizations, including the Lingayat Community, Varkari Sampraday, The Purple Pandit Project, Vishwanath Mandir, School of Bhagavat Gita, and Balkram Mandir.

The signatories are:

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SDS also highlights a thoughtful perspective shared by Swami Raghavendra in his recent article in *The Wire Hindi* (“Dharma Sansad Becoming Enemy of Communal Harmony”), which underscores the dangers of using religion as a tool for division. The article can be accessed [here](#).

Unlike the provocative and exclusionary approach of Yati Narsinghanand’s Dharam Sansad, SDS stands committed to the tradition of *samvad* (dialogue) that seeks to unite rather than divide. SDS firmly believes that the essence of Sanatan Dharma lies in love, tolerance, and service to humanity. We encourage all spiritual and social leaders to join us in reaffirming these values and steering our communities toward peace and harmony.



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