



DENMARK

EUROPEAN HINDU CONFERENCE

The 2nd European Hindu Conference was held at Copenhagen under the auspices of Vishwa Hindu Parishad, Denmark. Delegates from all over the world attended the three-day conference. Lord Mayor John Winthers of Fredriksburg inaugurated the exhibition and addressed the gathering. Mr. S.D. Sandhir gave vote of thanks. Mrs. Saraswati Dave and Dr. Tatwawadi presented '*Ekatmata Mantra*' which was followed by a welcome address by Mr. Ashok Chauhan of West Germany. Mr. S.L. Sharma of VHP, Denmark, introduced the dignitaries.

Mr. Ole Esperson, Member of Parliament, Denmark, and former Justice Royal Government of Denmark, gave the first day inaugural address. The keynote address was by Swami Satyamitranandagiriji Maharaj (formerly Jagatguru Shankaracharya Jyotirmath). Messages were read by Mr. Ram Sharma; recognition of working and reception committee by Mr. S.L. Sharma; and vote of thanks by Mr. S.L. Singh, Vice President VHP, Denmark. In between all this, there was visit to Exhibition; song '*Krinvanto Vishwam Aryam*', group song '*Sanskriti Sabki Eka Sanatan*'

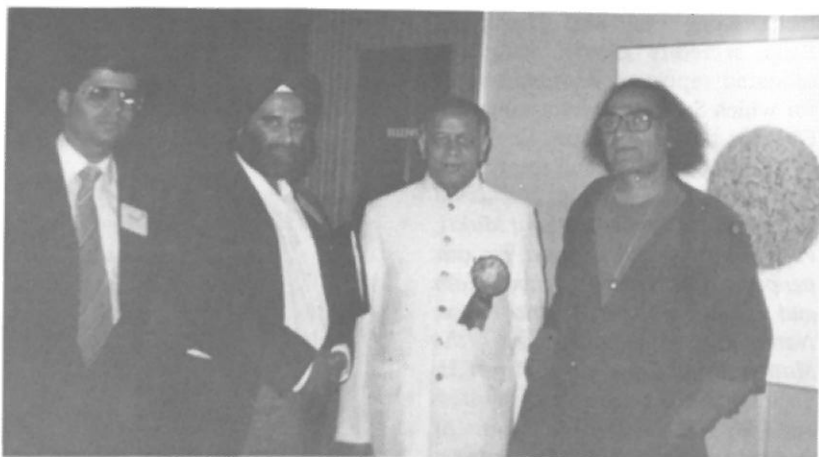
and prayer was said before the Fellowship introduction. A very scrumptious dinner was arranged for the participants at the end of the first-day meeting, after which was a sightseeing trip to Trivoli.

The second-day of the meeting started with delegates getting together for the breakfast and having the pleasure to hear the group song '*Vande Janani Bharat*'. The Chairperson for the day was Mr. Ashok Chauhan of West Germany and coordinator Mr. Lal Chand Pounj. Dr. Mahesh Mehta

of VHP, U.S.A., spoke on '*Hindu Thought and World Harmony*'; '*Swami Tilak's Impressions of his world*' by Swami Sankaranandaji of Spain. Mrs. Sarita Boodoo of Mauritius spoke on '*Role of Women in Hindu Society*' and Swami Vishnupadaji on '*Meditation and Spirituality*'. Other speakers were: Brahmakumari Sudesh of U.K. who enlightened audience on '*Representation of Hindu Views in International Forum*'; Swami Ved Vyasanandaji of Bharat (India) '*Hindu Religion and World Peace*'; Mr. Shamsher Singh also of Bharat '*Guru Nanak and his Philosophy*'; '*Role of our Patriots in Projecting Hindu Way of Life*' by Mr. Vijay Sagar Anand of U.K. and '*Bharat - The Spritual Mother of Mahant*' by Ram Prakash Dass of Bharat (India). After tea/coffee break for



Mr. Ram Jethmalani from Bombay; Ms. Anjee from V.H.P., U.S.A.; and Mr. Harmohan Lall, General Secretary V.H.P., discussing the day's agenda during the tea break at the 2nd Vishwa Hindu Parishad conference in Copenhagen.



Mr. M. Harwani, Mr. Tarlochan Oberoi, Mr. S.L. Sharma and Mr. Sohan Qadri at the 2nd Vishwa Hindu Parishad conference.



Many delegates attended the conference from all over the world. Seen above is Mr. Mohinani with Mr. Nari Torani (at right) of Tulsi GmbH, Hamburg, who came from Germany with his wife to attend the conference.



Volunteers from England and Germany prepared very delicious and wholesome food for three days of the convention.



Photo taken at one of the luncheon sessions.

the participants and audience group sessions took place.

For the *'Meditation and Stress Management'* session, the Chairperson was Mahant R.P. Dass of Bharat and the speaker was J.C. Rishi, also of Bharat. Mr. Om Prakash Pyasa of W. Germany was the chairperson for *'Vegetarianism'* session and the speaker was Mr. M.C. Satyanarayana of U.K. *'Conditions of Hindus around the World'*, the speakers were: Dr. Mahesh Mehta of VHP, U.S.A., Mr. Naryana Singh of S. Africa and Mr. Mohan Gautam of Holland. The chairperson was Mr. Ramesh Desai. Mr. Jayantibhai Chedda of S. Africa was the chairperson of *'Dilemmas of Youths and Solutions'* and the speaker was Mr. C.B. Patel of U.K. Dr. D.D. Khandelwal of U.S.A. spoke on *'VHP Center for Cultural Integration and Revival of all Spiritual values'* and the chairperson was Mr. Yadunath Khanal of Nepal. Shri Harmohan Lalji of Bharat was the chairperson for the *'Report of Group Sessions'* by their respected Chairpersons.

A lunch break, visit to exhibition by delegates and social get-together and tea/coffee was followed by rest of group sessions. Mr. K. Sital of Hong Kong was the speaker for *'Need for Communication in Hindu Society'* and the chairperson was Mr. V.H. Dalmia of Bharat.



Mr. Ram Jethmalani speaking at the conference.

Mr. S.V. Vyavhare of Bharat spoke on '*Yoga for Health of Body and Mind*' and the chairperson was Dr. N.K. Jain of W. Germany. '*Dharmic Education – Need of the Hour*' by Dr. B.D. Raheja of USA with Mr. Mohankant Gautam of Holland as the chairperson. Dr. Shanker Tatwadi of Bharat spoke on '*Future Trends in the Lives of Hindus Abroad*' and the chairperson was Mr. Sharad Gandhi of USA. The speaker for '*Body Mind and Spirit*' was Mr. Derik Seagrief Moller of Denmark and the chairperson Mr. Pranlal Sheth of U.K. Mr. Ram Jethmalani of Bharat was the chairperson for '*Report of Group Sessions II*' by their respective chairpersons.

Geeta by Smt. Prem Pandurangan and prayer preceded the dinner which was followed by presentation of a cultural programme. Miss Letta Arbhan from Sweden presented a 10-minute '*Spiritual dimensions*'. *Bharat Natyam – Sita Haran* was presented by Annemette Poulsen, a Danish artist, and the function ended with vote of thanks by Mr. Thakorbbhai Patel of U.K.

The third and last day of the convention started off with group song "*Jaag Utah Hai aaj Hindu...*", report of VHP and sister organisations' activities by their respected general secretaries representing countries – U.K., West Germany, Denmark, USA, Kenya, Mauritius,

Hong Kong etc. Shri Harmohan Lallji, secretary general, gave consolidated report of *Parishad's* work for which Swami Satyamitranandaji Giri was the chairperson. Exchange of views took place and resolutions were passed namely: *Akhand Bharat, Ram Janma Bhoomi Mukti, Parity and Injustice faced by our people in Middle East, Bangladesh and other countries, World Peace, Nationality Bill, Sanskrit the Mother of all Languages*. Shri V.H. Dalmia gave the valedictory address and Mr. S.L. Sharma 'vote of thanks'. After prayer and national anthems the delegates had a get-together, followed by dinner.

The convention was very enlightening and successful and it is hoped that more participants and interested individuals will come forward and join the hands of Vishwa Hindu Parishad for the betterment of Hindus all over the world.



Mr. S.L. Sharma, President of the Vishwa Hindu Parishad, Denmark.

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