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UK Parliament Week 2019 to be celebrated by HINDU SWAYAMSEVAK SANGH (UK)

Hindu Swayamsevak Sangh UK - HSS (UK) is proud to be an official partner and to host *UK Parliament Week Activity* to mark UK Parliament Week and 'have your say' on the issues that matter to you most.

UK Parliament Week is a UK-wide festival taking place from 2-8 November 2019, which aims to engage the entire population, including members of the Hindu, Jain, Buddhist and Sikh community. Particular focus is given to engaging young people from different backgrounds within the communities and empowering them to get involved.

This is a great opportunity to be part of a thriving democracy, ask questions, think critically and engage with the UK Parliament. Schools, museums, libraries, faith communities and youth organisations representing every constituency across the United Kingdom have already signed up to be part of the conversation.

HSS (UK) spokesperson said: "We are excited to join communities across the country getting involved in UK Parliament Week 2019 and getting more people in our branches (known as Shakhas) involved in playing a vital role in their democracy. From Sale in the North West to Bromley in the South, Southend in the East to Cheltenham in the West, over 24 branches will participate with a total of more than 720 participants. Debates, balloting, role playing, quizzes, Q & A with Members of Parliament, and Parliament education videos are some of the activities that will feature in our events. There may also be a few #UKPW themed Cup Cakes being featured!"

In 2018, UK Parliament Week reached almost 1 million people, with more than 8,100 activities. This year's UK Parliament Week festival is expected to be the largest ever.

Our Family







David Clark, Head of Education and Engagement at UK Parliament, said: *"We are delighted Hindu Swayamsevak Sangh UK has taken the opportunity to participate in this year's UK Parliament Week and inspire their members to get involved in their democracy.*

"There are many exciting activities happening across the country as part of this year's UK Parliament Week, with schools, workplaces and community groups using the week to have their say on the issues they care about most. This year's UK Parliament Week will be the largest ever and we can't wait to see all the fantastic activities that will be taking place."

For further enquiries please contact pr@hssuk.org

Notes to Editors :

- 1. UK Parliament Week activities will be celebrated at more than twenty-four HSS (UK) branches (known as Shakhas), across the country.
- 2. HSS (UK) is a charity established in 1966, with over 100 branches across England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. HSS (U.K.) runs weekly activities for the whole family, including sports, yoga, health and fitness, as well as arts, cultural and educational seminars and lectures. HSS (UK)'s activities focus on three core tenets of Sanskar (universal values), Sanghatan (community spirit) and Sewa (service to others), providing foundations to develop good morals and character to contribute positively to society.
- 3. UK Parliament Week is an annual festival organised by the UK Parliament Education and Engagement Team, a service of the House of Commons and House of Lords which seeks to inform and educate all citizens about the work and role of the UK Parliament. Find out more about <u>UK Parliament Week</u>.
- 4. This is UK Parliament Week's ninth year. It began in 2011 and has grown year on year.

PHOTOS: Members of the UK PW coordination team for HSS (UK) at UK PW Launch Event on 15th October 2019.



