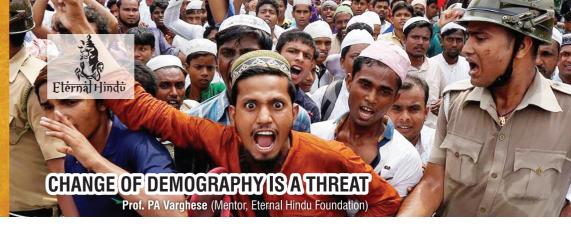


हिन्दु जागरूकता एवं उत्थान ही एकमाल लक्ष्य है |



Hindu activists have strong mass appeal among the abroad Hindus. Hindu centric activities has captured own their hearts. The growing stature of the Indian leadership could be gauged from the fact that his repeated address to Indian Diaspora are attracting an increased crowd size. As such, they strongly desire their homeland's development and wish for the standards of their host states to improve. Secondly, though most of the Diaspora claims to have assimilated in the foreign culture and society they are part of, they somehow still identify themselves with Indians and Hinduism. A number of migrants support right-wing movements in their nation since they feel that ethnic, religious minorities are provided undue share and appeasement which forces the sons of soil to struggle for jobs, education and other amenities of life.

The Hindu population of many western countries are on the rise. The Hindus settled in USA, UK, Canada, Germany, France and other countries have great temples and Ashrams.

There are many reasons for this youth exodus from India to the developed world-Europe, America, Australia and New-Zealand. There are millions of jobless in India. Job market is becoming very competitive. Then there is reservation in every sector of government and even private corporations. Those who are in the open category find it difficult to get a government job. This could be a major reason why many Indians want to leave the country.

Hindu temples are the axis of Sanatan Hindu cultural structure. Unfortunately the Hindu youth are reluctant from their temples. The need of time is to turn Hindu temples in service and ritual centres. To attract and create interest among Hindu youth, traditional cultural activities and even job creation actives should be added as temple activities.

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Both Christian and Muslim communities act like a monolith and confront any problem to their faith or community as a common threat in whatever way possible. Being militant they will fight together for their rights and generally win with the positive attitude of the media and politicians sidelining Hindu interests. Even now anyone can mock at Hindu practices, denigrate Hindu gods with the general approval of the society. But minority is sacrosanct: Hindus cannot even criticize their

foolish beliefs or practices. Youth including the urban youth is least bothered about such anachronisms. They are after western culture, dress, and way life having little respect for the Hindu cultural icons or religious norms. There is no indoctrination of Hindu youth as Christians do through catechism and Muslims in Madrasas. Naturally Hindus are not united emotionally or socially; there is nothing binding them. There are so many Hindu sects and subsets each clamouring for their quota of reservation and other benefits and they are always inimical.

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In the last 70 years, the Hindu population has come down from 85% to the present 79% in India. The high fertility rates of minority, Muslim immigration and the migration of Hindu youth to the advanced nations have brought up this scenario. Demographic equations are fast changing and by 2050 the Hindu population would dwindle to around 70% in India and in many parts of the nation they would become a minority. In states like J&K, Bengal, Kerala, AP, Assam. Meghalaya, Mizoram, Arunachal Pradesh, Tripura, etc. Hindus have or may become minority. Conversions to Christianity are progressing at a hectic pace in the N/E, TN, Andhra Pradesh and in many other states. More and more Hindus become Muslims and Christians. The Hindu youth of India seem to be least concerned of this drain like their elders. There is a built in complacency in the Hindu community that prevents them from being aware of the grave situation and the urgency to act.

Conversions would be on the rise thanks to the ingrained secular nature of our constitution and the focus of the evangelist groups on converting India to Christianity by pumping money in. Although citizens of the United States are becoming irreligious or atheistic, there are many rich and fervent evangelist groups bent on making Hindus Christian. Hindus were never united in history and they still are not; they are victims of divisive forces and they vote still on caste lines. Hindus lost to invaders due to their internal divisions and lack of unity.



A good percentage of the Hindus of today are ashamed to be Hindus. The anti Hindu stand of the Nehrus, the pampering of the minority, giving them more rights in the constitution, sideling Hindu interests, have divined the downfall of the religion. Since 1947, The media and the intellectuals have turned against Hindus in general and favour the minorities in particular. Hindu interests get dubbed as communal by the elite, media and the so called intellectuals. There are many political parties including the Congress who covertly or overtly support the minority to get their votes en masse.

The religious profile of the world is rapidly changing too, driven primarily by differences in fertility rates and the size of youth population among the world's major religions, as well as by people switching faiths. According to Pew Research Centre the projected Muslims population will equal and exceed the Christian population by 2070. Muslim population grows faster due to high fertility and Christian population, although grows in the third world, will further dwindle in the developed nations. Islam has been the fastest-growing religion in India. Growth rate of Muslims continues to be consistently higher than the growth rate of Hindus.

Atheists, agnostics and the irreligious people who do not affiliate with any religion — though increasing in many countries such as the United States, Australia, and Europe — will make up a declining share of the world's total population. In most of the developed nations people have already thrown away their religious affiliations and become agnostic or atheistic. But in Africa, South America and in the underdeveloped Asia religions like Christianity is making inroads. The number of adherents of Muslims increases in Europe and North America through conversion, immigration and asylum seekers. In Europe, It is estimated that Muslims will make up 10% of the overall population by 2050 and they will be the largest non Christian group in the US. The global Buddhist population will remain the same size it was in 2010, while the Hindu and Jewish populations will be larger than they are today. India will retain Hindu majority but it will also have the largest Muslim population than any country in the world, surpassing even Indonesia.

By contrast, sub-Saharan Africans are embracing the gospel with the literal zeal of the converted.

According to the Centre for the Study of **Global Christianity at Gordon – Conwell Theological Seminary**, in 1910 just 9% of the 100m people on the African continent were Christian; today the share is 55% of a population.

But by 2050 only one of the leading economies is projected to have a majority Christian population – the United States. The other mega economies in 2050 will include a Hindu majority (India), a Muslim majority (Indonesia), and two with exceptionally high levels of religious diversity (China and Japan). The impact of religion is on the rise on a global scale in number as religion grows in the third world. Although more and more become atheists, agnostics, and non-affiliated, their absolute number do not grow fast as their fertility rates are very, very low.

With its increasing size, the influence of Hindu Diaspora has taken a leap in the last two decades. While this professionally successful Hindu Diaspora has been extremely protective and highly combative about its own rights as a minority group in the West, at the same time it has been actively supporting and financing Hindutva causes. They are happy with what peaceful Hindu organizations. Most of them remain temple — going practicing Hindus. **They are more loyal to the faith of their forefathers than the Indian mainland Hindus.** They are a tiny minority in many of the western countries but they retain their Hindu identity and are proud of it.

India, Nepal and Mauritius are Hindu majority nations. Apart from this there is a great number of Hindus who live in other countries. India's Hindu Diaspora population is the largest in the world with **16 million** people from India living outside their country in 2015, according to a latest UN survey on international migrant trends. The following countries have a sizable Hindu population. Nepal has 80.62% Hindus, India 80% and Mauritius = 68%. Guyana has 43.4%, Trinidad and Tobago 40%, Fiji-38%, UAE-30%, Surinam 24.1%, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines 17.9%, Grenada 10.9%. In the Gulf nations Hindus range form 16-24% (Saudi only 5%). Singapore has 9% Malaysia - 8% Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Seychelles, UK, Canada, USA has small percentage of Hindus. Jamaica has 3.46%, Saint Lucia 2.7%, Saint Kitts and Nevis 2.14%, Belize 1.8% Europe has 1.2 million Hindus. Saudi 1.9 million. These Hindus are following Hindutva more fervently than Hindus of India.