

# HRÖ Elections - 2023

TEAM : Hindu...meri Pehchan (हिन्दू मेरी पहचान)

We have teamed up to establish a strong Hindu Religious Organization in Austria. Vote for us!

## ***What is HRÖ?***

The Hindu Religion Organization of Austria is a state-registered confessional community, an official representative for all activities related to Hinduism (Sanatana Dharma) in Austria.

## ***Is Hinduism a recognized religion in Austria and what are the benefits of being recognized?***

No, Hinduism is not a recognized religion in Austria. Legally recognized religious communities have extensive rights in various areas, such as the right to hold religious instruction in public schools or private schools with public rights, preferential treatment under tax law etc.

## ***What is the Status of HRÖ currently?***

Though HRÖ was formed in 1998, as of today it doesn't even have a functional website. Because of covid or other reasons, as the elections were not conducted on-time, the existing committee was dissolved by the ministry and a curator was appointed to conduct the elections. The elections will take place on 20.08.2023.

## ***Who are we and what we are upto?***

We are professionals from different fields having decades of experience in managing big tasks in our respective organizations. When the ex-president and ex-vice president of HRÖ made a wide appeal for the next generation to come forward and manage the administration of the HRÖ, we responded to the appeal and with a deep sense of duty and responsibility, we would like to take things into our hand to re-build the organization.

Contesting post:  
„President“



Ing. Sandeep KHANNA

I am a convinced Hindu and have always felt the necessity to effectively promote Sanātana Dharma all over Austria. Now I am willing to serve our community by representing our interests towards Austrian authorities and bring awareness of our traditional values, culture and especially the faith to the locals.

Contesting post: „Vice-President“



Dr. Ram Vinay Pandey

I am a scientist by profession. I am a proud Hindu and want to contribute in promoting our Hindu religion in Austria by connecting every Hindu living in Austria and provide a platform where we can share our ideas and work together to strengthen our religion and culture. My first and foremost goal will be to get recognition to Hindu religion in Austria.

Contesting post: „Vice-President“



Dr. Deepti GARG; MDSc.

I am a dentist by profession and looking forward to serving our Hindu Community here in Austria. I truly believe in togetherness and unity in diversity. So, let's join hands and work together towards a common goal of prosperity of our religion. I feel obliged towards progressiveness of Hindu religion.

Lets get the HRÖ going again!

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## *What will we do if we are elected?*

- 1) We will work selflessly for the organization and not for any personal goals.
- 2) We shall immediately develop and launch a website and represent HRÖ in social media even if we have to fund it on our own.
- 3) A permanent E-Mail address will be made available.
- 4) We will update the details of existing members and proactively enroll new members.
- 5) We will establish self-policing procedures to ensure that all meeting minutes, decisions and actions taken by the organization and individual committee members are well documented and properly transferred to the next committee. Disciplinary action will follow if this is violated by any member.
- 6) We will conduct General Assembly once per year, without fail.
- 7) Some changes to the constitution are urgently necessary. After thorough review and due consultations, amendment proposals will be introduced in the next General Assembly for approval.
- 8) It will be made a law, that no individual can take any executive position in the HRÖ for more than 2 terms.

Contesting post:  
**„General Secretary“**



**Dr.(techn) Chandra  
Sekher Reddy NATHALA**

The Austrian Government helps the community of recognized religions in many ways. But, Hinduism, which is the oldest and one of the largest religions, is not a recognized religion in Austria and the Hindu organization (HRÖ) doesn't even have a website. Isn't it high time that we change this? Shouldn't Hinduism be taught to our children in schools? Shouldn't our donations to Hindu temples be tax free? Please elect us and we will build a very professional Organisation.

Contesting post:  
**„Joint- Secretary“**



**Ing. Kailash DAVE**

I am a professional software engineer with a deep sense of motivation to establish connections with followers of Sanatan Dharma in Austria. I consider it my responsibility to raise awareness among our community about the principles and teachings of Hinduism, and to disseminate its fundamental values to our people. Through the collaboration and support of fellow Hindus in Austria, I aim to address the important issues that concern us all and endeavor to seek viable solutions through official channels.

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- 9) As envisioned in the constitution, we will immediately establish a „Sanatana Dharma Council“ and will request the Shankaracharya of Jyotirmath, Swami Avimukteshwaranand Saraswati to head the council.
- 10) As envisioned in the constitution, we will immediately establish an „Assembly of congregations“ that contains 2-3 committee members from all the recognized Hindu congregations in Austria (eg: Hindu Mandir, Sanatan Dharam temple, Sri Head Radha Govinda Gaudiya Math, Shiv Mandir etc).
- 11) We will explore all sources of funding and make the yearly HRÖ budget accordingly.
- 12) We will openly share the complete list of all incoming and outgoing payments info with all members of HRÖ on a yearly basis.
- 13) We will explore all options and aggressively try to achieve the legal recognition to Hindu religion in Austria.
- 14) We will conduct religious classes to kids and adults.
- 15) With inputs from the „Sanatana Dharma Council“ and the subject experts from India, we will prepare religious text books for Children. We will release one text book per year.

Contesting post:  
**„Treasurer“**



**Ing. Sanjay Kumar**

I am an engineer by profession. I'm a Hindu and I'm of the opinion that we need effective promotion of Sanatan Dharma throughout Austria for the benefit of the Hindu community and local society. I am willing to serve our community and raise awareness of our culture, faith and traditional values so that the next generation understands our way of life and living together "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam".

Contesting post:  
**„Joint- Treasurer“**



**Sunita Chib**

I am a simple but a determined Hindu. From the time I'm in Austria, I have always tried to promote and support my religion. I am determined to do the same in the future also. Jai Shri Ram.

## Elections:

**Date:** 20th August 2023

**Time:** 10:00 – 16:30 Hrs

**Venue:** Rechtsanwaltskanzlei,  
Praterstern 2/1. DG, Eingang  
Nordbahnstraße 56, 1020 Wien

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- 16) We will be in touch with the authorities of the „Campus der Religionen“ in Seestadt and work closely together to achieve their target of togetherness by building a Hindu Religious Center or a Hindu temple with generous support of Hindu community.
- 17) We will expand and maintain close relationships with all Hindu Congregations and will never interfere in the internal affairs of any Hindu Congregation.
- 18) We will actively seek support and advice of the Indian Embassy on relevant matters.
- 19) We will be in close contact with the ministry of cultural affairs in Austria to avail all benefits the state can provide to the HRÖ and its congregations.
- 20) We will maintain contact with other Hindu organizations around the world.
- 21) Every year we will publish an annual report, summarizing the work HRÖ did.

# Just Asking

Can all the other  
contesting members  
declare how many years  
they have already served  
in the HRÖ and why  
these works were not  
done???

The future of HRÖ is in your hands  
Participate to build a strong organization  
In return, it helps you in performing your religious duties