

# HINDU FORUM OF BELGIUM : ACTIVITY REPORT 2025



This report outlines the activities of the Hindu Forum of Belgium in 2025. It demonstrates the Forum's commitment to advancing recognition of Hinduism in Belgium.

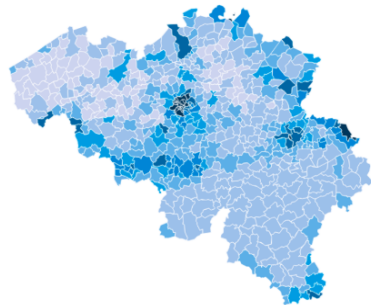
# A Landmark Project: Mapping Hinduism in Belgium

At the previous General Assembly, the Hindu Forum of Belgium decided to work on its new project- Mapping Hinduism in Belgium.



## Project Leader

University of Ghent is leading the project with Professor Eva de Clercq as the supervisor and Mme Alma Sheikh as data manager.



## The Goal

The initiative aims to identify and document all Hindu temples, organisations and active communities across Belgium.

# Strengthening our network

## Internal Governance Activities

### Board Meetings

Several meetings over the year to review progress and set strategic direction

### Strategic Meeting

Expanding the Vision Mission and Values, Membership affiliation and retention, fundraising and communication strategy, branding, networking, smart goals 2025-2029

The Hindu Forum of Belgium took part in a series of important meetings with religious and diplomatic leaders throughout 2025

Key diplomatic engagements were with SPF Justice, CIAOSN and Député Hervé Cornillie. The following months saw productive discussions with diverse religious organisations including the Orthodox, Protestant Church, and the Muslim Council.

Particularly significant were parliamentary discussions with Minister Annelies Verlinden and a message from the General Advisor about a policy note on recognition recently sent to the Ministry.



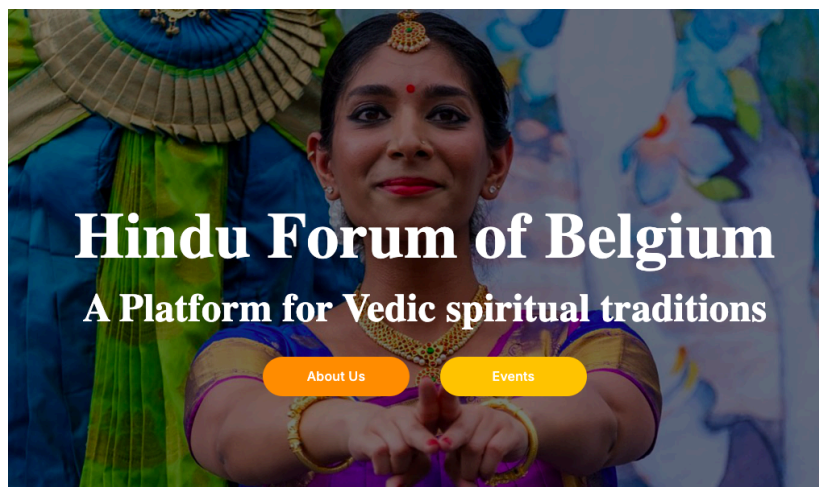
# 2025 year of Communication



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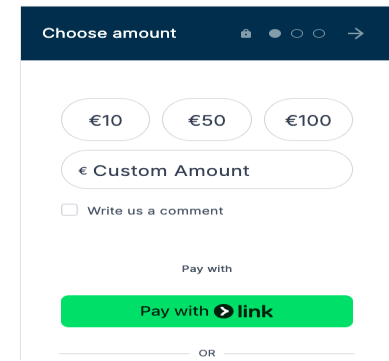
- BRANDING
- NEW WEBSITE
- FLYER
- NEW LOGO
- SOCIAL MEDIAS



# Consolidating the Foundations

## Improving Organisational Efficiency

The Hindu Forum further improved its operations by revamping the website, investing in IT equipment, enabling collecting donations, and clarifying procedures. These changes strengthened the Forum's ability to represent the Hindu community and work with key partners.



## Mailout

A significant achievement was the mailout of the magazine "Hinduism in Belgium - A Journey Towards Recognition", to key political leaders in Belgium. This publication reached dozens of recipients.



## Diwali at Atomium



Hindu Forum was present during the biggest Diwali event in Europe, organised by Art India. Our booth was visited during a two day event.



## Training on the Law of the ASBL's

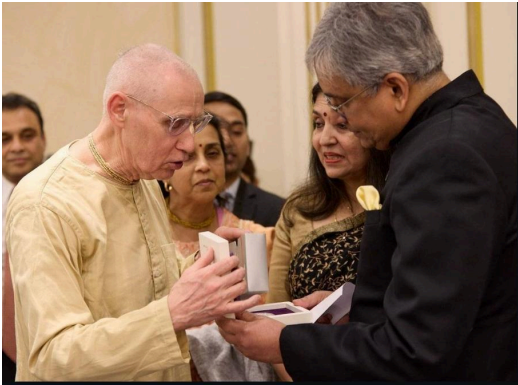
Le groupe



**LE DROIT DES SOCIETES ET DES ASSOCIATIONS**

Both staff members attended a specialised training on the law of the ASBL's. This training, organised by the Muslim Council, provided valuable insights into complex matters of terms and procedures, responsibilities and obligations.

## Celebrating Republic Day at Indian Embassy



## Mahashivaratri in Brussels Mandir



## Participating in International Day of Meditation

Initiative that highlights the importance of meditation, inner peace and harmony



## Participating in Bhagavad Gita Talk at Indian Embassy



# What's Next?

## ❖ Capacity Building

Strengthening internal structures, management systems and technical capabilities

## ❖ Advocacy

Systematically engage with political, religious & institutional leaders

## ❖ Membership Growth

Launch initiatives to increase member affiliation and community engagement

## ❖ Communication Tools

Further developing the website, launch of a newsletter, and active social media

Our priorities include expanding our membership base, and further strengthening our relationships with interfaith partners and governmental institutions.

These initiatives will support our ongoing efforts towards achieving the official recognition of Hinduism in Belgium.