

Americans Across the United States to Gather in New York for Landmark Universal Oneness Celebrations

NEW YORK, NY, UNITED STATES, August 10, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- This August on 29th, New York City will host one of the largest and most diverse gatherings of the community ever organized in the United States as AHEAD Forum (American Hindus for Engagement and Dialogue) along with hundreds of participating cultural, spiritual, service, Faith and community

organizations from across the country presents the Universal Oneness Celebrations in New York City. The event marks the celebrations of the Hindu festival of Raksha Bandhan while presenting a contemporary message of unity, civic responsibility, and global harmony.



This event will have distinguished faith based speakers and cultural programs that aptly coincides with the theme of the day. The event will feature Dr. Mohan Bhagwat, Sarsanghchalak (Chief) of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) India, whose address is expected to draw significant national and international interest. Dr. Bhagwat is one of India's most recognized social and cultural leaders and rarely speaks at large public events in the United States. More detailed information will follow in coming weeks.

"The Universal Oneness celebrations" comes at a time when conversations about social cohesion, pluralism, civic participation, and interfaith understanding are increasingly relevant across the United States. As one of the nation's largest gatherings of Hindu organizations, the celebrations offer a window into the growing role of Hindu Americans in public life and their contributions to education, healthcare, business, public service, philanthropy, and civic engagement. Beyond celebrating Raksha Bandhan, the event seeks to present an ancient philosophical idea—Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam ("The World Is One Family")—as a framework for addressing contemporary challenges through dialogue, mutual respect, shared responsibility, and service. By bringing together participants from diverse linguistic, regional, cultural, and organizational backgrounds, the celebrations also demonstrate how a pluralistic community can unite around common values while preserving its diversity.

Raksha Bandhan, traditionally celebrated as a festival honoring the sacred bond between siblings, also symbolizes the broader human responsibility to protect and care for one another. The celebration expands this timeless idea beyond family to embrace relationships among communities, nations, humanity, nature, and all creation.

Participants will include Community leaders, entrepreneurs, physicians, educators, attorneys, artists, elected officials, youth leaders, veterans, faith leaders, and volunteers representing a broad spectrum of American society. Delegations are expected from temples, yoga organizations, educational institutions, service organizations, linguistic and regional associations, cultural groups, and interfaith communities nationwide.

About Dr. Mohan Bhagwat, RSS

Dr. Mohan Bhagwat has served as the Sarsanghchalak (Chief) of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) since 2009. Widely recognized as one of India's leading social and cultural figures, he has consistently emphasized social harmony, volunteerism, environmental responsibility, family values, community service, and is recognized for his constructive dialogue across diverse communities. Under his leadership, the RSS has expanded numerous educational, humanitarian, and community-service initiatives throughout India.

Founded in 1925, the RSS is one of the world's largest volunteer-based social and cultural organizations. Through a nationwide network of daily gatherings and community initiatives, it focuses on character development, leadership training, volunteer service, disaster relief, education, rural development, environmental stewardship, and social harmony. Millions of volunteers participate in service activities that support communities during natural disasters, health initiatives, educational programs, and other humanitarian efforts.

About AHEAD Forum

AHEAD Forum is a collaborative platform that promotes constructive engagement, civic participation, and dialogue while bringing together Hindu organizations and community leaders across the United States. Through partnerships and public initiatives, AHEAD Forum seeks to foster greater understanding of Hindu philosophy, culture, and contributions to American society.

Media Opportunities - Members of the press will have opportunities to:

Cover one of the largest Hindu gatherings in the United States.

Hear remarks from Dr. Mohan Bhagwat and other distinguished speakers.

Interview organizers, community leaders, youth participants, and delegates from across the country.

Capture visuals of cultural presentations, traditional ceremonies, and community participation.

Explore stories on the growth of the Hindu-American community, interfaith engagement,

volunteerism, and the philosophy of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam.
Media accreditation information will be announced shortly.

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