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**INAUGURAL HINDU AMERICAN WOMEN'S CONFERENCE
DISCUSS POLITICAL ADVOCACY AND
SERVING ON THE US DELEGATION TO INDIA CHAIRED BY IVANKA TRUMP**

STERLING, VIRGINIA - September 23, 2017 - The American Hindu Coalition (AHC) held its first Women's Wing Conference on Saturday, September 23, 2017. Prominent Hindu American Women, business leaders and political activists, gathered for the inaugural event, which is a first of its kind in the United States.



The event was kicked off by the singing of the Stars Spangled Banner by Ms. Ananya Penugonda. To mark the occasion, remarks were made by the AHC leadership: Mr. Shekhar Tiwari (Chairman), Mr. Harsh Sethi (AHC President), Dr. Alok Srivastava (AHC Chief of Staff & Senior Adviser), Mr. John Jagers (Political Director), Mrs. Manikya Lakshmi Linga (Women's Business Committee Director), and Mrs. Manga Anantamula (Women's Wing Political

Advocacy Director). Further remarks were made by Puneeta Sethi, Women's Conference Host and also by Mr. Subba Kolla, GOP Nominee for the Virginia State House 87th District.

The AHC Women's Wing Political Advocacy Committee's discussed major initiatives, including issue-awareness, political education, training, and leadership opportunities. Specific legislative and regulatory advocacy initiatives currently under development were also noted.

The AHC Women's Wing Business Committee presented its mission to serve as a forum for networking, leadership development, and leveraging existing corporate relationships to provide career advancement and mentorship opportunities. The Women's Wing Business Committee leaders shared the news of receiving official authorization as an "Outreach Partner" of the Global Entrepreneurship Summit (GES-2017). The AHC-WW Business Committee welcomed all to join the delegation from the United States to the 2017 summit to be held in Hyderabad, India. The US delegation is chaired by Ivanka Trump, Senior Advisor to the President of the United States of America. GES is an annual event operated by the White House and the US State Department and India is a first time host of the conference this year.

The AHC Women's Conference was concluded with an excellent Hindu cultural show performed by Mrs. Shilpi Chanda and her dance troupe.

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