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Hindu Community Welcomes Funding for Sydney's First Hindu School

The Hindu community across Sydney warmly welcomes the announcement by the Hon. **Jason Clare MP**, Federal Minister for Education, that a re-elected Albanese Labor Government will invest **\$8.5 million** towards the construction of the **first-ever Hindu school in Australia**.

This historic step will help realise a long-held dream of many Hindu parents to provide their children with an education grounded in both academic excellence and the rich, all-encompassing **Hindu culture, values, and philosophy**. The new school will be established on a five-acre site purchased in **Oakville** by the **Hindu Education and Cultural Centre (HEACC)**, through generous community contributions. It will deliver the **NSW curriculum**, thoughtfully integrated with teachings on Hindu traditions, ethics, and holistic living.

This project has been **strongly championed by Dr Andrew Charlton MP**, whose continued support for multicultural and community-led education has played a pivotal role in this announcement. The **government made a promise**, and today, we are pleased to say **they have delivered**. His strong advocacy has been instrumental in bringing this vision closer to reality, and he is widely appreciated by the Hindu community for his leadership.

Young Hindu parents expressed deep gratitude, noting that this school will unify cultural, language, and arts education in one nurturing environment, all within regular school hours. This is not just a school, it is the embodiment of a vision to offer **value-based education** that nurtures identity, character, and cultural pride for generations to come.

The Hindu Council of Australia looks forward to working collaboratively with the government and all stakeholders to **execute this important project** and bring to life a unique educational institution that will serve generations of students and enrich Australia's vibrant multicultural landscape.

Announcing this initiative during **Chaitra Navratri**, a time of new beginnings and spiritual renewal in the Hindu calendar, adds deeper significance to this development. It marks not just the promise of a new school but the awakening of a long-cherished dream for the Hindu community.

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National President