



# Vishva Hindu Parishad of Australia Inc.

## World Hindu Council

### VHP creates History with First Hindu Women Chaplain in Australian Army

Vishva Hindu Parishad of Australia Inc. (World Hindu Council) is the oldest and largest recognised peak body of all Hindus and their organisations in all states or territories of Australia.

It also [recruits Hindu Chaplains in the ADF](#) by offering an entry pathway to Hindu Australians to serve our country using our Dharmic Knowledge. A chaplain in the ADF is a Full-time or Reservist commissioned Specialist Service Officer responsible for the provision of spiritual, religious and pastoral support to all ADF personnel and their families in a range of peacetime and operational environments.

Vishva Hindu Parishad of Australia Inc. recruited **3** Hindu chaplains in the Australian Defence Force (ADF) in 2023-24.

Vishva Hindu Parishad of Australia Inc. have recently created history through the appointment of Smriti M. Krishna as the first Indian female chaplain (at the rank of Captain). She has been posted to the 4th Prince of Wales' Light Horse Regiment, Simpson Barracks, Greensborough.

Smriti's own words "I'm getting an opportunity to serve those who serve", signify the depth of the Sanatan culture and its followers.

By becoming ADF's first Indian female chaplain captain, Smriti has not only inspired the Hindu community in Australia but has also broken barriers and opened doors and minds for future generations.

Vishva Hindu Parishad of Australia Inc. congratulates Smriti Krishna on the proud achievement and will continue to support the Hindu community in Australia to closely integrate themselves with and further strengthen the multicultural fabric of this great nation.

There are still several opportunities in the ADF and if you are also interested in a career pathway as a Hindu Chaplain, please reach out to [contact@vhpsa.org.au](mailto:contact@vhpsa.org.au)

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