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### Press Release

#### Historic First: Sanskrit Ramayana Premieres in Sydney, Australia

Sydney, Australia – 13 September 2025 – The young pupils of the VHP Sanskrit School in Sydney, New South Wales, Australia created history by presenting, in the classical language of Sanskrit, a complete staging of all six Kāṇḍas of the revered *Vālmiki Rāmāyaṇa*. This unprecedented cultural milestone took place during the school's anniversary celebrations at The Regency Function Centre, Sydney.

The performance was both a scholarly and artistic triumph, standing as a resplendent tribute to Bhārat's timeless cultural and spiritual heritage. Rendered with authenticity, reverence, and youthful vigour, the staging exemplified how ancient traditions continue to inspire the younger generation, even on distant shores.

More than 200 students, all under the age of fifteen, participated with remarkable dedication and discipline. With admirable poise, they brought to life—entirely in Sanskrit—the six great Kāṇḍas of the Valmiki Ramayana:

- **Bāla Kāṇḍa** – The divine origins and childhood of Bhagavān Rāma.
- **Ayodhyā Kāṇḍa** – The moving tale of exile and filial duty.
- **Aranya Kāṇḍa** – The trials of forest life and the abduction of Sītā.
- **Kiṣkindhā Kāṇḍa** – The friendship with Sugrīva and the valour of Hanumān.
- **Sundara Kāṇḍa** – Hanumān's heroic journey to Laṅkā.
- **Yuddha Kāṇḍa** – The climactic battle and the eternal triumph of dharma over adharma.

Each branch of the VHP Sanskrit School presented one Kāṇḍa, ensuring a complete and cohesive rendition of the text. Dedicated coordinators supervised script preparation and dialogues, while authentic costumes and traditional props added cultural grandeur to the performance.

The event also featured a proud moment of recognition: the New South Wales Department of Education, Government of Australia honoured outstanding achievers from community language schools. Seven students of the VHP Sanskrit School received prestigious awards:

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- **Gambheer Sastry** – Minister's Award
- **Praharsha Rao** – Highly Commended Award
- **Laksh Pradeep** – Highly Commended Award
- **Mansa Chirag Bhatnagar** – Commended Award
- **Pranathi Basavanahalli Prashanth** – Merit Award
- **Devika Midigesi** – Merit Award
- **Rachit Raj** – Merit Award

Smt. Akila Ramarathinam, Coordinator of the VHP Sanskrit School and National General Secretary of VHP Australia, expressed deep pride in the students' achievements:

*"It is truly heartening to see our younger generation preserving and carrying forward the profound legacy of our revered ancestors, even here in Australia. This milestone is a shining example of cultural continuity and devotion."*

The VHP Sanskrit School, a division of VHP Australia, is formally accredited by the New South Wales Department of Education as a Community Language School for Sanskrit. With six centres—The Ponds, Carlingford, Homebush, Nuwarra, Toongabbie, and Waitara—the school continues to uphold its mission of nurturing Sanskrit learning and cultural values among the youth. Here are a few photos from the event.



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