CALIFORNIA PARENTS FOR EQUALIZATION OF EDUCATIONAL MATERIAL (CAPEEM)

PRESENT

An overview of the lawsuit to correct misrepresentation of Hinduism in CA Textbooks

TIME : 6.30 pm

DATE: Thursday June 15th, 2006 PLACE: Swagat Indian Cuisine

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Hindu parents in California are fighting against the State Board of Education (SBE) to **correct misrepresentation of Hinduism in CA schools**. Its outcome is very important because it is going to affect not only how our children view Hinduism, but also how non-Hindu children will treat Hindu religion and people.

California's State Board of Education recently approved textbooks that portray Hindu heritage in an insulting manner. Hindus in California sincerely participated in the review process, but SBE retained the derogatory content in the textbooks. While SBE accepted the changes suggested by Jews, Christians and Muslims, it rejected the changes suggested by Hindus and went by the recommendations of who have made biased comments against Hindus.

A group of Hindu parents are fighting this injustice and discrimination under the banner of California Parents for the Equalization of Educational Materials (CAPEEM), an organization to represent them in a lawsuit against the SBE. **CAPEEM filed its complaint in the Federal Court of the Eastern District of California on March 14, 2006.** The complaint is available at CAPEEM's website - http://www.capeem.org.

On the <u>Thursday</u>, 15th of June 2006, the CAPEEM is inviting a select group of people concerned about the misrepresentation of Hinduism in the California school textbooks for a private meeting. Your presence in this meeting is very important to make a positive impact on this battle for protection of Hinduism.

Please mark your calendar for this meeting **Thursday, June 15th 6.30 pm**. We look forward to seeing you at the meeting.