

This thesis deals with the origin and growth of the Hindu organisation Vishva Hindu Parishad during the years 1964—1992 and its role in the Hindutva movement. It analyses its ideology, propaganda, activities and influence on the political development of the Republic of India. It mainly focuses on the VHP's transformation from the originally loose association of Hindu elites aimed at preserving and promoting Hindu dharma into a mass organisation with a huge impact on the Indian politics through mobilizing the Hindu society for the creation and promotion of a strong Hindu nation.