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This article offers an historical perspective on the process by which British Hindus have sought to become a 'faith community' in response to civic pressures and the intensification of government rhetoric on harnessing the capacity of religious bodies in support of an expression of Hindu nationalist and ecumenical interests. I review my earlier analysis of Hindus in Leeds, noting the process of institutionalisation, retraditionalisation, standardisation, and the production of community, and, through Hindu e...

processes for Hindus elsewhere in Britain in the period 1980 to 2006 in the context of the rise of identity politics and its prominence. Although these processes remain relevant, others have emerged, notably the public representation of diasporic politics of *Hindutva*.



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