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Living With Our and Others' Religions
Together in Diversity

Country	Germany
Denomination of religious minority	Hinduism
Number of members	Worldwide, about 1 billion people practice Hinduism. Numerically, it is the third largest religion after Christianity and Islam. About 90.000 Hindus live in Germany. Most of them are from India or Sri Lanka.
Regional, geographic distribution within the admitting country (e.g. do the members live scattered over the country or do they live in one or several certain areas)	They are scattered all over Germany. The Hindus living in Hamm live close to the train station.
Are the members organized in communities or similar structures?	Only if they live close to the temple.
Legal position/ status (e.g. is the religious majority recognised and is there equal status with the religion of the majority?):	The Sri Kamdchi Ampal Temple is a registered association
Are there any limits on the religious minority enjoying freedom of worship in the country? If yes, what are the reasons... -legal reasons -social reasons -other reasons	Hindus can practice their religion freely. Still, to find a place for the temple in Hamm was not easy. The location in the middle of an industrial part of town shows a certain exclusion. Reaching the temple with public transportation is hard. But this place meets all the demands that are important (close to the water, a lot of parking space, cheap developed site, convenient zoning regulations).
Is the religious minority visible to others? When yes, how?	Through a temple. In Hamm, it is the Sri Kamdchi Ampal Temple, built in a style from Southern India. There are more temples in Germany. Often, they are on altered residential property. On special Hindu holidays, there are parades to honor certain Gods.

What influence does the majority culture of the country have on the religious minority?	They don't know.
What influence does the culture of the religious minority have on the majority culture of the country?	Nowadays, the temple is advertisement for Hamm. Once a year, representatives of all religions located in Hamm meet for a religious service.
What influence does the majority culture of the country have on the architecture of the religious minority's places of worship?	The temples are often smaller or not visible as such.