

# 8<sup>TH</sup> WORLD ATHEIST CONFERENCE 2011

January 7-9, 2011

Tiruchirapalli, Tamil Nadu, INDIA

## SCHEDULE

### DAY 1

Venue - Periyar Centenary Educational Complex, Tiruchirapalli, Tamil Nadu, INDIA

Time Frame	Theme	
08.00-10.30	REGISTRATION	
11.00 – 13.00	Theme Song	
	Welcome Address	<b>V.C. KUMARESAN</b> , General Secretary The Rationalists' Forum, Tamil Nadu
	Conference Theme	<b>DR. G. VIJAYAM</b> , Executive Director, Atheist Centre, Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh
	Presidential Address	<b>DR. K. VEERAMANI</b> , President Dravidar Kazhagam
	Inaugural Address	<b>MR. LEVI FRAGELL</b> , Former President International Humanist & Ethical Union (IHEU), Norway
	Inauguration of Science Exhibition	<b>DR. M. NAGANATHAN</b> , Vice Chairman, Tamil Nadu State Planning Commission
	Inauguration of Book Exhibition	<b>DR. A. RAMASAMY</b> , Vice Chairman, Tamil Nadu State Higher Education Council, Govt. of Tamil Nadu
	Key Note Address	<b>MRS. KANIMOZHI</b> , Member of Parliament
	Book Release	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Justice Movement 1917</li><li>• Justice Year Book 1929</li><li>• Periyar Feminism</li><li>• Thoughts of Periyar</li><li>• The Necessity of Scientific Temper</li><li>• Twin Clarion Call of Dr. T.M. Nair-A Beginning of Political History of Aryan-Dravidian War(Tamil)</li></ul>
	Souvenir Release	<b>MR. PECCA ELO</b> Freethinkers Association, Finland
	Fecilitation	<b>MR. SANAL EDAMARUKU</b> Indian Rationalist Association, New Delhi
		<b>MR. S. RATNAKUMAR</b> Singapore
		<b>DR. SOMA ILLANGOVAN</b> Periyar International, USA

<b>13:00-15:00</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>	
<b>15:00-16:30</b>	<b>PLENARY 1</b>	
	<b>Special Lecture:</b> Prof. Narendra Nayak, President, FIRA	
<b>16:30-17:30</b>	<b>PARALLEL SESSIONS:</b>	
	<b>Session 1</b> <b>Atheism &amp; Humanism: A Way of Life</b> Chair: Mr. Lavanam	<b>Session 2</b> <b>Atheism for social transformation</b> Chair: Mr. G. Karunanidhy
	<b>Session 3</b> <b>Role of Pinjus (Atheist Buds) in disseminating Atheism</b> Coordinator: Mr. Prince Ennares Periyar	
<b>17:30-18:00</b>	<b>TEA BREAK</b>	
<b>18:00</b>	<b>Cultural Programmes/Screening of 'Periyar' Movie</b>	
	<b>End of Day 1</b>	



## DAY 2

Venue - Periyar Maniammai University, Vallam – Tanjavur

Time Frame	Theme	
<b>09.30-10.30</b>	Reception and Visiting the University Campus	
<b>10.30-11.30</b>	University Welcomes Delegates and Guests by Prof. Rama Chandran, Vice Chancellor	
<b>11:30-12:25</b>	<b>PLENARY SESSION 2</b>	
	Chair : Babu Gogineni, Executive Director, IHEU Lecture: Ms. Kristin-Mile, Secretary General, Norwegian Humanist Association & others	
<b>12:30-13:30</b>	<b>PARALLEL SESSIONS:</b>	
	<b>Session 4</b> <b>Atheism: A bedrock of science &amp; scientific outlook</b> Chair: Dr. V. Sundararajulu	<b>Session 5</b> <b>Atheism for Women Empowerment</b> Chair: Dr. M. Thavamani
	<b>Session 6</b> <b>Sciences Vs Pseudo Science</b> Chair: Dr. D. Kumar	<b>Session 7</b> <b>Youth and Atheism</b> Chair: Dr. Ilakkuvan Tamil
<b>13:30-14:30</b>	<b>LUNCH</b> Travel back to Tiruchirapalli City	
<b>17:00-18:00</b>	Superstition Breaking Procession in Tiruchirapalli Flag Off by: Mr. R. Gunasekaran, Deputy General Secretary, Dravidar Kazhagam	
<b>18.00-20.00</b>	<b>PUBLIC MEETING in Tiruchirapalli City</b>	
	<b>Welcome Address</b>	<b>MR. G. SAMIDURAI</b> , Treasurer Dravidar Kazhagam
	<b>Presidential Address</b>	<b>DR. K. VEERAMANI</b> , President Dravidar Kazhagam
	<b>In the presence of</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Rajagiri Thangarasu,</li> <li>• Mr. Gnana Sebastian,</li> <li>• Mr. Ponmalai Ganapathi</li> </ul>
	<b>Felicitation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Sathyaraj, Actor</li> <li>• Mr. Suba. Veerapandian</li> <li>• Ms. Arulmozhi</li> <li>• Mr. Durai Chandrasekaran</li> </ul>
	<b>Compering</b>	<b>POET. KALI. POONKUNDRAN</b> General Secretary, Dravidar Kazhagam
	<b>Vote of Thanks</b>	<b>MR. M. SEKAR</b> President, Dravidar Kazhagam, Trichy City
	<b>End of Day 2</b>	

## DAY 3

Venue - Periyar Centenary Educational Complex, Tiruchirapalli, Tamil Nadu, INDIA

Time Frame	Theme	
<b>09:00-10:30</b>	<b>PARALLEL SESSIONS</b>	
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Session 8</b></p> <p><b>Role of Media in strengthening secularism, atheism and humanism</b> Chair: Dr. Dhaneswar Sahoo</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Session 9</b></p> <p><b>Role of Atheism in soft guarding individual and social health</b> Chair: Dr. Samaram</p>
<b>10:30-11:30</b>	<p><b>PANEL DISCUSSION</b></p> <p><b>Chaired by: Dr. K. Veeramani, Dr. Vijayam and Mr. Levi Fragell</b> Comments by Chairpersons who presided various session.</p>	
<b>12:00-13:30</b>	<b>VALEDICTORY FUNCTION</b>	
	<p><b>Welcome Address</b></p> <p><b>Conference Overview</b></p> <p><b>Conference Declaration</b></p> <p><b>Felicitation</b></p> <p><b>Honouring with <i>K. Veeramani Award for Social Justice</i>, instituted by Periyar International, USA</b></p> <p><b>Presidential Address</b></p> <p><b>Valedictory Address</b></p>	<p><b>MR. V. ANBURAJ</b>, Head Quarters Secretary Dravidar Kazhagam</p> <p><b>MR. VIKAS GORA</b>, Atheist Centre, Vijayawada</p> <p><b>MR. S. ARIVUKKARASU</b>, General Secretary Dravidar Kazhagam</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dr. Soma Illangovan, Periyar International USA.</li> <li>Mr. Ilakuvan Tamil, Periyar International USA.</li> <li>Dr. Pirainuthal Selvi, Deputy General Secretary, Dravidar Kazhagam</li> </ul> <p><b>MR. G. KARUNANIDHY</b>, General Secretary, All India Federation of Other Backward Classes Employees Welfare Associations</p> <p><b>DR. K. VEERAMANI</b> Patron, The Rationalists' Forum</p> <p><b>PROF. B.A PARIKH</b> Former Vice Chancellor South Gujarat University, Baroda</p> <p><b>DR. RAVIVARMA KUMAR</b>, Lawyers' Forum for Social Justice</p> <p><b>PROF. BABUBHAI DESAI</b> President, Gujarat Rationalist Association</p> <p><b>REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE NORWEGIAN HUMANIST ASSOCIATION</b></p> <p><b>MR. V. RAJSEKHAR</b> Editor, Dalit Voice</p> <p><b>MR. V. NEHRU</b> President, The Rationalists' Forum</p>
<b>13:30-14:30</b>	<b>LUNCH AND END OF CONFERENCE</b>	

