

Invitation



Atheism

an alternative culture

Organised by

**Dravidar Kazhagam,
Atheist Centre &
The Rationalists' Forum**

7, 8 & 9 January 2011
Tiruchirapalli
Tamil Nadu, India



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7th January 2011 - Friday
Venue - Periyar Centenary Educational Complex
Tiruchirapalli

8.00 am onwards
11.00 am

Registration / Interaction
Inaugural Function

Presidential Address

Dr. K. Veeramani

President,
Dravidar Kazhagam



Conference Theme

Dr. G. Vijayam

Executive Director,
Atheist Centre, Vijayawada



Welcome Address

V. Kumaresan

General Secretary,
The Rationalists' Forum



Inaugural Address

Mr. Levi Fragell

Former President,
IHEU, Norway

Key Note Address

Ms. Kanimozhi

Member of Parliament



Inauguration - Science Exhibition

Dr. M. Naganathan

Vice Chairman,
Tamil Nadu State Planning Commission



Inauguration - Book Exhibition

Dr. A. Ramasamy

Vice Chairman,
Tamil Nadu State Higher Education Council

Book Release

- The Justice Movement 1917
- Justice Year Book 1929
- Periyar Feminism
- Thoughts of Periyar
- The Necessity of Scientific Temper
- Twin Clarion Calls of Dr. T.M. Nair
A Beginning of Political History of
Aryan-Dravidian War (Tamil)

Souvenir Release

Mr. Pecca Elo

Free Thinkers Association, Finland

Felicitation

Mr. Sanal Edamaruku

Indian Rationalist Association, New Delhi

Mr. S. Ratnakumar

Singapore

Dr. Soma Ilangoan

Periyar International, USA

Mr. K.R.R. Anbazhagan

Organising Secretary,
Malaysia Dravidar Kazhagam

4.30 to 5.30 pm **Parallel Sessions**

	<u>Session - I</u>	<u>Session - II</u>
Topic	Atheism and Humanism a way of life	Atheism for Social Transformation
Chair Persons	Mr. Lavanam	Mr. G. Karunanidhy
	<u>Session - III</u>	
	Role of Pinjus (Atheist buds) in disseminating Atheism	
Co-ordinator	Mr. S. Prince Ennares Periyar	

1.00 pm to 3.00 pm

LUNCH

3.00 pm to 3.30 pm

Special Lecture: Prof. **Narendra Nayak**,

President, FIRA



3.30 pm to 4.30 pm

Plenary Session I

5.30 pm to 6.00 pm

Tea Break

6.00 pm

Cultural Programmes &
Screening of 'Periyar' movie



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**8th January 2011 - Saturday : Forenoon
Venue: Periyar Maniammai University, Vallam
Thanjavur**

9.30 am	Reception & Visiting the University Campus
10.30 am to 11.30 am	University welcomes the Delegates & Guests
11.30 am to 11.45 am	Special lecture: Dr. Babu Gogineni , Executive Director, IHEU
11.45 am to 12.30 pm	Plenary Session II
12.30 to 1.30 pm	Parallel Sessions
Topic	Session - IV Atheism - a bedrock of Science and Scientific outlook
Chair Persons	Dr. V. Sundararajulu
	Session - V Atheism for Women Empowerment
	Dr. M. Thavamani
Topic	Session - VI Sciences Vs Pseudo Science
Chair Persons	Dr. D. Kumar
	Session - VII Youth and Atheism
	Dr. Ilakkuvan Tamil
1.30 pm to 2.30 pm	LUNCH
Afternoon Venue	Tiruchirappalli
5.00 pm	Superstition Eradication Procession
Procession will be Flagged off by:	Mr. R. Gunasekaran Deputy General Secretary, Dravidar Kazhagam
6.00 pm	Public Meeting Venue : Puthoor Four Road, Tiruchirappalli
Welcome Address	Mr. G. Samidurai , Treasurer, Dravidar Kazhagam
Presidential Address	Dr. K. Veeramani , President, Dravidar Kazhagam
In the Presence of	Mr. Rajagiri Thangarasu, Mr. Gnana Sebastian, Mr. Ponnalmai Ganapathi
Felicitation	Mr. Sathyaraj Mr. Suba. Veerapandian Actor General Secretary, Dravida Iyakkam Thamizhar Peravai
	Ms. Arulmozhi Mr. Durai Chandrasekaran Propaganda Secretary, DK Deputy General Secretary, DK
Compering	Poet. Kali. Poonkundran , General Secretary, Dravidar Kazhagam
Vote of Thanks	Mr. M. Sekar , President, Dravidar Kazhagam, Tiruchirappalli District



9th January 2011 - Sunday
Venue - Periyar Centenary Educational Complex
Tiruchirapalli

9.00 -10.30 am

Parallel Sessions

Topic

Session VIII

Role of media in strengthening secularism, atheism and humanism

Session – IX

Role of Atheism in safeguarding individual and social health.

Chair Persons

Dr. Dhaneswar Sahoo

Dr. Samaram

10.30- 11.30 am

Panel Discussion

Chaired by

Dr. K. Veeramani, Dr. Vijayam and Mr. Levi Fragell

Comments by Chair Persons of various Sessions

12.00 noon

Valedictory Function

Welcome Address

Mr. V. Anburaj, Head Quarters Secretary, Dravidar Kazhagam

Conference Overview

Mr. Vikas Gora, Atheist Centre, Vijayawada

Conference Declaration

Mr. S. Arivukkarasu, General Secretary, Dravidar Kazhagam

Felicitation

Dr. Soma Ilangovan, Periyar International, USA

Mr. Ilakuvan Tamil, Periyar International, USA

Mr. Gran, Norwegian Humanist Association

Dr. Ravivarma Kumar, Lawyers' Forum for Social Justice

Mr. V.T.Rajshekar, Editor, Dalit Voice

Dr. Pirainuthal Selvi, Deputy General Secretary, Dravidar Kazhagam

Honouring with

K. Veeramani Award for Social Justice, instituted by Periyar International, USA

Mr. G. Karunanidhy,

General Secretary,
All India Federation of Other Backward Classes
Employees Welfare Associations

Presidential Address

Dr. K. Veeramani, Patron, The Rationalists' Forum

Valedictory Address

Ms. Kristin-Mile, Secretary General,
Norwegian Humanist Association

Vote of Thanks

Mr. V. Nehru, President, The Rationalists' Forum



Pongal Celebrations
1 pm to 2 pm



“I, E. V. Ramaswamy, have taken upon myself the task of reforming Dravidian society so that it shall be comparable to other societies of the world, in esteem and enlightenment, and I am solely devoted to that service. Whether I am competent to do that service or not, I have taken the task upon myself because no one else in the country has come forward to do so. Because I configure plans and principles on the basis of reason and because I have no other attachments, I consider myself qualified to do that service. For one who does social service, this will do, I believe.

Even as a pipe must need to be played, and a drum beaten, I must perform talk or lecture, as long as I have a throat and a voice. Rationalist that I am, I have no attachment whatsoever to God, religion, literature or language. I shall talk only of that which is acceptable to intelligence; that which does well to people and that which enlightens them.”

- Thanthai Periyar



“Atheism is scientific. But its science is subject to social obligations to fellow humans. It changes the emphasis from simple science to social needs. If ancient civilizations are superstitious, modern civilizations are anti-social. Atheism has to set right the wrong on both sides to make them march together towards one humanity pulling down the artificial barriers of caste and religion, nation and race, class and culture. The future of atheism consists in establishing partyless democracy and achieving one equal humanity through it.

National and racial differences vanish as real democracies federate at first for commonwealth and then move towards one humanity and one world. The United Nations Organization will have to convert itself into United People's Organization for the purpose. Atheist awakening rouses people all over the world into the feeling of mastership over their institutions and systems of life. The spread of the atheist outlook is hope of humanity to turn from war to peace, from slavery to freedom, from superstition to a sense of reality, from conflict to cooperation.”

- Gora



“In future the concept of atheism will get success over theism, as the wave of atheism is spreading fast throughout the world. At the same time, theism is gradually losing its hold on people. Denial of god has become the slogan, a way of life. The united efforts of atheists are such a powerful force that can change the ruling combine. The Brahmins described atheists as devils and evil forces. In fact, atheists alone can be called as honest people, since they take up the responsibility for their actions, whereas the theists shift the blame on god, and fate.

Atheism is an ethical and honest way of living. Belief in god is a false, characterless and lustful way of living. Ultimately the concept of atheism will win and a day will come when there is no place or need for god and religion.”

- K. Veeramani



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