



ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON
PEACE
and
RECONCILIATION
peace is born of justice

11th to 13th April 2025

Our Host: Vinayaka Mission's Research Foundation,

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Indoor Auditorium, Thiruvalluvar Block, Vinayaka Mission's Chennai Campus

Vinayaka Nagar, Rajiv Gandhi Salai (Old Mahabalipuram Road)

Paiyanoor, Tamil Nadu - 603104



About the conference

There is a common perception that we are living in increasingly dangerous and violent times. However, historical records suggest otherwise. In the past 50 years, the world has seen fewer wars, lower war-related fatalities, and the lowest number of concurrent conflicts in recorded history.

Why, then, does the world feel so unsettled?

Much of our sense of peace is tied to justice—whether we believe it is truly being served.

There is a growing fear that true justice is a privilege enjoyed by only a few. While laws and regulations provide a framework for justice, the outcomes often do not feel just. Some face severe punishment for minor offenses, while others escape consequences due to legal technicalities rather than actual innocence.

True justice has many interpretations—morally defensible, fair, timely, or contextually appropriate. When justice appears subjective, ambiguous, or biased, it is often perceived as incomplete or flawed.

Her Holiness Sri Sathguru Ma once said, “One can escape human justice, but one cannot escape divine justice.” In today’s world, justice must not only be fair and firm but also swift and impartial, ensuring trust in the system.

This conference, the 10th in the series and the third under the theme Peace is Born of Justice, will explore how justice is perceived, delivered, and experienced. Discussions will focus on ways to establish a just framework that enhances both societal and individual peace.

The conference will delve into key aspects of justice that contribute to peace, including:

- The role of education in peacebuilding
- The impact of corruption on peace and justice
- Cybersecurity and its implications for peace
- The role of civil society organizations in promoting peace
- People's rights and conflict resolution
- The impact of armed conflict on children
- The relationship between development and peace
- The role of international law in maintaining peace
- Challenges of achieving justice in post-conflict societies
- The impact of migration on peace and security
- The role of social media in promoting peace and security
- Challenges to peace in the AI-dominated era

Through these discussions, the conference aims to foster deeper understanding and actionable insights to create a more just and peaceful world.

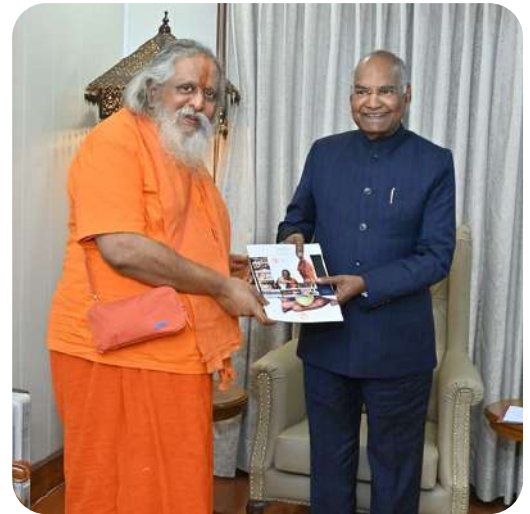
About the Hon'ble Chief Guest



Shri Ram Nath Kovind was sworn in as the 14th President of India on 25 July, 2017. A lawyer by profession, he had been the Governor of the State of Bihar during August, 2015 to June, 2017 when he took over the highest constitutional office. Shri Kovind brought to the office a rich experience of working across the spectrum of the republic, from the grassroots to the apex court and parliament. He has been an ardent champion of equality in society and integrity in public life.

Shri Kovind was born in village Paraunkh in Kanpur district of the State of Uttar Pradesh. Coming from a family of modest means, he lived a struggled life. He attended school and college in Kanpur. He first studied commerce for Bachelors and then attained his Law degree from Kanpur University.

Shri Kovind was elected as a member of the Rajya Sabha, the Upper House of Parliament, from Uttar Pradesh effective from April 1994. He served two consecutive terms of six years each till March 2006. He addressed the United Nations General Assembly on 22nd October 2003 as a member of the Indian delegation. He served as a Member on the Board of Management of the Dr. B. R. Ambedkar University, Lucknow, and also as a Member on the Board of Governors of the Indian Institute of Management, Kolkata. After his election to the highest constitutional office in 2017, he discharged his duties as the first citizen of India with foresight and humility.



He has paid State Visits to 33 countries till June 2022 enhancing India's global outreach and footprint. On these State Visits, President Kovind conveyed India's timeless message of peace, progress and harmony. As the President of India, he has received the highest State honours from six countries, namely Madagascar, Equatorial Guinea, Eswatini, Croatia, Bolivia and Republic of Guinea. As the Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces of India, President Kovind made a historic visit in May 2018 to the troops deployed at 'Kumar Post' in Siachen, the highest battlefield in the world.

Event details (click to access)

Venue: [Indoor Auditorium, Thiruvalluvar Block, Vinayaka Mission's Chennai Campus, Vinayaka Nagar, Rajiv Gandhi Salai \(Old Mahabalipuram Road\), Paiyanoor, Tamil Nadu - 603104](#)

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All are welcome!

Schedule of Events

DAY 1 (11-04-2025) - 10:45 AM

Inauguration (Venue: Indoor Auditorium, Thiruvalluvar Block)

Thamizh Thaa Vaazhthu

10:45 AM **Multi-Religious Invocation And Prayers** by students

11:00 AM **National Anthem**

11:03 AM **Introduction** by
Dr. Christiana Singh & Dr. Debdulal Thakur
Vinayaka Mission's Research Foundation (VMRF)

11:05 AM **Lighting of the Lamp** by the **Dignitaries**

11:10 AM **Welcome Address** by
Dr. Anuradha Ganesan
Guest of Honour, Vice President, VMRF

11:18 AM **Special Address** by
Dr. A S. Ganesan
Guest of Honour, Chancellor, VMRF

11:26 AM **Anugraha Bhashanam** by
Swami Shrihariprasad,
Managing Trustee, Sri Vishnu Mohan Foundation (SVMF)

11:34 AM **Chief guest Address** by
Hon'ble Former President Shri. Ram Nath Kovind

11:54 AM **Vote of Thanks** by
Dr. S. Yegneshwar
Managing Trustee, Sri Gnana Advaita Peetam

National Anthem

Lunch break

Art exhibition will take place at Atrium, Vinayaka Mission's Law School



LUNCH 12:30 PM

Schedule of Events

Keynote session - 12:45 PM (Venue: Indoor Auditorium, Thiruvalluvar Block)

Keynote Address,
Trajectory of the conference
(15 min)

Dr. K S. Radhakrishnan
Vice President BJP, Former Vice Chancellor,
Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit, Kalady

Special Address - Peace and
Reconciliation, a South East
Asia Perspective
(15 min)

Her Excellency Senator Saraswathy Kandasami,
Deputy Minister of Entrepreneur Development and
Cooperatives, Government of Malaysia

Special Address
(15 min)

Ambassador Shri. T S. Tirumurti
Retired Ambassador/ Former Permanent
Representative of India to the United Nations, New
York

Special Address
(15 min)

Shri. Saravanan Dhanapalan
Co-Chairman, Bar Council of Tamil Nadu and
Puducherry, Chairman, Central Law College, Salem

Break

Conclave of Consuls - 02:00 PM (Venue: Indoor Auditorium, Thiruvalluvar Block)

Moderator: **Shri. M. Sesa Sai**, Honorary Consul General of Seychelles, Chennai

Topic: Diplomacy for Peace: Building Bridges in a Divided World

Prof. J Ranganathan, Honorary Consul General of Myanmar, Chennai

Rtn. Shri. Sanjay Madhavan, Honorary Consul General of Switzerland, Chennai

Shri. Satchithananda Valan Michael, Head of Field Office, UNHCR, Chennai

Dr. R K. Radhakrishnan, Political Columnist from Frontline, Chennai

Student Prize Distribution - 03:30 PM (Venue: Indoor Auditorium, Thiruvalluvar Block)

Winners of essay and innovation competition will be
awarded prizes and certificates by the **Dignitaries**

Summary of the day's
proceedings
(10 mins)

Shri. Vithal C. Nadkarni
Senior Editor & Columnist; Former Vice-President,
Asiatic Society of Mumbai

Schedule of Events

DAY 2 (12-04-2025) - 09:25 AM

Conclave of Religious representatives (Venue: Indoor Auditorium, Thiruvalluvar Block)

Lighting of the lamp by the Dignitaries & Peace prayer by the Students of VMRF

Topic: Path to Peace

His Holiness Swami Shrihariprasad introduces the topic (05 min)

His Holiness Jagadguru Sri Vidhushekhara Bharati Sannidhanam
Sannidhanam of Sringeri Math (5 min)

Ms. Chitra Ganapathy, MD, Kadambavanam Resorts, Madurai
(Topic: Tamil Ethos - Harbinger of Peace) (15 min)

Swami Atmapriyananda, Pro-Chancellor & Secretary, Ramakrishna Mission
Vivekananda Educational and Research Institute, Belur Math, Howrah
(15 min)

Swami Anukoolananda, National Convenor,
All India Chinmaya Yuva Kendra (15 min)

Shri. Mufti Nasir Ul Islam, Grand Mufti, Jammu and Kashmir, Srinagar
(15 min)

Shri. Aga Syed Hassan Mosavi Al Safavi, President, Jammu and Kashmir
Anjuman-Sharie Shian, Founder Anjuman Interfaith Dialogue Chapter,
Srinagar (15 min)

Shri. Aga Syed Mujtaba Abbas Mosvi, Deputy to Mr. Aga Syed Hassan
Mosavi, Srinagar (Topic: Concept of Justice in Religions) (15 min)

Dr. Sr. Stella Mary, Principal, Stella Maris College, Chennai
(Topic: Peace in a World of Uncertainty) (15 min)

Shri. Davinder Paul Singh, DGM, Indraprastha Gas Ltd., New Delhi,
Trustee, Sri Utradom Thirunal Marthanda Varma Foundation (SUTM)
(Topic: Justice as the Cornerstone of Lasting Peace: Bridging Perception
and Reality) (15 min)

Shri. Geshe La Ngawang Sonam, One of the translators to His Holiness The
Dalai Lama, Dharamshala (15 min)

Lunch break

Schedule of Events

Venue: Indoor Auditorium, Thiruvalluvar Block (12:45 PM)

PARALLEL SESSION A

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| Shri. M Keshav
Founder - CEO, MANTRA -
Management Training
Research Associates, Chennai
(15 min) | 'www.worldpeace.org' - How to Build peace into
a 'Win-Win' Digital World Through Education |
| Ms. Neera Misra
MD, Draupadi Dream
Foundation, New Delhi
(15 min) | Relation of Peace and Justice - Perspectives
from Bharatiya Itihasa with Special Reference to
Sacred Itihasa Mahabharata |
| Shri. Pankaj Kumar Singh
Former Director General, BSF,
Former Dy. NSA, Govt of India,
New Delhi (15 min) | India's Internal Security Issues and How it is
Affecting Peace and Development |
| Dr. Prof. Nirmala Rao
Vice Chancellor, KREA
University, Sri City (15 min) | Critical Thinking and Civic Engagement for
Peace and Justice |

Break

Venue: Conference Hall, Thiruvalluvar Block (12:45 PM)

PARALLEL SESSION B

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| Adv. Uma Ramanathan
Founder Partner, FCDR,
Mediator, Author, Chennai
(15 min) | Need for Inculcating Sahradaya Samvada in
Conflict Resolution |
| Shri. Sashidaran Menon, MD,
SLPL Co., Director Vedagram
Nidhi Bank, General Secretary,
International Nair Association,
Kochi (15 min) | Role of Education in Peace Building |
| Dr. Anne Escrader
Special Educator, Counsellor,
Chennai (15 min) | Human Diversity and Inclusive Societies -
Recognition and Value of Contributions of
People with Disabilities |
| Dr. N Jayachandran
Ayurvedic Consultant,
Ahmedabad (15 min) | Relation between Development and Peace |

Break

Schedule of Events

Conclave of Students - 02:10 PM (Venue: Indoor Auditorium, Thiruvalluvar Block)

Six student teams will present to a panel of 4 mentors;
Presentation from the **Three Winners** from the innovation cell

MENTORS:

Ms. Sreepriya Menon, Mental Health Consultant, Co-founder SWARI Foundation,
Bengaluru

Shri. Kaustubh Bradu, Counselling Psychologist, Reverie Psychotherapy Studio,
New Delhi

Dr. Sridhar Krishnaswamy, Retired HOD, Political Science, SRM Deemed
University; Senior Journalist & Columnist, The Hindu

Dr. Bhuvaneshwari, Professor of English & Associate Dean, Social Sciences and
Language, VIT Deemed University

Summary of the day's
proceedings (10 min)

Shri. Vithal C. Nadkarni

DAY 3 (13-04-2025) - 09:25 AM

Venue: Indoor Auditorium, Thiruvalluvar Block

PARALLEL SESSION A

Lighting of the lamp by the Dignitaries & **Peace prayer** by the Students of VMRF

Shri. Mahesh Venkataraman
MD, Accenture, Bengaluru;
SVMF (15 min)

From Nyaya to Neethi: Reimagining Justice for
Peace in the AI-Dominated Era

Shri. Ravinder Panditha
President Save Sharda
Committee Kashmir, Srinagar
(15 min)

Role of Civil Society in Promoting Peace

Dr. S. Praveen Kumar
Dean, School of Commerce
and Management, Bharath
Institute of Higher Education
and Research (15 min)

Challenges to Peace in the AI Dominated Era

Ms. Janani Janakiraman
Counselling Psychologist, New
Delhi; SVMF (15 min)

Justice in the Workplace and the impact of
Armed Conflict on Children

Break

Schedule of Events

Venue: Conference Hall, Thiruvalluvar Block (09:30 AM)

PARALLEL SESSION B

Ms. Sreepriya Menon (15 min)	Building Bridges to Empowerment: A Community-Centered Narrative of Healing, Education, and Justice
Shri. Kaustubh Bradu (15 min)	Migration, Trauma, and the Search for Justice: The Kashmir Exodus and its Impact on Peace and Security.
Shri. Deep Purkayastha Child Rights Activist, Praajak, Kolkata (15 min)	Hierarchy and Freedom: Indigenous Visions of Social Equity
Prof. R. Arasu Professor, Management Studies, University of Madras, Chennai (15 min)	Role of Social Media in Promoting Peace and Security

Break

Venue: Indoor Auditorium, Thiruvalluvar Block (11:00 AM)

PARALLEL SESSION A

Dr. C L. Ramakrishnan , Former Director General of Police, Tamil Nadu (15 min)	Peace is Born of Justice; A Bird's Eye View from Sanskrit Literature
Dr. Fr. Roby Kannamchirayil CMI, Director, Chavara Cultural Centre, New Delhi (15 min)	When Justice Flows, Peace Follows
Ms. Y G. Madhuvanthii Social Activist, Theater Personality, Chennai (15 min)	Peace and Justice on Social Media
Shri. Aga Syed Muntazir Mehdi , Secretary, Anjuman Interfaith Dialogue Chapter (15 min)	Interfaith Dialogue: Its Role in Cultivating Peace
Prof. K. Sambath Kumar Retired HOD, Philosophy, Pachaiyappa's College, Chennai (15 min)	The Role of Civil Society Organizations in Promoting Peace

Break

Schedule of Events

Venue: Conference Hall, Thiruvalluvar Block (11:00 AM)

PARALLEL SESSION B

Dr. Samitha Hettige

Visiting Professor at Conflict Prevention, KLU, Head of Faculty: Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences, SLTC University, Colombo, Sri Lanka (15 min)

Peace is Born of Justice... A Sri Lankan's Experience

Dr. Prof. Sreekala Nair

Prof of Philosophy, Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit, Kalady (15 min)

Attaining Peace and Tranquility through education: Exploring ways to mend our System of Education

Dr. Prof. D. Thirumaran

Assistant Professor and Head, Defence and Strategic Studies, Voorhees College, Vellore (15 min)

The Impact of Armed Conflict on Children

Shri. Ranjeet Chaturvedi

Industrialist, Environmentalist & Yoga Exponent, Mumbai (15 min)

Environmental Justice - Road to Peace for Future Generations

Dr. Sharin Shajahan

Post doctoral fellow, KREA University, Sri City (15 min)

The Sacred Significance of Forest for Humanity in the Quest of Peace and Justice

Break

Venue: Indoor Auditorium, Thiruvalluvar Block (12:35 PM)

Summary of the Conference proceedings (15 min)

Shri. Vithal C. Nadkarni

Valedictory Address (15 min)

Prof. C T. Indra, Former Head, Department of English, University of Madras, Chennai

Joint Vote of Thanks (10 min)

Shri. K Padmanabhan, SVMF
Dr. Saranya, Dr. Madhubala, School of Arts & Science (SAS), VMRF

National Anthem

Lunch