



# FIRA

**Federation of Indian Rationalist Associations**

**Cordially invites you and your family to grace the**

**11<sup>th</sup> National Conference**

**Andhra Kesari Kalakshetram, Ukkunagaram,  
Vishakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh**

on

**5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> days of January, 2019**

Theme of the Conference

**"The challenges to Rationalism today"**



**Mr. B. Premanand**

Founder of FIRA

Organized by



**Manava Vikasa Vedika**

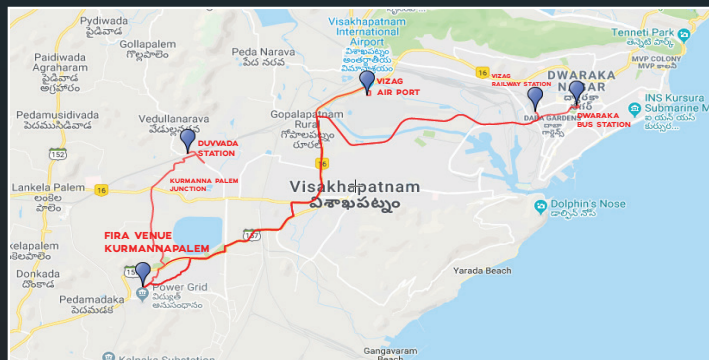
(Human Development Forum)

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## Instructions:

1. All the delegates are requested to register their names and get food coupons and conference kit by donating a minimum amount of Rs. 600/- to organize the two days conference smoothly.
2. Basic facilities - a) dormitory accommodation from 04-01-2019 to 06-01-2019 and b) breakfast, lunch, dinner, Tea and snacks will be provided on 5th and 6th of January.
3. All the delegates are requested to inform their arrival at least one week before the conference and bring their own blankets and winter-wear for their comfortable stay.
4. The detailed route map is given with bus routes from Vishakhapatnam and Duvvada Railway stations, City bus station and Kurmannapalem Junction. Please Contact **PH: 9441383172/ 9701348825** for any guidance.
5. Member organizations can display their banners with quotations on rationalism and science.
6. Stalls can be arranged outside the conference hall for sale Humanist, Rationalist and atheist literature, C.D's etc.
7. For any other information contact **M.S.N.MURTHY** PH: **9052567111**  
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## Directions:



From Vizag Railway Station & RTC Bus Station to Venue  
400Y, 400N, 38Y, 38T Bus or Auto cab to Venue.

From Vizag RTC (Dwaraka) Bus Station to Kurmannapalem  
38Y, 38T, 38K, 500Y, 400N, 400Y, 500, 400K, or CAB

From Duvvada Railway Station to Kurmannapalem 3km  
Direct Auto's Available

From Kurmannapalem Junction to Venue  
38T, 400N, 400Y & Autos, Buses

For more info

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## DAY 1 Schedule on 05-01-2019

Breakfast and Registration of Delegates: 8.30 AM  
Welcome Song by Cultural team

### 1<sup>st</sup> Session 10.30 AM to 1.00 PM Inaugural Session

Welcome by : **Mrs. B. Spandana**, MVV, Hyderabad  
Welcome address : **Mr. M.S.N. Murthy**, Convener, FIRA Conference  
Chair Person : **Prof. Narendra Nayak**, President, FIRA  
Chief Guest : **Prof. Ram Krishna Bhattacharya**,  
An author and scholar in Charvaka Philosophy, West Bengal  
Guest of honour: **Prof.K.S.Chalam**, Ex. Vice-Chancellor, Dravidian Uni, A.P.  
Honorable Guests:  
1. **Mr. U. Kalanathan**, Patron, FIRA & KYS (Kerala)  
2. **Dr. Vijayam**, Patron, FIRA & Director, Atheist Centre, (, A.P)  
3. **Prof. Balvinder Singh Barnala**, National Secretary, FIRA (Punjab)  
4. **Adv. Sourab Dutta**, Rationalist activist, West Bengal  
Vote of Thanks: **Mr.C.Sajith**, Org.Secretary, FIRA (Kerala)  
\*Inviting all NEC members of FIRA on Dias  
\*New books, Videos, & Websites release

**Lunch Break**

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Session: 2.00 PM to 4.00 PM Topic : **Women problems and Rationalist Solutions**

Welcome by : **Mrs. B. Manavatha**, MVV, Hyderabad  
Chair Person: **Mrs. Basanthi Acharya**, Odisha  
Guests :  
1. **Mrs. Chandana Chakraborty**,  
Telugu film actress and Social Activist (Telangana)  
2. **Dr. Kawaljith Kour**, Buddhiwadi Society, Bihar  
3. **Dr. G. Radha Rani**,  
Judge, VAT Appellate Authority court, Hyderabad (Telangana)  
4. **Prof. Rajbala Tripathi**,  
Jt. Secretary, Humanist Rationalist Organization, (Odisha)  
Vote of Thanks: **Mr. R. G. Somu Rao**, Secretary, FIRA (Goa)  
**Tea Break**

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Session: 4.30 PM to 5.30 PM Activity: **Presentation of the draft Manifesto** of FIRA for approval

Welcome by: **Mr. P. Rama Rao**, President, MVV (A.P)  
Chair Person: **Prof. Narendra Nayak**  
Co-Ordinators:  
1. **Prof. Balvinder Singh**  
2. **Mr.E.T.Rao**, vice-president, FIRA (Odisha)  
3. **Mr. Lal Salam**, vice-president, FIRA (Kerala)  
Presenters:  
1. **Er.Raja Suresh**, Secretary, FIRA (Odisha)  
2. **Adv. Chelimela Rajeswar**, Org.Secretary, FIRA (Telangana)  
Vote of Thanks: **Shyama Sundar Rao**, E.C.member, FIRA (Karnataka)

### 4<sup>th</sup> Session: **Cultural Programmes** - 5.30 PM to 8.30 PM

Welcome by : **Prof. Vijaya Raju**, vice-president, MVV, (A.P)  
Co-Ordinators:  
1. **Prof. N. Vikram**, Vice-President, Central Committee, MVV  
2. **Mr. Ch. Uma Maheswar Rao**, Jt.Secretary, MVV (A.P)  
Cultural wings of member organizations of FIRA performs their talents in various arts such as Dance, singing songs, Mimicry, Ventriloquism, Mime, Miracle-exposure magic,  
Vote of Thanks : **Mr. M.N. Buddha**, E.C.member, FIRA (A.P)

## DAY 2 Schedule on 06-01-2019

Breakfast : 8.00 AM to 9.00 AM  
Welcome Songs by Cultural team

### 5<sup>th</sup> Session from 9.00 AM to 11.30 AM Topic: **Brief report of activities (2017-18)** from all member organizations

Welcome by: **Er. V. V. N. Murthy**, Genl.Secretary, MVV (A.P)  
Chair person: **Prof. Balvinder Singh Barnala**  
Co -ordinators :  
1. **Dr. Dhaneswar Sahoo**, Secretary, FIRA (Odisha)  
2. **Dr. Sudesh Ghode Rao**, Secretary, FIRA (Maharashtra)  
3. **Mr. Harchand Singh Bhinder**, Treasurer, FIRA (Punjab)  
4. **Mr. Sukumaran Dhanuvachapuram**, Secretary, A.T. Kovur Trust, Kerala  
Participants :  
**Mr. Raghunath Singh**(UP), **Mr. Manoj Kumar**(MP)  
**Mr. Eswar nasthik**(Rajasthan), **Mr. Anil Kumar**(Kerala)  
**Mr. Japa kumar**(Tamilnadu), **Mr. Unni Krishnan** (Mumbai)  
**Ms. Sumona Choudhary**(Assam), **Mr. P. Sattaiah**(Telangana)  
and representatives from other organizations  
\*Presentation of FIRA activities report by National Secretary and its approval  
Vote of Thanks : **Dr.Giridhar Rao**, E.C.member, FIRA (Karnataka)

### 6<sup>th</sup> Session from 12.00 noon to 1.00 PM Topic: **Rise of Religious Fundamentalism in India and our programme**

Welcome by: **Mr. Name Venkata Subbaiah**, E.C.member, FIRA (AP)  
Chair Person: **Mr. Avinash Patel**, Vice-president, FIRA  
(Maha Rashtra)  
Guests:  
1. **Prof. Charvaka**, Assam Central University  
2. **Mr. Vidya Bhushan Rawat**,  
Founder, Social Development Forum, Delhi  
3. **Mr. B. Sambasiva Rao**, Secretary, FIRA  
Vote of Thanks: **Mr. Sukru**, E.C.member, FIRA (Odisha)  
**Lunch Break**

### 7<sup>th</sup> and last Session from 2.00 PM to 5.00 PM Topic: **The need of Rationalism in India today**

Chair Person: **Dr. Vijayam**  
Welcome by: **Mr. B.V.V. Subba Rao**, E.C.member, FIRA (Karnataka)  
Chief Guest: **Dr. Jaya Prakash Narayan**, I.A.S.  
Founder, Lok Satta, Hyderabad  
\*Felicitation to **Prof. Narendra Nayak** by presenting  
"**Komala-Innaiah Narisetti's NATIONAL HUMANIST AWARD**"  
By **Manava Vikasa Vedika**  
Electing New NEC body of FIRA and introduction : **Mr. U.Kalanathan**  
Resolutions of the conference for approval : **Mr. Raja Suresh**  
Closing address & Vote of Thanks: **Mr. M.S.N. Murthy**