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## **Participants of One Billion Youth for Peace 4th Anniversary Celebration**



The fourth anniversary of “One Billion Youth for Peace” was held at Karickam International Public School on 19th August, 2023. The movement has enrolled more than 100,000 youngsters as peace ambassadors so far, which is a great achievement.



**Sri. Bhavya Srivastava, New Delhi**  
(URI South Asia Executive Director)



**Mrs. Sheetal Vaidya, Pune**  
(URI Global Support Staff)

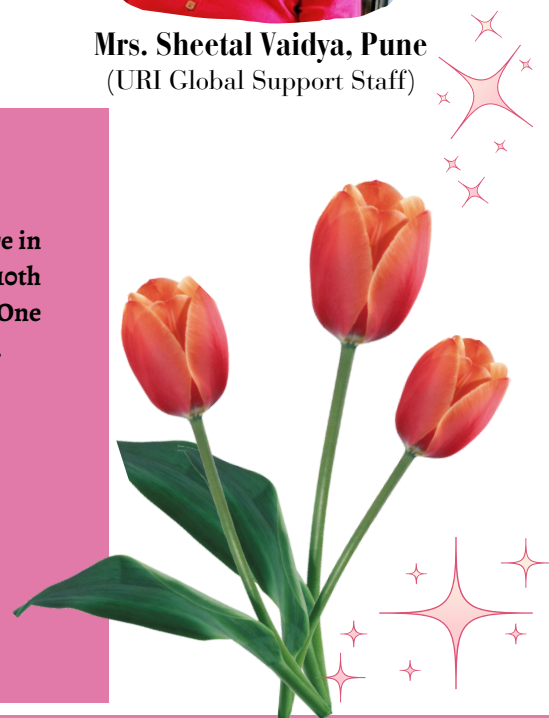


### **Editorial**

Dear Fellow Pilgrims,  
I am thrilled to address you again, when so many new programs are in the offing. 4th World Peace Summit will be held at Kovalam on 10th and 11th February, 2024. The first International Peace Award of “One Billion Youth for Peace” will also be distributed during the summit.

It was my privilege to attend the URI European Assembly from 28th September to 3rd October. My visit to Finland was also extremely fruitful as I was able to visit a few exemplary schools in Helsinki. It was an honour to attend the North Zone Assembly also in New Delhi from 28 to 30 October. So happy to note that URI is flourishing in different corners of our World. South Zone Assembly was held at Kulasekharam which was very fruitful. Let us all work tirelessly for a bright future for the whole humanity.

*Prof. Dr. Abraham Karickam*



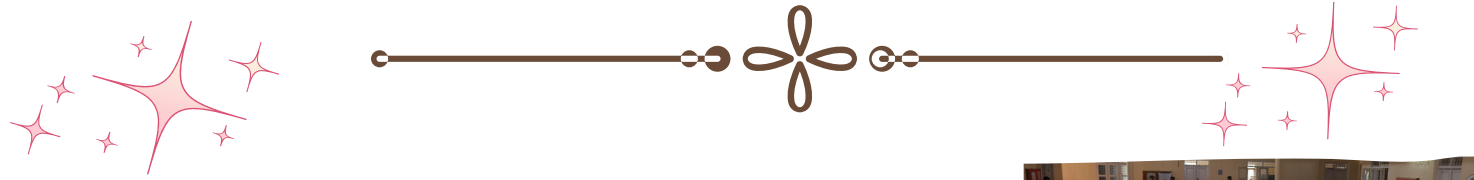
# “Training on Disaster Management”

11-13 September 2023, at Hotel Highland, Kottarakara



A three day training on Disaster Management was conducted at Kottarakara from 11 - 14 September. Delegates from 50 NGOs from different parts of India attended. The program was organized jointly by Vishwa Yuvak Kendra, New Delhi, URI South India Region and VAIGAI Trust, Tamil Nadu.

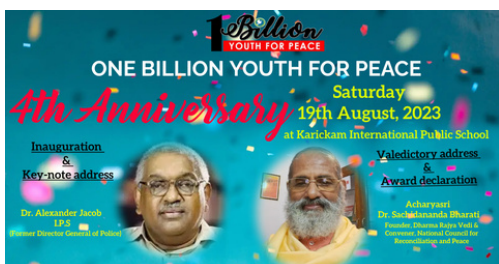
Prof. K.V Thomas, Kerala Government representative at New Delhi inaugurated the event in the presence of many leaders from different organizations. Dr. Alexander Jacob IPS, Rajat Thomas, Sathyankumar (KSDMA), Joe George, Suresh Kumar and K.G Mathaikutty were main resource persons



## ONE BILLION YOUTH FOR PEACE 4TH ANNIVERSARY

19TH AUGUST, 2023

Fourth Anniversary of One Billion Youth for Peace was held on 19th August at KIPS, Karickam. Dr. Alexander Jacob IPS (Former Director General of Police, Kerala) inaugurated the program. Around 200 delegates attended. Acharya Sri Sachidananda Bharathi declared the first International Peace Award instituted by “One Billion Youth for Peace”, during the valedictory function. Prof Dr. Abraham Karickam presided.



**NAGASAKI DAY - WHITE FLAG MARCH****9TH AUGUST 2023**

A white flag march was conducted on 9th August in collaboration with Karickam International Public School and All Kerala Balajana Sakhyam, as part of Peace Week celebration. Around six hundred students and CC representatives took part. Kumari. Sreya Anna John, State Executive Member, All Kerala Balajana Sakhyam inaugurated the program.

**Joseph Chacko Felicited**

Sri. Joseph Chacko Director of URI Peace Centre, Thiruvalla was felicitated during the Zonal meet at Kulasekharam. President of Dalit Ecumenical Federation CC, he had donated three cents of land for the Peace Centre.

Joseph Chacko has been serving as the Director of the Centre for the past 15 years.

**G20 Interfaith Summit, Pune**

Two of our youth ambassadors Greshma P. Raju and Prof. Ardra P. Manoj were special invitees at the G20 Interfaith Summit held at the MIT World Peace University, Pune. Greshma is Director of Eco Peace Teen Cafe and Ardra is Secretary General of "One Billion Youth for Peace". Hearty Congrats.

**One Billion Youth for Peace Campaign and New CC Inauguration****at Sarvodaya Central School, Trivandrum**

Sarvodaya Central School Co-operation Circle, Nalanchira, Trivandrim was inaugurated on 22nd August 2023. Peace Pledge of "One Billion Youth for Peace" was administered to around 2000 students of the school. Principal Fr. Vincent Karikkal Chacko presided. Dr. Abraham Karickam inaugurated the sarvodaya, K.G Mathaikutty, Babu Ponnachan and Shibu Thomas spoke on the occasion.



## Waste Management Training

14th September at Government Women's College , Trivandrum



A training on "Waste Management" was conducted at Government Women's College, Trivandrum on 14th September, 2023, under the joint auspices of Vishwa Yuvak Kendra, New Delhi and URI South India Region. It was inaugurated by Prof. K.V Thomas in the presence of Jeremia George IAS, District Collector, Jyothish Chandran G, Director Suchithwa Mission, Dr. Anuradha V.K, Principal, Government College for Women, Dr. Abraham Karickam, Prof. Dr. Anil and K.G Mathaikutty spoke on the occasion.

## URI European Assembly



Delegates of URI European Assembly at the Peace Mountain, where a Peace Bell was instituted by Elisabeth and team in Liens, Austria.



When the pioneers met at Liens, Austria during the URI European Assembly. Rev. Canon Dr. Charles Gibbs (first Executive Director), Sally Mahe (first staff member at the San Francisco Office), Dr. Abraham Karickam (first Co-ordinator of South India Region and Karima Stauch (first Co-ordinator of URI Europe).

## visit to Rwanda



With students of Rwanda, during the URI Global Council meeting in June 2023. Biff Bernard, Ravi Kandage, Abraham Karickam and Issac Thomas are in Rwanda with students

## **PRAYER FOR MANIPUR** 9th July, 2023

URI South India Region conducted a prayer service for Manipur, with the co-operation of YMCA and several other churches and organizations at Karickam on 9th July, 2023. Abraham Karickam inaugurated the same in the presence of several priests and social leaders.



## **URI South India Region, Zonal Assembly- 2023**

21st October, 2023 at Sree Ramakrishna International School, Kulasekharam



South India Zonal meet was held at the Sri Rama Krishna International School, Kulasekharam. Around 125 delegates from Tamil Nadu and Kerala participated. Sri. Bhavya Srivastava, Asia Executive Director was the Chief Guest. Three members to the Zonal Committee from Tamil Nadu were elected.



## **SRI LANKAN NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, 2023**

Sri Lankan URI National Assembly was conducted at Nuwara Eliya from 2 - 3 September, 2023, There was a good delegation from India also.

The assembly was conducted after a gap of four years.

Dr. Abraham Karickam gave Key-note address during inauguration



It was a pleasure to meet Dr. A.T. Ariaratna, the Sri Lankan Gandhi at his residence in Moratuwa, before the assembly in Newara Eliya.



## WORLD PEACE SUMMIT - 2024



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THIRUVANANTHAPURAM/ KOVALAM

(Commemoration For World Interfaith Harmony Week Celebration)

Dear All,



Greetings from Kerala, India!

It is our privilege to welcome you to Kerala, "God's Own Country" for the fourth edition of the World Peace Summit, scheduled to be held on 10th and 11th February 2024, under the joint auspices of URI South India Region, World Yoga Community, New York (an Accredited NGO at the United Nations) and Inter-Religious Dialogue for Sustainable Development Goals, a cooperation circle of URI. This will be held at the panoramic site KOVALAM, which is renowned for its world-famous beach and it is close to TRIVANDRUM International Airport. The summit will be held in conjunction with the UN World Interfaith Harmony Week.

#### PROGRAMME AT A GLANCE

- Medium of Summit (English)
- Inauguration
- Papers on Peace and Sustainable Development Goals.
- Panel Discussion by Eminent Religious/Spiritual leaders
- Yoga for peace: Lectures, Demonstrations by Global Masters
- Peace and Leadership: Interactive session by Eminent Trainers
- Performing arts, Cultural Programs and a lot more
- Closing Ceremony and Peace Award distribution.
- Lunch, AM Tea/Coffee & PM Tea/Coffee with Veg. snacks

#### Registration Fees

##### GLOBAL PARTICIPANTS

INDIVIDUAL RATE: \$ 250  
GROUP RATE:  
\$ 240 (Group of 5 - 9)  
\$ 230 (Group of 10+)

2-day access to the Summit.

Shared accommodation(double occupancy)  
in a star hotel for two nights  
(10/02/2024 & 11/02/2024).

Breakfast, Lunch Buffet, Dinner Buffet  
and AM PM tea with vegetable snacks  
included.

##### DOMESTIC PARTICIPANTS

RATES WITHOUT ACCOMMODATION  
Individual rates. : INR. 2500/-  
GROUP RATE :  
INR 2250/- (Group of 5 - 9)  
INR 2000/- (Group of 10+)

RATES WITH ACCOMMODATION  
Individual rates. : INR 6000/-  
GROUP RATE :  
INR 5750 (Group of 5 - 9)  
INR 5500. (Group of 10+)

#### MODE OF REMITTANCE OF REGISTRATION FEE : ONLINE

The amount can be sent to the following account:

##### FOR FOREIGN DELEGATES:

Cosmic Community Centre  
Account No: 40229160241 (FCRA Account)  
Bank Name: State Bank of India  
Branch Name: New Delhi Main Branch  
Branch Code: 00691  
IFSC: SBIN0000691, SWIFT: SBININBB104

##### DOMESTIC DELEGATES (WITHIN INDIA):

Cosmic Community Centre  
Account No : 10360100316104  
Bank Name : Federal Bank Ltd  
Branch Name :Kottarakkara  
IFSC : FDRL0001036

Invitation letters will be sent to all, who register before 1st December 2023.

[Click here  
for registration](#)

#### PAPERS INVITED

We invite papers for the conference, related to world peace, Interfaith harmony and Sustainable Development Goals. It can be up to 1500 words. The last date to receive the same will be 30th September 2023. Registration to the Summit is compulsory for presenting papers. Organisers will have exclusive rights over the Papers presented at the summit.

Papers to be sent to: [urikarickam12@gmail.com](mailto:urikarickam12@gmail.com)

#### WORLD PEACE AWARD

The World Peace Award instituted by "One Billion Youth for Peace", will be presented during the valedictory of the conference. It will carry 100,000 Indian rupees and a citation. Individuals and organisations, who have contributed substantially towards world peace can apply for the award, before 1st August 2023. It will be declared in the last week of August, during the fourth-anniversary celebrations of "One Billion Youth for Peace".

Nominations shall be sent to: [urikarickam12@gmail.com](mailto:urikarickam12@gmail.com)

#### Tour programs(Optional)

A tour program will be arranged after the conference for one or two days, for those who share expenses :

1. Kanyakumari ( One Day )
2. Munnar (Two days )

We welcome you all to come and enjoy the pristine beauty of Kerala.

For details, please contact:

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## One Billion Youth for Peace First International Peace Award

The first International Peace Award of "One Billion Youth for Peace" will be given to Carlos Palma of Living Peace International, Rome. The award carries 100,000/- Indian Rupees and a citation. It will be given away on February 11, 2024 at Kovalam during the World Peace Summit held under the joint auspices of URI South India, Inter Religious Dialogue for Sustainable Development Goals (IRD4SDG) and World Yoga Community, New York.



**Carlos Palma**

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