

Together let's
STAND UP FOR PEACE

Coimbatore Peace Festival 2025



Peace Building can begin powerfully with the commitment and action of young people
We invite you to this important annual event for Peace
Your contribution to building peace actively is most needed



Coimbatore Peace Festival 2025 - 34th Edition

The Coimbatore Peace Festival, now in its 34th edition in 2025, is one of the longest running, impactful and much noticed public engagement initiative organized by Shanti Ashram, aimed at empowering youth and children to build a compassionate, peaceful and cohesive society. Over the past 33 years, nearly 1,000 children and young people have participated in this inspiring event annually and which is made possible through the unwavering support of over 40 partner institutions from across Coimbatore.

Last year's festival was held at PSG Institute of Medical Sciences & Research, a packed auditorium of eager child and youth volunteers filled the festival with their volunteering, community service experience, artistic presentations, public hearings, interfaith prayers, remembrance of Hiroshima & Nagasaki and a resolve to do their part in building a more peaceful world. Purely volunteer driven this festival dedicated to PEACE has grown from strength to strength.

A special mention goes to Kumaraguru College of Technology (KCT) and its social responsibility initiative 'Namadhu Pangu', which has been a meaningful partner since 2009 to organize the Coimbatore Peace Festival. That year, as part of the Super Congress, the KCT campus hosted the Coimbatore Peace Festival for the first time, followed by editions in 2011, 2013 and for 2025, we are grateful to once again collaborate with KCT as we continue our shared commitment to peace-building and youth engagement.

Specific Objectives of the 34th Edition of Coimbatore Peace Festival 2025:

Commemorating the 80th anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima as a 'day of prayer & commitment for peace'.

Launching of annual initiatives that promote an intergenerational commitment to equitable and peaceful societies through the active involvement of children

Initiating phase 13 of India Poverty Solutions 2025, an action oriented national campaign to address child poverty

Awarding of the 2nd edition of the 'Chandra Ashwathi Young Leaders Award'

*Absence of war or violence is not real Peace. Absence of War is peace only in the negative sense of the term.
But in the positive sense of the term, peace means a harmonious way of living
based on a shared ethic of human solidarity!*

Dr. M. Aram

Founder President, Shanti Ashram
Former Member of Parliament Rajya Sabha
Former Vice Chancellor, Gandhigram Rural University



An Overview of the Coimbatore Peace Festival 2025



Programme Agenda



- 2.30pm** Assembling time
- 2.40pm** **'Prayer for Peace' by Shanti Ashram's Bala Shanti Children**
- 2.45pm** **'Bomma Bommai'** Artistic presentation by Shanti Ashram's Children's Parliament members
- 2.50pm** Coming together: context, purpose and hope
- 2.55pm** **80th Hiroshima Memorial Day: Screening of a short film titled 'Hiroshima - A Mothers Prayer'**
Presentation by Mr. Vijayaragavan Gopal, Head, Youth Leadership Programme, Shanti Ashram
Video prepared by Mr. C.Satish Kanna, Communication Lead, Shanti Ashram
Message of peace from the 'Youth of Japan'
Mr.Masamichi Niwano, Youth representative, Risho Kosei Kai, Japan &
International University intern @ Shanti Ashram
- 3.10pm** **'Ulagin Podhu Mozhi Amma' Artistic presentation by Shree Natya Niketan School of Dance**
- 3.15pm** **Celebrating 13 years of 'India Poverty Solutions (IPS) 2025'**
An innovative action-oriented campaign to end child poverty that has so far involved 1, 61,945 children
Rtn.Sheilendra Bhansali
President, Rotary Club of Coimbatore Metropolis
Senior Partner, Kumbhat and Co LLP, Chartered Accountants
Mr.S.Anchanakumar,
Head-Projects (Social Services), G.D.Naidu Charities, Coimbatore
- 3.25pm** **'Importance of life affirming holistic education'**
by Ms.Thoorika, Awardee, Bala Shanti -Sakthi Finance Joint Scholarships, Pollachi
- 3.30pm** **'Anbe Sivam' artistic presentation by Shree Natya Niketan School of Dance**
- 3.35pm** **Presenting of the 'Chandra-Ashwathi 2025 Young Leaders Award'**
Dr.M.Ramasamy,
Distinguished Pediatrician & Honorary Medical Director, Masonic Medical Centre for Children
Mentor, International Center for Child and Public Health (ICPH)
And Family Members of the Chandra Aswathi Charitable Trust
- 3.45pm** **'Malarodu Malaringu' thematic presentation by**
Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan Matriculation Higher Secondary School, Ajjanur
- 3.50pm** **'Shanti Nilava Vendum- musical interlude by Ms. Kriti, Volunteer, Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan**

3.55pm Panel discussion on 'From Commitment to Action: Youth driven social change in building PEACE'

Panelists:

Ms.Dharshana, NSS Volunteer, Sri Krishna Arts and Science College
Ms. Tharani, Volunteer- Namadhu Pangu, Kumaraguru Institutions
Mr. Prasanth, NSS Volunteer, Kongunadu Arts and Science College
Ms. Sri Sruthi, NSS Volunteer, PSGR Krishnammal College for Women
Ms.Anandhi, Student Volunteer, Nallamuthu Gounder Mahalingam College
Mr. Arunachalam, Student Volunteer, Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan Matriculation School, R.S.Puram
Ms. Reethi Rao, Student Intern, Arch Bishop Mitty High School, California
Ms.G.J.Kaviya, Member, Children Parliament - Shanti Ashram

Moderators:

Ms.Alaaghu, Digital Marketing Lead, Alaghu Buildmart Pvt Ltd and Volunteer of Shanti Ashram
Mr.Nithish, Volunteer, Shanti Ashram & Representative, GNRC Youth Committee

Honouring panelists and moderators:

Dr Raghupathy,

Director, Strategic Planning, Kumaraguru Institutions

4.10pm 'Journey of Peace' a mime presentation by Kumaraguru Institutions

4.15pm Honouring young people with the 'STAR Volunteering Awards of Shanti Ashram'

Rtn.Mylsamy,

District Chairman (Service Projects)

Ms. Sangeetha,

Head-CSR, Sakthi Group

4.25pm Cultural presentations:

'We are the World' band music by Yuvabharathi Public School

'Soul of the Nation' artistic performance by

Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan Matriculation Higher Secondary School, R.S.Puram

'Peace begins with inclusion' thematic presentation by Kumaraguru Institutions

'Munnal Munnal vaa da' presentation by Prasanth Dance Academy

4.50pm Wrap-up by

Dr. Kezevino Aram, President, Shanti Ashram

Master of Ceremony: Coordinators: Ms. Zuhana & Ms.Alaaghu

Team: Jeevitha, Nagul Das, Sahana, Sai Nithin, Sivasubramanian, Vivehaa

'What we do today will determine our tomorrow'

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