



# INTERFAITH LINK

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**Inauguration of the World Interfaith Harmony Week validictory celebrations by Deputy Collector B. Anilkumar at URI Office, Karickam.**

## **CELEBRATING TWENTY FIRST ANNIVERSARY**

Dear Friends,

On 26th June, 2021 URI will be celebrating its 21st anniversary. We have come a long way with our presence in more than 110 countries today. There is no other interfaith organization in the world with such a deep net work among people of different faiths.

We will be honoring 21 eminent personalities from various walks of life, who have contributed immensely for harnessing harmony and peace, on 26th June at a special function at KIPS. This has been our practice for so many years now.

So many of our co-operation circles came forward to fight the pandemic in different ways possible. We have still a long way to go in containing the spread of this menace. We could celebrate our 20th anniversary online, where several world leaders participated, including Bishop Bill Swing, our President.

“One Billion Youth for Peace” also celebrated its anniversary online. Our Asia Forum also attracted a large number of people. We are also planning for the first Alumni meet of URI Travelling Peace Academy to be held on 15th May.

Looking forward to a bright future,

With warm regards,

**Abraham Karickam**

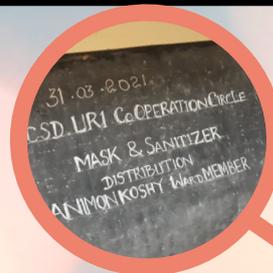
**HEENA RURAL DEVELOPMENT CC is a Co-operation Circle managed by women, in the Kadappa District of Andhra Pradesh. This is an amazing group of women, who spare no pain in running an old age home with around forty inmates.**

**They extended excellent help in supporting the Covid affected community. Several projects were undertaken during the past one year to help the affected people in and around Kadappa. Dr. Heena and Farida always really extend all possible help to the suffering people around. We salute them for their selfless services.**





**INFANT JESUS CENTRAL SCHOOL CC, Thuvayoor considered it their duty to support the poor people in their vicinity to brave the challenges of Covid-19. Several programs were arranged to distribute essential safety items with the help of URI regional office. Students and teachers saw the occasion as an opportunity to reach out to the people around in their dire need. Fr. George Thekedathu and Sister Teena Valiyaparambil and their team took up this great challenge with amazing zeal.**



**INTERNATIONAL CENTRE FOR STUDY AND DEVELOPMENT CC has a track record of serving the community for several decades. They sought the help of Panchayathu members to disburse medicines and other safety items to protect people from the pandemic. Smt. Mariamma Mathew (President) extended all support for such preventive measures.**

**RURAL ORGANISATION OF AWARENESS INTERFAITH LINK DEVELOPMENT SERVICE (ROADS) CC, Hyderabad was as lively and active as a beehive during this tremulous period. A few of these action photos will tell their story.**



**INDIAN DALIT ECUMENICAL FEDERATION CC, Thiruvalla runs the URI Peace Centre, which is organising programs through out the year for the upliftment of aborigines and Dalits. They had a series of activities in fighting Covid situation. Most of their programs get coverage in local TV Channels also.**





## VIGILANCE AWARENESS WEEK

The Vigilance Awareness Week was celebrated in partnership with State Bank of India and All Kerala Balajana Sakhyam. An online Elocution Competition was conducted for students from different schools. More than fifty students participated. Award ceremony was conducted at the regional office of State Bank of India



### Prize Winners:

**First - Nimisha Mathew, MTGHS, Kottarakkara.**

**Second - Keerthana A M, St.George Central School, Anchal.**

**Third - Ayana Suresh, Little Flower School, Thrippilazhikom.**

## All Kerala Elocution Competition

United Religions Initiative, South India Region and All Kerala Balajanasakyam, Kottarakkara Union conducted all Kerala Elocution competition, in connection with Hiroshima Day and UN Platinum Jubilee. More than hundred students from participated different Districts. "Seventy five years of the UN" and "A World Free of Nuclear Weapons" were the topics for Juniors and Seniors. Prizes and Cash Awards were given to 14 participants from Juniors and eleven from Seniors.



### Seniors - Winners

No	Name		
1	Keerthana A M	St. George Central School, Anchal	I <sup>st</sup> Prize
2	Fathima Shajahan	Mar Baseliouse Secondary School	II <sup>nd</sup> Prize
3	Sneha Sajeev	Karickam International Public School	III <sup>rd</sup> Prize

### Juniors - Winners

No	Name		
1	Aaryaman Arun	Karickam International Public School	I <sup>st</sup> Prize
2	Deon T Tiju	Brook International, Sasthamcotta	II <sup>nd</sup> Prize
3	Aksa Babu	Mar Baseliouse Ocean Star, Chirattakkonam	III <sup>rd</sup> Prize
4	Sania P Biju	St. Joseph's Nazareth School, Manampuzha	III <sup>rd</sup> Prize

# UN INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE

## ONLINE POEM RECITATION COMPETITION

Prize winners of Poem Recitation competition conducted by United Religions Initiative South India Region and Akhila Kerala Balajana Sakhyam. Kottarakkara Union in connection with the, UN International Day of Peace, 2020. Around sixty five students presented their own poetry related to World Peace. Cash awards and certificates were given to the winners.

### RESULTS

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English Poetry		
Sreya Susan Solu	VGSSAHSS Nedyavila	FIRST
Vrindha Subi	Mar Baselios Senior Secondary School	SECOND
Eshaal S	BRM Central	THIRD
Malayalam Poetry		
Panchami Raj	GVHSS, Muttara	FIRST
Diya M Lal	St. John's School Anchal	SECOND
Hila Prasobh	BRM Central School	THIRD



P.K Ramachandran, Chairman URI South India - Sri Lanka Region released the book "Holy Books and World Literature" by presenting the first copy to K. George Panicker (General Secretary, Dr. Alexander Mar Thoma Centre for Dialogue). This is a collection of papers presented at the 8th International Conference on Holy Books held in Malaysia.



Prof John Kurakar, Former Global Council Trustee released the travelogue by Dr. Abraham Karickam - My Inter-Continental Journeys: Experiential Learning. Susan Abraham, Director, KIPS received the first copy.



## **Students' Counselling Academy (SCA)**

URI starts a Students' Counselling Academy in collaboration with Karickam International Public School CC and All Kerala Balajana Sakhyam, Kottarakkara Union. Deepak Jacob IAS inaugurated the same on 25th April 2021.

Weekly online classes by experts will be arranged in subjects related to:

1. Career Opportunities
2. Entrance Examinations
3. Alcoholism & Drug Abuse
4. Foreign Studies
5. Civil Services Examinations
6. Peace Building and Conflict Transformation
7. Addressing Hate Speech
8. Environmental Protection
9. Disaster Management
10. Forestation & Water Conservation etc.

# World Interfaith Harmony Week Celebrations



A Shaju, Municipal Chairperson of Kottarakkara inaugurated World Interfaith Harmony Week celebrations on 1st February, 2021.

**A. Shaju presenting memento to Issac S Thomas, who has been elected as a Global Council Trustee of URI from the Multi Region.**



**K.O Rajukutty administering Unity Pledge**



**Winners of IFHW- Inter School Quiz Competition based on Holy Books and Religions.**



Twenty one leaders to be honoured in connection with the 21st Anniversary of URI on 26th June, 2021.



**Adv. Aysha Potti  
M.L.A**



**B. Anil Kumar**



**Fr. Boas Mathew**



**Fr. Dr. Abraham  
G. Thalothil**



**A. Shaju**



**Brijesh Abraham**



**Sheejomon K**



**M.P Sajeew**



**Suja Saji**



**Jayasree Mohan**



**M. Balagopal**



**Soosamma  
Mathew**



**Dr. Devi Lal**



**C. Nithyanandan**



**Babu Ponnachan**



**K. George  
Panicker**



**Adv. Sajan Koshy**



**K. Georgekutty**



**Greshma P Raju**



**Sofia Tharakan**



**Aysha Ahammad**



