

The Journey of Gora, Saraswathi Gora and the Atheist Centre

Key Milestones

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1902-1912: Birth of Atheist social reformers

1902	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Nov. 15: Gora, born in Chatrapur, Ganjam District, Orissa.
1912	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Sept. 28: Saraswathi Gora, born in Vijayanagaram, Andhra Pradesh, India

1913-1923: Early Life, Marriage & Education

1922	<ul style="list-style-type: none">May 7: Marriage of Gora & Saraswathi Gora.Gora travels to Madras to study M.A. Botany at Presidency College.
1923	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Gora volunteers in All India Congress organized in Kakinada, Andhra Pradesh.

1924-1934: Employment & Dismissals in India & Sri Lanka, becoming atheists, challenging blind beliefs, demonstration for social equality and social reform activities.

1924	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Gora studies science and religion and human behavior and gives lectures on Atheism across India.

1925	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gora becomes a Lecturer in American College in Madurai, Tamil Nadu
1926	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gora lives in a haunted house in Madurai, to prove that ghosts are unreal. Gora serves as a Lecturer at Agricultural College, Coimbatore. Saraswathi joins Gora in Coimbatore in August.
1927	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gora joins Ananda College, Colombo as a Lecturer. Saraswathi joins Gora on Sept. 26, defying the taboo that pregnant women should not see eclipse and views the solar eclipse in Colombo.
1928	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Saraswathi views lunar eclipse at Vijayanagaram, Andhra Pradesh. Sept: Gora joins his alma mater P.R. College, Kakinada as Lecturer and Head. Gora removes his so-called sacred thread which was a caste symbol and has differences with his father on this. Eldest daughter <i>Manorama</i> (b. July 29) without any deformity even after Saraswathi views the eclipse. Gora is ex-communicated from his caste. Saraswathi Gora follows him. They leave their parent's house and stay independently. Gora exposes his aunt's claim that she goes into trance and gets possessed.
1929	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gora calls for Satyagraha for Independence after the Congress Conference in Lahore. Starts adult and social education classes in the untouchable slums.
1930	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Second offspring, <i>Lavanam</i> (b.Oct 10), named to mark Gandhi's Salt Satyagraha. Defying the taboo that child should not be taken out of the house in the fourth month, Gora takes Lavanam and Saraswathi from Vijayanagaram to Kakinada. Saraswathi discards gold ornaments. Reunion with Gora's parents.
1931	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gora organizes inter-dining and mingling with his students to break the barriers of caste and religion.
1932	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Third offspring, <i>Mythri</i> (b.Dec.1), meaning friendship, named to mark the occasion of Gandhi-Irwin Pact.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gora couple interaction with Durgabai Deshmukh, whom Gora taught botany, mathematics and sciences after her participation in the freedom struggle of 1930 and return from prison. • Gora couple support widow remarriages.
1933	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gora's dismissal from P. R. College, Kakinada for writing an article titled 'God is a falsehood.'
1934	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gora employed as Head of the Department in Botany in Hindu College, Masulipatanam, Krishna District. • Fourth offspring, <i>Vidya</i> (b. June 5) means education. It was to reinforce the freedom of thought in the field of education.

1935-1945: Atheist way of life, upbringing of children in a rational way, starting of world's first known Atheist Centre, fight against superstitions, Gandhi-Gora conversations, freedom struggle and satyagrahas.

1935	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gora's maternal aunt dies and is cremated without any religious rites and people from all castes join in the cremation. • Gora's public lecture on Atheism at the Town Hall, Visakhapatnam.
1936	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fifth offspring, <i>Vijayam</i> (b. Dec. 1) meaning victory, named to mark the occasion of Congress victory in General Elections. • Saraswathi exposes the myth of talking to dead persons' souls.
1937	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gora couple admit their children in school. They fill the application forms, by writing caste and religion as "nil", as they are atheists.
1938	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Atheist public lecture at Kankipadu Village, Krishna District, A.P.
1939	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sixth offspring, <i>Samaram</i> (b. July 30) meaning war, named to mark the Second World War. • Andhra Circus people demonstrate to Saraswathi in Machilipatnam, that the so-called miracles of babas were only magic tricks. • Gora walks on fire, creating a big commotion. He explains the scientific principle involved in fire walking and to

	<p>demonstrate that it has no divine connection.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gora's dismissal for his atheistic views, from Hindu College, Machilipatnam after six years of his service as the Head of the Department of Botany. It is his second dismissal. Students go on strike supporting him and the College reinstates him. Gora decides to leave the college, but he stays as a Lecturer and Head until students complete their annual examinations and then quits.
1940	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gora's resignation from Machilipatnam College and devotes full-time to atheist activities in the villages. Saraswathi extends complete support. Aug. 10: Arrival in Mudunuru village, Krishna District, Andhra Pradesh, at the invitation of the villagers. Gora and Saraswathi start the World's first known Atheist Centre at Mudunur and create history. Start of a village life, where there is no electricity or paved roads. Saraswathi discards "mangalasutra" (believed to be an auspicious thread tied to the bride's neck) and devotes her time and energy to promote atheism as a way of life. Gora speaks on Atheism in the Silver Jubilee Function of Andhra Maha Sabha. Extensive lecture tours on atheism and promotion of popular science in the villages. Staying in untouchable localities, to break the barriers of caste and religion. Gora couple fight against superstitions and blind beliefs and promote scientific outlook among people.
1941	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seventh offspring, named as <i>Niyanta</i>, (b. Nov. 19), connoting the age of dictators. Cosmopolitan dinners in villages to bring social equality and dispelling superstitions. Publication of the first book on Atheism in Telugu language titled 'Atheism – There is no god.'
1942	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> April/May: Gora meets Gandhi in Sevagram. June: Starts an experimental school at Atheist Centre in Mudunur. Writing of Atheist songs in classical tunes to demonstrate that art, music and fine arts are not the monopoly of religion.
1943	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jan. 26: Gora couple and the Atheist Centre plunge into Gandhi's Quit India Movement and offer Satyagraha. Lavanam (12 years old), joins Gora and participates in the freedom struggle. Gora's arrest and imprisonment, twice as a leader of the Independence Movement.
1944	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> April 14: Saraswathi leads Women Satyagrahis in Vijayawada in the Quit India Movement and sentenced for six

	<p>months. Saraswathi who is pregnant, takes her two year old son Niyanta, along with her to the prison and faces all the rigours of prison with determination.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eldest daughter Manorama and sister-in-law Samrajyam and others also offer Satyagraha with Saraswathi and are imprisoned at Vellore prison near Chennai. • Oct. 25: Release from jail after serving six month sentence. Saraswathi delivers eight offspring, Maru (b. Oct.25) meaning change, to mark the changes taking place after the World War coming to an end and India is about to get Independence.
1945	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In Mahatma Gandhi's Ashram in Sevagram with family and scores of co-workers. Gora's detailed conversations with Gandhi, which are published in a book form by Navjivan Publishers entitled <i>An Atheist with Gandhi</i>.
1946	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General elections all over the country. Gora conducts citizenship training programmes in the villages and towns to highlight the significance of participation in elections. • Growing Hindu-Muslim tension all over the country as the partition of the nation was imminent. Gora stands for secularism and has conversations with religious leaders. • Preparations to move Atheist Centre from Mudunur to Vijayawada to act in a wider arena.

1946-1956: Shifting of Atheist Centre to Vijayawada, starting of Atheist Journal, participation in Bhoodan Movement, partyless candidate, satyagrahas, advocacy with government, arrests.

1947	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In April, Atheist Centre shifted from Mudunur to Vijayawada to start publication of a <i>Atheist</i> journal. • Aug. 15, advent of Independence. Gora resigns from Congress as it turns into a political party. He adopts the movemental approach.
1948	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Due to Gandhi's assassination, the marriage between Manorama and Arjun Rao is performed by well-known Gandhian, Prabhakarji, at the Gandhi's Sevagram Ashram. Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru participates and congratulates the couple. • In May 7, at the invitation of Chennupati Seshagiri Rao and Chennupati Ramakotaiah, Atheist Centre shifts to Vijayawada. Seshagiri Rao not only donates his land to Atheist Centre, but also joins in the atheist movement.
1949	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Atheist Telugu weekly <i>Sangham</i> (Society) commences its publication from Atheist Centre with Gora as its

	<p>Editor.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Every month, on the 30th, the day is observed as <i>Harijan Day</i> by the Government of India, to mark Gandhi's assassination. Gora and Saraswathi open drinking water wells for Harijans (Scheduled Castes) on par with the upper caste, in the villages. In spite of great opposition, public wells are opened for the Scheduled Castes as a mark of social equality.
1950	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Propagation of atheism and efforts to create democratic consciousness among the people. Touring around villages to spread awareness on rational thought and action.
1951	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apr. 18: Birth of Bhoodan (land gift movement) in Pochampally. It marks the beginning of a nationwide movement for land reforms by Vinoba Bhave. Atheist Centre supports the Bhoodan movement and Gora becomes an important national leader of the movement for equality and social justice.
1952	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gora contests in elections for Parliament as a partyless candidate championing economic & social equality and to change the political system. • Gora couple launch <i>Arthik Samata</i> (Economic Equality) movement to highlight that people are the masters in democracy and the peoples' representatives and ministers should shed pomp and come closer to the common people to solve their pressing problems.
1953	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conference of Arthik Samata Movement, highlighting the significance of economic and social equality. Gora urges ministers to shed pomp and adopt austere living to come closer to the common man. • Oct. 1, Andhra State was created out of Madras Presidency with Kurnool as the Capital. • Gora couple urge the State Governor to visit poor people's localities (slums) to improve their living conditions. Initial arrests and then finally Governor Trivedi visits the slums in Vijayawada and other places.
1954	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saraswathi and her daughter-in-law, Sumathi arrested while championing the cause of landless labourers and pressing for land reforms in Kurnool district in the 'Karivena Eenaam Satyagraha.' Along with 60 illiterate women, their leader Saraswathi Gora is sentenced to jail for five months. She does not accept the "A" Class given to her by the judge and stays with the 60 ordinary women in the prison. In Sept., the government concedes to the demands of the satyagraha and releases the satyagrahis from the prison.
1955	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Atheist Centre participates in Vinoba Bhave's Bhoodan yatra. Vinoba tours Andhra in his Bhoodan March and Lavanam translates his speeches all through A.P.

1956	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vinoba Bhave visits Atheist Centre, Vijayawada in his Nationwide Bhoodan Padayatra along with hundreds of his colleagues.

1957-1967: Starting of experimental school, satyagraha & fasting, marches, inauguration of science exhibition, contest in elections as partyless candidate.

1957	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gora couple along with their son Lavanam and others in Atheist Centre take active role in Bhoodan movement, urging the Government to introduce land reforms. • Jaya Prakash Narain inaugurates 'Democratic Decentralization Conference' at Atheist Centre.
1958	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In Allahabad, Gora addresses a seminar on 'The Necessity of Partylessness.' • Gora organizes Gramraj Conference at Lalitpur, Jhansi, Uttar Pradesh to harp on democratic decentralization. • Extensive tour in India to spread Atheism and democratic consciousness among the masses.
1959	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gora champions partyless democracy and appeals to the Election Commission of India, not to allot separate symbols to political parties in advance, as it is a discrimination against other candidates and gives undue advantage to the members of the political parties.
1960	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jan. 12: Lavanam and Hemalatha's wedding in Gandhi's Sevagram Ashram, breaking the barriers of caste and religion. Hemalatha is the daughter of a well-known Dalit Telugu Poet, Gurram Joshua. Many Gandhian leaders join in the wedding function. • Gora registers his name through an official announcement in the Government Gazette to mark the significance of a casteless name. He takes <i>Go</i> from Goparaju and <i>Ra</i> from Ramachandra Rao and coins his name as Gora. • Mythri and Hemalatha start an experimental school 'Vasavya Vidyalayam'. <i>Va sa vya</i>: '<i>Va</i>' (<i>Vastavikata stands for reality</i>), '<i>sa</i>' (<i>Sanghadrishti stands for social outlook</i>) and '<i>vya</i>' (<i>Vyaktitvam stands for individuality</i>). These three are the essential ingredients for atheistic way of life. • Feb.-Mar.: Gora couple, along with a batch of their colleagues, embark on a foot march from Vijayawada to Hyderabad and offer satyagraha in front of the A.P. Legislative Assembly in Hyderabad leading to their arrest and imprisonment. • In Oct., Gora couple participate in the group fast program, demanding pomplessness at the All India Congress

	Conference held in Raipur.
1961	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oct. 8: Gora couple march for 99 days on foot, 1,100 miles from Sevagram and do satyagraha in front of Prime Minister Nehru's residence in Delhi, with the slogan 'Ministers are servants and people are Masters.'
1962	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Indian Finance Minister C.D. Deshmukh and Durgabai Deshmukh inaugurate the first large scale science exhibition conducted in Vasavya Vidyalayam, at Atheist Centre, Vijayawada.
1963	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In Sept., Gora couple undertake satyagraha in front of the residence of the Chief Minister Sanjiva Reddy in Hyderabad for partyless politics and pomplessness.
1964	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gora couple organize satyagraha in front of the residence of the Chief Minister Kasu Brahmananda Reddi. Gora and Dr. George Willoughby, a Quaker from USA have conversations on atheism.
1965	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gora couple conduct a vegetable celebration in Vijayawada to call upon people to grow more vegetable plants instead of flower plants, so as to ensure food for all. Vijayam and Sumathi's marriage held at a Harijan hamlet in Vijayawada.
1966	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lavanam's one year trip to USA. Gora organizes Satyagraha in Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh.
1967	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gora contests in Legislative Assembly elections as a partyless candidate. Partyless candidates contest from different constituencies.

1968-1975: Food security movement, international tours, promotion of partylessness, First World Atheist Conference, criminal reformation and demise of Gora

1968	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In March, Gora couple and the other Satyagrahis arrested in Hyderabad in the movement for planting vegetable saplings in place of flower plants and are put in prison for a month in Hyderabad.
1969	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Marriage of Dr. Samaram and Rashmi.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Atheist</i>, English monthly started with Gora as its Editor.
1970	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Atheist Conference at Atheist Centre in which representatives from USA and UK also join. • Gora embarks on his first World Tour in all the continents to promote atheism and social change. • Gora also participates in the International Humanist Conference in Boston, USA.
1971	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gora announces the First World Atheist Conference at Vijayawada. It was later on postponed to 1972 in lieu of Bangladesh War.
1972	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To promote social equality, 'Beef and Pork' programme was organized in Vijayawada in connection with the Silver Jubilee of Indian Independence. • Lavanam contests for Legislative Assembly from Vijayawada Constituency as a partyless candidate. • Nau and Veeraiah's marriage at Atheist Centre. • First World Atheist Conference in Vijayawada, Dec. 22-26, 1972. Atheists, humanists and rationalists from across the country participate.
1973	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gora's extensive tour to various parts of India to promote Atheism and social change.
1974	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jan: Criminal Reform Movement is started in Stuartpuram, initiated by Gora and continued by Hemalatha and Lavanam. • Gora participates in the International Humanist Congress in Holland and Gora's second International tour.
1975	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Declaration of National Emergency in India on June 26. • Gora's sudden demise on July 26, 1975 while addressing a meeting at Vijayawada. Gora's funeral pyre lit by a harijan (scheduled caste) person. His body is carried by all people, irrespective of caste and religion. • The third day after Gora's demise, Saraswathi inaugurates and addresses a meeting on social reform at Vijayawada. A.P. Chief Minister, Vengala Rao and other ministers visit Atheist Centre to pay homage to Gora.

POST GORA PERIOD:

1976-1989: Leadership of Saraswathi, atheist study camps, disaster relief, Second World Atheist Conference, Vidya wins twice in Lok Sabha elections, parliamentary advocacy, Third World Atheist Conference, International Humanist Award, Unity March, international tours

1976	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May: Atheist Study camp held at Atheist Centre. • Abraham T. Kovoov, well known rationalist leader visits Atheist Centre and releases Gora's book on Superstitions.
1977	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saradha Mukerjee, Governor of Andhra Pradesh inaugurates Gora photo exhibition on 'The March of Atheism.' • Nov. 19: Cyclone and Tidal Wave kills 10,000 people in Divi Seema, Krishna District, Andhra Pradesh. Saraswathi, Veeraiah, Nau, Lavanam, Hemalatha, Vijayam, Sumathi, Mythri, Vidya and Samaram and all others at Atheist Centre actively engage in relief and rehabilitation work. Frederick Cuny, a world renowned natural disaster specialist and humanitarian visits the tidal wave affected areas and Atheist Centre.
1978	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vijayam from Vijayawada and Ravuri Arjuna Rao from Gudivada and others contest in State Assembly elections as Partyless Candidates. • Cyclone rehabilitation activities in Divi Seema.
1979	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Atheist Study Camps in various parts of Andhra Pradesh. • Prof. H. Narasimaiah visits Andhra Pradesh to expose the myth of miracles. • Children's Atheist Camp, Women's Atheist Camp and Atheist Study Camps are held in different parts of Andhra Pradesh. • Dr. Vijayam and Lavanam speak in Periyar Centenary Celebrations in various cities of Tamil Nadu.
1980	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Second World Atheist Conference held in Vijayawada on Dec. 25. Lakshmanam, Deputy Speaker of Lok Sabha (Lower House of Parliament) inaugurates. Prof. H. Narasimhaiah, Abu Abraham, Cartoonist and others from India and Levi Fragell, John Edward, Fred Edword and other prominent atheists and humanists from abroad participate.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ch. Vidya is elected as the Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha) from Vijayawada. She introduces a Resolution on 'The necessity to strengthen secularism in India.'
1981	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feb 22-23: Khamman District Atheist Conference. 400 people participate. April 17: Adilabad District Atheist Conference. Lavanam, Hemalatha chief guests. Lavanam's tour in USSR and Europe and participates in World Freethinker Conference, Switzerland.
1982	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ch. Vidya introduces 'Casteless and Religionless Society Bill', to strengthen the secular ramparts of the Nation. Atheist Study Camps in Varni, Nizamabad, Guntur and in Vijayawada.
1983	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Saraswathi Gora leads demonstrations against miracle claims by Satya Sai Baba, during his visit to Vijayawada and 500 people are arrested. June 24-27: Third World Atheist Conference in Helsinki, Finland with the cooperation of the Finnish Freethinker Association and Lavanam as one of the Conveners. Government invites team from Atheist Centre to investigate the claims of witchcraft & sorcery in Medak district, Andhra Pradesh. Lavanam attends Raja Ram Mohan Roy's 150th Death Anniversary at Bristol, England. Dec: Atheist Study Camp at Atheist Centre.
1984	Princess Anne, daughter of Queen Elizabeth and President of Save the Childrens Fund ,visits Arthik Samata Mandal of Atheist Centre. Saraswathi Gora invites.
1985	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> July 26-28: An International Conference on 'Atheism & Social Change', is held at Atheist Centre, to mark the Tenth Death Anniversary of Gora. Abu Abraham inaugurates.
1986	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recognizing the secular social work done by the Atheist Centre in India, 'The International Humanist Award', for the year 1986 is presented at the IHEU World Humanist Congress in Oslo. Mrs. Mythri receives it on behalf of Atheist Centre.
1987	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Atheist Study Camps for children, youth and adults are conducted to build critical thinking and scientific temper.

1988	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dec.: 70 Day 'Unity March' on foot (<i>Padayatra</i>) is conducted through four districts of Andhra Pradesh, covering 1400 kms, headed by Lavanam and Hemalatha, to promote peace and harmony in the unprecedented caste conflict that shook the state of Andhra Pradesh. • Saraswathi Gora inaugurates the Unity March at Atheist Centre, Vijayawada and the march concludes in Kakinada, urging unity and cohesion against violence in the name of caste.
1989	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ch. Vidya of Atheist Centre wins for the second time, as the Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha) from Vijayawada. • Dr. Vijayam participates in the consultation on Tribals and Aborigines at the Coady International Institute, St. Francis Xavier University, Nova Scotia, Canada. Followed by this, he visits atheist, rationalist and social change organizations in USA and the UK.

1990-2000: Golden Jubilee, Birth & death anniversary celebrations, investigations of witchcraft & sorcery and other claims, international outreach, science yatra, seminars & workshops, Silver Jubilee of Vasavya Mahila Mandali, environment & science exhibitions, awards & recognition.

1990	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feb.: Golden Jubilee Celebrations of the Atheist Centre: Starts with an International Conference in which hundreds of people from India and abroad participate. Sir. Hermann Bondi, U.K., presides. • Sept. 25: Anti-Caste Rally, urging a casteless society at Vijayawada. • Saraswathi Gora receives 'The Best Woman Social Worker', from the Challagalla Trust. Chief Guests include Sir Hermann Bondi and Lady Christine Bondi, British Humanist and world renowned scientists. • Nov. 15: Gora's 88th Birth Anniversary. • Dec. 3: Sir Hermann Bondi inaugurates a seminar on 'Science and Development' at Atheist Centre. • Dec. 29-31: 'Atheist Centre 50+ International Conference' held to mark the end of the Golden Jubilee of Atheist Centre. Norwegian Humanist Leader Levi Fragell inaugurates. Former Union Home Minister Buta Singh is the Chief Guest. <i>The Hindu</i> Editor, N. Ram, cartoonist Abu Abraham and others participate.
1991	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • April: Campaign of Voters for Humanist Politics. • July 26: Gora's 16th Death anniversary seminar on 'The Role of Youth.' Chief Guest Ravindra Varma, President,

	<p>Gandhi Peace Foundation, New Delhi.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dec.: Dr. Vijayam participates in the World Environment Congress held in Paris, France.
1992	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Atheist Centre investigates the claims of the paranormal and Witchcraft and Sorcery in Nalgonda District of Andhra Pradesh. • Gora's 17th Death anniversary Seminar on 'Education and Social Change', Mr. Viswanathan, Director, Mitra Niketan, Kerala inaugurates. • Dr. Vijayam, Sakala and Malathi from Atheist Centre, participate and speak in the 'World Humanist Congress' in Amsterdam, the Netherlands and also visit U.K. • Nov. 15: Commemorating Saraswathi Gora's 80th Birthday and Gora's 90th Birthday an International Conference on 'Women and Social Progress' is held. Well known journalist, Kuldip Nayar inaugurates and Prof. Kari Vigeland, University of Oslo, Norway presides.
1993	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Science Yatra (March) covering 100 villages in Krishna District undertaken. • May 26: Seminar on 'Women and Social Problems.' The Union Minister Margaret Alva inaugurates. Saraswathi Gora presides. • Prof. Saravepalli Gopal (JNU, New Delhi) inaugurates a seminar on 'Secularism—Cornerstone of the Unity', on Gora's 18th Death Anniversary at Atheist Centre. • Eminent Cartoonist Abu Abraham inaugurates Gora's 91st Birth Anniversary Seminar on 'Democracy and Social Change.'
1994	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • January: Silver Jubilee of <i>The Atheist</i> English monthly from Atheist Centre. • April: Silver Jubilee of Vasavya Mahila Mandali of Atheist Centre. Union Minister Basava Rajeswari inaugurates. Saraswathi Gora presides. • April: International Workshop on Communications at Atheist Centre with the cooperation of Coady International Institute, Canada. • May: Saraswathi Gora inaugurates an Atheist Study Camp. • June 26: Gora's 19th Death Anniversary Seminar on 'Gora's contribution to social change.' Prof. Maraiappan inaugurates. • Nov. 15: Gora's 92nd Anniversary Seminar on 'Role of youth on social progress.' Prof. S.S. Narayanan of Satyamoorthi Centre for Development, Chennai, inaugurates. • Dec.: TV Documentary on Gora's life and work by Door Darshan Kendra, Hyderabad.

<p>1995</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • February: Environment and Science exhibition at Atheist Centre. V. Sobhanadriswara Rao, M.P., inaugurates. • July 26: Gora's 20th Death Anniversary Seminar on 'Democracy and Social Progress.' A.P., Governor Krishna Kant. Former Chief Justice of AP and eminent Humanist, Justice Avula Sambasiva Rao presides. • July 26: Governor Krishna Kant inaugurates the Hall of Science of Gora Science Centre at Atheist Centre. • Sept. 28 : Poet Joshua's Birth Centenary celebrations inauguration (in Hyderabad) by Dr. Shankar Dayal Sharma, the President of India, Governor Krishna Kant presides, Chief Minister Chandra Babu Naidu, special guest. The first Joshua Award presented to O.N.V. Kuroop, Kerala. • Sept.: Swetcha Gora Eye Bank started in Vasavya Mahila Mandali, Atheist Centre, to promote eye donation and cornea operations. • Sept. 21: Atheist Centre exposes the myth of idol of Ganesh drinking milk. It demonstrates the scientific principle of cohesion and adhesion of force. • Oct. 23: Gora Science Centre organizes viewing of Total Solar Eclipse, defying the myths that pregnant women should not participate and view the eclipse. • Nov. 2-4: Gora Science Centre organises Science Talent Exhibition and thousands visit the Science Expos at Atheist Centre. • Nov. 12: Union Home Minister S.B. Chavan inaugurates the Vasavya Silver Jubilee Hall of Vasavya Mahila Mandali. • Nov. 15: Prof. V. Ramakrishna of University of Hyderabad inaugurates Gora 93rd Birth Anniversary Seminar on 'Social reform movements and Social Revolution', at Atheist Centre.
<p>1996</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fourth World Atheist Conference on 'Positive Atheism for a Positive Future.', Jan. 4-6. Sir Hermann Bondi, Ex-Master of Churchill College, Cambridge University and former Chairman, European Space Commission, presides, Abu Abraham, famous Cartoonist, inaugurates. • Gora's 21st Death Anniversary Seminar on 'Democracy and Secularism.' N. Krishnaswami of Gandhi Peace Foundation, New Delhi, inaugurates. Nagarjuna University Ex-VC Dr. Raja Ramamohan Rao, presides. • Dr. Vijayam participates in the World Humanist Congress in Mexico City and visits atheist and humanist organizations in the U.S., and U.K. • Oct./Nov.: Samskar and Arthik Samata Mandal carry Cyclone Relief and Rehabilitation activities in the devastating Cyclone which struck East and West Godavari Districts of AP.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saraswathi Gora receives 'Jankidevi Bajaj Award.' Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry presents the award in Mumbai. Ms. Usha Kiran, Sharif of Mumbai presents the Award. Dr. Maru receives the award on behalf of Saraswathi Gora.

<p>1997</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • July 26: Gora's 22nd Death Anniversary Seminar on '50 years of Indian Independence – Efforts for lessening of socio-economic inequalities.' Ravindra Varma, Former Union Labour Minister and Chairman of Gandhi Peace Foundation, Delhi, inaugurate. • Aug. 9: 50 years of Indian Independence and celebration of Quit India Day at Atheist Centre. Himachal Pradesh Governor Ramadevi inaugurates. Saraswathi Gora and 56 freedom fighters honoured. • Nov.1: President Dr. K.R. Narayanan presents (in Hyderabad) Poet Joshua Award to Professor Dr. Kedarnath Singh, JNU, New Delhi. Chief Minister Chandra Babu Naidu presides. • Nov.15: Gora's 95th Birth Anniversary Seminar on the 'Necessity of Social Change.' S.K. De, Secretary, Gandhi Peace Foundation, New Delhi speaks. • Dec. 1-3: Science Exhibition of Gora Science Centre at Atheist Centre. Vice Chancellor of the University of Health Sciences, Vijayawada, inaugurates.
<p>1998</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jan.4: Former Governor of Tamilnad and Maharastra, Sadiq Ali inaugurates a Seminar on 'Present Political Situation: Elections, political parties and people's welfare.' Key note address by Saraswathi Gora. • Jan. 30: Mahatma Gandhi's 50th Death Anniversary Seminar on the 'Relevance of Gandhi to the Modern times.' Former V.C. Nagarjuna University inaugurates. Saraswathi Gora presides. • Apr. 25: Golden Jubilee of the ideal casteless couple Arjuna Rao & Manorama celebrations at Sevagram Ashram. Eminent Gandhian Dr. Devendra Kumar presides. Nirmala Gandhi and Dr. Susheela Nayyar speak. • July 26: Gora's 23rd Death Anniversary Seminar on the 'Changing Political Scenario and the future of India.' Prof. RVR Chandrasekhara Rao, former V.C., AP Open University inaugurates. Saraswathi Gora presides. • Aug. 5: Vasavya Nrutya Vihar of Vasavya Mahila Mandali, enacts Dance Drama on 'Parinama Shnavanthi' (Theory of Evolution) • Aug.7: Potti Sriramulu Telugu University Hyderabad honours Saraswathi Gora with 'Kaviraju Tripuraneni Ramaswami Chowdary Award', for the promotion of Humanism.' Mrs. Mythtri receives the Award on behalf of Saraswathi Gora. • Sept. 18: Abraham T. Kooror Birth Centenary Celebrations at Atheist Centre. Saraswathi Gora presides. Leader of the anti-miracle movement, B. Premanand inaugurates. • Nov. 15: Gora's 96th Death Anniversary Seminar on 'Lessons Learnt in the 20th Century.' Eminent Gandhian Social Worker N. Krishnaswami inaugurates.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jan.: Humanists and atheists from Norway, Sweden, USA, Canada, Israel, Uganda and Australia visit Atheist Centre. A dance drama on Evolution, <i>Parinama Shnavanthi</i> staged. Levi Fragell of Norway honoured. Fred Edwards, Executive Director of the American Humanist Association leads a 20 member delegation from USA to

<p>1999</p>	<p>Atheist Centre.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May 27: In connection with the 125th Birth Anniversary of eminent social reformer, Kandukuri Veeresamlingam, 'Veeresalingam Award' is presented to Atheist Centre in Rajahmundry, A.P. Dr. Vijayam receives the Award on behalf of Atheist Centre. • June 23: Jogini reform marriage at Governor's Official place, Rajbhavan, in Hyderabad in the presence of Governor Rangarajan. Hemalata Lavanam conducts the marriage. • July 26: Gora's 24th Death Anniversary Seminar at Atheist Centre. National Law Commission Member Prof. N.R. Madhava Menon inaugurates the seminar on 'The Significance of socio-economic rights.' • Aug. 1: Jogini marriage at Raj Bhavan Hyderabad in the presence of the Governor Dr. Rangarajan and Hemalata Lavanam conducts the marriage. • Aug. 16-29: A team of youth from Atheist Centre visit Germany in the Humanist Youth Exchange Programme. • Nov. 5: Saraswathi Gora honoured with the 'Jamnalal Bajaj National Award - 1999.' Maharastra Governor Dr. P.C. Alexander presents the Award to her in Mumbai. • December 7-9: Large scale Gora Science Exhibition at Atheist Centre.
<p>2000</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feb. 28: National Science Day Seminar at Atheist Centre. • May 15: 'Viswadata Kasinathuni Nageswararao Award', presented to Saraswathi Gora at Yelakurru, Krishna District, Andhra Pradesh. • July 26: Gora's 25th Death Anniversary Seminar. Potturi Venkateswara Rao, Chairman, AP Press Academy is the Chief Guest. • Aug. 8: Atheist Centre sends a team headed by Dr. G. Samaram along with Rashmi, Vijayam, Sadiq and Vikas Gora to Warangal to study the ghastly incidence of <i>Banamati</i> (Witchcraft and sorcery) in which 5 people were burnt alive. Director General of Police invites the team. • Oct. 19: Atheist Centre sends investigation team to study the incidence of <i>Banamati</i> (witchcraft and sorcery) in Miryalaguda area in Nalgonda District. • Nov. 15: Gora's 98th Birth Anniversary at Atheist Centre on 'Human Progress in the New Century.' Humanist Leader Dr. Innaiah inaugurates.

2001-2006: Awards & Recognition, investigations of claims of paranormal & witchcraft & sorcery, birth & death anniversary celebrations, seminars and workshops, Gora Birth Centenary, Commemorative Postage Stamp of Gora, awareness campaigns, international visitors, disaster relief, jubilee celebrations, Saraswathi Gora's demise.

<p style="text-align: center;">2001</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apr. 26: Saraswathi Gora receives 'Basava Puraskar', Basava National Award in Memory of the 12th Century Social Reformer, Basaveswara, as a person of national eminence who has worked for social transformation. • July 21: Saraswathi Gora receives GD Birla Foundation's 'The GD Birla International Award for Humanism for the year 2000.' The jury is headed by the Vice President of India, Mr. Krishna Kant, and he presents the National Award in New Delhi. • July 26: Gora's 26th Death Anniversary Seminar. P.V. Rajagopal, Vice President of the Gandhi Peace Foundation, New Delhi,. • Aug. 22-Sept 5: Atheist Centre investigates the claims of the paranormal and Pranik Healing. • Sept. 28: Atheist Centre Youth delegation visits Germany. • Gemini TV interviews Saraswathi Gora on her 90th Birth Anniversary on her life and achievements for promotion of atheism and social change. • Nov. 15: Gora's 99th Birth Anniversary Seminar on Environment. Magasaysay Awardee, Rajendra Singh inaugurates.
<p style="text-align: center;">2002</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feb. 15-17: International Conference of Gora Birth Centenary— Speaker of Indian Parliament (Lok Sabha) GMC Balayogi inaugurates. Gyan Peeth Awardee, C. Narayana Reddy presides. Levi Fragell, Chief Guest. • Feb. 25: Seminar on 'Social Reform in 21st century', Dr. Rangarajan, Governor of A.P., inaugurates. • Mar. 8-9: Gora Birth Centenary Conference at Arthik Samata Mandal, Srikakulam, Krishna District. • Apr. 21-22: Atheist Centre's Banamati Investigation Committee (Witchcraft and Sorcery) visits extensively the Rangareddy District, on the invitation of the State Government. It is headed by Dr. Samaram and Dr. Vijayam. • Apr. 7: Madras Telugu Academy honours Saraswathi Gora in Chennai with 'Ugadi Puraskaram Award.' Pratibha Bharati, Speaker of AP Assembly presents the Award. Chief Guest T.N. Seshan, former Chief Election Commissioner of India. • Apr. 7: Periyar Thidal honours Saraswathi Gora in Chennai. • June 8-9 & 16: Atheist Centre's Banamathi Investigation Committee (Witchcraft and sorcery) visits Rangareddy District at the invitation of the District Superintendent of Police and the District Collector. The State Human Rights Commissioner, Movie Stars, District Sessions Judge and others participate in the Investigation. Dr. Samaram, Dr. Vijayam, Mrs. Rashmi, Mr. Sadiq and Mr. Vikas Gora, Magician Gowtham and other are also members of the team. • July 14: Seminar at Atheist Centre on Witchcraft and Sorcery. Rangareddy District Police Superintendent Ramachandra Raju is the Chief Guest. Saraswathi Gora presides.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • July: Lavanam's visit to Amsterdam, Holland to participate in the World Humanist Congress. • July 26: Gora's 27th Death Anniversary Seminar on 'Comprehensive Development.' Chief Guest: Anupam Mishra, known environmentalist, Gandhi Peace Foundation, Delhi. • Sept: Gora Birth Centenary Function at Mudunur, Krishna District, where Atheist Centre was first started in 1940. • Sept. 12: Postage Stamp commemorating the Birth Centenary of Gora released in an official government function held at Atheist Centre. The Stamp is released by the Chief Post Master General, Rangarajan. Gadde Ramamohan, Member of Parliament and Saraswathi Gora and others participate. • Oct. 24-27: Gora Science Centre organizes large scale science exhibition at Atheist Centre. • Nov. 14-15. Gora's 100 Birth Anniversary National Conference. Indian Defense Minister, George Fernandes inaugurates. Justice Dharmadhikari, Mumbai; National Labour Commission Chairman Ravindra Varma, American Peace Movement Leader, Dr. George Willoughby, Former VC of Nagarjuna University Dr. Raja Ramamohan Rao and Saraswathi Gora speak.
2003	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jan. 13: International Seminar on 'Humanism in the 21st century.' Norwegian Humanist Leader Levi Fragell, IHEU Former President Roy Brown (Switzerland), IHEU President Sonja Eggerickx, Saraswathi Gora and others speak. • Feb. 28: National Science Day Seminar at Atheist Centre. • Mar. 17: Seminar on HIV/AIDS by Vasavya Mahila Mandali. AP Health Minister Kodela Siva Prasad and Saraswathi Gora and others speak. • May 13-14: Awareness Programme on Witchcraft and Sorcery in the slums of Vijayawada, Krishna District, Andhra Pradesh. • June 18: Eminent Gandhian Prabhakarji's 24th Death Anniversary Seminar on 'Nonviolent Social Change' at Atheist Centre. Kamala Desikan, Dr. Desikan of Sewagram, Saraswathi Gora and others speak. • July 26: Gora's 28th Death Anniversary Seminar on 'Superstitions are a bane of progress.' Dr. Narendra Naik Chief Guest. • Aug. 3-4: Awareness programmes on 'Witchcraft and Sorcery' in Vijayanagaram, Srikakulam and Visakhapatnam Districts. Organizers: Atheist Centre and a prominent Telugu daily <i>Eenadu</i>. Dr. Samaram leads the team. • Sept. 19: Periyar EV Ramaswami's 125 Birth Anniversary Seminar at Periyar Thidal, Chennai. Dr. K. Veeramani, Dr. Vijayam, Premanand and others speak. • Aug. 24: Gora Birth Centenary Seminar at Nellore organized by Gora Viswamanva Vivaha Vedika and Praja Vedika. Dr. Vijayam, Turlapati Kutumba Rao , E.Raghu and others speak.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oct. 12: Arthik Samata Mandal's Silver Jubilee Seminar at Srikakulam, Krishna District. Saraswathi Gora and Veeraiah and others speak. • Nov. 8: Gora's Birth Centenary Seminar at Inkollu, Prakasam District by Gora Nasthika Mitra Mandali. Journalist C. Raghavachari and Dr. Vijayam speak. • Nov. 15: Gora's 101 Birthday Seminar at Atheist Centre. Magsaysay Awardee Dr. Shanta Sinha, DK President Dr. K. Veeramani and Saraswathi Gora speak. • Nov. 15: Gora's 101 Birth anniversary Seminar at Atheist Centre. • Nov. 17: Gora's Birth Centenary at Gandhi's Sevagram Ashram, Wardha. • Nov. 30: Arthik Samata Mandal's Silver Jubilee Celebrations at Suryapet, Nalgonda District. Saraswathi Gora and Veeraiah and others participate.
2004	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jan. 4: IHEU Vice President Larry Jones and <i>Common Sense</i> Editor Vincent Llyod from USA visit and speak at Atheist Centre. • Feb. 7-8: National Conference of the Country Women's Association of India at Atheist Centre. Saraswathi Gora inaugurates. • Mar. 10-20: German Humanist Youth visit Atheist Centre for ten days to study atheist activities. • Mar 22: International Water Day workshop at Atheist Centre in collaboration with AP Pollution Control Board. • May 12-16: Magic Training camp at Atheist Centre for 150 youth. • July 26: Gora's 29th Death Anniversary Seminar at Atheist Centre. • June 5: International Environment Day Seminar at Atheist Centre. • Aug. 13: Atheist Centre youth team leaves for Germany under the leadership of Dr. G. Samaram. • Nov. 15: Seminar on 'Science and Social progress' to mark Gora's 102 Birth Anniversary is held. • Dec. 24: Tsunami hits Andhra Pradesh coast. Atheist Centre and Arthik Samata Mandal plunge into relief and rehabilitation activities with the support of IHEU, international humanist organizations, Oxfam and Plan International. Nau Gora, Vikas Gora and members of Atheist Centre undertake the rehabilitation work.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jan. 7-9: Fifth World Atheist Conference on 'Atheism and Social Progress.' Saraswathi Gora welcomes. Levi Fragell presides. Roy Brown, Chief Guest. • Jan.- Feb: Tsunami relief and rehabilitation activities in coastal districts of Andhra Pradesh by Atheist Centre and Arthik Samata Mandal. • Feb. 28. National Science Day Seminar on Earthquakes at Atheist Centre. • June 14-16: Magic Training Camp at Atheist centre to dispel superstitions. • July 26: Gora's 30th Death Anniversary Seminar on 'Science, Society and Scientific Outlook.' Chief Guest: Kumar

<p>2005</p>	<p>Kalannad Mani, Peaceful Society, Goa</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oct. 4-16: Visit of the German Humanist Youth to Atheist Centre. Saraswathi Gora addresses seminar. • Oct.27: National Knowledge Commission Vice-Chairman Dr. P.M. Bhagava delivers a special lecture at Atheist Centre on 'Science and Scientific Outlook.' • Nov. 7-9: Three day large scale Science Exhibition at Atheist Centre. • Nov.: Urban Flood Relief by Vasavya Mahila Mandali and Arthik Samata Mandal in Vijayawada. Dr. Samaram, Rashmi, Nau Gora & Vikas Gora lead the team. • Nov. 15: Gora's 103rd Birth Anniversary Seminar at Atheist Centre. Chief Guest: Prof. Dhaneswar Sahoo, Orissa. • Nov. 17: Dr. Vijayam speaks at Academic Staff College, Andhra University, on the 'Necessity of Secularism.' • Dec. 21: Norwegian Humanist Gunnar Olofsen speaks at Atheist Centre on 'Humanism in Norway.'
<p>2006</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jan 6: Largest Circulated Japanese daily <i>Youmiuri Shimbun</i> publishes article on Atheist Centre's efforts for the eradication of caste and untouchability. • MARCH—(Medically Awake and Responsible Citizens of Hyderabad) arrange Dr. Samaram and Dr. Vijayam's lectures on 'Atheist Centre's efforts for dispelling the fear of Witchcraft and Sorcery in Telangana region of AP.' National Knowledge Commission, Vice-Chairman Dr. P.M. Bhargava presides. • Lavanam visits Pakistan in a fraternal delegation from India to Pakistan. • Apr. 6: Atheist Alliance International (USA) presents 'International Freethinker Award' to Atheist Centre. • May 27-28: Magic Camp for youth. • June 5: World Environment Day Seminar at Atheist Centre in collaboration with AP Pollution Control Board. • July 26: Gora's 31st Death Anniversary Seminar on 'Social Reform and Social Reconstruction.' Nagarjuna University V.C. Balamohandas inaugurates. • August 19: Demise of Saraswathi Gora at the age of 94. • Oct. 28 to Nov. 4: International Humanist Youth Seminar on 'Critical Thinking and Discovery Education' at Atheist Centre in collaboration with IHEYO. Youth from Asia, Europe and U.S.A., participate. • Nov. 15: Gora's 104 Birth Anniversary Seminar on 'Education, Scientific Outlook and Social Progress.' Sarvodaya leader Gopinathan Nair from Kerala inaugurates. • Dec. 5-7: Large Scale Science Exhibition at Atheist Centre. Additional Divisional Railway Manager of South Central Railway inaugurates. • Dec. 10: International Human Rights Day Seminar at Atheist Centre.

POST SARASWATHI GORA PERIOD:

Sixth, Seventh & Eighth World Atheist Conferences, Hemalatha Lavanam, Veeraiah and Ch. Seshagiri Rao's demise, Magic Camps, Saraswathi Gora Centenary Celebrations and campaigns.

<p>2007</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jan 5-7: Sixth World Atheist Conference on 'The Necessity of Atheism.' IHEU President Ms. Sonja Eggerickx of Belgium inaugurates. Levi Fragell presides. • May 19-20: Magic Training Camp at Atheist Centre. • July 11 : Inauguration of Saraswathi Gora Youth Centre Building, Night Shelter for Street Children. Reeta Roy of Abbott Fund, USA inaugurates. Ch. Vidya, President, Vasavya Mahila Mandali presides. • July 26: Gora's 32nd Death Anniversary Seminar on 'Ahimsa and Social Change.' • Aug. 19: Saraswathi Gora's 1st Death Anniversary Seminar. Dr. Bala Mohandas, Vice Chancellor, Nagarjuna University, Dr. KRR Mohan Rao, Ex-Vice-Chancellor, NU, and Radha Bhatt, President, Gandhi Peace Foundation, Chief Guests. • Sept. 16: International Ozone Day Seminar at Atheist Centre • Oct. 2: International Nonviolence Day Seminar. • Nov. 15. Gora's 105 Birth Anniversary Seminar on 'Superstitions and the bleak future.' Dr. Narendra Dhabolkar, Maharashtra Andh Shraddha Nirmulan Samiti, inaugurates. • Dec. 5-7: Science Exhibition at Atheist Centre. 35,000 visit the three-day exhibition.
<p>2008</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feb. 9: Seminar on Protection of World Wetlands. • Feb. 12: Charles Darwin's Bi-Centenary Birth Celebrations at Atheist Centre. • Feb. 20: Dr. Samaram's 196 Medical Science Book Release function held at Book Festival. Joint Collector Suresh Kumar Chief Guest. • Mar. 19: Atheist and Social reformer Dr. Hemalata Lavanam's demise. She was Founder Secretary of Samskar, and Joshua Foundation. She strove incessantly for the criminal reformation and Jogini welfare. Thousand participate in her funeral. • April 18: Eminent social worker and Founder Secretary of Arthik Samata Mandal, Mr. Veeraiah's demise. He is known atheist, Gandhian and champion of secular social change. He strove for comprehensive rural development. Thousands pay homage to him. • May 17-18: Magic training camp at Atheist Centre to dispel superstitions • June- July 2007: Dr. Vijayam of Atheist Centre participates in the World Humanist Congress at Washington DC

	<p>and tours various humanist, atheist, and social change organizations in the U.S. for two months</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • July 19: Eminent Atheist, Chennupati Seshagiri Rao's demise. He was a pillar of strength to Atheist centre who donated his land to establish Atheist Centre in Vijayawada. • July 26: Gora's 33rd Death Anniversary Seminar on the 'Significance of Positive Atheism.' Eminent Rationalist GVK Aasan inaugurates. • Aug. 19: Saraswathi Gora's 2nd Death Anniversary Seminar on 'Women and Social Progress', at Atheist Centre. • Sept. 21: Magic - Science Festival at Atheist Centre in which 150 known Magicians participate to educate people on the myth of miracles. • Oct. 2: International Nonviolence Day seminar at Atheist Centre. • Nov. 15: Prof. B.D. Desai of Baroda inaugurates Gora's 106 Birth Anniversary Seminar on 'Religious Fundamentalism and the Unity of the Country.' • Nov. 18-20: Gora Science Centre's large scale Science Exhibition at Atheist Centre. • Dec 10-15: Dr. Vijayam of Atheist Centre speaks in the International Seminar on 'Gandhi in the Globalized World' held at the Central European University, Budapest, Hungary. Indian Ambassador in Hungary inaugurates and scholars on Gandhi from various countries participate.
<p>2009</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seventh World Atheist Conference on 'March of Atheism.' Dr. P.M. Bhargava, former Vice-Chairman, National Knowledge Commission, Govt. of India, inaugurates and Levi Fragell, Norwegian Humanist Leader and IHEU Former President presides. • Feb. 12: Charles Darwin's 200 Birth Anniversary Seminar at Atheist Centre. Babu Gogineni, IHEU Executive Director, Chief Guest. • Mar. 19: Dr. Hemalata Lavanam's first Death Anniversary • Apr. 18: Eminent social worker Veeraiah's First Death Anniversary Conference. • May 12: Dr. Vijayam delivers a lecture on 'Liberation from Mental Slavery' at Abhyas Mandal, Indore, Madhya Pradesh. • May 20-21: Magic training camp for youth at Atheist Centre. • July 19: Atheist Leader Chennupati Seshagiri Rao's First Death Anniversary Meeting at Atheist Centre • July 22: Defying the myths associated with the Solar Eclipse, hundreds view the eclipse at Atheist Centre and pregnant women cut vegetables and eat food to defy popular Hindu belief. • July 26: Gora's 107th Birth Anniversary Seminar. Chief Guest; Rajgopal, Vice -President, Gandhi Peace Foundation. • Aug. 25- Sept. 8: Swetcha Gora Eye Bank organizes Awareness Programmes in Eye Donation Fortnight. • Sept. 24: Dr. P.M. Bhargava, eminent Scientist and former Vice-chairman of the National Knowledge

	<p>Commission, Govt. of India delivers a special lecture on Charles Darwin in connection with his Bi-Centenary at Atheist Centre.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oct. 24: International Youth Camp at Atheist Centre in collaboration with IHEYO. • Nov. 8: Lavanam honoured with the Jamnalal Bajaj National Award for his outstanding constructive work on Gandhian lines, in a function held in Mumbai. • Nov. 15: Eminent Gandhian Social worker and Vice President of the Gandhi Peace Foundation, Rajgopal inaugurates Gora's 107th Birth Anniversary Seminar on the 'Inter-relationship between Democracy and Social Progress.' • Inauguration of the Gora Voluntary Blood Donation and Medical Services. • Dec. 2-4: Three day large scale Science Exhibition of the Gora Science Centre at Atheist Centre. Prof. Krishnam Raju, Vice-Chancellor, NTR University of Health Science inaugurates. Thousands visit the exhibition. • Dec. 27-29: Dr. G. Samaram of Atheist Centre takes charge as the National President of the Indian Medical Association (IMA) for the year 2010. He is unanimously elected as the President.
2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jan. 13: Viewing of solar eclipse at Atheist Centre. • Feb. 1 & Mar. 1: National Science Day. Inauguration of the History of Science Exhibition at Atheist Centre, depicting the progress of science and technology in the last 6,000 years. • Mar. 19: Hemalata Lavanam's Second Death Anniversary Seminar. Chief Guest: Prof. N. Gopi, former Vice Chancellor, P.S. Telugu University. • Apr. 18: Social Worker and Secretary Arthik Samata Mandal, Veeraiah's 2nd Death Anniversary Seminar. Chief Guest: Dr. Karunakaran, Ex-Vice Chancellor of Chitrakoot University, MP and Ex-V.C. Gandhigram Rural University, Tamilnad. Prof. RVR Chandrasekhara Rao, former V.C. of Open University, AP, inaugurates. • May 14-16: Magic Training Camp at Atheist Centre conducted by Dr. Narendra Naik, Mangalore, Karnataka and FIRA National President. • July 19: Chennupati Seshagiri Rao Memorial lecture by Dr. Jayaprakash Narayan, Leader Lok Satta and Legislator, AP Assembly. • July 26: Gora's 35th Death Anniversary Seminar. Chief Guest: U. Kalanathan, Kerala Yuktivadi Sangham (Rationalist Association) leader. • Aug. 19: Orissa Rationalist leader Prof. Dhaneswar Sahoo addresses Saraswathi Gora's 4th Death Anniversary Seminar. • Aug. 12-26: Youth delegation from Atheist Centre visit Germany at the invitation of the Freethinkers Association of Germany. • Sept. 11 Lavanam receives 'Life Time achievement Award' by International Services Society, USA., during his

	<p>visit to the U.S.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nov. 15: Gora's 108th Birth Anniversary Seminar on 'The Necessity of Atheism.' Chief Guest: Ariakkarasu, General Secretary DK. • Dec. 2-4: Gora Science Centre organizes Science Exhibition. Mr. Anurag, South Central Railway Divisional Manager inaugurates.
2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jan.7-9: Eighth World Atheist Conference on 'Atheism, an Alternative Culture' in Trichy, (Tiruchirapalli) Tamil Nadu. It is jointly organized by Atheist Centre and Dravidar Kazhgam (D.K.). Levi Fragell, Norwegian Humanist, inaugurates Dr.K. Veeramani, President, presides. A Souvenir on Atheism is released. One day sessions are held at Periyar Maniammai University, Tanjavur. Prof. Ramachandran, Vice Chancellor of PMU and his team welcomes. Dr. Veeramani and Dr. Vijayam conveners of the Conference. • February: In connection with the Golden Jubilee of Gora Science Centre, science exhibitions are organized at Koduru and Srikakulam and thousands of people visit both the exhibitions. • March 19: Hemalata Lavanam's third death anniversary seminar. Chief Guest: C. Raghavachari. • April 22: Earth day was celebrated at Atheist Centre. • May 14-15: Magic Science Exhibition at Atheist Centre. Magician Gautam conducts. • June 5: World Environment Day at Atheist Centre. • July 19: Eminent Scientist and former Vice-Chairman of the National Knowledge Commission Dr. P.M. Bhargava delivers Chennupati Seshagiri Rao Memorial Oration on 'Youth, Science and Scientific Outlook for a better future.' • July 26: Prof. E.P Menon of India Development Foundation inaugurates a seminar on 'Nonviolence and Social Change.' • Aug.: Dr. Vijayam and Vikas Gora participate and speak in the World Humanist Congress held at Oslo, Norway. • Aug. 19: Sarasawathi Gora's 5th Death Anniversary Seminar. Prof. Ramji Singh, eminent Gandhian and former Member of Parliament from Bihar inaugurates. • Sept. 16: International Ozone Day Seminar at Atheist Centre. • Sept. 28-29: Saraswathi Gora's Birth Centenary National Conference at Vijayawada. Dr. Veeramani, President of DK and Chancellor, Periyar Maniammai University, inaugurates. British Humanist, Jim Herrick delivers key note address. • Dec 7-9 Golden Jubilee Large Scale Science Exhibition of the Gora Science Centre at Atheist Centre. Siddhartha Engineering College Principal Prof. K. Mohan Rao inaugurates.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jan. 29: Saraswathi Gora Birth Centenary Celebrations at Arthik Samata Mandal, Srikakulam Village, Krishna District, A.P. Inagurated by Prof. Balamohandas, former VC Nagarjuna University and Chief Guest, Mandali

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- Buddha Prasad, Former Minister, Gandhi Kshetram, Avinigadda.
- Feb. 11-12: FIRA National Conference, Nagpur. Dr. Vijayam participates.
 - March 7: Permanent Medical Expo at Vasavya Nursing Home, inaugurated by Mr. I.V. Rao, V.C., Health University, Vijayawada.
 - March 23: World Water Day celebrated at Gora Science Centre in collaboration with APPCB by a seminar on 'Conservation of Water.'
 - April 14: Dr. Samaram participates in Casteless Rally at Hyderabad.
 - April 18: 4th Death Anniversary of Mr. Veeraiah, Founder Secretary of ASM. Dr. Dhaneswar Sahoo, Orissa Rationalist Leader, Dhenkanal, is the Chief Guest.
 - Dr. Vijayam addresses UGC National Seminar on 'Globalization, Governance and Gandhi – Are they compatible or poles apart', Andhra University, Visakhapatnam, A.P.
 - May 3-5: Vikas Gora participates in the Rotary World Peace Symposium, Bangkok, Thailand.
 - May 17-18: Two-day Magic Training Camp at Atheist Centre.
 - July 2: India Book of Records recognize Dr. Samaram and Swetcha Gora Eye Bank for giving eye sight to 850 cornea blind persons.
 - July 26: Gora's 37th Death Anniversary Seminar on 'March towards the post religious society.' Mr. Evan Gran, Norwegian Humanist Leader and Editor Fri Tenke, Oslo is the Chief Guest, Mr. Harish Deshmukh, Vice President FIRA inaugurates.
 - July 26: Statue Busts of Gora, Saraswathi Gora and Chennupati Seshagiri Rao are unveiled at Atheist Centre.
 - July 24-Aug 10: Youth Delegation visit German Atheist Organization and Saraswathi Gora Centenary Celebrations conducted on July 28, in Germany.
 - Aug: 26: Saraswathi Gora's Birth Centenary Celebrations in Visakhapatnam. K.S. Sastry, Gandhi Centre's General Secretary, Mr. V. Balamohan Das, former V.C. Nagarjuna University and ABSV Ranga Rao, Coordinator of AU Gandhi Study Centre participate.
 - September 28-29: Saraswathi Gora 100th Birth Anniversary International Conference on ' Be Bold and Be Human: March towards equality.' IHEU President Ms. Sonja Eggerickx inaugurates and Dr.K Veeramani presides. Jim Herrick's Book on Gora, Saraswathi Gora and Atheist Centre and also Saraswathi Gora's Autobiography, 'My Life with Gora' released.
 - September 28: Inauguration of Gora & Saraswathi Gora International Atheist Research Centre at Atheist Centre.
 - Nov. 27: Arthik Samata Mandal builds 101 ECOSAN toilets, turning Regullanka Village in Divi Seema as the first and only village in the state to use ECOSAN toilets.
 - Dec. 2: Saraswathi Gora Birth Centenary Celebrations at Berhampur, Odisha. Mr. Dhaneswar Sahoo presides.
 - Dec 5-7: 51st Gora Science Centre Exhibition. Dr. G. Sambasiva Rao, Principal of Siddhartha Engineering College

	<p>inaugurates.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dec 9: Saraswathi Gora Birth Centenary Celebrations at Bhubaneswar, Odisha organized by AMOFOI. Mr. B. Ramachandra CST Voltaire, Chief Guest and Dr. Vijayam preside. • Dec. 16: Saraswathi Gora Birth Centenary Celebrations at Akuveedu, West Godavari District. • Dec. 28: Dr. Samaram awarded National Professorship of the Indian Medical Association.
2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jan 9: Dr. Samaram's 200th Book on Health Education released by Dr. I.V. Rao, VC NTR University of Health Sciences. Dr. Samaram awarded by the Telugu Book of Records for his publications. Mr. Mandali Buddha Prasad is the Chief Guest. • Jan 13: Dr. Vijayam, Chief Guest of 'Yukthi Yugam', Age of Reason release function in Kerala. • Jan 30: Gora Science Centre and Pragathi Vidyaniketan organize large scale Rural Science Exhibition at Avanigadda, Krishna District, A.P. • Mar. 19: Hemalatha Lavanam's 5th Death Anniversary celebrations at Atheist Centre. Dr. Katti Padmarao, Dalit Leader and Rationalist is the Chief Guest. • April 22: Earth Day celebrated at Atheist Centre. • May 21-22: Magic Training Camp organized at Atheist Centre. • June 4: World Environment Day celebrated by Gora Science Centre. Dr. Samaram presides. • July 19: Casteless Interdining Programme at Mudunur, Krishna District. 4000 people participate. • July 19: Veteran Atheist Chennupati Seshagiri Rao's 5th Death Anniversary Seminar. Ms. Mohini Giri, daughter-in-law of Ex-Indian President V.V. Giri, Chief Guest. • July 26: Gora's 38th Death Anniversary seminar on the Significance of Atheism.. Dr. C. Viswanathan, Orthopedic Surgeon and Editor-in-Chief <i>Yukthi Yugam</i> (Rationalist Age), Malayalam Monthly, Kerala, Chief Guest. • September 15: Ozone Day Celebrations at Gora Science Centre, in collaboration with AP Pollution Control Board. 1000 youth participate in drawing and painting competitions.