

The Journey of Atheist Centre & its Founders

Key Milestones

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1902-1912: Birth of Atheist social reformers

1902	November 15: Gora, born in Chatrapur, Ganjam District, Orissa.
1912	September 28: Saraswathi Gora, born in Vijayanagaram, Andhra Pradesh, India

1913-1923: Early Life, Marriage & Education

1922	May 7: Marriage of Gora & Saraswathi Gora. Gora travels to Madras to study M.A. Botany at Presidency College.
1923	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	Gora studies science and religion and human behavior and gives lectures on Atheism across India.
1925	Gora becomes a Lecturer in American College in Madurai, Tamil Nadu
1926	Gora lives in a haunted house in Madurai, to prove that ghosts are unreal. Gora serves as a Lecturer at Agricultural College, Coimbatore and Saraswathi joins him in August.
1927	Gora joins Ananda College, Colombo as a Lecturer. Saraswathi joins Gora on September 26, defying the taboo that pregnant women should not see eclipse and views the solar eclipse in

	Colombo.
1928	<p>Saraswathi views lunar eclipse at Vijayanagaram, Andhra Pradesh.</p> <p>September: Gora joins his alma mater P.R. College, Kakinada as Lecturer and Head.</p> <p>Gora removes his so-called sacred thread which is a caste symbol and has differences with his father on this.</p> <p>Eldest daughter <i>Manorama</i> (b. July 29) without any deformity even after Saraswathi views the eclipse.</p> <p>Gora is ex-communicated from his caste. Saraswathi Gora follows him. They leave their parent's house and stay independently.</p> <p>Gora exposes his aunt's claim that she goes into trance and gets possessed.</p>
1929	<p>Gora calls for Satyagraha for Independence after the Congress Conference in Lahore.</p> <p>Starts adult and social education classes in the untouchable slums.</p>
1930	<p>Second offspring, <i>Lavanam</i> (b.October 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.</p> <p>Saraswathi discards gold ornaments.</p> <p>Reunion with Gora's parents.</p>
1931	<p>Gora organizes inter-dining and mingling with his students to break the barriers of caste and religion.</p>
1932	<p>Third offspring, <i>Mythri</i> (b.Dec.1), meaning friendship, named to mark the occasion of Gandhi-Irwin Pact.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Gora couple support widow remarriages.</p>
1933	<p>Gora's dismissal from P. R. College, Kakinada for writing an article titled 'God is a falsehood.'</p>
1934	<p>Gora employed as Head of the Department in Botany in Hindu College, Masulipatanam, Krishna District.</p> <p>Fourth offspring, <i>Vidya</i> (b. June 5) means education. It was to reinforce the freedom of thought in the field of education.</p>

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, Andhra Pradesh.
1936	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fifth offspring, <i>Vijayam</i> (b. December 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 by filling the application forms in the caste and religion column as "nil", as they are atheists.
1938	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Atheist public lecture at Kankipadu Village, Krishna District, Andhra Pradesh
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 performers 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 demonstrate that it has no divine connection. • 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. • August 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 and staying in untouchable localities, to break

	<p>the barriers of caste and religion.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. November 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"> • January 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 months. Saraswathi who is pregnant, takes her two-year old son, Niyanta, along and faces all the rigours of prison with determination. • Eldest daughter Manorama and sister-in-law Samrajyam and others also offer Satyagraha along with Saraswathi and are imprisoned at Vellore prison near Chennai. • October 25: Release from jail after serving six-month sentence. Saraswathi delivers eight offspring, Maru (b. October 25) meaning Change, to mark the positive changes taking place after the World War coming to an end and India on the pathway towards 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 and builds inter-faith dialogue. • 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. August 15: 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. May 7: On 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. November 24: Gora's 9th Child, Nau Gora was named after 'Now on, the country need to progress'
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 Editor and continued until 1953. 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"> April 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. <i>Arthik Samata</i> announced in a public meeting at Gudivada, Andhra Pradesh as a movement for social equality, 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.
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. May 30: J.C. Kumarappa participated in the First Anniversary of Arthik Samata Mandal.

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. • October 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 was arrested along with other satyagrahis 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 them from the prison. • Gora starts "United Peoples Movement" at Kakinada meeting to educate and bring awareness among people about the present situations and takes decision that Journal <i>Arthika Samata</i> merges with <i>SARADHI</i>, published from Kakinada.
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. • "JAI INSAAN" as a slogan for Atheist Movement was finalized by Gora.

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 and Andhra Kesari, Prakasam Panthulu inaugurate '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, 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"> January 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, Gurrām 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 starts 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. February - March: 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. October: Gora couple participate in the group fast program, demanding pomplessness at the All India Congress Conference held in Raipur. Sangham Magazine started from Proddutur. Gurrām Joshua, Kaloji Narayana Rao and C. Rangappa and MV. Subba Reddy participate in the meeting.
1961	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> October 8: Gora marches for 99 days on foot, 1,100 miles from Sevagram, to 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"> September: 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 to study at the Martin Luther King Civil Rights Movement. • 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"> • 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 • <i>Atheist</i>, English monthly started with Gora as its Editor. • Lavanam meets Martin Luther King in North India during his visit to India.
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"> • 'Beef and Pork' programme was organized in Vijayawada, to promote social equality 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. • Dec. 22-26: First World Atheist Conference in Vijayawada. 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"> • January: Criminal Reform Movement started in Stuartpuram, initiated by Gora and continued by Hemalatha and Lavanam.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gora participates in the International Humanist Congress in Holland and Gora's second International tour.
1975	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> July 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. Prime Minister, Indira Gandhi sent her message The third day after Gora's demise, Saraswathi inaugurates and addresses a meeting on social reform at Vijayawada. Andhra Pradesh 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 and 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.' November 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. Telugu Monthly, '<i>Nasthika Margam</i>' from Atheist Centre with its editors as Mythri and Hemalatha Lavanam gets started.
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. Start of Arthik Samata Mandal as an NGO by Gora and J.C. Kumarappa, to address natural disasters and reaching to the marginalized. Arthik Samata is the 13th Item of the Gandhian Constructive Programme, standing for <i>Economic Equality</i>.

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. • Atheist Study Camps for children and women are held in different parts of Andhra Pradesh to promote critical thinking, scientific temper and free inquiry. • Dr. Vijayam and Lavanam speak in Periyar Centenary Celebrations in various cities of Tamil Nadu.
1980	<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.' • December 25: The Second World Atheist Conference held in Vijayawada. 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 Edward and other prominent atheists and humanists from abroad participate.
1981	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • February 22-23: Khamman District Atheist Conference. 400 people participate. • April 17: Adilabad District Atheist Conference. Lavanam and Hemalatha as the 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"> • May 23: Samskar started as an NGO and registered with Lavanam as its Chairman and Hemalata Lavanam as its Secretary. • 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. • August 14: Maru and Hari Subramanyam marriage conducted by Devendra Kumar Gupta. • December: Meeting with Chief Minister N.T.Rama Rao and discussion on Banamati and Jogini Abolishing Act. • Mr. Richard Hall & Ms. Karole Hall, Editor, 'Observer' from England visit the Atheist Centre. • Saraswathi Gora leads demonstrations against miracle claims by Satya Sai Baba, during his visit to Vijayawada and 500 people are arrested. • Atheist Study Camp at Atheist Centre.

1984	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March 3: Governor Ram Lal visits Atheist Centre • Lavanam participates in Charles Bradlaugh's 150th Birth Anniversary, Northampton, England; • June: First Criminal Reform Meet. M V.Thomas, IPS, P.Jagan Mohan, IPS, P.Dayachari, IAS and Saraswathi Gora, participate. • July 26: 9th Death Anniversary of Gora. Mr. Mahaveer Singh, Social Worker who marched with Gora from Sevagaram to Delhi as the Chief Guest. • November 15: 'The Necessity of Cultural revolution' Meeting in which Y. Balarama Murthy, Freedom Fighter Vavilala Gopala Krishnaiah, G. Sambasivarao participate.
1985	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • February 24: Princess Anne, daughter of Queen Elizabeth and President of Save the Childrens Fund, visits Arthik Samata Mandal of Atheist Centre. • July 26-28: An International Conference on 'Atheism & Social Change', at Atheist Centre, to mark the Tenth Death Anniversary of Gora. Abu Abraham inaugurates. • R. Venkata Raman, Vice President of India visited Atheist Centre and inaugurates Vasavya Working Women's Hostel and Gora Photo Exhibition.
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. • July: Arogya Sudha – Health Centre supported by Save the Children Fund UK, inaugurated by the Governor, Shri. Kumudben Joshi at Srikakulam, Andhra Pradesh. Save the Children Regional Director Grp. Captian Chater and Dr. Maru Medical Director, Arthik Samata Mandal were the Guests of Honour.
1987	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Atheist Study Camps for children, youth and adults are conducted to build critical thinking and scientific temper. • January 5-8: Mr. Pekka Elo, Chief Education Inspector, Government of Finland visit Atheist Centre • January 31: Jogini Reformation Marriages conducted in Rajbhavan, Hyderabad by Shri. Kumedben Joshi, Hon'ble Governor of Andhra Pradesh • February 16-17: National Level Workshop conducted on 'Welfare of Jogins.' J. Vengala Rao and Union Social Welfare Minister Margaret Alva are the Chief Guests. • April 18: Balwadi opening at Pillala Marri Village in Suryapet, Nalgonda District, Andhra Pradesh. • July 26: Gora's 12th Death Anniversary and meeting on 'Castelessness' P.S. Krishnan IAS, Justice A. Sambasiva Rao, Lokayuktha, Smt. Halam, Film Actress and other participate. • Second Anniversary of Gora Abhaya Nivas in which Justice K. Amerswari, First Women Justice of Andhra Pradesh High Court is the

	<p>Chief Guest.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • September 22-24: International Labour Organization (ILO) meeting at Arthik Samata Mandal, Srikakulam, Andhra Pradesh. Kanthi Mehtha, Indian President and ILO EPEX members participate. • December 22: Sir Hermann Bondi, world renowned astrophysicist from UK visits Atheist Centre. • December 27: Mr. Frederik Edward, Director, American Humanist Association visits Atheist Centre.
1988	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • January 17: Mr. Jim Herrick, Humanist , UK, Editor 'New Humanist' visits Atheist Centre and participates in the Atheist Friends Meet • July 22: Lavanam attends 25 years of British Humanist Association, Yark City, England UK. • July 26: 'A meet on a change in Indian Society.' Padmanabhan, Gandhigram University, Tamil Nadu is the Chief Guest. • July 31: Lavanam attends 10th World Humanist Congress, Buffalo, USA. • November 15: The role of Voluntary Organizations in Democracy Meeting.' Mr. Jagannathan, Krishnamaml, Tamil Nadu are the guest of honour. • November 21: Three-day Science Exhibition opened by Prof. N.S.Dass, Vice-Principal, Siddhartha Medical College, Vijayawada. • November 18: Prof K.V. Ramana, Vice Chancellor, Andhra University participates in 'The role of women in changing society' organized by Vasavya Mahila Mandali (VMM).
1989	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • January 30 – April 9: 70 Day/1400 Kms 'Unity March' on foot (<i>Padayatra</i>) is conducted through four districts of Andhra Pradesh, 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. • 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"> • February: 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.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • September 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. • November 15: Gora's 88th Birth Anniversary. • Prof. Sunanda Shet awarded PhD for her work on GORA, from Madras University, Tamil Nadu. • Lavanam attends IHEU Meet in Brussels, Belgium. • December 3: Sir Hermann Bondi inaugurates a seminar on 'Science and Development' at Atheist Centre. • December 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 and 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, Gandhi Peace Foundation, New Delhi. • Lavanam receives 'Atheist of the Decade' Award from Atheist United, Los Angles, USA. • December: 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. • November 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"> • January 28: 'Bhim Ratna Award' To Hemalata Lavanam at Mumbai, given by Ramachandra Athawaley, Social Welfare Minister, Maharashtra. • Science Yatra (March) covering 100 villages in Krishna District. • May 22-23: George Fernandes, Former Union Minister and Rabi Ray, Former Speaker participate in 'Atheist Study Camp' • May 26: Seminar on 'Women and Social Problems.' The Union Minister Margaret Alva inaugurates. Saraswathi Gora presides. • July 26: Prof. Saravepalli Gopal (JNU, New Delhi) inaugurates a seminar on 'Secularism—Cornerstone of the Unity', on Gora's 18th Death Anniversary at Atheist Centre.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • November 15: Eminent Cartoonist Abu Abraham inaugurates Gora's 91st Birth Anniversary Seminar on 'Democracy and Social Change.' • September 17: Vasanth Sathey, Former Union Minister as the Chief Guest in the meeting on 'National Integration: Need of the Hour.' • December 7: Prof. K.D Gangrade, Former Vice Chancellor, Delhi University as the Chief Guest on 'Social Work & Social Progress' Seminar
1994	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • January: Silver Jubilee of <i>The Atheist</i> English monthly from Atheist Centre. • March 28-April 1: Prof. Olga G. Ladkikh, Coady International Institute, Canada conducted session for development workers on 'Communication methods & systems' • April: Silver Jubilee of Vasavya Mahila Mandali of Atheist Centre. Union Minister Basava Rajeswari inaugurates. Saraswathi Gora presides. • 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. • July 20: Jayanthi Patnaik, Chair, National Commission on Women speaks on 'Women & Development.' • November 15: Gora's 92nd Anniversary Seminar on 'Role of Youth on Social Progress.' Prof. S.S. Narayanan of Satyamoorthi Centre for Development, Chennai, inaugurates. • December: TV Documentary on Gora's life and work by Doordarshan Kendra, Hyderabad. • Lavanam – Dr.Volker Mueller, German Freethinkers Association agree for an Youth Exchange Programme for INDO-GERMAN Friendship bridge.
1995	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • February: Environment and Science exhibition at Atheist Centre. V. Sobhanadriswara Rao, Member of Parliament inaugurates. • July 26: Gora's 20th Death Anniversary Seminar on 'Democracy and Social Progress.' Andhra Pradesh Governor Krishna Kant. Former Chief Justice of AP and eminent Humanist, Justice Avula Sambasiva Rao presides. Governor Krishna Kant inaugurates the Hall of Science of Gora Science Centre at Atheist Centre. • September 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 Poet. • September: Swetcha Gora Eye Bank started in Vasavya Mahila Mandali, Atheist Centre, to promote eye donation and cornea operations. • September 21: Atheist Centre exposes the myth of idol of Ganesh drinking milk. It demonstrates the scientific principle of cohesion and adhesion of force. • October 23: Gora Science Centre organizes viewing of Total Solar Eclipse, defying the myths that pregnant women should not

	<p>participate and view the eclipse.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • November 2-4: Gora Science Centre organises Science Talent Exhibition and thousands visit the Science Expos at Atheist Centre. • November 12: Union Home Minister S.B. Chavan inaugurates the Vasavya Silver Jubilee Hall of Vasavya Mahila Mandali. • November 15: Prof. V. Ramakrishna of University of Hyderabad inaugurates Gora 93rd Birth Anniversary Seminar on ‘Social Reform Movements and Social Revolution’, at Atheist Centre. • Bala Vijay, Disciple Of Vinobha Bhave , visits Atheist Centre on his way to ‘Mythri Yatra’
1996	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • January 4-6: Fourth World Atheist Conference on ‘Positive Atheism for a Positive Future.’, Sir Hermann Bondi, Ex-Master of Churchill College, Cambridge University and former Chairman, European Space Commission, presides, Abu Abraham, famous Cartoonist, inaugurates. • March: Hemalatha Lavanam, honoured with ‘Atma Gourava Puraskaram’ and ‘Ugadi Puraskaram’ by the Government of Andhra Pradesh. • July 26: 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. • September 28: Second Joshua Puraskar presented to Shashankha Ghosh, Bengali by K.V. Raghunath Reddy, Governor of West Bengal, at Ravindra Bharathi, Hyderabad. • October/November: Samskar and Arthik Samata Mandal carry Cyclone Relief and Rehabilitation activities in the devastating Cyclone which struck East and West Godavari Districts of AP. • First Youth Exchange Programme conducted between German Freethinkers Association and Atheist Centre. 12 German team visit Atheist Centre.
1997	<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. • 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, inaugurates. • August 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. • November 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.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • November 15: Gora's 95th Birth Anniversary Seminar on the 'Necessity of Social Change.' S.K. De, Secretary, Gandhi Peace Foundation, New Delhi speaks. • December 1-3: Science Exhibition of Gora Science Centre at Atheist Centre. Vice Chancellor of the University of Health Sciences, Vijayawada, inaugurates.
1998	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • January 4: Former Governor of Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra, Sadiq Ali inaugurates a Seminar on 'Present Political Situation: Elections, political parties and people's welfare.' Keynote address by Saraswathi Gora. • January 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. • April 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. • June 5: Lavanam participates in Iodised Salt – Natural Salt Satyagraha at Vedranyam, Nagapattanam, Tamil Nadu • 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. • August 5: Vasavya Nrutya Vihar of Vasavya Mahila Mandali, enacts Dance Drama on 'Parinama Shrivanthi' (Theory of Evolution) • August 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. • September 18: Abraham T. Kooror Birth Centenary Celebrations at Atheist Centre. Saraswathi Gora presides. Leader of the anti-miracle movement, B. Premanand inaugurates. • November 15: Gora's 96th Death Anniversary Seminar on 'Lessons Learnt in the 20th Century.' Eminent Gandhian Social Worker N. Krishnaswami inaugurates. • December 12: Fourth Joshua Puraskar to Sita Kanthmahapatro, Oriya Poet by Dr. Smt. Hari Priya Rangarajan, First Lady of Andhra Pradesh at Ravindra Bharathi, Hyderabad.
1999	<p>January: Humanists and atheists from Norway, Sweden, USA, Canada, Israel, Uganda and Australia visit Atheist Centre. A dance drama on Evolution, <i>Parinama Shrivanthi</i> staged. Levi Fragell of Norway honoured. Fred Edwards, Executive Director of the American Humanist Association leads a 20-member delegation from USA to Atheist Centre.</p> <p>May 27: In connection with the 125th Birth Anniversary of eminent social reformer, Kandukuri Veeresalingam, 'Veeresalingam Award' is presented to Atheist Centre in Rajahmundry, A.P. Dr. Vijayam receives the Award on behalf of Atheist Centre.</p> <p>June 23: Jogini reform marriage at Governor's Official place, Rajbhavan, in Hyderabad in the presence of Governor Rangarajan. Hemalata Lavanam conducts the marriage.</p> <p>July 26: Gora's 24th Death Anniversary Seminar at Atheist Centre. National Law Commission Member Prof. N.R. Madhava Menon inaugurates</p>

	<p>the seminar on 'The Significance of socio-economic rights.'</p> <p>Aug. 1: Jogini marriage at Raj Bhavan Hyderabad in the presence of the Governor Dr. Rangarajan and Hemalata Lavanam conducts the marriage.</p> <p>August 16-29: A team of youth from Atheist Centre visit Germany in the Humanist Youth Exchange Programme.</p> <p>November 5: Saraswathi Gora honoured with the 'Jamnalal Bajaj National Award – 1999.' Maharashtra Governor Dr. P.C. Alexander presents the Award to her in Mumbai.</p> <p>December 7-9: Large scale Gora Science Exhibition at Atheist Centre.</p> <p>December 21: Fifth Joshua Puraskar to Smt. Padma Sachdev, Dogri (Kashmir) by Dr. Nazma Heftulla, Deputy Chair, Rajya Sabha at Andhra Bhawan, New Delhi.</p> <p>Lavanam, Vijayam and Vikas Gora attend the IHEU World Humanist Congress at Mumbai, India</p>
2000	<p>February 28: National Science Day Seminar at Atheist Centre.</p> <p>May 15: 'Viswadata Kasinathuni Nageswararao Award', presented to Saraswathi Gora at Yelakurru, Krishna District, Andhra Pradesh.</p> <p>July 26: Gora's 25th Death Anniversary Seminar. Potturi Venkateswara Rao, Chairman, AP Press Academy is the Chief Guest.</p> <p>August 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.</p> <p>October 19: Atheist Centre sends investigation team to study the incidence of <i>Banamati</i> (witchcraft and sorcery) in Miryalaguda area in Nalgonda District.</p> <p>November 15: Gora's 98th Birth Anniversary at Atheist Centre on 'Human Progress in the New Century.' Humanist Leader Dr. Innaiah inaugurates.</p> <p>December 9: Sixth Joshua Puraskar to Narayan G Surve, Marathi Poet, by G.M.C. Bala Yogi, Speaker Lok Sabha, Jubilee Hall, Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh</p>

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.

2001	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • February: SAMSKAR extends relief support in Gujarat Earthquake in Kutch and Bhuj Areas. • Seventh Joshua Puraskar to Nilamani Phukan, Assami Poet, by C. Ranga Rajan, Governor of Andhra Pradesh, Ravindra Bharathi, Hyderabad, Telangana. • April 26: Saraswathi Gora receives 'Basava Puraskar', Basava National Award in Memory of the 12th Century Social Reformer,
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	<p>Basaveswara, as a person of national eminence who has worked for social transformation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • August 22 - September 5: Atheist Centre investigates the claims of the paranormal and Pranic Healing. • September 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. • November 15: Gora's 99th Birth Anniversary Seminar on Environment. Magasaysay Awardee, Rajendra Singh inaugurates.
2002	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • January 22: Lavanam, Atheist Centre, Joint Secretary, Gandhi Smarak Nidhi, New Delhi places 'A Package- Deal before the Society related to 'Ayodya Issue.' • February 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. • February 25: Seminar on 'Social Reform in 21st Century', Dr. Rangarajan, Governor of A.P., inaugurates. • March 8-9: Gora Birth Centenary Conference at Arthik Samata Mandal, Srikakulam, Krishna District. • April 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. • April 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. 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. • 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

	<p>Centre. The Stamp is released by the Chief Post Master General, Rangarajan. Gadde Ramamohan, Member of Parliament and Saraswathi Gora and others participate.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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"> • January 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. • February 28: National Science Day Seminar at Atheist Centre. • March 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. • August 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. • September 19: Periyar EV Ramaswami's 125 Birth Anniversary Seminar at Periyar Thidal, Chennai. Dr. K. Veeramani, Dr. Vijayam, Premanand and others speak. • August 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. • October 12: Arthik Samata Mandal's Silver Jubilee Seminar at Srikakulam, Krishna District. Saraswathi Gora and Veeraiah and others speak. • November 8: Gora's Birth Centenary Seminar at Inkollu, Prakasam District by Gora Nasthika Mitra Mandali. Journalist C. Raghavachari and Dr. Vijayam speak. • November 15: Gora's 101 Birthday Seminar at Atheist Centre. Magsaysay Awardee Dr. Shanta Sinha, DK President Dr. K. Veeramani and Saraswathi Gora speak. • November 17: Gora's Birth Centenary at Gandhi's Sevagram Ashram, Wardha. • November 30: Arthik Samata Mandal's Silver Jubilee Celebrations at Suryapet, Nalgonda District. Saraswathi Gora and Veeraiah and others participate. • December 16: Eight Joshua Puraskar to Boyi Bhimanna, Telugu Poet, given by P.S. Rama Mohan Rao, Hon'ble Governor of Tamilnadu.

	<p>Jubilee Hall, Hyderabad</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hemalata Awarded the 'Red & Bravery', Andhra Pradesh
2004	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • January 4: IHEU Vice President Larry Jones and <i>Common Sense</i> Editor Vincent Llyod from USA visit and speak at Atheist Centre. • February 7-8: National Conference of the Country Women's Association of India at Atheist Centre. Saraswathi Gora inaugurates. • March 10-20: German Humanist Youth visits Atheist Centre for ten days to study atheist activities. • March 22: International Water Day workshop at Atheist Centre in collaboration with AP Pollution Control Board. • Savitri Phule Award to Hemalata Lavanam • 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. • August 13: Atheist Centre youth team leaves for Germany under the leadership of Dr. G. Samaram. • November 15: Seminar on 'Science and Social progress' to mark Gora's 102 Birth Anniversary is held. • December 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.
2005	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • January 7-9: Fifth World Atheist Conference on 'Atheism and Social Progress.' Saraswathi Gora welcomes. Levi Fragell presides. Roy Brown, Chief Guest. • January-February: Tsunami relief and rehabilitation activities in coastal districts of Andhra Pradesh by Atheist Centre and Arthik Samata Mandal. • February 28: National Science Day Seminar on Earthquakes at Atheist Centre. • June 14-16: Magic Training Camp at Atheist centre to dispel superstitions. • July 9: Lavanam Releases 'A Open Letter to 'Maoists' (Naxals)' in a Press Meet. • July 26: Gora's 30th Death Anniversary Seminar on 'Science, Society and Scientific Outlook.' Chief Guest: Kumar Kalannad Mani, Peaceful Society, Goa • September 28: Nineth Joshua Puraskar to Dr. Chandra Sekhar Kambar,, Kannada Poet, by Sushil Kumar Shinde, Hon'ble Governor of Andhra Pradesh, Jubilee Hall, Hyderabad. • October 4-16: Visit of the German Humanist Youth to Atheist Centre. Saraswathi Gora addresses seminar. • October 27: National Knowledge Commission Vice-Chairman Dr. P.M. Bhagava delivers a special lecture at Atheist Centre on 'Science and Scientific Outlook.' • November 7-9: Three-day large scale Science Exhibition at Atheist Centre.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Urban Flood Relief by Vasavya Mahila Mandali and Arthik Samata Mandal in Vijayawada. Dr. Samaram, Rashmi, Nau Gora & Vikas Gora lead the team. • November 15: Gora's 103rd Birth Anniversary Seminar at Atheist Centre. Chief Guest: Prof. Dhaneswar Sahoo, Orissa. • November 17: Dr. Vijayam speaks at Academic Staff College, Andhra University, on the 'Necessity of Secularism.' • December 21: Norwegian Humanist Gunnar Olofsen speaks at Atheist Centre on 'Humanism in Norway.'
2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • January 6: Largest Circulated Japanese daily <i>Youmiuri Shimbun</i> publishes article on Atheist Centre's efforts for the eradication of caste and untouchability. • January 18: Lavanam releases 'An Open Letter to the People's Representatives' in a Press Meet in Hyderabad. • March 2: M.B. Gandhi Award to Lavanam, Nagpur, for 'Promoting A Dialogue on Naxals Issues.' • Medically Awake and Responsible Citizens of Hyderabad (MARCH) 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. • April 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. • June 11: Lavanam Book, "<i>Gandhi antey Ratname naa. Mao ante Thupaki ye naa</i>" (Does Gandhi means only Charakha , Does Mao means only Gun: An humble attempt to say NO), released by K.R. Suresh Reddy, Speaker of Andhra Pradesh,, K. Jana Reddy, Home Minister of Andhra Pradesh in Hyderabad. • 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. • August 24: Lavanam speaks on the eve of the 'Golden Jubilee Andhra Pradesh Assembly' at the AP Assembly, Hyderabad. • October 28 to November 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. • November 15: Gora's 104 Birth Anniversary Seminar on 'Education, Scientific Outlook and Social Progress.' Sarvodaya leader Gopinathan Nair from Kerala inaugurates. • December 5-7: Large Scale Science Exhibition at Atheist Centre. Additional Divisional Railway Manager of South Central Railway inaugurates. • December 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.

2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • January 5-7: Sixth World Atheist Conference on 'The Necessity of Atheism.' IHEU President Ms. Sonja Eggerickx of Belgium inaugurates. Levi Fragell presides. • February 26: Hemalata Lavanam Receives Doctorate (D Lit) From Potti Sriramulu Telugu University, Hyderabad, from the Chancellor Rameswar Thakur. • 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.' • August 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. • September 16: International Ozone Day Seminar at Atheist Centre • October 2: International Nonviolence Day Seminar at Atheist Centre. • November 15: Gora's 105 Birth Anniversary Seminar on 'Superstitions and the bleak future.' Dr. Narendra Dhabolkar, Maharastra Andh Shraddha Nirmulan Samiti, inaugurates. • December 5-7: Science Exhibition at Atheist Centre. 35,000 visit the three-day exhibition.
2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • February 9: Seminar on Protection of World Wetlands. • February 12: Charles Darwin's Bi-Centenary Birth Celebrations at Atheist Centre. • February 20: Dr. Samaram's 196 Medical Science Book Release function held at Book Festival. Joint Collector Suresh Kumar Chief Guest. • March 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. • March 20: Dr. Shambhu Prasad, Osd attends the funeral, on Behalf of Prime Minister's Office, to pay homage to Dr. Hemalata Lavanam. • April 18: Eminent social worker and Founder Secretary of Arthik Samata Mandal, Mr. Veeraiah's demise. He was a champion of secular social change and strove for comprehensive rural development. Thousands pay homage to him. • May 17-18: Magic training camp at Atheist Centre to dispel superstitions. • June - July: Dr. Vijayam of Atheist Centre participates in the World Humanist Congress at Washington DC and tours various humanist,

	<p>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. • August 19: Saraswathi Gora's 2nd Death Anniversary Seminar on 'Women and Social Progress', at Atheist Centre. • September 21: Magic - Science Festival at Atheist Centre in which 150 known Magicians participate to educate people on the myth of miracles. • October 2: International Nonviolence Day seminar at Atheist Centre. • November 15: Prof. B.D. Desai of Baroda inaugurates Gora's 106 Birth Anniversary Seminar on 'Religious Fundamentalism and the Unity of the Country.' • November 18-20: Gora Science Centre's large scale Science Exhibition at Atheist Centre. • December 4: Lavanam inaugurates 'Golden Jubilee of Srilanka Sarvodaya' Sri Lanka. • December 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.
2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • January 5-7: 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. • February 12: Charles Darwin's 200 Birth Anniversary Seminar at Atheist Centre. Babu Gogineni, IHEU Executive Director, Chief Guest. • March 19: Dr. Hemalata Lavanam's first Death Anniversary • April 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. • August 25- September 8: Swetcha Gora Eye Bank organizes Awareness Programmes in Eye Donation Fortnight. • September 24: Dr. P.M. Bhargava, eminent Scientist and former Vice-Chairman of the National Knowledge Commission, Govt. of India delivers a special lecture on Charles Darwin in connection with his Bi-Centenary at Atheist Centre. • October 24: International Youth Camp at Atheist Centre in collaboration with IHEYO. • November 8: Lavanam honoured with the Jamnalal Bajaj National Award for his outstanding constructive work on Gandhian lines, in a

	<p>function held in Mumbai.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • November 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. • December 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. • December 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"> • January 13: Viewing of solar eclipse at Atheist Centre. • February 1 & March 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. • March 19: Hemalata Lavanam's Second Death Anniversary Seminar. Chief Guest: Prof. N. Gopi, former Vice Chancellor, P.S. Telugu University. • April 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. • August 19: Orissa Rationalist leader Prof. Dhaneswar Sahoo addresses Saraswathi Gora's 4th Death Anniversary Seminar. • August 12-26: Youth delegation from Atheist Centre visit Germany at the invitation of the Freethinkers Association of Germany. • September 11: Lavanam receives 'Life Time achievement Award' by International Services Society, USA., during his visit to the U.S. • November 15: Gora's 108th Birth Anniversary Seminar on 'The Necessity of Atheism.' Chief Guest: Ariakkarasu, General Secretary DK. • December 2-4: Gora Science Centre organizes Science Exhibition. Mr. Anurag, South Central Railway Divisional Manager inaugurates.
2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • January 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 Srikulam and thousands of people visit both the exhibitions.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March 19: Hemalata Lavanam's third death anniversary seminar. Chief Guest: C. Raghavachari. • April 22: Earth Day celebrated at Atheist Centre by Gora Science 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.' • August: Dr. Vijayam and Vikas Gora participate and speak in the World Humanist Congress held at Oslo, Norway. • August 19: Sarasawathi Gora's 5th Death Anniversary Seminar. Prof. Ramji Singh, eminent Gandhian and former Member of Parliament from Bihar inaugurates. • September 16: International Ozone Day Seminar at Atheist Centre. • September 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. • December 7-9: Golden Jubilee Large Scale Science Exhibition of the Gora Science Centre at Atheist Centre. Prof. K. Mohan Rao, Principal, Siddhartha Engineering College inaugurates.
2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • January 29: Saraswathi Gora Birth Centenary Celebrations at Arthik Samata Mandal, Srikakulam Village, Krishna District, A.P. Inaugurated by Prof. Balamohandas, former VC Nagarjuna University and Chief Guest, Mandali Buddha Prasad, Former Minister, Gandhi Kshetram, Avanigadda. • February 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 APCCB 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 Arthik Samata Mandal. 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.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • July 24-August 10: Youth Delegation visit German Atheist Organization and Saraswathi Gora Centenary Celebrations conducted on July 28, in Germany. • August 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. • November 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. • December 2: Saraswathi Gora Birth Centenary Celebrations at Berhampur, Odisha. Mr. Dhaneswar Sahoo presides. • December 5-7: 51st Gora Science Centre Exhibition. Dr. G. Sambasiva Rao, Principal of Siddhartha Engineering College inaugurates. • December 9: Saraswathi Gora Birth Centenary Celebrations at Bhubaneswar, Odisha organized by AMOFOI. Mr. B. Ramachandra CST Voltaire, Chief Guest and Dr. Vijayam preside. • December 16: Saraswathi Gora Birth Centenary Celebrations at Akuveedu, West Godavari District of Andhra Pradesh • December 28: Dr. Samaram awarded National Professorship of the Indian Medical Association.
2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • January 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. • January 13: Dr. Vijayam, Chief Guest of 'Yukthi Yugam', Age of Reason release function in Kerala. • January 30: Gora Science Centre and Pragathi Vidyaniketan organize large scale Rural Science Exhibition at Avanigadda, Krishna District, A.P. • March 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 inter-dining 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 as the Chief Guest. • July 26: Gora's 38th Death Anniversary seminar on the Significance of Atheism. Dr. C. Viswanathan, Orthopaedic 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

	<p>drawing and painting competitions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • November 17: Sumathi Vijayam, educationist and popular science writer demise at Atheist Centre. She was closely associated with Gora Science Centre and publishing articles on superstitions and science. She was also associated as a teacher at Vasavya Vidyalayam, experimental school at Atheist Centre. • December 4-6: Gora Science Centre conducts Science and Environment Exhibition and thousands of children participate.
2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • January 5-6: Atheist Centre's 75 Years International Conference: Chief Guest Dr. PM Bhargava Former Vice Chairman National Knowledge Commission and Founder of Center for Cellular and Molecular Biology (CCMB), Hyderabad, Levi Fragell, Former President IHEU, Oslo, Norway; Ex-MP Prof. Ramji Singh, , FIRA President Dr. Narendra Naik, French Freethinker David, Levi Fragell, Mythri, Dr. Volker Mueller, German Freethinkers Association, Lavanam, Chandana Chakrabarti, Norwegian Humanist Kristin Mile, French Freethinker Sam Ayache, Dr. Dhaneswar Sahoo, Prof. Hameed, Dr. C. Raghavachari, Ex-MP Vidya and others as Guests of Honour. • June 15: Release of Hemalata Lavanam's Biography written by Dr. Lalitha and Dr. Sundar, published by National Book Trust of India under National Biography Series at Vijayawada. Prof. Viyanna Rao, VC, ANU, Prof.V.Ramakrishna, M. Raghunandana Rao, Collector, Krishna Dist, Lavanam, Dr.Mohan, NBT and others participate. • July 26: Gora's 39th Death Anniversary Meeting. Waterman of India Rajendra Singh is the Guest of Honour. • August 7-11: Vijayam and Vikas Gora participate in IHEU's World Humanist Congress, Oxford University, UK with the the support of the Norwegian Humanist Association. • August 14-30: Atheist Centre Youth Exchange team visits Germany headed by Dr.Olos Gora. • September 16: Ozone Day observed by Gora Science Centre and AP Pollution Control Board through a meeting for children and youth. • October 31: AP Assembly Speaker Dr. K. Siva Prasada Rao, Deputy Speaker M. Buddha Prasad visit Regullanka village to witness the Ecosan Toilets construction by Arthik Samata Mandal. • November 15: Gora's Birth Anniversary Seminar on 'The Contribution of Gora to social change' Prof G. Koteswara Prasad, Department of Political Science, University of Madras, Stefan Binder, Research Scholar, Germany participate. • November 23: Magic Science: Workshop Magician P.Bhimanna teaches participants on the tricks behind miracle claims. • November 28: Ch.Vidya awarded Jamnalal Bajaj Award for Women and Child Development at Mumbai. Nobel Laureate Satyarthi and Rahul Bajaj bestow the award. • December 3-5: 54th Gora Science Exhibition. Divisional Railway Manager Pradeep Kumar is the Guest of Honour. • December 24-25: 9th National Conference of FIRA, Brahmapur. Dr.Vijayam as the Chief Patron participates. • December 30: Ten years of Tsunami observed in Atheist Centre. Eminent Disaster Management specialist Vikas Gora speaks on 'Need to build a culture of preparedness'.
2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • January 30: A meeting to Condemning 'The Idea to drop the words 'Secular & Socialist' by Govt of India. K. Ram Mohan Rao, Advocate, C.

	<p>Raghavachari, Sr. Journalist, Dr. Vijayam, Atheist Centre participate.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • February 12: Charles Darwin's 205th Birth Anniversary celebrations at Atheist Centre. Dr.Samaram as the Guest of Honour. • February 26: Atheist Centre Condemnation Meeting on Atheist Writer Abhijit Roy's (Bangladeshi –American) murder in Dhaka. • February 28-March 1: Science, Technology & Environment Exhibition at Challapalli Public School, Challapalli, Krishna District, organized by Arthik Samata Mandal & Gora Science Centre. Deputy Speaker of AP Assembly M. Buddha Prasad inaugurates the Expo. • March 19: Hemalata Lavanam's 7th Death Anniversary. Dr.B.Sundara Rao, Inkollu Manoranjan, Nehru Yuva Kendra, Warangal, Dr. M.C. Das, Former Rotary District Governor and Lavanam participate. • March 29: Lavanam receives International Humanist Award of PROBE (A Resource Centre for Journalists, Hyderabad). • April 16: Veeraiah's 7th Death Anniversary at Srikakulam. G.V.Rama Krishna , Former Vice Chairman, ZP, Krishna, Dr.R.Sarada, President, Zilla Grandhalaya Sangh, R.S.Sarat, ASHA –NGO as Guests of Honour. • May 23-24: Magic-Science Workshop. Magicians Gautam & P.Bhimanna facilitate the session. • June 5: World Environment Day observed at Gora Science Centre. A. Babu District Collector, Krishna District as the Guest of Honour. • June 2-6: Vikas Gora, Rotary World Peace Fellow (2006-08) participates and speaks at the Rotary Peace Symposium, Brazil. • July 26: Gora's 40th Death Anniversary Meeting on 'Atheism & Social Progress.' Ranjeeth, Bangalore, Prof. Sunanda Shet, Coimbatore as Guests of Honour. • August 14: Atheist Leader, Chairman SAMSKAR, Sarvodaya leader, Eminent Gandhian, Lavanam demise in Vijayawada. Andhra Pradesh CM Chandra Babu Naidu ,Telangana CM K. Chandra Sekhara Rao, mourn Lavanam's demise. Deputy Speaker Buddha Prasad, APPCC President N. Raghuvveera Reddy, Communist Party leaders and Mrinal Bajaj of Bajaj Foundation and globally pay homage to Lavanam. • August 30: Atheist Centre condemns murder of Kannada writer Prof. Kalburgi through an condemnation meeting. • September 18-24: Vikas Gora participates in The Humanist Week, Norwegian Humanist Association held at Oslo, Norway. • December 2-4: 55th Gora Science Exhibition on 'Science & Technology' inaugurated by Deputy Speaker of AP Assembly, Mandala Buddha Prasad and G. Rammohan Rao, MLA, Vijayawada East.
2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • January 31: Dr Samaram speaks on 'Hoax of Astrology and Horoscope' in the 1st Monthly Meet of Nasthika Mitra Mandali at Atheist Centre. • February 28: Mr Hari Subramanyam, President of Nasthika Mitra Mandali speaks on 'Vastu, A Superstition', in the 2nd Meet of Nasthika Mitra Mandali at Atheist Centre. • March 27: Dr G. Maru, Convenor of Nasthika Mitra Mandali speaks on 'Mantralu, Yantralu and Thayathulu' in the 3rd Nasthika Mitra Mandali Meet at Atheist Centre. • April 24: Niyantha, Director of Gora Science Centre speaks on Eclipse – Planets and Superstitions in the 4th Nasthika Mitra Mandali Meet at Atheist Centre. • May 29: Dr. Vijayam Executive Director Atheist Centre speaks on 'Hoax of Tantrika Vidyas and Mantras' in the 5th Nasthika Mitra Mandali

	<p>Meet at Atheist Centre.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • June 26: D. Ravi Kumar, Youth Leader with Progressive Thought speaks on 'Good Time and Bad Time are only superstitious beliefs' in the 6th Nasthika Mitra Mandali Meet at Atheist Centre. • July 31: Dr. Samaram speaks on the 'Hoax of Krishna Pushkaram' in the 7th Nasthika Mitra Mandali Meet at Atheist Centre. • August 28: Smt T Kanaka Mahalakshmi, Social Activist speaks on 'Women & Superstitions' in the 8th Nasthika Mitra Mandali Meet at Atheist Centre. • September 25: Dr. Indla Ramasubba Reddy, Psychiatrist speaks on "Devil, Spirit & God Possession - Faith Healing & Bhutha Vydyam" in the 9th Nasthika Mitra Mandali Meet at Atheist Centre. • October 23: Niyantha, Director of Gora Science Centre speaks on 'Origin of The Universe' in the 10th Nasthika Mitra Mandali Meet at Atheist Centre, Vijayawada. • December 4: Dr. Srikumar, Famous Science Writer speaks on Science and Religion in the 11th Nasthika Mitra Mandali Meet at Atheist Centre. • December 12: <i>Prajasakthi Book House</i> releases and republishes Atheist Centre Literature of 13 Books. Telakapalli Ravi, Sr. Journalist, B.V.Raghavulu, Communist Party Leader, Prof. V. Rama Krishna participate in the release function. • December 25: Dr. Vijayam speaks on 'Secularism is befitting alternative to religious system' in the 12th Nasthika Mitra Mandali Meet, at Atheist Centre.
2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • January 29: Shariff Gora, Atheist speaks on 'Analytical Approach On Quran' in the 13th Nasthika Mitra Mandali Meet at Atheist Centre. • February 26: Tribute Meeting for Mythri, at 14th Nasthika Mitra Mandali Meet, through a Memorial Oration on 'Women Social Reformers in India' by Dr. Vijayam, at Atheist Centre. • February 28: Gora Science Centre organizes a meeting on the National Science Day at Atheist Centre, followed by Essay Writing Competition to students on 'Science and Scientific Outlook' with Dr. Samaram as the Guest of Honour. • March 8: Prize Distribution to the winners of Essay Writing Competition held on Science Day at Gora Science Centre. • March 22: Gora Science Centre organizes Drawing and Painting Competition on the eve of World Water Day. • March 16: Condolence Meeting of Famous Writer Dr Vakulabaranam Lalitha by Atheist Centre. • March 26: Niyanta, Director of Gora Science Centre speaks on Science and Pseudoscience in 15th Nasthika Mitra Mandali Meet at Atheist Centre. • March 28: Prize Distribution to winners of Drawing Competitions held in connection with World Water Day on March 22 World Water Day, by Gora Science Centre. • April 23: Dr Beeram Sundara Rao, Educationalist & Poet spoke on 'Progressive Writers Who Strove for Social Change' in the 16th Nasthika Mitra Mandali Meet at Atheist Centre.

- **April 30:** Commemoration Meeting of Mythri, Chairperson of Atheist Centre. Prof. Dr. Illa Ravi, Professor of Philosophy spoke on 'Analytical Approach of Vedas' in the 17th Nasthika Mitra Mandali Meet at Atheist Centre, Vijayawada.
- **June 2-3:** Gora Science Centre and AP Pollution Control Board, jointly organize Drawing, Painting, Wealth from Waste, Science Exhibition and Posters Competitions in connection with the World Environment Day.
- **June 12:** Gora Science Center organizes Essay Writing Competitions on Superstitions Standing in The Way of Social Progress at Atheist Centre, Vijayawada, in connection with the Gora's 42nd Death Anniversary on July 26. Dr G Samaram as the Chief Guest. Nearly 800 students from 25 schools and colleges participate in the essay writing competitions.
- **June 22:** World Humanist Day meeting at Atheist Centre, on the 'Growing significance of Atheism, Humanism and Secularism.' Dr. Vijayam is the Chief Guest and Dr Samaram presides.
- **June 25:** Rashmi Samaram, President Vasavya Mahila Mandali, speaks on 'Traditions and Customs Stand In The Way Of Women Empowerment' in the 18th Nasthika Mitra Mandali Meet at Atheist Centre.
- **July 26:** Gora's 42nd Death Anniversary held at Atheist centre. Prizes distributed to the winners of essay writing competitions held in connection with the Gora death anniversary.
- **July 30:** Dr. Maddala Anthony, Educationalist speaks on Analytical Approach of Bible, in the 19th Nasthika Mitra Mandali Meet at Atheist Centre, Vijayawada.
- **August 17:** Lavanam's Second Death Anniversary Meeting at Atheist Centre.
- **August 27:** Dr G Samaram speaks on Are Muhoortams Scientific? in the 20th Nasthika Mitra Mandali Meet at Atheist Centre.
- **September 16:** Exhibition in connection with the Ozone Day by Gora Science Centre in association with Rotary Club of Vijayawada Mid Town at Atheist Centre.
- **October 1:** Niyantha, Director of Gora Science Centre speaks on 'Fire-Fire Walk-Scientific Facts' in the 21st Nasthika Mitra Mandali Meet at Atheist Centre, Vijayawada.
- **October 29:** T Kanaka Mahalakshmi, Social Activist speaks on 'Omens and Superstitions' in the 22nd Nasthika Mitra Mandali Meet at Atheist Centre, Vijayawada.
- **November 1:** German-Indian Youth Exchange Workshop Valedictory Function at Atheist Centre, Vijayawada.
- **November 15:** Gora's 115th Birth Anniversary Celebration at Atheist Centre. 300 children participate in the Essay Writing Competition on 'Caste and Religion Hamper the Development of Humanistic Society.'
- **November 17:** Hypnotism Show On Superstitions by Hypno Kamalakar at Atheist Centre.
- **November 24:** Seminar on 'Youth And Social Change' at Atheist Centre.
- **November 26:** Hari Subramanyam, President of Nasthika Mitra Mandali speaks on 'Superstitions of 9 Gems(Navaratnalu)' in the 23rd Nasthika Mitra Mandali Meet, at Atheist Centre, Vijayawada.
- **December 10:** Patriotism Songs Competition at Atheist Centre.
- **November 28:** Round Table Meeting on Anti Black Magic Bill of Karnataka at Atheist Centre.

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2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • January 28: Dr G Vijayam speaks on the 'Necessity of Atheism' in the 25th Nasthika Mitra Mandali Meet at Atheist Centre. • March 4: Dr Maru speaks on 'Atheistic Way of Life' in the 26th Nasthika Mitra Mandali Meet at Atheist Centre. • March 13: Dr Samaram speaks on 'Critical Thinking' in the seminar held by Gora Science Centre at Atheist Centre. • March 19: Hemalatha Lavanam's 10th Death Anniversary at Atheist Centre. • March 22: Gora Science Centre organizes a seminar on World Water Day and also Drawing and Painting competitions. • March 23: World Water Day Celebration at Atheist Centre by Gora Science Centre. • March 25: Niyantha, Director of Gora Science Centre speaks on Science and Scientific Temper in the 27th Nasthika Mitra Mandali Meet at Atheist Centre. • March 26: Prize Distribution to the Winners of the Drawing and Painting competitions held in connection with the World Water Day by Gora Science Centre. • April 29: Dr. Vijayam speaks on 'Global Atheism' in the 28th Nasthika Mitra Mandali Meet at Atheist Centre. • May 27: Hari Subramanyam, President of Nasthika Mitra Mandali speaks on 'Atheism and Politics' in the 29th Nasthika Mitra Mandali Meet at Atheist Centre. • June 1-2: Painting and Environment Exhibits Competitions in connection with the Environment Day 2018 at Atheist Centre. • June 5: Gora Science Centre and AP Pollution Control Board jointly organise Green Rally on Environment Day. Vijayawada Municipal Commissioner Sri J Nivas and Zilla Parishad Chairman Smt Gadde Anuradha inaugurate the rally. • June 8: Gora Science Centre conducts a seminar on World Ocean Day and also prize distribution to the winners of World Environment Day competitions. • July 1: Dr. Olos Gora speaks on 'Atheism and Youth' in the 30th Nasthika Mitra Mandali Meet at Atheist Centre. • July 26: Prof. Dhaneswar Sahoo, Odisha Rationalist Association, Mr. Telakapalli Ravi, Ex-Editor of Prajashakthi and Chennupati Vidya, Ex-MP Vijayawada speak on the 31st Nasthika Mitra Mandali Meet on the eve of Gora's Death Anniversary at Atheist Centre, Vijayawada. • August 14: Lavanam's Gora 3rd Death Anniversary at Atheist Centre. • August 18: Chennupati Vidya demise. Chandra Babu Naidu, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh and other VIPs paying homage. • August 19: Saraswathi Gora's 12th Death Anniversary Meeting at Atheist Centre. • September 12: Sri GVVSDS Prasad, Gandhian & Dr. Vijayam, speak on 'Gandhi and Gora' in 32nd Nasthika Mitra Mandali Meet at Atheist Centre. • September 19: Gora Science Centre prize distribution function to the Winners of Painting Competition in connection with the OZONE Day on September 15. • September 21: Dr Samaram and Dr Vijayam speak on 'Casteism-Honour Killing-Prevention' in the 33rd Nasthika Mitra Mandali Meet at Atheist Centre.

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2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • January 24: Sri J S Raghupathi Rao, Social Activist speaks on ‘Dr B R Ambedkar Social Philosophy’ in the 36th Nasthika Mitra Mandali Meet at Atheist Centre. • January 28: BAPU DARSHAN, Mahatma Gandhi Photo Exhibition inaugurated at Atheist Centre by Andhra Pradesh Deputy Speaker Sri Mandali Buddha Prasad, facilitated by Vasavya Mahila Mandali. It is open to all from 10 am to 5 pm. • January 31: Dr Samaram felicitated by Indian Public Health Association (IPHA) and IAPSM in their 25th AP State Joint Conference at Rangaraya Medical College, Kakinada. • March 8: Dr Samaram speaks on ‘The Theory of Evolution of Universe’ in the 37th Nasthika Mitra Mandali Meet at Atheist Centre. • March 19: Hemalatha Lavanam’s 11th Death Anniversary at Atheist Centre, Vijayawada. • March 22: Gora Science Centre organises Drawing and Painting Competition in connection with the World Water Day. • April 24: Dr.Vijayam speaks on ‘Necessity of Partyless Democracy’ in the 38th Nasthika Mitra Mandali Meet at Atheist Centre. • July 6: Clinton School of Public Services Researcher Sri. Logan Hunt conducts skill development competitions at Atheist Centre. • August 2: Hari Subramanyam, President of Nasthika Mitra Mandali speaks on ‘Triple Talaq Act Should Pave The Way To Common Civil Code’ in the 39th Nasthika Mitra Mandali Meet at Atheist Centre, Vijayawada. • August 9: Prize Distribution to the Essay Writing Competition winners on ‘The Customs of that time are becoming superstitious today’ on Quit India Movement Day at Atheist Centre. • September 16: Gora Science Centre and AP Pollution Control Board jointly organise Drawing and Painting Competitions at Atheist Centre in connection with the International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer 2019. • October 29: Niyanta speaks on ‘Youth & Scientific Temper’ in the 41st Nasthika Mithra Mandali Meet at Atheist Centre. • ISTM, New Delhi, (Secretary Level Officers, Govt Of India) visit Arthik Samata Mandal, as a part of their Study. • November 15: Gora’s 117th Birth Anniversary at Atheist Centre, Vijayawada. • December 4-5: 59th Science Exhibition conducted by Gora Science Centre, Vijayawada

2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• January 4-5: 80 Years of Atheist Centre – World Atheist Conference at Vijayawada.