

**THE PONDY LIT FEST 2024**  
Day 1 - 20th September Sessions

04:30 PM	Arrival of <b>Thiru. R.N. Ravi</b> - Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu arrives at venue and received by Smt. Alo Pal - Director of PLF 2024
04:31 PM	<b>Thiru. R.N. Ravi</b> - Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu proceeds to dais
04:32 PM	National Anthem followed by Tamil Thaaai Vaztthu TN, followed by Tamil Thai Vaztthu Puducherry (Vocal Singing)
04:35 PM	Prayer of 9th December 1950 written by The Mother: To Thee Our Infintine Gratitude (Recorded)
04:37 PM	Lighting of Lamp (Kuthuvilakku) by <b>Thiru. R.N. Ravi</b> - Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu and other dignitaries
04:39 PM	Welcome Address by Smt. Alo Pal - Director of PLF 2024
04:45 PM	Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu releases the book " <b>A Dharmic Social Hsitory of India</b> " and the first copies are received by Thiru. Aravindan Neelakandan - Author, Eminent Scholar, Thiru. Naveen Jha - Fellow, Harvard University, Thiru. Anand Ranganathan - Scientist SCMM, Author, Political Commentator.
04:50 PM	Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu releases the book " <b>Panschakosha Pathway - Essential Indic Guide to Self-Discovery</b> " and the first copies are received by Matrushree Ananthalakshmi Ji - Guru Mata and Co-founder Anaadi Foundation, Smt. Gomathi Venkatachalam - CEO, Anaadi Foundation
04:55 PM	Chief Guest address by <b>Thiru. R.N. Ravi</b> - Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu
05:20 PM	Word of Thanks by Smt. Glory Pal - MC PLF 2024
05:22 PM	National Anthem (Vocal Singing)
<b>BREAK</b>	
05:45 PM 06:30 PM	<b>A Dharmic Social History of India - Book Talk:</b> Aravindan Neelakandan - Author, Eminent Scholar
06:30 PM 07:15 PM	<b>The Economics and Politics of Welfarism:</b> Prof. Anand Ranganathan - Scientist SCMM, Author, Political Commentator   Prof. Shamika Ravi - Economist, Professor, Member – Economic Advisory Committee to PM in conversation with Amal Sud - COO & CFO ConceptVines
07:15 PM 08:00 PM	<b>Demography is Destiny:</b> Pradeep Bhandari - National Spokesperson, BJP

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Day 2 - 21st September Sessions

09:30 AM 10:15 AM	<b>Sri Aurobindo and The Renaissance In India:</b> Prof. Subramoni Ramaswamy - Professor of English, Central University Bilaspur
10:15 AM 11:00 AM	<b>Elimination of Extreme Poverty and India's Growth Trajectory:</b> Prof. Shamika Ravi - Economist, Professor, Member – Economic Advisory Committee to PM
<b>11:00 AM - 11:30 AM - BOOK STALL BREAK</b>	
11:30 AM 12:15 PM	<b>The Future with AI and India's Potential:</b> Harsha Vardhini Pogunul Srinivasalu - Co-Founder at Vizhzy and Hanooman(SML)
12:15 PM 01:00 PM	<b>Transformation of Modern India: The Story:</b> Kanchan Gupta - Senior Advisor, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, GOI
<b>01:00 PM - 02:30 PM - LUNCH BREAK</b>	
02:30 PM 03:15 PM	<b>Reclaiming Sacred Spaces: Legal Challenges:</b> Adv. Vishnu Jain - Lawyer (Advocate on Record), Supreme Court of India
03:15 PM 04:00 PM	<b>Indians in Space: Where are we Headed:</b> Prof Alope Kumar - Scientist IISc, Science communicator
04:00 PM 04:45 PM	<b>Politics and the Poverty of Language and Thought:</b> Shiv Aroor - Journalist and Author   Deep Halder - Journalist and Author
<b>4:45pm - 5:15pm - BOOK STALL BREAK</b>	
05:15 PM 06:00 PM	<b>Babur – The Chess Board King - Book Talk:</b> Aabhas Maldahiya - Architect & Urban Designer, Amateur Historian, Fellow FIHCR in conversation with Nandini Sengupta - Journalist and Author
06:00 PM 06:45 PM	<b>Material Culture of the South – What Archaeology Reveals:</b> Dr. Sanjay K. Manjul - Additional Director General, Archaeological Survey of India
06:45 PM 07:30 PM	<b>Waiting for Shiva - Unearthing the Truth of Kashi's Gyan Vapi - Book Talk:</b> Dr. Vikram Sampath – Historian, fellow, Royal Historical Society, Founder – Foundation for Historical and Cultural Research in conversation with Alo Pal - Director PLF 2024

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Day 3 - 22nd September Sessions

09:30 AM 10:15 AM	<b>The Hindus of Bengal, East Pakistan and Bangladesh:</b> Kanchan Gupta - Senior Advisor, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, GOI   Deep Halder - Journalist and Author in conversation with Alo Pal - Director PLF 2024
10:15 AM 11:00 AM	<b>The Implications of China's Emergence in the Global Order:</b> Lt. Gen. S L Narasimhan (Retd) - Avid China Watcher, Defense Expert
<b>11:00 AM - 11:30 AM - BOOK STALL BREAK</b>	
11:30 AM 12:15 PM	<b>Majoritarian Myth - How Unscientific Social Theories Create Disharmony - Book Talk:</b> Prof. Kausik Gangopadhyay - Economist, Professor – IIM-Kozhicode, Author in conversation with Deep Halder - Journalist and Author
12:15 PM 01:00 PM	<b>mRNA Malaria Vaccine: Learning from Covid 19:</b> Prof. Shailja Singh – Scientist, Special Center for Molecular Medicine (SCMM), JNU   Prof. Anand Ranganathan - Scientist SCMM, Author, Political Commentator
<b>01:00 PM - 02:30 PM - LUNCH BREAK</b>	
02:30 PM 03:15 PM	<b>Itihasas – Tackling the Cult of False Heroes:</b> Ami Ganatra - Author in conversation with Amal Sud - COO & CFO ConceptVines
03:15 PM	Arrival of <b>Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman</b> - Hon'ble Finance Minister of India at venue and received by Smt. Alo Pal - Director PLF 2024
03:18 PM	<b>Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman</b> - Hon'ble Finance Minister of India proceeds to the dais.
03:19 PM	Welcome Address by Prof. Anand Ranganathan – Scientist SCMM, Author, Political Commentator
03:30 PM	Keynote address by <b>Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman</b> - Hon'ble Finance Minister of India
04:15 PM	Word of Thanks by Alo Pal, Director PLF 2024
<b>04:30 PM - 04:45 PM - BOOK STALL BREAK</b>	
04:45 PM 05:30 PM	<b>Veeranganas – Why They Took Up Arms:</b> Nandini Sengupta - Journalist and Author, Bal Sahitya Academy Puraskar Awardee in conversation with Alo Pal - Director PLF 2024
05:30 PM 06:15 PM	<b>Evolution of Ramayana Narratives - Across Time &amp; Space:</b> Jataayu - Tamil Scholar and Exponent of Hindu Thought
06:15 PM 07:00 PM	<b>Raghoba : The Assassination of Narayan Rao Peshwa - Book Talk:</b> Dr. Uday Kulkarni - Author, Historian, Surgeon Commander Indian Navy (Retd) in conversation with Nandini Sengupta - Journalist and Author, Bal Sahitya Academy Puraskar Awardee
07:00 PM 07:45 PM	<b>Operation Meghdoot, Kargil and the Shifting Patterns of Terror in J &amp; K:</b> Lt. Gen. Sanjay Kulkarni (Retd) - Siachen Pioneer, Former DG Infantry in conversation with Shiv Aroor - Journalist and Author
07:45 PM	<b>Vote of Thanks:</b> Alo Pal - Director PLF 2024
07:50 PM	<b>VANDE MATARAM</b>



“If thy aim be great and thy means small, still act; for by action alone these can increase to thee.

Care not for time and success. Act out thy part, whether it be to fail or to prosper.”

**-Sri Aurobindo**

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