

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

04:30 PM	Arrival of Thiru. R.N. Ravi - Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu at venue and received by Smt. Alo Pal - Director of PLF 2024
04:31 PM	Thiru. R.N. Ravi - 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) and offering of flowers by Thiru. R.N. Ravi - Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu and other dignitaries
04:40 PM	Welcome Address by Smt. Alo Pal - Director of PLF 2024
04:45 PM	Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu releases the book "A Dharmic Social Hsitory of India" and the first copies are received by Dr. Jayanti Ravi - ACS Revenue Gujarat, Secretary Auroville Foundation, 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 "Panschakosha Pathway - Essential Indic Guide to Self-Discovery" 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 Thiru. R.N. Ravi - Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu
05:40 PM	Word of Thanks by Smt. Glory Pal - MC PLF 2024
05:42 PM	National Anthem (Vocal Singing)
BREAK	
05:45 PM 06:30 PM	A Dharmic Social History of India - Book Talk: Aravindan Neelakandan - Author, Eminent Scholar
06:30 PM 07:15 PM	The Economics and Politics of Welfarism: 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	Demography is Destiny: Pradeep Bhandari - National Spokesperson, BJP

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Day 2 - 21st September Sessions

09:30 AM 10:15 AM	Sri Aurobindo and The Renaissance In India: Prof. Subramoni Ramaswamy - Professor of English, Central University Bilaspur
10:15 AM 11:00 AM	Elimination of Extreme Poverty and India's Growth Trajectory: Prof. Shamika Ravi - Economist, Professor, Member – Economic Advisory Committee to PM
11:00 AM - 11:30 AM - BOOK STALL BREAK	
11:30 AM 12:15 PM	The Future with AI and India's Potential: Harsha Vardhini Pogunul Srinivasalu - Co-Founder at Vizhzy and Hanooman(SML)
12:15 PM 01:00 PM	Transformation of Modern India: The Story: Kanchan Gupta - Senior Advisor, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, GOI
01:00 PM - 02:30 PM - LUNCH BREAK	
02:30 PM 03:15 PM	Reclaiming Sacred Spaces: Legal Challenges: Adv. Vishnu Jain - Lawyer (Advocate on Record), Supreme Court of India
03:15 PM 04:00 PM	Indians in Space: Where are we Headed: Prof Alope Kumar - Scientist IISc, Science communicator
04:00 PM 04:45 PM	Politics and the Poverty of Language and Thought: Prof. Anand Ranganathan - Scientist SCMM, Author, Political Commentator Deep Halder - Journalist and Author
4:45pm - 5:15pm - BOOK STALL BREAK	
05:15 PM 06:00 PM	Babur – The Chess Board King - Book Talk: Aabhas Maldahiyar - Architect-Urban designer, Author, RCS Fellow, Founding member of FIHCR and an Amateur Historian in conversation with Nandini Sengupta - Journalist and Author
06:00 PM 06:45 PM	Material Culture of the South – What Archaeology Reveals: Dr. Sanjay K. Manjul - Additional Director General, Archaeological Survey of India
06:45 PM 07:30 PM	Waiting for Shiva - Unearthing the Truth of Kashi's Gyan Vapi - Book Talk: 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	The Hindus of Bengal, East Pakistan and Bangladesh: 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	The Implications of China's Emergence in the Global Order: Lt. Gen. S L Narasimhan (Retd) - Avid China Watcher, Defense Expert
11:00 AM - 11:30 AM - BOOK STALL BREAK	
11:30 AM 12:15 PM	Majoritarian Myth - How Unscientific Social Theories Create Disharmony - Book Talk: Prof. Kausik Gangopadhyay - Economist, Professor – IIM-Kozhicode, Author in conversation with Deep Halder - Journalist and Author
12:15 PM 01:00 PM	mRNA Malaria Vaccine: Learning from Covid 19: Prof. Shailja Singh – Scientist, Special Center for Molecular Medicine (SCMM), JNU Prof. Anand Ranganathan - Scientist SCMM, Author, Political Commentator
01:00 PM - 02:30 PM - LUNCH BREAK	
02:30 PM	Arrival of Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman - Hon'ble Finance Minister of India at venue and received by Smt. Alo Pal - Director PLF 2024
02:32 PM	Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman - Hon'ble Finance Minister of India proceeds to the dais.
02:32 PM	Welcome Address by Prof. Anand Ranganathan – Scientist SCMM, Author, Political Commentator
02:40 PM	Keynote address by Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman - Hon'ble Finance Minister of India
03:25 PM	Word of Thanks by Alo Pal, Director PLF 2024
03:45 PM 04:30 PM	Itihasas – Tackling the Cult of False Heroes: Ami Ganatra - Author in conversation with Amal Sud - COO & CFO ConceptVines
04:30 PM - 04:45 PM - BOOK STALL BREAK	
04:45 PM 05:30 PM	Veeranganas – Why They Took Up Arms: Nandini Sengupta - Journalist and Author, Bal Sahitya Academy Puraskar Awardee in conversation with Alo Pal - Director PLF 2024
05:30 PM 06:15 PM	Evolution of Ramayana Narratives - Across Time & Space: Jataayuu - Tamil Scholar and Exponent of Hindu Thought
06:15 PM 07:00 PM	Raghoba : The Assassination of Narayan Rao Peshwa - Book Talk: Dr. Uday S 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	Operation Meghdoot, Kargil and the Shifting Patterns of Terror in J & K: Lt. Gen. Sanjay Kulkarni (Retd) - Siachen Pioneer, Former DG Infantry in conversation with Shiv Aroor - Journalist and Author
07:45 PM	Vote of Thanks: Alo Pal - Director PLF 2024
07:50 PM	VANDE MATARAM

