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President's Pen

The International Association for Religious Freedom (IARF) was founded in 1900, inspired by the visionary ideals of Universal Brotherhood proclaimed by Swami Vivekananda at the historic World Parliament of Religions in Chicago in 1893. His powerful message called upon people of all faiths to transcend their differences and come together in mutual respect and harmony. This foundational vision continues to guide the IARF in its mission to foster interfaith dialogue and global peace. The India Chapter of IARF has been active for the past 45 years, with the early support of pioneering organizations such as the Brahmo Samaj, Ramakrishna Mission, Catholic communities, and Unitarian fellowships. Over the years, we have expanded our reach across the country and successfully hosted several World Congresses, including in Bangalore and Cochin.

India, with its rich tapestry of languages, religions, castes, and cultures, presents both a unique opportunity and a complex challenge for fostering harmony. While diversity is our strength, it also brings occasional conflicts of interest that threaten the very fabric of Universal Brotherhood envisioned by Swami Vivekananda. In recent times, we have witnessed growing tensions fuelled by both external and internal political forces, as well as anti-social elements with vested interests. These challenges undermine peace and communal harmony. Now, more than ever, we must reaffirm our commitment to the values of brotherhood, compassion, and unity.

The IARF believes that peace cannot be enforced it must be cultivated. Through dialogue, education, and collaboration, we aim to eliminate violence, resolve conflicts, and resist the forces of division and corruption. Brotherhood remains our strongest defence against hatred and our greatest hope for a peaceful and inclusive society. We call upon all individuals and organizations committed to peace, justice, and human dignity to join hands with us. Let us work together to build not only a harmonious nation, but a world where religious freedom, mutual respect, and universal brotherhood prevail.



With warm regards,
V. Rengapashyam,
National President,
India- Chapter,
Former International Council Member. IARF



Why India Needs IARF - A Message from the Secretary

In a nation as diverse as India, home to almost every major religion on the planet religious freedom is not just a constitutional guarantee, but a civilizational necessity. As the Secretary of the Indian chapter of the International Association for Religious Freedom (IARF), I urge to reflect on the crucial role our organization must play in today's times. Founded on the belief that true peace and development cannot exist without religious harmony, IARF has stood for over a century as a voice for interfaith understanding, human dignity, and freedom of belief. In India, our work is more vital than ever.

Why IARF is needed in India

India's pluralistic fabric is strength but it also comes with challenges. In recent years, we have witnessed increasing instances of polarization, hate speech, and communal tensions. These are not just social issues; they are threats to the democratic ideals that our nation stands for. IARF provides a unique, neutral, and respected platform where religious leaders, thinkers, youth, and civil society members can come together to,

- 4 Promote freedom of belief and conscience for all communities.
- 4 Encourage inter-religious dialogue to dispel myths and stereotypes.
- 4 Support peace building efforts in areas affected by religious conflict.
- 4 Advocate for policy frameworks that uphold secular and inclusive values.

Focus Areas for Growth

For IARF India to fulfil its mission meaningfully, we must strategically invest in the following areas:

Youth Engagement: We must inspire the younger generation to become ambassadors of peace. Interfaith youth camps, fellowships, and digital initiatives can play a transformative role.

Grassroots Dialogues: Interfaith harmony is not only for academic halls or conference rooms. We need to deepen our engagement in rural and semi-urban areas, where misinformation and prejudice often thrive.

Legal Awareness & Advocacy: Many citizens are unaware of their rights when it comes to religious freedom. IARF can bridge this gap by conducting workshops on legal literacy and working alongside human rights organizations.

Partnerships with Educational Institutions: By integrating interfaith education and conflict resolution into academic spaces, we can sow seeds of tolerance early.

A Call for Collective Action

The strength of IARF lies in its members. As we look to grow and deepen our presence in India, I call upon each of you to become active participants in this mission. Whether through local chapters, interfaith initiatives, or policy dialogues, your contribution can help uphold the spirit of "unity in diversity" that defines our nation. Let us work together not just to preserve religious freedom but to actively build a culture of mutual respect, dignity, and peace across every community in India.



In solidarity,
Br. Britto SHJ
Secretary, IARF India Chapter



Guided by Values, Driven by Purpose

In a world that is increasingly divided by ideology, religion, and identity, the voice of the youth must rise not in anger, but in unity, hope, and fearless compassion. As young people, we inherit not just a legacy but a responsibility, to build bridges where others build walls, to speak truth where there is silence, and to carry forward the torch of peace and understanding. It is this very mission that lies at the heart of the International Association for Religious Freedom (IARF). For over a century, the organization has brought together people of different faiths, cultures, and philosophies not to erase their differences, but to celebrate them as threads of one rich human tapestry.

The Role of Youth in Today's World

As youth, we are not just the future, we are the present. Our generation lives in a hyper connected, fast paced world, where the influence of social media, misinformation, and political polarization can either build a culture of empathy or tear it apart.

This is why IARF's youth wing plays such a critical role today. We are the pulse of the movement, the carriers of fresh perspectives, and the architects of change. Through educational programs, intercultural exchanges, peace initiatives, and grassroots action, IARF empowers young people to become leaders not just in their communities, but in the global conversation around religious freedom, human rights, and peace building.

More Than Dialogue, It's Action

At IARF, dialogue is only the first step. What we aim to foster is transformative engagement. Whether it's organizing youth conferences, interfaith prayer meets, environmental clean-up drives, peace rallies, or skill development workshops, our mission is to ensure that young voices are not only heard but seen in action. We understand that the real work happens on the ground in schools, temples, mosques, churches, and community halls; in slums, rural villages, and city streets. That is where peace must be built.

A Call to All Young Hearts

To the youth of India and the world, this is your invitation to be part of something larger than yourself. If you are tired of hate, confusion, and division, if you are searching for purpose, meaning, and community, then the IARF welcomes you. You don't need to have all the answers. You just need the courage to start. Come with your questions, your dreams, and your willingness to listen and learn. Come and find people who may not look like you, pray like you, or speak your language, but who share your belief in a better world.

The Future Is Ours to Shape

We often hear that the world is in crisis, but what if the world is also in transition? What if we are being called not to fear change, but to guide it with wisdom and compassion? As youth, we hold the keys to that future. Let us rise not in opposition to one another, but in solidarity. Let us lead not with power, but with purpose. Let us transform not with force, but with freedom. The IARF is not just an organization, it is a movement. And we are the movement makers. Join us.



In harmony and service,
Priscilla Valan Assumptio A
Co-ordinator Youth Wing IARF, India



Praying Across Borders: Spiritual Encounters in Interreligious Dialogue

Introduction

In a world increasingly fragmented by religion, ideology, and identity, something quietly revolutionary happens when people of different faiths pause, breathe, and pray together. In the stillness of shared silence or the harmony of diverse chants, we discover that prayer is not confined to a single tradition—it is a universal language of the soul. To pray across borders is to cross not only geographical or cultural boundaries, but the inner walls of fear, prejudice, and separation that divide us.

Spiritual encounters between traditions are not about erasing differences, but about embracing the sacred in the other. When a Hindu or Christian offers a prayer for world peace beside a Sufi, when a Buddhist monk joins a tribal elder in a ritual for the earth, or when a Jew and a Jain sit in meditative silence, something more than tolerance is born—something transformative. These moments of deep presence and mutual reverence spark a powerful energy that words cannot contain. They invite us into a deeper way of being human—connected, humble, alive.

In a time marked by noise, violence, and division, interreligious prayer becomes an act of resistance and renewal. It is a radical reclaiming of the sacred space where all life is honoured, where diversity is not feared but celebrated. Here, we do not pray against each other, but with and for each other. In these encounters, we touch the heartbeat of a shared humanity—and perhaps, the whisper of a truth larger than any one of us. To pray across borders is to become creators of a new future: one shaped not by power, but by presence; not by conquest, but by communion.

When Hearts Meet: The Power of Shared Reverence

There is something profoundly human and sacred that awakens when people of different faiths come together—not to debate or defend, but to pray. In these moments, hearts meet beyond the limits of language, theology, or tradition. A candle lit beside a diya, a chant echoing after a silent bow, hands lifted in different gestures but toward the same longing—these are not just beautiful rituals; they are signs of a deeper transformation. Spiritual encounters don't erase difference—they illuminate its beauty. Across the world, interfaith prayer gatherings—from the United Religions Initiative's circles to the World Interfaith Harmony Week events—have shown how reverent presence can soften hearts, build trust, and birth friendships where none existed before. Mutual respect becomes not a principle but a lived reality, felt in shared tears during vigils for peace or in the radiant stillness of collective silence (United Religions Initiative, n.d.; United Nations,).

In cities like London and Kuala Lumpur, “interfaith Iftar” meals during Ramadan have become moments of sacred encounter—where people of all beliefs sit side by side to share food, prayer, and conversation. The Interfaith Rainforest Initiative in the Amazon has united spiritual leaders of Indigenous, Christian, and Afro-descendant traditions in ceremonies for the healing of the Earth. These are not performances for headlines—they are spiritual awakenings. They remind us that when we dare to pray across borders, we do not diminish our own faith; we expand the space where the sacred can dwell among us. In these encounters, the soul learns to see—not just its own reflection, but the face of the other as a mirror of the divine (Times of India, BBC News, Interfaith Rainforest Initiative,).

From Coexistence to Communion: Reimagining Interfaith Relationships

When interfaith engagement remains solely at the level of dialogue, it risks becoming transactional—informative, courteous, but emotionally thin. Yet prayer invites something deeper: it positions participants not as representatives of abstract systems, but as human seekers enveloped in shared sacred space. Studies of interfaith organizing show that prayer— as a “bridging cultural practice”—can foster a collective identity as “people of faith,” allowing participants to transcend the usual categories and enter into genuine relational presence (Greater Good Science Center, n.d.). As this shared spiritual posture unfolds, relationships move from polite coexistence into heartfelt communion: people see each other not as opponents to persuade or debate, but as fellow pilgrims walking alongside each other toward something glimpsed beyond the language of difference.

From this communion, a radical shift emerges—one from tolerance, in its passive or conditional forms, to active, sacred solidarity. Research on Muslim-Christian relations reveals that mere toleration often masks unequal power or reinforces indifference—but when communities jointly pray and act together, they cultivate a solidarity rooted in mutual respect and shared values like justice, compassion, and care for creation rather than hierarchy or separation (PMC, 2022). Similarly, interfaith grassroots peace building in places like Uganda has demonstrated that rituals, shared reflection, and spiritual practices can profoundly transform perceptions between communities, fostering respect and cooperation across deep divides (Faith to Action Network, n.d.). When we gather not only to speak, but to

pray across faith borders, we move beyond coexistence. We step into a living communion that honours each tradition as a path to the sacred and binds diverse souls into one vibrant and hopeful human family.

Silence, Chant, and Sacred Gestures: Expressions beyond Language

Prayer transcends words. In the sacred languages of silence, chant, and gesture, human beings encounter the divine in ways that speak directly to the soul. Across faith traditions, silence is revered as a powerful form of prayer—a space where hearts listen and presence deepens without the need for speech. The ringing of a bell, the lighting of a candle, a bow of the head or a humble prostration—these embodied expressions communicate reverence, surrender, and connection that cross linguistic and cultural divides. As religious scholar Mircea Eliade observed, sacred gestures and ritual movements create a "hierophany," moments where the sacred breaks into ordinary time and space, inviting transformation (Eliade, 1959). When people gather in interfaith spaces, these nonverbal expressions become a shared language, evoking a unity that words often fail to capture.

Prayer, therefore, does not always need translation—it demands intention and respect. It calls us to witness the sacred presence in others' practices without reducing them to mere symbols or exotic rituals. Creativity and symbolism are bridges that invite openness and curiosity, turning differences into invitations for deeper encounter. Whether through the communal chanting of a mantra, the shared lighting of a unity candle, or the quiet meditation in a circle of diverse faiths, these rituals foster a living communion rooted in mutual honour. In a world fractured by misunderstanding, these sacred languages of gesture and sound hold the promise of healing, reconciliation, and the radiant flourishing of human spirit.

Becoming Pilgrims of Peace: The Invitation Today

In a world yearning for healing and connection, the call to become pilgrims of peace is urgent and profound. We are invited to create more sacred spaces where people from all faiths and spiritual paths come together—not just to talk, but to pray, listen, and journey as companions. Small interfaith prayer groups, festivals celebrating diverse traditions, and youth encounters imbued with shared spiritual practices hold transformative power. These gatherings are more than events; they are living laboratories of hope where walls crumble and friendships blossom. When people gather in prayer across borders, they weave a tapestry of peace that reaches far beyond the meeting place, inspiring communities to reimagine what is possible when hearts unite (United Religions Initiative, n.d.; Global Peace Initiative of Women, 2023).

This is a radical invitation—to shift from separation to solidarity, from suspicion to sacred friendship. Imagine a world where spiritual borders become bridges, where differences are celebrated as the colours of a vibrant human family. Here, prayer fuels action, compassion ignites justice, and the sacred becomes the soil from which new life springs. Every step taken in shared reverence, every moment of silence held in solidarity, is a step toward a future bright with promise. As pilgrims of peace, we carry forward a vision where faith is not a cause for division but a source of profound unity—an enduring light that calls all to walk together in hope, courage, and love (World Interfaith Harmony Week, 2024).

Conclusion

In a world fragmented by fear and misunderstanding, the act of praying across borders emerges as a bold revolution of the human spirit—breaking down walls not with words, but with silence, song, and sacred presence. It is an invitation to step beyond division and enter a shared space where differences are not threats but gifts, where every gesture and chant becomes a bridge to deeper communion. To pray together is to reclaim our common humanity and awaken to the radical possibility that peace is not distant or impossible, but here—waiting to be embraced in every heartfelt prayer, every humble bow, and every shared breath. As pilgrims of peace, we hold the power to transform not only moments but generations, sowing seeds of unity, hope, and love that will blossom into a vibrant future where spiritual borders dissolve and all creation flourishes in radiant harmony.



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Solidarity beyond Individual Identity

In an age often defined by division and discord, the most radical and hopeful act is to choose unity. It is, therefore, with immense pride and profound hope that I write this for the brochure celebrating Interfaith Harmony Rally, an event conceived and brought to life by International Association of Religious Freedom. This initiative is a powerful testament to the true spirit of education. We are here not merely to impart knowledge for professional success, but to nurture empathetic, global citizens. Our campuses are a vibrant microcosm of the world itself—a beautiful tapestry woven with threads of diverse beliefs, cultures, and traditions. This rally is not about erasing our differences; it is about celebrating them. It is about recognizing that our varied faiths and philosophies are not walls that separate us, but windows that offer unique and valuable perspectives on the universal human values of compassion, justice, and love. The fact that this movement was student-led makes it all the more significant. It demonstrates a maturity of thought, courage of conviction, and a deep-seated understanding that the future we inherit will be built on the foundations we lay today. By engaging in dialogue, sharing stories, and standing together in solidarity, our students are actively building those foundations out of respect and mutual understanding. They are moving beyond tolerance—a passive word—towards active harmony, a much more powerful and enduring concept. I extend my heartfelt congratulations to the organisers of this event and every individual who contributed to making this rally a reality. To all participants, I encourage you to carry the spirit of this day beyond the campus grounds. Let the conversations started here ripple out into your communities, becoming a force for positive change in a world that desperately needs it. This rally is more than an event; it is a statement. It is a promise made by our youth for a more harmonious and inclusive tomorrow. I am inspired by their vision and am confident that they are leading the way.



With great optimism,
Dr. S. Felicia Gladys Sathiadevi,
Principal,
Sarah Tucker College, Palayamkottai.



Views on IARF – Youth Corner

In this soil, faith blooms like wild jasmine, each flower unique, yet fragrant together. The mosque's azan, the temple's conch, the church's bell—three breaths woven into one prayer. People cross thresholds with barefoot reverence, carrying love more than labels. A candle, a garland, a whispered verse; all rise like incense, their smoke mingling, never asking which god it belongs to.

Halima,
II M. A. English
Sarah Tucker College

Inter-religion freedom is not tolerance but true respect. A space where every soul's faith is equally perfect. It is the melody where many voices sing one song, proving that diversity makes humanity strong.

Selciya M,
II M.Sc. Physics
Sarah Tucker College

Religious freedom guarantees the right to hold personal beliefs, openly express them, engage in religious practices and share them with others. It includes the freedom to manage religious affairs, freedom from religious taxation and limits on religious instruction in certain educational institutions. The right fosters societal tolerance and stability by allowing religious growth. It is a fundamental human right crucial for a diverse society allowing individuals to practice their faith, but this right is not absolute and is subject to reasonable restrictions for public order, safety, and the rights of others.

M. Siva Sundari,
III BCA
Sarah Tucker College

I don't believe God exists; Though i believe there is something more powerful than humans. Humans give faces to that power and do prayers because that power looks familiar to their hearts. Not every humans look alike; Likewise not every human's perspectives are same; And also the perspectives can change at anytime.

M. Siva Sundari,
III BCA
Sarah Tucker College



Upcoming IARF Programmes

- September 3, 2025** – Conference for College Students, Tirunelveli
- September 3, 2025** – Executive Meet, Tirunelveli
- September 27, 2025** – Conference for College Students, Bangalore, Karnataka
- September 28, 2025** – Executive Meet, Bangalore
- November 8, 2025** – Conference for College Students, Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh
- December 3, 2025** – Conference for Adults, Tirunelveli
- December 8, 2025** – Conference, Kottayam, Kerala
- February 12, 2026** – Conference for College Students, Hyderabad, Telangana
- March 4, 2026** – Conference for College Students, Chennai, Tamil Nadu



A Journey Towards Unity & Harmony



CAUSSANNAL PROVINCIALATE
Papanasam - 21st July 2024

The interfaith dialogue organized by IARF in collaboration with the Caussanel province of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart of Jesus was a rich and engaging event at Caussanel provincialate on 21st, July 2024. With 83 participants, the program began with prayers and a song representing various religions. The gathering was welcomed by Bro. Britto SHJ, General secretary of IARF, India chapter who introduced IARF, RYFN, and IARWL, emphasizing the importance of interfaith dialogue. Rev. Br. Stephen Arockiasamy SHJ, provincial superior delivered the inaugural address, followed by a presidential address by Mr. Suppramaniya Raja, the former president of IARF, India chapter. Bro. M.D. Sebadian SHJ then provided insights into the history of IARF, and the event included the inaugural ceremonies of RYFN and IARWL with a photo session. After a tea break, a group game was conducted by Bro. Kulandai SHJ, followed by a talk titled "Encounter the Enlightened" by Mr. Narayannen, a retired professor of St. Xavier's College, Playamkottai, along with contributions from Mr. Mydeen, a teacher, and Mr. Perumal, the Headmaster of a Government school. The event concluded with an open session moderated by Mr. Abdul Kajip and Mr. Jebamony, where questions were raised and clarified. Mr. Chellathurai delivered the vote of thanks, marking the successful end of the dialogue. It seems like a wonderful initiative promoting understanding and harmony among different faiths and generations. The meet came to an end with a lunch.

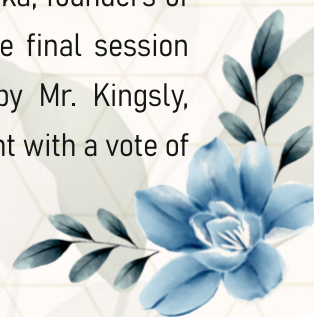




ISAKKI RESORT Courtalam - 11th October 2024



On October 11th, we kicked off a two-day IARF Youth Seminar (RFYN) at Courtalam, attended by 64 students from St. Ignatius B.Ed College palayamkottai, St. Xavier's College palayamkottai, Sadakathullah Appa College Palayamkottai, Chennai Christian College, Arputha College, Vamban and Chrithuraja School Palayamkottai. The seminar commenced with an inaugural ceremony presided over by Mr. Rengapashyam. V, President of IARF India Chapter. Special guests included Mr. Nagasankaran, DSP of Thenkasi, and Rev. Br. Stephen Arockiasamy, Provincial of caussanel province of Brothers of the Sacred Heart. Other notable attendees were Mr. Kingsly, IARF IC member, Dr.Premachanthiran, Mr. Subramaniya Raja, Br. M.D. Sebastian, Mr. A.M.Chithic, Sr. Teslin, Miss Saaliha, Br.Joseph Lazer and Br.Alex Ravi.Mrs. Indhra, a professor at Ignatius B.Ed College and Br.John peter, Superior of St. Michael institutions served as the resource persons for the seminar. Br. Britto, the General Secretary of IARF India Chapter, delivered an engaging introductory talk, setting the stage for the seminar's objectives and themes. Following this, Br. Lourdu Kulandai led an ice-breaking session filled with games designed to foster camaraderie and encourage participants to connect with one another. The day's activities concluded with a visit to the waterfalls, followed by dinner and a campfire, marking a successful first day of the event. The second day of the IARF-RFYN meet started with breakfast, followed by an inter-religious prayer. Br. Britto SHJ delivered an introductory talk, after which Mr. Ganasan and Mrs. Monika, founders of Ganesh Academy in Chennai, led a session titled "From Tolerance to Transformation." The final session featured an open forum for certificate awards, future plans, and evaluation, guided by Mr. Kingsly, Br. Sebastian, and Mr. Subramaniya Raja and Br. Lourdu Kulandai. Br. Britto concluded the event with a vote of thanks, and the meet wrapped up with lunch.





ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE Trichy - 23rd November 2024

On November 23rd, the IARF Youth Seminar (RFYN) was held at St. Joseph's College in Trichy. The one-day event drew nearly 61 students from St. Joseph's College, Holy Cross College, and Jamal Mohammad College. The seminar began with an inaugural ceremony, presided over by Bro. A. Britto, General Secretary of IARF's India Chapter. Special guests included Prof. John Peter from Loyola College, Chennai, Dr. A. Syed Zakir Hasan, Controller of Examination at Jamal Mohammad College, Trichy, Fr. Annaraj, State Advisor of AICUF at St. Joseph's College, Trichy, and Dr. Sr. Fabiana, Director of AICUF at Holy Cross College, Trichy. Bro. Savarimuthu and Mr. Salai Rengarajan were also in attendance. Following prayers and readings, Bro. Britto delivered a thought-provoking introduction, outlining the seminar's objectives. The dignitaries then shared their insights on the theme of Religious Freedom. After a short break, the second session commenced, featuring Prof. John Peter as the resource person. Ms. Priscilla Valan Assumptio A, State Co-ordinator of RFYN, introduced the speaker. The session was engaging and informative, fostering connections among participants. After the lunch the event concluded with feedback from students and the selection of coordinators, marking a successful day.

KINGSLEY MEDICAL ACADEMY Mahabalipuram – 7th February 2025



On February 7th, we kicked off a two-day IARF Youth Seminar (RFYN) at Mahabalipuram, attended by 76 students from Kings International Medical College, Christian College, St. Xavier's College and Ganesh IAS Academy. The seminar commenced with an inaugural ceremony presided over by Rengapashyam, President of IARF- India Chapter. Br. Britto, the National secretary of IARF, India Chapter gave an introductory talk. Special guests are Mr Daniel, CEO of Kingsley Medical College Mahabalipuram, Chennai, Mr. Charlee Poul, the principal of Kingsley Medical College, MD Sebastian, founder of CS-IRM, Mr. Subramanya Raja, former president of the IARF India chapter. Other notable attendees were REV. Kingsley IARF IC member. Paul Sekar, Rev. Sr. Amala Rani, Bro. L. Kulandai, Mr. Ganesh Subramaniyam, served as resource persons. Mr. Iyyappan and Ms. Vennila were the master of ceremony. The day's activities concluded with a visit to Mahabalipuram including beach and monuments followed by dinner and campfire marking a successful event.



The International Association for Religious Freedom (IARF) India Chapter conducted a series of events from 14th to 16th February 2025, fostering interfaith understanding and collaboration at Jowai, Meghalaya. The events began on 14th February with meeting local leaders' such as G M Lamar, Biangpor, Mrs. Karuna, Mrs. Riana Nonkrem, Prof. Rupia Lamar, Teiborlang Passat where strategies for reviving the IARF in the Region and strengthening interfaith dialogue and addressing community challenges were discussed. During this meeting, Mr. Damiki, Ms. Liza M Lamar, Ms. Liza Bella, and Mr. Heipormi Kjam were appointed as local leaders. Following this, we visited local households, engaging with families to promote religious freedom and inclusivity at the grassroots level. On 15th February, IARF Youth Training Program began in the morning, focusing on leadership, interfaith dialogue, and peacebuilding. The session began with a prayer led by Mr. Damiki and his team, followed by a talk from Bro. Britto, Secretary of IARF India Chapter, welcomed the gathering and explained the mission and activities of IARF. Experts guided young participants on how to actively contribute to religious harmony, equipping them with essential skills for fostering tolerance and coexistence. The program was attended by notable local personalities and 60 young adults. Mr V. Rengapashyam presided over the event and remembered about the past activities of IARF in the region under the guidance of the late C. Lyngdoh and the history of IARF from Swamy Vivekananda ji's speech in World religion Congress at Chicago and till date. Rev. Harison Kingsley IC Member also delivered speech focusing on the present need of interfaith relationships in India. The following other leaders Mr. Daniel Kantar (CEO and Service Minister, Unitarian Church, US), Mr. G M Lamar (Additional Commissioner, Jowai), and Mr. Heipormi Kjam. Prof. Rupia Lamar. The session concluded with a token of gratitude by Shri. Ohiwot Laloo, Sunday School Leader and IARF member, who expressed gratitude to the speakers and participants. In the evening, the Unitarian Church Annual Conference brought together office bearers and religious leaders, serving as a platform for faith-based initiatives and social cohesion. A highlight of the event was the honoring of IARF office bearers by the Unitarian Church leaders of Jowai in recognition of their dedication to religious freedom and interfaith harmony. The series of events concluded on 16th February with a picnic, providing a relaxed setting for participants to bond, reflect on the discussions, and strengthen their relationships beyond formal meetings. This gathering further reinforced interfaith connections and camaraderie. The IARF events from 14th to 16th February 2025 successfully promoted dialogue, youth empowerment, and community collaboration, reinforcing the commitment to religious freedom and mutual understanding. The discussions, training sessions, and fellowship opportunities are expected to inspire further actions toward a more inclusive and harmonious society. All the participants were given the certificates.