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Theosophy and the life and work of the Theosophical pioneers/ leaders, provide a way of thinking and living, to be studied, understood and to be followed. The significance and force of their thought and words remind us that we should not rest till we are able to grasp and imbibe the message and ideas which they wanted to convey.

These should reflect in our thought, work and deed. This is, no doubt, an uphill task but a member of the TS cannot avoid this responsibility. For what counts is conduct and not belief. Every member will have to think and work at two levels: personal and societal, independently without the one overpowering the other. Such an approach for the welfare of the whole society will enrich both the individual and the society with which one is associated. It can be attained only through adherence to some values.

The 'organizational nucleus' has to expand horizontally and also move vertically in order to make its impact felt positively by the members and the people in general. The Theosophical teachings provide immensely wide scope to the members in order to expand their mental horizon and to elevate their intellectual, moral and spiritual level.

It is thus, high time that we changed the direction and charted the course of *The Journey* towards the inner regions- into the very depth of our Being. It is imperative that we seek for the knowledge that does not stop at the head but the knowledge that penetrates the heart and reaches the remotest recesses of our whole being. This is the knowledge of the self, which takes into its fold the knowledge of the body, the mind, the spirit and the interrelatedness of one with the

other. This is the knowledge that spontaneously gives insight- not only into human nature but an insight into the nature of all things - an insight into the very vastness of this Phenomena that is life. This clarity of understanding is something which has to be discovered by exploring into the depths of our own Self. We have to have a keen vision, because it is only by seeing the falseness of our values can we discover Truth. As once I mentioned, the firm auspicious resolve towards the Truth is in itself is the first auspicious *step* towards *The Truth*.

**HOMAGE TO RADHA JI**

The Indian Section of the T S organized a meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> November at 6.00 p.m. in the Annie Besant Hall at the Section Headquarters, Varanasi, to condole the sad demise of our beloved International President Revered Dr. Radha Burnier. Members and workers of the Indian Section, members of Kashi Tattva Sabha, members of Colleges and Schools at the Section HQ were present. Condolence messages received were read out. Some members remembered their association with Radhaji.

One minute silence was observed to pray that her pious and noble soul rest in peace and thereafter the members and guests paid their tributes by offering flowers at the portrait of Radhaji.

The ashes of Revered Radhaji were brought from Adyar to Varanasi on 11 November by Bro. Umakanth Rao in order to immerse them in the Holy River Ganga. In this connection a meeting was organized in the Annie Besant Hall at the Section HQ where the *Asthi Kalash* was kept so that people may offer *Pushpanjali* to it. The meeting started with recitation of Chapter 15 of Gita by Mrs. Manju Sundaram. The General Secretary spoke in brief about Revered Radhaji's deep understanding and the way she lived Theosophy. It was followed by Prof. P. Krishna telling in brief about Radhaji's life, work and her close association with Krishnaji and KFI. He concluded by saying that she will always remain a source of inspiration. Then, the Manager, Principals and Teachers of the four educational institutions, members, guests and the workers at the Section HQ offered flowers at the *Asthi Kalash* and paid their respectful homage to Radhaji. The

urn containing ashes was carried to the Kedar Khand area on the bank of the river. Some of the members and workers at the Section HQ went on a barge and immersed the urn in the mid stream of the Holy River Ganga.

A number of messages were received from India and abroad.

### **THE INDIAN SECTION CONVENTION-I**

The 123<sup>rd</sup> Indian Section Convention was held at Adyar on 27 December 2013. The Convention was inaugurated by the International Vice-President, Bro. M.P. Singhal, who in his address said that in spite of many unique features of the TS, we are losing members year after year. We need to go into this matter. HPB in her preface to *The Key to Theosophy* said, 'Theosophy is not meant for the lazy or the obtuse.' In the same book she has mentioned about the duties of members and what they are supposed to do. There is a need to grasp and have the communication skills necessary to share the Theosophical teachings. The Vice-President further emphasized that we should bring about a fundamental change in ourselves by reflecting on our behaviour.

The Federation Secretaries conveyed greetings on behalf of their respective Federations.

The General Secretary presented the Annual Report for the year 2012-2013 giving the general survey of the work done during the year under review. It was followed by the Treasurer's Report presented by Bro. P.S. Panchakshari. Bro. Chittaranjan Satapathy, International Secretary, chaired the Convention and in the Presidential remarks emphasized on Dr. Radha Burnier's observations which she had mentioned during the Section's Convention in 2012:

"We must go for the Value which are most lasting. We have to proceed towards a glorious future and that is what the TS is working for. Help oneself to help others".

**The Indian Section Convention-II** was held on 29 December 2013 in which Bro. Dakshinamurthy of Bangalore, Dr. Ajay Rai of Gorakhpur

(U.P.) and Bro. K. Dinakaran of Trissur (Kerala) spoke on the theme **"No Effort is lost towards Noble Intent"**

### **ELECTION OF GENERAL SECRETARY & TREASURER**

The Indian Section Council in its meeting held on 29 December, 2013, at Adyar, elected Bro. S. Sundaram as General Secretary of the Indian Section for the term of three years from 2014 to 2016 and Bro. P.S. Panchakshari as Treasurer of the Indian Section for a term of two years, 2014 and 2015.

### **PRESIDENT'S ELECTION**

The General Secretary informed the members of the Indian Section Council in its meeting held on 29 December 2013, that he has received a circular dated 2 November, 2013, from the International Secretary, The Theosophical Society, Adyar, Chennai, regarding 'Presidential Election: 2014'. In this connection, after discussion and expression of opinions by many members it was decided unanimously to authorize the General Secretary to nominate one, two or three names to the post of President of the TS using his discretion in the best interest of the T.S. He may take assistance of two Council members in the matter.

Accordingly, the General Secretary nominated Mr. Tim Boyd for the post of the International President for the next term of seven years.

The entire procedure, as mentioned in the aforesaid circular and the election papers received later, was followed. The result of the Indian Section was sent to the International Secretary, Theosophical Society, on 16 April 2014.

### **INDIAN SECTION HEADQUARTERS**

The 166<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary of Dr. Annie Besant was celebrated at the Section Headquarters, Varanasi, on 1 October, 2013. Prof. P. Krishna, a Life Member of the T.S. and Secretary of Rajghat Education Centre (KFI), was the guest speaker on this occasion. He spoke on vibrant and vivacious life and personality of Dr. Besant which

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illuminated the whole of India. Earlier, while welcoming the members and distinguished guests, the General Secretary underlined the fact that Dr. Annie Besant not only persuaded Indian people to live with self-respect but also laid great emphasis on nurturing mutual respect for fellow human beings.

The Besant Education Fellowship organized a programme on October, 1, 2013, to commemorate the birthday of Dr. Annie Besant. It was held in the Annie Besant Hall at the Section Headquarters, Varanasi. The students of the four educational institutions of Varanasi participated in the programme with great enthusiasm. The subjects of their talks were 'Ma Annie Besant and Hindu Dharma', 'On the Path of Truth', 'Dr. Besant's role in spreading women's education in India'. Besides, a short play on Dr. Besant's search for truth and her contribution to women's education was staged by the students of Vasant Kanya Inter College. A short play 'Sarvasukla Saraswati Ma Besant' was staged by the students of Annie Besant Primary School. This latter play covered the contribution of Dr. Besant in the various walks of life in India.

Foundation Day of the Theosophical Society was celebrated at the Indian Section HQ, Varanasi, on 17 Nov. 2013 in which members of the society and a few others including students participated with great enthusiasm. The function began with prayers from different faiths and the Universal Prayer. Welcoming the gathering the General Secretary highlighted the significant role the Theosophical Society is performing in spreading 'Theosophy' not only in India but all over the world. He urged the members to strive hard for attainment of the goals which the founders of the Theosophical Society have chosen for this organization. Smt. Uma Bhattacharyya, member of the Managing Committee of Kashi Tattva Sabha (KTS), and Dr. T.K. Nair, National Secretary, TOS, India, were two speakers on this occasion. Smt. Bhattacharyya spoke eloquently on the relevance of Theosophical Society in the context of today's world. She underlined the fact that the pervasiveness of the organization and its widespread influence all over the world, reflect how deep and strong are the roots on which this magnificent structure of the society has been established. She further

elaborated that besides providing a strong and deep spiritual foundation to the mankind for their evolution the Theosophical Society attempts to establish peace and harmony in the world. She, however, reminded the gathering that each member of the society has to undertake the responsibility to serve the mankind by following the motto and objectives of the organization in right earnestness. Dr. T. Krishnankutty Nair spoke extensively on various events and incidents in chronological order which ultimately led to the establishment of the Theosophical Society. Highlighting the unique features of the Theosophical Society he drew attention of the gathering to the blessings of the Masters which resulted in formation of the Theosophical Society.

The Support Convention was observed at the Section Headquarters, Varanasi, on 26 December 2013 and 31 December 2013 which was attended by the members of Theosophical Society. On 26 December, expressing her views on the theme of the International Convention "New Mind for the New World", Dr. Abha Srivastava, the President of Kashi Tattva Sabha (K.T.S.) Theosophical Lodge at Varanasi, opined that new mind signifies such a mind which is liberated from pre-conditions and thus is pure and awakened. She further elaborated that world is nothing but our own projection, hence with pure and de-conditioned mind, the entire world changes according to our new vision. As a guest speaker Pandit Jwala Prasad Mishra, Manager, Vasant Kanya Inter-College, threw light on the above subject from Vedantic view-point. He stated that if intellect is inspired by empathy, love and positively, it gives birth to a new mind which creates a new world. Discussion on the above theme continued further on 31 December 2013 in which the speaker was Smt. Uma Bhattacharyya. Terming the new mind as pure and awakened mind, she pointed out that when lust, anger and passion disappear, mind gets purified. She further indicated that the mind being finer body within our gross physical body deeply impacts the outer world in a very subtle manner. She highlighted the fact that for attaining an awakened and pure mind we need a favourable inner climate i.e. keeping our human relations in order, giving the mind a healthy and creative occupation, making right use of imagination and guarding against despondency. She further

revealed that entire secret of attaining an awakened mind is given by Lord Krishna in two words i.e. practice (वृत्ति) and dispassion (अविषय). The meeting concluded with a thought that having pure and awakened mind is valuable as it leads to the highest blessing-the illumined state of being which would lead us to an entirely new world.

Bro. B.D. Tendulkar, National Lecturer, highlighted the various contributions of Col. H.S. Olcott in a public meeting organized at the Section HQ on the occasion of Adyar Day. The meeting was attended by the members, students, guests and the members of the National Executive Committee of the Indian Section. The meeting started with the Prayers of All Faiths. Welcoming the gathering the General Secretary mentioned how this day was chosen in 1922 to pay homage and to remember those who followed Truth.

A meeting was organized at the Section HQ on the occasion of White Lotus Day in which excerpts from *Bhagavadgita*, *The Light of Asia* and *The Voice of the Silence* were read by Smt. Uma Bhattacharyya, Dr. Abha Srivastava and Dr. Ram Gopal Tandon respectively. The General Secretary spoke in brief about the significance of the day. Mrs. Manju Sundaram, in her short talk, explained about the way HPB worked with great determination for a noble cause.

Banaras Utsav, in collaboration with the Indian Section of the Theosophical Society, organized a public lecture of Shri Shrivatsa Goswamiji on 26 October in the Annie Besant Hall at the Section HQ. Shri Shrivatsa Goswamiji is an eminent scholar of Religion and Philosophy. The subject of his talk was 'The Spiritual Aspect of Music' and it was attended by our members, academicians, students and a great number of distinguished citizens of Varanasi.

Kashi Tattva Sabha (KTS) organized eighteen public lectures during the year under review. Eleven talks were delivered by the members of the TS and the remaining seven by the scholars from different institutions. All these talks were on the subjects which come under the purview of the Motto and the Objects of the TS. Besides, a symposium was organized by KTS on the theme 'Self-dependency & Freedom: Our Responsibility' in which students of one High School,

three Intermediate College and one Degree College expressed their views.

Six members of KTS narrated their impressions regarding the International Convention on 24 January 2014.

The study classes were held on every Tuesday. The members of KTS studied *Thought Power: Its Control & Culture* by Annie Besant during October- December 2013; *The Voice of the Silence* by HPB from January 2014 to April 2014; HPB's *The Key to Theosophy* in July-August 2014; and *No Other Path to Go* by Radha Burnier was studied in September and it is still continuing.

### **NORTH INDIA STUDY CAMP**

The North India Study Camp was held at the Section HQ from 17 October 2013 to 21 October 2013 in which about 65 delegates from different Federations participated. Prof. R.C. Tampi and Bro. P.K. Jayaswal directed the study in which an earnest attempt was made to enlighten the participants about the basic theme of the book *The Secret Doctrine* authored by Madam H.P. Blavatsky. They clarified the reason for naming it as 'Secret Doctrine' and pointed out that its secret can only be unfolded when one approaches it with higher consciousness. The purpose of writing this inspirational book was also explained i.e. to awaken a new mode of thought- a new mind.

Speaking extensively on "Esoteric Philosophy" as enumerated by H.P.B., the directors of the study elucidated the nature of ultimate essence, concept of evolution and the factors which facilitated unmanifest to come in the manifested state. In this context, they referred to state of *Pralaya*- in which there is no manifestation and *Manvantara*- the state of manifestation. Providing clue to the origin of life essence, they maintained that for understanding "Universal Will", we have to understand "Divine Law" It was further revealed that it is imprinted in the Divine Mind as to how universe will manifest and this blue print in the Divine Mind is called cosmic ideation. It was clarified that Divine Plan is the manifestation of Divine Law and we and every other entity in the cosmos exist Because of Divine Plan and because of Divine Law that preside over it. It was further pointed out that it is

because of imperfect beings, imperfections are bound to occur. It was, however, explained that entire cosmos is evolving, striving to come into greater harmony with The Divine Plan. They further elaborated on the existence of 'Greater Being' called technically the 'Logos' or 'Watcher' of a cosmic system. The entire cosmos then is under the regency of cosmic Logos who is encompassed by Lesser-Beings who in turn administer the Laws applicable to its sphere of influence. These lesser-beings albeit far superior to human- beings in the degree of evolutions are termed 'Dhyani- Chohans' literally the 'Meditative Lords- Divine Intelligence'.

Seven Divine- Laws' were illustrated with the exposition of doctrines to exemplify the operation of the Laws. The doctrines represent teachings of the Ancient Wisdom or the Esoteric Philosophy as presented in *The Secret Doctrine*. They endeavoured to provide an insight into the nature and scope of the seven Divine Laws. Elaborating the "Law of coming into Being" it was revealed how from One Source, entities surged into manifested existence in incomputable millions. Highlighting the inter-connectedness of entire existence, it was brought out that one life is the vital principle animating the beings and is present irrespective of the form or vehicle in which Monad (being) manifests in one or another of the kingdoms in the Ladder of Life. Therefore all stand inter-connected as root itself has unity-we have come from One Source.

After describing the material descent where everything is unfolding, vivid portrayal of spiritual ascent was made in the concluding session. It was underlined that it is because of identification with body leading to attachment, descent has taken place. It was emphasized that spiritual ascent is possible when we take middle path which Buddha adopted. Throwing light further, it was pointed out that it is the attachment which creates memory and not getting attached to memory and experience leads to living in the present- moment to moment. For attaining this, importance of meditation was impressed upon the participants to hasten the spiritual ascent. This was followed by a question/answer session. Thereafter the General Secretary, Indian Section, extended thanks to all who contributed in making the study

camp successful. Special thanks were given to the two directors who successfully directed the study. The session ended with the melodious chanting of Shanti-Mantra by Smt. Manju Sundaram.

## **OTHER STUDY CAMPS**

Bihar and U.P. Federation jointly organized a camp from 29 to 31 March, 2014, for the study of the book *The Key to Theosophy* during the 125<sup>th</sup> year of its publication. It was held at the Theosophical Lodge in Chapra. About 30 members from various Lodges of both the Federations participated. The study was directed by Bro. U.S. Pandey, Secretary, U.P. Federation, in association with two other resource persons, namely, Bro. S.S. Gautam, National Lecturer and Bro. S.B.R. Mishra, of Sarvahitakari Lodge, Gorakhpur, U.P. Fed. The inauguration session in the morning of 29 March started with recitation of universal prayer by Bro. Manoranjan Kumar Sinha. Bro. Pandey introduced the book of study and mentioned about the purpose of writing this book by H.P.B., its structure and significance in comprehending the theosophical teachings. Bro. Hari Shankar Prasad, President of Chhapra Lodge, offered greetings and inaugurated the study camp. On first day, four sessions were organized and presided over by Bro. Chittaranjan Sinha, President, of Bihar Federation, who made introductory comments. During the first session Bro., U.S. Pandey covered the content of chapters I (Theosophy and the Theosophical Society) and II (Exoteric and Esoteric Theosophy) of the book; in the second session Bro. S.B.R. Mishra covered chapter III (The working system of the T.S.) and ch. IV (The Relations of the T.S. to Theosophy): in the third session Bro. S.S. Gautam covered ch. V (The Fundamental Teachings of Theosophy) and during the fourth session Bro. Pandey covered ch. VI (Theosophical Teachings as to Nature and Man). Prof K.K. Dwivedi of Chhapra Lodge made interactive observations.

The programme on the second day started with Bharat Samaj Pooja. It was followed by the four sessions, presided over by Bro.

Raj Kishore Prasad, Secretary of Bihar Federation, and the content of the book from chapter VII to XI and part of ch. XII were dealt with by three speakers. In the evening a devotional meet was organized. In the morning session of the third day a group meditation for the participants was held. Thereafter during three sessions the remaining parts of ch. XII and that of ch. XIII & XIV were taken up. In the concluding session, Bro. Pandey gave details of the content of "Conclusion" of the book. On each day there was lively interaction between the speaker and the participants.

A programme for integrated development of students was organized by Gwalior Lodge at Jiwaji Rao Govt. Higher Secondary School on 4 July in which 100 students from IX to XII and their teachers participated. Smt. Rekha Batham, Principal of the school, welcomed Dr. H.S. Dwivedi, Secretary, M.P. & Rajasthan Federation and Bro. U.S. Pandey, Federation Secretary of U.P. Dr. Dwivedi introduced Bro. U.S. Pandey, the speaker, and highlighted the importance of such programme for overall development of young persons. Bro. Pandey in his talk dealt with the topics like health, happiness, peace and success in life in the light of theosophical teachings. He emphasized on being sensitive to others' needs, taking care of mineral, plants, animals and human beings, taking special care of those in distress, living virtuous life with noble principles, having one pointedness and understanding the essence of things etc. The talk was followed by interaction with the participants.

A study camp on *The Voice of the Silence* was jointly organized from 5 to 7 July, 2014, by M.P. & Rajasthan and U.P. Federation under the auspices of Gwalior Lodge. About 70 persons attended the inaugural session out of which nearly 35 citizens were from Gwalior and 30 members from various Lodges of M.P. & Rajasthan and a few from Gujarat. The study was directed by Bro. U.S. Pandey, Secretary of U.P. Federation and Dr. H.S. Dwivedi, Secretary, M.P. & Rajasthan Federation. Other resource persons were three National Lecturers- Bro. S.S. Gautam, Bro. S.K. Pandey and Dr. Ashok Kaul.

## 91<sup>ST</sup> SOUTH INDIA THEOSOPHICAL CONFERENCE, ADYAR

The 91st South India Theosophical Conference, an annual event of the Indian Section, was held at the International Headquarters of the Theosophical Society from 18 to 20 April 2014. The theme of the conference was *The Key to Theosophy*. There were 145 registered participants and a few observers. The participants included five foreigners from Norway, Spain, Argentina and the U.S.A. Mr. S. Harihara Raghavan, General Manager, welcomed the participants on behalf of the General Secretary of the Indian Section. Dr. Chittaranjan Satapathy, International Secretary, inaugurated the conference. He recalled the immense contribution of the late President Smt. Radha Burnier to the South India Theosophical Conference over a long period of 51 years, first as the General Secretary of the Indian Section for 18 years and then as the International President for 33 years.

In all, there were 12 speakers including one from abroad. They covered various topics from Madame Blavatsky's book *The Key to Theosophy*, which was first published 125 years ago. Ms. K. Jaishree did the chanting at the beginning and closing of the conference and also every day in the morning. Dr. V.P. Viswakumar presented beautiful slide show one evening on the theme: 'Days & Nights of Brahma-The Bedrock of Illusion' which was very much appreciated. Mr. Sarveswarya sang a few devotional songs during the conference. Dr. A. Kannan gave the closing address after four participants gave their impressions about the conference and Ms. H. Sripriya; convener of the conference thanked all those who had helped to make the conference a grand success.

## GENERAL SECRETARY'S VISITS

The Indo-Pacific Conference was held in Bali, Indonesia, from 1 to 6 November, 2013. The theme of the conference was 'Practicing Theosophy'. The Inaugural Session was devoted to Revered Dr. Radha Burnier who was the International President of the TS from 1980 to October 2013. As per the request of the President of IPF, the General

Secretary, Indian Section, and four other delegates spoke about and paid homage to Revered Radha ji. The International Vice-President of the TS was to deliver a talk on the morning of 3 November, but he had to cancel his visit to Bali because of the unforeseen situation. So, the General Secretary was asked to give a brief history of the Indian Section and also tell about the various works being done by the TS in India. Besides, as per the programme, he delivered a short talk in the post-lunch session. The theme of his talk was 'Practising Theosophy: Knowing and Being'.

The 131<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of Bengal Theosophical Society was held on 28 February, 2014, at the BTS Hall, Kolkata. The Eastern Zonal Conference was held on March 1. The General Secretary was the Chief Guest and he delivered a talk on the theme of the Anniversary 'Wisdom and Service' and a public lecturer on 'From Individual to Indivisible'. Besides, the General Secretary visited the Theosophical Lodges at Barrackpore and Sundarvan where he addressed the members on 'Motives of Service'. The General Secretary was the Chief Guest on the occasion of the 9<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Siddharth Group of TOS, Kolkata, on 4 March. He delivered a short talk there on 'To Love is to Serve'.

The General Secretary had been to Krishnagiri (Tamil Federation) on 6-7 March in connection with property matters there. Besides, he met the members of the Theosophical Lodge there. Some members of the TOS Group of Dharmapuri came to meet the G.S. at Krishnagiri. He had informal dialogue with the members of both the places separately. Bro. S. Harihara Raghavan (General Manager, International HQ), Bro. M.V. Rengarajan (President of Tamil Federation) and Bro. V.K. Murugesan of Vellore also participated in these informal meetings.

The General Secretary inaugurated the Centenary Celebrations of the Theosophical Lodge at Molakalmuru (in Karanataka) and delivered a talk on 'The Objects of the TS & Their Meaningfulness'. He released the book on Bharat Samaj Ritual during the 105<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of Karnataka Theosophical Federation held from 26 to

28 July 2014. On the last day of conference he spoke on 'We & Our Accountability'.

#### **ASSISTANT GENERAL SECRETARY'S VISITS**

Bro. Pradip Mahapatra, Asst. General Secretary of the Indian Section, visited three Lodges of Telugu Federation in May. He met the members of the Executive Committee of Goutami Lodge at Kakinada and discussed with them about the problem of tenants. Besides, he delivered a talk at the Lodge on 'Man's Role in the Evolution'. He met the members of Executive Committee of the Theosophical Lodge at Eluru and discussed with them about the property there. He delivered a talk there on 'Why are we here?'. He discussed in detail about the property matters of Vijaywada Lodge with the members of the Executive Committee.

Bro. Mahapatra visited and met the office bearers of Sri Krishna Lodge at Guntur (in Rayalaseema Federation). The subject of his lecture there was 'Adjust with the Future'.

Bro. Mahapatra was the Chief Guest of the 109<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of Bihar Theosophical Federation, held in Muzaffarpur on 25 May. He delivered the key note address on 'Theosophy: Way to new world'.

He presided over the meeting for the revival of Himalaya Theosophical Lodge, Bhowali, and delivered a talk there on 'Why TS was formed?'. It was held on 29 May.

#### **NATIONAL LECTURER**

Bro. P.K. Jayaswal, National Lecturer, directed the study of the book *The Science of Yoga* by I.K. Taimni at Cuttack Lodge from 17 to 21 November, 2013. It was held under the auspices of Sailabala Mahapatra & Narayan Mahapatra Memorial Lecture & Study Class.

Ramesh Prasad Mohanty Memorial Study Class & Public Lecture were held at the Federation HQ, Bhubaneswar, from 22 to 25 November. Bro. P.K. Jayaswal directed the study of J. Krishnamurti's book *Freedom from the Known*.



The Golden Jubille of Laxminarayan Lodge, Bhubaneswar, was celebrated on 23 November. Bro. P.K. Jayaswal delivered a public lecture on this occasion on 'God's Plan for Humanity'.

Bro. P.K. Jayaswal visited Kerala Theosophical Federation from 11 to 16 March 2014. He visited Sree Sankara TS Lodge, Ernakulam, on March 11 & 12 and delivered talks on "Messages from the Mahatmas" and "Developing Intuition". He visited Annapoorni TS Lodge, Aleppey, on 13-14 March and the theme of study was "Masters and their Messages" based on the book *Theosophy as the Masters See It*. He visited Trichur TS Lodge and talked on "Developing Intuition" on 15 March and inaugurated the public seminar on "Messages from the Mahatmas" and gave the Keynote Address. He chaired a panel discussion on "Concept of Mahatmas" on 16 March at Vyloppilly Hall, Thrissur.

Prof. C.A. Shinde gave a talk at a Theosophical Lodge in Delhi on 'Theosophical View of Attentiveness and its Practice.' This was held on 19 April. He spoke at the Federation HQ of Delhi on 'Meditation: Why it is necessary to lead a spiritual life in modern days'.

Prof. Shinde directed the study of *The Voice of the Silence* at Dhantoli Lodge, Nagpur. It was attended by 30 members form Nagpur, Akola, Nandurbar and Khamgaon.

Prof. Shinde spoke on 'Brotherhood and Human Value' in the concluding session of TOS Zonal Conference held at Pune in the month May.

Prof Shinde, inaugurated the 105<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of Karnataka Federation and delivered a talk on "Source of Spiritual Energy". He visited Theosophical Lodges at Devalapalli, Srinivaspura and Chintamani between 29 and 31 July and delivered talk there on subjects related to Theosophy.

Bro. N.C. Krishna, participated in the study camp at Visakhapatnam as per the request made by the Lodge there. It was held from 24-26 January 2014. The subjects dealt with were: 'What is Theosophy?', 'History of the Theosophical Society'; 'Objects of

the TS as explained', 'Duties and responsibilities of the members'; 'Future of the Theosophical Society': and 'The Real Work of the Theosophical Society'. The views of HPB were dealt with on all the aforesaid themes.

Bro. N.C. Krishna was the Guest of Honour on the occasion of the 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Utkal Theosophical Federation held on 8-9 February 2014 at Bhubaneswar, where he spoke on 'Why TOS?'. He directed the study of HPB's book *The Key to Theosophy* from 10 to 11 February. The same book was taken up for study at Sambalpur from 13 to 15 February where Bro. N.C. Krishna gave a talk as well on 'Original programme of the Theosophical Society'. He delivered a talk on 'The significance of Adyar Day & the Role of T.S. members' at Cuttack on 17 February. He conducted Dr. R.C. Rath memorial study class on the book *The Key to Theosophy* in the second week of February.

Bro. B.D. Tendulkar directed the study of *The Key to Theosophy* at Nagpur Lodge, Dhantoli, from 21-23 February. He also attended a meeting at Maitreya Lodge (Nagpur) and delivered a talk there on 'Relevance of Theosophy today'.

Bro. Tendulkar was the Chief Guest on the occasion of Golden Jubilee Celebration of Barabati Lodge of Cuttack, held on 24 March. He gave a brief history of the Society right from its genesis to the present day world and its relevance to the hectic and hurly-burly modern life in the context of 'Self' and spiritual awakening in order that the profundity of Universal Brotherhood becomes a practical reality across the globe.

Bro. Tendulkar visited Bengal Federation in the last week of September 2014. The subject of discussion at the study centre at Teghoria Main Road was 'Man & His Bodies' and it was nicely explained by Bro. Tendulkar. He directed the study of 'Theosophy as Future Religion' at the residence of Bro. B.L. Bhattacharya. He described the three main objects of the TS at the Theosophical Lodge of South Bishnupur in Dist. 24 Parganas. Besides, he was the main

speaker in the seminar on 'The Divine Plan' organized by Bengal Theosophical Federation at B.T.S. Hall on 28 September, 2014.

Bro. S.S Gautam was one of the resource persons for the study camp jointly organized by the Federations of Bihar and U.P. at Chapra from 29 to 31 March, 2014. He dealt with four chapters of the book *The Key to Theosophy* which was selected for the study in the camp. Bro. Gautam presented three topics from the same book with the help of Power Point Programme during the study camp organized at Barabanki on 5-6 April. He delivered a talk on 'Thought Power and Its use' at the Theosophical Lodge in Udaipur. It was held on 15 June and organized in consultation with the Federation Secretary of M.P. & Rajasthan and Bro. Gyaneshwar Bhatt, Secretary of Udaipur Lodge. Besides, Bro. Gautam was one of the resource persons of the study camp held on *The Voice of the Silence* at Gwalior in the first week of July.

Bro. Gautam directed the study of *The Voice of the Silence* at Bhubaneswar from 12 to 16 September. It was held under the auspices of Shyam Prasad Memorial Trust. The power point presentation of the content made the study more effective. He delivered a talk on 'Theosophical Life' on the occasion of the Annual Day Celebration of Bhubaneswar Lodge on 13 September.

Bro. Gautam addressed a gathering of officers of Industrial Establishment at Bhubaneswar on 17 September. In his talk he explained the purpose of life and the significance of using discrimination in every walk of life.

Bro. Ashok P. Lokhande directed the study of *The Secret Doctrine* at Akot Lodge from 7 to 9 February. It was attended by the members from Akola, Nagpur and Akot. Bro. Lokhande addressed the students of Rajiv Gandhi Degree College at Talegaon in Akola dist. The subject of his talk was 'The role of Theosophical ideas in character building'. The subject of his lecture at the Annual General Body Meeting of Dhantoli Lodge, Nagpur, on 27 April was 'Philosophy of life & practice: Theosophical perspective'. He spoke

at the Theosophical Lodge of Pune on 20 July on the theme 'Relevance of Theosophy & Expectation from the members of the TS'.

'What is Theosophy and its necessity in human life' was the subject Bro. Lokhande dealt with at the public lecture delivered by him at Nandurbar on 17 August. Besides, the topic of his lecture during the 83<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference of Marathi Theosophical Federation was 'Today's Life-style & Spirituality: Theosophical Perspective'.

Bro. S.K. Pandey gave following talks at Chohan Lodge of Kanpur in July and August: 'The Raja of the senses', 'Dharana and Dhyana', 'Four states of Consciousness', and 'Exoteric & Esoteric Learning'. He was one of the resource persons in the study of *The Key to Theosophy* held at Barabanki Lodge in April 2014. He spoke in a seminar on *The Voice of the Silence* held at Rampur in the month of May. He was one of resource persons in the study camp organized at Gwalior in July. Besides, he spoke in a seminar on 'Problems of life and their solutions' held at Tapasya Theosophical Lodge in Unnao in July 2014.

## VISITORS

Sri Shrivatsa Goswamiji an eminent scholar of Religion and Philosophy delivered a public lecture at the Indian Section Headquarters on 26 October, 2013. The subject of his talk was 'The Spiritual Aspect of Music'.

Bro. Pedro Oliveira, former International Secretary and at present member of TS in Australia, delivered a talk on 'Future of Humanity' at Bangalore City Lodge on 29 July, 2014.

Mrs. Linda Oliveira and Bro. Pedro Oliveira visited Amarapuram and addressed the members there on 29 July 2014.

## FEDERATION SECRETARIES & ZPC CHAIRMEN'S MEETING AT HQ VARANASI

A meeting of the Federation Secretaries and Chairmen of ZPCs was held at HQ Varanasi on 22-23 September 2014. The agenda of the meeting was to (1) "Review the working of the Zonal 20/THE INDIAN THEOSOPHIST, Jan./ 2015

Property Committees and to formulate a new policy for the management of properties under the Indian Section, and (2) Review of the Policy on Propagation of Theosophy”. Secretaries from 13 Federations participated in the meeting and new policies were evolved for the Management of Properties and for the Propagation of Theosophy. Decisions were taken to have a “Central Property Committee” at the HQ Varanasi which will replace the Zonal Property Committees and will enable quick decisions and implementation regarding property matters. Regarding Propagation of Theosophy, new concepts towards attracting youth to Theosophy, publishing books and brochures in regional languages, including more scientific and psychological content in theosophical seminars & workshops, organizing branches in new states etc. were recommended.

### **PROPERTY ADMINISTRATION**

As it was stated in the last year’s report (2012-13), the functioning of the Zonal Property Committees (ZPC’s) were not satisfactory in tackling the problems regarding property matters and hence a review was conducted on the subject. Then a meeting of the Federation Secretaries and ZPC Chairmen was conducted at the Indian Section HQ on 22 September 2014 to consider the situation arising out of the unsatisfactory functioning of the ZPC. The main drawbacks in the working of ZPCs were 1) Enormous delay in decision making, 2) Failure to collect data on relevant properties within their area, 3) Lack of interaction with the HQ on property matters etc.

After a thorough discussion on the matter, the meeting has accepted a decision of the Executive Committee to form a Central Property Committee at the HQ with three members in it. The Federation Secretary and a Lodge official will be associated with this committee when a property matter is to be decided within their area. This will facilitate and speed up the process of taking decisions. The members of the Central Property Committee are Bro. P.K. Mahapatra, Bro. P.S. Panchakshari & Bro. V. Narayanan.

Bro. Pradip Kumar Mahapatra, Assistant General Secretary, visited Sri Krishna Lodge, Guntur, Gautam Lodge, (Kakinada), Gupta

Vidya Lodge, (Eluru) and Vijayawada Lodge. He also attended the 109<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Bihar Federation at Muzzafarpur. Later, along with three more members of the E.C., he visited the Headquarters building of Bihar Federation at Patna. The Federation building requires urgent attention and so plans were discussed for the same.

### **FINANCIAL POSITION AND REVIEW OF ACCOUNTS**

The year 2013-14 has shown a short fall of Rs. 5.54 lakhs on the income. Expenses have increased by Rs. 7 lakhs mainly on assistance to Federation Journals & Study Camp and assistance to Lodge building repairs. Four study camps were organized at Bhowali Centre. Corpus funds have received Rs. 24.30 lakhs from donors. Investment along with Bank deposits show a fall of Rs. 24.79 lakhs. Investments into Assets have increased by 7.16 lakhs as we have started phase II of Bhowali Centre, which will be completed by 2014-15 and generate income. By 2015-16 we will clear the accumulations carried forward of Capital Gains arising out of sales of properties in 2011-12 & 2012-13.

### **BHOWALI**

The Bhowali Centre of the Indian Section will be completing the Phase II work very soon. Additional accommodation to delegates, a full-fledged Library & Research facilities will be ready on completion. The total accommodation is restricted to 45 members due to water supply problem during the summer. The International Vice-President/ former International Secretary visited the Centre in June. As expected, there was increased utilization of the centre. When camps are not held there, members of the TS can utilize the facility there for short stay on payment. Food and accommodation facilities are available at the centre.

The following camps and events were conducted at the Bhowali Centre during April-September 2014:

Sarvahitakari Lodge of Gorakhpur organized a study camp at Bhowali on Mabel Collins’ book *Light on the Path* from 13 to 17 April, 2014. Bro. P.K. Jayaswal, National Lecturer, directed the study.

Bro. B.V. Thippeswamy, President of Karnataka Theosophical Federation, directed the study on 'Art of Self-Awareness' from 3 to 8 May. It was held under the auspices of Karnataka Theosophical Federation.

TOS camp was held from 26 to 30 April in which twenty-four members participated

Besides, a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Indian Section was held on 31 May and 1 June.

The Conference Hall at the Bhowali Centre has been dedicated to and named as Dr. Radha Burnier Hall.

### **THE THEOSOPHICAL ORDER OF SERVICE**

Eastern Zonal Conference of the TS and TOS was hosted by Bengal Theosophical Federation at Kolkata from 28 February to 2 March, 2014.

A TOS camp was held at Bhowali in the last week of April.

The West Zone Conference of TOS was organized at Pune from 24 to 26 May.

The South Zone TOS Conference was held at Kochi (Kerala) from 11 to 13 July.

The North Zone TOS Conference was held at Raipur in September 2014.

The details of the aforesaid camps and conferences have been given in the Annual Report of the Theosophical Order of Service 2013-14.

### **THE INDIAN THEOSOPHIST**

The Section's journal was published every month. The average monthly circulation was 3500 copies during the year under review.

HPB's *The Key to Theosophy* and her classic *The Voice of the Silence* completed 125 years of their publication in 2014. So, a Special Number of the journal for the months of July & August 2014 was brought out on the aforesaid two books. The International President, seven members from India and four from other Sections

contributed articles for this Special Number. We received message of appreciation by the members in India as well as from abroad.

'The Indian Theosophist Corpus Fund' remains Rs. 1,87,426 as on 31 March, 2014.

### **MEMBERSHIP**

The membership of the Section on 30 September, 2014, was 11327. As compared to the figures of 2013 the number of members has decreased by 242. There were 936 cases of members being dropped from the roll due to non-payment of Annual Dues. This year as well one Federation sent the ADS after 10 October 2014. Besides, some of those who sent their Annual Dues for the revival of membership did not send any application along with their dues. Though reminders have been sent by the Membership Department no replies were received till 30 September 2014.

There were 708 new members, 121 cases of revival of membership and 135 members passed to peace during the year under review.

### **TASKS AHEAD**

Keeping the present general trend of the world in view the members of the Indian Section have a tremendous and trying task before them. However, if one would take it in a right spirit and consider it as a privilege and responsibility then every task would be a step forward towards the mission for which the TS was formed.

1. The year 2015 will be 125<sup>th</sup> year of the Indian Section. As such, some programmes will have to be worked out for the whole year. At the moment of writing this report, the following three activities have been thought of:

- (a) Seminar on Education is going to be organized at the Indian Section Headquarters in the second week of March 2015. Emphasis on the first day will be on Education in the light of Theosophy. The like-minded other institutions will present their views on the second day of the seminar.

- (b) A study camp on a theosophical classic/subject will be held at the Indian Section HQ in the third week of March.
- (c) It has been decided to organize a Workers' Training Camp for the young members of the TS at Bhowali during summer. It will be organized depending on the response received from the Federations. In this regard, the Federations need to identify the young workers and come forward with proposals at the Regional and National level.
2. Popularizing theosophical concepts and theosophical point of view on certain issues among the public need more attention. So dialogue, seminar and meetings with like-minded organizations should be planned at the Federation as well as the Lodge level.
  3. Karnataka Federation and Sarvahitakari Lodge of Gorakhpur organized study camps at Bhowali in 2014. It will be good if other Federations and Lodges also think on those lines.
  4. Policies are being worked out in order to protect properties of the Lodge, Federation and the Section from undesirable elements.
  5. It is proposed to organize a "Science, Theosophy & Spirituality" group at the Indian Section Headquarters.
  6. A Retreat Seminar on a subject related to Kashmir Shaivism will be organized in collaboration with Trika Trust. This will be held sometime in 2015.
  7. Efforts have to be made to improve the infrastructure at Gwalior.

Besides, care has to be taken regarding the tasks mentioned in the reports during the previous years.

Before I conclude, I would like to thank Bro. Pradip K. Mahapatra, Asst. General Secretary, for having attended to problems relating to property matters at some places. Bro. P.S. Panchakshari, National Treasurer, took care of various details regarding finance, investments and Tax- matters. He helped in working out the details of the study camps held at the Section Headquarters and Bhowali. Besides, he along with his wife took care of diners and delegates at Bhojanshala. The National Lecturers delivered talks and directed study on Theosophical subjects at different places. The members of the Executive Committee gave valuable suggestions from time to time. Dr. T.K. Nair, in spite of his fractured knee, was engaged in the work of the TOS and the educational institutions with great care and concern. The National Lecturers helped in the propagation of theosophy by conducting studies and delivering lectures on theosophical themes at various places. Bro. V. Narayanan, apart from taking care of the legal matters helped in the renovation of the Centre at Bhowali. Mr. A.N. Singh, worked hard to maintain the records of the Account Section. He had the added responsibility of the maintenance and cleanliness of the campus at Section HQ. The Presidents and Secretaries of the Federations took care of the Theosophical work at their Federation level. The honorary workers and the staff at the Section Headquarters performed their job enthusiastically. I thank them all sincerely for their kind cooperation.

22-11-2014  
Varanasi

S. Sundaram  
General Secretary

**ANNEXURE - I**  
**Details of Members at the end of the year**

	2013-2014		2013-2014
Admission	708	Lapse	936
Readmission	121	Death/Resignation	135
Transfer from other Section		Transfer to Other Section	Nil
<b>Total :</b>	829	<b>Total</b>	1071

1	No. of members	1.10.2013	11569	Incoming	829
2	No. of members	1.10.2014	11327	Outgoing	1071

S.No.	Federation	1.10.2013	1.10.2014	Gain	Loss
1	Assam	497	433		64
2	Bengal	398	360		38
3	Bihar	239	283	44	
4	Bombay	311	312	1	
5	Delhi	195	172		23
6	Gujarat	819	750		69
7	Karnataka	3051	3053	2	
8	Kerala	363	367	4	
9	M.P& Raj.	491	467		24
10	Madras	1013	995		18
11	Marathi	512	531	19	
12	Rayalaseema	486	460		26
13	Tamilnadu	792	815	23	
14	Telugu	1046	1022		24
15	Utkal	266	266		
16	Uttar Pradesh	835	831		4
17	Headquarters	255	210		45
		11569	11327	93	335

\* The Total membership as on 2012-13 in the previous year was 11569.

After verification of records the figures as on 1.10.2014 stands at 11327.

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**ANNEXURE - II**  
**NEW LODGES FORMED DURING 2013-2014**

**Nil**

**LODGES REVIVED DURING 2012-2013**

**NIL**

**LODGES**

1. Number of Lodges and Centres at the beginning of the year	459
2. New Lodges for which Charters issued	
3. Lodges Dissolved	
<b>Number of Lodges &amp; Centres at the closing of the year</b>	<u>459</u>

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**ANNEXURE - III  
DETAILS OF ANNUAL CONFERENCES HELD**

S.No	Federation	Conference	Month	Place	Chief Guest / President
1	Assam	36th	27.10.2013	Guwahati	Sri. H.K. Chaliha
2	Bengal	94th	1.3.2014	Kolkata	Justice Shyamal Sen
3	Bihar	109th	25.05.2014	Muzaffarpur	Bro. Pradip K. Mahapatra
4	Bombay	82nd	7.10.2013	Mumbai	Smt. Avantika Mehta
5	Delhi				
6	Gujarat				
7	Karnataka	105th 2014	26-28 July	Molakalmuru	Bro. S. Sundaram
8	Kerala				
9	M.P.& Rajasthan	89th	2013	Gwalior	Bro. M.P. Singhal
10	Madras				
11	Marathi	83rd	15 Sept. 2014	Nandurbur	Bro. M.P. Singhal
12	Rayala- seema	102nd	20-21 Sept. 2014	Guntur	Prof. R.C. Tampi
13	Tamil	87th	7-8 Dec. 2013	Puducherry	Bro. David Annusamy
14	Telugu	94th	25-27 Jan. 2014	Pithapuram	Bro. K.V.L. Kantha Rao
15	Utkal	49th	9-10 Feb 2014	Bhubaneswar	Bro. Chitranjan Satapathy
16	Uttar Pradesh	95th	28 Sept. 2014	Varanasi	S.Sundaram

**ANNEXURE - IV  
LIST OF FEDERATION JOURNALS  
2013-2014**

S.No	Federation	Name of Journal	Periodicity
1	Assam	<i>Jnana- Jeuti</i>	Yearly
2	Bengal	<i>The Bengal Theosophical Federation Bulletin</i> <i>Theosophy Barta</i>	Monthly Qtrly.
3	Bihar and M.P. & Raj.	<i>Adhyatma Jyoti</i>	Qtrly.
4	Bombay	<i>The Bombay Theosophical Bulletin</i>	Monthly
5	Gujarat	<i>Jyoti</i>	Monthly
6	Karnataka	<i>Theosophy Vani</i>	Monthly
7	Madras	<i>The Madras Theosophical Federation Bulletin</i>	Monthly
8	Marathi	<i>Vishwa Bandhuttva (Jagriti)</i>	Once in two months
9	Rayala- seema & Telugu	<i>Divya Jnana Dipika</i>	Monthly
10	Tamil	<i>Tamizhaga Brahma Jnani</i>	Monthly
11	Utkal	Federation Buttetin <i>Viswadhara</i>	Qtrly.
12.	Uttar Pradesh	<i>Dharma Path</i> <i>Federation Bulletin</i>	Qtrly. Qtrly.

*Adhyatma Jyoti*, a Qtrly journal in Hindi is published from Allahabad. A number of members from Bihar, M.P.& Rajasthan, U.P. and a few others from non-Hindi speaking areas are subscribers of this journal.

**The Treasurer's  
Report for the Year  
2013-2014**



**THE INDIAN SECTION  
THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY, VARANASI**

**The Treasurer's Report for the Year 2013-2014**

The Indian Section's audited accounts and of its subsidiaries, for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014 are placed before you.

(Rs. in lakhs)

**A. INCOME**

The comparative figures for 12-13 & 13-14 are given below :

Heads	Year ended 31/03/2014	year ended 31/10/2013
Property Income	5.74	5.51
Membership Fees etc	4.34	4.13
Indian Theosophist subscription	0.72	0.68
Interest on investments (nett)	70.67	78.55
Donations	0.10	0.27
Other receipts	0.11	0.29
Surplus from Indian Book shop	0.46	0.20
Surplus from Chitradurga	4.74	3.78
Surplus from Eluru unit	1.68	1.50
Sale of Property	-----	-----
Capital gain from sale of Mutual Fund	2.78	1.97
	-----	-----
<b>Total</b>	<b>91.34</b>	<b>96.88</b>
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Income of 13-14 there is over all fall of 5.54 lakhs. The main income is from interest earnings. There is a short fall of Rs. 7.88 this is due to decrease in investments. Contribution of units show an increase of 1.40 lakhs and so also capital gain is increased by 0.81 thousand on Mutual Funds redemption.

**B) Expenditure :**

	2013-14	2012-13
Property & Maintenance Establishment	13.80	13.33
Contributions	6.52	5.53
Propagation	0.70	0.49
Presidential Election	15.56	11.19
	1.08	----
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Sub Total	37.66	30.54
Surplus	53.68	66.34
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Total	91.34	96.88
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There is an overall increase in expenses by Rs. 7.12 lakhs. There is increase in Property maintenance 0.47, Establishment 1.00, Propagation Expenses 4.37. Presidential Election expenses 1.08. In the Budget there is a provision 2.50 in 2014-15. Surplus from 3 units are from Rs. 5.48 to 6.88 lakhs. Specific amounts donated by individuals for use of Federation or Lodges are received & transferred to the beneficiaries, amounts to Rs. 1.53 lakhs, appear in receipt side and expenditure side. The electricity costs are going up due to increase in tariff. Due to inflation costs have gone up resulting in increase of wage bills. It is going to be a regular feature. Building materials, labour cost has pushed the building repair cost. Society is contributing to repair & renovations of Lodges to the extent feasible. The Lodges also must make efforts, to collect from local members. Propagation expenses have gone up by Rs. 4.37 lakhs by way of support for Journal, Seminar, Study classes. We held 3 to 4 camps at Bhowali during 2013-14. More camps are envisaged in future.

**C) Balance Sheet**

(Rs. in lakhs)

Liabilities	2013-14	2012-2013	Assets	2013-14	2012-2013
Funds	360.98	332.98	Immovable Assets	292.21	210.52
Surplus, In./Exo,	758.08	659.51	Movable assets	13.64	8.17
Deposits	131.60	123.82	Investment	896.72	971.51
Current Lia	53.81	70.04	Staff Fund	3.18	2.94
bilities					
Provision for staff	3.18	2.94	Capital A/c of units	63.14	54.81
Accumulations	70.57	115.46	Cash Bank Balance	59.23	6.58
			Loans & Adv	49.34	48.27
			ances.		
			Current Assets	0.76	1.09
Total	1378.22	1303.89	Total	1378.22	1303.89

**Comments:****A) Liabilities:**

Overall increase is Rs. 74.33; Corpus Show an increase of Rs. 24.30 Rs. 20.00 lakhs being the contribution from A.B. Primary School and liberal Contribution from Col. Sumana Kale, Chapra Lodge & Bro. Lambodar Nayak etc. Deposits from Federations & Lodges & Legacy Deposit show an increase of Rs. 7.78 lakhs. shown in schedule 11 & 12. Building Maintenance Fund is increased by Rs. 4.42 Accumulations u/s 11(2) was at Rs. 121.35. We were able to adjust Rs. 50.77 from addition to assets, work in progress in 13-14 and Rs. 36.26 lakhs against current surplus. We hope to clear the balance of Rs. 70.57 lakhs in 14-15. Similarly in Earmarked fund we have yet spent during 13-14 Rs. 2.34 and we have yet to spend Rs. 12.91 lakhs or pay Income Tax when demanded.

**B) Assets :**

Immovable & movable assets : We have created assets worth Rs. 87.16 lakhs during 13-14. Investment show a fall of Rs. 74.79. Rs. 50 lakhs of REC Bonds was deposited in Bank on 31/3/14. If that is considered, as it was invested in Bank FD's after 1/4/14, the drop in investment is only Rs. 24.79 lakhs. This drop should be compared with Rs. 87.16 lakhs, invested in Assets. Other increase in Cash & Bank and Loans Advances are explained.

**Outlook :**

Utilization of surplus on propagation and on Capital Assets will continue in 14-15 & 15-16. Economical utilization of Funds is a necessity and so also Tax Planning.

**Acknowledgement :**

I seek guidance from International President Bro. Tim Boyd and Vice-President, International Secretary, & International Treasurer.

I also look forward for cooperation & guidance from members of General Council of Indian Section, Executive Committee Members, General Secretary, Federation Secretaries and other staff at Varanasi to enable me to carry out the task.

Varanasi  
30 September, 2014

**P.S.Panchakshari**  
*Treasurer, Indian Section*

**THE INDIAN SECTION,  
Balance Sheet**

Funds and Liabilities	Schedule	Amount (Rs.)	Amount (Rs.)
<b>FUNDS</b>			
General Fund	1	3,480,322	
Reserve Fund	2	1,058,497	
Propogation Fund	3	139,738	
Earmarked Fund	4	1,290,870	
Corpus Fund	5	22,251,758	
Life Members Fund	6	966,919	
Building Maintenance Fund	7	4,221,165	
Benevolent Funds	8	2,588,840	36,098.109
<b>INCOME &amp; EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT</b>			
As per last Balance Sheet		65,950,549	
Add : Surplus for the year		5,368,262	
Add : Utilization U/s 11(2) AY 11-12			(588,925)
Less : Accumulation U/s. 11(2) AY 11-12		<u>5,078,261</u>	75,808.147
<b>DEPOSITS</b>			
Federation, Lodges & Others	11	12,492,343	
Legacy deposits	12	<u>668,000</u>	13,160,343
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES AND PROVISIONS</b>			
Sundry Creditors		5,377,001	
Expenses Payable		<u>4,495</u>	5,381,496
<b>PROVISIONS</b>			
Staff Retirement Fund	13		317,743
<b>Accumulation U/S. 11(2)</b>			
<u>AY 2011-12</u>			
Opening balance of Unutilised Amount		3,996,415	
Add : Utilization reversed u/s 11(2) AY 11-12		588,925	
Less : Utilized and t/f I&E A/c.		<u>(4,585,340)</u>	—
<u>AY 2012-13</u>			
Opening balance of Unutilised Amount		7,550,000	
Less : Utilized and t/f I&E A/c this year		<u>(492,921)</u>	7,057,079
		Total	1,37,822,917

In terms of our report on even date

**For M.B. Gabhawala & Co.**

Chartered Accountants

**APRAMEYA M. GABHAWALA**

Partner

Varanasi, September 11, 2014

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**THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY, VARANASI  
As At 31st March, 2014**

Properties and Assets	Schedule	Amount (Rs.)	Amount (Rs.)
<b>IMMOVABLE PROPERTY</b>			
At Varanasi	9A	793,478	
Outside Varanasi		680,087	
At Bhowali		<u>2,060,987</u>	
		3,534,552	
Capital work in progress	9 B	<u>25,686,181</u>	29,220,733
<b>MOVABLE PROPERTY</b>			
At Varanasi	10		1,362,482
<b>TIBBITS MEMORIAL LIBRARY BOOKS</b>			
As Per last Balance Sheet			1,801
<b>INVESTMENTS</b>	14		89,672,138
<b>STAFF RETIREMENT FUND</b>	13		
Deposits- Allahabad Bank		247,743	
Loans		<u>70,000</u>	317,743
<b>Capital Account with Indian Book Shop</b>			
As per Schedule	15		1,079,349
<b>Capital Account with Chitradurga Theosophical Lodge Development Committee</b>			
As per Schedule	16		2,505,128
<b>Capital Account with Eluru Theosophical Lodge Development Committee</b>			
As per Schedule	17		2,729,983
<b>CURRENT ASSETS, LOANS AND ADVANCES</b>			
<b>Sundry Debtors</b>			
Others			76,150
<b>CASH &amp; BANK BALANCES</b>			
Cash in hand		19,172	
With Scheduled Banks		<u>5,904,092</u>	5,923,254
<b>LOANS &amp; ADVANCES</b>			
Security Deposit		5,100	
Others		<u>4,929,046</u>	4,934,146
		Total	1,37,822,917

**For The Indian Section, The Theosophical Society**

**A.N. Singh**

Accountant

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**P.S. Panchakshari**

Treasurer

**S. Sundaram**

General Secretary

**THE INDIAN SECTION,  
Income and Expenditure Account for**

Expenditure	Amount (Rs.)	Amount (Rs.)
<b>TO PROPERTY MAINTENANCE</b>		
House and Water Taxes	3,469	
Electricity Charges	589,132	
Building Repairs	181,080	
Furniture Repairs	7,228	
Garden Maintenance	154,260	
Sanitation	136,383	
Outside Property Maintenance	79,536	
Watch and Ward	171,927	
Generator Maintenance	<u>56,389</u>	1,379,404
<b>TO ESTABLISHMENT</b>		
Donation	153,474	
Internet Charges	12,105	
House Keeping Expense	12,934	
Honorarium	179,400	
Staff Salaries & Establishment	70,400	
Printing & Stationery	62,785	
Postage, Telegram,	22,997	
Telephone & Fax	8,982	
Audit Fees	4,495	
Legal Expenses	51,602	
Computer Stationery & Expenses	30,550	
Bank Charges	2,949	
Staff Welfare	73,910	
Miscellaneous Expenses	20,431	
Group Gratuity cum Life	26,235	
Presidential Election	108,143	
Travelling & Conveyance	<u>82,816</u>	914,208
<b>TO CONTRIBUTION</b>		
Educational & Charitable Institution	10,000	
Diner's Committee	<u>60,000</u>	70,000
<b>TO PROPOGATION OF THEOSOPHY</b>		
Department of Studies	1,785	
T.M. Library Expenses	45,296	
Indian Theosophist Publication Expenses	344,139	
Travelling & Conveyance (for National Lecturers)	30,222	
Grant to Lodge Federation For Propogation	400,000	
Seminar Expenses	25,000	
Study Camp Outside Varanasi	39,118	
Propogation of Theosophy	20,104	
Grant for Publication of Federation Journals	245,000	
Hospitality	13,814	
Grant for Feds. & lodges study campus	270,000	
Grant for Centenary to Fed & Lodge	75,000	
Study Camp at Varanasi	<u>46,073</u>	1,555,551
Interest on TDS		167
Surplus for the year carried to		
Balance Sheet		<u>5,368,262</u>
Total		<u>9,287,592</u>

**THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY, VARANASI  
The Year Ended 31st March, 2014**

Income	Amount (Rs.)	Amount (Rs.)
<b>TO PROPERTY INCOME</b>		
Residential Charges	481,608	
Maintenance	23,700	
Amenities	2,205	
Garden Receipts	5,250	
Generator Maintenance Receipts	<u>62,000</u>	574,763
<b>TO MEMBERSHIP &amp; SUBSCRIPTION</b>		
Annual Dues	379,760	
Entrance Fees	24,250	
Interest on Cumulated dues	29,673	
Charter Fees	<u>100</u>	433,783
Capital Gain On Sale of Mutual Funds		277,689
“ Donation & Incentive		9,945
“ Interest (Schedule 18)		7,067,125
“ Indian Theosophist - Receipts		71,584
“ Miscellaneous Income		340
“ Surplus from Indian Book Shop		45,941
“ Surplus/(Deficit) from Chitradurga Theosophical Lodge Development Committee		474,305
“ Surplus/(Deficit) from Eluru Theosophical Lodge Development Committee		167,902
Study Camps Outside Varanasi		10,741
Donation to Feds		153,474
Total		<u>9,287,592</u>

In terms of our report On even date For M.B. Gabhawala & Co. Aprameya M. Gabhawala  
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