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Cover Page: A *Pakad* (local name) tree near the Headquarters Building, Varanasi. The botanical name of the tree is **Ficus infectoria**. It belongs to Family : **Moraceae** (to which *Bargad* and *Peepal* belong).

Courtesy: **Sri Kuldip Singh Virk, Life Member of TS.**

PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

To the 140th Annual Convention of the Theosophical Society Adyar, 31 December 2015

Dear Brethren, welcome all to the 140th Convention of the Theosophical Society, after a trying period of climate-related emergencies experienced in one way or another by almost all of us in the recent past. Let us offer together a moment of silence in memory of those who have lost their lives in these tragedies, wishing them a peaceful transition, also in giving thanks that the damages suffered by others were not worse than what they were, and in hoping for a return to normalcy in general as soon as possible, for all those who have been seriously affected. Please rise for the invocation to the Great Ones who protect the Society with their energy and strength:

May those who are the embodiment of Love Immortal bless with their help and guidance this Society, founded to be a channel for their work. May They inspire it with their Wisdom, strengthen it with their Power, and energize it with their Activity.

I am very glad to open this 140th Annual Convention of the TS.

Little needs to be said about the appropriateness of the theme for this year's convention: 'Compassion and Universal Responsibility'. There seems to be a growing perception that our world, the network of relationships we have created, is becoming less caring, more brutal, and insensitive. Certainly this is the feedback received from popular media sources. Whether or not this perception is accurate, it is affecting the outlook and responsiveness of people around the world and within our Theosophical Society.

During the TS's history great shifts have been witnessed in the structures of society and the knowledge that supports those structures. The world has changed profoundly since the founding days of the TS. The long list of global changes during the past 140 years includes colo-

nialism, human and civil rights, national independence, world wars, massive technological advances, nuclear threat, economic depressions, large scale human migrations, and ecological challenges. In the face of such challenges many people feel paralysed by a sense of powerlessness and insignificance. Others feel energized and seek out ways to make their presence felt. Still others find themselves searching for some serene haven, safe from the onslaught of the world around. For many the life of the spiritual seeker seems to provide such a hiding place from the troubles of the world. This is not, cannot be, and never has been the choice for members of the TS.

Although so much of the change in the world is revealing itself in visible and tangible ways, always the root is hidden — out of sight and beyond the reach of surface attempts at 'fixing' the problems. The level of causes is necessarily unseen. It is on that level where we find our work.

One of the prevailing truths that has become clear across disciplines is the fact of the radical interdependence, not only of the people of the world, but of all life. Social science, psychology, economics, quantum physics, biology, ecology, and normal common sense are now magnifying this awareness that all things are inextricably interrelated and are continually affecting each other. From the human perspective, our most potent tool in this world of effects is thought. A mind that can link itself to its higher, hidden potentials, powerfully affects its environment. Examples are familiar to us in people like Mahatma Gandhi, Martin Luther King, Mother Theresa, His Holiness the Dalai Lama, and many other highminded, loving people of less renown.

So much of the condition of the world today derives from what H. P. Blavatsky described as 'the heresy of separateness' — the conviction that reality is composed of countless separate, isolated atoms, or beings, or worlds. There is an expression that, 'You must not only learn the truth; you must suffer it.' If our experience of the Ageless Wisdom reveals anything to us, it is that consciousness is the ground of reality. Whether it is the limitations of the strict material world view, or the expansiveness of some higher perception, essentially it all arises from consciousness.

This realization is liberating and provides a direction for our work in the world.

* Only some portions of the Presidential Address have been published here. For more details see *THE THEOSOPHIST*, January 2016.

The theme for this year's Convention seems to focus on two things, compassion and responsibility, but the distinction is only apparent. The two are inseparable. Compassion necessitates responsibility. Responsibility assumes compassion. Both are the natural expression of a mind that has some depth of experience of a nonseparate reality. It is not our work to *become* compassionate, but to remove those barriers to the ever-present, and completely unforced expression of our nature, which is compassionate.

Before we turn to the individual activity reports, the overall membership for the Theosophical Society based on the information received so far stands at 25,933, a two per cent drop from the 26,497 reported last year.

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Beginning this year with the Indo-Pacific region, the Indian Section reports no change in their membership, still at 11,327. The North India Study Camp was held at their Varanasi headquarters in October 2014. The study was on the late International President Mrs Radha Burnier's contributions and approach to Theosophy, directed by Mr P. K. Jayaswal, National Lecturer. My first visit to the Indian Section headquarters coincided with this event, and I gave a public lecture on 'The Ever-Present Future' on 29 October. A two-day seminar on 'Education in the Light of Theosophy and Present Day Challenges' was organized by the Section in March 2015. It was structured on Dr Besant's Adyar Pamphlet no. 16, *Education in the Light of Theosophy*. The International Vice-President, Dr Chittaranjan Satapathy, spoke at this seminar on 'Educating the Poor and the Contribution of the Olcott Education Society'. A three-day study camp was also held in March by Prof. R. C. Tampi, based on Ms Joy Mills' *The Human Journey — Quest for Self-Transformation*.

The 92nd South India Theosophical Conference was inaugurated by me in Adyar in April on HPB's *The Voice of the Silence*. Mr S. Sundaram, General Secretary of the Section, welcomed the gathering and Dr Satapathy gave the concluding address. Several distinguished members also spoke on various topics related to HPB's book. In May the Section organized four events at the Himalayan Study Centre in Bhowali: a study camp on Clara Codd's *The Way of the Disciple*, directed by Mr Jayaswal; a Workers' Training Camp; a camp for the

Uttarakhand Region; and a study camp on *At the Feet of the Master*, organized by the Marathi Theosophical Federation and conducted by Prof. C. A. Shinde, National Lecturer. A study camp on 'Virtues' was organized in Bhowali in October 2014 by the Karnataka Federation and study of *The Secret Doctrine* was directed by its President, Mr B. V. Thippeswamy in April. A special session of the School of the Wisdom was organized by the International headquarters this year for the first time in Bhowali, attended by participants from the USA, Brazil, Spain, Australia, and India in September, and was based on Shirley Nicholson's *Ancient Wisdom — Modern Insight*. Dr Satapathy inaugurated the course and Prof. Tampi directed it.

Apart from visiting the Section headquarters in Varanasi, I also visited the Utkal Theosophical Federation in Bhubaneswar, the Bengal Theosophical Federation in Kolkata, and the Karnataka Theosophical Federation in Bangalore, where I delivered public talks. Dr Satapathy visited Bhubaneswar during the East Zone Theosophical Conference and delivered a talk on *Theosophy and Altruism*. He also addressed various theosophical gatherings during his visits to the Tamil, Assam, and Delhi Theosophical Federations, and conducted study camps in Guwahati and Delhi. The Section's journal, *The Indian Theosophist*, was published every month with an average monthly circulation of 3,200. A special number of the journal on Dr Radha Burnier was brought out in November.

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In the **International Headquarters**, a number of tasks were accomplished and are listed below. In general, the wages of all workers were raised by an average of 35 per cent, keeping in view the minimum wages fixed for Tamil Nadu state. The proceedings of the 2014 Annual Convention were live-streamed for the first time. A new website for the TS was launched in September 2015. The number of international volunteers has increased in Adyar. A long-term cover was placed over the Adyar theatre open-seating area with a significant donation from the TS in America. A renovation plan for the Adyar campus was initiated with the help of renowned architect, Mr Michiel Haas from the Netherlands, and fundraising for renovations has started. The Adyar campus has now two sets of new public toilets, one near each gate, and informative signboards have been placed around the campus. The dining area of

Leadbeater Chambers was remodelled. The cover design for the monthly magazine *The Theosophist* was improved. A new National Section (for Bolivia) was chartered, the first new section in 22 years. The Anthroposophical Society held their annual conference in the TS campus for the first time this year.

The **Archives and Museum**, closed for several years, are now working with a team of four volunteers. An archivist from the TS in America visited our archives for one month. A range of materials was tested for toxicity and the results were found negative. The air conditioners have been repaired and are working on a 24x7 basis. Extra funding has been provided for restoration of documents, photographs, pictures, and other objects. But more funding is required, and as the building is leaking, apart from being too close to the Adyar River, a new building is required for housing the archives and museum. At the **Adyar Library and Research Centre** the digitizing of palm leaf and other manuscripts was initiated. Funds were provided to computerize the Adyar Library catalogue. The staff has been strengthened with one director, one professor, two research officers, and one research associate. Mr K. Jaikumar was appointed during the year to look after the Library systems and their automation. The Shankaracharya Sanskrit University has been requested to grant affiliation to our Library as a recognized centre for undertaking doctoral research. The Adyar Library Bulletin, *Brahmavidya*, was published for 2014-15, and is now upto-date. The first course of the **School of the Wisdom** in November 2014 studied H. P. Blavatsky's *The Voice of the Silence*, with Prof. R. C. Tampi. This was followed by 'The Psychology of Yoga' with Mr P. K. Jayaswal. Mr Vicente Hao Chin Jr, directed the course on 'Self-Transformation and the Spiritual Life', and Ms Trần-Thi-Kim-Diêu led 'The Science of Theosophy: Foundation and Practice' class in January 2015. The **Theosophical Publishing House** released 22 books (20 reprints and 2 new compilations). The Editorial Department prepared a special double issue of *The Theosophist* on Dr Radha Burnier, brought out on 31 October 2014, her first death anniversary. Ms H. Sripriya took over as Secretary of the **Olcott Education Society (OES)** in January 2015. The 12th class commerce stream students of the Olcott Memorial School took their final examination this year. The humanity stream at the higher secondary level was started in the previous year, and the science stream has been started this year. Arrangements were made with the British Council for teaching English to the teachers and students of the School.

The salaries for teachers and staff of the OES were increased further in addition to the increases made last year. The **Besant Memorial Animal Dispensary** remains open on Sundays and closed on Tuesdays. New surgical equipment for birth control was purchased by the new veterinary surgeon, Dr P. Ramachandran, who was appointed in July. There were a total of 3,116 cases attended during the year. The **Besant Scout Camping Centre** reported that 21 institutions and scout groups utilized the services of the Centre and around 1,350 children benefited through camping activities in line with theosophical values.

The **Theosophical Order of Service** experienced a major change this year when their International Secretary position passed from Mrs Diana Dunningham Chapotin to Mrs Nancy Secrest of Washington, USA, on 1 December 2014. Diana's 20 years of service saw a marked increase in the number of TOS Groups, programs, and activities around the world. Their website began under her watch as did the quarterly e-newsletter. The TOS is currently present in 36 of the 55 countries where the TS is active. This year, their presence was added in Belgium and Israel. This year also saw the inauguration of a TOS International Facebook Page, <[www.facebook.com/ tosinternational](http://www.facebook.com/tosinternational)>. Of special mention, the TOS members in Sundarban, India, formed a TS Lodge and built the Radha Burnier Memorial Hall, where hundreds of poor village women are receiving vocational training; and in November 2014, the TOS Urus Branch in Oruro City, Bolivia, was awarded a medal by the country's Legislative Assembly 'in recognition of its outstanding community service and commitment to the improvement of the material and spiritual conditions of humanity, including animals and Nature.'

As to **international visits** by Headquarters officers, I travelled to various countries and met TS members and groups in England, Finland, Estonia, France, Italy, the Netherlands, Singapore, the USA, and India. The Vice-President, Dr Chittaranjan Satapathy, visited the Section headquarters in Belgium, France, and the Netherlands, including the International Theosophical Centre in Naarden, and also participated in the International Theosophy Conference held in The Hague. Finally, the International Secretary, Ms Marja Artamaa, participated in Theosophical activities in Finland, Estonia, and the Netherlands, and also spoke at the Swedish Summer School.

I now wish you a fruitful and uplifting time at our Adyar campus.

TIM BOYD

NEWS AND NOTES

Bombay

Dr. Annie Besant's Birthday Meeting on 1st October 2015 at Blavatsky Lodge: Members assembled in the Besant Hall at 6.15 pm on 1st October. Bro. Bertie Redwood, whose ancestors hail from Ireland, spoke about the early life of Mrs. Besant. Sis. Bana Mehta sang a song in praise of Annie Besant. She was followed by Sis. Jasmine Cawasji, Sis Ketayun Irani, Bro. Arvind Sontakke, Sis. Navaz Dhalla, Sis, Aban Patel who spoke on various aspects of Mrs. Besant's work and her personality. Sis Kashmira Khambatta showed a power point presentation with photographs of Mrs. Besant and her quotes. Bro. Navin Kumar spoke briefly on the book that Mrs. Besant has written by her clairvoyant powers. He mentioned that according to her predictions the communities of the 6th Root Race are going to be vegan i.e. nothing of animal origin would come into the lives of people by way of clothing or food. Even milk will be of vegetable origin coming from "milk trees". He showed a short video Mill Kirk depicting how she is in pink of health at the age of 72 with a vegan diet. The meeting ended with the Sanskrit Universal Prayer.

Blavatsky Lodge wrap up session of "Episodes of Mahabharat": To celebrate the nearly a year-long study of "Episodes from Mahabharat" conducted by Bro. Dhananjay Singh, a Special Members' Meeting took place at Aarey Colony guest house on 10 October from 9.30 am to 4.30 pm. The pre-lunch session consisted of the concluding talk by Bro. Dhananjay. The post-lunch session was an animated question and answer session. Unlike the earlier special meeting at Aarey Colony, this time no bus was engaged and instead four members were very kind to pool in their cars in a spirit of brotherhood.

The 84th Annual Session of Bombay Theosophical Federation was held on 30 & 31 October and 1 November 2015. On the opening day of the conference Brethren of Bombay Theosophical Federation gathered in a big number in Besant Hall of Blavatsky Lodge, TS, to welcome the 8th International President Mr. Tim Boyd and his wife Mrs. Lily Boyd. The 84th BTF Annual Session was opened with Lighting of lamp, the Prayers of All Religion & the Universal Prayer led by President Tim Boyd. BTF President Dr. Ajay Hora welcomed and introduced the Inter-

national President Tim Boyd and his wife Lily. Greetings received from International TS, Indian Section and other Federations were conveyed. Sis. Deepa Kapur, daughter of Sis. Manjula Kanabar personally conveyed the greetings of Dar-e-salaam Lodge and TS of East & Central Africa.

International President Tim Boyd in his Inaugural Address spoke about "The Illumined Mind". In his lucid manner he inspired Brethren to think along with him about the question of Transformation. From the moment a child is born he is given one identity after another leading from boy or girl to family, to community, to birthplace to his Nation. A Mind subject to such identities is not able to perceive Reality beyond these identities. The scriptures say that the Transformation is immediate, but for a lay person it is step by step reaching a point, when suddenly the mind is illuminated. The perception of the Reality has to begin from Lower Mind to Higher Mind. When the Mind is illumined by Buddhi, the transformation takes place. It is the process of information leading to knowledge, to widening of mind to be ready to listen to one's Higher Self. For this focused effort should be made to widen the Mind and create an atmosphere around oneself, which is uplifting.

Sis. Thrity Dalal and Sis. Freney Jubilee were presented a Memento & Certificate for their dedication and commitment to TS and Theosophy for over 40 years by Mr. Tim Boyd.

The evening ended with Maitreya Round Table Group singing an inspirational Bhajan of Meerabai 'Mane chakar rakhoji'.

The evening session on 31 October started with the Universal Prayer led by the Chief Guest Mr. Tim Boyd. The participants of Mullan & Dani Elocution Competitions were also present. The Mystic Star Ritual Group rendered the Hymn 'Gather us in, Thou Love filled all'. BTF Vice-President Bro. Vinayak Pandya welcomed the chief guest.

International President Tim Boyd opened his address on "The Root of All Problems" with the words 'What I look for is the Solution for all problems'. Always there are problems like personal, financial, job related, economic inequality, difficulties of life and many more. There is no problem with a Sunrise. The problems are with Human beings. The root causes are very deep, like the causes of erupting Volcanoes are deep down in the Earth. The built up pressure is so much that the Volcano erupts.

In this competitive world one wants to be better/the best in different fields of life, but what is needed is to become a better member of the world. One must ask, “Who am I?”. Contemplating on it, one realizes that one is a Spiritual Being beyond Earthly Beings. In the process one layer after another of Identity peels off bringing one back to its Spiritual Beings.

“Truth is a Pathless Land”, but the process beings with gradual expansion of the consciousness. Compassion is not just an Attribute. It is the Law of Laws. Compassion desires to release suffering and expand positiveness. It is not limited to family or friends, it expands to all. Compassion is the law of Oneness and the Solution to all problems.

Mr. Tim Boyd presented prizes to the Winners of Minoon Mullan Memorial Essay Competition for College students and Jamubhai & Suryaben Dani Memorial Essay Competition for school students.

The evening ended with an inspiring Hymn ‘Lord from Thine all strengthening Presence, Gifts of Peace we take away’ by Mystic Star Ritual Group.

On Sunday, 1 November 2015 a full day session was held at Juhu in which about 100 Brethren gathered in a beautiful Pandal surrounded by beauty & serenity of Juhu Theosophical Colony. The Vasanta Theosophical Co-operative Housing Society had made special arrangement to welcome the 8th International TS President and President of their VTCHS Society Mr. Tim Boyd with his wife Mrs. Lily Boyd.

After a refreshing breakfast, the morning session was opened with invoking the Blessings of the Divinity with the Bharat Samaj Pooja. Bro. Navin Kumar recited the Shlokas and Bro. Navin Patel performed the rituals.

BTF President Dr. Ajay Hora welcomed the chief guest and his wife on behalf of BTF & VTCHS with flowers and gifts. VTCHS Secretary Dr. Shaunak Hora introduced the chief guest with the words, “He lives Theosophy and he has given back to the community”.

Mr. Tim Boyd speaking on “Applying Theosophical Principles” said, ‘Ageless principles on which we plan our living, but how do we do?’ He narrated a story of a Tibetan Rinpoche (a title for a Lama) who

has a precious source of wisdom gathered over earlier lives, who had lived with him in Chicago. The Tibetan Rinpoche had not left Tibet and so had gone through torture. Every morning he was made to walk round a circle of people who would physically and emotionally humiliate him. He tried out different teachings to face humiliation, but they did not work. Finally he tried the teaching of Love & Compassion towards the people who humiliated him and that worked. Jesus Christ also has said on the cross, “Forgive them, as they know not what they do”.

If we do not have wisdom to understand the principles, we will be blown away. In 1875 all were thinking about one’s own nation. India was part of the British Colony and in USA slavery had been removed only 10 years back in 1865. With the formation of the Theosophical Society in 1875 the seeds were planted in humanity for spiritual upliftment. At that time Theosophical ideas were radical and unacceptable. There were five profound ideas:

1. ‘Universal Brotherhood’ which was not like a Civil Right. It was a different way of seeing every single person. Only an Illumined Mind makes it possible to see unity in all beings.
2. We are Multi Dimensional beings in a Multi Dimensional World. We function at different levels, i.e. physical, emotional, mental and higher levels.
3. There is no empty space. What we think as empty space, Ageless Wisdom says it is filled with Intelligent Energy.
4. Each person is responsible for his own actions. He is the dispenser of his own destiny.
5. Evolution has been accepted in Ageless Wisdom. Buddhism talks about Buddha nature. Krishna speaks about Inner Ruler. It is a process of upliftment and compassion cultivates Unity in a Real Sense.

There is a reason why someone is attracted to Spirituality. There is an unfoldment, a reminder springs up from early lives and the realization that one is incomplete and the missing part has to be found to become whole.

At this stage no one is complete, but unfoldment has started. There is a moment of feeling one with the beauty of Nature, e.g. sunrise. It is

a moment of happiness, peace and feeling free. It is an experience of 'Wonder of Silence'. It is a moment to realize, 'Who we were, who we are and who we will be'. But such moments come and pass away so Meditation is recommended. Meditation is not postures and what one thinks. As one Lama has said, 'as long as we are engaged in process of thoughts, it is not meditation. It needs ability to cease from thinking, cease from doing things.'

One of the questions was, "Where have things gone wrong?" Mr. Tim Boyd's answer: No problems can be solved at the level it surfaces. We do not need scientific theories or inventions to learn why problems have not been solved. The solution has to be found by removing the obstruction in seeing the Reality. The pride which we have in knowledge does not permit us to see beyond. A break is needed from worshipping one's own ideas. The need is that each person understands his problem and chooses to address it with self-responsible action.

At the request of Mr. Tim Boyd, Sis. Padmaben Mehta sang 'Adyar Song', which was written by Dr. Ajay Hora's mother Mugdhaben Hora in 1947, i.e. 7 years after she became blind.

Sis. Feny Sethana, Sis. Gool Vazifdar and Sis. Katy Marolia were presented a Memento & Certificate by Mr. Tim Boyd for their dedication and commitment to TS and Theosophy for over 40 years

The 84th Annual General Meeting of BTF held at 12.15 pm was attended by 57 members. Tributes were paid to the Brethren who passed away during the year. As per the Agenda the Minutes, Secretary's Annual Report and Audited Statement of accounts were passed. Resolutions of regards and good wishes were passed for the Leaders of TS International & Indian Section and for the Old & Ailing Members. Bro. Navin Kumar proposed a resolution expressing sincere thanks to the Vasanta Theosophical Office Bearers and Committee Members for their generous hospitality, sponsorship of the 84th Annual Session of BTF and making special arrangements with a beautiful Pandal to welcome the International President Mr. Tim Boyd. All Brethren unanimously acclaimed their thanks to VTCHS. The AGM ended with a vote of thanks to President Dr. Ajay Hora for his motivating leadership in making this Annual Session a memorable one.

Blavatsky book depot counter was patronized during the day and according to book depot manager Sis. Freny Paghdiwala there was a sale of around Rs. 3,00/-.

Bro. Taral Munshi covered the Juhu session video.

In the afternoon session, there was a symposium on 'Today's Youth & Practical Theosophy'. President Tim Boyd was in the Chair. Bros. Farhad Dala, Berthram Redwood, Taral Munshi, Arnie Narendra and Dhananjay Singh were the speakers.

Closing of the BTF 84th Annual Session: BTF President Dr. Ajay Hora expressed sincere thanks to International President Mr. Tim Boyd for gracing the Annual Session with his wife Mrs. Lily Boyd and for his words of wisdom. His addresses have been like speaking to Brethren, which have guided even a person new to Theosophy to understand the Ageless Wisdom. Dr. Hora expressed thanks to VTCHS for their generous hospitality. He also thanked all present for their participation.

Jamubhai & Suryaben Dani Memorial Interschool easy competition: There were 115 participants from 40 schools of Mumbai. The subjects for essay were: 'I Love MY Nation'; 'Today's Education'; 'If there were No exams'; 'Love Thy Neighbour as Thyself'.

The first prize of Rs. 1,000/-, second prize of Rs. 750/- (there was a tie) & Third prize of Rs. 500/- were given.

In the Mino Mullan Memorial Inter College essay competition: There were 17 participants from 35 colleges. The subjects for Essays were: 'Be a Light unto Yourself'; 'Religion Unites or Divides'; 'Freedom with dignity for Women'; 'Terrorism'.

The First Prize of Rs. 1,000/-, Second Prize of Rs. 750/- & Third Prize of Rs. 500/- (there was a tie) were given.

Prize distribution for Dani and Mullan Memorial Essay Competitions: It was on the Saturday 31st October 2015, i.e. the second day of the 84th Annual session of Bombay Theosophical Federation after the talk of International President Mr. Tim Boyd at Blavatsky Lodge. Essay Competition Judge Sis. Aban Patel addressed the students. She appreciated their work & their beautiful handwritings. She advised them to gather information from net or other sources, but to write in their own

language with their own thoughts and observations. The prizes were given to the winners by the Chief Guest Mr. Tim Boyd. All participants were given participation certificates and 'Short Biography of Annie Besant by C. Jinarajadasa'.

Visit of Bro. David of Marid of Spain: He had a day in Mumbai, before taking a flight to Varanasi for attending a TS Study Camp there. From the Net he found the location of Blavatsky Lodge and was there to visit it. From the pictures on the Notice Board he recognized Bro. Rustom Dalal and asked the permission to see the Lodge. His impressions are compliments to Blavatsky Lodge; "Thanks for allowing me to enter this marvelous place. I can feel the history here. Hope, more people arrive here for Theosophical Teachings. I am very interested in Theosophical teachings and always when I am travelling have tried to visit Theosophical places like in Adyar, New York and Colombo. Thanks for preserving the Light!"

A meeting to celebrate the Foundation Day was on 17 November 2015 at Blavatsky Lodge. About 30 members and sympathizers assembled in the Lodge with BTF Vice-President Bro. Vinayak Pandya in the chair. The programme began with the Prayers of all Religions, the Universal Prayer and followed by a hymn sung by the Mystic star Ritual group. Bro. Vinayak welcomed all and briefly summarized the history of the formation of the Theosophical Society in 1875 at New York and the importance of its objects in today's strife torn world. Sis. Aban Patel, Sis. Navz Dhalla, Sis. Kashmira Khambatta, Sis. Ruby Khan and Bro. Berthram Redwood spoke about the founders and the Theosophical Society. Sis. Bana Mehta read out a brief paragraph for meditation.

Delhi

Bro. M.P. Singhal attended the Annual Conference of TS at Cebu in Manila (Philippines) from 18-20 November. He was invited to deliver the keynote address on 'Relevance of TS in the Modern World'. Besides, he delivered a talk there on 'Nature, Bio-diversity and Human Welfare'. He gave a talk during the Annual Conference of M.P. & Rajasthan Federation held at Ratlam on 1 November. He also gave talk at DTF premises on 6th November 2015 during Inter-lodge meeting of the Federation, wherein he emphasized the need of DTF to lead other Federations in promoting theosophical ideas.

Lodges of Delhi Theosophical Federation are conducting their weekly meetings regularly.

A study class was conducted by Dr Rajiv Gupta, President of Delhi Federation, on 13 December 2015. The book studied was "Path of Discipleship" by Annie Besant's. In all, 30 members attended the class. Noticing enormous interest of the participants, DTF has decided to conduct such classes in future on regular basis. Federation has also decided to invite National Lecturers in coming months.

Federation has taken print out of various informative pamphlets to distribute these to newcomers/first time visitors, in order to propagate Theosophy. Plans are afoot to contact nearby schools and propagate Theosophy among children by organizing talks & interactive sessions alongwith distributing informative leaflets published by the Indian Section.

Besant Lodge organized five meetings in December 2015. In the first meeting the members discussed."How I came to know theosophy and what it means to me." Conclusion, theosophy gives better understanding of life with greater patience and control on emotions. In the second meeting the member emphasized that "Ethics is more important than religion and found that Ethical behavior is important irrespective of our religious beliefs". On 17 December, they looked into preface/introduction of various TS books, and found that these must be comprehended before they are taken up for study. There was group meditation for ten minutes on 24 December. All the nine members shared their experience one by one. Some had wandering thoughts; some tried to concentrate on their Ishtdev, like Rama, Krishna or Hanuman, facilitating concentration. Very few experienced non dual state with awareness of their thoughts .On 31 December they discussed President's inaugural speech delivered at the convention in Adyar. There were concerns for falling TS membership as a whole and youths not coming into the society.

Five members of Besant Lodge participated in the study of the book, "Path of Discipleship" at the Federation headquarters on 13 December.

Karnataka

Hassanamba Theosophical Lodge organized a study camp from 3 to 5 October 2015. Bro. G. Dakshina Moorthy directed the camp. Bro. B. V. Thippeswamy, President, Karnataka Theosophical Federation, presided and delivered a talk on 4 October 2015 on '6th & 7th Sub Races of 5th Root Race.'

Bro. H. Mahalingappa spoke on 1st & 2nd Root Races, Sis. K. M. Vanishree delivered a talk on 3rd Root Race & its effect on Mammals.

Bro. M. S. Sreedhar delivered talk on 4th Root Race. Sis Lakshmi Govind gave a talk on 'Man's Life's Essence in the Light of Bagavadgeetha'. About 100 members participated in the camp.

The Karnataka Theosophical Federation organized the Workers' Cum Lecturers' Training Camp at Gavirangapura from 11 October to 19 October 2015.

Bro. B. V. Thippeswamy directed the camp with the assistance of Federation Secretary, lodge organizer and Vice-President K. T. F. Daily two main lectures for one hour, two Model lectures by Guides for 45 minutes and 9 short lectures by Trainees for 30 minutes were held. It was followed by question & answer session.

In all, 12 Main Lectures by 5 Resource persons; 15 Model Lessons by 10 guides; 50 short lectures on theosophy by Trainees; and 15 talks on How to propagate Theosophy at various places; How to organize one day /3days study camps and also Annual Conferences; Byelaws & Constitution Control & Maintenance of properties in the Lodges; How will you teach Theosophy to a Lay Man; to members who know something about Theosophy and to members who are educated and well versed in theosophy, all these were explained and discussed. On average 50 members daily participated in the camp.

Kondenahalli Lodge observed Dr. Annie Besant's birthday on 1 October 2015. Bro. A. Subba Reddy Bro. K. N. Rama Reddy spoke on Besant's Service & Sacrifice to the world.

B'lore City Lodge observed Dr. Besant's birthday on 4 October. Sis K. Parvathamma, Sis. Saraswathi. Sis .B. Sandhya Rani , Sis Kamala Rajagopa participated in the panel discussion and spoke on Dr.

Annie Besant's Contribution & Service to the world. Srinivaspura, Bangarpet, Chitradurga, Hiriyyur, Tumkur, Kunigal Davangere, Hassan and many lodges observed Dr. Besant's birthday along with T.O. S activities in the month of October 2015.

Bro. B. V. Thippeswamy directed the study of *The Secret Doctrine* (Cosmogenesies and Anthropogenesis) from 6 to 10 Nov. 2015. Bro. G. Dakshina Moorthy. Sis K. Parvathamma. Bro. K. L. Nanjunda Setty, Bro. H. Mahalingappa, Bro. M. S. Sreedhar, Sis Lakshmi Govind, Sis K. M. Vanishree, and Bro. N. Chokka Reddy delivered talks on various topics of the theme. Seventy members from different lodges participated in it.

Sis K. Parvathamma spoke on the significance of Founders', Day on 17 November at the B'lore City Lodge. Gowribidanur Lodge also observed Founders' Day on 17 Nov 2015.

Kerala

Bro. S. Sivadas President, Kerala Federation, gave a talk on Dr. Annie Besant at Sanathana Dharma Vidyalaya Central School, Alleppy. He presided over the Executive Committee's Meeting and General Council Meeting of KTF at Alleppy on 4 October. He conducted study classes on "Divine Plan" at Sree Sankara Lodge, Ernakulam on four Fridays in October; Conducted study classes on "*Talks on the Path of Occultism* Vol.III" on 7 and 14 October; Spoke on "Yoga and Theosophy" on 18 October at Anantha Lodge, Trivandrum. Besides, he participated in the Lodge's Meeting and Bharath Samaj Pooja at Alleppy.

The 6th meeting of the Executive Committee of KTF was held at Anaapoorani Lodge, Alleppy on October 4 at 10.30 a.m. Sister A.V. Seethalakshmi, South Zone Secretary, welcomed Bro. S. Sivadas who presided over the meeting. Bro. P.T. Krishnadas presented the Annual Report for 2014-15, Brother S. Madhusudhanan Pillai presented the Audited Statement of Accounts and P Krishnan Nambiar, North Zone Secretary proposed Vote of Thanks.

The General Council Meeting of KTF was held at Annapoorani Lodge, Alleppy, on October 4th at 11.30 a.m. Brother S. Sivadas, presided over the meeting. Bro. P.T. Krishnadas, Secretary, presented the Annual Report 2014-15 and Brother S. Madhusudhanan Pillai presented the Audited Statement of Accounts. Ten members were present. There was

discussion on various subjects including Lodges which require attention and financial support for repairs and maintenance. It was also resolved that “the books & periodicals published with the funds provided by KTF, or through donations and contributions received for the publication, shall be kept at the Headquarters of KTF, i.e., Annapoorni Theosophical Lodge, Alleppey, and not with any person or persons or office bearer of KTF (former or serving).”

Bro. S. Sivadas delivered a lecture for students at Pazhaveedu Library on 14 November (Children’s day) on “Students and their Environment.” Students from nearly 10 schools attended it. He conducted study classes on “Divine Plan” at Sree Sankara Lodge, Ernakulam, on 6, 13 and 20 November. He conducted study classes on “*Talks on the Path of Occultism* Vol.III” on 4, 11 and 18 November at Anantha Lodge Trivandrum. He also participated in the Lodge Meeting and Bharat Samaj Pooja on all Sundays at Annapoorni Lodge.

Blavatsky-Besant T S Lodge Pullut, Kodngallur organized an Aspirants’ Awareness meet as a pre-noon session on Tuesday, 10 Nov.2015 at Kodungallur to coincide with the anniversary of the B-B Lodge Raising Day. The meet was intended to popularise Theosophy amidst public and as such there was no registration formalities stipulated.

Meeting commenced at 10.20 am with universal prayer, followed by welcome gesture by Bro. Ramakrishnan, Lodge Secretary. Bro. Unnikrishnan, the Lodge’s President, in his opening speech spoke on Theosophy, White Brotherhood, a brief history and growth of the Theosophical Society as a worldwide organization and also the most commendable role of Madam H P Blavatsky in popularising occult knowledge right from the year 1875 onwards through the Theosophical Society. Bro. Unnikrishnan emphasized Theosophy was humanity’s heritage and it will be in the interest of the present day humanity to take advantage of its teachings.

KTF President, Br. S. Sivadas spoke in general about the significance of Theosophical Society and its Teachings. Br Ramanathan G, Vice-President of KTF, spoke on ‘Involution & Evolution of Life and Consciousness’, followed by Br Dr. M A Raveendran, former President, KTF who spoke on Theosophical/Medical Science’s views on Human Soul’s arrival and departure and the Souls’ post-mortem experiences.

Around thirty members participated in the function with representation from TS Lodges Kannur, Thrissur, Irinjalakuda, Perinjanam and Alleppey.

M.P. & Rajasthan

Bro. Anna Bhau Kotwale (Diploma No. 71614) of Vikram Lodge, Ujjain, passed to peace at the age of 85 years on 29th November.

Dr. R.S. Gupta (Diploma No. 31124) of Vikram Lodge, Ujjain, passed to peace at the age of 93 on 28 December 2015 at Jaipur. He was President of M.P. & Rajasthan Federation for some years and had studied Theosophical literature in great depth. He had worked at the Indian Section Headquarters, Varanasi, as well as at Adyar, for some time.

Ralayaseema

The *Punya Tithi* of Dr. Annie Besant was observed at Sanmarga Lodge, Bellary, with prayers of all religions on 20 September. Bro. S. Rangaiah Setty spoke in brief. About 38 members were present in the meeting and Prasadam distributed to all.

Dr. Annie Besant’s birthday was celebrated by Sanmarg Lodge on 1 October, 2015. Prayers of all religions were held. Bro. K. Ramakanth delivered a talk on the significance of Dr. Besant’s contribution in various spheres of life. Forty-two members attended the meeting.

Founders’ Day was celebrated on 17 November 2015 in the Theosophical Society. After the Prayers, the significance and importance of “Founders’ Day” was explained in brief by Federation lecturers Bros. A.I. Basavaraj Reddy and K. Raamakanth.

A study camp was conducted on 15 August 2015 in the premises of the Lodge at Secunderabad. The subject of study was *jeevitamujeevita saphalyamu* (life-accomplishment) directed by Bro. N. C. Krishna. He inspired the participants with nice examples and concluded the camp with an interactive session. Many brethren of other lodges also attended it.

On 14-11-2015, Saturday, an innovative programme was conducted for children and young persons. An audio visual was developed by Bro. M. Shyam Sunder, a member of the Lodge making the gathering to speak up and participate. It was well appreciated by one and all.

Mementoes were given to children for their participation and the programme was sponsored by Bro. M. Padma.

Foundation Day of the TS was celebrated on 17 November with all members showing lot of enthusiasm. Young members Bro Dhanunjay, Varsha and Satya Kanaka spoke on the sacrifices made by founders for establishment of the society. In the end the president of the lodge Bro Durgarao summed up the occasion with his nice remarks.

Apart from the aforesaid programmes the meetings are held on all Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at the Lodge of Secunderabad. The attendance is slowly picking up and we are planning more programmes for youngsters.

Bro. Venkatesham, a senior member of TSSL and who was instrumental in constructing and developing the Lodge, passed to peace on 18-10-2015. He was remembered for the services he rendered to society in general and TSSL in particular.

Telugu

Sis. Gandhavalla Prasunamma (Diploma No. 66798) was a senior member of Blavatsky Lodge at Nellore. She was member of the Executive Committee of this Lodge. She used to attend several meetings at Adyar and of this Lodge. She passed to peace on 19 October, 2015 at her residence in Nellore.

Bro. A.K.S.V. Perumal, (Diploma No. 77021) was a senior member. Previously he served as Librarian and Executive Committee's member of the Blavatsky Theosophical Lodge, Nellore. He was regularly attending meetings of the Lodge. He passed to peace on 22-10-2015 at Hyderabad.

Utkal

“Foundation Day” of the Theosophical Society was celebrated at UTF Hall, Bhubaneswar on 17 November, 2015. On this occasion Sis. Mitalini Mahapatra, Sis. Purnamasi Pattnaik, Bro. Ashok Pattnaik and Bro. Pramod Chandra Mishra delivered short talks on the significance of the Foundation Day. Bro. Ashis Kumar Kar presided over the meeting. The members of Maru Lodge hosted the function.

The members of Siddharth Lodge conducted a meeting at 625,

Saheed Nagar, wherein Sis. Purnamasi Pattnaik, Jt. Secy. UTF, delivered a talk based on the book *I Promise*. Bro. Satyabrata Rath presented a power point slide on “Thought Power” prepared by Prof. K.V.K. Nehru.

The members of Cuttack Lodge & Barabati Lodge also celebrated the Foundation Day of the Theosophical Society on 17 November, 2015 at their Lodge.

On June 20, 2015, the members of Barabati Lodge observed silence on the sad demise of Bro. Jagannath Padhi & on 26 October 2015 observed silence on the sad demise of Bro. D.N. Rath and prayed for the noble soul to rest in peace.

Uttar Pradesh

The following talks were held at Dharma Lodge, Lucknow in November 2015:

‘An Introduction to Yoga’ by Bro. B.P. Shukla; ‘Why not to mourn?’ by Bro. U.S. Pandey and ‘Spiritual Hierarchy and the Path’ by Bro. U.S. Pandey. The ‘140th Foundation day of The Theosophical’ Society was observed on 17 November in which the Inaugural address of Col. H.S. Olcott delivered on 17 November 1875 was read out and discussed along with the aims, objects and influence of the Society. The speakers were Bro. B.B. Lal and Bro. B.L. Dube and Bro. B.K. Pandey.

Bro. U.S. Pandey, Federation Secretary, visited Ghaziabad on 03 November and in a joint meeting of both Lodges viz. Besant Lodge and Anand Lodge, there he delivered a talk on the theme “God and Prayer-Theosophical view”. The talk was followed by close interaction with the participants. He also discussed administrative matters with the officials of both Lodges.

Chohan Lodge, Kanpur, organized a day-long seminar on ‘Brotherhood’ on 08 November in memory of Late Bro. Chitre who was an eminent theosophist of Kanpur. The seminar began with the recitation of prayers all religions followed by Universal Prayer. Bro. R.L. Gupta, President of Chohan Lodge welcomed the participants and speakers and spoke briefly about the contribution of Bro. Chitre in propagating Theosophy. Bro. S.K. Pandey, President of Tapasya Lodge, Gangaghat, (Shuklaganj) outlined the objective of the seminar. Bro. Dinesh Narayan,

Bro. K.K. Srivastava, Smt Pratibha Chitre, (daughter in law of Late Bro. Chitre) and few others paid tribute to Bro. Chitre. Bro. D.N.Raizaday and Bro. Shikhar Agnihotri spoke on the theme of Brotherhood, its need and importance for human society. Bro. U.S. Pandey, Federation Secretary, who presided over the function, in his speech brought out the concept of brotherhood and nucleus of brotherhood in light of theosophical teachings. He also said that brotherhood does not mean uniformity but unity in diversity. Bro. S.S. Gautam, Secretary, of Chohan lodge thanked the participants and speakers and said that all the existence is merely materialization of the divine essence and living with this awareness is living with the Divine.

A study camp was organized at NOIDA on 14-15 November. The book *The Riddle of Life* by Annie Besant was taken for study. About 30 persons-including members from lodges at Gprakhpur, Barabanki, Lucknow, Kanpur, Ghaziabad, Agra, Noida and from Delhi Federation and also some non-members participated in it. The camp started with recitation of Universal Prayer in the morning of 14 November. Thereafter Bro. O.P. Aneja, President of Noida Lodge welcomed the participants and speaker. The whole book was covered in eight sessions-four on each day. The study was directed by Bro. U.S. Pandey, who covered Chapters I & II during first session on first day and Ch. XI & XII during last session on second day. Among other resource persons- Bro. S.K. Pandey, National Lecturer, covered Ch. IV & V on first day and Ch. VII & VIII on second day; Bro. K.K. Srivastava covered Ch. III and X, and Bro. S.B.R. Mishra covered Ch. VI and IX one on each day. After each session supplementary comments from participants were presented and some points of clarification were discussed. At the end an interactive session in the form of question & answer was held when some participants interacted with speakers.

In the evening on 14 November a CD containing a talk by Joy Mills on "Theosophy- Tradition, Revelation, Innovation" was played before the participants.

At the close of the camp on 15 November, Bro. S.B.R. Mishra expressed thanks on behalf of the participants and also on behalf of U.P. Federation. Bro. B.K. Kailash, Treasurer of NOIDA Lodge, proposed vote of thanks on behalf of the lodge.

A study was conducted by Bro. U.S. Pandey on the theme "Steps on the Path and our Elder Brothers" for members of Sarvahitkari Lodge at Gorkhpur. It was held on 29 November. The programme started with recitation of Universal Prayer and was followed by interactive session with the participants.

Bro. U.S. Pandey visited Praxis Vidyapeeth in Basti on invitation of its management. On 29 November, he delivered a brief talk there on Universal Prayer and its significance before a group of about 50 students and also another talk on "Theosophy and Theosophical Society-an introduction" before a group of teachers and manager of the Vidyapeeth. On 30 November morning he delivered a talk on "A Healthy, Happy, Successful and Peaceful Life" before a gathering of about 100 students of class VI to XII and also teachers of the Vidyapeeth. This talk was followed by intensive Q.& A. session with the participating students.

Keeping the Guru Namak Jayanti in view *Sabad Kirtan* was organized by Kashi Tattava Sabha (KTS) on 27 November. A group of devotees from the Gurudwara came and rendered devotional songs in the Annie Besant Hall. The songs and their content were highly appreciated by the members and the students.

The following talks were organized by KTS in December: 'Vyavaharik Vedant' by Dr. Rajeev Ranjan; 'Education, Religion & Nation Building' by Dr. Rachana Srivastava; and 'Kathopanishad' by Dr. Prabhu Nath Dwivedi. All the three speakers presented their views in a very scholarly manner relating their content with the present situation of the society in general.

The following programmes were organized by Sarvahitkari Lodge, Gorakhpur, between September and December 2015:

Dr. Ajai Rai, Secretary of the Lodge, delivered talks on the 'Three Objects of the TS', 'Importance of Love', 'Significance of Forgiveness' (*Kshama Parva*) of Jain Religion'. Besides, Dr. Ajai Rai and Bro. S.B. R. Misra, President of the Lodge, spoke on the 'Life & Work of Dr. Annie Besant' in the meeting organized to celebrate Dr. Annie Besant's birthday. Dr. Rai conducted the meeting of the children of the Primary School run by Sarvahitkari Lodge. The meeting was held in order to make the students acquainted with the life & work of Mahatma Gandhi and Lal Bahadur Shastri.

Bro. S.B.R. Misra's four talks were on 'Incarnation', 'Life & work of Guru Nanak', "Will, Wisdom & Action" and 'Birth, Life & Work of Lord Krishna and Jesus' respectively.

Dr. Satish Chandra Tripathi's subjects of talk were 'Step to realization', "Gyan Yoga of Bhagavadgita" and 'Namaz' in which he explained its meaning, how it is performed and why it is done only five times a day.

The other talks held at Sarvahitkari Lodge during the aforesaid months were on 'Maryada Purushottam Ram' by Shri Ram Achal Singh, 'Durga Shakti' by Sri Bechan Pd. Gupta and Prof. S. Dayal Sharma spoke on "Lord Jesus". Besides, Bro. S.B.R. Misra, Dr. S.C. Tripathi and Bro. M.P. Kandoi gave short talks on the occasion of the Foundation Day of the T.S.

Bro. U.S. Pandey delivered the following talks at Dharma Lodge, Lucknow, in December: 'Three threads of the cord of Fate', 'Idolatry & Animated Statues' and 'Some esoteric points in Ramayana' respectively. Bro. M.C. Pandey's subject of talk was 'Thought Power'.

Samveti Lodge, Pilibhit, organized public lectures of Sis. Vasumati Agnihotri and Bro. Shikhar Agnihotri on 'After Death' at Ben Hur School, 'Use of Thought Power for a healthy and happy life' at G.G.C.I. and 'Allegory in Durga Saptashati' at Agnoori Devi Inter College. These three talks were held in November.

Sri Lal Bahadur Dwivedi (Diploma No. 86877), President of Gyanadaya Lodge, Barabanki, passed to peace on 2-12-2015.

The following talks were organized by Nirvana Lodge, Agra, in the month of December: Dr. B.D. Rajoriya spoke on *Hanuman Chalisa: Jeevan Mantra* and explained the content dealt with in the small book. The theme of Bro. Gyanesh Chaturvedi's talk was *Panch Kosh evam Swapna Lok*. Bro. Devendra Bajpayee gave a talk on the Life & Work of late Suryakant Tripathi 'Nirala' a renowned poet of Hindi literature. Four speakers, namely, Dr. A.B. Pandey, Dr. B.D. Rajoriya, Dr. H.K. Upadhyay and Bro. Devendra Bajpayee expressed their views in a symposium on 'Busy Hands & Blessed Minds'. Besides, Dr. H.K. Upadhyay, Dr. Pratima

Sharma and Dr. B.D. Rajoriya spoke in short talks organized on the theme 'Theosophy is a Path of Liberation'.

Study Class at Delhi Federation

Delhi Theosophical Federation is organizing study classes during the month of March 2016. First Study Class will be conducted by Bro U.S. Pandey, Secretary, U.P. Federation, on Saturday 5th March & Sunday 6th March 2016, based on Clara M Codd's book titled "*Mystery of Life & How Theosophy Unveils It*". The second Study Class will be conducted by National Lecturer Bro B.D. Tendulkar on Saturday 12th March & Sunday 13th March 2016, based on the book "*Self Culture in the Light of Ancient Wisdom*" authored by I.K. Taimni.

The timings of both these classes will be as below:

Saturday: 5.00P.M to 7.00 P.M.

Sunday: 10.30 A.M to 4.00 P.M.

Lunch Break will be from 1.00 P.M. to 2.00 P.M & Tea Break will be at 11.30 A.M & 3.00 P.M.

There will be no Registration Charges. Board & Lodging will be provided to outstation delegates from 1 day before to one day after scheduled dates. However, such delegates are requested to intimate latest by 29th February 2016 to the following:

Dr Rajiv Gupta-President: 9650015396

Meena Thakur-Secretary: 9873111242

Study Camp at Ghaziabad

U.P. Federation is organizing a study camp on "Astavakra Samhita" (publication of Advaita Ashram) on 12-13 March 2016 at Ghaziabad.

Members of U.P. Federation and also of other Federations are welcome to participate in the study camp.

The persons coming from outside Ghaziabad will be provided board and lodging from 11 March (evening) to 13 March (AN) for which each such participant will pay a contribution of Rs. 400/- on arrival at Ghaziabad. Each such person may inform his/her name to any of the following contact persons latest by 1 March, 2016.

Bro. S.L. Goel- Vice-President, Besant Lodge, Ghaziabad, Mob. 9868998008.

Bro. Chakit Swarup Arya- Secretary, Anand Lodge Ghaziabad, Mob. No. 9910441008

Bro. Suneel Sharma- Coordinator of study camp at Ghaziabad, Mob. No. 9868185025.

Bro. U.S. Pandey- Secretary, U.P. Federation, Mob. No. 9451993170.

Study Camp at Gwalior

As part of celebrations of 125th anniversary of the Indian Section, TS. "M.P. & Rajasthan Federation and U.P. Federation are jointly organizing a study camp on *The Pathway to Perfection* (by Geoffrey Hodson) on 9-10 April 2016 at Gwalior. Members of all Federations are welcome to participate in it.

The persons coming from outside Gwalior will be provided board and Lodging from 8 April (evening) to 10 April (AN), for which each such participant will pay a contribution of Rs.300/— on arrival at Gwalior. Each such person may inform his/her name to any of the following contact persons latest by 25 March, 16.

Bro. H.S. Dwivedi- Secretary M.P. & Rajasthan Federation
Mob. No. 9425119409

Bro. U.S.Pandey- Secretary U.P. Federation
Mob. No. 9451993170

STUDY CAMP ON 11, 12 & 13 MARCH 2016 AT VARANASI

A Study Camp has been organized by the Indian Section on 11,12 and 13 March 2016, based on 'INITIATION INTO YOGA' written by **Krishna Prem**.

Prof. R.C. Tampi will direct the study. The participants will have an opportunity to study the arduous path, depicted by the author.

Members are requested to remit the following on or before 1st March 2016.

Registration Rs.50/- and Room Rs.100/- Meals Rs. 640/-
total Rs. 790/-

Bhojanshala Special Room Rs. 200/- & Meals Rs. 640/-, Total Rs. 890/-
Deluxe Rooms 300/- & Meals Rs. 640/-, Total Rs.990/-
(10th evening to 14th Noon.)

On cancellation before 5th March 2016 Rs. 50/- will be deducted and refunds of meals only will be made for cancellations after 5th March 2016.

Remittances are to be made into Vijaya Bank, Kamachha, Varanasi A/c No. 718301010005045 IFSC Code VIJB0007183 written in the name of the Indian Section, The Theosophical Society. Remittance details to be intimated to the Indian Section.

Remittances can be paid in cash or by draft as well.

SOUTH INDIA CONFERENCE

The 93rd South India Theosophical Conference will be held at the International Headquarters, Adyar, Chennai, from 25th March to 27th March 2016. The Conference will be based on Mabel Collins' book *Light on the Path*. Members of the Theosophical Society in good standing are welcome to attend as delegate. The delegates are requested to study the following reference books:

1. *Theosophical Life and the Three Gems of Theosophy*, TPH Adyar, 2016
2. *Talks on the Path of Occultism, Volume 3* by Annie Besant and C. W. Leadbeater
3. *The Way of Wisdom*, by N. Sriram
4. *Seek out the Way* (Studies in *Light on the Path*), by Rohit Mehta
5. *Entering on the Sacred Way - A Psychological Commentary on Light on the Path*, by Joy Mills.

The Charges per delegate are as follows.

1. Registration Fee: Rs 100/-.
2. **Accommodation** at Bhojanasla, New Quadrangle will be provided free of cost.
3. Meals Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner will be arranged at the Leadbeater Chambers' dining hall. You are requested to write to the Superintendent –Leadbeater Chambers (LBC) for the necessary arrangement. The bills can be settled at the time of departure.
4. Mattress hiring charges extra.
5. Delegates wishing to register are requested to send a cheque for Rs.100/- favouring "Treasurer, The Theosophical Society, Adyar, Chennai 600 020".
6. Delegates will have to provide information of the date of arrival, date of departure and contact number besides details of Lodge & membership.
7. All correspondence regarding Registration should be addressed to Convenor c/o, The International Secretary's Office, The Theosophical Society, Adyar, Chennai 600 020.

8. For accommodation at Leadbeater Chambers, delegates will have to write to the Superintendent, Leadbeater Chambers, Theosophical Society, Adyar, Chennai 600 020.
9. For any clarifications or for booking accommodation through email you may write to the following email id: acco.hq@ts-adyar.org.
10. Last date for receipt of application at Adyar is 19th March 2016.
11. In the event of cancellation there would be no refund of Registration Fee.

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8. Date of Joining the T.S.....9. Diploma No.....
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11. Proposed duration of stay in Adyar:
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12. Details of person(s) accompanying:-
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13. Special Request, if any:
14. Recommended by
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HIMALAYAN CENTRE BHOWALI

Summer Programme of Study Camp 2016

	Dormitory Rooms 6 persons Rs.	Old Rooms (24) Rs.	De luxe Rooms (18) Rs.
1. 20 April to 26 April 2016 Indian Section Study Camp on Light on the Path (by Mabel Collins) Director Prof. C.A. Shinde	2750	2925	3275
2. 28 April to 30 April 2016 ES Retreat- Prof. C.A. Shinde	1450	1525	1675
3. 2 May to 10 May 2015 Karnataka Federation's Study Camp	3450	3675	4125
4. 15 May to 20 May 2016 Utkal Federation's Study Camp on The Way of Wisdom by N.Sri Ram Director Sri. S.K. Pandey	2400	2550	2850
5. 22 May to 24 May 2016 ES Retreat- Prof. R.C. Tampi	1450	1525	1675
6. 30 & 31 May 2016 Uttarakhand Lodges' Camp	900	1000	1100

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2. Remittance are to be made after February 2016, notification.

3. This Programme will enable you to reserve Journey tickets.