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PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS*

To the 143rd Annual Convention of the Theosophical Society (TS) Adyar, 31 December 2018

I AM very happy to warmly welcome all of you to this 143rd International Convention at our Adyar international headquarters, and I wish you a very pleasant and inspiring time while you are here. Let us rise to invoke the blessings of our elder Brethren, who are ever ready to guide and help those who are unselfishly dedicated to the good of other living beings:

**May those who are the embodiments 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 now pleased to open this 143rd Annual Convention of the TS.

Since the original founding of the Theosophical Society (TS) 143 years ago this movement has spread to more than 70 countries in the world. More importantly, it has affected thought and values globally. The core ideas of Unity, multi-dimensionality, omnipresent intelligence, self-responsibility, and spiritual evolution have become part of the fabric of global thought in ways both subtle and obvious. Although much of current affairs would suggest a heightened sense of separateness and denial of the fact of Oneness, the principles have become firmly rooted in human consciousness and will necessarily unfold. Our role as members of the TS in this unfoldment is to determine whether they are realized gracefully, or accompanied by the turbulence that much of current behaviour would indicate.

As an organization, the TS came into being to serve humanity in the deepest possible manner. Many organizations in the world are here to help in a variety of ways — to provide food, medical care, shelter, religious optimism, financial aid. While every level of compassionate response is needed, ultimately none of the causes of suffering can be

* Only some portions of the Presidential Address have been published here. For more details see *THE THEOSOPHIST*, January 2019.

addressed on their own level. Food, money, shelter, and so on, do not affect the root cause of social, and even physical imbalance. Although the TS's work has been described as a "forlorn hope", it is the *only* hope. Until as a human family we loosen the inherited conviction of our separateness, we will continue the cycle of aggression, competition, and dissatisfaction that is currently engulfing us.

Throughout the TS's history we have been blessed with insightful members and dynamic leaders. As if speaking with one voice they have continually emphasized the requirement that we assume responsibility for our own unfoldment. In the absence of some grounding in the experience of Oneness, we have little to give. While this self-unfoldment is a must, the deeper direction is toward a nucleus of awakened individuals capable of expressing unity in action. It is only "through the soothing influence of brotherhood" as contemplated by the TS's inner founders that the instinctual expression of human nature can be prevented from ever increasing levels of harm. In a practical sense this means that we as members of the TS have to continue to learn how to work together, regardless of personal likes and dislikes.

When the TS was founded one had to be a visionary to have a genuine sense of global interconnection. Today the fact of interconnection is continually, often painfully, present. Anyone with a mobile phone is in touch from moment to moment with currents in the world. The relative ease of communication and travel has made aspects of our work more possible. Whereas in the recent past our groups and Sections had to work in relative isolation, today new levels of cooperation are possible. At the international level, for the last three years, we have been meeting to develop a working nucleus to plan and implement a spectrum of projects.

The work we are attempting is global, but requires the focused efforts of local members and groups. Outwardly, circumstances and conditions are continually changing, but the collective tendencies of humanity move much more slowly. In this time of ever-increasing urban concentration, where the stabilizing influence of Nature's rhythms is becoming less available to most, we are faced with a challenge. How do we create islands of peace and stability in the midst of the swirling, irregular currents of modern life? How do we expose those who are searching, perhaps without even knowing it, to these alternative possibilities?

There is no set answer to these questions, but there are examples. In India for 136 years the centre at Adyar has been a source of spiritual focus and quiet; in the United States the Olcott National Headquarters has been a similar example; in Finland, Australia, Italy, New Zealand, Cuba, Israel, Brazil, and numerous other places around the world their centres have demonstrated the magnetic quality of cooperative effort toward deepening awareness.

The highlight of this year was the 11th World Congress of the Theosophical Society (TS) held in Singapore from 4 to 8 August, with the theme “Consciousness, Contemplation, Commitment: The Future Is Now”. This historic event was organized for the first time in Asia with 173 delegates from 24 countries. It was held in the Conference Hall of Ramada Singapore at Zhongshan Park, I gave the opening address and Marcos de Resende gave the keynote speech on the theme. That evening I gave a lecture on “A Theosophy for Tomorrow”, and also gave a lecture on “The Intuitive Mind” in a public auditorium on 5 August, with more than 300 attending. Other Congress lectures and workshops were given by several General Secretaries, officers of the TS worldwide, and the President of Singapore Lodge, Mr Chong Sanne, who led a team of members from the Lodge who worked hard and efficiently to organize this Congress. The 4th Theosophical Order of Service (TOS) International Conference was also organized in Singapore following the World Congress from 9 to 10 August, with 67 members from 18 countries attending. Nancy Secrest, TOS International Secretary, chaired the session and I gave the opening speech.

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Continuing with the Indo-Pacific region, I inaugurated the 126th Indian Section Convention at the Adyar Theatre on 1 January, chaired by the international Vice-President, Dr Deepa Padhi. The “State of the Indian Section Address” followed, along with a slide presentation by the General Secretary, Mr Pradeep Gohil. The Indian Section Council elected Mr V. Narayanan, uncontested, as Treasurer for 2018-2019. There was a decrease of 250 members in the Indian Section as of 30 September.

I attended the North India Study Camp held from 6 to 8 October at the Indian Section Headquarters in Varanasi on “The Process of Unfoldment: An Education of the Soul” and gave a public lecture on “The Importance of the Centre” held in the evening of the first day. I spoke to the TOS group members in the Workers’ Training Programme on 9

October. The 95th South India Theosophical Conference was organized in Adyar from 30 March to 1 April on “Illumination Must Come from Within”. From six Federations 118 delegates attended the Conference, which started with the welcome address by the international Secretary Ms Marja Artamaa. A study camp was organized at the Himalayan Study Centre, Bhowali, from April 13 to 19 by the Indian Section on the topic “Glimpses into *The Secret Doctrine*”, which was directed by Mr U. S. Pandey. A National Youth Study Camp was also held in Bhowali from 25 to 27 May by the Indian Section with 44 participants from various parts of India, which was directed by Mr Shikhar Agnihotri and Ms Varsha Patel.

A TOS camp was organized in the Bhowali Centre from 29 to 31 May on the theme “Working Towards the Future” with 36 active members of TOS from different Indian regions, including Mrs Deepa Padhi, international Vice-President, Nancy Secrest, TOS international Secretary, and Marja Artamaa, international Secretary.

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At the International Headquarters in Adyar the renovation work of Blavatsky Bungalow and the Headquarters Building area continued at a steady pace. In the Archives and Museum department, 30 research scholars used the facilities, coming in person or requesting scanned materials by email. The Convention archival exhibition on “Dr Annie Besant — A Hundred Years Ago”, inaugurated by international Vice-President Dr Deepa Padhi, was well received. The Archives team consists of Mrs V. Vedavathi, Mr Mohan Mani and Ms Jaishree Kannan. Mr Bernd Jesse’s contribution as a volunteer was very much appreciated.

In 1886 President-Founder Col H. S. Olcott established the now world-reputed Adyar Library and Research Centre. Dr T. Narayanan Kutty is the current Director and Prof. C. A. Shinde the Chief Librarian, with 14 supporting staff. The automation and digitalization of Hinduism and Theosophy books was completed. A total of 38,000 books were checked for automation work and those in bad condition were scanned. They were rearranged in the shelves and listed on a printout available in the reading room. In addition to the regular Library display we had a year-long special exhibition of photographs on “Flora and Fauna of Adyar”, taken by Prof. A. Chandrasekharan. Over 1,050 visitors, including many from Chennai schools, came to see it. The Library was used by 1,200

registered reader members and 280 borrowers (out of 760) used the Library this year. About 3,500 books were read in the reading room, 400 books were borrowed, and 1,000 manuscripts consulted.

The School of the Wisdom began their courses in Adyar in November, with Mr Jon Knebel, from the TS in America, covering much material on the meaning of the Theosophical Movement. In December, the Ven. Olande Ananda, from Sri Lanka, discussed the difference between concept and reality, an ongoing, endless process on the spiritual path. In January, Mr Vicente Hao Chin, Jr, went deeply into the process of self-awareness, leading to self-transformation, the responsibility of every human being. Dr José Foglia introduced the anatomical background of our spiritual journey, pointing out directions for investigation if we are to be true to our real selves.

The Theosophical Order of Service (TOS) is present in 35 of the 55 countries where the TS is active. It is headed by me as ex-officio President, and an International Secretary (IS), currently Ms Nancy Secrest, who is appointed by the President. The IS administers and coordinates the TOS from wherever she is located, currently in Adyar, India.

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While in India from mid-August to late October, I travelled to Dombivali, speaking for the Bombay Federation members, near Mumbai. In Bhowali I participated in an Indian Section goal-setting meeting at the Himalayan Theosophical Centre, and spoke at the Karnataka Federation annual conference in Bangalore.

The Vice-President, Dr Deepa Padhi, attended the Foundation Day commemoration on 17 November as the Chief Guest of the Utkal Theosophical Federation, Odisha, speaking on “The Relevance of Theosophy in the Present Day”. She inaugurated the “1917: Dr Besant’s Impact on Indian Society” exhibition at the Adyar Museum on 31 December, and chaired the inaugural session of the 126th Indian Section Convention on 1 January at the Adyar Theatre. She gave the inaugural address on “Working Towards the Future” at the TOS Summer camp held at the Bhowali Himalayan Centre from 29 to 31 May. Dr Padhi also attended the General Council meeting and Strategic Planning sessions in Naarden, and participated in the 11th World Congress in Singapore, delivering a talk on “Consciousness, Compassion, and Contemplation”. She was a

participant in the 4th TOS International Conference which followed the World Congress and made a presentation on “Women’s Empowerment” — a project of TOS, Odisha.

In March and April, the Secretary of the TS, Ms Marja Artamaa, gave a total of three talks in Adyar: At the TOS South Zone Conference, on “Service through Will, Wisdom, and Love”; at the South India Conference, the welcome address; and at the Gandhinagar Lodge, another talk on “Advantages of Lodge Meetings”. In May she went to the Bhowali Centre with three others to inaugurate the TOS Indian Camp. She also attended the General Council meeting and planning sessions at the ITC, Naarden, in early July and the World Congress in Singapore in early August. As Chief Guest in the Nalbari District of the Assam Federation, she gave the Usha Deka Memorial Lecture, “All Is One in the Light of Theosophy” on 23 September, and the next day she visited the Lodges of the same Federation in Guwahati.

The Treasurer of the TS, Ms Nancy Secrest, gave the inaugural address in celebration of Annie Besant’s birthday on 1 October at Adyar, where, at the end of March, she was also Chief Guest at the TOS South Zonal Conference this year, speaking about the importance of service in our lives. She also spoke on Yoga Day at the Olcott Memorial Higher Secondary School (OMHSS), Adyar. At the end of May she travelled to the TS Centre in Bhowali, where a TOS Camp was being held. As the Chief Guest, she spoke about theosophical education. In early July she also attended the General Council meeting and Strategic Planning sessions in Naarden. At the World Congress in Singapore, this time as International Secretary of the TOS, she gave an overview of TOS activities worldwide and led the 4th International TOS Conference immediately following the World Congress. In late August she went to Pumpkin Hollow, a theosophical centre north of New York City, where she participated in a joint session with Mr Michael Gomes, Theosophical historian, on “Western Esotericism”. A joint TS/ TOS event in Jaipur, India, immediately followed, where she again spoke on theosophical education.

This is the end of my report and I wish you all here present and around the world my very best wishes for a fruitful and harmonious Convention experience.

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NEWS AND NOTES



Dr. A. Kannan (Dip. No. 38088) passed to peace on 3 January 2019. He became a member of the TS on 1 Feb. 1951 and was its Life Member since 19 Oct. 1979.

Dr. Kannan obtained a doctorate in Chemistry from Bombay University and had specialized in the chemistry of foods, drugs and water. He did his post-doctoral research on Dairy Chemistry at the University of Minnesota, St. Paul. Subsequently, he worked at the Dairy Institute, Bangalore and at the Delhi Municipal Corporation as a Public Analyst. In December 1964, he moved with his family to TS Adyar. In 1973, he started the Theosophy Science Study group and was its Convener till 2009. He was the Editor of 'Theosophy, Science and Yoga', the Bulletin of Theosophy and Science and the journal on Holistic Science. Was the author of the books, *Impact of Theosophy and Science* and *The One Life and Functional Forms*. He wrote several articles in various Theosophical journals.

As a National Lecturer, Dr. Kannan travelled throughout India for many years, conducting study classes and delivering lectures on the themes related to Theosophy. He was the General Secretary of the Indian Section of the T.S. for one year (1983). Along with T. S. work Dr. Kannan also attended to the work of the Esoteric School of Theosophy and Co-freemasonry. Besides, he was a member of the Besant Education Fellowship for several years.

Assam

A two-day study camp on "Mahatma Letters" was held at ATF

meeting hall, Guwahati, on 14 and 15 Sept., 2018. It was directed by Bro. Pradip Kumar Mahapatra, former Joint G.S. Indian Section. Bharat Samaj Pooja was conducted on 14 September by Sis. Mitalini Mahapatra, Vice-President, Utkal Federation. It was conducted. Dr. Bipul Sarma, Bro. N.C. Dutta and Bro. R.N. Chowdhury took part in the camp as resource persons. On the second day Sis. Dr. C.P. Bhuyan and Sis. Mitalini Mahapatra spoke on the theme of the camp. The camp was attended by 35 participants and ended successfully.

Jnanpith Lodge, Nalbari, organized a public meeting where Bro. Pradip Kr. Mahapatra was the chief guest. Sis. Mitalini Mahapatra delivered a talk on 'Devotion'. Bro. P.K. Mahapatra participated in the A.G.M. of T.O.S. Assam, as Chief Guest. It was held on 18 September.

Usha Deka Memorial Lecture was organized on 23 September by Gopal Bazar Lodge, Nalbari, where the main speaker was Sis. Marja Artamaa, International Secy., TS. The subject of her talk was 'All is One in the Light of Theosophy'. The meeting was attended by nearly 170 participants. Sis. Marja Artamaa attended a meeting of ATF and interacted with the members of the Federation. She also visited Prag Lodge at Bharalumukh and met the members of the Lodge.

Dr. Annie Besant Day was observed at the Federation Hall on 1st October. Bro. Bimal Kumar Hazarika was the chief guest. He delivered the main talk highlighting various aspects and contributions of Dr. Besant's life. Bro. N.C. Dutta presided and Bro. R.N. Chowdhury, Dr. C.P. Bhuyan, Bro. K.S.Lahkar Bro. K.C. Buragohain also spoke about Dr. Besant's dedication and contribution.

The members assembled in the meeting hall on the occasion of the Foundation Day and celebrated it enthusiastically. Bro. Dharmananda Bhagawati delivered the main talk. Significance of the day was explained by the Secretary and he paid homage to the Masters. Bro. N.C. Dutta presided over the meeting and highlighted various contributions of the founders. As it was the Foundation Day of Assam Theosophical Federation as well homage was paid to the dedicated founders and members of ATF. Bro. R.N. Chowdhury gave a detailed account regarding the birth of ATF and gave a vivid description of all the workers including the 7th International President Sis Radha Burnier who inaugurated the Federation's Office. He also paid homage to Sis Vinodini Goenka who donated a plot of land to ATF and worked for ATF whenever she came to Guwahati.

Annual Conference

The Annual Conference of ATF was organized at Pensioners' 82/THE INDIAN THEOSOPHIST, Feb./ 2019

Bhawan, Chandmari, Guwahati, on 18 November 2018. At 8:30 a.m. Federation's Flag was hoisted by the President Bro. N.C. Dutta. At 9-00 a.m. subject committee's meeting started under the presidentship of Bro. N.C. Dutta. Secy Dr. C.P. Bhuyan welcomed all and presented the annual activity report. Bro P.N. Das, Treasurer, presented the annual audited report. Both the reports were accepted after discussion. Annual Budget was also presented by the Secretary, which has already been sent to the National Office. It was also approved by the house. Reports from the lodges were presented by the Presidents/Secretaries of the respective lodges through which the success and the failure were projected. The strength and the weakness were discussed and the solution thereof were also suggested by the members. As per the advice of the President, the Secretary gave a brief account of the strategic planning and goal setting meeting held at Bhowali and proposed three nos of such meetings at three zones of Guwahati, Nalbari and Jorhat/Golaghat so that goal may be set and reach easily. Bro. Anil Kr. Barua, former Secretary, ATF, questioned about the transfer of name of the ATF office house and Bro. R.N. Chowdhury replied about the present situation of the house. A committee comprising of the present Secretary Sis. Dr. C.P. Bhuyan, Bro. R.N. Chowdhury, Bro. P.N. Das and Bro. A.K. Barua was formed to look into the matter and take necessary step if required. Bro. P.N. Das informed that although an advocate was engaged to look into the matter, he did not do anything.

In the post-lunch session the meeting started with the prayers of all religions. Welcome address was delivered by Bro. G.C. Deka, President of the reception committee. The Secretary read out the Greetings and the Good Wishes received from other Theosophical Federations of India. A *bhajan* was rendered by Sist. Chandana Buragohain. Bro. N.C. Dutta in his presidential speech spoke about Madam Blavatsky, her dedication towards the Theosophical Society and the trouble she took for the society. He gave reference of the work done by Srimanta Sankardev and Srimanta Madhavdev for Universal Brotherhood. The Chief Guest of the conference was Prof Dr. Amalendu Chakravorty, the Dean of Faculty, and HOD Guwahati University. He delivered a talk on "Sankardev and the Universal Brotherhood". He started his speech with the explanation of universal brotherhood. He explained nicely that the essence of universal brotherhood lies in Rig Veda itself. In course of time, the Varnasrama Dharma, the fourfold social organization, was weakened and became disordered by the uprising of the adharma, sin and vice. The organization shifted from "Karma" to "Janma." The message of universal brotherhood is there in every religion but in course of time it was wrongly explained by the followers to mislead the general public. The main enemy of universal Brotherhood is ego and elimination of ego is humanity.

The annual journal edited by Sis. Nilima Das was released by Bro. R.N. Chowdhury. Another book on "Important Days to be observed by the Theosophical Society" (*Brahma Bidyar Palaniyo Tithibor*) published by the Federation was also released by him. A devotional song was presented by Sist. Lakhmi Das. The president in his speech appealed to work for the propagation of theosophy and try to live theosophical life. He requested the members to devote more time for the work of the Theosophical Society. Vote of thanks was given by Bro. Kiran Ch. Buragohain. The conference concluded with Shanti Path lead by Bro. R.C. Dev Sarmah.

Bengal

Anniversary Programme: The 42nd Anniversary of Bharadwaja Theosophical Lodge was held on 30 September 2018, along with the 36th Annual Convention of TOS-West Bengal, at BTS Hall. Justice Shyamal Sen former Governor and Chairman of Human Rights Commission, Government of West Bengal, was the Chief Guest and Bro. Subrata Chowdhury- a Senior Advocate of Supreme Court of Bangladesh and a senior TS member was the Guest of Honour. Venerable Monk of SUSW Mission inaugurated the programme by lighting candle in front of the Photo of HPB and Dr. Annie Besant. Bro. Debabrata Bhattacharyya, Secretary of Tripura Histasadhini Sabha released a book entitled *Jignasha* Bro. Swarnabha Bala presided and conducted the meeting. In all, 130 TS & TOS members and teachers and students of TOS Schools attended the programme.

The meeting started with Payers of all Faiths followed by one minute silence, and then opening song by Sis. Joytsna Barman. While releasing the book Bro. Debabrata Bhattacharya said- "Enquiries help to obtain knowledge and wisdom through practice of that knowledge. This book will help the seekers of the Truth".

Bro. Amal Kirshna Mandal, Secretary, Bharadwaja Lodge, and Bro. Gangaram Bazra, Regional Secretary of TOS- West Bengal presented their annual reports. Secretaries of three TS Lodges and Seven TOS Groups who came from Sandeshkali Sundarban and Gangasagar were felicitated by offering "Uttaria" by the ten Teachers of TOS schools. Bro. B.L. Bhattacharya appreciated their service for those who are needy and those who suffer.

Fifty Teachers and 12 ex-students of TOS aided schools were awarded with financial help @Rs. 500/- each. Bro. Subrata Chowdhury expressed his satisfaction for getting opportunity to attend such a beautiful programme at Kolkata. He explained how the work of TS is growing in Bangladesh. Justice Shyamal Sen in his short and illuminative

lecture said- “we are passing through crisis. We need a leader like Dr. Annie Besant and Brotherhood of the Theosophical Society is most relevant in the modern world”.

A purposeful Souvenir was published to commemorate this occasion and copies were given to all the participants. Bro. Avik Guha Thakurata thanked all those who extended their helping hands to make this programme a success. The meeting ended with National Anthem conducted by Sis. Chandana Nandi and followed by all. Sister Arati Nandi, Bro. A.N. Chakraborty, Bro. Ratan Das, Secretary BTS, Bro. Malay De, Bro. Swapan Bhai, Bro. Mihir Saha and Bro. Debesh Chowdhury played important role to make the programme a success.

A three-day study camp was organized at BTF, Kolkata, from 18 Nov to 20 Nov. 2018. Bro. U.S. Pandey, National Lecturer, conducted the study. Topics discussed were-1.Man is his own maker, 2.Occult function of some human organ, 3. Chain, Rounds and Races. After the welcome address by the Federation Secretary Bro. Achintya Nr. Chakraborty, the study camp was formally inaugurated by Bro. Pankaj Kumar Dutta, President of Bengal Federation. Then, Bro. B.L. Bhattacharya, National Director, TOS, spoke about the importance of such study camps and requested Bro. Pandey to start the lectures on topic ‘Man is his own maker’. Bro. Pandey explained the process of making oneself by one’s thoughts and feelings during the earthly life and converting of these thoughts, feelings and faculties, etc. to the next life. In this context he extensively quoted the relevant matter from the Upanishads, Mahatma’s Letters, The Secret Doctrine and the writings of Annie Besant. On the second day, Bro. Pandey spoke on ‘Occult functions of some human organs’ which evinced keen interest from the audience. He explained how our emotions affect health of various organs and conversely health condition of these organs affect our emotion, the role of Pineal and Pituitary gland besides occult functions of brain, ear, spleen, stomach and blood cells, and the role of kundalini force, etc.

The topic “Chains, Rounds and Races” was taken up by Bro. Pandey on the last day of the camp. He explained centenary nature of evolution, seven chains of earth, each chain having seven globes on different planets, seven root races of human beings and Law of Karma. Before concluding the camp, Bro. Achintya Nr. Chakraborty, Secretary, BTF, thanked the speaker and the participants.

Bombay

The 87th Annual Session of Bombay Theosophical Federation was held on 26, 27 & 28 October 2018, and was graced by Dr. Deepa Padhi,

International Vice-President, TS, as the Chief Guest. The theme of the Session was ‘*Consciousness, Compassion, Contemplation*’.

The Annual Session was opened at Blavatsky Lodge TS on Friday 26 October 2018 with Lighting of the Lamp and recitation of the Prayers of All Religions & the Universal Prayer. BTF’s President Bro. Vinayak Pandya welcomed all and introducing the Chief Guest said that Dr. Deepa Padhi, Retired Professor of Philosophy, with Fellowship from University Grant Commission of India, had got her D.Lit. Degree for research on ‘Live and Let Live – An Analytical Study in Holistic Ethics’. She has authored books on ‘The Ethical Philosophy of the Bhagvadgita’ and with women’s issues on ‘Yes, She Can’. She is a second generation Theosophist from Bhubaneswar, is the President of TOS Odisha and now is International Vice-President of TS.

The greetings received from the International President Mr. Tim Boyd and other Dignitaries & Federations were read out by the Secretary Sis. Mahazaver Dalal. Sis. Deepa Kapoor, Director of TOS in Tanzania conveyed the greetings of Dar-es-Salaam Lodge, Africa, in person.

The Chief Guest Dr. Deepa Padhi in her Inaugural Address speaking on ‘*Self Transformation through Wisdom, Compassion and Contemplation*’ said: One absolute Consciousness – the One Reality with its breath has become subject to time & space, i.e. *Purusha & Prakruti*. Everything is in One Consciousness and Individual Consciousness is a means to reach the highest consciousness - realization of Oneness of Life. Universal Brotherhood springs up with understanding of Wisdom and highly developed emotions of **Compassion**. Compassion is Law of Laws – Love Eternal. It is beyond separateness and selfishness. One should treat every form of life, even flora & fauna and animals also with compassion. **Contemplation** is a continued attention of mind to one subject with commitment. It should be an uninterrupted flow of mind to perceive One Reality. It starts as a practice leading to experiences and terminating with union with God. Today human society needs Practical Theosophy to unite fragmented consciousness into One Consciousness.

Dr. Rajam Pillai, Member of Blavatsky Lodge and Editor & Publisher of the magazine ‘Synergy’, requested Dr. Deepa Padhi to release July-December 2018 issue focussed on ‘Theosophy on Art’ authored by Bro. Arni Narendran.

Sis. Manjula Kanabar was felicitated by the Chief Guest for her five decades of dedication to Theosophy & TS, highlighted by Blavatsky Lodge’s President Sis. Kashmira Khambatta.

Sis. Aban Patel conducted the Prize Distribution for Dani Elocution Competition 2018, held jointly by Bombay TF and Junior Red Cross Maharashtra. First Prize Winners of Senior & Junior Groups impressed everyone with their delivery of poems on 'Trees' and 'Cell Phone'. The Chief Guest presented Prizes and Merit Certificates to all the winners.

JRCM Chairman Rtn. Godrej Dotivala and Dani Memorial Fund Trustee Dr. Ajay Hora also addressed the gathering. The programme in the evening ended with recitation of Sanskrit Prayer by Bro. Navin Kumar.

The second day's session was held at Blavatsky Lodge. It started with the Universal Prayer and welcome by BTF President Bro. Vinayak Pandya. TOS Mumbai Region's President Sis. Parinaz Gandhi introduced the Chief Guest Dr. Deepa Padhi, International Vice-President & President, TOS Odisha.

Dr. Deepa Padhi speaking on 'The First Step: Generous Altruism' said that World's largest Trees of Red Wood near San Francisco are hundred or even thousands of years old. Their roots are not deep, but the secret is that roots of each tree reach out seeking roots of other trees, get intertwined and making a united bond to support each other withstand all hazards. Red Wood Trees teach humanity that the strength lies in unity and willingness to help & support others. Madam HP Blavatsky's declaration is that 'True Theosophy is Altruism. It is the Great Renunciation of self unconditionally and absolutely, in thought as well as in action'. In an article of American Health journal of 1988 it is stated that altruism is in one's own best interest. Helping others inspires gratitude and affection in them and this reduces stress. All Religions & Theosophy speak of Altruism. With altruism one feels joy with the joyful and sorrow with the sorrowful. This is the stage when his self is united with every other as stated in *Mahavakya* 'Soham' – 'I am that, I am the whole'.

Maitreya Round Table performed 'Ceremony of Light' with Mrs. Dawlat Dhalla on Piano. The ceremony inspired all to seek the Light of Truth, Love and Strength through Knowledge, Love and Service of Fellow men. Former Leading Knight Thrity Dalal explained the purpose of the International Order of Round Table. It was heartening to see the little Pages performing their duty with diligence. Sis. Navaz Dhalla gave the Vote of Thanks.

Brethren of North & South Bombay gathered in the beautiful Theosophical Garden Society at Juhu for a Full Day Session on 28 October. Dombivili Lodge's Representatives Sis. Archana Joshi, Bro. Pradeep Joshi and Mrs. Anupma Rackvi also attended it. The Session was opened with

the inspiring Bharat Samaj Pooja conducted by Bro. Navin Kumar and Bro. Navin Patel.

BTF President Bro. Vinayak Pandya welcomed all and introduced the Chief Guest Dr. Deepa Padhi. Bro. Umang Mehta, Chairman of Vasanta Theosophical Co-operative Housing Society, said that they were very happy to host the BTF Annual Session and to have Brethren in their Theosophical Housing Society.

Sis. Farida Lallan & Sis. Zarine Edekar of Ananda Lodge and Bro. Arni Narendran of Blavatsky Lodge were felicitated by the Chief Guest with a Memento & a Certificate.

Dr. Deepa Padhi in her address guided & inspired brethren for '*Theosophy in Our Everyday Life*': There is a tendency in human mind to be content with theoretical understanding of spiritual truth and not to proceed further by acting according to that understanding. The reason is it calls for strong determination, perseverance, courage and personal sacrifice and to move out of comfort zone. Day-to-day actions in our life are manifestations of our inner nature & inner self. It gets reflected in one's posture, tone of voice, relationship with family members, with subordinates & with Boss at workplaces and how one relates with the surroundings like nature, animals, plants, and insects. One need to realize that there is only One source – One Consciousness and all beings and things are knitted in to interrelatedness and interdependence. Theosophy encourages simple living as that helps individual in getting more time to be with the inner self. Buddha has said "do not cling to life and wealth & power. Live a life of truth then surely joy, peace and bliss will dwell in mind."

The morning session was followed by the 87th Annual General Meeting of BTF. It was attended by 46 Brethren to fondly remember the departed Brethren, conduct the Business, and welcome BTF Council Officers & Members for the term 2018-2020, to pass Resolutions for the Leaders & Devoted Members and to express thanks.

There was a Book Depot Counter by Blavatsky Lodge Book Depot attended by its Managers Sis. Freny Paghdwala and Sis. Navaz Dhalla.

The afternoon session was chaired by Bro. Navin Kumar. He presented Diplomas to Four Youth of Juhu Theosophical Colony and One Senior Member of Blavatsky Lodge. It was followed by a symposium on the 87th Annual Session's theme '*Consciousness, Compassion, Contemplation*'. It had many spontaneous speakers. Young Speakers: Bro. Pratham Mehta and Bro. Poojan Mehta; Senior Speakers: Sis. Thrity Dalal, Bro. Bhavesh Pandya and Bro. Taral Munshi; and Sis. Archana

Joshi & Sis. Anupma Rackvi from Dombivili Lodge. Shri Apurva Parekh, an Advocate Activist, said Gandhiji's Bhajan 'Vaishnav Jan to Tene re Kahiye', Mother Teresa and even Friday shows of *Kaun Banega Karorpati* portraying selfless visionaries show the path. We should ask, what we can do for our country. Bro. Navin Kumar summed up the symposium with recitation of inspiring Shlokas and Sanskrit Prayer.

Towards the end of the conference a programme of Bharat Natyam was held. Dances of Pushpanjali, Ranjani and Padam based on Hindi & Bengali songs were presented by Ace Dancer Namita Bodaji and her senior students Sandhya Sukesh Bolar and Anita Menon. They touched on sensitivity, different moods, joy & mother's love

The three-day session ended with a song by Bro. Pradeep Joshi of Dombivili Lodge.

Support Convention 2018-2019

Bombay Theosophical Federation, jointly with Blavatsky Lodge TS, organized the Support Convention 2018-2019 for the 143rd International Theosophical Convention held at Adyar, Chennai from 31st December 2018 to 5th January 2019. The purpose was that Brethren of Mumbai, who cannot attend the International Convention at Adyar, attune themselves with the International Convention contemplating on Theosophy, especially on the theme of the International Convention. The theme of 2018-2019 International Convention was 'Truth and Beauty: A Field Beyond'.

In Mumbai the Support Convention was opened on 1st January 2019 at Besant hall decked up with Christmas & New Year decorations by Sis. Navaz Dhalla. There were Prayers of All Religions and recitation of the Universal Prayer (written by Dr. Annie Besant). International President Mr. Tim Boyd's speech on '*Philosophy of Theosophy*' at the Singapore Conference was screened. Presidential Speech at opening of the 143rd Convention was played. The message was *to assimilate Eternal Truth from Theosophical Teachings and to exemplify the teachings in life, as examples only teach*. This was followed by sharing of observations by Brethren.

On 2nd January 2019, the Ritual of the Mystic Star was performed. The Five Pointed Mystic Star represents principal aspects of Power, Wisdom, Joy, Beauty and Love with its reflex professions Judge, Scientist, Servant, Craftsman and Healer to symbolize that every righteous profession is an avenue to work in life for the Divine. The Ritual conveys the essence of the teachings of all Religions and ends with invocation to Him written by Dr. Annie Besant in 1911.

The Cultural Evening on 4th January 2019 was opened with the Universal Prayer and the Hymn of the Mystic Star "*Gather us in, Thou Love that fillest all*". Master of Ceremony Sis. Aban Patel explained the International Theme and lucidly strung the evening with beauty of songs, inspiring talk, Christmas Music, Magic-Tricks and Line Dance by talented Brethren of Blavatsky Lodge.

There was a symposium on '*Mantras*' on the closing day of the Support Convention, 5 January 2019. Bro. Navin Kumar tracing the evolution of Mantras through various Vedas recited Gayatri Mantra and *shlokas* from Bhagvad Gita. *Manthrawani*, i.e. Zoroastrian Mantras from various prayers were recited with explanations by Zoroastrian Brethren. Explanation of *Yogasutra* and recitation of '*Asato ma Sadagamya*' were there. Dr. Darius Umrigar and Dr. Parvin Surti gave more insight into Manthrawani. The Support Convention came to a close with the recitation of a Sanskrit Universal Prayer.

Karnataka

Dr. L. Nagesh, National Lecturer, directed one-day study camp at Hudgur on 23 Sept 2018 and at Davangere on 7 October 2018. The theme of study at both places was 'Steps for the path of progress in the light of Theosophy'. Dr. K.N. Jyothi Nagesh spoke on the theme.

Bro. H. C. Jagadeesh of Huliya directed a study camp at Hosadurga on 9 Sept 2018. The theme of study was "Human Journey towards Theosophy" Bro. H. Billappa, Retd Judge, Bro. H. C. Narayanappa and the Director spoke on the theme.

Bro. G. Dakshinamoorthy, Vice-President of KTF, directed a study camp at Hassanamba Theosophical Lodge on 29, 30 September & 1 October 2018. The theme of study was 'J.K's Thoughts', Bro. M. S. Sreedhar, Bro. H. Mahalingappa, Bro. H.P. Ragavendrchar & Bro. A. R. Janardhan Gupta spoke on the theme.

The International President Rev. Bro. Tim Boyd inaugurated the new building of Malleswaram Theosophical Lodge on 13 October 2018. It was followed by the Inauguration of Centenary Celebrations of Malleswaram Lodge. Bro. Tim Boyd released the Centenary Souvenir and gave inspiring Inaugural Address on Theosophy & Theosophical Society and expressed his appreciation of the service of the members of the Lodge for the construction of the new building.

Annual Conference

The 109th Annual Conference of Karnataka Theosophical Federation was inaugurated by the International President on 14 October 2018.

He released four reprinted Theosophical books and two translated books on this occasion. Prof C. A. Shinde, National Lecturer, delivered a talk on 'Art of Living and Art of Loving'.

Bro. B. V. Thippeswamy, President KTF, gave a talk on 'Awakening of Intelligence'. Dr. L. Nagesh lead the panel discussion on 'Theosophy- synthesis of all religions'. Bro. R. V. Vastrad, National Lecturer, Bro. H. Mahalingappa North Zonal Organizer, Bro. H. C. Jagadeesh, Federation Lecturer, and Bro. M. R. Gopal Central Zonal Organizer participated in the discussion. There were 450 members and delegates from 53 Lodges of Karnataka. Besides, some members from other Federations participated in the celebrations.

Sis. R. Madhavi directed a study camp on the eve of Dr. Besant's Birthday celebrations at Chintamani and on 7 October at Srinivaspura Theosophical Lodge.

Sis. K. Parvathamma, Secretary, KTF, directed the Founders' Day celebration on 18 Nov. 2018 in the Bengaluru City Lodge. Sis. D. J Premaleela and Sis. Vijayalakshmi Rao spoke on founders and the director spoke on the significance of Founders' Day. Dr. K. N. Jyothi gave a musical programme.

Bro. G. K. Nataraj, Secretary of T.O.S. Bengaluru unit, conducted study camp at Bangarpet on 17 Nov 2018. Bro. Nataraj and Bro. Y. A. Vasudev gave talk on *pranava* on this occasion.

Bro. M. P. Venkataramanappa presided over the Founders' Day celebrations at Hudugur on 21 November 2018. Bro. A. Subba Reddy, Bro. H. Rajappa & Bro. K.N. Naga Reddy spoke about the founders.

Sis. P. Bhuvanewari directed the study camp at Chitradurga on 25 November. 2018. Sis. Navarathnamma & Sis. Bhuvanewari spoke on 'Thought Forms'.

Bro. B. V. Thippeswamy, President ,Karnataka Theosophical Federation, directed study camp at Sri. Krishna Theosophical Lodge, Davangere from 23 to 27 November 2018. The book *Self Culture* by I.K. Taimni was studied in this camp. Bro. R. V. Vastrad, Sis. K. Parvathamma , Bro. G. Dakshinamoorthy , Bro. Nagana Gouder , Bro. M. S. Sreedhara spoke on functions & purification of physical ,Astral , Lower Mental, Higher Mental, Budhic & Atmic Bodies.

Bro. B. C. Narasingappa conducted Vipassana Meditation classes .About 60 members from different Lodges participated in the camp.

Bro. M. R. Gopal Central Zonal Organizer, directed the study

on 'Self Knowledge' on the Charter day of the Hosadurga Lodge on 11 November 2018. Bro. Billappa gave a talk on 'Self Culture'.

Bro. M. R. Gopal, directed a study camp at Jayasuvarnapura Theosophical Lodge on 3 November 2018. The theme of study was 'Human Regeneration'. Bro. H. C. Jagadeesh & Bro. R. Gopalakrishna Setty spoke on the aforementioned subject.

Kerala

Annual Conference and Celebration of 125th anniversary of Dr. Annie Besant's arrival in India

The 89th Annual Conference of the Kerala Theosophical Federation and the 125th Anniversary of Dr. Annie Besant's arrival in India were celebrated at Anantha Lodge, Trivandrum, on 16 and 17 November 2018. Bro. Harihararaghavan, National Lecturer, Indian Section and Sis. Sandhya Rani- a member from Bangalore, were the chief guests.

125th Anniversary of Dr. Annie Besant's Arrival in India

The programme commenced on 16 November at 11.00 a.m. with Universal Prayer. Dr. M.A. Raveendran, President, Kerala Theosophical Federation, presided. In his speech he stressed on the relevance of Dr. Besant's message in present India. Bro. Harihararaghavan spoke on the various contributions of Dr. Besant to India and the Theosophical Society. Bro. Mohandas spoke on Dr. Besant's contribution for Indian renaissance. Bro. K. Dinakaran, Secy. K.T.F., spoke on Dr. Besant's message to young people of India and the relevance of Besant spirit.

Federation's Annual Conference

Dr. M.A. Raveendran, President K.T.F., hoisted the TS flag at the premises of Anantha Lodge, Trivandrum, founded by Col. H.S. Olcott in 1883. The programme commenced with Universal Prayer. Dr. Ajithkumar, President of the lodge, welcomed the Chief Guests and the delegates from various lodges of Kerala. Bro. K. Dinakaran, Secy. K.T.F., read out the greetings received from various Federations, individuals and lodges. Dr. M.A. Raveendran in his presidential address pointed out the relevance of the Theosophical Society in the present world. He stated that the message of Theosophical Society - Universal Brotherhood, later on influenced many world organizations like United Nations. The Chief Guest Sis. Sandhya Rani in her inaugural address spoke on the relevance of Dr. Annie Besant's contribution for National Education, especially girls education in India. She also said that Theosophical Society was the pioneer in Indian

renaissance, especially for the downtrodden in India. The Theosophists uphold the great values of our Founder president H.S. Olcott for upliftment of the marginalized and poorest of the poor in this world.

The morning session on Saturday 17 November commenced at 7.30 a.m. with *Bharat Samaj Pooja* conducted by Sis. Laxmibai. Bro. Harihararaghavan spoke on the Foundation Day and the contribution of our founders Madame Blavatsky and H.S. Olcott. He requested all the TS members to make an in-depth study of *Old Diary Leaves* by Col. Olcott to understand the sacrifice of our founders for the TS. Only through service and sacrifice one becomes a true Theosophist, he added.

Sis. Sandhya Rani in her keynote address spoke on the subject **Can I become a disciple?** She spoke on the various qualifications mentioned in *At the Feet of the Master* for chelaship. These qualifications are to be followed thoroughly till the end of the path. Spiritual journey is a razor edged path in which pitfalls and perils are more than we imagine. But the success is highly rewarding.

Seminar on the Mission Statement of the TS: A seminar on the Mission Statement of TS formulated at Naardedn was held in which Bro. H. Harihararaghavan, Dr. M.A. Raveendran, K. Dinakaran and Sis. Sandhya Rani were panelists.

In the post-lunch session an open forum was also held in which members cleared the various doubts on spiritual questions like Karma, Reincarnation, Self-transformation and unity of life. The conference came to a close at 4.00 p.m.

Retreat at Harithavanam at Balaramapuram, on 18 November 2018

In connection with the Annual Conference a Retreat was held at Harithavanam at Balaramapuram, about 14km from Trivandrum. The Retreat centre is blessed with natural beauty at the top of a hill with rich flora and fauna. Nearly 30 people attended the retreat. Programme commenced with *Vriksha Pooja* (Worshipping the tree). K.T.F President Dr. Raveendran lighted the lamp under a banyan tree and chanted the *Purushasookta* and *Mahanarayana mantra*. The theme of the camp was **Spirituality**. The retreat started with Universal Prayer and Bro. N. Bhaskaran Nair, Vice-President K.T.F., welcomed the participants. The camp director Bro. K. Mohandas explained the aim of the camp. Dr. M.A. Raveendran presided and spoke on Spirituality. Dr. Ajithkumar, Sis. Sandhya Rani, Sis. Vrinda, and Dr. T.P. Babu also spoke

on the occasion. Bro. K. Dinakaran, Secy. K.T. F., gave vote of thanks.

125th anniversary of Dr. Annie Besant's arrival in India and talk on Dr. Besant's book "Hints on the study of the Bhagavadgita"

Under the auspices of Sri Sankara Lodge, Ernakulam, a function was arranged to celebrate the 125th Anniversary of Dr. Annie Besant's arrival in India on 18 November 2018. It was organized in the lodge's premises. Dr. T.P. Babu, Lodge's President, presided. Bro. T.S. Usman welcomed the audience. Sister Laxmibhai chanted the *Gita Dhyana Sloka*.

Bro. M.G.K. Nair talked about the book *Hints on the Study of the Bhagavadgita* by Annie Besant. He spoke on the various terms used in the book and the meaning of them in the particular context. He added that Bhagavadgita is a book for all the people irrespective of age, geographical area and period. He also released a pamphlet in English published by the Kerala Theosophical Federation on Dr. Annie Besant and her work in India.

Bro. K. Dinakaran, spoke on the *Relevance of Dr. Besant's Message today*. In his speech he stated that Dr. Besant dreamt of an India where Hindus, Muslims, Christians, Buddhists, Sikhs, Jains peacefully live together in the spirit of brotherhood. Dr. Besant practiced the great message of Bhagavadgita in her life and set an example for the general public what a true leader should be. She had the moral courage to disagree with Mr. M.K. Gandhi on the issues of Civil Disobedience and Non-cooperation movement, which made her unpopular among the masses. But the future proved that she was right.

Flood Relief to the Children of Schools in the Flood affected area

Kerala witnessed the ever worst flood disaster in the last August 2018. Donations were received from various parts of India to support the affected people as per the call of the General Secretary of the Indian Section, TS. Sri. Sankara Lodge, Ernakulam, decided to help the poor children in and around Ernakulam town who lost their study materials. Bro. Madhusoodanan Pillai, Treasurer of the Federation, distributed the school bags and study materials to nearly 30 students.

Rayalaseema

A meeting to celebrate the Foundation Day of the TS was organized at the Theosophical Lodge in Hospet. Bro. U. Raghvendra Rao, a Retd. Principal spoke on this occasion narrating the contribution of the

Founders for spreading the philosophy of Theosophy and the purpose for which the TS was started. The principals of three colleges and members of staff attended the meeting.

Utkal

Dr. Annie Besant's Birthday was celebrated at UTF Hall, Brahmavidya Bhavan, Bhubaneswar, on 1st October, 2018. Prof. Fakir Mohan Sahoo of Xavier Institute of Management, Bhubaneswar, delivered an inspiring talk on "Annie Besant's Life and Contribution to the Theosophical Society". The meeting was presided over by the Vice-President of UTF, Sis. Mitalini Mahapatra. The function was hosted by the members of Laxmi Narayan Lodge, Bhubaneswar.

The members of Cuttack Lodge celebrated Dr. Annie Besant's Birthday on 1st October. The programme was held in the premises of Cuttack Lodge, Kaligali, Cuttack. Sis. Sushamamayee Sahoo, Bro. Alok Chandra Mohanty, Bro. Raj Kumar Prusti, Bro. Jayakrishna Sahoo, Sis. Rajlaxmi Patro, and Bro. Sudhansu Sekhar Pati paid homage to Dr. Besant on this occasion remembering the memorable events of her life, and her commendable contribution to the service of humanity. Dr. Chittaranjan Satapathy, President, Cuttack Lodge, delivered a nice talk, bringing out different facets of Dr. Besant's life and work.

The members of Maru Lodge celebrated their 24th Annual Day function at the UTF Hall on 14 October 2018. Dr. Akshaya Kumar Mishra delivered a thought provoking talk on this occasion. The subject he spoke on was "Knowledge Hindrances the Understanding". Prof. Sahadeb Patro, President, UTF, gave the introductory address on the subject. Dr. B.K. Pattanaik, President of Maru Lodge, introduced the guest speaker and Sis. Gayatri Pattnail, Secretary of the Maru Lodge, read out the Annual Report. The meeting concluded with the vote of thanks given by Sis. Pratikshya Pattanaik.

A study class was held on "Mahatma Letters" on 27 October. Bro. P.K. Mahapatra, Bro. R.C. Pattnaik, Sis. Purnamasi Pattnaik, Bro. Ashok Pattnaik, Bro. Satyabrata Rath and Sis. Mitalini Mahapatra conducted the study on different letters. It was well attended and was appreciated by the members.

The members of Siddhartha Lodge celebrated their Annual Day on 28 October. It was held from 10 am to 5 pm at the UTF Hall, Gautam Nagar. The function started with Bharat Samaj Pooja performed by Sis. Mitalini Mahapatra followed by study and discussion on "Mahatma Letters". In the afternoon there was a seminar on "How Theosophical Principles are helpful to the Humanity" The meeting was presided over by

Prof. Sahadeb Patro, President, UTF. He also spoke on the aforementioned topic. In the afternoon, there was a public lecture on "Body and Consciousness" delivered by Dr. Chittaranjan Satapathy, President, Cuttack Lodge. The meeting was presided over by Bro. P.K. Mahapatra, President, Siddhartha Lodge. Sis. Mitalini Mahapatra, Secretary, Siddhartha Lodge, read out the Annual Report. The meeting concluded with the vote of thanks given by Sis. Shaila Bala Acharya.

In a joint Lodge meeting at Cuttack Lodge, Prof. Sahadeb Patro, President, UTF, delivered a public lecture on 28 October on "Gandhi- the Quintessence of Theosophy" He spoke on Gandhiji as one of the earliest Theosophists who, as early as in 1893 in London, came in contact with Madam Blavatsky and went through *The Key to Theosophy*, *The Light of Asia* and *Srimad Bhagavad Gita*. Prof. Patro added that, in fact, Madam Blavatsky inducted Gandhiji into Theosophy when he was doing Bar at Law. Prof. Patro further mentioned about Gandhij's connection with the Theosophical Society, International Headquarters in 1915. The meeting was presided over by Dr. Chittaranjan Satapathy who also gave his concluding remarks on the subject of the talk.

Prof. Sahadeb Patro gave another talk on 'Gandhi- The Theosophist' on the occasion of Gandhiji's 149th birth anniversary on 2nd October, 2018. It was held at Berboi near Delanga in Odisha.

The members of Barabati Lodge celebrated the birthday of "Annie Besant" in their Lodge on 1 October. Prof. Sahadeb Patro, President, UTF, delivered a talk on Annie Besant and her role and contribution to Theosophy, Indian Home Rule Movement, her association with Mahatma Gandhi and India's freedom struggle.

Uttar Pradesh

Radhaji Study Circle of Noida organizes study of Theosophical books on every Wednesday. It organized a talk of Prof. C.A. Shinde, National Lecturer, on 10 October, 2018. The subject of his talk was 'Realization of Unity is the supreme goal of human accomplishment'.

The following talks were held at Dharma Lodge, Lucknow, in Nov. 2018: November-December 2018: 'Source of Spiritual Energy' by Bro. B. K. Pandey, 'Man is his own maker' by Bro. U.S. Pandey, and his other talk was on 'The World of Thought and Thought Power'. 'Theosophy and Theosophical Society' by Bro. Ashok Kumar Gupta, 'Satyam, Shivam and Sundaram' by Bro. Shikhar Agnihotri, 'Insight into teachings of the Upanishads' by Bro. U.S. Pandey, and 'Man and his bodies' by Bro. B. K. Pandey.

The Foundation Day of the T.S. was observed by Dharma Lodge

on 17 November in which Bro. B.K. Pandey and Bro. Pramil Dwivedi spoke about the purpose of founding the society and the work done by the founders.

Study Camp at Ghaziabad: A two-day study camp on the theme “Self-Transformation by Awareness” was organized at Ghaziabad on 02-03 November and it was directed by Bro. U.S.Pandey, Federation Secretary. Members of all the three lodges and some non-members also participated in it. After reciting Universal Prayer in the morning of 03 November, Bro. R.A. Goel of Besant Lodge Ghaziabad welcomed the participants and the speaker. During the study conducted in 6 sessions, Bro. Pandey covered the topics such as need and nature of self-transformation, stages or processes involved, review map of reality, clarifying values, mastery and transcendence, four approaches to awareness, stomach breathing with awareness, scanning, field of consciousness, push buttons and their removal, three factors in effective relationship, approaches in dealing with conflicts, love, feedbacking, transcendence, handling conditionings, minimizing worries, meditation-approaches, Intuition, effect of awareness, nurturing awareness, importance of health, following wholesome philosophy in life, application in parenting, of life education and in leadership. On 4 November an interactive session was held. All the participants appreciated the content, presentation and usefulness of the study programme.

In between, a session of guided meditation was also held. Sis. Suvralina Mohanty, Secretary of Prayas Lodge, thanked the speaker and the participants.

Public talk on Self-Transformation: Bro. U. S. Pandey was invited on 13 November to address the trainee officers and faculty members of the Indian Railway Institute of Traffic Management (IRITM), Lucknow. The theme of the talk was “Rejuvenation and Self-Transformation by Awareness”. Bro. Pandey addressed a group of about 25 officers of different disciplines undergoing a programme of Human Resource Development. The topics covered during the talk were such as dual nature of man, need and importance of self-transformation in human resource development, nature and practice of awareness, physical and emotional processing, effective relationship, clarifying one’s value, intuition and its development, importance of health etc. The participants were involved in interactive process.

Bro. U.S. Pandey addressed the students and teachers of Besant Theosophical Higher Secondary School, Varanasi, on 15 November. The theme of the talk was “How to live a healthy, happy, successful and peaceful life.” Before the talk, Bro. S.L. Dar- Manager of the school

welcomed the speaker and introduced him. The Principal of the school thanked the speaker and others after the talk.

Address to Girl Students in Varanasi: Bro. U.S. Pandey was invited to address the students and teachers of Vasant Kanya Inter College, Varanasi, on 22 November. The Manager Bro. Jwala Prasad Misra welcomed the speaker and requested him to speak on “Fundamentals of Theosophy.” Bro. Pandey during his talk covered the composition and function of physical, astral and mental bodies, how to take care and have control over these bodies, importance of developing Viveka and Love and other points of good conduct. The students evinced a keen interest in the subject and there was close interaction with them. At the end the Principal of the Inter College thanked the speaker.

Address in Indian Institute of Management, Lucknow: Bro. U. S. Pandey was invited to address the students and faculty members of the Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Lucknow on 29 November. The theme of the talk was “Rejuvenation and Self-Transformation by Awareness.” Prof. Yogesh Agarwal of IIM introduced the speaker. During one hour talk Bro. Pandey covered the topics like need and stages of self-transformation, dual nature of man, perfectibility, awareness with abdominal breathing, push buttons, emotional processing, values- importance of universal values in life, effective relationships, handling conflicts, effect of awareness at various level of consciousness, etc. Elements of basic theosophy were also brought in the talk. It was followed by a close interaction with the participants.

Smt. Vasumati Agnihotri and Bro. Shikhar Agnihotri (National Lecturer) were invited to conduct a Live Radio talk on 6 Nov. 2018. The theme was ‘Deepavali and Theosophy’. The Radio Station is CMS Community Radio.

A talk on ‘Preventive Aspect of Chronic Diseases’ by Dr. Manoj Kumar Srivastava was organized by Kashi Tattva Sabha on 30 November.

The following talks were held in Choahan Lodge, Kanpur: Two talks on the ‘Ritual of the Mystic Star’ by Bro. S.S. Gautam, ‘Golden Stairs’ by Bro. K.K. Srivastava, Two talks on ‘Practical Occultism-Rules for daily life’ by Bro. Kirtiman Singh Raikwar, and ‘Some theosophical points’-discussion’ led by Bro. S.S. Gautam

A two-day study programme on “Mahtama Letters” was conducted at Lucknow on 01-02 December. Members from all the three Lodges and also one non-member participated in it. Study started on 01 December with recitation of the Universal Prayer. Bro. U.S. Pandey who con-

ducted the programmed gave an introductory talk on Mahatmas, White Brotherhood, letters received from some Adepts, their purpose and contents etc. Then, Maha Chohan's letter and few more letters were read and their contents discussed. On the second day the letter received by Annie Besant in the year 1900 was read and discussed. Extracts from a few other letters and Appendix I of the book "Mahatma Letters to A.P. Sinnett" (cr.ed.) was read and discussed.

A day-long seminar on 'Law of Karma' was organized by NOIDA lodge on 09 December. Members from Noida lodge and from Delhi Federation participated in it. After recitation of the Universal Prayer, Br. Prabhat Saxena, President of the Lodge, welcomed the participants and introduced the speaker Bro. U.S. Pandey. In his talk Bro. Pandey covered various aspects of this important Law in Nature as described in *The Secret Doctrine, Mahatma Letters* and other theosophical literature written by Annie Besant and others. He said that the Law of Karma along with other laws of nature form the manifested aspect of Parabrahman. He also described how this law can be used to progress, evolutionary journey of individual and of whole humanity. Bro. Prabhat Saxena read out the short article on 'Karma' as given in *Light on the Path*. Other participants like Bro. J.K. Khanna, Col. B.K.Kailash, Bro. Ashok Gahrotra Sis. Vibha Saxena and Sis. Sunita Gahrotra, Bro. Mohan Lal Khatri offered their valuable comments. The seminar concluded with a vote of thanks by Sister Suita Gahrotra, Secretary of the lodge.

Bro. U.S. Pandey delivered a public talk during meeting of Satyamarg Lodge, Lucknow, held on 16 December. The theme of the talk was "Inner Government." The talk was followed by close interaction with participants.

An introductory programme for new members was held at Gorakhpur Lodge on 29 December. During this programme a brief history of the Theosophical Society, its objects, organizational structure, basic principles of Theosophy, literature available on Theosophy etc. were told to the members by Bro. S. B. R. Mishra- President of the Lodge.

Smt. Lakshami Chauhan (Dip. 50942) of NOIDA Lodge passed to peace on 26.10.18

National Lecturer

Bro. Shikhar Agnihotri conducted a study session in Chapra in Bihar from 28 Nov. to 1 Dec. 2018. The following subjects were dealt with: 1. Symbology of Sivalinga, 2 Law of Karma and Daily life and 3. Allegory in Durgasptshati. Question and Answer session took place at the end of each study.

Then, Bro. Shikhar Agnihotri conducted a day-long study camp (Two sessions of two hours each) at the Lodge in Muzaffarpur, Bihar. It was held on 2 Dec. 2018. The following subjects were taken up: 1) Meditation - Theory and Practical and 2) Law of Karma and Daily life. Question and answer session took place at the end of each study session. Besides, he conducted an interactive session with the teachers and students of Dayanand Kanya High School in Muzaffarpur on 3 Dec. 2018. The subject of the interactive session was 'Holistic health and thought power'.

Bro. U.S. Pandey delivered a talk on "Self-transformation by awareness" before a group of employees of United Technical and Economic Services (UNITES) in new Delhi on 11 December. Earlier Bro. M.P. Monga head of this group introduced the speaker. Bro. Pandey first gave a brief introduction of the Theosophical Society and its objects. Then in his talk he brought out the importance of self-awareness, stomach breathing, universal values etc. in daily life activities. This talk helped in exposing general public to some basic principles of theosophy. The participants appreciated the presentation and desired for more such sessions.

Indian Section Headquarters

A meeting to celebrate the 143rd Foundation Day of the TS was held at the Indian Section HQ on 17 November, 2018. It started with the Universal Prayer led by Bro. Pradeep Gohil, General Secretary, Indian Section. Then Bro. Gohil welcomed all the members and introduced the Guest Speaker Bro. N.C. Krishna, National Lecturer. Bro. N.C. Krishna, in his talk, traced the early history of the formation of the Theosophical Society. He mentioned the efforts the founders Madam H.P. Blavatsky and H.S. Olcott put in to form the Theosophical Society. H.P.B. was instrumental in creating a platform for the spreading of wisdom religion, and to take forward the universal message of Theosophy to actually form a nucleus of the Universal Brotherhood, and to promote the study of comparative Religion, Philosophy and Science, and to explore the latent powers in man.

The founders made lot of personal sacrifices and took lot of pains in establishing and spreading the essence of Theosophy and the message of Theosophical Society.

Smt. Uma Bhattacharyya gave vote of thanks.

Theosophy in Bangladesh

Bro. B.L. Bhattacharyya, Presidential representative of TS, Bangladesh visited Dhaka and Comilla on 19-23 September 2018. On 20 September he attend a meeting at Dhaka University and said "There

Were many Theosophists before the Theosophical Society was formed. They sacrificed their lives for the benefit of humanity. Iswar Chandra Vidyasagar was one of them. On 21st he attended two meetings organized by Bro. Prahlad Debnath, Secretary, Co-ordinator Committee of TS Lodge in Bangladesh. The first meeting was held at Maynamati a beautiful historic place in Bangladesh and the 2nd one at newly constructed Buddhist Temple near Comilla where members of different Lodges assembled. The meeting started with Universal Prayer conducted by Bro. B.L. Bhattacharya followed by explanation of its inner meaning. He also felicitated the new members. It was a short but successful programme. After lunch hosted by Bro. Prahlad Debnath, Bro. Bhattacharya had to return to Dhaka on the same date to attend a dinner party meeting hosted by Indian High Commission at Dhaka. On 22 Sept. Dr. Abdul Hye organized a party with more than 500 persons. On 23rd morning Bro. Bhattacharya met with the TS- Members who called on him. Bro. Prahlad Debnath and his wife Sis. Barna Debnath served vegetarian food to Bro. Bhattacharya during his stay at Dhaka and Bro. Achintuya Kr. Das (Titul), Secretary, Comilla Lodge brought his home made Vegetarian Lunch for the same guest at the meeting held on 21/9 at Boudha- Vihar (World Peace Pagoda) for which Bro. Bhattacharya expressed his gratitude to them.

Books Released

Two books were released in October 2018 by the International Secretary Ms Marja Artamaa at the conference of the Madras Theosophical Society held on 28th October 2018

1. *Yoga – Lower and Higher* , K Narayanaswami Aiyar

Madras Theosophical Federation has brought out the reprint of the book which was first published in 1916. The author, a former General Secretary, Indian Section, Varanasi, has drawn out from the rich traditions of Upanishads, Theosophy and his experience. An indispensable book for genuine seekers of Yoga and Spirituality.

Price : Rs 100/- available at the Bookshop, Adyar

2. *Theosophical Society*

Information and Inspiration for New Members.

Booklet Published by Adyar Lodge. Gives an overview of Theosophy, Theosophical Society and activities at Adyar.

Price : Rs 20/ - available at the Bookshop, Adyar

Study Camp

1) Indian Section is organizing a special three day camp on 23-24-25 FEB. 2019 at the TS Headquarters in Varanasi.

i) **THEME OF THE CAMP :- "REGENERATING PRACTICAL BROTHERHOOD Through SMS"**

ii) The delegates will not just be attending the Study/Lecture/Group discussion BUT IN ADDITION, there will be sessions of Awareness Meditation/ Meditative Enquiry/ Silence/ Selfless Service.

iii) All delegates may plan to arrive by 22.02.19 Noon so that they can attend a Debriefing meeting and Introduction on the 22.02.19 around 5-7PM in the Headquarter Hall. The camp fees include charges starting from 22.02.19 Lunch till 26.02.19 Breakfast.

iv) To stay before or after the camp dates, permission must be sought BEFOREHAND. Any extra stay will be subject to availability and will be charged separately.

v) This camp is an effort to build a conducive environment to help bring about a qualitative change within oneself and make Brotherhood a reality in our daily life. Those who are willing to do this, may apply.

vi) Limited seats. Registration will be on "First Pay First Serve" basis. The accommodation will be arranged in Suryashram (1350/-) and Sudarshan (1150/-) buildings.

vii) After depositing the fees, Kindly inform your Expected Date & Time of Arrival & Return and Contact number via email to TS, Varanasi for better arrangements. Email: theosophyvns@gmail.com

viii) Members who want to attend the camp should remit the amount given above latest by 15.02.19 by cheque or transfer in the name of Indian Section, Theosophical Society, Varanasi in Vijaya Bank, SB A/c No. 718301010005045, IFSC Code VIJB0007183.

ix) Members having any physical problem and requiring any special attention should write to us about it along with the application.

x) For any further information, kindly contact:-

Bro. Shikhar Agnihotri, Facilitator of the camp, at 9839912070(calling); 8840926268(Whatsapp). Regarding Accommodation, Bro. Raj Kumar Pandey at 8687764344, Regarding accounts, Bro. A.N.Singh 9935395712

2) U. P. Federation is organizing a study camp on “Natural Theosophy–by Ernest Wood” from 29 to 31 March 2019 at **Gorakhpur**. The camp will be managed by Sarvahitkari lodge Gorakhpur.

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

The persons coming from outside Gorakhpur will be provided board and lodging from 28 March A.N. to 01 April morning for which each such participant will pay a contribution of Rs.400/- to the lodge official on arrival at Gorakhpur. However each such person may advise his/her name to any of following contact persons latest by 15 March, 2019.

Bro. S.B.R. Mishra, President, Gorakhpur Lodge, Mob. No. 9415849939

Bro. Ajai Rai, Secretary, Gorakhpur Lodge, Mob. No. 9307279095

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

3) U. P. Federation is organizing a study camp on the book “Occult powers in Nature and in Man” by Geoffrey Hodson. It will be held from 05-07 April, 2019. Niravan lodge, Agra, will manage the camp.

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

The persons coming from outside Agra will be provided board and lodging from 04 April evening to 07 April A.N. for which each such participant will pay a contribution of Rs.400/- to the lodge official on arrival at Agra. Each such person may advise his/her name to any of the following contact persons latest by 20th March, 2019.

Bro. L.S. Sengar , President, Agra lodge, Mob. No. 7409497975

Bro. R. P. Sharma, Secretary, Agra lodge, Mob. No. 9897137227

Bro. Shyam Kumar Sharma, Exe.C. member Mob. No. 9897910990

Bro. U.S. Pandey, Secretary, U.P.Federation, T.S. Mob. No. 9451993170, 7905068911

EASTER CONFERENCE

The 96th Easter Conference will be held at the International Headquarters, Adyar, Chennai from 19- 21 April 2019. It will be held on “**The Real Purpose of the Theosophical Society**”. Members of the Theosophical Society [TS] in good standing are welcome to attend as delegates, and are requested to study following book “Theosophy as the Masters See It” by Clara M. Codd and following reference books:

1. The Masters and the Path, By C. W. Leadbeater
2. At the feet of the Master, By Alcyone
3. Inner Government of the World, By Annie Besant
4. Path of Discipleship, By Annie Besant
5. The way of the Disciple, By Clara M. Codd

The Charges per delegate are as follows:

1. Registration Fees for this Conference is Rs.150/-. Delegates wishing to register are requested to fill in the attached application form and send a cheque for Rs150/- favouring “The Theosophical Society”, Adyar, at Chennai-600 020. This registration fee should be paid in advance and the cheque should be received by TS Adyar latest by April 5, 2019. All registered delegates will have to provide their arrival and departure dates as well as their mobile numbers in the application form.

2. Accommodation can be arranged at Bhojanasala or New Quadrangle for all registered delegates and no extra charge for accommodation will be levied for the stay during their stay for the Conference during April 19, 2019 to April 21, 2019.

3. If delegates would like to stay in Leadbeater Chambers (LBC), the charges are Rs.300/day for single, and Rs.200/day for shared room per person for accommodation.

4. Breakfast, lunch and dinner will be arranged at the Leadbeater Chamber [LBC] dining hall. These meals will be on payment basis as follows: Breakfast (Rs.50), lunch (Rs.70) and Dinner (Rs.70). Bills can be settled at the time of departure with Superintendent LBC.

5. All correspondence regarding registrations and registration fees should be addressed to The EASTER CONFERENCE OFFICERS, C/O The International Secretary’s Office, Theosophical Society, Adyar, Chennai 600 020. For any Clarification or for booking accommodation through email, you may write to the following email id: acco.hq@ts-adyar.org.

6. Last date for receipt of the application at Adyar is 05.04.2019.

7. In the event of cancellation, there would be no refund of registration fees.

For any further information contact Mr. K. Dinakaran, Secretary of Kerala Theosophical Federation, Mob. No. 09495739773

**96th EASTER CONFERENCE
THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY
ADYAR, CHENNAI 600 020, INDIA**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR 2019
As approved by the Indian Section Council on
5/1/2019**

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 2. Nationality:.....3. Date of Birth.....
 4. Address (in home country):.....
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 6. Phone/Mobile Number:.....
 7. TS Member – Yes / No?
 Section / Federation / Lodge to which attached
8. Proposed duration of stay in Adyar:
 From:To:
9. Details of person(s) accompanying:-

Sl. No.	Name	Age	Member (Y/N)	Relationship

10. Accommodation
 - Indian style (free of charge): Yes / No?
 - LBC (Rs.300/day for single, Rs.200/day for shared occupancy): Yes / No?
11. Special Request, if any:
12. Recommended by

Signature

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GOALS FOR — 2018-2019 Indian Section Headquarters

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01. To conduct a goal setting meet at Varanasi/Bhowali for the President and Secretary of all the Federations.	100
02. To organize one workers' training camp in Varanasi and one in Adyar.	0
03. To strengthen the administrative set-up of the Indian Section by hiring at least two administrative officers and two volunteers.	0
04. To make a pilot project/camp for combined study, meditation and service at Varanasi.	0
05. To reprint at least six Theosophical Books which are out of copyright period.	0
06. To develop a syllabus and start a course on Theosophy at Vasant Kanya Mahavidyalaya (VKM).	100
07. To initiate generation of a surplus at the rate of Rs. 1 Crore per year before the end of the year at The Indian Section and grant a reasonable amount to each federation that qualify for work on propagation of Theosophy.	50

Assam Theosophical Federation

01. To organize visits to 4 schools and 6 colleges by good speakers to attract young generation towards Theosophy.	10
02. To form two new Theosophical lodges.	0
03. To revive four inactive lodges.	0
04. To conduct 6 study classes at federation and lodge level for the better understanding of Theosophy.	10
05. To translate two English books on Theosophy in Assamese.	0
06. To conduct a study camp at Bhowali in which at least 10 members will participate.	0
07. To publish 500 copies each of 10 pamphlets in Assamese on Theosophical subjects for lodges and general public.	0
08. To organize 10 debate/essay competitions at school and college level.	0
09. To publish Quarterly newsletters in Assamese for the members.	10
10. To increase net membership in the federation by 10 members.	20
11. To conduct a goal setting meet for the President & Secretary of all the Lodges.	20

Bengal Theosophical Federation

01. To increase net membership by 16 members.	40
02. To open two new lodges during this year.	0
03. To increase the number of members attending our weekly study classes by 25%.	5
04. To popularize Theosophy amongst students through the members who are in teaching profession and induct at least two new student members.	0
05. To translate, publish and distribute four books on Theosophy in Bengali.	0
06. To conduct 4 study classes by National Lecturers.	25
07. To make the Federation's library facility available to the public.	50
08. To reactivate two dormant lodges/centres by visiting and motivating workers and old members.	0
09. To send at least 10 members for the Bhowali study camp.	0
10. To conduct a goal setting meet for the President & Secretary of all the Lodges.	50

Bihar Theosophical Federation

01. To organize a two hour talk on a Theosophical topic in each of the 11 lodges.	10
02. To organize a two-day study class in each of the 11 lodges.	100
03. To organize a three-day study class by Bihar Theosophical Federation.	0
04. To organize a day-long seminar in each lodge on a social topic related with Theosophy in which chairperson will be a reputed person other than a member of the TS.	0
05. To revive four defunct lodges. (Hajipur, Patna Maurya, Patna Bodha and Patliputra)	0
06. To organize one talk on basic theosophy in two schools and two colleges.	0
07. To achieve a net increase in membership of 30 members.	0
08. To develop a website of Bihar Theosophical Federation.	0
09. To conduct a five-day study camp at Bhowali in the first week of May/June, 2019, with at least 15 members.	0
10. To conduct a goal setting meet for the President & Secretary of all the Lodges.	100

Bombay Theosophical Federation

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| 01.To increase net membership by 5 members. | 0 |
| 02.To start an E-Lodge as a pilot project in Mumbai. | 0 |
| 03.To ensure that the members of Anand Lodge meet at least once in a month. | 0 |
| 04.To encourage participation and presentation by young and new members in at least three meetings. | 15 |
| 05.To have at least two reach out programmes at schools and colleges. | 0 |
| 06.To prepare at least three Second Line Workers to take more responsibility for the administration of the lodge and federation. | 33 |
| 07.To organize funding for one Indian Section Educational Project (Library Upgradation). | 0 |
| 08.To send at least five members for the study camp at Bhowali. | 0 |

Delhi Theosophical Federation

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| 01.To publish 1000 copies of pamphlets in Hindi on introduction to Theosophy for general public. | 0 |
| 02.To arrange at least 6 lectures on Theosophical subjects at various schools and colleges of Delhi. | 0 |
| 03.To achieve an increase of 10 members in net membership. | 0 |
| 04.To organize 6 study classes of two days' duration at the Lodge and Federation level. | 0 |
| 05.To organize a workers' training camp. | 0 |
| 06.To conduct a goal setting meet for the President & Secretary of all the Lodges. | 0 |
| 07.To conduct a three-day study camp at Bhowali in the last week of May, 2019, with at least 30 members. | 0 |

Gujarat Theosophical Federation

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| 01.To organize a workers' training camp. | 0 |
| 02.To conduct a goal setting meet for the President & Secretary of all the Lodges. | 0 |
| 03.To organize a three-day study camp for at least 70 members at one location in order to activate the members of the Lodge. | 0 |
| 04.To reactivate two dormant lodges/centres by visiting and motivating workers and old members. | 0 |

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| 05.To publish 1000 copies of pamphlets and two books in Gujarati, each on five Theosophical subjects and distribute them to lodges and members. | 50 |
| 06.To organize one youth camp, one elocution competition and three essay competitions to encourage youth activities. | 0 |
| 07.To celebrate Foundation Day, Adyar Day, Dr. Annie Besant's Birthday and White Lotus Day at different schools and colleges. | 50 |
| 08.To increase net membership by 20 members. | 50 |
| 09.To conduct a four-day study camp at Bhowali in April/May, 2019, with at least 35 members. | 0 |

Karnataka Theosophical Federation

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| 01.To set up a school of Theosophy at Bengaluru to imbibe standard practices of learning and dissemination of Theosophical wisdom for the benefit of different classes of membership-basic, intermediary and higher | 0 |
| 02.To set up a cadre of at least 20 teachers of Theosophy and supplementary staff as resource persons and enabling staff, at all events for propagation of Theosophy. | 0 |
| 03.To set up a committee of 10 core members to prepare a common plan of activity for all lodges and oversee its implementation. | 0 |
| 04.To lend a characteristic identity of Theosophy to all lodges in the state by enforcing uniform pattern of activity in the lodge's programmes for at least five days in a week. | 100 |
| 05.To establish a Lodge Activity and Development Fund (LADF) made up of voluntary donations, sponsorship and endowments worth at least Rs. 3 lacs. | 0 |
| 06.To set up libraries, one each, in at least 10 lodges and provide them with free supply of books stock, journals, pamphlets for the benefit of the members and interested general public. | 100 |
| 07.To achieve an all-around progress in number of general activity by + 20%. | 0 |
| 08.To conduct a ten-day study camp at Bhowali in the first week of April, 2019, with at least 45 members. | 0 |
| 09.To conduct a goal setting meet for the President & Secretary of all the Lodges. | 0 |
| 01.To organize visit to ten schools. | 0 |

02.To organize gift books on TV programmes (Chandana) – That Antha Heli.	100
03.To organize 130 one-day camps.	50
04.To organize 10 two-day camps.	10
05.To organize 9 three-day camps	10
06.To organize 10 four-day camps.	40
07.To organize a ten-day study camp cum-workshop.	0
08.To organize 313 half-day study classes.	0
09.To organize 365 Bharat Samaj Pooja.	10
10.To publish five Theosophical books in Kannada.	100

Kerala Theosophical Federation

01.To organize two “Wake Up India Youth Camps” with at least thirty students in each camp.	50
02.To organize two “Reaching Out” programmes for interaction with Teachers and Students.	0
03.To organize one workers’ training camp with at least thirty members.	0
04.To organize two book exhibitions for ten days with the co-operation of public libraries and other institutions.	0
05.To publish two books in Malayalam, this year.	0
06.To organize two Retreats/study camps in Kerala and Bhowali with at least thirty members in each camp.	50
07.To celebrate four Red-Letter Days of T.S., like October 1 st by organizing competition for school and college students in their respective school and college followed by the final competition at the lodge.	50
08.To celebrate the 125 th anniversary of Dr. Besant’s arrival in India with a public function on 16 th November 2018 at Trivandrum.	100
09.To publish 500 copies of pamphlets on two Theosophical subjects in Malayalam.	0
10.To conduct a goal setting meet for the President & Secretary of all the Lodges.	0

M.P. & Rajasthan Theos. Federation

01.To increase membership by 20 members.	15
02.To arrange at least four Theosophical orientation sessions for Scouts and N.S.S. students from college.	25

03.To arrange at least four “Yoga and Meditation” camps at different lodges.	0
04.To form four groups and clusters of lodges for better communication and better documentation.	0
05.To conduct one study camp at Bhowali in June with at least 20 members.	0
06.To organize five study camps/seminars at different lodges.	20
07.To form at least two Youth Groups at lodge level for Theosophical activity.	0
08.To conduct a goal setting meet for the President & Secretary of all the Lodges.	15

Madras Theosophical Federation

01.To conduct a goal setting meet for the President & Secretary of all the Lodges.	0
02.To improve attendance by 25% through dissemination of information in the print media.	0
03. To organize two study camps on Theosophy at Adyar.	0
04. To publish two books in English on Theosophy.	100
05. To publish 500 Theosophical pamphlets on five aspects of Theosophy for wider circulation amongst the public.	0
06. To prepare a concise book on political role of Dr. Annie Besant in India and have it printed with support from the Indian Section.	0
07. To increase the net membership by 10 members.	0

Marathi Theosophical Federation

01. To organize five one-day seminar on Theosophical Subject.	20
02. To conduct five Essay competitions and Debate competitions, based on Theosophical books, for Higher Secondary and College level students.	20
03.To publish 1000 copies of a book in Marathi language, covering five topics of Theosophy, then distribute them to lodges and also in schools.	0
04. To introduce one three-day vacation study camp based on theosophy for 30 students of Higher Secondary Schools at Akola.	0

05.To increase the membership by 10 members.	30
06.To conduct three one-day introductory camps for new members.	0
07.To arrange three guided meditation sessions for the members and also for general public.	0
08.To conduct a five-day study camp at Bhowali in the first week of May, 2019, with at least 25 members.	0
09.To conduct a goal setting meet for the President & Secretary of all the Lodges.	20

Rayalaseema Theosophical Federation

01.To develop a website of the federation to popularize Theosophy and present Theosophical ideas to members and to outsiders.	100
02.To activate four dormant lodges.	0
03.To form three study centres and one new lodge.	0
04.To enhance the net membership by 25 members.	25
05.To conduct a study camp at Bhowali during the last week of April, 2019, with participation of 40 members.	40
06.To visit two colleges/schools at least once in every two months for popularizing Theosophy.	15
07.To conduct a goal setting meet for the President & Secretary of all the Lodges.	0
08.To start Theosophical Libraries in 4 lodges of the federation.	25
09.To conduct three training camps to train members to become federation lecturers and resource persons.	0
10.To print and distribute 500 copies of four Theosophical books, and 1000 copies of pamphlets on Theosophical subjects in Telugu.	25

Tamil Theosophical Federation

01.To organize 6 study classes in different lodges.	0
02.To publish 500 copies of pamphlets on 10 Theosophical subjects in Tamil for lodges and general public.	0
03.To increase net membership in the federation by 10 members.	60
04.To conduct a goal setting meet for the President & Secretary of all the Lodges.	100

05.To organize 10 debate/essay competitions at school and college level.	10
06.To conduct a study camp at Bhowali with at least 10 members.	0
07.To organize at least six lectures in Tamil on Theosophical subjects in six schools/colleges.	50

Telugu Theosophical Federation

01.To increase net membership by 50 members including 10 Women and 10 Youth members.	100
02.To revive and activate three dormant lodges.	0
03.To popularize Theosophical literature in three colleges and one University by providing 500 copies of pamphlets on basic Theosophy.	0
04.To conduct a five-day study camp at Bhowali with at least 40 members during May, 2019, and a two-day study camp at any lodge of the Federation.	0
05.To conduct two meditation classes at different lodges.	0
06.To conduct at least two public meetings to introduce Theosophy to the people in order to attract new members.	0
07.To publish two sets of 500 copies pamphlets on basic Theosophy in Telugu language.	0
08.To conduct a goal setting meet for the President & Secretary of all the Lodges.	0

Utkal Theosophical Federation

01.To form two new lodges and revitalizes four dormant lodges.	0
02.To increase net members by 20 out of which five shall be women.	40
03.To invite four National Lecturers for conducting study camps of three-day duration.	0
04.To impart Theosophical education once in a fortnight at two different schools.	50
05.To arrange two study classes of two-day duration for non-members at Bhubaneswar and at Cuttack.	0
06.To publish three translated Theosophical books and one reprint in Odia.	0

07.To distribute 500 Odia pamphlets and 100 books in schools, colleges and social functions.	30
08.To organize a two-day youth camp at Bhubaneshwar.	0
09.To use electronic and print media to popularize Theosophy among general public through three TV interviews/talks and three newspaper articles.	0
10. To conduct literary competitions on Theosophy for Youth at two different colleges and schools with incentives.	0
11.To conduct a five-day study camp at Bhowali in the last week of May, 2019, with at least 20 members.	0
12.To conduct a goal setting meet for the President & Secretary of all the Lodges.	80

Uttar Pradesh Theosophical Federation

01.To conduct 6 study camps of two to three days in different lodges.	33
02.To organize 8 sessions/public talks of one to two hours each for exposure of Theosophy to general public.	87
03.To conduct 6 one-day seminars on Theosophical subjects.	33
04.To organize three programmes for students on integrated development/self-transformation at college level, higher secondary level and school level.	133
05.To organize two introductory camps for new members	0
06.To arrange four guided meditation sessions.	50
07.To increase net membership by 5 members.	0
08.To conduct a three-day study camp at Bhowali in June, 2019, with at least 20 members.	0
09. To set goals for all the 22 lodges.	100
10.To print Hindi translation of one Theosophical book.	0

HIMALAYAN STUDY CENTRE BHOWALI SUMMER PROGRAMME OF STUDY CAMPS — 2019

Sr.No.	Date Allotted to different Fed.	Deluxe Room 20 persons Rs.	Old Room 24 persons Rs.	Dormitory Room 6 persons Rs.	
1.	30 March to 3 April 2019	Telugu Fed. Directed by Bro. K.V. L.Kantha Rao and Bro. P.L.N. Prasad	3,900	3,600	3,000
2.	8 to 13 April 2019 Rayalaseema Fed.	“The Key to Theosophy” & “Letters form the Masters of the Wisdom” Directed by Bro. N.C. Krishna	3,900	3,600	3,000
3.	27 April - 3 May 2019 Kerala Fed.	‘The Key to Theosophy’, directed by Dr. M.A. Ravindran & Bro. K. Dinakaran	5,200	4,800	4,000
4.	5 to 8 May 2019 Indian Section Youth Camp	Directors- Bro. Shikhar Agnihotri and Bro. S.U. Mahesh	3,250	3,000	2,500
5.	10 to 15 May 2019 Marathi Fed.	‘Light on the Path’ Directed by Prof. C.A. Shinde	4,550	4,200	3,500
6.	17 to 26 May 2019 Karnataka Fed.	‘Wisdom through Meditation’ by Bro. B.V. Thippeswamy	7,150	6,600	5,500
7.	28 to 30 May 2019 Gujarat Fed.	‘You are the World’ Directed by Sis. Sonal Murali	2,600	2,400	2,000
8.	1 to 5 June 2019 Utkal Fed.	‘Glimpses into the Psychology of Yoga’ Coordinator Bro. Pradip Mahapatra	3,900	3,600	3,000

9. 7 to 9 June 2019 'ISIS UNVEILED' 2,600 2,400 2,000
M.P. & Raj. U.P. by Bro.U.S.Pandey
Delhi & Uttarakhand

10. 11 to 13 June 2019 T.O.S. Workers Camp 2,600 2,400 2,000

RULES & REGULATIONS

1. Members who want to attend the programme should remit the amount given above latest by 28 February 2019, by Cheque or Transfer the amount to:

Account Name: "The Himalayan Study Centre"
Account Type: "Current Account"
Account No. 718300301000103
Bank: Vijaya Bank
Branch: Kamachha, Varanasi
State: U.P
IFSC: VIJB0007183

2. Last Date for cancellation of participation is 29 March 2019 when a 75% refund on total amount is applicable. Those who cancel their participation after the said date will be entitled for 75% refund of the Food component of the total amount remitted, as detailed below. No refund will be given on accomodation charges under any circumstances.

3. The rate includes afternoon Lunch, Tea and Dinner on the day prior to the camp and breakfast on the day after the camp. All participants should leave the camp after breakfast on the next day after the camp. The Charges are based on : Deluxe Room Bed Per Night Rs.300 , Old Room Bed Per Night Rs.250 , Dormitory Bed Per Night Rs.150 . Food will be charged at Rs.350 Per Day.

4. All expesnes of the resource persons are to be met by the respective Federations.

5. Accommodation will be on " First Come-First Served" basis.

6. All the refunds will be made only after 15 July 2019.

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