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A STEP FORWARD

Man is primarily a member of a social community. He should not only be concerned about himself but also for the welfare and development of the community as a whole in which he lives. It is truly said that '*Jana Seva*' is '*Janardhana-Seva*'. The feeling of self-satisfaction comes when one sees the unshed tears of joy in the eyes of one whose hunger has been appeased, whose thirst has been quenched and whose needs have been fulfilled.

Basically, there are two kinds of service and Theosophists should perform both of them. Social or Community Service and Spiritual Service. The service rendered by an individual to improve the social conditions of people is called social service. This service is rendered on humanitarian considerations and without any motive of profit. Only those people to whom the interests of society are more important than their personal interests come forward to render social service. Social service is based on the ideal of brotherhood of man. So obviously it is a part of the first object of the Theosophical Society which says "to form a nucleus of the Universal Brotherhood of Humanity, without distinction of race, creed, sex, caste or colour." Social service is a natural impulse in human beings to help people in need. It cannot be rendered without an element of self-sacrifice. One has to spend time, energy and money or all of them for it. Then, there is a second kind of service which is called spiritual service and we will look at it briefly.

Service, Study and Meditation are the three components of Theosophical way of living. Serving others is the first step if one wants to develop spiritually. Propagation of Theosophy among the non-members of the Theosophical Society is one way to serve others. However, it is simply not enough to serve people by making them members of the Theosophical Society. Such service is so often superficial. It is like giving a painkiller to a person in pain. Such service will not touch the mind and heart of the person and will not change him or her in any

manner. Even such a service as making a person a member of the Theosophical Society is good in its own way, but what we should aim at is to help the new member to make a fundamental change in his or her life.

As an example, let us look at the two workers' training camps that will be conducted this year. One extended camp will be directed by Dr. N.C. Ramanujachary at Adyar from 12th May to 26th May 2019. The other will be conducted by Bro. U.S. Pandey at Varanasi on September 28-29, 2019. This training of Theosophical workers is not for any personal advantage, nor will it be done superficially but in order to help humanity in the best possible way. Giving such service to the members should bring them nearer to the goal which is intended for them. The Theosophical workers will then seek to help others according to the plans of the higher ones, understanding that these plans must be the truest way of helping people. There also must be the realization in the workers that they themselves must have the necessary understanding to help others in the true sense.

There are so many members I know, who are not much interested in gaining an understanding of Theosophy and living it, but in propagating it as a service to mankind. The member who is trying to share his understanding feels he is being very helpful. However, if it means sharing all kinds of ill-digested ideas invented by the restless mind, then what is the use of propagating such thoughts? Sometimes we call it as sharing our wisdom when we ourselves do not have any wisdom at all. We have to realize how ignorant we are in many ways, rather than to think that we know the truth and all we have to do is to proclaim it in a proper way so that humanity at large may benefit by our philanthropic effort. Members must remember that it is the duty of every member of the Theosophical Society to promote the spirit and understanding of Theosophy. It should be regarded as a responsibility and not to think of it merely as a means or an aid to one's own personal progress. One has to take up the work of the Society in the right spirit, with the right motive, not seeking to make the society a ladder for self-advancement and means of gaining importance, even though working for the Society in earnestness will help in the spiritual development of the person. Such efforts of rendering selfless spiritual service will certainly be a step forward in the right direction.

THE DIFFICULT TRUTH

THERE are two phrases, one a prayer, and the other a statement with which members of the Theosophical Society (TS) are familiar. The prayer is known as the Pavamâna Mantra: “From the unreal lead me to the Real. From darkness lead me to Light. From death lead me to Immortality.” For those TS members who were not raised in India, often the first time this prayer was encountered was on the page after the dedication of the little book, *At the Feet of the Master* by J. Krishnamurti. It is a prayer that predates Jesus the Christ and the Buddha, being 2,600 to 3,000 years old.

The second phrase is the motto of the TS itself: *satyân nâsti paro dharma*. Various translations say: “There is no dharma (or doctrine) higher than *sat*, (Truth).” There is no law, no study, no sacrifice, no religion, no ritual, nothing that is higher than *sat*— Reality. The preferred translation adopted for the TS is: “There is no *religion* higher than Truth.” The focus has always been to point ourselves in the direction of Truth, and to try to understand whatever our capacity permits.

In *Isis Unveiled* H. P. Blavatsky (HPB) wrote about our desire to know the Truth. She quoted Edward William Cox, then President of the London Psychological Society, saying: “There is no more fatal fallacy that we can embrace than that truth will prevail by its own force, that it has only to be seen to be embraced.” She continues the quote: “In fact the desire for the actual truth exists in very few minds, and the capacity to discern it in fewer still.” Yet, irresistibly we continue to reach for that which is necessarily beyond our grasp.

This unrelenting search for truth is perhaps one of the reasons why in the book, *At the Feet of the Master*, the first of four qualifications for the spiritual path is discrimination, or discernment. The initial

focus being the discrimination between the unreal and the real, and between right and wrong. At the point in our unfoldment that we find the attempt to cultivate discrimination of some importance, a sense of right and wrong is already fairly well-rooted in us.

The language in which Krishnamurti expressed these four qualifications was the language of a fourteen-year-old — very direct, innocent, and untainted. However, the thoughts expressed in *At the Feet of the Master* were not the product of a mature and fully developed consciousness. Krishnamurti was reciting the words given to him while his body slept and he was being tutored by his Master. It was a repetition of the things that had been told to him during his youthful training at the feet of his Master.

HPB makes the point that in our quest for self-knowledge the very first requirement in any serious attempt is that we must become profoundly conscious of ignorance — not just the ignorance of the world, but we must become aware in every fiber of our heart, that we are continuously self-deceived. So it is not just the ignorance of the world.

Truth, in the sense of ultimate reality, is not something that we perceive. Although Truth is without limitations, our capacity to perceive it is profoundly limited. So we end up seeking “truths”, limited expressions of the greater reality, in our attempt to discover Truth. There seems to be no way around it.

If we look back on our own lives, we find that our perception of what is real and true has altered over time. There is the expression that “when I was a child I thought as a child”, but as our consciousness unfolds “we put away childish things”. Our perception and capacity to grasp what is true alters over time.

I can remember when I was first asked to give a theosophical lecture. As would be expected, I prepared myself: I researched, went to the proper books on the subject, had note-cards on which I wrote my thoughts — the things that I would share with others. Then the time

came to stand up in front of people and speak. I shared what I had written down, and it was apparently sufficiently well received that I spoke on the same topic in another place at another time. As I recall, the subject was Initiation — a very big subject. I could recite the different stages of Initiation, I could give the Sanskrit names, I related it to world scripture, and so on. All of it was true. However, I did not have the experience to speak with any degree of inner authority. It was based on the authority of those I believed had a deeper experience and understanding.

If I were asked to give that talk today, I could not do it — not because the facts would be different, but because it would no longer be true for me. The great mystic, Kabir, said that if we have not lived a thing, it is not true for us. No matter how well it is researched, until it is something that we have incorporated into our being, it falls short of truth.

Truth is very difficult to understand; truths are perhaps more within our grasp. Our continuing approach to Truth will necessarily be an effort of refinement that we engage in from moment to moment.

(Courtesy: *The Theosophist*, May 2019)

**Be virtuous, but without being consciously so,
And wherever you go, you will be loved.
LAO-TZE**

ROHIT MEHTA*

A NEW COLLEGE FOR GIRLS (Birth of Vasant Kanya Mahavidyalaya)

The Besant Education Fellowship, a registered body dedicated to the cause of education and composed of Theosophists, has opened a new College for girls in place of the Vasanta College for Women in the compound of the Indian Section Headquarters. The new institution is called the Vasant Kanya Mahavidyalaya. The college was opened on 10th July 1954 and the inaugural address was given by Dr. C.P. Ramaswami Aiyar, Vice-Chancellor of the Banaras Hindu University. The enrolment in the College is about 270 from class VI to the first year of B.A.

In 1913, at the Indian Section Headquarters, was opened the Theosophical Girls' School, later known as the Vasanta College for Women. For 40 years this institution functioned in the compound of the Theosophical Society. It built up a great prestige for itself and was known all over North India. To this institution were drawn girls from U.P., Bihar, Bengal, Delhi, Punjab, Assam and Madhya Bharat. The Vasanta College for Women is being conducted for the last many years by the Rishi Valley Trust (now known as Foundation for New Education). The Foundation owns extensive lands in Banaras near the river Ganga. The Vasanta College has now been shifted to those lands from where it will continue to function. The shifting of the Vasanta College from the compound of the Theosophical Society rendered a number of buildings vacant. As there was a persistent demand from the public for a girls' college in the compound of the Theosophical Society and as the buildings were likely to be commandeered for a girls' institution and as there has been a tradition of educational work among Theosophists at Banaras, the Besant Education Fellowship decided to start a new institution with effect from July 1954. The Executive Committee of the Indian Section gave permission to the Besant Education Fellowship regarding the use

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of vacant buildings for the purposes of opening a new Girls' College.

The time at the disposal of the Fellowship was very little but by strenuous efforts on the part of all it was possible to open the new College on 10th July 1954 with very good enrolment of students. The new College has been able to secure a very competent staff with Shrimati Leela Sharma as the acting Principal of the institution. On 10th July, in front of a large gathering of students, staff and the residents of the T.S. compound, the Bharat Samaj Puja was performed by Shrimati Shridevi Mehta. This was followed by short speeches by Rohit Mehta, Damodar Prasad and Leela Sharma. The inaugural address of Dr. C.P. Ramaswami Aiyar was very inspiring. There was a distinguished gathering present on the occasion. After the address, Dr. C.P. Ramaswami Aiyar planted a tree in the compound of the new college.

The objectives of the new College as stated in the prospectus are: The Vasant Kanya Mahavidyalaya *seeks-*

1. To help the student to be an integrated human being, thinking freely and understanding fully her responsibility to the world around her.
2. To help her in developing health and strength of body, emotion and intellect, and in maintaining a balance between them.
3. To help her to create within and around herself an inner and outer refinement in daily life through a sensitivity to Beauty.
4. To help her to discover her true vocation, whether in home or outside, and to prepare her for its fulfilment so that she may establish a right relationship with her environment.

Thus a new phase of educational work begins at Banaras in continuation of the great work initiated by Dr. Besant in 1898.

(Reprinted from *The Theosophical Review*, Aug. 1954)

ROHIT MEHTA

A MIRACULOUS GAMBLE

It is difficult to believe that the Vasant Kanya Mahavidyalaya has completed twenty five years of its eventful existence, and is celebrating its Silver Jubilee. It seems it was started only the other day. I can clearly visualize the morning of 10th July 1954 when some students, members of the staff and a few invitees had gathered in the courtyard of the V.K.M. for the inaugural function. Dr. C.P. Ramaswami Aiyar, the then Vice-Chancellor of BHU, lighted the lamp as a symbol of opening of the Temple of Learning and gave an inspiring talk. He then planted a tree in front of the White Building. On either side of the White Building are two trees even now – one planted by Dr. C.P. Ramaswami Aiyar and the other by Sri Prakashji. The growth of these two trees indicates the growth of the V.K.M.

The VKM was started under unusual, almost exciting circumstances. There was a meeting of the Rishi Valley Trust-the predecessor of the present Krishnamurti Foundation-at Rajghat, of which I was member. At that meeting Dr. Iqbal Narain Gurtu announced that from July 1954, the same year, the Vasanta College would shift to Rajghat. I was taken aback, and so I told the meeting, where Sri J. Krishnamurti was also present, that on behalf of the Theosophical Society I would like to make it clear that we were not asking the Vasanta College to shift. The members of the Trust recognized the fact and said that they were grateful to the Theosophical Society for allowing the Vasanta College to function for so many years in their buildings. In spite of this statement, clarifying the position, interested persons started making allegations against me and the Theosophical Society saying that pressure had been put on the Vasanta College by raising rents and by other means, thus forcing the managing committee to shift the college. There were statements and counterstatements in the local press. I had been to Sitapur for a confer-

ence and on my return to Varanasi I received an urgent message from the Deputy Director of Education asking me to see him. I went to him post haste. He told me that the Education Minister was very angry with me as I had forced the Vasanta College to shift and thereby causing great inconvenience to the public of Varanasi. He informed me that because I had raised the rent of the buildings, the Vasanta College found it difficult to continue. I told the Deputy Director of Education to see the official minutes of the Executive Committee meetings of the Theosophical Society and also a letter from Dr. Gurtu thanking me for reducing the rents. The fact of the matter was that instead of increasing the rents, I had reduced them at the request of Dr. Gurtu. The Deputy Director of Education told me that the buildings to be vacated by Vasanta College would be taken over by the government for starting Refugees' Training Centre, and for providing residence to some of the refugees. I was shocked to hear this, and I told him on the spur of the moment: "Please convey to the Government that the buildings will not be available as I would be starting new educational institution in the same premises". He asked me "When will it be started?" I replied to him, "The new institution will start functioning from 10 July 1954". I came home and told my colleagues of this decision, and they said it would be impossible to start the new institution so soon. They advised me to go slow and first start the Middle Section, then extend it to High School classes and after some years expand it into a College.

I explained to my colleagues that if immediately the full-fledged institution was not started, we would not be able to establish effectively the new educational work. My colleagues saw the point and they stood by me, offering their unstinted support to this seemingly mad adventure. Having obtained the support of my colleagues, my next step was to go to the Education Minister at Lucknow requesting him to recognize the new Institution even before it was started. I told him that unless I announced to the public that the institution had been recognized by the government, parents will have no confidence and so the enrolment of students would become well-nigh impossible. The Education Minister

immediately granted recognition to an institution which had yet to come into existence! My best job was to approach the Vice-Chancellor of the BHU to grant me permission to open B.A. classes. This was also obtained. And so I was able to announce to the public that a new institution, to be called Vasant Kanya Mahavidyalaya would come into existence on 10th July 1954 with middle section, high school and college classes.

We had only six weeks in which to make all the preparations. We had no money, no piece of furniture-nothing at all. The furniture was made with deferred payment; money was borrowed to start the VKM. The enrolment began, and on 10th July 1954 a miracle happened. The VKM came into being. During the seven years that I was manager of the VKM, we had hardly any funds. But we were able to instil a spirit of togetherness among all the staff, the management, the servants so that everyone felt that he or she was engaged in building up the college. Everyone was ready to sacrifice. Although we had no funds, it was this spirit that sustained us. I am glad we had no funds. If the spirit is not there, what can funds do? We had glorious days when the management, the staff and the students-all worked together with a singleness of purpose. We were all together feeling the joy of building something. And we were fortunate that we had Shrimati Leela Sharma as Principal as without her dedication and her willingness to work the hardest the VKM could not have been built up.

But we were not content merely to bring the VKM into existence. Our purpose was not just to have one more educational institution in Varanasi- adding one more to many schools and colleges. We were in search of a new dimension in girls' education. To this end we started having meetings of the staff and the management every week, sometimes twice a week, not to discuss administrative matters, but to find out what must be our educational direction and what would be the means to be employed. The staff and the management stood on equal footing, for both were eager to find out fundamental educational directives that

must guide the VKM so as to give it a new quality. These discussion meetings were most important, and it is they that gave us inspiration to go on in spite of many financial and other difficulties.

We thought that the girls' hostel should give a tone to the whole institution. We had hostel-girls-gatherings so as to make the hostels as a nucleus for new educational work. The hostel girls were brought into full involvement in the work of the Theosophical Community. These girls were part, an important part, of the community. They participated in all functions of the Theosophical Society. The big hall of the Society was always available to the hostel-students for the meetings or practices. Every Monday morning there used to be a session for collective Meditation where the whole community including the girls participated. There were community dinners, community singing, cultural programmes- and all these gave to their academic studies a wider background. The schools, both of the girls and the boys, were an integral part of the community-the participation of the boys and the girls enriched the Theosophical work, and they in turn were greatly benefited by their involvement in the larger work of the community.

Our endeavour in the VKM was to link up education with culture, for everywhere today they are divorced. While seeing that the highest standards at the academic end were maintained, we felt that the girls should imbibe the finest cultural traditions of the land. Our educational effort was to synthesise full freedom with total sense of responsibility. And the hostel was our laboratory where we experimented - and we believe quite successfully.

Neither an individual nor an institution can move in the right direction unless it is aware of the heritage of the past. The VKM must move further taking with it the harvest of the past. The starting of the VKM was indeed a gamble, but it was a miraculous gamble, for it succeeded in spite of all the misgivings. There is a story of a little girl, Teresa. She wanted to build a Church. Everybody laughed and ridiculed the idea, telling the little girl "how could she build a Church". And she replied

"Teresa alone cannot do anything, Teresa with herself and few pennies could achieve a little, but Teresa, herself and few pennies but with God behind her could achieve everything".

Some of us who were responsible for embarking upon the mad adventure of establishing a full-fledged College within six weeks feel like agreeing with the little girl, Teresa. We worked and we had limited resources but there was the Great Unknown without whose blessing this "gamble" could not have succeeded. Let us hope that the VKM will continue to receive this blessing so that it can march rapidly towards the fulfilment of its great objective.

(Courtesy: *VASANTSHREE*, Annual Magazine, Silver Jubilee No. 1980-81, Vasant Kanya Mahavidyalaya, Varanasi)

To serve man, to help forward human evolution, is always a noble and an ennobling aim, be the field of effort what it may - political, mental, religious. For this is the supreme truth: that we are here for service, not for self-aggrandizement, and that the salvation of the world is in the hands of man.

ANNIE BESANT

**'Theosophy and its Practical Application'
Lucifer, June 1893**

NEWS AND NOTES

Assam

Silver Jubilee Lodge organized their weekly sessions on 7th, 23rd and 28th January, at A.T.F. Meeting Hall, where the members discussed various theosophical topics. Some books were studied followed by inspiring interaction in which Bro. R.N. Chowdhury, Bro. N.C. Dutta, Bro. Prasanna Phukan, Bro. R.C. Dev Sarma, Sis. Ila Sarmah, Bro. Dhireswar Sarma were the main participants

Seven members attended the Eastern India Conference held at Bhubaneswar in February. Sis. Dr. Chandra Prava Bhuyan presented the detailed Annual Activity Report which was appreciated by all. Bro. R.N.Chowdhury spoke on the subject “The quest from the manifest to unmanifest”. Sis. Ila Sarmah spoke in the seminar on “The art and Science of Theosophic life”. Sis. Dr. Joisri Bhuyan participated in the symposium on “Inner Purity and Outer Control” and Bro. U.S.Sahoo spoke on ‘Living is Giving’.

Goal setting workshop for the Presidents and Secretaries of Nalbari Zone was conducted by Sis. Dr. Chandra Prava Bhuyan, at Nalbari Sahitya Bhavan on 23rd February. Bro. G.C. Deka, Bro. P.N. Das, Bro. K.C.Buragohain and Sis. Pratibha Bhuyan also participated in it.

The A.G.M. of Swagatam Lodge was held on 24th Feb. Bro. Dr. Ashok Sarmah, H.O.D. Sanskrit Deptt. Guwahati University, delivered the main talk. Dr. Nirmal Kumar Chowdhury, former Vice- Chancellor, Guwahati University, was the chief guest. Dr. Chandra Prava Bhuyan was the special invitee. Bro. Nayanabhiram Rajkhowa and Bro. Dharmananda Bhagawati also spoke on this occasion. The meeting was presided by Bro. Kartabya Singha Lahkar.

Goal setting workshop for the Presidents and Secretaries of the Lodges of Upper Assam Theosophical Zone was organized at Dergaon Sports Club. It was held on 8th March. The workshop was conducted by Bro. R.N.Chowdhury, Bro. G.C.Deka, Dr. Chandra Prava Bhuyan and Bro. K.C. Buragohain. The members, especially Bro. Pradip Bora,

Bro. Atul Goswami, Bro. Harinath Hazarika, Bro. Sanjeevan Phukan, Sis. Anamika Devi Barthakur, Bro. Gonesh Goswami, Bro. Arun Sarmah, Bro. Biren Thakur and Bro. U.S.Sahoo took active part in the discussion on the basis of which goal was set for 2018-19.

Sree Charan Barua Memorial Lecture was held at Pragjyotishpur Lodge on 23rd March under the presidentship of Bro. Raghu Nath Chowdhury. The main speaker was Bro. Bimal Kumar Hazarika, a scholar and former Deputy Commissioner, who delivered a very inspiring talk on “Theosophy and the Social Life”. The souvenir was released by Dr. Chandra Prava Bhuyan. The A.G.M. of Pragjyotishpur Lodge was also organized with great enthusiasm on 30th March. Dr. Monoj Kr. Mahanta, Principal, Pragjyotishpur College, was the main speaker who delivered a talk on “Brahmavidya and Science”. Bro. N.C. Dutta, Sis. Dr. C.P. Bhuyan, Dr. Saru Joshi also spoke on this occasion.

A one-day study class on the book *At the Feet of the Master* was organized at Jnanapith Lodge on 24th March. Dr. Nakul Deka directed it. A book written by Sis. Kiron Devi of Jnanapith Lodge was released on this occasion.

Bihar

On invitation of Bihar Federation Bro. U.S. Pandey, National Lecturer, visited Chhapra Lodge from 19 to 21 April, 2019. During this period he delivered the following talks there-

(i) 19 April- on the theme ‘Symbolism and Allegory in Religious Narrations’. This was held in the lodge, (ii) 20 April- on ‘Basic points of Theosophy and Self-Transformation’ before a group of graduate and postgraduate students in a coaching centre named ‘Study Point’ in FN; He addressed the members of the Lodge in the evening on the theme ‘Idols and Idolatry’, and (iii) He delivered a public talk on 21 April on the theme ‘Spirituality in daily life.’

Bihar Theosophical Federation has developed its own website:- theosophybihar.in

Prof. A. Ghani (Diploma no.69320) was one of the founder members of Samastipur Theosophical Lodge. He was a Retd. Professor of English in Samastipur College, Samastipur. He passed to peace on 18 April 2019.

Bombay

Shanti Lodge Celebrations:

Musical Evening to Herald Year 2019 was held on 31st January 2019. President Sis. Aban Patel welcomed Sis. Freny Paghdiwala and Senior & Junior Choirs of her Crystal Choral. The programme began with their Signature Song 'We are the Crystal Choral, with high Morale'. There were Christmas Carols and Solos & Group Songs like 'What I will like to teach the World' & 'Let there be Peace' conveying Joy, Peace & Harmony. Aban Ragina was MC. The evening ended with the song 'Thank you for the Music'.

Jamshedi Navroze Celebration to mark Equinox (21st March 2019) was held on 14 March. The meeting opened with '*Hambandagi*' (all praying together Zoroastrian *Manthravani*). Sis. Meher Contractor spoke on '*Mahbokhtar Ni Nyash*' (Zoroastrian Prayer explaining spiritual significance of Moon). The prayer says '*I pay my homage to Shiny (Spiritual) Moon and not the seen Moon*'. *Mahbokhtar* is bestower of good luck. Sun rays sent to Moon are showered on Earth through Seven Ameshaspandas.

Crescent is innocence of new born, reaching its helm on Full Moon and slowly waning to No Moon – it conveys the Cycle of Life. Moon Rays are connected with water & blood in human body and his mind. Moon has a sacrificing quality to work for good of His Creations. The meeting ended with *Hambandagi* and fellowship with Refreshment.

Prarthna Sabha with Bharat Samaj Pooja:

It was a unique spiritual tribute to Late Shri Jatinbhai Munshi, father of Bro. Taral Munshi. Shri Jatinbhai in his youth had learnt Bharat Samaj Pooja, which he used to perform every day. Even at the age of 84 he used to recite the prayer. Bharat Samaj Pooja was performed by Dr. Ajay Hora and Bro. Vinayak Pandya. Daughter-in-law Sis. Archana Taral Munshi read out from Gujarati Book '*Mrtyu*' written by Late Bro. Mohanlal Velji. This book published by Blavatsky Lodge was given to relatives and friends gathered to pay respect to the departed soul of Shri Jatinbhai Munshi.

Blavatsky Lodge Beginners' Meeting:

Bro. Navin Kumar has initiated Beginners' Meeting on morning of
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First Sunday for New Members, Prospective Members and Interested Inquirers to acquaint them with Fundamentals of Theosophy.

Obituary: Sis. Meher D. Desai, a senior member of Vimadlal Bilia Lodge, with membership of 37 years, passed away to Light Eternal on 2nd April 2019. This lady (aged 102) was a dedicated member keenly interested in study of Theosophy. Sis. Gulbanu Merchant recollects that in later years she used to have Sis. Yasmin Kapadia at her place to conduct Theosophical studies. She was very meticulous and encouraged members in their TS & Masonic work. Generous at heart she used to respond to the needs of Lodges in Bombay. May her Soul be blessed with Eternal Peace.

Karnataka

Bellary Sanmarg Theosophical Society celebrated Ram Navmi on 13 April. Bro. Basavaraja Reddy explained about Sri Ram Navami on this occasion. Fifty persons participated in the programme.

Rayalaseema

The RTF organized an orientation programme for the recently appointed Federation lecturers/lodge organizers. It was held at Hyderabad TS hall on 9th March 2019. The programme started with the universal prayer. Bro. K.V.L. Kantha Rao, a senior member of HTS, addressed the gathering in which he explained the importance of presentation of theosophy and different aspects of presentation. In the 2nd session, the Federation Secretary Bro NC Krishna explained the importance of appointing young people so that in the coming days we may have to visit lodges, schools and colleges and also to have more speakers. In the 3rd session Bro. M S Raghunath, Joint Secretary, RTF, emphasized on tools to be used to explain theosophy to modern world, technical aspects of lecture, using latest technology and also sharing of knowledge through media; organizing lectures, symposiums, seminars etc. more frequently; meeting young people more often during lunchtime in offices etc. RTF has given a small kit with an identity card, different types of TS pamphlets and small books for distribution. Apart from the lecturers, other participants were also benefited by this orientation programme.

The most active lodge of the Federation is attracting young chil-

dren to Bharat Samaj Pooja and they are doing regular study daily on various theosophical subjects. Dr. S Basavaraj is doing a great work in organizing TOS activity every month.

The Hyderabad TS meets on every Sunday at 9.30 a.m. and on Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. for study. The Secundersbsd lodge meets on Sunday for Bharata Samaja Pooja followed by meditation. On every Monday a video presentation is given on education, environment, nature, health etc and all the participants actively participate in it. On every Wednesday & Friday *Theosophy Explained in Questions & Answers* by P. Pavri in Telugu is studied. Every month they organize a study camp for all members and their families.

The members of Shamballa Lodge meet on 1st Sunday of the month at Deshmukhi which is 40 kms away from the city. A day-long study is organized there. The members of Chintana Lodge meet on every Thursday to study *The Key to Theosophy* and the members of Vasista Lodge meet on Saturday. Besides, the members of Jnanabharati Lodge at Ammuguda meet on Saturday evening.

The members of Satyavichara TS, Warangal, meet at the lodge on every Sunday for study. They assemble every morning at the Lodge for meditation. The Secretary of the Lodge Bro. K. Srinivas is bringing up a young team in order to make them understandingly realize the Theosophical teachings.

The members of Rayadurgam TS assemble two days in a week for study purpose. Srikrishna TS, Guntur, conducts regular study class.

A new centre has been formed at BHEL area of Hyd and they conducted 2nd introductory session on 17th March at the residence of Bro. M. Srinivas. Bro M S Raghunath inspired them with stories, symbols and tools making an easy way of understanding theosophy. Bro M Srinivas and Bro. M. Narayana Rao of Shamballa lodge were the key persons for forming this new centre.

The following activities were conducted in the month of April:

The Federation organized one day study camp with Bharat Samaj Pooja in Jnanabharati Lodge in Ammuguda. It was held on 9th April in

which the importance of Pooja was explained in brief. The theme of the study was BASICS OF THEOSOPHY in the first session which was directed by Bro. N. C. Krishna, Federation Secretary. In the IInd session, Bro M S Raghunath, Jt Sec. of RTF, explained what is theosophy. There were two new speakers in this session - M. Narayana Rao and Geeta Radhika. In the afternoon session, unity & brotherhood were explained with examples. Lot of interaction and discussion took place among the participants.

Keeping the idea of summer school in view, Chintana Lodge, Malkajgiri, organized the programme for children for the age group 6 to 16 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., with breakfast and lunch. Some parents of 35 to 45 age group also accompanied the children. A model module was prepared and it was very successfully implemented. Gifts were given to children. The expenses were shared by brethren of the lodge.

The Secunderabad Lodge organized a programme on 27- 28 April. Forty members attended it. Bro. N.C. Krishna explained the importance of time, discipline and interacted with children. Bro. Parasuram explained through stories and Bro. Raghunath through examples emphasized on how the children are going away from ethical life, importance of togetherness at home etc. On both the days programme started with Bharat Samaj Pooja in which importance of Pooja was explained to children. Breakfast, snacks and lunch were provided by the lodge. Lodge's President Bro. K. Ramesh took the lead and programme was appreciated by all.

Regular study classes are held at the Lodges of Amarapuram, Warangal, Hyderabad, Vasishta, Shamballa and Guntur.

BHEL study centre is making progress by improving its activities.

Utkal

The members of Balesore Lodge meet on every second Saturday of the month in the house of Brother Hari Ram Machhar. Study class is conducted there on the book *Invisible Helpers* by C.W. Leadbeater.

Utkal Federation's President Prof Sahadeb Patro conducted a study class on "Comparative Religion and Philosophy" at UTF Hall, 346, Gautam Nagar, on 21/4/2019.

Laxmiarayana Lodge celebrated its Foundation Day on 27th April. Dr Santanu Kumar Ratha, former Director Doordarshan and also an eminent writer was the Chief Guest. The Lodge felicitated Sri Ramanath Nayak, who owns and manages MP old people's home in Bhubaneswar. The Lodge also felicitated Bro Binod Bihari Palai by giving him the Lifetime Achievement Award on 28th April for his contribution to the cause of theosophy and literature.

Sis. Purnamasi Pattnaik, Secretary, UTF, addressed the gathering on 'Law of Karma' at Cuttack Lodge.

A new website of Utkal Theosophical Federation has just started - www.theosophy-utkal.org. It will be replaced with present website of the Indian Section- www.theosophy-india.org So each Lodge Secretary and also individual members can send news and photographs of the Lodge on theosophical activities to the Federation's official email address – utkaltheo.fed1965@gmail.com There will be a column for each Lodge of the Federation. One can use that also.

Uttar Pradesh

Bro. U.S. Pandey gave two talks on 'Man, God and Universe' at Dharma Lodge, Lucknow, in April. Besides, he spoke on 'A message to the members of T.S. from an Elder Brother received on the 50th Anniversary of the Theosophical Society' and on 'The Theosophy: The Divine Wisdom'. These two talks were held at the same venue on April 17 and 27 respectively.

The Foundation Day of Nirvan Lodge, Agra, was observed on 7th March. Besides, the following three talks were held there in March: 'Geet Govind' by Bro. Devendra Vajpayee, 'Karma' by Sis. Brahma Kumari Archana and 'Dream World' by Bro. S.N. Sharma.

A meeting of the Centenary Committee of U.P. Federation was held in Agra on 4th April when various points regarding the centenary conference to be held on 11, 12 & 13 October 2019 were discussed and decided.

In a meeting of Nirvan Lodge held on 04 April, Bro. U.S. Pandey delivered a talk on the theme "Occult functions of some human organs and their correspondence"

A study camp from 05 to 07 April 2019 was organized at Agra. The book '*Occult Powers in Nature and in Man*' by Geoffrey Hodson was taken up for study which was directed by Bro. U.S. Pandey, Federation Secretary and National Lecturer. On the first day of the camp, after the recitation of all religions' prayers and the Universal Prayer, Bro. L.S. Sengar, President of Nirvan Lodge, welcomed the participants and the speakers. Four sessions were held on each day. Bro. U.S. Pandey introduced the theme and covered Introduction, Pt. I-Chapters 1 & 3 and Pt.II-Ch.2 of the book. Other resource persons and portions of the book covered by them were: Bro. S.K. Pandey National Lecturer- Pt.I-Ch.2&6 and Pt.II-Ch.3, Bro. K.K.Srivastava-Pt.I-Ch.5, Km. Preeti Tewari, Federation Lecturer- Pt I-Ch.4 and Pt.II-Ch.1, Bro. S. H.B.Pandey-Pt.II-Ch.4, Bro. S.K.Sharma-Pt.III-Ch.1&2, and Bro. Praveen Mehrotra-Pt.III-Ch.3. About 25 members from Agra, Allahabad, Kanpur and Lucknow of U.P. Federation and two members of Amaravati Lodge from Marathi Federation participated in it.

A devotional meet was organized in the evening of 5th April which was facilitated by Bro. S.K. Pandey. Guided group meditation was practiced in the morning and evening of 06 April and also in evening of 07 April,

During the interactive and concluding session on 7th April, the participants expressed appreciation for the subject of study and some suggestions for future study camps were also made. Bro. M.D. Wankhade of Amaravati expressed his appreciation and also recited a prayer composed by Sant Gyaneshwar. Bro. K.K. Srivastava, Federation's Joint Secretary, proposed vote of thanks on behalf of U.P. Federation and Bro. L.S. Sengar proposed vote of thanks on behalf of Nirvan Lodge.

Members of Gyanodaya Lodge, Barabanki, studied the Hindi book "*Jivan-Mukta and Mukti Marg*" during the weekly meetings held in the month of March 2019.

Bro. U.S. Pandey visited Gorakhpur from 22 to 24 April. He delivered following talks in the lodge there: (i) 'Insight into teachings of the Bhagavad Gita', (ii) 'Allegory in Mahabharat and Gita', and (iii) 'Practical Theosophy.' Besides, he discussed administrative matters with the office bearers of the lodge.

The Theosophical Order of Service

In a gesture to help the meritorious students of degree college, keenly wishing to join TS but having unfavourable economic conditions, TOS Maharashtra President Adv. Sanjay Potey and the executive committee have taken initiative to pay their yearly membership fees. This step has been taken to encourage them for knowing theosophical teachings in depth. Their performance shall be reviewed yearly.

At Akola Theosophical Lodge, TOS Maharashtra region paid yearly membership fees of the students of six degree college. This was done in order to make them member of TS. These students keenly wished to participate in the weekly meetings of the lodge and in the Theosophical activities. MTF President Bro. Raut and Secretary Dr. Sonone appreciated this gesture of encouraging people to study theosophy.

NINETY-SIXTH EASTER THEOSOPHICAL CONFERENCE AT ADYAR

The 96th Easter Theosophical Conference was held at Adyar from 19 April to 21 April 2019. The theme of the conference was “**The Real Purpose of the Theosophical Society**”. The book recommended for study was “**Theosophy as the Masters See It**” by Clara M Codd. The venue of the conference was the recently renovated Blavatsky Bungalow near the Great Banyan Tree.

On Friday, 19 April, the programme commenced with the Universal Prayer and Meditation followed by the chanting by Sis. Laxmibai and Sis. Jaishree. International President Bro. Tim Boyd Presided. Dr. M.A. Raveendran, President Kerala Theosophical Federation, welcomed the gathering. Bro. Tim Boyd in his presidential address stated that ‘The Real Mission of the theosophical Society is to serve humanity’ by cultivating an ever-deepening understanding and realization of the Ageless Wisdom, spiritual self-transformation and the Unity of all Life’. He added that we should realize this Mission during the Easter Conference when the Spiritual Power all over the world is trying to save humanity from the limitations of matter. The story of Jesus the Christ teaches us that ultimate triumph will be for the Spirit though it was nailed in the cross of matter.

The International Treasurer Sis. Nancy Secrest inaugurated the conference and stated that even after sixty-six years of the publication of “**Theosophy as the Masters See It**” it is still relevant because Universal Brotherhood is not an idle phrase but a fact in Nature. She quoted the Mission Statement of TS and said that everyone who wishes to be a Theosophist shall have to live Theosophy. Masters never asked their disciples what to do and what not to do and gave complete freedom to them.

Bro. N.C. Ramanujachary talked on the topic “**Why the Masters founded the Theosophical Society**” He said that the Masters do not want TS to be a cult. Theosophical Society is principle oriented and not person oriented. The real founding of the TS took place when HPB had the vision of her spiritual teacher at Hide Park, London. TS spread the value of Occult Truths in the daily life of man. During the period 1875 to 1891 HPB wrote many remarkable books on Theosophy and her collected works consist of numerous volumes, which demand serious study and meditation by the members. We are asked “*to Keep the Link Unbroken.*”

At 11.15 a.m., there was a class on the mantras of Bharat Samaj Pooja, their relevance and deeper meaning. Bro. Umakant Rao, Sis. Vijayalaxmi, Laxmi Bai, Bro. Harihara Ragavan and Dr. M.A. Raveendran led the session.

The afternoon session at 3.30 p.m. was chaired by Sis. Sonal Murali, National Lecturer of the Indian Section. The speakers were Bro. Krishnamurti and Dr. M.A. Raveendran. The former spoke on **Religion Vs. Superstition** and the latter on **Science is our Best Ally**.

At 7.30 p.m. the Ritual of the Mystic Star was conducted at the Headquarters Hall. Dr. R. Revathy explained the meaning and relevance of the ceremony designed by Bro. C. Jinarajadasa. The Mystic Star is a designation for the Divine whom people in the West call God, *Isvara* in India and *Allah* in Muslim countries. In the ceremony, five aspects of the Divine are taken- Power of the Star, Wisdom of the Star, Joy of the Star, Beauty of the Star and Love of the Star.

On the second day the programme commenced with Universal

Prayer and Meditation followed by chanting by Sis. Jaishree. Bro. Umakant Rao, former GS of the Indian Section, chaired the session. Sis. Sripriya Harihara Raghavan spoke on **Latent Powers Beyond Science**, Sis. Sandhya Rani spoke of **Yoga, Practical Realization** and Dr. R. Revathy spoke on **What are the things to be discussed?**

The session at 9.30 a.m was chaired by Bro. Narasimha Rao - former International Treasurer TS. Sis. Upasika Maithreya spoke on **Finding New Avenues of Work from Particulars**. Sis. Marja Artamaa, International Secretary, spoke on **Towards Unification in Theosophical Attempts**. Bro. K. Dinakaran, Secretary Kerala Theosophical Federation, spoke on **Dogma, Authority and Discipline**.

At 11.15 a.m., the class on Bharat Samaj Pooja was conducted by Bro. Harihara Raghavan. He chanted the mantras and emphasized on the need of knowing their meaning.

The afternoon session was chaired by Sis. Jaishree in which Sis. Lakshmi spoke on **Loyalty**, Sis. Geetha Subramanian on **Discretion** and Sis. Veena Ramachandran on **Zeal**. In the evening Bro. Vinay kumar Patri made a Power Point Presentation on “**Nature of Consciousness**”, a recorded talk of Bro. N. Sri Ram.

On 21st April the morning session commenced at 9.30 a.m. with Universal Prayer and meditation followed by chanting by Sis. Jaishree. Bro. S. Raman, Secretary Madras Theosophical Federation, chaired the session. The speaker Bro. N.C. Krishna, National Lecturer, Indian Section, spoke on **The People the Master Wants**, Sis. Vijayalaxmi spoke on **The Hindrances of the Way** and Bro. C. Nandakumar spoke on **The Joy of the Way**.

A Photo Session was arranged and a group photo of the delegates attending the conference was taken in the background of the Blavatsky Bungalow. Groups and individuals also took selfies and photos with the International President and other leaders of the Federations.

At 11.15 a.m. The Bharat Samaj Pooja Class continued.

The closing session was held in the afternoon in which Bro. Tim

Boyd spoke about his impressions regarding the conference and Bro. Harihara Raghavan gave the closing address. Bro. K. Dinakaran, Secretary K.T.F., proposed vote of thanks.

The reference books of the conference were available at the venue of the conference and TPH allowed 40% discount on the selected books. Near about 124 registered delegates from various Federations, including Assam Federation, attended the conference.

Indian Section Headquarters

A meeting to observe the White Lotus Day was held at the Section HQ, Varanasi, on 8th May. The programme started with Prayers of All Faiths followed by the Universal Prayer. Smt. Uma Bhattacharyya, welcomed the guests. Excerpts from the books *Bhagwadgita*, *The Light of Asia* and *The Voice of the Silence* were read by Sri Jwala Prasad Mishra, Smt. Bharati Chattopadhyay and Dr. Bina Singh respectively. In continuation to her reading, Dr. Bina Singh, President, Kashi Tattva Sabha, delivered her address on the topic “Contemporary Chaos: The Voice of the Silence”. In her talk she beautifully explained the journey of self from materialistic world to spiritual world and the sublimity of the thoughts of Madame Blavatsky in the present world. The vote of thanks was given by Dr. Kumud Ranjan, Vice-President, KTS.

The members and the guests paid homage to HPB by offering flowers at her portrait.

Odisha Cyclone Relief Appeal

Dear Members of TS and TOS,

This is regarding recent cyclone FANI causing severe damage to east coast of Bay of Bengal, specifically greater damage of property in the major cities of Odisha- Bhubaneswar, Puri and Cuttack. Thousands of big trees have been uprooted causing damage to the buildings. Thatched roofs of the slum dwellers have been blown off. There are areas where electricity is yet to be restored. On 13th May TOS Bhubaneswar region convened an emergency meeting to carry out relief work. Dr. Deepa Padhi, International Vice-President based in Bhubaneswar shared the update on the situation. Bhubaneswar TOS

region shared action plan of activities including plantation of 1000 trees with gabions, building repairs of adopted old age home, orphanage and Federation building and the plan to adopt one colony with poor inhabitants for rehabilitation. TOS Bhubaneswar region is mobilizing resources locally and it is our duty as fellow brethren to come forward in this crisis hour to support them as much as we can.

Bro. B.L. Bhattacharya conveyed a contribution of Rs. 40000 from TOS in India funds for this purpose of cyclone relief by TOS Bhubaneswar region.

Kindly share this concern among your regional lodges and groups for support. The contributions may kindly be sent to: Treasurer, TOS in India, The Theosophical Society, Kamachha, Varanasi-221 010, U.P.

Bank details for transfer of Money: Name of the bank: Vijaya Bank

Name of the account: The Theosophical Order of Service in India

A/c no: 718301010005208, IFSC code : VIJB0007183, MICR code: 221029003

If you require further information you may please contact us through mail I'd tosvaranasi@gmail.com Our website is www.indiatos.org

Kindly circulate and share the information.

With regards

Yours Fraternally
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DONATIONS RECEIVED BY THE INDIAN SECTION Between 1-4-2018 and 31-3-2019

General Donations	in Rs.
Sukhana Lodge, Chandigarh	2,000/-
Sri. V.B. Batra	20/-
Sri Satyaveer Tyagi, Delhi	1180/-
Smt. Arun Bhatia,	800/-
Sri Prakash Gupta & Smt. Jyotsana Gupta, Vns.	300/-
Sri Shailesh J. Desal, Junagarh	1,000/-
Sri Shyam Singh Tyagi, Mohali	20/-
Anonymous	500/-
Smt. Pabha Agrawal, Varanasi	500/-
Smt. Arun Bhatia, Deolali	800/-
Dr. Vijaya Bihari & Family, New Delhi	2,500/-
Sri Shikhar Agnihotri, Lucknow	500/-
Sri E.V.K. Sivanand, Visakhapatnam	55,000/-
Smt. Uma Bhattacharyya, Varanasi	8,000/-
Smt. Vasumati Agnihotri, Lucknow	1,350/-
Indian Section Corpus	
Smt. Manju Sundaram, Vns	60,000/-
Sri Lambodar Nayak, Vns	60,000/-
Chandradev Theos. Lodge, Chapra	25,000/-

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.	25
04. To make a pilot project/camp for combined study, meditation and service at Varanasi.	100
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 HQ 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.	20
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.	25
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.	80
08. To organize 10 debate/essay competitions at school and college level.	0
09. To publish Quarterly newsletters in Assamese for the members.	50
10. To increase net membership in the federation by 10 members.	100
11. To conduct a goal setting meet for the President & Secretary of all the Lodges.	100

Bengal Theosophical Federation

01. To increase net membership by 16 members.	100
02. To open two new lodges during this year.	50
03. To increase the number of members attending our weekly study classes by 25%.	70
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.	100
08. To reactivate two dormant lodges/centres by visiting and motivating workers and old members.	50
09. To send at least 10 members for the Bhowali study camp.	100
10. To conduct a goal setting meet for the President & Secretary of all the Lodges.	100

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.	100
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. | 50 |
| 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. | 100 |
| 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. | 75 |
| 08.To increase net membership by 20 members. | 100 |
| 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-round 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.	100
03.To organize one workers’ training camp with at least thirty members.	100
04.To organize two book exhibitions for ten days with the co-operation of public libraries and other institutions.	100
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.	75
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.	100

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.	100
02.To improve attendance by 25% through dissemination of information in the print media.	30
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.	50

Marathi Theosophical Federation

01. To organize five one-day seminar on Theosophical Subjects.	60
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.	50
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.	66
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 among the members and 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 in order 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.	50
02.To publish 500 copies of pamphlets in Tamil on 10 Theosophical subjects for lodges and general public.	10
03.To increase net membership in the federation by 10 members.	100
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.	20
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.	33
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 of pamphlets on basic Theosophy in Telugu language.	0
08.To conduct a goal setting meet for the President & Secretary of all the Lodges.	100

Utkal Theosophical Federation

01.To form two new lodges and revitalize four dormant lodges.	60
02.To increase net membership by 20 out of which five shall be women.	100
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.	100
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.	100
08.To organize a two-day youth camp at Bhubaneswar.	100
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.	100

Uttar Pradesh Theosophical Federation

01.To conduct 6 study camps of two to three days in different lodges.	83
02.To organize 8 sessions/public talks of one to two hours each for exposure of Theosophy to general public.	100
03.To conduct 6 one-day seminars on Theosophical subjects.	100
04.To organize three programmes for students on integrated development/self-transformation at college level, higher secondary level and school level.	100
05.To organize two introductory camps for new members	100
06.To arrange four guided meditation sessions.	100
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

THEOSOPHICAL WORKERS' TRAINING CAMP

The Indian Section has organized a Theosophical Workers' Training Camp on 28-29 September, 2019 at the Indian Section Headquarters in Varanasi. It will be conducted by Bro. U.S. Pandey.

Members are required to remit an appropriate amount based on the type of accommodation they select latest by 1st September, 2019.

1. Suryashram- Rs. **1250** (Rs. 150/Day Acco, Rs. 200/Day food)
2. Other Rooms at Sudarshan, Dhruv, etc. Rs. **950** (Rs. 50/Day Acco., Rs. 200/Day food)

The amount includes registration fee of Rs. 200, accommodation charges and meal charges. The accommodation will be provided from 2 p.m. onwards on 27th September 2019 to morning of 30th September (upto 11a.m.). Lunch and Dinner will be provided on 27 September and Breakfast only on 30th September. The accommodation will be provided to 30 persons in Suryashram and 66 in other rooms on a first come first serve basis. If registration is cancelled before 15/09/2019 Rs. 200 will be deducted and the refund will be sent to you after 15/10/2019.

Remittances are to be made to Vijaya Bank, Kamachha Branch, Varanasi, Account No. 718301010005045, IFSC Code VIJB0007183 in the name of the Indian Section, The Theosophical Society. You must inform Mr. A.N. Singh (Accountant, Indian Section by email (theosophyvn@gmail.com) or tel. 0542-2400773, giving details of your name, address, transfer amount, date and mode of payment, without which you cannot be registered. You may pay by cash or draft as well. Please mention your mobile no. & email address and give details of arrival & departure time.

Pradeep H. Gohil
General Secretary

INDIAN SECTION STUDY CAMP

Theme: **Teachings of Theosophy and J. Krishnamurti** (Reference Book for the study will be “*A Jewel on a Silver Platter*” by Prof. P. Krishna). List price of the book Rs. 450/-

Available till study camp at Rs. 250/-, at the Indian Section’s Bookshop (Varanasi).

The three-day Indian Section Study Camp on “The Teachings of Theosophy and J. Krishnamurti” will be held from 2nd October to 4th October, 2019 and will be conducted by Prof. P. Krishna, former Secretary, Rajghat Education Centre, Krishnamurti Foundation India, Varanasi, who is a life member of T.S. and had worked closely for several years with Krishnaji.

Members are requested to remit an appropriate amount based on the type of accommodation they select latest by 1st September- 2019.

1. Suryashram - Rs. **1600** (Rs. 150/day Acco, Rs. 200/day food)
2. Other Rooms at- Rs. **1200**(Rs. 50/day Acco, Rs. 200/day food)

The amount include registration fee of Rs. 200, accommodation charges and meal charges. The accommodation will be provided from afternoon of 1st October to morning of 5th October (up to 11 am). Lunch and Dinner will be provided on 1st October and Breakfast on 5th October. The accommodation will be provided to 30 persons in Suryashram and 66 in other rooms on a first come first serve basis.

If registration is cancelled before 15/09/2019 Rs. 200 will be deducted and the refund will be sent to you after 15th October 2019.

For the members of Varanasi and those who do not require accommodation or food, there will be a registration charge of Rs. 200 without food. Food charges, if needed, will be Rs. 200 per day.

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