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PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

To the 144th Convention of The Theosophical Society Varanasi, 31 December 2019

WELCOME all to the 144th Convention of the Theosophical Society, this time being held, after a 30-year interval, in the recently renovated national headquarters of the Indian Section of the TS in Varanasi, while Leadbeater Chambers, the Western accommodations building at the TS international headquarters in Adyar, is undergoing its own renovation, as I speak. Now let us please rise for the invocation to the Great Ones who protect the Society with their energy and strength:

**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 144th Annual Convention of the TS.

This year we gather for the 144th annual International Convention of the Theosophical Society (TS). One of the benefits of our relative longevity is that it affords a vision of a sweep of time — global changes, changes within the Theosophical Society, and the impact of the Ageless Wisdom on both. The relentless changes brought about by natural impulse and the application of human will, reveal a pattern to the observant mind. These patterns are part of a larger cycle. Nature, human and otherwise, is abundant in its production of seed potentials. There are trees that produce millions of seeds each year in order for one or two to find fertile soil, take root, and grow, assuring the future of the species.

In recent times we as a human family have come to the view that we are some special creation, apart from the natural world, and have behaved

accordingly, forgetful of the greater life in which we are imbedded. This is a pattern of thought and behaviour which has become a characteristic of our time. As members of an organization formed to stem the tide of this current of thought, we need to consider this moment carefully.

The current of “brutal materialism” and “degrading superstition” which the TS was intended to address, has grown and taken on a variety of threatening forms since the TS’s founding. What has been the impact of the work we have done in the world? What has been the impact of the world on our work? We cannot afford to lose sight of the fact that the relationship between “the world” and ourselves is reciprocal. If we are not vigilant in our awareness, our surroundings affect us powerfully, mainly because we are unconscious of its pervasive influence through culture, social norms, and education. The idea was well expressed by J. Krishnamurti when he said: “We are the world.”

It is the nature of seeds that those which are nurtured grow more prolifically. The first line in the *Dhammapada* quotes the Buddha as saying: “All that we are is the result of our thoughts.” Having spent countless lives feeding the seed of a separate, independent identity, we find ourselves inheriting the world shaped from that current of thought. At this point there is a dawning clarity that this collective creation is both unsustainable and unsatisfactory. From the theosophical point of view, it is also clear that the Ageless Wisdom tradition can move us toward an experience of a dramatically different inner potential capable of invoking a brighter future.

In our brief time together let us pay attention. Let us hear beyond the inadequate words we share. Let us look and see in each other and ourselves the seed of an unfolding divinity. Let us commit to nurture that seed regardless of appearances.

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In the **Indo Pacific** region, the highlight of this year was the much needed and long-awaited restoration of **Blavatsky Bungalow** in the Adyar Campus in Chennai, India. The refurbished building was inaugurated by me

on the evening of 1 January 2019. After two years of meticulous work done with painstaking attention by a group specialized in renovating historical buildings, it was open again to students.

The Indian Section has 10,703 members as of September 2019 (a net drop of 441 over last year), distributed over 486 Lodges and Centres under 16 Federations. Its website <theosophy-india.org> was recently upgraded and provides basic information about Theosophy and recent events in the Section. A recent Internet-based system has helped in efficiently managing membership, financial data, and so on. The Indian Section's 127th convention was inaugurated at Adyar by me on 1 January 2019. It was chaired by international Vice-President Dr Deepa Padhi. Pradeep Gohil, President of the Section, welcomed the delegates and delivered the state of the Section address. The second part of the convention was chaired by Yogendra Desai, with talks by Shikhar Agnihotri, S. U. Mahesh, N. C. Krishna, S. P. Malini, and Dr M. A. Raveendran. In order to motivate Federations and Lodges to propagate Theosophy, a unique goal-setting meeting of Federation leaders was organized on 6–7 October 2018 at Bhowali, attended by my wife Lily and me. Progress was continuously tracked and reported every month. The Section was able to achieve 90% of the planned goals by the end of the year. The Rohit Mehta Bhavan hostel was built in record time with a capacity of 146 students. A 100-kW solar power generator was installed resulting in significant electrical power savings. It is expected to break even in 5 years. Other buildings were revamped too with the help of the city authorities, and all these helped to accommodate the delegates to the TS International Convention 2019–20, being hosted by the Indian Section after a gap of 30 years. Shifting the Convention location this year is also enabling the Leadbeater Chambers building in Adyar to be upgraded.

The National Study Camp on self-transformation led by Vicente (Vic) Hao Chin, Jr, was held at Varanasi during 23–25 November 2018 with an attendance of 105. An international workshop on teachers' training was attended by about 140 delegates from all over India. Ven. M. Mehoankara Thero of Sri Lanka and Vic were the faculty. The 96th Easter Theosophical Conference on "The Real Purpose of the Theosophical Society" was held

from 19–21 April 2019 in the recently renovated Blavatsky Bungalow in Adyar under the auspices of the Kerala Theosophical Federation. International Treasurer Nancy Secrest inaugurated the conference and I presided. About 124 delegates from various Federations attended. Study camps were conducted by the Telugu, Kerala, Marathi, Karnataka, Gujarat, Bombay, Utkal, Assam, Bengal, Bihar, UP, MP/Rajasthan, Tamil, and Rayalaseema Federations at the Bhowali Himalayan Study Centre, from March through September 2019 on a variety of theosophical topics. Other study camps and classes were conducted by various Federations around the country. Also the National Lecturers conducted visits and talks at various locations during the year.

National President Gohil was invited to address the Belgian Section in Brussels where he spoke on "The Source of Spiritual Energy" on 26 June 2019. He also visited Naarden to attend the General Council and Strategic Planning Meeting last summer. An initiative was taken to propagate Theosophy amongst students by introducing theosophical and moral values among students and exposing them to the aims and objectives of the TS. A 6-month certificate course was designed on "Self-realization through Theosophy" in October. The TOS annual camp was held in Bhowali during 11–13 June 2019. TOS International and the Indian Section jointly contributed towards flood relief and cyclone relief during the year.

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At the **International Headquarters**, renovation work started on the **Leadbeater Chambers** and is expected to be completed by September/October 2020. The **Archives and Museum** department is being shifted to the newly built extension to the Adyar Library building and will be named "Surendra Narayan Archives". During the year, 20 research scholars used the facilities, either in person or requesting scanned materials by electronic media. During the international Convention, archival exhibitions on "The Mahatma Letters" and "Prominent People Associated with the Theosophical Movement" were inaugurated by me on the first day of the Convention. The Archives team consisting of V. Vedavathi, Mohan Mani and

Jaishree Kannan was supported by Bernd Jesse, whose contribution as a volunteer was very much appreciated. In 1886 Col. H. S. Olcott established the reputed **Adyar Library and Research Centre (ALRC)**. T. Narayanan Kutty is the Director and C. A. Shinde the Chief Librarian, with 14 supporting staff. In January, on behalf of the Society, I signed an important cooperation agreement with Sree Sankara University in Kerala for joint publication of books, and for research scholars to better utilize the contents of the ALRC and revive Sanskrit. A new system was introduced for the arrangement of the books considering the Library's closed nature and to facilitate space for the Archives. The changes took about two months. Digitization and automation activities continued to progress; catalogue digitization has been completed.

The School of the Wisdom conducted four courses during the year. Pablo Sender gave a comprehensive presentation of H. P. Blavatsky's teachings, both philosophical as well as practical, with his course "Higher Consciousness — Its Nature and Awakening" in November 2018. In December, Jacques Mahnich offered "Living Theosophy in the 21st Century", emphasizing the role of the timeless wisdom as the guiding light of our lives in a science-and-technology centered world. In "Meditation in the Light of Theosophy" conducted in January, Trân-Thi-Kim-Diêu guided students in the practice of Madame Blavatsky's "Meditation Diagram" for a much-needed transformation of awareness. The **Olcott Education Society (OES)** runs the **Olcott Memorial Higher Secondary School**, which has been giving importance to the academic as well as co-curricular activities such as sports, cultural events, social issues, educational tours, and so on, for the overall development of the students. Speaking in English is emphasized as a tool for global communication. Upgrade of teacher skills is also given equal importance. The **HPB Hostel** is also run by OES with a resident warden and eight boys staying. OES's **Vocational Training Centre** has 3 teachers, and 24 students undergoing free training in tailoring, weaving, embroidery, and other crafts. The **Social Welfare Centre** looks after 46 young children with food and play activities. Parents are also involved during social and national celebrations.

The Theosophical Order of Service exists in 36 of the 59 countries where the Theosophical Society is active. The e-newsletter and the rich website provide the latest relevant information. The Facebook page also provides interesting posts. Though TOS activities are different from country to country, the common strands are women's issues, theosophical education, and encouragement of youth involvement in TS and TOS. Nancy Secrest, TOS International Secretary, visited many TS/TOS groups in India this year. She also gave a presentation of TOS activities around the world to the International Theosophical Conference (ITC) in July. Several TOS groups are active in animal welfare and providing humanitarian help. Many groups confine themselves to healing, while some practise peace meditation regularly. Flood relief efforts in India were also supported this year, in addition to the recovery efforts in Bhubaneswar after Fani, a devastating cyclone. The members were personally involved. The work that TOS groups are carrying out across the world testifies to Annie Besant's foresight in putting the First Object of the Theosophical Society into action, and it follows HPB's teachings that theosophists should live a life of altruism.

The long-felt need of having schools with a theosophical educational approach was fulfilled this year by the formation of the **Adyar Theosophical Academy (ATA)**, which commenced on 24 June 2019 with 21 students and 8 staff within the campus of the International Headquarters of the Theosophical Society (TS), in the building formerly used by the Theosophical Publishing House and repurposed to house the new school. ATA is run by the Theosophical Education Society (TES), formed on 9 April 2019 with the four International Officers of the TS as its Ex-Officio members. I visited the school on 8 October and planted a Bodhi tree sapling to denote wisdom. Then I addressed the parents and invitees gathered there and spoke of my shared vision for the school and what it embodies, which endeavours to create an atmosphere that invites the deeper aspect of a human being in its complete expression.

ATA draws upon its motto of "Learning and Growing through Transformative Education". Led by Vicente Hao Chin, Jr, Director of the Golden Links Institute in the Philippines and former National President of the TS 86/ THE INDIAN THEOSOPHIST, Feb./ 2020

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Assam

The Annual Conference of Assam Theosophical Federation was held at the auditorium hall of the Freedom Fighters Guest House, Rupnagar, Guwahati on 3 November 2019. The theme of the conference was 'The True Path of Theosophy'. The programme started at 8-30 a.m. with the flag hoisting by Bro. C.A. Shinde, National Lecturer, Indian Section, TS and Chief Librarian, Adyar Library. In his inspiring speech, Bro. Shinde narrated a beautiful story of a small girl climbing to the hilltop, carrying her brother at her back with great difficulty. When asked, how she could take that great risk she replied "why not, he is my brother!" Similarly, we all should take lesson from this and should take initiative to work for Theosophy as our own duty and responsibility overcoming every obstacle.

After registration of the members and breakfast the subject committee's meeting started at 9-30 a.m. As Bro. N.C. Dutta was not keeping well, Vice-President Bro. Gokul Chandra Deka presided over the meeting. Bro. Shinde was requested to join as observer.

Federation Secretary Sis. Chandra Prava Bhuyan explained the objectives of the meeting. As per the agenda, she presented the Annual Activity Report in detail. The report was appreciated by all as all the programmes were completed as per goal set in Bhowali Goal Setting Meet. Treasurer Bro. Prem Narayan Das presented the Financial Report. Dr Nakul Ch. Deka and Sis. Nalini Sarma suggested that the copy of the Annual Audited Report should be distributed among the members well in advance. The treasurer told that since it was already published in the last issue of the quarterly bulletin of ATF, the same was not distributed again. Both the Reports were approved in the meeting.

The Secretary explained vividly about the goals that were set for the year 2019-2020. She said this new technique was very much appreciated by the Lodges which inspired all to work. She also presented the proposal for expenditure for the coming financial year as per goal set in the last Goal Setting Meet held at Varanasi in the month of September 2019.

The Activity Report of the Lodges were presented either by the respective Secretary or the President of the following nine lodges: Guwahati Lodge, Jnanapith Lodge, Dergaon Lodge, Pragjyotishpur Lodge, Pragati Lodge, Panjabari Lodge, Sahajatri Lodge, Bidyapur Lodge and Barama Lodge. Due to shortage of time it was decided that the reports of the remaining lodges will be submitted to the Federation Secretary.

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in the Philippines, ATA aims to prepare students for life in all its dimensions, imparting wholesome education in its true sense. The school currently has 5 classes and 48 students from Pre-school to Grade II and aims to expand every year by one grade until Grade XII. Each class strength is limited to 20 students with a high teacher-student ratio to impart quality education.

Three new classrooms will be constructed by April 2020. The campus has beautiful trees, some being quite old, including a clump of Jamun trees (Indian blueberry), and is flanked by two banyan trees. The Besant Garden's grounds that surround ATA serve as an inspiration and initiation into science and discovery through Nature. Students have also gone for many field trips for practical learning. These include a museum, the Post Office, a zoo, a planetarium, and the Guindy National Park.

Like-minded teachers and students were drawn to the school as it started taking shape. Most staff has some old connections with the TS which has been renewed and likewise with some of the parents. We have a devoted TS member volunteer from Colombia and look forward to more members joining from other countries. School of the Wisdom Directors, TS members visiting Adyar, as well as guests have come and interacted with staff and students on various occasions. The academy Director, Sonal Murali, worked at the TS Adyar from 1983 to 1997, and has explored alternative education based on J. Krishnamurti's educational philosophy for a decade.

ATA has a website and social media accounts on Facebook and Instagram. There is an information page on the TS Adyar website under "Explore" that has a link to the ATA website. Targeted Facebook and Google advertisements are placed from time to time for a wider reach. Admissions are open for next year.

May you have a fruitful and inspiring experience during our Convention.

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Bro. Hirambeswar Kotoky, Secretary T.O.S. Assam, spoke about the programme undertaken by T.O.S. in some parts of Assam. Vice-President Bro. G.C. Deka, has compiled a book on the life of the eight International Presidents of the Theosophical Society and it was published by A.T.F. Another book *I Promise* written by C. Jinarajadasa and translated by Dr. Joyshri Bhuyan, Secretary, Panjabari Lodge, was also published by A.T.F. Besides, two pamphlets were also published. Bro. Shinde was requested to release both the books and the pamphlets. After releasing them he said that all these publications in Assamese language will be very much beneficial for the members as well as for the general public. Federation President Bro. Nagendra Chandra Dutta came for a while and he expressed his feelings and thanked all and wished the conference a grand success.

A new Executive Committee was formed as per the list given below:

President	:	Bro. Gokul Chandra Deka.
Vice Presidents	:	1. Dr. Bipul Sarmah 2. Dr. Chandra Prava Bhuyan 3. Dr. Makibur Rahman
Secretary	:	Sis. Nilima Das
Jt Secy	:	Sis. Kiran Ch. Buragohain
Treasurer	:	Bro. Prem Narayan Das
Joint Treasurer	:	1. Bro. Dipankar Chowdhury 2. Bro. Gobinda Deka

Members : Bro. Prabin Sarma, Bro. Balin Barthakur, Dr. Nakul Ch. Deka, Bro. Dilip Sarma, Bro. Uma Shankar Sahoo, Bro. Abani Sarma and Bro. Kamini Barua

Editor	:	1. Dr. Aniruddha Babar 2. Sis. Nilima Das
Librarian	:	Bro. Hemen Neogi
Publicity Officer	:	1. Bro. Raghu Nath Chowdhury 2. Bro. Mehtab Hussain

As an observer, Bro. Shinde remarked that the programme and the progress of A T F are satisfactory and he was happy for being present in the conference. He offered his good wishes to the Federation. The meeting ended with the *Shanti Paath* by Bro. Dhireswar Sarma.

The General Body Meeting started at 2.00 pm with Bro. Gokul Ch Deka in the Chair. Secretary invited Bro. C A Shinde to the dias as the Chief Guest, Sis Purnamasi Pattanaik as the Guest of Honour, Dr. B K Pattanaik

as guest. Bro. G.C. Deka welcomed all. After the prayers of all religions and Universal Prayer, President of the Reception Committee Bro. Naren Bora welcomed all. Dr. C P Bhuyan read out the greetings and the good wishes.

Bro. C.A Shinde delivered a thought provoking talk on “Altruism is the key to Theosophy”. He said the highest principle of Theosophy is Altruism. We should use our thoughts, action and service for the welfare of all living beings. It is very important to impart right kind of education to our people. Only right kind of education can stop moral degradation which are found very often in our society. We have to live in theosophical manner. Theosophy is life of sacrifice, life of service and life of self-control. We should try to do that from right now. We should be active physically, mentally and spiritually. We must get rid of our ego to identify ourselves with our soul.

Sis. Purnamasi Pattnaik spoke on ‘True Path of Theosophy’. She also expressed her views and explained in brief about Jnana Yoga, Bhakti Yoga and Karma Yoga and said that theosophy shows the way for spiritual journey.

Sister Chandana Buragohain rendered a beautiful Bhajan.

The prizes to the winners in the essay competitions organized by the Pragjyotishpur, Kumarpara, Dergaon and Panjabari Lodge were distributed by Bro. Shinde, Sis. Purnamasi, Bro. B.K. Pattanaik. Bro. R.N.Chowdhury, and Bro. G.C. Deka. After the distribution of prizes comprising of cash, a certificate and a packet of books, Bro. Nani Gopal Goswami entertained all with a beautiful song. Bro. B.K. Pattanaik released two of the leaflets published by A.T.F. and they were distributed there. Bro. Atul Ch Goswami, Sis. Renuka Sarmah, Sis Ila Sarma and Bro. Bipin Talukdar spoke from the audience.

Books worth Rs 3710.00 were sold during the conference. In his presidential remarks Bro. G.C. Deka appealed all to work whole heartedly for Theosophy and live a theosophical life. Vote of thanks was offered by Bro. Kiran Ch. Buragohain. The meeting came to a close after *Shanti Paath* by Bro. Dhireswar Sarma.

Bro. Shinde along with Bro. R.N. Chowdhury Bro. B.K. Pattanaik, Bro. K. Buragohain, Sis. Purnamasi and Sis C.P. Bhuyan visited Kumarpara Lodge on 4 Nov. 2019. They visited Modern English H.S. School and had meetings with the students and the teachers and had interaction with the students. The Principal of the school requested them to visit and encourage

the students again. The team along with Prof. Shinde visited Jnanpith lodge at Nalbari on 5 November and there they had interaction with the members of the Lodge. Prof. Shinde delivered a public talk on 'Values of Theosophy' at Nalbari which was attended by a large number of people. Sis. Purnamasi conducted Bharat Samaj Pooja at the Federation Office Hall in which the members participated.

A study camp was organized at ATF Meeting Hall, Guwahati, on 21-22 November 2019. Bro. U.S. Pandey, National Lecturer, conducted study there on *Light on The Path*. After recitation of the Universal prayer in the morning on 21st Nov. Bro. G.C. Deka welcomed the participants and Sis. C.P. Bhuyan introduced the speaker. Bro. U.S. Pandey covered the background of writing/translation of the book *Light on The Path*, its importance as a mystic book of deep significance for spiritual aspirants: four preliminary unnumbered rules written in astral cipher, need for their comprehension before studying rules; need for understanding the meaning behind words and lines; song of life; living in the eternal, three great truths etc. The participants closely interacted with the speaker. During the closing session on 22 Nov., the senior most member of ATF Bro. Raghu Nath Chowdhury thanked the speaker for elaborating the significant points of teaching given in the book and also thanked the participants.

National Lecturer Bro. U.S. Pandey visited Gopalbazar Lodge at Nalbari along with Sis. C.P. Bhuyan and Sis. Nilima Das. Bro. Pandey delivered a talk there on 'Karma and Theosophy' on 23 November. He explained the subject of Karma as cause and as effect, as equilibrating law, as manifested Brahman along with law of incarnation and other laws of nature, three types of karma, etc.

Bengal

National Lecturer Bro. C.A. Shinde and Utkal Federation's Secretary Sis. Purnamasi Pattanaik visited Bengal Federation on 6 Nov. 2019. They both addressed the general members of the Federation and the members of other lodges, at BTS Hall. Sis. Purnamasi Pattanaik in her speech shared her valuable suggestion as to how one can transform oneself from a mere member to a true theosophist.

Bro. C.A. Shinde spoke on the topic-"The real purpose of Theosophy" He explained the entire topic with scientific analysis in such a way that it created a great impact on the listeners.

Bharadwaja Lodge celebrated its 43rd Anniversary & 37th Anniversary of TOS at BTS Hall on 20 October 2019. The theme of the conference was "Transform the Self: Transform the World". Dr. Prohlad Roy of Viswa

Bharati University, Santiniketan, was the Chief Guest and Bro. Hemendu Bikash Chowdhury, President, BTS, presided. Prof. Prahlad Roy Sarkar explained the theme beautifully and mentioned that the process of transformation of human being from pre-historic period to modern period has taken place through evolution. But self-transformation is essential through theosophic way of life in order to have new vision of the world. Financial help was given to some poor students in the closing session.

Bally Lodge of BTF observed its 106th Anniversary on 10 November, 2019, at Sishu Samity Hall. Bro. B.L. Bhattacharya, National Director, TOS, was the Chief Guest. He emphasized on good conduct to become a good human being which is essential for leading a meaningful life. Prof. P.K. Sarkar, Retd. Head of Dept. of Philosophy, Calcutta University & President of the Lodge, spoke about the uniqueness of Theosophy in embracing all religions in a beautiful way.

Bro. B.L. Bhattacharya, National Director, donated more than 350 valuable books and one steel alhmirah costing Rs.10000/-, to the Library of Bengal Theosophical Society. BTS assured to preserve these books with utmost care and conveyed sincere regards and thanks to Bro. Bhattacharya.

Bombay

The 88th Annual Session of Bombay Theosophical Federation was held from 18-20 October 2019. It was graced by Shri Shikhar Agnihotri, International Lecturer TS, as the Chief Guest. The theme of the session was **From Intelligence to Intuition**.

The opening session was held at Blavatsky Lodge on 18 Oct. 2019. It started with lighting of the lamp and recitation of the Prayers of All Religions & the Universal Prayer. BTF President Bro. Vinayak Pandya welcomed the Chief Guest and while introducing him Bro. Pandya said: Shri Shikhar Agnihotri graduated in Nautical Science from T.S. Chanakya College affiliated to Mumbai University and then worked with a leading shipping company of USA. He took voluntary retirement to serve Theosophy. He became member of the TS in 2008, was appointed as National Lecturer in 2015 and was appointed as International Lecturer at Naarden in June 2019. He has given talks at International Convention and at many Lodges of India. His articles are printed in Theosophical magazines. He conducted Youth Camp at Bhowali on behalf of the Indian Section and had sessions at many schools & colleges on '*Holistic Health for Students in Light of Theosophy*'. His thrust is on Practical Theosophy in daily life.

The greetings received from the International Vice-President Dr. Deepa Padhi, Indian Section's President Shri Pradeep Gohil and other dignitaries and Federations were read out by the Federation Secretary Sis. Mahazaver Dalal.

Shri Agnihotri in his Inaugural Address spoke about '*Homing Signals Within*'. He linked 'Homing Signals of Nautical Science' (i.e. distress signals given by Life Boats) with 'Homing Signals of Spiritual Realm' to seek a step forward towards Divinity. He explained that there is a need to go beyond Intelligence and that is towards Intuition. Homing Signal gives an indication for the First or the Next Step to take. There is a desire nature, acquired habits, feeling of utter helplessness, cannot meet challenges, depression, anxiety, cannot take holistic decisions in such cases solutions come from something deeper than mind. If silence is there, answer will come from within. Homing Signals also come from without, but understanding comes from within with Intuition.

The First Prize Winners of Dani Interschool and Mullan Intercollege Elocution Competitions, 2019, spoke on the subjects of their concern: 'When I found a Stray Cat', 'My Environment, My Concern', 'Compassion' and 'Challenges of Youth'. Sis. Aban Patel conducted the Prize Distribution for Dani Elocution Competition held jointly by Bombay TF and Junior Red Cross Maharashtra and Mullan Elocution Competition jointly by Bombay TF and Youth Red Cross Maharashtra. First she gave information about Junior & Youth wings of Red Cross, Maharashtra. The Prize Money & Merit Certificates were given to all the winners of both competitions by the Chief Guest Shri Shikhar Agnihotri. The opening day's programme ended with the recitation of a Sanskrit prayer by Bro. Navin Kumar.

The session on the second day (19 Oct.) started at Blavatsky Lodge with the recitation of Universal Prayer and welcome by BTF's President Bro. Vinayak Pandya. Leading Knight of Maitreya Round Table Bro. Farhad Dalal introduced the Chief Guest.

Shri Shikhar Agnihotri continuing his address '*Assessing the Homing Signals Within*' said: There is a faculty in each person, which works differently from mind. There are prerequisite conditions to receive Homing Signals from within and without. To receive signals within a pure and silent mind is needed for spiritual introspection. It is the compassion of laws of karma that we are driven to go within. For preparation there are three requirements: Study, Meditation and Selfless Service (SMS). According to one's consciousness one gathers understanding. Like 'As you eat, you become', 'As you read (study), your mental body gets Tamasic, Rajasic

or Satvic Gunas'. Meditation is to go beyond the trap of worldly mind. Meditative mind with awareness about thoughts, words & deeds should be there all through in daily life. With Service ego should not be inflated. The purpose of life is not to be Happy, but to be Useful. Selfless efforts prepare the heart for intuition and harmonious peaceful life.

TOS Mumbai Region's President & former leading Knight of Maitreya Round Table Sis. Thrity Dalal explained the significance of 'The Flower Ceremony' of Round Table. The ceremony was beautifully performed by Knights down to Pages of Maitreya Round Table to convey the message: '*Flowers embody all that is lovely and beautiful. They reflect the indescribable beauty of the King Himself.*'. Vote of thanks was proposed by Knight Sis. Navaz Dhalla.

Brethren of North & South Bombay gathered in the beautiful Vasanta Theosophical Garden Society at Juhu for a day-long session on 20 October. The Session was opened with the inspiring Bharat Samaj Pooja conducted by Bro. Navin Kumar and Sis. Lata Kumar. BTF President Bro. Vinayak Pandya welcomed all and introduced the Chief Guest Shri Shikhar Agnihotri. Bro. Shaunak Hora, Treasurer of Vasanta Society, said that they were very happy to host the BTF Annual Session and to have Brethren come to their Theosophical Housing Society.

Bro. S.S.K. Mehta of Jyoti Lodge was felicitated on this occasion with a Memento & a Certificate by the chief guest for his dedication to Theosophy and commitment to TS over 40 years.

Shri Shikhar Agnihotri in his talk '*Truth, Goodness & Beauty*' said contemplation on 'Truth' (*Satyam*). 'Goodness' (*Shivam*), Beauty (*Sundaram*) shows the way to live and makes one aware of the moments of 'Truth, Goodness, Beauty'. Usually everyone understands it in one's own way, but when one goes deeper the three words are understood with universal integrated approach. Fragmentation of Truth has to be overcome to understand ONE REALITY. His manifestations are according to His Laws. Only the mind labels good & bad in life. To perceive Beauty, as said in *The Voice of the Silence*, harmony within, which is without separateness, has to be established. The moment of beauty is without any condition. It is a moment, when there is no Thinker. It is a moment to come to the Oneness of Trinity within. It will be a moment of Freshness, Peace, Joy & Love.

The morning session was followed by the 88th Annual General Body Meeting of BTF attended by 37 members to conduct the Business, to fondly remember departed Brethren, to pass Resolutions for the Leaders & Devoted Members and to express thanks, especially to VTCHS for hospitality

& main sponsorship of Annual Session. BTF's Good Standing Membership dropped under 250. So, according to the Rules of the Indian Section, TS, only one member Bro. Vinayak Pandya was elected as BTF's Representative to the Indian Section TS Council for three years' term of 2019-20 to 2021-2022.

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

In the afternoon session a symposium on the theme '*Thinking with the Heart*' was held with Shri Shikhar Agnihotri in the Chair. The following members spontaneously came forward to share their thoughts:

Sis. Thrity Dalal said, in early days learning was by heart, emphasizing on heart aspect. TOS activity inculcates Service actions with understanding in daily life. Bro. Bethram Redwood spoke on philosophy of Divine Heart narrating the incident of Hanuman tearing open his chest to show Ram & Sita in his heart. With divine spark Theosophy, an amalgamation of science, spirituality & psychology, is a launching pad to change the heart. Shri Bhavesh Pandya conveyed in Hindi I am thinking from 'Mind', but the proposition is about 'Heart'. Heart does not have any language. When man thinks from heart, his language is of love. Bro. Vinayak Pandya said that the International President Bro. Tim Boyd while driving his car observed that the delegates had to walk long distances in Adyar. So, he started a Bus Service for the convenience of the delegates. This is a live example of thinking with heart. Bro. Taral Munshi singing Hindi songs conveyed that Heart wants to Love, Heart wants to Serve. Heart does not want to hurt any Heart. Terrorists kill after killing their own Heart. Heart understands Heart's language. '*Dil Jeetgaya to Jag Jeetgaya*' (If you win the Heart, you conquer the World). Bro. Govind Raju of Karnataka Theosophical Federation shared that after he joined TS and started to study Theosophy, people find change in him. It could be that Theosophy has inspired him to think with his heart. Sis. Aban Patel, who is from a Zoroastrian Priestly Family, observed that young boys for their initiation into priesthood have to learn lengthy prayers by heart. This has helped them in their studies and they have become Doctors, Lawyers, Chartered Accountants. *Head and Heart have to go together with Hand*. In Lionism we work with this spirit. Shri Apurva Parekh said that there are terms like 'Heart Broken', 'Stone Heart', which indicate Thinking without caring. Gandhiji did wonders with compassion. Brain originates thoughts, but thoughts should be united with love, empathy and compassion of heart. Bro. Navin Kumar said thinking process should be tempered with heart. In the book *At the Feet of the Master* the section on 'Love' is most important. Compassion is the Law of Laws. When people

have acted only through Mind, they have lived a miserable life. He narrated a story of two stranded sailors, who for their survival, thinking with their mind had killed and eaten the third sailor and were punished by Law. In acts of cruelty, person's own 'Higher Self' punishes him. Sis. Mahazaver Dalal narrating two WhatsApp videos conveyed that all can think, but only a person thinking with heart can reach out to help, even with self-sacrifice. Scouts & Guides practice to 'be prepared' and shake-hands with left hand inculcates in youngsters to have an alert observant mind and to reach out with Heart. Human Kingdom is blessed with Intelligence, but Intelligence of Mind has limitations. One needs to go beyond to think with Intuitive Heart. The chairperson Shri Shikhar Agnihotri said that Heart also thinks and that is Intuition. Heart perceives the Whole. A scientific experiment proved that both Mind & Heart responded to projected images, but Heart responded even before the images were projected. Whenever there is a conflict, follow your Heart.

A programme of Bharat Natyam by Ace Dancer Namita Bodaji's senior and new students was held in the evening. After *Shankara Vandana* & pure Bharat Natyam, when 'Draupadi Cheerharan' was presented with Mirabai's Bhajan '*Meera Kahe Prabhu Giridhari*' all were spellbound. The last joyous dance of 'Tillana' was about Lord Krishna.

The three-day 88th Annual Session ended with Vote of Thanks given by President Bro. Vinayak Pandya & Secretary Sis. Mahazaver Dalal and recitation of a Sanskrit prayer by Bro. Navin Kumar.

Karnataka

Study camps/talks were organized in connection with the Founders' Day at the following Lodges in November 2019: Bro. Raja Shivashankar, East Zonal Organizer, directed the camp at Srinivaspura lodge on 8 November 2019 in which Sis. K. Parvathamma, Sis. R. Madhavi & Bro. A. Venkatreddy delivered talk on Col. H.S. Olcott.

Sis. K. Parvathamma, Secretary KTF, conducted a study camp at Chitradurga T.S. Lodge in which Bro. R.V. Vastrad, National Lecturer, spoke about Madam Blavatsky, Bro. M. Reddappachari spoke on the significance of Foundation Day and Sis. K. Parvathamma spoke on Col. Olcott's contribution to T.S.

Sis. K. Parvathamma directed the study camp at Dharwad Theosophical Society. Bro. M. Reddappachari delivered a talk on this occasion on Significance of Founders' Day and Sis. K. Parvathamma spoke about on Col. Olcott's and Madam Blavatsky's contribution to Theosophical Society.

The study camps on the same aforementioned theme were organized at a few other lodges as well. The speakers at these venues were: Bro. M. R. Gopal spoke at Huliya. Bro. K. Varahamurthy, Bro. A. Subbareddy, Bro. L.K.N. Reddy and Bro. K.L. Prakash spoke at Gowribidnur. Bro. B.C. Narsingappa and Bro. H.C. Jagadheesh expressed their views at the Lodge in Tumkur. Dr. L. Nagesh, Dr. Jyoti Nagesh and Sis. Rathnakara Madhavi were the speakers at Chintamani Lodge.

Besides, the following study camps were organized in Nov. and December 2019: Bro. B.V. Thippeswamy, President KTF, directed a study camp from 14 to 18 November 2019 on the theme 'Success of Seven Spiritual Law'. Bro. R.V. Vastrad, National Lecturer, Vice-President of the Federation Bro. G.Dakshinamurthy, Sis. K. Parvathamma, Federation Lecturers Bro. M.S. Sreedhar, Bro. Venkatachalapathi and Bro. B.C. Narasingappa delivered talks on the theme of the camp in which 60 to 70 members participated.

Sis. Lalitha Nataraj directed a study camp at Bangarpet Lodge. The subject of study was 'Theosophy in the Voice of Sages'.

Bro. G.K. Nataraj participated in a camp on Bhagavadgita directed by Bro. A. Venkatareddy. It was held at Chintamani. The East Zonal Organizer Bro. C. Rajashivashankar spoke on 'Jnanayoga', Bro. B. Rammurthy spoke on 'Bhaktiyoga' and subject of Bro. Ventakareddy's talk was 'Karmayoga'. About 120 members participated in the camp.

Bro. M. Reddappachari, Federation Lecturer, directed study camp at Chintamani on 'The First Principles of Theosophy'.

Sis.P. Bhuvaneshwari, Federation Lecturer, directed a study camp at Chitradurga. The subject studied was 'On Higher Law'. The resources persons were Sis. Navarathanamma and Bro. H.C. Narayanappa. Fifty members participated in the camp.

Former East Zone Organizer Bro. M.V. Venkataswamy directed a study camp at Gowribidnur Lodge. The subject of study was 'Theosophy in the Light of Bhagvadgita and Human Evolution'.

Kerala

The 90th Annual Conference of Kerala Theosophical Federation was held at Laxmi Prabha Auditorium Triprayar, Trichur, on 16 and 17 November 2019. Sis. Marja Artamaa, International Secretary, T.S., was the Chief Guest. The theme of the conference was **What Theosophy is and What it is not.**

The Inaugural Session commenced at 4.00 p.m on 16 November with Prayers of Religions followed by Universal Prayer. Federation's President Dr. M.A. Raveendran presided. Bro. K. Dinakaran, Secretary K.T.F., welcomed the delegates from various lodges of Kerala and read out the greetings received from various lodges and members of T.S from all over India. Dr. M.A. Raveendran in his inaugural address spoke on the relevance of the conference and the importance of its theme.

Sis. Marja Artamaa in her inaugural address said "We are facing tremendous negativity in all walks of life. The result is violence in society including environmental threat. Theosophy inspires us to look into ourselves. We have the choice either help to strengthen our positive qualities or negative qualities. The choice is ours, as in the story of two wolves- goodness and evil, residing in each one of us. Theosophy is Brotherhood and Unity first and last. Theosophy does not promote blind faith. Self-discipline is a must. She also released a pamphlet on **J. Krishnamurti and the Theosophical Society** published by K.T.F in connection with the 125th Birth Anniversary of J. K.

There were three short talks: Dr. M.A. Raveendran spoke on "**Exoteric and Esoteric Theosophy**". Bro. N. Bhaskaran Nair, Vice-President, K.T.F., spoke on **Theosophists and Members of the Theosophical Society**. Bro. S. Sivadas spoke on **Theosophy and Occultism**. Bro. Madhusoodanan Pillai presided over this session.

Bharat Samaj Pooja was conducted by Sis. Lakshmi Bai, on 17 Nov. at 7:30 a.m. The Foundation Day Celebrations were held at 9.30 a.m. in which Sis. Marja Artamaa addressed the delegates and conveyed the Message of the Foundation Day. She read out the Mission Statement of the T.S: "*To serve humanity by cultivating an ever-deepening understanding and realization of the Ageless Wisdom, spiritual Self-transformation, and the Unity of All life*". She also added that the role played by Theosophical Society in this world is very vital and relevant.

Sis. Marja Artamaa in her keynote address "What Theosophy is and What it is not" explained the Three Objects of T.S, the Freedom of Thought and Freedom of the Society. She emphasized on the role of the Lodges, Federations and Sections and drew the attention of the delegates to the Resolution passed by the General Council of the Theosophical Society in 2019. She quoted the Resolution " – the Society has no official creed of its own and uphold freedom of thought, and while it is acceptable to invite some outside speakers who can contribute to the exploration of the Ageless Wisdom, it is not appropriate for our platform to be used by

such speakers to actively promote other organizations or belief systems. Each Lodge and Branch was chartered by the International President to be a representative of the Society in its area. Its work and programme should reflect the character, altruistic ethos and spirit of the Theosophical Society.”

Bro. T.S. Usman presided over the session of short talks in which Bro. T.K. Nair spoke on The Fundamental Teachings of Theosophy; Bro. M.G. K. Nair spoke on Nature and Man and Sis. Shoba spoke on What is Practical Theosophy.

An exhibition-cum -sale of Theosophical books from T.P.H. Adyar was also arranged and members took advantage of the exhibition.

In the afternoon, there was an interactive session of delegates in which Sis. Marja Artamaa clarified the various doubts and answered the questions. Conference came to a close with the vote of thanks given by the Federation Secretary.

As the part of Dr. Anne Basant Day, Perinjanam Theosophical Lodge conducted elocution programmes regarding the book named ‘*Right Citizenship*’ written by Dr. Annie Basant. These were held at different schools in Thrissur District. At least 6 students of one school were supplied the book *Right Citizenship* and they all presented the subject in front of the audience of more than 200 students and teachers. There are 10 such schools and each school selected a student. The selected students from 8 schools came to Perinjanam Theosophical Lodge on 1st October 2019 and spoke on the subject. Their talks were attended by members of the Lodge and invitees.

The meeting started with the Universal Prayer. Bro. Krishnankkutty, the convener of the elocution programme, spoke in brief about Dr. Anne Basant and explained the reason for conducting this programme on Right Citizenship in different schools. It mainly intended to propagate about Dr. Anne Basant and her work for humanity, especially in India, among the new generation so that they will be inspired to lead their life on the right path.

Special guest and the former President of Kerala Federation Bro.S. Sivadas spoke about the multifarious services that Basant performed, in different fields both in India and outside India. Then all the students presented their views one by one. They said that Dr. Annie Basant must be remembered by the young generation so that each one can be the role model of right citizen.

Each student was awarded Rs. 1000/- with a certificate by Dr. S. Sivadas. Lodge’s President Bro. P.N. Suresh Babu was the chairman of the function. He explained ‘What is education?’. It was very inspiring especially for the students present in the function.

The meeting came to a close with the vote of thanks proposed by the Lodge’s Secretary Bro. K.R. Rajagopalan.

Utkal

The members of Balasore Theosophical Lodge meet on every 2nd Saturday of the month in the house of Bro. Hari Ram Machhar. Study class is conducted there on C.W. Leadbeater’s book *Invisible Helpers*.

The members of Barabati Lodge, Cuttack, meet on every Monday at the residence of Bro. Kalyan Kumar Bose, Jt. Secretary of the Lodge. Prof. Sahadeb Patro, President of UTF, directes study there on *The Secret Doctrine*.

Study class is conducted on every Sunday at Bhubaneswar Lodge in which Bro. Ashok Patnaik directs the study of the book *Talks on the Path of Occultism* Vol. I (*At the Feet of the Master*). The members of Laxminarayan Lodge, Bhubaneswar, are also studying this book on every Friday.

Study of the book *Techniques of Spiritual Practices* written by Clara M. Codd is held on first three Sundays of the month at Cuttack Lodge. Besides, on some Sundays a member of the Lodge speaks on the subject chosen by him. Public meeting is organized on the last Sunday of the month.

Study of the book *Gupta Gyana* (Odiya translation of *The Secret Doctrine*) is held on every Thursday at Debapi Lodge, Bhubaneswar. The book has been translated into Odiya by Bro. Chintamani Mohapatra.

The members of Jagannath Lodge, Puri, meet at the residence of Bro. Kailash Chandra Pattnaik on every Saturday for the study of the book *Srigurucharane*.

Sis. Swetalina Mohanty conducts the study of the book *Srigurucharane* on every Sunday at Kapilesh Lodge, Denkanal. And, Sis. Purnamasi Pattnaik conducts the study of the same book at Maru Lodge, Bhubaneswar, on every Sunday.

The members of the Lodge in Sambalpur meet on every Sunday at the residence of Dr. S.C. Dani for the study of the book *The Key to Theosophy*.

Bro. Satyabrata Rath conducts the study of C.W. Leadbeater's book *The Masters and the Path*. This study class is held under the auspices of Sanat Kumar Lodge, Bhubaneswar, on every Wednesday.

Bharat Samaj Pooja is performed daily at Sidharth Lodge, Bhubaneswar. Besides, study class is conducted there in the evening on *Talks on the Path of Occultism- Vol. I*

The Foundation Day of the Theosophical Society was observed on 17 November in the UTF Hall. Prof. Sahadeb Patro - President of UTF, Federation Secretary Sis. Purnamasi Pattnaik, Bro. Ashok Pattnaik, and Bro. Promod Chandra Mishra spoke about the significance of the day and about the duties of the members in propagating theosophy among the general public.

Study classes on '*Brahmavidya Byakhan*' were conducted in the month of Nov. 2019 by Sis. Purnamasi Pattnaik at Vivekananda Vihar Apartment in Bhubaneswar.

The members of Cuttack Lodge observed the Foundation Day on 17 Nov. in their Lodge's premises. Prof. Chinmayee Mohapatra spoke on the significance of the day and Dr. Chittaranjan Satapathy, President of Cuttack Lodge, presided over the meeting and also spoke about the significant occasion.

Study classes on "Srimadbhagavadgita" is being held on every Monday to Thursday in the premises of Cuttack Lodge.

A public propagation meeting was held in the Sailabala Autonomous Women's College, Cuttack, on 15 Nov. where Dr. Chittaranjan Satapathy, President, Cuttack Lodge, Sis. Chinmayee Mohapatra, Vice-President and Bro. S.S. Pati, Secretary, Cuttack Lodge, delivered talk on Theosophy and TS.

Dr. Govind Bhuyan gave a talk on 'Spiritualism in Social Life' in Cuttack Lodge's premises on 24 Nov.

For popularization and propagation of Theosophy, an intraschool competition on three segments was organized by Laxminarayan Lodge, at Govt. High School, Chandrasekharpur Phase II in Nov. Nearabout 105 students participated in various group competitions. The prize and participation certificate distribution function was held in the school premises on 19 Nov. where Prof. Sahadeb Patro, President UTF, was the chief guest and Sis. Purnamasi Pattnaik was the guest of honour. They addressed the students on the application of Theosophy in real life. It was a well participated event.

Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand

The following activities were organized under the auspices of Sarvahitakari Theosophical Lodge, Gorakhpur, in September & October 2019: Sir J.B. Rai gave a talk in which he explained the technique for awakening of Kundalini through 'Astang Marg' and by 'Gayatri Mantra'. The synopsis of the talk was distributed among the members. Prof. S.C. Tripathi explained the 'Science of Yoga'. He also explained the method to control mind and how to concentrate on one point. His other talk was on 'Bhakti Yoga as explained in Gita'. The types of devotees and their deeds were also explained by him. Dr. Rai Ajai explained in his talk as to who flows in system energy. And in this context the method of involution and evolution and the flow of consciousness were also explained by him. Dr. Rai Ajai's other talk was on 'One Life one Consciousness' in which he explained that initial one spark, a divine consciousness, contains the blue prints of what has happened and what will happen in future. The guest speaker Sri M. W. Beg (a Retd. Engineer and President of E.A. Gorakhpur) spoke on 'The Basic Principles & Tenants of Islam'. Sri S.B.R. Misra's theme of the talk was 'The pious life & work of Guru Nanak Sahib' in which Bro. Misra explained about the then prevailing situation in Punjab and its nearby areas which led to from Sikh Dharma. Guest Speaker Sri Gurumeet Singh gave an informative talk on origin and progress of Sikh Dharma and in this context he narrated the contribution of all the ten Gurus right from Guru Nanank Sahib to Guru Govind Singh.

Apart from the aforementioned talks, the 172nd birthday of Dr. Annie Besant and the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi were celebrated by the members of Sarvahitakari Lodge. Prof. Prabha Shankar Pandey, a Retd. Head of the Dept. of Sociology, Gorakhpur, was the chief guest for the meeting held on the occasion of Dr. Besant's birthday (1st October 2019). The Chief Guest highlighted in his talk about the contribution of Dr. Annie Besant in the welfare of women and the work done by her in the field of education and for the development of social, political and spiritual life of the people of this country.

The members of the Lodge visited Fatima Hospital on the occasion of 150th birth anniversary of Gandhiji. The members met and spent time in the hospital with the patients, staff, management and with the members of Citizen Forum of Social Development. Then, the staff of the hospital presented a cultural programme based on the work & philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi.

Four members of Sarvahitakari Lodge actively participated in the Centenary Convention of U.P. Federation held at Agra in the 2nd week of October 2019.

The following talks were held at Dharma Lodge, Lucknow, in November 2019: 'The Nature of Thought' by Bro. B. P. Shukla, 'The Creator of Illusion' by Bro. U. S. Pandey. The Foundation Day of the TS was observed in which life and work of two chief founders H.P. Blavatsky and Col Olcott were discussed by Bro. Rajesh Gupta and Bro. B.K. Pandey. Besides, Bro. B.K. Pandey's other two talks were on 'Buddhist Meditation- Object, Meaning and Preparation for Meditation' and 'Buddhist Meditation- Noble Eightfold Path and Asana'.

The talks held at Dharma Lodge in the month of December 2019 were: 'Buddhist Meditation- Concentration' by Bro. B. K. Pandey. Bro. Pramil Dwivedi also spoke on the same theme. The other two talks were on 'Buddhist Meditation-Obstacles on the way and their removal' by Bro. Ashok Kumar Gupta and 'Jesus Christ and His Teachings' by Bro. U. S. Pandey.

A study camp was organized at Agra on 31 October and 01 November 2019. The book *MEDITATION: its practice and results* by Clara M. Codd was taken up for study. Members of the lodges from Agra, Lucknow and Kanpur participated in it. After recitation of the Universal Prayer in the morning of 31 October, President of Nirvan Lodge, Bro. L. S. Sengar, welcomed the participants and speakers. President of U.P. Federation and National Lecturer Bro. U. S. Pandey covered Chapters I, II, and III of the book during three sessions on first day. Short meditations were practiced in between the sessions. Federation Secretary and National Lecturer Bro. S. K. Pandey covered remaining chapters IV and V on second day.

A group meditation was practiced in the evening on 01 November.

Bro. U. S. Pandey along with Bro. L. S. Sengar visited Agra College, on 01 November. Dr Piyush Chauhan, Professor in charge of NSS, welcomed them. Then Bro. U. S. Pandey addressed a gathering of about 70 students of UG and PG courses, first giving a brief introduction of Theosophy and the Theosophical Society and then on the theme "Self-Management". In this talk he brought out the points like- state of current living involving strife and disintegration, purpose of self-management- to live a wholesome, integrated, satisfying and peaceful life; knowing one's lower and higher nature; how to subordinate the lower nature by higher nature; how to get rid of bodily, emotional and mental disorders: how to improve

relations: how to improve concentration: kind of values to be followed: stages of religions practiced and going to universal core teachings of the religions; realization of oneness etc.

It was highly interactive session. The students and teachers present during the session took keen interest by asking several questions relating to many points in practical life. On their request the session, originally scheduled to be of 50 minutes, was extended to about one and half hour.

The following talks were organized at Nirvan Lodge, Agra in the month of November: 'Bhakti-Sarita' by Bro. R. P. Sharma, 'Consciousness' by Bro. Harish Sharma and 'Importance of Gita in present times' by Bro. H. B. Pandey. Besides, Bro. H. B. Pandey, Bro. S.K. Sharma and Bro. Gyaneesh Chaturvedi spoke on the occasion of 'Foundation Day'. Bro. R. P. Sharma, Bro. Gyaneesh Chaturvedi, Bro. S. K. Bhargava, Bro. Preveen Mehrotra, and Bro. U. C. Verma were the speakers in a seminar on 'Moksha, Mukti and Nirvana'.

On invitation of Vivekananda Samiti in Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur, Bro. U. S. Pandey delivered a talk there on 13 November on the theme "Self-management through Awareness". The talk was held before a group of about 50 PG students and some faculty members. Before his talk on the theme he gave brief introduction of the Theosophical principle and about the Theosophical Society. During the talk he covered the need and principles of self-transformation like-lower and higher nature of man, conditioning, push buttons and how to clear these, use awareness with abdominal breathing for healing bodily and emotional disorders, values, need of meditation and its techniques etc. The participants very much appreciated the talk and its content and there was close Q and A session with them. Copies of pamphlet and literature on theosophy were also distributed among the participants.

The programme helped in exposing students and teachers to some basic principles of Theosophy.

Bro. Shikhar Agnihotri delivered a public talk on "Satyam-Shivam-Sundaram" in Satyamarg Lodge Lucknow, on 24 November.

A seminar on "HAPPINESS" was organized for students in Scholars Public Inter College, Barabanki, on 26 November. About 60 students and some teachers participated in it. After invocation of the universal prayer Bro. K. K. Srivastava, President of Gyanodaya Lodge, Barabanki, welcomed

the participants and the speakers. Bro. U. S. Pandey, Federation President introduced the subject and inaugurated the seminar saying that all human beings and all sentient beings want happiness, which is natural. Bro. Pramil Dwivedi, Group Secretary, talked about transient and durable happiness, activities like selfless service and love needed for happiness, happiness index etc. Bro. Pandey elaborated saying that real happiness does not depend upon external circumstances but it is a state of mind and by proper inner discipline a person can remain happy even during adverse situations. He also talked about points of such mental discipline like- not comparing one's situation with others; not taking adverse criticism too personally; doing selfless service and forgetting oneself in a work; being sensitive to other's right of happiness; removing ignorance, craving and hatred; having universal and positive attitude toward life situations; facing karmic effects cheerfully; practicing core values of compassion, love sympathy, kindness and tolerance ; doing all duties wholeheartedly and then not getting dejected even if results are not to one's liking; failure being stepping stone for success; doing some meditation to make the mind calm and stable. He quoted research being done on happiness and mentioned a few examples to substantiate the points. Sis. Vasumati Agnihotri, Federation Lecturer, outlined the importance of being happy in life and need for reflecting again on the points outlined during the seminar. She also gave a brief introduction of Theosophy and the Theosophical Society. Bro. K. K. Srivastava thanked all the participants and the speakers. About 50 pamphlets and some books on theosophy were distributed among students.

Bro. U. S. Pandey President of U.P. & U. Federation and Bro. S.B.R. Mishra, President of Gorakhpur Lodge, addressed the undergraduate students of Vansraj Jaishri Degree College, Motiram adda Gorakhpur, on 29 November. The theme was "Character Building". Before the talk a brief introduction of Theosophy and Theosophical Society was also given and then pamphlets on theosophical themes were also distributed among students. This programme also helped in exposing students and teachers of the college to basic principles of Theosophy.

Bro. U.S. Pandey delivered a talk on "Rejuvenation and Self-transformation by Awareness" before a group of senior railway officers in Gorakhpur on 29 November. At the beginning Bro. Pandey gave a brief introduction of Theosophy and Theosophical Society. During the talk he covered points such as: need for self-transformation for living a wholesome and fulfilling life, stages of self-transformation, map of reality, clarifying values, self-mastery, perfection, approaches to awareness, field of consciousness, abdominal breathing, scanning and processing for remov-

ing physical and emotional disorders, push buttons and conditioning, effective relationships, expectation, dealing with conflicts, need for meditation etc. The talk was followed by close interaction with the participants.

A study camp was organized at Gorakhpur on 30 November and 01 December 2019. The book *The Light of Asia* by Edwin Arnold was taken up for study. After recitation of the Universal Prayer in the morning of 30 November, Bro. S. B. R. Mishra, President of Sarvahitkari Lodge Gorakhpur, welcomed the participants and the speaker. Bro. U. S. Pandey, President of U.P. and U. Federation and National Lecturer, covered all the eight parts of this book during the sessions on two days. Interaction with the participants was held in the concluding session on 1 December.

Bro. U. S. Pandey visited Basti Lodge on 02 December. He addressed students of Praxis Vidyapeeth there on the theme "Thought Power and Happiness." Bro. Pandey mentioned about process of generation of thought, stopping unwanted thoughts, effect of thought at different levels-mental, emotional and physical, use of thought to reform oneself and others, its effect in making the nature of person in next incarnation, advisability of having noble thoughts and keeping in mind some ideal/ideals etc. He also mentioned about cultivating inner discipline of mind for the purpose of durable happiness by not comparing oneself with others; not taking any criticism too personally; equanimity; selfless service; removing negative emotions like anger, hatred, prejudices etc; following universal values of compassion, sympathy, kindness, sensitivity towards all, charity, tolerance etc.; not compromising on principles but yielding on small things etc. for maintaining durable happiness in life.

A day-long study camp was organized in Rudhali Lodge on 03 December. Bro. Sushant Kumar Pandey, Secretary of the Lodge, welcomed the speaker and the participants. Bro. U.S. Pandey conducted three study sessions on the themes "Theosophy and Theosophical Society-Introduction", "Practical Theosophy", and "Reincarnation". About 20 persons including members and non-members participated. Interaction with participants was held in each session. Administrative matters were also discussed with the Secretary of the lodge.

Bro. U. S. Pandey addressed a group of students of class 6 to 9 and teachers of Praxis Vidyapeeth, Rudhali, on the theme "To be free from Fear and to be Happy". It was held on 03 December. Students took keen interest in the programme and interacted with points regarding various types of fears and how to overcome them.

A programme was organized for students of Nagar Nigam Balika Inter College Civil Lines, Kanpur, on 02 December. Bro. S. K. Pandey National lecturer and Federation Secretary delivered a talk on “Thought Power.” Federation Treasurer and Federation Lecturer, Km Preeti Tewari administered oath of “To be good Citizen” to participating students. About 125 students and teachers participated in it. Pamphlets on theosophical themes were distributed to students and teachers.

Another programme was organized for students of Nagar Nigam Inter College, Hiranpur, Kanpur on 03 December. Bro. S. K. Pandey delivered a talk there on the theme “Magic of Success.” Sis. Preeti Tewari spoke on “Good Citizens” and also administered oath of “To be good citizen” to participating students. A guided simple meditation was also practiced by the students.

Bro. U. S. Pandey delivered a talk at Satymarg Lodge on 08 December. The subject of his talk was “Head Learning and Soul Wisdom”.

Bro. S. K. Pandey, and Sis. Preeti Tewari visited Etawah Lodge on 14 December and discussed administrative matters with some members there. During a programme for students Bro. S. K. Pandey addressed the students of Theosophical Inter College, Etawah, on the theme “Shaping our destiny.” Ten students also presented their views on this theme. Sis. Preeti Tewari administered oath of “To be good citizen” to the participating students.

A study camp on “*Dhammapada*” was organised at Lucknow from 20 to 22 December 2019. About 20 persons consisting of members from all the three lodges of Lucknow and of lodge at Kanpur and also some non-members participated in it. After invocation of the Universal Prayer, Bro. U. S. Pandey welcomed the participants and speakers and also introduced the book “*Dhammapada*” highlighting its importance in spiritual practice. Bro. S. K. Pandey mentioned about importance and levels of teachings of Buddha. The study was undertaken in two sessions on each day. During two sessions on the first day Ch. 1 to 4 were covered by Bro. U. S. Pandey and Ch. 5 to 9 by Bro. Pramil Dwivedi. On second day, Ch. 10 to 14 were covered by Sis. Vasumati Agnihotri and Ch. 15 to 18 by Bro. Rajesh Gupta. On the third day Ch. 19 to 22 were covered by Bro. B.K. Pandey, Ch.23 and 24 by Bro. Ashok Kumar Gupta and Ch.25-26 by Bro. S.K. Pandey. The study was conducted in interactive manner with the participants.

The morning guided meditation was practiced by the members for half an hour on all the three days of the camp.

Bro. U. S. Pandey thanked all the speakers and participants. Copies of Hindi translation of the book “*An Introduction to Yoga*” by Annie Besant were also distributed among the participants.

Bro. S. S. Gautam gave talks on ‘Sadhana Pada of Patanjali’s Yogsutras’ during weekly meetings of Chohan Lodge, Kanpur. These talks were held in November 2019.

Indian Section Headquarters

Bro. U.S. Pandey delivered a talk at the Indian Section HQ on 17 November on the occasion of the Foundation Day of the Theosophical Society. During his talk Bro. Pandey dealt with the significance of observance of such historical days- explaining that sidereal forces from elemental world which had become active on the first such day again got activated thereby strengthening the original thought vibrations for enhancing the cause of founding the society. He mentioned that the human society was divided broadly into two groups-one leading life of gross materialism of science and other involved in many superstitions in the name of religion. Both these tendencies were leading the human society to degeneration and hindering its evolution. The Theosophical Society was established to give a spiritual impulse to the human society during third quarter of the 19th century. Several attempts were made earlier to form a similar society for spiritual and social reforms but those attempts had failed because of gross selfish and materialistic nature of man. Before founding the society on 17 November 1875 some members of the Great Brotherhood had started giving teachings of eastern ancient wisdom to western world through few persons and H.P. Blavatsky had been sent to U.S.A. for making preparations by giving talks on ancient wisdom. He quoted several paragraphs from the inaugural address of the Founding President Col. H.S. Olcott’s talk delivered on 17 November 1875 in New York. In one such para Olcott had said, “If I rightly apprehend our work, it is to aid in freeing the public mind of theological superstition and a tame subservience to the arrogance of science.” Then at another place he said, “We seek, inquire, reject nothing without cause, and accept nothing without proof: we are students, not teachers.” He also quoted from Mahachohan’s letter wherein it was said that the Theosophical Society was chosen as the cornerstone, the foundation of the future religions of humanity. Bro. Pandey also mentioned about advice of Blavatsky for future of the society and its influence in coming centuries. Towards this end the members have to eliminate all racial, colour and gender prejudices from their mind; uproot deadly poisonous trees of superstitions, conceit and dogmas; apply Universal Brotherhood in all deeds, thoughts and feelings etc.

He concluded the talk by saying that, “Our ideal should be-to be a creator of the *new world* in which peace and progress in the wisdom of the Great Brotherhood shall shine and shed their love and luster on whole visible and invisible worlds.”

Gone to Peace

Smt. Shashi Saxena (Dip. No.74611) of Satyamarg Lodge Lucknow passed to peace on 07 November 2019.

Bro. Kuldeep Singh (Dip. No. 77536) an unattached life member of the Indian Section passed to peace on 3 December 2019. He had worked in the editorial department for a few years at the International HQ, Adyar.

Dr. Vijay Phansalkar (Dip. No. 41228) of Kashi Tattva Sabha passed to peace on 12 December 2019. Born and brought-up at the Indian Section HQ, Varanasi, and lived there for the first 28 years of his life. Since childhood he was active in Bharat Samaj Pooja, Vasant Round Table and then in the Annie Besant Youth Lodge. Even when he started teaching in the University in Pune he used to come and help during the International Convention at the Indian Section HQ.

Study Camp at Vikram Lodge Ujjain

Vikram Lodge, Ujjain, is organizing a Study Camp on “Self Transformation by Awareness” from 21/02/2020 to 23/02/2020. This study will be directed by Bro. U.S. Pandey, National Lecturer & President of UP Federation.

Members of other lodges of MP & Rajasthan, and other Federations are welcome to participate in the study camp.

Registration fee, accommodation & meal charges will be Rs. 600/- from 21/2/2020 Morning to 23/02/2020 Night.

Due to some unavoidable reason the application of non-member will not be entertained in this camp.

The plan of study will be given to the registered participants when they come to attend the camp.

The registration fees must be sent to the Treasurer, Vikram Lodge, Theosophical Society on or before 10/02/2020.

Or

May be credited in our Vikram Lodge Bank A/c. Details are given below:

Name of the Bank-	STATE BANK OF INDIA
Name of A/c -	Theosophical Society Vikram Lodge Ujjain, MP
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IFSC Code -	SBIN0030108

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The members can deposit money Rs 600/- in cash at the time of opening of Study Camp.

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| 1. To conduct a goal setting meet for all Federation Presidents and Secretaries at Varanasi. | 100 |
| 2. To organize the 144 th International Convention from Dec. 31 to Jan.5. | 100 |
| 3. To organize five workers' training camps in the North, East, South, West and Central India. | |
| 4. To conduct three-day Youth Camp at Varanasi from 04 to 06, September, 2020, with free board & lodging. Rs 500 for food and Transportation will be borne by the Federation. Every Federation will send at least three youth for this camp. | |
| 5. To reprint at least ten more Theosophical Books after the six done last year. | |
| 6. To construct Amphitheater with a capacity of 1200 for our four educational institutions. | 100 |
| 7. To increase the rate of generation of a surplus from Rs 1 Crore to Rs 1.5 Crore by October, 2020. | |
| 8. To organize to translate the book " <i>The Hidden Side of Lodge Meetings</i> " by C.W. Leadbeater in Hindi and Kannada. Get 200 copies printed in each language for the functioning of lodges as requested by the Federations. | |
| 9. To organize a day-long National Level Orientation Seminar on Theosophy – Science and Occultism for Presidents and Secretaries of all Federations, just before the goal setting meet. | |

Assam Theosophical Federation

1. To conduct a goal setting meet for the President & Secretary of every Lodge.
2. To arrange visit to 15 Lodges either by the President, Secretary, or a knowledgeable member for the better functioning of Lodges.
3. To conduct a study camp at Bhowali with about 15 members from the Federation.

4. To arrange visits of good speakers to four schools & four colleges.
5. To organize 12 essay competitions at school and college level.
6. To organize two one-day orientation camps for new members.
7. To conduct 15 study camps at Federation & Lodge level for better understanding of Theosophy.
8. To organize five public talks for exposure of general public to Theosophy.
9. To translate and publish two Theosophical books in Assamese.
10. To increase **NET** membership by **10** members.
11. To organize a National Conference on 15-16 February 2020.

Bengal Theosophical Federation

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| 1. To increase NET membership by 10 members. | |
| 2. To open one new lodge during this year. | |
| 3. To increase number of members attending our weekly study classes by 30 to 40. | |
| 4. To translate, publish and distribute two theosophical books in Bengali. | 25 |
| 5. To conduct 4 study classes by National Lecturers. | |
| 6. To activate one dormant Lodge/Centre by visiting and motivating workers & old members. | 50 |
| 7. To send at least 15 members for Bhowali study camp to be conducted by Bengal Theosophical Federation. | 25 |
| 8. To conduct a goal setting meet for the President & Secretary of every Lodge. | |
| 9. To arrange visit to 15 Lodges either by the President, Secretary, or a knowledgeable member for the better functioning of Lodges. | |

Bihar Theosophical Federation

1. To conduct a goal setting meet for the President & Secretary of every Lodge.
2. To participate in Theosophical meet in Assam with at least 10 members.

3. To arrange visit to 11 Lodges either by the President, Secretary, or a knowledgeable member for the better functioning of Lodges.
4. To conduct a four-day study class at Bhowali in the last week of May-2020 with at least 20 members.
5. To conduct at least two public meetings to introduce theosophy to the people in order to attract new members.
6. To revive and activate at least two dormant Lodges.
7. To conduct 4 study classes of two or three days at Federation & Lodge level.
8. To publish & distribute 500 copies of pamphlets on two Theosophical subjects in Hindi.
9. To publish a book in simple Hindi on basic Theosophy for non-members & new members.
10. To increase the **NET** membership by 15 members.

Bombay Theosophical Federation

1. To increase **NET** membership by 5 members.
2. To create and commission an E-Lodge network through efforts by Bro. Taral Munshi.
3. To ensure that Ananda Lodge will meet at least once in a month.
4. To encourage 20 Young & New Members to speak on Red Letter Days, Annual Session. 40
5. To conduct two “reach out programmes” with students of schools and colleges on Theosophical themes. 100
6. To groom three second line workers. 100
7. To raise Rs 15 lakhs for TS activities from CSR funds.
8. To send at least ten members for study camp at Bhowali along with Gujarat Federation.
9. To organize one Study Camp by National Lecturer.
10. To arrange visit to 8 Lodges either by the President, Secretary, or a knowledgeable member for the better functioning of Lodges.

Delhi Theosophical Federation

1. To publish 1000 pamphlets on introduction to Theosophy in Hindi for general public.

2. To arrange at least 6 lectures on Theosophical subjects at various schools and colleges of Delhi.
3. To increase **NET** membership by **10** members.
4. To organize two study classes of two days’ duration at the Lodge and Federation level.
5. To arrange a visit to 4 individual Lodges separately by Dr. N.C. Ramanujachary and Bro. U.S. Pandey.
6. To conduct a goal setting meet for the President & Secretary of every Lodge.
7. To conduct a 3-day study camp at Bhowali in the month of June, 2020, with at least 10 members.

Gujarat Theosophical Federation

1. To organize one workers’ training camp where delegates from lodges in western part of India (Marathi, Bombay and Gujarat) will participate.
2. To conduct a goal setting meet for the President & Secretary of every Lodge.
3. To organize one three-day study camp for at least 70 members at one location in order to activate members of the Lodge.
4. To reactivate two dormant lodges/centers by visiting and motivating workers and old members.
5. To publish one thousand pamphlets and two books each on five Theosophical subjects in Gujarati and distribute them to lodges and members.
6. To organize one youth camp, one elocution competition and three essay competitions to encourage youth activities.
7. To arrange visit to 15 Lodges either by the President, Secretary, or a knowledgeable member for the better functioning of Lodges.
8. To increase **NET** membership by **10** members.
9. To conduct a three-day study camp at Bhowali in the last week of May, 2020, with at least 35 members.

Karnataka Theosophical Federation

1. To popularize Theosophy amongst students through members who

are in Teaching line, organize one 4-day teachers' training camp according to syllabus relevant to students.

2. To organize ten lectures on Theosophical themes in schools and colleges.
3. To organize two 3-day Youth Camps at different places.
4. To conduct a goal setting meet for the President & Secretary of every Lodge.
5. To organize two days' Workers' Training Camp for President and Secretary of all Lodges in order to conduct uniform activities in their respective Lodges.
6. To activate two dormant Lodges.
7. To set-up libraries in five lodges and provide them books published by the Federation, free of cost.
8. To visit 25 Lodges individually by the President, Secretary and EC Members in order to strengthen the activities of the Lodge.
9. To conduct 8-day study camp at Adyar with 50 members.
10. To establish a Rs 2 lakhs Lodge Activity & Development Fund made out of voluntary donations.
11. To reprint and publish three Theosophical books in Kannada.
12. To sort out all discrepancies between the membership records of the Indian Section and Karnataka Federation by 15.01.2020.

Kerala Theosophical Federation

1. To organize one 'Wake Up India Youth Camp' in January 2020 with at least thirty students.
2. To organize two 'Reach Out Programmes' on Theosophical themes for interaction with the teachers and students.
3. To organize one Workers' Training Camp with at least thirty members.
4. To organize two Theosophical book exhibitions for 10 days each with the co-operation of public libraries & academies.
5. To publish one Theosophical book in Malayalam during this year.
6. To organize two Retreats/study camps in Kerala and Bhowali with at least 30 members in a camp.
7. To celebrate the 125th Birth Anniversary of J. Krishnamurti at two

places in Kerala by exhibiting books on J.K. and Theosophy.

8. To publish one pamphlet on J. Krishnamurti and Theosophical Society in English.
9. To conduct a goal setting meet for the President & Secretary of every Lodge.
10. To arrange visit to 10 Lodges either by the President, Secretary, or a knowledgeable member for the better functioning of Lodges.
11. To increase **NET** membership by **10** members.

M.P. & Rajasthan Theosophical Federation

1. To increase **NET** membership by 25 members.
2. To arrange at least 4 orientation sessions for NSS and Scout students at Lodge level.
3. To arrange at least 6 "Yoga and Meditation camps" at different lodges.
4. To conduct one study camp at Bhowali.
5. To conduct 5 Study Camps/Seminar at different lodges (1 day or 2 day as the case may be).
6. To form at least two youth groups.
7. To conduct a goal setting meet for the President & Secretary of every Lodge.
8. To Create a Website of M.P. & Rajasthan Federation.

Madras Theosophical Federation

1. To conduct a goal setting meet for the President & Secretary of every Lodge.
2. To organize two study camps on Theosophy at Adyar.
3. Increase in **NET** membership by 25 members.
4. To organize visits to 5 colleges by good speakers in order to attract young generation towards Theosophy.
5. To form two new Theosophical Lodge.
6. To organize one Workers' Training Camp in Adyar.
7. Dissemination of information in the print media about TS and Theosophy. (Two Special Days like Annie Besant's Birthday.)
8. To arrange visit to 10 Lodges either by the President, Secretary, or

a knowledgeable member for the better functioning of Lodges.

9. Guided tour to International Headquarters at Adyar for all the members of all the Affiliated Lodges, in a phased manner.

Marathi Theosophical Federation

1. To organize 5 one-day seminars on Theosophical Subjects.
2. To conduct 5 essay competitions /debate competitions/ book reviews based on Theosophical books for Higher Secondary and College level students.
3. To publish 5000 copies of leaflets on two topics of Theosophy in Marathi and distribute them to lodges, schools and general public.
4. To introduce one 3-day vacation study camp on Theosophical subject for at least 20 students of schools and colleges.
5. To increase the **NET** membership by 10 members.
6. To conduct two 1-day introductory camp or workshop for new members.
7. To establish Theosophical Study Resource Centre in Federation and to prepare at least 5 trainers (resource persons) to propagate Theosophy in the society.
8. To conduct a 3-day study camp at Bhowali in the third week of May 2020, with at least 20 members.
9. To conduct goal setting meet for the President & Secretary of every Lodge.
10. To promote Inter-Federation Theosophical study meetings by organizing one-day seminar either at Belgaum or at Mumbai.
11. To arrange visit to 10 Lodges either by the President, Secretary, or a knowledgeable member for the better functioning of Lodges.

Rayalaseema Theosophical Federation

1. To arrange visit to 15 Lodges either by the President, Secretary, or a knowledgeable member for the better functioning of Lodges.
2. To activate 4 dormant lodges.
3. To form one study centre and 3 new lodges.
4. To enhance the **NET** membership by 25 members.

5. To conduct a study camp at Bhowali during the last week of April, 2020, with participation of 30 members.
6. To visit 2 colleges/schools at least once in every two months for popularizing Theosophy.
7. To conduct a goal setting meet for the President & Secretary of every Lodge.
8. To start Theosophical Libraries in 4 lodges of the federation.
9. To conduct 3 training camps in order to train members to become federation lecturers and resource persons.
10. To print and distribute 4 Theosophical books (500 copies) and 6 Theosophical pamphlets (1000 copies) each in Telugu.

Tamil Theosophical Federation

1. To organize 6 study classes in different lodges.
2. To publish 500 copies each of 10 pamphlets in Tamil on Theosophical subjects for lodges and general public.
3. To increase **NET** membership by **10** members.
4. To conduct a goal setting meet for the President & Secretary of every Lodge.
5. To organize 10 debate/essay competitions at school and college level.
6. To conduct a study camp at Bhowali with at least 10 members.
7. To organize at least six Lectures by Tamil speakers on Theosophical subjects in six schools/colleges.
8. To arrange visit to 10 Lodges either by the President, Secretary, or a knowledgeable member for the better functioning of Lodges.

Telugu Theosophical Federation

1. To increase **NET** membership by 20 members (including women and youth).
2. To revive and activate two dormant lodges.
3. To arrange visit to 20 Lodges either by the President, Secretary, or a knowledgeable member for the better functioning of Lodges.
4. To popularize Theosophical literature in 4 colleges and 1 University.

5. To conduct two study camps.
6. To conduct a study camp at Bhowali with about 25 members from the Federation.
7. To conduct at least two public meetings to introduce Theosophy among the people in order to attract new members.
8. To publish the book “*Invisible Helpers*” by C.W. Leadbeater in Telugu language.
9. To conduct a goal setting meet for the President & Secretary of every Lodge.
10. To create a new website for Telugu Federation.

Utkal Theosophical Federation

1. To form one new lodge and one new centre and revitalize two dormant lodges.
2. To increase **NET** members by 15 members.
3. To invite four National Lecturers for conducting study camps of three day’s duration.
4. To impart Theosophical education once in a month in two different schools.
5. To publish one translated Theosophical book and two reprints in Odia.
6. To participate in the National Book Fair in Bhubaneswar for 7 days to sell books and distribute 500 Odia pamphlets on Theosophy.
7. In order to popularize Theosophy, three public propagation meetings will be held in school/college and in a University through lectures, books and handouts.
8. To arrange visit to 7 Lodges either by the President, Secretary, or a knowledgeable member for the better functioning of Lodges.
9. To conduct a five-day study camp at Bhowali in June 2020 with 15 members.
10. To conduct a goal setting meet for the President & Secretary of every Lodge.

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U.P. & Uttarakhand Theosophical Federation

1. To develop a website for U.P. & Uttarakhand Federation. 100
2. To arrange visit to 15 Lodges either by the President, Secretary, or a knowledgeable member for the better functioning of Lodges. 47
3. To organize five programmes/talks for students/ youths on Theosophy. 100
4. To organize ten public talks/sessions for exposing general public to Theosophical teachings. 60
5. To conduct six study camps of 2-3days’ duration. 50
6. To organize seven 1-day Study Camp/Seminar. 28
7. To organize five sessions on Guided Meditation. 40
8. To organize a five-day study camp in Bhowali in June 2020 (Jointly with M.P./ Rajasthan Federation) with participation of 20 members. 0
9. To publish two books on Theosophy in Hindi. 100
10. To conduct a goal setting meet for the President & Secretary of every Lodge. 100
11. To distribute 100 books & 500 pamphlets on Theosophy among the students, youth and general public. 100
12. To increase **NET** membership by 5 members. 0

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S.No.	Federation	Dates	Programme
1.	Rayalaseema Fed.	20-24 April 2020	Awaited
2.	TOS India	27-28 April 2020	Awaited
3.	Kerala	08-12 May 2020	Awaited
4.	Bihar Fed.	17-20 May 2020	Awaited
5.	Marathi Fed.	23-25 May 2020	Awaited
6.	Gujarat, Bombay Fed.	27-30 May 2020	Awaited
7.	Utkal Fed.	1-5 June 2020	Awaited
8.	U.P. & UK, M.P.- Raj, and Delhi	10-14 June 2020	Awaited
9.	Telugu Fed.	18-21 June 2020	Awaited
10.	Assam and Bengal Fed.	Awaited	Awaited
11.	Karnataka Fed.	Awaited	Awaited
12.	Youth Camp VKM	Awaited	Awaited

These dates are published here to enable members to reserve their railway tickets as per their respective Federation's programme. Detailed programme will be published in the March 2020 issue of the Indian Theosophist.