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***To serve humanity by cultivating an ever deepening
understanding and realization of the Ageless Wisdom,
spiritual self-transformation and the unity of all life***

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BHOWALI STUDY CAMP

BOMBAY TF JOINTLY WITH GUJARAT TF

21ST TO 25TH MAY 2024

Reporting Date 20th May 2023 Departing Date 26th May 2024

Study Camp in Gujarati will be organized by Gujarat TF

Accommodation & Food will be charged

Likely to be less than Rs.750.- per person

BTF Members for Registration give your names to BTF Secretary

Sis. Mahazaver Dalal (M): 9833131216

For Travel guidance please speak to

President Bro. Vinayak Pandya (M:7021778977)

Accommodation is for a limited number. Gujarat Federation has many
members, so BTF Members register your names soon.

**It is a rare experience of learning Theosophy
in lap of Himalayas**

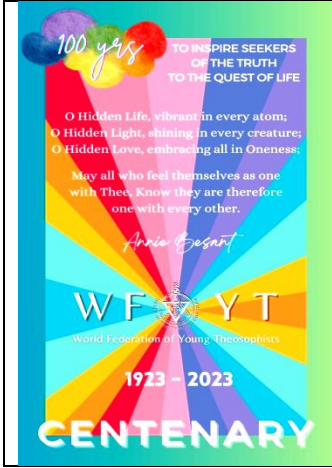
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**BHOWALI STUDY CAMP FOR
WORLD FEDERATION OF YOUNG THEOSOPHISTS
22nd to 27th June 2024**

Theme: The Flame of Theosophy

Contact for Registration: ts.youth.gathering@gmail.com.



The WFYT Sticker of 100 YRS ANNIVERSARY released at the WFYT Centennial Convention in December 2023 before the 147th International TS Convention Adyar, beacons Young Members of TS **up to Age of 40 Years to join international Fraternity** of WFYT to Bhowali Study Camp. 100 Year Anniversary Celebration of WFYT (started at 1923 Vienna Convention) at Adyar in December 2023 was spearheaded by the triumvirate of Catalina Isaza Cantor (Columbia),

Elenor Bessie Camplone (Italy) and Sarah Ortega (Spain) had inspiring Sessions. International gathering had Youth even from Guatemala, Estonia, and Philippines.

The commemorative stickers, although conceived by Blavatsky Lodge, Treasurer, Bro. Arni Narendran, were designed, produced, and distributed worldwide. Design Engineer Leonardus of Singapore's help was in Logistics and thanks to Elenor 's design sticker has the Universal Prayer also. International President Tim Boyd and Secretary Marja Artamaa encourage WFYT to spread Theosophy at younger age.

Any Theosophist under 40 years can join WFYT Virtual Programme. For details E-mail to: info.wfyt@gmail.com

Young Members of BTF, do think of learning Theosophy at the Himalayan Study Centre near Nainital, Utter Pradesh.

IMPRESSIONS OF THE 148TH INTERNATIONAL TS CONVENTION ADYAR

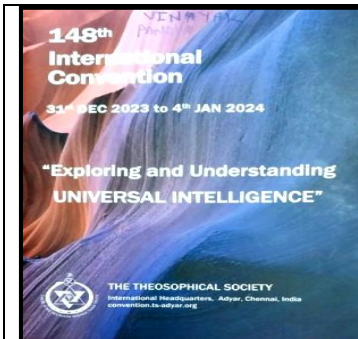
Jointly by BTF & Blavatsky Lodge in Besant Hall

On Friday 19th January 2024

Graced by Shri Narendra Shah, General Secretary of East & Central Africa

It was a gathering to receive the benedictions of the Great Ones, which were received by Brethren, who had attended the 148th International TS Convention in *'Masters' Home' Adyar* from 31st December 2023 to 4th January 2024.

BTF President Bro. Vinayak Pandya opened the meeting with recitation of the Universal Prayer and Welcome to all. He introduced Shri Narendra Shah, General-Secretary of East & Central Africa Section, who on way back to Darussalam had graciously spared the evening for us. Bro. Vinayak shared his impressions of excellent arrangements made by Conference Chairman Shri Agnihotri and his Team from Registration Desk to Accommodation, Meals and Internal Transport to Convention Sessions, Exhibitions, and varied programmes. The Convention under guidance of President Tim Boyd was an inspiring joyous experience.



Honoured Guest Shri Narendra Shah sharing his impressions said that one experienced novelty and artistic creativity from the moment one did Registration. Instead of the regular booklet, there was a colorful artistic booklet with floral touch prepared by Sis. Catalina & her Team giving details about Convention Sessions, Exhibitions, Cultural Evenings & other Programmes with information and photos. The Public Lecture which touched the heart of all was by Joss Books, Veteran Ecologist of Pitchandikulam Forest, Auroville on 'Remembering the Future Garden'. He had spoken about how a barren land in Auroville over 20 years was turned into a Green Forest and the work done for Adyar River and TS Campus Adyar. He also spoke about the ways to involve villagers and students in taking care of Ecology, which is literally ***'Exploring & Understanding Universal Brotherhood in Action'***.

BTF Treasurer Bro. Taral Munshi spoke about spreading Theosophy & Ethical Values through the concept **'Theosophy by Art'** introduced by him at the 148th Convention. It started with Hindi Skit – Street Play competitions for Junior & Senior School Students of BTF. His dream to have enactment by the Prize-Winning Entry on 'Humanity' was the evening programme of 1st January 2024 with much accolade. As there would be many foreigners at the Convention, he had re-written the scripts in



English giving a positive angle. With Skit by students, BEAT Choir singing inspiring songs and comparing dramatized by him in Hindi and Shri Shikhar Agnihotri in English the message of **'Humanity'** was spread. He showed the Video of the Skit.

At the Finale Song '*Jeena Isika Nam Hai*', like in Adyar Theater in Besant Hall also members danced to joyous inspiring pledge for life & music of the song.



Fervor of '*Jeena Isika Nam Hai*' in Besant Hall



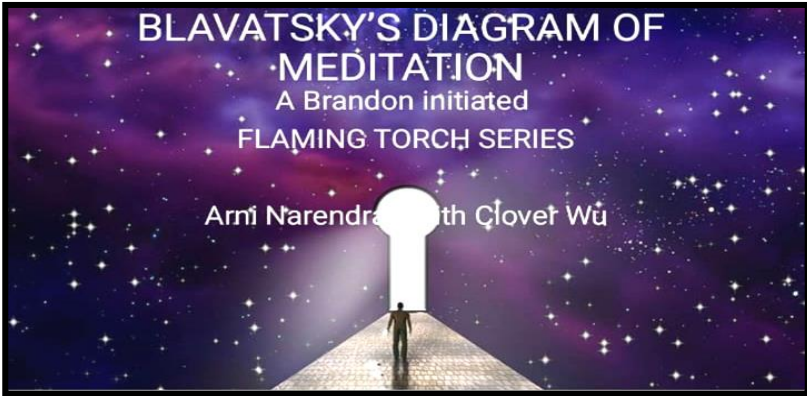
**A Memorable Moment of Bombay Brethren
with President Tim Boyd on screen**

The evening had ended with a Vote of Thanks by Blavatsky Lodge President Sis. Kashmiri Khambatta and recitation of Sanskrit Prayer by all.

**A Gem from old time treasure of Bro. Dinshaw Buxey
Courtesy: BTF Bulletin of 1976 – Editor Mohanlal Velji**

Without the Inner Heart, the outer movement would be a mockery and a sorry face. And the chief characteristics these students of the inner

sanctuary are impersonality, wholehearted dedication to Truth, forgiveness of all wrong done to themselves, sacrifice of all personal, worldly objectives and their motto is; **‘to know, to will, to dare and to remain silent’**.



HPB MEDITATION DIAGRAM
 Explained by Bro. Arni Narendran
 At
 SINGAPORE LODGE OF
 THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY (SLTS)

Bro. Arni Narendran on 25th January 2024 gave a talk on DEMYSTIFYING BLAVATSKY’S DRAWING OF MEDITATION. The talk was part of the FLAMING TORCH series initiated by Brandon Goh – coordinator of THE LOTUS CIRCLE. The collaborative effort with Ms. Clover Wu, the talk dwelled on the Historic background of the HPB technique which was imparted in the core Inner Circles of the Esoteric Section. A comparison with the Buddhist and Indian Yoga precepts on the subject helped one to understand better.

THE LOTUS CIRCLE is a dedicated Band of predominantly young Theosophists from Singapore, Philippines, India, and Holland, who

for the last four years have been working for channels for Planetary Healing through the MYSTIC ROSE RITUAL. Francis Lim introduced the Ritual on a global platform by conducting the Ritual during the recently concluded International Conference of the WORLD FEDERATION OF YOUNG THEOSOPHISTS (WFYT) at Adyar in December 2023.

**BLAVATSKY LODGE INERACTIVE SESSION
WITH SWAMI SATHYANISHTANANDA**

As announced earlier, our Blavatsky Lodge TS members had an interactive session with **Swami Sathanishtananda (earlier Bro. Janardana, Life Member of BL/TS) in our Green Room on 7th February 2024**. The gist of what was transpired at the said session is enumerated here.

To set the tune, the session started with recitation of Sri Adi Shankaracharya's famous verses of *Atma-Shatkam or Nirvana Shatkam* by the Swamiji and he briefly explained its significance in spiritual practice of a Vedantic seeker.

As earnestly desired by the members, he narrated **his spiritual journey, right from his childhood days in a rural place** to serving as a senior executive in a large Central Government organization in Mumbai and his association with few other social/spiritual organizations including Blavatsky Lodge TS, before his introduction **to study of Vedanta at Sandeepany Sadhanalaya of Chinmaya Mission, Mumbai and subsequent initiation into the path of Sanyasa**. He complimented the members of TS for their spiritual pursuits and their enthusiasm.

Presenting only the gist of Vedanta/Upanishadic teachings (Members of TS being advanced seekers and also due to time-constraints), Swamiji explained that an individual is generally guided to the spiritual path when there is immense urge to know more about

life and life's purpose and seeking for a peaceful life which is free from sorrows, inadequacies, fear and so on. The Upanishad or Vedanta, through a competent Guru, guides such an individual **to conduct Self Enquiry – an enquiry involving Jeeva (Self), Jagat (Universe) and Jagadeeshwara (the absolute Master of the Universe)**. Such an enquiry eventually may **lead the competent seeker to the understanding of essential Universal Oneness**.

Universal Oneness means, despite perceiving countless varieties in the universe, in essence, they are all One Paramatma, which is of the nature of Existence-Consciousness. This firm understanding of Essential Oneness of the universe of countless names and forms trying to intelligently be understanding, while transacting with the prevailing manifoldness under all circumstances (*i.e. Knowing and Being*) is peace, free from all complaints and complexities.

In this regard, **Swamiji explained one Mantra each from Chandogya Upanishad and Ishavasya Upanishad that reveal Universal Oneness**. Universal Oneness means that **there is only Paramatma, One Alone, and One without a Second**, because of which everything is, the one that holds everything together, the one that pervades everything, the one which is substratum for everything, the one which is the substance/essence of all in this perceived universe of things and beings, though everything seems different from one another. The One who has not realized this Truth of Oneness, gives reality to each and everything, and the one who has realized this Truth and is grounded in that Knowledge, will see essential Oneness in all things and beings.

This aspect can be better understood with the help of a day-to-day **example of Hydrogen and Oxygen**, which are not perceivable, that become perceivable as Water, Ice, Steam and so on. Though water, ice, steam, etc. are seen different from one another with different natures of their own, which is different from the nature of Hydrogen

and Oxygen, there is nothing other than H&O in them. H&O appear in different forms with some names and thus a new world is perceived. **The Scientist, who knows this Truth, sees H&O in and through all these forms and names, while the one who is ignorant of Chemistry sees them as different things.**

Similarly, the one who has understood the Truth of Universe through scriptures with the help of Guru, **perceives essential**

oneness in the perceived world of plurality and remains in peace even while transacting in the world, while the ignorant one will see only plurality and suffers accordingly.

Swamiji explained that as indicated by the spiritual Masters, to comprehend this eternal Truth and transact in the world rooted in this Truth, it **requires a sustained and pure life, full of divine virtues like truthfulness, compassion, gratitude** and so on acquired in the process, which fact has also seemed to have been emphasized in the **“At the Feet of the Master”**.

SYNERGY spreading Synergy



Bro. Vick Hao Chin, Bro. Chally Romero, Sis. Rekha introducing ^{SYNERGY} to young students at THE GOLDEN LINK COLLEGE at Manila, Philippines

*All the great things are simple and may,
can be expressed in a single word:
Freedom, Justice, Honour, Duty, Mercy, Hope*

-Winston Churchill

Courtesy: The Theosophist, February 2024
EDUCATION, THE BLESSED GIFT

On February 4, 2024, at the Sir J. J. Boys & Girls School, Fort, Mumbai, **TOS, Mumbai Region sponsored students had gathered to receive their Educational Aid Sponsorship Cheques.** Besides the cheques, the children were gifted food items and stationery. One of their Sponsors gave an extra donation to give a special treat to all the children covered by their project. One of their members arranged for pens to be distributed to the sponsored children. **Additionally, TOS Gujarat Region sent us 300 notebooks** that were also presented to the children this time. The disbursement activity had lasted for nearly three hours, and they had wound up the efforts by reciting the Universal Invocation written by the founder of TOS, Dr Annie Besant, and thanking the Higher Forces for Their guidance.

TOS, Mumbai Region President Sis. Thrity Dalal explaining the process of sponsorship says:

The Theosophical Order of Service (TOS) Mumbai Region has been rendering sponsorship assistance towards the education of underprivileged children for over 50 years. Nearly 400 students selected by us receive sponsorship payments twice a year- February and July. The sponsored children are selected after verifying the

family's financial condition and the academic progress of the child. Each sponsor gives TOS a **Minimum Annual sum of Rs Rs.5,000/-**. A donor can give a lump sum of about Rs.1,00,000/- to invest and the interest earned on it to use for education of one child.

We are grateful to our benevolent sponsors, donors and members who support our efforts as also the band of committed volunteers who create time to liaise with the sponsored children and help out on the day of disbursement so that the work can be conducted seamlessly.

ADYAR DAY CELEBRATION
Jointly by BTF & Blavatsky Lodge
On Saturday 17th February 2024 at 11.30 am

Adyar Day 2024 - a bright Saturday morning Members gathered I Blavatsky Lodge at the Tea Table and enjoyed Welcome Tea with snacks. At 11.30 am members were invited for the Adyar Day Meeting in the **Green Room**.

The Meeting began with Prayers of All Religions performed by most of the Members present followed by The Universal prayer.

Sis. Meherangiz Baria, Past President Blavatsky Lodge & BTF Council Member welcomed all and spoke briefly about the significance of the Adyar day.

BTF Treasurer Bro. Taral Munshi pouring out loving thoughts on Adyar said: Adyar, the International headquarters of the Theosophical Society, continues to be a special place of beauty with its serenity for our Members. When there, things begin to slow down and the simplicity of life begins to take over. It is obvious why our Founders chose these particular grounds for their Headquarters. It is no wonder that a Day - February 17, is set aside each year and is **called 'Adyar Day'**. In 1922, The Adyar Committee was formed to raise funds for Adyar and to help with the construction of buildings. It is a Day to

remember and give thanks to those who walked before us, who dedicated their lives to Theosophy and blessings of the very special gifts of Adyar."

Sis. Kashmiri Khambatta, President Blavatsky Lodge remembered **Col. Henry S. Olcott, Jiddu Krishnamurthy and Giordano Bruno** who passed to the higher realms on this day and **C.W. Leadbeater**, who was born on this day.

She fondly remembered her mentor, **Sis. Khorshed Avari**, also born on 17th February, who had spread Theosophy with an artist's touch with self-prepared Charts and starting projection of slides on Theosophy.

To pay homage to the Guiding Lights of the Great Beings, Sis. Kashmiri Khambatta had PPT full of pictures prepared with her artistic touch and study of Theosophy on: (1) Col. H. S. Olcott (2) J. Krishnamurti. (3) Giordano Bruno



PPT on Col. H. S. Olcott covered his memorable work of spreading Teachings of Lord Buddha in Sri Lanka, his books on Buddhism and the Stamp released in 1967 with his photo and Buddhist Flag designed by him.

PPT on J. Krishnamurti was based on pamphlet of Krishnamurti Foundation and the book '*Krishnamurti - the Years of Awakening*' by *Mary Lutyens*. PPT traced JK's life from Birth, Childhood, mentoring by Annie Besant & C. W. Leadbeater, introduction to Theosophy, his Initiation in Astral Body & receiving Teachings to pen the book '*At*

the Feet of the Master', formation of the Order of the Star of the East, J. K.'s Resignation and JK's Teachings with his insight into the human condition and his vision for the sacred.

Ppt on Giordano Bruno stated that Giordano Bruno was an Italian Philosopher, Cosmological Theorist and Poet. In Rome he was imprisoned for 7 years and was sentenced to death in year 600 for speaking Truth that *'the Earth is Round'*. He was burnt alive, but his words were, *'I did not fear death and preferred a brave death instead of a life of an idiot.'*

On this auspicious Day **Diploma was presented to** Blavatsky Lodge member **Bro. Ramesh Balkrishna Rao Deshpande** by BTF Officers Bro. Taral Munshi & Sis. Mahazaver Dalal and Blavatsky Lodge President Sis. Kashmira Khambatta.

Blavatsky Lodge Joint-Treasurer **Sis. Ruby Khan** collected the Adyar Day contribution of Rs.5,500/-, a token of gratitude to Adyar from members.

Blavatsky Lodge Treasurer **Bro. Arni Narendran** thanked the Great Ones for Their Blessings to be united in the fold of Theosophy and to be together today to pour out thoughts of Love & Gratitude on 'The Master's Home Adyar'.

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Sd. M. R. Dalal (Publisher)

**ADYAR DAY CELEBRATION IN JUHU
Jointly by BTF and Jyoti & Ananda Lodges
On Saturday 24th February 2024 at 5.00 pm**

In Anand Lodge Room of Juhu Theosophical Society Brethren and New Members of Lodges of North Mumbai gathered for fellowship with Tea & Snacks. The meeting jointly chaired by BTF Treasurer & Jyoti Lodge President Bro. Taral Munshi and Anand Lodge Representative Bro. Nilesh Mehta was started with The Universal Prayer.

New members were invited for their self-introduction. Jyoti Lodge Member Bro.Mathurnath spoke in depth about 'What is Theosophy?', which inspired both New & Old Members.

Bro. Taral Munshi welcomed all and in Hindi shared 'Adyar Diwas ka Itihas' (History of Adyar Day) which symbolizes changes flowering into glorious Future for Theosophy. He added that taking inspiration from these changes, the need is to 'Chart the Path Ahead' for radiating Theosophy. He outlined his vision with members about: * TRIVENI Tuesday Meet Participation * Motivating School & College Students for TS Membership * Launch of Theo-Jyoti News

Channel * Theo-Jyoti OTT Channel for Study of Theosophical Books
* to start Pranik Healing Sessions by Bro. Pinakin Bhagat and
Meditation Meetings. **Members enthused with the vision, decided
to meet every month on Full Moon Day to study and spread
Theosophy.**

The Diplomas were presented to New Members. All parted with
joy and thanks to Divine Grace.

BTF & LODGE PROGRAMMES MARCH 2024

BLAVATSKY LODGE: 7 – French Bridge, Mumbai 400007

Tel:23685026 (M):9821459504 (M):9819334333

DAY	TIME	DETAILS
Tuesday 5th	6.00 pm	Talk by Member

Tuesday 12th, 19th & 26th	6.00 pm	To Be Announced
Friday 1st	6.00 pm	Mystic Star Ritual
Friday 8th. 15th, 22nd & 29th	6.00 pm Hybrid	Study of CKL Book “Devachanic Plane” conducted by Sis. Aban Patel
Sunday 24th	10.45am	Maitreya Round Table

CENTENARY LODGE C/O Anilkumar Deshpande, B-72, Parijat, Bandra Reclamation,
Opp. MET College, near Lilavati Hospital, Bandra (West), Mumbai 400050):9969764637

DAY	TIME	DETAILS
1st & 3rd Sundays	10.30 am to 12 pm	Study with discussion of subjects

JYOTI LODGE: c/o Bro. Taral Munshi, (M): 9820187317

DAY	TIME	DETAILS
Tuesday 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th	6.30 to 8.00 pm	TRIVENI Meet Virtual on Zoom on Theosophy / Spirituality Hosted by Bro. Taral & Sis. Archana Munshi

VASANTA LODGE: c/o Bro. Vinayak Pandya, (M):7021778977

DAY	TIME	DETAILS
Wednesday 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th	6.00 pm	GURUDEV GOSHTHI virtual on Zoom to study Gujarati book of Babubhai Patel ' Kahe Krishnamurti – Soon Bhai Sansari ' Host: Bro. Bhavesh Pandya

VIMADALAL BILIA / GANESH LODGES: Family House, Dadar Parsi Colony, Mumbai
400014 (M):9819523476

DAY	TIME	DETAILS
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Thursdays	6.00pm	Theosophical & Religious Talks
JAMSHED MEHTA LODGE: C/o Bro. Noor Baig, 54 - Shangrila, in a Lane opp. Colaba Post Office, Mumbai 400005 (M):9321026804		
DAY	TIME	DETAILS
Third Saturdays	5.30 pm	Learning Theosophy from Life Experiences
SHANTI LODGE: C/o Late Bro. Rustom Dalal, (M):9833131216		
DAY	TIME	DETAILS
Fourth Thursdays	5.30 pm	Study of P. Pavri's book 'The Living Wisdom' by Sis. Aban Patel

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