

**PART-II**  
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**Annual Conference**

The 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference of ATF was organized at Pensioners' Bhawan, Chandmari, Guwahati, on 18 November 2018. At 8:30 a.m. Federation's Flag was hoisted by the President Bro. N.C. Dutta. The meeting of subject committee started at 9 am under the presidentship of Bro. N.C. Dutta. Secy Dr. C.P. Bhuyan welcomed all and presented the annual activity report. Bro P.N. Das, Treasurer, presented the annual audited report. Both the reports were accepted after discussion. Annual Budget was also presented by the Secretary. It was also approved by the house. Reports from the lodges were presented by the Presidents/ Secretaries of the respective lodges through which the success and the failure were projected. The strength and the weakness were discussed and the solution thereof were also suggested by

the members. As per the advice of the President, the Secretary gave a brief account of the strategic planning and goal setting meet held at Bhowali and proposed three nos of such meetings at three zones of Guwahati, Nalbari and Jorhat/Golaghat so that goal may be set and reach easily. Bro. Anil Kr. Barua, former Secretary, ATF, questioned about the transfer of name of the ATF office house and Bro. R.N. Chowdhury replied about the present situation of the house. A committee comprising of the present Secretary Sis. Dr. C.P. Bhuyan, Bro. R.N. Chowdhury, Bro. P.N. Das and Bro. A.K. Barua was formed to look into the matter and take necessary step if required. Bro. P.N. Das informed that although an advocate was engaged to look into the matter, he did not do anything.

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

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

### Visitors

Bro. Dr. Ashok Sarmah, H.O.D. Sanskrit Deptt. Guwahati University, delivered the main talk in the Annual Meeting of Swagatam Lodge. Dr. Nirmal Kumar Chowdhury, former Vice-Chancellor, Guwahati University, was the chief guest in this meeting.

Prof. Amalendu Chakravorty, Dean of Faculty, and HOD Guwahati University, was the chief guest of the Federation’s Annual Conference held on 18 Nov. 2018.

Dr. Nirmal Kumar Chowdhury, former Vice-Chancellor of Guwahati University, was the chief guest of the annual meeting of Swagatam Lodge held on 24 Feb. 2019.

Bro. Vimal Kumar Hazarika was the guest speaker for Sree Charan Barua Memorial Lecutre.

Bro. Manoj Kumar Mahanta, Principal of Pragjyotishpur College was the guest speaker on the occasion of annual meeting of Pragjyotishpur Lodge.

Dr. Amar Jyoti Chowdhury, Vice-Chancellor of Down Town University delivered the Nagendra Narayan Chowdhury Memorial Lecutre.

## Visists

Seven members attended the Eastern India Conference held at Bhubaneswar in February 2019. Dr. Chandra Prava Bhuyan presented the detailed Annual Activity Report which was appreciated by all. Bro. R.N.Chowdhury spoke on the subject “The quest from the manifest to unmanifest”. Sis. Ila Sarmah spoke in the seminar on “The Art and Science of Theosophic Life”. Dr. Joisri Bhuyan participated in the symposium on “Inner Purity and Outer Control” and Bro. U.S.Sahoo spoke on ‘Living is Giving’.

Federation Lecturers and some other members attended the meetings organized by the Theosophical Lodges of the Federation. Besides, they attended the memorial lectures organized and the special meetings conducted during the year under review.

## Other Activities

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

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

The members assembled in the meeting hall on the occasion of the Foundation Day and celebrated it enthusiastically. Bro. Dharmananda Bhagawati delivered the main talk. Significance of the day was explained by the Secretary and he paid homage to the Masters. Bro. N.C. Dutta presided over the meeting and highlighted various contributions of the founders. As it was the Foundation

Day of Assam Theosophical Federation as well homage was paid to the dedicated founders and members of ATF. Bro. R.N. Chowdhury gave a detailed account regarding the birth of ATF and gave a vivid description of all the workers including the 7th International President Sis Radha Burnier who inaugurated the Federation’s Office in Feb. 2003. He also paid homage to Sis Vinodini Goenka who donated a plot of land to ATF and worked for ATF whenever she came to Guwahati.

Adyar Day, White Lotus Day and Buddha Purnima were observed by the Federation as well as by different Lodges.

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

Sree Charan Barua Memorial Lecture was held at Pragjyotishpur Lodge on 23 March under the presidentship of Bro. R. N. Chowdhury. The main speaker was Bro. Bimal Kumar Hazarika, a scholar and former Deputy Commissioner, who delivered a very inspiring talk on “.Theosophy and the Social Life”. The souvenir was released by Dr. Chandra Prava Bhuyan.

The A.G.M. of Pragjyotishpur Lodge was also organized with great enthusiasm on 30th March. Dr. Monoj Kr. Mahanta, Principal, Pragjyotishpur College, was the main speaker who delivered a talk on “Brahmavidya and Science”. Bro. N.C. Dutta, Sis. Dr. C.P. Bhuyan, Dr. Saru Joshi also spoke on this occasion.

Nagendra Narayan Choudhury Memorial Lecture was held at Pragjyotishpur Lodge on 26 May. Bro. Raghunath Choudhury presided over the meeting. The guest speaker for this occasion was Dr. Amarjyoti Chowdhury, a scholar of repute, former Vice Chancellor, Guwahati University, Tezpur University and University

of Science And Technology, Meghalaya. After retirement, he is rendering his services as the Vice Chancellor of Down Town University, Guwahati. He delivered a very inspiring talk on 'The Secret of Creation of the Universe'.

Flood Relief Camp was held for the flood victims at Morigaon. It was organized along with TOS Assam.

Website on Assam Theosophical Federation has been developed as 'theosophy assam.org'.

An awareness camp was organized on donation of eyes among the members.

Essay competition among School and College Students was conducted by the Federation and various Lodges.

Organized a camp on Meditation conducted by Dr. Anirban Bhunia of Kolkata.

### **Goal Setting Workshop**

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

Goal setting workshop for the Presidents and Secretaries of the Lodges of Upper Assam Theosophical Zone was organized at Dergaon Sports Club. It was held on 8th March. The workshop was conducted by Bro. R.N.Chowdhury, Bro. G.C.Deka, Dr. Chandra Prava Bhuyan and Bro. K.C. Buragohain. The members, especially Bro. Pradip Bora, Bro. Atul Goswami, Bro. Harinath Hazarika, Bro. Sanjeevan Phukan, Sis. Anamika Devi Barthakur, Bro. Gonesh Goswami, Bro. Arun Sarmah, Bro. Biren Thakur and Bro. U.S.Sahoo took active part in the discussion on the basis of which goal was set for 2018-19.

### **Study Camp/Class**

A two-day study camp was organized at A.T.F. meeting hall in which Dr. Bipul Sarma, directed the study on the book *At the*

*Feet of the Master*. Similar camps were held at Nalbari and Dergaonin under his guidance.

Local Lecturers conducted six study camps in different Lodges.

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

### **Publication/books/journals**

(i) C Jinarajadasa's book "**I Promise**" was translated into Assamese by Sis. Dr. Joyshri Bhuyan and was published during the year under review.

(ii) Published a book translated by Bro. R.C Devsharma on "Bharat Samaj Puja".

(iii) Published a book written in Assamese by Bro. Gokul Chandra Deka. It is on the life history of all the ten International Presidents of the Theosophical Society.

(iv) Published Quarterly – Bulletin of ATF regularly.

### **Participation in Book Fair/ Efforts made for the sale of books**

Books were sold in Annual Conference.

Library is kept open on Monday for the sale of books as per requirement.

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**Members: 305**      **Lodges: 15**      **Centres: Nil**

### **Annual Conference**

Annual Conference of the Bengal Theosophical Society was held at BTS Hall 4/3 Bankim Chatterjee Street, College Square, Kolkata on 7 September 2019.

The conference started with prayers of all faiths and Universal Prayer followed by one minute silence. After opening song by Sis. Jaba Guha Thakurta, the conference was formally inaugurated by the Chief Guest, Justice Shyamal Kumar Sen, Ex-Governor, West Bengal, by lightening the lamp and garlanding the portrait of Madam H.P. Blavatsky. The Federation President Bro. Pankaj Kumar Dutta (Retd. IPS) delivered the welcome address. Thereafter, messages from different lodges were conveyed by the respective lodge Secretaries/Representatives. Then the Chief Guest delivered his talk in which he explained nicely the relevance of Theosophy in the context of the modern day crisis. He referred the teachings of Thakur Ramkrishna Paramhansa and said that the ideals of Thakur Ramkrishana and the ideals of the Theosophy for attainment of “TRUTH” are same. There may be a number of ways to reach the same goal i.e. “Truth”. In the name of the religion, caste, colours, sex, people are fighting with each other desperately only to prove that they are right which is ironically a totally wrong path benefiting neither societies, nor nations nor religions. Tolerance, love, brotherhood as preached by Theosophy is the only solution to overcome all these crisis and to lead a meaningful life.

After that, there was a **cultural** programme where Sis. Chandana Nandi made a recitation and a dance programme “*Praner Pradip*” based on Poet Rabindra Nath Tagore’s **Malini, Chandalika and Natir Puja**, was presented by Sis. Madhushree Chowdhury and her group.

### **Study Camp/Class**

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

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



Chakraborty, Secretary, BTF, thanked the speaker and the participants.

The Federation organized a study class on 13 & 14 July 2019 at BTS Hall. The study was conducted by Bro. P.K. Mahapatra & Sis. Mitalini Mahapatra on “Theosophy and Theosophical Work”. Bharat Samaj Pooja was performed on both the days with the assistance of Sis. Mitalini Mahapatra.

A study camp under auspices of Bengal Federation was held on 17 and 18 August, 2019, at BTS Hall, Kolkata. Bro. N.C. Krishna, National Lecturer, conducted the study in which the topics discussed were:

1. Life after death
2. Theosophical way of life & Self-transformation.

The study concluded on both the days with question & answer session.

### **Visitors**

Bro. U.S. Pandey, National Lecturer, Indian Section, conducted a study at BTF from 18 to 20 November 2018.

Bro. Pradip Mahapatra and Smt. Mitalini Mahapatra of Utkal Federation conducted a study at BTF Hall 13 and 14 July 2019.

Bro. N.C. Krishna, National Lecturer, Indian Section, conducted a study at BTF Hall on 18 August.

### **Other Activities**

A public meeting was organized at “Bilasi Club” Barrackpore (W.B.) for propagation of Theosophy with the assistance of Bro. Tapan Kr. Giri. A good number of advocates, professors, local sr. citizens, & students attended the meeting and took part in the question- answer session. Our members elaborated

the significance and relevance of Theosophy in the context of present day crisis.

Bengal Theosophical Society and Jnanmarga Lodge celebrated their anniversary functions at BTS hall on 18th July and 11th August, 2019, respectively. The functions were organized in a befitting manner by BTS Secretary Sis. Madhusree Chowdhury, Ex-Secretary of BTS Bro. Ratan and Secretary of Jnanmarga Lodge Sis. Jaysri Das.

A public lecture was held to pay homage to Late Sarat Chandra Das, an eminent research scholar of Buddhist and Tibetan Literature & Culture. Dr. B.B. Ghosh, President, Bangla Sahitya Parishad, Dr. S. Nath, Rabindra Literature Awardee, Sri P.K. Dutta, President, BTF and Editor of ‘Divyanayan’ paper, Dr. S.C. Saha, Ex-Vice Principal, Ven. P. Sewli Thero, Gen. Secretary, Mahabodhi Society of India & Secretary, Mahabodhi Society and Sri H.B. Chowdhury participated in the discussion and deliberation.

A cultural programme was held in the evening in which Poet Rabindra Nath Tagore’s dance-drama “**Abhisar**” directed by Sis. Madhusree Chowdhury was performed and it was very much appreciated by the audience.

For the convenience of all the members, BTF office is now functioning in a centralized way at BTS/BTF building and remain open on every Saturday from 3 pm to 6pm.

A new Theosophical Lodge named as Rabindra Nath Tagore Lodge was started during the year under review. Besides, the dormant Vivekanand Lodge has been revived.

One meeting of the Executive Committee of the Federation was held in every month in order to review the urgent matters and to take initiative and appropriate measure wherever needed.

A few members attended the study camp/ class organized by other Federations at different venues.

## Publication

Federation's Monthly Bulletin and quarterly magazine 'Theosophy Barta' are published regularly.

Bangali version of two books "Nirabatar Bani" & "Shok Keno Bhai" were published by Bro. B.L. Bhattacharya.

## Future Plan

In addition to improve the quality of our routine works, we have a plan to install two busts – one of our Founder President, Manishi Hirendra Nath Dutta and another of Dr. Annie Besant, in recognition of their great work done for the propagation of theosophy and other social services. These busts will be installed in front of BTS Hall.

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## Annual Conference:

The 114th Annual Convention of Bihar Theosophical

Federation and TOS Bihar Region with a Study Class on the book *The Key to Theosophy* was organized at BTF- HQ-Hall, Patna, from 23rd to 25th Aug. 2019. For this Bro. Shikhar Agnihotri, National Lecturer, Indian Section and Bro. Pradeep Kumar Mahapatra, former- Joint General Secretary, Indian Section, were invited.

The function started on 23rd August-2019 with Prayers of All Religions followed by Universal Prayer. Federation's President Bro. Chitaranjan Sinha "Kanak" gave his welcome & inaugural address and Secretary, Prof. Raj Kishore Prasad, read out the greetings received for this occasion. It was followed by a study class on the book, *The Key to Theosophy*. The study was directed by Bro. Shikhar Agnihotri from 10:15am to 11:00am and then from 2:30pm to 3:15pm. In between there was a meeting of the TOS' Executive Committee followed by the meeting of the General Body of TOS. The meeting of the Property Committee was held at 4:15 pm. Bro. Pradip Kumar Mahapatra delivered a public lecture in the evening on the topic, "Theosophy is nothing but altruistic living".

On 24 August, Bro. Shikhar Agnihotri directed the study class in the morning (9 am to 10am) and again in the evening (5 to 7pm). Bro. Pradip Kumar Mahapatra delivered a talk in the morning session on "What is Theosophy?". Short lectures on different topics were organized from 10am to 11:30 am under the chairmanship of Bro. Pradip Kumar Mahapatra. In this session, Bro. S.P. Srivastava, Vice-President of Bihar Federation, spoke on 'Chairity', the topic of Bro. Brij Kishore Prasad, Joint Secretary, BTF, was 'Individuality & Personality'. Bro.(Dr.) Sharda Charan, Treasurer, TOS, Bihar Region, explained about 'Principle of Reincarnation'. Prof. Raj Kishore Prasad, Secretary, BTF & TOS Bihar Region, presented his views on 'Duality in Nature', Bro. Umesh Roy, President of Darbhanga Lodge, spoke about 'What a theosophist ought not to do?' and Sis. Mridula Singh of Darbhanga Lodge expressed her views on 'What is Theosophy?'.

A meeting of the Executive Committee was held after the short talks and it was followed by the Annual Meeting of the General Body of the Federation.

On 25 August-2019, Bro. Shikhar Agnihotri directed his study class on *The Key to Theosophy* from 9 am to 9:50 am and again from 2pm to 3pm and Bro. Pradeep Kumar Mahapatra gave a talk on the book, *The Key to Theosophy* at 12:10pm. Short lectures were also organized from 9:50am to 11:50 am under the chairmanship of Dr. Sharda Charan, Treasurer, TOS Bihar Region. In this session Prof. S. C. Prasad, President of Motihari Lodge, spoke on 'Truth is Life', Prof. Raj Kishore Prasad, Secretary, of Bihar Federation & TOS Bihar Region, presented his views on 'Dimensions of Space', The topic of Bro. B.B. Sinha, Joint Secretary, TOS Bihar Region, was 'Knowing is becoming' and Prof. S.C. Srivastava of Patna explained that 'Only truth prevails'.

The vote of thanks was given by Prof. Rajkishore Prasad in the closing session and with that the conference came to a close.

### Visitors

Bro. Shikhar Agnihotri and Bro. Pradip Mahapatra were the chief guests of the Bihar Federation's Annual Conference held in the last week of August.

Bro. Shikhar Agnihotri conducted study class at Chapra.

Bro. U.S. Pandey conducted study class at Patna and Chhapra

### Visits

Bro. Chitranjan Sinha Kanak participated in the symposium on 'Inner Purity and Outer Culture' held during the annual conference of Utkal Federation in the second week of Feb. in Bhubaneswar. Bro. Rajkishore Prasad was one of the speakers in the short talk on the theme 'Quest from the Manifest to Unmanifest'.

A few members attended the study camp on '*Glimpses into the Psychology of Yoga*' held at Bhowali in the 1<sup>st</sup> week of June.

### Study Class

Bro. Shikhar Agnihotri, apart from conducting the study during the Annual Conference of the Federation conducted study session in Chhapra from 28 Nov. to 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2018. The following subjects were dealt with: 1. Symbology of Sivalinga, 2 Law of Karma and Daily Life and 3. Allegory in Durgasptshati. Question and Answer session took place at the end of each study.

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

On invitation of Bihar Federation Bro. U.S. Pandey, National Lecturer, visited Chhapra Lodge from 19 to 21 April, 2019. During this period he delivered the following talks there- 19 April- on the theme 'Symbolism and Allegory in Religious Narrations'. This was held in the lodge, 20 April- on 'Basic points of Theosophy and Self-Transformation' before a group of graduate and post-graduate students in a coaching centre named 'Study Point' in FN; He addressed the members of the Lodge in the evening on the theme 'Idols and Idolatry', and delivered a public talk on 21 April on the theme 'Spirituality in daily life.'

Bro. U.S. Pandey conducted a study on "Basic Theosophy" from 1 to 3 July, 2019 at Patna. It was held under the auspices of Bihar Federation.

### Website of the Federation

Bihar Theosophical Federation has recently started its own website with 'theosophybihar.in' as its address.



## Obituary

Bro. Binay Krishna (Dipl. No. 38308) passed to peace at his residence in Patna on 14 June. He was a Life Member of the TS and an activist of BWC. He was in-charge of the bookshop for a few years at the Indian Section HQ.

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

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**Members: 274**      **Lodges: 9**      **Centres: Nil**

### Annual Conference

The 87th Annual Session of Bombay Theosophical Federation was held on 26, 27 & 28 October 2018, and was graced by Dr. Deepa Padhi, International Vice-President, TS, as the Chief Guest.

The theme of the Session was '*Consciousness, Compassion, Contemplation*'.

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

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

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

society needs Practical Theosophy to unite fragmented consciousness into One Consciousness.

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

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

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

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

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

Dr. Deepa Padhi speaking on '**The First Step: Generous Altruism**' said that World's largest Trees of Red Wood near San Francisco are hundred or even thousands of years old. Their roots are not deep, but the secret is that roots of each tree reach out seeking roots of other trees, get intertwined and making a united bond to support each other withstand all hazards. Red Wood Trees teach humanity that the strength lies in unity and willingness to help and support others. Madam HP Blavatsky's declaration is

that 'True Theosophy is Altruism. It is the Great Renunciation of self unconditionally and absolutely, in thought as well as in action'. In an article of American Health journal of 1988 it is stated that altruism is in one's own best interest. Helping others inspires gratitude and affection in them and this reduces stress. All Religions & Theosophy speak of Altruism. With altruism one feels joy with the joyful and sorrow with the sorrowful. This is the stage when his self is united with every other as stated in *Mahavakya 'Soham' – 'I am that, I am the whole'*.

Maitreya Round Table performed 'Ceremony of Light' with Mrs. Dawlat Dhalla on Piano. Former Leading Knight Thrity Dalal explained the purpose of the International Order of Round Table. It was heartening to see the little Pages performing their duty with diligence. Sis. Navaz Dhalla gave Vote of Thanks.

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

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

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

Dr. Deepa Padhi in her address guided & inspired brethren for '*Theosophy in Our Everyday Life*': There is a tendency in human mind to be content with theoretical understanding of spiritual truth and not to proceed further by acting according to that

understanding. The reason is it calls for strong determination, perseverance, courage and personal sacrifice and to move out of comfort zone. Day-to-day actions in our life are manifestations of our inner nature & inner self. It gets reflected in one's posture, tone of voice, relationship with family members, with subordinates & with Boss at workplaces and how one relates with the surroundings like nature, animals, plants, and insects. One need to realize that there is only One Source – One Consciousness and all beings and things are knitted in to interrelatedness and interdependence. Theosophy encourages simple living as that helps individual in getting more time to be with the inner self. Buddha has said “do not cling to life and wealth & power. Live a life of truth then surely joy, peace and bliss will dwell in mind.”

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

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

The afternoon session was chaired by Bro. Navin Kumar. He presented Diplomas to Four Youth of Juhu Theosophical Colony and One Senior Member of Blavatsky Lodge. It was followed by a symposium on the 87th Annual Session's theme '*Consciousness, Compassion, Contemplation*'. It had many young speakers. Bro. Navin Kumar summed up the symposium with recitation of inspiring Shlokas and Sanskrit Prayer.

Towards the end of the conference a programme of Bharat Natyam was held. Dances of Pushpanjali, Ranjani and Padam based on Hindi & Bengali songs were presented by Ace Dancer Namita Bodaji and her senior students Sandhya Sukesh Bolar and Anita

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

### **Workers' Training Camp**

A Workers' Training Camp was organized in Besant Hall on 23 June. It was for the members of Bombay Federation & Dombivali Lodge of Marathi Federation. Prof. C.A. Shinde, National Lecturer, directed the camp. Forty members participated in it. - out of which 11 were from Marathi Federation. Bro. Navin Kumar welcomed the brethren of Dombivali Lodge and shared his association with Prof. Shinde in atcivizing the Lodge at Sangli 30 years ago. Marathi Federation's President Bro. N.N. Raut and Bro. Jitendra Thakur spoke about theosophical study and service of Dombivali Lodge. Sis. Thrity Dalal spoke about the objects & service of TOS.

The camp commenced with the lighting of lamp and the Universal Prayer. Then BTF's President Bro. Vinayak Pandya welcomed and introduced the Director of the camp Prof. C.A. Shinde. Prof. Shinde presented theosophical books to Sis. (Dr.) Rajam Pillai, Publisher & Editor of "Synergy". The books were presented for non- TS writer Students & Teachers of April-June 2019 issue of "Synergy". Dr. Rajam Pillai presented her Hindi books on Maharashtra and Saints of India to Prof. Shinde.

Prof. Shinde started with the explanation of TS' Invocation 'O Hidden Life'. Then, he guided an interactive session on 'What is needed to be a TS' worker?' Speaking about TS' Mission Statement he explained that it is the way to work for the Three Objects of the TS. With a chart he linked simple words to Theosophical terms. And then he spoke on the Three Great Truths, Lesser and Greater Mysteries, Fundamentals of Theosophy, etc.

The post-lunch session was on 'Know your International Presidents'. So, before the lunch-break, Prof. Shinde gave handouts on three International Presidents to three group leaders for study. These handouts were on Shri N. Sri Ram, Mr. John B.S. Coats and

Smt. Radha Burnier. The purpose was to know about the life, work, books and greatness of the aforementioned three former Presidents. Dombivali Lodge group studied about Smt. Radha Burnier; Blavatsky lodge Group about Shri N. Sri Ram; and the group of other Lodges of the Federation studied about Mr. John B.S. Coats.

The study was followed by presentation by the group leaders. Then Prof. Shinde gave guidelines to the members and in this context he mentioned a few lines of Dr. Annie Besant. The camp concluded with the vote of the thanks given by BTF's Secretary Sis. Mahazaver Dalal and recitation of a Sanskrit Prayer.

### **Support Convention 2018-2019**

Bombay Theosophical Federation, jointly with Blavatsky Lodge TS, organized the Support Convention 2018-2019 for the 143rd International Theosophical Convention held at Adyar, Chennai from 31 December 2018 to 5 January 2019. The purpose was that Brethren of Mumbai, who cannot attend the International Convention at Adyar, attune themselves with the International Convention contemplating on Theosophy, especially on the theme of the International Convention (2018-19) 'Truth and Beauty: A Field Beyond'.

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

On 2nd January 2019, the Ritual of the Mystic Star was performed which conveys the essence of the teachings of all

Religions and ends with invocation to Him written by Annie Besant in 1911.

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

There was a symposium on '*Mantras*' on the closing day of the Support Convention, 5 January 2019. Bro. Navin Kumar tracing the evolution of Mantras through various Vedas recited Gayatri Mantra and *shlokas* from Bhagvad Gita. *Manthrawani*, i.e. Zoroastrian Mantras from various prayers were recited with explanations by Zoroastrian Brethren. Explanation of *Yogasutra* and recitation of '*Asato ma Sadagamyā*', significance of prayer and theosophy were explained by other members. The Support Convention came to a close with the recitation of a Sanskrit Universal Prayer.

### **Study Camp/Class**

Six members of Bombay Theosophical Federation joined the study camp held under the auspices of Gujarat Theosophical Federation at Himalayan Study Centre in Bhowali from 28 to 30 May 2019.

Dr. Ajay Hora guides the study of Theosophical books and reading at Vasanta Lodge. Bro. Navin Kumar guides and supports the person conducting the study and discussion by Brethren at Blavatsky Lodge. Bro. Zinoo Master conducts study with discussion at Vimadalal Bilia Lodge after readings from '*At The Feet of the Master*', C. Jinarajadasa's book '*First Principles of Theosophy*' and *The Indian Theosophist*. Sis. Aban Patel: At Blavatsky Lodge conducts the study of C. W. Leadbeater's book



'Inner Life'. At Shanti Lodge she has guided study of Dr. Annie Besant's book 'Thought Power' and now the study of C. W. Leadbeater's book *The Power and Use of Thought*. Bro. Arni Narendran conducted the study of 'Autobiography of A Yogi by Paramhansa Yogananda' at Blavatsky Lodge. Bro. Bhavesh Pandya has started conducting study of Gujarati book based on Annie Besant's book *Path of Discipleship*. It is held at Vasanta Lodge.

### Visitors

Dr. Deepa Padhi, International Vice-President of the TS, was the chief guest on the occasion of the 87 Annual Session of Bombay Federation held from 26 to 28 October 2018.

Shri Narendra Shah, General Secretary, East & Central Africa, visited Blavatsky Lodge on 18 January 2019. Sis. Kashmira Khambatta, President of Blavatsky Lodge, welcomed the distinguished visitor and Sis. Deepa Kapoor introduced him.

Bro. Narendra Shah in his gentle voice unfolded the *Journey of Humanity* starting with Big Bang, One to two, two to many, from One Consciousness One Chetna to go back to It. Each one is a spark of Divine Consciousness awakening slowly from Mineral Kingdom to Vegetable Kingdom to Animal Kingdom to Human Kingdom and evolving further to be Super Human – Perfected Man. Each kingdom has five entities from which consciousness moves to the next kingdom. Up to Animal Kingdom there are group souls developing emotions, instincts & thinking. When consciousness enters Human Kingdom, though still with animal instincts, it is an Individualized soul with Intellect. After many lives humanity has come to present stage. Mr. Shah with concern added that as human beings with intellect have the ability to think and act sensibly, but we are polluting and endangering other Kingdoms, environment and even killing human beings. As Theosophists we should realize direction for our lives. We have not come together by accident. We have met in earlier lives and will meet again in next lives.

Mr. & Mrs. Shah were touched with hospitality of Bombay Brethren. He fondly remembered Stalwarts of East & Central

Africa, like H.D. Shah, Jayantibhai Shah, Amubhai Raval, Manjulaben and Tribhovandas Kanabar, who were originally from India. He extended invitation to the members of BTF to Centenary Celebration of Nairobi Lodge and wished that we continue together with altruistic life.

Apart from directing the workers' training camp, Prof. C.A. Shinde's two talks on the book *Light on the Path* written by Mabel Collins were held at Blavatsky Lodge, Bombay, on 24 & 25 June. His explanations and charts covering the content of the book at a glance were of great help to the members and inspired them to study the book. Then on 26 June he addressed the members of Vasanta-Ganesh-Jyoti Lodge at the residence of Sis. Padmaben Mehta.

### Visits

Sis. Aban Amroliwalla attended the annual symposium on 18-19 May at Toronto TS, Canada. Besides, she attended the lodge's weekly Tuesday meeting there on 21st May.

BTF's President Bro. Vinayak Pandya attended the TS International Council Meet for Strategic Planning in Naarden from 27 June to 2 July 2019.

The Blavatsky Lodge's President Sis. Kashimra Khambatta, Sis. Aban Amorliwalla and Sis. Aban Patel attended the School of the Wisdom at Adyar from 19 to 30 Nov. 2018. The study was directed by Bro. Pablo Sender on the subject 'Evolution of the Higher Consciousness'.

Sis. Deepa Kapoor and her group met Dalai Lama. When she asked him about Theosophical Society, Annie Besant & Radh Burnier, Dalai Lama immediately replied, 'Theosophy has no discrimination of Religions'.

### Strategic Planning

A meeting of the Federation with its Council Members, Presidents of the nine Lodges, Office Bearers & Key Members and other Brethren, was organized at Blavatsky Lodge on 23



November 2018. The meeting was in connection with Strategic Planning to accomplish BTF Goals recorded at the Indian Section TS Bhowali meet in October 2018.

Bro. Vinayak Pandya sharing his 'Experiences of Strategic Planning Meet' held at Bhowali presented General Secretary Shri Pradeep Gohil's PPP on 'Arts & Science of Goal Setting'. The Key Guidelines were: Not sticking to old traditions, New Era of Change has started. To accomplish change for advancement & development, there should be a dream & vision for focused goal with time bound target. Goal should be consistent with Objects & Mission of an Institution. Goals should be SMART: Specific, Stretchable, Measurable, Attainable, Relevant and Trackable. To achieve goals involvement of key people is required for Team work. Reaching Goals is an opportunity for self-development and it converts adversities into opportunities.

Bro. Vinayak Pandya added that as BTF's representative to Bhowali meet, he had proposed the BTF Goals keeping in mind that BTF's challenge is to sustain and move forward.

One challenging goal recorded at Naarden and Bhowali Meet is to start E-Lodge with the expertise of Bro. Taral Munshi. Bro. Taral Munshi explained what type of E-Lodge he plans to create. The Meet ended with vote of thanks proposed by Bro. Navin Kumar.

### **Other Activities**

A meeting to celebrate Dr. Annie Besant's birthday was jointly organized by BTF and Blavatsky Lodge. Bro. Vinayak Pandya, President BTF, delivered the inaugural address. Bro. Navin Kumar speaking on Annie Besant's Vision for India read out extracts of the section '*The Coming Aryan Empire*' from the book '*Annie Besant - Builder India's Magnificent Future*'. Sis. Aban Patel with her lucid speech enacted the scene of Dr. Annie Besant meeting Madam H. P. Blavatsky. Sis. Ruby Khan speaking about 'Diamond Facet Soul - Dr. Annie Besant' conveyed her messages for Spotless

Action, Love & Brotherhood. Sis. Navaz Dhalla spoke about Dr. Annie Besant's life; her greatness as Orator, Author, Clairvoyant, Crusader for upliftment of women & grooming of youth and Visionary for India – her Motherland;- and starting institutions like Son & Daughter of India, TOS, Co-Freemasonic Order and Scouts movement in India. Sis. Zeena Rustamji said that 'Four Beautiful Lines' speak of the sensitivity and encompassing love of Dr. Annie Besant. Sis. Zeena explained the inspiring Four Lines of The Universal Prayer 'O! Hidden Life' composed by Dr. Annie Besant. Bro. Vinayak Pandya rendered Late Sis. Bana Mehta's favourite *bhajan* '*Bhajan Hari nu Gao*'. The meeting came to a close with the recitation of a Sanskrit Prayer.

A meeting on the occasion of the Foundation Day of the TS was jointly organized by BTF & Blavatsky Lodge at Besant Hall: The meeting started with the Prayers of All Religions & Universal Prayer. Bro. Navin Kumar, Blavatsky Lodge's Vice-President, welcomed all and said that the founders Madam H.P. Blavatsky and Col. H.S. Olcott on landing in Mumbai in 1879 had formed Blavatsky Lodge TS, the Premier Lodge of India. BTF President Bro. Vinayak Pandya speaking on 'Why do we celebrate Foundation Day?', said: It is to get refreshed with the History of TS and to contemplate on our pursuits to live Theosophy. Blavatsky Lodge's President Sis. Kashmira Khambatta spoke on challenges of the Founders. Bro. Navin Kumar gave a PPP on TS starting with quotes of the Masters, The Founders, Presidents of TS and CWL. He covered Theosophical activities in Bombay with Group Photos of early days leading to BTF Annual Sessions graced by dignitaries and activities at Blavatsky Lodge & Juhu Theosophical Society up to 2018. The other speakers on this occasion were Sis. Aban Amroliwalla, Sis. Jasmine Cawasji, Bro. Apurva Parekh, Sis. Navaz Dhalla, Sis. Mahazaver Dalal and Sis. Aban Patel. The meeting ended with a Sanskrit Prayer.

ADYAR DAY CELEBRATION was jointly organized by BTF & Blavatsky Lodge on 17 February 2019. The meeting started

with the Prayers of All Religions and the Universal Prayer. BTF President Bro. Vinayak Pandya in his opening address said that on Adyar Day, the focus of attention of all the members of TS are centered on Adyar. It is the day to think with reverence about the Founders & Stalwarts and of all Brethren who dedicated their life to Theosophy and work of the TS. Late Mugdhaben Hora's Gujarati song on 'Adyar' was rendered by the members on this occasion. Power Point on 'At Adyar for the School of Wisdom' November 19-30, 2018, was shown by Sis. Kashmira Khambatta. It covered pictures of Adyar. Bro. Berthram Redwood spoke about J. Krishnamurti. Sis. Ruby Khan spoke about significance of Adyar Day and C. W. Leadbeater. Bro. Navin Kumar concluded by speaking about the Sixth Root Race and wished that at that time we all incarnate together and meet again. Adyar Day Collection at the meeting was Rs.3,700/-. Adding Rs.500/- of Shanti Lodge and Rs.800/- of BTF, Rs.5,000/- sent to Adyar.

*BLAVATSKY LODGE MEETING on 8 May 2019:* The Meeting started with the Prayers of all Religions. Sis. Kashmira Khambatta, President of Blavatsky Lodge, spoke in brief on the significance of White Lotus Day and importance of Lotus Flower from the point of Theosophical teachings. It was followed by reading from the three classics. Sis. Zeena Rastomjee gave a short talk on Madam Helena Petrovna Blavatsky in which speaker mentioned about HPB's works. Sis. Navaz Dhalla and Sis. Meheringiz Baria read a poem on White Lotus Day, written by Late Sis. Bana Mehta. It was from her book "*Saraswati Vandana*". Bro. Berthram Redwood too said a few words about HPB and compared the lotus flower with her actual life, which is the life of purity like white lotus flower. Sis. Navaz Dhalla had decorated a table with Madam Blavatsky's photo with flowers and candle lights all around. All members paid their respect by bowing their heads to the Great Theosophist and the Founder of the Theosophical Society.

VASANTA & GANESH LODGE had their MEETING on

8th May and Vimadalal Bilia Lodge observed White Lotus Day. on 2 May.

**WESAK BLESSINGS MEETING AT BLAVATSKY LODGE:** Brethren gathered in the Green Room of Blavatsky Lodge on 18th May 2019 where an Altar like table near the statue of Lord Buddha was prepared by President Sis. Kashmira Khambatta. She had made a Rangoli underneath the table depicting Enlightenment of Lord Buddha under the Bodhi Tree. There was a good response to her artistic invitation for Wesak Blessings meeting on Buddha Purnima Day. The meeting was opened with the Universal Prayer. Sis. Jasmine Cawasji recited the Buddhist Prayer. Bro. Arni Narendran spoke on life of Lord Buddha and 'Esoteric Significance of Buddha Purnima'. Sis. Kashmira with Power Point Presentation created the atmosphere of being at Wesak Valley. Members recited 'The Greatest Blessings'. Bro. Arni conducted Group Meditation for World Peace. In the end all partook Holy Water served by Sis. Deepa Kapoor.

### **Asala Poornima**

A meeting on the occasion of Asala Poornima was organized at Blavatsky Lodge on 17 July 2019. Sis. Kashmira Khambatta had prepared the Alter Table in the Green Room near Lord Buddha's statue and Lodge Assistant Sis. Asha had done Rangoli for Guru Vabdana. The meeting started with lighting of the Lamp and recitation of the Universal Prayer and Buddhist Prayer.

To get attuned to the Asala Poornima Ceremony taking place in the Himalayas in the house of Lord Maitreya, members in turn did the reading from the booklet on *The First Sermon of Lord Buddha on Asala Purnima* compiled by Late Sis. Khorshed D. Avari. Bro. Arni, after reading English translation of Buddhist Prayer, conducted Meditation invoking the Grace, Love, Peace & Joy. Meditation ended with chanting of *Aum* and recitation of a Sanskrit Prayer. As Lord Buddha's Blessings, the flowers offered on the Alter Table near His statue were distributed to Brethren.

## **Mullan & Dani Elocution Competitions**

The Bombay Theosophical Federation and Youth Red Cross Maharashtra jointly organized Minoo Mullan Inter-College Elocution Competition on 21st September 2019 at Besant Hall of Blavatsky Lodge Theosophical Society.

Bro. Vinayak Pandya, President of Bombay Theosophical Federation, opened the event with recitation of The Universal Prayer. He welcomed all and spoke about character building with Theosophical Values. He added that participation in this programme is for self-development and so BTF congratulates all participants. Sis. Aban Patel, Master of Ceremony, said that the competition was in memory of a great Theosophist Minoo Mullan. She introduced the Judges Mr. Errick Elavia, Principal Lady Engineer High School, Ms Pasheen Kasad, well-known Theatre Artist and Ms Behnaz Mody, Teacher & Stage Actress.

Twelve College Students spoke with concern about the subjects: (1) Compassion (2) Human Development & Peace and (3) Challenges of Youth. Theosophical Books and Participation Certificates were given to all the participants. Theosophical Books were presented to the Judges and Team of Youth Red Cross headed by Shri Bhavesh Sao and Miss Joyce Pinto. Youth Red Cross Chairman Rtn Godrej Dotivala presented memento '*The Best Partner In Academia 2018-2019 The Bombay Theosophical Federation*' to BTF President Bro. Vinayak Pandya.

The Bombay Theosophical Federation and Junior Red Cross Maharashtra jointly organized Jamubhai & Suryaben Dani Inter-School Elocution Competition on 28th September 2019 at Besant Hall of Blvatsky Lodge Theosophical Society.

The participants were told that this Elocution Competition was in memory of '*Guru-Dampati*' Jamubhai & Suryaben Dani, who were great Teachers with Gandhian & Theosophical Values and wanted to inculcate ethical values and develop original thinking in students.

The subjects for Junior Group of Std. 5th, 6th & 7th were: (1)When I found a Stray Dog or Cat (2) Study Subject I like and Why (3) Nature Outing & Inspiring Experience (4) Gandhi Babu & Children. The subjects for Senior Group of Std. 8th, 9th & 10th were: (1) My Environment, My Concern (2) Ethical Values in Education (3) Wonder of No.7 in Creation (4) Harmony. Judge Mr. Ajeet Bhide, who has judged the competition for three years, remarked that the standard of eloquence has gone up. Theosophical books and participation certificates were given to all the 39 students. The books were presented to Judges as well.

**Congratulations to Sis. Rajam Pillai:** On Gandhi Jayanti, 2nd October 2018, Sis. Rajam Pillai was felicitated and given an Award by Madhya Pradesh Hindi Prachar Samiti in Bhopal. This organization propagates Hindi Language as a binding force for National Unity and composite Culture of India. They felicitate the authors who write in Hindi though their mother tongue is different. Sis. Rajam Pillai was given award for her long association of teaching Hindi Language and Literature and her creative writing. Her book *Uttaradhikar* (Legacy)- a collection of poetry was given the award in segment of Women's Writing. The award included a Shawl, a Citation and cash of Rs. 5,000/-.

## **Dani Notebooks Project**

BTF annually prints notebooks for needy students in memory of Late Suryaben and Late Jamubhai Dani from their Memorial Fund with TS Seal on Front Cover and the Universal Prayer on Back Cover. Both husband and wife were great Teachers and knew how to instil Theosophical and Gandhian values in young flowering minds.

This year 1500 Notebooks were printed. The Indian Section, TS, gave financial help for it. About 300 notebooks were given to TOS Mumbai Region for giving to needy students whom they give annual Educational Aid. Notebooks were also distributed to students of 3 South Mumbai School, 1 Adiwasi School in a village and some through Brethren.

It was heartening to see students in Besant Hall of Blavatsky Lodge, when Convener Bro. Ram Kalra distributed Dani Notebooks to them. As per the wish of BTF President Bro. Vinayak Pandya, copies of Dani Notebook were sent to the International President Mr. Tim Boyd and to the Indian Section's General Secretary Shri Pradeep Gohil. Shri Pradeep Gohil in his letter of appreciation writes, "Helping the needy students to get proper education is the best community service that can be done."

### **Impression about the 143<sup>rd</sup> International Convention**

In a meeting held at Blavatsky Lodge on 13 January, Bro. Vinayak Pandya gave his impression with PP Presentation including pictures of beautiful, peaceful, inspiring Adyar which made Brethren of Bombay feel like being at Adyar for the 143<sup>rd</sup> International Convention with the Theme "*Truth and Beauty: A Field Beyond*".

This year it was a bigger group from Bombay with Dr. Ajay Hora, Sis. Urvi Hora, Bro. Vinayak Pandya, Sis. Malti Pandya, Sis. Gulbanu Merchant, Sis. Thrity Dalal and Bro. Bhavesh Pandya.

Sis Thrity Dalal participated in the Ritual of the Mystic Star as Beauty. She represented Maitreya Round Table of Mumbai at the Round Table Meeting with 'Flower Ceremony'. They paid rich tributes to late Chief Knight of India, Rusi Toddyawalla.

### **Publication of Books and Journals/Special Efforts for the sale of Books**

Theosophical books are presented to winners and young participants of Dani Elocution and Essay Competitions

The Blavatsky Lodge Book Depot has a special sale at the Annual Conference of BTF at the Juhu Theosophical Colony. The Lodge also buys books from the Book Depot and lends them to members attending the regular study classes. Members of other spiritual and alternative medicines' organizations also buy a number of titles from the Book-Depot. Quite a few members & sympathizers buy TS books as gifts. They are encouraged to place bulk order.

**Blavatsky Lodge Library:** Blavatsky Lodge has one of the oldest Theosophical libraries with more than 1500 books for TS and the members of Library. Ananda, Shanti and Vimadalal Bilia Lodge also have their small collections of books for their members.

PAVRI'S Book *Theosophy Explained in Questions and Answers* added to Jalbhai CD Library by Bro. Navin Kumar: It was an inexplicable inspiration which compelled him to spend about 25 hours on the computer to extract the text of this book page by page from Million Book Project. The texts were corrected and redrafted for word & PDF formats.

Bro. Navin Kumar has created a web library on the net called "Jalbhai CD Library" containing most of the important books on Theosophy. Jalbhai CD Library is available on the following link: <https://sites.google.com/site/thegrandoldmanofblavatskylodge/home>

This particular book is placed in cupboard 1 of that website. Brethren, who are internet inclined, may avail of this opportunity to read the book.

Blavatsky Lodge gratefully acknowledges Corpus and other donations.

### **Propagation**

BTF acknowledges with thanks the kind donations of The Indian Section, TS, for Propagation. The pamphlets on Theosophy are given to inquirers and new members in the programmes of Federation and Lodges. Bro. Navin Kumar sends SMSs to interested persons.

Blavatsky Lodge is also giving books for propagation to members for their study classes and is presenting books to intellectuals interested in ethics and spiritual studies.

**SYNERGY**- the first issue published by Dr. Rajam Pillai of



Blavatsky Lodge was released by Dr. Deepa Padhi, International Vice- President, at BTF Annual Session of 2018. To his date there are three issues with themes ‘Theosophy in Art’, ‘Nativity’ and ‘Voyage & Travel’. These issues had articles by Brethren Arni Narendran, Navin Kumar, Berthram Redwood & Kashmiri Khambatta and college faculty & students. It covers TS programmes of Bombay also. The purpose is to carry Theosophical values to youth. Non-TS writers were presented Theosophical books. ‘Synergy’ has appreciative feedback from National & International members of TS.

TS NET-WORK OF MUMBAI with ‘TS MUMBAI GROUP’ on WhatsApp: BTF President Bro. Vinayak Pandya daily gives inspiring ‘Rose Message’ and ‘Sunday Story’ with contemplative thought for the day. Bro. Navin Kumar invites TS Brethren & interested inquirers to Blavatsky Lodge’s meetings of Tuesdays & Fridays and for special events. Bro. Vinayak Pandya extends invitation for Wednesday Joint Meetings of Vasanta & Ganesh Lodge. TS Mumbai Brethren share their thoughts on Theosophical & Spiritual Teachings.

### **BTF Bulletin**

BTF Bulletin is a monthly periodical with Theosophical articles and covering news of BTF & Lodges. Bros. Dr. Darius H. Umrigar, Bro. Navin Kumar, CA Rustom Dalal, Sis. Kashmiri Khambatta, Bro. Janardana Sherigar and Kushrov Pavri **e-mail our Bulletins to TS members & sympathizers and their e-mail friends in India and abroad.** Daressalam Lodge, East Africa, has regular readings from our Bulletins which are e-mailed to Sis. Deepa, daughter of Sis. Manjulaben Kanabar & our former member. Forthcoming special programmes are announced and their proceedings reported. Members who cannot attend programmes look forward to the Bulletins. Members are coming forward with articles written by them or other inspiring matter they want to share. Our members’ articles, printed in ‘*The Theosophist*’ and

‘*The Indian Theosophist*’, are re-printed for the benefit of brethren who do not subscribe to these magazines. Sis. Kashmiri Khambatta continues to do art work for the Bulletin’s Cover Page, with suitable quotations chosen by her. Observations & suggestions of readers are welcomed. Sympathizers also subscribe to our Bulletins. News & Notes of our Federation and the Lodges printed in the Bulletin are forwarded to The Editor of ‘*The Indian Theosophist*’ to reprint extracts in their News & Notes. The Bulletin is also mailed to TS Adyar, Indian Section TS, and to some of the Federations.

### **Allied & Other Activities**

*Bharat Samaj Pooja* is regularly performed on First Sunday of the month at Blavatsky Lodge. Bros. Vinayak Pandya and Navin Kumar performed it at the Annual Session.

*The Ritual of the Mystic Star* is performed on Second Sunday of every month at Blavatsky Lodge. This year this Ritual was performed in memory of Sis. Dhun Bottlewalla on June 16.

**SURYABEN & JAMUBHAI DANI MEMORIAL FUND:** Blavatsky Lodge as managers of the Fund released BTF funds for distribution of 1500 notebooks, with ‘The Universal Prayer’ printed on them to, needy students of some 4 schools in South Mumbai, and one school in rural area. Each student was given 6 notebooks. BTF Secretary Bro. Ram Kalra managed the distribution of the notebooks.

Maitreya Round Table ceremony is performed on fourth Sunday of every month at Bhavatsky Lodge.

### **General Remarks**

We have been trying to pass on the Theosophical Teachings to youth. Sis. Soonoo Vesuna encourages her students with readings, enactments and power point presentations. Shanti Lodge and Blavatsky Lodge give them platforms to share their presentations.



The Red Letter Days, Symposium and Members' Meetings help to prepare a second line of speakers.

The Diplomas were presented to members at the Annual Session of BTF, on Red Letter Days and at Members' Special Meetings.

Networking through e-mails and SMS have definitely encouraged a large number of members to attend Lodge's Regular & Special Meetings.

### **DELHI THEOSOPHICAL FEDERATION**

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**Members: 154**      **Lodges: 10**      **Centres: 1**  
**Annual Conference**

The Annual General Body meeting fixed on 03.03.2019 at Delhi Theosophical Federation Headquarter Hall at 24, East Patel Nagar, New Delhi had to be adjourned due to lack of quorum. It was rescheduled to 17.03.2019, but on the request of few members it had to be preponed and was held on 10.03.2019 at 02:30 P.M.,

in which the elections of the office bearers of Delhi Federation were held.

### **Other Activities**

Dr. Rajiv Gupta gave following talks at Shankar Lodge during the year under review. 'Patanjali Yoga Sutras', 'Thought Forms', 'Causal Body, Astral Plane & Astral Body', 'Karma', 'Pain- Its Meaning & Use', 'Noble Eightfold Path', 'Dharma', 'Meditation', and a talk on the occasion of Buddha Poonima.

The subject of talk of Bro. Harbansh Singh was 'Japji Sahab & Dakhini Onkar'.

Bro. R.K. Mathur spoke on Shiva Sutra & Principles of Theosophical Work.

Adyar Day and Whitel Lotus Day were observed at Shankar Lodge.

### **Journal**

Delhi Federation used to publish a bi-monthly English journal, which has stopped since few months due to shortage of man power.

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### **Annual Conference**

The 91<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference of Gujarat Theosophical Federation was held from 16 to 18 Novmeber 2018 at Surat Sanatan Lodge. The theme of the conferece was ‘You are the World’ and National Lecturer Prof. C.A. Shinde was the chief guest.

### **Study Camp/Class**

A study camp under the auspices of Gujarat Theosophical Federation was held at the Himalayan Study Centre in Bhowali from 28 May to 30 May, 2019. The book taken up for study was *Light on the Path* and it was directed by the Federation Secretary of Uttar Pradesh and National Lecturer Bro. U.S. Pandey. In all, 23 members participated in it – 14 from Gujarat, 6 from Bombay and 3 from Marathi Federation. \*

A study class was organized at Ahmedabad Lodge from 17 to 19 September 2019. The subject of study was ‘Let us know All Religions’ and it was conducted by Dr. Thomas Parmar - a scholar of Indian Culture and History of Religions & Temples. About 40 members of the Federation participated in it. Dr. Parmar explained the main features of 11 religions. The content of study covered

**\* In all, 10 camps were organized at the Himalayan Study Centre in Bhowali during the year under review. For details please see Part-I of this Report.)**

main base and naming of each religion, conditions in which it started, the founder of each religion and Holy places associated with each religion. The main purpose of the study was to have respect for all religions and eliminate the misunderstanding regarding other religions.

### **Visitors**

The members of the National Excecutive Committee were invited by Krishna Nagar Lodge in Bhavnagar on 17 March. Sis. Sushilaben welcomed the members. Bro. Y.P. Desai, a member of the National Executive Committee gave a short talk there and it was followed by reciting of two bhajans. Prof. C.A. Shinde and Bro. N.C. Krishna visited Ahmedabad Lodge as well. The members visited Jain Academy and on March 18 Bro. N.C. Krishna and Bro. H.M. Sheth visited one school and had a meeting there with the teachers and students. Books on Adyar Day and ‘The Four Stallwarts of Theosophy’ were presented to school.

Rewa Lodge of Gujarat Federation at Vadodara had arranged a special meeting on 18 March in which Bro. U. S. Pandey delivered a talk. Sister Parvinben S.Patel, President of the lodge, welcomed Bro. Pandey and requested him to give a brief introduction of *Isis Unveiled* before delivering the talk. After giving such introduction of *Isis Unveiled*, Bro. Pandey delivered a talk on the theme “Practical Occultism.” This was followed by a Q & A session with participating members. Br. Atulbahai Darji, Secretary of the lodge, thanked the speaker and also the participants.

The President of Cuttack Lodge, Dr. Chittaranjan Satapathy, visited Ahmedabad in July. At the invitation of Rohit Lodge and Ahmedabad Lodge he gave talks there on ‘Elements of Yoga’ and ‘Teachings in Mahatma Letters’, respectively.

### **Visit**

The Presidnet and Secretary of the Federation visited a few

Lodges during the year. They attended a lecture series on H.P. Blavatsky followed by the interaction with the participants at Rewa Lodge; a day-long *shivir* on 'What is Theosophy' at Purnima Lodge Petlad. Besides, they visited the Lodges at Karamsad and Baruch in order to make efforts to revive them.

### Other Activities

Bro. Narsinha Thakkariya delivered three talks at Ahmedabad Lodge in the 1st week of October 2018. The subjects he spoke on were: a) Bhagavadgita (chapter 10 and 15); b) Make the world a peaceful centre; and c) How to lead a stress-free life.

Rewa Lodge, Baroda, organized Blavatsky Lectures on 16 & 17 Feb. 2019. A renowned educationist Sis. Ranjanben delivered talk on both the days on *The Secret Doctrine*.

Rohit Lodge at Ahmedabad organized a memorial lecture to pay tributes to two stalwarts of TS – Sri Rohit Mehta and Veeraben Dastur. It was held on 24 February. A renowned scholar of Sanskrit Dr. Vijaybhai Pandya delivered two talks on 'The Upanishads-Prayers of Mankind'. Dr. Pandya was felicitated by the Lodge.

A meeting to observe White Lotus Day was held on 12<sup>th</sup> May at Balkrishna Haveli Maninagar, Ahmedabad. About 70 members attended the programme. The meeting started with Meditation and Universal Prayer and then the President of the Lodge Bro. Praful Shah welcomed the members and gave a background regarding this meeting. A bhajan recited by a member made the atmosphere lively. Joint Secretary Bro. R.B.Dolia spoke in brief about the life of HPB. It was followed by reading from *The Voice of the Silence* by Dr. Varshaben Patel and a talk delivered by her on the significance of the book in the life of Theosophists. She also explained the importance of *Moun* and *Sadhana*. Prof. Sri Harivadan Chhinkniwala read out the 12<sup>th</sup> chapter of Bhagavadgita and explained the significance of *Bhakti Yoga* and what can help us. Then, Harashavardan Sheth spoke on *The Light of Asia* and

the main events in the life of Lord Buddha. President Shri Praful Shah remembered late Ambalal Khatri who donated for this function and honoured his son Shri Rameshbhai Khatri. He also honoured other donors namely Sarva Shri Divyeshbhai Mehta, Madhubhai Shah, Anirudhbhai Shastri and Hasmukh Pandya. Secretary Sri Bharatbhai Chudasam gave vote of thanks and then the programme came to a close with lunch for all members.

### Publication

The Federation Publishes magazine "*The Theosophic Jyoti*" every month. It covers news regarding Theosophical activities and information about various Lodges of GTF.

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### Annual Conference

International President Rev. Bro. Tim Boyd inaugurated

Malleswaram Theosophical Lodge's new building on 13 October 2018 and then inaugurated the Centenary Celebrations of Malleswaram Lodge and released Centenary Souvenir and gave inspiring Inaugural Address on Theosophy & Theosophical Society and expressed his appreciation for the service done by the members of the Lodge for the construction of the new building.

The 109<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of Karnataka Theosophical Federation was inaugurated by the International President on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2018. He released four reprinted Theosophical books and two translated books on this occasion.

Prof C. A. Shinde, National Lecturer, delivered a talk on 'Art of Living and Art of Dying'.

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

The 110<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Federation for the year 2018-19 was also held in the year under review along with the Golden Jubilee Celebrations at Hosadurga from 20 to 22 September 2019. Bro. Tim Boyd, International President, with his wife Sis Lily Boyd accepted the invitation and inaugurated both the events and released eight Theosophical books (five reprinted, one translated and two latest books). The International President gave a thought provoking talk on the theme of the Annual Conference 'Future of Humanity'.

Bro B V Thippeswamy conducted General Body Meeting of the Karnataka Theosophical Federation and Theosophy Prachara

Mattu Sikshana Samithi very smoothly. Members for the Council and the Executive Committee were elected for three years. The members of the Executive committee for TPSS were also elected unanimously by the general body. In the evening Bro. B.V. Thippeswamy gave a public talk on '**Sixth Root Race**'. There was a panel discussion on the subject. 'Contribution of Theosophy for the future of Humanity' which was led by Bro G B Naganagowda along with four participants for discussion.

Sis K Parvathamma conducted the symposium on the subject '**Theosophical Society was to be the corner Stone for future Religions**'. Sis D J Premaleela, Sis P Bhuvaneshwari and Sis .N Shashikala spoke on the subject. The T O S programme was presided over by the President of T O S unit at Hosadurga. Bro S U Mahesh welcomed the gathering. Sis Lily Boyd, Chief Guest, spoke on Service. Bro K L Nanjundasetty also spoke on service. The programme concluded by distributing blankets to poor people and then came to a close with vote of thanks.

About 375 members from 49 Lodges and well-wishers participated in the conference.

### **Study Camp/ Class**

Bro. B. V. Thippeswamy, President, Karnataka Theosophical Federation, directed a study camp at Himalayan Study Centre in Bhowali on the theme 'Present Moment Awareness' from 17 to 23 May 2019.

Besides, Bro. B.V. Thippeswamy directed the following study camps during the year under review: (1) study camp at Sri. Krishna Theosophical Lodge, Davangere from 23 to 27 November 2018. The book *Self Culture* by I.K. Taimni was studied in this camp. Bro. R. V. Vastrad, Sis. K. Parvathamma, Bro. G. Dakshina Murthy, Bro. Naganagouder, Bro. M. S. Sreedhara spoke on Functions & Purification of physical, Astral, Lower Mental, Higher Mental, Budhic & Atmic Bodies.

(2) Directed a study camp on 'Meditation' at Chitradurga from 8 to 11 Feb 2019. Guest speakers were Bro.R. V. Vastrad, Bro. B. C. Narasingappa. Bro. G. Dakshina Murthy & Bro. M. S. Sreedhar. They gave talk on what is Meditation? Mind & its function, Friend & Foe to Meditation, Least Effort, Self-Knowledge & Religious Mind ,Experiences of Meditation& its benefits respectively. About 150 delegates participated in it.

(3) The subject of study at Kyadigunte on 23-24 March 2019, was 'First Principles of Theosophy'. Bro. G. Dakshina Murthy, Vice-President of KTF, Bro. H. Mahalingappa, South Zonal Organizer, Bro.M. S. Sreedhar, Federation Lecturer, spoke on different subjects related to the theme of the camp. Sixty members participated in it.

(4) The subject of study at Bangalore City Lodge was 'Yogavashista' and it was held from 15 to 17 June 2019. Bro. R. V. Vastrad , Bro. G. Dakshina Murthy , Bro. B. C. Narasingappa, Bro. K. L. Nanjunda Setty , Bro. C. Rajashivashankar, Bro. M. S. Sreedhar and Sis. K. Parvathamma were the resource persons who spoke on various *Prakarana* of Yogavashista. About 150 members attended the camp.

Sis. K. Parvathamma directed the following study camps during the year 2018-19:

A day-long study camp on 24 March at Chitradurga Theosophical Lodge in which Bro. Reddappachari and Sis. Shashikala N. spoke on 'Human's Seven Temperaments'.

The theme of the study directed by her at Gowribidanur was 'Human Regeneration' and it was held on 19-20 April. Sis. N. Saraswathamma, Bro. Reddappachari, Bro. C. Rajashivashankar & Bro. M.P. Venkataramanappa delivered talks on work of the Theosophical Society & its fundamental change, Our approach to Theosophy, The Nature of Change, Regeneration & the Objects of the T.S, Source of Spiritual Energy, Transformation & Self

Realization respectively. More than 200 delegates attended the camp.

Sis. K. Parvathamma directed study camp at Tumkur from 20 to 22 July 2019 on the theme 'Meditation, Brain & Mind'. Sis. K. Parvathamma, Bro. B. C. Narasingappa, Bro. C. Rajashivashankar, Bro. M. Reddappachari, Bro. G. Dakshina Murthy and Bro. M. S Sreedhar spoke on Self Knowledge, Work & effect of Harmones, structure & work of the brain, Brainwaves, Nature of Emotions , Mind is the slayer of the Truth, Mind its work & What is Meditation respectively. About 120 members participated in it. Sis. K. Parvathamma directed study camp on 4<sup>th</sup> August 2019 on the Theme 'Seven Rays', at Suvama Mukhi cultural center B'Lore

Bro. G. Dakshina Murthy, Vice-President of KTF, directed a study camp at Srinivaspura Theosophical Lodge from 27 to 29 April. The book studied was *Life is for Living* by Surendra Narayan. Sis. K. Parvathamma, Sis. R. Madhavi, Bro. Rajashivashankar, Bro. A. Venkata Reddy & Bro. T. Srinivas spoke on various topics dealt with in the book. More than 250 members participated in the camp.

Bro. G. Dakshina Murthy directed study camp at Hassanamba T. S Lodge from 14 to 16 September 2019 on the theme 'Mind its Control & Culture', Bro. M. S Sreedhar, Bro. A R. Janardhana Gupta, Sis. Srikala, Sis. Jalaja, Bro. Venkatachalapathi, Bro. S. Narayan & Bro H. P. Raghavendrachar delivered talks on different topics of the Mind and its Control. About 200 members participated in the camp.

National Lecturer Dr. R. V. Vastrad directed a study camp at Hospet Theosophical Lodge on 3rd February. He spoke there on 'Principles of Theosophy'. About 50 members attended it. He directed the other study camp at Mangalore Theosophical Lodge on 24 Feb. Bro. M. S. Sreedhar and Bro. Raghavendra Prabhu spoke on 'Seek the truth in the light of Theosophy' and 'Service &



Practical occultism' respectively. Bro. R. V. Vastrad presided over Kottur Theosophical Lodge's Annual Meeting on 16-17 March 2019. Besides, he directed a study camp on 'Ancient Wisdom in Upanishads' from 12<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> July 2019 at Bangarpet T S Lodge.

Sis. R. Madhavi directed a study camp at Chintamani and on 7 October 2018 at Srinivaspura Theosophical Lodge.

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

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

The Central Zonal Organizer, Bro. M. R. Gopal directed the study on 'Self Knowledge' on the Charter day of the Hosadurga Lodge on 11 November 2018. Bro. Billappa gave a talk on 'Self Culture'. Bro. Gopal, directed a study camp at Jayasuvanapura Theosophical Lodge on 3 November 2018. The theme of study was 'Human Regeneration'. Bro. H. C. Jagadeesh & Bro. R. Gopalakrishna Setty spoke on the aforementioned subject.

Sis. G. S. Lalitha Nataraj directed a study camp at Yediyur, from 17 to 19 May. It was on 'Theosophy in the teachings of Sages & Saints'. Bro. A. R. Rangaswamy, Bro. Siddegowda, Bro. G. K. Nataraj, Bro. Veeranna, Sis. B. Sandhya Rani were the resource persons who delivered talk on Sharanara Vachangalu Dasarapadagalu, Saint Sarvagna, Saint Shishunala Shreef Lord Budha & J. Krishnamurti respectively. One hundred members attended the camp.

A study camp on 'Evolution of Jeeva and Cyclic Chains' was organized at Bellary Sanmarg Theosophical Society on 23 June. It commenced with Bharat Samaj Pooja and Universal Prayer. Bro. Ganesh spoke about 'Cyclic Chains', Bro. Basavaraja Reddy expressed his views on 'Life's Evolution', Bro. S. Humantha Setty

explained about 'Life after Death', Bro. Rangaya Setty spoke on 'Devachan' and Bro. K.M. Siva Kumar's subject of talk was 'The Law of Sacrifice'. The talks were followed by the question and answer session and 85 members attended the camp.

Dr. L. Nagesh, National Lecturer, gave a talk on 'Shambala' at Vijaynagar Lodge. He directed a day-long study camp at Bangarpet Lodge. It was held on the occasion of Adyar Day (17 Feb). Dr. L. Nagesh visited Kottur Lodge along with his wife Dr. Jyothi Nagesh and spoke there on 'Sadhana'. The talk was held on 16 March. He spoke there on 'Cosmogogenesis and what is the Secret of world manifestation'. Dr. Jyothi Nagesh spoke on the significance of Adyar Day. Dr. Nagesh directed the Lodge Charter day on 18 August 2019 on 'The Path of Practice'. Dr. L. Nagesh & Dr. K. N. Jyothi Nagesh gave spiritual talk along with Musical Concert.

Sis. B. Sandhya Rani directed study camp on the eve of 115<sup>th</sup> Celebration of Kolar TS Lodge on 28 July 2019. She spoke on spirituality and Sis. Chandrika Mehta gave musical concert.

Apart from the aforementioned study camp/class several studies were conducted by Federation Lecturers, Zonal Organizers and some other members of the Federation at some Lodges.

### Visitors

The International President Rev. Bro. Tim Boyd inaugurated the new building of Malleswaram Theosophical Lodge on 13 October 2018. It was followed by the Inauguration of Centenary Celebrations of Malleswaram Lodge. Bro. Tim Boyd released the Centenary Souvenir and gave inspiring Inaugural Address on Theosophy & Theosophical Society. Besides, he inaugurated the 110<sup>th</sup> International Convention at Hosodurga in September 2019. Mrs. Lily Boyd too was present in both the Annual Conferences.

Prof. C. A. Shinde, National Lecturer, visited three Lodges of the Federation in January 2019. He delivered talks at Huliya Lodge on 'You are the world', 'Self-Knowledge' and 'Religious

Life' respectively. Later Prof. C. A. Shinde visited Dharwad Lodge on 29 January and gave a talk there on 'Self-Culture'. He visited Malleswaram Lodge on 31st January where the subject of his talk was 'Three Objects & Three Truths'. Sis. K. Parvathamma translated Prof Shinde's talk into Kannada.

Sis. Nancy Secrest, International Treasurer and Bro. Shivprasad, National Secretary of TOS, attended the programme of TOS of the South Zone Conference in the third week of August.

Bro. U.S. Pandey, National Lecturer, gave a talk at Bangalore City Lodge on the subject 'Stoicism, Aurelius and Meditation' and he spoke on the same day at Malleswaram Lodge on the theme 'Siva in *The Secret Doctrine*'.

### Visits

Dr. R. V. Vastrad, National Lecturer, directed a study camp at Hospet and then at Mangalore Theosophical Lodge in February.

Sis. K. Parvathamma visited Mysore Theosophical Lodge on 25 June and participated in its General Body Meeting. She spoke there on 'Desire lessens Action'.

Federation Lecturers, Zonal Organizers and office bearers of the Federation visited various Lodges and delivered talks/ conducted study classes there.

### Other Activities

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

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

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

Bro. H.P. Raghavendrachar of Huliyaar directed Sadhana Sibhir at Gowribidanur Lodge. The book selected for study was *First & Last Freedom* by J. K . Thirty to Forty members attended it.

The Karnataka Federation could successfully accomplish the scheduled Teachers' & Workers' Training Camp (2019) and identify 30 members and train them effectively to function as Educators -cum-Workers at the various study camps, conferences and Seminars in the various Lodges of the State. As against the target of 24 the Federation was able to accommodate 30 Trainees. The message of the General Secretary of the Indian Section was read out and placed on record. The Trainees enjoyed the programme as they were taken through the event that comprehended theoretical instruction in theosophical study combined with practice of meditation.

Bro B.V. Thippeswamy, President of Karnataka Federation & Dean of the School, directed the camp assisted by Bro. A.C. Sriramaiah Setty, President of the Bangalore City Lodge. Bro. G.Dakshina Murthy, Vice-President of the Federation and Director of Academics, designed the course and conducted it with the lively coordination of Bro. S.G Sanathkumar, Secretary of the Bangalore City Lodge & Secretary of the Trust Board and Bro. Srinivas, Secretary of Malleswaram Lodge of the Theosophical Society. The Executive Committee of the Malleswaram Lodge was kind enough to keep the Lodge premises and Auditorium open for conducting the Training Course which was organized over 7-days of in-house training activity. Whole of this ambitious programme was sponsored by the Board of Trustees that offered to the Trainees participation, accommodation and food arrangements *absolutely free of charges*. The participants gave their impressions in the valedictory session and voiced their resolve to keep with the spirit of the School.

The inauguration of Yoga & Pranyama Training Programme was jointly organized by Bellary Sanmarg Theosophical Society, Patanjali Yoga Samiti and Bharat Swabhimant Trust. It was held at Bellary Sanmarg TS. Sri Pampathi of Yoga Centre conducted Yoga Classes for about 100 members followed by the inauguration of programme by Dr. A.I. Basavaraja Reddy, President of Bellary Theosophical Society, who briefly explained the history of Theosophical Society and its purpose. The chief guest Mr. Anitha Jain explained and advised for daily Yoga Practice in order to maintain health of not only individuals but also the health and peace of society. Prof. M. Sreenivasalu Shetty, S. Hanumantha Shetty, K. Nagaraj. K. Balagangadhar and other members of the TS participated in the Yoga Classes.

Bro. K. L. Thyagaraja Setty, Federation Lecturer, directed a *Sadhana Sibhir* at Anjanadri estate, near Chitradurga from 30th April to 3rd May. Twenty members attended it.

Bro S U Mahesh conducted children's camp from 17 to 19 May 2019.

Sis Chandrika Mehta directed the Bharat Samaj Pooja training camp from 20 to 22 May 2019.

### **Publication of Books/ Journals**

Theosophy Prachara Mathu Shikshana Samithi is a Publication wing of KTF. This year also, with the Financial assistance from the Indian Section, five books were reprinted, one translated into Kannada and *Creative Silence* by Bro. M.S. Sreedhar, a book on *Life History of Bro. C. Jinarajadas* and Bro. G. Dakshina Murthi's small book on Col. H.S. Olcott were published.

Official monthly magazine Theosophy Vani's editor is Bro. B.V. Thippeswamy, President K.T.F and editorial board consists of Sis. K. Parvathamma Bro. H.B. Parameshwarappa, Bro. M. S. Sreedhar and Bro. K. Mahadevappa. They are sincerely assisting in printing & mailing of the magazine. About 1950 copies are being sent to members & subscribers, complimentary copies are

sent to District libraries, spiritual organizations and to some high schools in rural areas- in order to propagate Theosophy.

### **Participation in Book Fairs/Efforts made for the sale of Books**

Kannada and English books on subjects related to theosophy are displayed for sale by Bro. T.N. Lakshman Rao and Bro. Yogeesh K.M. during Theosophical study camps held at different places in Karnataka. TPSS has a sale's wing in the premises of Bangalore City Lodge and it is monitored by Bro. K.L. Nanjunda Setty & Bro. A.C. Sreeramaiah Setty.

### **Highlights of Special Activities undertaken by the Federation During the year 2018-19**

Lotus youth wing is active in Bangalore city Lodge. Every Sunday study class is conducted on Theosophical books by senior members. Young members organize a talk on Sunday of every month.

Round Table & the Ritual of the Mystic Star are performed in the B'Lore city Lodge once in 3 months. Youth Camp was arranged by Bro. S.U. Mahesh & Bro C N.UdayKumar in the month of April 2019.

### **Ladies' wing**

Ladies from all lodges in Bangalore City are working together as ladies' wing. They are performing Bharat Samaj Pooja daily in the City Lodge. Every Friday healing Meditation is being performed to the sick and depressed people. Once in every month they conduct lecture class in the Bangalore city lodge and also conducted study camp in the outskirts of the city.

### **TOS**

There are 21 TOS units in Karnataka which are working actively by serving the public by giving scholarships & issuing school bags, uniforms, notebooks & writing materials to deserving

students, mobility aid to handicaps, sewing machines to unemployed poor women .Regional TOS conducted National Level TOS Programme. Regional TOS arranged South Zonal Conference from 17 to 18 August 2019. Chief Guests of the conference were Sis. Nancy Secrest & Bro. Shiva Prasad.

### **General Remarks**

Sincere efforts have been made to prevent lapses by communicating to individual members by Secretaries of the Lodges.

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**Members: 390**      **Lodges: 20**      **Centres: Nil**

### **Annul Conference**

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

National Lecturer, Indian Section, was the Guest of Honour.

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

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

### **Federation's Annual Conference**

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

The morning session on Saturday 17 November commenced



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

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

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

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

### **Retreat at Harithavanam, Balaramapuram, on 18 November 2018**

A Retreat in connection with the Annual Conference was held at Harithavanam, Balaramapuram, about 14km from Trivandrum. The Retreat centre is blessed with natural beauty at the top of a hill with rich flora and fauna. Nearly 30 people attended the retreat. The programme commenced with *Vriksha Pooja*. Federation President Dr. Raveendran lighted the lamp under a banyan tree and chanted the *Purushasookta* and *Mahanarayana mantra*. The theme of the camp was **Spirituality**. The retreat started with Universal Prayer and Bro. N. Bhaskaran Nair, Vice-President K.T.F., welcomed the participants. The camp director

Bro. K. Mohandas explained the aim of the camp. Dr. M.A. Raveendran presided and spoke on Spirituality. Dr. Ajithkumar, Sis. Sandhya Rani, Sis. Vrinda, and Dr. T.P. Babu also expressed their views on the theme of the camp. Bro. K. Dinakaran, Secy. K.T.F., gave vote of thanks.

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

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

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

### **International President's visit to Kerala on 21 & 22 January 2019:**

Bro. Tim Boyd, International President of the Theosophical Society, visited Kerala on the 21-22 January 2019. He was received

at the Cochin International airport on 21st morning by Kerala Federation's President Dr. M.A. Raveendran, Bro. K. Dinakaran-Secy. of K.T.F. and Dr. T.K. Nair.

At 2.00 p.m. Bro. Tim Boyd was given a reception at the **Thekke Madham**, established by the close disciple of Adi Sankaracharya known as Padmapada. Thekke Madham in Thrissur is one of the oldest centre of *Advaita Vedantha* in Kerala. This traditional *Adhyatmika-Gurusanketha* (Spiritual and Educational Centre) is situated at the bank of *Padinjare Chira* (Big Lake). He was received by Srimad Vasudevananda Brhamandabhuti Swamiar known as Moopil Mutt Swamiar and Vadakumbat Narayanan, Manager of the Mutt. Bro. Tim Boyd was honoured in the Mutt's hall by garlanding a *Ponnada* by the Manager and was presented the copies of the Mutt's publications on Veda and Vedanta. Bro. Tim Boyd also exchanged the publications of Theosophical Publishing House, Adyar. The Manager of the Mutt requested the President to have a tie-up with the ALRC and the Mutt so that the students of the *Vedapatasala* may be benefited by the rich storehouse of Wisdom of Adyar library. He also requested for financial assistance for the renovation of the Mutt. Bro. Tim Boyd assured whatever help possible will be rendered.

Dr. M.A. Raveendran presided over the function at the Mutt's hall and Bro. Tim Boyd explained the relevance of the '**Mission Statement**' formulated by the General Council and interacted with the TS members in Kerala. Members from different parts of Kerala attended the programme. KTF's Vice-President Bro. N. Bhaskaran Nair, Dr. V.P. Viswakumar and Bro. S. Sivadas spoke on the occasion and then Bro. K. Dinakaran, proposed vote of thanks.

After interacting with the members Bro. Tim Boyd was interviewed by the media persons like UNA (United News Agency India) and TV channels Mathrubhumi, Manorama etc.

In the evening, Bro. Tim Boyd visited the **Bhuvaneshwari**

**Temple** (Temple of Mother World) at the Chinmaya Mission Centre, Trichur. He also visited the **Puthenpalli (New Church)** one of the oldest Catholic Church in Asia dedicated to the Holy Virgin. The Vicar of the Church received him and accompanied him to the Church and later on to the **Bible Tower** which is the tallest Church Tower in India and Asia which depicts the major events in the life of Jesus Christ. The 79 meter tower also contains large number of Bibles in different languages from various parts of the world.

Bro. Tim Boyd visited the **T.S. Information Centre in Trichur** as well where he was received by Bro. Ajeesh, Manager of the Centre. The Centre contains large number of TPH books and various information pamphlets and other materials. Bro. Tim Boyd signed the visitors' diary.

#### **Signing of MOU with Sri Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit, Kalady, Kerala:**

On his way to Sri Sankaracharya Sanskrit University to sign an MOU between Adyar Library Research Centre (ALRC) and the University on 22 January, Bro. Tim Boyd visited the *Illam* (ancestral house) of Sri Sankara on the bank of Periyar River and paid homage to the *Samadhi* of Aryamba, mother of Sri Sankara. Then he visited the Sarada *Prathishta* of the temple complex.

At 10 a.m. Bro. Tim Boyd reached the Sri Sankara Sanskrit University where he was received by the Registrar of the University Dr. T.P. Raveendran and faculty members and various head of the departments. The university campus has just recovered from the devastating flood of August 2018 because of which it suffered a material loss of nearly Eight Crore. The University with its headquarters at Kalady is a research hub and has a state-wide jurisdiction to conduct academic programmes with eight regional campuses spread over eight districts in Kerala.

The students were waiting for Bro. Tim Boyd to have an interaction with him in the conference hall. Bro. Tim Boyd was

introduced by the Registrar Dr. T.P. Raveendran. He answered the queries of the students and the faculty members and explained the relevance of Theosophy in the changing world scenario. He visited the University library consisting of various manuscripts and palm leaf manuscripts in Sanskrit. Arrangements for getting ALRC publications for the library was assured by him.

The MOU between ALRC and the University was signed before the Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dharmaraj Adatt in his chamber. Dr. Thomas K. Jacob, Member of the Syndicate, and convener of the Academic Committee welcomed the President. Dr. T.P. Raveendran, Registrar, signed the documents on behalf of the University and Bro. Tim Boyd for ALRC. Dr. M.A. Raveendran, President K.T.F, Bro. K. Dinakaran Secy. K.T.F, Dr. V.P. Viswakumar, Bro. S. Sivadas and Dr. T.K. Nair were also present on the occasion.

Bro. Tim Boyd hoped that the MOU will be a turning point in the history of these two great institutions and the students as well as the faculty members will be benefited by the serene and holy atmosphere of the Adyar Estate. The Vice-Chancellor as well as the members of Senate and Syndicate were all in praise of the major role played by the TS in the revival of Sanskrit and the great spiritual heritage of India which is unique and proclaims Universal Brotherhood.

On his way back to the Cochin Airport Bro. Tim Boyd found time to visit the famous Malayattor Church dedicated to St. Thomas, one of the twelve disciples of Jesus Christ. It is believed that St. Thomas visited this hill top and meditated there.

### **Visitors**

The International President, Bro. Tim Boyd visited Kerala on 21 and 22 January 2019. Some details regarding his visit have been given in the preceding pages.

Sis. Sandhya Rani, a member from Bangalore, was the chief

guest of the Annual Conference of the Federation held at Anantha Lodge, Trivendram. She was also the chief guest of the function of the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Dr. Annie Besant's arrival in India. These were held at Anantha Lodge, Trivendram.

Bro. S. Harihara Raghavan, National Lecturer of Indian Section, was the guest of honour of the annual conference as well as the function of the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Dr. Annie Besant's arrival in India.

Bro. U.S. Pandey, National Lecturer, spoke at Thrissur on the theme "Human Happiness" and his second talk was on the theme "Shiva in the Secret Doctrine". He addressed the students and teachers of Salsabeel Green School near Thrissur on the themes "Oneness" and "Self-Transformation." These were followed by close interaction with the students.

### **Visits**

Dr. M.A. Raveendran, President of the Federation, visited Lodges, at Ernakulam Prerinjanam, Alleppey and Trivandrum.

Bro. K. Dinakaran, Secretary of the Federation, visited Lodges at Alleppey, Ernakulam and Trivandrum.

Bro. S. Sivadas visited Lodges at Trivandrum, Ernakulam and Vaikom.

The aforementioned three members gave talks/conducted study there during their visits. Besides, Dr. Ravindran and Bro. K. Dinakaran visited Adyar in April and spoke in the Easter Conference held there.

### **Study Camp**

A study camp under the auspices of Kerala Theosophical Federation was held in Bhowali from 27 April to 3 May, 2019. The book taken up for study was *The Key to Theosophy* by HP Blavatsky.

## Other Activities

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

Report of Lodges' activities during the month of April, May and June 2019:

Upasika Lodge, Trichur, conducted two meetings for the general public at Thekkemadam, Trichur, in June and July 2019. The subject of the meeting was "**Four Elements**" and the speaker was Federation's President Dr. M.A. Raveendran.

Sri. Sankara Lodge, Ernakulam, organized meetings for the members as well as non-members in April, May and June 2019 at Ernakulam. Dr. M.A. Raveendran spoke on the occasion. The theme of the meetings was **The Basic Principles of Theosophy**. The Lodge's President Dr. T.P. Babu presided over these meetings.

### Inter -Lodge Meeting

Under the auspices of Perinjanam Lodge an Inter-lodge meeting was conducted on 26 May 2019 at Perinjanam. The meeting commenced with Universal Prayer. Lodge's Secretary, Bro. K.R. Rajagopalan, welcomed the members. The subject of the meeting was "**The relationship of a member with the three declared objects of the Theosophical Society**". Bro. M.A. Raveendran delivered the Presidential Address. He explained the three objects in general. After that he focused on the third object and the relationship of each member of the Theosophical Society with the objects.

Sis. P. Sobha, (North Zone Secretary of the Federation) and Bro. T.S, Usman (of Sankara Lodge, Ernakulam) spoke on the first object. They also explained how each member of the TS is closely related to the first object. Bro.K.N.Unnikrishnan and Bro. Nixon Gopalan (Sankara Lodge, Ernakulam) explained the second object and the relationship of each member to it.

Bro. T. Krishnankutty Nair of Perinjanam T.S. Lodge explained the third object. Bro. P.N. Sureshbabu (Perinjanam T.S. Lodge) spoke on the third object. In all, 26 members participated in the meeting. Lodge's Secretary Bro. Rajagopalan gave vote of thanks.

Brief account of special programme held during the year : Bharat Samaj Pooja Training Class was conducted for three days during the Easter Conference in April 2019 in which Bro. Harihara Raghavan, Dr. M.A. Raveendran and Sis. Lakshmi Bai took the classes, including the chanting of mantras.

### National Book Festival at Trichur

The Kerala Theosophical Federation participated in a National Book Festival organized by Kerala Sahitya Academy at Trichur. It was from 2nd February to 11th February and attracted book lovers from all over Kerala. The exclusive stall for the Theosophical Books was visited by many people and a good number of Theosophical books were sold out. Dr. T.K. Narayanan, Vice-Chancellor of the Kerala Kalamandalam visited the stall and ordered books for the library of the Deemed University. Dr. M.A. Raveendran - President K.T.F., Secretary - K. Dinakaran and Bro. Ajeesh were present at the stall and explained to the enquirers about Theosophy and the Theosophical Society. We are thankful to the Theosophical Publishing House, Adyar, for providing books for the exhibition.

### Goal Setting Meet and Workers' Training Camp at Alleppey:

As per the direction of the Indian Section a Goal Setting Meet was held at Alleppey –Federation Headquarters on 16 and



17 February, 2019. Presidents, Secretaries, Councilors and invited members attended it. Federation's President Dr. M.A. Raveendran inaugurated it and explained the purpose of the meet. He spoke on the Mission Statement of TS. In his short talk Dr. V.P. Viswakumar dealt with the subject 'How to let people know about Theosophy'. Bro. S.Sivadas spoke on 'What kind of goals to be set for the Propagation of Theosophy'.

The SWOT Analysis was conducted in which all the delegates actively participated. Bro. K. Dinakaran spoke on the importance of setting SMART GOALS for the success of our work. In the afternoon session, every Lodge presented the Goals set by it.

Dr. M.A. Raveendran inaugurated the Workers' Training Camp at 4.00 p.m. in which a detailed discussion on the topics given to the delegates was held.

A function was organized to celebrate Adyar Day on 17 Feb. in which Bro. Bhaskaran Nair spoke on Giordano Bruno, Bro. Mohandas on H.S. Olcott, Sis. Lakshmi Bai on C.W. Leadbeater and Bro. Nixon P.G. spoke on J. Krishnamurti.

After a break, the discussion on the topics given on the previous day continued and the delegates actively participated in it. A practical session for the workers to face the various questions raised by the public on Theosophy and the Theosophical Society was held. Delegates were asked to speak on a given topic/question for 5 minutes. The questions were on *What is the aim of the Theosophical Society, Three Declared Objects, The Principal Founders of TS, etc.* There was also a feedback session and the camp concluded at 2.30 p.m.

The Booklet published by the Adyar Lodge entitled "The Theosophical Society- Information and Inspiration for New Members" and a copy of the Malayalam book "*Brhamavidyasangavum Kerala Navodhanavum* (The Theosophical Society and the Renaissance of Kerala) written by Bro. K. Dinakaran, Federation Secy., was given for reference.

The book has been published by Kerala Sahitya Academy.

### General Remarks

Almost all the lodges conduct weekly meetings and also observe the red letter days - Adyar Day, White Lotus Day, Dr. Annie Besant's birthday and Foundation Day.

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### Annual Conference

The 94th Annual Conference of M.P. & Rajasthan Federation was held at Gwalior on 2 and 3 Nov. 2019. The theme of the conferece was "Theosophy Teaches Animal Man to become Divine Man". The chief guest was Sri Pradip Mahapatra and the Guest of Honours were Smt Mitalini Mahapatra and Bro. Ashok P. Lokhande. The programme started with Prayers of All Faiths,

followed by the welcome address delivered by Sri Keshav Pandey. Dr. Divyanath Dubey read out the greetings and good wishes received from Sri Pradeep Gohil – General Secretary of the Indian Section. Dr. Dubey also mentioned about the good wishes and greetings received from different Federations for the success of the conference.

The chief guest Bro. Pradip Mahapatra delivered a talk on the first day of the conference on ‘Why Man is not Changing?’, Sis. Mitalini Mahapatra spoke on ‘Animal Man to Divine Man’ and the subject of Sri Ashok Lokhande’s talk was ‘Theosophy Teaches Animal Man to become Divine Man’.

Bharat Samaj Pooja was performed on the second day of the conference. Bro. Pradip Mahapatra gave a talk on the second day on ‘Simple Life is Divine Life’. Besides, there were some short lectures in which the speakers were Sri Mahesh Dev of Jodhpur Lodge, Sri Pradip Gupta from Bhopal Lodge, Sri Ravind Narware from Ujjain and Sri Sanat Vyas from Vedant Lodge of Ratlam Lodge.

Office bearers of the Federation for the next term were elected in the meeting of the General Body held on 3<sup>rd</sup> November.

### **Visitors**

National Lecturers Bro. Shikhar Agnihotri and Bro. Ashok Lokhande conducted a two-day seminar on the theme “Satyam-Shivam-Sundaram-In the light of Theosophy”. It was organized by the Theosophical Lodge at Gwalior on 27-28 October 2018. The response was very encouraging.

### **Other Activities**

The following activities were conducted by Besant Lodge of Jodhpur between Oct. 2018 and March 2019:

Celebration of significant days:

Special events were organized jointly with Annie Besant Group TOS, Jodhpur, for celebrating various important days. Dr. Annie Besant’s birthday was observed on 1 October, 2018 as the “*Vishwa Jan Jagran Diwas*”. President of the Lodge Shri Sandeep Bhandawat presided over it. Dr. Kamal Mohnot, President of M.P. & Rajasthan Federation, was the chief guest. The programme was conducted by the Lodge’s Secretary Mr. Ramesh Chandra Joshi. Prayers of All Religions, bhajan and poetry recitation were performed in the meeting. Besides, members of the Lodge narrated some of the significant Theosophical teachings.

The Foundation Day of the TS was observed on 17 November, 2018. Birth Anniversary of Dr. Radha Burnier was also celebrated on this occasion. The programme was presided by Shri Ram Singh Solanki. He mentioned in brief the history of TS and how it came into being. Mr. Shyam Lal Tanwar was the Chief Guest. The members of the Lodge narrated the efforts and teachings of the founders - Madam Blavatsky and Col. H. S. Olcott.

Christmas & Guru Gobind Singh’s Birth Anniversary celebration on 25 December, 2018 : After the Prayers of All Faiths the teachings of Guru Gobind Singh were narrated by the members. Besides, excerpts from Bible were read out. Dr. Kamal Mohnot presided and the Chief Guest of the programme was Shri Ram Singh Solanki. The programme was conducted by Shri Mahesh Dau.

Adyar Day was observed on 17 February. The Chief Guest of the programme was Dr. Kamal Mohnot and Shri Sandeep Bhandawat presided over it. After the prayers, Mr. Sanjay Dau read out some excerpts from “*Vivek Khand*” and Dr. Kamal Mohnot narrated the need of following theosophical teachings in the day-to-day life for leading a contented and peaceful life. The programme was conducted by Shri Mahesh Dau.

Different chapters from the section *Vivek Khand* of the spiritual book *Adhyatmik Jeevan* were studied during the meetings

organized between October – December 2018. Members present on the occasion deliberated on various aspects of spiritualism and philosophy of Theosophy.

Different chapters from the book *The Key to Theosophy* were studied during the meetings organized between January – March 2019. The members discussed and explained the various aspects of Theosophical teachings.

Special programmes were organized on the occasion of Republic Day (26 January) and Ram Navami. All such meets were commenced with the *Bharat Samaj Pooja* performed by the Treasurer of the Lodge Shri Ramswaroop Dhoot and assisted by various members of the Lodge.

**Book Exhibition:** Bookstall was set up during each meeting and on the occasion of important celebrations. This was done in order to create awareness about the principles of Theosophy. Many people visited the stall and showed interest in theosophical books.

Creating awareness about Theosophy : Various efforts were made to create awareness about Theosophy and to associate people with the Theosophical Society. In this connection public lectures were organized to meet people familiar with the ideas and philosophy of Theosophy. Various social networking platforms were also used for this purpose. Members of the lodge have regularly posted teachings of Theosophy on various social networking platforms in order to reach large number of people.

Study class on J. Krishnamurti's book *Freedom from the Known* was conducted at the Theosophical Lodge in Gwalior. These classes were held on every Sunday in January and February. The study continued on the first two Sundays in the month of March as well. Readings from the aforementioned book was followed by exchange of views among the members regarding the content studied. Then, on the remaining three Sundays in March and on every Sunday from April to June, study class was organized at the

same venue on I.K. Taimni's book *Self Culture*. These classes concluded with the members expressing their personal experiences based on the content presented in the book.

Adyar Day was observed at Gwalior Lodge on 17 February. Federation's Secretary Dr. H.S. Dwivedi spoke on this occasion about the significance of Adyar Day.

A meeting to observe White Lotus Day was held at Gwalior Lodge on 8 May. The meeting started with the reading of the Introduction of the outstanding personality of HPB as described by Smt. Gyan Kumari Ajeet in *Shwet Kamal*. Then excerpts from *Bhagwadgita*, *The Light of Asia* and *The Voice of the Silence* were read out. It was followed by Dr. Vinod Kumar Strottriya's talk on 'Life & Work of HPB'. The meeting concluded with the members paying homage to the Great Soul.

'*Mangal Sutra*' was read out in the meeting held at Gwalior Lodge on the occasion of Buddha Poornima. It was followed by Dr. H.S. Dwivedi's talk on 'The Life & Teachings of Lord Buddha'.

Vedanta Lodge of Ratlam organized meeting of the members on every Sunday between January and April. Study of Theosophical literature was conducted by the Lodge on the aforementioned days. The study was followed by the exchange of views and comments on the content studied.

Adyar Day was observed by Vedanta Lodge on 17 February. White Lotus Day was observed on 8 May and the teachings of Lord Buddha were discussed by the members on the occasion of Buddha Poornima (19 May).

Besides, nutritious diet was provided by Vedanta Lodge to young girls and pregnant women on the 1st and 16th day of the month from January to June.

The following activities were held under the auspices of Sadhana Lodge of Bhopal between January and June: Study class was organized on every Sunday and it was followed by exchange of views and discussion about the content dealt with in the book/

article. Adyar Day was observed at the Lodge on 17 February. White Lotus Day and Buddha Poornima were observed on 8 May and 19 May respectively. *Swachhata Abhiyan* was conducted by the Lodge in April. On the occasion of *Vishwa Yoga Diwas* (19 June) a programme was organized at Sadhana Lodge as well.

Besides, the members of the Lodge collected about 2500 old books and distributed them among the students.

### **Some Other Activities**

Four symposiums were organized by Udaipur Lodge.

Udaipur lodge conducted Tree Plantation programme on 8 Aug. 2019. Many different plants were planted on this occasion.

The Secretary of Jodhpur Lodge gave a talk on the book *The Key to Theosophy* in March 2019.

### **Theosophical Order of Service**

The TOS Group of Bhopal has made arrangements to provide coaching free of cost to the poor and brilliant students. About 38 students were benefited under this scheme in January.

Bro. Prabhat Kumar Gupta (L.L.M.) provided free legal advice and guidance to exploited people and destitutes in January & February. This facility was provided under the auspices of TOS in Bhopal.

About 300 leper were medically examined by the doctors of J.P. Hospital in Bhopal. This was done free of cost in the month of February. Similarly, about 150 patients were examined free of cost in the month of March.

Under the auspices of "TOS", Udaipur Lodge is running school for disabled with 46 students. Udaipur Lodge distributed 50 blankets and steel table & benches to disabled students for better computer training.

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### **Other Activities**

The Madras Theosophical Federation (Adyar) held a seminar on the theme "Mission Statement 2019" on 31 August 2019, at Blavatsky Bunglow, International HQ, TS. The seminar was well attended by all the members and some persons from the Headquarters. All the affiliated Lodges were well represented. (Adyar/Youth/Ladies/Kilpauk/Mylapore/Gandhi Nagar and Anna Nagar).

Federation's President Dr. N.C. Ramanujachary welcomed the audience and explained the Mission Statement formulated by the General Council of the Theosophical Society at its meeting held in July 2018 and aims (objects) of the society. He also spoke on the first phrase of the statement "Serving Humanity" and said service cannot be evidently done without any knowledge of the Humanity. Humanity consists of its needs and the purpose of human progression and perfection. Humanity needs to be divinized and the methodology is well explained in several sacred scriptures of the nation and elaborately explained in the Theosophical literature.



Dr. R. Revathy, Prof. C.A. Shinde, and Ms. Sonal Murali explained the sub-clauses of the statement, “Cultivating an ever deepening understanding”, “Realization of the Ageless Wisdom” and “Spiritual Self-transformation”. Then the “Unity of life” was emphasized based on the Finest Fundamental Law in Occult Science as detailed by Madam Blavatsky in *The Secret Doctrine*. Ms. Nancy Secrets, International Treasurer, and Ms. Marja Artamma, International Secretary, who were also ex-officio members of the General Council which formulated the Mission Statement, summarized the proceedings with eloquent remarks.

It was suggested that the statement needs to be well publicized with appropriate explanation to the members and to general public and the Federations in India have a great role to play in this regard.

Mr. Raman, Secretary of the Madras Theosophical Federation, proposed vote of thank to all the speakers and in particular to the august audience.

### **Workers’ Training Camp**

A workers’ training camp was directed by Dr. N.C. Ramanujachary, President of Madras Theosophical Federation, from 12-16 May at Adyar. In all, 25 members from seven Federation’s participated in it.

(For details please see Part-I of this Report)

### **Monthly Bulletin**

A Few copies of the Monthly Bulletin consisting of four pages is being printed and distributed regularly and Emails of the bulletins are being sent to the members through the Secretaries of the Lodges.

### **Suggestion**

A Theosophical Lodge is a Centre in a particular locality for spreading Theosophical ideas and the higher kind of influences and all its work should be organized from this point of view. As

these ideas & influences can be spread only through the members composing the lodge, the members of Lodge should gather within themselves this knowledge & influence and they should try to spread these far and wide for the benefit of others. For this each member should equip himself with a real grasp of the fundamental principles of Theosophy and understand the significance of the Theosophical movement in the world. The books which constitute the basic literature of Theosophy offer a splendid opportunity of acquiring knowledge of the most useful kind providing clearly and concisely the fundamental ideas on each of these subjects.

Lack of representation of younger generation in Theosophical lodges and their lack of participation in Theosophical activities are serious problems of almost all the lodges. So, effort will have to be made from time to time to organize such programme with which the youth may be involved and also get inspiration to emerge as active workers of the lodges and TS.

How to put together an introductory Study Course on Theosophy that is contemporary in modern language, avoiding excessive metaphysical concepts and directed to those who have never heard of the TS or Theosophy? The study course should present not only an exposition of Theosophy and its principles, but also suggest way through which it can be made practical and relevant for our daily lives.

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### **Annual Conference**

The 88th Annual Conference of Marathi Theosophical Federation was held at Khamgaon from 21 to 23 Sept. 2019. The theme of the conference was ‘Masters and the Path’. The conference was inaugurated by Dr. B. M. Dole and Prof. C.A. Shinde in presence of the guest Prof. Shantaramji Bute. All the aforementioned guests spoke in the inaugural session. On the same day there was a symposium on ‘*Ishwarnishthanchi Mandiyali*’. Bro. B.D. Tendulkar of Pune, Dr. Smita Meheta of Nagpur and Bro. Vijay Gache of Khamgaon expressed their views on the theme of the symposium. This session was chaired by the National Lecturer Bro. A.P. Lokhande. On the same day a public lecture was delivered by Dr. B.M. Dole- a senior theosophist of Maharashtra. A cultural programme for the delegates was held from 9 to 11 pm.

The second day of the conference started with Bharat Samaj Pooja. Then, there was a programme of short lectures and the session was chaired by Prof. C.A. Shinde. In this session Bro. D.N. Karkhanis (Miraj) spoke on ‘Middle Way’, Bro. C.S. Mirajkar (Miraj) expressed his views on ‘Masters and the Path’, and the subject of Dr. A.S. Sonone was ‘Theosophy on Maharashtrati Saints’. The meeting of General Body of the Federation was held in the afternoon in which the Executive Committee was unanimously elected for three years. Besides, the following office bearers were elected: Bro. Sanjay Potey- President; Bro. Arun

Palkrut- Secretary; and Bro. Kaustubha Bhadbade as Treasurer of the Federation. Prof. C.A. Shinde delivered a public lecturer in the evening and a cultural programme was held at night.

The valedictory session of the conference was held on 23 September 2019.

### **Visitors**

Bro. U.S. Pandey, National Lecturer, directed the study on *The Secret Doctrine* at Amravati. It was held from 16 to 21 Feb. 2019.

Bro. C.A. Shinde, National Lecturer visited Srikrishna Theosophical Lodge on 20th February and participated in the camp.

On the invitation of Bro. N.N. Raut, President of Marathi Theosophical Federation, Bro. U.S. Pandey visited Akola lodge on 23 February, 2019, and delivered talks on ‘Meditation- it’s percepts and practice’ & “Human Happiness” respectively. During the talk on Meditation, a Guided Meditation Session, under Strategic Planning of Goals of Marathi Federation was also practiced by all the delegates. About 25 members and non-members were present during the session.

Sis. Nancy Secret, International Treasurer, was the chief guest of the TOS conference held at Amaravati in the last week of August.

### **Visits**

Bro. Ashok P. Lokhande, National Lecturer, was a guest speaker in a seminar at Gwalior in Oct. 2018. He spoke on ‘Satyam Sivam Sundaram’, in the light of Theosophy.

Bro. B.D. Tendulkar, National Lecturer, conducted a study camp at Bhubaneswar in March 2019.

Three members of Marathi Federation attended a study camp at Bhowali on the book *Light on the Path* held under the auspices of Gujarat Theosophical Federation.

## Study Camp

A study camp on *The Secret Doctrine* was organized by Srikrishna Theosophical Lodge at Amravati from 16 to 22 February, 2019. It was held under the auspices of Marathi Theosophical Federation. The study was directed by Bro. U.S. Pandey, National Lecturer. About 30 delegates from Marathi Theosophical Federation and U.P. participated in it.

Marathi Theosophical Federation organized a study camp on “Light on the Path” at Bhowali from 10-05-2019 to 15-05-2019. It was directed by Prof. C.A. Shinde, twenty-four delegates from various lodges of Maharashtra participated in it.

## Other Activities

During the period of study camp at Amravati, “Adyar Day” was also observed on 17 February, 2019. Bro. Wankhade explained the importance of this day in the history of the Theosophical Society and mentioned that Col. H.S. Olcott, the Founder President, left his mortal body on 17 February in 1907. Thereafter, Bro. U.S. Pandey highlighted important points in the life & work of the Founder President and his tremendous contribution for the revival of Buddhism in Sri Lanka. Bro. Pandey also mentioned some matter from Olcott’s books *Applied Theosophy* and *Old Diary Leaves*.

## The Theosophical Order of Service

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

At Akola Theosophical Lodge, TOS Maharashtra region paid yearly membership fees of the students of six degree colleges. This was done in order to make them member of TS. These students

keenly wished to participate in the weekly meetings of the lodge and in the Theosophical activities. MTF President Bro. Raut and Secretary Dr. Sonone appreciated this gesture of encouraging people to study theosophy.

## Publication of Federation Journal

The Marathi Theosophical Federation regularly publishes bi-monthly journal *Vishva Bandhuttva (Jagruti)* for circulation among the Lodges & members.

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## Annual Conference

The 106<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Rayalaseema Theosophical Federation was held at the premises of the Hospet Theosophical Society (Lodge), Hospet, on 10 and 11 November

2018. The chief guest was Dr. N.C. Ramanujachary. The theme of the conference was “Theosophy a Reality of Life’. More than 90 delegates attended the conference. In the Federation Council’s meeting resolutions were passed to enable Bellary Sanmarg Theosophical Lodge, and Hospet Theosophical Lodge; to move over to Karnataka Federation. The matter was passed and noted by the Annual General Body in the meeting held on 10.11.2018 at 3 pm. Besides the chief guest there were other members, who gave talk on theosophical subjects. Hospet Lodge made excellent arrangements for the 106<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference.

### **Special Programmes**

Rayalaseema Federation organized a meeting of the Secretaries/Presidents of all lodges. It was well organized and Goal Setting given by the Indian Section was thoroughly and widely discussed. In the afternoon session, office bearer of each lodge spoke about how to improve study and various ways to revive dormant lodges. Bro. N.C. Krishna emphasized the need of making RTF stronger by more activities. Secunderabad Lodge hosted the meet.

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

types of TS pamphlets and small books for distribution. Apart from the lecturers, other participants were also benefited by this orientation programme.

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

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

The members of Jnanabharathi Lodge, Ammuguda, conducted the Summer School for children with their parents on 19 May. The programme started with Bharat Samaj Pooja at 9 am in which the importance of pooja in daily life was explained. In various sessions from 10 am to 1 pm, programmes were conducted to attract children for giving extempore talk, to participate in games, practical training for making bags etc. It was a big success for RTF as we could make two groups of people viz children up to 16 yrs and their parents who are in 30-40 age group. All the arrangements were made by donations from members like J Satyavathi, Padma, Meena Bai, K. Satyanarayana and other young members.

### **Other Activities**

Bharat Samaj Pooja is performed at Gurukrupa TS Amarapuram Lodge on every Sunday in which about 80 students



of schools from the nearby areas participate. Breakfast is served to all and then from 9 am onwards study is conducted on theosophical texts. Recently, Bro. Jagadeesh from KTF organized a study camp. As the lodge is at the outskirts of the town, the members assemble daily at some vacant place to study theosophical literature. TOS programmes are conducted regularly.

CHINTANA TS organizes regular meetings in Malkajgiri on every Thursday. New members and members from other lodges also attend it. Bro. NC Krishna conducts study there on *The Key to Theosophy*.

Hyderabad TS organizes regular study class on Sunday morning and on Tuesday evening.

Study of *Theosophy Explained in Questions and Answers* by P. Pavri (Telugu translation) is conducted and plans are drawn for more activities by Jnanabharathi TS Ammuguda.

Satyavichara TS Lodge at Warangal was dormant for many years but now it is doing very well with Secretary Bro. K. Srinivas taking good initiatives along with other young members like Bro Ravikanth and Kiran. Study class is held on some Theosophical book on every Sunday. Besides, every morning they are doing study and meditation from 7 am to 8 am. Federation's office bearers visit this lodge regularly. Efforts are being made to get the documents of TS property.

Members of Secunderabad TS Lodge meet four days in a week. Bharat Samaj Pooja is performed on Sunday followed by study on meditation. On Monday, study is connected with theosophy through video programme on education, environment, science and interactive sessions are organized through discussion. Many young people participate in it. Study of *At the Feet of the Master* is conducted on every Wednesday and Friday. Innovative programmes are organized to nurture members to give short talks and to participate in symposiums, etc. The Lodge collected a donation of Rs 5000/- from the members on Adyar Day and the same was sent to the International HQ at Adyar. All members who visited Adyar

shared their experiences. Later Bro. Shivprasad and Bro. Deepak J. Anand gave short talks on theosophy which were well received. This lodge organizes a get-together every month for all members and their families. Lodge's Secretary Bro. P. Parasuram, President Bro. K. Ramesh and their dedicated team are organizing lot of activities. Bharat Samaj Pooja's procedure, chanting, etc are practiced on other days. Every month they conduct one TOS activity. Recently in Adyar, they donated sports and educational items to Olcott High School on 4th Jan. 2019.

Shamballa TS; on every first Sunday of the month the members conduct study on some theosophical theme in their lodge which is about 40 km from the city. They continue the study at their respective places on other days.

The members of Vasishtha Lodge study *The Key to Theosophy* on every Saturday.

Members of the Lodge at Rayadurgam study theosophical literature on every Sunday and Thursday. Lodge's President Sis. G. Gayatri Devi is continuing activities of the lodge at her residence. This is the only lodge which is in the residence of a member where the members assemble to continue the study. Recently they formed a new TOS group and it is conducting welfare activities.

The most active lodge of the Federation is attracting young children to Bharat Samaj Pooja and they are doing regular study daily on various theosophical subjects. Dr. S Basavaraj is doing a great work in organizing TOS activity every month.

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

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

The Federation organized a day-long study camp with Bharat Samaj Pooja at Jnanabharati Lodge in Ammuguda. It was held on 9th April in which the importance of Pooja was explained in brief. The theme of the study was BASICS OF THEOSOPHY in the first session which was directed by Bro. N. C. Krishna. In the II<sup>nd</sup> session, Bro M S Raghunath, Jt Sec. of RTF, explained what is theosophy. There were two new speakers in this session - M. Narayana Rao and Geeta Radhika. In the afternoon session, unity & brotherhood were explained with examples. Lot of interaction and discussion took place among the participants.

AMARAPURAM, the most active lodge of RTF conducts study everyday near the residence of its members. The members meet once in a week in the Lodge's premises, which is little far off from town. A well-organized team with its leader Dr. S Basavaraj is taking care of the lodge.

The members of Vasistha TS, Nallakunta, meet on every Saturday for study of Theosophical literature.

The members of Secunderabad lodge meet four days in a week for study of theosophical literature. They conduct evening classes for learning Bharat Samaj Pooja for those who want to learn it.

The members of Srikrishna TS Lodge, Guntur, conduct study class and performs Bharat Samaj Pooja regularly. Besides, they conduct TOS activities as well.

All the Lodges of the Federation observed White Lotus Day on 8 May.

## **Study Camp**

In a study camp held at Secunderabad Lodge on 9.2.2019 where, in addition to explaining the Goals to be achieved, how theosophy and Theosophical work should be conducted was explained by the speakers.

A day-long study camp was held at Hyderabad Theosophical Lodge on 9 April 2019 in which the Federation lecturers, were explained how to prepare for theosophical lecturers.

One –day study camp was held on 23 April at Jnana Bharathi Lodge. The local residents of the colony and members of other Lodge attended it. In all, there were 40 participants.

A study camp at Bhowali was held between 16 to 20 September 2019.

## **Visitors**

Dr. N.C. Ramanuchary presided over the 106<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference at Hospet. Besides, he visited the Lodges at Hyderabad and Secunderabad.

## **Visit**

Dr. P.L.N. Prasad, visited Secunderabad Lodge, on 17 Nov. 2018. Besides, he gave a talk in the 106<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Federation at Hospet.

Bro. N. C. Krishana, National Lecuturer, addressed the Easter Conference at Adyar on 21 April. He spoke there on 'The People the Master Wants'.

## **Publication of Books/Journals**

Rayalaseema Theosophical Federation and Telugu Federation jointly bring out a monthly journal entitled '*Divyajana Deepika*', in Telugu.

## **Pamphlets**

Four pamphalets were published and distributed during the

year under review. Two books on *Divyajananam Vivaranama* – were brought out during the year and distributed. Three more pamphlets have been brought out, but not yet distributed to members.

### **Participation in Book fairs/ efforts made for the sale of books**

Guntur Lodge held a Book Exhibition and promoted sale during Besant week at Hyderabad. Efforts are made to sell books, by displaying them on Sunday.

### **General Remarks**

There is lot of work to be done but there is lack of committed workers to travel and to work for the propagation of Theosophy and revival of dormant Lodges.

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## **Annual Conference**

The 92<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference of Tamil Federation was held on 13-14 October 2018. It was hosted by Madurai TS Lodge and the venue was Dharmapura Andhinam Madappam. Federation President Dr. M.V. Rengarajan, presided over the meeting; Adv. R. Krishnamoorthy, President of Madurai Lodge, welcomed the gathering and Prof. M. Natarajan, Federation Secretary, gave the introductory talk. The Guest of Honour Justice Sri G.R. Swaminathan of Madras High Court, delivered the Keynote Address. The Chief Guest Bro. S. Harihara Raghavan, Advisor to the International President, delivered the inaugural address highlighting the theme- 'Ageless Wisdom, Spiritual Transformation and Unity of Life'. Later in the evening, he delivered a public lecture on 'Human Regeneration'. It was attended by 64 members from 15 Lodges, 6 students, 3 teachers and 12 special invitees & volunteers.

The following short talks on various topics related to Theosophy were delivered by Federation Lectures and others; 'Theosophy and Science' by Bro. L.P. Devarajan (Federation Lecturer, Dharmapuri TS Lodge), 'Spiritual Unity' by Dr. K. Apathukatha Pillai (President, Nagarcoil TS Lodge), 'The TOS Activities in the Tamil Region' by Bro. V.A. Nagappan (President, Raja Lodge, Gandhinagar, Vellore) 'Theosophy and Divine Wisdom' by Bro. M. Palaniappan (Federation Lecture, Prounai TS Lodge, Ambasamudram), 'Theosophy in Daily Life' by Sis. R. Kasthuri (Federation Lecturer, Sri Krishna TS Lodge, Puducherry), 'Bhagavad-Gita explained in Tamil' & Devotional songs by Bro. E.T. Sarveswariah, (Secretary, Krishnagiri TS Lodge).

Bharat Samaj Pooja was performed in the morning on both the days at the venue of the annual conference. A sum of Rs 10,000 was donated by Madurai TS Lodge to Thyagam Trust for the welfare of physically challenged women. An educational aid of Rs. 2500/- was given to a poor student to pursue his B.Com degree course.

Theosophical books and merit certificates were presented to the prize winning students in the elocution contest conducted on topics related to Theosophy. In the closing session. Bro. S. Harihara Raghavan delivered the valedictory address focusing on 'The Unity of Life'.

The meetings of General Body and the Governing Council were held on 13.10.2018 and were presided over by Dr. M.V. Rengarajan. Some important decisions were taken regarding 1. Management of Lodge properties, 2. Membership growth, 3. Propagation of Theosophy, Conducting a four-day study camp at Bhowali. 4. The venue of the next Annual Conference of Tamil Federation, 5. Preserving water resources & avoiding wastage of water, 6. Perverting plastic usage, 7. Promoting Tree planting project and 8. Encouraging useful TOS activities.

#### **Study Camp and Seminar/workshop**

A one-day seminar-cum-workshop on 'Agriculture and Horticulture' was conducted by the TOS Tamil Region on 10.5.2019 in the Sivasakthi Garden, hosted by Dharmapuram TS Lodge and Jothi TOS Group there. Dr. M.V. Rengarajan, presided over the opening session, Bro. Adv. C. Karunamurthi, President of Jothi TOS Group, welcomed the gathering Bro. M. Sivadeva Neyan, TOS Patron, explained 'The importance of promoting agriculture and horticulture for the existence of the cattle and human beings.

The chief guest Mr. K. Rathna Rajasingam (Chief co-ordinator, Horticulture Training Centre, Chennai) highlighted the method of nurturing mushroom & Blue Green spiral Algae-Spirulina, used for consumption, manure and marketing. He explained in details and demonstrated the method, of growing mushroom & Spirulina. Group discussion and team work were conducted so as to involve and encourage the delegates in carrying out the project at their respective places. Later in the evening hundreds of saplings were planted in the vast area of the Sivasakthi

gardens. After the closing session a number of different varieties of sapling were presented to all participants to plant them at their native places. This facilitated the promotion of the very much needed and useful project of Tree Planting. Bro. V.A. Nagappan, TOS Tamil Region's Secretary proposed the vote of thanks. Forty-two members from 7 TOS groups & TS Lodges attended this programme.

#### **Bhowali Study Camp**

The Tamil Federation organized a study camp from 12 to 16 June, 2019. There was a group of 27 delegates who attended it. Mr. V. Narayanan, Treasurer of the Indian Section, conducted the camp on the subject of "Self-Awareness".

#### **Coimbatore Study Camp**

A two-day study camp was held on 28-29 September, 2019 in the building of Coimbatore Main TS Lodge. Bro. P. Mahadevam, presided over the inaugural meeting. Bro. C.M. Manickam, President of Coimbatore Main Lodge, welcomed the gathering. Prof. M. Natarajan, Federation Secretary, gave the introductory talk. Prof. M. Selvarajan, Federation Lecturer, Porunai TS Lodge, Ambasamudram, directed the study camp on the theme- 'Theosophy and Upanishads'. He explained the 'Principles of Theosophy' and 'Different aspects & salient features of the various Upanishads' in 6 sessions, dealing with 6 sub-titles related to the theme. Enough time was allotted for questions & answers and interaction with the audience.

The following short talks on topics related to the subject of study were delivered by Federation lectures and other participants: 'Upanishads and Human Regeneration' - by Bro. L.P. Devarajan, Federation Lecturer, Dharmapuri TS Lodge; 'The Principles of Upanishads in other Literatures' by Sis. R. Kasthuri, Federation Lecturer, Sri Krishna TS Lodge, Puducherry; 'Upanishads and Bhagavadigita' by Bro. P. Mahadevan, Secretary, Nagercoil TS



Lodge; 'The Essence of the Upanishads' by Bro. V.L. Satchidanandan, Federation Lecturer, Raja Lodge, Gandhinagar, Vellore; 'Upanishads and Thirukural' by Dr. E.M. Ramachandran, Federation Lecturer, Porunai TS Lodge, Ambasamudram.

Dr. R. Krishnamoorthy, Vice-President of Tamil Federation, presided over the second day's session of the study camp on 29.9.2019 and in his welcome address he focused on 'The Relevance of Theosophy Today'. Towards the closing of the study camp, Bro. E.T. Sarveswariah, Secretary Krishnagiri TS Lodge, explained Bhagavadgita in Tamil and rendered some devotional songs. Bharat Samaj Pooja was performed in the morning on both days of the study camp. A group of 69 members from 12 Lodges and 6 special invitees & volunteers attended the camp.

### **Regular Study Classes conducted by the Lodges**

The following Lodges of Tamil Federation are regularly conducting weekly/monthly study classes:

Dharmapuram TS Lodge- 'Theosophy and Thiruvachagam' conducted by Bro. M. Maraimani Sivadeva Neyam (Patron of Jothi TOS Group). Dharmapuri TS Lodge- 'Theosophical Order of Service' by Bro. L.P. Devarajan (President of TOS Tamil Region). Krishnagiri TS Lodge – 'Theosophy and Bhagavadgita' by Bro. E.T. Sarveswariah, Lodge Secretary. N.G. O. Colony TS Lodge, Nagercoil: 'The Key to Theosophy' by Sis. S. Anantha Lakshmi, Lodge President; Raja Lodge Gandhinagar, Vellore- 'Man God and World' by Bro. J. Murugesan, Lodge Secretary.

These Lodge level mini-study classes are regularly conducted either before or after the meeting of the respective Lodge. Sufficient time is allotted for questions & answers and discussion. Some interested students and non-members of the public are also invited to the study classes. Copies of the Federation journal and pamphlets on Theosophy are given to these special invitees.

### **Visitors**

Bro. S. Harihara Raghavan, advisor to the International

President, Adyar HQ, was the chief guest for the 92<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference of Tamil Federation, held on 13-14 October 2018 at Madurai TS Lodge.

Justice Sri G.R. Swaminathan of Madras High Court was the guest of honour of the 92<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference of Tamil Federation in which he delivered the keynote address.

Ms. S.J. Amitha Shanthi, Managing Trustee of 'Thyagam Home for the physically challenged women' at S.S. Colony Madurai, was a special invitee on the occasion of the 92<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference of Tamil Federation,. She explained the hardships suffered by the disabled women folk and the rehabilitation work done by her Trust for their welfare.

A troupe of 15 dancers from Soviet Union representing the 'Indo-Russia. Cultural and Friendship Society' visited Salem TS Lodge and Dr. M.V. Rengarajan accorded them a grand welcome, arranging a nice Banguet. The members of the Lodge and special invitees attended this programme.

Bro. K. Sivaprasad, National Secretary, TOS India, visited the Vellore TOS Group and Raja TS Lodge, Gandhinagar on 25.6.2019. He addressed the members there, explaining the importance of TOS activities for the well-being of those who suffer and the public at large. He very much appreciated the hard work done by Bro. V.A. Nagappan, Secretary, Tamil TOS Region & President of Raja Lodge, who has organized 6 new TOS groups, admitting a lot of Patron and Life members into the TOS fold. Special Pooja was performed in the Buddha Temple at the Lodge campus. Meditation and Yoga programme were also conducted in the Golden Jubilee hall of Raja Lodge.

H.H. Srihariprasad Swamiji (Managing Trustee, Sri Vishnu Mohan Foundation, Chennai) was the chief guest in a special meeting held on 13.7.19 at Salem TS Lodge, presided by Dr. M.V. Rengarajan. The Swamiji, delivered a lecture on 'Transcending Violence'.

Bro. V. Narayanan, Treasurer, Indian Section, TS, was the director of a Four-day study camp held during 17-20 June 2019 at Bhowali, organized by the Tamil Federation.

Sis. Uma Bhattacharyya, TOS, India, Varanasi graced the occasion of Bhowali study camp, lighting the divine lamp – ‘*Kuttu Vilakku*’.

Bro. N.C. Krishna, National Lecturer, gave the introductory talk at the opening session of Bhowali study camp in the morning of 17 June 2019.

### **Visits**

A group of 17 delegates from 9 TS Lodges of Tamil Federation attended the 143<sup>rd</sup> International Convention held at Adyar Headquarters from 31.12.18 to 5.1.2019.

A team of 18 representatives of 10 TS Lodges of Tamil Federation attended the 96<sup>th</sup> South India Easter Conference at the International HQ, Adyar from 19 to 21 April 2019.

Forty-two members of seven TOS groups in Tamil TOS region participated in the one-day seminar-cum-workshop held on 10 May 2019, at the Sivasaskthi Garden of Dharmapuram TS Lodge. It was intended to involve the members in the promotion of ‘Agriculture and Horticulture’.

Two representatives from Tamil Federation- Bro. S. Jeyavel, President, Dharmapuri TS Lodge, & Bro. C. Chandrasekaran, member of EC of Dharmapuri Lodge, actively participated in “Theosophical Workers’ Training Camp” held from 12 to 26 May 2019 at Adyar.

A group of 27 members from 8 TS Lodges attended the four-day study camp organized by Tamil Federation at Bhowali in the third week of June 2019.

Three TOS members- Bro. V.A. Nagappan, Secretary, Tamil TOS Region, Patron C-Chandrasekaran & Life member A. Ganesan, Dharmapuri TOS group participated in the ‘TOS South

Zone Conference’ held at Bengaluru on 17-18 August 2019.

Federation President Bro. M.V. Rengarajan holding the Power of Attorney from the Indian Section paid official visit to the TS Lodge at Krishnagiri, Kumbakanam and Trichinapally. These visits were in connection with property management.

Bro. Rengarajan was the chief guest and inaugurated the N.S.S. special camp held on 6.1.19 at Government Higher Secondary School, Salem. He addressed the students and teachers on ‘The Importance of Selfless Service’, highlighting the TOS activities. Besides, he was the guest of honour in the ‘Literary Association Meeting’ held on 18.2.19 at Jarikondalampatty Govt. Boys Hr. Sec. School. He presented merit certificates and books on Theosophy to the top-scorers in the examinations. In his inspiring talk, he explained the great work done by the Theosophical Society in the field of education.

Federation Secretary Prof. M. Natarajan visited the four TS Lodges situated at Madurai, Tenkasi, Dharmapuram and Coimbatore. He delivered the introductory talk at the 92<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference of Tamil Federation held at Madurai, and also at the study class on 28.9.19 held at Coimbatore main TS Lodge.

He gave special talks on topics related to Theosophy in social clubs, service organization, Rotary club-Tirunelveli, Thiruvalluvar Kazhagam-Tenkasi, Tamil Literary Mantram, Ambasamudram, a High School at Alwarkurichi, Bhoovijesh Matric Higher Secondary School- Mukkudal, Five Falls Sankaranand Ashram- Courtallam, etc. He visited Avai Ashram for destitute women and Shanthi High School for the deaf & dumb at Sivasailam. He also paid visits to Amar Seva Sangam Rehabilitation Centre at Ayikudi and Thyagam Home for disabled women at Madurai.

### **Highlights of Special Activities**

A team of 5 members of Dharmapuri TS Lodge- Bro. L.P. Devarajan, Bro. K.A. Manickam, Bro. M.P. Gopal, Sis. S. Chandra Athimoolam and Bro. K. Gunasekaran gave short talks in the local F.M. Radio programmes on topics related to Theosophy. These

were held on different dates between November 2018 and April 2019. Bro. L.P. Devarajan, Federation Lecturer, delivered a talk at 'Dharmapuri Walkers' club' on 26.3.19 and it was broadcast on the All India Radio. It was also published in details in *Dinamalar* a daily Newspaper. Bro. Devarajan released the aforementioned programme in CD cassettes and distributed them freely to the TS Lodges in the Federation.

The Theosophical Lodges of the Federation are advised to conduct some 'Inter-Lodge Meetings' as well as 'Joint Meetings' with social clubs, Service Organization, Literary Forums, Pensioners' Association, different departments of Educational Institutions, etc.

Importance is given for conducting meditation and classes-cum-demonstration on Yoga. There are separate halls and buildings for this purpose at Salem TS Lodge, Sri Besant Lodge of Thanjavur and Raja Lodge, Gandhinagar, Vellore. Students, teachers and non-members are also invited to participate in such programmes.

Free Siddha Medical Camps were conducted by Dharmapuri TOS Group, Vellore TOS Group, Dharpuram Jothi TOS Group and Raja Lodge Gandhinagar. Nagercoil TS Lodge organized a free medical camp on a large scale on 20.1.19 for general check-up, diabetic test, eye screening, E.N.T. treatment by specialized Doctors. They gave free medicine and health tonics to poor deserving patients.

Porunai TS Lodge, Ambasamudram, has some dedicated medical practitioners- Dr. C. Ananda Jothi, Dr. G. Padmanabham, Dr. Gomathi Annapurani and Dr. S. Sankaranarayanan who pay regular visits to nearby villages on Sundays and do free medical check-up and treatment of poor patients, women and children. Besides, they freely distribute the sample medicines.

The devoted couple Dr. G. Padmanbham and Dr. Gomathi Annapurani are meticulously maintaining a 'Home for the Aged' – poor destitutes at Kallidaikurichi Village, situated near their clinic and residence. They daily visit this home both in the morning as well as in the evening. They happily provide them balanced

nutritious food, proper medical care, free clothes, clean mattress and prompt attention with personal interest and kindness.

Bro. K.M. Raman, a senior member of Raja Lodge, Gandhinagar, is managing a 'Gurugulam Asharam' together with 'Sri Poondi Mahan Home for the Aged', situated near Vellore. Pooja, Meditation and Yoga are daily performed there. Free food, clothing, bedding and medicine are provided to the poor destitutes. The organizing Trustees conduct literary and religious monthly meetings. Joint Prayers are performed for world peace and prosperity with copious rains and good harvest. They also conduct Elocution, Essay-writing and Music contests for students and distribute prizes, books on Theosophy, educational materials and merit certificates.

Tree planting project is implemented in order to protect and improve the environment. Saplings are planted in the vacant lands of TS Lodges, educational institutions, service organizations with the help of students, teachers, Lodge members and volunteers. Women members of the TOS Group and TS Lodges are encouraged to raise kitchen gardens and roof top gardens in their homes and residential areas. Packets of seeds and sapling are freely distributed to promote this noble project.

### **Propagation of Theosophy**

Some meetings are conducted by the Lodge at nearby educational institutions. This facilitates to spread Theosophy among students and teachers.

Pamphlets, leaflets, brochures and books on Theosophy are given to the youth and various libraries.

We invite students, teachers and non-members to Lodge's meetings and to the public lectures given on the occasions of study camps, seminars and conferences.

We present the books on Theosophy as Mementoes to the guest speakers in regular Lodge meetings, seminar and during the Annual Conference.

The Federation Lecturers are motivated to deliver special talk on Theosophy in educational institutions, social clubs, service organization and public meetings.

### **TOS Welfare Programme and Service Activities**

A tricycle was presented to a poor physically challenged person, on behalf of Sunchi TOS Group, by Bro. V.A. Nagappan, Secretary, Tamil TOS Region.

Bro. G. Siva Kumar donated 100 kg rice to Nagerkoodal Puvitham Home, on behalf of Dharmapuri TOS Group.

Bro. L.P. Devarajan, President, Tamil TOS Region, Federation Lecturer, Dharmapuri TS Lodge, donated a sum of Rs 9,800 to provide meals to the inmates of three service centers- Sagathur Mercy Home, Hosur Abala Home for the mentally retarded women & Balagohilam Orphanage.

Coimbatore Main TS Lodge donated Rs 5000 to a poor woman for her eye surgery.

Dharmapuri TOS Group donated a Television set to 'Kirubai Illam' at Eriyoor, and an air cooler to 'Gahndhiji Sevalayam' at Kadamadai.

Sis. S.M. Sudha and Bro. V. Gunasekaran, Dharmapuri TS Lodge, donated 100 towels worth Rs 5000, to the 'Home for the Aged'

Prof. M. Natarjan & Sis. Victoria Rajan, Porunai TS Lodge, Ambasamudram donated Rs 6,500 worth note books, slates and pens to poor students of the school in a village.

Bro. E.T. Sarveswariah, Secretary, Krishnagiri Lodge, donated Rs 3,500 worth notebooks and study materials to poor students of Panchayat Union Primary School at Viruthamgeth village.

The Patron & Life Members of Vellore TOS Group donated a sum of Rs 60,500 towards educational aid and Rs 3000 worth notebooks for distribution among poor students of the rural areas.

### **Publication of Books/Journals**

Printing 900 copies of the monthly Journal 'Tamizhaga Brahma Gnani' every month.

*The Theosophic Life* by Annie Besant, translated in Tamil, together with the English edition of the book (1500 copies) are under print.

The Ritual Book of the Bharat Samja Pooja transliterated in Tamil was printed – (1200 copies), for free-distribution in October 2018 onwards by the Madurai TS Lodge.

### **Participation in Book Fairs/Efforts made for the Sale of Books**

The following sets of TS books, translated into Tamil are available for sale with 30% discount at the TPH- Theosophical Publishing House and the TS Bookshop, Adyar: 1. *At the Feet of the Master*; 2. *The Light on the Path*; 3. *The Voice of the Silence*; 4. *The Three Jewels of Theosophy*; (the combined edition), 5. *Human Regeneration* by N. Sri Ram; 6. *The Art of Living Theosophy* by Bro. N. Rathinam (Federation Lecturer).

These copies of the books in Tamil are also sold with 40% discount during the theosophical study camps, seminars, workshops, the Federation's Annual Conference and regular meetings of the Lodges.

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### **Annual Conference**

The 99th Annual Conference of Telugu Federation was held from 15 to 17 March 2019 at Olcott Theosophical Lodge in Machilipatnam. Brother Chaganti V.K. Maitreya, accompanied by his wife, attended it as chief guest. The theme of the conference was 'Doctrine of the Heart and Theosophy'. More than 70 delegates including members from Bellary of Karnataka Federation attended the conference. The session started with the prayers of all religions and greetings from well-wishers of other Federations. Municipal Chairman of Machilipatnam Sri M.V. Baba Prasad was the guest of honour. Welcome address was delivered by the Lodge's President Sri C. Seshachari. Goodwill messages were given by Lodge's Secretary Sri K. Ramesh (Owner of Krishnaveni I.T.I. College), Federation President Sri K. Ramachandra Rao and Federation Secretary Sri G. Subrahmanyam. The chief guest Bro. C.V. K. Maitreya delivered the inaugural address and a public lecture on 'Yoga and the Path of Self-sacrifice'.

There were some short lectures: Bro. K.V.L. Kantha Rao of Hyderabad spoke on 'Weak Mind-Response of the Heart'. Bandaru Memorial Rao Lecture was delivered by Sis. M. Lakshmi. She spoke on 'Endure and Enjoy Suffering for a Sweet Result'. Bro. S. Venkateswar Rao, Retd. Lecturer, Hindu College, Machilipatnam gave a short talk on Universal Fraternity. The subject of Federation's

President Bro. K.S. Ramchandra Rao was 'Theosophy Breaks all the Barriers'. Federation Lecturer Bro. N. Durga Prasad Rao spoke on 'Life Style'. Bro. S. Rangaiah Setty, Vice-President of Sanmarga Theosophical Society, Bellary, expressed his views on 'Theosophy-Eternal Thought'. The subject of the Federation Lecturer Bro. Pendyala Subba Rao was 'Self Knowledge through the Theosophical Society'.

All the delegates participated in the question & answer session. The Lodge's President Bro. C. Seshacharyulu, Secretary and College's Principal Bro. K. Ramesh and his family members, his students and all the office bearers of Olcott Theosophical Lodge worked hard and very devotedly for taking care of various arrangements of the conference. They also presented Mementos to speakers, Shawls to the President and Secretary of the hosting Lodge and Telugu Federation and Gift Bags to all the participants. Besides, they arranged vehicles for the delegates for local site seeing.

The vote of thanks was given by the Federation Secretary Bro. G. Subrahmanyam and the conference came to a close with the concluding remarks of the President Bro. K.S. Ramchandra Rao.

### **Study Camp**

A study camp on the theme 'The Masters and Path' was organized by the Federation at the Himalayan Study Centre at Bhowali from 30<sup>th</sup> March to 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2019. The reference books were *At the Feet of the Maser* and *Masters and the Path*. The study was directed by Bro. K.V.L. Kantha Rao and Bro. P.L.N. Prasad. In all, 33 members participated in it. The camp was inaugurated by the National Treasurer of the Indian Section, TS, Bro. V. Narayanan.

### **Visitors**

Bro. U.S. Pandey visited two places in the Federation on 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> January. At Rajahmundry, he gave two talks on the themes

“Key Points of Theosophy” and “Human Evolution on Earth.” His four talks at Kakinada were on “Mahatmas and Their Letters”, “Human Happiness”, “Viveka Chudamani”, and “The Secret Doctrine-An Introduction.”

Bro. C.V.K. Maitreya was the chief guest of the 99th Annual Conference of the Federation held at Machilipatnam in the third week of March.

Bro. K.V.L. Kantha Rao of Rayalaseema Federation gave a short talk in the annual conference of the Federation held at Machilipatnam. Besides, he directed the study camp at Bhowali.

Bro. S. Rengaiyah Setty from Bellary and organizer of RTF gave a talk in the annual conference of the Federation.

Dr. P.L.N. Prasad of Warangal gave a talk in Kakinada in December 2018 and the subject he spoke on was ‘Karma’.

### Visits

The President of the Federation, other office bearers and Federation Lecturers visited some Lodges and conducted meetings, gave talks and attended other Theosophical activities there.

### Other Activities

A meeting to celebrate Dr. Annie Besant’s 171st Birth Anniversary along with Gandhi’s 149th Birth Anniversary (in advance) was held on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2018 at Olcott Theosophical Lodge, Machilipatnam. The Chief Guest and Principal T. Damodar of Lady Amthil Govt. Junior College said, Annie Besant was born in Ireland and fought for working women’s right and equal salaries in Britain. Later she came to India and did remarkable work for women’s education and regeneration of this country. Besides, as President of TS she worked for the welfare of every living being. Lodge’s President Appaji said that Annie Besant started TOS in 1908 to help needy people. There were 40 members and students who attended the meeting. Bro. K. Ramesh gave vote of thanks.

The principal and other 10 employees of the college joined TS by paying subscriptions on this occasion.

A few Lodges of the Federation organized meetings on the occasion of Foundation Day of TS, Adyar Day and White Lotus Day.

### Publication

Telugu Federation and Rayalaseema Federation are jointly publishing a monthly journal *Divyajnana Deepika* in Telugu. Besides, two pamphlets were published during the year under review.

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### Annual Conference

The 54th Annual Conference of the UTF and the 17th Eastern India TS &TOS Conference were held on 9-10 February

2019, in the UTF Hall, 346, Gautam Nagar, Bhubaneswar. About 30 delegates from Assam, Bengal and Bihar Theosophical Federation. participated in the conference apart from the members of Utkal Federation. The theme of the conference was “The Quest: From the Manifest to the Unmanifest”. Sis Nancy Secrest, International Treasurer, TS, Adyar, and International Secretary, TOS, was the Chief Guest and Dr N C Ramanujachary, former Joint Gen. Secretary, Indian Section, was the Chief Speaker.

Sis Nancy Secrest was the Chief Guest of the TOS Conference also and Prof Aditya Kumar Mohanty was the Chief Speaker. Prof Sahadeb Patro - President of UTF and Dr Deepa Padhi, International Vice- President, TS & President ,TOS Odisha Region, presided over the TS and TOS Conference respectively.

The Theosophical Flag was hoisted by the Chief Guest on 9th February and it was followed by prayers of all religions. Sis Purnamasi Pattnaik, Secretary, UTF, delivered the welcome address and read out the greetings received from various members of TS &TOS. The inaugural address was given by Sis Nancy and the keynote address was delivered by Dr. N.C. Ramanujachary. Dr. Deepa Padhi introduced the Chief Guest and Prof Patro gave the presidential remarks. A Souvenir was released on the occasion of the 17th Eastern India Conference.

Thereafter, short talks on the theme “The Quest: From the Manifest to the Unmanifest” were held. The speakers were Bro Raghunath Choudhury of Assam, Bro. Sakrajit Chakraborty of Bengal, Bro Raj Kishore Prasad of Bihar and Sis Purnamasi Pattnaik from Utkal Federation. The session was chaired by Sis. Mitalini Mahapatra, Vice President, UTF. The Annual General Body meeting of UTF was also held on the same day.

In the afternoon there was discussion on Federation’s activities and Goals set at Bhowali by the Secretaries of the four Federations.

Then, a symposium was held on the topic “Inner Purity and

Outer Culture”. The participants were Sis Jayoshree Bhuyan of Assam, Bro Chittaranjan Sinha Kanak of Bihar, Bro. Pradeep Nahar of Bengal and Bro .B S Mohanty of Utkal Federation. The session was chaired by Dr. K. P. Padhi, Vice-President, Bhubaneswar Lodge.

In the evening the Chief Guest Sis Nancy Secrest delivered a public lecture on “Our Pilgrimage to Eternity”.

The first day of the conference ended with devotional songs.

A seminar on “The Art and Science of the Theosophic Life” was conducted on the second day in which the speakers where Sis Illa Sharma of Assam, Bro. Niharendu Roy of Bengal, Bro.Prem Kumar Verma of Bihar and Bro Satyabrata Rath of Utkal Federation. Bro Ashis Kumar Kar, former Secretary, UTF, chaired the session. The session was very informative and interesting.

Dr. Chittaranajan Satapathy, former International Vice-President, delivered an illuminating talk on ‘Theosophy & Science’. Sis Purnamasi Pattnaik, Secretary, TSRA, read out the Annual Report. The meeting was presided over by Bro. Dhruva Prasad Panda, Vice-President of TSRA, Bhubaneswar, who also delivered a brief talk on Theosophy and Science. A magazine, namely “The Theo-Scientist” was also released during the session.

The TOS Conference was held in the afternoon. The theme of the conference was “Living is Giving”. Dr Deepa Padhi, President, TOS Odisha Region, delivered the welcome address. The activity reports of the Four Regions were read out by the respective Regional Secretaries of TOS. The keynote address was given by the Chief Speaker-Prof. Aditya Kumar Mohanty. The Guest of Honour -Bro B L Bhattacharya also addressed the delegates about its significance. Certificates were distributed to the tailoring unit manged by Mahabharat TOS Group. Cash awards, certificates and theosophical books were given to the successful participants of Youth Study class held on the book *I Promise*. Cash award was

also given to the successful participants of Essay Competition conducted by TOS. The Chief Guest -Sis Nancy Secrest, TOS International Secretary, addressed the delegates on the theme of TOS.

A symposium on “Living is Giving” was held in which Bro. U S Sahoo of Assam, Bro. B B. Sinha of Bihar, Sis Chandana Nandi of Bengal and Prof Parthasarathi Prasad Sarangi of Utkal Federation participated and shared their views. The session was chaired by Dr. N. C. Ramanujchary. The TOS session concluded with vote of thanks proposed by Dr. K P Padhi, Regional Secretary, TOS, Odisha Region.

The Chief Speaker- Dr N C Ramanujachary delivered a talk on “The Quest from the Manifest to the Unmanifest”. It was held in the evening and the meeting was presided over by Prof. Sahadeb Patro, President, UTF.

The conference concluded with vote of thanks proposed by Bro. Dhruva Prasad Panda, Vice President, Sambalpur Lodge.

### **Study Camp/Class**

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

Study class on the book *An Approach to Reality* was conducted by Bro. Ashok Pattnaik at Bhubaneswar Lodge, on every Sunday.

Study class on the book *Srigurucharane* is conducted by Sis. Swetalina Mohanty at Kapilash Lodge, Dhenkanal. Sis. Purnamasi Pattanik conducts the study of the book *Srigurucharane* (‘Adhyatmika Prabachan Mala’ translated by Bro. Chintamani Mohapatra). It is held at Maru Lodge, Bhubaneswar, on every Sunday. Sis. Mitalini Mahapatra conducts the study of the book *Lord’s Song* written by Annie Besant and “*Srimad Bhagabad*

*Geeta*”. This is held on every Sunday at Sidharth Lodge, Bhubaneswar. Bro. Satyabrata Rath conducts of study of the book *The Ancient Wisdom* by Annie Besant on every Sunday.

Dr. R C Rath Memorial Study Class was conducted by Dr. N. C. Ramanujachary on the book *The Light on the Path*. It was held from 11-13 Feb. 2019 and was well attended. The classes were very lively and interactive. Members of Utkal Federation as well as from outside attended it. Bro Rajpal Sharma of Pune Lodge also actively participated in it.

Sis Mitalini Mahapatra, organized a study class on Bhagavadgita in memory of Devaki Manjari Mahapatra. It was held on 28 Feb. in which Dr. A KMishra delivered a public lecture on ‘Importance of Geeta’.

Sis. Smita Choudhury of Sidharth Lodge organized a day-long study class at Bolangir on 2nd March. Prof. Sahdeb Patro, Sis. Mitalini Mahapatra and Bro. Pradip Mahapatra attended the programme. Bro. Pradip Mahapatra delivered a talk there on “Importance of Theosophy and TS at present time”. Sis Mitalini Mahapatra’s subject of talk was “Impact of Spiritual Discussion”. Bro. S. Patro presided over the meeting.

A study class on *Old Diary Leaves* was conducted by Bro. P. K. Mahapatra, Sis. Mitalini Mahapatra, Sis. Purnamasi Pattnaik and Bro. Ashok Pattnaik on 17 March at UTF Hall, Bhrahmavidya Bhawan, Bhubaneswar.

The Members of Bhubaneswar Lodge organized a study class from 23-25 March. The theme of the study class was “Brotherhood”. The study of Bhagavadgita was conducted by Bro Pramod Ch. Mishra; *Light on the Path* by Bro. R. C. Pattnaik and Prof Sahadeb Patro directed the study of *At the Feet of the Master*. Dr. K. P. Padhy, Vice-President of Bhubaneswar Lodge, presided and Bro Ashok Pattnaik, Secretary, Bhubaneswar Lodge, gave the introductory address. Sis Swarnalata Das gave vote of thanks.



Sis Mitalini Mahapatra, and Pradip Mahapatra conducted a study class on the book *'The Laws of Higher Life'*. It was held from 27-29 March in the premises of Sidharth Lodge, Bhubneswar.

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

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

Study Class is conducted once in a week by the following Lodges in Bhubaneswar: Brahrampur Lodge, Bhubaneswar Lodge, Laxminarayan Lodge, Maru Lodge, Sanath Kumar Lodge and Siddarath Lodge. The members of Jagannath Lodge (Puri) meet at the residence of Sri Kailash Chand Pattnaik on every Saturday. Sambalpur Lodge conducted study on every Sunday at the residence of Dr. A.C. Dani. The members of Kapilesh Lodge (Dhenkalal) meet on every Saturday. Study of Theosophical Classics are conducted at these venues.

The Utkal Theosophical Federation, along with Assam, Bengal and Bihar Theosophical Federation organized a study camp from 1/6/2019 to 5/6/019 at the Himalayan Study Center, Bhowali. The book selected for the study was "*Glimpses into the Psychology of Yoga*" written by I.K. Taimni. Bro P.K.Mahapatra was the coordinator of the programme.

'The Ramesh Prasad Mohanty Memorial Study Class' was held at UTF Hall, Brahmavidya Bhawan, Bhubaneswar, from 28-6-2019 to 30-6-2019. The classes were held in the evening from 5 PM to 7.30 PM ( with 30 minutes tea-break ). The book taken up for study was *'Life's Deeper Aspects'* written by N. Sriram. The classes were conducted by **Bro. Harihar Raghavan, National Lecturer**, Indian Section.

The Khageswar Rautry Memorial Study Class was held from

13 to 15 July at UTF Hall (Brahmavidya Bhavan), Bhubaneswar. The study was directed by the National Lecturer Bro. B.D. Tendulkar and the book selected for study was *In the Outer Court* by Annie Besant. Ashal festival (Guru Poornima) was celebrated at the same venue on 16 July. Sis. Purnamasi Pattnaik read out a chapter on 'Ashal Festival' and Sis. Sailabala Acharya read out an Odia article on Guru Poornima. These were followed by brief talks delivered by Bro. B.D. Tendulkar and Bro. P.K. Mahapatra.

Cuttack Lodge has organized an afternoon study group which meets four days in a week and is open to members and sympathizers. To start with, the study of Bhagavadgita has been undertaken with a view to understand the relevance of its teachings in the life of a theosophist.

Shyama Prasad Memorial Study Class was held from 10-12 August at UTF Hall, Bhubaneswar. It was directed by Prof. R V Vastrad, National Lecturer, and the book taken up for study was *The First and Last Freedom*. The other speakers were Prof Sahadeb Patro, Bro. P. K. Mahapatra and Sis Purnamasi Pattnaik.

### Visitors

Bro Pablo Sender and Sis Michele Sender visited the Utkal Theosophical Federation on 2 December, 2018, and there was a question - answer session on Theosophy. It was held at UTF Hall, Bhubaneswar. The meeting was presided over by Prof Sahadeb Patro, President of Utkal Theosophical Federation, and the guests were introduced by Dr Deepa Padhi, International Vice-President, TS.

Bro Pablo Sender and Sis Michele Sender delivered talks on "Awakening of Illumined Mind" and on "Meditation & the Four States of Consciousness" respectively. These talks were held at Cuttack TS Lodge, Kaligali, on 1 & 2 December, 2018. Dr Chittaranjan Satapathy, President, Cuttack TS Lodge, presided over the meeting. Besides, Mr Pablo Sender and Mrs Michele Sender

delivered talk on “Theosophy and Krishnamurti’s Teachings” at the KFI Centre, Cuttack.

Sis Nancy Secrest, International Treasurer, TS, Adyar, and International Secretary, TOS, was the Chief Guest of the 54th Annual Conference of the Federation and 17<sup>th</sup> Eastern India TS & TOS Conference held at Bhubaneswar.

Dr. N.C. Ramanujachary, former Jt. General Secretary of the Indian Section, was the chief speaker of the Annual Conference. Besides, he conducted Dr. R.C. Rath Memorial Study Class on *The Light on the Path* on 11-13 Feb. 2019.

A discussion on Self-Realization /Self-Recognition as outlined in *Pratyabhijna Hridayam of Kshemaraja* was held in the premises of Cuttack Lodge, Kaligali, Cuttack, on 16-17 February 2019. The reference books were *The Secret of Self-Realisation* by I K Taimini, *The Secret of Self-Recognition* by Jayadev and Odiya translation of the book “*Pratyabhijna Hridaya*” by Dr. R. C. Rath. The programme was co-ordinated by Sis Sandhyarani of Bengaluru. The members from Cuttack and Bhubaneswar attended and participated in the discussion.

Sis. Sandhyarani delivered a talk at Siddhartha Lodge and the subject of her talk was ‘At the Feet of the Master’.

Bro. B.D. Tendukar National Lecturer addressed the students of a hostel on 16 July. The subject of his talk was ‘Theosophy’ and it was held in the premises of Siddharth Lodge, Bhubaneswar. He addressed the students and teachers of Venkateswar English Medium School in Bhubaneswar on 18 July. He spoke there on ‘Character Building’. Besides, he presented a summary of the book *In the Outer Court* before the members of the Lodge at Cuttack. It was held in July.

Bro. S. Harihara Raghavan, National Lecturer, conducted a study class in Bhubaneswar in the last week of June.

Prof. R.V. Vastrad, National Lecturer, conducted a study class in Bhubaneswar in the second week of August. He spoke on ‘Spiritual Loss for Success’ on the occasion of the 59<sup>th</sup> Annual Day of Sanat Kumar Lodge on 9 August.

The names and the subjects on which the members from Assam, Bengal and Bihar spoke in the Annual Conference have been mentioned in preceding pages.

### Visits

Dr Chittaranjan Satapathy, Bro. P. K. Mahapatra and Sis Mitalini Mahapatra visited Kapilash Lodge on 23 January. Dr. Satapathy delivered a talk there on ‘Importance of Theosophy’ which was attended by the members and sympathizers.

Bro. P. K. Mahapatra and Bro R C Pattnaik visited Balasore Lodge on 9 March in order to revive that lodge. Besides, they delivered talks there in the lodge’s meeting.

Prof. Sahadeb Patro, Sis. Purnamasi Pattnaik, and Sis Mitalini Mahapatra, visited Berhampur on 9 March to revitalise the Lodge. A public meeting was arranged there in the house of Bro. H. P. Malahna in which Sis. Purnamasi Pattnaik, delivered a talk on “Theosophy and the Theosophical Society and its relevance in the modern world”. Sis. Mitalini Mahapatra delivered a talk on ‘Four Vidyas’. Prof. Patro summarised the talks. Books were given to the lodge for study and brochures were distributed to the public.

Bro. Pradip Mahapatra visited Puri Theosophical Lodge on 23 March and conducted a study class there on the 1st Chapter of the book “*I Promise—Moro Pratingya*”.

Prof. Sahadeb Patro, President of UTF, Sis. Mitalini Mahapatra, Sis. Purnamasi Pattnaik, and Bro. Satyabrata Rath, visited Puri on 23 Feb. and addressed the members of the Lodge there. The members were also appraised by the Secretary, UTF, about the goal set for the Lodges and Federation.

The President of Cuttack Lodge Dr. Chittaranjan Satapathy visited Ahmedabad in July. At the invitation of Rohit Lodge and Ahmedabad Lodge he gave talks there on 'Elements of Yoga' and 'Teachings in Mahatma Letters' respectively.

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

Sis. Purnamasi Pattnaik spoke on 'Thought Power' and Sis. Mitalini Mahapatra's subject of talk was 'Man and Bodies'. These two talks were held at Siddhartha Lodge on 19 August.

### **Special Activities**

The members of Barabati Lodge, Cuttack, organized a Public propagation meeting in the premises of Cuttack Lodge on 24 March. The office bearers of UTF, Prof Sahadeb Patro, Sis Mitalini Mahapatra, Sis Purnamasi Pattnaik and Bro. Satybrata Rath, delivered short talks on Theosophy and Theosophical Society. Bro P K Mahapatra, Bro P K Prusty, and B. B. Patra of Cuttack and sympathizers attended it. From the public Sadhu Brahmachary Satya Chaitanya, Bro. Hemendra Narayan Das, Secretary, BSE, Bro. M. M. Mohanty, Jt. Secretary, BSE, Bro. Prahallad Sahu offered their views on Spirituality and Theosophy. Brochures and leaflets on theosophy were also distributed to the public.

A public meeting for the propagation of theosophy was held in the premises of Ramadevi Sishu Vihar, Cuttack, on 30 March. It was organized by the members of Barabati Lodge. Justice D. P. Choudhary, former Justice of High Court was the Chief Guest. He delivered a talk on 'Annie Besant, J Krishnamurti and Theosophy' in a very lucid manner. Prof Sahadeb Patro delivered a talk on "Genesis of the TS" and how the TS influenced the socio-economic culture of the people around the world. Bro Kalyan Kumar Bose, Jt. Secretary of Barabati Lodge, gave the introductory address and Secretary of Ramadevi Sishu Vihar School, Sis Kumkum Bose gave the welcome address. Educationists, technocrats, and parents of the school children were present in the meeting. About thirty-five persons attended the meeting. The meeting ended with vote of

thanks proposed by Sis. Chandana Ghosh, teacher of the School.

Six young members and sympathizers from Sidharth Lodge, delivered short talks on different aspects of the "Laws of Higher Life". This programme was held on March 30 and the speakers were Sis. Rashmi, Sis. Lipsa, Sis. Sandhya, Sis. Sukruti, Sis. Tapaswini and Sis. Saloonee. After that the Chief Guest Dr. Chittaranjan Satapathy delivered a talk on 'Compassionate- a Spiritual Person'. More than 40 persons consisting of TS members from different lodges and sympathizers attended the programme.

The members of Debapi Lodge organized a day-long seminar on Propagation of Theosophy. It was held on 26 September at P.G. Deptt. of Philosophy, Utkal University, Vani Vihar, Bhubaneswar. The meeting was attended by more than a hundred students and faculty members. The speaker was Bro. Pranab Mishra and he delivered a talk on 'Theosophy: More a Way of Life'. Prof. Sahdeb Patro, President UTF, chaired the session and delivered Presidential Address.

### **Other Activities**

Dr. Annie Besant's Birthday was celebrated at UTF Hall, Bhrahmavidya Bhavan, Bhubaneswar, on 1st October, 2018. Prof. Fakir Mohan Sahoo of Xavier Institute of Management, Bhubaneswar, delivered an inspiring talk on "Annie Besant's Life and Contribution to the Theosophical Society".

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

The members of Barabati Lodge celebrated the birthday of

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

The members of Maru Lodge celebrated their 24th Annual Day function at the UTF Hall on 14 October 2018. Dr. Akshaya Kumar Mishra delivered a talk on this occasion on "Knowledge Hindrances the Understanding".

The members of Siddhartha Lodge celebrated their Annual Day on 28 October. It was held at the UTF Hall, Gautam Nagar. The function started with Bharat Samaj Pooja performed by Sis. Mitalini Mahapatra, followed by study and discussion on "Mahatma Letters". In the afternoon there was a seminar on "How Theosophical Principles are helpful to the Humanity" The meeting was presided over by Prof. Sahadeb Patro, President, UTF. He also spoke on the aforementioned topic. In the afternoon, there was a public lecture on "Body and Consciousness" delivered by Dr. Chittaranjan Satapathy, President, Cuttack Lodge. The meeting was presided over by Bro. P.K Mahapatra, President, Siddhartha Lodge. Sis Mitalini Mahapatra, Secretary, Siddhartha Lodge, read out the Annual Report. The meeting concluded with the vote of thanks given by Sis. Shaila Bala Acharya.

In a joint Lodge meeting at Cuttack Lodge, Prof. Sahadeb Patro delivered a public lecture on 28 October on "Gandhi- the Quintessence of Theosophy".

"Gita Jayanti" was celebrated in the UTF Hall on 20 December. The meeting was hosted by the members of Maru Theosophical Lodge. Prof Sahadeb Patro, Bro Pramod Chandra Mishra and Bro. S. S. Pati delivered talk on "Bhagavadgita".

The members of Siddharth Lodge also celebrated "Gita Jayanti" in their lodge at Saheed Nagar.

Prof Sahadeb Patro and Dr. Bhagaban Prakash, a renowned Gandhian, delivered inspiring talks on "Gandhi and Theosophy" on 23 December.

Bro P K Mahapatra and Sis Mitalini Mahapatra delivered talks on the book *The Doctrine of the Heart* written by Annie Besant. It was held on 13 January, 2019, in their lodge meeting at Saheed Nagar, Bhubaneswar.

A souvenir "*Baliyatra Cuttack Utsaba Smaranika- 2018*" was released on 29 Nov. 2018, in the Vaishnabamancha of famous "Baliyatra". An article on "Cuttack Nagarara Ananya Bibhaba-Brahmavidya" written by Bro. Sudhansu Sekhara Pati, Secretary, Cuttack Lodge, is published in it. The souvenir was edited by Prof Sahadeb Patro, along with Prof. M Q Khan.

Prof Sahadeb Patro delivered the following talks in January 2019: "*Bhaichara*(Brotherhood)"- in the light of Universal Brotherhood. It was held at the "Madhumancha" of famous "Baliyatra" in Cuttack. He gave synoptic talks on the deliberations of the 143rd International Convention. It was organized for the members of Barabati Lodge who couldn't attend the Convention at Adyar.

Laxmiarayana Lodge celebrated its Foundation Day on 27 April. Dr Santanu Kumar Ratha, former Director Doordarshan and also an eminent wrier was the Chief Guest.

White Lotus Day was celebrated on 8 May at UTF Hall, Bhrahmavidya Bhawan, Bhubaneswar. Prof Sahadeb Patro read out the 2nd Chapter of "Bhagavadgita" on this occasion. Then, Sister Mitalini Mahaptra read out a chapter from the book *The Light of Asia* and Bro Satyabrata Rath read out a chapter from the book *The Voice of the Silence*. This programme was organized by Sidharth Lodge.

Vaisakha Poornima was celebrated on 18 May. It was organized by Maru Lodge. Prof Sahadeb Patro, President UTF, presided over the function and delivered a talk on the significance of the day. Bro Styabrata Rath read out a chapter from the book *Masters and the Path*.



Dr Chittaranjan Satapathy delivered a thought provoking Theo-Science lecture on the subject “Matter and the Consciousness”. It was held on 19 May.

The Foundation Day of UTF: Bro P.K. Mahaptra delivered a very lucid talk on “Theosophical Movement in Odisha” on 16 May.

Meetings were organized by a few Lodges on the occasion of Dr. Annie Besant’s birthday, Foundation Day of the TS, Adyar Day, White Lotus and Buddha Poornima.

Sis. Sunanda Mishra’s talk on “Control of the Mind” and Sis. Kamlini Panigrahi’s talk on “Kabir’s Teachings” were held at Cuttack Lodge on 2nd and 9th June respectively.

The weekly meeting of Barabati Lodge, Cuttack, was held on 17 June at the residence of Bro Kalyan Kumar Bose, Joint Secretary of the Lodge, at Metro River View Apartment, Ganesh Ghat. Professor S. Patro spoke in the meeting about I.K. Taimni’s book ‘*The Quintessence of Psychology*’.

The President of Siddhartha Lodge Bro. P.K. Mahapatra delivered a talk on ‘Theosophy & Theosophical Society’ and Sis. Mitalini Mahapatra, Vice-President, UTF, spoke on ‘The Significance of Lodge Meetings’. These two talks were held at Sambalpur Lodge on 21 July.

In order to encourage the study of comparative religion and philosophy, Prof Sahadeb Patro spoke on Islam, with reference to its genesis, tenors and tenets. It was held at UTF Hall, Bhubaneswar on 21 July.

Sanat Kumar Lodge celebrated its 59th Annual Day in the UTF Hall on 9 August. Prof R V Vastrad, National Lecturer, delivered a public lecture on this occasion on “Spiritual Laws for Success”.

A meeting was held in the Community Hall of the Vivekananda

Apartment, Bhubaneswar, on 17 August in which Bro. P. K. Mahapatra and Sis. Mitalini Mahapatra spoke to the residents of the apartment on the book *Brahmavidya Byakhan*. Sis. Swarnlata Das, Jt Secretary of Bhubaneswar Lodge, arranged the meeting.

Sri Sachidananda gave a public talk on “Mind (part-2)” at the Cuttack Lodge, Kaligali, Cuttack. This talk was held on 25th August.

### **Theosophical Order of Service**

The 6<sup>th</sup> Regional Conference of TOS was held on 22 September 2019. It was organized by the TOS Odisha Region at Royal College of Science and Technology, Rasulgar, Bhubaneswar. The theme of the conference was ‘Transform the Self :Transform the World’. Dr Ganeshi Lal, Hon’ble Governor of Odisha was the Chief Guest and he delivered the keynote address. Bro B L Bhattacharya, National Director, TOS, India was the Guest of Honour. Dr Deepa Padhi, President, Odisha Region, presided over the meeting and gave the welcome address. Dr K P Padhi, Regional Secretary, read out the Annual Report. Dr. Achyut Samant, the Founder of KIIT and KISS, was awarded ‘Besant Selfless Award-2019’. Dr Partha Sarathi Prasad Sarangi, Prof Aditya Mohanty and Prof R K Mishra also delivered talk on the aforementioned theme.

A tailoring unit at Bhimatangi is patronised by the TOS Odisha Region and Mahabharata TOS group. The learners of the tailoring unit were awarded Course Completion Certificates. Twenty-five poor-cum-meritorious students were given Rs10,000/- each by the TOS Odisha Region and Mahabharat TOS group..

### **Publication**

Federation’s monthly journal, ‘The Bulletin of Theosophical Federation’ is distributed free to the members through Lodge Secretaries.

Federation's quarterly Odia theosophical magazine 'Viswadhara' is regularly published. Besides, the following books were published by the Federation/Lodge during the year under review:

Reprint of Odia Book 'Atmara Ghata Paribartan'.

Reprint of Odia Book 'Adhyama Bigyan, Sadhana and Atmanubhuti'

Published the Odia Translation of the book 'On Education'

### **Participation in Book Fairs/Efforts made for the sale of books**

The UTF participated in the Odisha State Book Fair held from 20 to 28 February 2019. Around 1000 pamphlets on Theosophy in Odiya & English language were distributed among the visitors.

There is a bookshop in the Federation building. A number of English & Odia books were sold during the year. A Library is also run by the Federation at its premises.

### **General Remark**

Special drive was taken up in order to increase membership during the year under review. Care was taken to induct youth members.

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### **Centenary Conference**

Uttar Pradesh Theosophical Federation organized its Centenary Conference at Agra from 11 to 13 October, 2019. On 10<sup>th</sup> October a press conference was held in which Bro. U. S. Pandey, Federation Secretary, briefed the media about the objects of Theosophical Society, its work and mission, main activities of the U. P. Federation and also about the main events of the centenary conference to be held.

The Inaugural Session of the conference was held in the forenoon of 11<sup>th</sup> October in which lamp was lighted and a bust of Dr. Annie Besant was unveiled. It was followed by prayers of all religions, the universal prayer and a welcome song rendered by a group of children. Thereafter, Bro. L. S. Senger, President of Agra Lodge, and Bro. U. S. Pandey, Federation Secretary, welcomed the Chief Guest Bro. Tim Boyd (International President), and the special guests Mrs. Lily Boyd, Prof. C. A. Shinde and Bro. Ram Kumar Singh. Bro. Pandey also welcomed the guests and delegates who had come from other Federations and Lodges. A souvenir and a book titled "Divya Gyan" (containing short articles and other contents on theosophical teachings) were released by Bro. Tim Boyd. A Hindi translation of the book *Buddhist Meditation* was released by Mrs. Lily Boyd.

Then, greetings were offered by representatives of Lodges and other Federations. Bro. Pandey offered his greetings and also read out greetings received from some other persons. Bro. Ram Kumar Singh, Prof. Shinde and Mrs. Lily Boyd personally offered their greetings. Bro. Tim Boyd delivered the inaugural speech when he offered his greetings to all delegates and mentioned about importance of the event.

The annual meeting of the General Body of Federation was

held in the afternoon on 11 October when decision of the Indian Section to re-designate U.P. Federation as “Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand Federation” was ratified, annual report of activities for the year (01.10.2018 to 30.09.2019) and income-expenditure reports of the U. P. Federation and also for Federation’s journal ‘*Dharm Path*’ for the financial year (01.04.2018 to 31.03.2019) were presented, discussed and adopted. Thereafter seven members of Federation Council for the next term of three years (2019-20, 2020-21, and 2021-22) were elected by the general body.

This was followed by the first meeting of the newly elected council in which three members were co-opted. The council then elected Bro. U. S. Pandey as President, Bro. S. K. Pandey as Secretary and Sis. Preeti Tewari as Treasurer for the next term of three years. It was followed by the appointment of four group secretaries. In another meeting of the Federation Council, Federation Lecturers were appointed and a resolution for changing the name of the Federation in the bank account and also the same to be operated jointly as per the amended constitution was adopted.

On invitation of St. John’s College, Bro. Tim Boyd addressed a gathering of students and faculty members of the college in the morning of 12 October. The theme of his talk was “OVERCOMING FEAR.”

In the forenoon session of the conference on 12 October, Bro. U. S. Pandey read out the summarized version of the scheduled talk on the theme “I AM THE WHOLE” which was to be delivered by the International Vice-President Sis. Deepa Padhi, who could not come due to her indisposition. Thereafter, Bro. Pandey delivered a talk on the theme of the conference “ONE LIFE ONE CONSCIOUSNESS.”

The second meeting of the General Body of U.P. Federation was held in the afternoon of October 12 and was chaired by Bro. U.S. Pandey. During this meeting the decisions of the newly

constituted Federation Council were apprised to all members present. And then, some specific issues and suggestions for propagation of Theosophy and achieving goals etc. were discussed.

A public talk on the theme “THE PROBLEM OF IDENTITY” was delivered by Bro. Tim Boyd in the evening of 12<sup>th</sup> October.

Prof. C. A. Shinde, National Lecturer, delivered a talk on “A CALL TO BE FREE FROM WORLDLINESS”. It was held in the morning of 13 October.

There were three short talks on the theme of the conference “ONE LIFE ONE CONSCIOUSNESS” and the speakers were Bro. Ram Kumar Singh, Sis. Preeti Tewari and Bro. Gyaneesh Kumar Chaturvedi.

Lively musical and cultural programmes were organized in the evening of 11 and 12 October.

The closing session was held in the afternoon on 13 October in which Universal Prayer was recited, greetings were offered by the delegates from other Federations and by Prof. C. A. Shinde, the special guest. Bro. U. S. Pandey, the newly elected President of U. P. and Uttarakhand Federation, offered his greetings. The Chief Guest Bro. Tim Boyd in his concluding address expressed appreciation for the work being done by the Federation and also for the arrangements made for the Centenary Conference. Bro. S. K. Pandey, the newly elected Secretary of the Federation, proposed vote of thanks.

### **Special Activities**

Bro. Shikhar Agnihotri, National Lecturer, delivered a public lecture on ‘Holistic Health’, with special emphasis on Mind/Thought Power, as per theosophical teachings. It was held at GB Pant Inter College, Bhowali, on 5th October 2018.

Pragya International Trust at Lucknow organized a symposium

on 25 October 2018. The theme was “Role of Spirituality in reducing poverty and hunger”. Bro. U.S. Pandey, National Lecturer and Federation Secretary, was invited there to speak before an audience of social workers, political workers, academicians and government officials.

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

Bro. U.S. Pandey addressed the students and teachers of Besant Theosophical Higher Secondary School, Varanasi, on 15 November. The theme of the talk was “How to live a healthy, happy, successful and peaceful life.” Besides, he addressed the students and teachers of Vasant Kanya Inter College on 22 Nov. and the subject he spoke on was ‘Fundamentals of Theosophy’.

The Indian Section of the TS organized a three-day workshop on the theme ‘Regenerating practical Brotherhood through study-meditation-selfless service’. It was held on 23-24-25 Feb 2019 at Varanasi. About 40 students attended the workshop. The workshop was directed by Bro. Shikhar Agnihotri. Mrs. Vasumati Agnihotri took a session on TS introduction and Bharat Samaj Pooja and Mrs. Uma Bhattacharyya took a session on meditation.

Bro. U.S. Pandey and Smt. Vasumati Agnihotri addressed about 40 students of class 12 in Dayanand Inter College, Lucknow, on 17 August. The students were explained main points of theosophical teachings, their scientific basis and application of their knowledge in becoming as a better human being and also in giving impetus to proper growth of humanity.

Bro. U.S. Pandey, along with Bro. Pramila Dwivedi and two other members from Lucknow visited Kabir Shanti Satsang Ashram in village Kamalapur (near Sitapur) on 10 February, 2019. A short programme for children and adults from poor families of local

village was held in the Ashram. About 80 children of the age group 6 to 14 years and 20 adults participated in it. Bro. Dwivedi told children about five sutras regarding prayer, study, service, cleanliness, and love. Thereafter, Bro. Pandey addressed the gathering and explained the meaning of slogan ‘Bharat Mata ki Jai’. In the same light he explained the meaning of “Mother Earth,” adding that earth produces everything needed for sustenance of all its inhabitants. Then, Bro. Pandey explained the meaning of ‘*Ishwar-Allah Tero Nam*’ mentioned in the song rendered by the children in the beginning of the programme.

Apart from the aforementioned places Bro. U.S. Pandey addressed the teachers and students of Praxis Vidyapeeth Basti on the theme ‘Education in the Light of Theosophical Principles’; he addressed a group of students from class 6 to 9 at the same venue on the theme ‘Thought Power and Its usages’; addressed the students of class 5 to 9 at Rudhauri on ‘Oneness’; addressed a group of graduate and post graduate students in a coaching centre named ‘Study Point’ on 20 April 2019 on the theme ‘Basic points of Theosophy and Self-Transformation’; and addressed a group of students of Sanatan Dharm Bal Vidya Mandir in Khoda village (adjoining NOIDA) on the theme “Oneness”.

A half-a-day training programme was organized on “Moral Education” at the Kanchan Singh Bhulidevi PG College, Bikhna Pur, District Kanpur Dehat by the Chohan Lodge Kanpur on 20 August 2019. It was organized for the benefit of the students of professional courses on Education, which included B Ed and BTC students. The programme was attended by a group of 48 students and 10 teachers. The deliberations were conducted by Bro. S.S. Gautam and Bro. S.K. Pandey. The deliberations included the four qualities required for the students and mentioned in the book *I promise* by C. Jinarajadasa and four virtues required for a candidate for being accepted as disciple described in *At the Feet of the Master* by J. Krishnamurti.



Bro. K.K. Srivastava, Secretary of the Theosophical Lodge in Barabanki, conducted a programme for students from class 9 to 12 in Scholar's Public Inter College Barabanki on 6 August, 2019. The purpose was to acquaint the students with basic theosophy, its purpose, methods for its study and work of great leaders of theosophical movement. About 68 students participated in it. Some theosophical literature/books were distributed among participating students.

### **Study Camp/Seminar**

Bro. U.S. Pandey directed the study on *Light on the Path* organized by Gujarat and Bombay Federations at Himalayan Study Centre, Bhowali, from 28 to 30 May, 2019.

The following two to three-day study camps/programmes were conducted during the year: 'Self-transformation by Awareness' at Ghaziabad, Shuklaganj and Noida; 'Mahatma Letters' at Lucknow; 'Occult Powers in Nature and in Man' at Agra; Talks held on three days at Sarvhitkari Lodge Gorakhpur on 'Insight into teachings of the Bhagavadgita'; 'Allegory in Mahabharat and Gita', and 'Practical Theosophy'. A study camp on *The Voice of the Silence* in Kashi Tattva Sabha in Varanasi.

A day-long study camps/seminar were held at the following places: A day-long study camp was organized at Lucknow on 13 October. The content given under the title "Some Practical Suggestions for Daily Life" in the book *Practical Occultism* by H.P.B. was studied. Bro. U.S. Pandey introduced the theme-elaborating the meaning and nature of occultism and of practical occultism. He covered part I of the matter. The resource persons were Sis. Vasumati Agnohotri, Bro. Kirtiman Singh, Bro. S. S. Gautam, Bro. K. K. Srivastava, Bro. Shikhar Agnihotri and Bro. S. K. Pandey, covered the content of part II, III, IV, V, VI and VII respectively. About 30 members from Lucknow, Barabanki, Kanpur, Agra and Varanasi participated in it.

A day-long seminar on 'Law of Karma' was organized by NOIDA lodge on 09 December. Members from Noida lodge and from Delhi Federation participated in it.

A day-long study camp on the book "Trust Yourself to Life" was organized at Barabanki on 09 February.

A camp was organized at Sitapur on 10 February in which Bro. U.S. Pandey delivered talks on "Angelic Kingdom" and "Allegory of Churning the Ocean" respectively.

A study camp was organized at Brahmavidya Lodge, Orai, on 24 February. Bro. U.S. Pandey delivered two talks there on "The Sun" and "The Shiva in the Secret Doctrine", followed by interactive session with the participants.

Satyamarg Lodge, Lucknow, organized a day-long study camp on 2 March. The book studied was *The Laws of the Higher Life* by Annie Besant.

Bro. U.S. Pandey conducted a study on "Basic Theosophy" from 1 to 3 July, 2019 at Patna. It was held under the auspices of Bihar Federation.

A seminar on 'Meditation' was held under the auspices of Nirvan Lodge, Agra, on 6 June in which Bro. R.P. Sharma, Bro. N.S. Jain, Dr. Pratibha Sharma, Bro. U.C. Verma and Bro. S.N. Sharma expressed their views. The other seminar organized by the Lodge was on *Atmajnana* and the speakers were Bro. A.K. Singh, Bro. Kripa Shankar, Bro. S.N. Sharma and Dr. Pratibha Sharma. It was held on 20th June.

A seminar on 'Usefulness of Meditation' was organized by Nirvan Lodge Agra on 19 September 2019 in which Bro. Harish Sharma, Bro. U.C. Verma, Bro. N.S. Jain, Bro. S.K. Sharma, Bro. H.B. Pandey, Bro. R.P. Sharma, Bro. Hari Om Tewari and Bro. Gyaneesh Chaturvedi expressed their views on the aforementioned subject.

## Special Study Camps

Study of the book *Practical Occultism* was conducted in Chohan Lodge, Kanpur, during weekly meetings held in December 2018.

Study of the book *Man and His Bodies* was conducted in Dharma Lodge, Lucknow, during three weekly meetings held in January 2019.

Study of the Hindi book “*Jivan-Mukta and Mukti Marg.*” was conducted by Gyanodaya Lodge, Barabanki, during weekly meetings held in March 2019.

U.P. Federation organized a study camp under the auspices of Kashi Tattva Sabha at Varanasi, from 05 to 07 July on the book *The Voice of the Silence*. Bro. U.S. Pandey and Bro. S.K. Pandey directed the study. The study was conducted in four sessions on each day with close interaction with the participants. Before commencing the study sessions in the morning on 6 and 7 July, group meditation guided by Bro. U.S. Pandey was practiced by the participants.

A special study of the Bhagavad Gita was conducted by a group of the members of Chauhan Lodge on Wednesdays and Fridays during the period from 13 to 27 September, 2019. Bro. S.S. Gautam, President of Kanpur Lodge, guided the study.

## Public Talks

Bro. Pradeep H. Gohil, General Secretary of the Indian Section, delivered the inaugural address on “Thought and Motive are Wonderful Powers” in the 99<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Federation held at Lucknow. Besides, he delivered a public lecture in the conference on “Source of Spiritual Energy”.

Federation Secretary Bro. U.S. Pandey spoke on “Life and Work of Dr. Annie Besant”. This talk was held at the Indian Section

HQ, Varanasi, on the occasion of 171<sup>st</sup> birth anniversary of Dr. Besant. Besides, he gave following talks at other venues: On “Role of Spirituality in reducing poverty and hunger” in a symposium organized by Pragya Internatinal Trust at Lucknow on 25 October. He spoke On “Rejuvenation and self-transformation by awareness” before a group of trainee officers and faculty of Indian Railway Institute of Traffic Management (IRITM) Lucknow on 13 November. He spoke on the same theme before a group of employees of “United Technical and Economic Services” (UNITES) on 11 December 2018; and before a group of trainee officers and faculty of Indian National Academy of Indian Railways (NAIR) Vadodara on 18 March 2019; On “Inner Government” at Satyamarg lodge, Lucknow, on 16 December 2018; On “Spirituality in daily life” at Chhapra Lodge on 20 April 2019; On “Self-management” before a gathering of members of the Rotary Club of Lucknow Khaas on 8 May 2019 in Gomti Hotel Lucknow; On “Role of Teachers” before a gathering of teachers and members of management committee of Baba Thakurdas Intermediate College, Lucknow on 20 May 2019; On “Thought Power and its use” at Almora on 31 May; His two talks at Nanital were on ‘Theosophy and Objects of the Theosophical Society’ and ‘Reincarnation’ and then he spoke at Bhowali on ‘Theosophy and Theosophical Society’ and ‘Basic Principles of Theosophy’; On “A Healthy, Happy, Successful and Peaceful Life” before a gathering of students and teachers of IITM and also some other persons in Haldwani on 13 June, 2019.

Bro. Shikhar Agnihotri conducted a study session at Chapra in Bihar from 28 Nov. to 1 Dec. 2018. The following subjects were dealt with: 1. Symbology of Sivalinga, 2 Law of Karma and Daily life and 3. Allegory in Durgasptshati. Question and Answer session took place at the end of each study. Besides, he conducted a study camp in Muzaffarpur lodge, Bihar on 2<sup>nd</sup> December on two themes: (a) Meditation-theory and practical, (b) Law of Karma and daily life; Conducted an interactive session with the teachers

and students of Dayanand Kanya High school in Muzaffarpur on 3<sup>rd</sup> December on the subject “Holistic health and thought power.”; Delivered talk on “The Homing Signal Within” during Gandhinagar Lodge meeting at Adyar on 11 August 2019; and conducted study camp from 23 to 25 August 2019 on “*The Key to Theosophy*” at Patna.

Bro. Shikhar Agnihotri spoke in a symposium on ‘Truth and Beauty’ organized on 02 January 2019 during the 143<sup>rd</sup> International Convention at Adyar: He also spoke on ‘Harmony and Brotherhood’ during the Indian Section Convention-II organized on 03 January at Adyar.

### **Introductory Programme for new members**

An introductory programme for new members was held at Gorakhpur Lodge on 29 December 2018. During this programme a brief history of the Theosophical Society, its objects, organizational structure, basic principles of Theosophy, literature available on Theosophy etc. were told to the members by Bro. S. B. R. Mishra- President of the Lodge.

An introductory programme for new members was held on 27 January 2019 at Lucknow. Brief history of Theosophical movement, its objects, founders and their work, basic points of teachings, theosophical literature and organizational structure of the Theosophical Society were covered during this programme.

### **Other Activities**

A goal setting meet with lodge representatives was held on 13 October 2018. Bro. U. S. Pandey briefed about the deliberations of the goal setting meet organized by the Indian Section at Bhowali with Federations’ representatives on 06 and 07 October. On similar lines goals for activities to be undertaken by the lodges during the year 2018-19 were worked out.

Guided Meditations were practiced at the Lodges of Lucknow,

Ghaziabad, Noida, Kanpur and Agra and also during study camps at Bhowali and Noida.

A Theosophical Workers’ Training Camp was organized by the Indian Section at Varanasi on 28 and 29 September 2019. The camp was conducted by a National Lecturer Bro. U.S. Pandey. Fifteen members participated in it. In the nine session of the camp Bro. Pandey covered several topics related to Theosophy, TS and Amended Constitution of the Indian Section, etc. The whole programme was conducted as interactive session.

The Lodges at Agra, Allahabad, Barabanki, Gorakhpur, Ghaziabad, Kanpur, Noida, Orai and Sitapur regularly organized lectures and study class on Theosophical themes/topics. Kashi Tattva Sabha organized public lectures on Friday. Besides, a study camp on *The Voice of the Silence* was organized by U.P. Federation under the auspices of KTS at the Section HQ, Varanasi. It was held from 5 to 7 July 2019 and the study was directed by Bro. U.S. Pandey and Bro. S.K. Pandey.

### **Visitors**

The General Secretary of the Indian Section Bro. Pradeep H. Gohil was the chief guest of the Annual Conference of U.P. Federation held at Lucknow in the second week of Oct. 2018.

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

### **Visits**

Bro. U.S. Pandey conducted a study camp organized by Bengal Theosophical Federation at Kolkata from 18 to 20 November 2018 in which he dealt with the following topics: “Man is his own maker”, “Occult functions of some human organs and

correspondences”, and “Chains-Rounds-Races”.

Bro. U.S. Pandey delivered the following talks between 6 and 14 January, 2019: In Telugu Federation- At Rajahmundry- two talks on the themes “Key Points of Theosophy” and “Human Evolution on Earth.” His four talks at Kakinada were on the themes “Mahatmas and their letters”, “Human Happiness”, “Viveka Chudamani”, and “The Secret Doctrine-an Introduction.” He spoke at Thrissur (in Kerala Federation) on the theme “Human Happiness” and the second talk was on the theme “Shiva in the Secret Doctrine”. He addressed the students and teachers of Salsabeel Green School near Thrissur on the themes “Oneness” and “Self-Transformation.” These were followed by close interaction with the students. His subject of talk at Bangalore City Lodge (in Karanataka Federation) was “Stoicism, Aurelius and Meditation” and he spoke on the same day at Malleswaram Lodge on the theme “Shiva in the Secret Doctrine.”

Bro. U.S. Pandey conducted a study camp on “The Secret Doctrine” from 16 to 22 February 2019 at Theosophical Lodge in Amaravati. He delivered talks at Akola Lodge on ‘Human Happiness’, and ‘Meditation-its precepts and advantages.’ These talks were held on 23 February. Besides, he conducted a session of guided meditation there.

Rewa lodge of Gujarat Federation at Vadodara had arranged a special meeting on 18 March for Bro. U. S. Pandey to deliver a talk. Sister Parvinben S.Patel, President of the lodge, welcomed Bro. Pandey and requested him to give a brief introduction of *Isis Unveiled* before delivering the talk. After giving such introduction of *Isis Unveiled*, Bro. Pandey delivered a talk on the theme “Practical Occultism.” This was followed by a Q & A session with participating members.

Bro. Pandey delivered talks at Chhapra in the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of April and the themes he spoke on were ‘Symbolism and Allegory

in Religious narrations’, ‘Idols and Idolatry’ and a public talk on the theme ‘Spirituality in daily life.’ Besides, he gave a talk on ‘Basic points of Theosophy and Self-Transformation’ before a group of graduate and post graduate students in a coaching centre named ‘Study Point’ at Chhapra.

Bro. U.S. Pandey conducted the study on “Basic Theosophy” from 1 to 3 July, 2019 at Patna. It was held under the auspices of Bihar Federation.

Bro. Shikhar Agnihotri along with A.P. Lokhande of Nagpur spoke in a seminar organized by TS Lodge at Gwalior in the last week of October in 2018. The theme was ‘Satyam, Sivam Sundaram in the Light of Theosophy’.

Members of U.P. Federation participated in the study camps organized by the Indian Section in Varanasi and Bhowali.

Bro. Sudeep Mishra of Allahabad participated in the Workers’ Training Camp held at the International HQ, Adyar, in the month of May.

About 30 members participated in the International Convention in Adyar from 30 December 2018 to 05 January 2019.

### **New Lodge Centre**

A new Centre was started in Rudhauri (near Basti) in the month of April, 2019. Later it was converted into a Lodge in May, 2019.

The unattached Lodges and Centre in Uttarakhand (one old lodge at Bhowali, two new lodges at Almora and Nainital and one Centre at Dehradun) were attached with U.P. Federation.

### **Publication**

A book titled “*Theosophy ke Ayam*” containing 21 articles on some important theosophical themes was written and got



published. Copies of this book were sent to different lodges in U.P. Federation and also to some other Federations like Bombay, Marathi, Gujarat, Bihar, Assam and Utkal Federation.

Four issues of quarterly Hindi journal *Dharm Path* and four issues of quarterly Federation bulletin were published and distributed. Besides other theosophical books and pamphlets were distributed among students and public as part of propagation of Theosophy.

### **UNATTACHED LODGES**

There are 10 members in Sukhana Lodge of Chandigarh. Nine of them are local members and one is out-stationed member. With the kind permission of the Principal and the management of D.A. V. College, the meeting of the Lodge is held in the staff room of the college on the last Thursday of every month. Because of weak health a few members are not able to travel and reach the venue of the meeting. So, only 3 or 4 members are able to attend it.