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THE INDIAN SECTION
THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY
ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT
2020-2021

Part-I

I. Birds-Eye View of Indian Section's Work:

For the fourth time in four years, I am very pleased to report to you all that the state of the Indian Section is very healthy. Let me give you a bird's-eye view of the Indian Section's work in the past year.

One of the biggest positive results of the Corona Pandemic was the evolution of on-line lectures on various subjects of Theosophy. To see thousands members of the Theosophical Society watching and listening to the International and National Lecturers during the year certainly had a very positive impact on the spread of knowledge of Theosophy. We also got so many new speakers taking part on the on-line lectures. A lot of them were young theosophists who were never heard of earlier but were found to be very good orators.

They say every dark cloud has a silver lining and the on-line lectures were certainly a silver lining in the dark cloud of Corona. Never in the history of the Indian Section were so many lectures delivered and we never had so many members attending to those lectures. The facilities for on-line lectures were there earlier also but were not effectively used. The Corona period forced us to start using it and suddenly it was found to be very convenient and useful for many members. You will find in the latter part of this report how our national lecturers have addressed so many more meetings this year as compared to earlier years.

Another highlight of the year is the completion of a majestic college building with parking plus three floors spread over about 7000 sq. ft. There are in all 20 rooms including 2 large class rooms with a capacity to sit 200 students, 7 medium sized class rooms with a capacity to sit 100 students, 1 laboratory, 3

rooms attached to the lab, 1 store room serving the lab and attached rooms, 1 record room, 3 rooms attached to the medium class rooms for miscellaneous work and 2 smart class rooms with smart board, LCD projector, etc.

The inauguration ceremony of the new college building was performed on 25/11/2020 when Pooja was conducted. With this kind of facility the college has already applied for starting a Commerce stream. Once that is granted they plan to apply for Bachelor's in Management (BBA) and Bachelor's in the Education (B. Ed). With these new departments the number of students in VKM will increase significantly and hopefully fill all the 310 beds in our hostels.

Dr. Annie Besant's 173rd birth anniversary was celebrated at the Indian Section Headquarters Hall on 1st October 2020 by offering flowers at her stature. Then another function was organized at the VKM seminar hall where Mrs Uma Bhattacharyya, Dr Bina Singh and Principal Rachna Srivastava paid glowing tributes to her work.

The Indian Section Study Camp could not be organized at its usual time in the first part of October but was held from 23 to 24 July 2021 on the Zoom on-line platform. Ven. Olande Ananda Thero was the Director of the camp. More than 100 members attended the camp. Bro. Olande studied Buddhist Text- 'Mindfulness, the Heart of Buddhist Meditation', by Nyanaponika, followed by lively discussion, questions& answers and a short guided meditation.

Sis. Sabine V. Osta, General Secretary of the Belgium Section of the Theosophical Society, was the chief guest at the 145th Foundation Day Function on 17th November 2020 organized through the Zoom on-line mode. She spoke on the subject of Universal Brotherhood.

The Adyar Day was observed on 17th February, 2021 through the on-line mode. The President of the Indian Section, Pradeep Gohil explained the importance of Adyar Day, Bro. Vincente (Vic) Hao Chine Junior gave his address as the chief guest on the contribution of Col. Olcott and Mahatmas in the theosophical world. Dr. Nagesh and Sis. Sonal Murali spoke on Adyar Day and Krishnamurti's Philosophy respectively. Finally, the Adyar Geet was presented by the members of Kashi Tattva Sabha Lodge.

The 97th Easter Conference was held from 2 to 4 April 2021. There were 251 TS members and sympathizers registered for the conference. President Tim Boyd, International Secretary Marja Aartmaa, Vice-President Dr. Deepa Padhi, International Treasurer Sis. Nancy, Secret, Indian Section President Pradeep Gohil and many others spoke on the occasion.

The White Lotus Day (8th May) was organized on-line from 6th to 8th May, 2021 to commemorate the Anniversary of Madame H.P. Blavatsky. Prof. C.A. Shinde conducted an on-line study class on the book “The Original Programme of Theosophical Society” written by HPB. Bro. Pradeep Gohil spoke on “Life and Work of Madame H.P. Blavatsky”.

The Indian Section was never closed this year due to COVID-19. We did not allow anyone from outside to come inside the campus. So everyone was safe inside. Even though the hostels were not working the staff was paid full salary.

There was a suspicion that there could be many ghost members in the list of membership due to the practice of commuted dues or life membership. For more than three years, the Indian Section had not received any communication from most of the 1214 life members as of 30.09.2020. Hence, a letter was sent on Dec. 26, 2020 along with the ballot for the International President’s election to all such members requesting for acknowledgement. Article IV, Rule 9(ii) of our Constitution say that “if no answer is received within two months the member’s name can be dropped from the list”. Even though the names of members who did not respond till Feb. 22, 2021 could have been dropped, it was decided to wait for another few months. In the mean time we only had 1188 life members. We were very patient but finally when almost no replies came, a total of 745 life members were dropped on 30.09.2021. So at present we only have 443 life members. This will of course reduce the Indian Section's membership significantly but now all of us can say that the Indian Section's membership is absolutely genuine. If there are dropped life members living and desiring to continue their life membership, they may do so by reviving their membership at any time without any payment by writing a letter to the Indian Section President.

A few important amendments to the Constitution, Rules and Regulations of Indian Section were discussed and approved in the meeting of the Indian Section Council held on 18.12.2020. The same are given below so that the Presidents and Secretaries of all the Lodges who will receive these can inform all the members accordingly.

1. Page 21, Rule II-22-b (iii)The word ‘Vice-President’ to be used instead of “Secretary”
2. Page 23, II-28 After the words, “The business of the Council shall be transacted either in meeting or by circulation to members” add “The meeting may be in person or through recorded video conference”. After that replace “both” by “all”.
3. Page 24, II-37-(a) The words “Secretary” to be used instead of “Assistant Secretary”.
4. Page 34, IV-5 The word “September” to be used instead of “October”.
5. Page 34, IV-5(c) The married couple discount has been totally discontinued. Everyone to pay full annual dues.
6. Page 34 IV-5 9 (iii) There will be no long term subscription of *The Indian Theosophist*. Members should pay the subscription with their annual dues.
7. Page 34, IV-5-9(iv) There will be no long term subscription of *The Indian Theosophist*. Non-Members should pay the subscription with their annual dues.
8. Page 34-IV-7 Members not in good standing will have no right to vote in any Lodge, Federation, Section or International election of T.S.

9. Page 36, IV- 15 If a Lodge member loses his Lodge membership by failing to pay his Lodge dues according to the rules of the Lodge but has paid his dues to the Section, the member of the Lodge shall at once notify the President, giving his name, address and reason for his non-payment of Lodge dues. Thereafter the President shall decide whether to accept the said member as an Unattached member, and collect his dues as an unattached member.
10. Page 41, VI-4-9(c) Admission to membership, whether attached to a Lodge or Centre, or unattached, shall be at the discretion of the President and he shall refer to the Executive Committee of the Indian Section such applications as are not acceptable to him, for its decision.
11. Page 41, VI-4-(d) There will be no provision for life membership in the Lodge. Any life member of the Lodge may collect what he had paid as Lodge life membership from the Lodge Secretary after showing the Lodge Life Membership Certificate or Receipt.

President Tim Boyd has approved the changes on 29 May 2021.

The Executive Committee of the Indian Section recommended a major resolution for approval by the Indian Section Council (ISC) in its meeting on 20th December, 2021. They have unanimously approved the proposal to abolish admission fees and the annual dues for membership to the Indian Section. This is a bold and far reaching decision, which if passed by the ISC could help increase membership of students, save a lot of effort in collecting the fees by Lodge, Federation and Indian Section and maintaining the records. The total amount of Rs 5,78,496 to be received by Indian Section as annual dues is negligible (about 2.75%) as compared to its annual surplus. All Federations will receive Rs 75 per member as on 1st October to compensate for the loss of Rs 64 per member

from the annual dues as of now. The Net Surplus in 2021-22, even without the usual Rs 1 crore surplus from the hostels, is expected to be Rs 210 crores. There is no negative factor in giving this proposal a try.

All the 12 issues of the Indian Theosophist (IT) were published during the year even though there was a partial lock down for several months. The IT has been one of the most frequent, regular and high quality monthly magazine. It is largely made possible because of the untiring efforts of the previous General Secretary, Mr. S. Sundaram. There are indeed very, very few complaints of non-receipt of IT. If someone still has a problem in receiving IT regularly by ordinary post, they can pay Rs 300 per year instead of Rs 30 per year and get the 12 issues of IT by registered post parcel. Every member must ensure that their current address is with the Indian Section Headquarters. We still receive back several copies of IT every month.

The Indian Section Website has 5,888 users, a total of 5,836 new users, 7,641 sessions, a ratio of 1.30 sessions per user, 20,948 page views, 2.74 pages/session, an average session duration of 1:46 minutes and a Bounce Rate of 48%. We have 57% of users from India, 8.31% from U.S., 5.42% from Indonesia, 3.98% from Hong Kong, 3.57% from China, 1.27% from Canada, 1.1% from U.K. and 19.65% from other countries.

II. Indian Section Conventions

The 129th Convention-I of the Indian Section was held on the Zoom Platform on 27th December 2020. The International Vice-President, Dr. Deepa Padhi was the chairperson. The President of the Indian Section, Pradeep Gohil welcomed the International President Tim Boyd, Dr. Deepa Padhi and all the delegates. He then read the greetings from the well-wishers. Then, the Federation Presidents, Secretaries or Representatives conveyed greetings. The International President Tim Boyd gave his inaugural address followed by the “State of the Indian Section” address by Pradeep Gohil. The Report of the Treasurer was presented by Mr. V. Narayanan and the concluding remarks were given by Dr. Deepa Padhi. The session ended with the vote of thanks given by Pradeep Gohil.

The Indian Section Convention-II was held on 30th December 2020. It was chaired by former General Secretary of Philippines Section Bro. Vicente Hao Chine Jr (Vic). The theme of the convention was “Awareness Transforms Life”. Vic is regarded to be master of the subject of transformation and he introduced the subject in a scholarly way. He then went on to introduce the four speakers and mentioned the subject on which they would speak. All the four talks have been published in *The Indian Theosophist* of March 2021.

Sister Uma Bhattacharyya tried to answer the question “Does one go through cycles of transformation in life?” She concluded by saying that our alignment with the wave of transformation can assist humanity and planet earth in making a calm and peaceful transition to a Golden Age.

Sis. H. Sripriya spoke on “How Awareness Transforms Life”. She presented the subject logically explaining the basic questions and facts relating to life’s problems. She also defined awareness and discussed about Self-Awareness and Other Awarenesses. She gave several examples and ended by saying “Let us be Aware, Let us Transform”.

Bro. Sanjay Potey spoke on the subject of “Importance of Awareness in Fulfilling the T.S. Mission”. He concluded very eloquently by saying that “the members of T.S., need to work rigorously on ‘self-preparation’ in order to fulfil the mission of the Society”. That self-preparation will bring the awareness.

Sis. Chhital Patel spoke on the subject of “Need of Awareness to Relate to the Present Pandemic Situation”. She described the two categories of self-awareness as internal and external. She explained the four ways by which self-awareness can be increased. She concluded by asking to come back into the present and bring back the awareness.

Finally, Vic concluded the convention by talking about how awareness transforms life.

III. Election

The International Secretary, through her notification dated 28 March 2021, has informed that Mr. Tim Boyd has been declared re-elected as President

of the Theosophical Society for a second term of office of 7 years from 27 April 2021.

IV. Indian Section Headquarters

The workers at the Indian Section HQ assembled in the Hall on 1st October 2020 and they all offered flowers at the bust of Dr. Annie Besant to pay homage to the great soul.

The 173rd birth anniversary of Dr. Annie Besant was celebrated jointly by the Indian Section -The Theosophical Society, Kashi Tattva Sabha and Vasant Kanya Mahavidyalaya (VKM) on October 1st, 2020 in the seminar hall of the college. The function was organized in both on-line and off-line modes and connected members of TS and KTS from across the country.

The programme started with paying floral tribute to the portrait of Dr Besant and was followed by ‘Annie Besant Eulogy’ written by Dr. Asha Yadav, Associate Professor, Department of Hindi, VKM and composed by Dr. Meenu Pathak, Head, Department of Music Instrumental (Sitar), VKM. The rhythmic eulogy very beautifully reminded the gathering of the greatness, sympathetic attitude and ‘Indianness’ that stayed in the persona of Dr. Annie Besant for all her life. The musical presentation was played in recorded form to avoid close contact in the days of pandemic. Presenting true gratitude towards our parent body, Theosophical Society, the organization that played catalyst in transforming the life of Dr. Besant, the programme featured a documentary on Indian Section, Theosophical Society. This was an award winning entry prepared by two students of the college Shreya and Sumul Garg for the College Fest ‘Sarjana’.

Speaking on the relevance of vision and works of Dr. Besant in present times the Manager of VKM, Mrs. Uma Bhattacharyya, highlighted the importance of her fight for reclaiming freedom for India. She brought out that Dr. Besant was totally Indian at heart although born as a foreigner. She was a true champion of the belief that only Indian culture can stand against the ravages of time and before the world is made aware of its rich cultural heritage, Indians themselves should realize their unbeatable legacy of knowledge and selfless service. Mrs. Bhattacharyya said that in the uncertainties of the present times,

we must read Dr. Besant in order to understand how India can convert challenges into opportunities by practicing religious harmony, tolerance and the rich tradition of knowledge. She beautifully explained Dr Besant's faith in truthfulness, selfless service and universal brotherhood. She emphasized that Theosophical Society presents 'Education as Service' following which, one can become a part of world peace and harmony.

In her keynote address, Dr. Bina Singh, HOD, English Department, VKM, reiterated the spiritual symphony of Annie Besant's thoughts. She made everyone chant the prayer on universal love and respect and established her lecture in the soil of brotherhood, selfless service and spiritual unity as described by Dr. Besant. She said that although Annie Besant was a product of different socio-cultural scenario, she remains relevant even to the present day because of her universal spirit and finding unity in diverse human experiences.

Prof. Rachna Srivastava, Principal, VKM, in her Presidential Address, appealed to the gathering to understand the message of 'Universal Prayer' which unfolds strong message of unity in diversity and universal brotherhood in the most simple words. She said that religious harmony is the need of the hour as we are guided by our false ego and misleading sense of superiority. Giving practical examples from everyday life she related tolerance and selfless service to humanity in the present context. Dr. Nairanjana Srivastava, convener of the programme gave vote of thanks.

Faculty members of the college and office staff attended the event maintaining hygiene and social distancing. The programme was organized by Progression of Annie Besant Spirit Committee with technical assistance of College office.

The on-line Theosophical 1st Public Lecture in memory of Dr. Radha Burnier, the 7th International President of Theosophical Society, was held on 30 October 2020. This programme was organized by the Indian Section of the TS. Brother Pedro Oliveira, the Education Coordinator of the TS Australian Section was the Guest Speaker. The President of the Indian Section, TS, invoked the Universal Prayer and introduced the purpose of the public lecture as well as

narrated in brief about Dr. Radha Burnier. Then Bro. V. Narayanan introduced the speaker. It was followed by Bro. Pedro's keynote address on the subject - "Radhaji: Glimpses of Her Life and Influence". Bro. Pedro described in detail his close association with Radhaji when he was in his early thirties. He mentioned some of his reminiscences as well as Radhaji's role in furthering and promoting the theosophical movement in the world.

The on-line programme was attended by 87 participants from all over the world.

Foundation Day

The Indian Section, the Theosophical Society, celebrated 145th Foundation Day function through on-line mode on 17.11.2020 organized by Bro. P.K.Mahapatra. Chief Speaker was Sis Sabine V. Osta, Secretary, The Theosophical Society, Belgium Section. The subject which she chose to speak on was 'The Law of Universal Brotherhood'. The function started with Universal Prayer by the President, Indian Section, Sri P.H.Gohil who gave a short talk on importance of the Theosophical Society's Foundation Day. Bro. V.Narayanan, Treasurer, Indian Section, introduced the chief speaker Sis Sabine to the audience.

Sis Sabine broadly discussed about the law of Universal Brotherhood which she described as a principle idea leading to the foundation of The Theosophical Society. In her talk she referred to the three objectives of Theosophical Society, and apprised the gathering about Masters' close contact with HPB and their correspondence to A.P.Sinnet. She brought out that some of these letters directly refer to Universal Brotherhood. Sis Sabine emphasized on the deep connection between brotherhood and love, which are part of each other. She also quoted from *At the Feet of the Master*, mentioning that love is most important because it is only through love, we can become one with the Almighty who is also love. She clarified that one must be filled with perfect unselfishness and love for becoming one with Him. She revealed that in *The Doctrine of Heart* written by Dr. Annie Besant, who was known as diamond soul, we find that love along with service is the key to attain Universal

Brotherhood. She stressed that to serve for the sake of service is another shade of colour of love. Sis Sabine referred to Mission Statement of the Theosophical Society, which is renewed formulation of existing objectives of the Theosophical Society and meant to compliment the three objectives of the Theosophical Society. She concluded by highlighting that Mission Statement is a whole programme for centuries to come. She reminded that we can put this mission into practice only when we have love for humanity.

Sister Uma Bhattacharyya extended vote of thanks on behalf of Indian Section to the chief speaker for her captivating lecture. She appreciated the chief speaker for the clear cut analysis of principles of Universal Brotherhood, which enlightened the gathering on various deep aspects of theosophy, love, service and mission statement of Theosophical Society.

Adyar Day

Adyar Day was observed on 17.02.2021 in on-line mode, which was organized by Bro. Pradeep Mohapatra. The event started with universal invocation by President of the Indian Section, Bro. P.H.Gohil. A short speech by the President highlighting the importance of Adyar Day was delivered on this occasion. He underlined the importance of Adyar by highlighting that Adyar is a symbol of theosophy which has a special place for all of us with its serene beauty, brimming rivers and serenity of the place. He also gave a brief history of Adyar, how it came to be known as Adyar Day and the origin of the tradition of observing this day as Adyar Day.

The second speaker was Bro. Vicente Hao Chin Junior who spoke eloquently about the contribution of Col. Olcott and Mahatmas in the theosophical world. He shared with the audience glimpses of Col. Olcott's close association with the Masters'. He narrated many episodes which exemplified Masters' intense working with Adepts and HPB. Overall it was a very interesting and enlightening presentation given by Bro. Vicente Hao Chin Junior.

The third speaker was Bro. Dr. Nagesh who spoke on the Importance of Adyar Day. Bro. Nagesh illustrated the significance of surroundings of Adyar which was frequently visited by Mahatmas. He also spoke about the importance

of the day and brought out the contribution of Olcott in building theosophical lodges in various parts of India and outside India as well.

Sister Sonal Murli delivered the concluding lecture on “*Krishnamurti’s Philosophy as I Know*”. She spoke in detail about J.Krishnamurti and enlightened the audience on the life and unconventional thinking of J.Krishnamurti. She elaborated views of J.Krishnamurti on nationality and religion which broke many myths.

Then Adyar Geet was presented by members of Kashi Tattva Sabha - Dr. Annapurna, Ms. Bharati Chattopadhyay and Ms. Sakshi Gupta.

Vote of thanks was delivered by Smt. Uma Bhattacharyya. She thanked all the speakers for providing glimpses of history of Adyar, illustrating the significance of the day while summarizing the essence of the talks of the speakers of the day. She thanked all the members who got associated with the celebration of Adyar Day and members of Kashi Tattva Sabha for presenting beautiful song on Adyar Day.

White Lotus Day

White Lotus Day was observed on-line from 6 May to 8 May 2021 to commemorate the death anniversary of Madame H.P. Blavatsky. Each day the programme started with Universal Prayer. On 6 and 7 May, 2021, study class was conducted by Prof. C.A. Shinde, National Lecturer on the book “*The Original Programme of Theosophical Society*” by HPB, followed by questions and answers session on both the days. The study class was divided in two parts – *The original programme of Theosophical Society; The Esoteric Section of the Society*. Prof. Shinde explained the importance of three objects of society and encouraged the study of science, comparative religion and philosophy. He also explained in detail the contribution of HPB in the advancement of Esoteric Section of the Society. On both the days programme was coordinated by Bro. P.K. Mohapatra.

On 8th May the programme started with Universal Prayer. Bro. P.K. Mohapatra, welcomed the guests. Bro. Pradeep H. Gohil, President, Indian Section in his address on “*Life and Work of Madame H.P. Blavatsky*”,

beautifully illustrated the life, teachings and literary contributions of HPB and their importance in the theosophical world. He maintained that the teachings of HPB are the need of hour and are immortal.

A small presentation was made by Bro.P.K.Mahapatra displaying the serene beauty of Indian Section campus and Bhowali Study Centre.

Excerpts from the books *The Voice of the Silence*, *Bhagwadgita* and *The Light of Asia* were read by Dr. Bina Singh, Dr. Annapurna and Ms. Bharati Chattopadhyay respectively. The Vote of Thanks was given by Bro. Shikhar Agnihotri.

V. The Easter Theosophical Conference

The 97th Easter Conference was held from 2 to 4 April 2021. It was organized by the Indian Section, T.S., through Zoom On-line. Notification was issued in proper time for the Easter Conference in “The Indian Theosophist” and “International Newsletter”, informing all to register their names through a special mail I’d theosophyindia1891@gmail.com. There were 251 TS members/sympathizers who registered their names for the Conference. Out of 251 members, 68 were from outside India. The theme of the conference was “Theosophy and J. Krishnamurti”. There were 15 speakers who spoke on different aspects of Theosophy and teachings of Krishnamurti.

Sister Catalina Agnihotri chaired the morning session on the first day of the conference. She welcomed the on-line delegates and invited Bro. Pradeep H. Gohil, President of the Indian Section, TS, to invoke the Universal Prayer and to deliver the welcome address. International Secretary of the TS Sis. Marja Artmma delivered the opening address followed by the reading of the messages by the Conference Officer Bro. Pradip Mahapatra. International President Bro. Tim Boyd in his message mentioned that “I am very happy about the way the TS work has grown on-line. I wish success for the Easter Conference for the theme-’Theosophy and J. Krishnamurti’. The Ageless Wisdom and J. Krishnamurti’s elaboration are priceless guides to the whole humanity.” Dr. Deepa Padhi, International Vice-President, in her message said that “we must know that the differences between what theosophy teaches and what Krishnamurti advocates

are only superficial. It is our limited knowledge of both that creates confusion and conflicts”. She hoped a deeper study and understanding of both would help in removing the superficial differences. Bro. Pradeep H. Gohil in his message said “J. Krishnamurti is probably the most misunderstood seer. But he was the greatest theosophist in the history of TS. He practised the freedom of expression given by the Theosophical Society and his original thinking gave new insights to people on spiritualism”. Then, Prof. C. A. Shinde delivered a talk on “A loved Spiritual Teacher of the Twentieth Century”. Bro. Kishore Ongole’s subject of talk was “49[Forty-nine] lives of ALCYONE”. The afternoon session was presided over by Bro Sai Ram Pate. Bro. Basavaraja Reddy spoke in this session on “Life and Works of Jiddu Krishnamurti from 1910 to 1929”, followed by Sis. K. Parvathamma’s talk on “Intellect to Self-Knowledge”.

A talk in the morning session on April 3 was delivered by Bro. Kantha Rao on “Theosophy vs. JK’s Teachings”. It was followed by Dr M.A. Raveendran’s talk on “Truth is a Pathless Land”. Sis. Murali was the moderator in the second session in which Bro. R. Krishnamoorthy, Advocate, from Madurai, Tamilnadu, spoke on “You are the World”, and Bro. Dinakaran’s subject was “Choiceless Awareness”. Brother Sriharsha Sonthi was the moderator in the afternoon session wherein Bro. N. C. Krishna expressed his views on “Future of Humanity”. It was followed by a talk by Sis. Lakshmi on “Love”.

Sis. Suvralina Mohanty presided over the morning session-I on April 4 in which Dr. L. Nagesh delivered a talk on “Thought cannot solve any problem”. It was followed by V. L. Vastrad’s views on “Ancient Wisdom and Krishnamurti”. The IInd part of the morning session was presided over by Sis. Nancy Secret in which Bro. Sai Ram Pate delivered a talk on “Intellect to Intuition” and Sri Harsha spoke on “Right Education in the Modern World”.

The closing session was presided over by Bro. Shikhar Agnihotri in which Sis Vibha Saksena spoke on “Work of the TS members”. It was followed by Vote of Thanks given Bro. Raman, Secretary of Madras Federation. Then, the conference was declared closed by the conference officer Bro. Pradip Mahapatra.

VI. Indian Section Study Camp

A Special Guru Purnima Programme was organized by the Indian Section through the Zoom On-line platform on 23 and 24 July 2021. Ven. Olande

AnandaThero was the Director of the camp. There were more than 100 on-line registrations. Zoom Links were sent to all the registered participants on 20.07.2021

On 23.07.2021 Sister Suvralina was the moderator of the programme. President Pradeep H Gohil invoked the Universal Invocation and welcomed Ven. Olande in his welcome on-line address. Ven. Olande studied Buddhist Text- Mindfulness, the Heart of Buddhist Meditation, by Nyanaponika, followed by lively Discussion, Questions and Answers with short guided Meditation,

Sister Vibha Saksena was the moderator of the programme on 24 July. President Pradeep H Gohil invoked the Universal Invocation, after that Director Olande continued his study of Buddhist Text- Mindfulness, the Heart of Buddhist Meditation, by Nyanaponika, followed by lively Discussion, Questions and Answers with a guided Meditation for half an hour,

Bro. Shikhar Agnihotri presented a video show on Guru Poornima and Buddhist mantras "Mani Padma Hum" on both days during the break period.

Bro. Pradip Mahapatra conveyed vote of thanks to the Director Ven. Olande, President Pradeep H Gohil, two moderators like Sis. Suvralina and Sis. Vibha Saksena, Bro. Shikhar Agnihotri and all the participants from India and outside India.

VII. Study Camp at the Himalayan Study Centre, Bhowali

During the period from 01.10.2020 to 30.09.2021, no study camps or classes were organized at Bhowali due to the Corona Pandemic.

VIII. Workshops and Study Classes at the Section Headquarters, Varanasi

The Corona Pandemic did not allow any study classes in person at the Indian Section Headquarters. However, by his extraordinary organizing skills Bro. Pradip Mahapatra was successful in hosting 83 programmes on zoom platform on behalf of the Indian Section, a list of which is given below. In the process he has discovered so many young theosophists who can speak very well on Theosophical subjects. This has been propagation of Theosophy of the highest order.

1. STUDY CLASS ON MAHATMA LETTERS:

On 30.10.2020 Pedro Oliveira spoke on “Radhaji: Glimpses of her Life and Influence”.

On 17.11.2020 Sis. Sabine Van Osta, General Secretary of Belgium Section spoke on The Law of Universal Brotherhood”.

On 29.01.21 Bro. N C. Krishna explained Ch. L-54, 36 [M.L-35, 36].

On 05.02.21 Bro. C A Sindhe explained Ch.L.37 [M.L-37].

On 12.02.21 Sis. Vibha Saksena explained Ch. L-33[M.L-38].

On 19.02.21 Bro. Pradip Mahapatra explained Ch. L.34, 31[M.L-39, 40].

On 26.02.21 Sis. Sandhya Rani explained Ch.1.35, 43 [M.L no-41, 42].

On 05.03.21 Bro. N C. Krishna explained Ch. L.42 [ML-43].

On 12.03.21, 19.03.21 Sis. Vibha Saksena explained Ch. L No - 45, 47 [M.L-44, 45].

On 26.03.21 Bro. Pradip Mahapatra explained Ch. L.89, 48 [ML-46, 47].

On 02.04.21 Bro. S. S.Gautam explained Ch.L.48 [ML-47].

On 09.04.21 and 16.04.21 Sis. Suvralina Mohanty explained Ch.L.49 [ML-48].

On 23.04.21 and 30.04.21 Bro. Shikhar Agnihotri explained Ch.L.20 [ML-48].

On 14.05.2021 Sis. Vibha Saksena explained Ch.L-49 [ML-48].

On 21.05.21 Bro. Pradip Mahapatra explained Ch.1-77, 78[ML -50, 51].

On 28.05.21 Sis. Sandhya Rani explained Ch.L-75 [ML-53].

On 04.11.18.06.21 Sis. Vibha Saksena explained Ch.1-92[ML-54].

On 25.06.21 Bro. N C Krishna explained on Ch.1 -130 [ML -55].

On 02.07.2021 and 09.07.2021 Prof. C A Shinde explained Ch.1-102, 101 [ML-56, 57].

On 16.07.21 Bro. B.D. Tendulkar explained Ch.1-108 [ML-58].

On 30.07.2021 and 06.08.21 Bro. U S Pande explained Ch.1-111 [ML-59].

On 13.08.21, 20.08.21 and 27.08.21 Bro. Pradip Mahapatra explained Ch.1-129, 125 and 126 [ML-60, 61 and 62].

On 03.09.21 and 10.09.21 Sis. Vibha Saksena explained Ch.1-128 and 134 [ML -63 and 64].

On 17.09.21 and 24.09.21- Bro. Shikhar Agnihotri explained Ch.1-136 [ML -65].

2. STUDY CLASS IN ENGLISH ON THEOSOPHICAL BOOKS: “*The Key to Theosophy*” written by H P Blavatsky:

On 10.01.21 Bro. N. C. Krishna described a bird’s eye view on book “*Key to Theosophy*”.

On 20.02.21 Sis. Suvralina Mohanty explained “The difference between Theosophy and Spiritualism”.

On 27.02.21 Dr. P S P Sarangi explained Ch.3- “Working System of Theosophical Society”.

On 21.03.21 Bro. Satrajit Chakravorty explained Ch.4 The Relation of Theosophical Society to Theosophy.

On 30.03.21 Sis. Swasti Sikha Mohapatra explained Ch.5-The “Fundamental Teachings of Theosophy”.

On 11.04.21 Sis. Smita Prangya Patro explained Ch.6 “THEOSOPHICAL TEACHINGS AS TO NATURE AND MAN.

On 18.04.21 Sis. Arunima Baruha explained Ch. 7-8 on “REINCARNATION OR REBIRTH”.

On 02.05.21 Bro. N. C Krishna explained Ch.9- on LIFE AFTER DEATH.

On 09.05.21 Dr. Manshi Bhagat explained on Ch.10 “ON THE NATURE OF OUR THINKING PRINCIPLE”.

On 23.05.2021- Bro. K. Dinkaran explained Ch.11 “THE MYSTERIES OF REINCARNATION”.

On 30.05.21 Sis. Smita Choudhury explained Ch.12- WHAT IS PRACTICAL THEOSOPHY? [Part-I] Page 209-224 [a] Duty [b] The Relations of the TS to Political Reforms.

On 06.06.2021 Dr. T.K. Nair explained Ch.12 “WHAT IS PRACTICAL THEOSOPHY?” [Part-II] From Page 224-236 [a] On Self Sacrifice [b] On Charity,

On 27.06.2021 Sis. Varsha Patel, Secretary Rohit Lodge explained Ch.13 “On the Misconceptions about the Theosophical Society” [a] Theosophy and Asceticism, [b] Theosophy and Marriage and [c] Why, Then, Is there So Much Prejudice against the TS? On the Misconceptions about the TS.

On 04.07.2021 Sis. SONAL MURALI, Director of ATA, Adyar, Chennai explained on Ch.13-Subtitle “Theosophy and Education”.

On 18.07.2021 Sis. Mitalini Choudhury explained the Ch.14-on THE THEOSOPHICAL ‘MAHATMA’.

On 01.08.2021 Bro. U S Pandey explained the last chapter of the book *The Key to Theosophy - CONCLUSION-*” The Future of The Theosophical Society”.

On 22.08.2021 Bro. K. Dinakaran - explained a bird’s eye views of the book *Principles of Theosophical Work* written by I K Taimni.

On 05.09.2021 Bro. K. V. L. Kantha Rao explained Ch.1 “The Divine Plan and the Theosophical Society”.

On 19.09.2021 Dr. REVATI explained Ch. II “The General Aim of the Theosophical Society”.

3. SPECIAL ENGLISH LECTURES:

President of Indian Section Bro. Pradeep H Gohil delivered a talk on 6 January 2021 on “Self- Realization in the Light of Theosophy”.

On 14.01.21 Dr. N C Ramanujachary delivered a speech on “One Solution for world’s Problems”.

On 07.03.21, Bro. H. Raghavan delivered a speech on “Concept and Reality of Guru”.

On 06- 07.05.21- Prof C A Shinde conducted a study class from 5 to 7 PM [IST] on the book *The Original Programme of Theosophical Society* written by H P Blavatsky.

On 8 May 2021 at 05 PM [IST]. Bro. Pradeep H Gohil, President of the Indian Section, TS, delivered a speech on “Life and Work of Madam H.P. Blavatsky.

On 13.06.21 Sis. Uma Bhattacharyya delivered a lecture on “TRANSFORMATION AND FREE-WILL.

On 20.06.2021 Sis. Vibha Saksena Sundaynm delivered a lecture on “ADI SANKARACHARYA AND NIRVAN SHATKAM”.

On 11.07.2021 a Special Public Lecture on “INDIVIDUAL, SOCIETY AND TRANSFORMATION” by Prof. P. Krishna from KFI Rajghat, Varanasi. India.

On 25.07.21- Prof. ADITYA MOHANTY, former HOD Philosophy, Dept. Utkal University, Bhubaneswar, delivered a lecture on “INSTINCT, INTELLECT AND INTUITION”.

On 15.08.2021 Dr. L. Nagesh delivered a lecture on “SCHEMES OF EVOLUTION IN SOLAR SYSTEM IN THEOSOPHY”.

On 08.08.21, Prof C A Shinde delivered a lecture on “OBLIGATORY PILGRIMAGE”, - On 29.08.2021- Brother Pedro Oliveira former International Secretary of The Theosophical Society Adyar delivered a lecture on “HOW TO SEEK THE WAY”.

On 12.09.2021 Bro. Pradeep H Gohil, President Indian Section TS Varanasi, delivered a lecture on “TRANSFORMATION THROUGH PURE HEART”.

On 26.09.21 Bro. Dhruv Prasad Panda, Former President of Sambalpur Theosophical Lodge, Sambalpur, Odisha, delivered a lecture on “THE ESSENTIALS OF INDIAN PHILOSOPHY [Part- I]”.

4. SPECIAL ENGLISH PROGRAMME:

On 31.01.2021 a seminar was organized on “Theosophy, TS and World”. The Speakers were [1] Bro. Ajeesh Ku. from Kerala, Bro. Ajay Singh from Bihar and [3] Bro. Sai Ram Pote From Andhra Pradesh and Bro. Sri Harsh was the Moderator. On 17.02.21 Indian Section celebrated Adyar Day. There were three speakers [1] Vic Hao Chin Jr spoke on Olcott and Masters, [2] Sonal Murali on J.K teachings and [3] Dr. Nagesh on Importance of Adyar Day. President Pradeep H. Gohil presided over the programme “.

On 29.05.21, 1st Youth Programme-Question and Answer Workshop’ in English language is organized by Indian Section, T.S. on the theme-”Live to benefit Mankind”-The Panelists were (1)Bhavna Rewarika Asst. Professor in Sagar University & also TS member of Vikram Lodge (2) Sis. Shilpa Choudhurya member of Sidharth Lodge, Bhubaneswar, now in USA (3) Sis. Aditi Maithreya from Chennai (4) Bro. Amrit Priyadarshi from Chapra, Bihar. The Moderator was Sis. Vibha Saksena.

On 12.06.2021- 1st Programme Question and Answer Workshop–Theme -”**ELEMENTAL WORLD**”, The panellists were (1) Prof. Ajai Rai, [2] Dr. Mansi Bhagat, [3] Bro. N C Krishna, [4] Bro. Sheo. K Pandey, (5) Bro. Shikhar Agnihotri, The moderator was Pradip Mahapatra.

On 23.07.2021 and 24.07.2021 a Special Guru Purnima Programme was organized by the Section Ven. Olande Ananda Thero was the Director of the camp. There was study on Buddhist Text- Mindfulness, the Heart of Buddhist Meditation, by Nyanaponika, by the Director and it was followed by Discussion, Questions and Answers with guided Meditation.

On 31.07.2021, 2nd Youth Programme organized by the Indian Section with the Theme - "TRUTH, BEAUTY AND GOODNESS" The Panellists were [1] Bro. Aditya Mathur [2] Bro. Deepak Mutreja [3] Bro. Nirmesh Narware [4] Sis. Smita Prangya Patro [5] Sis. Shreyas Ojha and Moderator was Sis. H. Sripriya of Adyar.

5. STUDY CLASS IN HINDI ON THEOSOPHICAL BOOKS:

On 3.07.2021, 10.07.21 and 17.07.21- Sis. Vasumati Agnihotri, Secretary Pragyan Theosophical Lodge Lucknow, UP conducted study- class on the book *God in Exile*.

6. Special Lectures in Hindi:

On 06.02.21 Bro. N .N. Raut a delivered lecture on "Damodar K Mavalankar -A great Theosophist".

On 13.02.21 Bro. Narasimha Thakaria delivered a lecture on "Be Radiant with Your Devine Presence".

On 25.04.21 Bro. Sheo Ku. Pandey delivered a Lecture on "JOY OF GIVING".

On 15.05.2021 Bro. A.P. Lokhende delivered a lecture on JAGRUTI, SWAPNA and SUSHUPTI in the Light of Theosophy.

On 16.05.21 Bro. Ambalal Sharma Secretary Jaipur Theosophical Lodge, Jaipur, Rajasthan delivered a lecture on "PRARBDHAAUR PURUSARTH".

On 22.05.2021 Bro. Narsimha Thakari delivered a lecture on "BEST PATH TO REACH YOUR AIM IS THEOSOPHY".

On 26.05.2021 Bro. Sheo Ku. Pandey, delivered a lecture on the occasion of WESAK Festival on "IMPORTANCE OF BUDDHA PURNIMA in the Light of Theosophy".

On 05.06.2021 Prof. Raj K Prasad delivered a lecture on "DIMENTIONS OF SPACE".

On 19.06.2021 Bro. S B R Mishra of Gorakhpur delivered a lecture on "Theosophy and Mandukya Upanishad".

On 26.06.21 Brother H P Gulati, Prasdient of Vikram Lodge Ujjain,

M.P. delivered a lecture on “Man should realized his own potential and strength”.

On 14.08.2021 Bro. Nanda N Rout, President of Akot Lodge, Akot Maharashtra, delivered a lecture on “Teachings of Theosophy”.

On 21.08.21 Brother Ashok P. Lokhende delivered a lecture on “WISDOM: THROUGH WATCHFUL OBSERVATION in The Light of The Theosophy”.

On 07.08.2021 Bro. Arvind Narware Secretary Vikram Theosophical Lodge Ujjain, MP, delivered a lecture on “Karma Yoga”.

On 14.08.2021 Bro. N N Raut delivered a lecture on “Teachings of Theosophy.

On 21.08.21 Brother Ashok P. Lokhende, delivered a lecture on “WISDOM: THROUGH WATCHFUL OBSERVATION in The Light of The Theosophy”,-

On 28.08.21 Sister Archana Pandey UP India delivered a lecture on “CHEMISTRY OF BODY AND MIND”.

On 04.09.21 Sister Varsha Patel, Secretary of Rohit Lodge Ahamedabad, Gujurat, delivered a lecture on “THE WORK OF TRIMURTI”.

On 11.09.21 Brother S.B.R Mishra, President of Sarva Hitkaari Theosophical Lodge Gorakhpur, U.P. delivered a lecture on “The Mystery of Death and Life”.

On 18.09.21 Brother Shoe Ku. Pandey delivered a lecture on “Challenges and Solutions”.

7. Special Programme in Hindi :

On 22.06.2021 a Question and Answer Workshop organized by the Indian Section on – Theme- “**ELEMENTAL WORLD**”, The panellists are [1] Dr. Mansi Bhagat, [2] Bro. Sheo K Pandey, (3) Bro. Shikhar Agnihotri, The moderator was Pradip Mahapatra.

On 25.09.21- A Short Lectures Programme for Youth and Students of

India was organized by the Section on theme- **THEOSOPHY and HUMANITY**.

There were 5 speakers like: [1] Bro. Kartik Ashok Kajale from Amarabati, Maharastra spoken “How Theosophy Can Attract Young Students?”, [2] Bro. Mahesh Dev from Jodhpur Rajsthan, spoke on “Selflessness and Divine Life”, [3] Sis. Pooja Gole of Dhantani Lodge Nagpur, Maharstra spoke on -”Struggles of Human Life and Theosophy”. [4] Sis. Shivani Keshari from Allahabad, Uttar Pradesh spoke on ”India’s revival with the concept of education proposed by Annie Besant”, [5] Sis. Tapaswini Samantray from Pythagoras Youth Lodge Bhubaneswar, Odisha, spoke on “Theosophy in Daily Life”.

The entire programme was organized with the help of zoom on-line platform which was live streamed in You Tube Channel of the Indian Section, THEOSOPHY INDIA.

IX. Propagation of Theosophy in new Areas

In the period of October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2020, India was severely affected by the Corona Pandemic and hence the ‘in person’ meeting was hardly held at all. However, the Zoom Platform, a license for which was purchased by the Indian Section, enabled significant dissipation of Theosophical knowledge. We had former joint General Secretary, Pradip Mahapatra, who organized this very well. As a result he was able to get many young theosophists to either moderate or speak on Theosophical subjects. This was by far the best propagation of Theosophy work done in many decades.

He in partnership with Bro. Shikhar Agnihotri of Pragya Studios fame, created a group of Young Theosophists. There were so many interesting on-line programmes for them. They also started YouTube channel where you can read in the comfort of your home any lecture that you have missed due to other work during the day and the time of the lecture.

X. Indian Section President’s Visits

The President of the Indian Section, Pradeep Gohi, could not travel out of Bhavnagar, Gujarat- his residence, where he was lockdown due to Corona. However, he had encouraged senior theosophists like Pradip Mahapatra and

others to have on-line programmes. He also gave lectures in the following on line programmes:

On 11.10.2020 “Challenges, Lessons and Solutions during Covid Crisis” hosted by Utkal Theosophical Federation.

On 5.12.2020, “Self Realization in the Light of Theosophy” hosted by Rohit Lodge, Ahmedabad.

On 6.01.2021, “Self Realization in the Light of Theosophy” hosted by the Indian Section, Varanasi.

On 7.02.2021, “Short Speech on Importance of Adyar Day” hosted by the Indian Section, Varanasi.

On 2.4.2021, “Short Speech on “History of Easter Conference” hosted by the Indian Section, Varanasi.

On 8.5.2021, “Life and Work of Madam H.P. Blavatsky” hosted by the Indian Section, Varanasi.

On 31.8.2021, “Compassion and the First Object of the Theosophical Society” hosted by ‘Triveni Tuesday Meet’, Mumbai through Rewa (Vadodara), Rohit (Ahmedabad) and Jyoti Lodge (Mumbai) with translation of English speech in Gujarati and Hindi. Bro. Taral Munshi was the architect of this programme.

On 25.09.2021, “Struggles in Human Life and Theosophy” at the inaugural session of the Marathi Federation, Pune, on the Zoom Platform.

On 26.09.2021, “Transformation through Pure Heart” hosted by the Indian Section, Varanasi.

On 30.9.2021, “Madam Blavatsky and the Theosophical Society” at in person meeting of Rotary Club of Bhavnagar.

XI. National Lecturers’ Visits

1. Bro. Shikhar Agnihotri

02 Nov 2020 – Created a short presentation on PragmaCSstudio on the subject ‘Rebirth of human as animal; A fact or fallacy’.

27 Dec 202 – Delivered a talk on ‘The Flame of Awareness’ in the International Convention of TS.

03 Jan 2021 – Delivered a talk on ‘Thought Power’ organized by Prayas Lodge, Ghaziabad.

14 Feb 2021 – Delivered a talk on Introduction to ‘Hindu symbolism & mystery of Sivalinga’ organized by Indraprastha Lodge, Delhi.

17 Feb 2021 – Delivered a short talk on Adyar Day in All India event organized by Rohit Lodge, Ahmedabad.

21 Feb 2021 – Delivered a talk on the subject ‘The Science of Avatars and Mystery of Buddha’ organized by Indraprastha, Delhi.

03 March 2021 - – Delivered a talk on ‘Dreams’ (Hindi) organized by Dharma Lodge, Lucknow.

07 March 2021 – Moderated an All India panel discussion on Life after death organized by PragyaCSstudio.

18 April 2021 – Delivered a talk on ‘Dreams’ (English) organized by Madras Theosophical Federation.

22 May 2021 – Delivered a talk on the subject ‘Samudra manthan allegory’ organized by Shankar Lodge, Delhi.

6 June 2021 - Moderated the meeting in which young members presented seven great religions organized by Prayas Lodge, Ghaziabad.

11 June 2021 - Delivered a talk on Human regeneration and theosophy on-line during event organized by CRDG foundation with defined values group.

12 June 2021 – Been a Panelist on the subject ‘The Elemental World’ organized by the Indian Section.

19 June 2021 - Conducted study session on the book *Theosophy as the Masters See it* organized by UP-UK Federation.

20 June 2021 - Delivered a talk in the group of Young Indian Theosophists on the subject “Brave Words” based on the book *I Promise* by C. Jinarajadasa.

24 June 2021- Delivered a talk on ‘Mission of TS and three great truths’ organized by Nirvan Lodge Agra.

11 July 2021 – Delivered a talk in the group of Young Indian Theosophists on the subject “What is God” based on the book *Trust Yourself to Life* by Clara M. Codd.

07 Aug 2021 – Delivered a talk on “Reason-Intuition-Awareness-Pathways to Right Action” in the session organized by the Philippine Section of the TS.

07 Aug 2021 - Delivered talk on At the Feet of the Master in the study session organized by Ukraine & Russian Section.

12 Aug 2021 - Conducted study session on the book *Theosophy as the Masters See it* organized by UP-Uttarakhand Federation.

15 Aug 2021 – Delivered a talk in the group of Young Indian Theosophists on the subject “Regret nothing, never be sorry” based on the book *Trust Yourself to Life* by Clara M. Codd.

22 Aug 2021 – Conducted a session on theoretical and practical aspect of meditation during the anniversary celebration of Jnanamarga lodge, Bengal Theosophical Federation.

28 Aug 2021 - Delivered a talk on ‘Seven Portals and fragments of TVOTS’ in the study session organized by Ukraine & Russian Section.

28 Aug 2021 – Delivered a short talk on ‘Dreams’ in World Federation of Young Theosophists.

29 Aug 2021 – Moderated an International Youth Panel on Challenges of the youth and theosophical solution with panelists from Brazil, France, India and Philippines organized by PragyaCSstudio.

24 Sep 2021 – Conducted study session on Mahatma Letter No.136 organized by the Indian Section.

Delivered a talk on 'Struggle in human life and Theosophy' in the Annual Convention of Marathi Theosophical Federation held on 25-Sep-202.

2. Prof. C.A. Shinde

Prof. C.A. Shine delivered on-line talk on the topic 'Annie Besant' at Adyar International Headquarters on 1 October 2020.

He delivered on-line talk on the topic 'Altruism is Key to Theosophy' at Philippines and India on 10 October 2020.

He delivered on-line talk on the topic 'Foundation Day of T.S.' at Sangli T.S. Lodge. It was held on 17 November 2020.

He delivered on-line talk on the topic 'Pioneering Spirit of Smt. Radha Burnier' at Indraprasta T.S. Lodge, Delhi Federation. It was held on 21 November 2020.

He delivered on-line talk on the topic 'Seeking Wisdom' in the Annual Conference of Karnataka Federation. It was held on 13 December 2020.

He delivered on-line talk on the topic 'Key to Theosophy Golden Stairs' at Utkal Federation held on 3 January 2021.

He delivered on-line talk on the topic 'Chakras Energy Centres' at Pragma CS studio zoom meeting International held on 10 January 2021.

He delivered on-line talk on the topic 'Mahatma Letters 37' held at Indian Section HQ.

He delivered three on-line talks on the topic 'Growth of Soul' held on 12,19,26 February 2021.

He delivered on-line talk on the topic 'Adyar Day' held at Sangli T.S. Lodge on 17 February 2021.

Delivered on-line talk on the topic 'Growth of Soul Talk IV' held at MTF, Pune, on 19 Feb.

Delivered on-line talk on the topic 'Golden Stairs' held at Madras Federation.

Delivered on-line talk on the topic 'J. Krishnamurti the Spiritual Teacher' during the South India Conference held on 10-12 April.

Delivered on-line talk on the topic 'Law of Karma' at Barabati Lodge, Cuttack, on 26 April.

Delivered on-line talk on the topic 'Original Programme of the Theosophical Society, Significance of White Lotus Day' organized by the Indian Section on 6 & 7 May.

Delivered on-line talk on the topic 'White Lotus Day' held at Indraprasta Lodge Delhi, on 9 May.

Delivered on-line talk on the topic 'H.P. B. 's Sensitive Insight' held at Indraprasta Lodge, Delhi on 16 May.

Delivered on-line talk on the topic 'Ideals Objects Mission and Defined Value of T.S.' held at Global Summit Yug Parivartan on 7 June.

Delivered online talk on the topic 'Human Regeneration' held at Global Summit Yug Parivartan, on 11 June.

Delivered on-line two talk on the topic 'Mahatma Letter 57'; and Mahatma Letters 56' held at Indian Section on 2 and 9 July.

Delivered on-line two talks on the topic 'First Object of T.S. is Philanthropy' held at Shankar Lodge, Delhi, on 17 July.

Delivered on-line talk on the topic 'Practical Brotherhood' held at Anantha Lodge Anniversary, TVM, on 31 July.

Delivered on-line talk on the topic 'Light on the Path' held at Russia Ukrain on 31 July.

Delivered on-line talk on the topic 'Obligatory Pilgrimage' held at Indian Section, on 8 August.

Delivered on-line talk on the topic 'Spiritual Self-Transformation' held at Triveni- Bombay and Gujarat, on 10 August.

Delivered on-line talk on the topic 'Golden Stairs I,II' held at Nirvan

Lodge, Agra, on 12 and 19 August.

Delivered on-line talk on the topic 'Golden Stairs I,II' held at Maru Lodge and Barabati Lodge, Cuttack, on 27 August and 9 Sept.

Delivered on-line talk on the topic 'Dnyaneshwar Inaugural talk' held at Marathi Theosophical Federation, on 25 September.

Delivered on-line talk on the topic 'Basics of Theosophical Society' during the Annual Conference of Bengal Theosophical Federation held on 25 September.

3. Bro. U.S. Pandey

In Delhi Federation

Delivered talk on 'The Voice of the Silence-An Overview' in Shankar Lodge on 18.10.2020.

Delivered talk on 'Paramitas' in Shankar Lodge on 24.10.2020.

Delivered first of a series of three talks on the theme "Sun, Moon, and Sacred Planets" in Indraprastha Lodge, on 31.10.2020. The topic covered was "The Sun."

Delivered Second of a series of three talks on the theme "Sun, Moon, and Sacred Planets" in Indraprastha Lodge on 14.11.2020. The Topic covered was "Moon."

Delivered third of a series of three talks on the theme "Sun, Moon, and Sacred Planets" in Indraprastha Lodge on 21.11.2020. The Topic covered was "Seven Sacred Planets."

Delivered talks on the theme "Mysteries of Life after Death' in two sessions in Indraprastha Lodge on 27 and 28 February 2021.

Conducted three days' study on "Rejuvenation and Self-transformation by Awareness" on 12, 13 and 14 March, 2021.

Delivered a talk on the theme 'Idol Worship and Animated Statues' in Indraprastha Lodge, on 02.05.2021 (FN).

Delivered a talk on the theme ‘Who am I? What does it mean to be Human?’ in Indraprastha Lodge, on 20.06 2021.

Delivered a talk on the theme ‘Science of Morality in Indraprastha Lodge, on 27.06 2021.

Delivered talks on “The Cloud of Unknowing”, a Christian mystic book, in two sessions held on 5 and 12 September, 2021.

In Marathi Federation:

Delivered a talk on the theme ‘One Life One Consciousness’ in Dhantoli Lodge, Nagpur on 13.12. 2020.

In Gujarat Federation:

Delivered a talk on the theme ‘Meditation-Its Scientific and Practical Aspects’ on 03.01.2021 in Rewa Lodge, Vadodara.

In M. P. and Rajasthan Federation:

Delivered a talk on the theme ‘Mahatma Letters and Teachings therein’ on 07.01.2021 in Vikram Lodge of Ujjain.

Delivered a talk on the theme “Insight into the nature of Self in light of the Upanishads” on 08.08.2021 in Besant Lodge, Jodhpur.

In Utkal Federation:

Delivered a talk on the theme ‘GOD and Gods’ in Siddhartha Lodge, Bhubaneswar on 26.01.2021.

Delivered a talk on the theme ‘Be Lamp unto yourself through mindfulness’ in Maru Lodge, Bhubaneswar on 24.06.2021.

In Madras Federation

Delivered a talk on the theme “Theosophising our life” on 02.05.2021

In Bombay and Gujarat Federations-joint programme:

Delivered talk on the topic “What is TRUTH?” in two sessions during

the joint meetings organized by Jyoti Lodge, Mumbai, Rewa lodge, Vadodara and Rohit Lodge Ahmadabad on 27.07. 2021 and 24.08.2021.

Delivered talks/ conducted studies in the programme of the Indian Section:

Conducted study of the Mahatma Letter No.111 (ML-59) in two sessions held on 30.07.21 and 06.08.21.

Delivered a talk on “Future of the Theosophical Society” on 01.08.21

Contribution/participation in 145th International Convention:

Rendered simultaneous translation in Hindi of seven speeches delivered in English by six foreign speakers during four sessions held on 27, 29, and 30 December 2020.

Contribution in International Programmes:

Delivered a talk on the topic “Human Happiness” in the joint lodge meeting of the Theosophical Society in Philippines, held on 07.11.2020. Members and other persons from several countries like New Zealand, Australia, Malaysia, U.K., Nigeria and India participated.

Participated as a guest speaker in the Convention of Theosophical Society in Ukraine, held on 14 and 15 November and delivered a talk on the topic “Divinity Within and Without” on 15 November, 2020.

Participated as a guest speaker in IVth International Theosophical Congress organized in Russia on 21-22 November and delivered a talk on November 22, on the Congress theme “Cosmogogenesis, Anthrrogenesis, Theogenesis- a single evolution of Consciousness”.

Joined as a speaker and panelist in an international seminar organized on-line by ‘Adamant’ Lodge, Moscow of the Theosophical society in Russia, on the theme “The Secret Doctrine of H.P.Blavatsky- Prologue” on 28 November, 2020, in which delivered a talk on the topic “The Absolute Principle.”

Wrote an article “The Law of Reincarnation” for the science magazine “Theosophical Vector” of the International Theosophical Publishing House

“ALBATROSS” and sponsored/published by The Theosophical Society in Russia, “Adamant” Lodge, Moscow and the same was published in issue No.1 of November 2020 of the journal. Later, on the request of Admant Lodge, Moscow, another article on “Parabrhaman’ has been sent for publication in the same journal

Participated as a panelist/speaker in on-line international seminars on Stanza I of the Secret Doctrine Vol. I-Cosmogenesis, organized by ‘Adamant’ Lodge, Moscow of the Theosophical Society in Russia, as under:

- (a) “Sloka 1 of Stanza I” on 26.12.2020.
- (b) “Sloka 2 of Stanza I” on 30.01.2021
- (c) “Sloka 4, of Stanza I” on 27.03.2021
- (d) “Sloka 5, of Stanza I” on 30.04.2021
- (e) “Sloka 6, of Stanza I” on 29.05.2021
- (f) “Sloka 7, of Stanza I” on 25.09.2021

Delivered a talk on the theme “Spirit, Spirituality and Spiritual” on 21.12.2020 during the programme for Asia region of the ‘Third World Parliament on Spirituality.’

Delivered a talk on the topic “Truth, Goodness, Beauty” or “*Satyam, Shivam, Sundaram*” (in Samskrit) in the joint lodge meeting of the Theosophical Society in Philippines, held on 20.03.2021. Members and other persons from several countries like New Zealand, Australia, Malaysia, Greece, Kenya and India participated.

Delivered a talk on the topic “Spirit, Spirituality and Spiritual” during a meeting of The Theosophical Society in Russia on 24.04.2021.

Delivered a talk on the theme “Homage to H.P. Blavatsky” during an on-line programme of the Theosophical Society in Russia on the occasion of White Lotus Day on 08 May 2021.

Joint programme of U.P. & Uttarakhand Federation and Delhi Federation:

UP & UK Federation and Delhi Federation organized a joint on-line programme on 17 November, 2020 to observe the Foundation day of the Theosophical Society, when spoke on “Preparative work done before November 17, 1875 and salient points of the inaugural address of the Founding President Col. H. S. Olcott”.

In Programmes organized by U.P. and Uttarakhand Federation with participation of many members of other Federations also:

Study programmes- Directed study of some portions of the book ‘*Isis Unveiled*’ in five sessions of two hours each from 10 to 14 February 2021.

The book “*Theosophy- as Masters See It*” by M. Clara Codd in eight sessions of two hours each spread over months June, July and August 2021. (There were other speakers also)

Delivered talks:

On “Trinity” on 10.10.2020; On ‘Divinity Within and Without’ on 12.12.2020; On ‘Human Journey of Experience’ on 09.01.2021.

Guided Group Meditation sessions held on 17 November 2020, on 12 December, 2020; 09 January 2021; 13 February 2021, and 17 July 2021.

Public Talk: Delivered on “The Brotherhood of Religions” on 13 June, 2021.

4. Sri. B.D. Tendulkar

Marathi Theosophical Federation held 89th Annual Convention on 2 and 3 October 2020. In which Bro. Tendulkar delivered a lecture on 3 October, the topic ‘Theosophy and Present Global Disorder with specific reference to corona pandemic.

Delivered lecture on ‘Law of Karma’, in the on-line programme organized by Delhi Theosophical Federation on 19 October 2020.

Delivered lecture in the on-line programme organized by Bro. Pradip Mahapatra. The topic dealt with was “Development & Functions of Causal Body” based on the book *Self-Culture* by I.K. Taimni.

Marathi Theosophical Federation organized a series of speeches of National Lectures in February-March 2021 in which delivered four on-line lectures as follows:

‘Masters Guidance on Spiritual Path’ – on 14.2.2021; ‘Practice of Yoga and Meditation’ - on 21.2.2021; ‘J. Krishnamurti and Theosophy’ – on 28.2.2021; and ‘Theosophist in Daily Life’ – on 7.3.2021.

During White Lotus Day celebrations organized by M.T.F. delivered following lectures:- 'H.P.B. and study of Theosophy'- on 8.5.2021 and ‘Science of Yoga’ by I.K. Taimni; delivered six lectures on various aspects of Patanjali Yoga in three hour session held on 23, 25, 26 May 2021.

Participated in the on-line lecture series organized by Bro. P.K. Mahapatra on behalf of the Indian Section, the Theosophical Society as follows: Study of Mahatma Letters to A.P. Sinnet:

M.L. 32 -January 2021 and M.L. 58 -July 2021

Delivered lecture during the 90th Annual Convention of the MTF held on 25 & 26 Sept 2021; the theme was “Struggle in Human Life and Theosophy”.

5. Sri. S.K. Pandey

Bro. S.K. Pandey, National Lecturer, delivered a talk on the topic “Role of Theosophy in Human Regeneration”. It was held on 28 November 2020.

Delivered a talk on the topic “Destiny and Effort” It was held on 2nd January 2021.

Delivered a talk on the subject “Brotherhood in Action” organized by the Indian Section, on 25 April 2021.

In a programme organized by the Indian Section delivered a talk on “Vaishakh Full Moon Day Festival”. Also recited “Mahamangal Sutta” in Pali language and explained its Meaning.

Delivered a talk on the topic “Search for a Guru” on 29 May 2021.

Delivered a talk on the topic “Different Dimensions of Meditation” on 5 June 2021.

Participated as a panelist in discussions on the topic 'Elemental World'. This programme was organized by the Indian Section, TS.

6. Sri. G. Dakhinamoorthy

Has written a book on "Applied Theosophy" based on Col. Olcott's essay.

Gave a lecture on "Awareness of Holistic Education and Consciousness" in a function organized by Karnataka Federation on 21 March 2021.

Has written a book on "*Comparative Study of Earlier vs Present Education*".

7. Sri. Ashok P. Lokhande

Spoke at Nagpur Lodge, Dhantoli, on 18 October 2020 in which the subject of talk was "Me, MY & Mine in the Light of Theosophy".

Spoke at C.S. Pragya Studio, Adyar on "Ultimate Goal of Humanity" on 6 December 2020.

Spoke at Shankar Lodge, Delhi, on 16.1.2021 the subject of talk was "Devotion in Light of Theosophy".

Spoke at Dombiwali Theosophical Lodge, Marathi Federation on "purpose of Human Birth". It was held on 31 January 2021.

Spoke at Pune Lodge on "What is Theosophy". The talk was delivered in Marathi on 13 February. His other two talks at the same venue were on "Use of Theosophical Knowledge" and "Life After Death". These were held on 20 and 27 February respectively.

Delivered two talks at Dombiwali Theosophical Lodge, Marathi Federation on "Reincarnation" (Theosophical Research) and "how to Develop Power of Soul". These were held on 6 and 28 March.

Spoke on "Discipleship" at Bhubanewar, Utkal Theosophical Federation, on 30 March 2021.

Spoke at Dombiwali Theosophical Lodge, Marathi Federation on "Pranayam" on 25 April 2021.

Delivered a talk at Shankar Lodge, Delhi on "Self Realization Through Love". It was held on 1.5.2021.

Spoke in a programme on “Jagruti, Swapna & Sushupti” organized by the Indian Section on 15 May.

The talk at Nirvan Lodge, Agra (UP) was on “Specialties of Theosophical Knowledge”. It was held on 10 June.

The subject of the talk at Shankar Theosophical Lodge, Delhi on 12 June was “Narad Bhakti Sutra 9 to 11 in the Light of Theosophy”.

Spoke at Rewa Theosophical Lodge, Vadodara, on “Importance of Theosophical Knowledge”, on 18 June.

The two talks delivered at Dombiwali Theosophical Lodge, Marathi Federation on 27 June and 8 August were on “Power of Human Mind” and “Life After Death as per Theosophy” respectively.

The subject of talk in a programme of the Indian Section, TS, held on 21 August was “Wisdom through Watchful Observation”.

Spoke at Pune Lodge on 26 September 2021 on “Struggle in Human Life & Theosophy”.

8. Sri. N.C. Krishna

Presided over the 89th Annual Session of the Bombay Theosophical Federation during October 16 and 17, 2020. Delivered an on-line lecture there on “Vitalising the Theosophical Society and Theosophy”.

Participated as ‘Guest of Honour’ during the 100th Annual Conference of Telugu Theosophical Federation, held at Rajahmundry, on 21 March 2021. Delivered two lectures: ‘The Way to Wholisticity’ on 20 March and the second one was a public lecture held on 21 March 2021, on the subject ‘Theosophy-Contemporary Relevance’.

Delivered three on-line lectures at Shankar Lodge, Delhi Theosophical Federation: ‘What is the purpose of Life’ on 26 December 2020; ‘What is Saadhana’ on 13 February 2021 and ‘The Art of Dying and Living’ on 3 July 2021.

Participated as speaker in the Easter Conference held on-line on 2-4 April 2021 and spoke on the subject ‘The Future of Humanity’ on 3 April 2021.

Participated in the on-line programmes of the Indian Section coordinated through Bro. Pradip Mahapatra.

Two lectures on the book of study '*The Key to Theosophy*' by Madam HPB.

Three lectures on the Mahatma Letters to A.P. Sinnet.

Participated as resource person in the question and answer session during the workshop held on 12 June 2021, on the subject 'Elemental World'.

Participated and gave an on-line lecture for the Madras Theosophical Federation on the subject "Some Thoughts on the book *The Light on the Path*".

Participated as speaker in the programme sponsored by Pragya Lodge, on the subject 'Three Great Truths of Theosophy and the three Fundamental propositions of *The Secret Doctrine*'. Also was a resource person in the workshop on the 'Life after Death'.

Participated as guest speaker in the 89th Annual Conference of the Bengal Theosophical Federation and spoke on-line on the subject "How to study *The Secret Doctrine*".

Conducted on-line study classes for the Rayalaseema Theosophical Federation during the entire year. Books studied were "Thought Power" by Annie Besant, and "Isis Unveiled" by Madam HPB. Presently conducting classes on 'The Study in Consciousness' by Annie Besant. Participated and gave on-line lecture for Sri Krishna Theosophical Lodge - the two lectures, were delivered, one on 'Discipleship', and the second lecture was on "Annie Besant's contribution to Education".

Spoke to other Lodges in our Federation viz Sandeepani Gurukul virtual Theosophical Lodge, Shamballa Theosophical Lodge.

Gave two lectures, videos on Theosophical subjects during December 2020, to a Private TV channel, named PMC channel a channel dedicated to spirituality and Meditation.

9. Dr. BipulSarmah

Like most of the Federations, during the period under report we could

not conduct regular off-line activities due to covid pandemic. Members of our federation attended on-line meetings organized by the Indian Section, Varanasi as per their interest and convenience. Most of them are engaged in studies at their home only. However a few off-line programmes were conducted as mentioned below:

On 17th Feb/2021, Adyar Day was observed at Choladhara Puja Mandir, Jorhat organized by Upper Assam Lodge Coordination Committee. Dr. Bipul Sarmah delivered a talk on this occasion on 'Well known Theosophists of Assam' and briefly described their life and contribution to the Assam Theosophical Federation.

Last AGM of Assam Federation was held on 21 Feb/ 2021 at Pensioners' Bhavan, Chanmari Guwahati in which Bro. Bipul Sarmah, released the souvenir "Jnan Jeuti". On this occasion he delivered a short talk on 'Present Status of Assamese Theosophical Literature'.

Bro. Bipul Sarmah, Vice President, ATF & National Lecturer (IS) contributed Rs 2000/ (two thousand only) to CM Relief Fund for covid vaccination response to the appeal of Hon'ble CM, Assam.

10. Sri. R.V. Vastrad

Delivered a lecture organized by the Karnataka Theosophical Federation on 2.4.2021. Besides, he delivered a lecture on "Ancient Wisdom and Krishnamurti" and at the Easter Conference organized by the Indian Section. It was held on 4th April.

11. Sri. Harihara Raghavan

Oct'20, on the occasion of the seventh death anniversary of Dr Radha Burnier, an on-line programme was conducted by Kerala Theosophical Federation on 31 October 2020 in which Bro. Harihar Raghavan spoke on the former International President's contribution to Theosophy and T S in the light of his association with her for over five decades Dec'20: Webinar to commemorate the birth anniversary of the fifth International President N Sri Ram. Gave a talk on the occasion.

January '21 - Panel member - "Question & Answer session" on Theosophy, TS, and Mission Statement

March '21, at the invitation of Indian Section spoke on "Concept and Reality of Guru"

June'21: On the occasion of the World Yoga Day gave a talk on Yoga underscoring the need to go beyond physical asanas.

Aug'21, invited for a virtual book release function.

Patanjali Yogasuthram (Laghu Vyakyanam) in Malayalam translated by Dr Viswakumar, published by Upasika Publishing House, Trissur. I received the first copy and addressed the members on the relevance of the book and the work that went behind it

All the above programmes were conducted on-line excepting the one organized by Kerala Theosophical Federation.

12. Smt. SonalMurali

The following lectures were given on-line google meet and zoom by Sis. Sonal Murali:

She delivered on the topic "Memorial Lecture on N. Sri Ram Day" organized by Kerala Theosophical Federation on 15 December 2020 at 7 p.m.

Delivered lecture on the topic "Growing in Wisdom" organized by Delhi Theosophical Federation on 23 January 2021.

Delivered on the topic "Krishnamurti's Philosophy as I know it" organized by Adyar Lodge on 17 February 2021 at 5 p.m.

Delivered on the topic "Theosophy and Education" organized by the Indian Section, TS, Varanasi on 4 July 2021.

Delivered on the topic "The Nature of Consciousness and Time" organized by the Rewa, Rohit and Jyoti Lodge (TS Triveni), on 21 September 2021.

13. Sri. NarsinhThakariya

Invited by Vikram Lodge to deliver a public lecture on the topic "Retention of Dedication" n 14 June 2021.

Invited by Shakar Lodge, Delhi Theosophical Federation, to deliver a

lecture on topic “*Parmatma Ki Prapti Ka Saralbodh in Bhagvad Gita*” on 31st Jan 2021.

The two lectures delivered on the invitation of Theosophical Society, Indian Section were on the topics “Be radiant with your divine presence” on 14th February 2021 and “Best Path to Reach Your Aim is Theosophy” on 22nd May. 2021.

Invited by Madras Theosophical Federation to deliver a lecture on the topic “Theosophy as a Path of Perfection” on 13 June 2021.

Invited by Reva- Rohit a Jyoti Lodge for Translating lecture by Bro. U.S. Pandey in Gujarati on the topic “What is Truth” on 24th August 2021.

Invited by Reva- Rohit & Jyoti Lodge lecture by Sis. Vibha Sakena on the topic “Esoteric Significance of Kashi” on 12th October.

Delivered various different lectures in Ahmedabad and Vadodra in Rewa of Rohit Lodge on different topics. In all, 5 lectures were delivered other than this in Gujarat Region.

14. Sri Pradip Kumar Mahapatra

On 11.10.2020, 18.10.2020 and 25.10.2020 delivered talks on **FLOWERING OF LIFE -I,II and III** in three sessions at Indraprasth Lodge, New Delhi.

On 7.11.2020 delivered a talk on “**Our Approach to Truth**”.

On 28.2.2021 spoke at the Rohit Lodge, Ahmedabad, Gujarat, on the subject- Hidden Role of the Masters.

Delivered a talk at Indraprasth Lodge, Delhi, on 13 May and the subject of talk was “O Hidden Life....”

On 5.7.21,20.7.21, 26.7.21, 2.8.21 and 20.9.21 conducted Study Class on the book “*The Laws of The Higher Life*”. The study was conducted at Barabati Lodge, Cuttack.

Spoke at Nirvan Lodge, Agra on 20 July on the subject “Emblem of Theosophical Society”.

15. Sri Nandkumar N. Raut

Delivered the following nine lectures organized by Dombivali Lodge, Marathi Federation, on the topics 'Mind Management on 26 December 2020; 'Mystic Inheritance' on 2 January 2021; 'Three Declared Object of the Theosophical Society' on 30 January 2021, 'Some Problems of Human Life' on 18 August 2021; 'Mind is the Slayer of the Real' on 27 February 2021; 'Going Beyond Mind' on 20 March; 'Meditative Life' on 27 March; 'Service (Seva)' on 3 April 2021; and 'Root Races' on 28 August 2021. His other two talks under the auspices of Marathi Federation were on 'Life & Works of Bro. Damodar Mavalankar' on 7 February and 'Service in Today's World' on 4 March.

Bro. Raut spoke on "Mind and Consciousness as per J. Krishnamurti" on 30.6.2021 on-line platform of Dharma Lodge, Lucknow;

He delivered on-line two talks on the topic 'Life & Works of Bro. Damodar Mavalankar' and 'Life & Work of Mohini Mohan Chatterjee' held at Rohit Lodge, Ahmadabad, on 24 April and 31 July.

The two talks delivered for the Indian Section, TS were on 'Teaching of Theosophy' held on 14 August and 'There is no Religion Higher Than Truth' on 25 February.

16. Dr. L. Nagesh

He delivered the following lectures on the Indian Section, Zoom Platform:

"Schemes of Evolution in Solar System as per Theosophy";

On 17.2.2021, he spoke on "Importance of Adyar Day".

On 13 & 14 10.2021, he spoke on "Thought Cannot Solve any Problem".

On 6.2.2021, he spoke on "Comprehending Reality" at Shankar Lodge, Delhi.

On 26.6.2021, he spoke on "Science of Chakras" at Shankar Lodge, Delhi.

XII. Besant Education Fellowship (BEF)

The BEF currently manages two schools, namely, the Besant Theosophical H.S. School (BTS) for boys and the Vasant Kanya Inter College for girls, both situated around our Section HQ Campus. Both the institutions have produced good results. Due to Covid restrictions, the academic activities were severely affected. More details about these two institutions are mentioned elsewhere in this report.

XIII. Centenary Conferences

A Centenary Conference was celebrated by the Telugu Federation for completing 100 years of existence. The conference was held from 20th to 23rd March 2021 at Jetty Ground Hotel in Rajamahendravaram. The theme of the conference was 'Transformation from Fragmentation to Wholesomeness'.

The Telugu Federation was established in the year 1919 and it has completed the hundred years during the year 2019. The Centenary Celebrations were planned to be held during the Annual Conference during March, 2020. Then the event was organized for four days from 20th to 23rd March, 2020 to be hosted by the Rajahmundry Theosophical Lodge, Rajamahendravaram and all the arrangements were put in place in right earnestness. However the grand event was deferred and postponed to an indefinite date in view of the then prevailing situation of pandemic COVID-19 and the impending national lockdown.

The adjourned event was reorganized with the same dates viz. 20th, 21, 22 and 23 March, 2021 at Jetty Grand Hotel, Rajamahendravaram.

On Sunday, 21.03.2021, Bharat Samaj Pooja was performed with a good gathering of spiritualists. The Centenary Celebrations Annual Conference 2021 took a grand opening on 21st morning with performance of spiritual Bharata Samaja Pooja, Registration of Delegates and Prayers of All Religions. Welcome address was given by Sri K.S.Ramachandra Rao, Federation President. Smt. Jetty Lakshmi Rani, President of host Lodge extended warm greetings and welcome

to all the delegates. Sri G. Subrahmanyam, Federation Secretary, read out the messages of greetings from the Indian Section, National Federations, other national sections, Adyar and individuals wishing the centennial celebrations a grand success.

The Honorary Guest of the morning session was Sri N.C. Krishna, National Lecturer, Indian Section and Member, Executive Committee of the Indian Section and Central Property Committee. He was performing the portfolio in view of the absence of Dr. N.C. Ramanujachary from Chennai due to conditions of ill health and convalescence. Bro. Krishna spoke on Progress of Telugu Federation and explained the concept of *Acharanathmaka Divya Jnanamu* – Practical side of Theosophy.

The total number of delegates was one hundred and one (101) and the general public attendance was fifty (50) on all the three days.

The inaugural address was given by the Chief Guest Sri Mandali Buddha Prasad, former Deputy Speaker of the Andhra Pradesh Legislative Assembly. He dealt on the establishment of The Theosophical Society during 1875 in New York and the three fundamental objects of the movement to preach and practice Theosophy. He also explained the establishment of the Indian Section at Varanasi and the Telugu Federation towards expansion of Lodges across the country.

The Chief Guest also released the Centenary Souvenir titled *Telugu Divyajnana Samakhya Satha Varshika Sanchika 1919 – 2020*.

In the second part of morning session the Bandaru Mohananga Rao Memorial Lecture was given by Sri K.S. Ramachandra Rao.

The second lecture was delivered by Sri. N.C. Krishna on the subject of “The Way to Wholisticity” – “*Sampurnathaku Daaretu*” and he dealt on the life of theosophist and the universal brotherhood with several natural illustrations.

A public lecture was delivered in the evening session by the Chief Guest Sri Mandali Buddha Prasad. He explained various historical facts and aspects of theosophy, the progress of the theosophical movement for all these one hundred and forty six years and the role of founders and other important personalities to propagate theosophy.

Classical Music of Keerthanas was rendered in the evening.

On Monday 22.03.2021, Bharat Samaj Pooja was performed with a good gathering of spiritualists.

In the morning session short lectures were delivered by Sister M. Lakshmi, Vice President and Telugu Federation Lecturer spoke on “Fragmented Mind – Global Mind”.

Sri Rangaiah Chetty, Advocate and former President of Rayalaseema Federation, Bellary spoke on the subject of “Reach of Human Being to Oneness”.

Sri A. I. Basava Raj Reddy, former President of Rayalaseema Federation delivered lecture on ‘Pure Love Embraces Wholesomeness’.

During the second part of the morning session lectures were given by Sri K.V.B. Satry, who spoke on “Theosophy – Self Communion”; and Dr. P. Ramakrishna, Director of J. K. Study Centre spoke on the given topic of “Loneliness and Aloneness”.

In the afternoon session the stage was occupied by Sri N.Durga Prasada Rao garu, Federation Lecturer from Kankipadu. He delivered lecture on “Understanding” – “*Avagahana*” and the need for transformation to dislodge the fragmentation.

The public lecture was delivered by Sri N. C. Krishna, National Lecturer, on “Theosophy – Contemporary Relevance” – “*Divyajnanamu – Samakaaleenatha*” .

On Tuesday, 23.03.2021, Bharat Samaj Pooja was performed with a good gathering of spiritualists.

Morning Session: Sri S. Venkateswara Rao garu, Federation Lecturer, Machilipatnam delivered his lecture on the Essence of Theosophical Society is “Fragmentation of Thoughts has to Transform for Wholesomeness”

Sri K. Ramachandra Rao drew the curtains on closing the Centennial Conference 2021 and extended his hearty greetings to everyone and appreciated the team of members of the host Lodge Rajahmundry Theosophical Society for their selfless service and hospitality during the grand celebrations.

After the sumptuous lunch session, all the delegates left the venue to their respective destinations with fond remembrances.

XIV. Visitors

There were no visitors allowed due to the Corona Pandemic.

XV. Membership

1. The membership of the Indian Section on 30th September 2021 was 9039 compared to the membership of 10413 on 30th September 2020.
2. There was a net decrease of 1374 members during the year compared to 290 last year. This was largely because of dropping 745 life members from whom no communication was received despite best efforts and patience.
3. Total number of members dropped due to non-payment of fees during the year stood at 1737 against 926 last year.
4. Total number of members that passed to peace during the year was 131 against 208 last year.
5. This way we lost 1774 members against bringing in 500 members – a net decrease of 1374 members against a decrease of 290 members last year.
6. At present there are 493 Lodges and Centres against 492 last year under 16 Federations and Headquarters (for unattached members).
7. This year 500 new members joined against 845 last year. This can be attributed to COVID-19.

Maximum efforts will have to be put by all Federations to reverse the decline and achieve a net growth in membership.

XVI. The Indian Theosophist (IT)& Indian Section Website

A. The Indian Theosophist

The Section's Journal "*The Indian Theosophist*" was published every month from October 2020 to September 2021 without exception, even during the Covid-19 Pandemic. We thought it was badly required in this period. There were no special issues in this period. The average monthly circulation is about 1900 copies. *The Indian Theosophist* is regarded as one of the most frequent, regular and high quality monthly magazine, largely made possible because of the untiring and sincere efforts of the previous General Secretary, Mr. S. Sundaram.

The journal is sent to members who have paid Rs 30 for the 12 issues of the year. The members who are paying Rs 300 per year get a guaranteed delivery through registered Post Parcel. There are very, very few complaints of non-delivery of the IT. If someone still has a problem, they can pay Rs 300 and get 12 issues by registered post parcel.

We are still finding that several copies of IT are returned every month with a comment "wrong address". I request everyone to please send their full address all over again if you are not receiving the IT despite paying for it.

B. Indian Section Website

The address of the Indian Section Website is www.theosophy-india.org. A request is being made to all Lodge Presidents and Secretaries to encourage the members to regularly visit the website. It contains lot of information on the Indian Section and a list of all the upcoming programmes on-line with the name of the speaker, the subject and the date.

This year our website had an average of 491 visits per month. We had 5836 new users who had 7641 sessions during the year with a session to user ratio of 1.30. We also had 20,948 page views with a 2.74 pages to session ratio. The total visitors were 5,905. We had 15% new visitors.

XVII. The Theosophical Order of Service

In the Director's annual report: Bro. K. Sivaprasad appreciated all the members of TOS, office bearers of Groups and regions for continuing TOS

activities despite covid situation as per their capacity to deal with the prevailing conditions. TOS group members became more adapted to the Covid situation this year from severe restrictions prevailing in the previous year. In many groups members responded with sympathy towards less privileged who lost their livelihood due to covid pandemic. Many people transferred contributions through mobile phone aps such as Paytm and google pay without moving from their houses. Most vulnerable sections were provided with groceries for one month in the form kits consisting of rice, wheat, oil, sugar, spices etc. Lot of information about service related is being shared in the whats app TOS group as alternative to the regular meetings.

National Committee and the Annual General Body meetings were held on 22nd and 23rd December 2020. The National project of TOS continues to be empowerment women. Importance to girl child education and skill development is the emphasis by all regions.

Odisha region has taken up many activities this year. Continuing from previous year Covid services, further this year expanded with additional activities. Significant contribution was the “Free food to Covid patients in isolation at home.” Another major support was to Covid patients with donation of 24 oxygen cylinders to the hospital at Oxygen Garden, a newly founded Charitable hospital. Mr. Paneesh Rao, Chief People Officer, Mind Tree, Bengaluru donated 2 desktops and 40 laptops to the inmates of two orphanages and 25 underprivileged girl students who get scholarships to continue higher studies. This donation of laptops and desktops helped the students to continue their studies through on-line. The 8th Regional conference was held on 19 September at Bhuvaneswar. Dr. Deepa Padhi, International vice President and President, Odisha region convened the meeting with Prof. Ganeshi Lal, Honourable Governor of Odisha as Chief Guest who gave an inspiring talk. The National Director was invited as a Guest of Honour to speak about TOS in India. He contributed an article “Theosophy as helping hand in community Service” in the SEVA magazine brought out as souvenir during the event.

Mumbai region planned to document 50 years of TOS. Their plans to celebrate 50 Years of T.O.S. in Mumbai in 2020 being thrown into disarray by

the pandemic, then decided to document history through a short film that captures the activities of our organization and the ideals that our founder Dr Annie Besant and early members propounded. The five decades of focus on different fields of social welfare activities, from “strengthening” in the 1970s, to “expanding” in the ‘80s, to “nurturing” in the ‘90s, to a “turnaround” at the turn of the century, to “transforming” in the last decade have been projected through the video film that was undertaken by Dr Mangesh and his assistants.

Madam Nancy Secrest arranged generous donation for the following three regions through TOS International fund.

In west Bengal Region, Kolkata procured material worth of¹ 238620 (two lakh thirty eight thousand six hundred twenty) towards Cyclone relief and for Groceries for distribution during Covid in Sunderban area 1. Rice - 600 Kg 2. Dal - 300 Kg 3. Cooking Oil - 60 L 4. Salt - 300 Kg 5. Milk Powder - 60 Kg 6. Potato - 300 Kg 7. Onion - 300 Kg 8. Face Mask - 300 nos. 9. Tarpaulin Sheet (15’ x 12’) - 300 nos (during cyclone houses were collapsed)

In U.P. West region Sanatan NOIDA/Delhi group procured material worth of 190000 towards distribution of 300 kits consisting of Groceries to the poor during the covid period to meet the family’s food requirements.

In Rayalseema region at Hyderabad TOS group procured material worth of Rs 55000 towards distribution of Groceries for the needy communities in the Hyderabad city. TOS in India express its deep appreciation for TOS UK and other sources of TOS International for this support.

In all other regions in the country service activities were carried out as per their capacity to carry out considering the Covid situation. In some regions more and in others it was less due to restrictions and the availability of members to assist in the work. TOS India extends appeal to all the region and group members to see the website www.indiatos.org for associating with the work and enhance the unity of the Institution for scaling up service works to the needy communities.

XVIII. Status of the College and Hostel Run by the Indian Section

1. VasantKanyaMahavidyalay (VKM)

Inaugurated on 10th July, 1954 by Dr. C.P. Ramaswamy Aiyer, the then Vice-Chancellor of Banaras Hindu University, Vasant Kanya Mahavidyalaya, a

postgraduate institution has withstood the challenges of time to leave its imprint in the world of women's education only due to the fact that it draws sustenance from the vision of Dr. Annie Besant, Mahamana Madan Mohan Malaviya, Dr. Rohit Mehta and others who worked to link up education with culture and balance freedom with responsibility. With a holistic approach, the college has adopted the motto "education as service", so that the students become responsible citizens, able to serve the community. The academic, co-curricular and extra-curricular events brace the young girls to face, understand and address the challenges of an ever-changing society.

A group of extremely efficient, committed and qualified teachers under the able administration of open-minded Principals have successfully tried to achieve the goals for which the college has been established. The college at present is teaching 15 subjects at UG and 11 subjects at PG level in Arts and Social Sciences streams viz. **U.G. in English, Sanskrit, Hindi, Philosophy, AIHC & Archaeology, Music (Vocal), Music (Instrumental), Painting, Home Science, History, Political Science, Sociology, Psychology, Economics and Geography; PG in Hindi, English, Home Science, Sociology, Psychology, AIHC & Archaeology, Economics, History, Political Science, Philosophy and Sanskrit.**

Ph.D. scholars are enrolled in five subjects viz. **Hindi, English, Home Science, Psychology and Sociology.** Post-graduation in **AIHC & Archaeology, Economics, History, Political Science, Philosophy and Sanskrit** and Graduation in **Geography** at the UG level were introduced during this session. The college also runs two certificate courses under self-financing scheme - **Spoken English and Fashion Designing.**

V.K.M. has 47 qualified and competent faculties who have been appointed as per U.G.C. norms. As the pursuit of excellence happens to be a continuous process, workshops, seminars, lecture series, faculty development programmes are held from time to time. These upgrade the information and efficiency of the teachers. The outcomes of such positive endeavours reflect on the quality of teaching.

In the academic session 2020-2021, 1507 students were enrolled in the undergraduate courses and 484 in post-graduate courses. At present the total number of Research Scholars enrolled under the supervision of our faculty members are 39. One research scholar was admitted in the Deptt. of Home Science and three research scholars were enrolled in the Department of Psychology in this session. Two research scholars from the Department of Sociology were awarded Ph.D. during this session.

Three members of the College were awarded Research Projects in 2020-21 by ICSSR under IMPRESS Scheme. They were Prof. Rachna Srivastava (Principal, VKM) and Dr. Anshu Shukla and Dr. Sunita Dixit (Assistant Professors in Home Science). During the year, 10 books; 19 chapters in books; 28 papers in peer reviewed journals were published. Besides, 295 papers were presented in National and International webinars by faculty members ; 9 faculty members participated in Refresher Course and Faculty Development Programmes.

Each year, prestigious scholarships and gold medal awarded by alumni and retired teachers of the College are given to meritorious students. In the session 2019-20 such prizes and scholarships were given to 10 students of different subjects.

In the current academic session i.e. 2020-21 due to the extraordinary conditions created by COVID-19 pandemic, as per BHU & UGC guidelines, classes are being conducted through on-line mode since 10th September, 2020. During the COVID-19 pandemic to carry on educational activities and life-skill programmes regularly, innovative and virtual platforms were used. Between May, 2020 – August 2021, 78 on-line lectures, 13 webinars, 13 e-workshops were organized. Besides this, other on-line programmes like – Orientation Programmes, Farewell of students, International Yoga Day, Parent-Teachers Meet, e-Alumni Meet were also organized in on-line mode. Seven Day NSS Camp - vkTkk+nh dk ve'r egksRlo was organized in hybrid mode from 18.3.2021 to 24.03.2021.

Various outreach programmes and educational visits were organized by

the college to make the learning more sustainable and interesting. On 17.03.2021, 50 students of the college went on a field tour of Badiasanpur where they conducted a survey of the village and interacted with students of Mahadeo PG college, Badiasanpur under the banner of Unnat Bharat Abhiyan. The students planted neem and mango saplings in the village and carried an awareness programme among the villagers. A conference on New Education policy was also held at Mahadeo PG College, Badiasanpur.

Two MOUs were signed by the college with Social Action and Research Centre (SARC) and Vasanta College for Women, Rajghat, Varanasi respectively from 1.07.2021 for the next three years, in order to develop collaboration for counselling, training and other academic activities and to promote mutual understanding.

The Cultural Forum Sarjana, 2020-21 was organized in a virtual mode from 21st to 25th February 2021. Students participated in 15 different events including essay writing, business planning, poetry recitation, speech, turncoat, cartooning, collage, mehendi, poster – making, photography, documentary, vocal music (classical and folk), instrumental music, theatre, creative dance, choreography, classical and folk dance.

Inter District Karate Championship was organized on 20th Dec. 2020 in which a number of students of Vasant Kanya Mahavidyalaya participated enthusiastically. Annual Sports was not held due to Covid-19 restrictions in College. Hindi Diwas, Librarian's Day, Youth Day, Anthrashtra Matribhasha Diwas, Yoga Day, World Environment Day, Tulsi Jayanti, World Photography Day and Nutrition Month were celebrated with full fervour in on-line mode.

Various important days and anniversaries were celebrated by the college. The 173rd birth anniversary of Dr. Annie Besant was celebrated jointly by the Indian Section, Theosophical Society, Kashi Tattva Sabha and VKM, Kamachha on October 1st 2020 in the prestigious seminar hall of the college. The function was organized in both on-line and off-line mode and connected members of TS and KTS from across the country.

2. VasantKanya Inter College (VKIC)

Vasant Kanya Inter College runs under the control of "Besant Education Fellowship"- a constituent body of Theosophical Society (Indian Section,

Varanasi since 1955). It is a Hindi medium Girls Inter College from VIth to XIIth undergraduate under the grant in aid U.P. Intermediate Board of Education of U.P. government.

The total strength of college 792 during the last year (2020-21) increased to 803 this year (2021-22). The school has teaching strength of 1 Principal, 5 Lecturers, 7 Assistant Teachers, 8 Teachers in Vocational Section and 5 in Science Stream (as non-aided staff).

Results of academic year 2020-2021 were excellent. In high school (Xth) the result was 100% and out of 141 students, 74 students scored marks in first class. In Intermediate (XIIth) the result was 100%, in which 126 students out of 179 students got first class.

Apart from the academics students took part in various extracurricular activities. Students participated in many sports such as Volleyball, Kabddi, Taekwando, Swimming, and Athletics. In Volleyball, Kabaddi and Swimming students went for state level round also. Students participated in Science exhibition, Poster making competition on Road Safety, Essay writing competition etc. Our students participated in almost all cultural programmes organized by state and government throughout the year. Scout and Red Cross programmes are regularly conducted in the college.

Last year it was planned to change temporary roof of 3 classrooms to RCC roof. This year that work has been completed. The school has applied for a new steam of commerce in High School & Intermediate but could not get affiliation due to lack of class rooms.

In the current session (2021-22), due to the pandemic situation of COVID-19, classes are running on-line/off-line both with the continuous support of the principal, teachers and all faculty members who are putting in great efforts to make better learning opportunities for all students as well as for the all-round development of students all the extra- curricular activities are similarly focused in on-line/off-line classes through various sections.

The school was not untouched by the misery of pandemic covid-19. The second wave of covid-19 took two lives of our school employees. We lost Shri

Prem Prakash Singh (Trade Teacher Library Science) and Smt. Manika Devi (Paricharika). This is an irresponsible loss to school and it is setback in the smooth functioning of the official works. There is very urgent need of a clerk to our office.

The pandemic has shaken the financial condition of the entire society as such many students of various streams are unable to deposit the fee. It causes the crises to disbursement of the salaries of teaching and non-teaching staff.

3. Besant Theosophical Higher Secondary School (BTS)

Besant Theosophical Higher Secondary School, known as BTS was established by the Indian Section of the Theosophical Society in 1939 as Theosophical Boys School. In 1954 it was changed into BTS. In 1955 a separate constitutional body of the Indian Section was registered as Besant Educational Fellowship. The control of school was handed over to Besant Education Fellowship.

Since 1955 BTS is functioning under the control of BEF. The school is popular for its rich heritage in all the areas including education. Many distinguished persons who secured higher positions in their life are the alumni of this institution. It is a Boys school which runs from classes 6th to 10th under grant in aid by Madhyamik Shiksha Parishad, Uttar Pradesh, Prayagraj in April 1971.

The School is flourishing and running under the able guidance of Dr. Anju Rai, who is presently the Principal and Shri S.L.Dar, Manager of the institution.

In the year 2020-21 the result of class 10th High School was Hundred per cent, whose details are as follows-

The students appeared for examination- 124.

Students passed -124

Students failed- 00

Number of students who secured Ist division -44

Number of students who secured IInd division -57

Number of students who secured IIIrd division- 23

Many National, State and District level Competitions and Presentations were organized by the Govt. of India and Govt. Of Uttar Pradesh in which many students and teachers participated to understand their level and talents.

Some of them are as follows-

As the Session 2020-2021 was full of challenges and opportunities for all of us due to the pandemic situation; many new ideas and innovations of teaching and learning came into effect. On-line virtual classes were conducted by the school through zoom app and whatsapp group. This was a new experience for all the teachers of the school and also the students but all of them participated with their full strength in it to make on-line classes a successful one.

Many National and District level Competitions like slogan writing, poem writing, and essay writing were conducted and many students actively participated in it.

Teachers, students and the school staffs downloaded the Arogya Setu and Ayush Kavach app launched by the Government of India and Uttar Pradesh and were also given various important lessons related to Covid 19 and its precautions.

Many welfare works for the school like interlocking bricks were laid, Attached Washroom was built in the principal's room etc. and the beautification of the institution were also done by the school with the support of B.E.F. In future also the institution hopes that many welfare works with the support and guidance of B.E.F. would also be conducted.

Trees were also planted on large scale within the boundaries of the institution on the occasion of World Environment Day.

On the occasion of International Yoga Day, 21 June 2020; the

teachers and all the staff of the institution performed various activities related to yoga for their good physical, mental and spiritual health.

Various Competition were organized on the topic “Communicable diseases and their cure” in which students activitely participated.

Many other competitions like poster, slogan, on-line quiz on Sadak Suraksha etc were organized in which many students took part actively.

“75th Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsava” Started by the Government of India was celebrated, and is being celebrated in present also, as directed by the government.

School’s annual magazine “ANAND” was inaugurated and distributed to students and various other officials of Education Department of Varanasi.

Students were registered in Fit India Programme and various other student enrichment programmes.

School Bags, Books, Conversion Cost, and grains were also distributed to the students under MDM scheme.

Under “Sadak Suraksha Jeevan Raksha” essay competition a student secured third position and was awarded Rs.2000+certificate for his active participation.

The School has always encouraged the students to take part in the aforementioned activities and aims to provide best education to the students till High School level, mastering them in different activities and helping them to realize their talents, aims, and dreams by providing quality and world level education and co-curricular activities so that their overall development may take place.

4. Annie Besant School (ABS)

Annie Besant School came into existence in the year 2005 as a result of merging “Sishu Vihar” and “Annie Besant Primary School”. Initially the school

was run from Prep. to Class 5th std. but from the year 2015 it was upgraded to Class 8th std. Since its inception it was under the control of Besant Education Fellowship (BEF) but from 1st April 2018, “The Theosophical Society (Indian Section)” has direct control over it. The Annie Besant School follows the CBSE pattern curriculum. In 2020-21 the total strength of the school was 266. At present there are one Principal, ten Teaching Staffs, two Office Staffs and four Class Four Staffs working in the school.

During the Covid-19 Pandemic period, classes were run on-line mode and all the academic studies as well as the extra-curricular activities and events such as Rakhi making, Rangoli, Handwriting, Drawing competitions etc. were held in on-line mode. These activities and events like Basant Panchami, Holi, Diwali, Independence Day etc. were celebrated in the presence of teachers at the school premises.

The school encourages its students to take part in these activities online which contributes to the overall development of the personality of the students.

There were 266 (221 old, 28 new and 17 RTE) students, out of which 213 passed. Total number of working days was 114 days.

Evaluation & Assessment

There were four units tests during the academic year. Two main examinations, Half Yearly & Manual examination were held successfully. Overall performances were evaluated on the basis of internal assessment which was done by the class teachers; behaviour record sheet was attached to the academic records to inculcate right citizenship in our students.

Personality Development

Due to Covid-19 pandemic all the CCA and House Activities were carried out in on-line mode. Off-line mode activities were suspended during this period.

Sports and Games

Due to Covid-19 pandemic no events of games were conducted during the year under review.

Awareness programme

All the awareness programs related with Covid-19 precautions were carried out time to time in on-line mode only.

Parent Teacher Meeting

No PTM were conducted during this year. Class Teachers used to have on-line session with the students.

Celebrations & Functions

15 August was celebrated by the staff members with the presence of Manager (ABS), Dr. Kusum Mishra.

Teacher's Day was celebrated on 5th of Sept 2020. All the teachers shared their views among themselves.

1st October was observed as *Dr. Annie Besant's* Birth Anniversary. The event was organized in the school premises. Only the staff members were present.

2nd October was observed as Gandhi Jayanti and Pt. Lal Bahadur Shastri's Birth Anniversary. The celebration was organized at the school premises with the staff.

Republic Day was celebrated on 26^t January 2021 in the school with full enthusiasm and zeal. Dr. Kusum Mishra (Manager, ABS) addressed the members of the staff.

Basant Panchami was held on 16 February 2021 at Anusmriti Hall, at 11:00 a.m. from this day the selling of Admission Forms begins for the new session.

For Teachers

To inspire and motivate teachers for giving their best performance, meetings of principal and teachers were organized from time to time where various issues and problems related to students were discussed by the teachers and accordingly plan / strategy for the next month were prepared.

5. Vasant Balika Vihar Hostel

Vasant Balika Vihar Hostel is being run under the Indian Section for providing hostel facilities to the Degree College (VKM) students. There is great demand for hostel as it is in heart of city along with the college. This hostel meets the crucial requirement of such girl students who are keen on pursuing their studies in Varanasi but stay in far off places.

During this academic session i.e., 2020-21 lockdown was declared on 21st March, 2020 due to the pandemic and hostel was vacated. In July 2020 pandemic situation continued as such accommodation was restricted in the hostel. A virtual meeting was conducted with the hostellers during lockdown in respect of hostel fees and room rent.

It was finalized in the virtual meeting that hostellers would be exempted from room rent from April, 2020 to Oct, 2020 although rooms were under their occupation. However, students who did not vacate their rooms by 31st October, 2020 were required to pay room rent through NEFT in the hostel account till the room was under their occupation. Besides an advance of Rs.5000/- was deposited through NEFT in the hostel account by 31st October by all the hostellers of B.A. II, B.A.III and M.A. final to make sure that their seat in the hostel stays reserved. As a result of which the hostel management had a collection of Rs.7,10,000/- as on date 31st January,2021 on account of advance and room charges deposited in the hostel account although the hostel was not functioning.

Thereafter when lockdown was over, hostel was reopened for final year students. The rooms allocation in the various buildings of Vasant Balika Vihar in 2020-21 was made following BHU guidelines.

A chart reflecting the occupancy in the various buildings of Vasant Balika Vihar in 2020-21 is given below:

Session 2019-20		
Name of the Building	Total No. of Seats	No. Of Seats Occupied
Maitrey Bhawan	30	15
Rohit Mehta Bhawan	144	17
Bhojanshala Bhwan	166	
Total	312	38

Medical Facilities after Reopening

The two hostel wardens were instructed to follow the new admission procedure in view of the pandemic situation.

1. Students were to first sanitize themselves. Thermal scanning of the student by the warden was to be done.
2. RTPCR report mentioning Covid-19 negative was to be taken from the students.
3. Declaration form with parent's signature to be submitted.
4. After the above mentioned steps were complete the admission form of the hostel could be given to the student for further procedure.

Dr. Poonam Pandey, Professor (History), was designated as the new Administrative Warden for the hostel and the post of Executive Manager was abolished.

Vasant Balika Vihar has two mess - Maitrey Mess & Sri Devi Mehta Mess but due to pandemic the number of students in the hostel was low and so only one mess (Maitrey Mess) was operative.

XIX. Review of Financial Position of the Indian Section

The period under review was one of the most uncertain financial periods in the recent past. We are referring to the Covid-19 situation in the country and how it has affected our activities and that of the educational institutions and hostels run and managed by the Indian Section. We were forced to give rent relief to the tenants who are running shops in our Harmony Building, the Hostels were completely closed, the College was closed, etc. Above this, we were paying salary to all concerned staff of all these institutions on humanitarian grounds and, also as per the Brotherhood principles of the Theosophical Society.

Reflecting all those environments mentioned above, the Indian Section was able to attain a surplus Rs.1,51,56,265 (Rs. One Crore Fifty-One Lakhs Fifty-Six Thousand and Two Hundred & Sixty-Five Rupees.) This is in comparison with the previous year surplus of Rs.1,10,47,524. It was during the F.Y 2020-21, that the investments in buildings started giving returns. But for

the Covid disruptions, the surplus should have shown an increased amount. Contributions from hostels (about Rs. 1 Crore) could not be realized because the hostels were closed. After the merger of the Vijaya Bank with the Bank of Baroda, the latter rented our new premise in the first floor of the Harmony building, yielding a rent of more than Rs.2 Lakhs per month.

On the expenses side, since face-to-face meetings were not to be conducted, the propagation grants were not released to Federations, and they switched over to the electronic media for this purpose. No major expenses were incurred during this period. The project “Theosophy House”(a new avatar of the old ‘Ashok Bhavan’ near our main gate) was postponed. The Section expects to create a surplus of above Rs. Two Crores during the Financial Year 2021-22.

XX. Report of the Central Property Committee (CPC)

Report on Property matters given by the Chairman (CPC), Bro. V. Narayanan for the year ending 31 March 2021:

The chairman of the CPC, Bro. V. Narayanan mentions that one very important aspect of the status of the Section’s property is that we have large number of properties spread in different states, but hardly used for different reasons. In some places the lodges are defunct, in some places there is encroachment, in some places commercialized but no income to the section or lodge. The CPC is formulating a policy in which whichever property can be recovered and used are identified and action is being taken. The rest of the properties, mainly land only, is to be legally recovered and sold. Considering the fact that most of these properties are situated in Southern India, the CPC is restructured with the following members:-

1. Bro. V. Narayanan – Treasurer
2. Bro. M.V. Rengarajan
3. Bro. Sanat Kumar
4. Bro. N.C. Krishna

The following properties are under different categories as mentioned earlier and are dealt with individually:

1. Rajahmundry
2. Chittoor
3. Gudivada
4. Warangal
5. Ranipet
6. New Delhi
7. Triplicane
8. Gorakhpur

Considering the volume of work involved, the Federation Secretary/President of the concerned area should closely work with the CPC members who are handling these matters. Now that the travelling restrictions are minimum in India after the Covid, specific efforts will have to be made to accomplish the above targets.

XXI. Gone To Peace

1. Bro. P.S. Panchakshari, a former National Treasurer of the Indian Section, TS, passed to peace on 18 May 2021. He became member of the TS in May 1978; attended the School of Wisdom directed by Sri Rohit Mehta in early 1990s at Adyar; and came to the Indian Section HQ, Varanasi, in April 1999 to help in the work of TS. He was National Treasurer from 2002 to 2004 and then from 2008 to 2016. Besides, he was also the Treasurer of the Besant Education Fellowship for some years. Being a committed worker he carried his responsibilities very meticulously.

Apart from his interest in Theosophy, Bro. Panchakshari always had a keen desire to read books and articles on subjects related to Philosophy, Education, Culture and was very much interested in and a great fan of the Indian Classical Music. In addition to English and Hindi he could speak four other Indian languages as well which helped in discussing matters with the office bearers/members of the Federations/Lodges of those respective areas.

Keeping the significance of different years from the Theosophical Society's point of view, Bro. Panchakshari suggested the subject/theme for some Special Numbers of the Indian Section's journal *The Indian Theosophist*. Besides, he helped in various ways during the Study Camps and other programmes organized at the Section HQ.

2. Sis. Pratima Bhattacharyya (Dip. No.59562), wife of respected Bro. Birendra Lal Bhattacharyya, passed to peace on 28 May. She was attached to Bharadwaja Lodge, Bengal Federation. A very pious, kind hearted noble lady with all humane qualities was loved by all. She used to attend all the functions of TS and perform the Hindu Prayer nicely.

3. Sri Ajeet Kumar (Diploma No. 67397; Life Membership No. 2275)

was a member of Anand Lodge, Allahabad. Besides, he was a Life Member of TOS as well. He passed to peace on 28 October 2020. His family has been associated with the TS for the last four generations (Since 1880). Sri Ajeet Kumar Established ‘Kannon Seva Kendra’ and ‘Serva Dharma Mail Milap’ in Allahabad. He was also known for his research work on the 1st Independence Movement of 1857 in Allahabad for which he was invited and honoured by Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru in Anand Bhavan in April 1956.

4. Bro. M.P. Singhal, a senior member, former General Secretary of the Indian Section, and Vice-President of the Theosophical Society, passed to peace on 13 March 2021. He held several responsible posts in the T.S. He was the General Secretary of the Indian Section from 1993 to March 1998; was National Director of the Theosophical Order of Service from 1st February 2002 to 2005, was the Vice-President of Besant Education Fellowship; and was elected as the International Vice-President of the TS on 5 January 2012.

5. A Commemoration Meeting for Bro Bertie Redwood was organized by Blavatsky Lodge. It was held on 22 January 2021 over zoom. The meeting started with Universal Prayer by Lodge President- Sis. Kashmira Khambatta. She shared the messages received from Bro. Bertie during the last few days and his ever-helpful nature. Bro Arni Narendran spoke at length about the outstretching and compassionate nature of Bertie and then read a Catholic Prayer for the Ascension of the Soul.

6. Bro. Rustam R. Dalal (Diploma No. 68529) passed to peace on 27 April 2021. He was a member of Blavatsky Lodge, Bombay, from 14 January 1986. He held some responsible posts in connection with the work of the TS. He was a member of the National Executive Committee of the Indian Section and the Indian Section Council for a few years; was National Treasurer of the Indian Section from 2005 to 2007 and Treasurer of Bombay Theosophical Federation for the last few years. Besides, he was the editor of *The Bombay Theosophical Bulletin*. Being an active and energetic member he, along with his wife Mrs. Mahazaver Dalal, always encouraged the youths to attend the programmes organized by the Lodge/Federation.

May the souls of the aforementioned Brothers and Sisters and all members of the Indian Section who passed to peace during the year under review (Oct. 2020 to 2021) be blessed with peace.

XXII. Tasks Ahead

After very good progress was made in what was mentioned as the tasks ahead

last year, we see number of other tasks that need to be done in the coming year.

1. The Indian Section of the T.S. has made a writ petition in the U.P. High Court at Allahabad against the Varanasi Development Authority (VDA) demanding monetary compensation for the 10,580 sq. ft. of our land acquired by VDA to widen the Gurubagh Road. This may take time but we have Supreme Court Judgements that a fair and reasonable monetary compensation has to be paid in such cases.

2. We have also applied to VDA to officially approve the five new buildings in our campus since Jan 2017, Viz. Rohit Mehta Hostel, Harmony Building, Radha Burnier Amphitheatre, the new College Building, and the new 'laid back from the road Masonic Building'. We would also like them to approve the extension of Annie Besant School Building and Suryashram Guesthouse Building.

3. We are pursuing the modification in the Khatauni to put the name of the Indian Section, the Theosophical Society in place of Bro. Upendranath Basu, who was the General Secretary of the Indian Section when the Indian Section land was purchased by Dr. Annie Besant in 1899.

4. If the Indian Section Council approves the proposals recommended by the Executive Committee to abolish admission fees for Indian Section, the T.S. membership and abolish the annual dues for all members, a new and member friendly set up will have to be done for the administration of membership. The main objective of this is to increase the membership of students and youth.

5. Efforts have to be put to get 8,750 sq. ft. of Indian Section land where the old Masonic Building once stood, to be given on a lease rent and increase the earnings.

6. Similarly, efforts will have to be put to give the Indian Section land at Patna on lease rent of about Rs 1.25 lakhs per month for making a hostel. Out of this amount 20% or Rs 25,000 per month can be given to the Bihar Federation and Patna Lodge to share equally for propagation of Theosophy.

7. We are pursuing the proposal of Mr Ravi Prakash Pandya of Rainbow Printers, who has a large space rented along with our main entrance for more than 50 years. The Indian Section Council has approved his proposal of demolishing the dilapidated building, including the part he has rented and build a new Theosophy House at his cost. Since the land belongs to us, the building

will vest with us and we will take a 50% share in the surplus of the rental income of the building every year. This may take a lot of time but is a win : win situation for Mr Ravi Pandya as well as the Indian Section.

8. As a part of our policy to repair and renovate one building inside the Indian Section Campus every year, we plan to take up Damodar Ashram building near the Headquarters building.

9. To arrange to start the Commerce Faculty, the Education Faculty and the Management Faculty, one by one, at the new college building of VKM.

XXIII. Gratitude

This year I have to pay an abundance of gratitude to all at the Indian Section since I could not come back here after I had left Varanasi on 16 March, 2020 to visit Bhavnagar and then attend the centennial conference of Telugu Federation from 20th March. I got locked down due to Corona and did not take any flight or train to anywhere until this October when I came to Varanasi. The entire team here has done such a remarkable job maintaining everything that we had achieved in the past and continued to work on the tasks ahead.

So this time, I am going to keep it simple. Mr. V. Narayanan handled all activities beyond his duties as a Treasurer and did an outstanding job. He has spent a long time as an in-charge president and did a great job. May be this was just net practice for him!!

I have already mentioned how well Bro. S. Sundaram has worked and contributed to get all the 12 issues of The Indian Theosophist. Sis. Uma Bhattacharyya has kept herself healthy and took care of the college and hostels. I must thank Bro. Pradip Mahapatra for his outstanding contribution in making the Indian Section one of the most prolific in Zoom meetings with very good speakers on excellent theosophical subjects. This is an area of his great strength.

Mr. A.N. Singh, Mr Om Prakash Yadav, Mr Rajkumar Pandey, Mr Somnath Maurya (Mintu) and Santosh Yadav all worked very diligently and I thank them heartily. It was such a pleasure to work with them, although a lot of it was by telephone or on-line.

Date: 22.10.2021

Pradeep H. Gohil

Place: Varanasi

President Indian Section

ANNEXURE - I

	2020-2021		2020-2021
Admission	431	Lapse	1737
Readmission	69	Death/Resignation	131
		Cancellation	6
Transfer from other Section		Transfer to Other Section	Nil
Total :	500	Total	1874

1	No. of members	1.10.2020	10413	Incoming	500
2	No. of members	1.10.2021	9039	Outgoing	1874

S.No.	Federation	1.10.2020	1.10.2021	Gain	Loss
1	Assam	391	337		54
2	Bengal	212	164		48
3	Bihar	265	236		29
4	Bombay	266	198		68
5	Delhi	120	93		27
6	Gujarat	833	599		234
7	Karnataka	3005	2674		331
8	Kerala	258	223		35
9	M.P& Raj.	396	358		38
10	Madras	653	383		270
11	Marathi	490	451		39
12	Rayalaseema	724	836	112	
13	Tamilnadu	580	518		62
14	Telugu	959	933		26
15	Utkal	356	303		53
16	Uttar Pradesh	797	704		93
17	Headquarters	108	29		79
		10413	9039	112	1486

***The total membership on 1.10.2020 was 10413. On 1.10.2021 stands at 9039 with a net loss of 9039 members.**

ANNEXURE - II

NEW LODGES FORMED DURING 2020-2021

S. No	Charter No.	Date	Federation	Name of Lodge
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NIL

LODGES REVIVED DURING 2020-2021

S. No	Charter No.	Date	Federation	Name of Lodge
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NIL

LODGES DISSOLVED DURING 2020-2021

S. No	Charter No.	Date	Federation	Name of Lodge
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NIL

LODGES

1. Number of Lodges and Centres at the beginning of the year	492
2. Increase in number of Lodges and Centres at end of the year	01
3. New Lodges for which Charters issued	0
4. Lodges Dissolved	0
Number of Lodges & Centres at the closing of the year	493
Number of chartered Lodges at the closing of the year	389

ANNEXURE - III
DETAILS OF ANNUAL CONFERENCES HELD(2020-21)

S. No.	Federation	Conference	Month	Place	Chief Guest
1.	Assam	43rd	21 Feb. 2021	Guwahati	Prof. Abani K. Bhagawati
2.	Bengal	101st	25 Sept. 2021	On-line	Ven. Seewali Thero
3.	Bihar	Not held			
4.	Bombay	89th	16-18 Oct. 2020	On-line	Bro. N.C. Krishna
5.	Delhi	Not held			
6.	Gujarat	Not held			
7.	Karnataka	111th	13 Dec. 2020	On-line	Prof. C.A. Shinde
8.	Kerala	Not held			
9.	M.P.& Raj.	95th	06 Dec. 2020	On-line	Bro. Pradeep H. Gohil
10.	Madras	Not held			
11.	Marathi	90th	25-26 Sept. 2021	On-line	Dr. Sihore Phule
12.	Rayalaseema	108th 109th	11 Oct. 2020 12 Sept. 2021	On-line On-line	Bro. L. Nageh Bro. K. Dinakaran
13.	Tamil	Not held			
14.	Telugu	100th	20-23 March 2021	Rajamahendravaram	Bro. Mandali B. Prasad
15.	Utkal	56th	11 Sept. 2021	Gautam Nagar UTF, Hall	Bro. Pradip Mahapatra
16.	U. P. & Uttarakhand	100th	3-4 Oct. 2020	On-line	Bro. L.S. Sengar

ANNEXURE-IV
XXVII. LIST OF FEDERATION JOURNALS
2020-2021

S. No.	Federation	Name of Journal	Periodicity
1.	Assam	<i>Jnana-Jeuti</i> <i>Prashar Patrika</i>	Yearly Half Yearly
2.	Bengal	<i>The Bengal Theosophical Federation Bulletin</i> <i>Theosophy Barta</i>	Monthly Qtrly.
3.	Bihar, M.P. & Raj.	<i>Adhyatma Jyoti</i>	Qtrly.
4.	Bombay	<i>The Bombay Theosophical Bulletin</i>	Monthly
4.	Gujarat	<i>Jyoti</i>	Monthly
5.	Karanataka	<i>Theosophy Vani</i>	Monthly
6.	Madras	<i>The Madras Theosophical Federation Bulletin</i>	Monthly
7.	Marathi	<i>Vishwa Bandhuttva(Jagriti)</i>	Once in two months
8.	Rayalaseema & Telugu	<i>DivyaJnana Dipika</i>	Monthly
9.	Tamilnadu	<i>Tamizhaga Brahma Jnani</i>	Monthly
10.	Utkal	<i>ViswadharaUtkal Theosophical Federation Bulletin</i>	Qtrly. Monthly
11.	Uttar Pradesh	<i>Dharma Path Federation Bulletin</i>	Qtrly. Qtrly.

PART - II

WORK IN THE FEDERATION

ASSAM THEOSOPHICAL FEDERATION

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Members: 330 Lodges: 19 Centres: Nil

Assam Theosophical Federation (ATF) has 19 Lodges at present and 330 members with good standing. But some of the Lodges have become inactive and only a few members are seen to be active due to Covid-19 Pandemic situation.

In spite of this situation the Annual Conference of the Federation was organized and some other activities were also performed with the help of some active members.

Annual Conference:

The 43rd Annual Conference of Assam Theosophical Federation was held on 21 February 2021, at the Pensioners' Bhawan, Chandmari, Guwahati. It started at 8.30 AM and the ATF's flag was hoisted by Federation President Bro Gokul Ch. Deka. He explained the meaning of the Society's Flag's Logo.

The inaugural session started at 9.30 AM with the Universal Prayer. The Prayers of all Religions were conducted by the Vice-President Sister Dr. C. P.

Bhuyan and she delivered the welcome address also. Bro Gokul Ch. Deka presided over this session. Federation Secretary Sister Nilima Das explained the purpose of the meeting and said that it was not held during the year 2020 due to pandemic situation of Covid-19.

Brother R. N. Choudhury read out the names of the members who passed away during the year under review (2020-21) and then prayer was led by Bro. Choudhury for the peace of the departed souls.

Sister Nilima Das presented the Annual Activity Report and Dr. C. P. Bhuyan presented the Audit Report as cashier Bro. P. N. Das could not attend the meeting. Both the Reports were accepted after discussion. The Annual Budget was also presented by Dr. C. P. Bhuyan which was approved by the house. The Annual Activity Report of the Lodges were presented by the Secretary or President of the respective Lodge.

The Annual Journal *Jnan-Jeuti* edited by Sister Nilima Das was released on this occasion by National Lecturer Dr. Bipul Sarma. This was the 31st issue (2020) of A.T.F's journal.

The Chief Guest of the conference was Prof. Abani Kumar Bhagawati, Head of the Department of Geography, Guwahati University. He delivered a talk on 'Man and Nature' and explained that the Machinery Civilization destroys the Nature. But without Nature people cannot survive in the world and so people should try to protect Nature.

A song of famous artist Dr. Bhupen Hazarika, was sung by Bro Nanigopal Goswami. It was followed by short talks. Bro. Gokul Chandr Deka gave his talk with the reference of Kaviguru Rabindra Nath Tagore's poems. Vote of thanks was given by Bro Kiran Ch. Buragohain. The conference concluded with the 'Shanti Path' led by Bro. R. C. Dev Sarmah.

Other Activities

On-line study class: study classes are conducted by the Indian Section, TS, Varanasi. Dr. C. P. Bhuyan Sister Nilima Das, Sister Arunima Baura, Brother Anil Kumar Barua, Brother Umashankar Sahu, and Bro. P. C. Barthakur attended them.

A few members of A.T.F. attended the on-line meetings, organized by Adyar, Varanasi, Utkal Federation, Delhi Federation, Bombay Federation etc.

Two members- Sister Nilima Das and Bro. Umashankar Sahu partici-

pated in National Conference organized by Bihar Theosophical Federation on 13-14 March 2021. They delivered short talks there in the Join Zoom Video Meeting Sister Nilima Das delivered the talk on 'Consciousness and its Expansion.' and Brother Umasankar Sahu spoke on 'Love & Service'. Besides these programmes, another member of A.T.F. Sister Arunima Barua also delivered a talk on 18-4-2021 in Zoom Meeting of the Indian Section on the book *The Key to Theosophy*.

The whatsapp group of A.T.F. also benefited members. The website of A.T.F. was developed during the year. Vice-President Dr. Bipul Sarmah contributed some amount to CM Relief Fund for covid vaccination in response to the appeal of Hon'ble CM, Assam. Dr. Annie Besant's birthday was celebrated on 1st October 2020 and Foundation Day on 17th November 2020, at the A.T.F. Hall. Budha Poornima was celebrated individually by each member by doing meditation at their respective house. Some Lodges also celebrated Dr. Annie Besant Day and Foundation Day. Federation Lecturer Dr. Nakul Ch. Deka, a member of Gyan Pith Lodge, Celebrated White Lotus Day and Buddha Poornima, with a group of members, by Video Conference. Besides, Gyan Pith Lodge organized a Yoga Camp in Anandapuram of Nalbari District from 23rd to 30th September for the seniors.

Visits, Visitors, Study Camp, Goal Setting Meeting and Memorial Lecture were not organized by A.T.F. due to Covid-19 pandemic situation during the year under review. Most of the Lodges of ATF could not conduct study class. Memorial lectures were postponed due to pandemic situations of Covid-19. The Sree Charan Barua Memorial Lecture and Nagendra Narayan Choudhury Memorial Lecture, organized by Pragjyotishpur Lodge, Guwahati, could not be held on 30th March, and 26th May and were postponed. The Usha Deka Memorial Lecture was to be held on 5th December at Nalbari District but that too was postponed.

Federation's Library is kept open for the sale of books on Monday.

Publication, Bulletin, Journal

Bulletins are published Half-yearly due to pandemic situation. Annual Journal *Jyan-Jeuti*, *Deepsikha* and *Antarjyoti* were published in February 2021, in spite of the pandemic situation.

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Centres: Nil

The Bengal Federation was formed in the year 1920 under the Presidentship of Manishi Hirendra Nath Dutta. This is the first time in the history of the Federation that the AGM was held virtually on 26.12.2020 and that too also in the Centenary Year. Earlier, we had a plan to celebrate this glorious event in a befitting manner. But due to Covid -19 pandemic, we had to conduct it virtually. However, we have a plan to celebrate it properly in a suitable manner sometime in future.

The Annual Conference of Bengal Federation was also held on 26 December 2020 afternoon at BTS Hall, under the Presidentship of Bro. P.K. Datta. Ven. P. Seewali Thero, General Secretary, Mahabodhi Society of India, graced the occasion as Chief Guest and respected Bro. Birendra Lal Bhattacharya was the Guest of Honour. A short talk was given by National Lecturer Bro. Pradip Kr. Mahapatra.

The opening song was rendered by Sis. Jaba Guhathakurta. It was followed by inaugural address delivered by the President Bro. P.K. Dutta. Bro. Pradip Mahapatra, in his short talk on 'Seven Portals' narrated Madam H.P.

Blavatsky's views on Theosophy. Bro. Birendra Lal Bhattacharya, narrated the contribution of Founder President (of BTF) Bro. Mansihi Hirendra Nath Dutta to Theosophy and the way he led the Theosophical movement in Bengal to a great height. Ven. P. Seewali Thero beautifully explained how Buddhism and Theosophy influenced each other for the betterment of human life and the Society as a whole.

Our activities during the year were adversely affected due to the Covid-19 pandemic, such as disruption of Railway services, local transport facilities and the instructions given by the Government to follow the restrictions during the lockdown period. Now situation has slightly improved and slowly we have started reviving our activities.

The 101st Annual General Meeting (AGM) and the Annual Conference of the Bengal Theosophical Federation were held on 25 September 2021 (Virtual), at BTS Office, under the Presidentship of Bro. P.K. Datta.

After the AGM, Annual Conference started with the prayers of all faiths. Ven. P. Seewali Thero, General Secretary, Mahabodhi Society of India, graced the occasion as Chief Guest. National Lecturers Bro. C.A. Sinde & Bro. N.C. Krishna, were the Guest of Honour and the Special Guest respectively on this occasion.

After the Prayers, inaugural speech was given the President Bro. P.K. Datta, and it was followed by the opening song of Sis. Jaba Guha Thakurta. Then, short activity report of the Federation was placed by the Federation Secretary Bro. A.N. Chakraborty. Bro. C.A. Sinde, spoke on the topic- "Basics of Theosophy" in which he emphasized on the need of practical brotherhood, and meditation. Bro. N.C. Krishna explained the gist of the book "*The Secret Doctrine*" - cycle of incarnation, law of karma & how to study the book to grasp the inner meaning. The Chief Guest, in his inspiring deliberation emphasized on the need of universal brotherhood, unity amongst diversity and explained the concept of Theosophy very precisely. The conference ended with the vote of thanks given by Bro. A.N. Chakraborty.

Other Activities

The members of Bally Lodge celebrated Lodge's 107th Anniversary on 29 November 2020. Prof. Prahlad Kumar Sarkar, Retd. Head of the Philosophy Deptt., Calcutta University, presided over the meeting. After the prayers, welcome address was delivered by Bro. A.N. Chakraborty. Bro. Joydeb Goswami, Secretary, in his report narrated the

different activities conducted by the Lodge. Prof. Sarkar in his speech emphasized on the need of enrolling more young members to carry out some Community Service activities for the propagation of Theosophy in the nearby areas. The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

The 138th Anniversary of Bengal Theosophical Society (BTS) was conducted on 26 December 2020. Bro. N.C. Laha presided over the meeting. After the prayers, Sis. Madhusree Chowdhury, Secretary, presented her report and gave details about the various activities undertaken by the Society during the year. President Bro. Laha suggested some measures for improving the work of the Society. The meeting ended with the vote of thanks.

The 48th AGM of Jnanmarga Lodge, 108th AGM of Bally Lodge and the 139th AGM of Bengal Theosophical Society (BTS) were conducted on 22nd August, 27th August and 25th Sept. 2021 respectively. Sis. Joysri Das, Secretary, Jnanmarga Lodge; Bro. Joydev Goswami, Secretary, Bally Lodge; and Sis Madhushree Chowdhury, Secretary, BTS presented their respective activity reports precisely. New Executive bodies for the Year 2021-22 were also unanimously formed for all the above three lodges. Federation Secretary attended all the aforementioned meetings.

The Federation is having 11 Lodges with 207 members. Out of this 11 Lodges, Janamarga Lodge, Bally Lodge and BTS have conducted their Annual General Meeting. Bharadwaja Lodge will also conduct the same shortly. We are yet to receive the reports from Mayfair Lodge, R.N. Tagore Lodge, Behala Lodge, Sunderban lodge, Besant Lodge, Jalpaiguri & Vivekananda Lodge.

Office- For the convenience of all the members and Lodge Secretaries, Federation Office is now functioning at BTS Bldgs on every Saturday from 2 pm to 6 pm.

Library- Library also remains open to the general public during the above scheduled time, by maintaining Covid-19 protocol on every Saturday- for reading the Library books free of cost.

Conference/Study – As most of the National & International Lectures/conferences are now being conducted on-line, our members are attending the same from their respective places individually or in a group.

Bulletin/Magazine – Publication of monthly bulletin of the Federation & Qrly. Magazine “*Theosophy Barta*” could not be made due to the reasons started above. However, efforts will be made soon to restart at least the monthly E-Bulletin of the Federation.

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Lodges: 16

Centres: Nil

Annual Conference

National Conference of TS and TOS

A National Conference of T.S. & T.O.S. of Bihar, Bengal, Assam & Utkal Theosophical Federations was organized by Bihar Theosophical Federation & TOS, Bihar Region on 13 & 14 March-2021 on the Indian Section’s Cloud HD Video(ZOOM) –Platform[Meeting ID-878 8617 8860 & Pass Code-THEOS1891]. Thanks to Bro. Pradeep H. Gohil Ji for his kind gesture. The theme of the conference was, “EVOLUTION OF SOUL & TEACHINGS OF BUDDHA”. Bro. H. K. Sharan was Chief Guest of the function; Guest of Honor-Bro. P. K. Mahapatra and Special Guest was Bro. K. Shivprasad, National Director, T.O.S., India. The meeting started with Prayers of all religions followed by Universal Prayer by the students of the School run by Chandradeo Theosophical Lodge, Chhapra. Welcome address was delivered by Bro. Chitaranjan Sinha “Kanak”, President of Bihar Theosophical Federation. Bro. Raj Kishore Prasad, Federation Secretary, read out the greetings received.

Bro. H. K. Sharan and Bro. P.K. Mahapatra delivered their talks on the aforementioned theme on the first day of the conference. Colonel B. K. Kailash, Secretary, Sanatan- Noida T.O.S. Group, beautifully explained the Pranic Heal-

ing. Short talks on the topic - “Consciousness & Its Expansion” were organized under the Chairmanship of Bro. C. Sinha “Kanak”. Participants were - Sister Nilima Das, Secretary, Assam Theosophical Federation; Bro. Satrajeet Chkravarty from Bengal; (Prof.) A. K. Tiwari, Gopalganj Lodge, Bihar; and Bro. Satyabrata Rath from Utkal Theosophical Federation.

Bro. H. K. Sharan delivered his talk on,”Dhammapad” on the second day. Then, Bro. K. Shivprasad, presented a report on “Activities of T.O.S. at National Level.” It was followed by Bro. P. K. Mahapatra’s talk on – “Importance of Mahatma Letters”. Short talks on “Love & Service” were organized in the afternoon session. Bro. Raj Kishore Prasad presided over this session and the participants were Bro. Umashankar Shahu from Assam; Sister Jai Sri Das, Assistant Secretary, Bengal Theosophical Federation; Bro. Suresh Prasad Srivastava, Vice-President, Bihar Theosophical Federation and Bro. S. S. Pati from Utkal Theosophical Federation. Participants from Bangla Desh were - Bro. Almasur Rahman, Bro. Nazmuk Hasan Raja, Bro. Abdul Hye and Bro. Prahlad Debanath – all advocates

Vote of thanks was given by Bro. Raj Kishore Prasad, Secretary, Bihar Theosophical Federation & T.O.S. Bihar Region.

Other Activities

Federation Secretary Bro. Raj Kishore Prasad gave two on-line talks on Zoom. His talk on “Samadhi- The Essential Technique of Yoga” based on the book *Self Culture* written by I.K. Taimni was held on 29 November 2020. His other talk held on 5-6- 2021 was on “Dimensions of Space” based on I.K. Taimni’s book *Science and Occultism*.

No other activity could be organized in the Federation because of Covid-19 Pandemic.

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Members: 253 Lodges: 9 Centres: Nil

Annual Conference

The 89th Annual Session of Bombay Theosophical Federation held on 16-17 October 2020 was unique. It was a Virtual Session on Zoom with vibrancy of Brethren of Bombay energized with Brotherhood warmth of Brethren from Adyar, Indian Section, South India, Philippines, Singapore, Pakistan and East & Central Africa. BTF members Sis. Kashmira Khambatta and Sis. Aban Patel joined even from Lonavala.

This Annual Session was graced by Shri. N. C. Krishna, National Lecturer, as the Chief Guest. The theme of the Annual Session was '*Vitalizing Theosophy and The Theosophical Society*'

This on-line Session was hosted & conducted by BTF President Bro. Vinayak Pandya, helped by Bro. Taral Munshi.

Opening Session on 16th October 2020

The Opening Session attended by 47 Brethren had 18 Invitees from India & Abroad. Singapore Lodge had very kindly changed their meeting date in order to join BTF Opening Session.

BTF President Bro. Vinayak Pandya with welcome words requested Bro. Arni Narendran to recite the Universal Prayer. Bro. Berthram Redwood starting with an Invocation conveyed the Greetings of: International Vice-President Dr. Deepa Padhi, International Lecturers Prof. C. A. Shinde & Shri Agnihotri, Indian Section's Ex-General Secretary Shri S. Sundaram & Manjuji, National lecturer & UP-UK Federation President Shri U. S. Pandey, Delhi Federation's President Shri Rajiv Gupta, TOS Mumbai Region President Sis. Thrity Dalal, and East & Central Africa Section's General Secretary Shri Narendra Shah. International Representative for Pakistan Bro. Mushtak Jindani conveyed Greetings in person.

Sis. Thrity Dalal speaking about TOS activities in Mumbai said that under Pandemic Education Grant to 500 students was given with direct deposits in their bank accounts. Virtual Healing Ceremony was held invoking peace and health for all. A training camp is held once a year in Deolali mainly for youngsters to learn Theosophical Teachings.

Sis. Thrity Dalal introduced the Chief Guest Bro. N. C. Krishna.

Bro. N. C. Krishna in his Address on '*Vitalizing Theosophy and The Theosophical Society*' said that it is necessary to vitalize age-old Wisdom, which is even older than man. Theosophy is not well defined. One can say it is Wisdom processed by Godly person. Man has innate potential to realize Divinity within him. As a nurtured sapling grows into a big tree, a seed of Theosophy sprouted in man with effort, commitment, zeal, enthusiasm & conviction leads him to Divinity. Theosophy a Path to tread for Perfection is not just for self, it is for good of others. Progress on the path depends on person's study, understanding, contemplation and internal realization of Theosophical Teachings.

Gathered knowledge has to be processed to turn into Wisdom, like churning of curd to get butter – the Essence. With Internalized wisdom and right type of life one must work for humanity. Wisdom has to be applied with altruism and unselfishness. Pythagorean School's students studied with the master for 12 years. First two years they had to just listen, study, and meditate. They could not seek clarification as clarification comes after introspection & contemplation. Theosophy is for the masses and not for a chosen few. Hence one has to work for Oneness – Unity.” “To propagate Theosophy, one does not have to compete in Spiritual field. One has to compete with oneself. Lodges must be activated, and second line prepared to pass Baton for continuity of Lodge vibrancy.

Sis. Zeena Rastomjee proposed the Vote of Thanks. The Opening Session ended with recitation of Sanskrit Prayer by Bro. Navin Kumar.

Closing Session on 17th October 2020

The Closing Session attended by 40 Brethren on 17 October had 9 Invitees from USA, Turkey, England, Finland, South India, Philippines, and Singapore. The Virtual Centre for Theosophical Studies was represented by The Founder Director: Bro Luke Michael Ironside and young Bro. Tony Vale.

Bro. Arni Narendran introduced members of The Virtual Centre for Theosophical Studies. He said, Philippines has become an epic centre for

Theosophical Studies with youth of Philippines under pandemic. VCTS was founded with support and encouragement of International President Tim Boyd and International Secretary Ms Marja.

The 89th Annual General Meeting of Bombay Theosophical Federation was conducted with Power Point Presentation by President Bro. Vinayak Pandya. Twenty-nine members had joined for the AGM. All points of Agenda were presented on screen and the business was conducted. President's proposal to continue with same BTF Council under Pandemic for next two-year Term of 2020-2022 was unanimously passed. Resolutions for International & Indian Section Leaders and Dedicated Brethren who could not attend due to old age and health were passed.

Short Talks

Sis. Thrity Dalal introduced the Chief Guest Shri N. C. Krishna, who chaired the session of Short Talks and the Speakers were Dr. Ajay Hora, and Bro. Arni Narendran.

Bro. Arni Narendran's talk was on 'Virtual Platform for Theosophy'. He elaborated on the story of the Virtual Centre of Theosophical Studies (VCTS) and how it forms the third phalanx namely through a group of vitalized individual members. Each individual member is the critical factor in the discourse, and it is a remarkable story of how such individuals have established the new Platform. VCTS, though supported by Int President Tim Boyd and Int Secretary Marja Artamaa, is not part of the Adyar infrastructure and remains an independent self-operating platform of the Adyar Theosophical Society. Not attached to any Federation or National Section.

'The Wisdom Capsule' series is a multimedia Theosophy content platform initiative of VCTS to diffuse Theosophy through videos, podcast, webinars, PPT, Print and e- publications and various other mediums. VCTS is thankful to the Bombay Theosophical Federation for launching the first in the series of 'Wisdom Capsule'.

Bro. Arni Narendran, Education Director of VCTS requested BTF President Bro. Vinayak Pandya to launch *WISDOM CAPSULE* Project for multimedia platform. Special beautiful slide announced the Launch of Wisdom Capsule with the First Capsule on '*Zoroastrianism in Light of Theosophy*'. The Research and content of this first Capsule is by Sis. Meherangiz Baria, Past President of

Blavatsky Lodge. The Capsule is conceived and produced by Bro. Arni Narendran, Meherangiz Baria had the privilege to show PPT of the capsule.

DR. Ajay Hora's Talk was on 'Living Theosophy'. Dr. Ajay Hora with 78 years growing in and living Theosophy said it is not easy to vitalize Theosophy and The Theosophical Society. He quoted the guidelines of great Theosophists, like – 'Be a lamp to oneself', 'Let him understand darkness, helplessness they are passing through to lift heavy Karma.' However, there is compassion. He narrated CWL's two stories about Invisible helpers. Theosophy gives Freedom of thought, freedom of worship and freedom from fear. There has to be complete dedication to work for God's Plan. One should work for what is best for the whole world and not just for oneself.

Dr. Ajay Hora shared personal experiences of Theosophical life right from his birth. At the time of his birth his mother's health was in danger. But Mother had said 'I am going to give birth to a Theosophist child so not to worry' and he was born on White Lotus day with Mother and baby both in good health. From age of five he has been blessed to be in touch with International Presidents, starting with President G. S. Arundale.

Dr. Ajay Hora fondly remembered stalwarts of Bombay and their dedication. He regretted that the BTF Annual Session could not be held at Juhu due to pandemic. After serving BTF over two decades he has passed the Baton to Bro. Vinayak Pandya. He requested all to take care of and vitalize Bombay Theosophical Federation. He ended with Best Wishes to entire TS in the World.

Bro. Navin Kumar, could not attend this session due to ill health, but had sent Messages, which were conveyed by Bro. Vinayak Pandya.

The 89th Annual Session of BTF ended with Vote of Thanks given by Sis. Zeena Rastomjee and recitation of Sanskrit Prayer by Bro. Arni Narendran.

Brief Account of study camps conducted during the year:

Due to covid-19 Pandemic no Study camp was held.

Visits of National Lecturers from outside the Federation:

Virtual Meetings of BTF, Blavatsky Lodge & Theo-Jyoti Triveni Tuesday Meet were graced by the following visitors.

International Lecturers: Prof. C. A. Shinde & Shri Shikhar Agnihotri.

National Lecturers: Shri N. C. Krishnan, Shri U. S. Pandey, and Ms Sonal Murali.

Distinguished Speakers of Gujarat: Shri Harshvadan Sheth, and Sis. Ranjan Vaidya.

Speakers of The Virtual Center of Theosophical Studies: Bro. Vic Hao Chin Jr., Bro. Chally Romero.

Federation Lecturers who conducted studies and addressed meetings during year under review :

Blavatsky Lodge T.S. Regular Study Classes:

On Mondays, Bro. Arni Narendran conducts the study of Bro. P. Pavri's book '*Theosophy Explained with Questions & Answers*'.

On Firdays, Sis. Aban Patel after finishing conducting study of C.W. Leadbeater's '*Inner Life – Part I*', conducted the study of CWL's small Book '*Power & Use of Thoughts*'. Currently she is conducting the study of CWL's book '*Inner Life – Part II*'.

On some of the Regular Days Bro. Navin Kumar has conducted the study of '*The Light on the Path*'.

Sis. Aban Amroliwalla also gave Talks on (1) 'How we remember our Past Lives' based on C. Jinarajadasa's book (2) Prayers & Effects (3) Raj Yoga & Pratyahara (4) Blessings of Meditation.

Meditation at the end of Blavatsky Lodge meetings: Bro. Arni Narendran conducts short meditations for wellness, Peace and Harmony.

Closing Prayer in Sanskrit by Bro. Navin Kumar.

Vasanta-Ganesh-Jyoti Lodges' Meetings:

Study of *Sevabhava Shikshan*, Gujarati book based on J. Krishnamurti's teachings about 'How to impart Education' was conducted by Bro. Vinayak Pandya on every Wednesday. Dr. Ajay Hora and Bro. Harshvadan Sheth of Ahmedabad are Mentors. Brethren are encouraged to share their experiences as a teacher.

Study of a Gujarati book *Mrityu ni Pankhar ma Vasant* (Spring in Autumn of Death) was started on 18 March 2021. This book is a true story of a 13-year young girl Stuti 'Atama-Swarupe' (as a soul) after an accidental death communicating with her Dear Ones and close associates about the journey of her soul after death. This book is written by her mother Usha Chaturvedi. Late Shri Rohit Mehta, the then General Secretary of the Indian Section, in the

Foreword of this book writes that ‘the book will be a solace to people on death of their Dear-one’. Now the study is being conducted by Bro. Vinayak Pandya on every Thursday.

Bro. Vinayak Pandya displays book on screen to help the participants, who do not have a copy of the book. Their meetings end with closing prayers rendered by Bro. Bhavesh Pandya.

Bro. Arni Narendran - a Speaker at Virtual Meetings: Bro Arni Narendran delivered a talk on the ‘Universal Mind’ at the Adamant Lodge, Research Seminar on ‘The Secret Doctrine’. Other speakers on the event were Mr. Vladimir Yaryi, Ms. Evgeniya Shaboornikova, (Moscow), Ms. Ifigenia Kastamoneti (Greece), Ms. Esther Zigane (Australia), Ms. Brigitte Taquin (France).

Bro Arni Narendran along with Bro. Luke Ironside, convened a Spanish meeting of the Virtual Centre of Theosophical Studies. The participants were Ms. Stephannie Vargas (Bolivia), Ms. Agnes Mar (Costa Rica) and Ms. Tapashri Ganguly (United Kingdom). It was held on 6 March. This first-ever Spanish virtual meeting will attract more youth towards Theosophy.

Theo-Jyoti Trivani Tuesday Meet

Bro. Taral Munshi with his innovative expertise and zeal to spread Theosophy far and wide crystallized his dream of Jyoti E-Lodge by launching virtual ‘*Theo-Jyoti Tuesday Meet*’. His wife Archana is an active creative partner in this Mission.

Theo Jyoti Or Bramha Vidhya Ki Jyoti is initiated by Jyoti E-Lodge of Bombay Theosophical Federation.

The Jyoti YouTube Channel is launched with active link:

<https://youtube.com/channel/UCMHAerrhEdylpHvcF65Wahg>

Theo-Jyoti’s inception is in Bro. Taral Munshi attending meetings of Gujarat Lodges’ Zoom meetings. The stream of ‘Triveni Sangam’ was started with main speakers Bro. Nikhilbhai Desai in English, Bro. Uday Pakawala in Hindi and Bro. Harshad Dave in Gujarati.

With the First Flyer TRIVENI TUESDAY MEET opened to larger audience of TS Brethren Adyar to Uttar Pradesh. This meeting of 13th July 2021 on

'Insights – Madam Blavatsky' was with main speaker Ranjanben Vaidya speaking in English and translations in Gujarati by Bro. Harshvadan Sheth and in Hindi by Bro. Shikhar Agnihotri.

Triveni is a Sangam of Three Lodges – Rohit Lodge of Ahmedabad, Rewa Lodge of Vadodara and Jyoti Lodge of Mumbai. Three Speakers and Three Languages – English, Hindi & Gujarati to reach out to Brethren of three languages across India.

At the meeting of 7th September 2021 on 'Spiritual Healing' Bro. Navin Kumar spoke in Hindi adding his thoughts to the talk of main speaker in English.

Meeting on 14th September 2021 was a unique one with First All Women Speakers and Moderator - Sis. Aban Patel of Mumbai, Ranjan Vaisya from Dubai and Rajeshwari Dave of Vadodara and Moderator Archana Munshi of Theo-Jyoti. Sis. Aban Patel spoke on 'Trinity & Triangles'.

BTF Speakers on other Virtual Platforms

Rohit Lodge, Ahmedabad - Dr. Ajay Hora gave a talk on 21st November 2020 on 'Seva Bhava Shikshan'. Bro. Taral Munshi spoke on 12 September 2021 on the subject 'Art & Theosophy' in which he explained that Art is similar to comparative study of Religions, Philosophy and Science.

BTF President Bro. Vinayak Pandya in his talk on 'Theosophical Education and Theosophical Schools' spoke about do's and don'ts for parents and teachers in grooming and motivating students. He also explained the Culture of Theosophical School practiced in The Golden Link College founded by Bro. Vicente Hao Chin Jr. The talk was held on 7 February by Prgya CA Studio, Adyar.

On 28th March 2021 Bro. Taral Munshi enacted Hindi skit on 'Swayam ki Talash' based on seven Q & A from Bro. P. Pavri's book *'Theosophy Explained with Questions and Answers'*.

Guided Meditation and talk on Dreams and Angels

Bro Arni Narendran was the Guest Speaker in the month-long Programme organized by The Pragma CS Studio and the Madras Theosophical Federation. It was the first in the series of a month-long programme of June 2021, coinciding with International Yoga Day. It was a guided meditation with a talk on 'Dreams

and Angels'. The programme was well attended with over seventy attendees on zoom virtual Platform and many more on You Tube, with participants from over twelve countries. The Power Point presentation by Sister Kashmira Khambatta impressed many as much as the talk and Mindfulness Meditation. The talk outlined his prophetic journey to the British Museum Library in search of the original 'Mahatmas Letters to A. P. Sinnet' preserved there for posterity. The participation of Dr. Rosel from the Philippines with his corroborative account of Angelic healing of his sister was a high point. His Grandparents were associated with Mr. Geoffrey Hodson- a clairvoyant and a Healer with the Angelic channel.

Bro Arni Narendran was the guest speaker at the Joint Lodge meeting of the Theosophical Society of Philippines. He spoke on the eclectic, subject of '*Theosophy and the Transcendence through Art*'. The virtual session was well attended by attendees of all over the globe including nocturnal time zones. Bro. Arni also delivered a lecture on Aphorisms 5 to 8 of Part II of '*Light on the Path*' at the Pranava Lodge – Manila.

In the series of talks organized by Ojai Valley Theosophical Lodge, California, USA, one talk was given by Sis. Aban Patel on 'Religion in Daily Life'. She spoke on 6th January 2021 on 'Zoroastrianism' covering historical Background, essence of Zoroastrian Religion, Zoroastrian way of Daily Life and significant religious celebrations. Questions raised by members, who had heard of Zoroastrianism, were answered by Sis. Aban.

Bro. Arni Narendran Building Bridges

Bro. Arni Narendran's invitation to Young People from Mumbai to join New Energy: The Virtual Centre of Theosophical Studies (VCTS) a virtual platform promoting Theosophy with a focus on Young people has released its first Promo Video in September. It features Philippino Theosophist Ms Marlyn Ranola. Philippines was chosen as the country which has a large number of Youth following of Theosophy. The Video conceptualized and script content is by Bro Arni Narendran-Education Director-VCTS. The video has been produced by Ms. Ann Kelly. This is thanks to the efforts of Bro Vic Hao Chin Jr. , Founder of Golden Link College and Bro Chally Romero, who are passionate in diffusing Theosophy. They have partnered with the Singapore Lodge and have been promoting Meditation and Talks on weekends attracting hundreds of Theosophists across Asia, Australasia and Africa.

ON 27th March 2021 bro. Arni gave a talk on the Virtual Centre for Theosophical Studies platform highlighting his experiences at Adyar as a young Theosophist and touched upon the Objects of Theosophical Society.

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On 3rd July 2021 was the First Annual event commemorating the one year of virtual activity of the Inter American Theosophical Federation – A Confluence of Theosophical Hearts of Brazil. This Federation has membership of 19 countries from South & Central America, Canada and United States. Bro. Arni Narendran the lone attendee from Asia was introduced to 212 participants by Chairman Sis. Isis Resende. *The event in English & Spanish was indeed a confluence of two hundred Theosophical Hearts.*

Special Conference during the year 2020-2021

Support Convention 2020 and Impressions of the 145th International Convention

The 145th International Convention was a virtual Convention which had facilitated Brethren of Bombay to join the convention on virtual platform from the comfort of their homes. Hence Support Convention was not held by BTF & Blavatsky Lodge. The Impressions of the Virtual 145th Convention were shared in BTF Bulletin for the benefit of Brethren who could not attend virtual sessions.

Other Activities

Indian Section's President Shri Pradeep Gohil speaking at a virtual meeting on 'Challenges, Lessons and Solutions during COVID 19 Crisis' gave guidelines for daily life observing Theosophical values to take care of environment and of fellow human and younger Brethren – Animal, Plant & Mineral Kingdoms. This will inspire others also to realize that - Temples are closed under pandemic, but window has opened in heart to contemplate in Heart. This talk was delivered on 11th October 2020.

Highlights of Special Activities during the Year:

Annie Besant's Birthday Meeting on 1st October 2020

Bro. Navin Kumar as the Host welcomed all to pay devotion to Dr. Annie Besant at Virtual Meeting, which otherwise would have been in Besant Hall of Blavatsky Lodge. Blavatsky Lodge President Sis. Kashmira Khambatta recited the Universal Prayer and spoke about Annie Besant's life devoted to Theosophy.

Sis. Aban Patel read Shri Madan Mohan Malavia's tributes to Annie Besant for her magnanimity to gift Central Hindu College for formation of Banaras Hindu University and her unstinted work for India. Sis. Meherangiz Baria read Annie Besant's words on Theosophical Society, Study of Theosophy and Admission of Members.

Bro. Arni Narendran said that Blavatsky Lodge owes a lot to Annie Besant.

The other speakers were Sis. Mahazaver Dalal, Bro. Berthram Redwood, Bro. Zinoo Master and Sis. Deepa Kapur. Then, Bro. Navin Kumar in the closing said that AB was a True Yogi. She did everything in a perfect way. Her translation of Geeta is the best. He ended the meeting with recitation of Sanskrit Prayer.

Annie Besant's Birthday Meeting at Adyar Attended by Bombay Brethren: Thanks to kind invitation of International Lecturer Shri Shikhar Agnihotri, *BTF Brethren had a rare experience of attending Adyar Virtual Meeting to celebrate Dr. Annie Besant's Birthday from their own homes in Bombay.* It was a great feeling of Brotherhood with 250-300 Brethren joining from 25 countries. Sis. Catelina Shikhar had hosted the meeting in Adyar – The Masters' Home.

FOUDATION DAY MEETING ON 17TH NOVEMBER 2020

FOUNDATION DAY VIRTUAL MEETING OF BTF & BLAVATSKY LODGE on 17 November 2020 morning hosted by BTF President Bro. Vinayak Pandya: The meeting was opened with recitation of The Universal Prayer by Sis. Mahazaver Dalal. Bro. Vinayak said to put Theosophy in life and to experience spiritual life is important. Bro. Navin Kumar said, we have joined TS thanks to parents or due to some incident of life. To strengthen TS to spread Theosophy revealed by the Founders to encourage family members to join TS, to live as a Theosophical Family.

As Homage to the Founders the First Wisdom Capsule of The Virtual Centre for Theosophical Studies on ‘Zoroastrianism in Light of Theosophy’ was dedicated to them. Col. H. S. Olcott had given a talk on Zoroastrianism in Mumbai on 14-2-1882 and Madam H. P. Blavatsky had answered the queries on his talk, as he was in Sri Lanka. This Wisdom Capsule conceived and produced by VCTS Education-Director Bro. Arni Narendran was presented with explanations by Researcher Sis. Meherangiz Baria. The Wisdom Capsule #1 was with focus on the concepts of Zoroastrian religion considered from the Theosophical viewpoint.

Presentation by Sis. Meherangiz Baria had covered Zoroastrian Teachings with appropriate pictures and names of Zoroastrian contributors to the Theosophical Movement. BTF December 2020 issue covers her full presentation.

Sis. Aban Patel greatly appreciated the presentation and ended with ‘*Yatha Ahu Vairiyo*’ prayer.

Adyar Day virtual meeting of Bombay Theosophical Federation with Blavatsky Lodge on 17 February 2021:

The Bombay Theosophical Federation and Blavatsky Lodge jointly organized the Adyar Day celebrations on Zoom. This year, although it was physically distanced, it attracted many stalwarts of Theosophy, which brought in an element of Nostalgia and History to a large number of participants. The programme started with Adyar Song compiled in Gujarati by Late Mrs. Mugdha Hora, mother of Dr. Ajay Hora. The song describes Adyar as a Paradise on Earth. The content of the song was presented in English by Dr. Ajay Hora. Bro Vinayak Pandya, President of BTF, spoke on the significance of Adyar Day and the genesis of the annual event celebrated all over the world.

Brother Navin Kumar, Vice-President of Blavatsky Lodge, spoke on Giordano Bruno who was a victim at the stakes for speaking the TRUTH and went up in chariot of fire. His statue at the Sorbonne University in France is an Honour bestowed upon him and a living reminder of his sacrifice. Sis. Ruby Khan spoke on Col Henry Steel Olcott and his role in establishing the Theosophical Society. He was the force behind the revival of Buddhism in Ceylon, now Sri Lanka. Sis. Meherangiz Baria spoke about J. Krishnamurti and

his upbringing by Dr. Annie Besant and Bishop Leadbeater and his subsequent journey in Search of Truth. Sis. Aban Amroliwalla spoke on Bishop Charles Leadbeater's, contribution to the Theosophical literature and the establishment of Liberal Catholic Church.

The celebrations had two historic events: The first was the release of a Booklet on 'Zoroastrianism' authored by Sis. Aban Patel, senior lecturer at Blavatsky Lodge. It was the content of her lecture delivered at the Ojai Valley Lodge, California, United States on 6 January 2021. Sis. Aban Patel was assisted by Sis. Kashmiri Khambatta for the Power Point Presentation with beautiful pictures and Sis. Aban Amroliwalla's inputs. The publication was sponsored by the BTF from Late Sis Mehra Dhalla Memorial Fund created with donations of Brethren of Bombay. The Booklet was launched by Bro. Vinayak Pandya by unwrapping the booklet. He lauded the creation of this booklet and spoke about Late Sis. Mehra Dhalla, Stalwart of Bombay.

The second event was the launch of the current issue of *Synergy* Journal, the issue which is dedicated to Theosophy. Dr. Rajam Pillai spoke at length on how as an Editor of Hindi journal *Gandhi Prawah*, published by Mani Bhawan, Mumbai, she had heard about Dr. Annie Besant and that was the reason for being drawn to Theosophy. '*Synergy*', her journal which is bilingual has transformed gradually into a Theosophy journal targeted at the student community of Mumbai University. She is funding the project through her Family Trust and has been silently propagating Theosophy worldwide through Poetry, Art and Theosophical content.

The '*Synergy*' issue was launched by Bro. Kanubhai Shah and Brethren displaying cover page card of the issue. Three contributors in this issue were present and spoke which added colour to the celebrations; Sis Manorama Saxena, who had been in the movement for seventy years, Sis. Freney Pagdiwala, the whole and soul of the Blavatsky Book Depot and Sis. Manjula Kannabar, who had interacted with Bro. Jiddu Krishnamurti. Though Sis Manjula could not attend the meeting she sent a video. The Fourth contributor Bro. Arni Narendran, Treasurer of Blavatsky Lodge, was present as the Master of Ceremonies.

Bro Taral Munshi recited his composition of Hindi Poem '*Pyara Adyar – Tera Mera*'. Sis. Deepa Kapoor spoke on behalf of her mother and her association with Theosophy. Sis. Zeena Rastomjee rendered the concluding prayers.

WHITE LOTUS DAY 8TH MAY 2021

White Lotus Day was virtually celebrated on 8 May 2021 by Bombay Theosophical Federation along with Blavatsky Lodge. The meeting began with the recitation of Universal Prayers by BTF President Bro. Vinayak Pandya and the members present. Blavatsky Lodge President Sis. Kashmira Khambatta thanked the members for attending the meeting and read out quotes of Bro. William Q. Judge for his colleague and friend Madame Blavatsky. Significance of the White Lotus Day was explained by Bro. Vinayakji Pandya. Bro. Navin Kumar read out passages of the Bhagwad Gita. Sis. Archana Munshi read out passages from *The Light of Asia* in English and Bro. Taral Munshi explained the same in Hindi. Sis. Ruby Khan read out passages of *The Light of Asia*. Hon. Secretary Sis. Jasmine Cawasji read out passages from the *The Voice of the Silence*.

Hon. Treasurer Bro. Arni Narendran took everyone to a blissful meditation. Bro. Taral Munshi recited a Hindi poem composed by him on 'The White Lotus Day'. The meeting concluded with Sis. Zeena Rastomjee reciting "The Golden Stairs".

WESAK BLESSINGS – BUDDHA POORNIMA CELEBRATION

BUDDHA POORNIMA CELEBRATION 2021: The celebration was jointly organized on 26 May by Bombay Theosophical Federation, Blavatsky Lodge and other Lodges of Bombay. Members from the Lodges of Mumbai and other parts of India joined in the virtual celebrations organized on the occasion of Buddha Poornima. The programme was launched by BTF President Bro. Vinayak Pandya with Welcome Address and a brief significance of the event. Bro Navin Kumar, Vice-President of Blavatsky Lodge, recited the Buddhist prayer which is part of the Prayers of All Religions recited at Theosophical events. Blavatsky Lodge's President, Sister Kashmira Khambatta gave a talk on the significance of the ceremony held at Wesak Valley, accompanied by a magnificent visual of the valley. The talk was entitled - '*Miracle of Wesak Poornima*'. Sis. Aban Patel described in detail the esoteric significance of the descending of Lord Buddha on this day for the well-being of the Planet and Humanity. The outpouring of Blessings - the sacred text of 'Maha Mangala Sutta – The great Blessings' was explained by Sis. Meherangiz Baria followed by recitation by her and Sis. Zeena Rastomjee, Sis. Ruby Khan and Sis. Archana

Munshi. Sis. Meherangiz recollected a Buddha Statuette gifted to the Blavatsky Lodge by Bro. Navin Kumar. Sis. Aban Amroliwalla lucidly explained the English version of the Sanskrit/Pali prayer of “*Buddham Saranam Gachchhami*”. Bro. Arni Narendran conducted a Guided meditation coinciding with the penumbral time of 16.44 which is the time when the Moon and the Earth are at the closest proximity and is considered as the sacred primetime of the Wesak Day. Sis. Jasmine Cawasji exhibited to the attendees’ statuette of Buddha blessed by His Holiness Dalai Lama, and a family relic of her late father which he had acquired while on military duty in Burma – a smiling Buddha made of marble. The meeting ended in solemn silence and prayer for the entire Humanity. It is of importance to note that the Theosophical Society played a dominant role in reviving Buddhism in Ceylon and other Asian countries *OM MANI PADME HOME!*

Asala Poornima Meeting

Asala Poornima Meeting of BTF with Blavatsky Lodge and all other Lodges of Mumbai were virtually hosted by BTF President Bro. Vinayak Pandya on 23rd July 2021. The meeting was opened with the Universal Prayer and Bro. Vinayak Pandya’s Opening Words to invoke Blessings of Guru – Lord Buddha as described in Shri H.K. Sharan’s English Prose ‘The Light of Asia’. Sis. Meherangiz Baria recited the Buddhist Prayer. BTF Secretary Sis. Mahazaver Dalal welcomed all to the meeting held on the eve of Asala Poornima, which was on 24th July with Full Moon at 8.07 a.m. She explained the purpose was to be attuned to Asala Poornima Celebration to be held on Southern Slope of Himalaya in the garden of Lord Maitreya at the time of Full Moon next morning.

Bro. Bhavesh Pandya speaking in Hindi said ‘*Atma Deepo Bhava*’ means that one’s own *Atma* is Guru, but first one should develop the qualities to be a *Shishya* (Spiritual student).

The other speakers were Sis. Mahatab Tarapore, Sis. Archana Munshi, Sis. Zeena Rastomjee, Bro. Navin Kumar, Dr. Rajam Pillai and Bro. Taral Munshi. The meeting ended with the recitation of a Sanskrit prayer by Bro. Navin Kumar.

ALLIED & OTHER ACTIVITIES

Blavatsky Lodge Building is closed under COVID 19 Pandemic Lockdown since 25th March 2020. Hence Bharat Samaj Pooja, Mystic Star Ritual and Maitreya Round Table ceremonies are not performed.

Suryaben & Jamubhai Dani Note Books could not be printed under Pandemic.

Jamubhai & Suryaben Dani Inter-School Competitions and Minoos Mulla Inter-College Competitions were also not held as schools were still online and it was difficult to co-ordinate.

Publication of Books and Journals / Special Efforts for sale of Books:

Book Depot sold books during the Pandemic by receiving NEFT Payment and keeping orders ready to be picked up by purchaser.

‘The Theosophist’ for College Libraries of Mumbai:

In ‘JOURNEY OF THEOSOPHY IN MUMBAI (BOMBAY)’ Bro. Vinayak Pandya – BTF President writes, “*One of our senior members, who wants to be anonymous, floated an idea that we should reach out to younger generation. On deliberation it was decided that we should approach Colleges and Universities where we can send our monthly magazine ‘The Theosophist’ without cost to libraries for five years. Cost of subscription was sponsored by this senior member. This was innovative idea to reach out to faculties and students. The Theosophist Magazine is monthly in English in Digital and paper book format. It contains articles by Theosophists worldwide plus theosophical activities around the globe and notifications for future events.*

We started campaigning as to who would like to be associated with our idea. We emailed to many colleges, made phone calls to Principals, Librarians and Professors. This was pandemic time with most of the institutions partially working. Majority of staff was working away from their institutions. In spite of this with the help from invisible helpers in the Form of many Librarians who sincerely went out of their way to help us. With this help we have completed data of more than 50 libraries, who confirmed that they will display our magazine in their libraries to inspire and enlighten Faculties & Students in Ancient Wisdom.”

Bombay Theosophical Federation monthly Bulletin ‘*The Bombay Theosophist*’ is printed as well as it is E-Bulletin. Bulletin of November 2021 covered the First Capsule of The Virtual centre for Theosophical Studies on ‘*Zoroastrianism in the Light of Theosophy*’. Education Director Bro. Arni Narendran had conceived the project and the research, contents and pictures

PPT was by Sis. Meherangiz Baria. Bulletin issue of June 2021 was sponsored by Blavatsky Lodge TS in loving *memory of Late Bro. Rustom R. Dalal – A glittering light amongst Mumbai Theosophists.*

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‘PARSIANA’, a magazine of Zoroastrian community, issue of June 21 – July 6, 2021 had a Cover Page Story on ‘*Threads of Theosophy*’ with Blavatsky Lodge’s photo on Cover Page. At *Udvada Utsav – Religious Meet of Zoroastrians at Udvada in December 2019.* On 20th February 2020 was the celebration of 140th Year of Blavatsky Lodge. Bro. Arni Narendran prepared ‘*The History of Blavatsky Lodge*’, which featured many Parsees. Sis. Mahazaver Dalal sent an initial article titled ‘*Theosophy & Zoroastrians*’ to Parsiana around March – April 2020. At the 89th Annual Session of Bombay Theosophical Federation a Wisdom Capsule conceptualized by Bro. Arni Narendran, Director of Education of The Virtual Centre for Theosophical Studies was launched with first capsule on ‘*Zoroastrianism in Light of Theosophy*’ presented by Sis. Meherangiz Baria. Her artistic Power Point with research about contents and contribution of Zoroastrians to Theosophy brought out more names. Finally, it was Sis. Parinaz Gandhi, Senior Theosophist and Managing Editor of Parsiana with her further inputs weaved the Article ‘*Religion Made Relevant*’ for Parsiana Readers in India and Abroad. She personally took photos at Blavatsky Lodge of Painting of Zarathushtra and portraits of stalwart Zoroastrian Theosophists of Bombay. We are grateful to Parsiana Editor Mr. Jehangir Patel and the team which finalized the article with photos of Blavatsky Lodge and Theosophical Society HQ Adyar. This archival Parsiana issue of June 21 – July 6, 2021, was sent for Library and Archives of Adyar and Indian Section TS, Varanasi.

On-line Library for Gujarati Theosophical & Spiritual Books created by Bro. Vinayak Pandya: To date 25 Books are e-mailed by Bro. Vinayak Pandya to members. Study of some of the Gujarati Books are conducted by Bro. Vinayak Pandya at Vasanta-Ganesh-Jyoti Lodge virtual meetings.

SIS. DR. RAJAMPILLAI'S SYNERGY FOUNDATION PUBLICATIONS

(1) A RARE COLLECTORS PUBLICATION WITH ARTICLES FROM THEOSOPHISTS OF INDIA

Thanks to Dr. Rajam Pillai of Synergy Foundation for a rare artistic publication printed by her with artwork of a Portuguese Brother and with profound thoughts of Theosophists of the world was received by BTF Bulletin Editor. The publication is titled '*The Secret Doctrine-The European School of Theosophy – 2021*'. In the section 'Reflections of the Pandemic' the Theosophists of USA, England, Philippines and India have shared their Theosophical experiences. Bro. Arni Narendran writes on '*Envisioning The Lotus of the Mind*'. Sis. Meherangiz Baria writes on '*The Power of the Divine Mind*'. Sis. Elka Sinha says 'Prana comes to our Aid'.

This year the members of Bombay Theosophical Federation were in for a surprise when they received calendars in their Mailbox. The handiwork and munificence of our Blavatsky Lodge's senior member Dr. Rajam Pillai, who snatches every opportunity to propagate Theosophy through 'Synergy' journal, is now propagating Theosophy through an innovative calendar designed by International Lecturer Shri Shikhar Agnihotri of Pragya Lodge. The calendars have reached Brethren in Mumbai and other parts of India and overseas also.

Dr. Rajam Pillai has printed the Calendar acknowledging '*conceptualized & created by Pragya CS Studio*' and adding '*With compliments from Dr. Rajam Pillai, Managing Trustee Synergy Trust, Mumbai India (on behalf of Blavatsky Lodge – Mumbai, India 1880)*'.

It is truly a Universal Calendar with Information about Early History of the TS, Mission of the TS, The Objects of TS, Freedom of Thought, Freedom of TS, The Freedom and Responsibilities of Lodges & Branches, Theosophical Society's Seal and Significance of Marked Dates of Great Atmas, Festivals and International Days, inspiring one to tread the path of Spirituality. The Universal Spirit of this Calendar will be surely appreciated even by Spiritual Fraternity. This Calendar will be a source of ready reference for the years to come.

(1) *Year 3 January – June 2021 Commemorative Issue Blavatsky Lodge
–Theosophical Society*

The ‘Synergy’ issue released on Adyar Day 17th February 2021 Virtual meeting of BTF & Blavatsky Lodge was with compliments of Publisher & Managing Trustee Dr. Rajam Pillai of Synergy Foundation Trust and distributed to Brethren in Mumbai and posted to Indian Section TS, Varanasi & Theosophical Society, Adyar. It was also sent to many TS Lodges abroad. This colourful issue full of photos focused on commemorating 140th Year of Blavatsky Lodge TS, Mumbai established by the Founders Madam H. P. Blavatsky & Col. H. S. Olcott on 20th February 1880 with Bro. Arni Narendran’s article ‘*A Lotus Flower in Full Bloom*’. The other contributors to this issue are: (1) Sis. Manorama Saxena, mother of Bro. Navin Kumar, sharing ‘My Brief Introduction coming in touch with Theosophy’ of 97 years of her life. (2) Sis. FrenyPagdiwala’s ‘*A Pianist at Blavatsky Lodge*’ reminiscing her Musical Sojourn especially at Blavatsky Lodge with her Crystal Choral Senior & Junior Choirs. (3) Sis. Manjula Kannabar sharing a spiritual experience of her life – ‘An Unforgettable Healing by Krishnaji [J. Krishnamurti]’. The issue is a window to spiritual life abroad with articles on *Yazidi Temple and Art inspired* by Spiritual Insight. Other contents are ‘Report of Students Symposium’, ‘Book Review’, other information and ‘Tributes to Bro. Bertie’, who was on Advisory Committee of Synergy.

(2) *Year 3 July – December 2021 Issue on ‘Zen and Art of Mindfulness’*

This Synergy issue has cover profile of young Theosophist of Philippines Ms. Marlyn Ranola. Dr. Uma M. Shankar writes about ‘Shankara – Divinity in Human Form’. ‘My Journey with Theosophy’ is by Late Bro. Rustom R. Dalal. Bro. Arni Narendran explains ‘Zen and Art of Mindfulness’. Sis. catalinaIsaza Cantor Agnihotri gives ‘Profiles of Four Women in the Fields of Literature and the Theosophical Movement’. There are articles on ‘The Psychedelic nature of Islam Art and Architecture’ and ‘The Forgotten Priestesses of Cetts’. Climate Soul Song and other information opens up spiritual vistas. Synergy receives appreciations from readers of Japan, Finland, England, Austria, Ireland, India, Netherlands, East & Central Africa, Philippines, Adyar, Australia and Toronto.

BTF President Bro. Vinayak Pandya gave a public talk on Pragya CS Studio Virtual meeting held on 7 February 2021. The meeting hosted by Bro. Shikhar Agnihotri from Adyar on 7th February 2021 was attended by Brethren from Philippines to USA covering 4 Continents. From India members were from Chennai to Delhi. Bro. Shikhar Agnihotri welcoming all said that this was one

of the public talks organized by Pragya CS Studio of Lucknow and was to convey Theosophical Teachings to as many people as possible to realize 'Unity in Diversity' and 'Oneness of Life'.

Bro. Vinayak Pandya's subject of talk was 'THEOSOPHICAL EDUCATION & THEOSOPHICAL SCHOOLS'.

The study of Gujarati Books – '*Theosophist nu Karya*' and '*AB, HSO, CWL na Jiwan na Adbhut Prasango*' was conducted VASANTA-GANESH-JYOTI LODGE in its Thursday meetings, during the last two months. Currently the study of '*Sampurna Shikshan na Panch Stambho*' is being conducted by Bro. Vinayak Pandya.

Sangam- Spritual conference at the Jyoti Tudesay meet of Rohit Lodge - Ahmedabad, Reva Lodge -Vadodara, & Jyoti E-Lodge- Mumbai with three speakers in three languages- English, Gujarati and Hindi.

General Remarks:

Networking through e-mails and SMS have definitely encouraged members to attend Lodge Virtual Regular & Special Meetings in larger numbers.

Thanks to virtual meetings because more Senior Citizen members are able to participate from their home comfort.

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Lodges: 10

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Annual Conference

Not held during the year under review.

Brief Account of on-line Study Camps and on-line meetings conducted during the year

Due to pandemic Covid 19 all theosophical activities were suspended. The unprecedented and worldwide pandemic has caused miseries of many kinds to the entire humanity.

Bro. U S Pandey, National Lecturer & President, UP & UK Federation, conducted the on-line Study Camp from 12 to 14 March, 2021 on the topic "Rejuvenation & Self Transformation".

Bro. Hrishikesh Sharan gave three on-line talks on the topic "Karma & Reincarnation". These were held on 11th, 18th & 25th April, 2021.

However, the on-line Lodge meeting of the Shankar Lodge as well as the on-line meeting of Indraprastha Lodge are continuing well. The on-line meetings of the other lodges could not be held.

The following on-line talks were delivered in the meetings of Shankar Lodge:

Dr. N C Ramanujachari's subject of talk was 'Prime for popularization of Theosophy',

Bro. C A Shinde gave talks on 'Pioneering spirit of Dr. Radha Burnier', 'Adyar, the sun of Theosophical Society', and 'The first object of Theosophical Society is Philanthropy' respectively.

The two talks given by Bro. U S Pandey were on 'Voice of the Silence-An Overview' and 'Paramitas'.

Bro. Pradip Mahapatra spoke on 'An approach to Truth' and 'Where is God?'.

Bro. B D Tendulkar expressed his views on 'Karma'.

Bro. Chittaranjan Satpathi spoke on 'Expectation from Spiritual Aspirant'.

Bro. S K Pandey's four talks were on 'Manav Punruthan mein Theosophy ki Bhumika', 'Prarabdha aur Purusharth', 'Guru ki Khoj' and 'Different dimensions of Meditation'.

Bro. A P Lokhande explained 'Narada Bhakti Sutra'.

Bro. Narsinh Thakariya's two talks were on 'Bhagwadgita mein Parmatma ki Prapti ka Saral Bodh', and ' Parmatma ki Vibhuti- Theosophy'.

Bro. N C Krishna subjects were on 'What is purpose of Life? What is Sadhana?' and ' The Art of living and Dying' respectively.

Dr. L Nagesh two talks were on 'Comprehending Reality' and 'Science of Chakras'.

Sis. Sonal Murli gave a talk on 'Growing in Wisdom'.

Bro. Shikhar Agnihotri expressed his views on 'Allegory of Samudra Manthan in Puranas'

Bro. Hrishikesh Sharan's three talks were on 'Buddha and His teachings', 'Apramad' and 'Karma se Punarjanma'.

Sis. Varsha Patel 's topics were 'Kabir, Krishnamurti and Theosophy' and 'Corona and Divine Message'.

The other subjects and the speakers who delivered talks on them were 'Practical Theosophy' by Sis. Vibha Saksena, 'Patanjali Yoga Sutra in the Light of Theosophy' by Dr. Rajiv Gupta, 'Self and Non Self' by Bro. S B R Misra, 'Fetters on the path of Evolution' by Sis. Suvralina Mohanty, 'Shiv Sutra-I' by Bro. R K Mathur, 'Esoteric meaning of Bharat Samaj Pooja' by Dr. D K Satsanghi and 'Ashtavakra Geeta' by Sis. Vasumati Agnihotri.

In the meetings of Indraprastha Lodge the following on-line talks were delivered:

Bro. C A Shinde spoke on 'Significance of White Lotus Day' and 'H P Blavatsky's Sensitive Insights'.

Bro. U S Pandey's talks were on 'Mystery of Life after Death', 'Idol Worship & Animated Statues', 'Who am I?', 'Science of Morality', 'Sun, Moon and Sacred Planets' (3 Talks), and two talks on 'The Cloud of Unknowing- An Introduction', respectively.

Bro. Pradip Mahapatra expressed his views on 'Flowering of Life' (3 Talks) and 'O Hidden life.....!!!'.

Bro. Shikhar Agnihotri spoke on 'Introduction to Hindu Symbolism & Mystery of Shivlinga' and 'Science of Avataras & Mystery of Buddha'.

Dr. D K Satsangi's six talks were on 'Pratyabhijna Hridayam', 'Patanjali Yoga Sutra', 'Shiv Sutra', 'Fundamental teachings of Bhagwadgita- Sthitipagna Darshan', 'Self Culture in the light of Occultism' and 'Kundalini Yoga' (2 Talks)

Bro. Hrishikesh Sharan gave a talk on 'Krodha Varga in Dhammapada'. Besides, he explained the following subjects in other two meetings 'Life & Teachings of Buddha' based on the Book *The Light of Asia* and 'Karma & Rebirth in Dhammapada'.

Sis. Vibha Saksena's topics were 'Occult Science & Theosophy' and 'Lifting a corner of the Veil'.

Sis. Suvralina Mohanty spoke on 'Karma- Our duties in daily life' and 'Science of Yoga in daily life'.

The other subjects and name of the speakers who expressed their views on them are 'Power & use of Thought' by Dr. Rajiv Gupta, 'One life and One Conciousness' by Bro. S B R Misra, 'Shiv Sutra' by Sis. Lalita Milwani, 'Gayatri Upasana' by Bro. Arvind Narware, 'Self Culture in the light of Occultism' by Dr. Saurabh Ranjan, 'Theory of Plot' by Col. B K Kailash, and 'Jataka Athakatha & Budhhakiya Prabandhan' by Dr, Jasbir Chawla.

Note-

The visits of the National Lecturers, the Federation Lecturers and other activities could not be organized during the year because of Covid-19 Pandemic.

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Annual Conference

The annual convention of Gujarat Theosophical Federation (GTF) was not held during the year under review because of Covid-19 Pandemic.

During the period the spread of Covid-19 was at the highest pick, the lodges of GTF couldn't hold any schedule or non-schedule programmes at the centre, except a few meetings which took place through Internet. During the panic period of Covid-19, the GTF extended financial help & moral support to the infected ones. One death occurred due to Covid-19, the Federation contacted the family members of the victim and tried to solace them heartily. GTF announced a help or support to the Corona (Covid-19) infected members. During the panic period of Covid-19, the GTF extended financial help & moral support to the infected one. GTF paid an important role to resolve the chronic issues of lodges by intervening in the matter & effective correspondence was made to generate the feeling of brotherhood among the members.

Out of the 22 Lodges, 18 are in the urban areas while 4 lodges are functioning in the rural areas. All the 22 lodges were reported to have been active during the period under review by conducting some of the possible activities through Internet.

GTF has timely got its accounts audited and I.T. Returns also filed within the prescribed time limit.

The members took interest in studying the books & also discussed the subject on Whatsapp or through other resources.

The Federation has made all possible measures to conduct different activities to educate the members & also invited innovative actions to increase the membership, specifically a young stars group which may use the latest technology to put up the message of theosophy on a large scale.

The administration of GTF is very active to discharge the different tasks which were planned to be taken up in future.

The work of publication or translation is also being attended to as per the requirement but somehow this year it could not be taken up due Covid -19.

The previously decided work of translating of the book *The Key to Theosophy* is under printing process.

'*Theologic Jyoti*' - a magazine in Gujarati is being published by GTF regularly. It has given an opportunity to the members to explain their creativity by submitting articles, poems etc. The important news of the different lodges are also covered in the magazine. News about the members in person too are considered for publication.

We assure to put up the best in the future.

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Lodges: 81

Centres: 2

Annual Conference

Brief account of the Annual Conference held during the year 2020-2021

Bellary Theosophical Society invited Federation to host the Annual Conference of 2020. But the programme which was to be held at Bellary was cancelled due to corona Pandemic and the Annual Conference of 2020 was arranged in the B'lore City Lodge on 13th December 2020 at 10AM through, on-line .

Prof C. A. Shinde accepted the invitation to Inaugurate the conference and delivered the Inaugural address, Federation President Bro. B .V Thippeswamy presided, over the conference and welcomed the Guest and the delegates participating in the on-line and also off-line programme. *Life is for Living* translated into Kannada by Bro. R V Vastrad was released by Prof C A Shinde. Geoffrey Hudson's books *Path to Perfection & Meditation on Occult Life* translated into Kannada by Bro. M S Sreedhar, who reviewed *Path of Occultism Part-I*,- these three books were released by Bro B. V. Thippeswamy.

B'lore City Lodge's President Bro. A C Sreeramaiah Setty gave vote of thanks . At 11.30 a.m. Bro. B. V. Thippeswamy conducted the K T F & TPSS General Body Meeting and delivered valedictory address. Then the Secretary of B'lore City Lodge and the Federation Secretary gave vote of thanks to all.

Brief Account of the Study Camps conducted during the year 2020-2021

Most of the Lodges were unable to conduct study camps from April 2020 to till August 2021. Only few lodges like Bodimpalli Lodge, Chikkanayakanahalli T S Lodge & Srinivaspur T S Lodges conducted a day-long study camp once in the year . Hassanamma T S Lodge conducted 2 days Study Camp on 25 to 26 September 2021. Bro. M.S Sreedhar, West Zonal Organizer, directed the camp held at Pushpagiri Mahsamsthana Mutt pushpagiri. Theme of the camp was 'At the feet of Master' Bro. H.P. Raghuvendrachar, Dr. M.R. Chandrashekhar, S. Narayan, Bro. Venkatachalapatty and the Director M.S. Sreedhar spoke on the theme.

Brief account of the Special Conference held during the year 2020-2021

Dharwad & Huliya are conducting on-line study classes daily on the Theosophical books.

Dr. Jyothi Nagesh from Vijayanagar Lodge gave 25 minutes video talk on *At the Feet of the Master* daily for the members.

Sis. A N Puttamma is sending to the members, through what'sapp voice, her talks on Upanishads, *Thought Power & The Voice of the Silence*, since last one year.

Other Activities

Karnataka Theosophical Federation conducted goal setting meet on 26 February 2020 for the President & Secretary of all lodges.

The Federation organized workers training camp on 26 & 27 February 2020 for the President & Secretaries of all lodges in order to have uniform activities in their respective Lodges. The training camp was inaugurated by the Federation's President Bro. B V Thippeswamy and the camp was convened by Sis. K Parvathamma, Secretary KTF. The following programmes were organized on this occasion:

A Demo class on a lodge meeting was demonstrated by the members of Hosadurga Lodge, assisted by the Cental Zone Organizer Bro. M R Gopal.

Demo class on Ex-committee meeting and General Body meeting were demonstrated by the members of Srinivaspura Lodge, assisted by the East Zone Organizer Bro Rajashivashankar.

Maintance of Registers & Records and how to fill the New Application form was demonstrated by the South Zone Organizer Bro. Y. A. Vasudeva.

Maintance of Accounts and Receipts, was demonstrated by Bro S M Umakanth Rao. Besides, he discussed about the increase in membership, uplift and activate weak lodges by adaptation, to open a library & sales wing in the Lodges.

Lodge activities in the Karnataka Federation were seriously affected by the Lockdown imposed by the Government due to Corona Pandemic. So, Bro. M .R Rajagopal Setty is conducting whatsapp study class from April 2020.

Bro. K. L. Thyagaraja Setty conducted on-line discussion class daily from May to September 2020.

Karnataka Federation organized on-line lectures on Theosophical themes. These lectures are delivered by the Federation Lecturers on every Sunday. The programme was started from 1st October 2020.

The Federation has been organizing on-line Zoom meetings.

On-line (Zoom) study class on ‘Science of Yoga’ is being organized on every Thursday since May 2021. The study of Chapter – I, ‘Samadhipada’ was conducted for Six weeks by Bro. M.R. Rajagopal Setty (of Bangalore). Study of Chapter–II, ‘Sadanapada’ is conducted by Fed. Lecturer Bro. H.C. Jagadeesh since June 2021. It is held on every Sunday at 6.55 p.m.

The month of May was dedicated to Madam H.P. Blavastsky and ‘Anthropogenesis’ (*The Secret Doctrine*) was selected for study.

Swetha Padmastami (White Lotus Day) was celebrated virtually on 8 May. Dr Jyothi Nagesh (of Bangalore) spoke on this occasion on ‘Significance of Swetha Padmastami’.

Vaishaka Poornima was celebrated virtually on 26 May 2021 at 4.00 P. M. and Sis. A.M. Puttamma of Bangalore spoke on this occasion on Vaishaka Poornima Festival.

Sis. B. Sandhya Rani spoke on ‘Being & Becoming’ (An approach to reality). It was held on 2 May.

Bro. M.S Sreedhar, West Zonal Organiser, spoke on 1st 2nd & 3rd Root Race on 9 May.

Sis. K Parvathamma, Secretary, KTF, delivered a talk on 4th Root Race on 16 May.

Federation Lecturer Sis. N Sraraswathamma delivered a talk on 5th Root Race on 23 May.

The subject of Bro. B. V Thippeswamy, President, KTF, was 6th Root Race and it was held on 30 May.

The month of June was dedicated to Bro. C Jinarajadasa and his book *First Principles of Theosophy* was selected for study. The name of the office bearers and the subject taken up by them on different days (Sunday) were:

Bro. Reddapachari, Federation Lecturer, spoke on “The Rise & Fall of Civilization”. Sis. Usha Prakash, Secretary of Sri Krishna Theosophical Lodge,

Davangere, spoke on “The Law of Reincarnation” (Chapter 3). Sis. R. Madhavi. President of Sathyakama Theosophical Lodge, Srinivaspur, spoke on Chapter 4 - “Law of Karma”. Bro. Adikeshava Prakash Shastry, Federation Lecturer, spoke on Chapter 5 - ‘The Invisible Worlds’.

Hukkeri Theosophical Lodge’s new building and Lodge’s Silver Jubilee Celebrations were inaugurated on 16 April 2021 by Ex -North Zonal Organizer Bro. K L Thyagaraja Setty. Sis K .T. Shylaja was the Chief Guest.

Dharwad Theosophical Lodge conducts study class on ‘Theosophy’. It is held daily and the study is conducted by Bro. K L Thyagaraja Setty at 11.30 a.m. Besides, the study of ‘*At the Feet of Master*’ is conducted by Sis. K T Shylaja by Google meet at 1.45 p. m.

Bro. Raghavendrachar conducts study class on “Seven Rays” at Huliya Sanmarga Theosophical Lodge. The class is held on five days in every week.

Karnataka Theosophical Federation conducting on-line Zoom meetings from October 2020 on selected Theosophical books written by former Presidents. In memory of Col. H S Olcott his book *Applied Theosophy* was taken up for study in August. KTF Vice-President Bro. G Dakshina Murthy spoke on applied Theosophy, Bro G B Nagangowdar spoke on Inaugural address of our founder president delivered at the time of Inauguration of the Theosophical Society on Nov .17th 1875. Bro. C Rajashivashankar spoke on 'Common source of all Religions'. Bro. Reddappachari spoke on 'India - past present & future'.

In memory of Dr. Annie Besant, study class on her book *Ancient Wisdom* is being conducted from September 2021. Bro. A J. Basawaraj Reddy spoke on 1st chapter 'Physical Plane', Bro. K. S. Prakash spoke on *Karnaloka*. Sis. Ushaprakash spoke on *Bhuvarloka* & Dr. Jyothi Nagesh spoke on 'Mental Plane'.

Dharwad T S Lodge organized study class by google meet on *Path of Occultism* Part I. It was held daily and was conducted by Sis. K.T. Shylaja from July to September. Huliya Lodge is conducting study classes on 5 days in every week. Sis. Navarathanamma, President of Nittur Lodge, conducted class on ‘*The Path of Yoga*’ for one month . Later on J.K’s book *First and Last Freedom*, was taken up, followed by questions & answers and it was conducted by Kannada Lecturer & also Federation Lecturer Sis. D. J. Pemaleela. This Google meet is arranged by Central Zonal Organizer Bro. M .R. Gopal.

Publication of Books/ Journals

As already mentioned three books were released during the Annual Conference of the Federation held at Bangalore City Lodge on 13 Dece. 2020.

'*Ancient Wisdom*' translated into Kannada as *Sanathana Vidye* has now been re-printed and will be released during KTF Annual Conference 2021.

Federation's official Monthly Magazine *Theosophy Vani* was regularly published, except for two months due to lockdown. Bro. B V Thippeswamy is the editor, Sis. K Parvathamma Co-editor and the members of the Editorial Board are Bro. K. Mahadevappa, Bro. Reddppachari and Bro. M.S. Sreedhar. They are sincerely working and render service for printing and mailing. Two thousand (2000) copies are sent by mail every month to members & subscribers. Besides, complementary copies are sent to district libraries and the schools in the Rural areas.

Book/Fairs were not arranged in Karnataka due to Conora

Federation has a Sales wing for both Kannada and English Theosophical books which are purchased from TPH Adyar. Our office staff, particularly Bro. K. M. Yogeesh is looking after the sales wing.

Highlight of special activities undertaken by the Federation during the year 2020 -2021

Youth Wing & Ladies Wing are inactive due to Corona

Bharat Samaj Pooja is being conducted daily in the B'lore City Lodge and Healing Meditation is being performed daily to the sick & depressed people - conducted by Bro. K L Nanjunda Setty with the help of the members.

TOS

No activities of TOS were organized due to corona but office bearers meet every week and are planning to start the TOS activities.

General Remarks

Federation staff are trying to collect the Annual Dues & reminding Secretaries of the Lodges to send the fees to avoid drop-out cases.

On-line programme is conducted by the Federation. In this regard, the Secretaries of the Lodges are requested to arrange the same in their Lodges by using Laptop or smart Phones.

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Annual Conference

No Annual Conference held due to Corona Pandemic.

Red Letter Days

Kerala Federation observed **Radha Burnier's Death Anniversary** On 31st October. The on-line programme was attended by members all over the globe. Dr. M.A. Raveendran presided. Bro. Harihararaghavan of Madras Federation who was closely associated with Radhaji for more than four decades spoke on her contribution to the Theosophical Society and Theosophy. He pointed out that her sincerity, honesty and administrative capabilities were remarkable and an example for the new generation.

Bro. Dinakaran spoke on her close relation with the Kerala Federation. Her first visit to Trivandrum was in 1941 along with Bro. George S. Arundale and Rukmani Arundale. She visited several times and attended Annual Conferences of the Federation held at Trivandrum, Kollam, Vaikom, and Alleppey.

Arundale Day: George Sydney Arundale, the 3rd President of TS, was born on 1st December, 1878, so the day is observed as Arundale Day. On 1st

December 2020 at 7 p.m. an on-line remembrance was held under the auspices of Kerala Theosophical Federation. Meeting commenced with Universal Prayer. Dr. M.A. Raveendran, President K.T.F., presided. In his speech Dr. M.A. Raveendran pointed out that each President of TS was unique and their contribution to TS and world at large was immense. George Arundale's contribution in the field of Education, especially in Colonial India should be gratefully remembered.

The speaker Bro. K. Dinakaran, Secretary KTF, in his speech mentioned that G.S. Arundale was a great educationist, orator, organizer, philosopher and writer. He was interned at Ootty along with Dr. Besant and B.P. Wadia in 1917 for actively participating in the Home Rule Movement. It may be a record in the world history that two Englishmen fought for the freedom of a country ruled by their own country! Arundale's slogan was "Together Differently". He was the author of books - "*You, Freedom and Friendship*" *Kundalini, Mount Everest, Nirvana* etc. Besides, a large number of pamphlets are also to his credit. He encouraged his wife Smt. Runkmini Devi to start the Kalakshetra at Adyar which later on became the icon of Indian Classical Dance and music. He toured all over the world to promote Indian Culture and Philosophy.

The 5th President of TS Mr. N. Sri Ram was born on 15 December 1889. Kerala Theosophical Federation organized an on-line programme to remember him. Dr. M.A. Raveendran, presided, and said that Sri Ram was an embodiment of Wisdom and Peace. Bro. Dinakaran, introduced the speaker of the day Sis. Sonal Murali, National Lecturer, TS, India. Sis. Sonal Murali in her talk narrated the simplicity and profound wisdom of Bro. Sri Ram. She also explained the experiences shared by Sis. Joy Mills, Radha S. Burnier, Ernest Wood and many other Theosophists. The Watch Tower Notes and various other books of Sri Ram need serious attention of earnest students of Theosophy. His motto was "Endure till the End"- a message he inherited from Dr. Annie Besant. He was the private Secretary of Dr. Besant for many years and worked in the *New India*

Bro. Harihara Raghavan explained his personal experiences with President Sri Ram and said that Bro. Sri Ram was very simple, gentle and at the same time very firm on his principles.

The Foundation Day was celebrated on 17th November 2020. An on-line meeting was arranged. The programme commenced with Universal Prayer at 5 pm. Dr. M.A. Raveendran presided. He spoke on the general background

of the founding of the TS and the contributions of the founders. Bro. T.K. Nair spoke on the life and message of H.P. Blavatsky in detail. Bro. K. Dinakaran spoke on the Inaugural Address of the founder President on 17th November at Mott Memorial Hall, New York. He spoke on the optimistic and prophetic words of H.S. Olcott. and also narrated the contribution of HSO in the field of Education, Religious revival in India and Sri Lanka. The living monuments of the Founder President are The Adyar Library, Research Centre, and the Olcott School in Chennai.

Adyar Day Celebration on 17 February 2021: An on-line Webinar was conducted by K.T.F. Dr. M.A. Raveendran presided over the programme which commenced with Universal Prayer. Dr. Raveendran explained the importance of Adyar Day and welcomed the on-line participants. Bro. K. Dinakaran, Secy. K.T.F., introduced the speakers. Bro. T.K. Nair spoke on Giordano Bruno - Apostle of Theosophy in the 16th Century AD. Sis. Vrinda, President of Anantha Lodge, Trivanduram, spoke on H.S. Olcott. The Anantha Lodge in Trivandrum was founded by H.S. Olcott in 1883 with the patronage of Maharaja of Travancore. Bro. Damodaran, a member of Trichur Lodge, spoke on C.W. Leadbeater. Bro. Venugopal of Aradhana Lodge, Vaikom, spoke about J. Krishnamurti.

The meeting concluded with Shanti Mantra.

Kerala Federation organized an on-line meeting on 8 May at 7.00 p.m. to observe the White Lotus Day. Meeting commenced with the Universal Prayer followed by an introductory talk of Dr. M.A. Raveendran. He described the various contributions of H.P. Blavatsky – the light bringer of Theosophy and said that her writings influenced the world in various fields like Science, Philosophy, Religion and Occultism.

Bro. K. Dinakaran explained the influence of H.P. B in the life of Mahatma Gandhi, Albert Einstein and many other eminent thinkers around the world. After the downfall of the Soviet Union people in Russia showed a great interest in the teachings of H.P. Blavatsky. A Russian translation of *The Secret Doctrine* was printed by T.P.H and taken to Russia by the then President Dr. Radha S. Burnier. The 'Friends of Blavatsky Movement' visited Adyar during the International Convention.

Portions from *Bagavad Gita* were chanted on this occasion by Sis. Laxmi bai – a member of Alleppey Lodge; Dr. Beena read out a few portions

from *The Voice of the Silence* along with the Malayalam translation; and Bro. K. Dinakaran read portions from *The Light of Asia*.

An on-line programme was organized on 26 May to celebrate Buddha Pournima. Dr. M.A. Raveendran presided. The programme commenced with Universal Prayer.

Sri V.G. Tampi (Poet) was the chief guest. He spoke on the subject 'Relevance of Buddha in the Present World'. In his speech he pointed out that the relevance of Buddha and his teachings are more important today. The environmental issues we face in the world, violence, atrocities against marginalised people, violence between various religious groups and sects are increasing and the message of Buddha is the solution. He also recited a poem on "*Vaisakh Pournami*."

Dr. Raveendran spoke on the Importance of Buddha and requested everyone to study *The Masters and The Path* by C.W. Leadbeater. He also explained the Buddhahood mentioned by H.P. Blavatsky in *The Secret Doctrine* by Swami Subba Rao.

Bro. K. Dinakaran spoke on the influence of Buddhism in Malayalam literature. Great poets of Malayalam like Kumaranasan and Nalappatt Narayana Menon translated *The Light of Asia* into Malayalam. *Dhammapadam* was translated into Malayalam by Thelappurath Narayanan Nambi -Editor of *Sanathana Dharma* magazine - which is the official journal of the Kerala Theosophical Federation. Poets like Mallur also translated *Dhammapadam* into Malayalam. Various other literary figures also translated or wrote stories and novels on Buddha during the last century which enriched the Malayalam literature.

The programme concluded with the chanting of *Mahamangala Suktham*.

Kerala Theosophical Federation organized an on-line programme on 21 June to celebrate the Universal Yoga Day. The programme commenced at 7 p.m. with Universal Prayer. Federation Secretary Bro. K. Dinakaran welcomed the on-line participants and explained the Universal tradition of yoga which is beyond all barriers of Caste, Creed, Sex or Religion. He said that we can find the streams of this tradition in Christianity, Buddhism, Hinduism and Sufism. In the theosophical literature, Madam H.P. Blavatsky stressed the Raja Yoga Tradition which deals with the human regeneration.

Dr. M.A. Raveendran spoke on the *Bahiranga* and *Antharanga* divisions of the Patanjali Yoga. He also explained Sankara's *Aparokshanubhuti* and Yoga of Bhagavad Gita. Then, he quoted from *The Secret Doctrine* and explained the relevance of Yogic practice on various subtler bodies of man and also explained the views of Damodar K. Mavalankar.

Bro. Harihara Raghavan from Adyar explained that Yoga should not be reduced to mere physical exercises which will only strengthen the outer garment of a man. Members from various parts of India viz. Assam, Bangalore, Chennai, Andhra Pradesh and Kerala participated in this on-line programme.

Other Activities

Malayalam version of At the Feet of the Master

A new Malayalam version of the **At the Feet of the Master** was released on the *Vijayadasami* day 26th October 2020. Translation was done by Dr. V.P. Viswakumar, a senior member of TS. Bro. Ajeesh welcomed and Dr. M.A. Raveendran Presided. Br. K. Dianakaran, Secy. K.T.F., spoke about the book and said that we can find the teachings of great spiritual texts in this book, for example, *Vivekachoodamani*, *Gita*, Teachings of St. Paul, Rosecrusians etc. Bro. S. Sivadas and Bro. Harihararaghavan also spoke in brief.

Bro. Dinakaran delivered an on-line lecture on a forum based at Ernakulam "**Kerala Sahitya Vedi**" and spoke on the subject "**Literature for Social Good**". It was held on 2nd November. In the course of his talk he pointed out the influence of books like *The Secret Doctrine*, *The Key to Theosophy*, *The Light of Asia*, *Ramayana* and *Mahabharata* in the social reconstruction and renaissance. After the talk there was also a question-answer session in which he answered to the questions raised by the listeners.

A Webinar was organized under the auspices of Annapoorni Lodge, Alleppey, on 21 - 22 November 2020. The theme was '**Theosophy for a New World Order**'.

The Programme on 21st started at 10.00 a.m. with Universal Prayer. Bro. Madhusoodanan Pillai, Secretary, welcomed the on-line participants from various Theosophical Lodges in Kerala.

Bro. S. Sivadas, President of the Lodge, inaugurated the Webinar. Dr. M.A. Raveendran, President Kerala Theosophical Federation, spoke on '**First Object - the source of world Peace**'. He stated that the Universal Brotherhood is the corner stone of world peace. It was followed by question

and answer session. Dr. V.P. Viswakumar spoke on the **Second Object of TS**. He said that Religion, Science and Philosophy are the three main sources of wisdom which transform humanity. Bro. T.K. Nair spoke on the **Third Object of TS**. He said that we have to develop the latent powers in man like love, compassion, patience, endurance etc. and our intention should not be to acquire psychic powers. Bro. G Subramaniam proposed vote of thanks. Meeting on the first day concluded with Shanti Mantra.

The programme on the second day commenced with Universal Prayer. Bro. A Sivasubramaniam welcomed the members. Bro. K. Dinakaran, Secretary K.T.F., spoke on the subject **Evolution of Life**. He stated that we should deeply ponder over the statement mentioned in *At the Feet of the Master*- "God has a plan and that plan is Evolution".

Dr. P. Sivadas, a PHD holder from Kerala University, spoke on his Phd Thesis about 'Theosophical Society and Renaissance of Kerala'.

Bro. S. Sivadas spoke on the subject **Theosophy and New World Order**. Bro. S. Madhusoodanan Pillai proposed vote of thanks in the concluding session and then Webinar ended with the recitation of Shanti Mantra.

Question and Answer programme : An on-line Question and Answer programme was conducted by Kerala Federation on January 26, 2021. Dr. M.A. Raveendran presided. Bro. Harihar Raghavan, Dr. V.P. Viswakumar and Bro. K. Dinakaran were in the panel. Questions received on-line were answered by the panelists.

The questions varied from what are the three things a Theosophist should do and not do?, The panelists also answered to the queries made regarding the Emblem of the Theosophical Society and the Relevance of the Mission Statement beyond the Three Declared Objects.

Bro. K. Dinakaran, Federation Secretary attended an on-line study class organized by the Utkal Federation on 25 October 2020. He spoke on the subject "**Self – Discovery - The Real World Waiting for us**" It was based on the XVIII chapter of I.K. Taimini's book **Self Culture in the light of the Ancient Wisdom**. Bro. Pradip Mahapatra was the convener.

Dr. M.A. Raveendran gave an on-line talk on April 25 on the subject "**Esoteric Aspect of Bharat Samaj Pooja - A Theosophical View**". The programme was organized in connection with the Centenary of the Foundation Stone laying of the Bharat Samaj Temple at Adyar. Bro. Shikhar

Agnihotri, National Lecturer, introduced the speaker. Dr. Raveendran with the help of power point presentation described the connection between *The Secret Doctrine* and the occult significance of the pooja. This unique congregational worship for Hindus paved the way to the world to study the inner meaning of the vedic mantras and its affects in subtle worlds.

Talk in Indian Section on-line Programme –

Bro. K. Dinakaran, Federation Secretary spoke on the weekly on-line programme of the Indian Section on 23rd May 2021 and expressed his views on the subject *Mysteries of Reincarnation*. The talk was on the book *The Key to Theosophy* by H.P. Blavatsky.

Bro. K. Dinakaran, Secy. K.T.F., spoke on the Book ”**The Principles of T.S Work**” by I.K. Taimni on 22 August 2021. Bro. Pradeep Mahapatra presided over the on-line meeting. The seven chapters of the book address the main work of T.S. and every member is requested to study the book in detail. The practical suggestions given in the book are an eye-opener to every Lodge, Federation and Section. He also added that Lodge is the basic unit where members learn the practical lessons of Universal Brotherhood. If we fail to achieve this all other efforts are futile.

A Malayalam version of *Patanjali Yoga Sutra* done by one of the senior most member of Kerala, Dr. V.P. Viswakumar, Alleppey, was released on-line on 23rd August 2021. Bro. Ajeesh Kumar, publisher Upasika Publishing House, Trissur, welcomed the participants. Federation’s President, Dr. M.A. Raveendran, released the book by giving a copy to Bro. S. Harihar Raghavan. Dr. Raveendran in his speech compared the similarities of Patanjali Yoga Surtra and the Buddhist Philosophy on Meditation and *Chitta Vrities*. Both the schools have many similarities which is an in-depth subject for research.

Rayalaseema Federation Annual Conference

Bro. K. Dinakaran was the Chief Guest of the Annual Conference of the Rayalaseema Theosophical Federation held on 12th Septembr 2021. The theme of the Conference was ‘**No Other Path to Go**. In his inaugural address he spoke on the **Mission Statement of the Theosophical Society** adopted by the General Council. Bro. G.L. Sanjeeva Rao, President R.T.F., presided. Bro. M.S. Raghunath Federation Secretary spoke on the occasion. The topic for the closing address given by Bro. Dinakaran was “**Path Way to Perfection**”. He explained the various Paths explained in *The Voice of*

the Silence, Vivekchudamani, At the Feet of the Master, Bagavad Gita, Holy Bible, The Light on the Path and the Eight fold Path of Buddha.

Book gift scheme

Federation launched a new **Book Gift Scheme** under which donors can pay any amount towards the scheme which will be utilized to donate theosophical Books to Libraries, College students, Higher Secondary students and Libraries inside and outside Kerala.

Books worth Rs. 1200/ were donated to the **State Central Library Trivandrum** as per the donors' wish.

Books worth Rs.2000/ were donated to students of Plus Two students of a **Higher Secondary School in Trichur, Kerala.**

The website of K.T.F www.keralatheosophist.org is being visited by the public for information and for preparing articles in journals.

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

Due to Lockdown Book exhibitions were not organized by Academies and Publishers.

However, the Information Centre Trichur is sending Theosophical Books on demand to members and non-members free of parcel charges.

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Annual Conference

The Annual Conference of the Federation was held on 6 December 2020 on-line Google Meet. The Indian Section's President Bro. Pradeep H. Gohil was the Chief Guest. He spoke on REINCARNATION - ITS CAUSE AND PROCESS in which he explained:

Reincarnation means the same thing as rebirth, re-embodiment, transmigration and metempsychosis. Human soul returns to earth many times and takes up residence each time in a new physical body in order to continue the soul's progressive journey of inner evolution, advancement, development and unfoldment.

There are eleven causes of Reincarnation:-

1. The unfulfilled desires of the soul.
2. The soul still has lessons to learn, improve and evolve.
3. The soul still has "Karmic Debts" to work off to further balance its Karma.
4. The building of perfect humanity in which positive and negative elements must find complete equilibrium.
5. To balance the soul according to its deeds and its needs for inner evolution, development and learning the lesson right.
6. To adjust the balance of the soul in possessing bodies belonging to one particular gender.
7. To make the soul fully realize its own divine nature.
8. To achieve evolution as its goal through individual experience and making and experiencing choice.
9. The desire of the soul for active life and the thirst for sentient existence.
10. The soul needs to undergo a full range of experience which one life cannot provide.
11. To enjoy the fruits of good Karma.

Now let us look at the process of reincarnation. Souls do not normally reincarnate instantly after death. It is not a case of the soul leaving one body and then instantly entering that of a body which is about to be born. Usually there is a period of several decades between one life and the next, during which the soul recuperates, considers the lessons learned from the last life and plans its next life. It is during this time when the soul experiences its own personal state of 'Heaven', created unwittingly out of its own consciousness and matching exactly the afterlife the person had believed in and expected, during the lifetime just ended.

The teachings of Theosophy refer to this state under the Tibetan name of "Devachan". This lasts in exact proportion to the amount and force of good or positive Karma that the soul created during the lifetime just ended. When the soul has reaped the full fruit of this good karma in its blissful Devachanic experience, the process of reincarnation occurs. The rate at which this happens varies from soul to soul depending on the amount of good Karma and how spiritual and pure the soul is. All human beings are, in reality, spiritual beings on a human journey. We reincarnate as human beings in order to evolve as souls.

The journey of a soul is a process of evolving and growing in consciousness. We go through 5 major stages of evolution through reincarnation. The Infant Soul, Baby Soul, Young Soul, Mature Soul and Old Soul. Within each stage of reincarnation there are 7 discrete learning steps. The early steps in each stage are about experiencing and learning from life. The later steps are about expressing those lessons and demonstrating this level of consciousness in action.

Visits of National Lecturers

Bro. U.S. Pandey gave an on-line talk organized by Besant Lodge of Jodhpur and the subject he spoke on was "*Upanisad ke prakash me atma kee prakrati mei antardrishti*".

Bro. N. A. Thakaria's on-line talk was organized by Vikram Lodge, Ujjain and the subject he spoke on was "Retention & Dedication".

Visits of Federation Lecturers and other members

Bro. Mahesh Dev's talk organized by Jodhpur Lodge was on '*Nisvarthta aur divya jeevan*'.

Bro. Arvind Narware spoke on the occasion of White Lotus Day at Vikram Lodge in Ujjain. Besides, the Lodge's celebrated HPB's birthday on 12 August. These programmes were held on-line.

Bro. A.C. Gulati spoke at Vikram Lodge, Ujjain, on the occasion of Foundation Day and on the occasion of Smt Radha Burnier's birthday.

Bro. Keshav Pandey gave two talks at Gwalior on 'Brahm ke Swar'. The subject of Bro. Bhagvan Singh Yadav's at Gwalior was 'Lal Bal Pal'.

Special Activities

The birthday of J. Krishnamurti, H.S. Olcott and Dr. Annie Besant were celebrated by the members of Vikram Lodge, Ujjain and Bro. Arvind Narware was the speaker on all the three occasions.

Tree plantation programme was organized in Udaipur by Bro. Dinesh Mathur.

Distribution of food packets to needy people by the members at Sagar Lodge was organized by Chaurasiyaji.

Mandvariyaaji spoke on the occasion of Adyar Day in the meeting organized by the Lodge at Ratlam.

Chakankarji conducted mediation class at Gwalior and Shrotriji conducted the Guru Poornia at same venue.

Tree plantation programme was organized by the Lodge in Gwalior in which about 250 plants of different varieties were planted. Sri Kishore Kanyal, C.E.O. Panchayat, was the chief guest on this occasion. Dr. Keshav Pandey was the chairman and the programme was conducted by Divyarth Dubey.

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Annual Conference

The Annual Conference of the Federation was not held during the year under review.

Meetings

Pandemic did not stop the active Involvement of Members. On-line Meetings were held on (Zoom link / Google talk) on every first and third Sundays of the month amongst members. Meetings were held between 6 February and 26 September 2021 and topics discussed and the speakers were as detailed below.

Dr. N.C. Ramanujachary, President the Madras Theosophical Federation presided over the meetings. Bro. Sundaram Raman, Secretary Welcomed the on-line participants and invited Dr. N.C. Ramanujachary to invoke The Universal Prayer, introduce the speaker and deliver the welcome address, after which the session started. The meeting on 21st March 2021 was chaired by Ms. Sripriya. Members' active participation was encouraged through question and answer sessions at the end of every meeting.

The following talks were delivered by the National Lectures between February and May 2021. Bro. S. Harihar Raghavan spoke on 'Eight Flowers'; Ms. Sonal Murali's subject of the talk was 'Growing in Wisdom'; Prof. C.A. Shinde expressed his views on 'H.P. Blavatsky –Golden Stairs'; Bro. Shikhar Agnihotri's theme was 'Dreams' (based on HPB; CWL and Sri Aurobindo's writings); and Bro. U.S. Pandey's talks was on 'Theosophizing our Life'.

The other talks held between July and September were on 'Theosophy-The Divine Wisdom – as I understand it by Dr. Revathy; 'The Efficacy of

Meditation' by Dr. R.J. Kalpana; 'Homage to HPB' by Ms Sripriya; and Ms Clemic Petter's two talks were on 'The Self-Knowledge- The Key for Human Regeneration' and 'Challenges of 21st Century' respectively.

The Madras Theosophical Federation jointly conducted meetings with Pragya Studio through zoom link from June 2021 to September 2021 Ms. Catalina Isaza Cantor introduced the speakers. The sessions ended with vote of thanks given by Br. Shikar Agnihotri followed by question and answer session. The participants were asked to speak on the given topic/question for five Minutes.

The subjects and the speakers for the meetings held between July-September during the year under review were: 'Natraj – The Cosmic dance particle physics' by Ms Archana Pandey (UP); 'What's in Lucifer Magazine' by Ms Erica Gorgiandes (Greece); 'Life & Work of HPB/HSO'- in Hindi by National Lectures Bro. U.S. Pandey and Bro. S.K. Pandey. A poem was recited by Sis. Unita Kajale; 'Be Wise as Serpents' by Ms Nancy Secrest; 'Creation of Soul in a super natural process' (in Hindi) by Ms Varsha Patel; and 'Bridging our difference – an impossible dream' Ms Rekha Nahar (Philippines). Besides, an International Youth Panel of Ms Krista, Bro. Christopher, Bro. Raja and Ms Smita Pragyan expressed their views on 'Challenges and Theosophical Solutions'.

A special programme was telecast by Chennai Door Darshan Kendra to commemorate Dr. Annie Besant's Birthday. Our members Bro. S. Raman and Dr. Revathy took part in this programme. The programme was telecast for one hour. It opened with recitation of the universal prayer by Dr. Revathy. Bro. S. Raman gave a brief introduction of Theosophy and Theosophical society. The programme brought out different facets of Dr. Annie Besant's life- as a reformist, Activist for labour rights, Author, orator, activist for women empowerment, Educationist and she was the second International President of the Theosophical Society. It was followed by interviews with Dr. Revathy and Bro. Sundaram Raman. The Madras Theosophical Federation appreciates the dedication and Research of the participants, Director, Anchor, Television cameraman and others In Chennai Doordarshan Kendra to produce the programme on Dr. Annie Besant. The Federation donated books on Dr. Annie Besant and Theosophy to the Door Darshan Kendra.

Madras Theosophical Federation Bulletin: The federation Journal was published every month from January 2021. Though there was Lock down for Several months starting from 25.03.2021, The MTF was able to print and

distribute MTF Bulletin for the month of Jan 2021 to April 2021. The Jun – Jul 2021 Issue was combined.

General Remarks

Though the activities of the Lodges and Federation were seriously affected by the Covid 19 Pandemic, a few lodges (Kilpauk, Gandhi Nagar) conducted meetings on the on-line platform for their members.

Net working through e-mail, whats App have definitely encouraged members to attend lodge/federation meetings in large number.

Meetings: The goal set meet for the lodges affiliated to MTF could not be held. The federation tried to accomplish smart goals agreed to the Indian Section meeting, which include interactive session with President/Secretaries of all affiliated lodges, outreach reaching programmes, competition for students, enrollment of new members, publication of Pamphlets, etc., and could complete (achieve) one goal;

“Dissemination of information in the Print Media / TV/ Radio about Theosophical Society and Theosophy”. (2 special days like Dr. AB’S Birthday). A programme was telecast on Doordarshan Chennai Kendra (DD Podhigai) to commemorate Dr. Annie Besants, Birthday On 01.10.2020.

Federation Meeting: Many members attended the meetings conducted on on-line platform (Zoom/Google).

SUGGESTIONS

What urges each of us to join the theosophical society? Is that dream still alive in us? Going deeply in to this question is essential before doing any other type of analysis. What makes us feel proud to belong to the TS? Who are the theosophists that have inspired us? What does “being active members” mean? Can we inspire enthusiasm for those values in which we trust? Are we able to give the right value and significance to people’s strengths? Explore the meaning of “Belonging to a group”. What is the purpose of working together? Are we aware that we can really “Make the Difference”? Contemplation will explore, discuss and learn about the possibility of activating engaged membership.

Tasks ahead

The MTF over the last seven decades has established itself as an organization committed towards propagation of theosophy and carry on Theosophical work. Taking impetus from previous work/experience, we have to further intensify our efforts on propagation of Theosophy and turn around the slow decline in our membership. Innovative methods of promotion have to be employed. Youth programs and membership drive should be given priority. The Madras Theosophical Federation must even further improve in their Goal achievement as standalone.

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Annual Conference

The Annual Conference of Marathi Federation was held on 25 – 26 September 2021 by Video Conference. The theme of the conference was ‘Struggle in Human Life and Theosophy’. Indian Section’s President Bro.

Pradeep H. Gohil was the Guest of Honour. Bro. C.A. Shinde, National Lecturer was the chief speaker. There were six National and Federation level speakers. Besides there were six youngsters of the age between 10 to 16.

The host of the conference was Shrikrushna Lodge, Amravati.

The conference was conducted in four sessions, each session of around three hours. In the inaugural session the Chief Guest Dr. Phule, retired Professor of Amravati University, talked on the sincerity and dedication of Dr. Annie Besant in spreading the teachings of theosophy in Indian society. He emphasized on giving human values to the people at large. Bro. Pradeep Gohil, President, Indian Section T.S. analyzed the struggle in human life and influence of karmic process on the struggle. Bro. Shinde explained about how to get rid of some of the struggle which is created due to negligence of knowing the truths. Prof. A.S. Sonone described the importance of teachings of theosophy in the light of the spiritual knowledge.

The youngsters also expressed their views and opinions on different aspects such as education, job, social life and importance of spiritual study. Bro. Joshi and Sis. Wankhade conducted the programme.

Bro. Gaidhani from Nagpur, Sis. Shaha from Khamgaon and Bro. Joshi from Nagpur spoke on the theme of the conference. At the end, Bro. Palkrut presented report of TOS activities and importance of TOS work. Bro. Sanjay Potey summarized the talks delivered in the convention and Bro. Raut from Amravati thanked the organizers and audience. Universal Prayer was recited in each session.

Seminar to commemorate J. Krishnmurti :

Mr. Milind Joshi of Pune described in brief the philosophy of JK. Self-knowing is the most necessary quality of human life. In the teaching of 'Freedom from the Known' JK emphasized on conditioning. He gave more importance to the thoughts than thinker.

Mr. Heramb Kulkarni described the teachings of JK concerning the education i.e. school education. According to JK, the students must be developed to be sensible about the surrounding. JK gave importance to student-teacher relationships. The presenter has written a book entitled *Letter to Schools by JK*.

Mr. Dharaskar described the contents from the book of JK entitled *Freedom from the Known*. JK says that we are the world. The presenter also explained the terminology put forward by JK i.e. choiceless awareness.

Mr. Mirajkar described the contents of two books written on JK viz. *Years of Awakening* and *Years of Fulfilment* by Mary Lutyens. The presenter also explained the meaning of meditation as taught by JK.

Mr. Vijay Deshpande presented some of the questions asked to JK during his discourse. The presenter explained in Marathi language the answers given by JK.

Study Camp

An on-line study class was conducted by Bro. B.D. Tendulkar on *Yogshastra* i.e. *Science of Yoga* by I.K. Taimni. The class was conducted in the afternoon session for two hours on three consecutive days. The number of participants attending the class ranged from 20 to 38. The study class was followed by question-answer session.

A special programme was organized on the day of Baisakh Poornima in which the importance of this day was narrated by Prof. Mirajkar and the meditation class of 30 minutes was conducted by Prof. Shinde. In all, 48 persons attended the meditation session.

Other Activities

Adyar day was celebrated on 17 February 2021. Besides, a special on-line programme by virtual video meetings was organized for about a month. The programme included a series of lectures delivered by four national lecturers. The lectures were delivered in Marathi language between 11 February and 7 March, 2021. Each lecture was of 40 minutes duration. In all, 16 lectures and a concluding lecture were held. Each lecture was followed by question-answer session. The lectures were attended by the members whose number of attendance ranged from 22 to 48.

The lectures delivered in the aforementioned programme were on ‘ Selfless service, Solutions to human problems’, ‘*Satyannasti Parodharma*’, and ‘Social Service’ by Bro. N.N. Raut; ‘*Atmonnati*’ (soul grows incarnation after incarnation)’ by Bro. C.A. Shinde; ‘ Theosophy, Use of theosophical study, Man’s condition at death, reincarnation’ by Bro. A.P. Lokhande; ‘Guidance of Mahatma,

'Yogsadhana', 'J.Krishnamurti and Theosophy, Theosophy in life' by Bro. B.D. Tendulkar. Besides, a group discussion was held on 7 March.

White Lotus Day:

A meeting was called on-line in memory of Madam Blavatsky on 8 May 2021. Bro. Sanjay Potey welcomed everyone present in the meeting. The universal prayer was recited and then Bro. B.D. Tendulkar, National Lecturer, explained the importance of the day and the programme. Bro. Abhyankar read out abstracts from *Bhagwatgita* as well as *The Light of Asia*. Bro. Palkrut gave vote of thanks.

On the eve of White Lotus Day, the event was organized constituting i) Lectures by the members of different Lodges of the Federation; ii) Study class; iii) Lectures of the youngsters (age 10 to 19 years) on the subjects concerning theosophical teachings as well as skills of the children below 10 years; and iv) T.O.S. activity.

The entire event was conducted by virtual video conferencing/meetings. These were held on holidays and on the days excluding working days between 1 and 26 May and were organized in two sessions (morning and evening) per day on selected days of the event.

So far as the lectures of members of the Lodge are concerned, each member was allotted about one hour for delivering his/her lecture which was then followed by brief discussion of the audience with the speaker. In the event, 33 lectures were presented by 14 brothers and 6 sisters. Nine out of these 20 speakers presented their views before public for the first time on the topics related to theosophy. Number of persons who attended the video conferences/meetings varied from 28 to 82.

Efforts were made to search and bring forward the youngsters, boys and girls, of the age between 10 to 19 years to study theosophical teachings and speak in virtual video conference/meeting on any relevant subject. The youngsters prepared their own subjects and presented them in short span of time (duration of 15 minutes was allotted to each participant). The programme was conducted on 26 May. Bro. Milind Joshi and Sis.Prof. Pravina Shah conducted the programme. Certificate of participation were sent to the participants by on-line.

The young participants were Bro. Ved Vaidya who spoke on 'Reincarnation and Karma' and Sis. Sharayu Wagdeoi spoke on 'Bhagwatgita and Bhakti'. Both these speakers were from Nagpur.

The subject of Sis. Kasturi Dharashivkar of Akola was 'Dr. Annie Besant'. The two speakers of Pune, Sis. Urvi Palkrut and Bro. A.V. Shinde spoke on 'Brotherhood and Theosophy' and 'At the Feet of the Master' respectively.

Bro. A.S. Shinde of Bangalore also expressed his views on 'At the Feet of the Master'. The subject of Sis. S. A. Tidke from Washim was 'Childhood of Krishnmurti' and Bro. Amit Palkhade from Akot spoke on 'Spirituality and Life'.

There were three speakers from Amravati namely, Bro. K.A. Wankhade, Bro. S.M. Wankhade, and Bro. Kajale and the subjects they spoke on were 'Right living and thinking', 'Memories of Adyar visit' and 'Theosophy' respectively.

Besides, some more youngsters also showed interest in presenting their views on different aspects of spirituality and theosophy. They presented their views on 26 May. They were: Sis. Yuna S. Agnihotri of Chennai; Sis. Arya Shinde from Bangalore; Sis. Anandi Mirajkar and Bro. Shaurya Mirajkar from Muscat. They expressed their views on 'Chanting of Gayatri Mantra', 'Hindu kids and Development' and 'Importance of Mantra'.

T.O.S.- Maharashtra paid annual dues of 5 college students for becoming member of Akola Lodge T.S. One of these students, Miss. Drusthi Singh has topped the list of Amravati University in her subject of graduation. On 16 May, TOS-Maharashtra and the Federation jointly felicitated the student for her brilliant academic performance. The felicitation programme was conducted on-line by virtual meeting and Miss. Drusthi was awarded with a certificate, memento and set of books on theosophy by the hands of Prof. Sonone. In her talk, she emphasized the need of social work. Bro. Sanjay Potey, President, TOS-Maharashtra, presented report on TOS-activities in the region and emphasized on helping others. In all, 53 persons attended the programme.

Some more activities conducted during 2020-21

A series of talks on 'In the Outer Court' was delivered at Nagpur Lodge by Bro. Joshi.

Bro. Ashok Lokhande spoke on 'Hidden Side of the Lodge Meeting' at Nagpur Lodge.

Bro. Raut delivered a talk at Akola Lodge on 'Mystic Inheritance'.

Bro. Potey presented 2 leaflets regarding information of Theosophy and conducted group discussion at Akola.

Bro. C.A. Shinde, Bro. Ashok Lokhande, Bro. Raut and Bro. B.D. Tendulkar – each of them delivered four lectures on 'Adyar Day and teachings of Theosophical Society' these were held on-line between 11 February and 7 March 2021.

Publication of Books/ Journals:

Monthly magazine "Vishwabandhutwa" was regularly published by the Federation.

10,000 copies of three leaflets on Theosophy were published during the year.

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

Sale of books on theosophy in Marathi language.

Books in English and Marathi language are available all the time at Poona Lodge T.S., Pune.

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Annual Conference

The 108th Annual Conference of the Rayalaseema Theosophical Federation was held on-line from Hyderabad Theosophical Society premises on 11th October 2020 with limited attendance to support the arrangements. Bro L. Nagesh, National Lecturer was the chief guest. The theme of the conference was “ALL THAT WE NEED IS LOVE” The Conference was inaugurated by the chief guest virtually from Bengaluru. Limited number of delegates who attended were shown the proceedings on big screen with projector.

Study Camp

A conference on “Quest for the Best” in pursuit of the Ageless Wisdom was organized under the auspices of the Federation (RTF) on 28 February 2021. It was attended by 34 young participants. The conference was inaugurated by Bro. Pradeep H. Gohil, President of the Indian Section, TS. In his inaugural address he stressed the need to keep up the ideals of society above all. He appreciated the remarkable way in which the Federation is carrying out its activities because of which 176 new members have joined TS.

The participants were invited to express their views on the theme of the conference. Then, in the post-lunch session, activities were conducted in context of the first and third object of the TS. A symposium was chaired by Bro N. C. Krishna, National Lecturer and Vice-President of RTF. The speakers were Geetha Radhika, Prasuna, Sharan and Suresh. A special programme - “Reflections” on new ways and means to take Theosophy to youth was organized.

The entire programme was anchored by the Joint Secretary of the Federation Bro. M. Narayana Rao and the programme ended with vote of thanks given by Bro. S.R. Venkat Rao.

Keeping the present situation in view, precautionary measures were strictly followed.

Two hour study camps were conducted at Secunderabad, Hyderabad, Amarapuram and Guntur Lodge.

Two study camps were organized at Jananabharati, Ammuguda.

On-line study of the *Thought Power & The Study in Consciousness* was conducted by Bro. N.C. Krishna during the year under review. Daily 20 to 25 members used to participate in it. All talks were recorded and unloaded to YOUTUBE by Sis Mamata of Hyderabad Lodge.

Bro K. V. L. Kantharao of Hyderabad TS conducts on-Line classes on *First Principles of Theosophy*.

Bro. S. V. M. Naveen Kashyap of Guntur Lodge also conducts on line classes on Theosophy.

Other Activities

A Two-day programme with Bharat Samaj Pooja and Induction programme for newly joined members was organized on 20-21 March. In this programme the newly joined members were given a small information booklet with objects of the TS, list of Lodges with phone no, important days, pictures of founders and presidents of TS. Besides, a devotional meeting for children was organized in which theosophy was explained through stories, poems and hymns of Great Philosophers

Regular training of Resource Persons is conducted by Bro. M. Narayana. Besides, many innovative and inspiring programmes have been introduced to encourage and welcome youth to TS. In this connection whatever feedback is received and the drawbacks which are pointed out are studied by the members and serious thought is given to the suggestions and opinions given for strengthening the work of the Federation.

Four members of the Federation led by the Secretary Bro. M.S. Raghunath visited the following Lodges in the month of February: Dharmavaram, Rayadurgam Lodge Srigurukrupa TS at Amarapuram. Study was conducted at Rayadurgam Lodge and on the next day Bharat Samaj Pooja was conducted by children of the Lodge. The children were presented T-Shirts with our Logo in the front and Study, Meditation and Service at back of the shirt which was well appreciated. A study was conducted at Amarapuram and 40 children attended Pooja there. They were presented T-Shirts and later a variety programme was organized on how to create interest among the children regarding theosophical

activities. This Lodge is nurturing youth under the guidance and leadership of Dr Basavaraju along with Bro. Murthy, Chandrakeerti, Sri Eeranna and Lakshman. Then, the members visited Lodge at Chittor and the Jignasa Lodge at Madanapally.

Reprints of *Swetha Saraswati*, two story books with morals & ethics connecting to theosophy were also distributed to children of various schools.

Efforts made for the sale of books.

In spite of Covid, the Federation opened its RTF book shop for most of the year.

Publication:

Rayalaseema Federation and Telugu Federation are jointly publishing a monthly journal *Divyajnana Deepika* in Telugu.

Note:- Visits of the National Lecturers and others could not be organized due to Covid-19.

General Remarks

The Federation is strengthening its administrative set up with concrete measures and regular follow up and feedback. Middle to long term plans are being discussed for a well-structured organization without deviating from the main philosophy.

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Annual Conference

The Telugu Federation was established in the year 1919 and it has completed the hundred years during the year 2019. The Centenary Celebrations were planned to be held during the Annual Conference during March, 2020. Then the event was organized for four days from 20th to 23rd March, 2020 to be hosted by the Rajahmundry Theosophical Lodge, Rajamahendravaram and all the arrangements were put in place in right earnestness. But the grand event was deferred and postponed to an indefinite date in view of the then prevailing situation of pandemic COVID-19 and the impending national lockdown.

The adjourned event was reorganized on 20th, 21st, 22nd and 23rd March, 2021 at Jetty Grand Hotel, Rajamahendravaram. Invitations were forwarded to all the Lodges and other interested persons.

Saturday, 20-03-2021:

The Federation convened the Executive-cum-Executive Council Meeting on Saturday, 20th evening to consider the agenda and take decisions for the year ahead. The minutes of previous meetings were circulated and the Federation Secretary Sri G. Subrahmanyam garu read the report and minutes. The Agenda was discussed and the decisions were recorded for proper resolutions for further implementation and March ahead. It was attended by 40 members.

Sunday, 21-03-2021:

The Centenary Celebrations Annual Conference 2021 took a grand opening on 21st morning with performance of Bharata Samaja Pooja, Registration

of Delegates and Prayers of All Religions. (The Bharat Samaj Pooja was performed on all the three days of the Conference.)

Welcome address was given by Sri K.S. Ramachandra Rao, Federation President.

Smt. Jetty Lakshmi Rani, President of host Lodge extended warm greetings and welcome to all the delegates.

Sri G. Subrahmanyam, Federation Secretary, read out the messages of greetings from the national federations, Indian Section, other national sections, Adyar and individuals wishing the centennial celebrations a grand success.

The Honorary Guest of the morning session was Sri N.C. Krishna, National Lecturer, Indian Section and Member, Executive Committee of the Indian Section and Central Property Committee. He was performing the portfolio in view of absence of Dr. N.C. Ramanujachary from Chennai who could not attend due to ill-health and convalescence. Bro. Krishna spoke on Progress of Telugu Federation and explained the concept of *Acharanathmaka Divya Jnanamu* – Practical side of Theosophy.

The inaugural address was given by the Chief Guest Sri Mandali Buddha Prasad, former Deputy Speaker of the Andhra Pradesh Legislative Assembly. He dealt on the establishment of The Theosophical Society during 1875 in New York and the three fundamental objects of the movement to preach and practice Theosophy. He also explained the establishment of the Indian Section at Varanasi and the Telugu Federation towards expansion of Lodges across the country.

The Chief Guest also released the Centenary Souvenir titled *Telugu Divyajnana Samakhya Satha Varshika Sanchika 1919 – 2020*. The Souvenir consists of one hundred ninety two pages – well laid out cover pages, messages of greetings, memorable images of yesteryears, informative articles in Telugu and English and sponsored features.

In the second part of morning of the morning session Bandaru Mohananga Rao Memorial Lecture was delivered by Sri K.S. Ramachandra Rao. He explained the reason to start this particular segment of memorial lecture in the name of Sri Bandaru Mohananga Rao, a former Vice-president and Federation Lecturer of Telugu Federation.

The second lecture was given by Sri. N.C. Krishna on the subject of “The Way to Wholisticity” – “*Sampurnathaku Daaretu*” and dealt on the life of theosophist and the universal brotherhood with several natural illustrations.

In the evening session of 21st March a public lecture was delivered by the Chief Guest Sri Mandali Buddha Prasad. He explained various historical facts and aspects of theosophy, the progress of the theosophical movement for all these one hundred and forty six years and the role of founders and other important personalities to propagate theosophy in the initial decades towards its arduous journey through the prevailing situation of communication and commuting. He explained the three objects and the need of the hour to propagate these objects coupled with the available literature.

Cultural Programme:

Classical Music of Keerthanas was rendered by Chiranjivi P. Sai Sruthi and Chiranjivi Sai Sravani with instrumental assistance from Sri B.V.S. Appaji on Tabala and Chiranjivi Nikhil Radha Krishna on Flute.

Bharatanatyam dance was performed by Kumari K.V. Deepika and Kumari K. Abhijna with sterling show enthralling the audience.

Monday, 22-03-2021:

Sister M. Lakshmi, Vice-President and Telugu Federation Lecturer spoke on “Fragmented Mind – Global Mind” – “*Vichhinna Manasu – Viswa Manasu*”. She remembered the early years of her association with Sri Bandaru Mohananga Rao garu and extensively narrated several aspects on the subject.

Sri Rangaiah Chetty, Advocate and former President of Rayalaseema Federation, Bellary spoke on the subject of “Reach of Human Being to Oneness” – “*Manavuni Vikasamu Ekathvaaniki*”.

Former President of Rayalaseema Federation Sri A. I. Basava Raj Reddy delivered lecture on ‘Pure Love Embraces Wholesomeness’ – “*Parisuddha Prema Paripurnamainadi*”. He touched on the Centennial Conference Theme “Transformation from Fragmentation to Wholesomeness” and seven planes from consciousness to planet earth, elements of chemistry, rhythmicity, contemplation, living for others, introspection. He stressed on the subject of avoidance of cruelty, gossip and superstition for achieving pure love.

During the second part of the morning session short lectures were given by Sri K.V.B.Satry, former Director of Propaganda, Telugu Federation, Eluru. He spoke on “Theosophy – Self Communion” – “*Divyjnjanamu Saswaroopamu*”. He also dealt on the Centennial Theme- contradictory opinions, J.K.’s observation of mind, technological advances, dumping of more and more information, with less transformation, human mind, left and right hemispheres and use of more of right hemisphere.

Dr. P. Ramakrishna, Director of J. K. Study Centre spoke on the given topic of “Loneliness and Aloneness” – “*Ontarithanam Mariyu Ekanthatha*”.

General Body Meeting of Telugu Federation:

Afternoon session: Telugu Federation convened its Annual General Body Meeting (AGBM) presided over by the Federation President Sri K.S. Ramachandra Rao garu. The Federation Secretary Sri G. Subrahmanyam garu read out the minutes of AGBM held at Machinlipatnam during March, 2019. The Agenda was discussed and decisions were recorded for proper resolutions.

Sri Ande Ranga Rao, President, appealed for funds for the construction of a permanent building for Theosophical Lodge at Narsapur. The Federation Secretary explained that funds from Federation are not possible and the Lodge will have to raise it from their internal accruals.

Sri Suresh Kumar brought to the attention of office bearers of Federation about the critical situation of Vijayawada Lodge and sought help and assistance.

In the afternoon session the stage was occupied by Sri N. Durga Prasada Rao garu, Federation Lecturer from Kankipadu. He delivered lecture on “Understanding” – “*Avagahana*” and the need for transformation to dislodge the fragmentation. He cited several illustrations towards emphasis on the deep thought of understanding.

During the evening session, opening remarks were given by Sri K. Ramachandra Rao garu about his conversation on phone with Dr. Ramanujachary garu. He enquired about his health and shared Dr. NCR’s his thoughts about the need of the hour and to carry out long march ahead to carry the mantle of theosophy.

The public lecture was delivered by National Lecturer Sri N. C. Krishna, on “Theosophy – Contemporary Relevance” – “*Divyajnanamu – Samakaaleenatha*”. He drew the attention of audience to the Theosophical Society as the one of the oldest institutions, there is no religions higher than truth, lack of publicity and popularization, need of the hour is adoption of theosophy in practical life, required *Sankalpamu*, J. K.’s God is intelligence, the great white brotherhood, Blavatsky’s truth is just like mountain climbing, fast spreading of untruth, selfless service, thought power is huge subject both for living and the lives of gone to peace, theosophy begins at home – just like charity begins at home, theosophy is altruism.

Cultural Programme: “Golden Hits of Olden Times” – Cine Songs was performed by Sri Karri Balaji Prabhakar, member of Ananda Theosophical Lodge, Tadepalligudem and the team of male singers and senior female singer with the assistance of artists playing musical instruments. It went on for two and half hours and the audience enjoyed it thoroughly and appreciated the efforts of the artists.

Tuesday, 23-03-2021:

Morning Session: Sri S. Venkateswara Rao garu, Federation Lecturer, Machilipatnam delivered his lecture on The Essence of Theosophical Society is “Fragmentation of Thoughts has to Transform for Wholesomeness” – “*Divjnana Samajam Yokka Pradhana Sandesamu Khanditamaina Aalochanalanundi Aarogyamaina Poornathmuvaipu Parinamam*”. He dealt on the purpose of peoples relying on much information, advances of technology, religion and technology – path shown by theosophical society, three primordial objects, the relevance of cosmogenesis and anthropogenesis, the word “atom” was first used by Madam Blavatsky. There was a session of Questions and Answers and it was well appreciated.

Introduction of three Special Invitees

Smt. Anuradha and Sri K.V.S.S. Somayajulu were felicitated in the remembrance of Sri Kakaraprthi Suryanarayana garu, grandfather of Smt Anuradha. Sri Suryanarayana garu, a great theosophist during the early part of Telugu Federation. Sri Suryanarayana garu resigned from his job and concentrated on the activities of theosophy during his entire life.

Sri Akbar Krishna garu, Nidadavole was felicitated in remembrance of his father Sri Tadimetri Surya Kutumba Sastry, who worked as the Editor of *Divyajnana Deepika* and extended his services in the Gudivada Lodge.

Sri T.Venkata Ramana garu, Member, Narsapur Lodge was felicitated in remembrance of his grandfather Punyamurthula Tammiraju garu, Member of Dowleiswaram Lodge and later relocated to Narsapur.

The dignitaries expressed their appreciation, recognition and the felicitation and the great satisfaction of participating in the Centennial Conference 2021.

Felicitations Programme: Felicitations with the presentation of a shawl and mementoes to all the important functionaries, important delegates, Federation lecturers, organizers was well attended and appreciated.

Vote of Thanks was given by Sri G. Subrahmanyam garu, Vice President and the outgoing Secretary, Telugu Federation and he appreciated the excellent service and hospitality provided by the host Lodge Rajahundry Theosophical Society and thanked all the members of all Lodges for all these twenty four years during his office of Secretary of Telugu Federation.

Sri K. Ramachandra Rao drew the curtains on closing the Centennial Conference 2021 and extended his hearty greetings to everyone and appreciated the members of the host Lodge Rajahundry Theosophical Society for their selfless service and hospitality during the grand celebrations.

Note- Special activities, Visits of National Lecturers, Federation Lecturers and others could not be organized due to Covid-19 Pandemic.

General Remark

Telugu Federation inaugurated and launched its website www.theosophytelugufederation.org on the 173rd Birth Anniversary of Dr. Annie Besant i.e. 1st October, 2020 during the course of Annual Business Meeting of Godavari Theosophical Society, Dowleswaram, East Godavari District.

Post COVID-19 National Lockdown for 68 days ending on 31-05-2020 and coupled with subsequent restrictive measures promulgated across states, the activities of lodges were totally restricted curbed and the lodges were in

complete closure with the exception of some lodges. However, Anakapalle Lodge is performing the Bharat Samaj Pooja on every day from June, 2020 onwards.

Several Lodges have adopted the Online Study Classes during the year under consideration.

Publication:

Telugu Federation and Rayalaseema Federation are jointly publishing a monthly journal *Divyajnana Deepika* in Telugu.

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Annual Conference

The 56th Annual Conference of Utkal Theosophical Federation (UTF) was held on 11 September, 2021 in the UTF Hall, 346, Gautam Nagar. Dr. Deepa Padhi, International Vice President, TS, Adyar was the Chief Guest and Bro. Pradip Kumar Mahapatra, National Lecturer, Indian Section was the guest of

Honour. The Theosophical flag was hoisted by the Chief Guest and it was followed with prayers of all religions. Sis. Purnamasi Pattnaik, Secretary of the Utkal Federation gave the welcome address and read out the greetings received from various Federations and members of T. S. Federation's President, Dr. Chittaranjan Satapathy gave the introductory address. Thereafter, Sis. Mitalini Mahapatra, President of Sidhartha Lodge, introduced the chief guest. Dr. Deepa Padhi . Dr. Padhi gave an insightful inaugural talk on "Humanity and Beyond". The synopsis of her talk was as under: "The occult science defines human being" as that being in whom 'highest spirit and lowest matter are united by intellect. It is the rational faculty that distinguishes human beings from the rest of nature – the animals and plants. Rationality is also linked with the ethics of altruism and expresses human love and compassion towards each other and also towards other living forms. Therefore, it is the truth that only through human incarnation, realization of Oneness or self-realization is possible. Whenever there is separateness and selfishness, there will always be suffering and chaos.

The purpose of human existence is spiritual evolution which consists of the gradual upliftment from latency to full potency of man's spiritual attributes like love, empathy and compassion. Those, more evolved are more inclusive in their perception and more compassionate towards others. Compassion is the law of Laws –eternal Harmony says '*The Voice of the Silence*'. In the process of evolution, all beings below men arrive one day at the human stage and there are beings who go ahead of men who were once ordinary men. They are the perfected beings, the Masters, Adepts, saints, who have the experience of Oneness. For them the inside and the outside are one. Although these spiritual heroes have attained liberation, they renounce it voluntarily in order to remain invisibly amidst the world to help ignorant humanity in their spiritual evolution. Beyond humanity are these Spiritual beings, the Divine Incarnations who are ever engaged for the welfare of all living forms."

The Guest of honour- Bro. P.K. Mahapatra was introduced by Bro. S.S. Pati, Secretary, Cuttack Lodge. The subject of Bro. P.K. Mahapatra's talk was "Lonely Traveller" and he explained "It is the journey of Atman, starting as a Spark from the Essence of Flame itself, aware of naught but transcendent glory. To know the gloriousness, he acquired matters like Fire, Air, Water and Earth. Then he travels as Elemental-1. elemental-2 and elemental-3 in Higher Mental Plane, Lower mental Plane and Astral Plane, after that he enters into the material

world with other atmans, then to the world of beauty and symmetry of forms, colour and fragrance. After aeon of times he reaches a kingdom where he has warm blood, he can move from place to place. Here develops love, hate, devotion and other qualities. As he reached the kingdom of human beings coming out of groups with a causal body. Now as per Divine Plan he consciously strives to attain knowledge of Atman: As the spark seeks to rejoin the Flame from whence it sprang. Though he has family, society and country, he travels alone in the midst of others. He is not travelling in any space but he travels inwardly. He is the lonely traveller. When he finally reached the centre of his heart, he learned to say: *Aham eva Parabrahma.*”

The Annual General Body meeting was held in the afternoon. Around 40 members attended the Conference. Covid guidelines were adhered to during the meeting. The Conference concluded with the vote of thanks given by Bro. Satyabrata Rath, Secretary of Sanat Kumar Lodge.

Visitors

The National Lectures and other speakers could not visit the Federation due to Covid-19 Pandemic restrictions. So, the following on-line meetings of the National Lectures were organized by three Lodges of the Federation during the year 2021-21:

Bro. C.A. Shinde’s three talks at Barabati Lodge were on ‘Law of Karma’, ‘Jaganath Tattva’ and ‘Sant Dnyaneswara’. He spoke on ‘Golden Stairs’ at Sidharth Lodge’ and gave two talks on the same subject at Maru Lodge as well.

Bro. U. S. Pandey’s talk at Sidhartha Lodge was on ‘God & Gods’ and his subject at Maru Lodge was ‘Be a lamp unto yourself through mindfulness’.

Bro. Ashok Lokhande spoke on ‘Discipleship’ at Sidhartha Lodge.

The topics of Bro. Pradip Kumar Mahapatr’s three talks at Sidhartha Lodge were ‘Universal Invocation’, ‘Theosophical Emblem’ and “The Importance of Mahatma Letters”.

Special talks

Dr. R. C. Rath Memorial Lecture was held at the Federation Headquarters on 20 March 2021. Bro. R.C. Pattnaik, President of Sanat Kumar Lodge and

President- TSRA, BBSR, delivered a talk on this occasion on “Integrated Sound”. It was followed by question & answer session. Dr. Deepa Padhi, Int. Vice-President, spoke on the life and contribution of Dr. R.C. Rath who was the founder President of UTF and President of Cuttack Lodge. Dr. Chittaranjan Satapathy-President, UTF, presided over the meeting and introduced the speaker and spoke on the contributions of Dr Rath. The meeting concluded with the vote of thanks given by Sis. Purnamasi Pattnaik.

The Utkal Theosophical Federation invited Sis. Sabine Van Osta, Gen Secretary, T S, Belgium, who delivered an on-line lecture on “Self-Development in the light of Service”, through on-line Google meet. Sis. Purnamasi Pattnaik introduced the speaker and Dr. Chittaranjan Satapathy, President, UTF, gave concluding remarks. The programme was held on 17 October 2020.

Late Ramesh Prasad Mohanty Memorial Lecture was held on-line on 24 January 2021 through Google meet. Bro. Satyabrata Rath, Secretary, Sanat Kumar Lodge and a member of the Council delivered a lecture on “Exoteric and Esoteric Philosophy”.

Bro. Ashok Pattnaik’s on-line talk held on 29 May was on ‘The outline of the Science of Peace’.

On-line Meetings and Study Classes

The following on-line meetings and study classes were organized during the year under review:

Bro. Ashok Ku. Mahapatra conducted meeting on ‘Freedom from the Known’ at the Federation HQ.

Sis. Tapaswini Samantray conducted the study classes organized by Utkal Federation. The book taken up for study was *I Promise*.

The book ‘*The Light on the Path*’ was discussed at Siddhartha Lodge in which the participants were Sis. Nilendri Panda, Sis. Manjushree Mohanty, Sis. Sailabala Acharya, Sis. Reena Sahoo and Sis. Bandana Panda. Study of *Mahatma Letters to A.P. Sinnet* was conducted by Sis. Mitalini Mahapatra at the same venue. The other book *Sadhana Pathe* was studied at the Lodge in which the

participants were Sis. Mitalini Mahapatra, Sis Sunanda Mishra and Sis. Chinmayee Mohapatra. Besides, Prof. Partha Sarathi Pr. Sarangi conducted meeting at the same venue on the book *Life's Deeper Aspect*.

Bro. Dhruba Pr. Panda conducted the study on *Viveka Chudamani* at Maru Lodge. The book *Jatra Pathe* was discussed by Sis Swarnalata Das, Bro. Pradip Ku Mahapatra and Bro. Ashok Ku Mohapatra in a meeting of Maru Lodge. Besides, Sis. Purnmasi Pattnaik conducted the study of the book *Sri Guru Charane* at Maru Lodge.

Bro. Pradip Mahapatra spoke at Barabati Lodge on 'The Law of Higher Life'.

The study of the book "*Dhamapada Manobodha Chautisha*" was held at Cuttack Lodge in which the participants were Dr. Chittaranjan Satapathy, Bro. S. S. Pati, Bro. J. K. Sahoo, Sis. Chinmayee Mohapatra and Sis. Sunanda Mishra.

Sis Tapaswini Samantray conducted on-line study classes on the book *I Promise*, It was organized by Utkal Federation.

Meetings/Classes Conducted by Federation Lecturers and other members of UTF

The subject of meeting/class conducted at Barabati Lodge and the name of the member who conducted the activities there during the year are "Law of Karma – A path to Perfection" by Sis. Purnmasi Pattnaik; 'Brahma Tattwa of Saint Poet Bhima Bhoi & Mahima Dharma' by Bro. Sahadeb Patro; 'Ashala Festival & Guru Purnima' by Bro. B.S. Mohanty; 'Life of Annie Besant' by Bro. B.S. Mohanty and Prof. Sahadeb Patro; "Significance of Foundation Day' in which the participants were Dr. Patanjali Tripathy; Bro. B.S. Mohanty; Prof. Sahadeb Patra and Prashant Kumar Sahoo; and 'Significance of Buddha Purnima' by Bro. B.S. Mohanty and Prof. Sahadeb Patro.

Sis. Varsha Patel conducted meeting on 'Narada Bhakti Sutra' at Siddharth Lodge. The other activities conducted there were 'Natural disaster in Theosophical Perspective' by Sis. Vibha Saxena, 'Karma in the Bhagavad Geeta' by Sis. Vasumati Agnihotri; 'Love' by Sis. M. Laxmi, 'Saswata & Saraswata' by Prof. Sahadeb Patro; 'Karmabad' by Sis. Purnamasi Pattnaik; and 'Septenary Law and Mahatma' by Sis. Mitalini Mahapatra ' Study of the book on *Marga*

Deepika (Light on the Path) in which participants were Sis. Nilendri Panda; Sis. Sailabala Acharya; Sis. Bandana Panda, Sis. Tapaswini Samantray; Sis. Manjushree Mohanty and Sis. Reena Sahoo; Study of the book *Sadhana Pathe* conducted by Sis. Sunanda Mishra and Sis. Chinmayee Mahapatra, 'Mahatma Letters to A.P. Sinnet' by Sis. Mitalini Mahapatra; and 'Life's Deeper Aspect' by Prof. Partha Sarathi Pr. Sarangi.

The two meetings held at Maru Lodge were on 'Vivek Chudamani' and 'Divine Plan'. These were conducted by Bro. Dhruba Pr. Panda and Bro. Ahok Kr. Mahapatra. The study of 'Vivek Chudamani' is still continuing on Google meet.

The study of 'Secret of Self Realization' for the members of Barabati Lodge was conducted on every Monday at the residence of Bro. K.K. Bose. The study of 'Transcending the Voice of Silence' was held on every Monday at the residence of Bro. Ashok Pattnaik. The on-line meeting on Jaganath Tattva was conducted by Prafulla Kr. Das.

The study of 'Dhammapada', 'Manabodha Chautisha' and 'Annapan Sati Sutta' was conducted on four days in a every week at Cuttack Lodge. The other two meetings held at Cuttack Lodge were on 'Kriya Yoga' and 'Retanintion of Spiritual Teachings in Long term Memory' and these were conducted by Justice Sashikanta Mishra and Bro. Saumitra Das.

Dr.Chittaranjan Satapathy, President, UTF is conducting on-line study class on "Yoga Sutras" to a group of members residing at Adyar (Adyar Study Group). Besides, he delivered an on-line lecture on "Requirement of Aspirants" organized by Delhi Federation.

Sis. Mitalini Mahapatra conducted meetings for the members of Rohit Lodge, Nagpur, on the following three subjects 'Way to Mahatma', 'Durga Saptasati', and 'Hidden side of Lodge Meeting' respectively. The subject of Ashok Kr. Mahapatra at Maru Lodge was 'Blavatsky's Diagram of Meditation'.

Other Activities

Annie Besant's Birthday was celebrated by the UTF on 1st October. On this occasion Sis. Paurnamasi Pattnaik, Bro. Sudhansu Sekhar Pati and Bro. R C Pattnaik spoke on 'Life and Contribution of Dr. Besant', 'Unseen Aspect of Dr. Besant's multifaceted personality' and 'Occult Chemistry' respectively.

The members of Barabati Lodge conducted weekly lodge meetings at Satya Sudha Apartment, Shelter Chhak, Cuttack wherein Prof Sahadeb Patro, former President, UTF, delivered talks on the book *At the Feet of the Master*. The members of Barabati Lodge also celebrated “Annie Besant’s Birthday”. Bro. B S Mohanty, Prof Sahadeb Patro, Bro. Kalyan Kumar Bose delivered talks on “Annie Besant’s contribution to India and TS”. Bro. B S Mohanty addressed the members of Barabati Lodge on 5 October and the theme was “Source of Happiness”.

Sis. Purnamasi Pattnaik explained her views in the programme of the Indian Section. The subject she spoke on was ‘The Development of Spiritual Will-Power’.

The “Foundation Day of the Theosophical Society” was conducted through on-line Google meet on 17 November 2020. Dr. K.P. Padhy and Prof. Partha Sarathi Prasad Sarangi delivered lecture on this occasion on the significance of the Theosophy and Theosophical Society.

“Adyar Day” was celebrated in the UTF Hall, Gautam Nagar, Bhubaneswar, on 17 February 2021. Bro. Dhruba Prasad Panda, Sis. Manjushree Mohanty, Sis. Sailabala Acharya and Sis. Bandana Panda delivered talks on this occasion on the significance of “Adyar Day”. Bro. P K Mahapatra, Vice-President (UTF) and National Lecturer, presided over the meeting and spoke on the life & contribution of the founders and other great personalities of the TS. The meeting concluded with the vote of thanks given by Sis. Purnamasi Pattnaik.

The members of Cuttack Lodge celebrated “Adyar Day” on 17 February. Dr. Chinmayee Mohapatra, Vice-President and Bro. S. S. Pati, Secretary of the lodge, delivered talks on the significance of “Adyar Day”. Dr. Chittaranjan Satapathy, President, UTF, presided and also delivered talk on this occasion.

White Lotus Day and Buddha Poornima were observed at the Federation HQ on 8 May and 26 May respectively.

The significance of Guru Poornima was explained by Bro. Ashok Pati, Sis. Purnmasi Pattnaik and Sis. Mitalini Mahapatra in a meeting held at the Federation HQ.

Bro. P.K. Mahapatra, conducted Odia programme on “Brahmavidya Byakhana” through Google meet by different speakers. It was held on every Saturday from 4pm to 5pm.

The members of Barabati Lodge conducted meeting on Google meet on every Monday from 6.00pm to 7.00pm in which study of the book *The Secret of Self Realization* written by I.K. Taimni and *Man and Bodies* were taken up by Prof. Sahadeb Patro-former President, UTF and Bro. B. S. Mohanty- Secretary, Barabati Lodge, respectively. Prof. Patanjali Tripathy, Vice-President of the Lodge, hosts the programme. Besides, Prof. C. A. Shinde was invited to give talks on various topics.

Meetings were held on every Sunday in Bhubaneswar in which the study of the book *Talk on the Path of the Occultism (At the Feet of the Master)* was conducted by Sis. Purnamasi Pattnaik.

Meetings were held on every Tuesday at Siddhartha Lodge through on-line Google meet on the book *Talk on the Path of Occultism (At the feet of the Master)*. Sis. Mitalini Mahapatra, President of Siddhartha Lodge, spoke on every Sunday from 4.00pm to 5.00pm on the subject “Mahatma Letters”. Sis. Vasumati Agnihotri, Sis Vibha Saxena and National Lecturer Bro. U.S. Pandey, were invited to deliver talk on different subjects in the Annual Conference of the Lodge as well as on other days.

A meeting of the Utkal Theosophical Federation was conducted on 22 February, 2021 at the residence of Bro. Dhrub Prasad Panda in Bhubaneswar. Fourteen senior citizens of Cosmopolis attended the meeting where Sister Purnamasi Pattanaik spoke on “Structure and function of human body with special reference to involution and evolution of Monad.” Sis. Snigdha Padhi, member of Sambal Theosophical Lodge, introduced the speaker and the topic from Vedantic perspective where she briefly presented the process of creation from subtle *Tanmatra* to gross *Panchamahbhuta* and three bodies. The talks were *Jugalbandi* discussion of Vedanta and Theosophy arriving at the undisputed conclusion that Atma, the pure consciousness is beyond the bodies. The meeting was enlivened by lively participation of Bro. Dhruba Panda, Sis. Bandana Panda, Sis Swarnalata Das and the members in the question-answer session.

Bro. Dhruba Pr. Panda delivered an On-line lecture on “Quantum Mechanics and Consciousness”. It was organized by UTF.

Dr. Prafulla Kumar Das, President of Barabati Theosophical Lodge, has been awarded ***Bharadwaja Sannmana***. This award has been given to him by Odiya Lyricist Association, Cuttack, for his outstanding contribution to literature.

Publication of Books/ Journals

Two Number of Federation's quarterly Odia Theosophical Magazine *Viswadhara* were published during the year under review.

Publication of Books

Pruthibira Abhyantarina Sasan (Inner Govt. of the world) translated into Odia by Bro. Ashok Kumar Mahapatra of Laxmi Narayan Lodge has been published by UTF.

Reprint of Books: “*Initiation into Yoga*” by Yogi Sri Krishna Prem was reprinted by Dr. Chittaranjan Satapathy, President, Cuttack Lodge.

Participation in Book Fairs/ Efforts made for the sale of books.-

No Book Fair was held during the year due to Covid -19 Pandemic restrictions.

There is a bookshop in the Federation building and Cuttack lodge also. Besides, a library is also run by the Federation at its premises.

General Remarks

Despite Covid -19 pandemic restriction on the movements of members and on holding regular meetings, significant Theosophical activities were under taken through on-line by the Federation & Lodges such as Cuttack Lodge, Siddhartha Lodge, Barabati Lodge, Maru Lodge etc. during the year Oct.2020 to Sept. 2021.

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Annual Conference

The 102nd Annual Conference of this Federation was organized on line on 2-3 October 2021. Meeting of Federation council was held one day earlier on 01 October when annual report of activities for 2020-21 and statements of Income and Expenditure of the Federation as well as of *Dharm Path* for F. Y. 2020-21 were approved for presentation to general body. The Conference was inaugurated on 02 October. Federation President Bro. U.S. Pandey, after invoking the Universal Prayer, welcomed the chief guest Bro. C. A. Shinde, and all the participants and then offered his greetings. He also read the greeting messages received from Sis. Deepa Padhi, International Vice-President, Sis. Marja Artamaa International Secretary, Bro. Pradeep Gohil, President of the Indian Section and Bro. V. Narayanan, Treasurer of the Indian Section. Bro. S. K. Pandey, Federation Secretary, read out the greeting messages received from other Federations. Then other guests and lodge representatives offered their greetings. Thereafter Bro. Shinde inaugurated the conference and delivered his inaugural address. Federation Secretary thanked Bro. Shinde for his illuminating talk.

Thereafter the business session was held when Bro. S. K. Pandey read out minutes of the last meeting of general body held on 03 October 2020, it was confirmed. Then he presented annual report of activities for the year 2020-21, which was discussed and adopted. Km. Preeti Tewari, Treasurer, presented statements of Income and Expenditure of the Federation as well as of the Hindi journal *Dharm Path* for F.Y. 2020-21, which were adopted.

A seminar on the theme “Be in the World but not of the World” was held on 03 October. Sis. Bina Singh, Bro. Surhid Sudarshan Shah, Bro. Praveen Mehrotra and Sis. Vibha Saksena were the speakers and they presented their views from different perspectives. Bro. U.S. Pandey complimented the speak-

ers. This was followed by the concluding session in which some members gave valuable suggestions for the propagation of theosophy. The session ended with the vote of thanks given by the Federation Secretary Bro. S. K. Pandey.

Talks delivered/Study Conducted in other Federations/Forums

Sis. Suvralina Mohanty, Secretary of Prayas Lodge, Ghaziabad, delivered a talk on “Karma-our duty in day-to-day life”. It was held at Indraprastha Lodge of Delhi Federation on 04 October, 2020. The other programmes which she conducted on invitation extended by other Federations were: delivered a public talk in a National Webinar organized by ‘Art of Bliss’, Odisha. The subject of her talk was “What I am” and it was held on 01 November 2020; conducted two sessions on “Practical Occultism” in January for the youth group of Siddhartha Lodge, Bhubaneswar. Besides, on invitation by Shankar Lodge, Delhi, she delivered an on-line talk on 7 August. The subject she spoke on was “Fetters on the path of evolution”.

Sister Suvralina Mohanty, delivered talks in three sessions on “Daily Life” based on the book “*The Theosophic Life*”. It was organized for the youth group of Siddharth Lodge, Utkal Federation, on 06, 13 and 20 November 2020. Besides, Sis Suvralina conducted a session on “Meditation and observation of breathing” for the youth group of Siddharth Lodge on 27 November, 2020.

Sis. Suvralina Mohanty explained the study of “Knightly Deed”- Book “I Promise” and “Life evolves in Cycles” in a Young Indian Theosophists group on 04 and 25 July 2021 respectively. Four young members of Tapasya Lodge, Ghaziabad, namely Kritika Goel, Shruto Goel, Pranshee Mohanta and Mansha Mishr, moderated the study and explanation in Young Indian Theosophists Group. Besides, she conducted the study on “Death is our Friend” from the book *Trust Yourself to Life*. It was held in the Young Indian Theosophists group on 29 August 2021.

On invitation by Vikram Lodge of Ujjain, Bro. S. B. R. Mishra President of Sarvahitkari Lodge, Gorakhpur, delivered an on-line talk on the theme ‘Science of Love’. It was held on 28 January 2021. He delivered another on-line talk on 28 March 2021 at Indraprastha Lodge, Delhi, on the topic “Law of Karma”. On invitation by Indraprastha Lodge, Delhi, he delivered a talk on 13 June on the theme ‘One Life, One Consciousness’. He delivered another talk at the same venue on “Evolution of Jeeva on Earth and Moon’. It was held on 04 July. His other talk was on ‘Ten Commandments in Religions’ in two sessions held on 18

and 25 July 2021. On invitation by Shankar Lodge, Delhi, he delivered an on-line talk on “Self and Non-self”, on 14 August.

Bro. S. B. R. Mishra delivered a talk on the theme ‘Asadh Poormima and Lord Buddha’s Teachings’ during a function organized by Eves’ Welfare Society, Gorakhpur, on 24 July. His other two talks at the same venue were on ‘Life after Death’ during a social gathering on the occasion of post- death ceremony on 22 September and on ‘Mystery of Life and Death’ on 30 September 2021. Besides, he gave a talk on 27 August on ‘Teachings of Krishna ji’ during a meeting of Eves’ Welfare Ladies’ Club, Gorakhpur. It was held on 27 August.

On invitation by Siddharth Lodge, Bhubaneswar, Sis. Vasumati Agnihotri of Lucknow delivered on-line talk on the topic ‘Karma Yoga and Jnanna Yoga in the Bhagavad Gita’. It was held on 23 February. Besides, she delivered on-line talk on ‘Ashtavakra Gita-Ch.1’. This was held on 25 September on the invitation of Shankar Lodge.

Sis. Vibha Saxena, Secretary of Noida Lodge, contributed occasionally in the study on ‘Mahatma Letters to A.P. Sinnett’ undertaken by Utkal Federation in January 2021. Her talk held at Siddhartha Lodge Bhubaneswar on 21 December 2020 was on the subject ‘Natural Calamity and Theosophical View’. Besides, she delivered on-line talks at Indraprashta Lodge, Delhi, on 14 and 21 March. The subject of her talk was “Occult Science and Theosophy—Lifting a corner of the veil”. She also delivered an on-line talk at Shankar Lodge on “Practical Theosophy”, on 27 March 2021; gave an on-line talk on ‘Meditation’ in a meeting of Bengal Federation held on 22 August 2021 and delivered an on-line public talk on the theme “Life and Work of H.P. Blavatsky” before Pyramid Spiritual Society, Delhi, on 25 Sept. 2020.

Sis. Vibha Saxena’s three talks in the month of August were on “Reason-Intuition-Awareness- Pathways to Right Action” in the session organized by the Philippine Section of the T.S.; delivered a talk on ‘At the Feet of the Master’ in the study session organized by Ukraine & Russian Section. Besides, she spoke on ‘Dreams in World Federation of Young Theosophists’ on 20 August.

Special Programmes

UP & Uttarakhand Federation, along with Delhi Federation, organized a joint on-line programme on 17 November, 2020 in which a group meditation guided by Bro. U.S. Pandey, President UP & UK Federation, was practiced by the participants. Thereafter the Foundation Day of the Theosophical Society

was observed in which Bro. Ashok Lokhande, National Lecturer, Bro. U.S. Pandey, and Bro. Rajiv Gupta - President of Delhi Federation spoke. Bro. Lokhande spoke about the background in which the Theosophical Society was founded at the instance of Masters. Bro. Pandey spoke about the preparatory work done before November 17, 1875, and salient points of the inaugural address of the founding president Col. H. S. Olcott. Bro. Gupta spoke about the objects of the Society.

Pragya Lodge, Lucknow, organized an on-line panel discussion on 07 March on the theme 'Life after Death' with participation of Bro. U. S. Pandey, Bro. S. K. Pandey, Bro. N. C. Krishna and Sis. Varsha Patel as panelists. The programme was coordinated by Bro. Shikhar Agnihotri.

Pragya Lodge, Lucknow, organized three on-line meetings in May when talks were delivered on the topics 'Three Great Truths and Three Fundamental Propositions- a comparative study', 'Allegorical Study of How to expel Minotaur from Personal Labyrinth', and 'Comparative study of different Eastern philosophies and Theosophical Approach'. These talks were given by Bro. N. C. Krishna, jointly by Bro. Issac Hauli & Dr. Enrique Reis, and by Sis. Vasumati Agnihotri respectively.

Pragya Lodge, Lucknow, held five on-line meetings in the month of June in which talks were delivered on the topics 'Guided Meditation on Dreams and Angels' by Bro. Arni Narendran, 'Theosophy as Path of Perfection' by Bro. Narsinh Thakaria, 'The Art of Raja Yoga' by Sis. Linda Oliveira, 'Yoga- a holistic approach to life' by Sis. Swati Reddy and 'Gandh ji's Theosophical approach and Environmental Stress' by Bro. Ajai Rai respectively.

A special programme in memory of the two founders of the Theosophical Society- H.P. Blavatsky and Co. H.S. Olcott, was organized by the Pragya Lodge on 08 August 2021. Another special programme of the International Youth Panel was organized by the lodge on 29 August 2021. The theme was "Challenges of the Youth and Theosophical Solutions" in which Krista (of France), Christopher (of Philippines), Rafael (of Brazil) and Smitapragyan (of India) joined as panellists.

Talks were organized in the on-line meeting by Pragya Lodge, Lucknow, on the topics 'What is in Lucifer Magazine', 'Homage to HPB' and 'Be Ye Wise as Serpents'. The speakers were Erica Georgiades, Sis. Sripriya H. Raghavan, and Sis. Nancy Secrest respectively. These were held on 1, 15 and 22 August.

The Lodge organized three more meetings exclusively for the members of the Lodge in August. Sis. Sushmja Tiwari spoke in these meetings on the topics '*Vani ka tap aur Prajna*', '*Nirbhayata*', and '*Karm Niyam*' respectively.

Pragya Lodge, Lucknow, organized on-line meetings in September on the topics 'The Solar System', 'Creation of Soul is Supernatural process', 'Challenges of 21st Century', 'Annie Besant in India', and 'Bridging our Differences- an impossible dream'. The speakers were Bro. Mathurnath, Sis. Varsha Patel, Sis. Clemice Petter, Bro. Pedro Oliveira and Sis. Rekha Nahar respectively.

The Lodge held four more weekly meetings in September 2021 for the member of the Lodge. The talks in these meetings were delivered in Hindi on '*Sukhi Jeevan ke Sutra: Punarjanm ka Niyam*' by Sis. Sushmaja Tewari and on the topics '*Vivah-Santan-Khan-Paan*' and '*Daan*' on 09 and 16 September by Sis. Vasumati Agnihotri. Besides, Bro. Shikhar Agnihotri conducted a guided 'Awareness Meditation' session on 23 September, 2021.

Indian Section's on-line Programmes

Sis. Vibha Saxena, Secretary of NOIDA Lodge, delivered a talk on Mahatma Letter No.38 on 12 February.

Sis. Vibha Saxena anchored some on-line programmes of the Indian Section. She spoke in the Easter Conference on 'Work of the members of the TS' on 4rd April; Her other talk in the Indian Section programme was on '*Adi Shankaracharya and Nirvan Shatakam*'. Besides, she translated Bro. Pradeep Gohil's talk on 'Compassion and Theosophy' in Hindi.

Sis. Suvralina Mohanty delivered a talk on 'Exoteric and Esoteric Theosophy' on 21 February 2021. She anchored the programme of talk by Ven. Olanda Ananda on 23 July 2021.

The members of Sarvahitkari Lodge, Gorakhpur, participated in the programme of Easter Conference organized by the Indian Section on 04 April.

Sis. Vasumati Agnihotri delivered three talks in July on the book *God in Exile* by J. J. Wander.

Many members of the Federation participated in the events related to White Lotus Day programme organized by the Indian Section on 06, 07 and 08 May, 2021.

Bro. Ajai Rai participated as a panellist in discussion on 'Elemental World' on 12 June.

Bro. S.B.R.Mishra delivered a talk on the topic 'Mandukya Upanishad and Theosophy' on 19.06.21. Besides, he delivered a talk on 'Evolution of Solar System' on 11 September.

Special Study Camp

On-line study of the book *The Science of Yoga* by I.K. Taimni was conducted by Sis. Suvralina Mohanty at Prayas Lodge, Ghaziabad, on 04, 11, 18 and 25 October 2020.

The study of the book *Practical Occultism* was conducted at Prayas Lodge of Ghaziabad in December 2020 and January 2021.

UP & UK Federation organized an on-line programme for study of *Isis Unveiled* from 10 to 14 February 2021. The study was conducted by Bro. U. S. Pandey. A group meditation guided by Bro. U.S. Pandey was also practiced by the participants prior to the study session on 13 February. Members from many other federations also joined in the programme.

The study of the book *The Voice of the Silence* was conducted by Sis. Lalita Khatri at Noida Lodge. It was held between December 2020 and September 2021.

Bro. Shyam Singh Gautam conducted the study of the book entitled *Avatar* at Chauhan Lodge Kanpur.

Sis. Suvralina Mohanty and Sis. Lalita Khatri conducted the study of the book *Master and Path* at Prayas Lodge, Ghaziabad. It was held in March, April, May and July 2021.

U.P. and UK Federation study camp: On-line study of the book "*THEOSOPHY As the Masters See It*" written by Clara M. Codd was continued and concluded in the final three sessions held on 12, 13 and 14 August, 2021. During the session on 12 August, Bro. Shikhar Agnihotri covered, the portions of the book Part-3, Section I- 'The Three great qualities'- sub-sections (iv) to (viii). During the session held on 13 August, Sis. Suvralina Mohanty covered Part 3, Section II- 'Crisis in the Society'. In the eighth and final session held on 14 August, Bro. S.K. Pandey covered Part 3, Section III- 'Miscellaneous Subjects' and also items 1 to 3 of Section IV- 'Our Path to the Masters'. And

finally, during the same last session Bro. U. S. Pandey covered the remaining parts 4 to 7 of the Section IV and also the Appendix- 'Some words on daily life'.

Other Activities

The Federation organized an on-line public talk on 01 October 2020 to commemorate the birthday of Dr. Annie Besant. About 60 persons including members from different lodges of this federation and also from other federations joined in it. Bro. U.S. Pandey, President of the UP & UK Federation, welcomed the participants and invoked the Universal Prayer, then he briefly mentioned about importance of this day in the history of theosophical movement and also for the humanity in general. Thereafter he invited Bro. Gyaneesh Kumar Chaturvedi - a very senior member of Nirvana Lodge, Agra, to deliver the talk on "Life and Work of Annie Besant." Bro. Chaturvedi in his talk covered many aspects of Besant's life and her multifarious activities as educationist, social reformer, political and moral regenerator, brilliant orator, author and spiritual leader.

Meditation for children: Sis. Suvalina Mohanty conducted on-line 'Basic Meditation' class for children on every Sunday morning at 07.30 am. Besides, she conducted on-line class for children and youth during the year under review on the following topics: 'Time and Timeless.'; 'Man and his bodies' and 'Yoga for spiritual development'; 'Religious Mind'; 'Good habits in daily life' and 'Importance of Thought Power'; "Purpose of our actions"; 'Self-observation', 'Qualities are Habits', 'and 'Value of Association'; 'Self-review' and 'Basic Theosophical literature' and 'Doing and Being' and 'Practice'.

The following on-line meetings/activities were organized by Pragya Lodge, Lucknow, in the month of February: A talk by Bro. Vinayak Pandya on 'Theosophical Education and Schools'; talk by Sis. Isis Resende (International Speaker) on 'Mystical experience through meditation.'; Published a video on the History of Adyar Day and Giordano Bruno on Youtube channel PragyaCS studio on the occasion for Adyar Day; and a short skit performed by Bro. Taral Munshi of Mumbai on the subject 'Search for oneself.'

UP & UK Federation organized a programme on 17 February to observe 'Adyar Day'. Bro. U. S. Pandey, President, welcomed the participants and briefly mentioned about the importance of this day. Bro. S. K. Pandey, Federation Secretary, made a detailed presentation on history of observance of Adyar Day and also on 'Life and Work of Col. H. S. Olcott', the founder President of the

Theosophical Society. Sis. Vasumati Agnihotri, Federation Lecturer, spoke about all the four personalities viz. Giordano Bruno, H. S. Olcott, C. W. Leadbeater and J. Krishnamurti, to whom thanks and gratitude are expressed on this day. Dr. N. C. Ramanujachary and Bro. C. A. Shinde from Adyar and Bro. Rajiv Mathur from Delhi, who joined the programme made valuable comments.

Praxis Vidyapeeth, Rudhauri-Basti and Rudhauri Lodge jointly organized a programme for students and teachers on 20 July, 2021, in which Bro. U. S. Pandey spoke on “Thought -its nature, uses and effects”. Before the talk Universal Prayer was invoked. During his talk Bro. Pandey mentioned about constitution of man - his bodies and their functions; thoughts as thing, force, and being; thoughts affecting mental body of self and of others; three-way propagation of thought waves, elementals ensouling the thought forms; effects of good or bad thoughts on self and on others; how to improve the thinking; building character and destiny by thoughts; role and use of thoughts in correcting bad habits of self and of others, in helping persons under distress, in helping souls of physically dead persons, in finding solution to complex problems of life, in overcoming anxiety and fear, and in becoming invisible helpers during sleep etc.

About 230 students and teachers of Praxis Vidyapeeth, Rudhauri joined in the programme. Besides, some teachers of VKM, Varanasi, some members of the Theosophical Society and also other persons participated in it. The talk was followed by Question and Answer with the participants. The programme ended with the vote of thanks given by Bro. Sushant Pandey- Secretary of Rudhauri Lodge.

Pragya Lodge, Lucknow, held three on-line meetings in April in which talks were delivered on the topic ‘Yoga a Science’, ‘Thought as the corner stone of character’, ‘Esoteric aspect of Bharat Samaj Pooja’. The speakers were Bro. Chally Romero (President, Philippines section of T.S.), Sis. Vasumati Agnihotri and Dr. M.A. Raveendran respectively.

Then, the Lodge organized on-line meetings in September 2021 on the topics ‘The Solar System’, ‘Creation of Soul is Supernatural process’, ‘Challenges of 21st Century’, ‘Annie Besant in India’, and ‘Bridging our Differences- an impossible dream’. The speakers were Bro. Mathurnath, Sis. Varsha Patel, Sis. Clemice Petter, Bro. Pedro Oliveira and Sis. Rekha Nahar respectively.

A public lecture of Bro. U.S. Pandey was organized by Prayas Lodge, Ghaziabad, on 13 June. The subject of his talk was 'Brotherhood of Religions'.

Sis. R. Revathy delivered a talk on 'Theosophy-Divine Wisdom'. It was held in the on-line meeting of Pragya Lodge, Lucknow, on 4 July.

The members of Sarvahitkari Lodge, Gorakhpur, joined in the meeting organized by Pragya Lodge, Lucknow, on 2 May 2021. Besides, they joined in the two meetings organized by Indraprastha Lodge, Delhi, on 09 and 16 May. The Lodge held its on-line meetings on 23 and 30 May when talks were delivered on the topics 'Corona and stress management' and 'Service for Sacrifice' by Bro. Ajai Rai and Bro. L.S. Shukla respectively.

Kirtika Goel of Prayas Lodge, moderated the study in the Young India Theosophists group on the topic 'The Wings of the Soul', on 12 September.

Shruti Goel of Prayas Lodge explained the topic 'The place of beauty in life' during a study in the Young India Theosophists group on 19 September.

Kritika Goel and Shruti Goel spoke on 28 September on the topics 'Selflessness and Divine Life', and 'Inspiring life journey of Dr. Annie Besant' respectively.

Sis. Suvralina Mohanty read out and summarised the 'Introduction' and 'Reincarnation' portion from the book '*The Theosophic Life*' in a meeting of Young Indian Theosophists Group. This programme was held on 23 May.

Apart from the aforementioned activities some of the Lodges, such as, Dharma Lodge (Lucknow), Chohan Lodge (Kanpur), Sarvahitkari Lodge (Gorakhpur), Nirvan Lodge (Agra) and Noida Lodge were very active during the year under review. Anand Lodge (Allahabad) formed a group on whatsapp and talks were presented for the members. A few other Lodges also organized on-line programmes during the year.

Publication

All the four numbers of the Federation's Hindi journal *Dharma Path* were published and distributed during the year under review. Besides, it was uploaded on the Federation's website as well.

Note: The Annual Report from Tamilnadu Federation was not received.