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**The Theosophical Society was founded by Madame H. P. Blavatsky and Col. H.S. Olcott in New York, on 17<sup>th</sup> November 1875**



*To the Argon-Theosophical Society of New York  
with H.P.B.'s & H.S.O.'s good wishes  
London, October 1888.*

**The whole order of nature  
Evinces a progressive  
March towards a  
Higher life.**

*Helena Blavatsky*

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**MISSION OF TS**

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

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**130TH INDIAN SECTION CONVENTION**

**AT VARANASI**

**28th to 30th October 2022**

**PRESIDENT SHRI PRADEEP GOHIL'S MESSAGE**

The Convention was planned in an emergency situation when Adyar could host maximum 250 Indian delegates to the International Convention due to renovation work there. So, we decided to help out Adyar.

On behalf of Indian Section I welcome all the Delegates to discuss and deliberate on -

***Universal Brotherhood is the need of the hour***

With Universal brotherhood will come that deep love for everyone. If there is more love in the world, it will be beautiful to live. The ideas of war will cease globally. Is not this the need of the hour?

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**THE 91ST ANNUAL SESSION  
OF  
BOMBAY THEOSOPHICAL FEDERATION  
11th, 12th & 13th November 2022**

**CHIEF GUEST**

***Shri Pradip K. Mahapatra***  
*National Lecturer, Theosophical Society*  
*Ex-Joint General Secretary of Indian Section TS*

**THEME**

***Harmony, Way of Life***

**OPENING SESSION**

**Friday 11th November 2022**

**Venue: Blavatsky Lodge, 7 – French Bridge, Mumbai 400007**

5.15 PM Fellowship with Tea & Snacks

6.00 pm Lighting of the Lamo & Prayers of All Religions

Opening of Annual Session, Reading of Greetings,

Welcome & Introduction of Chief Guest by President

Bro. Vinayak Pandya

6.30 pm Presentation of Felicitation Mementos & Diplomas

6.45 pm **Inaugural Address by the Chief Guest Shri Pradip**

**Mahapatra on ‘*Universal Brotherhood and Peace*’**

**Questions & Answers**

7.45 pm Vote of Thanks followed by Fellowship

**SECOND DAY SESSION**

**Saturday 11th November 2022**

**Venue: Blavatsky Lodge, 7 – French Bridge, Mumbai 400007**

4.45 PM Fellowship with Tea & Snacks

5.30pm Universal Prayer, Welcome & Introduction of Chief Guest

by President Bro. Vinayak Pandya

5.45pm **Round Table Maitreya ‘*Flower Ceremony*’**

6.30pm Dani & Mullan Competition Prize Winners’ Speeches

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6.45 pm **Address by the Chief Guest on**  
*'Action, Reaction and Inner Harmony'*  
**Questions and Answers**

7.45 pm Prize Distribution for Dani & Mullan Competitions

8.00 pm Vote of Thanks Followed by Fellowship.

**FULL DAY CLOSING SESSION AT JUHU**  
**Sunday 113h November 2022**

**Venue: Juhu Theosophical Colony, Juhu, Mumbai 400049**

09.30 am Tea & Snacks

10.15am Bharat Samaj Pooja by Sis. Mitalini Mahapatra

11,00 am Welcome& Introduction of Chief Guest by  
 BTF President& welcome by Juhu Theosophical Colony

11.15 am Talk by TOS Mumbai Region President  
 Sis. Thrity Dalal on *'Theosophical Order of Service*  
*– Opportunity to reach out with Compassion'*

11.30am **Public Talk by Chief Guest Shri Pradip Mahapatra**  
**on 'Ahimsa and Universal Love'**  
**Questions & Answers**

**12.30 pm The 91st Annual General Meeting**  
 (Annual Report & Audited Accounts will be given at AGM)

**1.15 pm Lunch**

2.30pm **Symposium on 'Harmony, Way of Life'**  
**Chaired by Chief Guest Shri Pradip Mahapatra**

3.30 pm Tea

4.00 pm **Bharat Natyam by students of Sis. Namita Bodaji**

4.30 pm Closing Remarks and Vote of Thanks

5.00 pm Closing of the Annual Session

**Note: for Symposium** there will be 5-6 speakers and each speaker will get 5-7 minutes. BTF wishes that Young & New Members also participate in the Symposium. Please give your names to BTF Secretary Sis. Mahazaver Rustom Dalal (M): 9833131216

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**Blavatsky Lodge Book Depot Counter will be open at Juhu Session.** Brethren interested in specific books please inform in advance to Blavatsky Lodge Book Depot Manager Sis. Freny Paghdiwala Tel: 23806564

**Registration for Annual Session is requested to make arrangements (with or without Bus): Voluntary contribution most welcome.**

**Register your names latest by 5th November 202**

At Blavatsky Lodge with Kashmira Khambatta 9821459504 or Assistant Sis. Asha Tel: 23685026 **OR** in North Mumbai with Vinayak Pandya 7021778977 or Taral Munshi 8450911118 or Dr. Ajay Hora 9820302371

**Bus Service for Juhu on 13th Nov..-pick-up timings & stops:**

7-00 a.m. Colaba – Cusrow Baug  
 7-10 a.m. Dhobi Talao – Metro Cinema  
 7-15 a.m. Thakurward – opp. Banaji Atashbehram  
 7-20 a.m. Opera House – Blavatsky Lodge  
 7-30 a.m. Tardeo – Ganga-Jamuna Theatre  
 7-40 a.m. Byculla – Ismalia Co-op. Hsg. Society  
 7-45 a.m. Byculla – Palace Cinema  
 7-55 a.m. Dadar – Damodardas Mithaiwala  
 8-05 a.m. Mahim – Paramount Restaurant  
 8-10 a.m. Bandra – Lucky Restaurant  
 8-30 a.m. To reach Juhu Theosophical Colony

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**PROPAGATION**

BTF President Bro. Vinayak Pandya organized to send Shri Hrishikesh Sharan's English compilation of Dhammapada with pictures – a set of three volumes containing Vaggal-10, 11-20 & 21-26 to the libraries of colleges and institutions for whom "The Theosophist" were sponsored for 5 years. Also, to 9 colleges participated in Mullan Competition. Before Pandemic, Dr. Rajam Pillai had distributed 6 sets. Total 30 sets were given.

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## WELCOME BLAVATSKY LODGE TEAM 2022-2024



Blavatsky Lodge TS AGM held on 25th September 2022 adopted the Election Officer Dr. Rajam Pillai's Report and declared the Team for 2022-2024 as under:

President: Sis. Kashmira Khambatta

Vice-President: Bro. Navin Kumar

Hon. Treasurer: Bro. Arni Narendran

MC Members: Sis. Freny Paghdiwala      Sis. Mahazaver Dalal  
                     Sis. Aban Patel                      Bro. Shailendra Godbole  
                     Sis. Jasmin Cawasji              Sis. Navaz Dhalla  
                     Bro. Rustom Cooper

Co-opted Members: Dr. Rajam Pillai              Sis. Ruby Khan

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### ***HPB'S QUOTATION FOR 17TH NOVEMBER***

**Theosophy is the shoreless ocean of Universal Truth, Love and Wisdom, reflecting its radiance on the earth, while the Theosophical Society is only a visible bubble on that reflection. Theosophy is divine nature, visible and invisible, and its Society human nature trying to ascend to its divine parent. – Key 39**

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*Courtesy: A Blavatsky Quotation Book*  
**RE-STARTING**  
**JAMSHED MEHTA LODGE IN COLABA**



Formerly Jamshed Mehta Lodge used to meet in a Parsee Member's house in Cusrow Baug Colaba. BTF Past President Late Sis. Meher D. Engineer was the member of this Lodge and Late Sis. Yasmin Kapadia used to conduct studies of Theosophical books for the members.

**Bro. Vinayak Pandya inspired Bro. Noor Baig, member of Blavatsky Lodge Mumbai, who now lives in Colaba, and Bro. Noor Baig made the beginning with gathering 10 members. On 26th September 2022 a programme to Re-Start Jamshed Mehta Lodge was held at the flat of Bro. Noor Baig. The Members gathered were Bro. Noor Baig, Bro. Kanubhai Shah, Bro. Suresh Malkani, Bro. Kevin Marshall, Bro. Anil Kumar Deshpande, Bro. Swapnil, Bro. Rohinton Bharucha, Bro. Heren Goradia, Sis. Jasmin Mistry. BTF President Bro. Vinayak Pandya graced the programme.**

The programme was started with the Universal Prayer. **With Ashirvachan Bro. Vinayak Pandya spoke on:** Introduction to Theosophy, Three Objects & Principals of TS, Purpose of Lodge & Lodge Meetings, and wide spread of Theosophical Society across many countries. He gave them an idea about International TS campuses at Adyar & Varanasi in India, Naarden in Netherland, in Brazil, Ojai in USA and Sydney in Australia. He explained importance of Montessori education in TS and Adyar Theosophical

Academy. He paid tributes to Shri Jamshed Mehta highlighting his Theosophic Life and his contribution in creating Modern Karachi. As the Lodge is named '**Jamshed Mehta Lodge**' may he be the guiding spirit for members. A group photo with Jamshed Mehta's picture was taken. Members were encouraged to give their self-introductions. **Bro. Noor Baig, Co-ordinator for the Lodge, informed that at their Monday Meetings members will share Life Experiences followed by interactions to learn from the shared experiences. The programme had ended with Refreshments hosted by Bro. Noor Baig.**

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**ANNIE BESANT'S BIRTHDAY MEETING  
On 1st October 2022 in Besant Hall**



**Guest Speaker Bro. Cyrus Ryan of Toronto TS releasing SYNERGY**

On 1st October 2022 in Besant Hall of Blavatsky Lodge Master of Ceremony **Sis. Ruby Khan** welcomed all to Dr. Annie Besant's Birthday Meeting. After the Prayers of All Religions & the Universal Prayer, Blavatsky Lodge President **Sis. Kashmira Khambatta** spoke about the significance of the meeting and introduced the Guest Speaker Bro. Cyrus Ryan of Toronto TS, Canada. Bro. Cyrus Ryan



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conducts Theosophical Study for Toronto Lodge, which is attended by our member Sis. Aban Amroliwalla during her stays in Toronto. Bro. Ryan has written many Theosophical articles and has authored the book *‘Living on Inner Edge’*. Joy was more as Bro. Ryan was accompanied by his wife Susie and two other young lady members.

BTF President **Bro. Vinayak Pandya** said that the occasion is to remember Dr. Annie Besant with reverence & gratitude for what she has done for us – for India - her Motherland, for her Theosophical Teachings, her magnanimity to gift College established by her for formation of Banaras Hindu University, her vision for Education & Upliftment of Women, the Truth & Values she lived for with compassion ..... there is no end to facets of her multifarious Diamond Soul. Bro. Vinayak narrated the incidents conveying nobility of Annie Besant like she never imposed herself and respected emotions of others, even of her cook and even built Hanuman Temple in Adyar for him. She had accepted JK’s decision to disband the Order of the Star formed by her and even listened to his talks.

**Bro. Arni Narendran** requested BTF Secretary Sis. Mahazaver Dalal to release ‘SYNERGY’ Year 4 July–December 2022 issue and asked Blavatsky Lodge President Sis. Kashmira Khambatta to present the First Copy to Bro. Cyrus Ryan, whose article is in this issue. Bro. Arni added that this ‘SYNERGY’ issue published by Dr. Rajam Pillai is on *‘Bharatnatyam – The Cosmic Dance of Shiva’* (article by Bro. Arni Narendran) and there are many other articles on other forms of Art & Spirituality by Writers from across the world.

**Bro. Cyrus Ryan** said to come to Theosophy is to experience grace of the Masters. Theosophy gets rooted in *Atman* leading to *Buddhi & Manas* (not an Intellectual, but Higher *Manas*) for *Sat*. Theosophy makes one realize that one is a ‘Spark’ within.

**To vitalize Theosophical Society and its Members his advised:**

- (1) Gather Youth. Make them understand who am I – just a physical body or more?
- (2) Encourage interested persons & members to form a group to create a channel for Higher Benedictions.
- (3) Speak to them about Teachings of other Masters & Religions.
- (4) Explain the Teachings with diagrams.
- (5) Encourage Chanting by group as it nullifies negativity.
- (6) Chanting of 'Aum' takes 'self-within' to higher consciousness.

He had ended his talk with Chanting of 'Aum'. To Blavatsky Lodge he presented a copy of his book 'LIVING ON INNER DGE' – *a Practical Esoteric Tale for those who aspire to the Esoteric Mysteries*'

The evening had ended with a Vote of Thanks by **Sis. Jasmine Cawasji**.

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## CONGRATULATIONS



**Bro. Taral Munshi** was felicitated by Theosophical Order of Service (TOS) Maharashtra Region felicitated him at their Annual Session in Nagpur on 18-09-2022 and **Gujarat Federation** recognized his valuable innovative initiative to spread Theosophy at 'Theosophic

Jyoti Shatabdi Shibir' in Surat on 25th September 2022. (Photos from L: 1 & 2)

**Bro. Vinayak Pandya** was felicitated by Gujarat Theosophical Federation at 'Theosophic Jyoti Shatabdi Shibir 'held in Surat on 25th September 2022. He had graced the Shibir as the Guest of Honour. (Photo from L: 3)

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**MINOO MULLAN INTER-COLLEGE ELOCUTION  
COMPETITION 2022 ORGANIZED JOINTLY BY  
BOMBAY THEOSOPHICAL FEDERATION  
& YOUTH RED CROSS MAHARASHTRA**



**Mullan Inter-College Elocution Competition 2022 Prize Winners and Participants  
with the Judges and Office Bearers of Youth Red Cross Maharashtra and Bombay  
Theosophical Federation**

On Saturday 8th October 2022 morning despite prediction of heavy rains Besant Hall of Blavatsky Lodge Theosophical Society was full with college youth and their Parents or Teachers to participate in Minoo Mullan Inter-College Elocution Competition. **Sis. Aban Patel, Master of Ceremony** welcomed all. The opening of the Competition was with recitation of The Universal Prayer and address by **BTF**

**President Bro. Vinayak Pandya.** Bro. Vinayak Pandya said that elocution Competitions are organized to motivate students to inculcate Ethical Thinking and to understand Universal Brotherhood. Everyone has a unique quality to face negative situations and to turn it in to positive situation.

On behalf of Youth Red Cross Maharashtra President Rtn Godrej Dotivala, a dynamic personality even at the age of 90-year, **Youth Red Cross Hon. Treasurer CA Sundeep Wagh** had graced the Competition event. His message was to create an ability to put across opinion and to take failure as a step to go forward. BTF Council Member **Sis. Archana Munshi** introduced **the Judges – Mr. Errick Elavia**, Principal Lady Engineer High School; **Ms. Benaifer Firoz Wykes**, Head of the Department of History Junior College of SES College of Arts, Science & Commerce Sion (West) and **Mr. Graham Haiden**, Vice-Principal of Christ Church School. The Rules of Competition were explained by **Mr. Bhavesh, Sao**, State Coordinator of Youth Red Cross Maharashtra.



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It was an occasion to listen to Young Minds. The competition had begun and ended with participants speaking on ‘*What types of Legacy will you leave behind?*’. Participants’ thoughts on ‘*Impact of Social Media and Youth*’ and ‘*Is Education really educating us?*’ conveyed balanced thinking with appreciation and concern about what needs to be done and what needs to be avoided. The fourth subject ‘*Can Terrorism be justified by Religion?*’ - very sensitive subject was avoided by participants.

The Judges were impressed with presentations of participants. While Judges selected the Winners **BTF Treasurer Bro. Taral Munshi** interacted with participants to motivate them with Theosophical Values. BTF Secretary **Sis. Mahazaver Dalal** in her Vote of Thanks said that it was the initiative of Bhavesh Sao, YRC Maharashtra State Coordinator who with his Team of Secretary Ms. Joyce Pinto and Volunteers Ashton Chetty & Lokesh Shah had taken care of minutest details of organizing Mullan Competition. Hospitality was taken care of by Sis. Navaz Dhalla.

**The students were given** Theosophical Books – The Textbook of Theosophy by C. W. Leadbeater & Adyar Lodge Introductory Booklet on Theosophy & Theosophical Society with Participation Certificate and snacks. Books – Education as Service by JK and Education, Science, Spirituality by P. Krishna, Three Theosophical Gems and Adyar Lodge Booklet were given to Judges and other books to YRC Officers.

**The Judges gave pointers to participants for better eloquence and announced the Results.** Prizes & Merit Certificates will be given at BTF Annual Session on 12th November 2022. The First Prize Winner will give their winning speech on that day. With National Anthem Minoos Mullan Elocution Competition had ended.

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**WHAT TYPE OF LEGACY WILL YOU LEAVE BEHIND?*****Minoo Mullan Inter-College Elocution Competition  
First Prize winning Speech of Kailas Dinesh of FYBMS,  
SES College of Commerce & Economics***

Let me begin my speech with the quote of Benjamin Franklin '*If you would not be forgotten as soon as you are dead, either write something worth reading or do something worth writing*'.

I want to share a small historical incident. Alfred Nobel was living in Stockholm and reading newspaper. The News Paper had his obituary. The paper announced that Alfred Nobel, inventor of the dynamite had died. Actually, it was the brother of Mr. Nobel who had died but the newspaper was misrepresenting it. The newspaper also mentioned that Alfred Nobel, the inventor of dynamite, is responsible for all deaths in the world. He wanted to be remembered in good light, so he put all his fortune in introducing and advocating Nobel Peace Prize. The prize is given to persons who have contributed greatest benefit to humankind. So today Nobel is known as an institutor of Nobel Peace Prize.

The greatest legacy anyone can leave behind is to positively impact the life of others. Whatever you add values to other people's lives, you are unknowingly leaving footprints on the sands of time that live on, even after your demise.

As an individual, I would always want to be remembered as a person of courage, confidence, and self-motivation, who followed his own path and his dreams and gave his best in fulfilling his duties.

One should leave a legacy of living life with compassion, empathy, honesty and also with some generosity. It's these small acts of kindness done well, without expectation of reward or recognition that find a special place people's hearts.

As Indian Scriptures states, everyone must effectively practice Karma Yoga. Karma Yoga is the practice of '*Selfless action performed for the benefit of other*'. Karma Yoga is a path to reach spiritual liberation through work. It is rightful action without being attached to fruits or being influenced by what the results might be.

Let me conclude by quoting Robin Sharma, who in his book titled '*Who will cry when you die?*' quotes an old Sanskrit saying – 'When you were born, you Cried while the World Rejoiced. Live your life such a way that when you die, the World Cries while you Rejoice'. So let us leave a legacy to rejoice when you perish!

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**OBITUARY: Sis. Umam Prem Dhawan** member of **Anand Lodge** with **membership of 39 years** passed away to Light Eternal in **August 2022**. She was a senior dedicated member of Juhu Theosophical Colony. May her soul be blessed with peace.

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**BTF & LODGE PROGRAMMES NOVEMBER 2022**

**BTF91st ANNUAL SESSION** ( Details on Page Nos. 3 to 5)

DAY	TIME	VENUE	DETAILS
Friday 11th Nov	5.15 pm	Blavatsky Lodge	Opening of Annual Session
Saturday 12th Nov	4.45 pm	Blavatsky Lodge	Second Day Session
Sunday 13th Nov	9.30 am	Juhu Theosophical Colony	Full Day Session

**BLAVATSKY LODGE:** 7 - French Bridge, Mumbai 400007

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

DAY	TIME	DETAILS
Tuesday 1st,8th,15th, 22nd, 29th	6.00 pm	Study of 'Theosophy Explained with Questions & Answers by P. Pavri' conducted by Bro. Arni Narendran

rant Road Station (West), Mumbai-400 007.

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Friday 4th, 18th, 25th	6.00 pm Hybrid Meeting	Study of 'Inner Life _-Series II' by C. W. Leadbeater conducted by Sis. Aban Patel
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**JYOTI LODGE:** c/o Bro. Taral Munshi, Goregaon, Mumbai 400065

DAY	TIME	DETAILS
Tuesday 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th	6.30 to 8.00 pm	TRIVENI Meet <b>Virtual on Zoom</b> with Three Languages, Three Speakers, Three Lodges / Federations on Theosophy / Spirituality Hosted by Bro. Taral & Sis. Archana Munshi

**VASANTA LODGE:** c/o Bro. Vinayak Pandya, Santa Cruz (E), Mumbai 400055

DAY	TIME	DETAILS
Wednesday 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th	6.00 pm	GURUDEV GOSHTHI <b>virtual on Zoom</b> to study Gujarati books on Theosophy & Spirituality hosted by Bro. Vinayak Pandya and Sis. Archana Munshi

**VIMADALAL BILIA / GANESH LODGES:** Family House, Dadar Parsi Colony, Mumbai 400014

DAY	TIME	DETAILS
Thursdays Fortnightly	6.00 pm	Theosophical & Religious Talks

**JAMSHED MEHTA LODGE:** C/o Bro. Noor Baig, 43 – Shangrila, colony entrance next to the Church, opp. Colaba Post Office, Colaba, Mumbai 400005

DAY	TIME	DETAILS
Saturdays Monthly	5.30 pm	Learning Theosophy from Life Experiences

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***Education must be shaped to meet the individual needs of the child  
... - Education as Service by JK***

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