



## THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

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# 144<sup>th</sup> INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION



**Theme: "Nurturing the Divine Seed"**

31 December 2019 to 5 January 2020

At Kamachha, Varanasi, Indian Section Headquarters

"If you temper your heart with loving kindness and prepare it like a fertile soil, and then plant the seed of compassion, it will greatly flourish.

Kamalashila - 8th Century

My eternal seed...is to be found in every creature. I am the power of discrimination in those who are intelligent, and the glory of the noble. In those who are strong, I am strength, free from passion and selfish attachment. I am desire itself, if that desire is in harmony with the purpose of life.

- Sri Krishna (to Arjuna)  
*Bhagavad Gita*

## PROGRAMME

### Monday, 30 December 2019

6:15 am – 7.00 pm	Full-day Excursion (booking by 1 December)	
7.00 am	Bharat Samaj Puja	<i>Bharat Samaj Temple</i>
9.30 am and 2.30 pm	General Council meeting	<i>AB Hall</i>

### Tuesday, 31 December 2019

7.00 am	Bharat Samaj Puja	<i>Bharat Samaj Temple</i>
8:50 am	Inauguration ceremony of Radha Burnier Amphitheatre	
9.30 am	OPENING OF THE CONVENTION	<i>RB Amphitheatre</i>
	Prayers of the Religions Invocation	
	Welcome remarks Pradeep H. Gohil, <i>President, Indian Section</i>	
	Presidential Address Tim Boyd, <i>International President, TS Adyar</i>	
11.00 am	Opening of the 'Thought Forms' exhibition at <i>Central Hall, Shantikunj</i> by the <i>International President Tim Boyd</i>	
11.15 am - 1.15 pm	Indian Section Council I ( <i>For Council members only</i> )	<i>AB Hall</i>
2.30 pm	Reception	<i>The lawn beside HQs</i>
4.00 pm	<b>BESANT LECTURE</b> "Service Above Self" Kalyan Banerjee <i>Director, UPL Limited, Mumbai, India</i>	<b><i>RB Amphitheatre</i></b>
7.00 pm	Evening program	<i>RB Amphitheatre</i>

Wednesday, 1 January 2020

7.00 am	Bharat Samaj Puja	<i>Bharat Samaj Temple</i>
9.30 am	Universal Prayer and Meditation	<i>RB Amphitheatre</i>
	SHORT LECTURES	
	1. "Awakening the Heart-Mind" John Vorstermans <i>President, New Zealand Section</i>	
	2. "... those other divine fragments which are struggling side by side with you..." Pedro Oliveira <i>Education Coordinator, Australian Section</i>	
10.45 am	INDIAN SECTION CONVENTION – I Inaugural address, Tim Boyd, <i>International President</i> "State of the Indian Section" address, Pradeep H. Gohil, <i>President, Indian Section</i> <i>Delegates are welcome to attend and observe</i>	<i>RB Amphitheatre</i>
1.00 pm	TOS India, Executive meeting	<i>AB Hall</i>
2.30 pm	CONCERT "Blueprints for a New World –I" LEAP Boundary Breakers Reputed world-travelled children's choir from Chennai <i>Artistic Director Srinivas Krishnan</i>	<i>RB Amphitheatre</i>
4.00 pm	<b>PUBLIC LECTURE</b> "Freedom from the Self" P. Krishna <i>Krishnamurti Foundation India, Rajgha Fort, Varanasi, India</i>	<b><i>RB Amphitheatre</i></b>
7.00 pm	Adyar Update Tim Boyd, <i>TS Adyar</i> , and Michiel Haas, <i>the Netherlands</i>	<i>RB Amphitheatre</i>

Thursday, 2 January 2020

7.00 am	Bharat Samaj Puja	<i>Bharat Samaj Temple</i>
9.30 am	Devotional Meeting <i>At Bharat Samaj Temple, Opposite Shiva Temple</i>	
11.00 am	CONVERSATION with Prof. P. Krishna led by Tim Boyd, <i>International President</i> "Theosophy and Krishnamurti"	<i>RB Amphitheatre</i>
12 - 1.30 pm	Indian Section Council II <i>(For Council members only)</i>	<i>AB Hall</i>
2.30 pm	SHORT LECTURES 1. "Who is Nurturing Who?" Shikhar Agnihotri, <i>Indian Section</i> 2. "Continuous Dissatisfaction and the Useless Pursuit of Happiness" Esteban Langlois, <i>General Secretary, Argentinian Section</i>	<i>RB Amphitheatre</i>
4.00 pm	<b>PUBLIC LECTURE</b> "Mindfulness or a Mind Full of Things" Ven. Olande Ananda Thera <i>Buddhist Monk and Patron of the TS in Sri Lanka</i>	<b><i>RB Amphitheatre</i></b>
7.00 pm	<b>CONCERT</b> "Blueprints for a New World –II" LEAP Boundary Breakers Reputed world-travelled children's choir from Chennai <i>Artistic Director Srinivas Krishnan</i> <i>Mentored by two-time Oscar award winner A. R. Rahman</i>	<b><i>RB Amphitheatre</i></b>

Friday, 3 January 2020

7.00 am	Bharat Samaj Puja	<i>Bharat Samaj Temple</i>
9.30 am	Universal Prayer and Meditation	<i>RB Amphitheatre</i>
	PANEL — “Nurturing the Divine Seed”	
	Sabine van Osta, panel moderator, <i>General Secretary, Belgian Section</i>	
	Douglas Keene, <i>Board Member, American Section</i>	
	Patrizia Calvi, <i>Secretary, Italian Section</i>	
	Isis de Resende, <i>President, Inter-American Federation, Brazil</i>	
	V. Narayanan, <i>Treasurer, Indian Section</i>	
11.00 am	128th INDIAN SECTION CONVENTION – II	<i>RB Amphitheatre</i>
	“Kindle the Spark Within”	
	Welcome — Chairman Bro. Pedro Oliveira	
	1. “Awareness of the Divine Spark Within” Rachana Srivastava	
	2. “The Divine Spark in Action” - Sairam Pate	
	3. “Role of Divine Spark in Change of Consciousness” Divyarth Dubey	
	4. “Divine Spark and Human Evolution” - Pradip Mahapatra	
	5. “Cultivating the Divine Spark Within” - Satrajit Chakravorty	
	Concluding remarks by the Chairman (12:30 pm)	
1.00 pm	TOS India, General Body Meeting	<i>AB Hall</i>
2.30 pm	THEOSOPHICAL ORDER OF SERVICE	<i>RB Amphitheatre</i>
	“Sowing Seeds of Divinity”	
	1. Nancy Secrest, <i>TOS International Secretary, Adyar</i>	
	2. Susan Bayliss, <i>Secretary, English Section</i>	
	3. Mahesh S. U., <i>Indian Section</i>	

4.00 pm	THEOSOPHY-SCIENCE LECTURE	<i>RB Amphitheatre</i>
	“Science for Health and Consciousness”	
	S. Abhaya Srisrimal Jain	
	<i>Industrialist and Social Educationist,</i>	
	<i>Chairman, Abusha Investment &amp; Management Services LLP</i>	

7.00 pm	ENTERTAINMENT	<i>RB Amphitheatre</i>
	Songs from Old Hindi movies	
	Organized by the Indian Section	

Saturday, 4 January 2020

7.00 am	Bharat Samaj Puja	<i>Bharat Samaj Temple</i>
9.30 am	Universal Prayer and Meditation	<i>RB Amphitheatre</i>
	SHORT LECTURES	
	1. “Living Intelligently” Narendra Shah	
	<i>General Secretary, East &amp; Central African Section</i>	
	2. “The Sublime Symbolology of the Lotus” Linda Oliveira	
	<i>National President, Australian Section</i>	
11.00 am	QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS	<i>RB Amphitheatre</i>
12 - 1.30 pm	Indian Section Council III	<i>AB Hall</i>
	<i>(For Council members only)</i>	
2.30 pm	SYMPOSIUM	<i>RB Amphitheatre</i>
	1. “Realizing the Divine Within” Clemice Petter	
	<i>Head, Editorial Department, Adyar</i>	
	2. Vinayak Pandya	
	<i>President, Bombay Theosophical Federation, Indian Section</i>	
	3. Tran-Thi-Kim-Dieu	
	<i>Chairperson, European Federation of the TS, France</i>	

<b>4.00 pm</b>	<b>PUBLIC LECTURE</b> “The Relevance of Our Work” Tim Boyd <i>International President, TS Adyar</i>	<b>RB Amphitheatre</b>
<b>7.00 pm</b>	<b>DANCE PERFORMANCE</b> Priya Sakha (“Dear Friend”) Odissi Dancer Nityananda Das (differently abled dancer)	<b>RB Amphitheatre</b>
<b>Sunday, 5 January 2020</b>		
<b>7.00 am</b>	Bharat Samaj Puja	<b>Bharat Samaj Temple</b>
<b>9.30 am</b>	Prayers of the Religions	<b>RB Amphitheatre</b>
	<b>CLOSING OF THE CONVENTION</b> Mr Tim Boyd <i>International President, TS Adyar</i>	
<b>11 am-1.30 pm</b>	Possible Indian Section Executive Committee meeting	<b>AB Hall</b>
<b>11.00 am</b>	Admission of New Members	<b>RB Amphitheatre</b>
<b>2.30 pm</b>	Youth Forum	<b>AB Hall</b>

### Additional Meetings collected

<b>31 December</b>		
<b>11.15 am - 1.15 pm</b>	Indian Section Council I <i>(For Council members only)</i>	<b>AB Hall</b>
<b>1 January</b>		
<b>1.00 pm</b>	TOS India, Exec meeting	<b>AB Hall</b>
<b>2 January</b>		
<b>12 – 1.30 pm</b>	Indian Section Council II <i>(For Council members only)</i>	<b>AB Hall</b>
<b>3 January</b>		
<b>1.00 pm</b>	TOS India, General Body Meeting	<b>AB Hall</b>
<b>4 January</b>		
<b>12 – 1.30 pm</b>	Indian Section Council III <i>(For Council members only)</i>	<b>AB Hall</b>
<b>5 January</b>		
<b>11.00 am – 1.30 pm</b>	Possible Indian Section Executive Committee meeting	<b>AB Hall</b>

### MEALS

<b>6:00-7.00 am</b>	Morning tea
<b>7.30-8.30 am</b>	Breakfast
<b>12.30-2.00 pm</b>	Lunch
<b>5.00 pm</b>	Snacks
<b>8.00-9.00 pm</b>	Dinner

### EXHIBITION

Original “Thought Forms” are displayed at the Central Hall in Shantikunj daily