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The Tamil Theosophical Federation held its 84th Annual Conference on 30 October 2010 in Salem on the theme 'The Theosophical Society — Now and in the Future'. The International President, Mrs Radha Burnier, was the Chief Guest and delivered a lecture on 'Our Future'. The subjects of other presentations included 'Theosophy and Truth', 'Universal Oneness', 'Desirelessness' and 'Theosophy for the Youth'.

The International Vice-President, Mrs Linda Oliveira, and the Head of the Editorial Office at Adyar, Mr Pedro Oliveira, visited western India from 31 October to 14 November 2010. Their starting point was Pune where on 31 October the Vice-President addressed members of Poona Lodge on 'The Future of the Theosophical Society: Keeping the Flame Alive'. Mr Oliveira spoke on 'The Purpose of the TS'. Public talks were delivered on 1 November on 'Theosophy: Hope for 21st Century Humanity' and 'The Opportunity of this Life', by the Vice-President and Mr Oliveira, respectively. In Mumbai both addressed a members' meeting on 3 November, which was followed by discussion. On the next day they visited the Theosophical Colony in Juhu and had a discussion with TS members there on the inspirational lives of great TS leaders.

Proceeding to Gujarat, the Vice-President and Mr Oliveira delivered public talks at Bhavnagar Lodge on 8 November, speaking, respectively, on 'Human Society, Spirituality and Renewal' and 'The Origins of Theosophy'. On their way to Surat they were welcomed by the members of Reva Lodge in Baroda whom they met informally. Both Bhavnagar and Reva Lodges were established by the Founders in 1882. Mrs Oliveira gave a public talk at the Sanatana Lodge in Surat on 'Karma and Dharma: What is Their Significance in Our Lives?'

Both the Vice-President and Mr Oliveira were guests at the Annual Conference of the Gujarat Theosophical Federation which was held in Ahmedabad, from 12 to 14 November on the theme 'To Live is to Evolve'. Mrs Oliveira delivered two talks: 'The Dawning of Self-Illumination' and 'Live to Benefit Humanity', and also gave an address to new members. Mr Oliveira spoke on 'The Opportunity of This Life'. Over 260 members attended the conference which was held at the Gujarat Vidyapeeth, a university founded by Gandhiji in 1920. The enthusiasm and dedication shown by the members at the Ahmedabad Conference bodes well for the TS work in that area.