



THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

Founded by H. P. Blavatsky and H. S. Olcott in 1875

144th 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	BESANT LECTURE "Service Above Self" Kalyan Banerjee <i>Director, UPL Limited, Mumbai, India</i>	<i>RB Amphitheatre</i>
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	"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	PUBLIC LECTURE "Freedom from the Self" P. Krishna <i>Krishnamurti Foundation India, Rajgha Fort, Varanasi, India</i>	<i>RB Amphitheatre</i>
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	PUBLIC LECTURE "Mindfulness or a Mind Full of Things" Ven. Olande Ananda Thera <i>Buddhist Monk and Patron of the TS in Sri Lanka</i>	<i>RB Amphitheatre</i>
7.00 pm	CONCERT "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>	<i>RB Amphitheatre</i>

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 “Kindle the Spark Within”	<i>RB Amphitheatre</i>
	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 “Sowing Seeds of Divinity”	<i>RB Amphitheatre</i>
	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 “Science for Health and Consciousness” S. Abhaya Srisimal Jain <i>Industrialist and Social Educationist, Chairman, Abusha Investment & Management Services LLP</i>	<i>RB Amphitheatre</i>
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7.00 pm	ENTERTAINMENT Songs from Old Hindi movies Organized by the Indian Section	<i>RB Amphitheatre</i>
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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 & 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 (For Council members only)	<i>AB Hall</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>	

4.00 pm **PUBLIC LECTURE** *RB Amphitheatre*
 “The Relevance of Our Work”
 Tim Boyd
International President, TS Adyar

7.00 pm DANCE PERFORMANCE *RB Amphitheatre*
 Priya Sakha (“Dear Friend”)
 Odissi Dancer Nityananda Das (differently abled dancer)

Sunday, 5 January 2020

7.00 am Bharat Samaj Puja *Bharat Samaj Temple*

9.30 am Prayers of the Religions *RB Amphitheatre*

CLOSING OF THE CONVENTION
 Mr Tim Boyd
International President, TS Adyar

11 am-1.30 pm Possible Indian Section
 Executive Committee meeting *AB Hall*

11.00 am Admission of New Members *RB Amphitheatre*

2.30 pm Youth Forum *AB Hall*

2 pm – 5 pm
Visit to Rajghat Study Centre at the Krishnamurti Foundation
 India for those who could not join the excursion before the
 Convention. Rate to be announced.

To attend this 2,5-3 hour trip we request you to register at the
 Enquiry Desk by Wednesday, 1 January.

Additional Meetings collected

31 December
11.15 am - 1.15 pm Indian Section Council I *AB Hall*
(For Council members only)

1 January
1.00 pm TOS India, Exec meeting *AB Hall*

2 January
12 – 1.30 pm Indian Section Council II *AB Hall*
(For Council members only)

3 January
1.00 pm TOS India, General Body Meeting *AB Hall*

4 January
12 – 1.30 pm Indian Section Council III *AB Hall*
(For Council members only)

5 January
11.00 am – 1.30 pm Possible Indian Section
 Executive Committee meeting *AB Hall*

MEALS

6:00-7.00 am Morning tea

7.30-8.30 am Breakfast

12.30-2.00 pm Lunch

5.00 pm Snacks

8.00-9.00 pm Dinner

EXHIBITION

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