

HEADQUARTERS OF THE INDIAN SECTION, THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

THE 144th INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION AT VARANASI

Theme: *Nurturing the Divine Seed*

The 144th International Convention of the Theosophical Society will be held at the National Headquarters, of the Indian Section, Kamachha, Varanasi, **from 31 December 2019 to 5 January 2020**. All members of the Society in good standing are welcome to attend as delegates. **Non-members** may send **requests** for permission to attend, together with a recommendation from an officer of the Federation or the Section, **to the Convention Officer (CO) before 25 November**. Mr. Shikhar Agnihotri (Cell. Phone 91-8840926268, 9839912070) will be the Convention Officer.

Package rates apply from 29 Dec. 2019 dinner to 5 Jan. 2020 dinner. Please pay in package rates only.

A. HARMONY BUILDING - (Only for G.C. Members & Overseas Members) **Registration with full board**

Basis: US\$(1\$=Rs70), EURO(1€= Rs77), AUD (1AUD= Rs 47)

| Western Food | Registration | Accommodation | Total Package |
|---------------|---------------|------------------|------------------|
| \$60(Rs 4200) | \$70(Rs 4900) | \$230(Rs 16,100) | \$360(Rs 25,200) |
| €55 | €64 | €209 | €328 |
| AUD89 | AUD104 | AUD343 | AUD536 |

B. MEHTA HOSTEL - **Registration with full board**

Overseas delegates

| Food | Registration | Accommodation | Total Package |
|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|
| \$25(Rs 1750) | \$70(Rs 4900) | \$85(Rs 5950) | \$180(Rs 12,600) |

Indian and Less Developed Countries' delegates

| Food | Registration | Accommodation | Total Package |
|-----------|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| (Rs 1750) | (Rs 500) | (Rs 5950) | (Rs 8,200) |

Includes registration fee, sharing room, mattress of cots sheets, blankets, all meals etc.

C. INDIAN STYLE ACCOMMODATION- **Registration with full board**

Indian and Less Developed Countries' delegates

| Food | Registration | Accommodation | Total Package |
|---------|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| Rs 1750 | Rs 500 | Rs 950 | Rs 3200 |

Includes registration fee, mat/cot or mattress, sheets, blankets, all meals at the Canteen.

Note: half rate for children of 3-10 years

D. PEOPLE NOT REQUIRING ACCOMMODATION- **Only meals** (Canteen from 29 Dec.2019 to 5 Jan. 2020)

| Food | Registration | Total Package |
|---------|--------------|---------------|
| Rs 1750 | Rs 500 | Rs 2250 |

E. BREAKFAST, LUNCH, SNACKS, DINNER FOR ONE DAY IS **Rs 600**, in addition to one time registration charge of **Rs 500**.

Note: half rate for children of 3-10 years

ACCOMMODATION

All Indian style accommodation is dormitory accommodation – that is, shared accommodation, multiple cots and mattress within the same room or hall; no attached bathrooms or toilets; and, no kitchen. No special facilities can be provided for members who are ill or for women with babies. Ordinary medical attention will be available for minor complaints and there are no facilities to treat serious illness. Since accommodation is limited, especially ground floors, preference will be given for very elderly delegates who register early. Accommodation availability will be confirmed by the Convention Officer by email. Specific building / room allotment requests cannot be entertained.

REGISTRATION AND PAYMENTS

Last date for registration: 1 December 2019

Cancellation: last date 10 December 2019; payment will be refunded, except the Registration fee of Rs.500 or USD 70. After 10 December there will be no refund of any amount. Cancellation request must reach Indian Section, Varanasi by 10th December for refund consideration.

Delegates from India: Send the Registration form with the details (available at www.theosophy-india.org and www.ts-adyar.org), along with the package charges, to the Convention Officer before 1 December 2019. Remittance by crossed **cheques or bank drafts** should be **made payable to Indian Section, The Theosophical Society**. If making online transfers, it is essential to communicate by email to CO, the following details: Delegate(s) Name, Bank name and Branch, Amount, Date of Transfer and Transfer reference number. The online transfer can be made to Vijaya Bank, Kamachha Branch, Varanasi. Account No. 718301010005045, IFSC Code VIJB0007183 in the name of Indian Section, The Theosophical Society.

Delegates from other countries: Make sure you take travel insurance. Send the Registration form (available at www.theosophy-india.org and www.ts-adyar.org) by email. Payment on arrival in foreign currency is accepted. If payment is being made by online bank in Rs at above mention account no., then make sure that it is in Indian Rupees and purpose of payment is marked “donations” and an email is sent to CO with the following details: Delegate(s) name, Bank name, Amount, Date of Transfer and Transfer reference number.

Contact Convention Officer by email: tsvnconvention@gmail.com or By Post: The Convention Officer, Indian Section, The Theosophical Society, Gurubagh, Kamachha, Varanasi - 221 010, India

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