

INTERNATIONAL GATHERING OF YOUNG THEOSOPHISTS

June 22-27 2024 (Bhowali, India)

Participants TS members under 41 years old

The upcoming International Youth Gathering will take place from 22 to 27 June 2024 in Bhowali (India) in the Himalayas. This occasion will allow like-minded fellow young theosophists coming from different corners of the globe to approach The Flame of Theosophy by revisiting its fundamentals and its relevance in the daily life in our present time.

Join us to strengthen the ties and the foundations of a knowledge that will be reflected in a practical way in our daily lives through talks and interactive question and answer sessions by guest speaker Shikhar Agnihotri (from India), collaborative workshops, meditation practice, chanting, yoga and other activities by members of the WFYT. During the first four days, we will explore themes such as the septenary constitution of humankind and the Universe, karma, dharma, reincarnation, the process of death and life after death, dreams, meditation, etc. Right after that, the proposal is to navigate in the ocean of our being with a day of silent retreat in the midst of that sacred place. To culminate this adventure of 6 days, we propose an excursion to some nearby landmark of the Himalayas.

You are invited to join us in this journey of forging the bonds of a spiritual family that go beyond the distances and times of our time together. Stay tuned for more details on the Gathering.

For more information, you can contact us at:

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Program dates

The gathering will be 6 days long, therefore you can plan your arrival the day before (June 21), and your departure right after (June 28). It is not possible to arrive earlier since the center is already booked for other activities. It might be possible to stay a few days later upon request and availability:

- June 21: arrival day
- June 22-25: four convention days
- June 26: silent day with contemplation
- June 27: excursion day
- June 28: departure day

How to get to Bhowali

By car:

From New Delhi airport take a taxi to Bhowali. It takes 6h (without stops).

Approximate cost with uber is 70 EUR.

*Depending on the arrival times, we can coordinate groups to share a taxi.

By air:

The closest airport is Pantnagar, which can be reached by two daily connecting flights from Delhi airport (1 hour flight). Cost ranges from 110-140 EUR (round trip).

Delhi-Pantnagar	8:20-9:20	11:10-12:10
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Pantnagar-Delhi	9:40-10:40	12:30-13:30
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From Pantnagar, take a taxi to Bhowali (2 hours). Cost around 25 EUR (one way).

By train:

From New Delhi there are 3 daily trains to Kathgodam (cost of one way below):

6:20-11:55	5'35h	New Delhi Railway Station (NDRS)	from 13 EUR
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16:00-22:45	6'45h	Old Delhi Railway Station (DLI)	from 10 EUR
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22:05-05:05	7h	Old Delhi Railway Station (DLI)	from 10 EUR
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LINK for booking tickets: <https://www.irctc.co.in/nget/train-search>

*train reservations can be booked 3-4 months in advance.

Approximately it takes 1h by car to get from the airport to the railway station.

From Kathgodam, take a taxi to Bhowali (2 hours). Cost around 10 EUR (one way).

TS center address:

Note: when arriving by taxi, better to mention to arrive via Bhimtal-Bhowali Road.

BHOWALI STUDY CENTRE – “KAILAS VIEW”
BHIMTAL-BHOWALI ROAD
(Near Purnima Restaurant)
BHOWALI -NAINITAL DISTRICT
UTTARAKHAND STATE - Pin Code-263156

Fees (Indian rupees)

Registration fee per person	Meals, per person / day	Type of rooms	N° beds	Rate per <u>bed</u> , per night
500	450	Deluxe	3	325
		Semi-deluxe	3	210
		Dormitory	6	100

- * Meals include: morning tea, breakfast, lunch, dinner, two tea breaks.
- * Extra meals will be charged separately.
- * Partial booking of a room is not allowed. No single-room accommodation is available. If someone wishes, there are nearby hotels near the center.
- * Semi-deluxe rooms in an old-style building; deluxe rooms have better amenities.
- * No discount for children. The charges are based on occupation of beds.
- * Extra cost for the excursion day, not included.

Visa for India

It is convenient to plan in advance regarding the visa requirements to enter India. The link below allows to process the E-visa application for the listed eligible countries: <https://indianvisaonline.gov.in/evisa/tvoa.html>

Detailed information can be found in the website above regarding the requirements and the necessary time in advance to process the application.

Guest speaker: Shikhar Agnihotri

Shikhar Agnihotri, has a Bachelor of Nautical Science, Mumbai University. He worked in Merchant Shipping and retired voluntarily after 10 years in Shipping services, to take the longest journey to the nearest destination, the inner journey. He came in touch with TS due to mother Mrs. Vasumati, member since the 1980's, and joined in 2008.

- Founder member of TS "PRAGYA" lodge and TOS "MAITRI" Group in Lucknow.
- National Lecturer of the Indian Section of the TS since 2016.
- He conducted Study camps/Seminars/Youth Camps/Public Lectures on Theosophical Subjects and Holistic Health all over India in theosophical lodges and schools & colleges.
- He has been conducting online sessions for two years for graduation students as a faculty of the Value-Added Course started by Vasant Kanya Mahavidyalaya, Varanasi
- Published articles in international magazines, and translated into French and Spanish.
- An international speaker of TS Adyar since 2019 delivering talks in various International Theosophical Forums.
- He started a YouTube channel 'PragyaCSstudio' in May 2020, with wife Catalina, to make theosophical teachings accessible to as many as possible in many languages.
- At present he is volunteering and residing with family at Intl. HQ of the TS in Adyar, Chennai, India in the Administration office.
- He tries to implement theosophical principles/teachings in daily life (often without success but not giving up) because strongly intuitively believes that THERE IS NO OTHER PATH TO GO.

