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144th International Convention
Nurturing The Divine Seed
31.12.2019 - 5.1.2020
Varanasi

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  Bharat Samaj Temple
9.30 am and 2.30 pm  General Council meeting  AB Hall

Tuesday, 31 December 2019

7.00 am  Bharat Samaj Puja  Bharat Samaj Temple
8:50 am  Inauguration ceremony of Radha Burnier Amphitheatre
9.30 am  OPENING OF THE CONVENTION  RB Amphitheatre
Prayers of the Religions
Invocation
Welcome remarks
Pradeep H. Gohil, President, Indian Section
Presidential Address
Tim Boyd, International President, TS Adyar
11.00 am  Opening of the ‘Thought Forms’ exhibition at Central Hall, Shantikunj
by the International President Tim Boyd
11.15 am - 1.15 pm  Indian Section Council I  AB Hall
(For Council members only)
2.30 pm  Reception  The lawn beside HQs
4.00 pm  BESANT LECTURE  RB Amphitheatre
“Service Above Self”
Kalyan Banerjee
Director, UPL Limited, Mumbai, India
7.00 pm  Evening program  RB Amphitheatre
### Wednesday, 1 January 2020

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<td>2. &quot;... those other divine fragments which are struggling side by side with you...&quot; Pedro Oliveira</td>
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<td>Tim Boyd, <em>TS Adyar</em>, and Michiel Haas, <em>the Netherlands</em></td>
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<td>CONVERSATION with Prof. P. Krishna</td>
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<td>“Theosophy and Krishnamurti”</td>
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<td>12 - 1.30 pm</td>
<td>Indian Section Council II</td>
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<td><strong>SHORT LECTURES</strong></td>
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<td>2. “Continuous Dissatisfaction and the Useless Pursuit of Happiness” Esteban Langlois, <em>General Secretary, Argentinian Section</em></td>
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<td><strong>CONCERT</strong></td>
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Friday, 3 January 2020

7.00 am Bharat Samaj Puja  
Bharat Samaj Temple

9.30 am Universal Prayer and Meditation  
RB Amphitheatre

PANEL — “Nurturing the Divine Seed”
Sabine van Osta, panel moderator, General Secretary, Belgian Section
Douglas Keene, Board Member, American Section
Patrizia Calvi, Secretary, Italian Section
Isis de Resende, President, Inter-American Federation, Brazil
V. Narayanan, Treasurer, Indian Section

11.00 am 128th INDIAN SECTION CONVENTION – II  
RB Amphitheatre
“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  
AB Hall

2.30 pm THEOSOPHICAL ORDER OF SERVICE  
RB Amphitheatre
“Sowing Seeds of Divinity”
1. Nancy Secrest, TOS International Secretary, Adyar
2. Susan Bayliss, Secretary, English Section
3. Mahesh S. U., Indian Section

Saturday, 4 January 2020

7.00 am Bharat Samaj Puja  
Bharat Samaj Temple

9.30 am Universal Prayer and Meditation  
RB Amphitheatre

4.00 pm THEOSOPHY-SCIENCE LECTURE  
RB Amphitheatre
“How to Get Started in Science”
S. Abhaya Srisrimal Jain  
Industrialist and Social Educationist, 
Chairman, Abusha Investment & Management Services LLP

7.00 pm ENTERTAINMENT  
RB Amphitheatre
Songs from Old Hindi movies
Organized by the Indian Section
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.