



THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY
International Headquarters, Adyar, 600 020 Chennai, India

143rd INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION



Theme: "Truth and Beauty: A Field Beyond"

31 December 2018 to 5 January 2019

The President's Message

Where beauty is absent there is no truth. Like heat and fire, rain and water the two are inseparable. Our role is only to see - to cultivate a consciousness sensitive to ever more subtle expressions of the beauty inherent in all things.

PROGRAMME

Sunday, 30 December 2018

3.00 pm	Flower Ceremony <i>Order of the Round Table</i> Delegate can watch the Ceremony	<i>Headquarters Hall</i>
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Monday, 31 December 2018

8.00 am	Prayers of the Religions OPENING OF THE CONVENTION Mr Tim Boyd, <i>International President, TS Adyar</i>	<i>Adyar Theatre</i>
10.00 am	Opening of O.E.S. and BWC Stalls (OES= Olcott Education Society) (Beauty Without Cruelty)	<i>Near Enquiry Office</i>
1.30 pm	Inauguration of two Exhibitions "Some of the original Mahatma Letters" "Prominent people associated with the Theosophical Movement"	<i>Archives, Museum, HQ</i>
3.30 pm	Reception <i>(no snacks at the Canteen)</i>	<i>Blavatsky Bungalow</i>
5.00 pm	THEOSOPHY-SCIENCE LECTURE "Origin and Evolution of Species: Beyond Darwinism" Prof. P. C. Kesavan <i>Emeritus Prof. in M S Swaminathan Research Foundation (MSSRF), Chennai</i>	<i>Adyar Theatre</i>
7.30 pm	Ritual of the Mystic Star	<i>Headquarters Hall</i>

Tuesday, 1 January 2019

- 8.00 am Universal Prayer and Meditation *Adyar Theatre*
SHORT LECTURES
"Truth, Goodness, and Beauty"
Dr Deepa Padhi, *International Vice-President, TS Adyar*

"Search for Truth and Glimpses of Beauty on the Spiritual Path"
Mr Abraham Oron, *Israel*
- 9.30 am INDIAN SECTION CONVENTION – I *Adyar Theatre*
Inauguration and Inaugural Address, Mr Tim Boyd
"State of the Indian Section", G.S. Mr Pradeep H. Gohil
- 1.30 pm to 3.00 pm *Adjacent to Main Gate*
Social Welfare Centre & Vocational Training Centre
Cultural Activities
- 5.00 pm PUBLIC LECTURE *Adyar Theatre*
"Panca Niyamas - The Five Laws of Cause and Effect"
Ven. Olande Ananda
Theravada Buddhist Monk, Sri Lanka
- 7.30 pm Blavatsky Bungalow Inauguration *Blavatsky Bungalow*

Wednesday, 2 January 2019

- 8.00 am Devotional Meeting *Bharata Samaj Temple*
Ms Chandrika Mehta, *India*
- 10.00 am SYMPOSIUM *Adyar Theatre*
"Truth and Beauty"
Mr Shikhar Agnihotri, Dr Barbara Hebert, Dr Isaac Jauli
- 3.00 pm PARALLEL SESSIONS – Simultaneously
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| <i>HQ Hall</i> | <i>Blavatsky Bungalow</i> | <i>Adyar Theatre</i> | <i>Library Hall</i> |
| 'Chanting workshop', Mr Hari-hara Raghavan | 'Meditation workshop', Ven. Olande Ananda | 'Sacred spiritual songs in Hebrew with English translations', Mrs Dapha and Mr Shmuel Koren | 'Theosophical education initiation', Mrs Sonal Murali |
- 5.00 pm PUBLIC LECTURE *Adyar Theatre*
"Gandhi on Theosophy and the Global Civilization of Tomorrow"
Dr James Tepfer
United Lodge of Theosophists, USA
- 7.30 pm Bharata Nrityam (Dance program) *Adyar Theatre*
Dr Gayatri Kannan & Nrithyodaya Artistes
Disciples of Dr Padma Subrahmanyam

Thursday, 3 January 2019

- 8.00 am Universal Prayer and Meditation *Adyar Theatre*
 PANEL "Our Work: A Field Beyond Thoughts"
 Prof. C. A. Shinde, *Adyar*
 Ms Tran-Thi-Kim-Dieu, *France*
 Mr Minor Lile, *USA*
 Mrs Clemice Petter, *Adyar*
 Mr Pedro Oliveira as the Moderator, *Australia*
- 9.30 am INDIAN SECTION CONVENTION - II *Adyar Theatre*
 "Spiritual Self-Transformation" (in the light of our Mission Statement). Chairman Bro. Yogendra P. Desai
 a) "Harmony and Brotherhood" by Shikhar Agnihotri
 b) "Regeneration" by S.U. Mahesh
 c) "Reincarnation and Spiritual Evolution" by N. C. Krishna
 d) "Self-Awareness and Human Welfare" by S. P. Malini
 e) "Evolution of Consciousness" by Dr M. A. Ravindran
- 1.30 pm Visit to Vocational Training Centre - Exhibition *Besant Gardens*
- 3.00 pm THEOSOPHICAL ORDER OF SERVICE *Adyar Theatre*
 "Beyond Suffering"
 Ms Nancy Secrest, *TOS International Secretary, USA/India,*
 Mrs Suvralina Mohanty, *India,*
 Mrs Svitlana Gavrylenko, *Ukraine*
- 5.00 pm BESANT LECTURE *Adyar Theatre*
 "Is Conscience Dead?"
 Gopalkrishna Gandhi
Former Governor of West Bengal
- 7.30 pm RENOVATION UPDATE *Adyar Theatre*
 Upcoming Projects, Mr Michiel Haas, *the Netherlands*
 Visual Tour of Adyar, Mr A. Suresh Babu, *India*
 Hosted by Mr Tim Boyd, *TS Adyar*

Friday, 4 January 2019

- 8.00 am Universal Prayer and Meditation *Adyar Theatre*
 SHORT LECTURES
 "Expressing Truth and Beauty through Compassion"
 Mr Erwin Bomas
The Theosophical Society Point Loma, the Netherlands

 "The Experience of Beauty as Pathway to Your Higher Self"
 Mrs Kathy Gann, *USA*
- 9.30 am QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS *Adyar Theatre*
- 1.30 pm to 3.00 pm *Besant Gardens*
 Olcott Memorial Higher Secondary School
 - Cultural Activities and Exhibition
- 3.00 pm PARALLEL SESSIONS – Simultaneously
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- 5.00 pm PUBLIC LECTURE *Adyar Theatre*
 "A Path to Beauty"
 Mr Tim Boyd
International President, TS Adyar
- 7.30 pm Veena concert *Adyar Theatre*
 Ms Meenakshi Shankaran
Teacher at Kalakshetra and Music Academy

Saturday, 5 January 2019

8.00 am	Prayers of the Religions	<i>Adyar Theatre</i>
	CLOSING OF THE CONVENTION	
	Mr Tim Boyd, <i>International President, TS Adyar</i>	
9.30 am	Admission of New Members	<i>Headquarters Hall</i>
3.00 pm	Youth Forum	<i>Headquarters Hall</i> <i>Or Blavatsky Bungalow</i>

Exhibitions 1.30 – 2.30 pm daily

ARCHIVES DISPLAY

Some of the original Mahatma Letters as published in
C. Jinarajadasa's books *Letters from the Masters of Wisdom*

MUSEUM

Prominent people associated with the Theosophical Movement

Dr Annie Besant's Flat

Krishbaji's Flat

BLAVATSKY BUNGALOW

Historical pictures of Blavatsky Bungalow

LIBRARY DISPLAY

Old manuscripts and rare & old books

Additional Activities

31 December

1.00 p.m. Indian Section Council I *Library Hall*
(For Council members only)

1 January

1.00 pm TOS India, Exec meeting *Library Hall*

2 January

1.00 pm TOS India, General Body Meeting *Library Hall*

3 January

1.30 pm Bharata Samaj Association. General Body

4 January

1.00 pm Indian Section Council II *Library Hall*
(For Council members only)

Out beyond ideas of wrongdoing and rightdoing,
there is a field. I'll meet you there.

When the soul lies down in that grass,
the world is too full to talk about.
Ideas, language, even the phrase *each other*
doesn't make any sense

— Mewlana Jalaluddin Rumi