



THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

International Headquarters, Adyar, 600 020 Chennai, India

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147TH INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

31 December 2022 to 4 January 2023

At the International Headquarters

OUR RESPONSIBILITY IN THE INTERCONNECTED WORLD

President's Message

The spiritual life has many paradoxes. It is both a life of intense personal inward focus and a life of compassionate outward expression. It is individual and societal, demanding that what is seen is expressed in action.

Vision carries responsibility. The growing awareness of interconnection, not only as a human family, but at every level of being, requires appropriate creative response, particularly from those who see it most clearly. Our continuous contribution to the shared stream of thought and emotion is a beginning point, but it must not end there.

It is the responsibility of anyone who is “awake” to seek and find ways to help.

PROGRAM

Friday, 30 December 2022

8:30 AM	General Council of the TS (For members of the General Council only)	Library, Conference Hall
3.00 PM	FLOWER CEREMONY Order of the Round Table Delegates can watch the Ceremony and are requested to occupy seats by 2.45 PM	Headquarters Hall
4.00 PM	Council of the Order of the Round Table (C. mbrs only)	Headquarters Hall
5.00 PM	Inauguration of the Canteen	Bhojanasala

Saturday, 31 December 2022

6.00 AM	Bharata Samaj Puja	Bharata Samaj Temple
8.30 AM	OPENING OF THE 147 TH CONVENTION Prayers of the Religions, Children sing, Universal Prayer Greetings from the Sections, Associations, Agencies Invocation and Opening Address by the International President	Adyar Theatre
9.30 AM	PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS Report of the Theosophical Society worldwide during 2021-22 Tim Boyd, International President, TS Adyar	Adyar Theatre
11.00 AM	Opening the stalls of OES and BMAD OES = Olcott Education Society: Social Welfare Centre and Vocational Training Centre BMAD = Besant Memorial Animal Dispensary	Kasi Vilas, and Enquiry Office
1.30 PM	INAUGURATIONS AT THE LIBRARY 1 Surendra Narayan Archives (SNA) 2 Art Exhibition by Shiva Ram	Library, Archives Library, Conference Hall
2.30 PM	INAUGURATIONS AT THE HEADQUARTERS BUILDING 1 Permanent Exhibition of the Museum, renewed 2 Exhibition of 100 years of Brahmavidya Ashrama and The School of the Wisdom	HQ Museum HQ Exhibition Room
3.30 PM	RECEPTION	Near Admin building
5.00 PM	THEOSOPHY-SCIENCE LECTURE "Science: How far can we go?" Dr Manu Jaiswal Associate Professor at the Department of Physics, Indian Institute of Technology Madras, India	Adyar Theatre
7.30 PM	RITUAL OF THE MYSTIC STAR	Headquarters Hall

Sunday, 1 January 2023

- 6.00 AM Bharata Samaj Puja *Bharata Samaj Temple*
- 6.00 AM Silent Walking Meditation, Ven. Ananda Olande *Starting point to be informed*
- 8.30 AM SHORT LECTURES *Adyar Theatre*
"The Common Ground on which Responsible World Citizens Stand"
Pradeep Gohil, *National President of the TS in India*
- "Brahmavidya Ashrama"
Erica Georgiades,
Director of the School of the Wisdom Adyar, Greece
- 10.00 AM SYMPOSIUM ON RESPONSIBILITY *Adyar Theatre*
"Realizing the Relationship"
Shikhar Agnihotri, *National and International Speaker, India*
- "Knowing Being Doing"
Vibha Saksena, *National Lecturer of the Indian Section*
- "Altruism and Regeneration: the Responsibility We Have for One Another"
Stephen McDonald, *National President of the TS in Australia*
- 11.00 AM INFORMAL DISCUSSION GROUPS *Adyar Theatre*
- 1.00 PM INDIAN SECTION COUNCIL MEETING — I *Admin building*
(For members of the Council only)
- 1.30 PM VISIT TO the Social Welfare Centre (SWC) *Adjacent to Main Gate*
Cultural Activities by SWC and VTC (Vocational Training Centre)
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- WORKSHOPS 3.00 – 4.00 PM
- 3 PM Adyar Theatre
Mini-School of the Wisdom
"Theosophy and Ecology: Practical Wisdom for Living in the Contemporary World"
Linda Oliveira, *Former National President of the TS in Australia*
- 3 PM Headquarters Hall
Chanting workshop
Jaishree Kannan, *Officer in Charge of Surendra Narayan Archives*
- 3 PM Conference Hall, Library
Science and Compassion workshop
The Power of Compassion
Janne Vuononvirta, *General Secretary for the TS in Finland*
- 3 PM Blavatsky Bungalow Hall
World Music and Dance workshop
Facilitators from LEAP Boundary Breakers
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- 5.00 PM PUBLIC LECTURE *Adyar Theatre*
**"Individuation and Global Responsibility:
the Subtle Magic of Lincoln, Eisenhower, and Mandela"**
Dr James Tepfer
United Lodge of Theosophists, USA
- 7.30 PM CONCERT TOGETHER *Adyar Theatre*
Global Rhythms Around the World
With facilitators and participants of the World Music and Dance workshop

Monday, 2 January 2023

6.00 AM	Bharata Samaj Puja	<i>Bharata Samaj Temple</i>
6.00 AM	Silent Walking Meditation, Ven. Ananda Olande	<i>Starting point to be informed</i>
8.30 AM	Devotional Meeting Chandrika Mehta, <i>India</i>	<i>Bharata Samaj Temple</i>
10.00 AM	THEOSOPHICAL ORDER OF SERVICE (TOS) Presentation by Nancy Secret <i>TOS International Secretary, USA / Resident at Adyar, India</i>	<i>Adyar Theatre</i>
11.00 AM	TOS IN INDIA GET-TOGETHER All delegates are welcome to attend the session	<i>Adyar Theatre</i>
1:30 PM	Bharata Samaj Association, General Body meeting	<i>Bharata Samaj Temple</i>
1:30 PM	VISIT TO Adyar Theosophical Academy (ATA) Senior children take through the display of their work	<i>Besant Garden side</i>

WORKSHOPS 3.00 – 4.00 PM		
3 PM	Adyar Theatre Mini-School of the Wisdom “Theosophy and Ecology: Practical Wisdom for Living in the Contemporary World” Radha Raghunathan, <i>Director (Sanskrit Studies), Adyar Research Centre</i>	
3 PM	Headquarters Hall Chanting workshop Jaishree Kannan, <i>Officer in Charge of Surendra Narayan Archives</i>	
3 PM	Conference Hall, Library Science and Compassion workshop Compassion for Oneself Janne Vuononvirta, <i>General Secretary for the TS in Finland</i>	
3 PM	Blavatsky Bungalow upstairs Learning and Growing with Transformative Education Sonal Murali, <i>Director of Adyar Theosophical Academy</i>	

5.00 PM	BESANT LECTURE “Wisdom of the Ancients” Sri M <i>Spiritual Teacher, Social Reformer, Educationist, Author, and Global Speaker, India</i>	<i>Adyar Theatre</i>
7.30 PM	THEOSOPHICAL QUIZ Pedro Oliveira, <i>Australian Section</i>	<i>Adyar Theatre</i>

Tuesday, 3 January 2023

- 6.00 AM Bharata Samaj Puja *Bharata Samaj Temple*
6.00 AM Silent Walking Meditation, Ven. Ananda Olande *Starting point to be informed*
- 8.30 AM INTERVIEW *Adyar Theatre*
"Service across Communities for Humans and Animals"
Mr Douglas Keene, *Vice-President of the TS in America* and
Mr Shraavan Krishnan, *Coordinator of Besant Memorial Animal Dispensary (BMAD)*
Interviewer Patrizia Calvi, *Secretary of the TS in Italy*
- 10.00 AM PANEL ON THE CONVENTION THEME *Adyar Theatre*
"Our Responsibility in the Interconnected World"
Deepa Padhi, *International Vice-President of the TS, India*
Enrique Reig, *President of the Inter-American Theosophical Federation, Mexico*
Trần-Thi-Kim-Diêu, *Former Chairperson of the European Federation of the TS, France*
Narendra Shah, *General Secretary for the TS in East&Central Africa, Kenya*
- 11.00 AM INFORMAL DISCUSSION GROUPS *Adyar Theatre*
- 1.30 PM VISIT TO Olcott Memorial Higher Secondary School (OMHSS) *Besant Gardens*
Cultural Activities by the students
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- WORKSHOPS 3.00 – 4.00 PM
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"Theosophy and Ecology: Practical Wisdom for Living in the Contemporary World"
Pradeep Gohil, *National President of the TS in India*
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Compassion for Others
Janne Vuononvirta, *General Secretary for the TS in Finland*
- 3 PM Blavatsky Bungalow upstairs
Learning and Growing with Transformative Education
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- 5.00 PM **PUBLIC LECTURE** *Adyar Theatre*
"One Without a Second"
Dr Ravi Ravindra
Prof. Emeritus, Dalhousie University, Halifax, Canada
- 7.30 PM CLASSICAL DANCE PERFORMANCE *Adyar Theatre*
Malavika Sarukkai, *Dancer-Choreographer-Mentor*

Wednesday, 4 January 2023

6.00 AM	Bharata Samaj Puja	<i>Bharata Samaj Temple</i>
6.00 AM	Silent Walking Meditation, Ven. Ananda Olande	<i>Starting point to be informed</i>
8.30 AM	SYMPOSIUM ON INTERCONNECTION "I am because we are: a dynamic link" Catalina Isaza-Cantor, <i>Colombia, Resident at Adyar</i> "Bringing Interconnectedness into Every Moment of Our Daily Life" Francis Lim, <i>Member of the TS in Singapore</i> "Dwelling in union with the Divine" Sara Ortega van Vloten, <i>Member of the TS in Spain</i>	<i>Adyar Theatre</i>
10.00 AM	QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS Tim Boyd, Marcos de Resende, Pedro Oliveira, Lady	<i>Adyar Theatre</i>
12 noon	INDIAN SECTION COUNCIL MEETING — II (For members of the Council only)	<i>Admin building</i>
2.00 PM	ADMISSION OF NEW MEMBERS	<i>Headquarters Hall</i>
3.00 PM	PLENARY SESSION Presentation of World Federation of Young Theosophists (WFYT) Reports from the discussions and workshops	<i>Adyar Theatre</i>
5.00 PM	PUBLIC LECTURE BY THE PRESIDENT "The Choice to Be Whole" Tim Boyd <i>International President, TS Adyar</i>	<i>Adyar Theatre</i>
6.00 PM	CLOSING OF THE CONVENTION Tim Boyd, <i>International President, TS Adyar</i> Vote of Thanks, <i>Convention Officer</i>	<i>Adyar Theatre</i>

Thursday, 5 January 2023

6.00 AM	Bharata Samaj Puja	<i>Bharata Samaj Temple</i>
Breakfast, 12 noon	Lunch included in the package rate	

LIBRARY, CONFERENCE HALL

Art Exhibition by Artist Shiva Ram

Exhibitions daily

LIBRARY DISPLAY ROOM

1.30 – 3.00 PM

Old manuscripts and rare & old books

HEADQUARTERS, MUSEUM

Refreshed Permanent exhibition

HEADQUARTERS, ADJACENT ROOM TO THE MUSEUM

100 years - Brahavidya Ashrama and the School of the Wisdom

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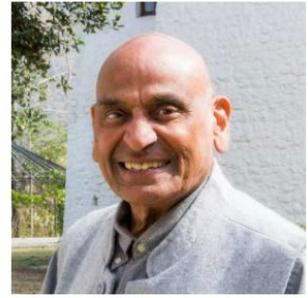
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Associate Professor at the
Department of Physics, Indian
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Sri M
Spiritual teacher, social reformer,
educationist, author, and global
speaker



Dr Ravi Ravindra
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Artist Shiva Ram
Artist Shiva Ram, Chennai, India



Francis Lim
Member of the Singapore Lodge of
the Theosophical Society



Radha Raghunathan
Director of Sanskrit Department in
Adyar Library&Research Centre



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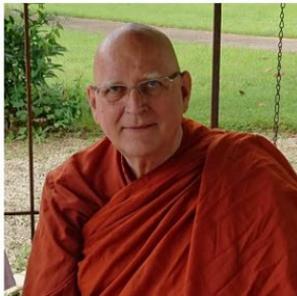
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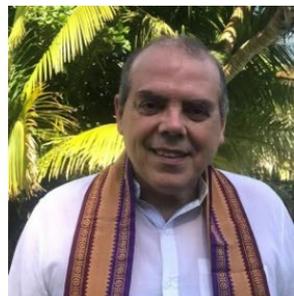
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