



## THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

International Headquarters, Adyar, 600 020 Chennai, India

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# 148<sup>TH</sup> INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

31 December 2023 to 4 January 2024

## Exploring and Understanding UNIVERSAL INTELLIGENCE

### EXHIBITIONS OPEN DAILY

1.30 – 3.00 PM, except on 31<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> until 2.30 PM

#### ADYAR LIBRARY AND RESEARCH CENTRE

Art Exhibition by Hemalatha

Surendra Narayan Archives exhibitions:

- 1) The Spirit of Adyar, A Journey into the Past
- 2) Radha Burnier, A Multi-faceted Leader

Old manuscripts and rare & old books

#### HEADQUARTERS BUILDING

Renaissance of Art in Adyar: Paintings of Florence Ada Fuller

Permanent Museum exhibition

#### STALLS OPEN DURING BREAKS

OES = Olcott Education Society: Social Welfare Centre and Vocational Training Centre

BMAD = Besant Memorial Animal Dispensary

TPH = Theosophical Publishing House

## PROGRAM

Saturday, 30 December 2023

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

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Sunday, 31 December 2023

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6.00 AM	Bharata Samaj Puja	<i>Bharata Samaj Temple</i>
8.30 AM	OPENING OF THE 148 <sup>TH</sup> INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION Prayers of Religions, Universal Prayer, Greetings Invocation by the International President Launch of book of Radha Burnier by Deepa Padhi Group photo	<i>Adyar Theatre</i>
9.30 AM	KEYNOTE “ADYAR EXTENSION” <i>Tim Boyd, International President, TS Adyar</i>	<i>Adyar Theatre</i>
	PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS <i>Report of the Theosophical Society worldwide during 2022-23</i> <i>Tim Boyd, International President, TS Adyar</i>	
11.00 AM	INAUGURATIONS OF EXHIBITIONS AT THE HEADQUARTERS BUILDING 1. The Renaissance of Art in Adyar: Paintings of Florence Ada Fuller 2. Permanent Exhibition of historical items at Blavatsky Museum	
11.45 AM	OPENING OF STALLS 1. OES = Olcott Memorial Higher Secondary School, Vocational Training Centre, and Social Welfare Centre 2. BMAD = Besant Memorial Animal Dispensary	<i>Enquiry Office</i>
1.00 PM	INDIAN SECTION COUNCIL MEETING — I <i>(For members of the Council only)</i>	<i>Blavatsky Bungalow</i>
1.30 PM	INAUGURATIONS AT THE LIBRARY BUILDING 1. Sculptures and Paintings of Artist Hemalatha 2. Exhibitions of The Spirit of Adyar and Radha Burnier	<i>Conference Hall</i> <i>S. Narayan Archives</i>
2.30 PM	<b>BESANT LECTURE</b> <b>“Virtue”</b> <b>M. M. Sundresh</b> <b><i>Judge of the Supreme Court of India</i></b>	<i>Adyar Theatre</i>
3.30 PM	RECEPTION	<i>Near Admin building</i>
4.30 PM	NEW YEAR’S EVE CONCERT Global Rhythms World Music, LEAP Boundary Breakers	<i>Adyar Theatre</i>
7.30 PM	RITUAL OF THE MYSTIC STAR <i>Delegates can watch the Ceremony and are requested to occupy seats by 7.25 PM</i>	<i>Headquarters Hall</i>

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Monday, 1 January 2024

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6.00 AM	Bharata Samaj Puja	<i>Bharata Samaj Temple</i>
6.00 AM	Silent Walking Meditation, Ven. Olande Ananda	<i>Gather by 6 AM at LBC</i>
6.00 AM	Yoga and Pranayama, Vimal Chand	<i>Blavatsky Bungalow up</i>
8.30 AM	SYMPOSIUM ON "EXPLORING AND UNDERSTANDING" "Understanding an Explorer's Mind", Richard Sell, <i>TS in New Zealand</i> "The Science and the Art of Living", Isis de Resende, <i>TS in Brazil</i> "Title", Gerard Brennan, <i>TS in Australia</i>	<i>Adyar Theatre</i>
9.45 AM	SHORT TALKS 1. "Understanding Universal Intelligence", Deepa Padhi, <i>Vice-President of the TS</i> 2. "Intelligence: the Foundation of All Life", Stephen McDonald, <i>President of TS in Australia</i>	<i>Adyar Theatre</i>
11.00 AM	INDIAN SECTION CONVENTION I Chief Guest Tim Boyd, <i>Intl. President</i> Report of the Indian Section, Pradeep Gohil, <i>President of the Section</i>	<i>Adyar Theatre</i>
1.00 PM	TOS India Executive (For TOS India Executive members only)	<i>tpd</i>
1.30 PM	VISIT TO Social Welfare Centre (SWC) <i>Cultural Activities by SWC and VTC (Vocational Training Centre)</i>	<i>Adjacent to the Main Gate</i>
3.00 – 4.00 PM	WORKSHOPS "Theosophical Education –The Inner Flowering" Sonal Murali, <i>Director of Adyar Theosophical Academy</i>  "Chanting workshop" Jaishree Kannan, <i>Librarian and Officer in Charge of the Surendra Narayan Archives</i>  "An Exploration of the Seven Rays" <i>World Federation of Young Theosophists</i>	<i>Blavatsky Bungalow up</i>  <i>Headquarters building</i>  <i>Blavatsky Bungalow down</i>
5.00 PM	<b>THEOSOPHY-SCIENCE LECTURE</b> <b>"Contemporary Science: Facts, Ideas, Questions"</b> <b>Prof. Rajaram Nityananda</b> <b><i>Professor of Physics, International Centre for Theoretical Sciences, TIFR</i></b>	<i>Adyar Theatre</i>
7.30 PM	CULTURAL PROGRAM BEAT CHOIR, <i>Bank Employees Art Troop, an awarded choir</i>	<i>Adyar Theatre</i>

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Tuesday, 2 January 2024

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6.00 AM	Bharata Samaj Puja	<i>Bharata Samaj Temple</i>
6.00 AM	Silent Walking Meditation, Ven. Olande Ananda	<i>Gather by 6 AM at LBC</i>
6.00 AM	Yoga and Pranayama, Vimal Chand	<i>Blavatsky Bungalow up</i>
8.30 AM	Devotional Meeting Chandrika Mehta, <i>India</i>	<i>Bharata Samaj Temple</i>
9.45 AM	PANEL ON "INTELLIGENCE AND HUMAN NEED" Linda Oliveira, <i>TS in Australia, as a Chair</i> Marcos de Resende, <i>TS in Brazil</i> Tran-Thi-Kim-Dieu, <i>TS in France</i> Chally Romero, <i>TS in Philippines</i>	<i>Adyar Theatre</i>
11.00 AM	DISCUSSION GROUPS	<i>Adyar Theatre</i>
1.00 PM	INDIAN SECTION COUNCIL MEETING —II (For members of the Council only)	<i>Blavatsky Bungalow</i>
1:30 PM	Bharata Samaj Association, General Body meeting (For members of the Association only)	<i>Bharata Samaj Temple</i>
1:30 PM	VISIT to Adyar Theosophical Academy (ATA) 'Wonderscape': An exhibition of ATA primary & middle school student explorations	<i>Besant Garden side</i>
3:15 PM	INTERVIEW OF VEN. OLANDE ANANDA THERA Ven. Olande Ananda Thera, <i>Venerable Buddhist Monk, Sri Lanka</i> Interviewer Patrizia Calvi, <i>TS in Italy</i>	<i>Adyar Theatre</i>
5.00 PM	PANEL ON ART "Theosophy and Art: From Origin to Horizons" Elif Kamisli, <i>Turkey</i> Anupama Gaur, <i>India</i> Erica Georgiades, <i>TS in Greece (online)</i>	<i>Adyar Theatre</i>
7.30 PM	CULTURAL PROGRAM CREA-SHAKTHI presents a Play on Artificial Intelligence	<i>Adyar Theatre</i>

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Wednesday, 3 January 2024

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6.00 AM	Bharata Samaj Puja, Chandkrika Mehta	<i>Bharata Samaj Temple</i>
6.00 AM	Silent Walking Meditation, Ven. Olande Ananda	<i>Gather by 6 AM at LBC</i>
6.00 AM	Yoga and Pranayama, Vimal Chand	<i>Blavatsky Bungalow up</i>
8.30 AM	THEOSOPHICAL ORDER OF SERVICE (TOS) Presentation by Nancy Secrest <i>TOS International Secretary, USA / Resident at Adyar, India</i>	<i>Adyar Theatre</i>
	DANCE GROUP <i>Sri Arunodayam Home for Mentally Challenged Destitute Children</i>	
9.45 AM	DIALOGUE BETWEEN TIM AND PEDRO "Theosophical Work and Universal Intelligence" Tim Boyd, <i>International President, TS Adyar</i> Pedro Oliveira, <i>TS in Australia</i>	<i>Adyar Theatre</i>
10.45 AM	INDIAN SECTION CONVENTION II – Illumination from Within Opening and closing remarks, Chairperson Deepa Padhi Meaning of Illumination from Within, Vinay Patri How to get the Illumination from Within, Harsha S.S. Sonthi Advantages of having Illumination from within, Adi Keshav Shastri Difficulties in Getting Illumination from within, Mitalini Choudhury Consciousness as Source of Illumination, Harshvadan Sheth	<i>Adyar Theatre</i>
1:00 PM	TOS INDIA Annual General Body	<i>HQs Hall</i>
1.30 PM	VISIT TO Olcott Memorial Higher Secondary School (OMHSS) <i>Cultural Activities by the students</i>	<i>Besant Gardens</i>
3.00 – 4.00 PM	WORKSHOPS "Education for Life: The Art of Living and Learning" Sonal Murali, <i>Director of Adyar Theosophical Academy</i>	<i>Blavatsky Bungalow up</i>
	"Chanting workshop" Jaishree Kannan, <i>Librarian and Officer in Charge of the Surendra Narayan Archives</i>	<i>Headquarters building</i>
	"Art as a Language of the Universal Intelligence" <i>World Federation of Young Theosophists</i>	<i>Blavatsky Bungalow down</i>
5.00 PM	<b>PUBLIC LECTURE</b> <b>"Remembering the Future Garden"</b> <b>Joss Brooks</b> <b><i>Veteran Australian ecologist</i></b> <b><i>Pitchandikulam Forest Auroville</i></b>	<i>Adyar Theatre</i>
7.30 PM	CULTURAL EVENING Artistic Sharing by the Delegates	<i>Adyar Theatre</i>

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Thursday, 4 January 2024

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6.00 AM	Bharata Samaj Puja, Chandrika Mehta	<i>Bharata Samaj Temple</i>
6.00 AM	Silent Walking Meditation, Ven. Olande Ananda	<i>Gather by 6 AM at LBC</i>
6.00 AM	Yoga and Pranayama, Vimal Chand	<i>Blavatsky Bungalow up</i>
8.30 AM	QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS Tim Boyd, Deepa Padhi, Pradeep Gohil, Douglas Keene	<i>Adyar Theatre</i>
9.45 AM	SHORT LECTURES ON ADEVAITA AND UNIV.INTELLIGENCE 1. "UNIVERSAL INTELLIGENCE IS TO KNOW THE FIELD AND THE KNOWER OF THE FIELD — An Advaitic Perspective Based on <i>Śrīmad Bhagavadgītā</i> 13.2" Dr Radha Raghunathan, <i>Director of Adyar Library and Research Centre</i>  2. "Advaita, self-Knowing and Universal Intelligence" Sri Sankar Bhagavadpada <i>A Hindu teacher of Jnana Yoga, and Commentator on the life-time work of Sri J. Krishnamurti</i>	<i>Adyar Theatre</i>
12 noon	INDIAN SECTION COUNCIL MEETING — III (For members of the Council only)	<i>Blavatsky Bungalow</i>
2.00 PM	ADMISSION OF NEW MEMBERS	<i>Headquarters Hall</i>
3.00 PM	PLENARY SESSION Reports from the workshops World Federation of Young Theosophists (WFYT) Propagation Project	<i>Adyar Theatre</i>
5.00 PM	<b>PRESIDENT'S LECTURE</b> <b>"subject"</b> <b>Tim Boyd</b> <b><i>International President, TS Adyar</i></b>	<b><i>Adyar Theatre</i></b>
6.00 PM	CLOSING OF THE CONVENTION Tim Boyd, <i>International President, TS Adyar</i> Vote of Thanks, Shikhar Agnihotri, <i>Convention Officer</i>	<i>Adyar Theatre</i>

Friday, 5 January 2024

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