



## THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

International Headquarters, Adyar, 600 020 Chennai, India

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

31 December 2024 to 4 January 2025

## Practical Theosophy and the Art of Self-Transformation

🌀 Message from the President 🌀

*For some the Ageless Wisdom is a science, for others it is more related to intuition, creativity, and the feeling of art, to others it is a mystery - grand beyond the capacities of human conception.*

*But practical? Spirit, and the transformation it invokes, are not practical in the normal sense. Certainly results can be seen, but the mechanism behind them remains hidden. The spiritual life relates to presence. Activity is a byproduct.*

— *Jim Boyd*

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## Monday, 30 December 2024

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

## Tuesday, 31 December 2024

6.00 AM	Bharata Samaj Puja	Bharata Samaj Temple
6.00 AM	Silent Walking Meditation	Gather by 6 AM at LBC
8.30 AM	OPENING OF THE 149 <sup>TH</sup> INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION Prayers of Religions, Universal Prayer, Greetings Invocation and opening by the International President Group photo	Adyar Theatre
9.30 AM	“ADYAR TODAY AND FUTURE” Presidential Address Tim Boyd, <i>International President, TS Adyar</i>  <i>Report of the Theosophical Society worldwide of 2023-24</i>	Adyar Theatre
11.00 AM	INDIAN SECTION COUNCIL MEETING — I (For members of the Council only)	Library Conf. Hall
11.00 AM	INAUGURATION OF ART AND MUSEUM EXHIBITIONS 1. Art Conservation Laboratory: “The Divine Hidden in Daily Life” 2. Blavatsky Museum: Objects of historical interest	HQs building
11.40 AM	OPENING OF THE STALLS 1. OES = Olcott Education Society 2. BMAD = Besant Memorial Animal Dispensary	Enquiry Office
2.00 PM	INAUGURATION OF EXHIBITIONS AT THE LIBRARY 1. Surendra Narayan Archives: “H.P.B.’s Paintings, Satirical Sketches, and Doodles” 2. Display Room: “Kanjur and Tanjur: The Holy Books of Tibetan Buddhism”	Library building
3.00 PM	RECEPTION	Near Admin building
5.00 PM	PUBLIC LECTURE “The Value of Joy in Self-Transformation” Kurt Leland <i>International Speaker, USA</i>	Adyar Theatre
7.45 PM	RITUAL OF THE MYSTIC STAR <i>Delegates can watch the Ceremony and are requested to be seated by 7.35 PM</i>	Headquarters Hall

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Wednesday, 1 January 2025

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6.00 AM	Bharata Samaj Puja	<i>Bharata Samaj Temple</i>
6.00 AM	Silent Walking Meditation	<i>Gather by 6 AM at LBC</i>
8.30 AM	SHORT LECTURES	<i>Adyar Theatre</i>
	“The Alchemy of Theosophy” Linda Oliveira, <i>TS in Australia</i>	
	“Theosophy – The Philosopher’s Stone” Shikhar Agnihotri, <i>Assisting Executive to GM, Adyar</i>	
10.00 AM	INDIAN SECTION CONVENTION — I	<i>Adyar Theatre</i>
	Inaugural Address, Tim Boyd, <i>International President</i> “State of The Indian Section Address”, Pradeep Gohil, <i>President, Indian Section</i> Treasurer’s Report, V. Narayanan, <i>Treasurer of the Indian Section</i>	
1.00 PM	TOS India Executive Committee Meeting (For TOS India Executive members only)	<i>Headquarters Hall</i>
1.30 – 3 PM	Exhibitions are open	
1.30 PM	VISIT TO SOCIAL WELFARE CENTRE (SWC)	<i>Adjacent to the Main Gate</i>
	<i>Cultural Activities by SWC and VTC (Vocational Training Centre)</i>	
3.00 PM	WORKSHOP I	
Option 1	“Invoking the Future Garden” Buses will help reaching the place between 2.30-3.00 PM <i>Inauguration of the Olcott Bungalow Blue Green Centre</i>	<i>Olcott Bungalow</i>
3.00 PM	WORKSHOP II	
Option 2	“Theosophical Education – The Art of Living and Learning” Sonal Murali, <i>Director, Adyar Theosophical Academy</i>	<i>Blavatsky Bungalow up</i>
3.00 PM	WORKSHOP III	
Option3	“Expanding Perspectives through Forum Theatre” Yugesh Ramachandran, <i>Facilitator, TS in India</i>	<i>Blavatsky Bungalow down</i>
5.00 PM	PUBLIC LECTURE	<i>Adyar Theatre</i>
	“Growing the Third Ear under the Great Astral Mother Tree - Art in Relation to Theosophy” Christine Ödlund, <i>Artist, Sweden</i>	
7.45 PM	EVENING PROGRAM	<i>Adyar Theatre</i>
	Poetry Circle and AI Translation Demo for the World Congress <i>World Federation of Young Theosophists</i>	

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Thursday, 2 January 2025

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6.00 AM	Bharata Samaj Puja	<i>Bharata Samaj Temple</i>
6.00 AM	Silent Walking Meditation	<i>Gather by 6 AM at LBC</i>
8.30 AM	Devotional Meeting Chandrika Mehta, <i>TS in India</i>	<i>Bharata Samaj Temple</i>
10:00 AM	DIALOGUE "Theosophy, the Theosophical Society, and the World" Tim Boyd, <i>International President, TS Adyar</i> Pedro Oliveira, <i>TS in Australia</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>Library Conf. Hall</i>
1:30 PM	Bharata Samaj Association, General Body meeting (For members of the Association only)	<i>Bharata Samaj Temple</i>
1.30 – 3 PM	Exhibitions are open	
1:30 PM	VISIT TO ADYAR THEOSOPHICAL ACADEMY (ATA) "Wonderscape" showcasing student-led projects and presentations	<i>Besant Gardens</i>
1:30 PM	Garden Walk to Olcott Bungalow	<i>From Banyan Tree Circle</i>
3:00 PM	MINI-TALKS ON THE THEME [1] "Hope" Vighnesh RVS, <i>TS in India</i> [2] "Small Steps Matter" Merike Martsepp, <i>TS in Estonia, Resident at Adyar</i> [3] "Inner Unfoldment and Theosophical Life" Svyatoslav Lipsky, <i>TS in Russia</i> [4] "The Art of Self-Mastery" Catalina Isaza-Cantor, <i>TS in Colombia, Resident at Adyar</i>	<i>Adyar Theatre</i>
5.00 PM	BESANT LECTURE Thiru R. N. Ravi <i>Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu</i>	<i>Adyar Theatre</i>
7.45 PM	NADAM DANCE Narthan Academy of Dance and Music	<i>Adyar Theatre</i>

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Friday, 3 January 2025

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6.00 AM	Bharata Samaj Puja	<i>Bharata Samaj Temple</i>
6.00 AM	Silent Walking Meditation	<i>Gather by 6 AM at LBC</i>
8.30 AM	THEOSOPHICAL ORDER OF SERVICE (TOS) Presentation by Nancy Secrest <i>TOS International Secretary, Resident at Adyar</i>	<i>Adyar Theatre</i>
10.00 AM	INDIAN SECTION CONVENTION — II: “Know Thyself” Opening and closing remarks, Mrs Deepa Padhi, V-P, as Chairperson [1] “Who am I?”, Milind Joshi [2] “How to Know Thyself”, Smitapragyan Patro [3] “Knowing is Loving”, Arunima Baruah [4] “Liberation by Renunciation”, M. S. Sridhara [5] “Self-Realisation through knowing Thyself”, Sushma Srivastava	<i>Adyar Theatre</i>
1:00 PM	TOS INDIA Annual General Body Meeting	<i>HQs Hall</i>
1.30 – 3 PM	Exhibitions are open	
1.30 PM	Indian Section Executive Committee Meeting <i>(For members of the EC only)</i>	<i>Library Conference Hall</i>
1:30 PM	Garden Walk to Olcott Bungalow	<i>From Banyan Tree Circle</i>
3.00 PM	THEOSOPHY AND ART “The Divine Hidden in Daily Life” Elif Kamisli, <i>Exhibition Manager, Turkey</i>  “Preserving the Legacy; the Art Conservation Project for TS Museum Art Collection” Anupama Gaur, <i>Consultant Conservator, India</i>	<i>Adyar Theatre</i>
5.00 PM	THEOSOPHY-SCIENCE LECTURE “Science of the Sacred: Water's Transformative Power” Alok Aurovillian <i>Water Science Researcher</i>	<i>Adyar Theatre</i>
7.45 PM	MEMBERS’ TALENT SHOW Artistic Sharing by the Delegates Moderator Vinay Patri, <i>India</i>	<i>Adyar Theatre</i>

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## Saturday, 4 January 2025

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6.00 AM	Bharata Samaj Puja	<i>Bharata Samaj Temple</i>
6.00 AM	Silent Walking Meditation	<i>Gather by 6 AM at LBC</i>
8.30 AM	SYMPOSIUM Sabine van Osta, moderator, <i>TS in Belgium</i>  "The Human Mind, this Unknown Laboratory" Krista Umbjärv, <i>TS in France</i>  "The Blossoming of Intuition" Richard Sell, <i>TS in New Zealand</i>  "Self- transformation through Values" Deepa Padhi, <i>International Vice-President</i>	<i>Adyar Theatre</i>
10.30 AM	OLCOTT SCHOOL NEW BUILDING DEDICATION Buses start going about 9.50 AM	<i>Besant Gardens</i>
1.30 – 3 PM	Exhibitions are open	
2.00 PM	ADMISSION OF NEW MEMBERS <i>International President</i>	<i>Headquarters Hall</i>
3.00 PM	WORLD CONGRESS AND WFYT Invitation to the 12 <sup>th</sup> World Congress Update of the World Federation of Young Theosophists	<i>Adyar Theatre</i>
5.00 PM	PUBLIC LECTURE BY THE PRESIDENT "Spirituality and the Practical World" 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, Shikhar Agnihotri, <i>Convention Officer</i>	<i>Adyar Theatre</i>

## Sunday, 5 January 2025

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6.00 AM	Bharata Samaj Puja	<i>Bharata Samaj Temple</i>
6.30 AM	Breakfast	
12 Noon	Lunch included in the package	

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## EXHIBITIONS OPEN 1.30 – 3 PM

### A. HEADQUARTERS BUILDING

#### **Art Conservation Laboratory**

“The Divine Hidden in Daily Life”

The Renaissance of Art at Adyar

#### **Blavatsky Museum**

Objects of historical interest

### B. ADYAR LIBRARY

#### **Surendra Narayan Archives**

“H.P.B.’s Paintings, Satirical Sketches, and Doodles - Some Fascinating Glimpses”

#### **Adyar Library Display Room**

“Kanjur and Tanjur - The Holy Books of Tibetan Buddhism”

### C. STALLS

OES – Olcott Education Society

BMAD – Besant Memorial Animal Dispensary; visits to BMAD by request at the Stall

TPH Theosophical Publishing House books, at Kasi Vilas near Admin building

## OPEN WHOLE DAYS

### D. GARDEN OF MEDITATION

**Adyar Eco Development (AED) outdoor display** – open all days

### E. OLCOTT BUNGALOW

**Adyar Eco Development Centre** is open daily 9 AM to 5 PM at Olcott Bungalow