



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

142nd INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION



Theme: “From Teachings to Insight: The Altruistic Heart”

31 December 2017 to 5 January 2018

PROGRAMME

Saturday, 30 December 2017

6.00 am	Bharata Samaj Puja	<i>Bharata Samaj Temple</i>
9.30 am	Holy Eucharist	<i>Liberal Catholic Church</i>
8.00 am	General Council Meeting <i>(For Members of the Council only)</i>	<i>Library Hall</i>
2.00 pm	General Council Meeting <i>(For Members of the Council only)</i>	<i>Library Hall</i>
3.00 pm	Flower Ceremony <i>Order of the Round Table</i> Delegate can watch the Ceremony	<i>Headquarters Hall</i>

Sunday, 31 December 2017

6.00 am	Bharata Samaj Puja	<i>Bharata Samaj Temple</i>
8.00 am	Prayers of the Religions	<i>Adyar Theatre</i>
	OPENING OF THE CONVENTION Mr Tim Boyd, <i>International President, TS Adyar</i>	
10.00 am	Opening of O.E.S. Stall (OES= Olcott Education Society)	<i>Near Enquiry Office</i>
1.00 pm	Indian Section Council - I <i>(For Members of the Council only)</i>	<i>Administration Building</i>
1.30 pm	Inauguration of the Exhibition	<i>Museum, HQ building</i>
3.30 pm	Reception	<i>Near Administration Building</i>
5.00 pm	THEOSOPHY-SCIENCE LECTURE “Yoga & Social Cognition: Clinical Applications” Prof. B. N. Gangadhar, <i>Vice Chancellor and Director,</i> <i>National Institute of Mental Health & Neurosciences,</i> <i>Bangalore</i>	<i>Adyar Theatre</i>
7.30 pm	Ritual of the Mystic Star	<i>Headquarters Hall</i>

Other Activities

EXHIBITION, ADYAR MUSEUM: 1.30 – 2.30 pm daily
1917: Dr Besant’s Impact on Indian Society

STALLS, NEAR ENQUIRY OFFICE:
by Olcott Education Society and Social Welfare Centre

Monday, 1 January 2018

6.00 am	Bharata Samaj Puja	<i>Bharata Samaj Temple</i>
8.00 am	Universal Prayer and Meditation	<i>Adyar Theatre</i>
	SHORT LECTURES	
	“Looking Within To Reach Out”	
	Dr Deepa Padhi, <i>International Vice-President, TS Adyar</i>	
	“Meditation, Self-Study, and the Therapeutics of Speech”	
	Mr Jonathan Colbert, <i>ULT, California, USA</i>	
9.30 am	ADDRESS	<i>Adyar Theatre</i>
	Honourable Thiru Banwarilal Purohit	
	<i>Governor of Tamil Nadu</i>	
10.00 am	INDIAN SECTION CONVENTION – I	
	Address by G.S. Mr Pradeep Gohil on State of the Indian Section	
1.00 pm	Theosophical Order of Service in India	<i>Headquarters Hall</i>
	<i>(Meeting of Executive Committee)</i>	
1.30 pm to 3.00 pm		<i>Adjacent to Main Gate</i>
	Social Welfare Centre - Cultural Activities	
5.00 pm	BESANT LECTURE	<i>Adyar Theatre</i>
	“Tamil: the Glory of India”	
	Prof. Lokesh Chandra, <i>President, ICCR</i>	
	<i>(Indian Council for Cultural Relations), Delhi</i>	
7.30 pm	Bhakti Margam	<i>Adyar Theatre</i>
	<i>Namaargam Dance Group</i>	

Tuesday, 2 January 2018

6.00 am	Bharata Samaj Puja	<i>Bharata Samaj Temple</i>
8.00 am	Devotional Meeting	<i>Bharata Samaj Temple</i>
	Ms Chandrika Mehta, <i>India</i>	
10.00 am	SYMPOSIUM	<i>Adyar Theatre</i>
	“Altruistic Work of Today – in the Footsteps of Annie Besant”	
	Mrs Padma Venkataraman (<i>WIA, India</i>),	
	Mrs Angeles Torra (<i>Spain</i>), and Mr Vinay Patri (<i>India</i>)	
1.00 pm	Indian Section Council – II	<i>Administration Building</i>
	<i>(For members of the Council only)</i>	
3.00 pm	PANEL	<i>Adyar Theatre</i>
	“Mission, Purpose and Scope of the TS”	
	Mr Tim Boyd (<i>President</i>), Mr Vic Hao Chin Jr (<i>Philippines</i>),	
	Mr Pradeep Gohil (<i>India</i>), Mrs Patrizia Calvi (<i>Italy</i>),	
	Mr John Vorstermans (<i>New Zealand</i>),	
	Mr Jan Nicolaas Kind (<i>Brazil</i>), <i>Moderator</i>	
5.00 pm	PUBLIC LECTURE	<i>Adyar Theatre</i>
	“The Great Awakening: Is It All in the Mind?”	
	Ms Dorothy Bell, <i>Australia</i>	
7.30 pm	RENOVATION UPDATE	<i>Adyar Theatre</i>
	Blavatsky Bungalow, Mr Nilesh Thakkar, <i>India</i>	
	Archives and other projects, Mr Michiel Haas, <i>the Netherlands</i>	
	Host by Mr Tim Boyd, <i>Adyar</i>	

Wednesday, 3 January 2018

6.00 am	Bharata Samaj Puja	<i>Bharata Samaj Temple</i>
8.00 am	Universal Prayer and Meditation SYMPOSIUM "What Leads to Insight" Prof. C. A. Shinde (<i>India</i>), Mrs Isis de Resende (<i>Brazil</i>), Mr Gerard Brennan (<i>Australia</i>)	<i>Adyar Theatre</i>
9.30 am	INDIAN SECTION CONVENTION - II "Pure Heart and Eager Intellect" 1. Dr C. P. Bhuyan of <i>Assam Theosophical Federation</i> 2. Dr G. S. Gopalakrishna of <i>Karnataka Theosophical Federation</i> 3. Prof. Satheesh S. G. of <i>Royalaseema Theosophical Federation</i> 4. Mr Ashutosh Pati of <i>Utkal Theosophical Federation</i> 5. Mr Y. P. Desai of <i>Gujurat Theosophical Federation</i> Book Release "Mysticism -- A Quest for Ultimate Reality" by Bro Sahadev Patro Demonstration of Membership Software of the Indian Section	<i>Adyar Theatre</i>
1.00 pm	Theosophical Order of Service in India (<i>General Body Meeting</i>)	<i>Headquarters Hall</i>
1.30 pm	Bharata Samaj Association (<i>General Body Meeting</i>)	<i>Bharata Samaj Temple</i>
1.30 pm	Visit to Vocational Training Centre - Exhibition	<i>Besant Gardens</i>
3.00 pm	THEOSOPHICAL ORDER OF SERVICE "A Life of Active Altruism" Ms Nancy Secrest (<i>TOS International Secretary, USA/India</i>), Mr Luke Ironside (<i>UK/Philippines</i>), Dr Revathy (<i>India</i>), Mr Birendra Bhattacharyya (<i>TOS India</i>), chair	<i>Adyar Theatre</i>
5.00 pm	PUBLIC LECTURE "The Heart's Wisdom" Mr Tim Boyd, <i>International President, TS Adyar</i>	<i>Adyar Theatre</i>
7.30 pm	Chants - The Bangalore Cousins	<i>Adyar Theatre</i>

Thursday, 4 January 2018

6.00 am	Bharata Samaj Puja	<i>Bharata Samaj Temple</i>
8.00 am	Universal Prayer and Meditation SHORT LECTURES "The Heart of Theosophy" Dr Barbara Hebert, <i>USA</i> "There Is No Other" Mr Pedro Oliveira, <i>Australia</i>	<i>Adyar Theatre</i>
9.30 am	QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS Mr Tim Boyd, Mrs Linda Oliveira, Mr Pradeep Gohil, Mrs Dorothy Bell	<i>Adyar Theatre</i>
1.00 pm	Indian Section Council – III (<i>For members of the Council only</i>)	<i>Administration Building</i>
1.30 pm to 3.00 pm	Olcott Memorial Higher Secondary School - Cultural Activities and Exhibition	<i>Besant Gardens</i>
3.00 pm	LECTURE "The Digital Revolution: A Challenge to the Theosophical Society" Mr José Foglia, <i>Uruguay</i>	<i>Adyar Theatre</i>
5.30 pm	"The Story of Buddha" A Play by KFI Students	<i>Damodar Gardens</i> <i>transport by buses</i>

Friday, 5 January 2018

6.00 am	Bharata Samaj Puja	<i>Bharata Samaj Temple</i>
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>
9.30 am	Indian Section Executive meeting	<i>Library Hall.</i>
10.30 am	Youth Forum	<i>Headquarters Hall</i>
3.00 pm	Youth Forum	<i>Headquarters Hall</i>

Saturday, 6 January 2018

6.00 am	Bharata Samaj Puja	<i>Bharata Samaj Temple</i>
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CANTEEN from 30 Dec dinner until 5 Jan lunch

Coffee and tea available from 5:15 to 6:00 am

06:30 am – 07:45 am Breakfast

12:00 am – 01:30 pm Lunch

04:15 pm – 04:45 pm Snacks

07:00 pm – 09:00 pm Mini-meals

Cool Corner is open 10 am to 10 pm.

Coffee/tea can be bought in between the meals with Rs.10/-.

LBC DINING from 29 Dec breakfast to 6 Jan dinner

06:30 am – 07:45 am Breakfast

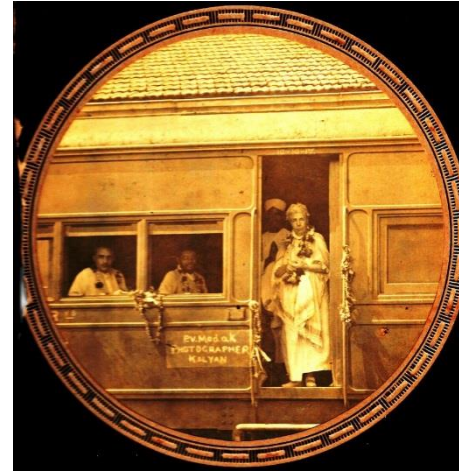
12:00 am – 01:30 pm Lunch

06:15 pm – 07:30 pm Dinner

EXHIBITION AT THE MUSEUM

1:30 – 2:30 pm

1917: DR BESANT'S IMPACT ON INDIAN SOCIETY



Annie Besant along with
G. S. Arundale & B. P. Wadia.
'On train for Internment' 10.10.1917

Annie Besant was often called by her contemporaries as 'A Diamond Soul'. The more cuts a diamond has, the more it shines. So was Annie Besant. Symbolically, like a diamond she radiated sturdiness, power, resilience, great integrity and lasting glow. She was indeed such an evolved soul, most lofty in her quest. With a bright clarity of thinking and profound wisdom she spearheaded thousands of people all over the world. In India she did yeoman service in the field of politics, for Women and children, in education and for the society at large. As the President of The Theosophical Society, too, she bore great responsibilities. Dr Besant was such an inspiring,

charismatic leader that people were ever ready to join her in her movements. She was indeed a vibrant leader who inspired thousands of people. Being a gifted, great orator, people thronged to hear her golden voice.

Adyar Archives and Museum proudly presents this exhibition as a humble homage to a great soul. The exhibits and texts highlight what Dr Besant will always be remembered for what she did for India a hundred years ago. She started Women's Indian Association at that time. She played a very active part in the Home Rule Movement which was started in December 1916. Along with B. P. Wadia & Dr Arundale she was interned in Ootacamund. When she was later released thousands of people welcomed her back in freedom. In the same year she also started SPNE (Society for the Promotion of National Education), devoted to spreading education in our country. Last but not least, she was elected the first non-Indian president of the Indian National Congress which is celebrating its centenary this year!