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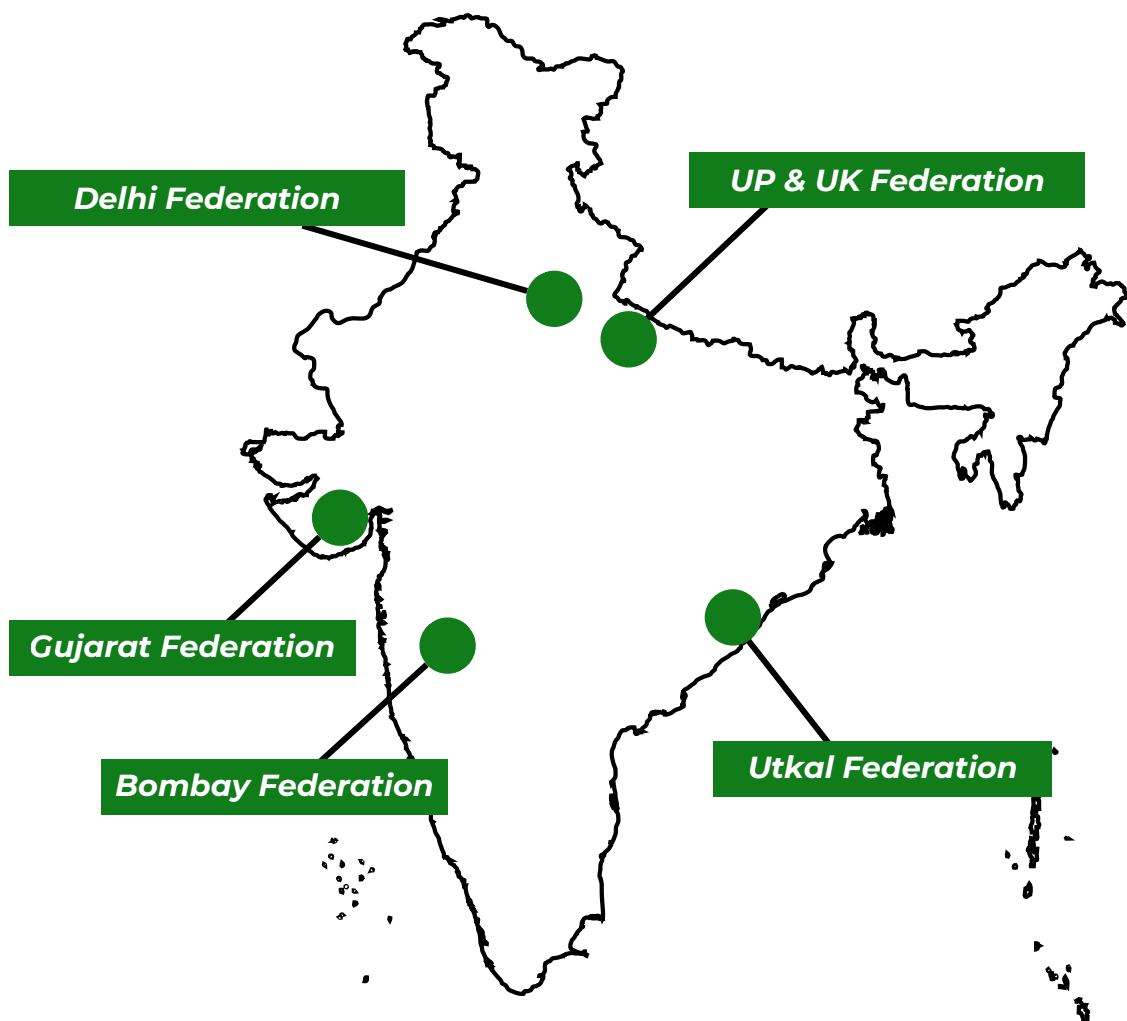
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Federation Report

for period July-September, 2025





Bombay Theosophical Federation

GURU PURNIMA / ASALA FESTIVAL CELEBRATION

Guru Purnima was celebrated by members of the T.S. in the Green Room of the Blavatsky Lodge on 10th July 2025.

In his welcome address, BTF President Brother Vinayak Pandya reminded the gathering of the special blessings that can be received from Lord Buddha on such sacred occasions. Guru Purnima being a day when we express gratitude to our Gurus.



Blavatsky Lodge member Bro. Janardana Sherigar, now Swami Sathyanishtananda Saraswati, drawing parallels between the life of Lord Buddha and the principles of Vedanta, stressed on the necessity of integrating spiritual wisdom into daily life.

THE PHILIPPINE SECTION

The Philippine Section has always been supportive of the Bombay Theosophical Federation activities, especially when BTF President Bro Vinayak Pandya extended invitation to Bro Chally and others for the virtual convention. Sr Kashmira Khambatta, Bro Arni Narendran, Late Bro Bertie Redwood and Sr Jasmine Cawasji of BTF have participated in Study & Cultural virtual events of the Philippine Section Virtual platform.

TS Philippines looks forward to 'SYNERGY' and shares the Journal with their members. Most recently the TPH has appreciated the Selfless service to theosophy of Dr Rajam Pillai through her artful SYNERGY JOURNAL, made possible by her pension fund sponsorship of the publication (similar to KERN FUND in the United States sponsorship of QUEST MAGAZINE).



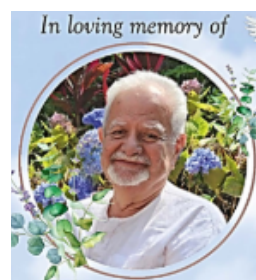
'SYNERGY' shared at Manila by Bro. Chally on Left, Bro. Vick on Right with other members



'Self-Transformation' session for Youth by Bro. Vick Hao Chin in Manila, Philippines



International President Tim Boyd unveiling Theo-Jyoti NEWS Channel, Indian Section President Shri Pradeep Gohil Unveiling Theo-Jyoti OTT Channel, International Secretary Ms. Marja Artamaa unveiling Theo-Jyoti TALK PODCAST Channel, International Vice-President Dr. Deepa Padhi unveiling Theo-Jyoti YouTube Channel with BTF President Bro. Vinayak Pandya.



Bro. Purvez Minocher Patel, member of Blavatsky Lodge passed away to light eternal on 7th August 2025. His 9 years of membership inspired many with his smile to live the Teachings of Theosophy, Meherbabaji and Freemasonry.

His silent unwavering support was to his wife Sis. Aban Patel in her spiritual journey leading to conducting study of Theosophical Books at Blavatsky Lodge. May his soul be blessed with Eternal Bliss. Our thoughts of peace and strength are with Sis. Aban, her daughters Ms. Teenaz, Sis. Kermin and all in the Family.



Delhi Theosophical Federation

Shankar Lodge has successfully maintained online lectures to be able to connect across states and nations in its public forums. This month was diligently well supported by its own DTF members bringing in topics of history of the Aryan, the fifth root race with its rise and future in online platform.

Continued study of Shiv Sutras, a well recorded series in aphorisms and its meaning unfolded from the book of I K Taimini.

Thought Power by Annie Besant, a book of abstract, carefully deducted to simplify for the listeners its principles, its practical application in the human journey for his evolution in physical meeting by Dr. Mansi Bhagat on 28 June and 12 July.

AVATARAS as a video series, first lecture was delivered online for understanding of Evolutionary Hierarchy and the unfolding of Consciousness / Spirit through vehicles over chains of evolution.

- **5 July:** The Aryan Race by National Lecturer Dr. Rajiv Gupta
- **12 July:** Controlling The Mind by Dr. Mansi Bhagat and National Lecturer Dr. Rajiv Gupta
- **19 July:** Shiv Sutras Part VIII by Bro R K Mathur
- **26 July:** Service by National Lecturer Dr Rajiv Gupta
- **2 Aug:** Online meeting, Rise and Fall of Civilisations सभ्यताओं का उत्थान National Lecturer, Bro. S K Pandey

- **16 Aug:** Online meeting, True Knowledge (Article from the Book "The World Around Us" by Dr. Radha Burnier) Bro. Ashok Pratap Lokhande, National Lecturer
- **23rd Aug:** Physical meeting - How To Create My Defined Destiny, from the Book - A Study in Karma Dr Annie Besant Dr. Rajiv Gupta, National Lecturer and Dr Mansi Bhagat, DTF Secretary
- **30 Aug:** Online meeting, Avatars-the Divine Manifestations, Dr. Mansi Bhagat, DTF Secretary
- **6 Sept:** Law Of Essential Unity by National Lecturer Bro. Sk Pandey
- **13 Sept:** The Solar System By A E Powell by National Lecturer Dr Rajiv Gupta
- **20 Sept:** Taking Theosophy To The Common Man by Bro. N N Raut
- **27 Sept:** The Solar System By A E Powell By National Lecturer Dr Rajiv Gupta

This year 2025 September, DTF has expanded online activity for propagation of theosophy. Books and some online recorded lectures on theosophy and incorporated officially under its wing.

These online platforms were in operation for propagation of theosophy by an already member of Shankar Lodge, Dr. Mansi Bhagat since 2021, two platforms YouTube and Instagram creating videos, shorts, reels and quotations on theosophy.



U. P. & Uttarakhand Theosophical Federation

Address to the Students/Teachers: Talks delivered: (1) by Br. U. S. Pandey on 03 July 2025 on topic: 'Universal Brotherhood and Oneness' before students and teachers of BTS, Varanasi during morning assembly; (2) by Br. SBR Mishra on 15 August 2025 on topic: 'Independence Day and Annie Besant' in Inter college Daudpur, Gorakhpur; (3) by Sis. Vibha Saxena on 12 September 2025 on topic 'Understanding Principles of Theosophy—Introduction' before students of VKM Varanasi.

T.V. channel talk: A conversation with Br. U. S. Pandey on the theme 'Shambala' was recorded by PMC Hindi T.V. channel on 18 July 2025, and telecasted.

Public Talks: (1) Sis. Vasumati Agnihotri delivered a talk on 17 August 2025, on topic 'Karma, Gyan and Bhakti Yoga' in Bharat Vikas Parishad at Lucknow; (2) Br. SBR Mishra delivered talks on 22 August, and 25 September 2025, on topics 'How to develop personality on the basis of four lower bodies' and 'Shiv and Shakti' in Seva Spiritual ladies club, and on 17 September on topic 'Brahma is Vishwakarma', in a meeting of retired engineers' association all in Gorakhpur.

Symposiums/Seminaras organized by lodges: Symposiums were organised by Agra lodge on 03, July, 21 August 2025 on themes: 'Success and failure in Life', 'Devotion and Bhakti.' respectively; Seminar by Kanpur Lodge organised on 14, 21 September in two sessions on topic: 'Universal Brotherhood -- a Concept or Reality.'

Study of Books: Noida lodge, studied the book *Viveka Chudamani*; Gr. Noida--Maitreya Lodge studied the Books '*Karma*' and '*Thought Power, its control and culture, and Pain—Its Meaning and Use*'; Varanasi--Annie Besant lodge studied the book *Monad*. Prayagraj-- Anand lodge studied the book *Theosophy Explained in Q. and A.* Mirzapur--Narayan lodge studied the book *The Key to Theosophy*.

Visits of Federation President to Lodge: Br. U. S. Pandey Federation President visited Maitrya lodge in Gr. Noida on 18 July 2025 and delivered a talk there on topic 'Introduction of Theosophy.'

12th World Congress of T.S. in Vancouver: 12 members of the Federation participated as delegates of the Indian Section. A short talk was delivered by Sis. Vibha Saxena on topic: 'Insight into Nature of man-- Part contains the Whole' on 25 July 2025. An Indian dance, on theme: 'The Divine Union -- a Path to insight and Wholeness' was performed by Sis. Suvralina Mohanty and Kritika Goel on 26 July 2025.

Contributions, To Other Federations: **Delhi--** online talks were delivered by Br. Br. S. K. Pandey on topics 'Rise and Fall of Civilizations' and 'Universal Brotherhood--Law of essential unity' on 02 August and 06 September, 2025; **Madras - Adyar lodge:** Br. Shikhar Agnihotri conducted discussion on the theme 'How to handle disappointments in life' on 14 September, 2025; **Marathi-- Pune Lodge:** Sis. Suvralina Mohanty delivered a talk on topic 'Thought Power, Control and Culture' on 21 September 2025.

To the Indian Section Programme: online study of *Mahatma Letters to A.P. Sinnett* (cr. edi) -- LBS Appendix II, and III conducted by Sis. Vibha Saxena on 15, 22, 29 August, and 05 September 2025.

TS Philippines : online study on *The Bhagavad Gita*, facilitated by Sis. Vibha Saxena on 02, 09 and 16 July, 06, 13, 20, 27 August, and 03, 10, 24 September 2025.

In the USA-- Seattle: Br. U. S. Pandey (1) held a conversation with a group of Indian origin families in Seattle on the theme 'Purpose and history of founding the Theosophical Society' on 01 August 2025, and (2) visited the Seattle Lodge of T.S. on 02 August 2025 and had interaction with Br. Josh Anderson, Librarian and Director of programming and some other members of that lodge on topic: 'Theosophy, its various aspects and some key points of its teachings.'

Annual Conference: The Federation held its 106th Annual Conference on 27 and 28 September at Varanasi, when Br. S.B.R. Mishra was honoured for his commendable work in establishing seven new lodges during last two years and keeping these new lodges active by visiting these and giving talks there. During the general body meetings, the annual report



the general body meetings, the annual report of activities for the year 2024-25 and statement of accounts of the federation as also of the Dharm Path journal for FY 2024-25, were adopted. Election of members of Federation council for next term of three years was held. The new federation council, elected the three office bearers, viz. President, Secretary and Treasurers for the next term of three years. Federation council also appointed group secretaries and Federation Lecturers.

106th Annual Conference of UP & UK Federation



Gujarat Theosophical Federation

During July 2025 the GTF President Harshavadan M Sheth delivered a lecture on 'The Inspiring Elements from J Krishnamurthy's Life' at Rohit Lodge.

Nine members of the GTF participated in the World Congress 2025 at Vancouver from 23rd to 27th July.





Utkal Theosophical Federation

The following study classes have been conducted in the UTF Building.

- Every Sunday at 9.30 AM to 10.30 AM -- Self Culture in the Light of Ancient Wisdom.
- Every Sunday 10.30 to 11.30 AM study and discussion for new members and sympathisers.
- Monday at 4.30 PM to 6.30 PM - Bharat Samaj puja and study class on the book Practical Occultism.
- Thursday online Study class for new members on the book "SHREE GURU CHARANE "

Speakers are Sailabala, Smita, Kasturi, Banita, Bandana, Swarnalata, Nilendri and Nibedita.

Study classes and Lectures

On 12th and 13th July two days Shyam Prasad Pattnaik memorial study classes were conducted by Sis Purnamasi Pattnaik on the book "The Mystery of Life and How Theosophy Unveils It."

On 16th and 17th August two days Sujit Mahapatra memorial study classes were conducted by Sis. Varsha Patel from Gujarat on the topic "Psychology of man's possible evolution".

On 20th and 21st September two days study classes were conducted by Sis. Mitalini Choudhury in the memory of a stalwart Theosophist Sis. Sailabala Mohapatra.

Bro. Partha Sarathi Prasad Sarangi delivered speech on "Theosophy is a Living not a study on 13th September and on 14th September he also delivered a speech on the topic "The Application of Theosophical Value in the present time "at Bengal Theosophical Federation.

Propagation

On 13th September Chittaranjan Satapathy and Sis. Mitalini Choudhury discussed about TS and Theosophical Solutions for day -to-day problems .Many youth were impressed and new Lodge name Lingaraj Lodge was formed.

On 15th September Dr. Chinmayee Mohapatra and Dr. Chittaranjan Satpathy visited Sailabala Mahavidyala where they discussed with the students about Importance of Life and Theosophy. After the discussion there was also question answer session.

On 19th September Dr Deepa Padhi organised a Theosophical lecture on the topic "Compassion and Empathy in Building Bridges No Walls" at Ramadevi Women's University. Dr. Deepa Padhi, Dr. Chittaranjan Satapathy and Sis. Purnamasi Pattnaik gave lectures on the topic.

Dr. Deepa Padhi ,Dr. Chittaranjan Satpathy and Sis. Mitalini distributed many Theosophical books to students, new members and sympathisers.

Dr. Deepa Padhi's Theosophical articles were published in Daily Business and Sakal newspaper.

Dr. Chittaranjan Satpathy gave lecture on "How to give moral support to cancer patients" to the Nursing training students.

Lodge activity

Barabati Lodge

- Bro. Bhabani Sankar Mohanty, Secretary of Barabati Lodge organised online Theosophical Lecture by inviting National Lecturer and Eminent speakers on every Monday at 6 PM.
- On 27th July Bro. B.D.Tendulkar spoke on Philosophy of Klesha.
- On 11th Aug Bro. Sahadev spoke on Spiritual Significance of Shiva Tattva
- On 18th Aug Bro. B.S.Mohanty spoke on Spiritual Significance of Purusha Sukta.

Cuttack Lodge

- Cuttack Lodge conducted study classes 4 days in a week on the book Devachanic Plane and Self Culture.
- Sis. Varsha Patel gave lecture on the topic "From Rock to God" at Cuttack Lodge on 17th August.

Maru Lodge

- Every Monday online study class is conducted by Sis. Purnamasi on Pablo Sender's Approaching the Secret Doctrine.
- Every Wednesday online study class is conducted by Sis. Purnamasi on Divine Plan.



Sidharth Lodge

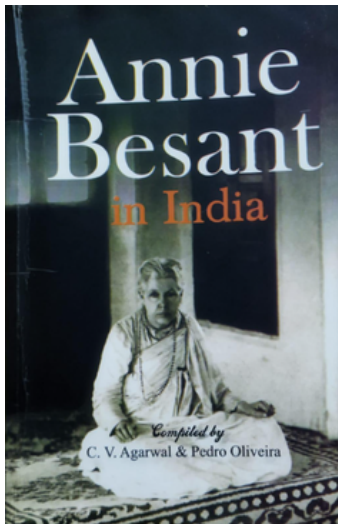
- Everyday morning 6.30 Bharat Samaj puja is performed by Sis. Mitalini.
- Every Sunday online study Class on Mahatma Letter is conducted by Sis. Mitalini.

Other Lodges

- Bro. Pradip conducted online study class on the book The Voice of the Silence every Tuesday for Jagannath Lodge.
- Bro Satyabrat, Secretary of Sanat Kumar Lodge, conducted study class on the book The Master and the Path every Saturday .
- Bro. Pramod Chandra Mishra, President of Laxminarayan, conducted study classes on the book The Bhagabat Gita every Friday.
- Dr. Partha Sarathi Sarathi Prasad Sarangi conducted study class on every Sunday at Baleswar Lodge.



Book Review



DR. ANNIE BESANT IN INDIA

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The first half of Dr. Annie Besant's life was spent in England. Her transformation from a devoted religious person to an Atheist, Fabian Socialist, a leader who fought for the women workers in England and finally into the Theosophical Society is a history.

When she met H. P. Blavatsky after reading the Secret Doctrine and her decision to join in the Theosophical Society surprised her fellow workers in the National Secular Society and the Socialist movement. Charles Bradlaugh and George Bernard Shaw were her colleagues in these Secular movements. She wrote her Autobiography upto 1891 only ie; till she joined in the Theosophical Society. Br. C. Jinarajadasa asked once "Who will write her Biography?" She was a diamond soul having many facets such as an orator, writer, activist, Home ruler, educationist, occultist and so on.

This book is a joint venture by late Dr. C. V. Agarwal, former General Secretary of the Indian Section of TS and Mr. Pedro Oliveira former International Secretary of TS Adyar. The compiled effort of these two persons is an answer to Br. C. Jinarajadasa's challenging question.

The book consists of Diary of Principal events in Besant's life. Books and pamphlets written by Dr. Besant and Dr. Besant and Judge case. A detailed list of educational Institutions started by Dr. Besant and opened under her inspiration are also given. But in the above list Sanathana Dharma Schools founded in 1905 at Alleppey Kerala are not included. These schools are living monuments of Dr. Besant. The book also contains rare photographs of Dr. Besant addressing public at Madras (Chennai) after her release from the internment at Ooty, unfurling the Swaraj flag, crowd at her funeral etc. Reminiscences of her co-workers in the freedom struggle such as Mr. Jinnah, M. K. Gandhi, Rabindranath Tagore, Sri Prakasa, Jawaharlal Nehru, Sarojini Naidu, C. P. Ramaswamy Iyer are included in this bio. The book is an introduction of Dr. Besant's life and work to the new generation who breathed the fresh air of free India.

The Government of India has included her as the "unsung Hero of the Freedom movement" during the anniversary of 75th year of Indian freedom. But the independent India is more indebted to her. The history of Indian freedom struggle, women's movement, Scouts movement, educational work all are intertwined with her life. As a spiritual leader with a deep knowledge in Indian Philosophy she authored many books on Gita, Upanishads, Yoga Sastra etc. Though her colleagues in all these movements were honoured with the highest civilian award of 'Bharat Ratna', we still fail in our memory to honour her.

When Theosophical Society enters into its 150th year, every Indian should honour and remember this great servant of Humanity. 'Mother Besant'.



YIT

The Making of Turiya National Theosophical Youth Magazine

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The journey of Turiya, the National Theosophical Youth Magazine of India, is a story of vision, dedication, and the collective aspiration of young seekers. Born out of the enthusiasm of youth and nurtured under the guiding light of Theosophy, Turiya stands as a platform for young minds to express, explore, and evolve.

Roots of the Initiative: The seeds of Turiya were sown in 2008, when Sophia, the first youth magazine, was launched at the Pythagoras Youth Lodge under the Utkal Theosophical Federation. Sophia gave a voice to young Theosophists, enabling them to share reflections, poems, and insights inspired by the Theosophical ideals. Though it began at a lodge level, it marked the beginning of a movement that would later blossom into a national platform.

From Sophia to Turiya: With time, the need for a broader, unified medium was felt—a magazine that would connect youth across federations under the banner of the Indian Section of the Theosophical Society. Thus was born Turiya, named after the Sanskrit term signifying the “fourth state” of consciousness—beyond waking, dreaming, and deep sleep—a state of pure awareness. The name itself reflects the essence of theosophical pursuit: the realization of the higher Self.

The Vision Behind Turiya: Turiya was envisioned not merely as a magazine, but as a movement to:

- Encourage youth expression through articles, essays, poetry, and art.
- Promote Theosophical values in a creative and accessible way.
- Foster unity among young Theosophists across the country.
- Inspire self-discovery through the sharing of ideas, experiences, and wisdom.

The Making of the First Issue: The journey towards the inaugural issue was marked by enthusiasm and teamwork. Youth members from different regions collaborated, shared responsibilities, and poured in their contributions. The editorial team—worked diligently to shape diverse inputs into a meaningful publication. With guidance from senior members of the Indian Section, the dream of Turiya took concrete form.

Finally, on 5th September 2025, the first issue of Turiya was formally launched, marking a historic milestone for the Theosophical youth of India. The date carries a special significance—it is observed as Teachers’ Day in India, a day dedicated to honoring the guiding lights who impart knowledge and inspire learning. Launching Turiya on this day symbolizes its role as a teacher in print, guiding young minds towards wisdom, self-discovery, and higher consciousness.

Challenges and Dedication: Every beginning comes with challenges—coordination across federations, compiling contributions, editing, and designing. But what made the effort successful was the spirit of service and commitment. The young editorial team, guided by senior mentors, overcame every hurdle with patience and perseverance, embodying the Theosophical principle of “There is no religion higher than Truth.”

A Platform for the Future: Today, Turiya stands as more than just a magazine—it is a collective voice of youth seeking Truth, Beauty, and Goodness. It is a platform where creativity meets spirituality, where tradition meets innovation, and where youthful energy is directed towards building a future inspired by Theosophy.

The making of Turiya is not the end of a journey but the beginning of an ongoing mission: to nurture young seekers, to provide them with a stage for self-expression, and to help them walk the path towards self-realization. With every issue, Turiya aspires to awaken higher ideals in the hearts of youth and inspire them to live Theosophy in daily life.

"The true aim of education is not only to train the mind, but to awaken the soul."
– Annie Besant

In this spirit, Turiya seeks to become more than a magazine—it aspires to be a companion in the inner journey of every youth, a space where thoughts are refined, ideals are nurtured, and the eternal wisdom of Theosophy finds fresh expression. Each issue is a step towards awakening the higher consciousness, echoing the very essence of its name, Turiya.

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