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# Article

## Counting The Blessings

(My Journey in the Theosophical Society)

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Life is a stage where each of us plays the role of a spiritual aspirant. Through moments of restlessness, struggle, and suffering, we are given opportunities to learn, correct ourselves, and grow. These experiences are not setbacks but invitations—to respond with awareness and gratitude. They remind us to pause and count the blessings of life.

In my journey, I have felt that the universe places us in the right place at the right time. Meaningful connections unfold naturally, and there is a deeper plan guiding human life toward growth and the unfoldment of consciousness. This very curiosity led me to the Theosophical Society and shaped my path of exploration.

Through this journey, I have come to recognize seven blessings that have deeply influenced my understanding of life and service.

Life is One is the first blessing—a universal truth reflected in the invocation, “O Hidden Life, vibrant in every atom.” When we understand this unity, our actions arise from awareness rather than reaction. Acting with love aligns us with the natural flow of life and brings harmony within and around us.

The second blessing is altruism—the heart of Theosophy. Inspired by H.P. Blavatsky’s teaching that benefiting mankind is the first step, I came to see selfless service as essential to spiritual growth. Nature itself teaches this truth: trees bear fruit for others, rivers flow for others, and all life exists in mutual support. Altruism is a universal principle expressed across all forms of life, reminding us of our shared purpose.

The third blessing is the understanding of Theosophy in action through the Theosophical Society (TS) and the Theosophical Order of Service (TOS).

Founded by Dr. Annie Besant, TOS reflects the spirit of service through its motto, “A union of those who love in the service of all that suffers.” TS provides the foundation through study, meditation, and discipline, while TOS expresses these ideals through action. Together, they represent knowledge and practice, leading to an awareness of unity and the evolution of consciousness.

The fourth blessing is the Esoteric School, founded by H.P. Blavatsky in 1888. Based on the principles of Raja Yoga, it emphasizes not only the study of wisdom but its practice in daily life. It encourages inner transformation, harmony, and a commitment to altruistic living.

The fifth blessing in my life has been the opportunity to serve at the International Headquarters in Adyar since 2006. This has been a deeply fulfilling experience through study, meditation, lectures, and service. Adyar has been a spiritual oasis, and the support of my family has been vital in sustaining this journey.

The sixth blessing was the opportunity to compile the editorial writings of Mrs. Radha Burnier into the book *The World Around Us*, which deepened my understanding of Theosophical thought.

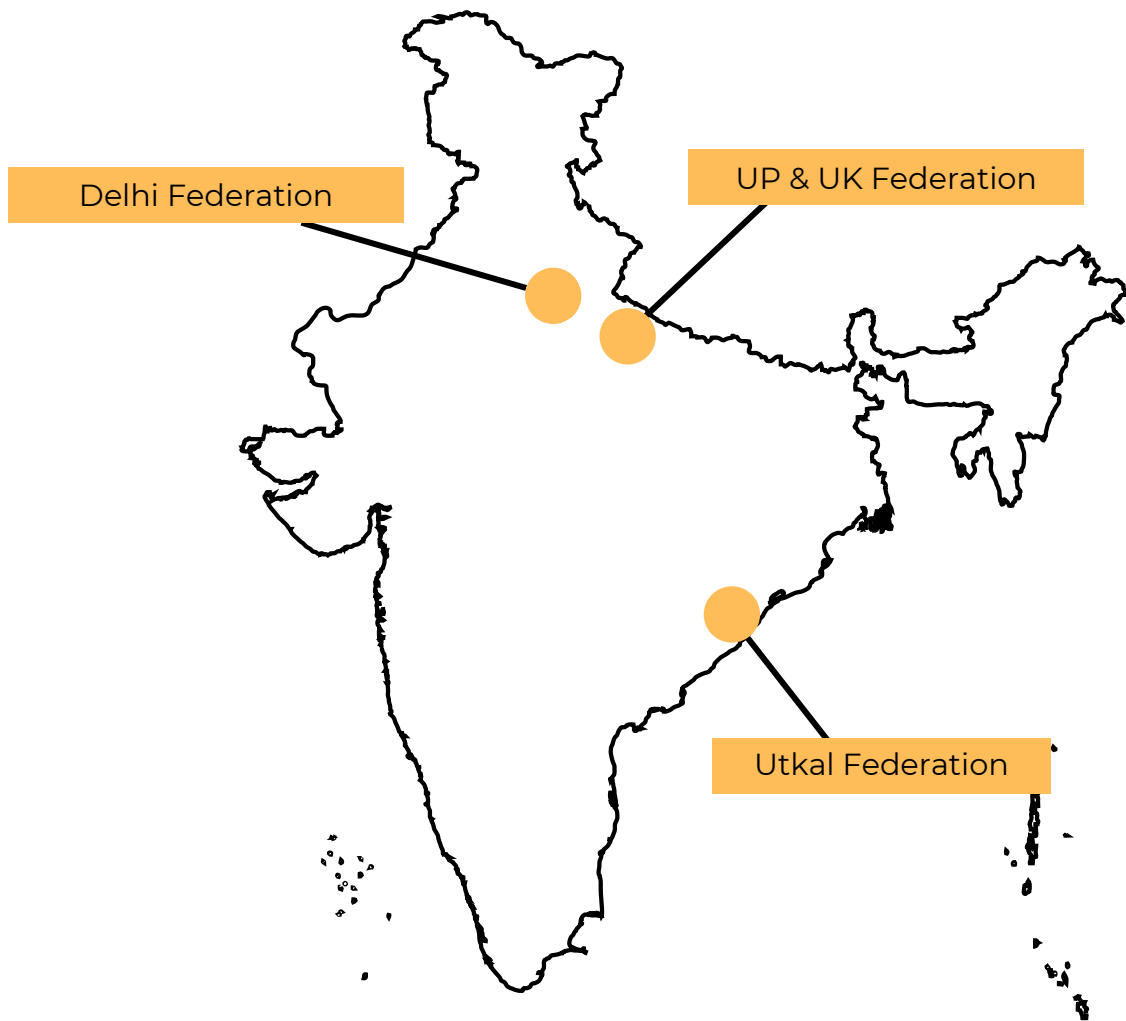
The seventh blessing has been serving as Secretary of the Esoteric School and contributing to the digitization of manuscripts at the Adyar Library. This responsibility of preserving knowledge for future generations has been both meaningful and humbling.

Spiritual life invites reflection—to look within and beyond, to hold on to the eternal while learning to let go. Life tests before it blesses, and through discipline and service, we learn to count our blessings, cultivating gratitude, humility, and the true power to serve others.



# FEDERATION REPORT

*for period January-March 2026*



# Delhi Theosophical Federation

## Study Class

### JANUARY

- Karana Sharira - Causal Body and The Higher Self - National Lecturer Dr Rajiv Gupta
- Movements of The One Reality – Studies of The Secret Doctrine – Part 2 - Online Meeting - National Lecturer Sis. Vibha Saxena
- The Seven Rays - National Lecturer Sis. Sushma Srivastava

### FEBRUARY

- Interesting Incidents in The Life of J.K By Veera Peruma Susunag
- Human Races With Third Eye and Nature of Memory By - Lecturer Bro.S K Pandey
- Problem of Evil - Bro. U S Pandey

### MARCH

- Preparation For Yoga – Bro. R K Mathur: The interesting talk taken for Preparation Of Yoga In Two Sessions By Bro. R K. Mathur, President, Shankar Lodge, highlighted the turning point in the life of the human when he moves towards the Nivritti Marg. Until the light of discrimination with will power is not strong, the person falls back into the world of materialism again and again, despite trying to prepare for Samadhi. The Shlokas of Bhagvat Gita, The Science of Yoga, At The Feet of The Master taken as references quoted to explain the Samadhi Pada Sutras was immensely satisfying for the minds of listeners to broaden the understanding of Theosophy through religion, philosophy and practical training by applying science into Yogic Life.

## Links For Public Lectures Taken On You Tube

- Youtube Channel – Theosophy Delhi (2.15k Subscribers 204 Videos)
  - Books and some online recorded lectures on Theosophy are available on Youtube
  - Instagram channel has been creating videos, shorts, reels and quotations on Theosophy and its teachings
- Youtube Channel - Audiobooks Theosophy
  - [www.youtube.com/@Subaudiobookstheosophy](http://www.youtube.com/@Subaudiobookstheosophy) (22 Videos, 5 Audiobooks Released, Shorts Recently Added)
- Instagram Channel - Pearls Of Wisdom – Theosophy\_society (419 Posts)



# UP & UK Theosophical Federation

**Address to the Students/teachers:** Talks delivered: by Br. U. S. Pandey (a) on 23 January 2026, on the theme "Science of Life, Purpose of Human Life and Art of Living" to a group of students/teachers of Government college of Art, Science and Commerce in Goa; (b) on 11 February 2026, on topic: "How to be happy, successful and peaceful" to a group of students and teachers of Ananta school run by the theosophical society in Bhopal; and (c) on 13 March 2026, on topic: "Introduction of Theosophy", during inaugural session of the current year's Value Added Programme for the first year graduate students of VKM Varanasi.

**Public Talks:** (1) Sis. Indu Sood introduced 'Theosophy' in her talk to the audience during an online meditation session organised by PMC group on 07 January 2026; (2) Br. S. K. Pandey spoke on 'Origin of Thought' on 8 January, and 'Thought Transference' in two sessions on 14, 15 January during an online programme organised by 'Know your self--group'; (3) Br. U.S. Pandey spoke on the theme "Self - Management by Awareness" before officers in Indian Railway Institute of Signal Engineering Secunderabad on 04 February, 2026; (4) Br. SBR Mishra spoke on 'History of Theosophical society' in Institute of Technology and Management, Gorakhpur on 30 March, 2026.

**Symposiums/Seminaras organized by lodges:** Symposiums were organised by Agra lodge on 08 January, 12, 19, 26 February, 26 March, 2026 on themes: 'Theosophy', 'Introduction of Theosophy', 'Plan, Evolution and Purpose of Life', 'Man and his bodies', and 'Plan of Life respectively.

**Study of Books:** (1) Narayan Lodge Mirzapur studied the Books *Theosophy ke Path* and *The Key to Theosophy*; (2) Noida Lodge studied the book *Viveka Chudamani*; (3) Maitrya lodge, Gr. Noida studied the book *Doctrine of the Heart* (3) Annie Besant Lodge Varanasi studied the book *A Geometry of Space and Consciousness* (author: James S Perkins) on 27 March 2026.

**Study Camp:** (1) A two days' camp on "Mediation -Theory and Practice" organized by KTS Varanasi on 14-15 March- conducted by Br. U. S. Pandey.

**Visits of Federation President to Lodge:** Br. U. S. Pandey Federation President visited KTS lodge Varanasi, Sarvahitkari lodge Gorakhpur, Baba Gorakhnath Brhmvidya lodge Deoria and Sanatan Dharma lodge, Gorakhpur on 14, 28, and 29 March (last two lodges) and delivered talks there.

## Contributions, To Other Federations:

**Karnataka:** Br. U. S. Pandey conducted a session on "Self-transformation through Awareness" in Davangere lodge on 11 January, conducted study on "Foundations of Esoteric Philosophy" in Malleshwaram lodge in two sessions on 12 and 19 January, delivered talks on topics: "Parabrahman" and "Theosophising our lives" in Vijayanagar and Bangalore city lodges on 17 and 18 January respectively, delivered a talk on topic: 'Kaivalya and Nirvana' in a session on 22 February during the study camp organised by KTF at Varanasi on *Yoga- Sutras* of Patanjali;

**Marathi:** Goa lodge: Br. U. S. Pandey conducted a three days' workshop on the theme "Theosophy - the Science of Life and Art of Living" from 24 to 26 January 2026, Nagpur-- Maitreya lodge -- Br. U. S. Pandey delivered key note address during one day's workshop on topic "Theosophy- Philosophy of Life" on 08 February, and answered questions in a Q and A session on "Theosophy" organised by Br. Ashok Lokhande with some members of Nagpur on 09 February; Amaravati - Shri Krishna lodge: Br. S. K. Pandey conducted three days' study camp on book "Technique of Spiritual Life" (author—Clara Codd) on 27, 28 February and 01 March 2026

**Rayalseema:** Br. U. S. Pandey delivered talks on topics: "Science of the Soul" and "Introduction of Theosophy" in Hyderabad and Secunderabad lodges on 01 and 05 February respectively;



**Delhi—Shankar Lodge:** online talks delivered: on 17 and 31 January 2026 on topics: 'Movement of One Reality-Part 2—Studies in the Secret Doctrine' and 'The Seven Rays' by Sisters Vibha Saxena and Sushma Srivastava respectively, on 07 February and 07 March 2026 on topics: "Nature of Memory", "Human Races with third Eye"—both by Br. S. K. Pandey, and on 21 March 2026 on topic: 'Problem of Evil'-Part I, by Br. U. S. Pandey;

**Bombay and Gujarat Federations—Triveni:** online talk delivered on 10 February 2026 on topic: 'Invisible Helpers' by Sis. Archana Pandey.

**To the Indian Section Programme:** During Indian Section Convention -I, held on 01 January 2026 at Adyar, the book *Theosophy ke Path* written by Br. U. S. Pandey was released by Br. Tim Boyd, the International President.

Online study conducted on 16 January 2026 of Letters Nos. 33 to 37, and on 06, 13, 20 February 2026 of Letters Nos. 48 to 56 from the book *Letters from the Masters of Wisdom—Series 2*, by Sis. Vibha Saxena; Online study conducted on 18, 25 January 2026, of the book 'First Principles of Theosophy' (author-C. Jinarajadasa) by Sis. Sushma Srivastava.; short online talk delivered on 17 February 2026—'Adyar Day' on topic: 'J. K. and Theosophy' by Sis. Suvralina Mohanty; Online Question and Answer session on 'Wisdom in Dialogue' held on 22 March 2026 -- Brs. U. S. Pandey and S. K. Pandey worked as panelists

**New Lodge:** A new lodge started at village. Jagdishpur (District. Gorakhpur).

**Passed to peace:** Shri Shyam Singh Gautam of Kanpur, Smt. Bhanmati Mishra of Gorakhpur and Shri Ram Pratap Singh of Etawah passed to peace on 09, 11 and 19 January 2026 respectively.



Inaugural session of the current year's Value Added programme for first year graduate students of Vasant Kanya Mahavidyalaya in Varanasi on 13th March, 2026. Topic covered: "Introduction of Theosophy and T.S.



KTS organised two days' programme on study and practice of meditation on 14-15 March 2026 at Varanasi.



# Utkal Theosophical Federation

Adyar Day celebration on 17th Feb 2026. Study class conducted by Prof. C A Shinde National lecture of the Indian Section for the memory of late Bhanupria Satapathy.

## Study Class

- On 17th and 18th January two days study classes were conducted by Bro. Pradip Mahapatra on the book "Ultimate Reality and Realisation" at UTF building in the memory of Prof. Chintamani Mohapatra.



- On 16th and 17th February Dr R.C Rath memorial study class was conducted by International Speaker Sis. Isis Resende on the book "Mahatma Letter".
- On 24th and 2th Februry Sis. Bhanupriya Satapathy Memorial study class was conducted by International and National Lecturer Prof C.A.Sindhe on the topic "Make Theosophy a Living Power".
- On 21st and 22nd March Sis. Purnamasi Pattnaik conducted study class on the book "What Theosophists Believe" in the memory of Bro. R.P.Mohanty.
- Every Sunday we studied the book Self Culture at UTF Building.
- Every Thursday we conducted online Study class on the book "Shree Guru Charene" for new members.



## Annual Conference

Utkal Theosophical Federation celebrated its 61st Annual Conference on 14th and 15th February at UTF Building. Theme of the Conference was "MEDITATION". On the first day, Sis Isis Resende from Brazil was the chief guest. Programme started with Flag hoisting by our chief guest and prayers of all religions. President Dr. Chittaranjan Satpathy gave introductory remarks on the Theme and chief guest addressed on the topic: MYSTICISM AND MEDITATION. Short talks were given by Dr. Chinmayee Mohapatra, Dr. Chittaranjan and Bro. Surendra Pradhan on the topics Meditation in Bhagabad Gita, Meditation & Patanjali Yoga Sutra and Vipasana Meditation respectively. Bro. Pradip Kumar Mahapatra, Bro. Sudhanshu Sekhar Pati and Dr. Parthasarathy Sarangi participated in Symposium on the topic Theosophical Principle and Meditation. Theosophy Science Lecture was delivered by Dr Raj Kishore Paramguru.



The 2nd day the programme started with Bharat Samaj puja, performed by Sis. Mitalini Choudhury. Short talks were given by Sis. Purnamasi Pattnaik on the topic HPB's Diagram of meditation and Sis. Mitalini Choudhury on Necessity of meditation for a Theosophist. Sis. Annanya Pati, Si.s Swadha Samridhi Parija, Sis .Tapaswini Samataray and Bro. Binaya Malik spoke on "Is meditation necessary in our life?" in the youth program. Dr. Krushna Pasad Padhi, Bro. Debbabrat Hota, Bro. Satyabrat Rath and Bro. Pramod Chandra Mishra delivered speech on the topic "Meditation and Service". A public lecture on the topic "Why meditation, the wings of the Soul could be the other" was given by Sis. Isis Resende. The Conference was concluded with vote of thanks by UTF Secretary Sis. Mitalini Choudhury.

**Adyar Day Celebration**

On 17th February UTF members celebrated the Adyar Day. President of UTF Bro. Pradip Kumar Mahapatra spoke on the importance of Adyar Day and Sister Isis Resende spoke on the contribution of H.S.Olcott, Bishop Leadbeater and J.Krishnamurti.

**Lodge Updates  
Barabati Lodge  
Virtual Meet**

5.1.2026 - Theosophy and Theosophical Society - Speaker Sri Sahadeba Patro  
12.1.2025 and 19.1.2026 - Vivekananda the Vedantin and Bhagawat Gita a quintessence of life manual by Sri Sahadeba Patro.  
16.2.2026 - Shiva Tattva by Sri Sahadeba Patro  
19.2.2026 - Beginners' Meet - Karma and Karmaashraya by Bro. B S Mohanty.  
23.2.2026 - Saint Vima Voi n Dhyaneswara by Sri Sahadeba Patro.  
2.3.2026- Psychology of Yoga by IK Taimni- by Sri Sahadeba Patro.  
9.3.2026 and 16.3.2026 - Vootas ,Indriyas and Tanmatras by Sri Sahadeba Patro.  
23.3.2026 - Islamic Shruti and Smriti The Qur'an and Sunnah by Sri Hamid Khan a Naval Technocrat from Mumbai.

**Physical Meet**

11.1.2026 - Theosophical concept of consciousness  
18.1.2026 - Consciousness in perspective of Vedas and Vedantas by Sri Sahadeba Patro.  
1.2.2026 and 8.2.2026 - Gita the quintessence of all Shastras.by Sri Sahadeba Patro.  
15.2.2026 - Shiva Tattva by Sri Sahadeb Patro  
22.2.2026 - Sri Jagannatha Dharma by Sri Sahadeba Patro.

1.3.2026- Psychology of Yoga by IK Taimni - by Sri Sahadeba Patro.

8.3.2026 and 15.3.2026 - The Voice of the Silence by Sri Sahadeba Patro.

**Cuttack Lodge**

On 8th February Cuttack Lodge celebrated its 125th Anniversary. International Secretary of Theosophical Society Sis. Maria Aartma was the Chief Guest and Mr. Soumya Ranjan Pattnaik, Chairman of Eastern Media Ltd. was the Chief Speaker. In the 2nd session Mr. Shasikant Mishra, Judge of Odisha High Court was the Chief Speaker. Sis. Deepa Padhi's article on "Yatha Dristi Tatha Srusti" was published in the newspaper named Political Business Daily.

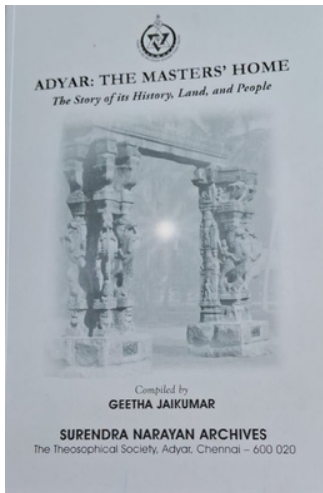
**Other Programs**

On 28th February and 1st March 9 members of UTF attended the 24th National Conference held at Samastipur, Bihar. Sis. Mitalini conducted Bharat Samaj puja and delivered lecture on the topic Spirituality is the road map of Peace, Bro. Pradip Kumar Mahapatra spoke on Oneness and Harmony, Bro. Sudhanshu Sekhar Pati spoke on "What is the meaning of Dharma", Sis. Swarnalata Das spoke on "Why we experience pain and suffering" and Bro. Satyabrath Rath spoke on "As the Perspective so the World".

On 24th March Sis. Mitalini Choudhury delivered online speech on the topic Spirituality is the road map of peace in Triveni meet.



# Book Review



## ADYAR – THE MASTERS’ HOME

*Compiled by Geetha Jaikumar*

REVIEW BY

**Bro. Shikhar Agnihotri**

*International Vice-President, TS*

There are books that inform and inspire, and there are books that initiate. Adyar – The Masters’ Home belongs to the latter. From its very preface, it opens not merely as a chronicle of buildings and dates, but as a pilgrimage through memory, devotion, service, and the quiet grandeur of one of the most significant spiritual movements of the 19th century that gave rise to a new collective human consciousness of the modern world, either directly or indirectly.

This volume unfolds in sixteen carefully crafted chapters, each illuminating a distinct facet of Adyar’s evolution—the spiritual heart of the Theosophical Society. Yet what makes the book extraordinary is not only what it recounts, but how it invites the reader to enter into the vibrant and vivid atmosphere of Adyar.

The journey begins with the founding of the Theosophical Society, enriched by the evocative account of a prophecy by the revered saint Shri Ramalinga Swamigal (Vallalar), foretelling the arrival of the Founders (HPB & HSO) in India. From the outset, the narrative suggests that Adyar did not become the global centre of the Theosophical Movement by chance, but it was chosen and prepared, as per the Divine Plan.

As the chapters progress, we are led into the fascinating story of how Adyar became the international headquarters of the Society. The account of divine guidance and historical circumstance intertwining to shape this decision lends a sense of sacred inevitability. One feels that the soil itself was waiting for the seed of the Theosophical Thought to be sown.

The book then becomes architectural, yet never dry. Through vivid descriptions of the Headquarters Building, the Great Hall, the original Library wing, and the rooms once occupied by the Founders, Annie Besant, and C.W. Leadbeater, the author transforms brick and mortar into living testimony. These spaces are not presented as relics; they breathe and inspire. They whisper of meditation, of counsel, of invisible presences, of moments when the spiritual and the earthly stood face to face.

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### ERRATUM

In the previous edition of Insight (OND 2025; Issue 012), Bro. K. Dinakaran was incorrectly identified as the Secretary of the Kerala Theosophical Federation. At that time, he did not hold this position.



The narrative deepens as it traces Adyar during the presidencies of Colonel Olcott and Annie Besant—periods marked by innovation, vision, and tireless dedication and expansion. We begin to see that Adyar was built not only with funds and plans, but with sacrifice and love. What elevates this book beyond institutional history is its insistence on the unity of life. A full chapter is devoted to animal welfare, detailing the establishment of an animal hospital and the Society's early advocacy against cruelty and sacrifice. Here, philosophy becomes practice. Compassion takes institutional form. Theosophy steps out of the lecture hall and into the village.

The chapters on the Adyar Library, Archives, Blavatsky Museum, and various departments—including the Vasanta Press and Theosophy-Science Centre—reveal a movement deeply committed to scholarship and dissemination. Knowledge at Adyar is not hoarded; it radiates. It is up to the individual to approach either with a small spoon or a big bucket, to assimilate as much or as less as one can.

Equally moving are the chapters on shrines and landmarks: the Trilithons, the Garden of Remembrance, the Founders Avenue. These are not mere tourist attractions but symbols—anchors of collective memory. The history of the Prayers of the Religions and Annie Besant's Universal Invocation is recounted in a way that reminds the reader that Adyar has always stood for harmony among faiths. Then there is Nature herself. The majestic Great Banyan, the ancient Baobabs, the rich flora and fauna of the estate—these are not scenic embellishments but spiritual companions. Adyar emerges as an ecological sanctuary long before environmental consciousness became fashionable.

Perhaps the most touching chapter is devoted to the "Unsung Builders of the Masters' Home." Here the author pauses to honour those whose names history does not always record—the quiet workers, the devoted servers, the souls who gave their lives in humble dedication. Their sacrifices form the unseen foundation upon which the edifice of the Theosophical movement rests. It is impossible to read this without feeling a stirring of reverence and gratitude. The final chapter, aptly titled "Snippets," offers anecdotal treasures—small windows into the character and spirit of the place. They are like lamps placed along a twilight path, gentle yet illuminating.

Adyar – The Masters' Home is more than a commemorative volume. It is not only an act of remembrance and renewal but more than that it is an act of service by the author bringing to light the hidden, multidimensional treasure of Adyar, taking it to people – both members and non-members – across the world. It invites members, seekers, historians, and lovers of spiritual heritage to rediscover Adyar not merely as headquarters of the TS, but as a living centre of Theosophy.

For anyone who has walked under the shade of the Great Banyan, attended a convention in the Great Hall or the Adyar theatre, or felt the quietude of the Adyar river at dusk, or listened to the distant rhythm of the ocean waves gently echoing through the evening air, this book will feel like coming home. For those who have not yet visited, it will kindle a longing.

To buy and read this book is to participate in a lineage of gratitude. It is to understand how ideals become institutions, how vision becomes landscape, how selfless service shapes history. Above all, it is to glimpse how a place can become a vessel for spiritual insight and universal brotherhood.

If you wish to know the heart of the Theosophical Society—its struggles, its triumphs, its silent presence—begin here. Adyar is not only a location on a map. Through these pages, it becomes a state of consciousness. Deep gratitude is due to Dr. Geetha Jaikumar and her dedicated team, whose meticulous research, sensitivity, and devotion have brought this sacred narrative to life. Their work is itself an offering—preserving memory, honouring legacy, and ensuring that the spirit of Adyar continues to inspire generations yet to come.

The book covers the time frame of more or less 1882 until the early 1970s. I am sure after reading this book, the readers will DEFINITELY expect a sequel. This book is a Must Have & Must Read, kind of a book – For members of the TS in particular, to know in depth about Adyar and for anyone in general to know that such a place like Adyar exists.

To order your copy of the book, kindly write email to [tphindia@gmail.com](mailto:tphindia@gmail.com)



# TOS

Theosophical Order of Service



Winter clothes distribution by TOS Sanatan Noida Group at Agra in Jan 2026.

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## Samabedana Charity Center of TOS Odisha a unique paradigm of philanthropy

**PBD BUREAU**  
**BHUBANESWAR, MARCH 27**

THE Samabedana Charity Center of TOS Odisha operational since 2022 is a paradigm of philanthropy based on the ethos of sharing with the needy the excess we have, said President TOS, Odisha Dr. Deepa Padhi.

Notably, on 23rd March 2022, Theosophical Order of Society (TOS) Odisha came out with this center outstretching its philanthropic arms. It was inaugurated by Guruji Chandrabhanu Satpathy. While observing the annual day of this center last Monday, TOS Odisha President Dr. Deepa Padhi said, "It is not just as a charitable center but a movement against hoarding and for human dignity."

Speaking to PBD, she said in many homes across India, usable items quietly pile up – clothes, blankets, utensils, furniture – saved for years, often forgotten and eventually wasted. At the same time countless individuals dream of owning even the simplest of these necessities. "We

asked ourselves a simple question: Why should abundance co-exist with need, she said, stating, "Our Samabedana Charitable Center will bridge this gap."

Speaking about what exactly this center does, Dr. Padhi said, "We invite people to donate items they no longer use, and we make them available at very low, affordable prices to the underprivileged." This is not about giving away leftovers – it is about restoring choice, dignity and joy, she said.

A beautiful saree, a warm blanket, a sturdy chair, or a simple dinner set – these are not luxuries. They are part of a dignified life. While the rich enjoy variety and comfort, the less privileged do deserve the chance to experience something good, something beautiful, she said.

Giving an account of what are available in this center, she said, "Clothes, sarees, girls' dresses - Indian and Western, dresses for kids, woolen garments, gent's suits, blazers, shirts, pants, jeans; Curtains, Bedsheets and Home furnishing; furniture and Electrical items;



Crockery, cutlery and decorative pieces." And all these at throwaway prices ensuring accessibility without compromising self-respect, she said. However, spiritual, moral and educative books are available free of

cost, she pointed out.

Stating that the ethos behind this initiative was to reach out to the most vulnerable, Dr. Padhi said, "We actively donate to: Orphanages, Oldage Homes, Destitute Women Centers, Beggars' Home, Affected people during natural calamities like flood, cyclone etc. Homes/centers outside Bhubaneswar also."

Speaking about TOS, Odisha supporting higher education of needy girl students, she said at the end of each year, the sale proceeds from our center are awarded as a scholarship to a deserving and needy girl student, helping her pursue higher education and build an independent future.

"This center is a non-profit initiative, driven by compassion, community support, and the belief that small actions can create meaningful changes," she said, exhorting all to "stop hoarding, start sharing."

This year, on the occasion of the Annual Day of Samabedana Charity Center, dedicated to supporting underprivileged communities, the members organized a variety of cul-

tural and creative competitions for children from nearby slum areas. These included singing, dancing and Rangoli competitions, providing the children with a platform to showcase their talents and creativity, she informed.

All participants were encouraged and appreciated, and prizes were awarded to recognize their efforts and achievements. In addition, we organized a lucky draw for the children and their parents offering three main prizes along with several consolation prizes, adding excitement and joy to the celebration, she said.

Pointing out that one of the key highlights of the event was identifying talented boys and girls, she said, "We aim to nurture and promote them by providing them with opportunities and support to develop their skills further."

The Samabedana Charity center is operating from Plot No.2002, Near Andhra Bank, VSS, Nagar, Bhubaneswar. It can be contacted in these two numbers: 73278 59499 / 9937025007.

On 10th March TOS Odisha region celebrated International Women's Day. Dr Asha Hans, former director of school of Women's study was the Chief Guest.

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