**THE TELUGU FEDERATION**

**THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY**

**CENTENARY CONFERENCE 1919 - 2020**

**Centennial Conference Theme**

**“Transformation from Fragmentation to Wholesomeness”**

***“Bhinnathvam Nundi Ekathvamunaku Parivarthana”***

**A Detailed Report on the**

**Centenary Celebrations Annual Conference 2021**

**20th, 21st, 22nd and 23rd March, 2021**

**Venue: Jetty Grand Hotel, Rajamahendravaram**

**The Telugu Federation was established in the year 1919 and it has completed the hundred years during the year 2019. The Centenary Celebrations were planned to he held during the Annual Conference during March, 2020. Then the event was organized for four days from 20th to 23rd March, 2020 to be hosted by the Rajahmundry Theosophical Lodge, Rajamahendravaram and all the arrangements were put in place in right earnestness. However the grand event was deferred and postponed to an indefinite date in view of the then prevailing situation of pandemic COVID-19 and the impending national lockdown.**

**The adjourned event was reorganised with the same dates viz. 20, 21, 22** **and 23rd March, 2021 at Jetty Grand Hotel, Rajamahendravarm.** **Invitations were forwarded to all the Lodges and other interested persons.**

**Saturday, 20-03-2021:**

**The Federation has convened the Executive-cum-Executive Council Meeting on Saturday, 20th evening to consider the agenda and take decisions for the year ahead. The minutes of previous meetings were circulated and the Federation Secretary Sri G. Subrahmanyam garu read the report and minutes. The Agenda was discussed and the decisions were recorded for proper resolutions for further implementation and march ahead.**

**Attendance: 40 in aggregate**

**Sunday, 21-03-2021:**

**Bharata Samaja Puja was performed with a good gathering of spiritualists.**

**The Centenary Celebrations Annual Conference 2021 took a grand opening on 21st morning with performance of spiritual Bharata Samaja Puja, Registration of Delegates and Prayers of All Religions.**

**Welcome address was given by Sri K.S.Ramachandra Rao, Federation President.**

**Smt. Jetty Lakshmi Rani, President of host Lodge extended warm greetings and welcome to all the delegates.**

**Sri G. Subrahmanyam, Federation Secretary has read out the messages of greetings from the national federations, Indian Section, other national sections, Adyar and individuals wishing the centennial celebrations a grand success.**

**The Honorary Guest of the morning session was entrusted to Sri N.C. Krishna, National Lecturer, Indian Section and Member, Executive Committee of Indian Section and Central Property Committee. He was performing the portfolio in view of absence of Dr. N.C. Ramanujachary from Chennai due to conditions of ill health and convalescence. Bro. Krishna spoke on Progress of Telugu Federation and explained the concept of *Acharanathmaka Divya Jnanamu* – Practical side of Theosophy.**

**The aggregate delegate strength was one hundred and one (101) and the general public attendance was fifty (50) participants aggregating to all three days.**

**The inaugural address was given by the Chief Guest Sri Mandali Buddha Prasad, former Deputy Speaker of the Andhra Pradesh Legislative Assembly. He dealt on the establishment of The Theosophical Society during 1875 in New York and the three fundamental objects of the movement to preach and practice Theosophy. He also explained the establishment of the Indian Section at Varanasi and the Telugu Federation towards expansion of Lodges across the country.**

**The Chief Guest also released the Centenary Souvenir titled *Telugu Divyajnana Samakhya Satha Varshika Sanchika 1919 – 2020.* The Souvenir consists of one hundred ninety two pages – well laid out cover pages, messages of greetings, memorable images of yesteryears, informative articles in Telugu and English and sponsored features.**

**In the second part of morning session the event Bandaru Mohananga Rao Memorial Lecture was given in the first instance by Sri K.S. Ramachandra Rao. He explained the reason to start this particular segment of memorial lecture in the name of Sri Bandaru Mohananga Rao, a former Vice president and Federation Lecturer of Telugu Federation some years ago during the course of Annual Conference and providing lectures from Federation lecturers and guests.**

**The second lecture was rendered by Sri. N.C. Krishna on the subject of “The Way to Wholisticity” – *“Sampurnathaku Daaretu”* and dealt on the life of theosophist and the universal brotherhood with several natural illustrations.**

**The evening session of Sunday consisting of a public lecture by the Chief Guest Sri Mandali Buddha Prasad. He explained various historical facts and aspects of theosophy, the progress of the theosophical movement for all these one hundred and forty six years and the role of founders and other important personalities to propagate the theosophy in the initial decades towards its arduous journey through the prevailing situation of communication and commuting. He explained the three objects and the need of the hour to propagate these objects coupled with the available literature. He explained the huge gathering at Stanford University in USA on Mahatma Gandhi and Martin Luther King.**

**Cultural Programme:**

**Classical Music of Keerthanas was rendered by Chiranjivi P. Sai Sruthi and Chiranjivi Sai Sravani with instrumental assistance from Sri B.V.S.Appaji on Tabala and Chiranjivi Nikhil Radha Krishna on Flute.**

**Bharatanatyam dance was performed by Kumari K.V.Deepika and Kumari K. Abhijna with sterling show enthralling the audience.**

**Monday, 22-03-2021:**

**Bharata Samaja Puja was performed with a good gathering of spiritualists.**

**Short Lectures;**

**The morning session consisted Short Lectures. Sister M. Lakshmi, Vice President and Telugu Federation Lecturer spoke on “Fragmented Mind – Global Mind” – *“Vichhinna Manasu – Viswa Manasu”*. She remembered the early years of her association with Sri Bandaru Mohananga Rao garu and extensively narrated several aspects on the subject.**

**Sri Rangaiah Chetty, Advocate and former president of Rayalaseema Federation, Bellary spoke on the subject of “Reach of Human Being to Oneness’ – *‘Manavuni Vikasamu Ekathvaaniki”.* He explained the oneness in two forms or three forms, the seeking of the mind, aspiration, seek or search and knoit and removal of knot and the occult science.**

**Sri A. I. Basava Raj Reddy, former President of Rayalaseema Federation delivered lecture on ‘Pure Love Embraces Wholesomeness’ – *“Parisuddha Prema Paripurnamainadi”*. He touched on the Centennial Conference Theme “Transformation from Fragmentation to Wholesomeness” and seven planes from consciousness to planet earth, elements of chemistry, rythimicity, contemplation, living for others, introspection. He stressed on the subject of avoidance of cruelty, gossip and superstition for achieving pure love.**

**During the second part of the morning short lectures were given by Sri K.V.B.Satry, former Director of Propaganda, Telugu Federation, Eluru. He spoke on “Theosophy – Self Communion” – *“Divyjnanamu Saswaroopamu”*. He also dealt on the Centennial Theme- contradictory opinions, J.K.’s observation of mind, technological advances, dumping of more and more information, with less transformation, human mind, left and right hemispheres and use of more of right hemisphere.**

**Dr. P. Ramakrishna, Director of J. K. Study Centre on the given topic of “Loneliness and Aloneness” – *“Ontarithanamu Mariyu Ekanthatha”*. He explained that the loneliness is always there with everyone, mans dependence or following so many issues, the purpose of reading several spiritual books, escaping from thing or things, the experience of loneliness during COVID-19, the inability to absorb loneliness, not living our own lives due to dissatisfaction, to understand the word ‘aloneness’ and ‘loneliness’, understanding of centre, background, content of oneself, to live life – sustaining or living, the ego factor should be dissolved, read between the lines, we are what we are with all our thoughts, watch your thoughts, observer – observed, stopping of one’s own thoughts, silence of thoughts leads to aloneness, passing thoughts – passing show, thinker-thought-teacher, minute observation of thoughts.**

**General Body Meeting of Telugu Federation:**

**Afternoon session: Telugu Federation has convened its Annual General Body Meeting (AGBM)was presided by the Federation President sri K.S. Ramachandra Rao garu. The Federation Secretary Sri G. Subrahmanyam garu has read out the minutes of AGBM held at Machinlipatnam during March, 2019. The Agenda was discussed and decisions were recorded for proper resolutions.**

**Sri Ande Ranga Rao, President has appealed for funds for the construction of a permanent building for Theosophical Lodge at Narsapur. The Federation Secretary has explained that funds from Federation are not possible and the Lodge has to source such funds from their internal accruals.**

**Sri Suresh Kumar has brought to the attention of office bearers of Federation about the critical situation of Vijayawada Lodge and sought help and assistance.**

**Attendance: 35 in aggregate**

**In the afternoon session the stage was occupied by Sri N.Durga Prasada Rao garu, Federation Lecturer from Kankipadu. He delivered lecture on “Understanding” – *“Avagahana”* and the need for transformation to dislodge the fragmentation. He cited several illustrations towards emphasis on the deep thought of understanding.**

**During the evening session, opening remarks were given by Sri K. Ramachandra Rao garu about his phone conversation with Dr. Ramanujachary garu to enquire about his health and shared Dr. NCR’s his thoughts about the need of the hour and to carry out long march ahead to carry the mantle of theosophy. Dr. NCR has suggested the installation of a statue in honor of Sri Tallapragada Subba Rao garu at Adyar,Chennai and at Kakinada Lodge.**

**The public lecture was delivered by Sri N. C. Krishna, National Lecturer on “Theosophy – Contemporary Relevance” – *“Divyajnanamu – Samakaaleenatha”* . He drew the attention of audience to the Theosophical as the one of the oldest institutions, there is no reliugion higher than truth, lack of publicity and popularization, need of the hour is adoption of theosophy in practical life, required *Sankalpamu,* J. K.’s God is intelligence, the great white brotherhood, Blavatsky’s truth is just like mountain climbing, fast spreading of untruth, selfless service, thought power is huge subject both for living and the lives of gone to peace, theosophy begins at home – just like charity begins at home, theosophy is altruism.**

**Cultural Programme: “Golden Hits of Olden Times” – Cine Songs was performed by Sri Karri Balaji Prabhakar, member of Ananda Theosophical Lodge, Tadepalligudem and the team of male singers and senior female singer with the assistance of artists playing musical instruments. It went on for two and half hours and the audience have enjoyed thoroughly and appreciated the efforts of the artists.**

**Tuesday, 23-03-2021:**

**Bharata Samaja Puja was performed with a good gathering of spiritualists.**

**Morning Session: Sri S. Venkateswara Rao garu, Federation Lecturer, Machilipatnam has delivered his lecture on The Essence of Theosophical Society is “Fragmentation of Thughts has to Transform for Wholesomeness” – *“Divjnana Samajam Yokka Pradhana Sandesamu***

***Khanditamaina Aalochanalanundi Aarogyamaina Poornathmuvaipu Parinamam”.* He dealt on the purpose of peoples relying on much information, advances of technology, religion and technology – path shown by theosophical society, tree primordial objects, the relevance of cosmogenisis and anthropogenesis, the word “atom” was first used by Madam Blavatsky. There was a session of Questions and Answers and it was well appreciated.**

**Introduction of three Special Invitees**

**Smt. Anuradha and Sri K.V.S.S.Somayajulu were felicitated in the remembrance of Sri Kakaraprthi Suryanarayana garu, grandfather of Smt Anuradha. Sri Suryanarayana garu, a great theosophist during the early part of Telugu Federation. Sri Suryanarayana garu resigned his job and concentrated the activities of theosophy during his entire life.**

**Sri Akbar Krishna garu, Nidadavole was felicitated in remembrance of his father Sri Tadimeti Surya Kutumba Sastry, who worked as the Editor of Divyajnana Deepika and extended his services in the Gudivada Lodge.**

**Sri T.Venkata Ramana garu, Member, Narsapur Lodge was felicitated in remembrance of his grandfather Punyamurthula Tammiraju garu, Member of Dowleiswaram Lodge and later relocated to Narsapur.**

**The dignitaries have expressed their appreciation, recognition and the felicitation and the great satisfaction of participating in the Centennial Conference 2021.**

**Felicitation Programme: Felicitations with the presentation of a shawl and mementoes to all the important functionaries, important delegates, Federation lecturers, organizers was well attended and appreciated.**

**Motion of Vote of Thanks rendered by Sri G. Subrahmanyam garu, Vice President and the outgoing Secretary, Telugu Federation and he appreciated the excellent service and hospitality provided by the host Lodge Rajahmundry Theosophical Society and thanked all the members of all Lodges for all these twenty four years during his office of Secretary of Telugu Federation.**

**Sri K. Ramachandra Rao has drew the curtains on closing the Centennial Conference 2021 and extended his hearty greetings to everyone and appreciated the team of members of the host Lodge Rajahmundry Theosophical Society for their selfless service and hospitality during the grand celebrations.**

**After the sumptuous lunch session, all the delegates left the venue to their respective destinations with fond remembrances.**

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