

Theosophy and invite as participants students from University as well as members from other Lodges.

In our lodge, we celebrate the birth Anniversary of Dr. Annie Besant (October 1) and the White Lotus Day on May 8.

I give talks on 'Theosophy' and 'Indian Philosophy' in our federation meetings as well as lodge meetings. Sometimes I take study classes for three consecutive days and contribute articles to a journal 'Theoscientist' which has International circulation. I do sometimes contribute articles to 'Viswadhara' which is a Theosophical magazine in the local language.

Would like to mention here that our TS and TOS members are running a 'play school' for children below 4 years of age in a slum area whose parents are daily laborers.

We are also running a 'Day Care Centre' for senior citizens below the poverty line which has 10 male and female members. They are provided food, clothing, medical assistance and three of them are given shelter as they are homeless.

We are continuing with the project 'Save a thalassemic child 'started in 2010 in which we sponsor 60 poor thalassemic children by providing blood transfusion free of cost through-out the year as per individual need.

*3. How did you first learn about Theosophy or come in contact with Society?*

I would like to tell you that I belong to a 'Theosophists' family. My father, maternal, uncles, brothers, brothers-in-law and sisters were member of Theosophical Society. My father Late Dr. R. C. Rath had joined TOS in 1929 when he was only 19 and later on he become the founder President of Utkal Theosophical Federation, Bhubaneswar, Odisha, India. I grew up with a Theosophical background and formally joined TS in 1994. Interestingly my father had never asked me or any of my brothers and sisters to join the TS. He left it to our volition. I remember attending TS International convention at Adyar, Chennai, India when N. Sri Ram was the International President.

*4. What does Theosophy mean to you?*

Theosophy to me is a way of life. It is not only an intellectual pursuit of ageless wisdom but practical teachings to be practiced in day to day life.