



# Sri Sathya Sai Service Organisation UK

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## SSSSO UK

### National UK 85<sup>th</sup> Birthday Pilgrimage

### Prashanti Nilayam 2010

1<sup>st</sup> August 2010 to 9<sup>th</sup> August 2010

#### Dear Centre and Group Chairs – Sai Ram!

Please make all who attend aware of the following important news:

The Sri Sathya Sai Service Organisation UK has been Blessed, along with all the other Sai Organisations of the world, to be invited to attend Prashanti Nilayam in the year 2010 as a National pilgrimage. This year will be a very special one with the 85<sup>th</sup> Birthday and the 9<sup>th</sup> World conference being held at Prashanti in November. All the international pilgrimages will take place right through the year. We have been allocated an official 'slot' for the UK in the Prashanti calendar from August 1<sup>st</sup> to August 9<sup>th</sup> 2010 inclusive.

#### Key Points for your better understanding:

- There is no ceiling on numbers from the UK for this pilgrimage.
- Recommended arrival date at Prashanti Nilayam for our Group: July 30<sup>th</sup> or by noon on July 31<sup>st</sup> ready to commence the Pilgrimage on the 1<sup>st</sup> August.
- If anyone arrives later than July 31<sup>st</sup> they will not be included in the Pilgrimage Group.
- If you wish to travel out in a group, we shall recommend travel agents with whom we shall negotiate rates and also recommend certain flights. You will be notified of this later. However, it will be up to you to manage your booking with them, on the flights recommended. By doing that you may return to the UK on a date that suits you better.
- Those travelling together in a group on the recommended flights will have transport (via coach) made available for them from Bangalore to Prashanti Nilayam however, transport will not be provided from Prashanti Nilayam to Bangalore, you will need to make your own arrangements for this.
- Accommodation at the Ashram will be allocated upon arrival. Each devotee will be assigned to a specific group and will need to consult with the UKCC nominated group leader on all matters pertaining to the pilgrimage. Directions provided by the group leader will need to be adhered to.
- Please register your intention to attend the UK National pilgrimage via your Centre chairs to your Regional chair on the separate Form that accompanies this letter.
- A recommended national Sadhana/Spiritual Practice format will be available from 1<sup>st</sup> January via your Regional Chair and we would encourage you to adhere to this as individuals and as families (whether intending to go on the Pilgrimage or not). Let all members of the Organisation join as one in making this offering!
- You will be required to be with the UK group for the duration of the pilgrimage and thereafter you are at liberty to make your own arrangements.
- In the interests of selflessness we advise that all those who join the Pilgrimage arrive on the specified date and leave as soon as the Pilgrimage ends. This is in order to vacate rooms for others coming in groups from other countries.
- One of the performances that we shall present at Swami's Precious Feet will be by the UK's SSE children. In order to participate, the children must have been already enrolled in an SSE class since September 2009.
- A 'Frequently asked questions' list will be compiled and circulated later to help you with any concerns in this process.

Love and Light, Rosemary Perry

Please also find in this mailing from your Regional Chair, a form for making an initial 'Expression of Interest in Joining the 2010 UK Pilgrimage'.

Your Centre/Group Members need to return their completed forms to you by the 9<sup>th</sup> January 2010. It is then your job to send them to your Regional Chair by the 14<sup>th</sup>.

Letter sent 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2009 ~ National UK Pilgrimage 2010