

"Education is rendered noble when the spirit of service is inculcated. The service rendered must be free of the slightest trace of narrow selfishness. That is not enough. The thought of service should not be marred by the desire for something in return. You have to perform the service as you would perform an important Yajna (sacrificial ritual). As trees do not eat their fruits but offer them to be eaten by others in an attitude of detachment; as rivers, without drinking the waters they carry, quench the thirst and cool the heat from which others suffer; as cows offer their milk, produced primarily for their calves, in a spirit of generosity born of Tyaga (renunciation), to be shared by others; so too you should offer yourself to others prompted by the motive of service and without consideration of selfish interests. Only then can you justify your status as sajjana (noble men)." - Sri Sathya Sai Baba

Regional Celebrations!



Swami's 85th Birthday was celebrated across all regions in the UK.

Prime Minister of India visits Swami



Prime Minister of India honours Swami at 85th Birthday celebrations in Prashanti Nilayam.

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At The Divine Lotus Feet



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Dear Love & Light Readers,
Sai Ram !

With Christmas fast approaching, I know many of you will be putting the final touches to your Centre and Regional Christmas celebrations as well as starting to think about dusting off your Christmas decorations and thinking about what you should purchase for your loved ones. I think we all enjoy the many traditions that have come to be associated with Christmas irrespective of our culture and religion. These traditions all combine to make the season a happy one, one which generally finds us more festive, generous and kind. But of course, the significance of what we call "Christmas" is much deeper than any of these things. It is the celebration of a birthday, the birthday of Jesus in Bethlehem. The story of Joseph, Mary and the baby Jesus, the Shepherds and the Magi. A very small, but very beautiful significance attached to Christmas is the time and manner regarding the birth of the Lord upon the holy Christmas day. Jesus Christ was not born in a grand palace. He was not born to very wealthy or learned parents. Jesus Christ was born in a simple lowly place, a corner of a stable. He was born to humble and poor parents, who had nothing to boast about, except their own spotless character and holiness. The above point of deep significance tells that the spiritual awakening comes to the seeker, who is perfectly humble and "meek" and "poor in spirit". Then we find simplicity, holiness and the renunciation of all desire for worldly wealth and pride of learning. Even as Christ was born unknown to the world and in the obscurity of darkness, it is said that the advent of the Christ-spirit takes place in our heart.



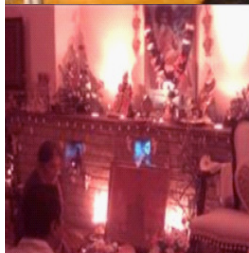
November was a busy time for all Sai devotees everywhere. For UK, we have included a pictorial report on the celebrations that took place to commemorate Bhagawan's 85th Birthday celebrations. For Prashanti, thousands had gathered to celebrate Swami's 85th Birthday in the Ashram. The festivities started on 15th November, straight after Akhanda Bhajans, with Swami providing free food (Prashadam) including Breakfast, Lunch, Afternoon tea and dinner for the whole of Puttaparthi and the Ashram. Every evening we were treated to some of India's most accomplished and talented musicians. On 17th November, Swami blessed 108 couples by performing and blessing, in the Divine presence, their marriage in Sai Kulwant Hall. On Ladies Day, 19th November the President of India came for Bhagawan's blessings followed by the Prime Minister of India on 22nd November for the Convocation. During 20th-21st November, the 9th World Conference of the International Sai Organisation took place in the Pornachandra auditorium. Swami had given the instructions that the Conference should be kept small with 400 delegates only taking part in the deliberations. At the inauguration, Swami sent the All-India President, the Vice Chancellors and the Secretary Mr Chakravarthi to attend the first half of the programme. (My sincere apologies that we could not accommodate all the names that we had received to take part in the conference. Names had been submitted on a first come-first-serve basis as per my email and our allocation was only 15 out of the 60 names we had received). And finally on 23rd November, we all assembled at the Hill view Stadium for Swami's darshan in the morning and evening. Swami came on the golden chariot wearing a beautiful brocade golden robe. It was a sight to behold !

I look forward to welcoming you all to the National Programme entitled "At the Divine Lotus Feet" on Saturday 18th December at the Whitgift School to see the youth play and SSE Choir which was offered at the Lotus feet during the UK Pilgrimage back in August. (Please make sure you request tickets for your friends and family in advance. Further details in this issue).

On behalf of the Love & Light editorial Team and UK Central Council, I would like to wish everyone a very happy and holy Christmas !

Lovingly

Shitu Chudasama
National Chairperson



Region 1
Swami's
85th
Birthday
and 85
hour
prayers
and
Bhajans



11 Sai Centres/groups across Region 1 hosted celebrations to mark the 85th Birthday of Bhagawan Baba. In the lead up to Swami's birthday, the region held an 85 hour long vigil from 8am on Thursday 11th November to 9pm on Sunday 14th November (including the Akhanda Bhajans held on the 13th and 14th November) at the Sai Mandir, Wimbledon. Vedic chanting, repetition of Bhagawan's name and bhajan singing continued for 85 hours with the support of all regional centres, the Sai Students and devotees from across the U.K.





R2 Centre Celebrations for Swami's 85th Birthday



R2 "National Sewa Day - Moving Seva from concept to action."

21st November 2010 was designated as National Sewa Day, a step closer to realising David Cameron's vision of the Big Society where members from all communities including children, join together to give their priceless time, love and dedication for the betterment of their local community and those in need. This day was dedicated to bringing joy where none exists, for relieving hardship and improving the environment. Some organisations planted trees, removed graffiti, recycled old mobile phones and glasses, helped in soup kitchens. There was no fundraising undertaken on this day.

Devotees from Region 2 participated in:

- Entertaining and providing a lunch party for about 150 seniors from Agelink, Ashiana, The Brent Senior association and The Fremantle Trust of Slough.
- Providing essential toiletries to 92 seniors in a Nursing home in Norwood Green
- Collection of 85 toys to mark Swami's birthday, given to children in refugee camps and foster homes in London through Heart FM's 'Have a Heart' appeal.
- Distribution of leaflets for St Luke's Hospice charity
- Prepared and served 250 meals to the homeless at Mother Teresa Kitchen.
- Children made colourful, cheery, heart warming and uplifting greeting cards and notes, which were given to all the guests at the above events.



Toy collection for Heart FM Appeal



Alpertown members with Barry Gardner, MP for Brent North



Entertainment and refreshments for the Elderly in Brent



Each act of selfless service helped bring some joy and a smile to those who at times may feel forgotten and neglected. Let's make NSD an annual event for all to enjoy and feel part of their community, let's take RESPONSIBILITY!

Sunita Verma
Region 2 Service Wing Co-ordinator

Region 2 – 24 hour Akhanda Bhajans Celebrations

BABA "Akhanda Bhajans is Unbroken Bliss – This day You have resolved to imbibe Divine Bliss by reciting the Glow of God in chorus with music continuously for twenty-four hours"
Sathya Sai Speaks – volume 13.

It was so heart-warming to see the whole Region 2 Sai Family 'Together in Sai Consciousness' and celebrating the Global 24 hour Akhanda Bhajans with so much love, devotion and dedication from all the Sai Centres and Groups, all joining hands to unite in BABA's Divine Mission to spread Love and Peace throughout the whole world.

As soon as our Sai Brothers and Sisters entered the Watford venue, all were 'greeted' at the main entrance by a 'Beautiful Golden Ganesh' which reminded us all of the 'Golden Ganesha idol' at the abode of 'Perfect Peace and Heaven on Earth' transporting us all to Prashanti Nilayam itself !

BABA's Altar in the main hall quite rightly took centre stage and was very simple yet elegant and created an atmosphere of 'Heavenly Bliss, Serenity and Tranquillity'. BABA's very 'Divine, Radiant and Majestic life-like photo' together with BABA's royal-like Chair which was equally grand was like a 'Throne fit for the King of Kings' and BABA's eyes seemed to pour His Pure Unconditional Love and Divine Light to all and ruled over the hearts of all the devotees present throughout the whole magical event!

The evening started with the ringing of Omkar, BABA's 108 names, Vedam Chanting and the dear SSE children and SSE Guru's singing Devotional Songs which purified and sanctified the atmosphere and set the prayerful standard for the whole of the twenty-four hours.

All the Devotees from the Region 2 Sai Centres and Groups gathered with a 'smile on their lips and prayers from the depth of their hearts' and lovingly not only sang Devotional Songs, which were all very spiritually uplifting but all offered to do seva too.

This whole event would not have been made possible if it wasn't for all the Devotees and many who worked gently, softly and quietly in the background and served humbly to ensure all the duties were carried out so effectively and efficiently that everything ran like clock-work!

Food, drinks and Prashadam was served with so much joy and happiness throughout the whole of the 24 hours. The Altar in the dining room seemed so very 'personal' as BABA was 'eating a variety of dishes from a Silver Thali' and He seemed to be enjoying all the food served and His Charan also seemed to be 'dancing in delight'! The loving and warm atmosphere in the Dining Area was similar to that of the Western Canteen in Puttaparthi!

The Youth and other ardent devotees, sang and played the instruments throughout the whole night from midnight till 6am with admirable commitment, energy and enthusiasm and were an inspiration to so many of us.

All the SSE Children looked like 'Beautiful Flowers' specially handpicked by BABA Himself as they walked into the main hall to the front from both sides, it was as though they were placing a 'Garland at the Divine Lotus Feet of our Beloved Lord'. It was a truly mesmerising and memorable scene, which will be deeply etched on the hearts of all present!

For many the highlight of the Akhanda Bhajans was when the dear SSE Children sang the songs they had sang from their sweet, tender hearts and souls. The Devotional Songs were the same songs they had sung for our Beloved Lord during the UK Pilgrimage earlier this year and hence brought back many fond memories for the SSE Children, Gurus, Parents and many devotees too.

The program concluded with vibrant and spiritually uplifting Devotional Songs from devotees throughout the Sai Centres, Groups and in fact the whole Regional Sai Family.

Finally BABA's Aarti was offered to our Beloved Lord reminding all to share His Divine Light and warmth of His Pure Unconditional Love with all whom we meet and thereby spreading BABA's Love and Light throughout the whole of Humanity and hence bringing alive the mantra 'Samastha Lokha, Sukhino Bhavantu'.

All in all, it was a Blissful 24 hours, whereby each devotee was prompted to dedicate their activities to God and thereby treasuring their own special memories from the Akhanda Bhajan.

It was a truly enjoyable and memorable auspicious occasion, whereby Our Beloved Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba would have warmly smiled at each and every one who made this whole event possible.

Bhadra Patel
Region 2 Spiritual Wing Co-ordinator

SRI SATHYA SAI BABA 85th Birthday Celebrations in Region 2

BABA "In a short time, you will become cognizant of the Bliss showered by the Divine Principle, which has taken upon itself this sacred body and this sacred name. Your good fortune which will provide You this chance is greater than what was available for anchorites, monks, sages, saints and even personalities embodying facets of Divine Glory!" Sri Sathya Sai BABA's discourse at the First World Conference 17 May 1968

Bhagawan Shri Sathya SAI BABA's 85th Birthday - Finally the day so many have been waiting for is here and what a delightfully wonderful way to end this truly memorable and Divine Year!

Baba's Sai Centers and Groups are filled with 'Oceans of Love' and 'buzzing with tremendous activity' as all the Devotees are filled with Divine inspirations to celebrate our Beloved Lords Auspicious 85th Birthday Celebrations.

Each Sai Centre and Group are dedicating with admiration, affection, love and reverence and are all joining in to ensuring all of BABA's 85th Birthday Celebrations are just 'perfect' for our Beloved Lord and quite rightly as BABA certainly deserves the very, very best always.

All details of the Regional Birthday Celebrations have been made available to all and are also available via the Website as all Devotees are welcome to attend any of Swami's Birthday celebrations and they are certainly spoilt for choice as they have a wonderful array of programs.

The Region 2 Sai Centres and Groups are lovingly offering a variety of programs from 21st to 28th of November

10. The Birthday Celebrations are ranging from Suprabhatam, Mantra recitations, Vedam and Rudram Chanting, Laksha Archana, Meditations, Inspiring Speakers, SSE Childrens Programmmes, Musical Performances and of course there is plenty of Vibhuti Prashadam for all together with cake and Maha Prashadam.

The general consensus of many Devotees this year is that they all feel so privileged, honoured and truly Blessed to be able to celebrate our Beautiful Loving and most Divine Lords 85th Birthday Celebrations with our own Sai Families.

As our Beloved Lord revealed to us at the 1st World Youth Conference, if we want to be 'near and dear' to BABA then we must put His teachings into practice. Practice Sathya, Dharma, Shanti and Prema and resolve to keep those ideals in your Thoughts, Words and Deeds.

Similarly when we put into practice BABA's Teachings, a man can produce heavenly music like a flute by getting purified and the air blown through the flute of the heart will become spiritual and the universe echoes with it. **In BABA's own words "they succeed not only in attaining Bliss but also in conferring peace, prosperity and joy in the entire world"**

Bhadra Patel
Region 2 Spiritual Wing Co-ordinator

SATHYA SAI BOOKSHOP ANNOUNCEMENT

The Bookshop will be closed from Wednesday 22nd December 2010 to Thursday 6th January 2011 and will reopen on Friday 7th January 2011.

Please see our Website
<http://www.srisathyasaibookcentre.org.uk/index.php>

Region 4

Ladies Day Event in Coventry – Saturday 27th November 2010

On a snowy Saturday 27.11.10, Coventry Sai Centre held its Biannual Ladies' Day event at a local church. The venue and ambience provided a warm welcome after coming in from the bitterly cold weather outside.

Following the traditional welcoming and housekeeping speech, the event began by reading out excerpts of the inspirational talk by the President of India (Smt Pratibha Devisingh Patil) in front of Swami at the official Ladies' Day event held in Prashanthi Nilayam on 19.11.10 in both the English and Gujarati languages.

The attendees were then encouraged to share personal experiences on how events in their respective lives had resulted in an increase in the faith in their chosen God and had assisted in their transformation towards the Almighty. Very moving and deeply personal experiences were shared by the attendees; for some of them, this event was their first attendance at a Sai function. For full participation, appreciation and involvement of the attendees, each experience was translated into English, Gujarati and Hindi as appropriate immediately after it was narrated by the individual.

We then moved onto a pictorial exercise where we were encouraged to draw a picture which encompassed our interpretation of the five Human Values. The pictures varied from a person sitting doing meditation, scenes of nature, a baby giving a sweet - which is its only possession in life - to an adult without asking for it back, to a white sheet on one side depicting all the Human Values combined (i.e., being pure) and on the other side of the same paper, how due to reflection and refraction, this white was split into five colours to represent these Values.

Finally, the event concluded with partaking of prasadam and networking. It was a relaxing and inspirational function and time just flew by.

Submitted by Kalpana Patel, Ladies Event Co-ordinator for Coventry.

Region 3 Swami's 85th Birthday Celebrations - 28th November



Region 3 Akhand Bhajan from 6 pm 13th Nov - 6 pm 14th Nov



"Let the different faiths exist, let them flourish, let the glory of God be sung in all the languages and a variety of tunes. That should be the ideal."

Region 5



CELEBRATING THE LORD'S BIRTHDAY IN REGION 7



Laksharchana 7th November 2010- Conducted by Mr Vadgama in Bath



Swami's 85th Regional Birthday 21st Nov. in Swindon

Birthday celebrations by Marazion Group 23rd Nov. in Cornwall



During the Birthday celebrations warm cloths, food and blankets were collected for the homeless on behalf of the Salvation Army Outreach Project in Cardiff

Visit of Prime Minister of India and President of India during the 85th Birthday Celebrations in Prashanti Nilayam

The Prime Minister of India attends the Convocation Ceremony on 22nd November 2010



The President of India attends the Ladies Day Function on 19th November 2010



At the Divine Lotus Feet
Saturday, 18th of December 2010
Whitgift School, Haling Park, South Croydon, CR2 6YT



It was not so long ago when many of us had the immense privilege of sitting in the Divine physical presence of our Beloved Lord, Bhagavan Sri Sathya Sai Baba as part of the 2010 United Kingdom National Pilgrimage.

Many of you may be aware that there were a small number of performances that were taken to Prashanthi Nilayam as a heartfelt offering to our Lord from the devotees of the United Kingdom. Those performances included various songs performed by the National SSE Choir, National Youth Choir and a youth drama entitled, "Sai Anugraha" (The Grace of Lord Sai).

To show our huge appreciation for the continued support and dedication provided by the parents, family and friends of every child and youth who took part in those performances leading up to the United Kingdom National Pilgrimage, the UK Central

Council are delighted to inform you that those performances will be held once again in the UK on **Saturday, 18th December 2010** in a programme entitled, "**At the Divine Lotus Feet**".

The programme will take place at the Whitgift School, Croydon. We would therefore like to extend a warm invitation to you, your family and friends to join us on this very special day to celebrate the achievements of our young children and youth and recognise their hard work and determination leading up to the Pilgrimage.

Due to the capacity of the hall, there will be **two show times** for the performances. **First performance between 2:30pm – 5:30pm** and the **second performance between 6:00pm – 9:00pm**.

To manage this all devotees wishing to attend please email divinelotusfeet@hotmail.co.uk with the following details:

- Which performance you would like to attend a) 2:30pm – 5:30pm Matinee performance b) 6:00pm – 9:00pm Evening performance or c) no preference.
- Number of tickets required and names of persons requiring tickets.
- Confirm if you are parent or family member of a SSE choir / Youth drama participant.
- Your region and centre.
- Contact telephone number and contact email address.

Please be advised that seating in the hall is limited, so please email with above information to divinelotusfeet@hotmail.co.uk as soon as possible to help us ensure a smooth allocation of tickets. We look forward to welcoming you on the day!

Lovingly, In Sai Service

Shitu Chudasama
National Chairperson

Region 4

Swami's 85th Birthday Celebrations



Birmingham



Wolverhampton



Coventry



Nottingham



Leicester





Region 6 : Covering Surrey, Sussex, Kent & Berkshire



85th Baba's Birthday
Celebration @
Farnborough Centre



↑ The new Reading Lotus Centre.
85th B'day Celebration
← A Massive Turnout of 300 People.
@ Farnborough Centre

Sathya Sai School, Leicester Report

“Love, Love and More Love”

This November, at the Sathya Sai School in Leicester, we were focussing on one of Sathya Sai Baba's (our Founder) message: “My life is my message”.

Over the years the school children have been learning about how Swami has been always throughout his life: giving to those who are less fortunate; helping the sick and the poor and children. In order to follow the children decided to do their annual Ceiling on Desires; giving up their favourite junk foods, (i.e chocolates, sweets, crisps, fizzy drinks etc) for a month from 15th November to 15th December 2010 and to donate all the monies saved to different charities.

The school council decided to have a non uniform day on 19th November 2010 for Children in Need and the school raised £137.40.

As part of Swami's 85th birthday celebrations: the school prefects organised three whole school assemblies illustrating Swami's mother, Eswaramma's three wishes from her son: Water for the villages, Hospitals for the poor and Schools for children to save them walking miles everyday.

On Thursday, 18th November 2010, during the whole school assembly, Sagar, a year 8 prefect started the celebrations off with a presentation on “Sri Sathya Sai Water Project”. His presentation consisted of information, statistics and a short inspirational video about the water project. He asked why and how did such a project come about and finished off with Swami saying because of Love, for Love and to show Love.

Dhruv, a year 10 prefect continued the next day, Friday, 19th November 2010 and expanded Swami's message with a presentation on “Sathya Sai Health Care” . With a beautiful slide show on the Sai hospitals – temples of healing. Amongst other information he shared how these hospitals are run by volunteers with lots of Love and how patients are encouraged to have positive thoughts. He emphasized the free medical care, quoting Swami: “When we remove the r from repay and add it to fee and it becomes free.....”

Nikita, a year 8 prefect shared her presentations on Sathya Sai Schools on Monday, 22nd November 2010. Her presentation showed clips of different Sathya Sai Schools from all over the world. With more than 100 Sathya Sai Schools in India and over 40 all over the rest of the world; why we have such schools is because of their special ethos, the human values, and the emphasis on Human Excellence.

Our celebrations culminated on Founder's day, Tuesday, 23rd November 2010, with our whole school assembly beginning with an inspiring meditation using a clip from “Pure Love”, followed by a 10 minute video entitled “Life is a Game, Play it!”

After which the hall was vibrating with excitement as the children brought their gifts for “Operation Christmas Child”. This charity encourages people to fill a shoe box with gifts for less fortunate children. It was a lovely small gesture for the children to be giving these on this Special Founder's day, Sathya Sai Baba's 85th Birthday.

Mrs Usha Lim
Headteacher





The Universal Sai

85th Birthday Celebrations



A Love Supreme

If the Human Story is the tale of a search for a superior purpose, never before has the quest been more intense.

If ever a role model shone like a Beacon of Love, never before was the presence embraced and extolled so unanimously by His contemporaries.

Two decades shy of India's independence, in a remote village in Andhra Pradesh, Mother Easwaramma and Shri Venkamma Raju welcomed their fourth child Sathyanarayana. No one envisaged how this happy family event would impact the destiny of the human race.

Eight and a half decades later, in the weeks leading to November 23, 2010, seekers from Argentina, Japan and New Zealand to Zambia, Russia and Slovenia, as well as every country and continent in between are streaming into Puttaparthi, the birthplace of Bhagavan Baba and the seat of His ashram - Prashanti Nilayam.

Trains, planes and automobiles are bringing in countless pilgrims from all over India and the world, among them simple village

If every age found its hero in a Rama, Krishna, Mohammed, Jesus, Buddha, Mahavira, Zoroaster, Guru Nanak... never before did their names roll off the tongue simultaneously with such ease, reverence and love.

If ever a Master led by example, embodying acceptance, love, truth and honesty, never before was His Message more critical to the survival of every life form on the planet.

folks, grateful patients of His free hospitals, beneficiaries of His numerous social uplift projects in 125 countries (see *Love Without Borders*), adoring devotees from around the globe, scholars, seekers, policy makers, young and the elderly, Indians and Foreigners, to celebrate the 85th birthday of a very blessed presence in their lives.

Today, Baba's gospel of pure, unconditional love expressed through selfless service has been warmly embraced by all races, religion, cultures and age groups, creating a global movement of secular humanism sans barriers.

What compels millions to undertake long journeys, at great cost and inconvenience to attend an event no invitations were sent out? Some call it the sweet draw of His sacred persona while others compare it to

If lighthouses emerged in every era to guide the flow of civilizations, never before did a cosmic presence light up the ocean of Global Consciousness during a lifespan.

If ever a land proudly glorified its progeny, never before has Bharat Mata borne a son whose life sums up Her infinite glory.

If the Hindus, Muslims, Sikhs, Christians, Parsis, Atheists and Agnostics adhered to their respective beliefs, never before did they recognise in unison the secular Humanism underlying them all.

If ever the letters SSS stood for His initials, never before have they so emphatically defined Sacrifice, Sacredness and Simplicity.

witnessing the coronation of Lord Rama or the enlightenment of the Buddha or receiving the Sermon on the Mount from Jesus. Through His unprecedented philanthropy, Baba has demonstrated that human values are the missing link in the chain of good governance and harmonious social order. All of these have been chronicled in the previous supplement "Beacon of Love", which is available online at www.srisathyasai.org.in. We invite you to view it as a prelude to the "The Universal Sai", which chronicles the global impact of Bhagavan Baba's all encompassing Love.

Come, join this journey of love from I to We to Him, by breaking out from our self-imposed limitations and living out our divine destinies.

Love Without Borders

"God is Love, Love is God, Live in Love" says Bhagavan Baba. Today, His life and message can best be summed up as *Love sans borders*.

In a historic letter dated May 25, 1947, the then twenty year old Baba had declared: "I have a task - to foster all mankind and ensure everyone lives a life full of bliss... to remove the sufferings of the poor and grant them what they lack." In fulfilling this vow, Baba has been working continuously to bring about the joyous experience of love and compassion to humanity everywhere. Within the past 7 decades, His mission has grown to unparalleled proportions globally.

The celebrations to mark Baba's 85th birthday began a year in advance, from October 2009. The period has seen His Love draw pilgrims from 102 countries and 28 Indian states to Prashanti Nilayam to offer their homage in person.

This global gratitude comes from those who have transformed into noble citizens by following Baba's call to express unconditional love as service to fellow beings. Explaining this uniqueness of Baba's appeal, Dr. Michael Nobel, former Chairman of the Board of the Nobel Family Society says,



"What I find particularly attractive about Sai Baba's teachings is that He doesn't care what religion you belong to. Instead He gives a simple Golden Rule: Do what is good. Don't do what is bad. Love everyone."

Active in 125 countries, the International Sai Organisation conducts regular community outreach projects around the globe. These include educational, service, medical and spiritual activities. There are no membership dues or public appeals to raise money in any chapter of the Sai Organisation.

End of Education is Character

The universal values of Truth, Peace, Love, Right Conduct and Nonviolence form the common platform for all Sai education projects around the world. Sai schools, weekend SSE classes and Institutes for training teachers are growing around the world (see *Transforming Through Truth* for details).

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ICONIC SPEAK

HONORABLE P.N. BHAGWATI,
Former Chief Justice of India



FOR OVER 40 YEARS, Bhagavan Baba's teachings have guided my footsteps and inspired all my actions. He says: "God resides in every human being, therefore service to man is service to God." He does not ask us to renounce the world, but to live in the world, serve mankind selflessly without expectation of any reward and surrender ourselves wholly to the Lord. Baba exhorts us to look past the differences of race, religion, language or caste and seek their underlying oneness.

MR. RATAN N. TATA,
Chairman, Tata Sons Limited



SRI SATHYA SAI BABA is a truly outstanding humanitarian. The Sai Trust's facilities, including the Sai University and the Institute of Higher Medical Sciences are most impressive and I am overwhelmed by the quality of facilities and the professionalism of the staff. These institutions are a standing tribute to Baba's vision and attention to detail. He has given so much. The world needs His kindness and service to humanity.

MR. K.V. KAMATH,
Non-executive Chairman, of ICICI Bank



WE ARE FORTUNATE that Bhagavan Sri Sathya Sai Baba has chosen to share with us His divine wisdom. In a world full of conflict and difficult choices, Bhagavan is a beacon of light and hope in humanity's search for peace and understanding of the divine. The 85th anniversary of Bhagavan's advent is an occasion for rejoicing and praying that His message of universal love, tolerance and unity is imbibed by all.

HIS EXCELLENCY SHEIKH NAHAYAN MAHARAK AL NAHAYAN,
Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research and Chancellor of the Higher Colleges of Technology (HCT), UAE



I CONGRATULATE BHAGAVAN BABA for His enlightened vision, wise leadership, strong emphasis on character building, integrity, civility and compassion. I am particularly impressed with His focus on promoting the principles and values that are common to all regions and cultures of the world. The circumstances of the last several years have demonstrated the critical importance of His idea that only by thinking and working together, as one human family, can we reach the promise of a peaceful and prosperous global society.

DR. J. GEETA REDDY,
Minister for Information, Public Relations and Tourism, Govt. of A.P.



LOVE PERSONIFIED, Baba is the most divine being that ever walked this earth practicing and teaching universality and oneness. He guides from within, transforming us silently and subtly. This is the biggest miracle He performs, the miracle of inner transformation. He has stilled the waves of anger in me and taught me to forgive my enemies. He has guided me to serve the needy. In short He is the only Reality of my life.

MAULANA WAHIDUDDIN KHAN,
Founder-OPS International, President - Islamic Center, New Delhi



SRI SATHYA SAI BABA is an expression of truth in this age. He has moved millions by His spiritual teachings. His five human values have come to be accepted as ethical norms. His contribution to our nation and the world in all areas of human growth and development has been tremendous. The universality of Sai Baba's vision and ethics of all faiths, transcending all boundaries. His teachings have an international appeal, breaking barriers of class, country and culture.

THE WORLD WITH SAI

EARLY CHILDHOOD AND YOUTH

1936
10 year old Puttaparthi boy Sathya mobilised young village boys to form the Panchajanyam group. They sang and danced to inspiring songs of God's glory composed by Sathya.



1938
12 year old Sathya wrote and directed the play, "Cheppinettu Chethara", that instructed the village folk to do as they say by harmonising their thoughts, words and deeds.

1940
20TH OCTOBER AVATAR DECLARATION DAY: 14 year old Sathyanarayana Raju revealed His Divine identity and life's mission. He taught His first bhajan, Manasa Bhajare Guru Charanam.

1946
Baba visited Ooty, Hyderabad and Tirupathi, drawing thousands to His unique personality and riveting message. Muslims from neighboring villages started revering Baba. He

assured them full freedom to follow their faith to receive His grace.

1947
25TH OCTOBER
Baba delivered the first ever public speech in Karur, near Trichy in Tamil Nadu, starting the tradition of His nectarine discourses that He maintains even today, specifically on festive occasions.

BABA AT 22 STRENGTHENS HIS MISSION

1948
The first devotee from Argentina Adelina Del Camil de Gúraldes visited Baba, marking the sowing of the Sai movement seeds in Latin America. Foundation laid for Prashanti Nilayam - the Abode of Highest Peace that would in future become the spiritual capital of the world.

1950
On Baba's 25th birthday, 23rd November 1950, Prashanti Nilayam Mandir was inaugurated.

1957
Baba presided over the 9th All India Divine Life Convention in Venkatagiri, a landmark event aimed at reviving the glory of Indian culture and spirituality barely a decade after the end of



Pioneer seeker Adelina Del Camil de Gúraldes of Argentina British colonialism. Swami Satichandana was the Organizing Secretary.

1958
From His 32nd year, Baba began to guide humanity with a clear message through the medium of regular public discourses. In the same year, the Ashram's monthly magazine "Sanathana Sarathi" was started. It was devoted to the glorification of loving service across the country and overseas. Baba

wrote five series of articles under the titles Prama Vidya, Dharmya Vidya, Dhyan Vidya, Prashanti Vidya and Sandeha Nivartini, in simple spoken Telugu. Sanathana Sarathi continues to be published monthly in English, Telugu, Tamil, Malayalam, Kannada, Marathi, Gujarati, Bengali, Hindi, Assamese, Sinhala and Nepali.

1960
The first volume of Baba's biography "Sathya Sivam Sundaram" by historian Professor Kesuri was published, offering a well-researched and comprehensive account of Baba's life.

1961
Veda Purusha Jnana Saptah Yagya was inaugurated during Dashrath. Experts discoursed on the universality of the Sanathana Dharma as a harmonious way of life.

BABA AT 36 REVEALS A WORLD PLAN

1962
The first Panamanian visited Baba and was converted by His love instantly. He carried the Sai message back to Panama and soon the Sai Centre was established there.

1963
Ramchand Chugani from Japan visited Prashanti Nilayam for the first time.

1964
Australian Howard Murphet met Baba in Madras. Intrigued, fascinated and



receiving the eternal message of Human Values across Bharat, he investigated and studied the Master, His miracles and message. In 1971, Murphet published Sai Baba: Man of Miracles, a book that introduced millions to Sai.

1965
American Dr. John Hislop was drawn to Baba. He would later play a pivotal role in taking Sai message to the USA and setting up the American Sai Organisation.

1966
Opal MacCrae, a famous writer and social worker from USA,

came to Prashanti Nilayam and presided over the Hospital Day celebrations. Russian-born American citizen living in Mexico, Indra Devi was directed to Baba by a clairvoyant and later by the Murphets. A renowned yoga teacher, Indra Devi lectured extensively across America, introducing her students to Baba and His message.

Same year, Norwegian Alf Tudem, Johanesen met Baba in Bombay after being guided through Shirdi Sai. His experiences led many more seekers from around the globe to Sai.

1967
20th-21st April
All India Conference of office bearers of all organisations bearing Baba's name was held at Madras. In His presence, also present were delegates from Hong Kong, China, Japan, East Africa, Sri Lanka and Norway. The Sai movement was acquiring an international profile.

BABA AT 42 BRINGS THE WORLD TO BHARAT

1968
12th May: Baba inaugurated Dharmasatthra, the Sai hub in Bombay. The event coincided with the First World Conference. Devotees from Ceylon, Singapore, Manila, Kuwait, Dubai, Casablanca, Mombasa, Nairobi, Kampala, Arusha and Malia, Hong Kong, Fiji, Tehran, Tokyo, West Indies, Peru, Brazil and the Pacific and Atlantic coasts of America attended.

At the same conference, Charles Penn, an American pilot, had his first ever physical clash of Baba. Prior to this, Charles had had the fortune of connecting with Sai in meditation, thus creating a bond, even without any physical contact.

30th June: Baba commenced His first and so far only, international tour, to



Baba with Richard Book, East Africa. Bob Raymer of Los Angeles was part of the entourage. Upon return, Raymer brought about a wave of Sai information to California.

November
Richard Book, Founder President of Pacific Jazz & World Pacific Records and his wife, Janet came to Baba after a brief introduction about Him from star maestro Pundit Ravi Shankar and yoga teacher Indra Devi. Richard recorded Swami's talk and bhajans that lasted for over 45 minutes, and this tape became the first long-playing record of His bhajans to be released in India and the West. The Books were to record several films on Baba that became a valuable resource for introducing millions more in English speaking countries to the glory and message of Sai.

1969
Miss Ravindran became the first person to visit Sai from Honduras. She returned home to start a Sai organization

there. Sai consciousness was gaining momentum in Latin America.

May: Baba visited Gujarat, and at the same time, a local newspaper, "Nava Kasi" was running a series of articles on Sai's Miracles. The editor Sri P.K. Sawant, inspired from Baba, about His miracles that raised controversies, and published Sai's answers in the paper. Baba's answers silenced the critics and satisfied the skeptics.



Baba flanked by Elsie and Walter Cowan on left and Indra Devi on right.

October: Hollywood Sai Centre was inaugurated owing to the tireless efforts of Indra Devi - 'The First Lady of Yoga in America' and her associates who had brought Sai Baba to America. Hilda Charlton of New York moved to India to experience Bhagwan Baba. She had many pupils, and through her letters to them about Baba, she inspired many to take the path of self-realization.



Baba says, "Let all the faiths exist; let them flourish and let the glory of God be sung in all languages and in a variety of tunes..." Christmas festival:

Love Without

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Sai Schools' Achievements

South America has more Sathya Sai schools than any other continent. Brazil alone has five. It is astonishing to hear the stories of transformation of orphans into useful citizens.

In the Republic of Columbia, a group of volunteers and over 250 teachers trained in the SSEH program work to transform the lives of abused children in poor communities.

The Sathya Sai School in Ndola, Zambia, has been nicknamed the "Miracle school" by locals for its ability to turnaround street children into well-rounded individuals. It won the Business Initiative Directions (BID) award, a prestigious international award at the 22nd International World Quality Commitment (WQC) Convention in Paris, held on 30th May, 2005.

SEAMEO and UN-HABITAT have declared the Sathya Sai School in Thailand as a 'Centre of Excellence'. Upon the request of the Ministry of Education, Thailand, over 20,000 teachers in the country have received training here. The school also trains educators from different parts of the world in "Human Values-Based World Education". This unique program based on Baba's teachings has been adopted by the United



Be it teaching braille to visually impaired children or distributing blankets in Africa, the warmth of Sai love touches hearts every day across the globe

Nations. The Sathya Sai School in Toronto, Canada has been ranked a topper among 2,742 elementary schools in Ontario by the Fraser Institute for its academic achievement.

Sai Global Health Mission

The first Sathya Sai Hospital, established in Puttaparthi in 1956, has blossomed into a Sai healthcare network of two super specialty hospitals and two general hospitals, mobile hospitals, and international medical camps, all providing state-of-the-art primary to tertiary healthcare totally free of cost around the world.

Sai Net of Protection

Disease prevention has been a major focus of the Sai Organisation in all its medical work. Sai Organisations in Africa, Indonesia, Laos, and India have distributed mosquito nets impregnated with insecticide in malaria endemic areas. In Kenya alone, over 85,000 nets have been distributed, reducing the incidence of malaria by more than 50%. Also, mass immunisation, environmental hygiene and education in healthy living through lifestyle changes are an integral part of such preventive health programs.

Service to Man is Service to God

Sai volunteers across the world participate in



a variety of community service projects and disaster relief work. They serve homeless shelters, soup kitchens and food banks at the community level. Clothing, blankets, toiletries, school supplies and groceries are also provided for needy families. Frequent visits to hospitals, elderly homes, orphanages and prisons are regular outreach activities of Sai Centres internationally.

Disaster Relief

In the wake of disasters, such as Hurricane Katrina and the Tsunami of 2004, the volunteers of the Sai Organisation are often among the first to arrive and offer help to the afflicted.

Sai volunteers worked round the clock to provide relief and rehabilitation to the victims of the massive earthquake that struck the Republic of Haiti on 12th January 2010. Between 19th January and August 2010, under the guidance of Baba, they provided free medical treatment to over 34,000 people, served more than 150,000 hot meals, supplied thousands of gallons of potable water, built homes and cleaned roads for Haitians. The work that began seven days after the earthquake in the midst of widespread destruction continues to this day with the discipline, determination and dedication that has become the hallmark of Sai volunteers.



Feeding the elderly at Seniors' homes is a regular Sai service activity

Phyllis Krystal, learnt about Sai Baba. In decades to come, she was to write several books that have guided, inspired and healed thousands of Westerners with the balm of Sai love and teachings.

After visiting Prashanti Nilayam, B.R. Sachdev of Thailand celebrated Baba's birthday in his house in Thailand. This attracted a number of people including Mr. and Mrs. Sanger, who soon started bhajans in their house also.

1973
The first Mexicans, Dr Luis Muniz and his wife Gail traveled to Puttaparthi and were blessed with an interview. Upon return, they started a Sai Centre in Mexico and 37 years later, the centre is the hub of the noblest social outreach programs, reaching to the unprivileged, educating thousands in character education and bringing about a transformation in teens through loving guidance.

1974
The Sai Organization of America was started with John Hislop as its President. This organization soon emerged as the engine of the Sai movement outside of India.

The first Bolivian Ramiro Sotello Murillo visited Baba as did Ariette Meyer who had been translating books on Bhagwan into Spanish. The latter returned to start a Sai Centre in Venezuela.

1975
Sai movement started in Kobe, Japan. Bhajan-singing and seva were the major activities.

Hiro Bhawanji was the first Indonesian to visit Puttaparthi. The Indonesian Sai movement was thus born. Sai Movement was born in Switzerland when a visionary Dr. Ali Hussein, had his first darshan of Bhagwan Baba. The dedicated Hussein family pioneered the Sai work in Europe.

Dr. Samuel H Sandweiss's first book "Holy Man and Psychiatrist" was published. It chronicled the experiences, observations and conclusions of the American Psychiatrist as he came to investigate Baba's powers against the touchstone of Western Psychiatry and Science. Dr. Sandweiss's description of his spiritual awakening as he came closer to Sai, as well as his ability to relate it with devotion and humor, accounted for the book's worldwide success. After returning from the sec-

ond world conference in Prashanti Nilayam, Beuno Wiesner set up a small Sai Centre in Nuremberg, Germany and the number multiplied in the coming years.

The first glimpse of Sai Movement started in New South Wales, Australia as Lyn Penrose came into contact with the Murphets and learnt about Baba.

1976
Howard Murphet's second book Sai Baba: Avatar, A New Journey into Power and Glory, was published. This book contains Murphet's further spiritual adventures plus an exceptional array of uplifting Sai stories and miracles.



Baba with Australians Howard & Lyn Murphet

1977
Shanti Nilayam was inaugurated in Hong Kong leading to greater Sai spiritual activities



John Hislop seeking blessings from Bhagwan

1978
John Hislop's first book "Conversations with Bhagwan Sri Sathya Sai Baba" was published in California. For many, this has been an introductory book to Bhagwan Baba. Enrique Garrido, became the first Chilean to know about Bhagwan through a hermit called Pablo. The hermit said, "Sai Baba is the only one in this age capable of liberating anyone."

1979
A couple from Peru, Mr. and Mrs. Bravo Figueroa traveled to India to ask Bhagwan permission to set up a Sai Centre in Peru.

The first Sai Centre was started in Guatemala by a couple named Augusto and Balbina Anuseto.

As a result of Indra Devi's persistent efforts to create aware-

ness about Sai at all her Yoga retreats in various countries, a Sai Centre blossomed in El Salvador.

1980
A residence in Strathfield, Australia was converted into a Sai Centre and was officially inaugurated in Guru Purnima that year.

The first Sai Centre was formed in Argentina. Devotees Ananda Giri and Monica Zokolsky had brought the word about Baba to Argentina. The first Sai Centres were opened this year in Buenos Aires and then Cordoba.

First Sai Centre in Chile began adding momentum to the Sai movement in Latin America.

A group of devotees got together to sing bhajans in Taipei, Taiwan and soon started feeding the poor as well.

GUATEMALA First Sai Centre - started by a couple Augusto and Balbina Anuseto

AGE OF SAI LITERATURE DAWNS

1970
Age of Sai literature dawns
This decade marked the beginning of Sai Literature. Books on spirituality by Baba and others about His life, miracles and message began to pour in.

1971
Frederick Muller, London published Howard Murphet's Sai Baba: The Man of Miracles. Murphet was to write three more books on Baba later on, inspired by Sai Baba: The Man of Miracles, Arnold Schulman, an American playwright,

screenwriter, producer, songwriter and novelist wrote the book "Baba", which was published in New York.

1971
Sai Centres were started in parts of USA, including Elsie Cowan's Sathya Sai Book Centre in Tulsa, California

1972
Sai awareness in Hong Kong started by a devotee named Shastri. The movement had its simple beginnings in the office of Dorothy Plant where people would gather together to play bhajans on a tape recorder. They also started



Scripting the saga of Love for posterity

SSE classes and distributed food to the homeless. California based spiritualist, teacher and psychotherapist



are a regular feature in Prashanti Nilayam's multi-faith calendar which also includes the celebration of Hindu, Buddhist, Jewish & Muslim festivals

ICONIC SPEAK

MR. ASHOK CHAVAN
Former Chief Minister, Maharashtra



BABA IS SILENTLY PROMOTING values education and spiritual transformation through social service projects on a massive scale globally. His message of unity of faiths and the fatherhood of God and brotherhood of man has reached the farthest corners of the globe. My family has been enriched by Baba's blessings.

MS. MALIKA SRINIVASAN
Vice Chairperson, TAFE

MR. VENU SRINIVASAN
Chairman & MD, TVS Motors, Past President, Confederation of Indian Industry



WE ARE INDEED BLESSED to have been brought into Bhagavan's fold by His Divine Grace. He has moulded our lives and those of our children as well, instilling in all of us the principles of hard work, good values and, above all, devotion to God.

At times of adversity and personal loss He has been the sole source of courage, assuring us that He is taking care. He has opened our eyes and made us understand that true devotion to Him can only be demonstrated by serving and caring for others around us. The only power He uses to transform us is the power of His love. Acceptance of His will and living by His teachings has filled us both with a sense of inner peace and to Him we are both most grateful.

USTAD AMJAD ALI KHAN
Sarod Maestro



IN THE EARLY 1970S, I first saw Baba with the then Police Commissioner of Bangalore Mr. Nizamuddin. After my marriage to Subhalakshmi, we performed during the 70th birthday celebrations. Both my sons Aman and Aayan have received Baba's love and blessings. Baba has always had special bond with all the musicians of India. We are amazed by Baba's vision to create free hospitals, schools, colleges and of course the water projects, which are a testimony of His love for humanity.

ONCE, THREE DAYS PRIOR to my departure for India, I broke my nose. The pain was unbearable. On the flight I even caught a cold. Upon reaching the ashram, Baba granted me an interview. I had not told anyone of my accident. In the middle of the conversation, Baba suddenly stretched His hand and caught hold of my nose, shaking it from side to side for about 20 seconds. I felt no pain. When He released His grip, my nose was completely healed, bone fused and the cold gone. Baba is not only healing broken noses but more importantly the hearts and minds of millions in Latin America and the world.

MR. LEONARDO GUTIER
Argentina Member Prashanti Council

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Borders

At the invitation of the Myanmar government, the Sathya Sai Baba Central Council of Malaysia, along with volunteers from Singapore and Thailand, undertook the monumental task of building a village with 51 new homes, a temple and a school, for the victims of the tropical storm 'Nargis' that hit the Ayeyarwaddy Delta region of the capital city of Yangon. This village was later christened as the Sri Sathya Sai Baba Village and inaugurated on 21st December 2008.

The devastating Indian Ocean tsunami in 2004 killed approximately 230,000 people in 14 countries. Sri Organisation rushed immediate relief to victims in Thailand, Indonesia, Sri Lanka and Malaysia, providing medical aid, drinking water, groceries and cooked food to the afflicted.

Three mosques, 108 houses, and four large water tanks were also built in Jogjakarta, Indonesia. The Sai Organisation of Malaysia received the prestigious Malaysian Humanitarian Award in 2006 for its timely and large-scale relief work.

Water Projects

As part of its efforts to combat the serious

water shortage that exists in Africa and parts of Asia, the UN adopted a "Human Values-based Water Education Approach" proposed by the International Sathya Sai Organization. This initiative imparts vital information on water conservation, sanitation, and hygiene.

Over the years, the Sathya Sai Organization has completed 12 water projects in El Salvador in Central America providing safe drinking water for about 2,000 families. The Sai Centre of Yogyakarta, Indonesia has built 90 wells to provide clean water to more than 300 families in the community of Gunung Kidul where the wells are called 'Yayasan Sri Sathya Sai Baba'.

The One and Only Religion of Love

Baba says, "Let all the faiths exist; let them flourish and let the glory of God be sung in all languages and in a variety of tunes..." As a result of Baba's secular outlook Prashanti Nilayam has become the pilgrimage destination of the world. From Iranians who come to celebrate the holy month of Ramadan in Baba's presence, to the Christians who converge at Prashanti Nilayam for Christmas, a



Permanent medical camps are run in 7 Latin American countries

multi-faith calendar fills the ashram schedule. Be it Buddha Purnima, Chinese New Year, Shivratri or Yom Kippur, thousands arrive daily to rise above sectarianism and seek in the peace of the sacred precincts. The 2005 Interfaith Conference held in Prashanti Nilayam, saw participants from Islam, Buddhism, Jainism, Christianity, Judaism, Zoroastrianism and Hinduism who were unanimous in their prayer which neatly sums up the focus of the Sai Organisation across the globe: May all the beings in all the worlds be happy!

Transformation of the Heart

In a landmark Divine Discourse delivered

on 4th July 1968, Sri Sathya Sai Baba announced, "I have come to light the lamp of Love in your hearts, to see that it shines day by day with added lustre. I have not come on behalf of any exclusive religion. I have not come on a mission of publicity for a sect or creed or cause, nor have I come to collect followers for a doctrine. I have no plan to attract disciples or devotees into my fold or any fold. I have come to tell you of this unitary faith, this spiritual principle, this path of Love, this virtue of Love, this duty of Love, this obligation of Love."

FRAMEWORK OF SATHYA SAI HEALTH MISSION

Healthcare is delivered with love and compassion

- Welcomes everyone
- Free of cost to all patients
- Highly skilled medical professionals
- Treatment of the body, mind, and spirit
- 300 free medical camps conducted each year in over 30 countries
- 2,50,000 patients treated every year
- Permanent medical camps operating in 15 countries abroad*

*USA, Botswana, Columbia, El Salvador, Sri Lanka, Singapore, Vietnam, Argentina, Nepal, Malaysia, Peru, Brazil, Ecuador, Mexico, and Nepal.

SAI PRESENCE ACROSS THE GLOBE

A Also Dhah (UAE), Argentina, Araba (West Indies), Australia & PNG, Austria, Azerbaijan	C Chile, China, Colombia, Congo-Brazzaville, Congo-Democratic Republic, Costa Rica, Cote D'Ivoire (Ivory Coast), Croatia, Cuba, Curacao (West Indies), Czech Rep.	F Fiji, Finland, France	I Iceland (West Indies), Japan	M Macedonia, Maldives, Malawi, Malaysia, Mauritius, Mexico, Moldova, Montenegro, Morocco	R Romania, Russia, Rwanda (UAE)	T Taiwan, Tanzania, Thailand, Trinidad & Tobago (West Indies), Turkey
B Bahrain, Barbados (West Indies), Belarus, Belgium, Bhutan, Bolivia, Bosnia & Herz., Botswana, Brazil, Brunei	D Denmark, Dominican Republic, Dubai (UAE), Ecuador, El Salvador, Estonia	G Gabon, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guadeloupe, Guatemala, Guyana (West Indies)	K Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Kuwait	N Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Norway	S Saudi Arabia, Serbia, Sharjah (UAE), Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, South Korea, Spain, Sri Lanka, St. Kitts (West Indies), St. Lucia (West Indies), St. Martin, Suriname (West Indies), Sweden, Switzerland, Syria	U Uganda, UK, Ukraine, Uruguay, USA/Virgin Islands, Uzbekistan
C Cambodia, Canada,	H Haiti, Honduras, Hong Kong, Hungary	L Lao PDR, Latvia, Lithuania	O Oman	P Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Puerto Rico	Q Qatar	V Venezuela, Vietnam
	E El Salvador, Estonia	M Macedonia, Maldives, Malawi, Malaysia, Mauritius, Mexico, Moldova, Montenegro, Morocco				Z Zambia, Zimbabwe



American Pilot Charles Penn - Presents his first book 'My Beloved'.

1981 Loraine Burrows started SSSBHV in Thailand.

American pilot Charles Penn published his first book on Bhagwan, 'My Beloved'.

The New South Wales Sai Centre of Australia established by Heidi Gulyas became affiliated with the World Council of Sai Organizations. Costa Rican Minister of Finance Rigoberto Martinez and his wife came to Baba. On return they started study circles and bhajans in Costa Rica inspiring friends Mirya Mendez and Guillermo Hidalgo to join their efforts to spread Sai mission in Costa Rica.

1982 Three important books on Sai glory and message were published: N. Kastur's autobiography 'Loving God', Phyllis Krystal's 'Cutting the Ties that Bind' and Howard Murphy's 'Sai Baba: Invitation to Glory'.

SPREADING SAI AWARENESS THROUGH THE 1980'S

1983 Bhajans started in Dhammathan in Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok.

The formal Sathya Sai Organization in Australia was established when Mr. Indul Shah, Chairman of the Sathya Sai World Council, visited Australia in April 1983.

The Sai Sathya Sai Book and Publication Trust was established on 19th June. Aimed at fostering human values through Sai's noble teachings via various publications spread over different media, SSSBPT has been relentlessly on the task over the past quarter century, serving as a lifeline between Prashanti Nilayam and the world. (www.sssbpt.org)

1984 A handful of devotees from Taiwan returned home to further strengthen the Taiwanese Sai movement after Baba granted them a group audience in Prashanti Nilayam.

1985 The Sathya Sai Foundation of Bangkok was registered during the 60th year of Sai Advent. Four important Sai books were also published: Charles Penn's 'Sai Ram', John Hisslop's 'My Baba and I', Samuel Sandweiss' 'Spirit and Mind' and



Baba with Phyllis Krystal, author of Sai Baba: The Ultimate Experience.

Phyllis Krystal's 'Sai Baba: The Ultimate Experience'.

1986 "Finding God", Charles Penn's final book was published. Here, he relates his life-long search for God and his road to Sathya Sai Baba.

1987 Sathya Sai Organization was formed in Puerto Rico.

1988 After the Sai Centre had firmly established in Uruguay, the devotees united to take up more service activities at old age homes, helping poor and impoverished children of the streets, started regular food and clothing drives.

1990 Sai Foundation of El Salvador swung into full service mode, rebuilding a Catholic church and providing disaster relief in the aftermath of an earthquake. The movement became even more



Sai medical camps serve many afflicted by the war in former Yugoslavia.

service driven.

1991 The first major European Service project was organized and was continued until 1995. Led by the Austrian Sathya Sai Organization, its main purpose was to help alleviate the suffering of the people in former Yugoslavia, an area struck by civil war.

The first public conference was held in the Sai Centre of Dominican Republic.

1992 The first Sathya Sai School was established in a very poor community in Vila Isabel, in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. It has served as an inspiration and a model for the founding of other Sai Schools in the country, such as the Sai Schools in Recife, Goiania, Ribeirao Preto and Minas Gerais.

1995 9th July Inauguration of Sai Kulwant Hall in

Prashanti Nilayam to accommodate up to 20,000 devotees at a time for Baba's daily darshan.

1997 A Compendium of the Teachings of Sathya Sai Baba - Compiled by Charlene Leslie Chaden: An exhaustive guide to Baba's teachings on all possible topics was published.

July Thousands of youth from hundreds of countries attended the First World Youth Conference at Prashanti Nilayam.

1999 Sri Sathya Sai International Centre at New Delhi inaugurated. (www.saidelhi.org)

2001 Inauguration of the ashram's new Books and Publications Division in Prashanti Nilayam www.sssbpt.org

2001 23rd November Radio Sai Global Harmony was launched from Prashanti Nilayam.

Renowned scientist Padmashree Dr. G. Venkataraman leads this project, taking Baba's message of love and harmony to the world via internet, World Space radio, and e-zine Heart-to-Heart. www.radio-sai.org

2003 Congregational prayers began in



World Youth Conference - 6000 youth from 85 countries

China and community service also started.

2005 November SSS 8th World Conference on the theme 'Unity, Purity, Divinity' held in Prashanti Nilayam.

2006 November The Sri Sathya Sai World Foundation started.

2007 Over 6000 youth from 85 countries attend Sai World Youth Conference on the theme 'Ideal Sai Youth - Messengers of Sai Love' in Prashanti Nilayam.

2008 Sri Sathya Sai World Education Conference on the theme 'Sathya Sai Education in Human Values' was held in Prashanti Nilayam.

2009 Sri Sathya Sai International Centre for Medical Services established with its main hub in Los Angeles, USA.

2010 November Sri Sathya Sai 9th World Conference held in Prashanti Nilayam.

The world celebrates the 85th year of Bhagavan Baba's Divine Advent.



*“On behalf of the UK Central Council, We
would like to wish everyone a very Merry
Christmas and Happy New Year.*

*Thank you to everyone for all your support
this year. We pray that you will continue
the wonderful work that you are doing
across all levels of the Sai Organisation.*

*We appreciate and acknowledge the
magnificent contributions that each one of
you have made this year”*

Jai Sai Ram



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