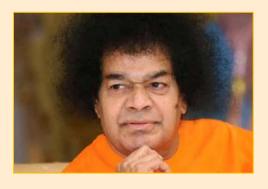




The Divine Yoyage of

Sri Sathya Sai Bala Gurukulam, Chromepet

Following Swami's eternal command to the State Presidents, India, Late Mr. P G Achuthanandam, Former State President, Tamilnadu sent a circular to all the Sri Sathya Sai Seva Samithis in Tamil Nadu to start the Sri Sathya Sai Balagurukulam schools, a new institutional dimension as a part of the Sri Sathya Seva Organization based on Educare



wherever possible. Due to the dedicated effort and devotion of the Chromepet Samithi Members, **Sri Sathya Sai Bala Gurukulam at Chromepet** was born on the auspicious day of **Vijayadasami** in the year **1978**.

Initially, it was run from a rented tiled house with just 40 students. Women members of the Samithi volunteered to work as teachers. The following year (1979), saw the strength of the student body increase to 90 students. The school was then shifted to the Samithi Bhajan center, a rented building with a light roof.

However, within five years the strength of the Gurukulam reduced to a mere 17 students! An office bearers' meeting was organized to discuss the closure of the non-performing school. However, Bhagawan had other plans!



At that time, a school associate **Mrs. Geetha Hariharan** visited Puttaparthi and was blessed with a personal interview by Bhagawan. During the audience, she expressed her concern that the small school at Chromepet was not functioning properly. Swami told her,

'You run the school as it is. I will take care of it.'

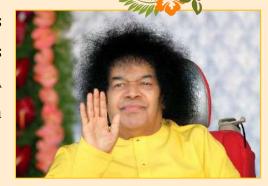
This assurance from Bhagawan renewed the enthusiasm of the office bearers of the Samithi, and they took an active interest in the affairs of the school. In a year, the strength of the school rose to a 100!

For more than ten years, the school offered education up to Grade 5 in the rented Samithi center without any government recognition. Then, the Samithi members decided to purchase half an acre of land at Nemilichery, a village adopted by the Chromepet Samithi. They went to Puttaparthi to seek Bhargawan's blessings. Baba materialized vibhuthi, the sacred ash, as a blessing for the project.

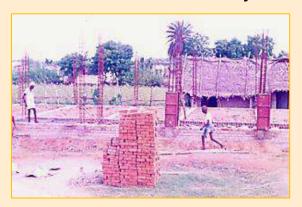
At about the same time, a lady from Madurai donated an amount that was given as advance for the land, and in a year the sale agreement was signed. Well-wishers of the project contributed, but the school was still short of Rs. 30,000. All Samithi members came together and prayed fervently to Bhagawan. And the answer came in the form of a voluntary contribution!

From Sri Sathya Sai Balagurukulam to Sri Sathya Sai Institute of Educare

The school later acquired even more land. By then it was evident to everyone involved that the Divine Hand was behind the mysterious but synchronized series of events. A higher power was directing the project that was to fulfill a higher purpose in the divine mission.



Since the Sri Sathya Sai Trust, Tamil Nadu is a registered body, all financial transactions were done through the trust and the land was registered in the trust's name. Two thatched sheds of dimensions 20' x 80' were erected and the school was shifted to Nemilichery from the Samithi centre and was named the **Sri Sathya Sai Vidya Mandir**.





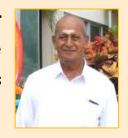
The thatched Shed where the school was running at Nemilichery

The following year, Bhagawan's will manifested in a rather unexpected manner. The area was hit by a heavy cyclone which blew away both the thatched roofs of the school. Suddenly, there was no room to run the school. But what seemed like a curse then, later turned into a blessing in disguise.

This seemingly untoward incident led to two interesting developments. Firstly, at this moment of grave need, a Good Samaritan stepped forward with a proposal. He said that he was moving into his just allocated railway quarters, and requested the committee to conduct the school in the house that would fall vacant due to his move to his official residence. The school ran in those premises for three years.



Next, all the Samithi members with then **Convenor Sri P.Kumarasamy, the present Correspondent of the school,** went to Puttaparthi to seek Bhagawan's blessings for constructing their own building for the school.



Bhagawan blessed all by sprinkling *akshata*, the holy rice, on them.

When He was invited for the *Bhoomi Puja* (ground breaking ceremony),

Bhagawan said, 'Osthanu, Osthanu' (I will come, I will come)."

Having bagged the divine assurance, the team spirit was soaring. Upon return, the Ganesh temple, the Shirdi Sai shrine, a three-storied school building, and a big prayer hall were constructed.

Initially, government recognition was granted in the name of **Sri Sathya Sai Matriculation School** by the Sri Sathya Sai Trust, Tamil Nadu.

After four years, the school committee switched over to the national academic curriculum, known as the CBSE (Central Board of Secondary Education) syllabus to give its students the advantage of being on par with the best in India. When it did this, it also changed its name to **Sri Sathya Sai Institute of Educare** as Bhagavan Baba always emphasizes on 'Educare' than education.



Sri Sathya Sai Balagurukulam evolved as Sri Sathya Sai Institute of Educare

Sai Educare Trust

The land and the school building belong to the Sri Sathya Sai Trust, Tamil Nadu. Initially, the school was maintained and run by the SSS Trust, TN. Later, as per the guidelines received from Sri Chakravarthi, IAS., the present Chancellor of Sri Sathya Sai Institute of Higher Learning, Puttparthi, Sai Educare Trust was formed under Indian Charitable Trust Act. It has received

80G Income Tax Exemption Certificate and FCRA Certificate from the Govt. of India for receiving donations from India and abroad respectively. **Dr. K. Hariharan** is the present Managing Trustee of the Trust. The Trust is convened regularly to discuss and implement activities aimed at making the school as an **ideal Sathya Sai school in the world.**



Dr. K. Hariharan, Managing Trustee
Sai Educare Trust



Sri Sathya Sai Institute of Educare

A Modern Gurukula of the 21st Century

UNIQUE FEATURES



- With the motto, 'Character Development with Academic Excellence', Gurukula method of residential education has been made compulsory for all the students from V to XII.
- Following Swami's eternal ideal, education is offered free of tuition fees since inception. Being a non-profit organization aimed at quality, the system of having only one section per class with 30 students is followed
- Nithya Narayana Seva Free noon meals is offered to all the primary students and staff.
- As a **model e-Sai school,** e-learning with Smart Classrooms, e-Library, Language Labs, online assessment has been implemented from LKG to XII.
- **IIT-JEE/NEET** coaching is given through professionals and many students have joined M.B.B.S., B.D.S., B.Arch., B.E., courses in elite colleges across the globe after clearing IIT-JEE Prelims/ NEET / NATA competitive exams.
- Every year, students are blessed with admission at **Sri Sathya Sai Institute of Higher Learning, Puttaparthi.**

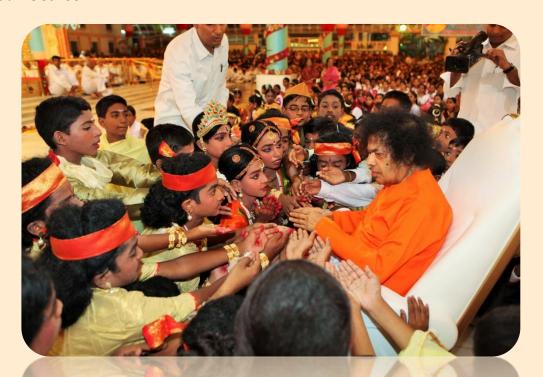


- Students from different parts of the country such as Andhra, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Punjab etc. as well as from abroad such as Dubai, Doha, Qatar are studying in the school by staying in the hostel.
- With high rating given by the parents and well-wishers, 'best sathya sai school in the world' search in Google, lists the Sri Sathya Sai Institute of Educare as the top school in the list.
- Professional coaching is given by experts in more than 10 sports and 10 fine art streams. Students participate and win in various international, national, state level competitions.
- All SSSIE teachers have been registered as Balvikas Gurus and all students as Balvikas students. Every year, students participate in the All India Balvikas examination. Students regularly participate in the State Level Balvikas Talent Search and win prizes in various events.
- SSSIE acts as a Mentor school for the **Sri Sathya Sai Vidya Vahini programme.** Former AIP, Sri V.Srinivasan presented the shield for **excellent content generation** in the Divine presence at Prasanthi Nilayam during Swami's 90th Birthday Celebrations.
- To impart the Indian culture and spirituality in the students' mind, every year, the school reopens with 3 days Summer Course on Indian culture and spirituality.
- All religious festivals are celebrated with teaching the inner significance through various cultural programmes.
- Hostel students are blessed to perform daily spiritual Sadhanas such as Morning 21 times Aumkars and Suprabhatam chanting, Veda Parayanam, Nagar Sankirtan, Jothi Meditation, Evening Bhajans, daily Hanuman Chalisa singing, Night prayer etc.
- **Learning Veda** has been made as a part of the curriculum from LKG to XII. On Maha Shivaratri Day, hostel students perform **Ekadasa Rudra Parayanam**.
- The habit of Namasmarana is inculcated in the tender hearts by following a system of chanting Sai Gayatri and other Namavalis whenever students move in lines inside the campus.
- Every year, students are taken for **Pilgrimage to Prasanthi Nilayam** during Gurupoornima to make them get inspired by the Sai system followed at Parthi.
- Exclusive **Bhajan and Sathsang session** is organized for Primary students, Teachers Non-teaching staff every week.
- Every Saturday, Swami Students and Sai speakers are addressing the students to imbibe Sai principles in the tender hearts.
- Community Service attitude is promoted through 34 'Selfless Hands' Seva departments of the hostel.

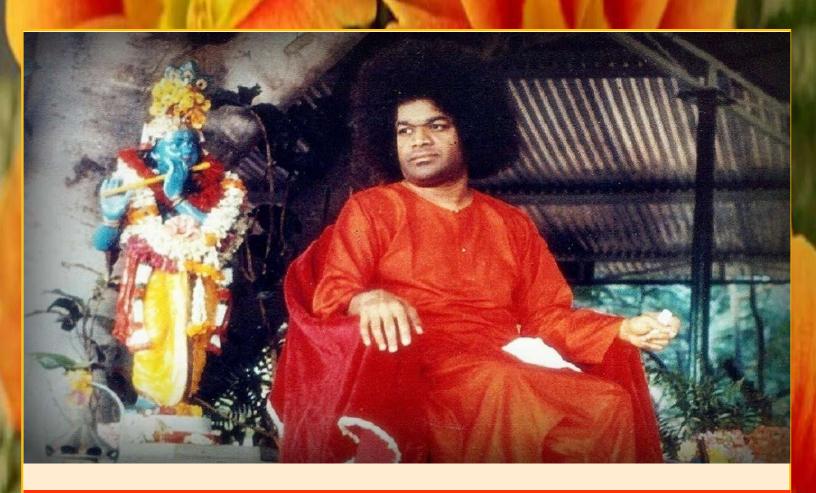


- Students follow 'Ceiling On Desires' programme during Deepawali holidays on Crackers/Dress/Food and contribute the amount saved for Grama Seva held on the occasion of Swami's Birthday celebrations every year.
- The attitude of Seva and compassion is kindled in the students by giving them opportunity to visit old age home, serving poor people with food, relief works during natural calamities, buttermilk distribution during summer etc.
- With an aim to make other school students practise human values, Seminar on Human Values is held as an inter-school competition.
- Alumni of SSSIE are shining as role models across the globe by serving as Scientists, Doctors, Engineers, Management Experts, Architects etc. in different famous companies/organisations. Also, they have joined the Sri Sathya Sai Seva Samithis in their locality and are rendering a valuable service to the society with the experience and exposure gained at SSSIE.
- Parthi Alumni students are serving the school by becoming member of the School Management Committee, as school cultural committee member, as full-time Teacher etc.

With all these unique features, the **9 CODE OF CONDUCT** given by Bhagawan is intertwined in the school and hostel routine directly. In fact, Swami has made this school act like one of the **BEST SRI SATHYA SAI SEVA SAMITHIS** in Tamil Nadu, producing ideal Sai students and future leaders for the Sri Sathya Sai Seva Organization. The achievements of SSSIE blessed by Bhagawan, will make the Sai devotees feel Proud about His school.



'You run the school as it is; I will take care of it!' - Bhagawan's Divine assurance on SSSIE



Divine Showers in the Divine Presence

Bhagawan has been showering his Divine grace abundantly on SSSIE by blessing the students and the staff with his Divine proximity and Divya Darshan. On various important occassions, students were blessed with rare chances of staging drama, cultural programmes, inspiring talk in His Divine presence at Prasanthinilayam. Here, we have a glimpse of the Divine blessings showered on SSSIE.

Welcoming the Lord of the Universe

In the year 1984, Swami visited an eye camp held in Chromepet. During that time, our school students were blessed with an opportunity to receive Swami by offering flowers on the footpath from entrance to stage.



SSSIE Students welcoming Bhagawan with flowers on the foot path

Gnaneshwar Dance Drama

Whenever Swami visited Chennai, the SSSSO, TN organized special Darshan for the adopted villagers. During that time, our school students were blessed to perform cultural programmes before Bhagawan.

Once during Swami's visit to Chennai, SSSIE students along with Balvikas children performed the famous **Gnaneswar dance drama** at Abbotsbury. Impressed by the Drama based on the Advaitha and performance of the children, Swami instructed **Major General Mahadevan**, the **then State President**, **TN** to arrange the same drama at Puttaparthi during the **World Cardiology Doctors Meet**.

After the performance, Swami blessed all the participants and materialized a golden chain for the Gnaneswar character. But, due to the Toba on her head, it could not get to her neck. To everybody's astonishment, Swami just blew it which became large one. Now, He could easily put it on her neck. He distributed silk saree and silk dhoti to all the actors and the volunteers. Correspondent P.Kumarasamy who assisted in the Drama making, was fortunate to get a silk Dhothi from Swami's Divine Hands. The whole drama was directed by professionals Krishna Kumari and Indumathi who had given excellent training to the students.



Swami posing with the Gnaneshwar Drama Characters at Purnachandra Auditorium

All India Sai Schools Drama

During the all India Sai school students programme, SSSIE students performed in a drama entitled 'Sai Vidya Sarasa Vidya' on 3rd Oct 2010 and received Swami's Divine blessings. Here, we have a glimpse of the drama enacted in the Divine presence.









Sai Vidya Sarasa Vidya - All India Sai Schools Drama in the Divine presence

Swami blesses Correspondent & Principal

During the meeting of SSSVV school teachers and management people, Swami blessed the correspondent and the principal.





Swami blessing Correspondent Sri P.Kumarasamy and Principal Smt. K.Saimeera

Kalinga Nardhanam

During the Kancheepuram Parthi Yathra, SSSIE students performed 'Kalinga Nardhanam' dance in the Divine presence on 9th Feb 2013.



'Kalinga Nardhanam' dance performance in the Divine presence

All India Balvikas Alumni Meet

Students undergo 9 years of Balvikas training along with their study. Every year, students who completed the course, are blessed with an opportunity to participate in the All India Balvikas Alumni Meet in the Divine presence and receive the prestigious Group III Balvikas certificate.



All India Balvikas Alumni Meet

Band Team performance

SSSIE band students got a golden chance to perform in the Divine presence during the all India Balvikas Alumni Meet held from 17th to 19th Jan 2016.



SSSIE Band Team in the
Divine Presence

Speech in the Divine presence

It was abundant blessing on the school when Master Krishan of class X received a golden opportunity to give a speech in the Divine presence at Prasanthi Nilayam during the Kanchipuram district Parthi Yathra. The chance was showered on him as he had won the first prize in the state level Balvikas



Krishan, Class X, delivering speech at Sai Kulwant Hall

SSSVV 5th Anniversary celebrations

40 students and 6 staff were blessed with a golden opportunity to participate in the 5th anniversary of the Sri Sathya Sai Vidya Vahini programme from 14th to 17th Nov 2015. More than 15 posters depicting SSSIE's unique features were displayed in the SSSVV Exhibition conducted from 14th to 17th Nov 2015 at Poorna Chandra Auditorium. Students performed live Yoga demo show during the exhibition. They had a wonderful opportunity to participate in the SSSVV rally programme on 16th Nov 2015 entitled 'BHARATH DIG VIJAYAM' depicting the glory of immortal Bharatheeya culture. 1200 students from all over India participated in the rally.







Bharath Dig Vijayam - SSSVV rally drama - scene depicting the glory of Indian Poets



Correspondent receiving award of excellence from Former All India President Sri V.Srinivasan



Students receiving gifts for assisting in creation of the best asset of SSSVV

Depicting Super Specialty Hospital through Pyramid Show

Bhagawan blessed the students with one more golden opportunity of participating in the All India Balvikas dance drama entitled 'SATHYA SAI SATHCHARITRA' on 18th Nov 2015. They performed a beautiful Pyramid show depicting the super specialty hospital building. The history of development of the hospital was enacted by the students during the show.



Pyramid show in Sai Kulwant hall depicting the Sri Sathya Sai Super Specialty hospital, Puttaparthi

Proposed as SSSVV Lighthouse school

SSSIE was selected as one of the 30 schools proposed to be announced as Lighthouse Schools among 100 Sai schools in India during the 4th National convention of Sri Sathya Sai Vidya Vahini schools in India held from 10th to 12th Feb 2017 at Prasanthi Nilayam, due to the continuous efforts taken to implement SSSVV value-based system of education successfully. Students were blessed to perform a drama 'SARVA GNANAM MAYI VIDYATE' depicting the difference between 'Educare' and 'Education' in the Divine presence during the occasion.







'Sarva Gnanam Mayi Vidyate'
Drama in the Divine presence

'Rudra Tatvam Ekatvam' - Drama

Swami showered His bountiful blessings on SSSIE by giving a golden & coveted opportunity to perform a drama in the Divine presence at Prasanthi Nilayam entitled 'Rudra Tatvam Ekatvam' as a part of the **1**st **International Conference on Veda** during Swami's 92nd Birthday celebrations.





'Rudra Tatvam Ekatvam' - drama in the Divine presence

Performance during TN Disaster Management Drama

On 20th June 2019, 14 of our students had a blessed opportunity to perform a drama in the Divine presents, themed on Disaster management, in association with Kancheepuram (North) Disaster Management Team. Also, 3 students had the fortune to be part of the TN Balvikas Drama. SSSIE Band Team was once again blessed to perform in the Divine presence during the occasion.





Disaster Management Drama and Band Team Performance at Parthi



GUESTS FROM PRASHANTHI NILAYAM



Professor N.Kasturi on 14 March 1981



Brother Sathyajit on 22 Jul 2012



Dr. Ravi Kumar Warden, Sri Sathya Sai Hostel, Brindavan on 29 Apr 2012



Prof. Anil Kumar on 14 Nov 2012





VISIT BY NATIONAL LEADERS





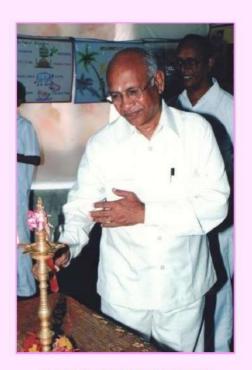
Smt. Vidhya Srinivasan, National Joint Educational Co-ordinator, SSSSO, Sri V.Srinivasan, All India President, SSSSO at the inaugural function of SSS Educare Certificate course on 08 Apr 2009



Dr. B.G.Pitre,Director,Institute of Sathya
Sai Education, Mumbai



Sri Nimesh Pandya National Vice President (North India)



Sri Nagarajan Ramani National Vice President (South India)





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Sri P.G.AchudanandamFounder of the school
(Former)



Sri T.G.Krishnamurthy
(Former)



Sri G.Varadhan (Former)

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VALUABLE COMMENTS BY SAI GUESTS

PROFESSOR N.KASTURI, PRASANTHI NILAYAM 14 March 1981

"I had the immense pleasure of listening to the bhajans and the stotramsof the children and telling them a story of Bhagavan's early days which was listened to with rapt attention, and the children were ready with intelligent responses. I very much appreciate the spirit of service of the gurus and others who run this institution. May Bhagavan lead them aright."

SMT. RAJNI SRIRAM (London)

"What a wonderful and inspiring experience! We have gained so much and learnt the language of love from your school. Thank you for a memorable experience."

SRI PRABHAKAR GOWRISHANKAR (USA)

"With Swami's grace, this is an amazing school. It was very hard to leave the school. I hope to be involved with the school.

DR. S.ADHI NARAYANAN

(Asst. Dr.(Research) Immunoparasitology(ICMR), SSSIHMS, Prasanthi Nilayam)

"A wonderful experience of witnessing Swami's message in implementation, ushering in a silent transformational revolution in young lives."

SRI UMESH DANG (alumnus of SSSIHL, Puttaparthi & Faculty of ISSE, Mumbai)

"A school with many role models. An example to society. Everything inspired me a lot. I pray Swamy to give me another opportunity to visit here."

BROTHER SATHYAJITH

"Very happy with the whole day I have spent at the school. Inspired by the dedication of the management for bringing up the school to its current standard. I am sure that by His grace, this will become one of the model schools for SSS Vidya Vahini."



VALUABLE COMMENTS BY SAI GUESTS

DR. T.RAVIKUMAR (Warden, Sri Sathya Sai Hostel, Brindavan)

"I thank for the wonderful opportunity to think about Swami. Your school is a beacon of light and feel happy to see the enormous growth of this great institution. I wish this has to grow further with the grace of Swamy."

T.G.KRISHNA MURTHY (SSSSO, TN)

"The students of this institute will become the torchbearers of Sai's principles and ideals to propagate to the world."

PROF. K.ANIL KUMAR GARU

"I am happy to be here in this school this morning. A school started 34 years ago, is not a small achievment by any standard and to run the school totally free of charge is only possible for Baba there (Puttaparthi) and is only possible for Baba here (Chromepet). I am even thrilled to know, excited to know that children won prizes at the state level, national level, international level, hats off to this school! Long live the management! Long live the teachers! Long live the students! May they lead happy joyful life! May this school produce children, national leaders in the years to come! May children from this school be most ideal Sathya Sai devotees! May this school children take over the organization as leaders in future!"

DR. RAJ RAGHUPATHY (Professor, Kuwait University)

"What an inspiring school this is! By Swami's grace and dedicated efforts, the school is spiritually integrated and wonderful."

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"Offering completely free education of international standard for nearly three decades now, this school has achieved something which even the most prestigious institutes do not even dare to contemplate upon...

...This institute like all other Sai inspired institutions relies not on money, men or material, but in the immeasurable power of pure Love that is encased in every individual's heart, for that alone can provide permanent peace to society."





