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SUMMER COURSE IN INDIAN CULTURE & SPIRITUALITY

5 - 7 JUNE 2023

With the Divine Blessings of our beloved Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba, SSSIE has been organizing a 3 days Summer Course in Indian Culture and Spirituality every year during the school reopen. As usual, the summer course of this academic year witnessed inspiring Sathsangs by eminent speakers and various creative and value-based activities aimed at inculcation of the glorious Bharatheeya culture and spirituality in the tender hearts.

DAY 1:05 JUNE 2023

On day 1, the course began with hoisting of the Prasanthi Flag by the Chief guest for the morning session **Sri Ganapathi, State Spiritual Co-ordinator, Sri Sathya Sai Seva Organization, Tamil Nadu.** The entire day's proceedings were compered in the form of a dialogue conversation between the Honourable Prime Minister Sri Narendra Modi, Lord Sri Krishna and Lord Sri Rama. The chief guest and other dignitaries lit the lamp of love. It was followed by invoking the Divine Blessings of Bhagawan through Veda chanting.

Director Sri P.Kumarasamy welcomed the chief guest and the gathering. Sri Ganapathi, in his inspiring address, stressed that each and every citizen of this holy land of Bharath should feel proud of their eternal heritage and discoveries in the field of Aircraft, Medicine etc. which were found thousands of years ago by our ancient rishis and sages. We are made to blindly follow the western culture and discoveries and feel cheap about our scientific spiritual practices by the foreigners. Let us wake up from this foolishness and understand the reality. He explained about the mind-blowing skills involved in the construction of the Tanjore Lord Sri Brihadeeshwara temple, long before the invention of the machines used in the construction works. He



hailed the school for arranging such courses so that the students would come to know about the glory of the Bharatheeya culture. Senior Principal Smt. Savithri Chandrasekaran proposed the vote of thanks.

It was followed by an informative talk by **Brother Shrikanth**, **alumnus**, **Sri Sathya Sai Institute of Higher Learning**, **Chief Financial Officer**, **Fivestar Business Finance Ltd.**, **Chennai** on the topic 'Significance of Ramayana and Mahabharata'. Giving insights into various contradictory incidents of Ramayana and Mahabharatha, he arrived to the point that 'Bhakthi' is the foremost value brought to the generations by both these epics. He stressed that the modern day allegations about Lord Sri Rama killing Vali or Sri Krishna making the Kouravas get defeated in the Kurkshetra war using His Rajathantra, were all false. Both the Avatars followed Dharma to the core in executing every activity. The session was made interactive through various inquisitive questions raised by the speaker and answered by the students. Vice Principal Smt. Vedha Nayagi proposed the vote of thanks.

In the afternoon, **Correspondent Sri S.Loganathan** announced the selected names as captains, vice-captions and teacher in-charges for the 4 houses, viz., Sathya, Dharma, Shanti and Prema was done. The aspirations and goals of every house were informed by the individual house members. He also introduced each and every teaching and non-teaching staff to all the fresher students

It was followed by joyful value games conducted for all the students. The session concluded with Shanti Mantra.

DAY 1 GLIMPSES



Welcome address by Director Sri P.Kumarasamy



Students enacting and compering as Honourable Prime Minister Sri Narendra Modi, Lord Sri Rama and Lord Sri Krishna





Address by the Chief Guest Sri Ganapathi, State Spiritual Co-ordinator, SSSSO, TN





Felicitating Sri Ganapathi by
Director
Sri P.Kumarasamy

Felicitating Smt. Meenakshi Ganapathi by Senior Principal Smt. Savithri Chandrasekaran





Address by Brother Shrikanth, Alumnus, Sri Sathya Sai Institute of Higher Learning, Parthi (left)

Director Sri P.Kumarasamy felicitating the speaker (right)





Address by Correspondent Sri S.Loganathan during house investiture ceremony





Glimpses of the Value Games event

DAY 2:06 JUNE 2023

The guest speaker for the morning session was **Prof. Gangadhara Sastry**, **Honorary Faculty**, **Sri Sathya Sai Institute of Higher Learning**, **Prasanthi Nilayam**. He explained about the meaning and the significance of the **Sai system of Gurukula Education**. Sri V.Thyagarajan, PGT delivered the welcome address. Staring with the explanation of the word 'Guru', Prof. Gangadhara Sastry educated the students about Para Vidya - Spiritual Education and Apara Vidya - Secular Education. It is the unique features of Sai educational institutions that both these types of education become like 2 wings for the students to fly high in their life. He stressed that it was the spiritual awakening which was the main focus in the Gurukula Education. He explained about the love and care showered on the hostel students by the hostel staff at Parthi and advised the teachers to take care of all the students quoting Swami's assurance, 'If you take care of my children, I will take care of your children'. Vice Principal Smt. Vedha Nayagi proposed the vote of thanks.

After an inspring Sathsang, a panel discussion on the topic 'Sweet home away from home' was conducted highlighting the fruits of the hostel life at the Sri Sathya Sai Institute of Educare. Smt. Sai Bhavana Pravalika, TGT acted as the moderator. The panel members shared their memorable experiences and the values learnt through their hostel stay.

Then, Mrs. M.Maheswari anchored the session for picking up the characters for the house-wise role play presentation to be performed the next day.

It was followed by a mind-refreshing 'Patti Mandram' (Debate) on the topic 'Which is important for the development of the students, Guru or Google? Smt. Meera. T.S, PGT acted as the moderator. Out of 6 senior students participated in the event, 3 of them stressed upon the need of Google for the development of the students and the other 3 students elaborated on the point that it was Guru who was essential for the development of the students. After listening to the points put forth by both the team members, the moderator gave the result that it was Guru

who was really important for the students than the Google and stated that a Guru could replace the Google, but the Google could not replace the Guru.

Post lunch, students listened to a hilarious and thought-provoking speech by **Sri Musee Pugazhendhi** on the topic '**Students of the 21st century**'. The session was interactive and humourous that the students enjoyed every bit of the session. Starting with the question what was making the students happy, the speaker brought out various practical points about all the things that made them happy. He advised the students to come out of the things that made them feel disturbed. He illustrated the circle of zones such as comfort zone, fear zone, learning zone, sharing zone etc. and appreciated the students for having come out of their comfort zone at home and joined the hostel to reach the other successive zones in their life. Correspondent Sri S.Loganathan felicitated the speaker with a token of Love. Vice Principal Smt. Vedha Nayagi proposed the vote of thanks.

After the speech, an interesting and informative quiz contest was conducted on the topic 'Bharatheeya Sanskrithi' The contest comprised of 5 rounds, made the students ponder about the glory of Bharatheeya culture and Spirituality. The afternoon session concluded with Shanti Mantra.

In the evening, after the Bhajans, students listened to an exhilarating Carnatic vocal concert by **Sangeetha Rathna Dr. Sai Saraswathi, Lecturer, Tamil Nadu Govt. Music College, Chennai.** She was accompanied on the Mridangam by Sri Madhava Sai and then on the Violin by Sri Mukundan. The concert comprised of mesmerizing Carnatic pieces and soulful Sai Bhajans with Swara Kalpana rendering in between, made the assembly filled with the Divine Vibrations of Music. The group was felicitated by Director Sri P.Kumarasamy. The programmed ended with Mangala Arathi.

DAY 2 GLIMPSES



Saint Sri Ramakrishna Pramahamsa and Swami Vivekananda compering for the programme



Students listening to the Sathsang by Prof. Gangadhara Sastry, Honorary Faculty, SSSIHL, Prasanthi Nilayam



Sweet home away from home - Panel Discussion - Moderated by Smt. Sai Bhavana Pravalika, TGT



Guru or Google ? - Patti Mandram (Debate) - Moderated by Smt. Meera T.S, PGT



'Students of the 21st Century' - Address by Sri Musee Pugazhendhi, Concept Architect Skill Bench Vision skill school Founder - Bodhi Garden school Concept Business consultation





Correspondent Sri S.Loganathan felicitating the Speaker



Glimpses of the Quiz Contest Bharatheeya Sanskrithi



Carnatic vocal concert by Sangeetha Rathna
Dr. S.Sai Saraswathi, Lecturer, TN Govt. Music College

DAY 3:07 JUNE 2023

The morning session began with a mellifluous Bhajan offering at the lotus feet of Bhagawan by the assembly team. It was followed by a fun-filled and exciting **Magic show** by **Mrs. Rani, Chennai.** The show filled with thrillful demonstrations using students and staff, captured the minds of the all and made them awestruck.

After a short break, students were fortunate to listen to **Dr.K.Sankarasubramanian**, **alumnus and faculty (Retd.)**, **Sri Sathya Sai Institute of Higher Learning**, **Prasanthi Nilayam** on the topic **'Ideal Sai Students'**. Smt. Savithri Chandrasekaran gave the welcome address. Explaining about the increasing levels of adharmic activities from Kritha Yuga to Kali Yuga, the Speaker made all the students to realize that it is Dharma or the Right Conduct which differentiates one as an ideal Sai student. Merely by joining a Sai institution, one does not become a Sai student. To become a real and ideal Sai student, one need to follow His words to the core. A Sai student has the Trikarna Suddhi -unity of thought, word and deed. He is part of the Sai Army that is getting created to transform the whole world by being exemplary in following the human values and ceiling on desires. Smt. Poongothai, Primary Headmistress proposed the Vote of thanks.

In the afternoon, **house-wise role play contest** was held. The Sathya, Dharma, Shanti and Prema houses presented inspiring role-plays on different value-based themes. Sathya house members were awarded as the best house in the event.

Honourable Justice Sri Vaiyapuri Periyakaruppiah, Judge(Retd.), Madras High Court, was the chief guest for the valedictory function. Director Sri P.Kumarasamy welcomed the guest and the gathering. During his valedictory address, stressing on the importance of discipline and character in a person's life, the speaker quoted the saying of Swami, 'If character is lost, everything is lost!'. He stated, 'It is the need of the hour in the country today that the students of the institute must come up in life to high positions and lead the society in the right path'. He advised the students never forget their school teachers who taught them all the numbers and the alphabets. Sharing his miraculous experiences with Bhagawan on how Swami saves his life, the speaker educated the students to have strong faith on Bhagawan and never give up in life.

Students who participated and won in various events during the summer course were felicitated by the speaker. Senior Principal Smt. Savithri Chandrasekaran proposed the vote of thanks. Correspondent Sri S.Loganathan felicitated the guest with a memento of love. At the conclusion of the 3 days summer course in Indian culture and spirituality, all the students held a candle lit and took up the 'Summer Course Oath' and pledged to Bhagawan that they would live their life as ideal Sai students. The programme ended with Mangala Arathi.

In the evening, 'Freshers Day programme' was held for the students who joined the SSSIE hostel newly. The interactive ice-breaker sessions made all the fresher students feel SSSIE as their sweet home away from home. Their special skills were exhibited during the event which received applauses from everyone. All were advised to live their life in the hostel as pleasing and dear to Bhagawan.



DAY 3 GLIMPSES

Glimpses of the Magic Show conducted by Mrs. Rani, Magician





Sathsang by Dr. K.Sankarasubramanian, alumnus and faculty (Retd.), SSSIHL, Prasanthi Nilayam on the topic 'Ideal Sai Student'





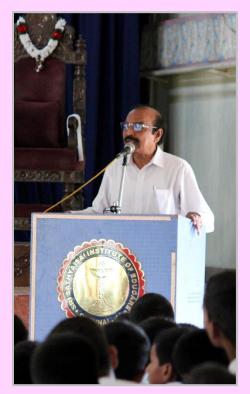




Teachers who took part in organization of the 3rd Day events: 1) Smt. Keerthana, TGT 2) Smt. K.Poongothai, Primary Headmistress 3) Smt. Savithri Chandrasekaran, Senior Principal 4) Smt. M.Maheswari, TGT



Valedictory function – Director Sri P.Kumarasamy welcoming the Chief Guest Honourable Judge Sri V.Periyakaruppaiah, Judge(Retd.) Madras High Court











1)Address by Honourable Justice Sri V.Periyakaruppiah, Judge (Retd.),
2) Group pose with students during Prize distribution,
3) Correspondent Sri S.Loganathan felicitating the chief guest











Glimpses of the house-wise role play contest and group pose of the Sathya house members who came out as the best house









1) Students taking summer course oath and singing 'Tere Vandan Se..' – school motto song holding a lit candle 2) Correspondent Sri S.Loganathan offering Mangala Arathi

Consider Bharat as your own mother. Develop love and reverence towards her and uphold her dignity and honour. - Baba







Offered at His Divine Lotus Feet - Jai Sairam

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