





98th Birthday Celebrations of Bhagawan

DAY 1: GLOBAL MAHILAS DAY

19 NOV 2023

With the Divine Blessings of our beloved Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba, Sri Sathya Sai Institute of Educare, Chromepet began the 98th birthday celebrations of our beloved Bhagawan with celebration of the Global Mahilas Day in the campus.

The programme began with Purna Kumbha procession with Veda Parayanam. Smt. Mohana Lakshmi, PRT anchored the day's proceedings. All the Mahila teachers and staff performed the auspicious Kutthu Vilakku Puja (lamp worship) while chanting the Ashtottara Namavalis of Goddess Durga, Goddess Lakshmi, Goddess Saraswathi and Lord Sri Sathya Sai. Then, an offering of mellifluous Bhajans was done by the participants. Vice Principal Smt. N. Vedhanayagi addressed the teachers and thanked Bhagawan for the golden opportunity to serve at His lotus feet at SSSIE. She also thanked all the gents staff for being a great support to the Mahila staff and wished them happy international men's day.

It was followed by a heart-touching talk by Correspondent Sri S. Loganathan who highlighted the role of Mahilas in his life and welfare. He thanked all his Mahila friends for their concern for him during times of difficulty. He remembered the love and support given by Smt. K. Saimeera, Former Principal throughout her journey with him. It is only due to high penance, one gets birth as a woman. He advised the gents staff to take care of the Mahila staff and give all the support to carry out their duties. Director Sri P. Kumarasamy addressed the Mahilas advising them to take active participation in the Birthday celebrations. Then, Bhagawan's Divine Discourse on the important household duties of Mahilas and the Shakthis of a Sthree was presented. The programme concluded with Mangala Arathi and Prasadam distribution. Please find herewith the moments captured forwarded.





**Global Mahilas Day
Kuthuvilakku Puja
(Lamp worship)**



DAY 2: GRAMA SEVA

20 NOV 2023

As a part of the 98th birthday celebrations of Swami, Sri Sathya Sai Institute of Educare, Chromepet organized Grama Seva at Nanmangalam village on 20th Nov 2023. During Deepavali vacation, students followed 'Ceiling on Desires' project, reduced their wants on crackers, dresses, food items etc. and contributed the amount saved for conducting the Grama Seva. More than 1500 food and laddu packets were packed for the Grama Seva. Students carrying Swami on a palanquin, went in procession from the school, led by the band and the Veda team, and reached the venue. They visited the Government Anganwadis in Chromepet and the Govt. primary and high schools in Nanmangalam, distributed food and laddu packets to all along with Swami's Vibhuthi Prasadam.

An energetic Bhajan session was held at Sri Shirdi Sai Mandir at the old age home. Sri Shekar, Care-taker of the old age home addressed the students and narrated about the divine experiences during the installation of Sri Aumkareshwara Lingam there. Students interacted with the grandmas and Grandpas and shared their love and affection. They served Swami's Prasadam to all. Then, students went in procession to the Govt. Primary and High schools at Nanmangalam. Various sports contests had been organized for the students in connection with Swami's birthday celebration.

A prize distribution function was organized for the winners. Sri Uma Shankar, CEO, Sniper graciously attended the event as a chief guest and distributed the prizes. He addressed the students highlighting the significance of sports and games in one's physical and mental development. Correspondent Sri S.Loganathan thanked the school authorities for providing the opportunity to serve the students. Director Sri P.Kumarasamy was felicitated by the school headmistress. The Grama Seva concluded successfully with Mangala Arathi. Sairam.



Procession glimpses



Prasadam distribution at Govt. Anganvadis & Govt. Primary & High School, Nanmangalm





Serving Swami's Prasadam to Grandpas & Grandmas at the old age home, Nanmangalam



Prize distribution to the winners of sports competitions organized for the students at the Govt. Primary & High school, Nanmangalam



Prize distribution at Govt. High School, Nanmangalam

DAY 3: GROUP PRAYER

21 NOV 2023

A group prayer procession praying for universal peace was organized on the third day of Swami's 98th Birthday celebrations on 21st Nov 2023. Students and staff in different groups performed a procession with Poorna Kumbha chanting Maha Gayatri and Sai Gayatri Mantras. Correspondent Sri S.Loganathan explained the significance and the benefit of performing this special Sadhana on the holy occasion of Swami's Birthday celebration. The KG students chanted Namavalis like 'Aum Nama Shivaya' and other Mantras as a group 108 times. After the Procession, Sri Rajappa, Founder and Correspondent of Sri Sathya Sai School at Arasankazhani, Chennai presented an inspiring Satsang in the assembly highlighting the message of Bhagawan: 'If you take 1 step, I will take 10 steps towards you'. He narrated the divine incidents that led to the establishment of the Sai school at Arasankazhani. After felicitation of the guest by Director, Sri P.Kumarasamy, the programme concluded with Mangala Arathi.



Group prayer procession



Sathsang by Sri Rajappa, Founder & Correspondent, Sai school, Arasankazhani

DAY 4: LAKSHARCHANA

22 NOV 2023



On 22nd Nov, all the students and staff performed the Sri Sathya Sai Laksharchana in the assembly, chanting the Sri Sathya Sai Sahasranamavali.

After listening to the significance of the Laksharchana, all worshipped Bhagawan by offering Akshatas to his image. The event concluded with Mangala Arathi and Prasadam distribution.



Sri Sathya Sai
Laksharchana



DAY5: SWAMI'S 98TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

23 NOV 2023



On 23rd Nov, the birthday of Bhagawan, the celebration began with a grand procession carrying Swami's picture on a palanquin with vibrant Veda Parayanam and soulful Swagatham singing. After the traditional 'Jai Vijayee Bhava' song offering, 98 lamps of love were lit by the students and the guests marking the glorious 98 years of Pure Love of Bhagawan in action, with the accompaniment of the mellifluous 'Akhand Jyothi Jalao...' song.

Correspondent Sri S.Loganathan delivered the welcome address. It was followed by an enchanting cultural programme presented by the students. The primary girl students presented 'Happy birthday to you Sai Baba' - dance performance which was perfectly synchronized. Then, a fine arts fusion programme entitled, 'Baba Sai Baba...' making a comparative note between Lord Sri Shirdi Sai Baba and Lord Sri Sathya Sai Baba was offered. A skit entitled 'Hands in the Society; Head in the Forest' teaching how to be in the society as well as be connected with the Divine was presented. It was followed by a soulful offering of devotional songs by the senior students at the Lotus Feet of Bhagawan.

After the cultural programmes, **Guest of Honour Dr. Ram Sriram, Co-founder, Wings of Hope Charity, London, SSSIE well-wisher**, addressed the students advising them to grab all the opportunities provided by the school to develop their EQ – Emotional Quotient which is very important than IQ – Intelligent Quotient in today's competitive world. He admired the overwhelming development achieved by the school due to the dedication and hard work of the Management members and the teachers.

It was followed by an inspiring talk by the **Chief Guest of the day Dr. S. Rama Reddy, Dean, Rajalakshmi Engineering College, Chennai.** In his address, he highlighted the importance of creative thinking to get success in life. He narrated the stories of Amazon, Kinley water etc. to think creatively and achieve greater success. He explained the story of Sri Padmapada, the disciple of Sri Ramakrishna Paramahansa and advised all to develop faith on the Guru which would get all the blessings showered. He appreciated the students for studying in a school that gives importance to spirituality and extra-curricular activities along with academics.

Students who won prizes in various outside competitions were given certificate and prizes and the best teacher awardees of the academic year 2023-24 Smt. N.Vedhanayagi, Vice Principal, Smt. K.Poongothai, Primary Headmistress and Smt. L.Booma ,TGT (Mathematics) were felicitated by the School Educational advisor Smt. Uma Sivaraman (Deputy Commissioner (Retd.) Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan, Ernakulam) during the occasion.

For the lord who is dancing in our hearts as our Hridaya Sai, Jhoola Seva was offered. Senior Principal Smt. Savithri Chandrasekaran proposed the vote of thanks. Director Sri P.Kumarasamy felicitated the guests with a memento. The programme concluded with Mangala Arathi and Prasadam Distribution. Sairam.



- Veda Parayanam
- Welcoming Swami
- Swami on Palanquin
- Lighting the lamp of love by **Mrs. Geetha Hariharan**
- Welcome Address by **Correspondent Sri S.Loganathan**
- Student anchoring as Thiruvalluvar
- Students lighting 98 lamps around the rangoli of Bhagawan





- Baba Sai Baba – Musical Fusion
- Skit on 'Hands in the society, Head in the forest'
- Drawing by Art & Craft students
- Offering of devotional songs
- Happy Birthday to you Sai baba – dance by primary girls



- Address by Correspondent Sri S.Loganathan
- Address by Vice Principal Smt. Vedha Nayagi
- Address by **Dr. Ram Sriram, Wings of Hope, London**
- Dignitaries on the dais (centre)
- Address by **Dr. S.Rama Reddy, Dean, Rajalakshmi Engg. College**
- Vote of thanks by Sr. Principal Smt. Savithri Chandrasekaran
- Prize distribution anchoring by Smt. Meera T. S (PGT Physics)





Prize
distribution
glimpses



Teaching and
non-teaching staff
group pose with
Bhagawan



DIWALI CELEBRATION

7 NOV 2023

The students and staff of Sri Sathya Sai Institute of Educare, Chromepet celebrated Diwali with fun and joy. Correspondent Sri S.Loganathan performed a Puja in the beginning accompanied to the singing of 'Namasthe namaste Gurumaharaj...'. After arranging all the safety measures, colourful crackers were burst by all the students class-wise, wishing 'Happy Diwali'. The shots that produced colourful bursts in the sky, the blooming flowerpots, the spinning Chakkars etc. were loved by all. The celebration concluded with Shanti Mantra.



KARTHIKA DEEPAM CELEBRATION

26 NOV 2023

On the holy day of Karthika Deepam, students offered vibrant Lord Shiva Bhajans at Swami's Lotus Feet. Then, they witnessed the Live broadcast of the Thiruvannamalai Deepam. The inner significance of the Karthika Deepam and the mythological incidents related to it were explained in the assembly. Correspondent Sri S.Loganathan addressed the students emphasizing the importance of Light in one's Life. SSSIE Alumnus Sri Durga Manohar who is currently pursuing his career in the IT field addressed the students highlighting the lessons learnt from the hostel life. After Mangala Arathi, the special 'Pori Urundai' Prasadam distributed to all. The traditional Maavali fire ring game was played by the students with joy and enthusiasm.



"Some say that knowledge is power, but it is not true. Character is power." - Baba



Offered at His Divine Lotus Feet - Jai Sairam