

Students were blessed to attend the Saturday Sathsang by Dr. R. Girdhar, one of Swami's earliest students and a former faculty member at Sri Sathya Sai Institute of Higher Learning. Introduced by Sri Sandip Samanta, Warden, SSSIE, Dr. Girdhar recalled fifteen years of singing bhajans in Swami's presence and coordinating massive cultural gatherings attended by lakhs of devotees—events that reflected the discipline, devotion, and unity Swami instilled. That evening, the mandir glowed with oil lamps as the final bhajan chorus faded. Swami looked at him and asked, "Have your parents arrived?" Surprised, he replied no. Swami smiled and said, "I saw them clearly waiting at the gate." Stepping outside, he saw his parents arriving unexpectedly and recognized a divine presence beyond ordinary perception. Swami later urged him to deepen his faith, reminding him that divine vision transcends time and space.

Another testament to Swami's guidance involved a friend, chairman of Andhra Bank. Swami advised him not to leave Hyderabad for a month or two. Soon after, a bank strike erupted and Prime Minister Indira Gandhi summoned him to Delhi. Trusting Swami's counsel, he declined. Though colleagues feared dismissal, the strike ended within days. Swami had foreseen that his absence would worsen unrest, and His guidance preserved both the bank and his reputation. Dr. R.Girdhar concluded by urging all to embody Swami's values daily, pairing prayer with action and trusting that every experience serves our highest good. Principal-in-charge Ms. N. Vedhanayagi proposed the vote of thanks, and Correspondent Sri S. Loganathan felicitated the speaker, followed by Mangala Arathi.



Saturday Sathsang by Dr.R. Giridhar, Alumnus, SSSIHL

The first Sai Dynamic Parenting Programme for day scholar parents was held on 5th July. The session began with Sri Thyagarajan V, Spiritual Co-ordinator, who spoke on Swami's expectations from parents. Through a presentation, he emphasized turning one's home into a temple and practicing regular spiritual sadhana. He narrated the story of Mahatma Gandhi and his mother Putli Bai to highlight the balance between love and discipline in parenting. Principal-in-charge Ms N. Vedhanayagi introduced the speaker, **Sri Poorna Chandran**, a SSSIE Mentor with vast experience in shaping young minds. He spoke passionately about showing genuine care for children rather than chasing money or status. Describing parenting as one of the most challenging roles, he shared inspiring stories of his guru, **Kulapathi Dr. S. Balakrishna Joshi**, whose students honoured him by starting schools to serve society.

Quoting Swami Vivekananda: "You will be nearer to Heaven through football than through the study of the Gita," he stressed the importance of physical health. He urged parents to avoid silencing children with mobile phones and instead spark their curiosity through meaningful engagement. Discipline, he said, should come through conversation, not punishment. Parents should avoid overextending themselves to please their children and teach them to appreciate what they have. He recommended consistent study habits from a young age, such as setting aside time between 6 and 8 PM for reading and sharing experiences. Rather than buying books on social skills such as 'How to get along with others?', he encouraged parents to help children develop these naturally through interaction. Quoting Swami Vivekananda again - "We want that education by which character is formed, strength of mind is increased" - he emphasized the need to instill strong values and character in children. Mrs. K. Poongothai, Headmistress (Primary), proposed the vote of thanks, and Correspondent Sri S. Loganathan expressed his gratitude and felicitated the speaker with a memento.



Sai Dynamic Parenting programme by Sri Poorna Chandran, SSSIE Mentor

The sacred occasion of Guru Poornima was celebrated with deep reverence and heartfelt gratitude to Sadhguru Sri Sathya Sai. The day began with the ceremonial hoisting of the Prasanthi Flag by chief guest **Sri Manikandan, District Spiritual Coordinator of Kanchi North, Sri Sathya Sai Seva Organization, Tamil Nadu**, followed by the lighting of the Lamp of Love and chanting of Veda Parayanam. Students then offered the Gurupaduka Stotram at Bhagawan's lotus feet, invoking the blessings of the eternal Guru. In his keynote address, Brother Manikandan honored gurus, defining Guru Poornima as the "fullness of knowledge." He emphasized that our parents are our first teachers, quoting "*Matru devo bhava, Pitru devo bhava*" and highlighting their divine role.

He spoke about the enduring value of knowledge, asserting that while material possessions are transient, true wisdom is eternal. A genuine guru, he said, selflessly uplifts their students—like the sun, which gives light and warmth without expecting anything in return. He shared a personal experience from the Ati Rudra Maha Yagna, where he was blessed with the rare honor of carrying the silver covering for the sacred Shivalinga. Though he had only prayed for a humble Seva—perhaps just the opportunity to arrange the slippers of devotees—his guru's grace entrusted him with a role far greater than he had imagined. Drawing from the epics, he cited examples from the Mahabharata and Ramayana, highlighting how Lord Rama advised his brother to learn even from his adversary, Ravana. He concluded with the message: "Education is for life, not merely for living," and expressed heartfelt appreciation to all teachers for their tireless dedication. The celebration concluded with a vote of thanks by Principal-in-charge Ms. N. Vedhanayagi, followed by the offering of Mangala Arathi to Bhagawan



Gurupoornima : Sathsang by Brother Sri Manikandan, District Spiritual Co-ordinator, Kanchi North

On the auspicious occasion of Gurupoornima, SSSIE held its Investiture Ceremony with great reverence and enthusiasm. The event marked a significant milestone in the academic calendar, celebrating leadership and responsibility among students. House captains and vice captains of the Sathya, Dharma, Shanti, and Prema houses were formally inducted and honoured with badges by the esteemed correspondent, Sri S. Loganathan. A special highlight of the ceremony was the announcement of the newly formed Ahimsa House, dedicated exclusively to girl children, whose captains and vice captains received their badges from the Principal-in-Charge.

The ceremony was steeped in spiritual significance, as the newly appointed leaders took a solemn pledge in the divine presence of Bhagawan, committing themselves to uphold the values of their respective houses. The event concluded with the offering of Mangala Arathi, invoking blessings for the students' journey ahead. The atmosphere was filled with devotion, pride, and a renewed sense of purpose, making the day truly memorable for the entire school community.



Glimpses of the SSSIE Houses investiture ceremony



The Parthi Pilgrimage was a truly blissful and transformative experience for all the students who attended. It left a deep, soulful impact on everyone involved, creating unforgettable memories of devotion, divinity, and inspiration. This two-day spiritual tour was filled with uplifting bhajans, profound speeches, sacred rituals, and above all, the Divine Maha Samadhi Darshan of our beloved Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba.

On the Thursday prior to the pilgrimage, a heartfelt offering took shape as all the students and staff wrote letters to Bhagawan. Each letter was a sincere expression of gratitude, personal prayers, and reflections on their spiritual transformation. These handwritten tributes served as a symbol of devotion and reverence, capturing the essence of their connection to the Divine. During the pilgrimage, these letters were lovingly placed at the Maha Samadhi of Bhagawan, becoming a sacred part of the journey and deepening the group's bond with Swami's eternal presence.



Glimpse of students writing letter to their dearest Swami

The group was accommodated at one of the Sai Bhaktha Nivas Halls, and the first day began with morning prayers and Jyothi meditation, setting a serene and spiritual tone. The students then received divine darshan at the nearby Gayatri Matha and Varalakshmi Matha temples. After breakfast, everyone gathered in the vibrant Sai Kulwant Hall, where they took part in Veda chanting and devotional bhajans, feeling the powerful spiritual energy of the space.



The food session during the journey, followed by glimpses upon reaching Sai Bhaktha Nivas Hall, concluded with announcements by Correspondent Sri S. Loganathan



First Day Suprabhatam and Jyothi Meditation Session at Sai Bhaktha Nivas Hall

Following Bhagawan’s Divya Darshan, the group visited Chaitanya Jyothi—a magnificent center that beautifully showcases Swami’s divine missions and accomplishments. The exhibits were exceptionally crafted and deeply inspiring. Next, the students explored the Sanathana Sanskruthi Museum, where rich history, sacred art, and Swami’s life journey were detailed with great care. Displays included the Dashavataram, stories from Swami’s childhood, and highlights of his iconic service projects. The pilgrimage continued with a visit to the sacred **Vata Vriksham**, a meditating tree installed by Bhagawan. The students meditated under its shade, experiencing a profound sense of peace and divine presence.



Students listening to the address by an Official on the significance of Chaitanya Jyothi



Group pose in front of Chaitanya Jyothi

Parthi Pilgrimage – Group pose in front of Chaitanya Jyothi Museum





Teachers & Staff Group pose in front of Chaitanya Jyothi

During the evening darshan, the hall was blessed by the devotional music of devotees from the USA, who were also on their Parthi pilgrimage as part of the centenary celebrations. Their heartfelt offerings of song uplifted the atmosphere, resonating with the vibrations of devotion.

Later that evening, the group had the Divya Darshan of Bhagawan, followed by an enriching Sathsang session delivered by **Sri Sathish Babu**, Warden, Sri Sathya Sai Junior Boys Hostel. He shared various value-based and spiritual insights, including a touching story where Swami lovingly addressed boys based on their commitment to Suprabhatam chanting—calling those who observed it “good boys” and humorously teasing the others. Through such anecdotes, he emphasized that no prayer ever goes unanswered with Bhagawan.



**Sathsang
by
Sri Satish Babu,
Warden,
Sri Sathya
Sai Hr. Sec.
School,
Prasanthi
Nilayam**







Students and staff partaking ice cream during snacks time

Parthi Pilgrimage – Day 2 events

On the second day, the group once again began with morning prayers and Jyothi meditation, followed by temple visits. A significant stop was at the Eswaramma Samadhi, where the samadhis of Swami’s mother, Eswaramma, and father, Sri Venkappa Raju, are reverently worshipped. The students also had darshan at the Sri Hanuman and Sri Venugopal Swami temples, which are historically and spiritually connected to the Puttaparthi region. A deeply moving moment came when the group visited the very birthplace of Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba. It was a soul-stirring experience—witnessing the sacred grounds where the divine incarnation took birth touched the hearts of every pilgrim.

Morning Prayer and Jyothi Meditation Session on the second day of the Pilgrimage



Group pose in front of Mother Eswaremma Samadhi



Group Photograph session in front of Mother Eswaremma Samadhi

In the afternoon, the students attended a powerful satsang by **Sri Sai Surendranath**, Teacher, Sri Sathya Sai Higher Secondary School and one of Swami's early BCom students. He spoke passionately about the importance of Faith, Surrender, Self-Discipline, and Unconditional Love in receiving Swami's divine protection. His stories, laced with humor and humility, included Swami fulfilling a promise to take him in His own car, and the memorable "Chapatthi incident," where Swami was delighted by the students' perfectly made chapatis, acknowledging their loving seva.



Students after having Darshan at Sri Hanuman Temple, Puttaparthi



Satsang by Sri Sai Surendranath, Faculty, SSS Hr. Sec. School, Puttaparthi

The day culminated in a moving drama titled “**I am Sai Baba,**” performed by devotees from the USA. The performance was rich in values and beautifully depicted Swami’s divine nature even during his childhood. Evening bhajans and Mangala Aarthi followed, alongside another blessed Darshan of Bhagawan. After dinner, the students departed Prasanthi Nilayam with joyful chants of “Jaikars to Bhagawan,” returning to their campus in the early hours of July 14th.

The pilgrimage concluded with Mangala Aarthi offered to Lord Sri Vidya Ganesh at the SSSIE Campus, sealing this divine journey with gratitude and love. It was not merely a trip—it was a spiritual awakening, a reminder of the omnipresence of our beloved Swami, and a call to carry forward his message through our thoughts, words, and actions.

SWADHYAYA 2025 – 22ND SEMINAR ON HUMAN VALUES

19 JULY 2025

With a noble objective to instill human values in young minds, Sri Sathya Sai Institute of Educare has been hosting ‘Swadhyaya’ – an inter-school seminar on human values – for the past 21 years. Marking its 22nd year, the seminar was held on 19th July 2025, from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM, centered around the theme “Gratitude is Our Life-Breath.” Students from 11 schools in and around Chennai were invited to participate. The inaugural session commenced with a warm welcome by Ms. N. Vedhanayagi, Principal-in-Charge, who introduced the chief guest and judges.

The chief guest, **Dr. A.R. Manjjuri, Principal of the College of Nursing at Sri Sathya Sai Institute of Higher Medical Sciences, Whitefield, Kadugodi, Bengaluru**, delivered an inspiring keynote address. She affirmed that “*Character is the end of education*” and urged students to embody the essential human values of **Sathya (Truth), Dharma (Righteousness), Shanti (Peace), Prema (Love), and Ahimsa (Nonviolence)**—as championed by Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba—in their daily lives. She underscored that gratitude is a profound force capable of transforming society. Sri K.N.Shekar, Trustee, Sai Educare Trust graced the occasion as the Guest of Honour. Smt. Poongothai, Primary Headmistress, expressed heartfelt appreciation in her vote of thanks.

Students were briefed on the seminar guidelines and evaluation criteria. A panel of seven distinguished judges, drawn from diverse professional backgrounds, assessed the teams based on their performance in Role Play, PowerPoint Presentation, Question & Answer Session, Team Collaboration, Poster Painting. Following the judges’ review, the valedictory session featured **Dr. K.N. Shoba, Associate Professor, Department of Education, National Institute of Technical Teachers Training and Research, Ministry of Education, Government of India, Chennai**, as the chief guest. In her address, Dr. Shoba traced the origin of the word “Education” to “Educare”, meaning “to bring forth what is within.” She commended the Institute for aligning its vision with this philosophy and emphasized that while AI is evolving, it cannot replicate the human qualities of empathy, compassion, and love that define a teacher.



Prasanthi Flag hoisting by Dr. A.R. Manjjuri, Principal of the College of Nursing at Sri Sathya Sai Institute of Higher Medical Sciences, Whitefield, Kadugodi, Bengaluru

Dr.K.Hariharan, Managing Trustee, Sai Educare Trust presented a memento to the chief guest as a token of love. Sri Thyagarajan, Spiritual Co-Ordinator delivered the vote of thanks. The overall championship shield with gold medals and certificates for the best performance was awarded to the participants from DAV school, Admbakkam, for their commendable performance in all the events of the Seminar. Modern Sr. Sec. School, Nanganallur, and Army Public School, Nandambakkam were awarded silver and bronze medals for securing the second and third places respectively. All participants and their escort teachers received certificates and mementoes in recognition of their contributions. Sri S. Loganathan, Correspondent, felicitated the guests and judges with tokens of appreciation. The seminar concluded on a reverent note with the National Anthem and Mangala Arathi to Swami.

Swadhyaya 2025 Glimpses



Reception : Warm welcome to the participants and registration



Dignitaries on the Dais: from left: 1) Sri C.Manikandan, Headmaster(Secondary) 2) Sri K.N.Shekar, Member, Sai Educare Trust 3) Sri S.Loganathan, Correspondent 4)Dr. A.R. Manjjuri, Principal of the College of Nursing at Sri Sathya Sai Institute of Higher Medical Sciences, Whitefield, Kadugodi, Bengaluru 5) Dr. S. Sai Saraswathi, Principal, TN Govt. Music College, Chennai 6)Ms. N.Vedhanayagi, Principal-in-charge 7)Mrs. K.Poongothai, Headmistress(Primary)

Swadhyya 2025 - Inaugural Function



Principal-in-charge Ms. Vedhanayagi N and Sri Shekar K N, Member, Sai Educare Trust felicitating the chief guest Dr. Manjjuri, Principal of the College of Nursing at Sri Sathya Sai Institute of Higher Medical Sciences, Whitefield, Kadugodi, Bengaluru





Master Soham Bothra, XI & Master Harivarshan, VIII anchoring the events

Chief Guest Dr.A.R.Manjjuri picking up the first performer of the day



Judges – from left: 1) Sandip Samanta, Warden, SSSIE 2) Dr.S. Sai Saraswathi, Principal, TN Govt. Music College, Chennai 3) Mrs. Priya, District Educational Co-ordinator, Kanchi North, SSSSO 4) Mrs. J.Sai Laavanya, State Co-ordinator-TN, Sri Sathya Sai National Council for Schools 5) Mrs. L..Sridevi Berigai, PGT, SSSIE



Glimpse of role play by a participant school on 'Gratitude is Life-breath'

Role play event glimpses



Role play event glimpses



PPT Presentation



Q & A Session



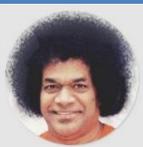
Poster Painting event on Gratitude & Sacrifice - their interconnectedness



Poster Painting display on Gratitude & Sacrifice - their interconnectedness



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A man without gratitude degrades himself to a level lower than animals. You say "thanks" to somebody who picks up and gives you your own handkerchief, but you never thank God for all the precious things He has bestowed on you. - Baba



Valedictory Session with Dr. K.N. Shoba, Associate Professor, Department of Education, National Institute of Technical Teachers Training and Research, Ministry of Education, Govt. of India, Chennai as the chief guest

Felicitation to the participant schools



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Third place – Bronze medals and certificates received by Army Public School, Nandambakkam



Second place – Silver medals and certificates received by Modern Sr. Sec. School, Nanganallur



First place – Gold medals and certificates received by DAV School, Adambakkam

Felicitation to the esteemed Judges



Vote of Thanks, Felicitation to the Chief Guest Dr. K. N.Shobha followed by Mangala Arathi



On 29th July 2025, students had the extraordinary opportunity to attend the 'Space on Wheels' exhibition—a mobile science initiative by the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), organized by Sri Sathya Sai Vidya Vahini in association with Sri Sathya Sai Seva Organization at Sundaram, Chennai. The exhibition showcased India's remarkable journey in space exploration through interactive displays, scaled models of satellites and launch vehicles, and informative panels on ISRO's missions. Students were captivated by the visual storytelling and hands-on exhibits that brought complex scientific concepts to life. Many described the experience as eye-opening and deeply inspiring, expressing newfound admiration for India's achievements in space science. The highlight for several students was viewing the model of the Chandrayaan lander and learning about the Mars Orbiter Mission, which sparked curiosity and pride in India's technological prowess. The event concluded with students sharing their takeaways, many stating that they left with a deeper appreciation for ISRO's contributions and a renewed sense of purpose in their academic journey. SSSIE family thanked SSSVV, Tamil Nadu for gifting the students a wonderful opportunity to explore ISRO's achievements.



ISRO's Space on Wheels organized by SSSVV, TN

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



Offered at His Divine Lotus Feet. Jai Sairam

