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FOREWORD

Aum Sri Sai Ram.

This is a humble offering at the Divine Lotus of Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba and a sincere prayer to give us the strength to spread HIS message and follow his maxim – 'Love All, Serve All. Help Ever, Hurt Never."

In the first Balvikas Guru conference in Mumbai, May1971, Swami in his discourse said, "The quickest and easiest way by which one can realize the basic absurdity of attachment is the path of Seva (selfless service). Pour out Love, whether it is returned or not, whether it results in success or not. Let love be ever translated in to Seva, into beneficial acts, sweet words of consolation, comfort and courage, and thoughts of sympathy and compassion. I do not declare that other paths like Bhakti or Jnana are of no use.

Worship of god in temples and shrines has its place in sanctifying time and sublimating the instincts and impulses. Inquiry into reality has its use in clearing the fog of doubt. But, activity in the shape of seva charged with love fulfils the aims of all paths to Godhead.

Sarvatah Pani Padam, Savatokshi Shiro Mukham, says the Gita. "All hands are His, all feet, all eyes and all faces and mouth. Everything is He. Every step is His, every look, every speech, every act is His. That is the lesson that Seva instills."

Following the guidelines given by our beloved Bhagwan, we sincerely pray to him to make us His able instruments to carry His mission forward.

We have 74 samities in 21 districts with permanent medical centers in 9 districts imparting 55 different kinds of treatments such as cataract operations with lens, Dentures, X-rays, Sonography, Physiotherapy, Ayurvedic, Homeopathy, Naturopathy, etc. More than 1.5 lakh patients have availed these facilities rendered free of cost by these medical centers in this year. There are four English medium and one Gujarati medium Sathya Sai Schools imparting value based education with two schools at Surat and Navasari adopting Sri Sathya Sai Vidhyavahini project. There are in all 2250 students in these schools and with Swami's grace the result for 10th board has been 100% for the eighth consecutive year in all the schools. Activities related to all three wings – Spiritual, Educational and Service are carried out regularly in all samities. Sri Sathya Sai Trust Gujarat runs Sri Sathya Sai Vidya Niketan, Navsari, Sri Sathya Sai School, Ahmedabad, Sri Sathya Sai School (English & Gujarati Medium), Pipaliya.

In this report, we have highlighted the special activities carried out in our state of Gujarat during the period April 2016- March 2017. The same report can be viewed at www.ssssogu.org.



Manohar G. Trikannad

State President Sri Sathya Sai Seva Organisation, Gujarat

STATE LEVEL ACTIVITIES

MASS THREAD CEREMONY (UPANAYANAM)







A state level Mass Upanayanam was organized on 1st May, 2016 at Ahmedabad and Surat. It's one unique state level programme, wherein free upanayanam is conducted for the boys irrespective of religion or caste. It started at 9:00 am. with 3 omkars, chanting of Vedas and hoisting of the organisation flag. An inaugural address highlighting importance of Upanayanam to the boys (Batuk) and regular chanting of Gayatri Mantra and Sandhya vandanam was given by the State President, Shri Manohar Trikannad at Surat. The parents of the boys performed the Sai Paduka pooja. Brahmins together performed the rituals and all four Vedas were chanted. The batuks were given three pairs of clothes. A speech was delivered by Shri Nilkanth Shukla (Presidential Award winner) of Surat in which he stressed on the importance of Gayatri Mantra. The rituals got over by 6:30 pm. The State President, Shri Manohar Trikannad distributed basket full of gifts which included a framed photo of Swami to all the boys and blessed them. Same way gifts were distributed to the boys at Ahmedabad. The Brahmins were also felicitated by the District Presidents. In all 12 boys participated in this divine upanayanam. Up till now total 87 boys have been benefited. More than 350 people in Surat and 500 in Ahmedabad attended this function which include the relatives of the boys. As chief priest at Surat Shri Hiranya Shukla and at Ahmedabad Shri Shailesh Trivedi have performed all the rituals.

BHEEMA RATHA SHANTHI MAHOTSAVA – A spiritual re-marriage

6th Bheema Ratha Shanti Mahotsava – a spiritual re-marriage ceremony for the married couple who are aged 70 years and above was organized at Ahmedabad. There were 9 couples hailing from different parts of the state such as Ahmedabad, Valsad, Bilimora, Vadodara, Mehsana, Visnagar and Nadiad. All have been Swami's devotees for past many years. Till date 129 couples have participated in this unique program at Ahmedabad under the auspice of SSSSO, Gujarat.







The program started with Ganesh Pooja and Graha Shanthi on 4th june 2016 morning and a ring ceremony on 4th june 2016 evening. The chief priest narrated to the participants in brief about the Bheem Rath Shanti and its significance in one's life. Each couple was blessed with a gold plated finger ring as Sai Prasad which was exchanged by the couple with chanting of Mantras by the priests. All the male participants were given in the form of Sai Prasad, the traditional attire such as Pyjama, Kurta, Pheta, Angavastram, Garland and pearl

performance through 2 km route. At the venue, each couple were assigned a mahila youth sevadal for assisting in completing the rituals. The ceremony started with veda chanting by 4 priests and completed by Mangalya Dharana. In all 400 were present.

YOUTH SATSANGH

District level 'Youth Satsangh' were organized across the state with the visit of State Youth Co-ordinators (Mahila) Dr. Shilpa Popat and Avinash Rao (Gents) Districts covered Valsad, Navsari & Dang, Surat & Tapi, Bharuch, Panchmahal, Ahmedabad, Rajkot, Bhavnagar, Jamnagar and Surendranagar.

A common agenda was followed at each district with emphasis on Swami's '5D's of Life' and Opportunities to enhance Youth activities. This was an initiative with the intention of spreading the message of Sai and creating a platform to interact and motivate the Youths, experience their activities as well as understand their difficulties. Dr. Shilpa Popat explained in detail the Sri Sathya Sai Vidya Jyothi Project (adoption of Schools) and Shri Avinash Rao with the help of Swami's '5Ds of Life', explained the role of youth in the society and how Seva is Sadhana in today's world. How Youth have to become Swami's messenger in the Society.

A youth meeting was held at the end of the Satsangh, wherein youths of the district planned activities for the period of 6 months in advance. They tried to engage as many youths as possible for understanding Swami's message and spreading the same across the society while doing Seva.





MAHA SAMMELAN, Kayavarohan Vadodara

Sri Sathya Sai Seva organization, Gujarat organized Mahasammelan 'Surrender to the Divine Master' on 28th & 29th February 2017 at Kayavaroham, Nr. Pore village, Baroda. Swami's Most Blessed Devotee and fondly called 'Puppet' Hon. Shri Ajitbhai Popat (UK) was the Chief Guest and Key-note Speaker. On 28th evening, state office bearers' meeting was conducted by the State President Shri Manohar Trikannad wherein presentation on various activities of SSSO was given by the designated office bearers. The aim was to enhance the participation of devotees in Samiti activities.

The second day started with Nagarsankirtana in the morning and then at 8:30 a.m. flag hoisting and Palkhi yatra with vedam chanting. After SP Shri Manohar Trikannad's welcome speech in the first session, Hon. Shri Ajit Popat gave his views on the theme, beautifully narrating what are the ways to surrender and what are the characteristics of a person who has completely surrendered at the Divine feet. He gave many examples from his own life and the time he spent with Swami. In the afternoon session, he spoke on 'My Baba is enough for me – am I good enough for Baba'. Here he highlighted how we as a devotee of Bhagawan can offer

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ourselves in purest form at his lotus feet. He urged everyone to recognize themselves as the children of the divine mother. State level elocution winners were awarded in this program. 1200 devotees from across the state attended.

BAL VIKAS COMPETITION

Annual State level Quiz competition for BV students and elocution competition for college students was held on 25.12.16 at Gukuldham. 61 BV students from across the state from various districts participated in quiz competition. 27 BV gurus from across Gujarat state participated. The first three winners were awarded. All the participants in quiz competition were given a certificate of participation.











Celebrated Diwali and Gujarati New Year in the valley of peace - Prashanthi Nilayam from 29th to 31st October 2016 in form of Parthi Yatra. This was the 14th consecutive year of celebration at puttaparthi with Various Spiritual songs, Dances from Gandhinagar, Navsari and Surat Districts. Musical Tal Vadya programme from Vadodara Dist. SSS School Surat got applause every minute for the fusion of yoga and dance on Mahishasur Mardini Stotram.

INTER COLLEGIATE ELOCUTION COMPETITION

In state level elocution competition 15 students from various colleges from across various districts of Gujarat state participated. These competitors were the winners at the District level competition held across the state. The topic for presentation was "Women, the true architect of society". The three judges were, Prabha Jayaram Soni, a noted journalist, Mr. Mahesh V Upadhyay, a professional counselor and Mrs. Kamalaben Prajapati, a retired teacher. The three winners declared were Mr. Abhishek Jain from Vadodara, Mr.Wilfred Mukavu from Vadodara and Ms.Radha S Prajapati from Surat. The winners were awarded trophies by the judges. All the participants were given certificate of participation.



SWAMI'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION







A week-long celebration of Bhagawan's 91st birthday was celebrated with great enthusiasm from 19th to 26th November, 2016 by all samities of Gujarat State. There were various service and spiritual activities such as Nagar sankirtana, Laksharchana, Ashtotarsahastra namavali, Paduka Pooja, Narayana Seva, visit to SSVIP village, Mahila day celebration, blood donation camps, blanket distribution, etc. were arranged.

On 23rd November evening, representatives of different religion were invited to compare Swami's teaching with the teaching of their respective religious heads depicting unity of faith. Also cultural program by Bal vikas students, students of Sathya Sai schools and Youths were organized. In these functions, leading citizens were called as chief guests. With singing of birthday songs, cake was cut by the guest and followed by Jula program.

RELAUNCH OF STATE WEBSITE

With the Divine Grace of our beloved Bhagawan, Sri Sathya Sai Seva Organisation, Gujarat re-launched state website on the auspicious day of Maha Shivaratri (Friday 24th February, 2017) from our Sai centers of Surat, Vadodara and Ahmedabad simultaneously. New url is www.ssssogu.org. On this auspicious occasion of relaunching of our State website our honorable All India President had extended his best wishes to all the members of Gujarat states.

SSSRVTC

We have one Sri Sathya Sai Regional Vocational Training Centre at Navsari where tailoring and computer classes are conducted as short term course. One more centre at Gandeva in Navsari district provide agriculture products (fruits-food processing) training for value addition. During this year, 130 students attended and successfully graduated Tailoring class and 170 students in computer class.

ZONAL YOUTH CONFERENCE

A zonal youth conference for South Gujarat on the theme 'Youth for Social Transformation' was held at Bilimora, Navsari District on 17th April, 2016. Key-note speaker was Professor of SSSIHL Dr. Deepak Anand, who emphasized on how to be instrument in Swami's hand just like Arjuna in Mahabharata. He stated that how Swami gives us challenges on the spiritual path and strength and direction to overcome them. Bhagawan has started SSS organisation for us to experience his divinity and asked youths to continue taking part in Samiti activities.



Village Narayana Seva was conducted by the youths in a remote village Bhaat by distributing food packets home to home. It was done

before the start of the conference. Also a blood donation camp was organized at the conference venue. Quiz on Swami's life, message, mission and work was conducted by Jt.SYC Shri Rajiv Gosai during the conference as well as presentation on National youth project SSS Vidya Jyothi was presented by SYC Dr.Shilpa Popat. 697 youths participated.

SRI SATHYA SAI VIDYA JYOTHI PROJECT

Under the national youth project 'Sri Sathya Sai Vidya Jyothi' – the organization has adopted 16 schools across the state. Varied activities related to empowering schools and thereby the students. Activities such as Exam preparation guidance, Value workshop for teachers, Parenting workshops, Festival celebration with stories making them understand the significance of the festival, Narayana Seva by guiding them on healthy food habits which leads to healthy mind, Cleanliness drive, School uniform, stationary and sai protein distribution. Also have set up science laboratory and computer centre. Balvikas classes, coaching for science and English subjects to the students and antiaddiction drive.



DISASTER MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP

Disaster management workshop was organized on 9th - 10th April, 2016 by Navsari Samiti at village Kharil in which 80 participants were trained in water rescue, fire rescue, first aid, rope knots, team building another disaster management techniques.

Equipments to other states for disaster management are been provided from Bhavnagar district of the state. Almost all districts have been imparted this training and thus the youths are ready with any eventuality.



SWACHTA SE DIVYATA TAK







Under the direction of All India President, Gujarat state observed 'Swachta se Divyata Tak' drive from Gandhi Jayanti (2nd October) to Swami's Declaration Day (20th October) with Cleaning up activities at varied localities in cities and towns. The cleanliness drive covered Temples, Schools, Public Gardens, Sathya Sai Centres, Ghats, Old age homes, Orphanages and main roads by Sevadals as well as Bal vikas children. At few districts, Rally by the BV students educating the need of Clean environment was taken through the streets of the City. Eminent guests including the Mayor, Corporators, MLA's, educationalist, etc. were invited to inaugurate the activities.

MAHILA CONFERENCE

On 28.08.16, State level Mahila conference was organized having a theme "Women, The True Architect of Society" at SSS Seva sankul, Althan, Surat. More than 200 mahilas from different districts had actively participated. Prashanti flag was hoisted by Smt. Maliniben Trikannad. Inauguration by lighting the lamp through hands of





Ms.Roshni Pithawala (Bollywood Diet Consultant). Quiz and interactive activities were conducted during the conference so that the understanding of Swami's message for the society becomes more lively and easy.

PRASHANTI SEVA SOFTWARE WORKSHOP

On 27.08.16, Prashanti Seva Software training for Gujarat state was conducted at Krupalu centre. Mr. Mittoor Swaminathan Diwakar, from Mumbai was the Chief coordinator of the programme. About 40 participants from various districts participated in the training programme. The purpose of this was to make all the registration for the events via mobile application SAI ONE, so that it becomes digital. Emphasis was made to get all the devotees be registered on the app and each one download the application in their respective mobile so that information transfer becomes fast and easy.

INDUCTION WORKSHOP

An Induction course on Swami's mission and the ways and means to bring the office bearers and the general public into fold of Swami's mission was held at Saraswati Chatralaya, C G Road on 1st and 2nd January, 2016. About 24 participants, all office bearers from the states of Maharashtra, MP, Jharkand, Gujarat and Rajasthan participated in the programme which was co-ordinated by Sri B G Pitre, All India Convenor, Satya Sai Education, EHV Trust.





BHAJAN WORKSHOP

Two day Bhajan workshop 'Bhakti Pravah' was organized at Vadodara on 2nd and 3rd April, 2016 by blessed alumni and lead singers Shri S. Ravi Kumar, Shri Amey Deshpandey and Shri Siddhartha Raju. It was in 2 sessions, 400 devotees across the state attended.

They related 5 elements (space, fire, water, air and water) to our 5 Indriyas and explained the difference between Keerthana and Sankeerthana. They also taught the meaning and subtleness of SHABDA.

Keerthana is singing of bhajans by an individual for the fulfillment of his prayers. It was Narada muni who started keerthana.

Sankeerthana aims at the well being of the whole universe. This is sung by all in chorus, which was initiated by Guru Nanak, the founder of Sikhism

Naama Sankeerthana: Bhakta Chaithanya was the exponent of this form of keerthana. 'All names are yours. There is nothing in this cosmos which does not bear the imprint of your name or form.'

Guna Sankeerthana: It applies to the kind of bhajans in which the devotee recites the auspicious qualities of the divine, experiences oneness with the divine, and acquires the Godly qualities. Thyagaraja had recourse to this type of singing.

Bhaava Sankeerthana: This is illustrated by Radha and Meera as being the true exponents of this type. **Leela Sankeerthana**: It refers to the enjoyment by the devotee of the sacred sport of the divine in ecstatic dancing and singing and being totally absorbed in it. This is exemplified by the Gita Govindam of Jayadeva.



Every year 6th May is the most awaited occasion by the devotees and especially the balvikas students and Guru's to offer their prayers to mother Eshwaramma. Samities observe week long celebration from the 1st to 6th May with varied activities such as Matru Pooja, Drawing competition, Parenting workshop, Quiz and Talent show, visits to Museum / aquarium, as well as award distribution carried out during the week. Eminent guest are invited for the Eshwaramma day celebration at the Samiti centre so as to propagate the meaning of the day to the general public.

SSSVIP WORKSHOP

On 31.07.2016, one day Sri Sathya Sai Village Integration Program workshop was held at Vadodara. 156 participants from SSSVIP adopted villages across the state were present to interact and understand on how to improve the SSSVIP program in their respective villages. National Coordinator for the SSSVIP Shri Koteswar Rao provided valuable inputs on how to make SSSVIP village into Model village. State President Shri Manohar Trikannad, SVP Shri Hemantbhai Patel, SSSVIP state coordinator Shri H Z Vaidya were present.

In Gujarat SSSVIP villages, activities such as distribution of cloths, food grains and other essentials as well as fire crackers during diwali and

kites during Uttarayana festivals. Sewing machines were also provided for training classes so that the village women can earn and be self reliant. Regular Medical Camp and Balvikas classes are conducted. Books and stationary for the children are distributed before their school academic year starts.















AHMEDABAD

Blood Donation Camps: 61 camps with 2379 units of blood collected.

Medical Activity

General Clinic 16088 patients Physiotherapy 11152 patients Ophthalmology 486 patients

Gynecology 53 female patients

Orthopedic 59 patients Skin 42 patients Dental 12 patients

National Narayana Seva: 1520 people were benefitted.

Narayana Seva: Every Thursday conducted at 3 different places in the city with distribution of fresh food to 150 beneficiaries. In all 25,540 narayanas were served.

One class for under privileged children living at Visamo is conducted. Education in Human Value is imparted to differently abled children at Apang Manav Mandal, Ahmedabad.

Visit to old age home and hospital are conducted regularly serving 1453 people.

Notebooks distributed to 1020 students of 3 schools.

ANAND

Tailoring classes are conducted on regular basis. Narayana Seva and Grama Seva are done on regular basis. Veterinary camp was organized

BHAVNAGAR

Blood Donation Camps: 1 camp with 54 units of blood collected.

Medical Activity

General Clinic 1435 patients

Ophthalmology 1929 patients (1245 spectacles distributed)

Cataract 160 operations
Urology 487 patients
Orthopedic 445 patients

Gynecology 45 female patients

Angiography 18 patients
Pathology 552 patients

Narayana Seva: 12,471 people were benefitted.

A water cooler, 2 LCD TVs, 5 bicycles to girl students, 93 school bags with full set of books and compass box and Shoes were provided to the government school.

Visit to Remand home, orphanage, old age home and hospital are conducted regularly serving 2147 people.

Blanket distributed to 50 people and note books to 29 students.

BHARUCH

Blood Donation Camps: 2 camps with 100 units of blood collected.

Medical Activity

General Clinic 8138 patients
Dental 192 patients
Vibronics 10493 patients







National Narayana Seva: 49 families were benefitted. Also narayana seva organized 77 times and 8241 people served.

GANDHINAGAR

Medical Activity

General Clinic 1120 patients Vibronics 300 patients 50 operations Dental 450 patients Pathology

National Narayana Seva: 9 families were benefitted. Narayana Seva: 52 times serving average 1000 people

Rural Bal vikas class started at Anandpura SSSVIP village and 30 children are in the class.

Regularly Vedam Chanting program conducted on every Wednesday at 8 pm to 9 pm. Rudram Namakam-

Chamakam, Purush Sukta, Shiksha Valli, Durva sukta, Saman sukta regularly chant by devotees.

Visit to hospital are conducted regularly serving 90 people.

JAMNAGAR

Medical Activity

Medical Camps 3

Narayana Seva: 3025 people were benefitted.

Conducted Rudram classes in which 976 participated.

Distributed Maternity kits and gowns to the ladies and woolen caps to the children at the government hospital.

MEHSANA

Medical Activity

General Clinic 4250 patients

National Narayana Seva: 27 families were benefitted.

Narayana Seva: 900 people were benefitted.

Visit to hospital by the ladies are conducted regularly serving 237

people.

NADIAD

Narayana Seva: 410 people were benefitted.

Vibro camps were conducted in which 670 people were benefitted. School Bags were distributed to 225 students at Porda village near Dakor.

Visit to Old home and hospital are conducted regularly serving 237 people.

NAVSARI

Blood Donation Camps: 11 camp with 647 units of blood collected.

Medical Activity

General Clinic 22059 patients Ophthalmology 1605 patients 480 operations Cataract **ENT** 203 patients Dental 1021 patients Ayurvedic 2075 patients



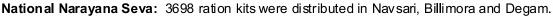












Narayana Seva: 111 times serving 7675 people

Visit to Remand home, old age home and hospital are conducted regularly serving 1256 people.

Blanket and cloth distributed to 700 people.

Divyanubhuti: To commemorate completion of 50 years of the visit of Swami to Lunsikui, Navsari. Over 1000 devotees attended this festivity which was organized at the same venue Swami visited 50 years ago.

PANCHMAHAL

Narayana Seva: 325 were served in the villages Baranakova and Vaspi.

10 Medical camps were organized at kalia Vav and Nasirpur villages near Godhra.

Study circle, Rudram and Sadhana Shibir are conducted regularly.

RAJKOT

Medical Activity

General Clinic 5631 patients

Narayana Seva: 109 times serving 12,766 people

National Narayana Seva: In Upleta, 130 ration kits were distributed

each month.

Visit to Hospital weekly benefitting 604 people.



SURAT

Blood Donation Camps: 12 camp with 399 units of blood collected.

Medical Awareness Camps: 11 camps were organized with 1275 people attended.

Medical Activity

General Clinic 38667 patients
Ophthalmology 7598 patients
Cataract 826 operations
Dental 3653 patients

Dentures 119

Su-jok 150 patients Vibronics 329 patients Pathology 1696 patients

National Narayana Seva: 66 ration kits were distributed Narayana Seva: 189 times serving 23,566 people

End of education is character themed youth workshop was organized on 28/1/17 at Arts and Commerce college Songadh. Sri Parimalbhai Vyas, Shri Gajender Dave, Shri Avinash Rao and Smt. Shanti Krishnamurthy attended the workshop. Dr M A Patel welcomed all. Shri Avinash Rao gave an effective power point presentation on Vyasanmukti, Dist.President Shri Parimal Vyas talked on Voluntary blood donation and Smt. Shanti spoke on Self-confidence which was attended by 336 students.



District level Vedam workshop organized on 19 March, 2017 at Surat. State Coordinator Shri Murlidharan and Shri Balaji explained importance of Vedas by power point presentation and recited Rudram Namakam Mantrapushpam in two sessions.

On 15.09.16 drinking water distribution to Ganesh devotees was organized by SSS Samiti Rander Adajan. 15000 liters of portable drinking sweet water mixed with vibhuti to all devotees.

'Walk for values' rally was organized from Saroli village. Mayor of Surat, Smt. Ashmitaben Shiroya appreciated the activities and she flagged off the rally. Rally ended at Navi colony halpativas of Saroli. Slum people welcomed the rally with flowers. Swami's video film was shown followed by parsadam to more than 500 slum people and devotees.

Visit to leprosy home, orphanage, old age home and hospital are conducted regularly serving 6782 people.

Notebooks distributed to 208 students

SURENDRANAGAR

Hospital visits with distribution of fruits, biscuits and lunch to 70 indoor patients

Narayan Seva for children are organized Regular Medical camps were organized

VADODARA

Blood Donation Camps: 4 camp with 198 units of blood collected.

Medical Activity

General Clinic 14046 patients
Ophthalmology 1007 patients
Dental 657 patients
Vibronics 2388 patients
Ayurvedic 378 patients

Gynecology 302 female patients

Naturopathy 804 patients Physiotherapy 3420 patients

National Narayana Seva: 972 people were benefited and 1219 kits

distributed to families.

Narayana Seva: 51 times serving 23380 people

English speaking classes are regularly held at adopted villages.

Distribution of New Born baby clothes was carried out at SSG hospital in which 1051 babies

Visit to Blind Girls' school and Rudram Chanting and Special Narayan Seva was carried out at Shantinagar village.

On 19th April 2016, Dr Deepak Anand, Asst. Professor of Shri Sathya Sai Institute for Higher Learning visited Samiti and motivated youths. Total 75 youths participated.

VALSAD

Medical Activity

General Clinic 13280 patients Physiotherapy 575 patients Homeopathic 341 patients

Narayana Seva: 73 times serving 2998 people

Visit to hospital are conducted regularly serving 273 people. 396 people were benefitted at Vapi in the Vyasan Mukti programme

Free Distribution:

37.1458 note-books

200 Sainet (medicated mosquito nets)

8 Tricycles

465 Blankets

399 spectacles

245 sarees









MY DIVINE EXPERIENCES AT PRASHANTI NILAYAM

There have been many moments and experiences in my life that have been closest to my heart. There is one such warm and precious memory which I greatly treasure in the corner of my heart. The greatest of all opportunities – a visit to Puttaparthy.

It was in July 2010 when I was invited to be the Chief Guest for the Prize Distribution Function at Gandhi Smruti Bhavan, Surat organised by Sri Sathya Sai Seva Samiti, Surat. At first, I very humbly rejected the offer but on persistence I accepted the invitation, considering it as Baba's call, and that's how the first time I came to know about Baba and his mission.



In the month of December 2010, I was invited as a judge by the Sri Sathya Sai School on the occasion of Value Festival organized by them, wherein about 280 students from Gujarat and Maharashtra participated. The dramas presented by the children at this tender age were breathtaking and the values derived from those dramas were really remarkable. I was awestruck to see the mighty work of the organisation. We were highly touched by the activities of the centre. Young and old from all walks of life are given free treatment in Sathya Sai Medical Centres. This motivated me to visit Puttaparthy. But God had wished it otherwise. I could never visit and see Baba in his physical form. I was ordained to pay homage at Baba's Samadhi.

One fine day on September 2013, our State President Manoharbhai informed me on phone, "Yazdibhai we invite you to be the guest speaker on the Gujarati New Year's function to be held at Prashanti Nilayam on 4th November 2013." I was surprised and stunned to hear this news on phone. I could not believe that "Baba ka bulava at Puttaparthy itna jaldi aa gaya." It was like my dream come true.

On 2nd November 2013, when I along with my brother Mehernosh, stepped down at the Prashanti Nilayam railway station, we could feel the sanctity in the atmosphere. We were warmly received at the Ashram and given accommodation in Shanti Bhavan. Was I worthy enough to receive this treatment? Could it be my inner most craving to pay homage to Baba so true and heartfelt? Yes I count this as miracle. For a small man like me to be given this wonderful hospitality – how unexpected? I accepted this as Baba's wish and Prasad.

Everything here was wonderful, our stay, our food, discipline in the Ashram, schools, college, the hospitals. But I missed one thing, Baba was not there physically. Of course, he was omnipresent, that's what his devotees believed.

On the first day of my visit I read a book on Baba's life. His one advice touched the core of my heart. Baba said, "I have not come here to establish a new religion. All religions are wonderful. I have just come to bless and guide the people to live a happy and helpful life. — Love ever, hurt never."

On 4th November 2013, Gujarati New Year's Day, I was full of excitement. I spoke to the huge audience present in Kulwant Hall. This was the moment. I felt Baba's presence and He was motivating me throughout. My lecture was very well received by the people. I was truly blessed. I must admit that in all these past years of my life, this has been no less than a miracle.

May Baba shower his grace on every one and make us all his instruments to carry out His mission.

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PERMANENT MEDICAL CENTRES IN GUJARAT

Data for the year 2016-17

Sr.No.	District	Centre	Branch	Daily / Weekly	No. of Patients
1	Ahmedabad	Ahmedabad	Physiotherapy	Daily Twice	11581
2			Allopathic	Daily	4318
3			Thermal Therapy	Daily .	361
4			Eye	Thursday	416
5			Dental	Monday / Friday	66
6			Gynecology	Thursday	67
7			Orthopedic	Thursday	57
8	Bharuch	D	Allopathic	Daily	1149
9		Bharuch	Dental	Weekly	56
10		A I - I I	Vibronics	Daily	4037
11		Akleshwer	Allopathic	Sunday	546
12		Juna Tawra	Allopathic	Sunday	677
13	DI:	Discourse	Allopathic	Tue, Thur, Saturday	2245
14	Bhavnagar	Bhavnagar	Eye	Sunday	1877
15			Path. Lab	Sunday	594
16	Mehsana	Mehsana	Allopathic	Sunday	4680
17		Dhinoj	Allopathic	Sunday	4200
18		Nanidav	Allopathic	Sunday	5200
19	Navsari		Allopathic	Daily Twice	12795
20			Ayurvedic	Tuesday / Thursday	2875
21		Navsari	Dental	Thursday	1131
22			ENT	Sunday	190
23 30		Dilling and	EYE	Sunday	1045
		Billimora	Allopathic	Daily Twice	3120
32		Amalsad	Allopathic	Daily /Thursday	4860
34	Rajkot	Rajkot West	Allopathic	Monday /Thursday	1495
35		Rajkot North	Allopathic	Wed, Thur, Sat, Sunday	2777
36 37		Jasdan	Allopathic	Sunday	2805 1432
38		Upleta	Allopathic	Sunday Mon, Tue, Thur, Friday	1781
	Surat	Surat	Allopathic Dental		
39 40			Eye	Mon, Tue, Thur, Friday Mon, Tue, Thur, Friday	3463 5932
41			Path. Lab	Mon, Tue, Thur, Friday	1636
42			Vibronics	Tuesday	436
43			Sujok	Tuesday	228
44		Bardoli	Allopathic	Daily	17115
47		Vihaan	Allopathic	Monday / Thursday	2809
48		Sachin	Allopathic	Daily	6954
49		Vyara	Homeopethic	Sunday	2400
50		Saroli	Allopathic	Saturday	289
51		Erthan	Allopathic	Saturday	213
52		Songadh	Allopathic	Tue, Thur, Sunday	1800
53			Ayurvedic	Thursday	368
54	Vadodara	Made	Naturopathic	Tuesday	661
55		Vadodara	Vibronics	Daily	2836
56			Physiotherapy	Tuesday / Thursday	520
57		Amlipura	Allopathic	Sunday	12855
58			Eye .	Sunday	1020
59			Dental	Sunday	662
60			Physiotherapy	Sunday	1152
61		Chhani	Allopathic	Tuesday / Friday	1738
62		Omani	Gynecology	Thursday	313
63	Valsad	Valend	Allopathic	Sunday	574
64		Valsad	Ayurvedic	Saturday	930
65		Vani	Homeopethic	Friday	564
66		Vapi	Allopathic	Tuesday / Wednesday	11076
67		Utadi	Allopathic	Thursday	1202
	Total Doctors	s - 120		Total	1,58,179

Medical Centres

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NAVSARI

Sri Sathya Sai Schools





SURAT



SURAT



AHMEDABAD



PIPALIYA



Sri Sai Avtar Pradarshini, Navsari



Sri Sathya Sai Sneh Dwar, Navsari



Sri Sathya Sai Circle, Vadodara



Sri Sathya Sai Tirth, Wagaldhara



Sri Sathya Sai Seva Organisation Gujarat