

# Sri Sathya Sai Central Trust

ANNUAL REPORT  
**2023-24**



I have a Task: To foster all mankind and ensure  
for all of them lives full of Bliss.  
I have a Vow: To lead all who stray away from  
the straight path, again into goodness and save them.  
I am attached to a Work that I love: To remove the suffering of  
the poor and grant them what they lack.  
I have a reason to be proud,  
for I rescue all who worship and adore Me.  
I have My definition of the devotion I expect:  
Those devoted to Me have to treat joy and grief,  
gain and loss, with equal fortitude.  
This means I will never give up those who attach  
themselves to Me.  
I will not give up My mission nor My determination.  
I know I will carry them out.

On 25 May 1947, at the age of 20, Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba wrote a letter in reply to His brother's concerns, outlining His mission and stating the purpose of His birth. Above is the translated excerpt from that historic letter written originally in Telugu by Bhagawan.





Dedicated at the Lotus Feet of  
**Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba**





The best way to love God is  
to love all and serve all.

- Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba



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# Sri Sathya Sai Central Trust

## Board Members

### **Sri T. K. K. Bhagawat**

Former Chairman, Indian Overseas Bank, Bank of Maharashtra and Vysya Bank.

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### **Sri K. Chakravarthi, IAS (Retd.)**

Chancellor, Sri Sathya Sai Institute of Higher Learning and its former Registrar,  
Former Finance Secretary (Projects), Govt. of A.P.

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### **Dr. V. Mohan**

Chairman and Chief of Diabetology at Dr. Mohan's Diabetes Specialities Centre,  
President and Director, Madras Diabetes Research Foundation, Chennai,  
Awarded Padma Shri by Govt. of India in 2012.

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### **Sri Ryuko Hira**

President, HMI group of Hotels and Resorts,  
Chairman, The Indian Commerce and Industry Association, Japan.

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### **Sri S.S. Naganand**

Chartered Accountant and Senior Advocate of the High Court of Karnataka  
and the Supreme Court of India.

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### **Sri Manohar Shetty**

Hospitality and Infrastructure businessman. Actively involved in service activities  
for Sai institutions.

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### **Dr. Vijay L. Kelkar**

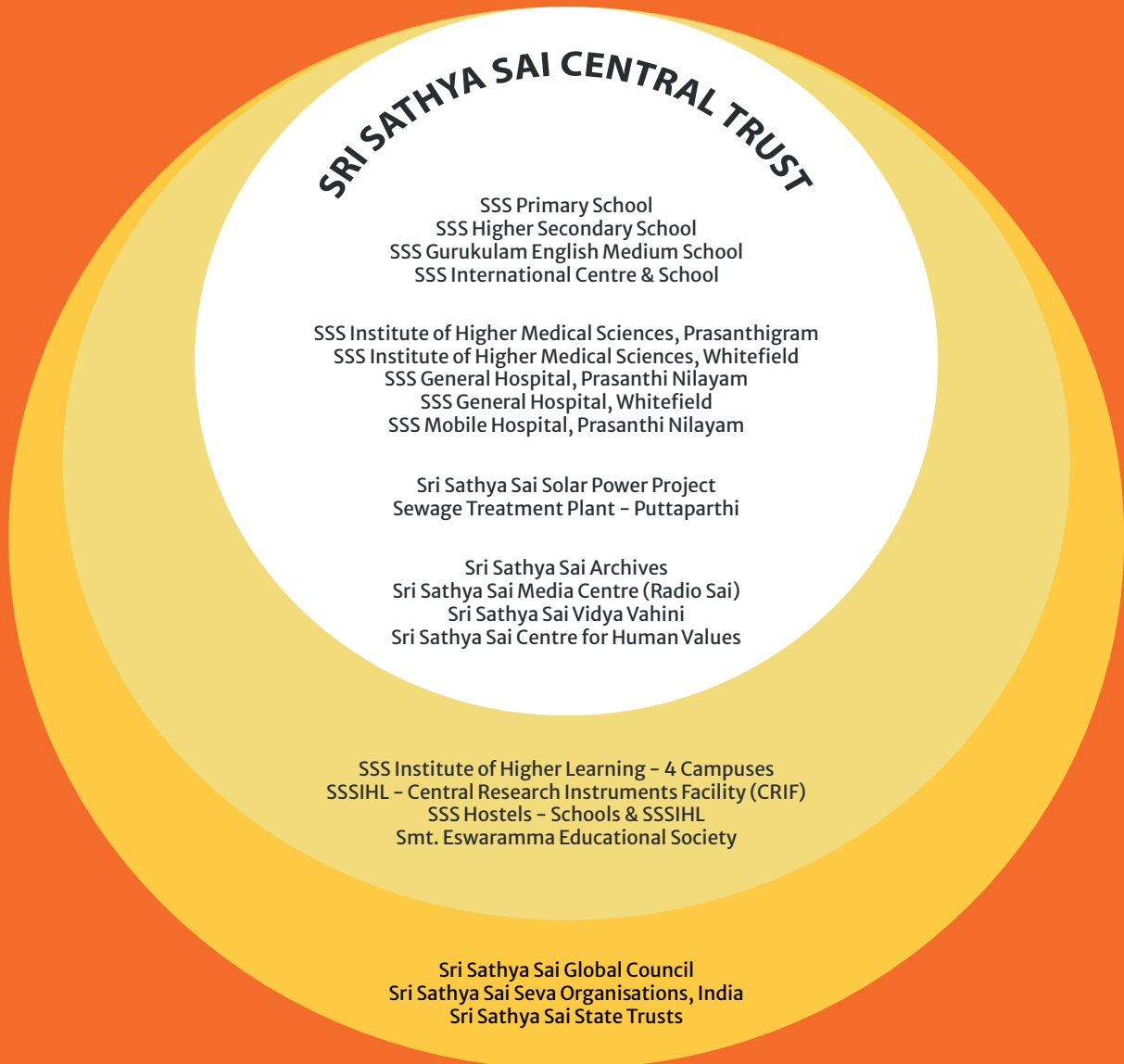
Chairman, India Development Foundation,  
Former Chairman and Secretary, Finance Commission, Govt. of India,  
Awarded Padma Vibhushan by the Govt. of India.

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### **Sri R.J. Rathnakar**

Managing Trustee,  
Active Social Worker with an MBA from Sri Sathya Sai Institute of Higher Learning.

# Sri Sathya Sai Mission



  
Run by  
SSS Central Trust

  
Supported by  
SSS Central Trust

  
Guided & Assisted by  
SSS Central Trust

The above chart is included to understand the inter-relationship between different units and is not meant to indicate lines of authority or hierarchy.

There are many Trusts functioning under the name of 'Sri Sathya Sai Trust (Name of the state)'. In seven of these Trusts functioning in the states of Bihar, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, Haryana & Chandigarh,

Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and Karnataka, the Central Trust has powers to nominate the trustees. In all the other State Trusts, new trustees are appointed by the existing trustees. There are some Sai Trusts and Foundations functioning overseas which are independent bodies and the Sri Sathya Sai Central Trust has no legal connection with

them though all are connected through the Divine inspiration of Bhagawan Baba.

All contributions to the Sri Sathya Sai Central Trust are voluntary from individuals who witness Bhagawan Baba's various projects being executed efficiently, their positive impact on beneficiaries and their providing relief to a large number of people.

Further details and procedures can be found in the link –  
<http://www.srisathyasai.org/pages/sai-get-involved.html>



# Report of Activities 2023-24



The Sri Sathya Sai Central Trust (SSSCT) is a unique institution. It is a public charitable Trust whose objectives are service to the needy, through activities in the fields of health, education and public utility. Bhagawan has set up landmark institutions and projects with very innovative models for efficient functioning and effective utilisation of resources. The trust was founded by Bhagawan on September 02, 1972, and ever since it has been Baba's instrument, translating into action His message of selfless love, thereby touching the lives of millions.

The Trustees have been ensuring that these continue to work in the same efficient manner, in the same spirit of inspiration and dedication. There were 4 Board meetings between Apr 01, 2023 and Mar 31, 2024.

On Jul 04, 2023, the Sai Hira Convention Centre was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Sri Narendra Modi (through video conferencing) in the august presence of Sri S Abdul Nazeer (Governor of Andhra Pradesh). The centre has two auditoriums, a 300-seater and a 1000-seater,

both equipped with top-of-line audio-visual systems, and teleconferencing capabilities, useful for spiritual summits, educational conferences, and cultural conclaves. Keeping in line with the ashram's other green initiatives, the centre is primarily powered by solar energy. One of the first global events to be held in the centre was the first-ever Sri Sathya Sai Centre Leaders Conference of the Sri Sathya Sai Global Council under the auspices of the Trust. 1250 participants from across the globe, representing the various zones of the organisation attended the event. Ever since the Sai Hira Convention Centre has hosted many important international conferences and events of the University. The 42nd Convocation of the Sri Sathya Sai Institute of Higher Learning, presided over by the Hon'ble President of India, Smt Droupadi Murmu was held at the convention centre.

The Trust continued its support to all other allied institutions with timely upgradation of facilities, manpower and equipment to ensure the smooth functioning as per the mission of the institutions.

The Department of Neurology of the SSSIHMS-Whitefield was upgraded with Leica OHX Glow 800 and Leica OHX FL 560 Neurosurgery Microscopes. These are high-end microscopes used for cranial surgeries valued at a cost of ₹ 2.5 & ₹ 2 crores respectively. The Department of Cardiology and Cardiac Surgery of the hospital also saw important upgrades with the procurement of the LivaNova S5 PRO heart-lung machine costing around ₹ 1 crore and the upgrade to the latest version of the Philips Cathlab. The ECGs and Ventilators of the department also were upgraded to the latest machines from GE Healthcare in the year under review.

Similar upgrades were done at the Super Speciality Hospital at Prasanthigram too. The Terumo Advanced Perfusion System-1, a state-of-the-art Heart Lung Machine worth ₹ 1.18 crore was commissioned. State-of-the-art Catheterisation Laboratory worth ₹ 4.2 Crore was inaugurated as well in the Department of Cardiology, SSSIHMS-Prasanthigram.

In January 2024, a 5-day programme for in-service AIS



(IAS, IPS & IFoS) officers was organised by the Trust and the Training Division of the Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT), Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, Govt of India, at Prasanthi Nilayam. The training program was coordinated by the Sri Sathya Sai Centre for Human Values (SSSCHV). 19 in-service officers from 10 different states of the country, ranging from the cadre of deputy secretaries to additional chief secretaries, who were nominated by DoPT, underwent the training. This is the second such training programme being held by the trust, the first was held for 12 officers in 2022.

As a model for ideal Nursing education, Bhagawan set up the Sri Sathya Sai Institute of Higher Medical Sciences, College of Nursing in September 2008. The

College, like other institutions of His, provides education of high standards infused with human values completely free of cost. The college was functioning from the main building of SSSIHMS-WF since its inception. During the year under review, a new building was constructed for the Nursing College to make it more convenient for the students and staff. The building located within the SSSIHMS-WF campus, was inaugurated by Sri D.K. Shivakumar, the Honourable Deputy Chief Minister of Karnataka on Jan 19, 2024. The college has a built-up area of 23,200 square feet and comprises of 4 lecture halls, each equipped with an 86-inch interactive smart-board, and 6 spacious laboratories and a modern computer lab.

The Smt Eswaramma High School has been providing

value-based, English Medium education to the children in and around Puttaparthi and the need to introduce Classes 11 and 12 was dearly felt. The school board procured the permission for Class 11 and 12 (CBSE) during the academic year 2023-24. The classes initially were conducted in the erstwhile Prayer Hall as a make-shift arrangement in which around 40 boys and 40 girls enrolled for MPC, BPC & CAE streams. In March this year, 8 New Classrooms, Physics, Chemistry and Biology labs and a new prayer hall were constructed and opened for the children. The 6000 sq.ft. erstwhile prayer hall was also renovated into new classrooms and a new prayer hall was constructed right above it for the entire school assembly.

The Trust has been extending financial and logistic support to the Mahabodhi Karuna

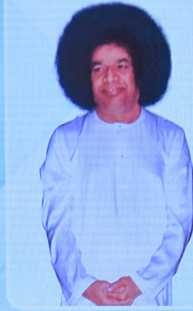






## SRI SATHYA SAI INSTITUTE OF HIGHER LEARNING

(Deemed to be University)



The 42nd Convocation of the Sri Sathya Sai Institute of Higher Learning, presided over by the Hon'ble President of India, Smt Droupadi Murmu, was held at the convention centre.

Charitable Hospital run by Mahabodhi International Meditation Centre, Choglamsar, Leh (Ladakh) to help it face the growing needs in serving the people of Ladakh. As part of the first phase, the Trust has spent ₹75.82 lakhs during the financial year, to help equip the hospital with state-of-the-heart medical equipment and infrastructure to not only revive the 40-bed facility but also significantly enhance its capability to provide advanced healthcare to the local populace who were otherwise forced to seek the same in neighbouring states. The equipment were delivered and installed at the hospital in October 2023. The second phase of the project was approved in February 2024, and in all the Trust has extended support to the tune of ₹ 2 Crores. Sri RJ Rathnakar, Managing Trustee of Central Trust and Sri Nimish Pandya, All India President of Sri Sathya Sai Seva Organisations re-launched the Mahabodhi Karuna Charitable

Hospital on May 26, 2024, at Leh (Ladakh) along with several other dignitaries.

The 2018 Kerala floods caused much havoc, devastating many lives and properties beyond repair in 14 districts. After several site visits by the Core Engineering Team from Prasanthi Nilayam, the Sri Sathya Sai Central Trust embarked on renovating the 'nursery schools' in Cherthala, Chettikulangara, Thamarakulam, Chengannur, Mannar, Punnapra, Kandallor & Mararikulam to the tune of ₹ 1.5 crores approximately. In February 2024, 9 Rural Childcare Centres (Anganwadis) were inaugurated and dedicated to the people during the visit of Managing Trustee, Sri RJ Rathnakar to Kerala.

The Trust continued to support and mentor the activities of the Sri Sathya Sai Seva Organisations, India (SSSSO) and the Sri Sathya Sai Global Council (SSSGC). The SSSSO organises programs and

camps for various groups such as Youth, State and District Office-bearers and Mahilas at Prasanthi Nilayam. Apart from this, devotees from various states and districts visited Prasanthi Nilayam as part of their Parthi Yatra. Similarly, groups from various countries of SSSGC also visited the Ashram and all these groups and programs were supported by the Trust and its various wings to make the stay of the devotees and participants pleasant and purposeful.





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**Chartered Accountants**

**AUDITOR'S REPORT**

1) We have audited the attached Balance Sheet of SRI SATHYA SAI CENTRAL TRUST, PRASANTHI NILAYAM, as at 31<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2024 and Income & Expenditure Account for the year ended on that date, annexed thereto. These financial statements are the responsibility of the management of the said Trust. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

2) We conducted the audit in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in India. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statements presentation. We believe that our audit provides for a reasonable basis for our opinion.

3) We further report that:-

- a) We have obtained all the information and explanations, which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purposes of our audit.
- b) In our opinion proper books of account have been kept by the above named Trust so far as appears from our examination of those books and proper returns adequate for the purpose of our audit have been received from units not visited by us.
- c) The Balance Sheet and the Income and Expenditure Account dealt with by this report are in agreement with the books of account.
- d) In our opinion and to the best of our information and according to the explanations given to us, the accounts read with schedules and notes thereon give a true and fair view
  - i) In the case of the Balance Sheet, of the state of affairs of the Trust as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024; and
  - ii) In the case of Income & Expenditure Account, of excess of income over expenditure for the year ended on that date.

Place: PRASANTHI NILAYAM  
Date: 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2024



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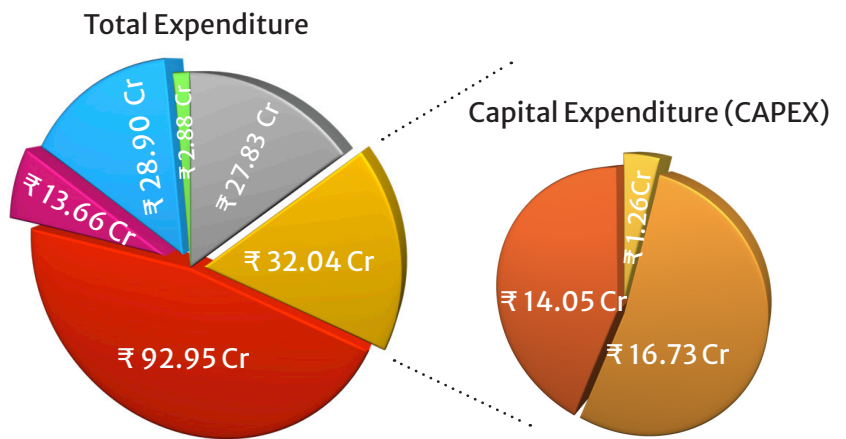
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# Expenditure & Income Statement (Rs in Crores)

## Audited Financial Figures, 2023-24



- Medical
- Educational
- Administrative & Maintenance
- Capital Expenditure (CAPEX)
  - Medical CAPEX
  - Educational CAPEX
  - Other Projects CAPEX
- Other Projects
- Relief to Poor

<b>Total Income</b>	<b>₹234.88 Cr.</b>
<b>Corpus Donations</b>	<b>₹2 Cr.</b>
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	
Revenue Expenditure	₹166.22 Cr.
Capital Expenditure	₹32.04 Cr.



## Compliance & Social Impact

### Compliance:

Our books of accounts are regularly audited by an eminent firm of auditors. Sri Sathya Sai Central Trust has consistently adhered to procedures of regulatory compliance required by various departments of the government. The Trust files income tax returns every year and responds promptly to any follow-up queries by the Income Tax Department. Reports required under the Foreign Contribution Regulation Act, 1976 are regularly submitted to the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India. The Trust has been filing a copy of the annual financial statements along with this statement giving details of additions/deletions to the assets of the Trust, with the Assistant Commissioner of Endowments, Anantapur every year as per subsection 10 of section 43 of the Andhra Pradesh Charitable & Hindu Religious Institutions and Endowments Act, 1987. The Trust has been prompt and timely in its history of compliance.

### Social Impact:

In the last couple of years, Sri Sathya Sai Central Trust has installed rooftop solar power panels in a conscious move towards green power sources. These solar panels have been installed at the two super-speciality hospitals, the hostels of the educational institutions in the Prasanthi Nilayam campus, and on various buildings in the ashram. This has led to a saving of ₹ 27.28 crores in electricity bills.

The Sri Sathya Sai Central Trust has been offering free medical care to the needy through two General Hospitals and two Super-speciality Hospitals. The Trust also runs, as part of the medical outreach program, a Mobile Hospital. During the current year, the benefit to society through medical costs saved by patients treated at the two Super-speciality Hospitals is estimated at ₹ 168.5 Crores (computed at CGHS rates), and since inception, the amount is a staggering ₹ 3,600 Crores. If

the market cost of treatment at hospitals of comparable levels of sophistication in equipment and medical services were to be considered, the savings realized would be far higher than these figures.

Similarly, the Sri Sathya Sai Central Trust runs educational institutions from primary and secondary levels to undergraduate and postgraduate courses and Ph.D. degrees, providing contemporary and quality academic programs with a value orientation. This again is totally free to the students. The total number of students studying in all these institutions together is 4,678 (3,318 in schools and 1,360 in University). In addition, the Trust supports schools run by SSSSO-India in different parts of the country.





# Sociocare

The Trust, through the Engineering Department, undertakes several initiatives for the welfare of pilgrims visiting the Ashram, the other campuses of the allied institutions and the sociocare projects in different villages, towns and cities. The department also drives the maintenance of all the facilities under the care of the Trust. Apart from these, with a focus on sustainable development, the department has undertaken major works in solar energy harnessing, water management and energy conservation.

## Solar Energy Initiative



The Trust has been deeply committed to environmental sustainability, evident through its adoption of solar energy as a primary power source. This green initiative represents a significant step toward reducing the carbon footprint of the Trust's institutions. The Sri Sathya Sai Mitra Project launched to harness solar power, has seen remarkable progress since 2018. This initiative, structured into three phases, has involved the installation of solar plants with a total capacity of 6.24 MW across various institutions at Prasanthi Nilayam. The total investment in this green energy project stands at ₹ 28.74 crore.

As of March 2024, the solar power plants installed under

the Sai Mitra project have collectively generated 362 lakh units of green energy, translating into significant savings of approximately ₹ 27.28 crore in electricity costs. The plants commissioned during Phase-1 have already recovered the initial investment, demonstrating the financial viability and sustainability of the project. The Phase-2 plants are expected to break even in the fiscal year, 2024-25.

## Rainwater Harvesting

Water conservation has been a priority for the Trust, particularly as the number of visitors to Prasanthi Nilayam continues to grow. Through targeted rainwater harvesting efforts, several bores have been recharged, leading to a noticeable increase in the water table. This has proved vital in meeting the expanding water requirements of the Ashram and surrounding areas.

## Sewage Treatment and Water Reuse

The Sewage Treatment Plants (STP) installed across the campuses have been highly effective in water conservation. In 2023-24, around 1800 lakh litres of water were conserved through the reuse of treated sewage water for landscape maintenance. The engineering team has ensured the smooth operation of these plants, contributing to the lush green surroundings of Prasanthi Nilayam and reducing reliance on freshwater resources for landscaping purposes.



### Drinking Water Infrastructure

Additional safe drinking water dispensers have been installed at various locations throughout the Ashram keeping in mind the hygiene and health of pilgrims. These dispensers are constantly monitored for optimal functionality to ensure that pilgrims have access to safe and clean drinking water.

### Energy Conservation

The department has systematically replaced traditional ceiling fans with energy-efficient Brushless DC fans, which consume up to 50% less power. LED lights have replaced all incandescent bulbs and fluorescent tubes. Inverter tubes and bulbs have been installed in common areas, ensuring basic lighting during power outages without relying on generators.

At the Sri Sathya Sai Institute of Higher Learning, the outdated UPS systems were replaced with centralised UPS systems that offer improved energy efficiency and redundancy. This has significantly reduced the need for diesel generators during power failures.

### New Constructions and Major Renovations

#### Poornachandra Auditorium



The major renovation of the Poornachandra Auditorium was one of the flagship projects of the year. The old asbestos

roofing was replaced with modern Kalzip roofing, followed by the renovation of the interior space. The outdated Cuddapah stone flooring was replaced with LG Hausys flooring for better durability and aesthetics. A stormwater drainage system was refurbished, and the space between Sai Kulwant Hall and Poornachandra Auditorium was upgraded with granite flooring.

#### Nursing College at SSSIHMS, Whitefield



A new building was constructed for the Nursing College at the Sri Sathya Sai Institute of Higher Medical Sciences, Whitefield. The 23,200 sq. ft. facility inaugurated in January 2024, is a state-of-the-art building that provides dedicated space for nursing students, who were previously sharing space within the hospital premises.

#### West Prasanthi Block

A total of 130 rooms in the West Blocks of the Ashram (West-1 to West-6), which were originally constructed over 50 years ago, were upgraded with tiles, geysers, new electrical fittings, and furnishings, significantly improving the comfort and amenities for pilgrims. Following the positive feedback, similar renovations are planned for the Round Blocks.

#### General Hospital

The Sri Sathya Sai General Hospital was equipped with a centralised drug store to

streamline operations and meet statutory requirements.



Additionally, a protective toe wall was constructed at the rear of the building to prevent soil erosion, safeguarding the hospital's structural integrity.

#### Other Renovation Projects

- The North Block 1 and 2 were renovated with new fittings, and a centralised hot water system using solar-cum-heat pump technology was installed.
- The dormitory at the Sri Sathya Sai Primary School was upgraded with vitrified tiles to improve ease of maintenance and aesthetics.
- The corridors of the SSSIHL Prasanthi Nilayam Campus were provided with new tiling, enhancing the overall look and ease of maintenance.
- The Sai Bhaktha Nivas dormitories, which accommodate large numbers of visitors, saw the addition of bunker beds in three more dormitories to meet the growing demand for beds.
- The interiors of the hostels and colleges in the campuses at Prasanthi Nilayam, Anantapur and Brindavan were painted. The buildings at Rajahmundry School were given a fresh coat of paint.



## General Maintenance of Buildings and Structures

### Within Prasanthi Nilayam:

As a part of regular maintenance, several iconic structures (such as the Hanuman statue at Vidyagiri Stadium) and the arches at Vidyagiri and Mamillakunta were repainted. Various buildings, such as the South, East, and West Prasanthi blocks were repaired and repainted. The dome of SSSIHMS Prasanthigram was also repainted.



### Outside Prasanthi Nilayam:

#### Brindavan Campus:

A new spectator stand was constructed at the playground accommodating 400 students during sports events. The bore-well at Gokulam was also augmented, while the college compound wall was upgraded to 10 feet for security. The hostel domes were repaired and painted, and the Sai Ramesh Hall received a new ACP façade to replace the worn-out structure.

#### Anantapur Campus:

The campus saw significant upgrades, including the installation of an additional lift in College Building 3, the construction of new toilet blocks, and extensive painting and

renovation of interiors for both college and hostel buildings.

#### Rajahmundry Campus:

A comprehensive infrastructure upgrade was undertaken, including the repainting of school buildings, hostels, and the auditorium. Additionally, Cement Concrete roads were constructed, and the prayer ground was upgraded to ensure proper stormwater drainage and convenience for students.





### Fire Safety

The Trust has prioritized fire safety by regularly upgrading fire safety equipment across its campuses. During the year, buildings housing Books and Publications and the Shopping Centre were equipped with modern fire safety measures, including external staircases and additional fire extinguishers for quick response to potential incidents.

### Anganwadi Centres in Kerala

In a major humanitarian effort, the Trust constructed 9 Anganwadi centres in the flood-affected district of Alleppey,

Kerala. These centres, located in remote villages, provide shelter and educational facilities for young children. At Punnapra, the construction materials were transported via boats due to the lack of road access, showcasing the department's commitment to overcoming logistical challenges. These centres were inaugurated in February 2024 by the Managing Trustee, Sri RJ Rathnakar during his visit to Kerala.

### Physiotherapy Centre in Villupuram, Tamil Nadu

A new physiotherapy centre for children with special needs was constructed at the Vela

Institution for Social Action & Development in Villupuram, Tamil Nadu. This centre is providing crucial support for improving the motor skills and overall well-being of differently-abled children.

### Odisha Skill Development Centre

The Trust funded the construction of a Skill Development Centre at a Women's College in Bhubaneswar, Odisha, aimed at empowering women with practical skills. The Bhoomi Puja for this project was performed by the Governor of Odisha in the presence of the Managing Trustee.



# Medicare

“Disease has no distinction; it may afflict anybody, be it a pauper or a millionaire. We too have no such distinction. Here the treatment will be rendered totally free of cost to the rich and poor alike. Not merely this, even the food will be supplied free. Our aim is to cure the patients of their ailments and send them home happy and healthy. This Institution will serve the poor forever. Some may have a mistaken notion that it will only be a temporary one. All the institutions established by Sai are eternal.”

- Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba

## Sri Sathya Sai Healthcare System

- Sri Sathya Sai General Hospitals - Two
- Sri Sathya Sai Institute of Higher Medical Sciences - Two
- Sri Sathya Sai Mobile Hospital
- Sri Sathya Sai Telehealth Centres - Two
- Sri Sathya Sai Nursing College

## Sri Sathya Sai Institute of Higher Medical Sciences - Prasanthigram and Whitefield

During the year 2023-24	
OPDs	2,15,154
Surgeries	16,573
Diagnostic Tests	23,62,844

Since Inception	
OPDs	76,33,526
Surgeries	5,25,961
Diagnostic Tests	5,23,07,391

## Sri Sathya Sai General Hospitals - Prasanthigram and Whitefield

During the year 2023-24	
OPDs	4,34,007
Admissions	19,031
Surgeries/Procedures	38,241
Diagnostic Tests	1,31,169

**Nursing College**  
Staff - Students Ratio



**1:12**

Avg. amount spent per Student

**₹ 3 Lakhs**

**Savings to Patients\***



**2023-24**

**168.5 Crores**

**Since Inception**

**3,600 Crores**

\*At CGHS Rates

**All services are provided free of charge to all.**



## Introduction

In recent years, several advances have been made in the fields of Medical Sciences and Technology. While medical facilities have increased manifold, the prohibitive cost of quality healthcare (being highly capital and skill intensive) has taken many of these Life-saving measures out of the reach of the common man. In response to this situation, Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba set up hospitals to provide highest level of healthcare to all patients free of all charges.

The Sri Sathya Sai Hospitals perform thousands of advanced surgeries each year totally free of cost without any discrimination of caste, creed or economic status. Nearly 66% of the patients treated at the two super-speciality hospitals are those whose family annual income is less than ₹ 30,000 p.a. In this way, they bring a smile to the faces of economically distressed section of the masses for whom access to quality healthcare would have otherwise remained a distant dream.

### Sri Sathya Sai Institute of Higher Medical Sciences, Prasanthigram

The Sri Sathya Sai Institute of Higher Medical Sciences (SSSIHMS), Prasanthigram, Puttaparthi continues to maintain high standards of patient care by providing completely free treatment to all in-patients and out-patients irrespective of caste, creed, race, religion, ethnicity and nationality. The completely free treatment includes diagnosis, surgery, interventions, medicines and diet.

During the past year, 1,28,345 outpatient consultations were performed.

During the year under review, 10,318 surgeries and procedures were carried out by the departments of CTVS, Cardiology, Urology, Plastic Surgery, Ophthalmology and Orthopaedics put together and 1,27,838 diagnostics tests were performed.

**SSSIHMS, Prasanthigram, receives Best Performing Unit Award on World Environment Day**



With the Divine Blessings of Bhagawan, the Sri Sathya Sai Institute of Higher Medical Sciences (SSSIHMS), Prasanthigram, received an award in recognition of 'Clean and green initiatives undertaken with best practices in environmental



management' on June 05, 2023 - World Environment Day.

Dr Gurumurthy, Director, and Sri P. Haranath, Chief Engineer of SSSIHMS, Prasanthigram received the award from Sri Peddireddy Ramachandra Reddy, Hon'ble Minister for Energy, Environment, Forest, Science & Technology, Mines & Geology, Andhra Pradesh, at Vijayawada during a function conducted by the Andhra Pradesh Pollution Control Board.

### Inauguration of New State-Of-The-Art Heart Lung Machine

The Terumo Advanced Perfusion System-1, a state-of-the-art Heart Lung Machine worth ₹ 1.18 crore was inaugurated at the Cardio Thoracic Vascular Surgery department on October 19, 2023.

The Terumo Advanced Perfusion System-1 Heart Lung Machine (HLM) being inaugurated by the Managing Trustee Sri RJ Rathnakar, in the presence of

the Director, Dr Gurumurthy, the Head of Department of Cardio Thoracic Vascular Surgery Dr Neelam Desai and other senior staff members of the hospital.

A Heart Lung Machine (HLM) is an indispensable equipment used in Cardiac Surgeries. The HLM takes over the function of a human heart and maintains blood circulation when open heart/ bypass surgeries are performed. It also consists of an oxygenator, which takes over the function of the lungs.

Terumo Heart Lung Machines have been used at SSSIHMS since its inception. The current acquisition is the latest version of Terumo Heart Lung Machines.



This is an interactive system, whose quality and technology features assist in providing the best possible patient outcomes. With this HLM the users will be able to integrate up to 18 safety and monitoring modules, selecting individual responses for each, with the option of adding or changing modules as needed.

Also, the system has a fast processing, high-resolution touch screen that serves as both a safety monitor and as the central interface for operating the system components and a minimum 60-minute battery backup.

### Inauguration of the Advanced Catheterisation Laboratory

On December 19, 2023, a state-of-the-art Catheterisation Laboratory worth ₹ 4.2 Crore was inaugurated and dedicated to the service of patients at the Cardiology Department of SSSIHMS, Prasanthigram.



Cath Lab is a specialised facility used to provide minimal invasive advanced cardiac procedures to diagnose and treat cardiovascular diseases. Philips Azurion Cath Lab is the Next-Gen image-guided intuitive therapy platform, that has unique features like Dynamic Coronary Roadmap, Digital Subtraction Angiography, reduced radiation dose and total control of the Cathlab at the table side to name a few. These features make the

system more efficient and hence diagnosis and treatment easier.



Trustees Sri K Chakravarthi, Sri RJ Rathnakar and Sri SS Naganand, along with Sri Nimish Pandya (AIP, SSSSO), Dr Gurusurthy (Director, SSSIHMS-PG) and Dr VR Iyer (HoD, Cardiology) at the Cardiology Department inaugurating the Philips Azurion Cath Lab.

### Urology Department wins two Gold Medals

Dr Anuj Yadav and Dr Girraj Prasad Sharma, both DNB Residents of Urology at SSSIHMS, Prasanthigram, brought laurels to the hospital by winning two gold medals for their presentations at two different Urology conferences, Paediatric Urology Section – Urology Society of India (PUS-USICON), Jaipur and South Zone Urology Society of India Conference (SZUSICON), Madurai respectively.



Dr Anuj won the gold medal for a Surgical Video presentation at the Second Annual Paediatric Urology Meet organised by USICON at Jaipur from

July 11-12. He also won a second prize in a resident mentor-mentee session.

Dr Girraj won Dr N. Jeyasekharan gold medal for Ideas and Innovation at the SZUSICON-2024 held at Madurai from July 26-28. He was awarded the gold medal for his presentation on the innovative use of Home Surveillance Cameras for Tele-monitoring of Urology Surgeries. He also secured a second prize in Surgical Video presentation at the same conference.



### Academics

As of Mar 31, 2024, 39 Postgraduate students were undergoing training to pass the All-India examination to qualify for obtaining the Certificate of Diplomate of National Board in various disciplines approved by the National Board of Examinations in Medical Sciences, New Delhi, which also includes super-specialities in medical sciences viz., Cardio Thoracic and Vascular Surgery, Cardiology, and Urology and sub-specialities of Ophthalmology, Anaesthesiology and Orthopaedics.

## Sri Sathya Sai Institute of Higher Medical Sciences, Whitefield (Bengaluru)

Sri Sathya Sai Institute of Higher Medical Sciences, Whitefield (Bengaluru) a 333-bedded Super Speciality Hospital continues its service to society offering the best medical care to patients from across the country and abroad. During the last year, the institution saw 86,809 patients in the super-speciality departments of Cardiac Sciences and Neurosciences, performing more than 6,255 surgeries/procedures. Since its inception, the hospital has performed 1,38,964 surgeries/ procedures and has provided over 17,93,152 outpatient consultations. Throughout the year Sri Sathya Sai Central Trust has upgraded many of the equipment at the hospital.

### Addition of new equipment:

- Neurosurgery Microscope Leica OHX Glow 800, a very high-end microscope used for cranial surgeries valued at a cost of ₹ 2.5 crores was commissioned on Aug 17, 2023.



- Another state-of-the-art Neurosurgery Microscope, Leica OHX FL 560, at a substantial valuation of approximately ₹ 2 crores with a feature of tumour fluorescence that helps surgeons accurately delineate tumours and excise them was also commissioned in the year under review.



- The LivaNova S5 PRO heart-lung machine, a highly sophisticated cardiopulmonary bypass device designed for use in open-heart surgery and other medical procedures that require extracorporeal circulation, costing around ₹ 1 crore was inaugurated on May 20, 2024.



- Philips Cathlab Upgrade: The Philips Allura Clarity FD10C installed in January 2011 has been upgraded to the latest version of software and hardware. This has allowed the doctors to have the latest version of the software without the need for a complete replacement of cathlab. By taking this path, the Central Trust has contributed to a reduction in electronic waste. This upgrade was done on Aug 17, 2023.



- Digital ECG Machines: SSSIHMS, Whitefield was provided with the then state-of-the-art HP Pagewriter 100 in 2001 across the hospital. Thanks to the careful handling by the hospital staff and support from the biomedical team, these machines could be used for 23 years. These were replaced in November 2023 with Mac5, the latest ECG machines from GE Healthcare.

- GE Carescape R860 Ventilators were upgraded with High Flow Nasal Oxygen to improve patient care.

### Special Camps for high-end Cardiac Interventional Procedures:

- Dr D.S. Chadha: A well-known Cardiac Interventionalist of Manipal Hospital, Bengaluru, who was previously Head of Cardiology at Command Hospital, Bengaluru, has visited multiple times during the year and mentored the team at SSSIHMS, Whitefield in performing Complex Coronary Interventions. With unhealthy lifestyles, there is a rise in complex coronaries, sometimes called the 'bad arteries'. These types of cases require special skills, materials and equipment. Sri Sathya Sai Central Trust supported these patients' treatments by providing high-cost IVL catheters.

- Dr Ashok Garg & Dr Sivaraman Yegyaraman: These Electrophysiologists have been visiting us twice yearly for more than two decades. This year, they visited from March 25 to April 01, 2023, to offer their services. During this visit, 39 patients with arrhythmias were treated, 13 devices for heart failure were implanted and the team at SSSIHMS Whitefield received an update in the field of Electrophysiology. Heart Valve Bank (HVB), India and Medtronic,



USA supported the Device implantations. Dr Sivaraman Yegayaraman also started the New Year on January 1, 2024, at the 'Temple of Healing' benefitting three patients.

- Dr Nageshwar Rao, one of the well-known Paediatric Cardiologists who has developed a device for the closure of holes in the heart, visited the hospital on May 24, 2023, to mentor SSSIHMS cardiologists in performing complex device implantations. Ten children have benefitted from this workshop. Seeing the variety of anatomic malformations, Dr Rao was quite impressed and said these cases could be part of any international live conference.

- Dr Komandoor Srivathsan, Head of Electrophysiology at Mayo Clinic, Arizona has joined Dr Yegayaraman and Dr Ashok Garg, our regular volunteering faculty between October 25 and 28, 2023 in offering his services to the patients. During this period, 11 heart failure device procedures and 26 Radiofrequency ablations were performed. The Institute also organized a one-and-a-half-hour online conference for three days, each covering various aspects of Electrophysiology with Dr Srivathsan as speaker.

- Dr Keshav Nayak, a former US Navy veteran and a Structural Interventionist of repute has been a regular visitor to the hospital. This time, he spent three days from December 18 to 20, 2023 observing and sharing his inputs on various aspects of cardiology.

- Dr Mark Davies, Electrophysiologist at Oxford and Milton Keynes NHS Trust Hospital visited our institution with his team for the first time between March 25 and 31, 2024. The team and the staff

worked overtime, starting early morning and working late into the night, seeing patients with heart failure and electrical conduction disturbances. The team performed 11 CRT pacers, 4 CRT Pacing and Defibrillators, 6 Conduction System Pacers and 7 ICDs totalling 28 heart failure devices. Also, 21 patients benefitted from Radiofrequency Ablations that correct arrhythmias. Pace4life-Arrhythmia Alliance charity of the UK supported the visiting team and their work in the hospital.

#### Academic Performance:

In recognition of the excellent instruction provided by the doctors of our hospital, the National Board of Examinations has selected SSSIHMS, Whitefield as a DNB Examination Centre for Cardiology, Cardiac Surgery, Neurosurgery and Anaesthesia. The doctors of the hospital have made presentations at several National and International conferences and have also conducted conferences at the hospital for the benefit of post-graduates in Cardiology and Cardiac Surgery.

#### Awards

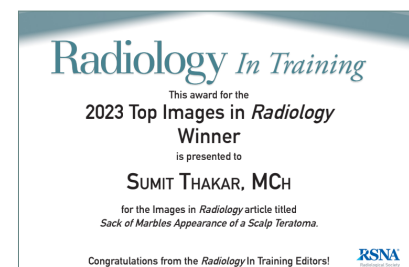
Dr Sanjay HM, Junior Consultant, Neurosurgery, won the second prize for the Young Neurosurgeons Award (YNA) sponsored by the Joint Meeting of the WFNS Foundation Education Course and 12th International Neurosurgery Update 2023 for a paper entitled 'Comparison of ICA morphometry between adult patients with Moya Moya disease and controls'.

Dr Sumit Thakar, Senior Consultant, Neurosurgery, was the recipient of the '2023 Top Images in Radiology' Award

for an article submitted in the 'Radiology' journal (which has the highest impact factor amongst all journals in the field of radiology). The article which was about a large scalp swelling that was operated upon in the department at SSSIHMS also figured among the most-downloaded articles worldwide in the journal in 2023.

#### Publications

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- Thakar S (Collaborator in the National Institute for Health and Care Research Global Health Research Unit on Global Surgery). Reducing the environmental impact of surgery on a global scale: systematic review and co-prioritization with healthcare workers in 132 countries. *Br J Surg.* 2023 Jun 12;110(7):804–817.
- Dr Lahari has published ‘Total Anomalous Pulmonary Venous Connection in Adults: Should We Offer Surgery?’, Vivek Bagaria et al. *World J Paediatric Congenital Heart Surg.* 2024 May.
- Dr Lahari has published ‘Effect of blood conservation protocol on the utilisation of blood and outcome of patients undergoing open heart surgery’, Vivek Bagaria et al. *Perfusion.* 2024.

#### **Publications that caught media attention:**

Two articles published by the Department of Neurosurgery achieved extraordinarily high worldwide readership.

- The article ‘Cerebral Cystic Echinococcosis’ published by the department in 2023 in *NEJM* (New England Journal of Medicine), one of the top journals in Medicine, is currently ranked in the 90th percentile of all articles in *NEJM* and the 99th percentile of article across all medical journals. It was later published in 28 international news outlets including *Newsweek*, *The Telegraph*, and *The Tribune*.
- The article ‘Sack of Marbles – Appearance of a Scalp Teratoma’ published in *Radiology* journal has been downloaded more than 60,000 times and has a current altmetric score of 257, signifying a ‘High Attention Score’ and 99th percentile in the research domain. It was later published by *Daily Mail*, *New York Post*, *India*

Today, *NDTV* and *Times Now*, amongst various other media and digital news agencies.

#### **Conferences organized:**

##### **1. CRYSTAL 2023:**

SSSIHMS, Whitefield offers Bachelors in Cardiac Care Technology course under the aegis of Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences (RGUHS), Karnataka. The course has entered its 15th year and the students have figured in the top ranks of the RGUHS. Sensing the need to reach out to a wider student base in honing their understanding of various topic of Cardiology, SSSIHMS, Whitefield, organized its first conference named “CRYSTAL” targeting this category of learners. Dr Rajesh Shenoi, Dean of Allied Health Sciences at RGUHS had graced the occasion as Chief Guest. More than 150 students and working professionals attended the conference. The demand and the feedback received has been very encouraging.

##### **2. SPEED 2023:**

The 9th edition of annual conference of SPEED targeted at exam going DM/DNB (Cardiology) students has been successfully conducted on 2nd and 3rd September 2023. Nearly 130 students have participated and benefitted from this conference. The conference focused on case discussions and approach to clinical diagnosis, multiple choice questions to cater to the changed exam pattern, interaction with experienced faculty and other events that help students appreciate the effort involved in getting the coveted degree.

##### **3. Electra 2023:**

The 2nd edition of *Electra*

2023 with Dr Srivathsan as the faculty and Dr Yegayaman and Dr Ashok Garg as moderators was organized between 25th and 27th October 2023. The conference consists of a one and half hour session in the evening and covers topics encompassing basic to advanced aspects of electrophysiology. It is organized in an online format and more than 50 participants made these sessions a grand success.

##### **4. FACTS 2024:**

Under the aegis of Karnataka Allied Health Professional Association (KAHPA) in collaboration with Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences (RGUHS), SSSIHMS WFD organized the Formative academics for Cardiac care Technology Students (FACTS) on 24th February 2024. SSSIHMS WFD organized live demonstrations of various device closures and PTMC procedures in addition to didactic lectures. More than 150 students pursuing Cardiac Care Technology participated and have given excellent feedback on the content and mode of presentation.

**5. SSSIHMS WFD Cardiology department** has organized a basic heart curriculum for GE healthcare engineers giving them basic knowledge of heart anatomy, diseases, various investigations involved and other aspects of patient care to enable them to develop better products suited to the needs of cardiologists. This learning session was organized on 17th February 2024.

#### **Reviewer assignments:**

- Dr Sumit Thakar, Senior Consultant, Neurosurgery, reviewed 20 articles in 2023–24



submitted in the following peer-reviewed indexed journals: Neurosurgical Review, World Neurosurgery, Journal of Stroke and Cerebrovascular Diseases, Brain Science Advances, Current Oncology, Clinical Case Reports, Journal of Neurosciences in Rural Practice. With this, he has now become an ad-hoc reviewer

for a total of 42 national and international peer-reviewed journals.

- Dr Sumit Thakar, Senior Consultant, Neurosurgery, is an invited Rater for the McMaster Online Rating of Evidence (MORE) System affiliated to the Health Information Research Unit of McMaster University, Canada

since 2017. In the year 2023-24, he rated 12 articles published in the following journals: NEJM, JAMA, Neurology, Spine and Journal of the American College of Surgeons.

## **Sri Sathya Sai General Hospital, Whitefield (Bengaluru)**

This 80-bed general hospital is operated through a unique model that involves significant volunteering by honorary doctors along with in-house doctors. Nearly 2400 surgeries were performed, and more than 1.40 lakh patients received treatment in the previous year.

### **Gynaecology Department**

Gynaecology dept. and Poorna Sudha Cancer foundation arranged a mammography camp for all the women staff in the hospital in July 2023. This was a 3 day screening camp held at SSSIHMS premises.

### **Paediatric Surgery**

Apart from regular surgeries, major laparoscopic surgeries are now being carried out at SSSGH-Whitefield. With laparoscopic work, the average surgical and medical cost is significantly reduced. Along with these types of surgery, which mainly cater to adult patients, an honorary paediatric surgeon, Dr Jeevak Shetty has been handling paediatric surgeries at SSSGH.

### **Dental Department**

With blessings of Bhagawan, Denture Rehabilitation clinic was started by Dr Neha S and her lab staff in Jan 2024.

This provides complete dentures

to required patients, who are evaluated, counselled and given the appropriate treatment. Close to 12 patients were provided free dentures until March 2024 and more patients have been registered for this camp.

### **Child and adolescent psychiatry (CAP)**

Child and adolescent psychiatrists understand the rapidly developing evolving stages and the corresponding emotional, social and psychological changes and pressures in children and adolescents. Children and adolescents go through a number of developmental phases, physically, emotionally and socially. Children and teenagers succumb to pressure, unable to deal with stress in their daily life. Children and teenagers when left unidentified, untreated at an earlier stage, have a huge risk of developing full blown mental health disorders later in life.

With blessings of Bhagawan, CAP clinic was started by Dr Yeshaswini and her team in Jan 2023.

### **Expansion of Psychiatry clinic services**

With blessings of Bhagawan, Psychiatry clinic services by Dr S. Jain, Dr Ganesh Govindrajan,

leading practitioners in Bangalore city as a part of their medical seva, is offered on all days of the week. From a weekly clinic, which is being handled by Dr Vikram Prabhu, the department is now functioning with the help of honorary visiting consultants on all days except Mondays.

This also includes full day wellness clinics, mind body healing and counselling sessions carried out for staff and nursing students by Dr Shubra Punetha, which aims towards mental wellbeing of staff working at SSSIHMS & SSSGH.



### **Equipment:**

Anaesthesia department received a top end anaesthesia machine GE CS 650 as part of CSR from M/s GE Aviation through its NGO partner United Way. This replaces 14 year old GE 904 anaesthesia machine. This was inaugurated by the Managing Trustee on 23rd Jan 2024.

## Sri Sathya Sai Nursing College, Whitefield (Bengaluru)

### Inauguration of new Nursing College Building

The Sri Sathya Sai Institute of Higher Medical Sciences, College of Nursing & Allied Health Sciences received the Divine Blessings from Bhagawan in the form of a new dedicated building on January 19, 2024. The building was inaugurated by Sri D.K. Shivakumar, the Honourable Deputy Chief Minister of Karnataka. The building is located within the premises of SSSIHMS, Whitefield and has been built in an area of 23,200 sq. ft. It comprises four lecture halls, each with a seating capacity of 70 students, six spacious laboratories and a modern computer lab. Each Lecture Hall is equipped with an 86-inch interactive smart board to deliver multimedia-rich lectures. The programme began with Dr AR Manjjuri welcoming the guests and presenting an overview of the Nursing College. Sri D.K. Shivakumar, in his inaugural address, submitted that he considered it an honour to be a part of the event as a devotee of Swami. He recalled the blessings he received from Bhagawan on various occasions and assured his continuous support to the institution.

### International Conference – July 08, 2023

The College of Nursing and Nursing Service Department at SSSIHMS-WF hosted its first International Conference on the theme, Clinical Insight of Quality Neurological Nursing with the objective of furthering knowledge on providing family-centred patient care for Neurological problems. The conference received 239 online registrations and around 20 on-spot registrations.

The conference was chaired by the Chief Guest, Dr Jasmine Joseph, Principal, VINS & RC Former Registrar & Syndicate Member, RGUHS. Also present were Dr D C Sundaresh, Director, SSSIHMS-WF, Ms Alpa Uchil MPH, MSN, CRNP, Senior Nurse



Practitioner, ALS Clinic, John's Hopkins University School of Medicine, faculty, Johns Hopkins School of Nursing, Baltimore, Maryland, USA, Dr A.R. Manjjuri Principal, SSSIHMS - College of Nursing, Bengaluru, Prof. Jeyarani, Vice Principal, East Point College of Nursing, Observer KSNK and Mrs Hemanjali R, Deputy Nursing Superintendent, SSSIHMS-WF.

The first session was on the theme 'Emerging Neurological Disorders' by Mrs Sariga J Theresa, Chief Nursing Officer, Caritas Hospital & Institute of Health Sciences, Kottayam, Kerala. Prof. Rebecca Sumathy Bai, M.Sc.(N) Professor in Nursing, College of Nursing, Christian Medical College, Vellore delivered the second session on 'Trends & Challenges in Neuro Critical Care Nursing'. The third session on 'Core Competencies of Nurses in Neuro Emergencies' was handled by Ms Alpa Uchil. Dr Sanjay, Junior Consultant, SSSIHMS-WF delivered then a session on 'Advanced Interventions & Technologies in Neurosciences'. An interactive session on live demonstration of Neuro Trauma Moulage was conducted by final year B.Sc. Nursing students.

### World Environment Day - June 5-6, 2023

The United Nations theme for this year's World Environment Day was 'Solutions to Plastic Pollution'. As part of the theme, the students took part in the 'Plogging Activity' within the Campus under the guidance of Sri Sathish Chandra, Sr. Manager, Central Stores, SSSIHMS-WF. On June 03, the students gave health education on the aspects of plastic pollution, its sources, impact, effects on health and environment and its control and preventive measures.



### World Breast Feeding Week - Aug 1-7, 2023

The 3rd year B.Sc. Nursing students observed this event on the theme, 'Enabling Breast Feeding: Making a Difference for Working Parents'. Posters were displayed near the main notice board of the hospital related to the breastfeeding theme and history of WABA, objectives, importance and facts of breastfeeding and so on. Health education was given in OPD to the antenatal women, role play was performed in Charaka Hall on the theme.

Also, health education was provided on the theme in the postnatal ward using flashcards and demonstrations. Throughout the week, an information pamphlet on breastfeeding was distributed to the antenatal women in English,





rendered by two nurses, Ms Thangamma and Ms Dolly in Parthi and Whitefield General Hospital.

### Sai Samskruti Vaibhavam - Oct 18-19, 2023

This is an orientation programme on Indian Culture for the XVI batch. The first day started with an invocation, welcome



Kannada, Telugu and Hindi languages in the Obstetrics and Gynaecology OPD.

### Graduation Ceremony - Aug 17, 2023

Around 78 graduates along with their family and other invitees gathered in the Dhanvantari Hall, to attend the graduation ceremony for the 9th & 10th batch of B.Sc. Nursing and Allied Health Sciences students. The ceremony began with an academic procession with the Chief Guest, Sri. R. J. Rathnakar,



Dr D.C. Sundaresh, Director, and HODs of various faculties from the hospital.

In the ceremony, the Smt. Easwamma All-Rounder Gold Medal and the Academic Gold Medal and certificates were awarded to the graduates. Sri. R. J. Rathnakar, in his address, recalled the dedicated service



address, and lamp lighting by Sri. D.V. Chandrasekhar, Dr A.R. Manjjuri, and students of XVI batch.

The speakers shared their



thoughts on important themes such as Selfless Love, Service to the Country, the responsibility of being a Sai Student, and some topics very relevant to the role of nurses and technicians. The speakers were drawn from



senior members of SSSIHMS, other allied institutions and alumni of Swami's University.

### Gita Jayanti Celebrations - Dec 23, 2023

The programme was organised by the 3rd year students and all the students of Nursing and

Allied Health Sciences actively participated in all the events. The chief guest of the programme



was Ms. Sai Meera. There was a spectacular mass chanting of 18 slokas of Bhagavad Gita by all the students. The significance of Gita



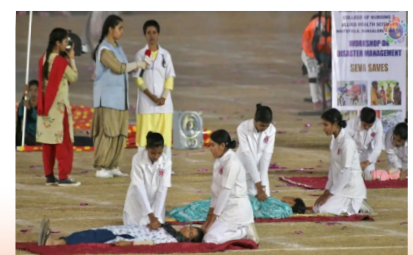
in education was presented by EHV Guru Shri. Shankar Jousula.

This was followed by a cultural programme that commenced with a presentation on 'The Significance of Gita Jayanti'. A skit was then presented on the theme 'Ananyaschintayanto Mam', followed by a dance ballet and a group song depicting the glory of Krishna. The honourable chief guest of the day Ms. Sai Meera delivered the special address and highlighted on the divine message of the Bhagavad Gita.

### Participation in Sri Sathya Sai Annual Sports & Cultural Meet 2024

The students offered a cultural presentation based on the theme 'Pranadatri and Lasyam'.

The first module - 'Pranadatri' aimed at spreading awareness







about 'Disaster Management'. The use of fire extinguishers, fire evacuation methods etc. was exhibited. The event ended with the most important life-saving method – CPR.



The second module – 'Lasyam' was a dance based on the traditional dance form of Kerala, Mohiniyattam.

SAI SHARANAM – Seva at Sai Ashrayadham Orphanage, Kadugodi, Bengaluru – April & July 2023



Nursing and Allied Health Science students offering service at the medical camp at Brindavan Ashram – April 02, May 05, June 04 & July 02



The second-year Nursing students conducted an awareness program for the 45 Sevadals on diabetes and hypertension – April 16, 2023



World Hepatitis Day Program – July 28-29, 2023



The lamp lighting ceremony for the XVI batch on Jan 23, 2024



Walkathon at Dommasandra, Avalahalli, Bengaluru on the occasion of World Water Day, Mar 22, 2024



## Sri Sathya Sai General Hospital, Prasanthi Nilayam

Sri Sathya Sai General Hospital is the first medical institution started by Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba in 1956. It continues to provide quality, primary and secondary medical care and also facilitates patient's referral to centres of tertiary medical care. The services have increased in quantum and spectrum, after Puttaparthi was declared as Sri Sathya Sai District in April 2022.

- The Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology provides extensive service since ours is the only Hospital for Obstetrics services for 5 Mandals around Puttaparthi. It is supported by the Department of Paediatrics which has NICU attached to it. Many pregnant women with associated difficult medical conditions like heart disease, thyroid problems, diabetes mellitus, and severe anaemia are also taken up for delivery owing to the support provided by an excellent Department of Medicine, especially the

Emergency Medical Department.

- The daily outpatient service caters to 800 to 1000 patients with a variety of Medical Problems. The Department of Emergency Medicine provides 24/7 service and is a boon for patients with emergency problems.

- The Hospital is managed by 34 Doctors, 59 Nursing Staff and 54 Supporting Staff. In addition, many Doctors of different specialities come from both overseas and different parts of the Country and render voluntary service for varying periods.

- At least 3 patients were treated every day for snake bites which are common in the region. The full range of treatments from Anti-Snake Venom to blood coagulation preparation is always available and provided to the patients.

- A special 'Lifestyle Clinic' catering to patients with diseases like Diabetes, Hypertension,

Stroke and Heart Disease is manned by an honorary senior consultant and dietician.

- The ENT service is now comprehensive as all relevant surgeries are performed and the full-fledged audiology lab set up last year has enhanced the services.

- The department of Dentistry with 3 dental chairs serves nearly 100 patients every day and a variety of procedures were done.

- The General Hospital continues to provide its Operation theatre, Nursing staff, and drugs, for the Sri Sathya Sai Mobile Hospital, Prasanthi Nilayam for General Surgery, ENT, Gynaecology and Oncology Patients.

- The Hospital is also recognised by the National Board of Examinations in Medical Sciences, New Delhi for a Postgraduate course in Family Medicine. There are 6 residents at any given time and the pass percentage every year has been nearly 100%.

## Sri Sathya Sai Mobile Hospital, Prasanthi Nilayam

The Sri Sathya Sai Mobile Hospital is a unique and innovative model for rural medicare which has served more than 10 lakh people over the last 18 years. It has become the go-to place for quality and comprehensive healthcare for the rural folk living in the 350 villages in and around Sri Sathya Sai District, Andhra Pradesh.

Its highlight is that it is manned by 250 doctors belonging to 15 specialities who come in rotation and render free voluntary service. Aided by onsite diagnostics, rich medicines formulary, and follow-up medicare in base and other

hospitals, the service is of the highest quality taking care of all community ailments and has become the National and International benchmark for quality outreach medical service, especially rural health service.

The development and advancements made in the service during 2023-24 are

1. Purchase of a new diagnostic 'Sanjeevani' bus by the trust at a cost of ₹ 1.2 Crores equipped with a very high-end ultrasound machine, digitized x-ray, laboratory which can do many blood and urine tests and finally a great improvement over the previous diagnostic

bus in having an exclusive ophthalmology room with two chairs and all necessary diagnostic equipment. The bus has a 25kv detachable generator, which powers the facilities in the bus and also supplies power to all the speciality rooms in the village school in which the mobile hospital is housed. Computerisation of the whole work which is done every day at every nodal village is also thereby facilitated.

2. Cancer surgeries of identified patients by competent surgeons are regularly taken up at the Sri Sathya Sai General Hospital and SSSIHMS-PG.

3. Senior IAS officers from the Governments of Maharashtra and Karnataka visited the field and this was followed by an invitation by the respective health ministries to the Director to present the model to all their health officials. Recently, the Ministry of Health, the Government of India and the National Health Mission (NHM) have invited the Director to make a presentation and help them in rural healthcare delivery.

4. The Sri Sathya Sai Seva Organisations is also replicating the Mobile Hospital model in different States and a National Healthcare System of the SSSSO called 'Sri Sathya Sai Ideal Healthcare Services' is being framed taking inputs from the Mobile Hospital.

Specialty	No. of Patients
Antenatal	946
Dental	3403
Dermatology	185
ENT	3402
Epilepsy	1408
General Surgery	3435
General (F)	2512
General (MS)	21139
Gynaecology	2266
Ophthalmology	5070
Orthopaedics	9167
Paediatrics	1464
Review	2005
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>56555</b>

Particulars	No. of Patients
Total no. of patients	56555
Total no. of surgeries	494
Total no. of investigations	22379
Total number of mandals covered in & around Puttaparthi	53

### Sri Sathya Sai Telemedicine (SSSIHMS, Prasanthigram & Whitefield)

The Telemedicine program was established in 2007 to extend the reach of quality medical care being provided free of charge to patients at the Sri Sathya Sai Healthcare Institutions. The Sri Sathya Sai Institute of Higher Medical Sciences, Prasanthigram and Whitefield, provides tele-consultations to post-operative cardiac surgery patients from West Bengal, Odisha and Madhya Pradesh. The Sri Sathya Sai Seva Organisations in these states have set up telemedicine centres in Barrackpore, Bhubaneswar and Jabalpur, where patients who have undergone cardiac surgery

report for follow-up care. These telemedicine centres are equipped with video-conferencing equipment, hardware and software to facilitate teleconsultation with specialists from SSSIHMS. The centres are connected via broadband cable Internet and a satellite link from the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO). They are manned by doctors and technical and administrative support personnel drawn from among the Sevadal volunteers from the respective states. Doctors in the telemedicine centre screen the patients and send the details to SSSIHMS,

Prasanthigram / Whitefield, electronically. There, the consultant reviews the records, converses with the patient and the attending physician over videoconference, and suggests suitable remedies, further investigations or in-person consultation if necessary. In the year under review, 513 patients were offered consultation by SSSIHMS-PG, and 809 patients by SSSIHMS-WF. 216 sessions were conducted in all under the specialities of Cardiac Surgery, Neuro Surgery and Cardiology.





# Educare

“Education must teach a person what life is, and what its goals are. It must purify the heart and clarify the vision. It must prevent pollution of the hand, heart and head by habits injurious to the individual, society and the nation. It must promote virtues and raise the moral and spiritual standards of the educated.”

- Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba

## Statistics for 2023-24

Institution	Student Strength			Academic Staff	Non Academic Staff
	Total	Boys	Girls		
<b>SSS Primary and Higher Secondary School</b> Puttaparthi	1207	759	448	82	23
<b>Smt. Eswamma High School</b> (Non-Residential), Puttaparthi	782	366	416	49	5
<b>SSS Gurukulam English Medium School</b> Rajamahendravaram	1208	651	557	53	6
<b>SSS Primary School</b> New Delhi	121	60	61	10	2
<b>SSS Institute of Higher Learning</b>	1360	837	523	134	68
<b>TOTAL STRENGTH</b>	<b>4678</b>	<b>2673</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>328</b>	<b>104</b>

Annual Expenditure for all Educational Institutions



**₹1.26 Crores**

Total Capital Expenditure



**₹13.66 Crores**

Total Revenue Expenditure

Average Academic Staff - Students Ratio

1:14

Average Amount Spent per year

**₹ 23,600**  
per School student  
**₹ 2,53,000**  
per University student

**Education is provided free of charge to all**



## Introduction

The Sri Sathya Sai Educational System is a visible manifestation of Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba's vision of education for human transformation. It aims to mould the students into holistic individuals who are socially responsible and spiritually aware, embodying the values under right attitude through Educare that caters to the physical, intellectual, emotional, psychological and spiritual dimensions of the human personality. This is done by embedding the five core human values of Truth, Righteousness, Peace, Love and Non-Violence into every aspect of education.

Some of the unique and distinguishing facets of the Sri Sathya Sai Educational Philosophy are:

- Free education accessible to all irrespective of caste, colour, creed or religion with an open admission policy that is purely merit-based.
- Major focus on character development, in addition to academic excellence.
- Inculcation of moral values through an integral system of education with focus on duty and discipline.
- Being residential in nature, the teachers' guidance and support can be sought 24/7.
- Encourages participation in all cultural and religious festivities and programmes during the academic year facilitating appreciation of cultural diversity and unity among various faiths resulting in expansion of heart and developing a broad outlook in life.

## Sri Sathya Sai Primary and Higher Secondary School

### Genesis and Inspiration

The Sri Sathya Sai Higher Secondary School is inspired, initiated and lovingly nurtured by Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba. He is its life and soul, motivation and goal. Under His direct guidance and loving care, the school embarked on its mission of moulding young minds on the 15th of June 1981.

"Character Development with Academic Excellence", has been the governing principle of all endeavours in the school. The school at every step, big or small, is guided by the comprehensive educational philosophy of Bhagawan Baba who emphatically advocates that "Education should be for life and not for a living".

### Mission

The relentless pursuit of the school has been:

To lay the foundation of a noble character of moral integrity, brotherhood, patriotism and sacrifice in the young minds so that they grow straight and strong as ideal leaders who can shape the destiny of the nation.

### Activities

- The Freshers Day, an event held at the beginning of the academic year to welcome the new students joining Class VIII and XI, was observed with much warmth and love. Apart from it being a bouquet of programs invoking the blessings of our dearest Lord, it is also an occasion to bring out the talents of the freshers.

- The Hostel Anniversary on July 23rd every year unveils the emotional bonding of the students to the hostel and its founder through various programs throughout the day.

- The Independence Day Celebrations expose a flood of talents in School students wherein, they present various programs on the significance of the day and portray national fervour through their presentations.

- Major festivals such as Janmashtami, Ganesh Chaturthi, Dasara, Independence Day and so on were observed by the students in the hostel with programs, poojas and collective activities. These play an important role in

inculcating team management skills, blossoming of creativity and the development of an integrated personality in the students.

- The students of the school participated in the Annual Sports and Cultural Meet conducted on January 11, like every year. The students portrayed their dynamic skills through Gymnastics, Synchronized Acrobatics, daredevil stunts etc.

- Every student in SSSHSS is given an opportunity to participate in various extracurricular activities like Public Speaking, Quiz Programs, Skit Competitions, Advertisement Campaign Competitions, Dance Competitions, Dumb Charade, Bhajan Antakshari, Drawing and Painting Competitions, Vedam Chanting and Explanation Competitions etc. These activities blossom a child into a personality of all-round excellence.

- The Outgoing students of SSSHSS (X and XII Classes) offer their gratitude to the Divine Master for giving them the opportunity to study at His Lotus Feet. This is done in the form of

songs and speeches of gratitude. This year, the programs were offered in the Sai Kulwant Hall on April 14 & 15, 2023.

- The students celebrated Sanskrit Day by conducting various programmes like quizzes, skits, songs, and speech in Sanskrit.

### **Unique Activities / Initiatives at School**

#### **Art and Skill Enrichment Program:**

To bring out and enrich the hidden creativity in the students, the ASEP was introduced in the year 2013. It is a collaborative program organised with the

help of experts in various fields of art from the Department of Music, SSSIHL, Prasanthi Nilayam which includes nearly 20 experts in various fields. The program includes training in Carnatic and Hindustani Music Vocal, playing the Keyboard, Harmonium, Violin, Veena, Sitar, and Tabla, and training in Dance, Yoga, Gymnastics, etc. Even though this is a program characterised by voluntary participation, an astonishing number of around 200 students across all the classes have enrolled and are currently undergoing training and deriving the benefits from this program.

### **Smt Eswaramma High School**

The school administration is pleased to announce its affiliation with the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) for Class 11 and 12. This significant step aligns with the institution's commitment to providing high-quality education and ensuring the best opportunities for the students.

#### **Infrastructure Development:**

The trust has continually invested in improving infrastructure, thereby ensuring a conducive learning environment with well-equipped classrooms, laboratories, library, and sports facilities to cater to the diverse needs of the students. Also, strict adherence to the infrastructure requirements and norms set forth by CBSE is maintained. On this note, three laboratories and eight classrooms for the 1st batch of class 12 were inaugurated, and a new building and prayer hall were opened.

#### **Competitions and Awards:**

Students from grades 6-9 participated and won awards as part of National Science Day competitions held by the Institute.

Sri Krishnadevaraya University

held a theme-based drawing and painting competition, in which students competed and won awards.

#### **Faculty Development Programmes:**

Teachers were trained for an initiative taken up by Vidya Vahini's SOPAAN flagship program of NEP, which held workshops on numeracy and literacy for primary sections. The program is monitored and is ongoing.

Teachers of classes 1-5 and all Science teachers of classes 6 to 8 attended a Webinar on 'Fostering a Scientific Temper in Children at School'. This transformative session was to guide educators to unfurl the natural curiosity in a child while directing learning towards meaningful and interesting pedagogy.

Teachers participated in a two-day online training program organised by CBSE and NCERT to facilitate a smooth transition from old to new textbooks in classes 3 and 6, which were just released.

The English Department of the Anantapur Campus hosted a Professional Development

### **Highlights of the result of the class X and XII Board examinations**

- The school had an impressive average of 88% in the XII Board exams, with 103 of the 111 students clearing with distinction and 51 of them securing above 90%. The two first-rankers secured 97.6%, while the two who came second were not far behind at 97%.

- Of the 86 students who appeared for the X Board exams, 77 cleared with distinction and 39 secured marks above 90%. The school average was at an impressive 86.7%. The topper of the class secured 98%.

Programme for in-service teachers teaching English for classes 1-7.

#### **Cultural and Academic Achievements:**

Students from classes 3-10 won gold, silver, and bronze medals and cash incentives for their brilliance in the Olympiad Examinations conducted by the Science Olympiad Foundation.

Students in grades 6-10 registered and participated in Pariksha Pe Charcha (PPC), an interactive program by the Hon'ble Prime Minister, with students, instructors, and parents to make learning more enjoyable.

Students from grades 6 to 12 participated in the combined International Yoga Day program held at the indoor stadium.

Students from classes 6-8 performed in the Prasanthi Dance Ensemble as part of the Dasara Celebrations at Sai Kulwant Hall.

Out of 52 students who appeared for the 10th Standard CBSE board examination, all 52 students have passed with 51 students securing First Class, 31 students secured distinction and 2 students above 90%. The school average stands at an impressive 76.4%.

## Sri Sathya Sai Gurukulam English Medium School, Rajamahendravaram

Under the divine blessings and guidance of Bhagawan, Sri Sathya Sai Gurukulam English Medium School has been run by 'Sri Sathya Sai Central Trust', Prasanthi Nilayam since June 23, 1981. The Gurukulam campus is situated in the city of Rajamahendravaram, located on the banks of the river Godavari. It is a serene educational sanctuary nestled in 24 acres of lush, verdant land. The campus is a haven of natural beauty, adorned with an abundance of greenery that creates a tranquil and refreshing environment for students. This idyllic setting fosters a peaceful

atmosphere conducive to learning, reflection and personal growth. The major buildings include two school buildings, a Prayer Hall, a Dining hall, an Auditorium, a Library and Science Laboratories.

It is a CBSE-affiliated school for both boys' and girls' day-scholars, having classes from 1 to 10 with each class having around 40 students. The present school strength is 1208. In the X Class CBSE board exams held in 2024, all students of the school cleared in first class and 99% of the students secured distinction.

The team representing the school

were the runners in the CBSE Football match (cluster VII) held at Crescent Public School, Ernakulam and qualified for nationals.

Aditya Kumar, a student of the school, secured second place at the cluster level in the Javelin throw and was selected for Nationals, while PVS Ganesh secured second place in the Discus throw and was selected for Nationals.

R. Harshith was rewarded with a ₹ 10,000 cash prize in the drawing competition conducted by the Lion's Club of India and selected for multiples.



## Sri Sathya Sai Institute of Higher Learning

A visible manifestation of Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba's vision of education for human transformation, Sri Sathya Sai Institute of Higher Learning (SSSIHL) was founded to inculcate ethical and moral values in students along with secular education.

The Sri Sathya Sai Institute of Higher Learning (SSSIHL) (Deemed-to-be-University), Puttaparthi, Andhra Pradesh, India, is one of the few institutions in the world offering values-based education to students at the University level. Ethics and morals form the undercurrent of every subject taught at the Deemed-to-be-University, providing a holistic framework of interpersonal development for its students combined with academic excellence.

SSSIHL follows a merit-based open admissions policy for all irrespective of income, religion, or region, and provides quality education free for all students.

The Deemed-to-be-university hosts students from across the country at its four campuses in Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka, India, and provides free education to all programmes of study. The programmes offered include undergraduate, postgraduate, professional, and research. It has a merit-based open admissions policy for all, irrespective of income, religion, or social status.

SSSIHL also provides a strong research environment, with exceptional academic practices, that have resulted in the growth of national and international collaborations. The Central Research Instruments Facility

(CRIF), based at the Prasanthi Nilayam Campus of the SSSIHL, is one of the few facilities in the country that houses advanced Characterisation / Analytical Tools to carry out Translational Research in various areas of Science and Technology. The Central Research Laboratory (CRL) at the Anantapur campus houses laboratories for Wet Chemistry, Material Synthesis, and Characterization.

This transformation (of students, teachers, and staff) has been the guiding principle right from its inception when SSSIHL integrated ethics and values as the undercurrent of every subject taught at the institute. Combined with academic & research excellence, the institute provides a holistic framework of interpersonal development for its



students. Its residential character trains the student's mind, body, and spirit in an environment similar to the ancient Indian 'Gurukula' system of education, in the most modern context.

### Highlights of Research at SSSIHL 2023-24:

SSSIHL continues to pursue needs-based research that will help alleviate problems affecting the poorer sections of society. Key projects include:

- Understanding the Mechanisms Involved in the Emergence of Heteroresistance among Enterobacteriaceae
- Exploration of Simultaneous Fluorescence and Phase Contrast Optical Imaging Methods Using Novel Fourier Optical Techniques for System Biology Applications
- IKSHANA: Low-cost, Mobile-Plasmonic Diagnostic Device for Integrated Evaluation of Diabetic Retinopathy, Glaucoma, and Retinal Health
- Formulation and Evaluation of Ready-to-use Supplementary Foods (RUSFs) in the Management of Moderate Acute Malnutrition (MAM) using Indigenous Food Crops and Novel Approaches
- Value-added RTS Non-carbonated and Carbonated Ayurvedic Tomato Beverage
- A Structural Model of the Current Account of India's Balance of Payments Under the New Economic Policy Regime
- Time-Optimal Control Problems and Bifurcation Analysis of Coupled Non-

Linear Dynamical Systems with Application to Pest Eradication

- Role and Interactions of Biological Markers in Causation of Type 1/Type 2 Lepra Reactions: A In Vivo Mathematical Modelling with Clinical Validation
- A Commutative Algebraic Approach to Generating Functions, DeepDroughtUAV: Deep Learning-Based Estimation of Drought Area in the Anantapur Cluster Using UAV Surveillance
- Using Interpretable Machine Language Methods: An Application to Health Insurance Fraud Detection
- Insurance Fraud Classifier for Health Insurance
- Neutron Induced Reaction Cross-Section Measurements on Structural Materials Using Direct and Surrogate Technique
- Development of Multiplexed Fiber Laser Based Dual Frequency Combs for Sensing and Spectroscopic Applications
- Dispersion Managed Subsea Simulation and Onep Optical Algorithm Testing
- Closed Loop Project Optical Testing and Research
- State-of-the-art, Low Cost, Dental Implant System

**Some of the other areas of research include** - Antimicrobial Resistance, Disease Biology, Fungi in Health and Environment, Protein Structure and Function, Wastewater Analysis, Treatment, and Energy Recovery, Atmospheric Chemistry Research (ACR), Coarse-Grained Modelling of Polymer Nanocomposites,

Novel Bioactive Biomaterials for Orthopaedic Applications and Dental Implants, Bio-polymers as Effective Adsorbents for Greenhouse Gas Removal, Design, Synthesis, and Biological Evaluation of Novel Pyrimidine Derivatives as Anti-Cancer Agents, The Role of School Climate in Promoting Psychological Well-being of Adolescent Students: Aligning with NEP 2020; Novel Functional Food Approaches for Disease Mitigation, Community Outreach Research Focused on Nutrition Education, Investigation of 'Mislabeling' in Indian Health Foods, Plant-Powered Progress: Advancing Plant-Based Milk Analogues, Non-Thermal Radiofrequency (RF) Treatment for Shelf-Life Extension of Organic Whole Tomato Fruits, Macro-econometric Modelling of the Indian Economy, Regional Inequality in Financial Inclusion in India -The Role of Micro Finance Institutions and Lessons from South India, Agricultural Economics, Development and Validation of a Model and a Measurement Scale for Communicative Competence, An Indian Philosophical Reading of Iris Murdoch's Novels, Cognitive Poetics of A K Ramanujan, Exploring the Theory of Narrative to Unravel Narrativity in Indian English Lyrics, A Study to Understand the Intricacies of Rural Development and Rural Entrepreneurship, Study on Non-Performing Assets (NPA) of the Banking Sector in India, Financial Inclusion Through Microfinance,



Fractal Geometry, Fractal Interpolation and Approximation, Fractal Applications, AI-ML and Deep Learning Methods in Medical Diagnostics and State of Art Healthcare with reference to Coronary Artery Disease, Tuberculosis, Cancer; AI - Development, Deployment, and Interpretation with High-Performance Computing and Big Data Computing, Computer Vision and Image Processing with applications in Health care, Infectious Disease Modelling with Reference to Translational Research, Using Interpretable Machine Learning Methods, Crop Insurance Revenue Protection, Nuclear Spectroscopy and Medical Imaging, Photonics, Functional Materials Science.

#### Collaborations and MoUs

SSSIHL has successfully forged several research collaborations across India and abroad with leading organisations in Academia and Industry. In 2023-24, SSSIHL signed MoUs with the All-India Institute of Speech and Hearing (AIISH), Tech Actuarial, CodeTantra Tech Solutions Pvt. Ltd., Shodh Chakra (INFLIBNET), Metaloga Inc., Instapower, Tranalab for collaborative research.

#### EVENTS

**ICSSR-SRC Sponsored National Workshop on TECHONOMICS: Empowering Women, Igniting Innovation, February 16-17, 2024**

The Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Anantapur Campus, in association with the Indian Council of Social Science Research – Southern

Region Centre (ICSSR-SRC), organised this 2-day workshop at the Anantapur Campus. TECHONOMICS featured seasoned academicians and industry experts who explored various facets of women's empowerment, their impact on family, society, and the nation, and the role of technology and innovation in bridging the gender gap.

**National Symposium: A Holistic Approach to Sustainable Food Systems: Integrating Agriculture, Nutrition, and Food Safety, March 01-02, 2024**

The Department of Food and Nutritional Sciences organised this two-day national symposium at the Anantapur Campus. The keynote address was delivered by Dr A. Ashok Kumar, Principal Scientist and Product Placement Lead for Asia at ICRISAT, who highlighted the role of agricultural food systems, especially millets, in enhancing food and nutritional security. The symposium featured prominent speakers who delved into the importance of sustainable food systems. The symposium provided a unique learning platform, bringing together experts in agriculture, nutrition, and food processing.

**I-Cube: Inception, Imagination, and Innovation - A 3-Day Workshop on Entrepreneurship, March 14-16, 2024**

The Department of Management and Commerce at the Muddenahalli campus organised this workshop focused on fostering innovation. The event

featured lectures by prominent entrepreneurs and industry experts. A highlight of the event was the final-year BBA students showcasing their business ideas in teams before a panel of successful entrepreneurs. The panel offered constructive feedback, and one standout team was awarded the top prize.

**National Level Open Seminar - Navigating the Actuarial Career Path, the CAS Way: Insights for Students, February 17, 2024**

The SSSIHL Centre of Excellence for Actuarial Data Science hosted this prestigious event that featured esteemed speakers, Ronald T. Kozlowski and Kendra Felisky, FCAS, CERA, who shared valuable insights into the CAS (Casualty Actuarial Society) career path, actuarial judgment, the Actuaries' Code of Conduct, and common challenges faced by actuaries. The seminar with over 200 participants, attracted a diverse audience of aspiring students, seasoned professionals, industry experts, and faculty from sectors such as fintech, insurance, reinsurance, consulting, IT, and education. Dr Rohan Yashraj Gupta, PhD, ASA, AIA, delivered a captivating session on 'Generative AI & Its Application in Insurance'.

**National Mathematics Week, December 18-24, 2023**

The Department of Mathematics and Computer Sciences celebrated 'National Mathematics Week' in honour of Srinivasa Ramanujan's 136th birthday. The event aimed to commemorate Ramanujan's



legacy, raise awareness of Ancient Indian Mathematics, and promote general mathematical awareness. Key events included a National Level Mathematics Quiz involving 25 schools, an exhibition on ancient Indian Mathematics by undergraduate and postgraduate students, and two talks by distinguished speakers: Prof. Arni S. R. Srinivasa Rao on 'Perspectives on Ancient Indian Mathematics,' and Dr Shriram Chauthaiwale on 'Some Innovative Indian Contributions in Mathematics.'

Additionally, a National Level Art Contest themed 'Geometry in Nature' engaged 96 children nationwide, with three winners selected. Throughout the week, undergraduate and postgraduate students delivered seminars on various mathematical topics and practical applications, providing insight into Ramanujan's life and work.

### **National Conference on Recent Trends in Mathematical Biology: Theory, Methods, and Applications, July 20–22, 2023**

The conference brought together scientists, researchers, academicians, and students from over 70 institutions across India, representing various disciplines. The event served as a platform for exchanging cutting-edge insights, advancements, and applications in the rapidly evolving field of mathematical biology. The focus was on interdisciplinary collaboration, integrating mathematical modelling with biological sciences to address real-world challenges



in healthcare, environmental sustainability, and understanding biological systems. Attendees explored innovative theoretical frameworks and methodologies, fostering new research opportunities at the intersection of mathematics and biology.

### **Innovation Day Celebrations, October 14, 2023**

'Innovation Day' was celebrated to honour the birth anniversary of Bharat Ratna Dr A.P.J. Abdul Kalam. The event, organised by the Department of Physics, SSSIHL, and the Institution's Innovation Council, included a seminar by Prof. Dr M. Sainath, Executive Director, ICFAI Foundation for Higher Education Innovation & Entrepreneurship Council, Hyderabad, on 'Creating an Ecosystem for Innovation and Entrepreneurship in Academic Institutions.' The seminar was followed by an award ceremony recognizing two innovators from SSSIHL for their contributions to the indigenous development of the SAIC-19 Ag Kit and SAIC-19 Ab Kit (Rapid Antigen and Antibody Testing Kits).

### **SSSIHL Celebrates National Start-up Day 2024**

National Startup Day, organised by the Institution's Innovation Council (IIC), was celebrated on January 16, 2024, at the Sai Hira Global Convention Centre, Prasanthi Nilayam. The event saw several Industry and academic experts on Innovation and Start-ups, alumni entrepreneurs, and seasoned professionals come together to share their thoughts on various topics.



Prof. Reddanna, an Emeritus Professor from the University of Hyderabad, captivated the audience with a thought-provoking keynote address on the 'Role of University in Promoting Start-ups'. Dr R. Venkataramanan, the Founder and CEO of Karkinos Healthcare, shed light on SSSIHL's pivotal role in cultivating entrepreneurial skills. Mr Naveen Lakkur, Chief Innovation Coach, shared insights into the inseparable nature of technology and innovation, drawing from his book 'The Inseparable Twins'.

The event featured a dynamic panel discussion moderated by Sri Lakshmikant, Co-Founder of Value Craftz Advisors, exploring diverse facets of entrepreneurship. Dr Anshuman Das, CTO, and Co-founder of Labby Inc., shared his captivating 'Startup Journey'. Later the IIC Magazine 'SRISHTI', was released by the Revered Chancellor & Vice-Chancellor.

Two exemplary faculty members of SSSIHL, Dr Murali Ravi from the Department of Physics and Dr B. E. Pradeep from the Department of Biosciences, were recognized for their outstanding contributions toward innovation. A panel discussion moderated by Dr M Sainath, Executive Director of ICFAI, delved into crucial topics such as adaptability, innovation, sustainability, and more, featuring insights from industry leaders.

### **Annual Special Events**

#### **Annual Sports & Cultural Meet, January 11–15, 2024**

On January 11, over 3,000





students participated in this grand event at the Sri Sathya Sai Hill View Stadium, showcasing sports, cultural, and fine arts presentations. The meet began with a ceremonial procession, followed by performances highlighting agility, cultural heritage, and devotion, including a lion dance, daredevil stunts, martial arts, and synchronized dances. The event concluded with a dazzling fireworks display and a unifying theme song, celebrating talent, devotion, and youthful spirit.

As part of the Annual Sports & Cultural Meet 2024, four cultural performances were offered at the Sai Kulwant Hall. On Jan 13, the Muddenahalli campus presented Parivartan – The Sacred Odyssey, a drama drawing parallels between two businessmen and Mahabharata's Karna and Arjuna, highlighting the importance of divine strength and grace. On Jan 14, the Department of Music offered a devotional program titled Sai Sangeet Uttarayanam, followed by the Brindavan campus' portrayal of the life of Saint Bhakta Kanakadasa. On Jan 15, the Prasanthi Nilayam campus offered Shivamrutham, dramatising the redemption of the wicked king Andhakasura by Lord Shiva.

The Prize Distribution Ceremony held on Jan 15, 2024, on the auspicious occasion of Makara Sankranti, at the Sai Kulwant Hall, celebrated the outstanding achievements of students in sports, cultural, and fine arts events throughout the academic year 2023–24. A total of 1390

prize winners, comprising 796 in sports and 594 in cultural events, were recognized.

#### 42nd Annual Convocation

Sri Sathya Sai Institute of Higher Learning (SSSIHL) (Deemed to be University) held its 42nd Annual Convocation at the Sai Hira Global Convention Centre, Prasanthi Nilayam, Andhra Pradesh, on Nov 22, 2023.

Hon'ble President of India Smt. Droupadi Murmu graced the Convocation as the Chief Guest and also delivered the Convocation address. The Hon'ble Governor of Andhra Pradesh Sri S Abdul Nazeer was the Guest of Honour. Additionally, the event was graced by Smt. K V Usha Sricharan, the Minister for Women, Children, Differently Aabled, and Senior Citizens Welfare from the Government of Andhra Pradesh.

The grand ceremony saw the Hon'ble Chancellor, Shri K Chakravarthi, IAS (Retd.), admit 503 candidates to their degrees. President Droupadi Murmu then conferred the 21 Gold Medals on the qualifying students who achieved distinction in various disciplines.

Governor Sri S Abdul Nazeer praised the institute as a beacon of value-based education, urging students to uphold Dharma and contribute to society. President Smt. Droupadi Murmu, honouring Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba on His 98th Birthday, described the institute as a 'Modern Gurukula'. She praised the institute's unique 'Edu-care' approach and advocated

for increased opportunities for women in education.

In the evening, the students presented the drama, Divya Prema – Bridging Lives through the Eternal Wisdom of Rama Katha Rasavahini. The play parallels the experiences of its protagonists, Sai students, with events from the Ramayana to drive home relevant insights.

#### S G Sundaraswamy Memorial Lecture, Sai Hira Global Convention Centre, Prasanthi Nilayam, September 24, 2023.

Dr (Prof.) U S Vishal Rao, a leading head and neck oncologist and surgeon, delivered this year's S G Sundaraswamy Memorial Lecture 2023 on the topic 'Possibility to Actuality: Bridging the Gap Between Biological Advances and Technological Advances'. Dr Rao is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Medicine and currently serves as the Country Director for Head and Neck Surgical Oncology and Robotic Surgery at the HCG Cancer Centre in Bengaluru. He is also the Dean for the Centre of Academics & Research within the HCG Group. He is the inventor of 'Aum Voice Prosthesis' a \$1 speaking device for throat cancer patients. His invention is a part of 100 global social innovations across the globe. Dr Rao is serving as a member of the Consultative Group to the Principal Scientific Advisor to the Prime Minister, Govt. of India, and a member of the Vision Group for Science, Technology & Biotechnology in the Government of Karnataka. Additionally, he holds the position of Country Director for



the International Federation of Inventors Association (IFIA Bharat).

The S G Sundaraswamy Memorial Lecture is an annual endowment lecture instituted in honour of the late Sri S G Sundaraswamy (a doyen of the legal profession and an ardent devotee of Bhagawan) by his son, Sri S S Naganand, Trustee, SSSCT.

### Summer Course in Indian Culture & Spirituality 2023

The Summer Course in Indian Culture & Spirituality 2023 served as an induction program for students and teachers of Sri Sathya Sai Institute of Higher Learning. Held at various campuses from July 13-16, it provided deep insights into India's cultural and spiritual heritage while introducing students to Bhagawan Baba's educational philosophy. The Muddenahalli campus held talks on the Ramayana, Bhajans, and Vedic traditions. The Anantapur campus offered sessions on Bharatiya culture, Hindu rituals, and cultural performance on the Ramayana, alongside discussions on the role of spirituality in practical life. The Brindavan campus featured a drama on Saint Narayana Bhattathiri, panel discussions with alumni, and a focus on the connection between spirituality and innovation. Prasanthi Nilayam campus hosted discussions on the Taittiriya Upanishad, Indian Knowledge Systems, and sessions on the transformative power of Sai Bhajans.



## Awards & Recognitions

### Global Recognition

- CAS Gold Level Recognition for SSSIHL
- On Nov 3, 2023, the Casualty Actuarial Society (CAS) announced the recipients of the CAS University Recognition Program, aimed at acknowledging academic institutions that demonstrate a strong commitment to preparing future property and casualty actuaries through their educational offerings.
- Sri Sathya Sai Institute of Higher Learning (SSSIHL) has been honoured with the Gold Level, which is the highest level among the three categories. This prestigious status places us among the ranks of other top universities globally and distinguishes us as the sole recipient from Asia thus far.
- The esteemed universities that have achieved the distinguished Gold Level status include Arizona State University, Brigham Young University, Bryant University, Georgia State University, Illinois State University, McMaster University, Middle Tennessee State University, Temple University, University of California – Santa Barbara, University of Connecticut, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, University of Texas at Austin, University of Toronto, and University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire.
- The Society of Actuaries (SOA) Recognises SSSIHL with UCAP-



Advance Curriculum level for its academic program, making SSSIHL the only Indian University to have achieved this recognition to date.

### Other Recognitions

- Patent: Manohar Bhujel, G. Nageswara Rao, and Lakshminath Sripada, from the Dept. of Chemistry, received a patent (202441015549) for 'A process for separation of Arjunolic acid and Asiatic acid from the heartwood of Terminalia arjuna, (Mar 22, 2024).
- Dr Pradeep, Dept. of Biosciences, received the 'Second Best Start-up Award' together with SCIINV Biosciences Pvt Ltd for the development of 'AMRx™' during the workshop on "AI for Pharma & Biotech" conducted by the Federation of Asian Biotech Associations (FABA) and Science Gurus (USA) at the University of Hyderabad (Dec 16, 2023).
- Dr Sai Vinod M. S., Dept. of Management and Commerce, won the 'Best Paper Award' at the 14th International Research Conference on Thriving Through Sustainability, hosted by Indian Education Society's Management College and Research Centre, Mumbai, with joint partners Shaheed Bhagat Singh College, University of Delhi, European Global Varsity, European School of Data Science & Technology, and Confab 360 Degree (Feb 22-23, 2024).
- Ms Akanksha Aggarwal, Dept. of Management and Commerce, was awarded the 'Best Paper





Award' at the International Conference on Re-Envisioning Agility, Sustainability and Technological Innovation in Manufacturing and Service Industry (RASTMSI 2024) organised by Vedatya Institute, Gurugram, for the paper titled 'The 'What,' 'Why' and 'How' of Sustainable Fashion Apparel Consumption: A Systematic Literature Review Using TCCM Framework' (Feb 8-9, 2024).

- Prof. N. Sridvidya and Ms Mounika Pandey (Team AvinyaVed) won the prestigious 'Tomato Grand Challenge (TGC)' organised by the Ministry of Education and Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Government of India.

#### RESEARCH SCHOLARS

- Undavalli Venkata Gopi, research scholar, Dept. of Chemistry was the recipient of the 'ISPE 18 Young Researcher Travel Award,' which covered the registration, accommodation, and international airfare travel charges to attend the 18th International Symposium of Polymer Electrolytes (ISPE-18), organised by the American Chemical Society (ACS) Malaysian Chapter and co-organised by NanoMalaysia Berhad (NMB), co-joint with Lembaga Pembangunan Langkawi (LADA), Langkawi, Malaysia (June 23-28, 2024).

- Team 'SAI' comprising of research scholar Ms Sai Dharshini S, and two final-year M.Sc.

students, Ms Srinidhi and Ms G Harmitha, Dept. of Food and Nutritional Sciences, under the guidance of Dr Meera M., won the first prize in 'Ideathon' organised by Padmashree Institute of Management and Sciences as a part of the Conference on 'Millet Confluence - An Extravaganza of Ideas and Innovation' (Dec 14-16, 2023).

- Ms Mounika Pandey, research scholar, Dept. of Food and Nutritional Sciences, under the guidance of Prof. N. Sridvidya, won the 'Best Oral Presentation' for her paper entitled 'Association of Dietary Insulin Index and Insulin Load on Diabetes, Obesity, and Cardiometabolic Health: A Scoping Review' at the 6th International Conference on Food and Nutrition Organised by the Universal Society of Food and Nutrition (USFN) (Oct 25-26, 2023).

- R Sai Naveen, research scholar, Dept. of Management & Commerce, received the 'Best Paper Award' for his paper titled 'Can We Make Our Leaders More Human?' in the Doctoral Colloquium held in XLRI Jamshedpur (Feb 2024).

#### STUDENTS

- Tejaswini K, B.Sc. Chemistry, was selected for International Priority Gratitude Programs for the 2024 MEXT scholarship under the 'Entrepreneurship-based- based Global Energy-Environment-Health Innovation Program' to Japan Advanced

Institute of Science and Technology (JAIST), Japan (2024).

- Ganadala Srinidhi, M.Sc. Food and Nutritional Sciences received the Best Poster Award at the 2nd International Conference on Clinical Nutrition and Dietary Lifestyle organised by the Universal Society of Food and Nutrition (Feb 22-23, 2024).

- Sathya Priya Dharshini from I M.A. in English Language and Literature won the Best Paper Award on 'Embracing the Forte of SDGs in English Language and Literature: A Cognitive Perspective,' and Meghana Srinivas Mandalapu from II M.A won the Best Paper Presentation Award on 'Embracing the Forte of SDGs in English Language and Literature: A Cognitive Perspective,' at the Two-Day International Conference organised by the Dept. of English and Foreign Languages, SRM Institute of Science and Technology, Chennai (Mar 28-29, 2024).

- Team SAI, represented by Kota Apoorva Havisha and Himika Piduri, students of M.B.A, at the Anantapur campus won First Prize at the Innovation, Design Thinking, and Entrepreneurship (IDE) Bootcamp held at IIT-Bhubaneswar on Jun 26, 2023. The IDE Bootcamp is organised by The Ministry of Education's Innovation Cell (MIC) and AICTE to foster innovation and entrepreneurship in India.







# General Public Utility

## Sri Sathya Sai Museums

### Sri Sathya Sai Chaitanya Jyoti, Prasanthi Nilayam

Visitors during 2023–24:

**1,58,600**

Since Inception:

**56,31,473**

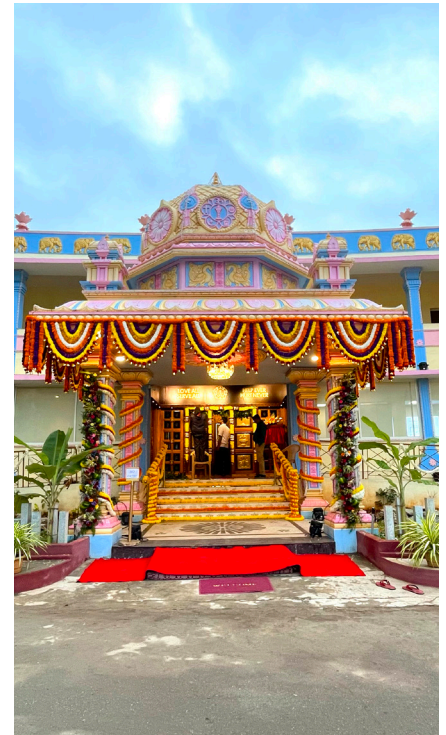
### Sri Sathya Sai Divyasmṛti, Brindavan

Visitors during 2023–24:

**15,600**

Since Inception:

**22,465**



## Sri Sathya Sai Space Theatre

Of the visitors in the period under review 7,925 of the visitors were students from various schools. During this period, the Space Theatre upgraded the projection system to a 4K projector and also prepared and exhibited an in-house planetarium show in 4K, entitled “Is Seeing Believing?”, incorporating Bhagawan Baba’s teachings in English, Hindi and Telugu.

Visitors during 2023–24:

**92,000**

Total number of Screenings 2023–24:

**647**





## Sri Sathya Sai Media Centre

The Sri Sathya Sai Media Centre (SSSMC) began its journey as Radio Sai Global Harmony, a satellite radio service in 2001 when Bhagawan launched it during His 76th birthday celebration.

When Bhagawan inaugurated the studio facility of Radio Sai in 2002, He clearly explained that there was nothing for Him to gain through a media outreach unit; He was pleased as long as devotees were served. He had given a simple formula – when knowledge is used for the benefit of others, it becomes a skill, and it brings balance and insight.

### 22nd Anniversary of SSSMC

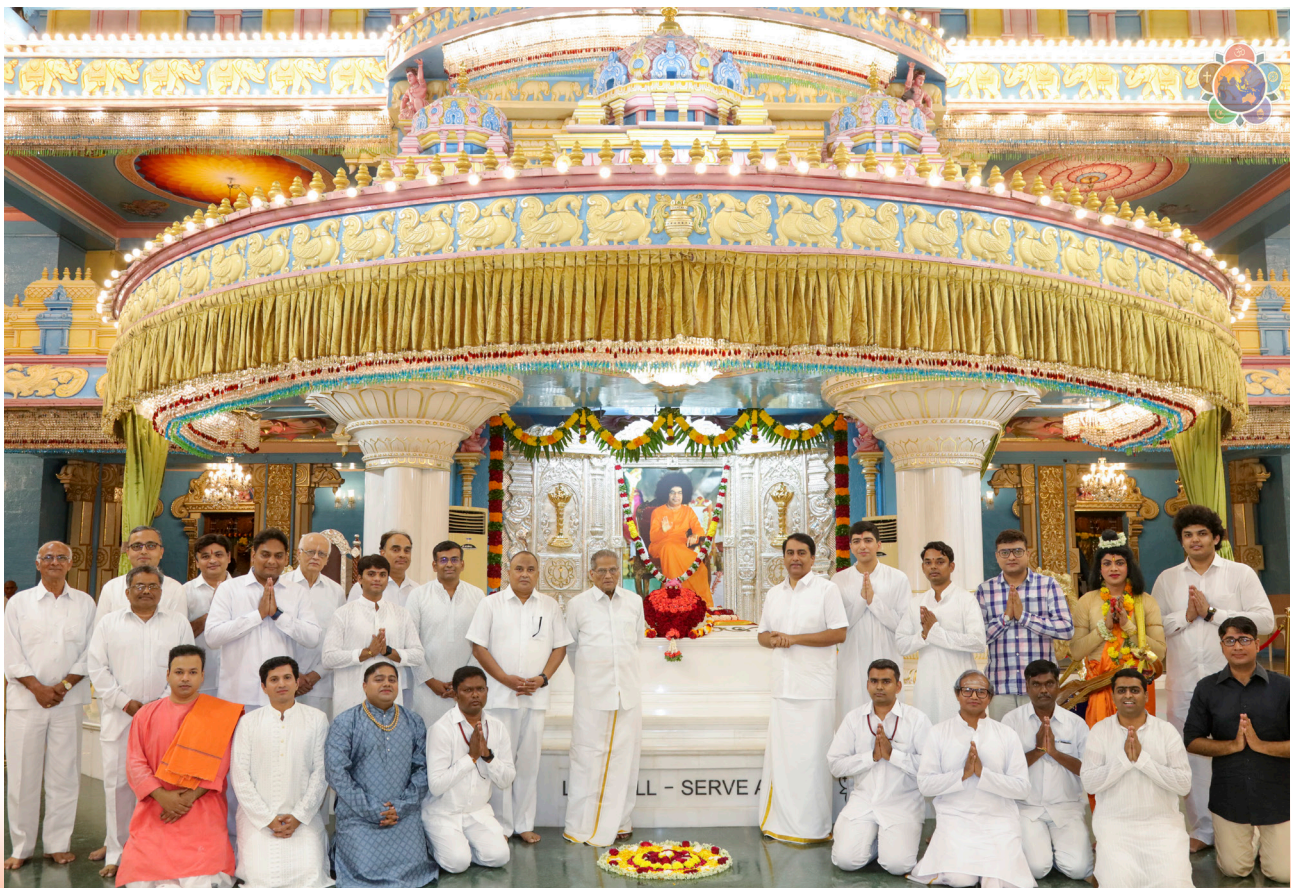
As part of the celebrations, the members and volunteers of the SSSMC presented programs on September 03, 2023, at the Sai Kulwant Hall. The morning's programs were dedicated by the volunteers of the various vernacular channels and the children's channel. The highlight of the event was, a first-of-its-kind program to be presented in the Sai Kulwant Hall, a live display of sand art. Internationally renowned sand artist, Sri Raghavendra Hegde narrated the story of the Sai Avatar through this unique medium of sand art and also presented

a picture of a portrait of Swami created thus. There was also an interesting presentation by the children from Tamil Nadu, where through a water-based activity they presented valuable lessons. This was followed by a colourful dance recital based on the Ramayana.

In the evening, the staff of SSSMC presented a drama, 'Sathyamaina Maata Sai Maata', highlighting Bhagawan's matchless contribution to spiritual literature through His writings and discourses.

### 5th Anniversary of Sri Sathya Sai Bhajans YouTube Channel

In 2019, on the holy occasion of Shivaratri, the Sri Sathya Sai Bhajans Channel was offered at His divine feet. The endeavour through this channel was to preserve the pristine nature of Sai Bhajans for posterity and also deliver them to listeners using the modern medium of YouTube. Sai Bhajans were specially recorded in the voices of the Prasanthi Mandir singers, and everyday a video, of a unique bhajan or a curated collection of bhajans is offered to the listeners. The channel also has bhajan-based





offerings such as instrumentals, medleys, unplugged versions and most importantly, bhajans in the divine voice. The channel has become a treasure trove for devotees with over 2000 videos, which is, over 45,000 minutes of Namasmarana. The channel also received over 200 Million views in 5 years.

On Feb 25, 2024, a music program, 'Adoring Sai Shiva Through Sai Bhajans' was offered by the Prasanthi Bhajan Group before the Sai Sannidhi.

**SSSMC Website UI Upgrade**

On Sep 19, 2023, on the auspicious occasion of Ganesh Chaturthi, a completely revamped version of the official website of SSSMC was launched. The new website has improved design and interface, site search which includes voice-based search, and easy access

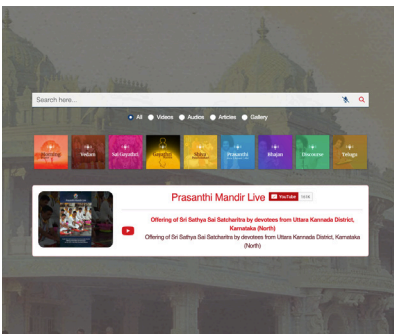
to schedules and pictures of events happening at Prasanthi Nilayam. Throughout the year, incremental additions to the features of the website were made to make it even more user-friendly.

**Sound and Light Show**

SSSMC had helped in putting together, reviewing and enhancing the content of the Sound and Light Show set up by the Ministry of Tourism, Govt. of India and implemented by India Tourism Development Corporation. This show has been set up in the Sri Sathya Sai Hill View Stadium and SSSMC continues to work with the team from the Government in enhancing the content and in organising the shows for visiting groups.

**Sri Sathya Sai Divyasmṛti**

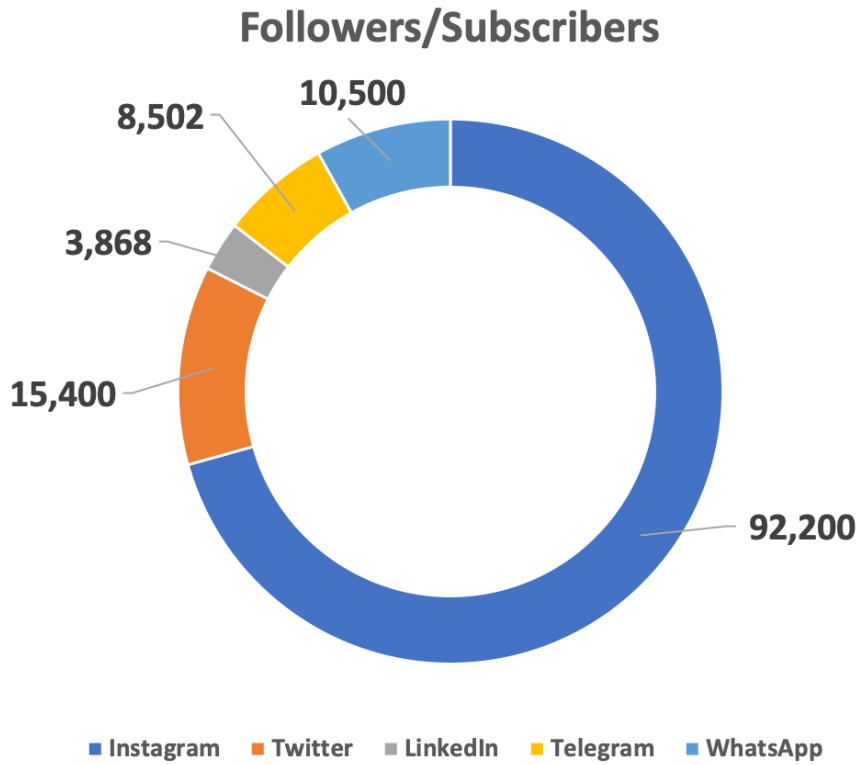
This Digital Museum on the life, message and work of Bhagawan is an attempt to capture and present this saga of selfless love and service to the current generation. The museum brings together archive footage and images, re-creation through digital art and animations and other such contemporary methods of presentation. The museum is situated within the Brindavan Ashram at Kadugodi, Bengaluru, and is open to all public free of charge. SSSMC was involved extensively in the planning and execution of the Digital Museum and continues to maintain the website and the museum for daily visitors. In the year under review, 15,600 people have visited the museum.



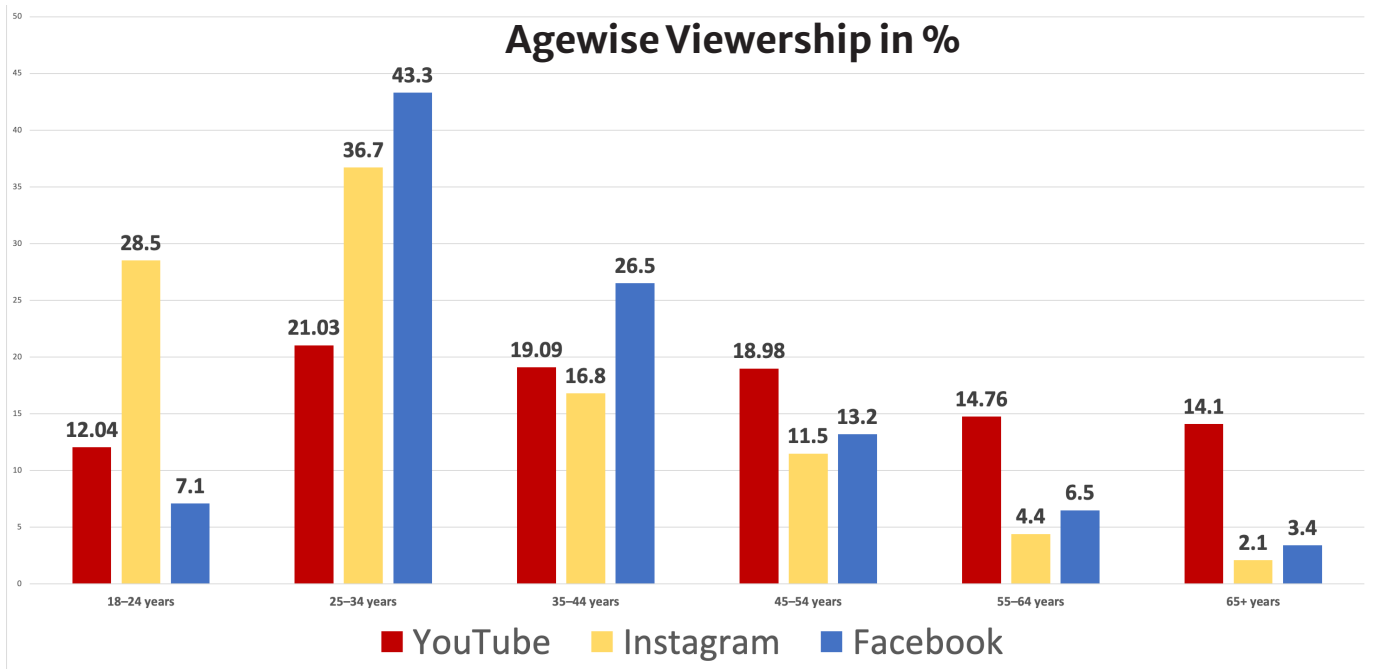


**Brief Statistics of our Social Media Platforms:**

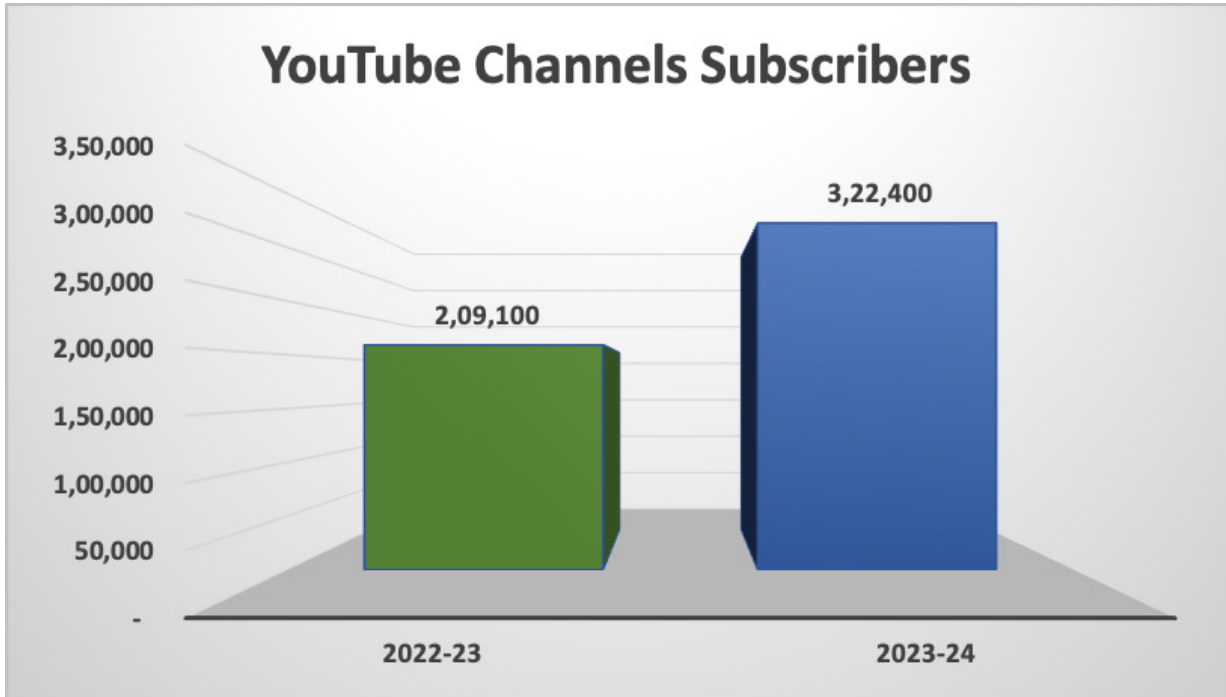
**Social Media Followers/Subscribers Overview**



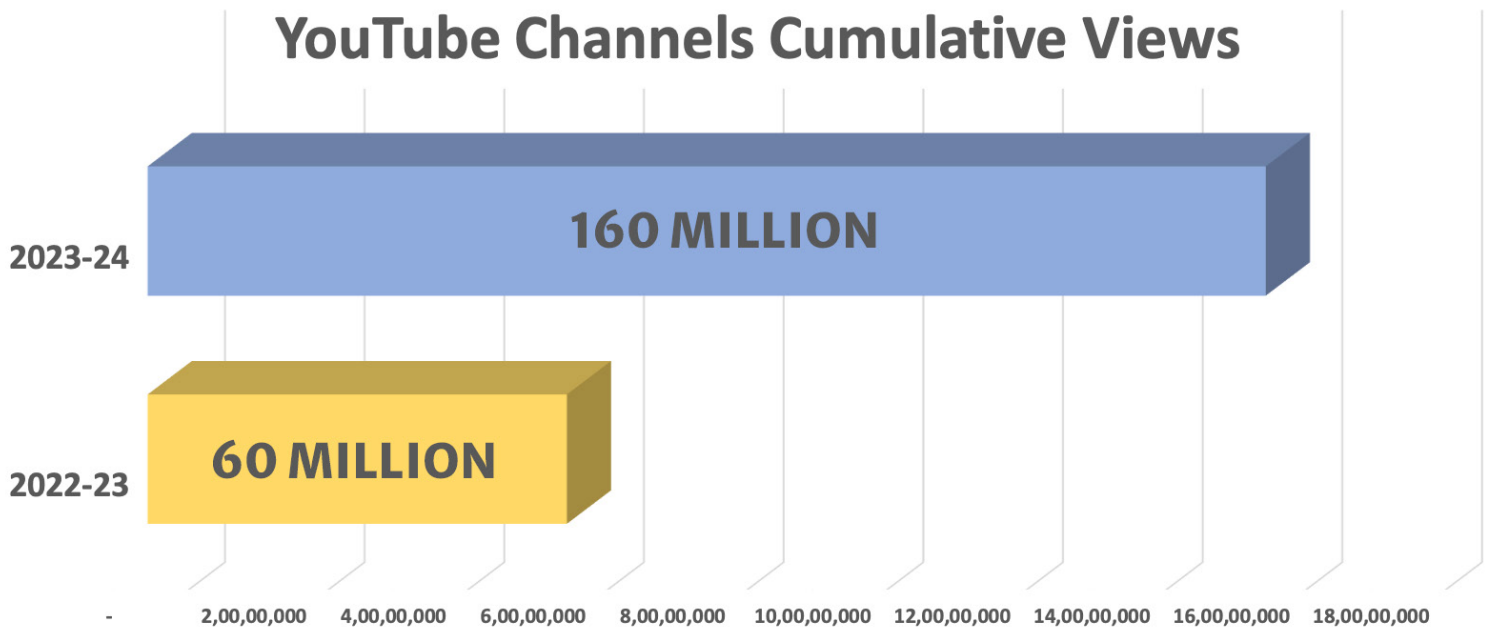
**Number of Social Media Followers is over 130,000**



**About 71% of the viewers on all platforms fall in the age group 18-44**



The YouTube Channels saw a rise of about 54% in subscriptions in 2023-24



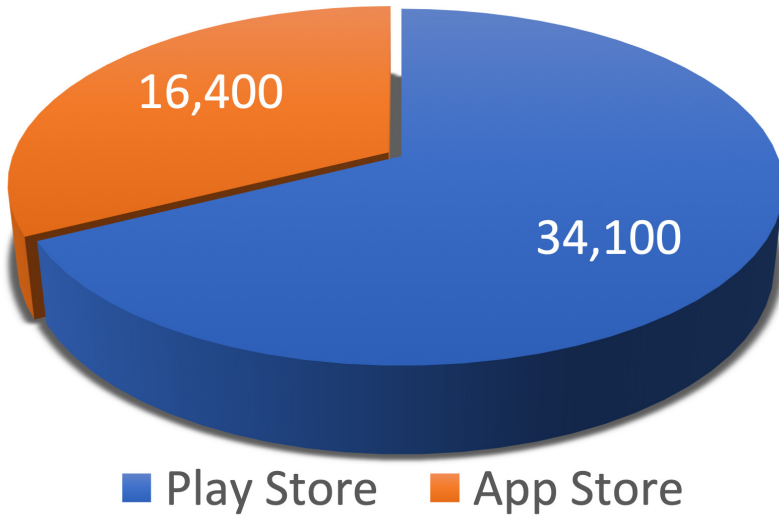
The YouTube Channels saw a gain of about 167% in viewership and 52% of the viewers were in the age group 18-44



Prasanthi Connect **Statistics**

Total Downloads:  
Prasanthi Connect Mobile App

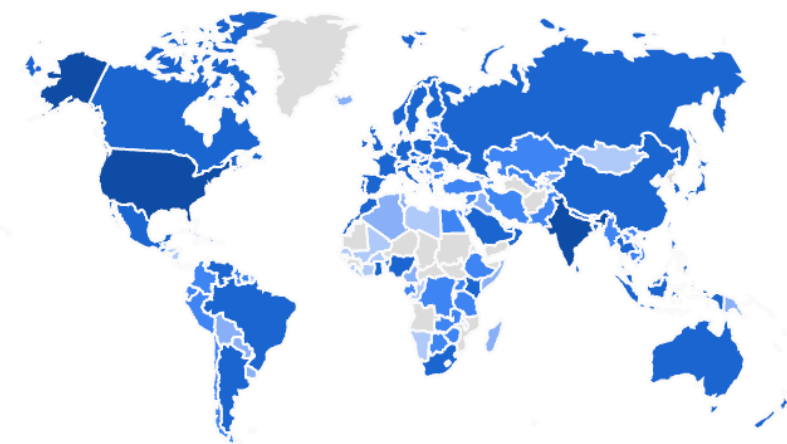
**50,500**



Total count of Likhita Nama Japam  
**10 Million+**

www.sssmediacentre.org **Countrywise Active Users**

Active users by Country



COUNTRY	ACTIVE USERS
India	208K
United States	99K
South Africa	28K
United Kingdom	27K
Australia	16K
Canada	12K
Germany	8.9K

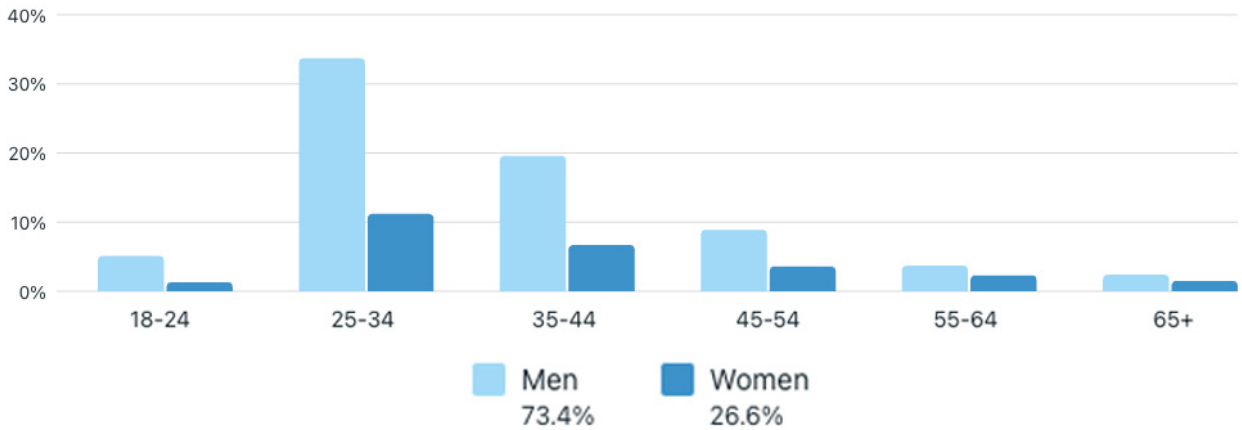
Demographics

Followers ⓘ

Lifetime

4,131,099

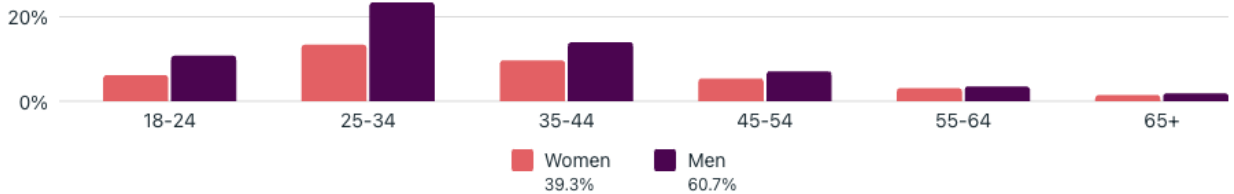
Age & gender ⓘ



Instagram followers ⓘ

92,229

Age & gender ⓘ



Official Channels on YouTube

Sri Sathya Sai Official | Sri Sathya Sai Bhajans | Prasanthi Mandir Live | Sri Sathya Sai Kids World  
 Sri Sathya Sai Speaks Official | Sri Sathya Sai Global Council Official | Sri Sathya Sai Telugu | Sri Sathya Sai Hindi  
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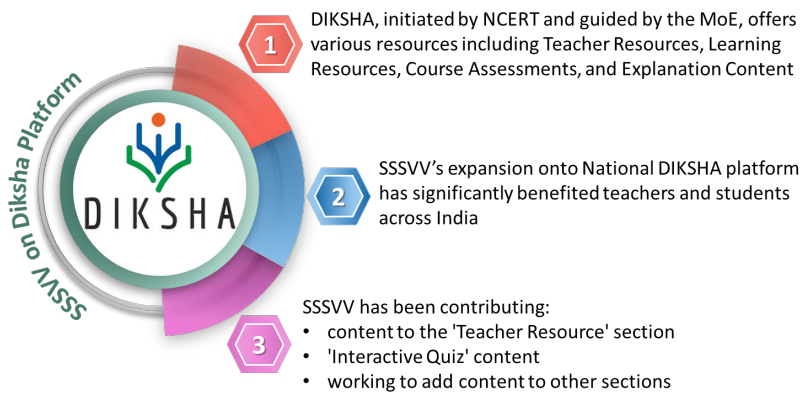




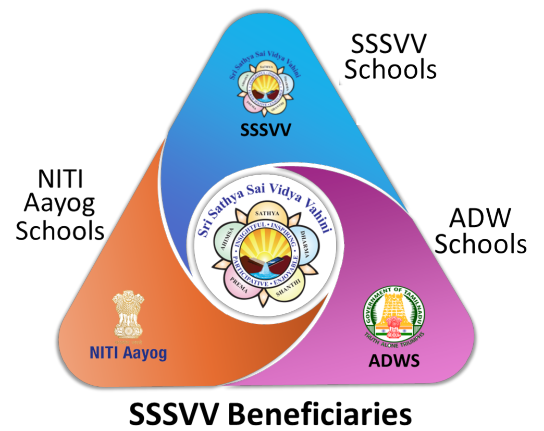
# Sri Sathya Sai Vidya Vahini

Universal access to learning-teaching excellence, equal opportunity for holistic development and the democratisation of EdTech are just a few of the many game changers that have come into play as Sri Sathya Sai Vidya Vahini (SSSVV) turns 14! After setting up India's top schools and a multi-campus university, Bhagawan Baba decided to extend the advantages of Sai education to children everywhere. This was to bridge the ever-widening gap between India and Bharat, made conspicuous by the numeracy and literacy disparities between rural and urban children. Towards this end, He set up SSSVV as the digital platform to empower teachers everywhere and democratised access to high-quality content, training, teaching aids, communicative English for vernacular speakers, Inclusive education and much more. SSSVV is the world's largest and only philanthropy-driven EdTech project that covers the 360 degrees of the digital learning spectrum.

## 1. National Footprint & SSSVV Beneficiaries

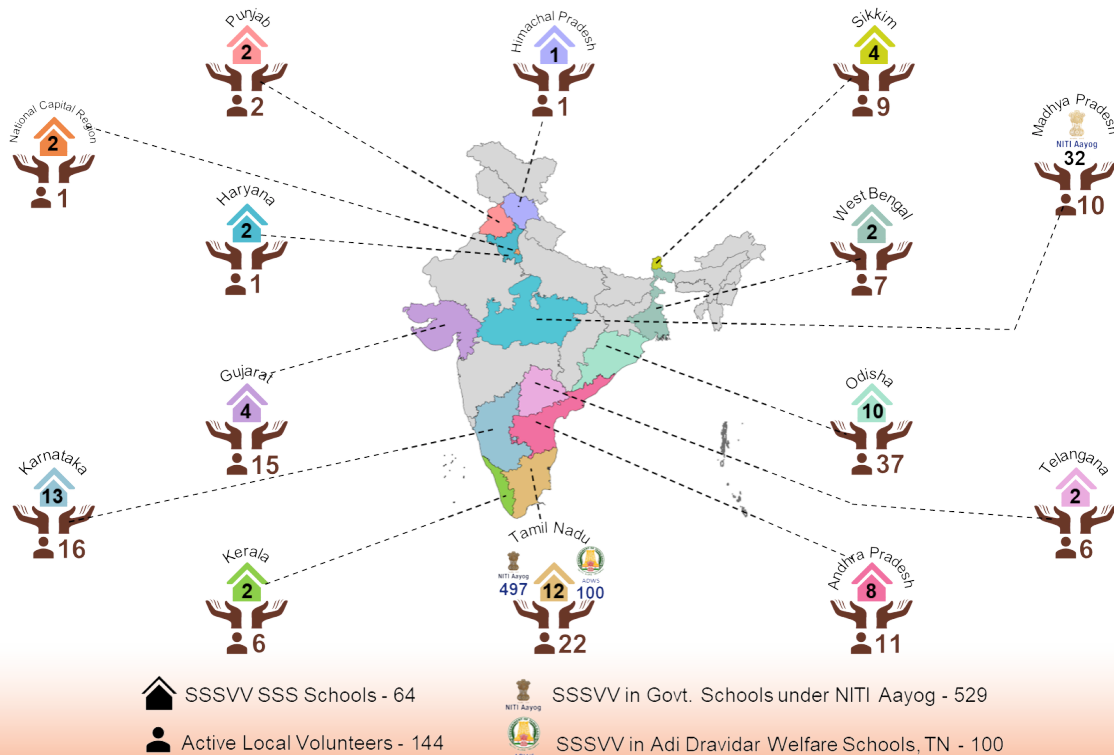


## 2. SSSVV Supported ADW & NITI Aayog, Sai Schools & State Teams



Other than the individual volunteers, the programme partners with many government agencies and corporate houses to implement 'Integral Education For All, By All'.

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#### 4. SSSVV Content

The globally spread content team collaboratively creates pedagogy for classroom transactions.

Since mid-2021, expansion and exploration to render SSSVV even more accessible across India has been prioritised, to align it further with NCFSE 2023.

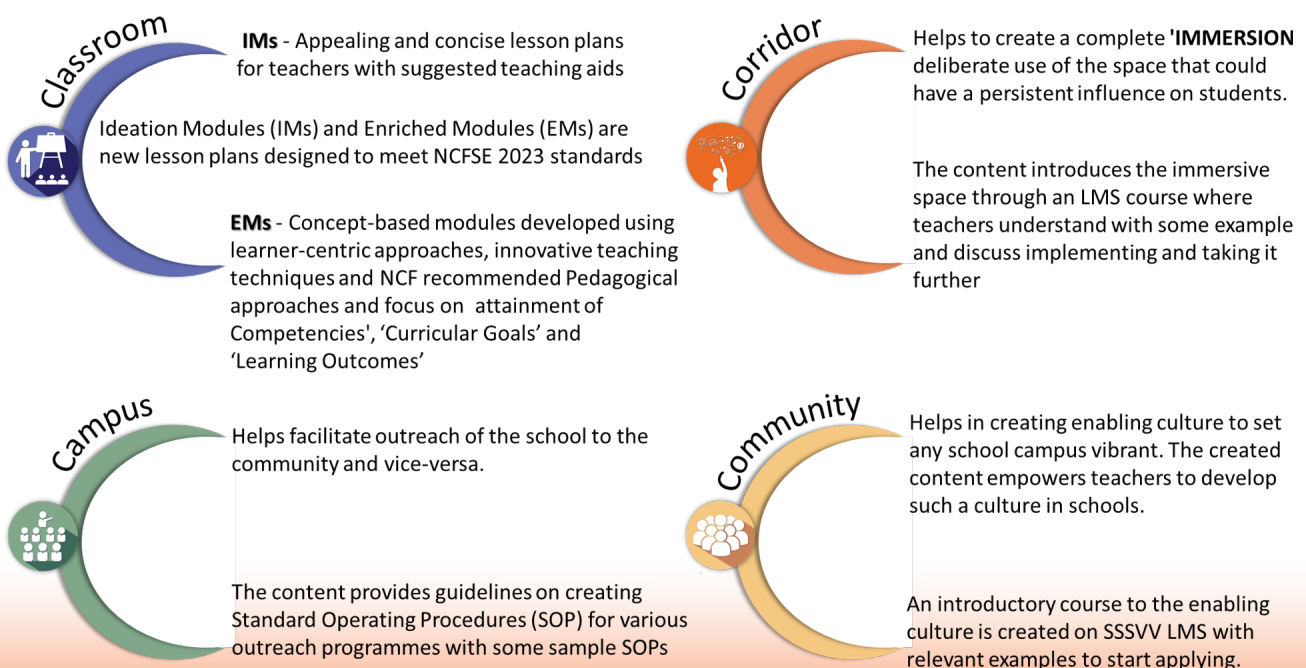
100 pedagogy volunteers and 140 multimedia volunteers worked together to create 437 lesson plans, across 7 school boards.

##### 4.1. Content Creation and Implementation Meet

A meet was organised focussing on content Creation, at Prasanthi Nilayam from Jan 19 to 21, 2024. Participants, apart from content creator volunteers, also included teachers, principals and management members from SSSVV Schools. The agenda included updation of curriculum framework and orientation for Academic Coordinators. Collaborative exercises and brainstorming sessions were also conducted.



##### 4.2. Content Creation for Classroom and Beyond





### 4.3. Expansion and Training of Content Team

#### Training of New Content Creators:

The project involves a continuous process of enrolling volunteers on LMS for basic training and specific training for their chosen role.



#### Core Team Expansion:

New roles have been created for efficient task handling, including subject-wise leads and project-wise incharges, with SSSVV ownership attracting more volunteers for deeper engagement.

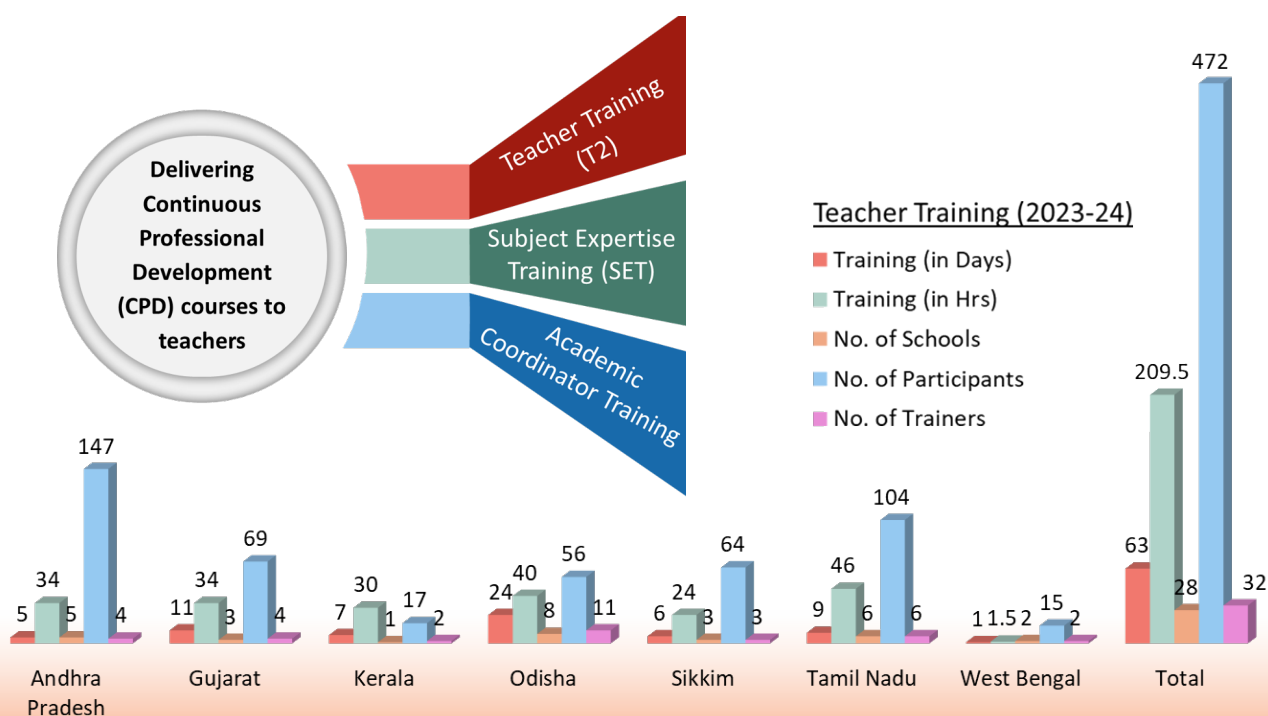
#### Sahaveeryam Sessions:

These sessions are held to share best practices, familiarise team members with new pedagogical approaches, and foster collaboration among other teams within SSSVV to improve synergy and knowledge sharing. In the year 2023-24, six such sessions were conducted.

### 5. SSSVV Training



#### 5.1. Delivering CPD (Continuous Professional Development) courses to teachers



## 5.2. Implementation and Sustenance of the Lighthouse School (LHS) Project

The Lighthouse School (LHS) Program is an offering to Bhagawan Baba on His centenary birthday. It is based on the 'whole school development' approach. The objective of this program is to ensure that our schools bearing Bhagawan Baba's name are beacons of value-integrated high-quality education. It is implemented and sustained by a deeper understanding and alignment with the IIEP x4C framework. Beginning with enhancements in lesson planning and classroom teaching processes, and extending to the domains outside the classroom, the school becomes a vibrant hub of learning and development for every child.

## 5.3. Other Trainings and Workshops

A five-hour workshop was conducted for the teacher trainers of Agastya International Foundation on Value integration. This covered teaching skills and training activities for effectively delivering Value Content in classrooms.

## 5.4. Mission English

The Mission English Programme of Sri Sathya Sai Vidya Vahini offers three programmes.

1

**Phone your Friend (PYF)**

- Offers a five-course series designed to improve English language skills.
- Supports 366 learners, including teachers from Sri Sathya Sai schools, Bal Vikas gurus, and Sai youth from Sathya Sai Centres across the country.
- Successfully helped over 1000 participants enhance their English proficiency through phone-based mentoring.

2

**Sain In: The English App**

- The English proficiency programme is a four-course series available on the Sain In App via the Google Play Store.
- It benefits learners who prefer self-directed study with mentor oversight for speaking and reading.
- Currently, 839 learners are enrolled, covering levels from basic to advanced.

3

**English Immersion Programme**

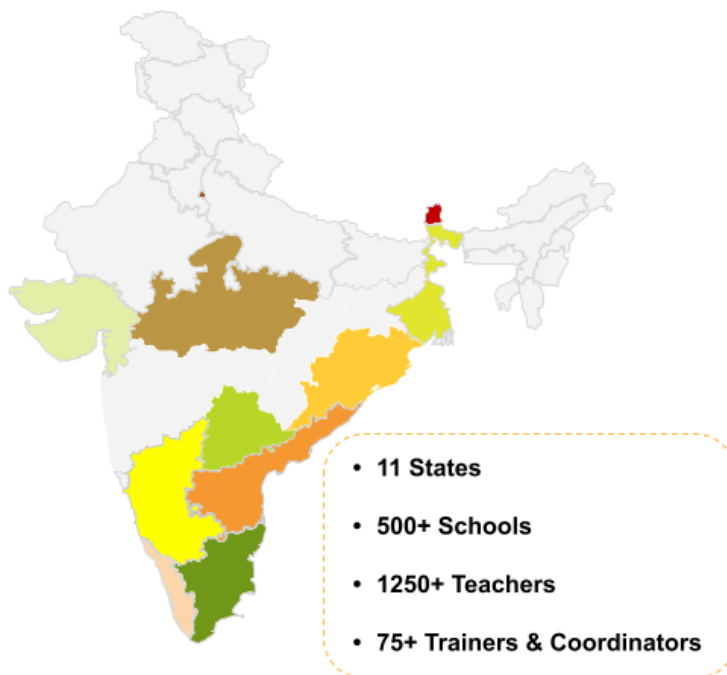
- Comprehensive five-module English language preparation course for IX to XII students.
- Designed to enhance essential English skills.
- Includes a variety of confidence building worksheets/exercises.
- 4019 learners from five schools across five states are benefiting from this programme.





### 5.5. SOPAAN

SOPAAN is Sri Sathya Sai Vidya Vahini's flagship foundational learning program. As per the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, the highest priority for the school education system is to achieve universal acquisition of foundational literacy and numeracy (FLN) skills at the primary level by 2025. NIPUN Bharat (National Initiative for Proficiency in Reading with Understanding and Numeracy) is a programme set up to achieve this National Mission. Sri Sathya Sai Vidya Vahini's SOPAAN is aligned with the purpose and goals of this mission.



Teachers from four additional blocks in Virudhunagar district were on-boarded, trained and empowered in the year 2023-24. FLN Champions among the teachers were supported and motivated through specially designed offsite learning programs delivered at the Mahatma Schools, Madurai.

An intense 11-week online learning & certification programme was launched in early 2023-24 and was run throughout the year, facilitating multiple learning cohorts. Online learning was made effective by close mentoring, individual demonstration of knowledge, and assessments. Over 75 certified trainers and programme coordinators have been groomed in the past year.

Printed learning content of SOPAAN comprising activity instruction booklets and Teaching Learning Materials (TLM) including bilingual word-picture flashcards, letter flashcards, printed board games etc were provided to over 500 schools in the year 2023-24.

A new learning suite, SOPAAN Sound Safari, has been added to support early reading skills. This comprises levelled Word Picture Books and decodable Story Books that feature regular phonetically related words that align with specific phonetic skills. Curated Rhymes & Stories and Story Worksheets aligned with the learning levels of children have been added to make early learning more colourful, enjoyable and effective.

An enhanced planner that would help teachers to highly customise the learning for the children in their classroom has been developed. It is aligned with the National Curriculum Framework (NCF). This planner supports the teachers to scope and sequence the learning in alignment with the curriculum followed in the school as well as customise it based on the actual/assessed learning level of their students.

### 6. Teaching and Learning Aids

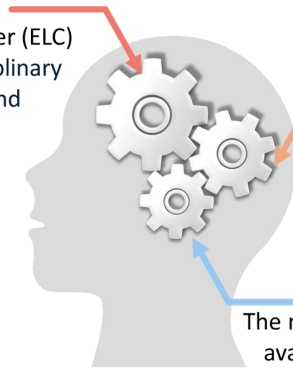
Three types of teaching-learning aids are created and provided to various teams of SSSVV to empower teachers - physical aids, multimedia (MM) aids, and Information and Communication Technological (ICT) aids. During 2023-24 21 physical aids, 5316 MM aids and 29 ICT aids (which include 20 Internet of Things) were created and shared.

By Bhagawan's immense grace, two Experiential Learning Centres were set up at SSSVVCET and at Sri Sathya Sai Higher Secondary School (Girls Wing) which employs ICT aids in experiential learning.

## 6.1. Experiential Learning Centre

### 6.1.1. An Overview

The Experiential Learning Center (ELC) was developed as an interdisciplinary approach to learning Science and Mathematics



The visual models make it easier for students to visualise and understand complex science concepts that are presented in their textbooks.

The models are flexible and available in three formats

A lab demonstration setup where all kits are arranged in one location

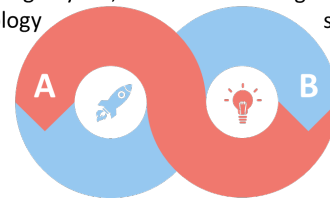
Teacher single kit that can be taken to the classroom for demonstration of the topic

In a student do-it-yourself lab setup



The STEM TEAM worked on 20 experiments covering Physics, Chemistry and Biology

Aligning with 6th to 12th standards concepts



The data from these kits is available for live streaming on a variety of visual media such as projectors, PCs and smartphones. Though not a prerequisite, the ELC is also cloud-enabled for remote demonstrations. With cloud enablement, the system software can be remotely monitored and maintained.

The ELC conceptualised simple electronic circuits to capture these as inputs to produce analogue/digital outputs. A room each in the Sri Sathya Sai Vidya Vahini building and the Sri Sathya Sai Higher Secondary School (Girls Wing) was identified and equipped to host the ELC. Each experiment has a wall poster depicting a brief explanation and carries a QR code for accessing detailed information.

Some of the experiments of the ELC are listed below:





### 6.1.2. Inauguration of ELCs

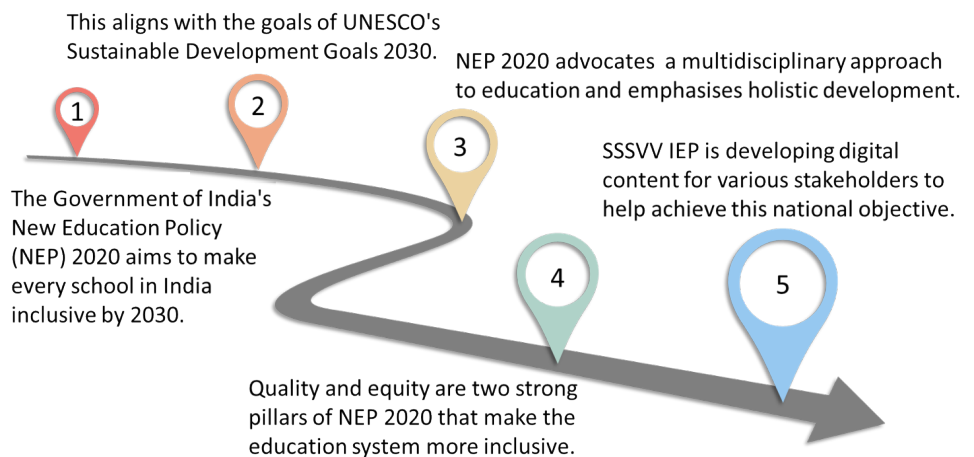


### 6.1.3. - 3D Printing Facility



## 7. SSSVV Inclusive Education Project (SSSVV IEP)

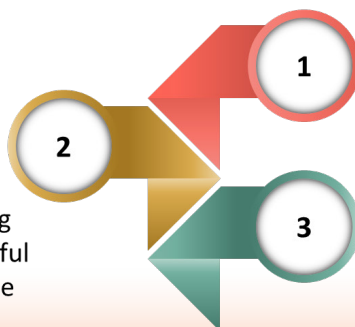
The New Education Policy – NEP 2020 envisions making every school in India Inclusive by 2030. The Sustainable Development Goals – 2030 of UNESCO envisage the same. NEP 2020 provides a framework for migrating from physical inclusion to holistic inclusion. SSSVV IEP is developing models and content to help achieve this noble objective.



### 7.1. Team Building and Knowledge Sharing Programme

#### e-Pragyan

Eminent speakers have addressed topics such as learning disabilities, social skills, understanding the educational needs of children with Autism Spectrum Disorders, shifting from behaviors to regulation, mindful communication, and compassionate communication.

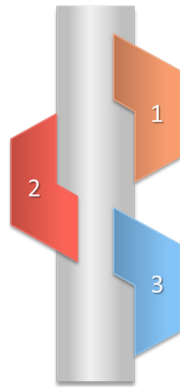


The e-Pragyan Learning Sessions (quarterly online enrichment sessions) aim to provide valuable insights into different types of disabilities, various aspects of inclusion, and strategies for helping children with disabilities.

The online format has allowed volunteers worldwide to attend and benefit from these initiatives. One hour sessions were held on 7 October 2023, 23 December 2023, and 24 February 2024. In total, 208 participants attended these sessions.

## 7.2. Collaboration with other Institutions

An MOA was signed between SSSVV and the **All India Institute of Speech and Hearing (AIISH)**, an autonomous Institute under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, GoI, to jointly develop digital assets in Speech and Hearing.



SSSVV has commenced collaboration with **SSSIHL** to develop specific digital content for promoting inclusive education. SSSVV felicitates the SSSIHL MTech Computer Science students for developing Games Apps for SSSVIEP.

The agreement to create educational videos in Indian Sign Language has been signed with the **Indore Deaf Bilingual Academy (Mook Badhir Sangathan)**.

## 7.3. Digital Assets

A Media Bank has been developed and is operational, with 3,926 photographs and illustrations uploaded for content creation.

## 8. Sain In – The English App



A major achievement on the technology front has been the completion of the SAIN IN – The English APP. Last year, the Basic level was enhanced with features such as external assessments and auto-generation of Certificates. In this year, the remaining three levels i.e. Intermediate, Upper Intermediate and Advanced levels were also incorporated along with these additional features. Accordingly, a learner could complete each level, pass the external assessment, obtain their certificate, and seamlessly move to the next level without any manual intervention. The journey of the learner from the Basic Level to the Advanced Level is now fully mapped in the product.

## 9. SSSVV Partnerships

Based on the synergies of a unified vision to leave no child behind in the India growth story, SSSVV has been partnering with government agencies and corporates to ensure that quality deliverables prepared by SSSVV serve the maximum number of beneficiaries across the nation. SSSVV has forged partnerships with multiple agencies including the following:





## Sri Sathya Sai Centre for Human Values

The Sri Sathya Sai Centre for Human Values (SSSCHV) aims to carry out Research and Training programs with a focus on Sri Sathya Sai Sahitya (literature) that covers the key contents of almost all the major spiritual texts and philosophies from around the world.

The objective of the SSSCHV is: "To foster the Study of Sri Sathya Sai Literature in order to promote a holistic understanding of a spiritual life and living." This fiscal year saw several programs being conducted under the auspices of the SSSCT.



### DoPT, Govt of India, New Delhi approved AIS Officers Training Program

The program titled HUMAN VALUES IN GOVERNANCE AND PUBLIC POLICY was conducted from Jan 08 to 12, 2024 at Prasanthi Nilayam.

The objectives of the All India Services (AIS) Officers Training program are:

- Emphasising the role Human Values play in personal and professional excellence.
- Examining a model developed and practised by the SSSCT through its service institutions in the two sectors – Education and Medical care.

A total of 17 participants attended the 5-day program. Sri R J Rathnakar, Managing Trustee, SSSCT, gave the keynote

address. Across the 5 days, expert speakers of repute gave presentations. The dignitary speakers include Sri Justice V. Ramasubramanian (Former Judge of Supreme Court of India), Dr Vishal Rao (Chief Head & Neck Surgical Oncology & Robotic Surgery, HCG Cancer Centre, Bengaluru), Dr Krishna Raman (Medicine & Therapeutic Yoga, Chennai), Swami Muktidanandaji Maharaj (Trustee of Sri Ramakrishna Mission–Belur, Mysuru), and others.

Apart from the early morning yoga session, the main program



included lecture cum interactive sessions that were held at the Multimedia Learning Centre, SSSIHL. A field trip was made to Sri Sathya Sai Mobile Hospital camp at Byrapuram, Puttaparthi. A walk-through at Sri Sathya Institute of Higher Medical Sciences, Prasanthigram, SSSIHL Administrative Block, Chaitanya Jyoti Museum, Sri Sathya Sai Media Centre was organised to get a glimpse of the service activities undertaken by these institutions. Everyone also had a unique opportunity to attend the Inaugural Ceremony of the Annual Sports & Cultural Meet 2024 of SSSIHL at the Sri Sathya Sai Hill View Stadium, Puttaparthi. The program was well received and was given high ratings by the participants.

### Sri Sathya Sai Swadhyaya – To Connect Within

SSSCHV conducts a series of, in-person, interactive workshops titled "Sri Sathya Sai Swadhyaya – toConnectWithin". Based entirely on Bhagawan's Literature, these workshops cover both philosophy & practice on the topic chosen. These workshops are conducted at frequent intervals in Prasanthi Nilayam. In March 2024, Seva as Sadhana, Dhyana Sadhana and A Simple Practical Model for Ideal Sai Human Life workshops were launched. The duration of each workshop is 2 to 2.5 hours. Devotees from Sri Sathya Sai district, from India and Overseas participated in these workshops through an online registration.



Sri Sathya Sai Adhyatma Vidya – Foundation Course was first launched with around 90 participants in the year 2022. The course covers in-depth the



teachings of Bhagawan Baba on various topics of spirituality with a focus on the '9-Point Code of Conduct' in a structured



manner. The course is hosted on a customised Learning Management System (LMS) and consists of multimedia content specially curated and produced for this course.



Over 70 hours of video and audio content was specifically scripted, recorded and edited with multi-media features, covering Bhagawan Baba's teachings spanning from understanding spirituality to its terminology related to various aspects of Devotional Singing, Prayers,



Family Management, Ceiling on Desires, Seva, Sai Literature, Meditation, etc. in 14 weekly modules. This course involves practical methods, assignments, tests and online live interactive sessions between the participants and the faculty.



The second batch of the program concluded on Jun 17, 2023, and the third batch commenced on Jan 21, 2024, with 170 participants (out of which 7 participants were from overseas).

### National Level Train the Trainers on Jyothi Dhyana

As part of a two-day trainers' workshop (Jan 27-28, 2024) on Jyothi Dhyana organised by Sri Sathya Sai Seva Organisations, SSSCHV hosted sessions on Aumkar, Concepts of Dhyana and Jyothi Dhyana.

### Sri Sathya Sai Pragathi Patham (SSSPP)

This Sri Sathya Sai Pragathi Patham (SSSPP) program covers the Divine Directions and His expectations from all active members – be the office bearers of the Sri Sathya Sai Seva Organisations, active sadhakas or general devotees. The contents of the program are entirely based on Divine Discourses and Vahinis. Two Divine discourses – Heart of the Organisation & Responsibilities of the Badge are predominantly discussed. The duration of the Program is about three and a half hours.

270 members across 5 countries from the Gulf and Middle East of SSS Global Council participated in the SSSPP program conducted online in March 2024. In the coming months, this SSSPP program will be conducted for other countries as well.

### National Leadership Program of SSSSO

SSSCHV has taken up a few sessions for the participants of the National Leadership Program conducted by the SSSSO, India. Over 600 participants from two batches attended the three-day programs conducted in Prasanthi Nilayam. In addition, SSSCHV also participates in conducting a few online sessions from time to time for these batches of participants.

### Re-visiting Sai Literature

In order to undertake a deeper study of the Sri Sathya Sai Vahinis, a project has been embarked upon, wherein the original manuscripts of the Vahinis are revisited and studied along with the existing translations, to make minor corrections where necessary. This research aims to ensure completeness of the content and consistency with the original Telugu manuscript. During the period Apr 2023 to Mar 2024, six Vahinis out of sixteen have been completed. The updated Vahinis include Prema Vahini, Leela Kaivalya Vahini, Sandeha Nivarini, Dhyana Vahini, Prasanthi Vahini and Jnana Vahini. The updated books have been sent for printing and the books can be obtained from the Sathya Sai Sadhana Trust, Publications Division.





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