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SRI SATHYA SAI BABA





Service is the highest of path of devotion which wins the grace of God. It promotes mental purity, diminishes egoism and enables one to experience, through sympathetic understanding, the unity of mankind.

-Sathya Sai Baba, 21 November 1986



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FOREWORD

The Lord is Love. His form is Love. All beings are Love. Love saves and serves. Through Love alone can good arise. Love reveals the God in all.

-Sathya Sai Baba, 25 December 1981

With love and reverence, members of the Sathya Sai International Organisation (SSIO) offer the 2015–2016 Annual Report humbly at the divine lotus feet of Sri Sathya Sai Baba, during His Birthday celebrations in November 2016. This offering expresses our love and gratitude for the One, who is an incarnation of love and who has gifted us this wonderful organisation, the SSIO, to enable humanity to reach the supreme goal of life, Self-realisation.

His love and glory is unfathomable, boundless, and beyond human comprehension, perception and expression. The Annual Report provides glimpses of the mission of the SSIO being carried out around the world.

Reports from the 11 zones of the SSIO feature highlights in the fields of education, service to society, and spiritual activities to enable the spiritual seeker to realise his or her own innate divinity and help others to realise the same goal.

The cover page of each zonal report shows pictures of animals and birds in their natural habitat in that geographic area, reminding us that the same divine principle exists not only in human beings but in all creation. This also reflects the theme of the service projects being organised globally this year in honour of the Avatar Declaration Day – Love for Animals.

The chapter on education shows how ideal Sathya Sai Education, called Educare, is spreading Baba's teachings on human values in communities worldwide, through Sai Spiritual Education, Sathya Sai Schools, Institutes of Sathya Sai Education (ISSE), and Education in Human Values programmes.

The chapter on Sathya Sai Global Health Mission sets forth numerous examples of ideal Sathya Sai healthcare, wherein medical professionals are providing state of the

art healthcare with love and compassion, completely free of cost, through medical camps, medical clinics, primary, secondary and tertiary care medical institutions, preventive medicine, and health educational programmes.

The chapter on Sathya Sai Youth illustrates how youth, though faced with many challenges and distractions, are practising the teachings of Baba to transform themselves. The youth have embraced the Sathya Sai International Youth Leadership Programme (SSIYLP) to prepare themselves for leadership roles in the SSIO and in society.

During the period covered by this report, various earthquakes and floods around the globe took heavy tolls in human and animal life and caused widespread damage. SSIO members quickly jumped into action after the devastating earthquakes in Nepal in April 2015; after Cyclone Winston struck Fiji in February 2016; and after the earthquakes that occurred in Ecuador and Japan in April 2016. The SSIO promptly provided food, water, medicine, and shelter to those affected by the natural disasters, with love and compassion.

This report also includes a short description of the Tenth World Conference, held in Prasanthi Nilayam, India, in conjunction with the 90th Birthday celebrations of Sathya Sai Baba. SSIO members from about 80 countries came together to share their love for Bhagawan. Events and celebrations presented by the SSIO at Prasanthi Nilayam demonstrated the tenet that there is only one religion, the religion of love; there is only one language, the language of the heart; and there is only one God, Who is omnipresent.

The momentous Sathya Sai World Youth Festival in July 2016 attracted approximately 3,000 energetic, intelligent, able, and motivated Sathya Sai Youth from an estimated 70 countries, including India. The theme of the festival – Love is the Source; Love is the Path; Love is the Goal – continued beautifully the resplendent theme of the Tenth World Conference.

May the Lord bless us with strength, dedication and discrimination to lead our lives according to His teachings and sanctify our lives.

Jai Sai Ram.

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SELECTED WEBSITES OF THE SSIO

This Annual Report gives highlights of SSIO activities for the period April 2015 – March 2016 in 121 countries. Beyond the contents of this report, further information about the programmes of the SSIO may be obtained by visiting the three website links below.

Sathya Sai International Organisation (SSIO) - http://sathyasai.org

Official central website and directory of the SSIO, containing information on events, special projects, publications, official communications and much more. Links to zonal, regional and country websites of the SSIO are also listed and updated periodically.

Sathya Sai Universe - http://saiuniverse.sathyasai.org/

Official SSIO website reporting service, educational and spiritual activities from around the world, on an ongoing basis.

Humanitarian Relief - http://sathyasaihumanitarianrelief.org

Official SSIO website with information on major humanitarian relief service projects supported by the SSIO.

ACTIVITIES OF THE **SATHYA SAI INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATION**



