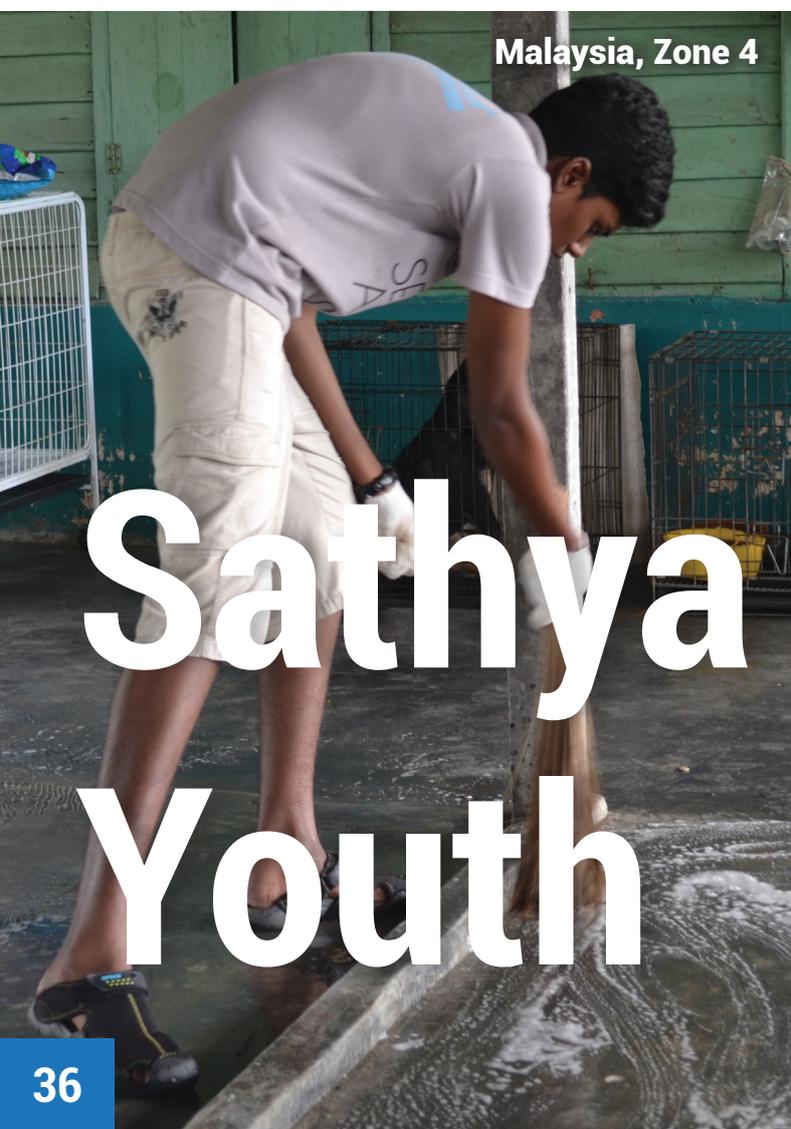




Canada, Zone 1



Malaysia, Zone 4



Germany, Zone 7

Sathya Sai Youth

01

ZONE 1

Sathya Sai youth in Canada, the USA, and countries of the West Indies took part in SAI90, a programme of nine initiatives encompassing Service, Adoration, and Inspiration (SAI), in honour of Bhagawan's 90th Birthday. Conducted over a nine-month period, March–November 2015, the nine initiatives included service projects, SAIX (talk shows), musical offerings, #Sai90 (social media), Sai Olympics, an art/short story/poetry competition, self-transformation activities, Capture the Love (Sai90 activities), and Journey Forward (youth activities beyond 2015).

Youth across Zone 1 also participated in many other projects, including helping a bone marrow donation organisation, spreading joy by singing Christmas carols, providing sports therapy for autistic children, mentoring distressed children, leading a textbook drive for African universities, and providing medical supplies for earthquake victims in Nepal. Youth in Suriname participated in a 4 km Walk for Values in October 2015. In addition, youth escorted members of the Blind Welfare Association of Trinidad and Tobago to Mayaro beach for a fun-filled day near the sea.



2A

ZONE 2A

Youth of Zone 2A focused on their personal spiritual development and engaged in service to children. In Mexico, 50 children and 15 youth participated in a summer course titled "With Love for the World" during July 2015. The course promoted care for Mother Earth through the practice of human values. Mexican youth also delivered food and blankets to the General Hospital in Coatzacoalcos during November 2015.

In El Salvador, youth provided lessons in human values to community members. Sathya Sai youth escorted urban children on excursions to the countryside every month, where they played games and taught meditation, care for the environment, and how to make imitation spider webs. In El Salvador, the youth held a meeting in August 2015 to deepen their spiritual knowledge and discuss the work of the SSIO. In Guatemala, the youth gathered in February 2016 to learn about the life and works of Sathya Sai Baba and the functions of the SSIO. In Panamá, Sathya Sai youth offered classes in human values.



Panama, Zone 2A



El Salvador, Zone 2A

2B

ZONE 2B

With much excitement and anticipation, the youth of Zone 2B participated in preparations for the Sathya Sai World Youth Festival of July 2016, including musical offerings to be presented in Sai Kulwant Hall. The youth organised activities to support the global SSIO Serve the Planet project, joined in SSIO activities, and spread Bhagawan's message of human values in all parts of South America. In addition, six youth from Zone 2B graduated from the first Sathya Sai International Youth Leadership Programme (SSIYLP) in 2015.

03

ZONE 3

Sathya Sai youth of Zone 3 participated with enthusiasm in a Pre-World Conference in Sydney in June 2015. In Australia, the youth, in partnership with another group, organised regular visits to a local park in Brisbane for disadvantaged and homeless children. In addition, Australian youth spearheaded four service projects, including serving residents of nursing homes, distributing food to refugees, planting trees to protect and enhance the environment, and providing instructions on life skills to refugees and immigrants.



Mexico, Zone 2A



Australia, Zone 3

SATHYA SAI YOUTH

03

The youth of Fiji organised a retreat called “Yadra” to strengthen their spiritual progress. Sathya Sai youth of Fiji, Australia, and New Zealand held another retreat called “BULA (Being Unconditionally Loving and Awesome),” which was attended by 135 people.

Young adults also distributed clothing and groceries to victims of cyclone Winston in Fiji, in early 2016. In New Zealand, more than 20 youth participated regularly in medical camps. The “iPlan” initiative, designed to create educational material based on the teachings of Sathya Sai Baba, for holding educational sessions for the youth, continued to grow in New Zealand, with a successful retreat held in early 2016.

04

ZONE 4

Sathya Sai youth of Nepal provided loving care to the victims of earthquakes that devastated the mountainous region in April 2015. They provided shelter at Sathya Sai centres to those rendered homeless and participated later in construction of houses for earthquake victims.



Sathya Sai youth also organised campaigns to clean up the river Bagmati, which was appreciated by the Government of Nepal.

In Indonesia and Malaysia, Sathya Sai youth reached out to other young adults to educate them on human values and on healthy living through abstaining from alcohol and smoking. The “Cure Care” project by the youth has helped ex-convicts quit the use of drugs.

Sathya Sai youth from several countries, including medical professionals, organised medical camps across the Zone. Every month, the youth of Philippines participated in local healthcare initiatives. Malaysian youth rendered loving service to animals and, in one instance, rescued 50 abandoned dogs. In Thailand, Sathya Sai youth helped provide meals to the residents of slums and to refugees. In Lao PDR, Sathya Sai youth were instrumental in setting up a new Sathya Sai School in Vientiane and also rendered loving services to the blind. In Singapore, youth organised a “Games Day” where human values were taught to local children through sports and games.



Nepal, Zone 4

05

ZONE 5

Hong Kong youth conducted a series of “Educare English Enhancement” programmes at a local primary school. They also entertained residents of a home for the mentally challenged, and distributed “Sai Seva” packets of dry food items and hot vegetarian meals to the homeless. As part of the global Serve the Planet initiative, a smartphone “app” was created on the five human values taught by Sathya Sai Baba. Developed in cooperation with senior SSIO members, the app illustrates the human values through stories, inspirational messages and songs, making it easy for the user to appreciate and practise these principles.

Three Zone 5 youth graduated from the first SSIYLP in November 2015.

In Taiwan, Sathya Sai youth conducted SSEHV classes on weekends for Chinese students, holding discussions in Mandarin. The youth also participated in a Walk for Values in May 2015 at Fu Riverside Park.

In Japan, young adults initiated work on their second book, Sai Words, to spread the Sathya Sai’s teachings, and also contributed to a zonal newsletter.



06

ZONE 6

French youth participated regularly in service activities, providing clothing, food, and supplies to about 20 families in need and to the homeless in Paris. They also held monthly meetings, at which they conducted interactive workshops on various spiritual topics.

The youth wing of Zone 6 participated in the Pre-World Conference in Italy in May 2015. They conducted study circles, organised bhajans and a talent show, and gave talks on spiritual transformation.

The young adults led the Serve the Planet initiative in 2015 under the theme, "Human Values for Nation Building," with Zone 6 youth taking leadership roles.

Youth from eight countries in Zone 6 also took part in a global musical offering, "One Sai, One World." Additionally, five young adults, from Croatia, France, Slovenia, Spain, and Switzerland, graduated from the inaugural SSIYLP in 2015.



07

ZONE 7

Every month, Sathya Sai youth in the UK provided services to about 100 homeless people. In Poland, youth prepared and distributed food packages to the homeless in Warsaw. In Latvia, young adults prepared 108 Christmas packets to bring cheer to homeless women.

Twenty Sathya Sai youth from Germany participated in a national service–summer course in Hohenprießnitz, where they helped to renovate a centre for the elderly. In Latvia, youth organised a Human Values Day in a park, with the help of other SSIO members.

Hungarian youth, working with others, painted about 600 square metres of walls with fresh, colourful paint at a centre for treatment of drug addiction. They also visited a home for people with physical or mental challenges to bring cheer and joy.

In the Netherlands, youth in Amsterdam provided services to the residents of a home for the elderly. Czech youth, along with children, cleaned up a public forest area. In March 2016, Sathya Sai youth volunteers from the UK offered face-painting during a walk for charity event.

During 2015, the YOUnity band recorded numerous spiritual songs. Their second music album, “Back to Self,” is scheduled for release in late 2016.



08

ZONE 8

In March 2016, the 15th Zonal Youth Conference, the 3rd Zonal Youth Festival, and the Zonal Youth Sai Olympics were held in Moscow. Youth conferences were organised also in Kazakhstan, Ukraine, and Russia. In April 2015 and March 2016, young adults of Zone 8 distributed more than 1,000 packages of food, clothing, and personal hygiene items to the destitute and the homeless in various areas.

In Belarus, youth lovingly distributed Christmas gifts of fruit, candy, and craftwork to the elderly and the disabled. Sathya Sai youth of Kazakhstan presented an enchanting concert to entertain the residents of a juvenile centre. In Russia, youth organised meetings in public schools to highlight the dangers of alcohol and tobacco abuse. They also participated in service camps and supplied food for needy children. In addition, they displayed posters on the tenets of a healthy lifestyle in the streets, for public education.

Sathya Sai youth of Ukraine and Russia continued their tradition of visiting children in rehabilitation centres and orphanages and conducting classes in SSEHV.



Russia, Zone 8



Russia, Zone 8

9A

ZONE 9A

In South Africa, the “Leaders Like Lions” programme was created to develop youth leaders who can deal effectively with the challenges of daily life and assume leadership roles in the SSIO. About 140 youth enrolled in the one-year programme. In South Africa, 230 young adults participated in an annual National Youth Camp weekend, where interactive sessions were held to stimulate the mind and broaden their thinking.

To enjoy the natural beauty and splendour of the island of Mauritius, about 75 Sathya Sai youth from all across the island nation joined for a hike at Le Pouce mountain. They held discussions and exchanged information about their spiritual journey at the end of the outing.



South Africa, Zone 9A