

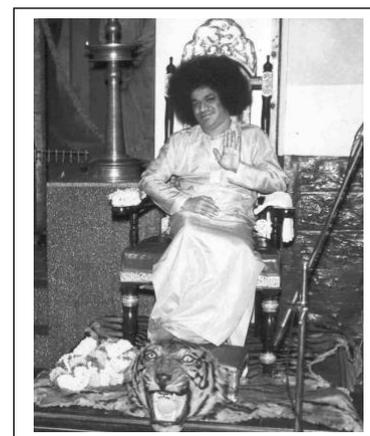
The Divine Test

*Your disciplined devotion, your love, your fortitude are examples. It is not proper that I praise my own people. Westerners have come in large numbers, though everything here is discomfort for them. They are braving through all this. It is real Tapas for each of them. You must devote your days, your actions, your indigence and skills for transforming yourselves into heroic messengers of Dharma and Karma. I desire one thing from you. Develop brotherhood with all. Adopt right conduct always. Give up selfish activity. Welcome all chances to serve the illiterate and the poor. As part of the sixtieth Birthday Celebrations, I am prescribing a test which you have to accept. When you undergo it and emerge victorious, you can be pronounced as real humans. The farmer ploughs the field, sows the seed and watches the crop grow, until the grain is harvested. **The next process is winnowing. The light chaff will then be carried away by the wind and the hard grain will stay. I shall start winnowing from now; the test will remove the chaff.**Sathya Sai Speaks Vol 18 1985*

1. Our History

For a tall building, its strength lies in the foundation. For a tall tree, the roots must be deep enough to withstand the whiplashes of the wind. These are the only ways to confer sustainability and safety. Hence as stated in the above extract our Divine Lord in order to ensure that our faith is deep rooted and our very foundation is based on unshakeable principles, devotees must be subjected to frequent tests.

When Swami was much younger in **June 1963** the episode in which He remained motionless for three days shook the faith some of the vulnerable followers and drew laughter from sceptics who said that the self-proclaimed God man has come to His end. When water was sprinkled from a container with the one unaffected hand of Swami over His other half paralyzed body, Swami emerged back miraculously His anxious devotees and gave a radiating and assuring partial smile. He then conveyed the amazing reason of His advent by relating us the story of Shiva – Shakti dance and what these three days meant. The full episode is detailed here..



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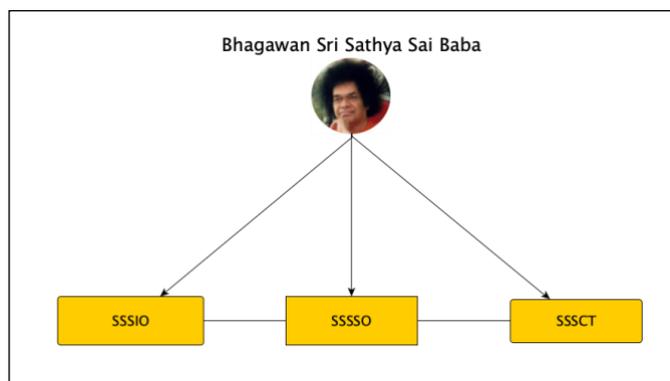
From time memorial, all Masters subject their respective followers and devotees with tests. It is necessary to test the nail which you have hammered on the wall to assess if it can sustain the weight of the intended picture you are planning to hang on. Bhagavan was not an exception to this and often these tests would 'winnow the chaff from the grains' as proclaimed in many of His discourses.

One of the most dramatic winnowing process took place on the **year 2000-2001** where the winds of test blew the chaff further from the grain. The scandalous false alleged reports against Swami shook the foundation of faith and when the media blew these out of proportion, the doubtful Thomases kept questioning. Doubts began to intensify until the blanket of justice and truth finally extinguished a seemingly small fire which unnecessarily had created doubts. Again how can anything happen without His will and the above extract on the 'winnowing' process from Swami's discourse provided evidence that this event was also prophesised. Despite Swami's early warning signal in that discourse, many did not heed and therefore fell off from their faith.

While in His physical form He tested His Devotees, His constant call of '**Love My Uncertainty**' was also tested when devotees cried for a reason for His sudden unpredicted dropping of the physical form on **24th April 2011**. The jolt shook devotees for the predicted time of the grand exit was as the age of 96 years. This again created a doubt. How can a Master whose name is Sathya itself have such an earlier date of passing away? Lots of theories were proposed and calculation made to coincide with the age predicted. But to those devotees who understood the phenomenon merely dismissed the entire event as another 'winnowing the chaff from the grain' process and merely contended themselves, with the idea that if we did not question His date of arrival why should we question the date of His departure.

Then in the absence of His physical form another phenomenon shook the foundation of faith. The Muddenhali episode drew a response and intrigued by curiosity some of the devotees joined them to choose another alternative way to express their devotion despite knowing that Swami repeatedly said 'I will not need a third person to speak to My devotees'.

In all the above winds, that blew the foundation of the three institutions that Swami set up i.e. Sri Sathya Sai Central Trust (**SSSCT**), Sri Sathya Sai Seva Organization, India (**SSSSO**) and Sathya Sai International Organization (**SSSIO**) became a formidable fence to bear and sustain these external threats. The harmonious relationship between the three bodies conferred



a strong resilience towards these external threats. Swami in His infinite wisdom created the three institutions which can be likened to the three organs in our body i.e. **liver, kidney and pancreas**. All three have three separate and distinct functions with each coordinating with one another to confer health. Likewise the three bodies

SSSCT, SSSIO and SSSSO have been coordinating together to serve Swami's devotees harmoniously.

However the test now is no more external. When the attack comes from inside we call this the effect of an auto immune disease. The antibodies lose their innate memory and begin to attack their own cells .

In the series of Swami's tests that were previously given to us , this is probably the hardest where the **discrimination** required this time must be subtler, **intelligence** more refined , **emotions** more curtailed and most importantly to understand this test is directed towards invoking a higher and more sensitive , subtle and rudimentary aspects of our personality. This therefore summons the highest **vigilance** and the deepest fibre of **faith** in order to resist the current waves of confusion.

It is imperative that we understand the chronology of events, leading to righteous truth so that it provides courage to climb and employ our higher intelligence for navigating our swaying emotions.

Imagine a father trying to reason with his teenage daughter who wants to anxiously settle down with a guy who the father understands will not be good for the future of the daughter. She in a passionate emotional state, madly in love with this guy will be too deaf to hear the rational plea of the father whose only aim is to ensure she and the next generation have safety and comfort. Impulsive decisions can bring consequences .

2. So What Is This Confusion About?

Everything was going well. Our 3 `bodies' have functioned independently over the years under the watchful eye of our beloved Divine Master who carefully nurtured and fostered these 3 `bodies' which have grown by leaps and bounds. The activities generated by these respective `bodies' have created a successful and beautiful symphony resulting in love and peace for the world.

The Role of SSSCT

No one can possibly manage the intricate and complex day to day running of the ashram and with increasing demands made by one and all who visit Parthi, the role SSSCT have played in leading and managing all such affairs, a role unimaginable to be played by any other `bodies' other than SSSCT. There are more than a thousand intricate details involved in managing the affairs in Prashanti Nilayam and therefore Swami personally assigned this task to the SSSCT to manage the varied functions of the various institutions located within the huge campus.



The Role of SSSSO

SSSSO's leadership in managing the highly complex and demanding organization in India with her diverse cultures and traditions, inherent complexities stretching from villages to cities, India really is the whole world rolled into a single nation. Swami in His infinite wisdom kept SSSSO as a separate entity

for the sophistication and complexity this nation has, demands a unique but sensitive and delicate leadership.

The Role of SSSIO

If all the above tasks are complex, managing people from different cultures in 119 countries where SSSIO have spread to, is indeed challenging. SSSIO have excellently managed to create an effective and strong structure complete with Zonal leaders and Central Coordinators. With National Council Presidents of respective nations managing often large numbers of Sai centers, the international network ramifying over the globe, crossing cultures, breaking language barriers, incorporating respective national policies with different government protocols and demands, the task indeed is huge and sometimes unimaginable.



Hence this was how the three `bodies' have been functioning.

3. You Still Have Not Explained The Confusion?

Little did we realize that the entire peace that all of us had were to be shattered when an email arrived on the 16th November 2020 that informed Dr Reddy that SSSCT is proposing a **Global Council**. The complete TOR was also sent

4. I Feel that Dr Reddy Should Have Responded?

He did! On the same day. The proposed structured change requires deliberations and consultations. He proposed that everyone should meet at Parthi and have a face to face discussion after the Covid 19 pandemic is over and when borders opened for travelling.

5. They Agreed?

Over a phone call, they verbally said ok but on the 23rd November 2020 when the world was looking forward to celebrating the 95th birthday of our beloved Lord, the sudden announcement of Bro Naganand that the Trustees are going ahead with Global Council plans shook the Sai world. The full formation of Global Council was to be made by the 2021 Guru Poornima .

In one phone call between Brother Leonardo Gutter and Brother Ratnakar, it was agreed by Brother Ratnakar that they did not want to disturb the SSSIO and that they were willing to wait for the feedback. A couple of days later Brother Leonardo spoke with Brother Nagananad, another member of the Central Trust and to his surprise Brother Nagananad said "this is a done deal". So from this it was understood that the Central Trust was not willing to wait for the feedback from SSSIO at all.

6. This Must Have Come As A Shock To All ?

Shock is not the word to express the feeling. Many leaders expressed shock and disbelief. Changes in organizational structure are normally made when the existing structure is non-functional, not relevant or is creating lots of issues. On the contrary everything was going on very well. So the shocking reaction from leaders of SSSIO was understandable.

7. The claim appears to be that people responded through emails and have expressed disappointments, anger and frustrations. Was this right? Being spiritual people don't you think they should have a bit more restraint in their expressions?

The main reason for the rejection of the plan presented was that this plan was against the Divine Command directly conveyed by Bhagavan to the members of the Prasanthi Council, that SSSIO should be a self-governing body. Bhagavan approved and blessed the present structure with its guidelines which was presented to Swami who personally guided and updated the guidelines repeatedly. It was only after this painstaking and meticulous guidance that Swami finally approved them.

Swami's infinite grace was shown a few months prior taking Mahasamdhi where he called Dr Goldstein and Dr Reddy to review the updated guidelines again. He further refined and made corrections and finally blessed both of them and the document that they were holding in the hands. So when the **Prasanthi Council** and **SSSWF** members saw that the proposal presented by the Central Trust went against the Divine Command they aired their objections, especially on the concept paper presented by the Central Trust. The concept paper that clearly spelt that Central trust was to be the Apex governing body of all entities created by Bhagavan went against the Divine command. The proposal by Global Council was made to all senior members and leaders and collectively everyone rejected this document. The flaws in the suggested TOR have been tabulated elsewhere in this document.

These are leaders and senior members who have given 30 or 40 years of their life. Many leaders have sacrificed their entire life serving an organization set up by their Lord. Living outside India, many in the initial stages of their spiritual journey have to put up with the struggle of living in society where spirituality was considered an alien culture. Presently society have accepted a spiritual lifestyle but it was not then. The consistency and persistence of their willingness by foreigners to adapt to the Indian culture when they visited Parthi was even acknowledged by our Lord. The extract of Swami's discourse at the beginning of this document provides evidence of this.

Hence when the news that their spiritual home (in the form of the structure proposed by Swami has been snatched) , a knee jerk reaction of this nature is only natural. It is far more excruciating than watching your own physical home brought down by flames. A spiritual home is the soul's sanctuary and when this carpet was suddenly without warning pulled away, being humans they reacted. When a baby is pinched suddenly we cannot determine how the baby should cry? .

8. So what happened then as there is this talk is the SSSIO did not communicate at all with the Trust?

This is not true. Below is a listing of the chronology of communication between SSSIO and SSSCT since 16th November 2020. The long list of headings of these communications and the respective dates are attached. For reference if anyone has a doubt, kindly email us and we can furnish the full details of each of these

correspondences.

The essence of these messages was to seek opportunities for further deliberations at a face to face meeting when the borders open leading possibly to a reconciliation of some sort and other matters.

CHRONOLOGY OF COMMUNICATIONS ON GLOBAL COUNCIL SSSCT – SSSIO

1. Nov 16 – Naganand's email with attachment ; global council concept
2. Nov 16 – Dr. Reddy's Reply to Naganand (No reply from Naganand)
3. Nov 16 – Dr. Reddy email to Dr Mohan (SSSWF charter announcement)
4. Dr. Reddy's call to MT – Nov 22nd, do not proceed.
5. Nov 23 – Announcement at Birthday
6. Dr. Reddy's call to MT – ~Nov 28th questioning the announcement.
7. Dec 3rd – S Govind to MT & Naganand (following a call from MT)
8. Dec 3rd LG talked to MT & Naganand – (Dr. Reddy followed up with a phone call to MT; MT wrote he will call back, but never did)
9. Dec 5th – Bill Harvey to MT & Naganand
10. Dec 7th – LG to all SSSCT
11. Dec 8th Dr. Reddy's letter to SSSCT – wait till all the stakeholders discuss.
12. Dec 8th – Dr Mohan to Dr Reddy – acknowledges Dr Govind & Dr Harvey's email
13. Anupom's call to Dr Mohan ~ Dec 9th
14. Response of SSSIO to SSSCT – Dec 10th (letters from 90 officers)
15. MT responds to SSSIO – Dec 11th
16. GA Meeting – Dec 12 & 13th
17. LG letter to MT to SSSCT– Dec 17th
18. MT responds to LG, to his email to SSSCT – Dec 19th
19. Dec 23rd – WhatsApp message MT to LG (asking for setting up a ZOOM call with Zones)
20. Combined Response of SSSIO Officers Jan 30th (2 attachments – Analysis, rebuttal; signatory letter)
21. Feb 1 Start – LG Letters to SSSCT (Harvey, Manfred; Marianne, Alida; Ashok, Leonardo; Dr Reddy, Sergio; Gosselin & Anupom; Govind; Sadanand & Nair)
22. 20 Mar – 19 Apr - Further attempt at dialog: Phone calls and Letters to the Trustees by Dr Reddy and Mr. Leonardo Gutter.
23. 23 April 2021 - Email from Sri Rathnakar, managing trustee requesting all centers to register with SSSGC via a link on their website.
24. 24 April 2021 - Email from Dr. Reddy in response to the email from Sri Rathnakar

9. Why is the face to face meeting so important? Surely if the SSSCT have suggested a structure why don't you guys just conform and follow?

- a) When a structural change is proposed there is a process involved in change management. When mergers of corporate organizations are planned, there is no sudden announcement made for a 'take over', for this will create anxiety and fear. When something so sudden is planned, everyone will refer to the initial vision of the founder and in the usual case of companies or corporates, it would be at that moment, the original founding documents will be examined to assess if these were part of the plan. In our case the founder was neither a founder chairman, or owner of a large investment. He was and is the almighty invincible, omnipresent, omniscience LORD of the Universe. Surely a more reverential approach and a sensitive and respectful handling would not be too much to ask.
- b) When a structural change is proposed, there must be a collective working of the TOR with all parties concerned. Usually there would be workshops involving all stakeholders and inputs from all three parties must be considered especially if UNITY is the main reason why this Global Council is proposed.
- c) When a structural change is proposed, there must be a time spent in carrying out this process. Bro Ratnakar in a recent meeting disclosed that this was planned 2 years ago. We don't deny that the Trust must have planned this but the formal notification of this idea came in only on the 16th November 2020. The announcement was made on the 23rd November 2020. A lead time of 7 days possibly the shortest time ever in the history of mergers of any organizations was given.
- d) The face to face meeting with intense workshop sessions spread over many days within various cohort groups from all three bodies would have a better approach to streamline all ideas and generate a more acceptable TOR.

The above four reasons justify why Dr Reddy proposed for a face to face meeting.

10. What was the TOR proposed by the Global Council?

The Terms of Reference (TOR) suggested have **flaws** and appears to be too authoritative. If the proposal is to have unity, the TOR does not appear to be directed to this ideal. The detail analysis of the TOR suggested is tabulated as per **Appendix 1** highlights the consequences and implications.

11. **Have there been changes of the Sai organization carried out by Swami Himself?**

November 22, 1975

World Council – Members of Governing Body nominated by Swami, 1975

<https://sathyasaiwithstudents.blogspot.com/2016/11/golden-jubilee-birthday-celebrations.html#.YljmgbVKg3t>

The 2nd World Conference of Sri Sathya Sai Organisations was held in the Divine Presence at Prashanti Nilayam between the 19th and the 21st of November 1975. A rally by the Bal Vikas students was held on the 22nd. At the conclusion of the World Conference on 22nd November, Swami nominated the following members as the Members of the Governing Body of the World Council of Sri Sathya Sai Organisations: Sri Indulal H. Shah, Dr. J. Hislop, Dr. K. Pani, Sri S. Sitaram, The Rajmata of Navanagar, Dr. Bhagavantam, Sri Sohanlal, Sri Balesingham and Mrs. Natalie Santos.

November 24, 1987

There is one other matter. **Hitherto we have had a world council. As there were smaller number of devotees, it was possible to have it that way. Now, the Sai Centres have grown on large scale in overseas countries, more than in India. Therefore, it is not possible for an individual to shoulder the entire responsibility. Hence, we have appointed a president for the Indian Organisation, and given the responsibility of overseas organisations to the respective countries and discontinued the world council from today.**

SRI SATHYA SAI WORLD FOUNDATION

THE INTERNATIONAL SRI SATHYA SAI ORGANISATIONS HAVE BEEN FORMED FOR THE SPIRITUAL UPLIFTMENT OF MANKIND. FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF ORDER, AUTHENTICITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY AMONG THESE ORGANISATIONS, THE “SRI SATHYA SAI WORLD FOUNDATION” IS HEREBY ESTABLISHED. BY THE DIVINE COMMAND OF BHAGAVAN SRI SATHYA SAI BABA, THIS FOUNDATION WILL HENCEFORTH ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE GOVERNANCE OF ALL FUNCTIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL SRI SATHYA SAI ORGANISATIONS. THE FOUNDATION WILL WORK TOGETHER WITH THE PRASANTHI COUNCIL TO ACCOMPLISH THE ADMINISTRATION OF THESE ORGANISATIONS.

BE IT KNOWN THAT:

Sri Sathya Sai Baba teaches that man is born to live a spiritual life and demonstrate the principles of Truth, Righteousness, Peace, Selfless Love and Non-violence.

Good-willed men and women have come together from many countries to study and incorporate these teachings in their lives and thereby uplift the quality of human life.

The incorporation of these teachings requires the practitioners to selflessly serve mankind and exemplify these noble principles in every aspect of their lives.

The Foundation called the “Sri Sathya Sai World Foundation” is formed to function as the highest administrative body of the International Sri Sathya Sai Organisations that have been formed.

THE MISSION OF THIS FOUNDATION IS:

To ensure the authenticity of all programmes engaged in by the International Sri Sathya Sai Organisations.

To ensure that all programmes, publications, interactions with other legal entities is conducted in a manner that is compatible with the principles enumerated above.



12. So before Swami left His physical form, He has changed the structure of the organization and finally created the World Foundation?

Yes, now can you understand why the SSSIO members are upset. This was a **Divine Command** and by forsaking this structure many feel that they are forsaking their command of the Divine Master. Hence there is a need to have a bit more emphatic understanding for these people. Why change a structure when it has served so well ? Why change a structure which is formed by the command of the Divine? Why propose a flawed structure to replace a working structure for now?

13. Is it possible that some leaders are power crazy and wish to hold on to their chair? This is the impression that has been given. Actually there is a talk that SSSCT is the one who appointed Dr Reddy and therefore now when SSSCT is trying to form an Apex body they are unable to fathom this resistance to change?

Please see below and attached the sequence of events leading to the appointment of Dr N. Reddy.

It would be good for SSSCT to provide evidence to show the letter of appointment they gave for Dr Reddy to be appointed. In reality the events below detail how he was appointed. .

March 2006 – Announcement of Sri Sathya Sai World Foundation by the Divine Command of Bhagawan.

December 2006 – Announcement of the Appointment of Board of Directors with the Blessings of Swami.

November 23, 2011 - Minutes of Meeting of the Board of Directors of the SSSWF – Appointment of Dr. Narendranath Reddy as Chairman of Prasanthi Council.

November 24, 2012 - Minutes of Meeting of the Board of Directors of the SSSWF – Appointment of Mr. Gary Belz as Chairman of Sri Sathya Sai World Foundation,

The following is the chronological order of events leading to Dr Reddy's appointment:

| No. | Event |
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| 1. | Swami appointed 5 members to the Prashanti Council in 2004 . They are Dr Goldstein, Dr Reddy, Dr William Harvey, Former vice Chancellor GV Venkataman, Mr Leonardo Gutter. |
| 2. | Swam appointed 3 members to the SSSWF in 2006 . Dr Goldstein as President, Dr Reddy as Director, Former vice chancellor Giri. Dr Giri then expressed to Swami that he had many responsibilities and Swami appointed in his place Mr H.J Dora and Dr. Ramakrishna Anumolu. Later Swami also appointed Mr Gary Blez as members of the SSSWF. On November 24 th 2012, Mr Gary Belz was appointed as President of the SSSWF when Dr Goldstein resigned. |

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| 3. | Dr Goldstein was the chairman of both bodies. |
| 4. | On November 23 rd 2011, Dr Goldstien resigned as Chairman of the Prasanthi Council and Dr Reddy was appointed by the members of the SSSWF as Chairman to replace Dr Goldstein |
| 5. | A member of Prashanti Council sent a letter to the Central Trust as a brother seeking other members of the family to help (not because it was felt that the SSSCT was the apex body of all the Sai institutions). However there was no response from the Central Trust. |

There was no intervention of the Central Trust in this selection process nor did they decide who should be in any position. In fact, SSSCT thus far has not influenced nor provided any consultation or advice on how SSSIO should be managed.

It is not that leaders are holding on to the chair as what people have perceived. It is a common experience that NCP's after 4 years of their respective leadership roles have expressed their gladness to relieve their burden of responsibilities just managing their respective nation at the end of their tenure. Now stretch this challenge to manage 119 countries. It is indeed a painstaking challenge. Leadership chair is not a rocking chair to pass leisure time but often an electric chair for wrong decisions can bring drastic consequences. The point is no one clings to position especially spiritual people. Hence proper succession planning will be carried out at the right time for all positions.

14. There is also a talk that Los Angeles is the Prashanti Nilayam and USA is the control center. Is this true ?

This is yet another point of contention as to where is the headquarters of Sathya Sai organization. SSSIO has always asserted that Prashanti Nilayam, Puttaparthi is the spiritual headquarters of the Sathya Sai Organization on the whole. Our SSSIO office is also located at Prashanti Nilayam. Prasanthi Council has an office where SSSIO leaders meet on the occasion of Guru Poornima and Birthday Celebrations. The office has a secretary that manages the office.

However the people at this point administrating SSSIO are located in California, USA. It must be remembered that an office building cannot become a center. It must consist of people. Today the Chairman is located in California and for him to work efficiently he needs a core team to function and serve 119 countries from this city. The distance between India and USA cannot make it practical for an efficient machinery to be created in India. Hence this arrangement!

To manage 119 countries, a dedicated core team members almost gives 15-18 hours a day, some days more, to connect seamlessly with Zone leaders and Central

coordinators throughout the globe to enable this SSSIO machinery to function. Such dedication and teamwork is rare. What is needed is not a relocation of a physical place but to understand that similar workstations of dedicated people must manifest everywhere throughout the Globe. Swami's vision is to transform every heart into a Prashanti Nilayam and instal Swami in every one's heart. The spiritual vibration of Prashanti Nilayam, Puttaparthi must radiate this vibration of love and peace. Instead of competing and claiming this right, it is best to see from His eyes, feel from His heart and do with His hands what is best for everyone so that collectively we can carry out all His work with greater earnestness.

15. Actually why this urgency which has caused confusion in this world of Sai?

a) Reason 1 - we have heard is that this is **for the UN affiliation**. How did we get the recognition in the first place. It was by the present structure is it not? UN bodies are simply consultative agencies. They will accept who we are as how we are. At this point it must be noted that Swami previously was approached several times on the issue of working with other organizations and He always rejected these proposals

b) Reason 2 - Then the reason changed to state that this is for addressing the number of Sai centers which have reduced as written by the letter circulated on the 24th April 2021 by Bro Ratnakar There is no action plan provided by SSSCT to suggest how this can be done. By a structural change how will this increase in the number of centers take place? SSSIO welcomes constructive ideas and suggestions from our sister bodies set up by the Lord. To completely dissect and take over the organization over appears a drastic measure. It is important to understand that the physical departure of Bhagavan left a deep impact. Another impact was the Muddenhalli saga, Many devotees left the SSSIO organization pulled by these forces. However it cannot be denied that while numbers have declined for these reasons but growth in quality of devotees and their activities by SSSIO as evidenced by the active websites and annual reports shows the good work from all countries in recent years.

c) Reason 3 - Then the reason changed to the purpose being was to develop and enhance unity. Bro Leonardo's suggestion and discussion with Dr Mohan, another member of the Trustee was to achieve that very purpose. The proposal to name three members from each body to form a consultative and coordinating body was agreed. The original purpose for unity would have been achieved by this proposal. A loosely formed Global council with ideas flowing from three bodies to strategically leverage each others' strength, share resources, develop better information fluidity and harness resources from each other, the idea of Global Council as proposed by the SSSCT could have emerged as a sure winner in the eyes of everyone.

A solution was finally seen and a light was seen at long last. Everyone breathed a sigh of relief but the decision proposed jointly by Dr Mohan and Bro Leonardo was reversed the very next day by SSSCT .

16. There were some points in the recordings made by Bro Rathnakar in a zoom talk in Malaysia . Are these points rights?

Rathnakar' s points from Zoom Meeting in Malaysia and **SSSIO Response**:

1. Prior to the announcement at Swami's birthday, SSSCT was trying to engage for close to **2 years** on the concept. SSIO was not responsive. - **NOT TRUE. The first email came on Nov 16, 2020. Please show any documents before this date related to GC.**

2. His last communication with Dr Reddy was in December. Dr Reddy's response on phone was more conciliatory but suddenly 127 letters and emails some very nasty came from global office bearers. – **Dr Reddy did NOT agree to GC anytime. Letters from Rathankar and Naganand were caustic with false accusations.**

3. GC was only meant to be a platform to connect three organisations. But since SSIO rejected, it now has to become a formal structure to accomodate Centres from all over the world. – **NOT TRUE. Concept Paper said that SSSCT has decided to constitute SSSGC which will work under the aegis of SSSCT and will nominate the Chairman of SSSGC. The SSSGC shall be guided and be bound by the orders and instructions given by SSSCT. The SSSGC will function under the overall superintendence of SSSCT**

4. The 2006 Statement on World Council was not quoted in full. Swami actually mentions for World Council to report to Parthi. – **World Council was dissolved in 1987 and did not exist in 2006.**

5. Parthi is Swami's place. The Trust doesn't own Parthi, everyone is free to go, book accomodation and attend darshan as individuals. – **Correct.**

6. Swami mentioned that the Trust will select International Chairman in future. – **NOT TRUE. Please show documents if any to substantiate. Swami gave clear instructions that all Officers, including International Chairman will be appointed as per the bylaws of the SSSWF and not by SSSCT – substantiated by document in public domain.**

17. In all this confusion what would devotees feel?

It is most unfortunate that this has happened. Devotees are concerned that their opportunity to be in the Divine presence of Swami will be taken away especially when the letter on the 24th April 2021 sent by Bro Ratnakar clearly urges all to register before a deadline of 15th June 2021 to enjoy extended privileges. Prashanti Nilayam is a public place and no body can be denied. This concurs with what Bro

Ratnakar has said in the recent zoom meeting with a few Malaysians. Hence SSSIO 's main concern is that devotees and public at large should not be hampered of their birth right to have their darshan of their beloved Lord. This will not be denied. At present SSSIO will continue to extend all efforts to seek some measure of reconciliation. This document provides at different points in the reading, this evidence.

18. Should any decisions be made by devotees now?

Our suggestion is that we remain as we are in our respective nations until when things become clearer. The TOR must be relooked and reworked with greater inclusion to reflect the unity ideal this structure is proposing to create. The present Covid 19 requires serious prayers and dedicated hearts by devotees to heal the world. Kindly do not get distracted from this focus and when borders open, this discussion will be further taken to find a solution at Parthi.

19. Why did Swami allow this?

How else can He test all of us? This is the Divine test. Not to judge others but our own selves. Discriminate and discover! Go within to find the real Prashanti Nilayam for organizations are ships designed to be an ideal vehicle to carry us to the designated destination. However the ideals required for us reach this final destination must also be ensured that we practice while sailing to the destination as `the means must also justify the end`

In conclusion, SSSIO is willing to extend hands and hearts to work together with all `bodies` set up by Swami with love. Again it is emphasized that these massive changes will disrupt everything we have built over many decades with love. We seek your kind cooperation in postponing all decisions until we reach the shores of India and discuss this important meeting face to face.

We will disregard all what that has happened as a play of Maya and let bygones be bygones. Let us unite with love and peace, serve Swami with all our pure intentions and more importantly continue to be the servant of His devotees .

Sai Ram