





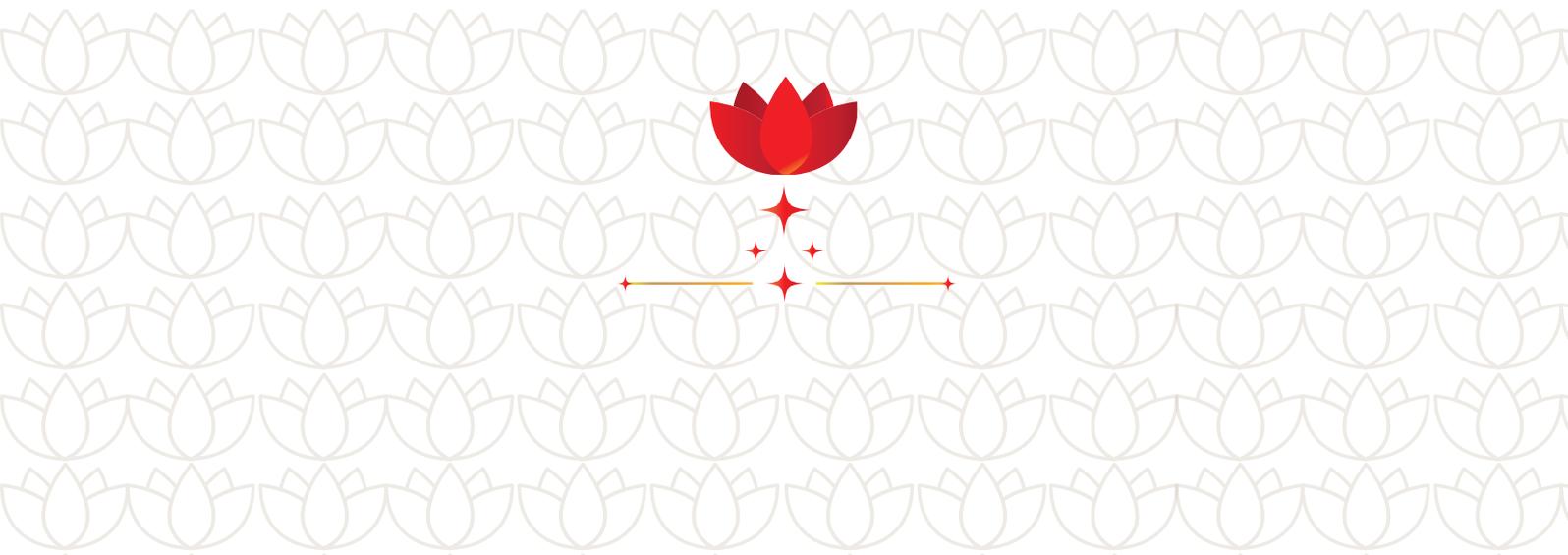
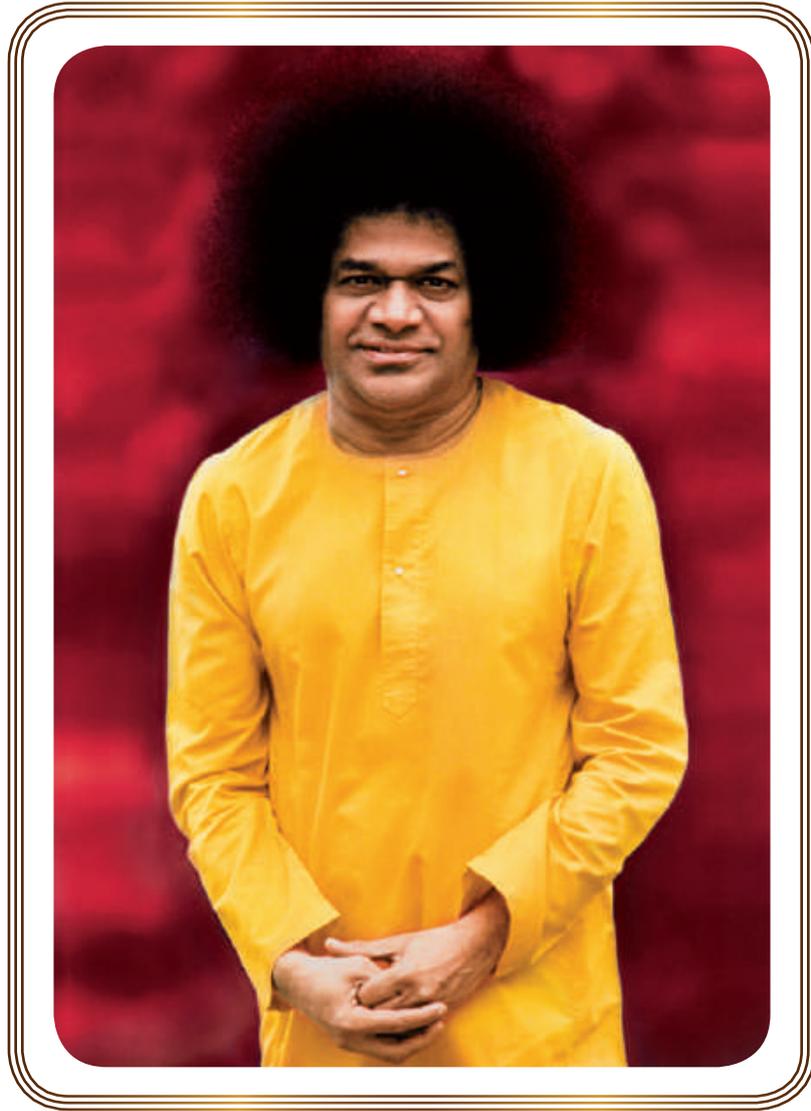


— SRI SATHYA SAI —  
AWARD FOR HUMAN EXCELLENCE

2021 EDITION

**Celebrating the COVID Warriors of India**





**S**ri Sathya Sai Baba is known to millions the world over, as a master whose wisdom led men into their original pristine way of lives dedicated to the welfare of entire humanity. His zealous efforts created a radical shift in the way public services like education and health were bestowed upon society. The plaintive and poignant cries of the needy and helpless were heeded by Baba with utmost compassion and He strived to fulfil their needs with finesse and elegance apropos to the divinity which is present in all. Many were inspired and touched by His universal teachings and joined in His mission of Love and Service. His timeless values and messages were all-embracing and liberating and it attracted, and continues to attract seekers of Truth from all religions of the world. He propagated that -

**There is only one religion, the religion of Love;**

**There is only one language, the language of the Heart;**

**There is only one caste, the caste of Humanity;**

**There is only one law, the law of *karma*;**

**There is only one God, He is Omnipresent.**

If there are two words that enshrine and epitomise all of Baba's ideals and humanitarian works, it is Love and Service. His humble origins did not stop Him from carrying out monumental tasks.

Baba who is well-known as a humanitarian to the world, a philanthropist to agnostics, a spiritual guru to millions, and revered by many as a divine soul from India, established a spiritual universe and put it on the world's consciousness. His life's work, especially for the underprivileged through His initiatives across education, healthcare, drinking water, nutrition and rural development has benefitted millions across the world. Baba constantly reminded everyone that service to others will ultimately help them inch closer to their true divine selves.

Though He shed His mortal coil in April 2011, He continues this glorious mission of awakening the Divinity latent in all of mankind, through the instrumentation of Sri Madhusudan Sai.





**S**adguru Sri Madhusudan Sai is leading the mission of spirituality and service by furthering the cause of Sri Sathya Sai Baba, a world-renowned spiritualist, humanitarian, and philanthropist.

In the last 10 years, Sadguru Sri Madhusudan Sai has initiated and executed various humanitarian service projects across **30 countries** apart from several institutions of public service, all rendering services **completely free of charges** to the needy.

In India, **three notable Institutions** have made remarkable progress in furthering the cause of **free values-based education, free tertiary health care services and free nutrition to the rural poor and the deprived sections of the society**. They are – **Sri Sathya Sai Loka Seva Gurukulam Group of Institutions, Sri Sathya Sai Sanjeevani Hospitals, and the Sri Sathya Sai Annapoorna Trust, respectively**.

**5,000 rural children** are being empowered with values-based integral education through the **26 values-based educational campuses** in South India, which also includes a higher education wing – the **Sri Sathya Sai University for Human Excellence**.

In the healthcare sector, three super specialty child heart care hospitals, known as the **Sri Sathya Sai Sanjeevani Child Heart Care Centres**, have been established at **Nava Raipur Atal Nagar in Chhattisgarh, Palwal in Haryana, and Navi Mumbai in Maharashtra**. Over **17,500 surgeries** have been performed absolutely free of charges at these hospitals, since the year 2012.

Every single morning, breakfast is served to over **500,000 school-going children**, across **18 States** and **three Union Territories of India**, through the **Annapoorna Morning Nutrition Programme**.

The various spiritual and service activities that are carried out across the world, under the mentorship and guidance of Sadguru Sri Madhusudan Sai, are truly leading humanity towards the highest *advaitic* realisation of one supreme truth, one united world and one global family.





## EDUCARE

### Sri Sathya Sai Loka Seva Gurukulam Group of Institutions

The Education sector of service to humanity is carried out by the Sri Sathya Sai Loka Seva Gurukulam Group of Institutions that comprises of **26 Campuses** distributed across **19 districts of Karnataka, one district of Telangana and one district of Tamil Nadu**. Rural and urban poor children are prioritised in the admission process and the gift of education is bequeathed to them absolutely free of cost, at world class infrastructure facilities, in the most naturalistic settings of the rural hinterlands of the Country.

The world that has been wrought on all sides by the cruelties inflicted by men on themselves, in truth, needs neither a new order, or a new society, nor a new education. The remedy lies in a mind and in a heart filled with goodness. Hence, an education that can preserve the latent goodness of children without contaminating it with competition, greed, and grades; but rather the kind of education that fosters and manifests their goodness into constructive thoughts, consoling words, and committed actions for the welfare of all, is the need of the hour.

Research has shown that, the Spiritual Quotient and the Emotional Quotient are becoming equally important, if not more important, than Intelligence Quotient. Sri Sathya Sai Loka Seva Gurukulam Group of Institutions takes this responsibility very seriously to help the child develop the right behaviour which would create joy and happiness in his or her own life and in the life of those around him or her. The Institution has a child-centric, balanced and insightful approach, where learning is truly a joy.

The integral system of education at the Sri Sathya Sai Loka Seva Gurukulam is contributing its might to the cause of nation building by creating strong individuals with a wonderful synthesis of **brilliant Heads, compassionate Hearts, and competent Hands – the 3H formula** – the trinity which makes a true human being. This 3H model of Head, Heart, and Hands can be viewed, as depicted metaphorically as a tree, where the trunk rises from the roots, the branches spread out with leaves, flowers blossom and fruits develop. A fully blossomed child that develops into an integrated personality will have a brilliant head, a loving and compassionate heart and competent hands, as essential parts that make a wholesome personality.





It is therefore imperative that education should provide a balanced combination of academic programmes, skills development, physical education, spiritual, cultural, service and other extra-curricular activities so that sufficient opportunities are provided for the holistic development of students' personality. This cannot be achieved without a dedicated team of noble and competent teachers who are paramount to the success of this model. Residential Education (*gurukula*) is highly conducive for effective implementation of this model.

However, while the students are being groomed in such protective incubators of the *gurukula* Campuses that fosters their goodness and manifests their potential, it is also essential to connect students with society (communities) and with the natural environment around them, for the integral values-based transformative education to really bear its fruit. Hence, the Institution continuously strive its best to train teachers through its various teacher training initiatives. It arranges for several opportunities for students to get a global exposure to different aspects of service to the society by conducting various events, global conferences, world youth meets...etc.

The **Sri Sathya Sai University for Human Excellence at Kalaburagi district, Karnataka** that started in the year 2019 is the higher education wing that stands as a testimony to the eternal truth and supreme potential of every human being. The University is determined to reverse the current trends of commercialisation of knowledge, and herald a new goal of divinisation of humans by ensuring cultivation of knowledge with wisdom and competence. Imparting the latest knowledge amalgamated with ancient wisdom, without any financial barriers whatsoever and without any discrimination based on caste, creed, race, religion, gender or geography, the University aims to awaken the individual spirit towards reliving its perfect potential.

A boy or girl who enters a Medical University or Medical College comes out as a doctor or a surgeon. A boy or girl who enters an Engineering College or Institute of Technology comes out as an engineer or an architect. A boy or girl who enters a Law College comes out as a lawyer. A boy or girl who enters a School of Economics comes out as an economist. A boy or girl who enters a University for Veterinary Sciences comes out as a veterinary doctor. A boy or girl who enters the Sri Sathya Sai University for Human Excellence will come out as Divine!

The University is a modern day *gurukula* which imparts worldly knowledge with greater emphasis on spiritual education. It fosters and cultivates a spirit of self-inquiry, self-reliance and self-sacrifice in an environment of self-discipline.



*Sri Sathya Sai University For Human Excellence, Kalaburagi, Karnataka*



*Sri Sathya Sai Loka Seva Gurukulam – Online Class Video Recording*



The University trains teachers, dedicated workers and students who will be committed to serving their fellow beings through furthering the cause of values-based education to those in need.

The Institution grooms inhouse teachers and administrators by training its students for an internship programme at its various Campuses for two to three years after completion of their graduation. The students join back the University for their postgraduation after completion of their internship, only to hone their skills even better in their chosen field of specialised study, to be able to contribute as better professionals to their alma mater, that keeps the welfare of the society as its foremost goal. Thus, every student gets an opportunity to be a worthy contributor for the betterment of society.

With the lofty purpose of rejuvenating and enlivening *sanātana dharma* and taking it to all parts of the world where it truly belongs to, as the universal wisdom, Sadguru Sri Madhusudan Sai, by acting the Divine will, has established **Sri Sathya Sai Loka Seva Veda Gurukulam at Sathya Sai Grama in Muddenahalli on October 15, 2021**. The purpose of the *gurukulam* is to promote learning and research in *vedic* studies, and disseminating its priceless wisdom to all, without any discrimination, while also relating it to the contemporary context.



## Green Campuses

‘Green Campuses’ is one of the major focal points of the Institution. In line with Goal 7 of the Sustainable Development Goals - ‘Affordable and Clean Energy’, the Campuses follow a Green Policy.

- Solar powered Campuses with 674 kWp capacity, **saves 790 metric tons of CO2** emission every year
- More than **50,000 saplings** have been planted across Campuses
- Waste water management, recycling, and rain water harvesting have been implemented
- Well ventilated green buildings are constructed
- Energy efficient lighting and equipment are part of the Green architectural planning of the Campuses



## Education during COVID

During the COVID 19 times, the Institution has been working consistently to improve access to education; especially for those girls and boys from families who cannot afford any paid mode of online education; by offering free quality online video lessons from Grade 6 till 12 for all children; with no exclusivity to students from the Campuses under the ambit of the Sri Sathya Sai Loka Seva Gurukulam Group of Institutions; but open to all students from around the world. So far, about **1,600 lessons** have been recorded with the help of **120 instructors** since the month of May 2020.

Free education or scholarships for children rendered parentless due to COVID is another activity that has been undertaken by the Institution. **45 students** who lost their parents to COVID were embraced with open arms and admitted in the Sri Sathya Sai Loka Seva Gurukulam Group of Institutions. Scholarships have also been extended to **75 children** who wanted to continue learning at their hometowns.





## HEALTHCARE

### Sri Sathya Sai Sanjeevani Hospitals

The Healthcare wing has embraced many little hearts with love and compassion with a vision to serve the cause of 'Right to Healthy Childhood' through creation of a holistic ecosystem resulting in reducing the global congenital heart disease burden, through the Sri Sathya Sai Sanjeevani Child Heart Care Centres. The journey commenced with the establishment of the first dedicated Totally Free of Cost **Sri Sathya Sai Sanjeevani Centre for Child Heart Care at Nava Raipur Atal Nagar, Chhattisgarh** in November 2012. In November 2016, the second **Sri Sathya Sai Sanjeevani International Centre for Child Heart Care & Research** was inaugurated by the **Hon. Prime Minister of India, Mr Narendra Modi** at **Baghola, Palwal District, Haryana**. **Sri Sathya Sai Sanjeevani Centre for Child Heart Care & Training in Pediatric Cardiac Skills, Kharghar, Navi Mumbai** was established as a 'Public Service Institution' in November 2018. These hospitals have successfully conducted **over 13,000 paediatric cardiac surgeries, 4,500 cath interventions, 103,500 outreach screenings, 150,000 consultations**, absolutely free of cost.

The families that the hospitals are catering to cannot afford to get their child treated in private hospitals, and there is a huge waiting list in Government hospitals. The impact of the totally free of cost services on these families is their holistic development — financially, socially and emotionally. Children come from across India and other developing countries like Pakistan, Afghanistan, Nepal, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Fiji, Uzbekistan, Nigeria, Liberia, Yemen, Ethiopia, Rwanda, Cambodia and Kurdistan Region of Iraq.



Divine Mother & Child  
Health Program

### Mother and Child

Aside from curative care, it is also imperative to focus on the preventive and educative healthcare spectrum. It is in this context that the hospital launched the Divine Child Health Program in 2013 — a comprehensive early detection and systemic health screening programme for rural school-going children. The programme expanded into the **Divine Mother & Child Health Program** in September 2017, focussing on preventive care for pregnant women and children. Over **16,250 expecting mothers** and over **85,000 children** have been screened and treated across Karnataka, Maharashtra, Chhattisgarh, West Bengal, Andhra Pradesh and Haryana.

**Sri Sathya Sai Sanjeevani Mother & Child Hospital 'Mamatva'** was inaugurated on **September 13, 2021** in the presence of **Sadguru Sri Madhusudan Sai** and the **Honourable Governor of Chhattisgarh, Ms Anusuiya Uikey**. The Hospital has been built in the premises of Sri Sathya Sai Sanjeevani Centre for Child Heart Care at Nava Raipur Atal Nagar, Chhattisgarh, and is dedicated to serving pregnant women and children in the rural community of Chhattisgarh and beyond, who do not have access to essential health care services, absolutely free of cost.

The services of this Hospital will provide gynaecologist consultation, ultrasonography, foetal echocardiography, health education, provision of SaiSure nutrition supplement for pregnant women, 24x7 maternity services, normal delivery and caesarian delivery services, NICU facility for new-borns, immunisation for children, etc.



*Sri Sathya Sai Sanjeevani Centre for Child Heart Care, Nava Raipur Atal Nagar, Chhattisgarh*



*Sri Sathya Sai Sanjeevani International Centre for Child Heart Care & Research, Baghola, Palwal, Haryana*



*Sri Sathya Sai Sanjeevani Centre for Child Heart Care & Training in Pediatric Cardiac Skills, Kharghar, Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra*



## Training Excellence

While there is a severe need for affordable paediatric cardiac services, the Country also faces an acute resource deficit of trained medical, nursing and allied healthcare providers. According to global guidelines on the resources required to manage congenital heart diseases, India has only 10% of the required specialists in Paediatric Cardiac Sciences, which is far less when considering the magnitude of the problem in the Country.

Sai Sanjeevani believes in building the national and global capacity of trained professionals through their Centre for Learning Excellence called the **Sri Indulal Shah Centre for Training and Education**, the name of which came about in honour of a devout follower of Sri Sathya Sai Baba for over five decades. The objective is to conduct academic, training and skill development programmes for doctors, nurses and allied healthcare providers, in order to develop their skills and enhance their experience, to be able to address the national issue of congenital heart disease and become able instruments in the service of society. The courses offered are:

- Fellowships in Paediatric Cardiology, Paediatric Cardiac Surgery, Paediatric Cardiac Anaesthesia, Paediatric Cardiac Intensive Care
- M.Sc. Medical Surgical Nursing in Cardiothoracic Care
- Certificate courses in Paediatric Cardiac Nursing
- Training in allied healthcare services like Perfusion, ECHO technician, Physiotherapy, Biomedical Engineering...etc.



## Research

With an objective to reduce the incidence of CHD, **Sri Sathya Sai Sanjeevani Research Foundation** was established at **Palwal, Haryana** in June 2018. This has India's first dedicated Genomics facility to study causes of congenital heart disease. Currently, the research foundation conducts 'Ethics Committee Approved' – Genetic and Epigenetic projects that are being carried out by the scientists along with clinicians.

**S**aiSure is a Multi Nutrient Supplement Programme, launched in February 2019 as an attempt to address the specific nutritional needs of pregnant mothers, toddlers and school-going children at absolutely no cost. The vision of SaiSure scheme is to ensure that no mother and no child ever suffer from lack of access to good quality nutritional supplements.

Launched through the Annapoorna Breakfast Programme and Divine Mother & Child Health Program in Government Schools and Primary Health Centres respectively, SaiSure is well disposed in these stomping grounds of children and women, because of its ease of use, scalability and most importantly, due to its efficacy to improve the health parameters of the recipients. That it effortlessly complements the various National Nutrition Programmes which address undernutrition in children, adolescents, pregnant and lactating women in rural India only adds value to its worth.

**SaiSure for Pregnant Women** benefits more than **5,000 expecting mothers** on a monthly basis in about **60 Primary Health Centres (PHCs)**.

**SaiSure for Toddlers** is for children of six months to two years. This has been developed for Primary Health Centres across the Country in alliance with Divine Mother & Child Health Program. Currently, it has been piloted in several baby daycare centres in Chikkaballapur District for about **1,500 toddlers**.

**SaiSure for Pre-Schoolers** is for children from two years to six years. It is currently being piloted in several baby daycare centres at Chikkaballapur District, covering **3,000 pre-schoolers**.

**SaiSure for Children** is for children and adolescents in the age group of six to sixteen years, carefully designed to meet 50% of the Recommended Dietary Allowance (RDA) of most of the micronutrients. Integrated with Milk Scheme Programmes of the Government of Karnataka, Puducherry, Haryana and Rajasthan, it benefits more than **400,000 children**, where **10 grams of SaiSure for Children is mixed with 150 millilitres of milk**.

The products are manufactured in a **FSSAI Licensed, FDA approved, WHO-GMP certified** manufacturing facility in Bengaluru (Karnataka) with the highest quality standards. The compositions have been approved by CFTRI, Mysore and the State Food Laboratory, Bengaluru.



SaiSure for Pregnant Women



SaiSure for Toddlers



SaiSure for Pre-schoolers



SaiSure for Children



## Healthcare during COVID

The year 2020 was filled with daily unpredictability. Due to the pandemic and strain on national healthcare resources, Non-COVID health services had been severely impacted. Sanjeevani pledged to continue providing life-saving services during these tumultuous times.

Adhering to internationally recommended COVID-19 controls, Sanjeevani offered over **39,000 outpatient consultations** and **5,000 surgeries, and cath-lab services** Totally Free of Cost. Initially, patients came as a trickle, and then in large numbers. Paediatric Surgical and Interventional work grew and soon Sanjeevani Surgical and Support Team were on a drive.

Critical Congenital Heart Surgeries are never easy and these COVID times need a different mindset and tenacity. Every Sanjeevani Warrior was and continues to be on a Mission now, to serve the thousands suffering and waiting for care.







SRI SATHYA SAI SARLA  
MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

सर्वे सन्तु निरामयाः

## Sri Sathya Sai Sarla Memorial Hospital

Against the background of 70% of Indians living in rural areas without access to high-end speciality care, and on an average 60% of healthcare expenses being out of pocket, thus pushing six million people below poverty line every year, the **Sri Sathya Sai Sarla Memorial Hospital** stands tall as a beacon of hope by offering free of cost speciality care to the rural and underprivileged sections of the society. The Hospital was dedicated to the service of the nation by Honourable Chief Minister of Karnataka, Sri Basavaraj Bommai, along with Dr K Sudhakar – Minister of Health and Family Welfare and Medical Education – Government of Karnataka on August 27, 2021. The Sri Sathya Sai Sarla Memorial Hospital will be a 300-bedded medical facility and will grow in phases. In the first phase, the Hospital is being upgraded to a 150-bedded high dependency in-patient facility consisting of **125 HDU and oxygenated beds, and 25 ICU beds**, with specially equipped **paediatric and neonatal ICU facilities** to be battle-ready, should there be a third wave of the COVID pandemic. Construction of the Hospital commenced in 2015 under the guidance of Sadguru Sri Madhusudan Sai. On January 14, 2018, medical services commenced at the Sri Sathya Sai Sarla Memorial Hospital in memory of late Mrs Sarla Indulal Shah, an ardent devotee of Sri Sathya Sai Baba who dedicated her life for the service and upliftment of women and children. The Hospital serves patients in various disciplines of General Medicine, Paediatrics, Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Dentistry, ENT and Physiotherapy. Many voluntary caregivers extend their love and compassion by visiting the Hospital regularly to provide specialty services such as Orthopaedics, Podiatrics, Cardiology, Neurology, Dermatology, Plastic Surgery, Endocrinology, Radiology, and Community Medicine.

Through the Divine Mother & Child Health Program, the Community Medicine initiative, **over 85,000** children from 600 Govt schools have been screened. As of **November 2021**, lives of about **16,250 expecting mothers** have been touched and enhanced by improving vital parameters such as haemoglobin and calcium levels, controlling gestational diabetes and blood pressure, etc. To reach out to a wider patient base, the Centre also conducts monthly medical camps, and takes healthcare to the villagers' doorsteps and pays periodic visits to government schools in the vicinity. Since September 2020, the hospital has served over **17,000 children** in the age group of 0 to 6 years for congenital heart disease screenings, from over **700 anganwadis** across all the **six taluks** of Chikkaballapur district. During the pandemic lockdown, when patients were unable to come to the hospital for their regular check-up, medicines were systematically packed and delivered to their homes. Soon, the Sri Sathya Sai Sarla Memorial Hospital will grow into a **teaching and training hospital**, which will produce paramedics, nurses, doctors and other healthcare professionals, who are willing to dedicate their lives in the service of the sick and impoverished citizens of the nation. Expansion plans are already underway, and the ground-breaking ceremony for a new block – **Sri Sathya Sai Rajeswari Memorial Block** – adjoining the current hospital building was performed by the Honourable Chief Minister of Karnataka, Sri Basavaraj Bommai, along with Dr K Sudhakar – Minister of Health and Family Welfare and Medical Education, Government of Karnataka on August 27, 2021. **'vaidya sethu'** – tele-health services offers free consultations and prescriptions through a phone call. An Advanced Foetal Medicine Centre with integrated fellowship programme will also commence in the last quarter of 2021.



*Sri Sathya Sai Sarla Memorial Hospital, Muddenahalli, Chikkaballapur, Karnataka*



*Dedicating the Hospital to the Service of the Nation by Honourable Chief Minister of Karnataka, Mr Basavaraj Bommai, along with Dr K Sudhakar - Minister of Health and Family Welfare and Medical Education, Government of Karnataka on August 27, 2021*





## NUTRITION

### Sri Sathya Sai Annapoorna Trust

**S**ri Sathya Sai Annapoorna Trust, a registered Indian Charitable Trust, provides morning nutrition to needy school-going children, under the name of – **Annapoorna Morning Nutrition Programme**. This morning nutrition programme has provided **145 million meals** for children, as on date, and serves free breakfast to about **500,000 children** every morning at school, **five days per week**, across **6000+ Govt Schools, in 18 States and three Union Territories of India**, while working towards the objective – ‘**Let no child go to school hungry ever!**’

This breakfast initiative was started in July 2012 by a few volunteers only. However, as the activities increased in scale and complexity, it has blossomed into a platform for more than **600 volunteers** to serve, besides thousands of teachers at the schools who offer their services and collaborate with Annapoorna, along with a team of **over 800 local vendors**. The whole operation takes place in a decentralised model, with a customised menu to suit the regional palate, and standardised menu within a region to ensure quality.

The Annapoorna Trust also endeavours to enable rural upliftment and transformation by aligning its activities along the four pillars of **Vidya (Educare)**, **Vaidya (Healthcare)**, **Vaari (Water)** and **Vidyuth (Clean Energy)**, leading to the development of India’s villages as ideal and sustainable. The team is engaged in the setting up of reverse osmosis-based drinking water plants, constructing toilets at village schools, and conducting health screening for children. The volunteers of the Annapoorna team come from various walks of professional life, and are engaged in this service purely out of compassion for children and out of the desire to serve communities.

The current COVID situation has led to expanding the scope of Annapoorna from just providing breakfast to children, to ensuring that the whole family of these children are taken care of, especially in those cases where the families are unable to access the government-provided relief materials for various technical reasons. Annapoorna volunteers across several regions have done yeoman service by identifying needy families and delivering a whole month’s ration to the families consistently till their situation stabilised.







## Nutrition during COVID

- With the strength of its **600+ volunteers**, the Sri Sathya Sai Annapoorna Trust spread its wings across **18 States and three Union territories** in the North, South, East and West regions of the Country and provided for the nutrition requirement of the families who had lost their livelihood. Over **100,000 families** in the year 2020 and **150,000 families** in the year 2021 have been helped by the Annapoorna Trust
- Dry ration kits inclusive of cooking essentials along with hygiene products were distributed to the migrant workers in Bengaluru, Chennai, and Jamshedpur. Malnutrition of pregnant mothers and young children in the backward areas of the Country were addressed; relief items and medical aid were extended to the cyclone impacted people in Eastern India
- With the support from Prashanthi Balamandira Trust, an allied Trust that caters to education of underprivileged children, the Sri Sathya Sai Annapoorna Trust addressed the nutrition needs in several districts of Karnataka like Koppal, Kolar, Chikkaballapur, Bengaluru Urban, Ramanagara, Hubli, Raichur and Yadgir
- A team of doctors and volunteers under the Divine Mother & Child Health Program in collaboration with the Government of Karnataka, distributed SaiSure, a multinutrient health mix, for children suffering from Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM) and Moderate Acute Malnutrition (MAM). **377 tuberculosis patients** in Ramanagara district of Karnataka, and **4,800 MAM children** from Siddipet district in Telangana were provided with SaiSure
- Sri Sathya Sai Aarogya Vahini team in association with Sri Sathya Sai Annapoorna Trust have been able to reach out to over **1,200 rural children of West Bengal** for their health and nutrition needs
- **8,000 grocery kits** were provided to needy people in Ramanagara, Kolar, and Yalaburga districts of Karnataka; **1,300 kits** were given to mid-day meal cooks in Pavagada taluk (Tumkur district); and **2,000 grocery kits** to support needy families across different districts in Karnataka and to daily wagers and needy people affected by COVID at Bhuvanagiri in Tamil Nadu
- Around **15,000 families** were provided with grocery kits to support their nutritional needs, most of whom were women serving as cooks in Government schools across the States of Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Tamil Nadu and Puducherry in South India
- As part of COVID relief in Dehradun, about **300 packets of meals** were supplied to the government control room on a daily basis for distribution to the needy and homeless
- Close to **8,000 masks** were provided to vendors, helpers in market areas in several parts of Bengaluru
- **7,000 cooked meals** were distributed to medical staff at **40 hospitals** across Bengaluru
- Sri Sathya Sai Aarogya Vahini Trust reached out to many of the remote locations of West Bengal, which were affected with the Cyclonic Storm 'Amphan', and provided cooked meals and essentials to the people in need



## GLOBAL FOOTPRINT

The egalitarian mission of love and service in the footsteps of Baba, under the mentorship of Sadguru Sri Madhusudan Sai, has touched many lives beyond the bounds of India, in about **30 countries** in total. **12 Centres for Human Development** have been established in countries like **Australia, Fiji Islands, Laos, Malaysia, Singapore, India, Nigeria, Sri Lanka, Italy, Turkey, Argentina, and USA**. These development centres run several projects of service like free medical clinics, free nutritious food for the homeless, providing scholarship for students, taking care of orphaned children, organising English and Computer literacy classes, yoga, aerobic, music classes, and vocational skills training, visiting elderly and disabled homes, protecting abandoned animals, extending services to rehabilitation centres, contributing towards clean environment initiatives, conducting blood donation camps and health awareness campaigns...etc.

The magnitude of the service projects executed by Sadguru Sri Madhusudan Sai is expanding at an inexorable pace. While Sri Sathya Sai Baba will remain our eternal inspiration, Sadguru Sri Madhusudan Sai is our mentor, whose guidance has transformed the lives of many through Love and Service.



 Hospital / Medical Centre

 Centre for Human Development

## CENTRES FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT



Heart of Love Centre, Murwillumbah, Australia



Sai Prema Ashram - Centre for Love and Peace and Centre for Human Development, Fiji



Sri Sathya Sai School, Laos



Vishwa Niketanam Centre for Human Development, Kuching, Malaysia



Sai Anandam, Singapore



Joy Village, Enugu, Nigeria



Sri Sathya Sai Karunalayam Medical Centre, Batticaloa, Sri Lanka



Casa Del Divino, Assisi, Centre for Human Development, Assisi, Italy



Prema Yoga Centre for Human Development (Phase One), Istanbul, Turkey



Prashanthi Center for Human Development, Boston, USA



Love and Peace Centre for Human Development and Service, Escobar, Buenos Aires Province, Argentina



## OUR PATRON

### Aditya Birla Group

– Making a life changing difference

**F**or over seven decades, the Aditya Birla Group has actively engaged in making a life changing difference to underprivileged communities. The philosophy of giving and caring is embedded in the DNA of the Group. The Group's social vision is – 'to actively contribute to the social and economic development of the underserved communities, lifting the burden of poverty and bringing in inclusive growth. In so doing, build a better, sustainable way of life for the weaker sections of society and raise the Country's Human Development Index', as enunciated by Mrs Rajashree Birla. The Group's activities are carried out under the aegis of the Aditya Birla Centre for Community Initiatives and Rural Development, which Mrs Birla spearheads, supported by Dr Pragnya Ram (Group Executive President – CSR, Legacy Documentation & Archives) and a dedicated team of 200 professionals and a 1,000 strong field force. The Centre is the apex body responsible for development projects. Its work is spread over 7,000 villages, reaching out to nine million people and focusses on healthcare, rural development, and education. Here is a quick glimpse of the various activities.

### Healthcare

- Over 100 million polio vaccinations have been administered
- 5,000 medical camps and 20 hospitals have catered to the treatment of one million patients
- Over 50 deaf and mute children moved from silence to sound through the cochlear implant
- Financial support has been extended to over 4,000 children for their chemotherapy sessions. These children have been encouraged in a holistic manner to get back quickly on to the road of recovery. Prevention of cervical cancer through the administration of the HR-HPV vaccines was carried out in Maharashtra and over 1,800 girls have been vaccinated
- More than 6,600 persons had their vision restored through the Vision Foundation of India
- 100,000 persons were tested on 32 health parameters through HealthCubed

### Education

- 56 schools are currently operating to accord quality education to 46,500 students
- Mid-day meals are provided to 74,000 children
- Solar lamps have been distributed to 450,000 children living in the hinterlands
- Cause of girl child education has been fostered through 40 Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas

### Sustainable Livelihoods

- 100,000 people have been trained in skill sets
- 45,000 women have been empowered through 4,500 Self-help groups
- 200,000 farmers are brought on board for agro-based training projects

### Model Villages

- 300 villages have been adopted for transformation into model villages. Out of 300 villages, over 90 villages have already reached the model village stature

Aditya Birla Centre for Community Initiatives and Rural Development is doing stupendous social work under the able guidance of Mrs Rajashree Birla. In recognition of the exemplary work done by Mrs Rajashree Birla, leading national and international organisation have showered accolades upon her. Among these the most outstanding one has been that of the **'Padma Bhushan Award'** in the area of **'Social Work'** bestowed by the Government of India in the year 2011 on Mrs Rajashree Birla. For Mrs Birla's unrelenting endeavours towards polio eradication, Mrs Pratibha Patil, the Former President of India, honoured Mrs Birla with the much coveted 'Polio Eradication Champion Award' at the Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi.

She has also been the recipient of several other distinctive awards such as, Gandhi Champion Award – Gandhi Going Global (New York); Corporate Citizen of the Year Award by Economic Times; Lifetime Contribution Award by Navbharat Times; Golden Peacock Award for CSR presented by Dr Ola Ullsten, the Former Prime Minister of Sweden in Portugal; Lifetime Achievement Award by CSR Times; Serving Humanity Award by Rotary International; Guest of Honour Award for Path Breaking work in CSR, Asia One, among others.





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AWARD FOR HUMAN EXCELLENCE

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## Rationale and Criteria

The Sri Sathya Sai Award for Human Excellence is being instituted ever since the year 2016 to honour and celebrate individuals who lead a life of service and sacrifice, beyond their call of duty, to serve mankind in various fields of social relevance such as; **Education, Health, Environment, Woman and Child Welfare, Unity of Religions, Music and Fine Arts, and Yoga and Sports**. A distinguished panel of jury deliberates and chooses the awardees every year, based on a selected theme.

The award is primarily meant to identify individuals from around the world, for their exemplary contribution in the categories mentioned, with an emphasis on individuals from the emerging world – India, South Asia, South-East Asia, Middle-East, Africa and Latin America.

The most important focus of the award is to recognise contribution made for the advancement of human values, in which ever field of work, through:

- **Nurturing values of love, compassion, generosity, empathy, integrity, respect for human dignity, and selfless service**
- **Promoting peace and non-violence**
- **Promoting respect for religion and culture**
- **Advancement of the marginalised and poorer sections of society**
- **Fostering human values in younger generation**

## ○ Process for Arriving at Nominations

The process followed for arriving at nominations is a closed loop process that includes scientific scanning of the global environment, suggestions from eminent personalities in each field, and recommendations from Jury Members. Published literature, participation in forums and conferences, widespread acknowledgment from beneficiaries, and endorsements from world renowned organisations and foundations are used to shortlist, from an identified list of personalities, a list of nominations based on the following three criteria:

- **Selflessness: Complete dedication of his/her life to the cause**
- **Sustainability: Consistent efforts over a period of time and creation of a team/organisation in addition to individual efforts**
- **Transformational impact: Visible impact on a large number of lives**

Important factors that are emphasised in the evaluation of the most suitable candidates as recipients for the 'Sri Sathya Sai Award for Human Excellence' are the following:

- **Scale of impact**
- **Sustainability of change**
- **Global relevance and scalability**
- **Inspirational story**



# PHILOSOPHY OF THE AWARD

## ○ **Education**

Values-based education is central to raising standards of living and transforming lives. It is a major component to help children lead meaningful lives. Universal access of values-based quality education for all is non-negotiable.

## ○ **Health**

Right to good health is a fundamental right of any human being. It is a pre-requisite to groom sound and salubrious citizens of the Country. Universal access of quality healthcare to all is a basic requirement.

## ○ **Environment**

The Earth and its resources is what all of us have in common. The relationship between man and nature is one of the most sacrosanct connections. It is our duty to preserve the earth to ensure that this bond is never broken. Allowing the thriving of wild life and insuring sufficiency of natural resources to promote sustainable development needs scrupulous investigation and implementation.

## ○ **Woman and Child Welfare**

The future of our society depends on the well-being of our women and children. Enhancement of their welfare preserves the societal framework and adorns it with zeal and optimism. Protection and empowerment of women and children needs to be given due consideration and treated as one of the prime responsibilities of every society.

## ○ **Unity of Religions**

Religions have a universal message based on the principle of love. All the religions of the world nurture the innate human values to help us live as good human beings. Understanding the crux of every religion in its right sense can create a harmonious peaceful world.

## ○ **Music and Fine Arts**

Music is a form of expression that transcends all barriers and connects us with the Divine. Music can evoke the finer human qualities of compassion, love, generosity, empathy and can transform hearts. Music and Fine Arts are integral to the preservation and propagation of culture.

## ○ **Yoga and Sports**

Yoga and Sports are an arena that animates with vigour and verve, and acts as a stage that brings out the originality of human potential. The elements of stamina, strength, speed, skill, and spirit that are involved in yoga and sports can come together to form the invincible force that can transform societies.

# AWARD EDITION 2019

## – UNSUNG HEROES OF INDIA

### ○ Distinguished Jury

Education – Prof J S Rajput, Dr Gururaj Karajagi, Dr J Shashidhara Prasad

Health – Dr B C Harinath

Environment – Dr Ajay Mathur, Mr Ravi Singh

Woman and Child Welfare – Dr Sajeeda Begum, Ms Gayathri B Kalia

Unity of Religions – Swami Nikhileswarananda, Ms Gulshaa Begum, Mr Samuel K Samuel

Music and Fine Arts – Padma Bhushan Awardee Dr Padma Subramanyam, Padma Vibhushan Awardee Pandit Shiv Kumar Sharma

Sports – Padma Bhushan Awardee Mr Sunil Gavaskar

### ○ Endearing Awardees

Education – Ms Gitanjali

Health – Mr Chethan Manchegowda

Environment – Ms Wilma Rodrigues

Woman and Child Welfare – Ms Anju Verma

Unity of Religions – Hindu Seva Pratishthana

Music and Fine Arts – Mr Himanshu S

Sports – Mr Mahantesh GK



# AWARD EDITION 2018

## – YOUNG ACHIEVERS (GLOBAL)

### ○ Distinguished Jury

Education – Prof J S Rajput, Dr Gururaj Karajagi, Dr J Shashidhara Prasad

Health – Dr R Seethalakshmi

Environment – Dr Ajay Mathur, Mr Ravi Singh

Woman and Child Welfare – Dr Sajeeda Begum, Ms Gayathri Kalia

Unity of Religions – Swami Nikhileswarananda, Ms Gulshaa Begum, Mr Samuel K Samuel

Music and Fine Arts – Padma Bhushan Awardee Dr Padma Subramanyam, Padma Vibhushan Awardee Pandit Shiv Kumar Sharma

Sports – Padma Bhushan Awardee Mr Sunil Gavaskar

Honourable Vice President of India, Mr Venkaiah Naidu gave away the Excellence Awards for the year 2018 to young achievers, who believed in the endless possibilities of uplifting fellow brethren. Through their passion and zeal, they strive to serve humanity in their respective fields of expertise while constantly upholding human values. Also present at the event were Mr Vajubhai Vala – Honourable Governor of Karnataka, Swami Chidanand Saraswati Ji – President and Spiritual Head of Parmarth Niketan Ashram, Rishikesh, and Mr Sunil Gavaskar – Former Indian International Cricketer

### ○ Endearing Awardees

Education – Mr Kartik Sawhney (India)

Health – Dr Sunil Kumar Hebbi (India)

Environment – Ms Purnima Devi Barman (India)

Woman and Child Welfare – Ms Binalakshmi Nepram (India)

Unity of Religions – Mr Vinayak Lohani (India)

Music and Fine Arts – Dr Ambika Kameshwar (India)

Sports – Ms Tegla Chepkite Lorupe (Kenya)



# AWARD EDITION 2017

## – WOMEN ACHIEVERS (GLOBAL)

The year 2017 was the second edition of Sri Sathya Sai Award for Human Excellence and in this year Sports was added as another category for recognition, making it seven categories in total.

### ○ Distinguished Jury

Education – Prof J S Rajput, Dr Gururaj Karajagi, Dr J Shashidhara Prasad

Health – Padma Vibhushan Awardee Dr M S Valiathan and Dr K Mathangi Ramakrishnan

Environment – Dr Ajay Mathur, Mr Ravi Singh

Woman and Child Welfare – Dr Sajeeda Begum

Unity of Religions – Swami Nikhileswarananda, Ms Gulshaa Begum, Mr Samuel K Samuel

Music and Fine Arts – Padma Bhushan Awardee Dr Padma Subramanyam, Padma Vibhushan Awardee Pandit Shiv Kumar Sharma

Sports – Padma Bhushan Awardee Mr Sunil Gavaskar

### ○ Endearing Awardees

Education – Dr Sakena Yacoobi (Afghanistan)

Health – Dr M Sarada Menon (India)

Environment – Ms Lorna Rutto (Kenya)

Woman and Child Welfare – Ms Anuradha Koirala (Nepal) and Ms Kousalya Periasamy (India)

Unity of Religions – Ms Leymah Roberta Gbowee (Liberia) and Sister Lucy Vacachalil Kurien (India)

Music and Fine Arts – Prof Prema Pandurang (India)

Sports – Ms Meenakshi Raghavan (India)

# AWARD EDITION 2016

## – GLOBAL ACHIEVERS

The first edition of the Sri Sathya Sai Award for Human Excellence in 2016 comprised of six categories excluding Sports.

### ○ **Distinguished Jury**

Education – Prof J S Rajput, Dr Gururaj Karajagi, Dr J Shashidhara Prasad

Health – Padma Vibhushan Awardee Dr M S Valiathan and Dr K Mathangi Ramakrishnan

Environment – Dr Ajay Mathur, Mr Ravi Singh

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### ○ **Endearing Awardees**

Education – Mohammed Rezwana (Bangladesh)

Health – Master Cheng Yen (Taiwan) and Dr M R Rajagopal (India)

Environment – Mr Chandi Prasad Bhat (India)

Woman and Child Welfare – Ms Sunitha Krishnan (India)

Unity of Religions – Dr A T Ariyaratne (India)

Music and Fine Arts – Dr K J Yesudas (India)



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## THE EMINENT JURY

The recipients of the Sri Sathya Sai Award for Human Excellence are selected by an eminent panel of Jury comprising of members representing the seven categories of awards. Each of these Jury members is a recognised achiever, leader and a respected personality in his/her field of work.

A short profile of the individual Jury members is as follows:

### ○ EDUCATION



#### Prof J S Rajput

Prof J S Rajput is known for his extraordinary and path breaking reforms in school and teacher education, institutional management and administration through his role in the National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE) and the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT). His guidance in the field of teaching has been indispensable in the preparation of quality teaching material for teachers in India. His research publications in Physics earned him a Professorship at the age of 31 years. He worked as the Principal of the Regional Institute of Education, Bhopal (1977-88); Joint Educational Advisor, Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India (1989-94); Chairman of NCTE (1994-99), and the Director of the NCERT (1999-2004).

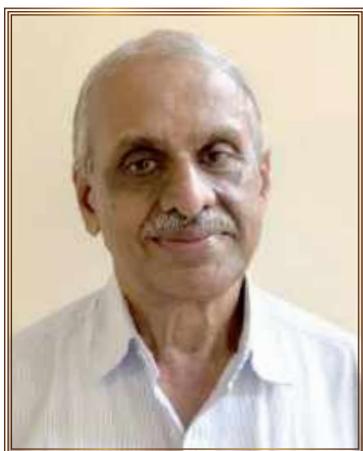
Prof J S Rajput has published research papers in several specialised areas in education, guided doctoral level researches and has authored several books in Hindi and English. He has had a long association with UNESCO and in recognition of his invaluable contributions, he was awarded the prestigious Jan Amos Comenius Medal. He was also awarded Padma Shri in the year 2015. In March 2018, he was nominated as the Indian representative on the Executive Board of UNESCO for a four-year term by the Government of India. He is also the Chairman, Governing Board of Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Education for Peace and Sustainable Development (MGIEP), a Grade One UNESCO Institute.



## Dr Gururaj Karajagi

**D**r Gururaj Karajagi is the Founder Chairman of Academy for Creative Teaching, and is instrumental in building over 85 schools all over the world. He is a Doctorate in Chemistry and has published over 22 research papers in international journals. He is also a Life Fellow of the Electrochemical Society of India. Dr Karajagi has served on the Boards of Management of a few medical universities. He is a member of the Syndicates of a few universities, and also a member of the Karnataka Knowledge Commission, and the Governing Body of the Indian Institute of Advanced Studies, Shimla. He has served as the member of the State Resource Group (SRG) for the implementation of Total Quality Management (TQM) in the colleges of Karnataka.

Dr Karajagi is a well-known columnist who has completed 2,300 columns. His fifteen books entitled 'Karunaalu Baa Belake' are immensely popular, and he has also written many articles on 'Sufi' philosophy and published a book on 'Sufi'. An outstanding motivational speaker, Dr Gururaj Karajagi has lectured extensively both in the East and the West and has conducted more than 2,000 training programmes for educational and corporate organisations.



## Dr J Shashidhara Prasad

**A**n outstanding educationist, Dr Prasad held the post of Vice-Chancellor at the University of Mysore and the Sri Sathya Sai Institute of Higher Learning. As a research scholar and teacher, he has innumerable publications to his credit. He has been a member of various international institutes in the field of education and participated in several international conferences. He was instrumental in promoting interdisciplinary research in India. He is the President of Sri Kuvempu Vidyavardhaka Trust, Mysore, under which several colleges and schools are functioning, with an agenda to promote culture and literature among the younger generations of India. An ardent devotee of Sri Sathya Sai Baba, he had the privilege

of working under the direct guidance of Sri Sathya Sai Baba, during his stint as Vice-Chancellor in the Sri Sathya Sai Institute of Higher Learning. He currently serves as one of the members of the Advisory Board in Sri Sathya Sai University for Human Excellence based on his nomination by the Government of Karnataka.

## ○ HEALTH



### Dr B C Harinath

**D**r B C Harinath is the Founder Director of Jamnalal Bajaj Tropical Disease Research Centre (JBTDR), which is an advanced centre for Tropical Disease Research at Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Medical Sciences (MGIMS) at Sevagram, Maharashtra. He joined MGIMS in the year 1970 as Associate Professor in Biochemistry, after completing Ph.D in Biochemistry (USA) and Postdoctoral Fellowship (USA). Hitherto, he has guided 17 Ph.D students and eight MD students and has published more than 200 research papers and two patents in Tuberculosis, 2001 (India 184510 and Filaria, 2008 (India 224560). His research work was recognised by

Amrut Mody Award -1986 (Unichem Labs), P A Kurup Endowment Award – 1991 (SBCI), Awadhesh Saran Oration – 1992 (ACBI), Dr BC Roy National Award – 1992 (MCI), Dhanvantari Award – 2004 (Education Society, Wardha), A J Thakur Award for Distinguished Clinical Biochemist of India (ACBI) and Distinguished Senior Immunologist – 2017 (IIS). Dr Harinath also served as President of Indian Immunology Society (1990-92) and President of Association of Clinical Biochemists of India (1994-95). He was the Dean of MGIMS during 1993-94. He continues to coordinate the setting up of Arogyadham with Yoga, Nature Cure Centre and Herbal Garden since 2002 in the medical campus of MGIMS for research in holistic healthcare. He was actively involved as Editor of SEVAMED which is a quarterly journal on Infectious Disease Research, Lifestyle Diseases, and Medical Informatics. He is currently serving as the Chairman of SBC Health Research Foundation at Tirupati (Andhra Pradesh) and working to establish a Holistic Health Retreat with emphasis on nature, nutrition, and meditation.



### Dr Anita Saxena

**D**r Anita Saxena is a Professor and Head of Department of Cardiology and Dean (Academics) at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi. After completing her MBBS, she continued to pursue her MD Medicine, DM Cardiology and FACC. She has bagged seven gold medals and was selected as the best student in Lady Hardinge Medical College (LHMC), Delhi.

Her areas of expertise are paediatric cardiology including interventions, valvular heart disease, rheumatic heart disease and echocardiography. A Former President of Asia Pacific Paediatric Cardiac Society, and Paediatric Cardiac Society of India, Dr Saxena

has published over 330 papers in various national and international journals. Her papers have been referenced in many textbooks and monographs including the reputed textbook of Pediatric Cardiology by Moss and Adams. She has also served as a guide and co-guide for over 80 MD and DM students.

## ○ ENVIRONMENT



### **Dr Ajay Mathur**

**D**r Ajay Mathur is the Director General of the International Solar Alliance. He earlier headed The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI), and the Indian Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE), and was responsible for mainstreaming energy efficiency in houses, offices and industries through a number of innovative initiatives. He was a leading climate change negotiator, and was the Indian spokesperson at the Paris climate negotiations. He served as the interim Director of the Green Climate Fund during its foundational period.

At TERI, he has spearheaded the move to accelerate action towards a low-carbon and cleaner economy through the adoption of renewable energy in the Indian electricity sector, enhancing efficiency in buildings and industry, and promoting environmental quality through recycling of material wastes and biotechnology-based solutions. He also anchored the Annual World Sustainable Development Summits during his tenure at TERI.

He was also member of Indian Prime Minister's Council on Climate Change and Co-chair of the Global Energy Transitions Commission.

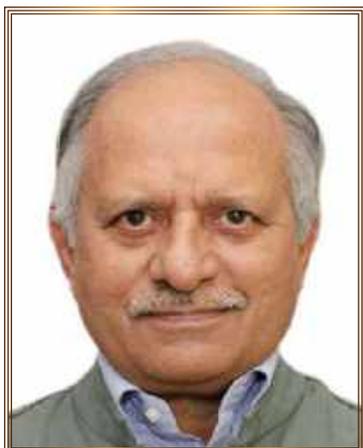


### **Ms Donna L Goodman**

**T**he author of *ECOMASTERS: A Planet in Peril*, Ms Donna Goodman is a globally respected and widely published expert on issues related to Mother Earth and her children. She is the Founder of Earth Child Institute (ECI), an international not-for-profit organisation working in more than a dozen countries, including Brazil, China, India, Ghana and the United States. ECI serves with Special Consultative Status to the United Nations Economic and Social Committee and as a civil society observer to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change.

Ms Goodman has been a champion of the rights and participation of children and youth in the environment sector in over 60 countries for more than 25 years. Her international development work has been widely recognised and published by UN partners including UNICEF, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), World Health Organisation (WHO) and others. In the private sector, she has served as Global Programme Director for Swarovski Waterschool.

Ms Donna Goodman moderates the K-12 eePRO group of the North American Association of Environmental Educators (NAAEE) and was the first to introduce *ECOMASTER – A Planet to Peril*, to the world, as the keynote speaker in the International Conference for Education for Sustainability 2019 that was held at New Delhi, India.



## Mr Ravi Singh

**M**r Ravi Singh is the Secretary-General and Chief Executive Officer of World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) India. Prior to his present responsibility, he worked with two international banks before moving to pursue the larger cause of conservation. His abiding interest in the conservation of nature led to his association with several conservation organisations like WWF and Bombay Natural History Society (BNHS). As head of WWF – India he contributes to conserve biodiversity, promote sustainability and provide leadership to the organisation while working on key facets of nature conservation. A keen sportsman, a trekker, and traveller, a historian and reader, his varied interests and hobbies are linked with his core interest in nature and conservation.

## ○ WOMAN AND CHILD WELFARE



## Dr Sajeeda Begum

**A** dedicated social activist and a champion for the cause of women empowerment, Dr Sajeeda Begum has been striving for the upliftment of women and children who are suffering domestic violence, dowry oppression, sexual harassment and many other forms of abuse, for the past 30 years. Inspired by her father, she initially worked with a well-known Bangalore based women's group Vimochana, before setting up her own organisation, Aasra Women and Children Welfare Trust (Regd.), which was previously known as Tanzeem Ul Mohsinath. 'Aasra' is an endeavour to extend help to destitute women and children from marginalised societies to develop their self-confidence and to equip them with basic skills training for

a better future. With very little support from the community, it is her own personal and family funds which support 'Aasra'. Over the years, she has exhibited immense courage and has undertaken several welfare initiatives like women's helpline, family counselling, schools, microcredit, and minority welfare. She has been awarded the Honorary Doctorate and Lifetime Achievement Award 2017 from Indian Virtual Academy for Peace and Education. She has also won the Visionary Leader Award for the year 2018 instituted by the Centre for Educational Development (CED) Foundation.



## Ms Gayathri B Kalia

**M**s Gayathri Kalia is a Public Policy and Service Delivery Architect whose leadership experience of over 25 years spans State and Central governments, multi-lateral bodies and NGOs. Her expertise is in bringing together policy design, technology and implementation to serve and empower the most vulnerable people in the society.

She was the force behind the design and implementation of the first ever 'Direct Benefits Transfer' programme, which for the first time aimed to combine financial inclusion with government benefits transfer. Her work also saw the empanelment of many rural women and SHGs becoming banking business correspondents, facilitators and customer service providers, wielding cutting edge technology to take banking services to the doorsteps of the underserved.

She designed and implemented the globally largest inclusive skill development programme, the 'Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana' (DDUGKY) which set standards for skill development in the Country. She was also at the forefront of designing the implementation of 'Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act' (MGNREGA) – the world's largest public workfare programme, and laying the foundation for reach of telemedicine through Common Service Centres through a visionary approach.

Ms Kalia is currently a mentor and a social enterpriser who promotes livelihoods, and plays the role of a passionate and certified advocate of mediation.

## ○ UNITY OF RELIGIONS



## Ms Gulshaa Begum

**M**s Gulshaa Begum hails from a family of Sufi saints and is the direct descendant of Hazrat Khawaja Gul Mohammad Sha Sabri Chishti (R.A.), who moved from the northern frontiers of Afghanistan to South Canara district, Karnataka. A mystic, clairvoyant, healer and an artist, she has been blessed with a series of visions and transcendental experiences through the process of kundalini awakening. The Divine Goddess initiated her on the spiritual path and taught her the Vedas, Quran, Bible, Torah, Healing, Painting, Science, Writing, History and many more. She has extensively promoted inter-faith harmony through her various initiatives, conferences, and programmes to build a culture of peace

and also undertakes innumerable service activities towards improving the infrastructure and facilities at Government schools. Gulshaa Begum is also the director of the Annual International Sufi Festival at Ajmer and Delhi and Chairperson of the Divine Abode Foundation, Kamaluddin Charitable Trust and Al Ikhlas Museum and Gallery. She currently resides in Ajmer.



## Prof Samuel K Samuel

**P**rof Samuel K Samuel is the Former Vice President of All India Association for Christian Higher Education, which is a professional association of 350 higher education colleges in India. Founded in 1967 as a voluntary association, it is an interstate, trans-denominational forum with a view to promote sound education in all institutions of higher learning in India, keeping with the heritage and aspirations of the Country and needs for national development. For over 35 years, he has been associated with education, and his philosophy has been to function as an efficient teacher who transforms the lives of students with love, and an administrator who executes work with a human touch. He served as the Principal of

Crossland College at Brahmavar for 17 years, and for about three years, he served as the President of Federation of Mangalore University Private College Principals' Association, and a member of Mangalore University Syndicate and Academic council. He was also the member of National Council of The Young Men's Christian Associations (YMCAs) of India.



## Swami Mitrananda

**S**wami Mitrananda is a direct disciple of H H Swami Chinmayananda. He has been associated with the Chinmaya Mission right from his young age. Currently, he is serving as the Mentor of Chinmaya Mission, Chennai. He is also the Founder of Chinmaya Academy of Management and Chinmaya Academy for Civil Services, and the Publisher of Chinmaya Udghosh, an international youth magazine.

Swami Mitrananda is a creative writer, a daring adventurer, a vigilant administrator and has travelled across 35 countries to impart the wisdom of *bhagavadgītā*, *upaniṣad* and other *vedāntic* texts. Under his leadership and guidance, the 'Youth Empowerment Programme' movement was initiated and it has trained over 600 youngsters across the world, to serve Indian knowledge tradition for a span of one year in urban and rural India. His innovative methodology of teaching and his logical interpretations of ancient Hindu philosophy have brought him popularity globally, especially amongst the youth.



## Swami Nikhileswarananda

**S**wami Nikhileswarananda currently heads the Rajkot Centre of Ramakrishna Math. After completing his graduation in Chemical Engineering and post-graduation in Industrial Engineering, he worked as a Management Consultant for a brief period. He renounced the temporal gains and joined the Ramakrishna Mission as a monk in 1976. He has guided the rural and tribal development project at Ranchi which received the award for the best Krishi Vigyan Kendra in the Country and has been the editor of the monthly 'Shri Ramakrishna Jyot'. He has spearheaded an earthquake rehabilitation project and was also responsible for starting the Vivekananda Institute of Value Education and Culture.

Through extensive travel, both domestic and international, he has been preaching the Universal message of Vedanta in industrial houses, management institutions, and educational institutions. An eloquent speaker and voracious writer, he has many sought after publications to his credit.

## ○ MUSIC AND FINE ARTS



## Dr Padma Subrahmanyam

**D**r Padma Subrahmanyam, Director, Nrityodaya is an outstanding dancer, composer, singer, choreographer, and teacher. As an intellectual she is well known for her research into dance sculpture which helped highlight the 108 Karanas.

She has experimented and enhanced Jatayu Moksham of Ramayana and set it to the Tchaikovsky's ballet and Gajendra Moksham to Miagi Michio's music. She has also innovated and introduced a new pedagogue in dance training based on a study of Natya Shastra.

She is strongly propelled by devotion to God and spirituality which she portrays through her dance. She is deeply interested in Southeast Asian dance forms and strongly believes that through dance you can institutionalise culture. She has done extensive codification and research of Bharata's Natya Shastra. She is currently involved in the creation of an Asian institute for Dance which is to serve as a premier institute for Asian Dance Training and Research. She is the recipient of various awards including the Padma Shri and Padma Bhushan from the Government of India.



## Ustad Amjad Ali Khan

**U**stad Amjad Ali Khan is one of the undisputed masters of the music world. Born to Sarod Maestro, Haafiz Ali Khan, he gave his first performance at the age of six, and is credited with reinventing the technique of playing the 'sarod.' Over the course of a distinguished career spanning more than six decades, Ustad Amjad Ali Khan has won numerous accolades including a Grammy nomination, the Crystal Award by the World Economic Forum, UNICEF's National Ambassadorship and the Fukuoka Cultural Grand Prize.

He has performed at venues the world over including Carnegie Hall and the Royal Albert Hall, as well as at the prestigious Nobel Peace Prize Concert in 2014 at Oslo, Norway. Ustad Amjad Ali Khan has also been a visiting professor at Stanford University, University of New Mexico and Jacob's School of Music. He has been bestowed the coveted Global Music Awards, under the Gold Medal category for his outstanding contribution to the global music industry and excellence in the classical music sphere.

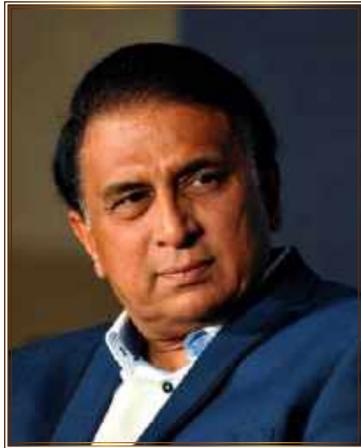


## Pandit Shiv Kumar Sharma

**P**andit Shiv Kumar Sharma, an ardent devotee of Sri Sathya Sai Baba, has a unique distinction of bringing the Santoor, a musical instrument of ancient India, to the Indian classical music platform and thereby creating a new genre of instrumental music.

Pandit Shiv Kumar Sharma has done extensive research with Santoor for many years to improve its tonal quality, playing technique, sitting posture, repertoire of music and its emotional and spiritual expression. He had brought innovation to Hindustani Classical Music through his albums and has also successfully created compositions for cinematic blockbusters. Through the guru-śiṣya tradition he is imparting his valuable knowledge to the next generation of musicians for more than six decades, in the most dedicated manner. Foremost amongst his disciples is his son, Rahul Sharma who is carrying the rich legacy forward for more than 20 years. He has numerous recordings to his credit and many National and International Awards have been conferred on him including the Padma Shri and Padma Vibhushan from the Government of India. He is a true personification of Indian ethos and values.

## ○ YOGA AND SPORTS



### Mr Sunil Gavaskar

**S**unil Manohar Gavaskar, the ‘Little Master’ is perhaps the most recognised face in India and many other cricket playing nations. One of the greatest opening batsmen of all times, his cricketing career has several firsts to his credit – scoring centuries in both innings thrice, 10,122 test runs, 3,092 plus runs in a single test series, 125 consecutive test appearances and to be extensively featured in an Indian advertising campaign. He was a stickler for perfection and his batting style focussed on technical correctness. After his illustrious career on the field during which time, he won innumerable awards and recognitions, he continued his association with the game as the most followed cricket commentator, and even acted in a few Marathi movies. He co-founded the Professional Management Group,

a Sports Marketing and Content Syndicate Company in 1985. He was appointed by the Supreme Court as Interim President of the BCCI to oversee the seventh season of the Indian Premier League.

An ardent Sai devotee from an early age, he hails from a family of Sai devotees. He organised players from across nations to participate in the one-day Sri Sathya Sai Unity Cup match at Sri Sathya Sai Hill View Stadium, Puttaparthi.

He has been honoured with India’s highest civilian award, the Padma Bhushan and is the recipient of the Col. CK Nayudu Lifetime Achievement Award for Cricket in India. Sunil Gavaskar is truly India’s iconic, most ethical and much-loved sports luminary.

“It is not enough if we just pray that everybody  
should be happy and blissful.

Only by transforming ourselves, can we hope  
to bring about transformation in the world.”

- Sadguru Sri Madhusudan Sai







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