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DIVINE MESSAGE

*DEVELOP FAITH THAT THE SAME ATMA IS PRESENT IN YOU AND
ALL OTHERS. WHEN YOU HAVE SUCH STRONG FAITH, THE WHOLE
WORLD WILL BECOME SAFE AND PROSPEROUS. ONE WITH
ATMABHIMANA IS A TRUE HUMAN BEING.*

*BABA
Divine Discourse dated 19.11.2002*

GENERAL

The Sai Organisation representatives read a few sentences about the Sai organisation all over the world, at a public meeting organised by the St. Fransisco priests in Bosnia with the theme “Peace and equality of all religions”.

A conference of the Sathya Sai Organisations in the Southern Region of Russia was held. 96 people attended the conference. The programme included lectures, seminars, study circles, and creative workshops.

A devotees meeting considered that the functioning of centres could be evaluated on the basis of the extent of love and tolerance, co-operation and unity amongst the members and training of youth to take up responsibilities, particularly in the field of Education in Human Values and service.

Ladies’ meetings were held to discuss the role of women in the Sai Organisation.

A seminar on human values was held and focused on “The teaching on Dharma and its practice in everyday life Talks on different aspects of Dharma were held.

Leadership training programmes were conducted several times in different localities for Co-ordinators of Centres and Groups.

Experienced elderly devotees were called for a meeting for advising the Chairman of the Central Council.

SPIRITUAL

Gayathri day was observed by the chanting of the Gayathri mantra 1008 times.

Many new Bhajan songs were translated from other languages into the local language and many new songs were created in the local language.

Workshops were held on music and devotional singing and songs were recorded on tapes and circulated to other centres.

A Seva Satsang was held with the theme “Head, heart and hands”>

A unity of Faiths day was observed with participants for different religions. Workshops were held on the different religions – Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Islam, Judaism, Zoroastrianism. The discussion were held in a Roman Catholic church, with participation by the priest of the church.

EDUCATION

EHV programme was introduced in a secondary technical school and was broadcast on the local radio with open discussions on human values, prevention of use of drugs etc., the importance of which was well recognised.

Presentations were made at a Retreat on “Educare, the Vedas for the 21st. century”. EHV activities and workshops were held on Human Values and “How to implement Sai teachings in the society and community” and on “Communication understanding, Co-operation and harmony”.

While the S.S.E. classes for the children were held, a meeting was held separately for the parents of the children in which they were informed about the content and message of the lesson of the day in order to practice along with their children during the following days. The parents have also the chance to practice in a satsang sharing their experiences as parents and studying Swami’s teachings on education and parenting. The team of teachers also have a meeting separately in another location to prepare and organise the lessons of the children.

Many primary school and secondary school teachers integrated Human Values in their work with children.

A special workshop was held on the use of EHV in everyday school life.

Efforts were made to create a national EHV team capable of conducting seminars and workshops with the aim of expanding the awareness of Sai Education. These seminars would be based on the EHV Educare parenting programmes.

More focus was diverted particularly on the Educare principle and how to spiritualise the daily life of the devotees.

A month long children's tent camp was organised. The programme included Bal Vikas classes, hikes, sports, competitions, creative workshops etc. 190 children and their parents participated in the camp.

A public meeting was held to acquaint the public with the Sathya Sai Education programme and how it leads to excellence.

Study circle meetings were held to discuss the ESSE institutes programme all over Italy every month for one day.

The youth provided free supplementary lessons and amusement for the children after school hours.

A Sai children camp for 4 days was held. The parents brought the children to the camp. The programme included Omkar, Bhajans. Lessons for children, activities in ceramics and drawing and stories about Swami's childhood. The theme for each day included "5 elements", "5 Human Values", "5 main religions and their unity".

A workshop on Educare was held.

SERVICE

Sunday café was held in the Centre for elderly/lonely people for a couple of hours in the morning once a month.

Contributions, moral and financial support was offered directly to needy families affected by an earthquake in co-operation with the local authorities

DIVINE MESSAGE

All five elements are necessary for human existence. Life cannot exist if one of them is absent. Man should revere the five elements to know divinity.

Revering the five elements is equivalent to revering God. One should make

Use of the five elements only to the extent necessary. If you waste or misuse them, it amounts to misusing divine power.

BABA

Divine discourse dated 25.10.2001