

## ***Dear Devotees of Sathya Sai,***

The Annual Satsang will be held on Sunday July 8th, at 1.30 to 6.0pm. The venue will be the Marino Institute, Griffith Avenue, Dublin.

Wallace Huey, very kindly offered to give a talk, based on Swami's teachings. He has entitled his talk "*Death is Contraction. Life is Expansion*", and he requests audience participation.

Ms. R. Marron will up-date us on the progress in SSEHV and Paul Curtin will also entertain us, once again, with the Tibetan Singing Bowls, which he demonstrated so beautifully last year.

We had hoped to have a special guest from the UK, for our Satsang. Up to the time of writing this, I have had no response to my invitation. I understand he always asks Swami for guidance before accepting such invitations. Hopefully he will agree to come, as he would be a great asset to the Meeting.

Should any devotee wish to speak at this Satsang, please contact me. *Ed*

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## **New Sai Hospital for Mumbai**

A brand new 250-bed, multi-speciality hospital is to be set up on the outskirts of Mumbai, in the Kharghar district, by the Sri Sathya Sai Trust. All services will be rendered totally free to all patients.

It will be built on a 50-acre site offered to the Trust by the state and will consist of state-of-the-art technology and focus on ecommercialisation of medicine, while dwelling on globalisation, as well as spiritualisation of medicine.

It will, also, act as the nucleus for an integrated rural mobile medicare facility, with a sizeable network of mobile dispensaries to cater to the rural areas of the state.

Attached to the hospital will be a nursing college and a Mother & Child Care Centre, at the Thane district, to support destitute mothers and children. Also, the hospital will undertake a programme of supporting malnourished children.

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People tend to worship stones, but do not revere living beings. Worship of inanimate idols has been in vogue from ancient times. But people are forgetting to revere their living parents. One's first and foremost obligation is to revere one's who are in flesh and blood, who are verily your life itself.

-BABA

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## **Swami Sheds Tears for Sai Geeta**

Fifty-four year old Sai Geeta, the pet elephant kept by Swami, died on the 22nd May.

Sai Geeta was one of the two elephants gifted to Sathya Sai Baba, in 1961, by the Kerala Governor Burgula Ramkrishna Rao.

Swami returned to Parthi, recently, after a short stay in Kodaikanal, and only a few days before her passing. Swami normally returns in June. He came to visit her twice and was seen to wipe tears of love from His eyes, tears of separation. A rare and emotional sight for all those present, to realise how much Swami loved Sai Geeta. The sight of Swami in His wheelchair, beside His dear friend, as He stretched out His hands to gently stroke her trunk, reminiscent of the many times He fed her with His own hands. Those present prayed He might bring her back from the dead, but that was not to be. However, Swami did apply Vibhuthi to her trunk...and more was brought to Him to apply. Swami then asked the keeper, Pedda Reddy garu, (caretaker of the Planetarium and Sai Geeta all her life) to have her eyes opened so that He could gaze into them for a few moments.

A huge pit was dug in her new house as Swami gave instructions to have sugarcane leaves placed under her. His eyes were full of tears and trying His best to control His emotions. The belongings she used to wear, were buried with her, and Swami offered her flowers.

It appears she fell in her 'bathtub' which is just in front of the school hostel, to the right side of the Planetarium. She didn't appear visibly hurt as she lay moaning with her head resting on the edge of the concrete pool. For two hours Swami sat watching from His car, as the students sang bhajans while she was raised by a huge crane, and placed into her resting place.

My only question now is, 'Who was Sai Geeta', that Swami should cut short His annual trip to Kodaikanal and weep tears at her passing? Maybe He will tell us one day.

The love-bond between Swami and Sai Geeta, is truly inspiring. There was an occasion when Sai Geeta walked all the way to Whitefield, from P.N., (over a hundred miles) to visit Swami and then to return home! What devotion!

Sai Ram, Sai Geeta!

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The following are some interesting questions and answers between Pedda Reddy, and a Sai brother.

Q. Tell us how you first came to Swami.

A. I did my M.Tech in Physics and came to Parthi for the first time. I saw Swami and was instantly convinced that He was God. I do not know why. After that, I came to Parthi and started staying here...In 1965, I was called for an interview by Swami. He told me in my first interview that I would never get married and that I would stay here for the rest of my life.

Q. Did you come here immediately?

A. Yes, I stayed here. I thought that even if I get a watchman's job here, it is worth it, when I'm doing it for the Lord. Swami gave me a job as a teacher.

Q. How did you happen to become the caretaker of Sai Geeta, then?

A. Swami told me to teach. As I was staying here, He said that since you stay close to where Sai Geeta is, do take care of her also. That is how I came to look after Sai Geeta. After sometime, the Planetarium came up and Swami told me to take care of it. He told me to leave the teaching and take care of Planetarium, Sai Geeta and the

canteen. He gave me a room in East Prashanti. Sri Kutumb Rao was in charge of the Ashram those days. Swami told him to give me a room.

Q. Tell us about Sai Geeta's early days.

A. Sai Geeta was very close to Swami, those days. Every day her duty would be to wait outside the Mandir in the morning and she would be ready with a garland. As soon as Swami came out of the interview room, she would garland Him. Swami too was extremely affectionate towards her and would keep feeding her with delicious fruits. In fact, Swami would hold her trunk in His armpit and take her to the interview room. One day, she did not fit and that was the last time she went in. Swami would grant her interview for more than an hour each day. I wonder what He would speak to her (about).

Q. Did you never feel that you are so qualified and Swami has given you such a menial job?

A. No. I was ready to be a watchman, remember? So this is better than that. Moreover, how does it matter what job you do. I just decided to stay here. My needs are minimal. My monthly expense is only Rs. 45. (*There are approx R.52 per euro!! Ed.*) That too is only for my soap, brush and paste. Once in a while, when Swami gives clothes, I get them stitched. That's all. Swami has given me free food in the canteen. So, I don't need to spend more.

Q. Have you never eaten outside the canteen?

A. No. In the last 30 years, I have never eaten anywhere else. I don't go anywhere even when Swami is not here. I have not moved out of Parthi for the last 26 years. (!!!) What need can I have? Every need is taken care of by Swami. I am blessed with good health. I am 67 years old, now. I have never had any health problem, so far.

Q. It's quite incredible. You have not moved out of Parthi! Didn't you ever go to Brindavan either?

A. No. I don't even know how it looks.

Q. Did you never feel neglected? Did you never feel that Swami is not giving you importance?

A. No. The only important person here is Swami. All others are only in the delusion that they are 'important'. You must first understand this. You will feel neglected only if you have an expectation. If there is no expectation, there is no disappointment.

Q. When was the last time Swami called you for an interview?

A. Swami has called me only four times. The last time He called me for an interview was in 1990 (!!!)

Q. Did Swami never speak to you after that?

A. Yes, He does speak whenever I bring Sai Geeta to Mandir. I don't even come for Darshan on other days. He enquires about her health. Sometimes, if He comes to Sai Geeta's compound, He speaks. During His 75th Birthday celebs, all the Ashram authorities were felicitated. My name was not on the list. He included my name and blessed me with clothes and money.

Q. Are you paid for this job?

A. No. What made you think so?

Q. How do you manage then?

A. I told you; I don't have to spend for food. Apart from that, Swami gives stitching charges with clothes once a year. That suffices (!!!)

Q. What about haircut?

A. I cut my own hair (!!!)

Q. This is true ceiling on desires.

A. It is not so difficult. I am not giving up anything, actually. I never had anything to give up. I still eat everyday. I still bathe everyday. What else could I possibly need? But there is one thing I would like to tell you. You should not spend unnecessarily. Spend where it is required but not unnecessarily.

Q. Don't you ever feel that there are people who do not practice even half of what you do and are very close to Swami physically whereas you are so far away doing something which is not in sync. with educational qualification?

A. I do not know who are close physically to Swami. That keeps changing. This does not change. Why to compare? With whom to compare? I have never even expected to be spoken to be Swami. So, why should I

think of all that? I should do my work and offer it to Swami. Let Him do what He wants to.

Q. Were there any situations where you got into trouble with Ashram authorities?

A. Ha, ha! Why do you ask? Anyway, there was a time when they wanted to dismantle the Planetarium. The then AIP, I think his name was Satyanarayana, came to me and took my signature saying that it was Swami's command. Later, Swami called me and asked me about it. After I told Him what happened, He said, "Promise Me that you will never put a signature on anything again". I did that and came away. I don't know what happened after that.

Q. You are really great, uncle. You have taught us so many valuable lessons of life today.

A. No, no. It's very easy to be like this. you boys are the true heroes. You have your offices, studies, etc. Still, your love for Swami makes you come and do Seva for Him. This is what Swami wants.

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### **Sai Baba's Promise**

The promise made by Shirdi Baba, as outlined in Shri Sai Satcharitra, is more than a casual promise, but a pledge to all His devotees.

"If a man utters My name with love, I shall fulfill all his wishes, increase his devotion. And if he sings earnestly My life and My deeds, him I shall beset in front and back and on all sides.

"Those devotees, who are attached to Me, heart and soul, will naturally feel happiness, when they hear these stories. Believe Me that if anybody sings My Leelas, I will give him infinite joy and ever-lasting contentment. It is My special characteristic to free any person, who surrenders completely to Me, and who worships Me faithfully, and who remembers Me, and meditates on Me constantly. How can they be conscious of worldly objects and sensations, who utter My name, who worship Me, who think of My stories and My life, and who thus, always remember Me! I shall draw out My

devotees from the jaws of death. If My stories are listened to, all the diseases will be got rid of. So, hear My stories with respect, and think and meditate on them, assimilate them.

“This is the way of happiness and contentment. The pride and egoism of My devotees will vanish, the mind of the hearers will be set to rest; and if he has wholehearted and complete faith, he will be one with Supreme Consciousness. The simple remembrance of My name as ‘Sai, Sai’ will do away with sins of speech and hearing”.

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**Shri Hari (God) will be certainly pleased if you give water to the thirsty, bread to the hungry, clothes to the naked and your verandah to strangers for sitting or resting.**

**If anybody wants any money from you and you are not inclined to give, do not give, but do not bark at him like a dog. - BABA.**

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### **New Accommodation for Devotees in Kodaikanal**

During the course of Swami’s stay in Kodaikanal, at the end of April, Swami declared open a new building constructed for accommodating devotees near the Kodaikanal lake.

Upon arriving in the famous hill-resort town, He was greeted and escorted around the Rs 2.5 crore construction and later participated in a bhajan session.

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### ***Thought For The Day***

A revolution - more powerful and pervasive than any that man has undergone so far - not political, economic, scientific or technological, but deep and more fundamental than them all, is now on. It is the spiritual revolution. It clarifies the inner vision of man so that he can see the Atmic Reality. Its impact will surely envelop and enrich all human communities and transform mankind into a stream of seekers

flowing smoothly to the limitless sea of divinity. -BABA. (19 April 2007)

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### **\*\*\*\*\*Surrender\*\*\*\*\***

Swami’s words on the subject of ‘Surrender’, means a total letting go of our problems and anxieties. Should we cling to them, -they will stay with us!

He has stated, “At times, do you have the impression that your misfortune is increasing instead of diminishing? Do not be troubled. Close your eyes and trustingly say these words; You take care. Thy will be done. Then I will do just that, and when necessary, also perform a miracle. I am thinking of you constantly. I can only help you completely when you entrust yourself totally to Me”.

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Develop love for God To get rid of your worries. This is the divine cure for all your worries. Chanting the name of God can bring all types of worries to an end. - BABA.

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### ***Truth***

“‘What is Truth?’ asked the jesting Pilate and would not tarry for an answer. So says the Bible when describing the interaction between a Jesus accused of distorting the truth of ancient scriptures and the Roman Governor, Pilate, drunk with power.” This is a comment by M.K. Kaw, in his article in ‘Sai International’.

Swami says, “Give up selfishness. Develop the spirit of sacrifice. Be prepared to sacrifice your life for the sake of Truth and Righteousness. Today people are afraid to follow the path of truth. Why should one be afraid to speak truth? In fact, one should be afraid to utter falsehood. One who adheres to truth is always fearless. When you do not follow the path of truth, the fire of fear will burn you to ashes. Consider love as your life and truth as your breath.”

The subject of Truth is well covered by the authors of all religions.

The Quran sets forth the following on the subject: “You who believe, uphold justice and bear witness to God, even if it is against yourselves, your parents, your near relatives. Whether the person is rich or poor, God can best take care of both...Let not hatred towards any person induce you to act unjustly against him...Truthful men and truthful women shall be given a rich reward...They are beloved and blessed who enjoin truth and patience upon each other...God’s love extends also to those who do not give false evidence and who maintain their dignity when listening to profane abuse.”

The Prophet of Islam once gave a sermon saying, “Be warned! Let not the fear of any one keep you from speaking the truth as you know it to be.”

The first prayer a child learns in Zoroastrian theology, is called the *Ashem Vohu*, and states very simply, “Truth is the highest good and righteousness the source of all happiness.” Zoroastrianism is an ethical religion in which the followers of Truth, the *Ashavans*, strive to protect the good creation against the *Drujvants*, followers of the lie. Truth will finally absorb the lie and destroy it and at this time the Frashokereti, or renewal of the earth, shall be complete.

“Truth, according to Gandhi, is an attribute of God”, stated in a article by Seema Sharma. “Gandhi used the word ‘Truth’ to mean ‘Love’ and ‘Ahimsa’ and all these terms to mean, at the same time, ‘God’. ‘Truth is God’, he said, and ‘God is Truth, Love and Ahimsa’. He said, “I am devoted to none but Truth and owe no discipline to anyone but Truth...I have no God to serve but Truth...I have no strength except what comes from insistence on Truth. Your one prayer to God should always be to enable you to put up, without flinching, with any number of trials and hardships that may fall to your lot in the pursuit of Truth.”

“Truth”, Gandhi said, “is not only truthfulness in word, but truthfulness in thought also, and not only the relative truth

of our conception, but also the absolute truth, the Eternal Principal that is God.”

J. Krishnamurti stated, “There is no path to Truth. Truth must be discovered, but there is no formula for its discovery. What is formulated is not true. You must set out on the uncharted sea, and the uncharted sea is yourself”.

Finally, what Swami said of Truth, “*Truth is something that is not modified by time or space or attributes. Truth must remain same forever, unaffected and unchanged. Then alone it is Truth. It should not be proved false by some subsequent event or knowledge...Everything has been created out of Truth and all creation is embedded in Truth. There is nothing greater than Truth*”.

(Sourced from *Sai International*)

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**You should cherish your good feelings as more important than religion. -BABA**

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### **Swami’s New Year Gift**

The Tamil New Year commenced on 14th April. On this occasion, Swami said that He was committed to the 29 km canal project, to save as much as 40% of precious water from being wasted due to seepage. He pointed out that the concrete work, estimated to cost about Rs 50cr, would be undertaken at all cost. This Telugu Ganga Project, from Kandaleru in Andhra Pradesh, to zero point in Tamil Nadu, had been constructed at a cost of Rs 200 cr.

Swami lamented that the governments of both states were fighting over the supply of drinking water to the people, saying that water belongs to the Almighty and no one owns it. “*Therefore God will fulfill this need. Soon the Poondi reservoir will be overflowing and residents of Chennai will find a permanent solution to their drinking water needs and have enough to supply to neighbouring districts*”, He said.

Swami exhorted the audience not to depend on anybody, but to depend on God alone. Chennai, He declared, would be getting water on a permanent basis from now on; so long as Chennai stays, the city

would get water, and in an apparent reference to the disputes over the drinking water, Swami said, “*Water is not anyone’s property; water is God’s property*”.

“The devotees thanked Sai Baba for His help in the lining of Kandaluru-Poondi canal for carrying drinking water to Chennai”, as reported ‘The Hindu’ newspaper. “When they pointed out that the work still requires Rs 40 crores to plug leakages, Sai Baba announced to spend as much amount required to complete the work”.

Swami pointed out that, “*Today is New Year’s Day and the first day of the year called Sarvajith, meaning victory*”. He wished the people all success in the fields of agriculture and education.

According to sources, the entire work would be completed early next year. Efforts are being taken to ensure that the works do not hamper water flow during July and August.

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**If you need Me, you deserve Me!**

-BABA.

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### ***The Play Of Karma***

(by Fr. C. Ogada, Holy Ghost Fathers, presently teaching at Victor Kanu’s Sai’s school in Zambia.)

Jesus, the Master of time, told us that John the Baptist was Elijah. The word of the Master is absolute truth. We do not need to inquire further on that. However, from good inference, we can see the same environment of Elijah’s time re-enacting itself in the whole drama of John the Baptist.

King Ahad was reborn as King Herod. Queen Jezebel came back as Queen Herodias. In the past Ahad went against the law of the Israelites to marry a foreigner, Jezebel, who brought so much trouble to Israel by imposing a foreign religion on them. In Jesus’ time, Herod, who had been King Ahad, also went against the law to marry the wife of his brother Philip.

Before then, Elijah had condemned, with venom, the action of Jezebel which finally

led to the great confrontation on Mount Carmel. Later, John the Baptist spoke vehemently against the marriage of Herod to Herodias because it was unlawful in the sight of God. Previously, Jezebel had nursed a deep revenge to take away the life of Elijah because he had killed her prophets. As time went on, Herodias found an opportune moment to realise her dream which she had nursed 850 years back.

Why did God remain silent? Because without resolving our karma we cannot be set free. For everyone must give account of every single word uttered, (Matthew 12:36). God remains the Silent Witness in this drama. Jesus knew that if He freed John the Baptist from prison with His Divine Powers, He would not be doing any good to the spiritual emancipation of John the Baptist. Jesus also knew very well that if He had freed John, it would have only been a temporary terrestrial freedom and that John would have to come back again to clear the consequences of his actions. And this Divine opportunity might take another 850 years to come by!

Now, we understand why Jesus told us to love our enemies! Now, we have a glimpse as to why Jesus told us never to pass judgment. How can I love my ‘enemy’ when I do not know that my ‘enemy’ is my greatest friend in every sense, because he helps me to clear my debts? Without this ‘enemy’ I cannot be free! Or how can I judge another when I know that in judging another I condemn myself? Whatever happens to me, I have attracted to myself and that which I attract to myself, works for the emancipation of the Self from the tangles of the non-Self. Everything that happens to the Self is a gift from the Self to the Self, for the higher good of the Self, which is Self liberation.

It now makes sense why Jesus, the all-knowing Master, said: “If anyone strikes you on one cheek, turn the other as well and if anyone asks for your tunic, give him your cloak as well, (Luke 6:29). When we react to actions we repeat the chain of action, since action and reaction are equal and opposite. If I slap you and you slapped

back and I retaliate and you revenge, and I hurt you and you hit me back, we shall never escape the wheel of birth and death. The stings of death and birth are destroyed through non-reaction. We must act but we must never react.

Man is born in Karma. Man dies in Karma. Man also works his way to God through Karma.

When Jesus said, -unless a person dies, he will not live! He was referring not to the physical death but to the dissolution of the mind in the Oversoul. Physical death involves the disintegration of the five elements that compose the physical body...When the vital force is withdrawn to the subtle body, the mind, the physical body disintegrates. The mind does not die with the death of the body, because the mind is the treasure-house that stores one's memories, experiences, habits, desires, expectations, etc. and this information is not wiped out with the death of the physical body. It remains in the 'memory chip' of the subconscious mind and are transmitted from birth to birth.

Swami has given a very beautiful analogy. Here we have a seed of rice with its husk. If we plant the rice with its husk it will germinate and give rise to many grains of seed. If we plant the rice without its husk, it will never germinate again. The husk is the mind. The rice is the body. As long as the mind persists, rebirth is inescapable. Immediately the husk of the mind is removed, the body has no power of rebirth. When this happens the Atma resurrects in its true formless state. This is the spiritual equation: Man minus Mind equals God. God plus Mind equals Man.

Many spiritual masters have said that it is with the mind that you can conquer the mind. And this is true. But nay, it is very difficult (because) naturally the mind does not want to die. Even when one has succeeded through rigorous spiritual exercises in emptying the mind of all thoughts and desires, yet that tiny root-seed-impulse, the seat of ego-consciousness, the sense of I-ness from

which all thoughts germinate, will still persist.

There is a simple way...allow God to kill the mind. Don't try to kill the mind...because only He has the Power of mind dissolution. God is the Master mind. Only the master can set the slave free. Secondly it takes Him no time. Swami has said that He can give Self liberation in a twinkle of an eye...This means that you have to give your mind to God. When God Himself fights the war then not only will you be sure of victory, but you will also enjoy the war! The war will be fun!

*(Sourced from Radio Sai)*

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*"When the great External Auditor my book of life receives, and He checks the daily entries, that are written on the leaves; may He find the accounts in order and no need for fear or shame, but a credit carried forward to the glory of His Name."*

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### ***Treating the Disabled***

*Reproduced from The Star – Malaysia*

During the Tamil New Year on April 14th, devotees went to the temples to pray for good health, peace and prosperity for the nation.

Disabled children from the welfare homes, were treated as special guests. They arrived in wheelchairs and were taken into the temple to be blessed by priests, all organised by the Taman Brown Sri Sathya Sai Centre.

After a meal of sweet food, the children took part in a special bhajan (session). Vegetarian dinner was then served.

Energetic volunteers from youth groups provided excellent service. While we celebrate happy occasions, we shouldn't forget about the underprivileged.

It was truly a memorable weekend.

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**Believe Me, though I pass away, My bones in My tomb would be speaking, moving and communicating with those who would surrender themselves wholeheartedly to Me. Do not be anxious that I would be absent from**

**you. You will hear My bones speaking and discussing your welfare. But remember Me always, believe in Me, heart and soul, and then you will be most benefitted. -Shirdi Sai Baba.**

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### *The Milk Miracle*

It was in the early hours of Thursday 21st Sept. 1995, that a certain man, in New Delhi, had a dream of Lord Ganesha, -son of Lord Shiva, the remover of obstacles, - wanted to drink milk. Upon waking he went to the temple and an unconvinced pandit there let him feed a spoonful of milk to the Ganesha statue. As they both watched, in amazement, they saw the statue 'drink' the spoonful of milk.

Word of the incident spread like wildfire, and within hours people around the world were offering milk and watching a miracle take place. In India people left work early to go and 'feed' the Lord, while stores were crowded with people obtaining milk!

The event dominated the international media, as it showed the statues of Ganesha, as well as Lord Shiva and Parvati also accepted the milk offerings. Sceptics witnessed the event in amazement. In the UK. the 'Daily Express' reported; "I had a good view from the side and all I can say is that the statue appeared to suck in half a spoonful while it was held level by the worshipper. The rest was sipped reverently by the devotee...most of the worshippers said they only went to the temple occasionally and were certainly not religious fanatics. But they were adamant that a new god had been born to save the world from evil."

An extraordinary event occurred at another major Hindu temple in Wimbledon, in London. Milk given to a statue of Lord Ganesha also disappeared and at the same time a large photo of Sai Baba was seen to be manifesting vibuthi or holy ash from Baba's forehead and amrit, or nectar, ran from his feet. At the Geeta Bhavan temple in Manchester, milk was accepted in large amounts by a small silver statue of Ganesha. Some British tabloid reporters,

looked for flaws in the miracle as they photographed the events taking place, (but) none could deny they witnessed such an amazing and unexplainable event.

Some scientists claimed that the milk was absorbed through capillary action, which seemed implausible considering some statues drank gallons upon gallons of milk.

Hindus believe the acceptance of milk as a good omen from 'up above', and the miracle strengthened the beliefs of many Hindus and non-Hindus, alike!

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### *Mobile Holistic Medicare*

"Just as the name suggests, it truly is a moving hospital," Dr. Narasimhan said, at the launch of the fully-equipped Mobile Hospital unit. This special vehicle of service has become 'God' for nearly 50,000 people of the Anantapur district. It is taken in procession and villagers say, "It is not a Moving Hospital, but Sai Moving in our village."

Dr. Narasimhan continued, "The Sri Sathya Sai Mobile Hospital project is a novel medical outreach programme which aims to provide quality medicare to people living especially in the remote villages. It is, in fact, a reflection of Bhagavan's untiring effort to provide healthcare free of cost to the poorest of the poor."

"For the first time ever in the history of any Voluntary Organisation, we are now able to diagnose the disease in the village, at the doorstep of a patient. this is very amazing and it is indeed a wonderful experience", says Dr. Shyam Prasad, a professor of Surgery in Andhra Medical College.

The idea of introducing mobile hospitals, is a unique one which should be replicated here in the west, requiring little cost.

For many village patients in India going to the big city means fear; not knowing the place, paying for local transport, including language problems. Whereas, the patient is comfortable in his/her village, speaking the local language, etc. and allows for 'follow-up' care. Indeed, the 'love ethic' is built into

the care, is the most important feature of this scenario.

Formally, patient would have been given calcium tablets, pain killers, fever medication, etc., with little or no follow-up treatment, or if a particular drug has had any side effects. But with regular visits of the Mobile Hospital, "...this way we are able to do full justice to the patient. It gives immense satisfaction to us as well as the villagers."

The love with which the doctors in the Mobile Hospital treat the villagers and look after the complete cure of their patients, has moved the villagers beyond measure and generates tremendous trust in them in what the doctors say, for each one feels: "Here is somebody genuinely interested in my welfare. This doctor has no ulterior motive; he does not expect anything from me. I must adhere to what he says. It will do me good."

The Mobile Hospital project would not be a success if it were not for the selfless service of the volunteers who are totally committed to the work they do, whether they are reputed surgeons, junior doctors, nurses, etc. There are nearly 500 doctors from all over the state of Andhra Pradesh who have associated themselves with this service project, and the story of how each one got connected with this programme is fascinating. Dr. Sreenivas said he prayed to Swami to have further opportunities to serve people, and a few days later he had an invitation to this camp by Dr. Narasimhan. "He heard of me through Dr. m.b.r. Sharma, professor of medicine, in Kakinda. All this happened in just a span of two weeks. I am really overjoyed! I simply wrote a poem asking (Swami) to grant His *darshan* just once. In less than two weeks, I have already seen Him! And He even looked at me a couple of times in the last two days, He also gave me an opportunity to serve. Both my wishes are fulfilled."

Swami blesses the volunteers in His own way. Dr. Narasimhan said, "You know, one thing these doctors have mentioned many times is that when they go back, they have good news waiting for them, -it could be

promotions, fresh appointments or better opportunities. In hindsight, they feel so happy to have participated in the camp."

He recounted an occasion of a child was operated in the ear, but had a post operative complication, a hole developed on the internal bone. It could not be operated upon for it involved a highly complex surgery, which if failed would damage the brain. "We were not ready to take this risk," said Dr. Narasimhan. "So, we gave the boy a simple antidiotic and told him that the medicine should be applied only after chanting 'Sai Ram'. To our surprise, the following month we found that the complication had cured miraculously."

On another occasion a patient had stones in his pancreas, but were shocked to find post operative complications, and had developed multi-organ failure which could have resulted in death in such circumstances. Dr. Venugopal, a renowned Professor of Surgery from Hyderabad, started chanting Sai Gayatri. He stated later, "One night Swami appeared in Tulsidas' (patient) dream wherein He was delivering a talk. During that talk, Swami gave a compassionate look at Tulsidas. You may not believe this, nor would any doctor, but Tulsidas was cured!" Even Dr. Venugopal was stunned at this miraculous turn of events!

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### **Avatar - Prema Sai**

In the past, Swami has predicted, in detail, the coming of the future Sai incarnation, as Prema Sai. He showed the vision of the home where Prema Sai will take birth. On another occasion, while He was journeying in His car, Swami showed, to the devotees accompanying Him, a girl who was to be the grand mother of Prema Sai. On yet another occasion, it was learnt that the late Kasturi would play an important role in the birth of Prema Sai.

John Hislop was graced to receive from Swami a ring depicting the profile image of Prema Sai, which over time manifested the detailed features of the face from the front view.

He also said, that Prema Sai's early years will be in Mysore State, Mandhya District and in the village "Guna Parthi".

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### **Sai Medical Camp in Alike**

Alike is a picturesque village in the costal district of Dakshina Kannada (also called South Kanara) in the southern state of Karnataka, about 50 kms. from the city of Mangalore.

Between Jan. 28 to 31, more than 11,000 poor people were served and treated, -all free, in the Primary Health Centre, attached to the Sathya Sai School of Alike. Previously it was thought no more than 200 or 300 patients would be treated, they never expected such an enormous response. Many doctors, nurses, Pharmacists, and 1,000 students from the campus, served as volunteers.

Usually medical camps run for about a week and the last day when everything is over, there is no further contact with the patients. That was not the case in this instance, when they had listed around 1,000 patients for further consultation, investigations and surgery. They also register all names and addresses and other details to enable patients to be contacted later. Indeed, they expected as many as 3,000 patients every day!

The school was converted into a temporary make-shift hospital, with ECG, blood testing and a pharmacy, with some equipment from Sri Sathya Sai General Hospital. Their pharmacist was brought from London, where she runs a hugh hospital called Barnet General Hospital, - one of the biggest in London! She was amazed at the well-ordered layout of the pharmacy, designed to cater to 11,000-12,000 patients!

Because of language problems, students were enlisted as translators, and also served water and food to the thousands who turned up every day.

Swami says that one should see no difference between a patient and a doctor. The patient should be treated like God. The camp ran smoothly, with love, allowing as

many as 11,000 people to be seen in the four days! The overall cost of the camp was nearly 23 lakhs of rupees, -over 43,000 euro.

A queue of patients stretched for a quarter of a mile, as they were being enrolled, and after an hour and a half the queue finished. Everything was handled so efficiently, as rows of computers were being fed with all the medical histories, and the students taking them to the right places for treatment. A total of 2,000 glasses were distributed to those from 'poor social backgrounds' who could ill-afford the cost of glasses, and as many as 12,000 people were fed breakfast and lunch!

Dr. S.K.Upadhyay, who led the team, later said, "Swami has given so many opportunities to travel from East to West, North to South. What you see is so much joy in the medical camp, -joy, love, -it is wonderful!"

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**The one effective way to conquer all sources of physical and mental disease and debility is awareness of one's Atmic Reality. That will bring about an upsurge of Love and Light, for, when one recognises that one is the Atma, one cognises the same Atma in all. He shares the joy and grief of all and partakes of the strength and weakness of all. He sees God in everyone. Every act will be pure, sincere and sacred offering to God. When one yearns for the happiness and prosperity of all mankind, one is blessed with the wisdom and strenget to mark out the way and lead men towards it.**

-BABA.

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### **Sai School in Canada voted academic excellence**

The Fraser Institute, an independent Canadian research and educational organisation with international partners in over 70 countries, has ranked the Sathya Sai School of Canada, as one of the top 37 elementary schools in Ontario. This is based on the school's outstanding academic

results in the Grade 3 & Grade 6 tests for the school year 2005/2006.

The overall rating out of 10 is based on the school's performance on nine indicators, all of which are derived from province-wide tests of reading, writing and mathematics administered by the province's Education Quality and Accountability Office.

With this superior rating, the school inspired and founded by universal teacher and humanitarian, Sri Sathya Sai Baba, has emerged as a key player in the field of academic excellence on the Canadian national scene. Yet, its academic success is only a part of the many laurels the school has won within its young life of a mere 6 years. Founding Principal of the school, Mr. T.R. Pillay, is pleased that the report validates not only the excellent work of the teachers, and the calibre of the students, but also the school's mission to balance character education with academic excellence. "Parents should find this high ranking of the school reassuring and further proof that the Sathya Sai ideals of education and its unique school climate bring out the best in their children. I am convinced that if our students were tested on moral issues and ethical values, they would shine with equal brilliance." Mr. Pillay gives credit to the school's character education programme, the only one of its kind in North America, for the student's wholesome attitude and service to the community. In his message, he further attributes the successful delivery of this unique programme to the highly trained and dedicated educators who serve the Sathya Sai School of Canada with unparalleled levels of commitment and sacrifice, drawing their inspiration directly from the personal example of the greatest teacher of our times, Sri Sathya Sai Baba.

As Sathya Sai Baba reminds us, education is for life, not merely for earning a living. Even as a good report card is welcome news, it is only a part of our greater goal that is summed up in the vision of our Founder, Sri Sathya Sai Baba, and in the motto of our school, namely, "The end

of education is character." said Dr. Pon Sivaji, school Trustee and Treasurer, when he congratulated the staff members, students and volunteers of the school, thanking them for their dedication, adding, "Your hard work cannot be measured in dollar value."

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### *Swami Cures*

A student in Swami's College in Brindavan, was suffering from a severe case of Asthma and wrote numerous times to Swami for a cure. Swami didn't reply which made the student increasingly frustrated. Even at the Darshan line Swami never looked his way. The following night he had a severe attack that prevented him from sleeping.

He looked at Swami's photo and asked, "Do you see how I am suffering? Do you even know how I am feeling now? No, You Don't. Because if You would have, You wouldn't remain a silent spectator to our suffering. I will show how it feels." He stood in front of Swami's photo and held his hand over His nose and mouth, saying angrily, "Do you now understand how it feels." A moment later he felt dizzy and fell down unconscious. He was found the following morning on the floor beneath Swami's photo, but did not mention what he had done. At Darshan Swami went to him and held the boy's hand. The student tried to take back his hand because he didn't want Swami to take upon Himself the Asthmatic condition. With a strong grip Swami said, "*Once you are in Swami's hold, can any power in the world free you from that grip?*"

Swami held on for 2 minutes and started breathing normally again, and looking at the boy said, "*Do you think I need your letters to know what's happened with you? I knew about your Asthma. Your karmic effect got transferred to Me. Twenty years of suffering for you is only two minutes of suffering for Me.*"

Turning to the other students, Swami said, "*Have total faith in Me. Give up everything to Me. Do My bidding. The*

*whole world is waiting for you. Be good instruments of change in society. I bless you all!"*

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*"When the power of love overcomes the love of power, the world will know peace".*

Jimi Hendrix.

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