



AUM SRI SAI RAM

SRI SATHYA SAI SEVA ORGANISATIONS, ODISHA



GURU POORNIMA CELEBRATION

24TH& 25TH July 2021



"On this Guru Poornima day, try to transform your heart making it pure and sacred. *Pavithram* (purity) is the true characteristic of a human being. This purity should be manifested in everything one does: in his thoughts, in what he sees or says and in all that he does. It is only when you display such purity that you can become embodiments of the Divine *Aathma*. Then the distinction between the Divine and the mundane disappears. Everything becomes Divinised. The difference between the object and the subject will also go. Everything then becomes *purnam* (the whole). The realisation of that wholeness is the real Guru Puurnima not the offering of paadhapuuja (ritual homage to the feet) to some guru and obtaining a manthra from him. Resolve today to turn your thoughts to God, to strive for the purification of your heart and to seek Self-realisation."

**Divine Discourse, Guru Poornima
Prashanthi Nilayam, 13 July 1984**

Guru Poornima is one of the most auspicious festivals that is celebrated across India. In Indian culture, Guru is given the utmost importance next to parents. Everyone prays to their gurus, the spiritual ones, from where they get wisdom and enlightenment. Along with prayers, guru is worshiped to further show the light of happiness, peace, and harmony.

According to the Hindu calendar, Guru Poornima is marked every year on the full moon day in the month of Ashadha. This year, this festival was celebrated on July 24, 2021. All 35 Sai districts of Sri Sathya Sai Seva Organisations, Odisha celebrated this special festival Guru Poornima on 24th July, following the covid guidelines. The morning was blissful with the Prashanti flag hoisting at various Seva Kendras. A day long Sadhana was offered through chanting of Suprabhatam followed by Jyoti Dhyana, decorating homes with mango leaves, flowers, jhoti/Rangoli, sodashaupachara puja etc. Dhyana Vrukshya puja was also offered in many places in the divine presence of Swami. The day continued with several other spiritual activities like distribution of Amruta Kalash & Narayan Seva.

Our Bal Vikas children, on this auspicious day, were involved in creative painting activity on the topic "**Manasa Bhajore Guru Charanam**". This was conducted to make them aware of the importance of Guru Poornima. They realized the nectarine essence of the day by offering their pooja for their beloved lord Sai as well as their parents and elders.



On the same day an Online program was conducted in the afternoon for the Sri Sathya Sai Housing Project villages. This was indeed blissful for every Sai District who are fortunate having Sri Sathya Sai Housing Project as part of their Seva Sadhana.

The evening session was also tuned in live through You tube channel by SSSSO, Odisha on the eve of Guru Purnima. The satsang included offerings of Veda and bhajans to Swami. Many official publications i.e new books were inaugurated on this special occasion. Organisational offerings were submitted at the Lotus Feet of our beloved Divine Master by our revered State President. The Bal Vikas students and Sai youths shared their experiences on this auspicious day on the topic of their divine journey, i.e., 'Living with Sai'.

Our revered State President appealed to all the Sai Districts to visit to the Grama Seva villages on 25th of July 2021 as an offering at thy Lotus Feet. The satsang concluded with offering of Mangala Aarati at the Lotus Feet.

GLIMPSES OF SERVICE ACTIVITIES CARRIED ON 25TH JULY 2021

Service essentially is a spontaneous feeling for serving and helping the needy in any form. In other words, service is actually the true personality of the human existence. The service is offered in communities across the globe with an underlying concept of "the person who serves is the person served". Sri Sathya Sai Baba says, 'Love All Serve All', 'Help Ever Hurt Never' and 'The Hands that serve are holier than the lips that pray'.

During 45th State Conference, it was decided that each samithi will identify at least 2 villages by Guru Purnima and those villages will be offered to Swami on His Centenary Birthday Celebration. Accordingly, on this auspicious day of Guru Purnima, all samithis of the 35 Sai Districts made visit to at least one amongst the identified villages. The Sevadals performed various Seva activities such as distribution of Amruta Kalasam (MEHAP), Plantation (Sai Sabujima), conducting Bal Vikas classes, awareness on Covid & health and hygiene (Sarve Santu Niramaya), Veterinary Camp (Sai Karuna). This has given an opportunity to every Sai Seval to share Swami's Love with the village people. Throughout the state, in each district as well as samithi, variety of activities were chosen as per the need, making this day very unique and special.

Sathya Sai Seva Organisations, Odisha prays to the loving mother to shower her blessings upon each and every individual who directly or indirectly were involved in making the event a grand success.



Glimpses of different seva activities

Medical Camp



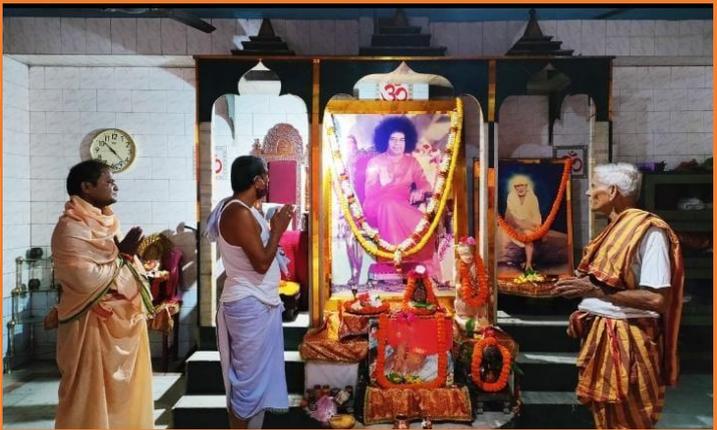
Narayan Seva



Sai Karuna



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Sai Sabujima



***Offering at the Divine Lotus Feet of Our Beloved Divine Master
Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba***

