

*“Engage yourselves in service activity.
Consider social service as service to God.”*

~ Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba

Dear Friends,

Loving Sairams to you all from Sathya Sai Grama!

It's been a challenging couple of months with the second wave of Covid-19 hitting India badly. Hospitals and frontline healthcare workers were overwhelmed with the incessant patient inflows and lack of adequate infrastructure made it impossible to treat all those that needed medical care and attention.

Bhagawan, in His infinite compassion, responded to the crisis and how!

MESSAGE OF THE LORD | FOUNDATION FOR REVIVAL OF BHARATIYA CULTURE



On the auspicious occasion of Sankranthi on January 14th this year, Bhagawan declared that any good, spiritual, auspicious deed that is started on this sacred day is bound to succeed.

An auspicious beginning of the construction of the Vedagurukulam was made. Secondly, the state-of-the-art medical facility - a teaching hospital-cum-multi-specialty hospital has been announced.

In Sathya Sai Grama, the circle is now complete. Till now, we had Vidya – modern day education. Now, on either side of Vidya, we have Veda (Vedic education) and Vaidya (medical education).

Both Vidya and Vaidya have always been given free of cost in India since time immemorial. However, with commercialisation, both have become commodities. The day we began selling education and healthcare, decline of Bharath began then.

Old roots with new shoots must be combined. Sri Sathya Sai Loka Seva Gurukulam will offer Vedic education, modern-day education that culminates with a University degree as well as medical education – all free of cost.

This step, to revive the values of ancient Bharath, has been taken on this day...

~ **Sadguru Sri Madhusudan Sai**

Read the entire discourse: <https://bit.ly/3AIA1KE>

MIRACLE IN THE MAKING – SRI SATHYA SAI SARLA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

The Second Wave and Response by the Trust

In addition to the Sri Sathya Sai Annapoorna Trust providing relief materials to the Covid warriors on the ground, Bhagawan set in motion a chain of selfless giving by announcing that the Sri Sathya Sai Sarla Memorial Hospital would be upgraded to a high-end Covid care facility with oxygenated beds and paediatric and neo-natal ICU facilities.

Thanks to the collective sacrifice of numerous devotees and patrons from around the world, the hospital is currently gearing up to being dedicated to the nation on Guru Poonima later this month.

VISION OF THE HOSPITAL

In a couple of years, the hospital will evolve to a Teaching and Training hospital that would offer inspired doctors, nurses and paramedics from its portals who would go out in the society and serve the needy.



You can visit the website for latest updates: <https://www.ssssmh.org/>

Watch a short video about the hospital: <https://bit.ly/3hnBPJx>

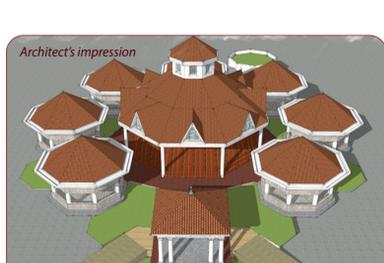
MISSION IN THE MAKING – SRI SATHYA SAI VEDAGURUKULAM



The Crown Jewel of Sri Sathya Sai Loka Seva Gurukulam Institutions

Come Gurupoonima 2021, Sathya Sai Grama will be adorned with the crest jewel of Sri Sathya Sai Loka Seva Gurukulam – the much-awaited and divinely-ordained **Vedagurukulam**.

The Sri Sathya Sai Vedagurukulam is being constructed at the foothills of the *Channa Giri*, one of the *Panchagiris* (*Nandi Giri, Divya Giri, Brahma Giri, Channa Giri and Skanda Giri*) that surrounds Sathya Sai Grama. On the south of the Gurukulam stands the majestic *Nandi Giri*, and on the north, it is the lofty *Skanda Giri*; to the west is the *Channa Giri*.



PEOPLE IN THE MAKING FOR THE MISSION | GAURAV KUMAR

Bhagawan has always said that His students will one day run His mission. Many youngsters are now graduating from the Sri Sathya Sai Loka Seva institutions and taking up responsibilities and playing pivotal roles in the mission. Truly, they seem to be old heads on young shoulders, playing their roles to perfection.

In this edition, meet Gaurav Kumar.

Gaurav comes from the state of Bihar in India. Medical needs in his family brought him to Puttaparthi in 1996. He accompanied his father and aunt for a medical appointment at the Sri Sathya Sai Institute of Higher Medical Sciences, Prashanthigram. Since there were routine tests to be done, they had to stay in Parthi for some time. It is then that he learnt about Swami and His educational institutions. Gaurav's father nurtured a desire to take Gaurav in Swami's education system.

Later, in 2009, Gaurav applied for 6th Grade in both Puttaparthi and Muddenahalli. He secured admission in Sri Sathya Sai Vidya Kendra in the Muddenahalli campus. Since then, there has been no looking back for Gaurav. He continued his studies and after his 12th Grade, upon Swami's guidance, he completed his Bachelors of Engineering (Civil) from Nagarjuna College of Engineering & Technology in the year 2020.



He is currently doing his internship overseeing the construction activity of the Sri Sathya Sai Vedagurukulam.

A soft spoken and reserved boy, Gaurav is very dedicated. He feels Swami has taken care of his education and all his requirements. He aspires to dedicate his life for Swami's work, wherever and whatever it may be.

In the words of Gaurav...

The love & care that I have received from the elders and teachers, and their selfless sacrifice towards building the institutions have inspired and motivated me.

I decided to stay back and serve in the institution because the environment here gives me a platform to improve myself without dilution. I am trying to live a life of purpose in accordance to HIS plan.

I want to be a person who is always available to help other people in need without a second thought. In the process of helping & serving, I aspire to evolve into being an equanimous person journeying closer to my true Self.

PROJECT MONITOR

MAKING GREEN CAMPUSES

Bhagawan often talks about how even though not every country may possess reserves such as coal, oil and gas, every country has access to some form of natural source of energy such as the sun, water, and wind. These natural resources must be tapped and the energy thus utilised. This transition from use of fossil fuel to renewable energy is Bhagawan's mission of *Vidyut* (electricity), the fourth 'V' after *Vidya* (education), *Vaidya* (healthcare) and *Vaari* (water).



And where else to set an example of this transition than in our own campuses! The green drive has seen a remarkable success in Muddenahalli, Mandya and Kalaburagi campuses. Here are some notable stats for you:

Solar plants commissioned in the three campuses:

- 450 KWp at Muddenahalli, 93.33 KWp at Mandya with *zero electricity bill*, 130 KWp at Kalaburagi
- Amount of CO₂ emission reduced in all three campuses: 2710 metric tonnes
- Net savings in electricity bills: Rs. 2.58 cr (nearly 350,000 USD)

It is our goal to make all our campuses green and eco-friendly.

Stay tuned for much such updates. Here's wishing we continue to work together and inspire one other to make a change in the lives of our fellow human beings.

Warm Regards,

Team PBMT



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