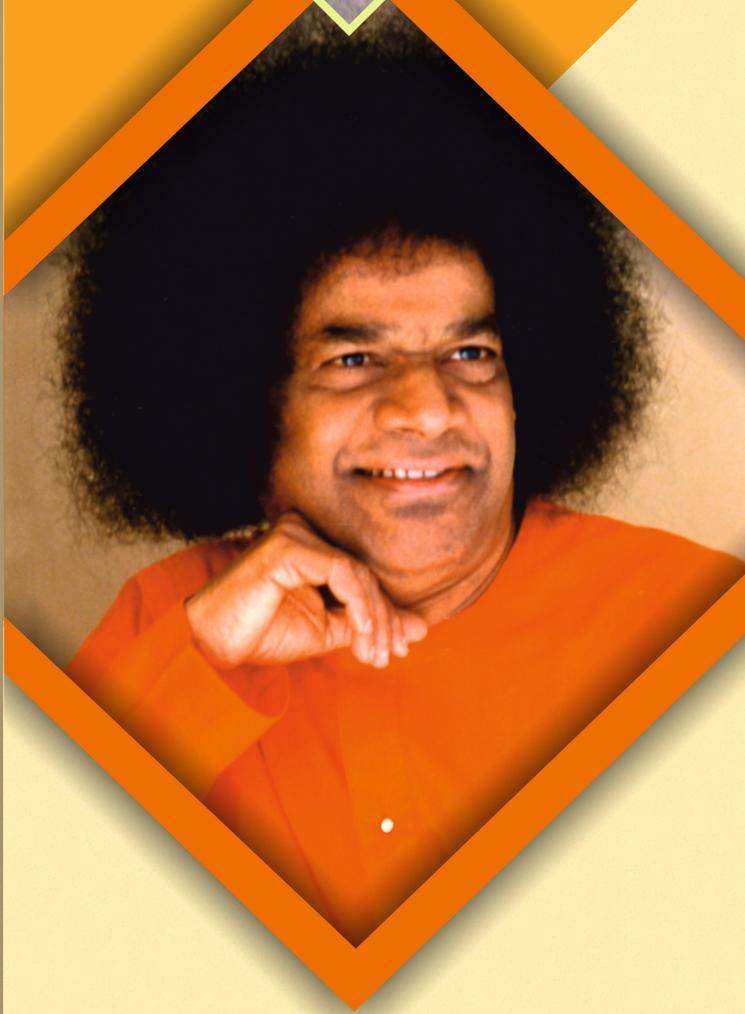




# SRI SATHYA SAI SEVA ORGANISATIONS

WEST BENGAL



**DINAJPUR (NORTH)**

**DISTRICT  
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*“Let the different faiths exist, let them flourish, let the glory of God be sung in all languages in a variety of tunes. That should be the ideal. Respect the differences between the faiths and recognize them as valid so far as they do not extinguish the flame of unity.”*

*This report is dedicated at the  
Lotus Feet of our Lord and Master  
Bhagavan Sri Sathya Sai Baba*



# Foreword

My reverential pranaams at the divine Lotus Feet of my Sadguru, Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba, who, by His immense grace, has given me an opportunity to act as His instrument, and be incidental to His Divine Mission of 'Vedaposhana', 'Bhakta Samrakhshana', 'Patitoddharana' and 'Dharmasamsthapana' by spreading the message of 'Love All Serve All' laid on the basic eternal principles of 'Five core Values' - Sathya, Dharma, Shanti, Prema & Ahimsa and by reiterating the fundamental concept of 'Fatherhood of God, Brotherhood of Man' into the hearts of the humanity.

This Annual Report is a diminutive effort to sketch the origin & history of the Organisation in the District of Dinajpur North, the present Organisation Structure, some statistical reports which portray the extent of activities in the organizational framework, some special activity reports and future plans.

I take this opportunity to express my gratitude to our Respected State President and other State

Co-ordinators who have extended their guidance and unstinted support for strengthening of the activities in our District in tune with the State and National Level agenda of our organization. I also take the opportunity to express my deep appreciation for the relentless services being rendered by our District Co-ordinators, Samithi Convenors, Bhajan Mandali In-charges and all office bearers as also all of our Sevalal Devotees without whom our offering to Bhagawan would not have been as beautiful.

I pray to Bhagawan to continue to guide us in His divine Mission so and that we can carry forward His Message the way He Wishes.

Jai Sai Ram.

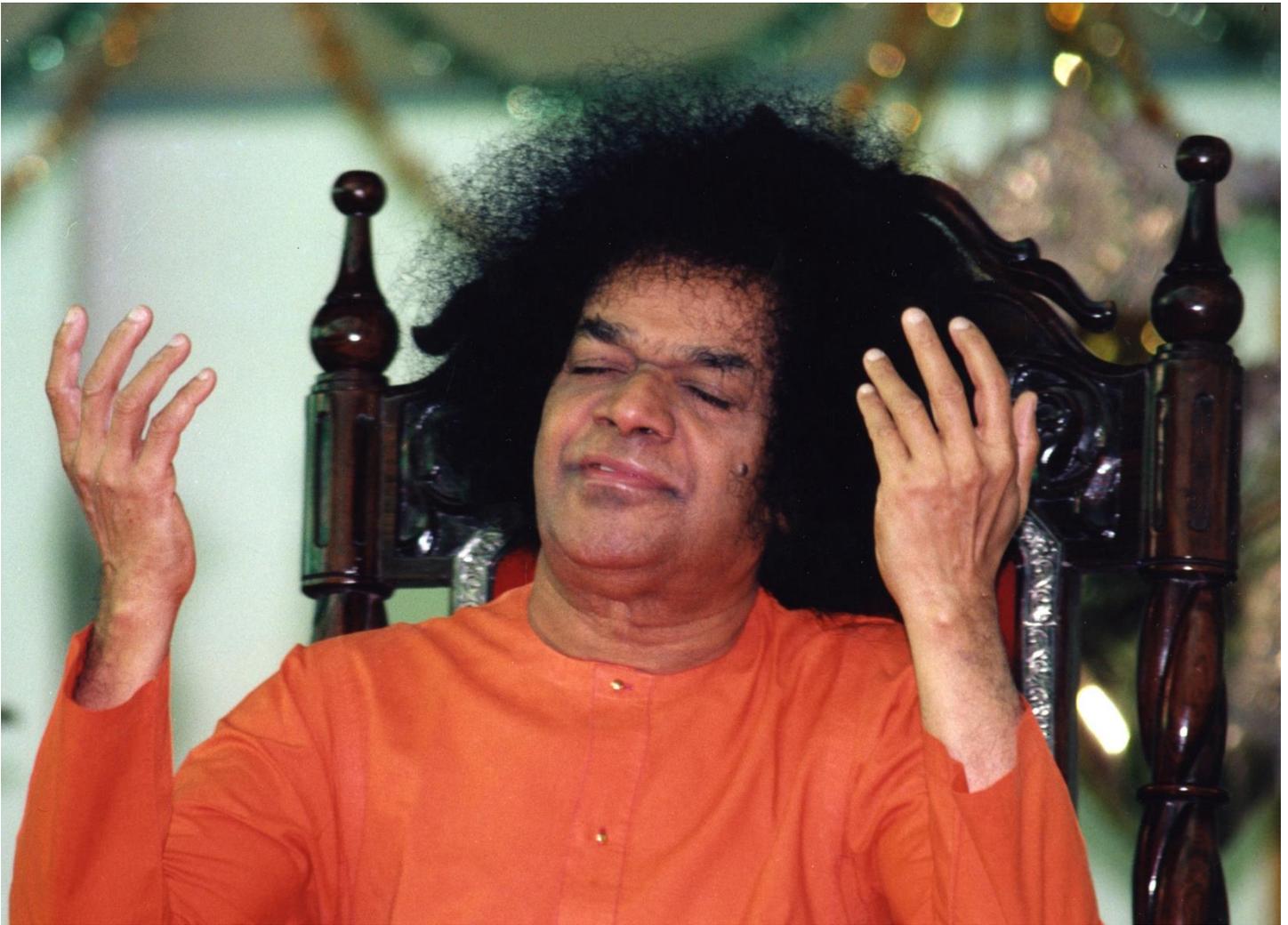
Ever in Sai Service,

**Shubhajit Saha**

District President

*I consider seva (selfless service) as the most important activity of the samitis (centres or service groups), for it is the highest sadhana (spiritual discipline). Do not entangle yourselves in pros and cons, in arguments for and against, whether this way or that. They are the consequence of wrong or perverted scholarship. Love ignores logic. Sevā respects no syllogism. Try to observe the rules that have been framed through Love, to canalise the Love that you are required to cultivate. I have said this so often that all of you know my mind already: "Start the day with love; spend the day with love; fill the day with love; end the day with love; that is the way to God".*

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# Sri Sathya Sai Seva Organisations



The Sri Sathya Sai Seva Organisations, founded by Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba in the year 1965, is a service organisation with a spiritual core and base to benefit all mankind irrespective of religion, caste, creed or sect. The Organisation serves as a platform for its members to undertake service and other activities motivated by an urge for one's own transformation with the aim of realising one's inherent divinity.

Without any distinction of religion, nationality, race, socio-economic status, either for those who work in the Organisation or for those who are served by it, the Organisation transcends all barriers leading humanity towards the ideal of 'Fatherhood of God and Brotherhood of Man'.

The concept of fees or membership subscription is alien to the Sri Sathya Sai Seva Organisations, for there cannot be any fee or subscription for one's journey towards his own self.

The organisation functions through its primary units called as Samithis and Bhajan Mandalis of which individuals - from different strata of society, different ethnic groups pursuing different religions and faiths - are members bound by the dictum of "Love all, Serve All" and pursue their own sadhana towards self-transformation following the path of selfless service to humanity.

At no point is an individual asked to follow a certain religion or rituals. On the contrary each is inspired to follow his own faith so as to ensure that a Hindu becomes a better Hindu, a Muslim becomes a better Muslim, a Christian becomes a better Christian and so on. In fact, this spiritual basis inspires everyone to pursue his own religion better by putting into practice Love and Selflessness. That is why the Organisation features in its emblem the symbols of the major religions of the world.

*The Organisations named after Me are not to be used for publicising My Name, or creating a new cult around My worship . . . They must render seva (service) to the helpless, the sick, the distressed, the illiterate and the needy. Their seva (selfless service) should not be exhibitionistic; it must seek no reward, not even gratitude or thanks from the recipients. Seva is sadhana (spiritual exercise), not a pastime of the rich and well placed.*

*You must have the firm belief that the aim of this Organisation is to remove the obstacles that keep man away from God, that separate maanavathwa (Humanity) from Maadhavathwa (Divinity).. This Organisation must elevate the human into the Divine."*

❧ Sri Sathya Sai ❧

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## WINGS OF THE ORGANISATION

Sri Sathya Sai Seva Organisations functions under three wings viz. (i) Spiritual, (ii) Education, and (iii) Service. Each activity in a wing is directed to facilitate and help the members in their own spiritual advancement. Although, the nature of activities undertaken under different wings appear to be distinct and dissimilar, but there is an inherent interrelationship amongst all the three wings. The three wings stand for Worship, Wisdom and Work.

Spirituality and Service are complementary to each other. Spirituality is the motivational force behind service and service is the fulfillment of spirituality. Therefore, spiritual concepts learnt through education must be put into practice in form of service to humanity. Thus, in order to successfully realise the objective of joining the Sai Organisation, one must participate in activities of all the three wings.

### Activities under different wings of the Organisation

Spiritual Wing	Educational Wing	Service Wing
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Bhajan</li> <li>•Nagarsankeertan</li> <li>•Study Circle</li> <li>•Sadhana Camps</li> <li>•Study of Sai Literature</li> <li>•Meditation, and</li> <li>•Others</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Non-formal education of children in the age group of 5-14 years through values-based educational training</li> <li>•Bal-Vikas</li> <li>•Educare</li> <li>•Parenting Programmes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Gram Seva</li> <li>•Slums Service</li> <li>•Medical Camps and Health Care</li> <li>•Sanitation activities</li> <li>•Visit to orphanages, old age homes etc.</li> <li>•Disaster relief</li> <li>•Poor feeding</li> <li>•Free Coaching Classes, and</li> <li>•Others</li> </ul>

## ADMINISTRATION OF THE ORGANISATION

Headed by an All India President who is supported by the National Vice Presidents and State Presidents, the Organisation functions like a well-oiled machine, focused on its purpose, clear in its vision and dedicated in its efforts to live up to Swami's message "Love All, Serve All".

The Samithis and the Bhajan Mandalis constitute a genuine spiritual movement where the members are united by a common bond Love for God and Service to fellow human beings.

The members of the organisation work as one cohesive unit whether as sevadals providing service

at Prashanthi Nilayam, at medical camps, doing Narayan seva or the Bal-Vikas gurus who work with young children to imbibe in them a desire to follow the five human values of Truth, Righteousness, Love, Peace and Non-violence, or the teachers who having undergone the training in EHV help in guiding the young minds towards the higher goals of life or the Sai Youth who work tirelessly in the Sri Sathya Sai Village Integrated Programme bound by one goal of practicing the ancient dictum of "Service to Man is Service to God".

## THE 9 POINT CODE OF CONDUCT AND 10 PRINCIPLES

Every member of the Organisation is expected to undertake Sadhana (spiritual discipline) as an integral part of his/her daily life by observing by the following Nine Point Code of Conduct which has been given by Sri Sathya Sai Baba for one's spiritual and personal development. In addition, the ten principles that form the core of guidance for all the members of the Organisation as ordained by Baba himself are also produced hereunder. The nine-point code of conduct and the ten principles are fundamental to the spiritual development of the members of Sai Organisations.

### 9 Point Code of Conduct

- ❖ Daily meditation and prayer.
- ❖ Devotional singing/prayer with members of one's family once a week.
- ❖ Participation in Bal Vikas programme by children of the family conducted by the Organisation.
- ❖ Attendance at least once a month at Bhajan or Nagar Sankeertan programme conducted by the Organisation.
- ❖ Participation in community service and other programmes of the Organisation.
- ❖ Regular study of Sai literature.
- ❖ Speak softly and lovingly with everyone with whom he comes into contact.
- ❖ Not to indulge in talking ill of others especially in their absence.
- ❖ Putting into practice the principle of "Ceiling on Desires" and utilise any savings thereby generated for the service of the mankind.

### 10 Guiding Principles

- ❖ Treat as sacred the land in which you were born. Have patriotism to your nation - but do not criticise other nations or put others down. Not even in your thoughts or dreams should you think of bringing grief to your country.
- ❖ Respect all religions equally.
- ❖ Recognise humanity as one family - treat everyone as a family member - love all
- ❖ Keep your house and surroundings clean - for this will promote hygiene and health.
- ❖ Practice charity - but do not encourage beggars by giving money. Provide food, clothing, shelter and help them on other ways (do not encourage laziness)
- ❖ Never give a bribe or take bribe - never give in to corruption.
- ❖ Curb envy and jealousy; expand your vision and outlook, Treat all equally regardless of caste or creed.
- ❖ Be self-reliant. You may be wealthy and have servants to do your bidding, but service to society must be done by yourself.
- ❖ Have and cultivate 'Love for God and fear of sin'.
- ❖ Never go against the laws of the land; follow these diligently both in word and in spirit. Be an exemplary citizen.

# Sri Sathya Sai Seva Organisations, Dinajpur (North)

## BRIEF HISTORY

The grace of Bhagawan was showered in Raiganj Town of our district way back in 1973 when HE chose Late Radha Krishna Agarwala to carry HIS message to this distant hamlet of West Bengal. HIS divine will first manifested with bhajans being organized at the residence of Late Agarwal.

With the inauguration of a Samithi at Raiganj in 1975, other activities like Bal Vikas, cleaning and sanitation, narayan seva and nagarsankirtan were started gradually. The activities started to multiply under the active monitoring of Shri Manjul Banerjee, the then Zonal Co-ordinator. Sri Shyam Sundar Sharma who was an active member of the Organisations at Raiganj assisted Sri Banerjee in the organizational activities.

In 1997, Sri Hirendra Nath Munshi, was blessed with the responsibilities of Convenor of Raiganj Samithy. Soon thereafter, in 1998 Sri Hirendra Nath Munshi was appointed as the first District President of West Dinajpur while Sri Debasish Das took over the charge of the post of Convenor of Raiganj Samithi. During that period, Gram Seva at Baraduary and Subhashganj, besides hospital cleaning, homeopathic treatment camp, blood grouping camp were started. Shri Munshi was succeeded by Shri Asit Roy in 2002 when several activities like road cleaning, study circle, Bal Vikas classes, Gram Seva were added. Subsequently, Sri Atanu Das, Sri Nitai Kar, Sri Hrishikesh Majumdar, Sri Uttam Barman, Sri M.N. Karmakar, Sri Shakti Pada Pramanik, Sri Debjoy Mitra, Sri Mahesh Nunia, Sri

Shakti Pada Pramanik, Sri Swarup Pandey, Sri Shakti Pada Pramanik acted as conveners of Raiganj Samithy in chronological order from 2005 till to date.

In 2004, Sri Shyam Sundar Sharma took over as the District President. During this time new Sai Centres were opened at Kaliyaganj, Balurghat & Jharbari. Even after bifurcation of West Dinajpur into two separate districts carrying the names of Dinajpur North & Dinajpur South, Sri Shyam Sundar Sharma continued as District President of both the districts.

In 2016 Sri Subhajit Saha was entrusted with the responsibilities of the post of the District President of Dinajpur North District. Under the able leadership of Sri Saha, Bhatsia, Sahebghata & Velai Centres were opened while the existing activities are being offered with greater enthusiasm and capitulation to Bhagawan. By the grace of Bhagawan, the district has also embarked upon youth activities like Blood Donation Camp, Tree Plantation, SSSVIP, Cleaning of Hospital, etc. with greater dedication and love.

I Pray to Bhagawan to bless us with greater sense of dedication and commitment in our activities so that we are able to reach out to a greater number of people with HIS message and in the process be able to transform ourselves as worthy flag bearers of Sai's divine mission as we move ahead.

## OVERVIEW

Sri Sathya Sai Seva Organisations is functional in Dinajpur (North) with members from various cross sections of society and different faiths. With 1 Samithi and 2 Bhajan Mandalis, the Organisation serves as a platform for its members to undertake spiritual practices through its various wings such as spiritual, education and service for their own betterment.

The thrust is on self-transformation for it is only individual transformation that would ultimately lead to global transformation.



## ACTIVITIES

The members of the Organisation are involved in various activities on regular basis which primarily includes Spiritual Study Circles, Community Bhajan, Nagarsankirtan through the spiritual wing; Bal-Vikas and Parenting programmes through the Education Wing and various service activities through the service wing. Importance is given to regular service activities as only through constant involvement in good work can self-transformation be achieved. Service activities which are regularly undertaken at Samithis for the transformation of the members and for the benefit of the society include visits to leprosy, correctional and old age homes, medical camps in villages, Narayan-seva, free coaching classes, vocational training for employability enhancement of the villagers, sanitation at public functions, fairs, and public urinal cleaning.

*While judging the seva (selfless service) done by a member of the sevādal (volunteer service corps), it is not the quantity or the number of individual instances that matter. They do not count at all. Judge rather the motive that led him or her to serve, the genuineness of the love and compassion with which the sevā was saturated. You may explain that it was your duty and so you had to do it. You may say that it was a responsibility which was imposed on you by the scarf and badge. But the explanation that appeals to Swami is that you did the sevā with no taint of ego and that you derived unsurpassed ānanda (bliss) as a result.*


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The following table broadly categories the different activities that are undertaken by the Samithis across the District.

SPECTRUM OF ACTIVITIES			
	Educare	Medicare	Sociocare
Spiritual	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Study Circles for Adults and Youth</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community Bhajans</li> <li>Nagar Sankirtan</li> <li>Conference/Retreats Sadhana Camps</li> </ul>
Educational	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bal Vikas Classes based on human values</li> <li>Bal-Vikas and Guru training</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Parents' Awareness programs on Parenting</li> <li>Parenting Workshops</li> </ul>
Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Free Coaching and Tuition Centers</li> <li>Computer Training</li> <li>Spoken English</li> <li>Adult Education</li> <li>Literacy programs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Medical Centers</li> <li>Medical Camps in villages</li> <li>Eye Camps</li> <li>Blood Grouping Camps</li> <li>Blood Donation Camps</li> <li>Dental Treatment Camps</li> <li>Veterinary Camps</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>National Narayan Seva Programme</li> <li>Visit to Leprosy Villages, Correctional Homes, Orphanages, Hospital, Disabled/ Old Age Homes</li> <li>Narayan Seva</li> <li>Service Camps</li> <li>Vocational Training Centers</li> <li>Employability enhancement programmes for village youth</li> <li>Sanitation at different government run hospitals, fairs, and public places including public urinals</li> <li>Disaster Management Awareness programmes in Schools/Colleges and other institutions</li> </ul>

*Just as all earthly matters are not taken directly to a king but are presented to the concerned ministers for action, all prayers do not reach God Himself. They are attended to by His ministers Indra, Varuna and others. Only those prayers, which have their origins in the spirit of nishkama karma (selfless action), infinite and pure love and an unsullied heart, reach the Lord directly. It is not possible for prayers of any other kind to reach Him directly. Therefore, it is only through these three media—selfless service, boundless love and an unsullied heart—that we can hope to secure direct contact with the Lord and obtain His divine sanction to our request.*

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A summary account of regular activities that have been undertaken during the period covered by this report is depicted in the following table.

	Activities	Total Number	Total Number of Participants
Spiritual	Devotional Singing		
	No. of. Community Bhajan Centers	4	
	No. of. Bhajans Held	36	360
	Household Bhajan		
	No. of Houses	18	
	No. of Bhajans Held	684	953
	Nagar Sankirtan	64	630
	Study Circles	41	450
	Conference/Retreats/Sadhana Camps	7	202
	Activities	Total Number	Total Number of Students
Educational	<b>Bal Vikas Centers</b>		
	(i) Urban	5	35
	(ii) Rural	5	35
	(iii) School	0	0
	Total (i+ii+iii)	10	70
	Bal Vikas Gurus	11	
	Activity	Total Number	Total Number of Beneficiaries
Service	<b>Visit to:</b>		
	Hospital	4	120
	<b>Camps:</b>		
	Narayan Seva	12	960
	National Narayan Seva	580 kgs	192
Blood Donation Camps	3	112	

*The human being is deriving innumerable debts from Nature and enjoying the amenities provided by Nature in various ways. But what is the gratitude the human is showing to Nature? What gratitude is he or she offering to the Divine? The human is forgetting the Divine who is the provider of everything. That is the reason for a person becoming prey to various difficulties and calamities. While we are receiving countless gifts from Providence, we are offering nothing in return to Nature or God. This shows how unnatural and heartless is the behaviour of the human being. When we are enjoined to return good for evil how unbecoming it is to fail even to return good for good. We are not learning the great lessons Nature is teaching us. The foremost lesson is doing service with no expectation of return.*

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# Glimpses of few activities

## Free Coaching Class

Education is the foundation of character and yet, many are deprived of quality learning. To facilitate, therefore, a solid support system for those unable to afford private tuitions, the Bhatsia Bhajan Center (under the Raiganj samithi) conducts weekly coaching classes. Under the tutelage of competent teachers, students are making a gradual comeback to mainstream learning.



Educational Assistance, Bhatsia Bhajan Center

## Narayan Seva

If temples are the abode of the Almighty, we may search for Him within and without; the Sabuj Sangha Mandir serves, therefore, as a suitable site where Narayanas are served cooked food on a regular basis. Freshly cooked food is distributed to the needy at local railway station and bus stands and the like as well.



Narayan Seva at Railway Station

## Cleaning and Sanitation

Sri Sathya Sai Baba says, "Cleanliness is next to Godliness"; keeping this maxim in mind, public places prone to be polluted with garbage and waste products are cleaned regularly. Streets, parks, open playgrounds are made litter free for the inhabitants living in close proximity.



Cleaning of Local Playground - Before & After

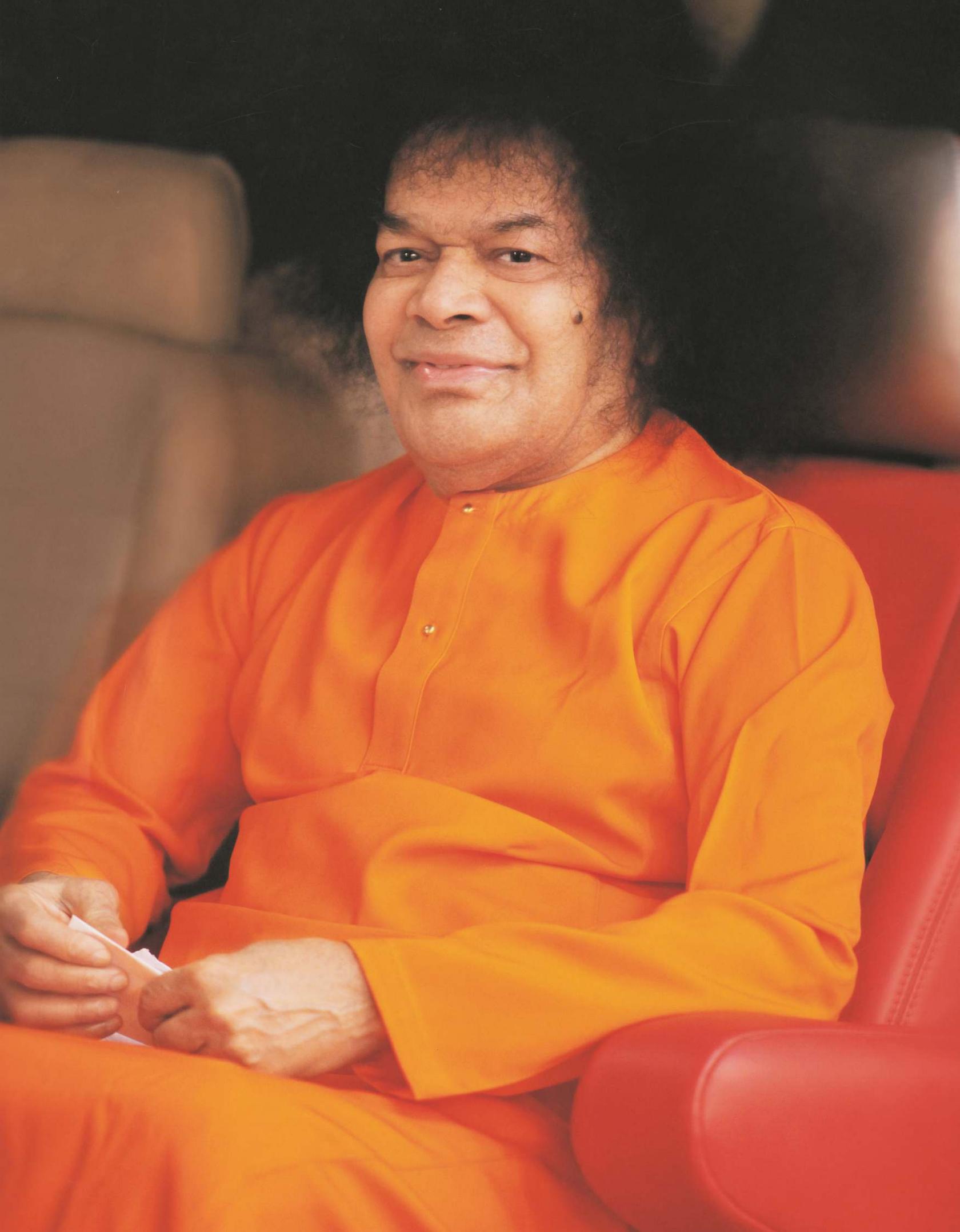
# Office Bearers

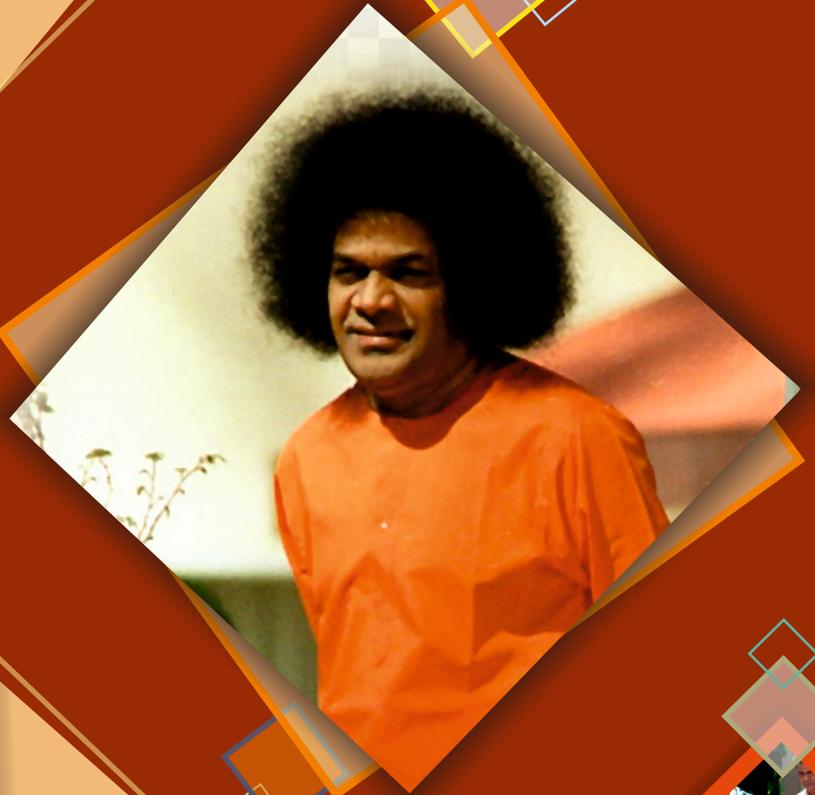
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## PAST DISTRICT PRESIDENTS

Name	Period
Sri Hirendra Nath Munshi	1998 - 2003
Sri Shyam Sundar Sharma	2004 – 2016
Sri Shubhajit Saha	2016 – Present





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