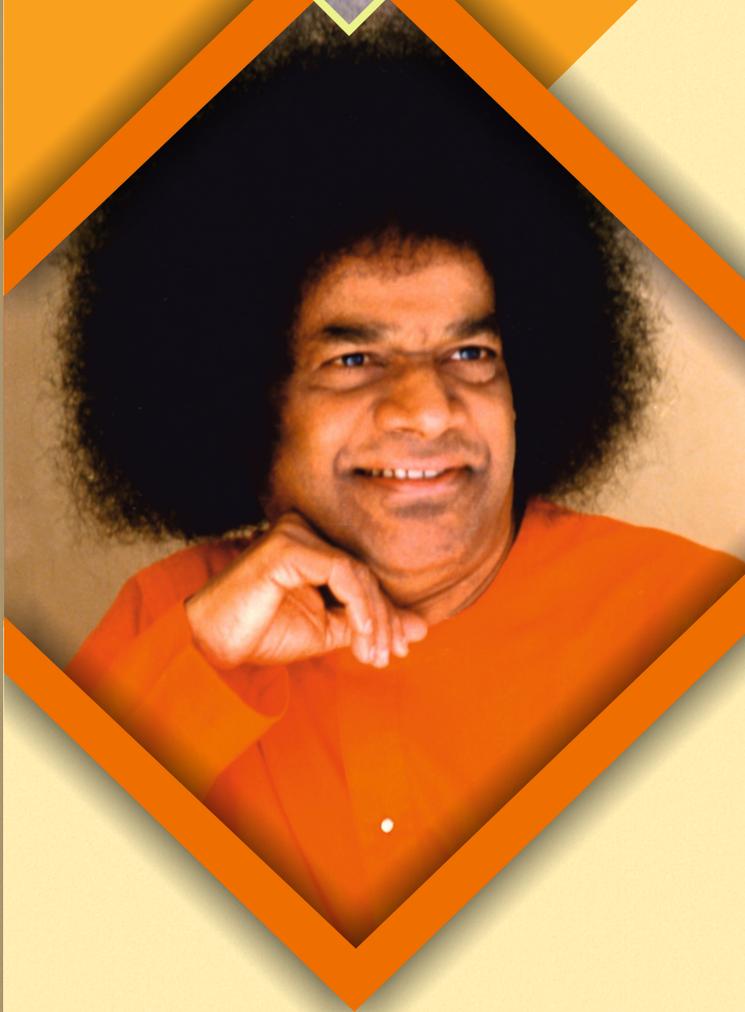




SRI SATHYA SAI SEVA ORGANISATIONS

WEST BENGAL



MALDA

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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 heartfelt salutations at the Divine Lotus Feet of my Beloved Bhagwan Baba and my warm greetings to all.

I hereby forward the Annual Report of Malda District Organization for the year 2018 – 2019.

Sri Sathya Sai Seva Organization is a spiritual organization aiming to Transform Oneself to Transform the World.

The various activities are consolidated under three wings viz. Spiritual, Education and Service. Members of the organization engage in activities that aim at upliftment of the 3H - Heart, Head and Hand - through rendering service to society.

The main focus is on development of the self, for which, as Bhagwan says, we must regularly engage in individual, family and social sadhana. Simply put, one must first Be Good and Do Good. Bhagwan is insistent about maintaining a good family set up which comes from good parenting. Authoritative yet loving, parents must discuss, guide, rectify and help their children so that the children learn to value life – not just their own but

also others – and learn to be thankful to God for all the blessings bestowed upon them. A positive and supportive home, Swami advised, will provide support and assistance society. Thus cultivating Daivya Priti, Paap Bhati and Sangha Niti is the essence of individual and family Sadhana, which has to be practiced by us all. Only then can we become worthy instruments of the Divine Lord and help His Divine Mission of 'Love all, Serve all'.

This forwarded report provides the overview of the Organisation and its activities which we have rendered in the year 2018 – 2019. We humbly place our achievements and deeply regret our failure in cases where we did not live up to the expectations. But the report stands authentic and practical within our limited capacity. I hereby place it at the Lotus Feet with heartfelt pranaam.

Jai Sai Ram.

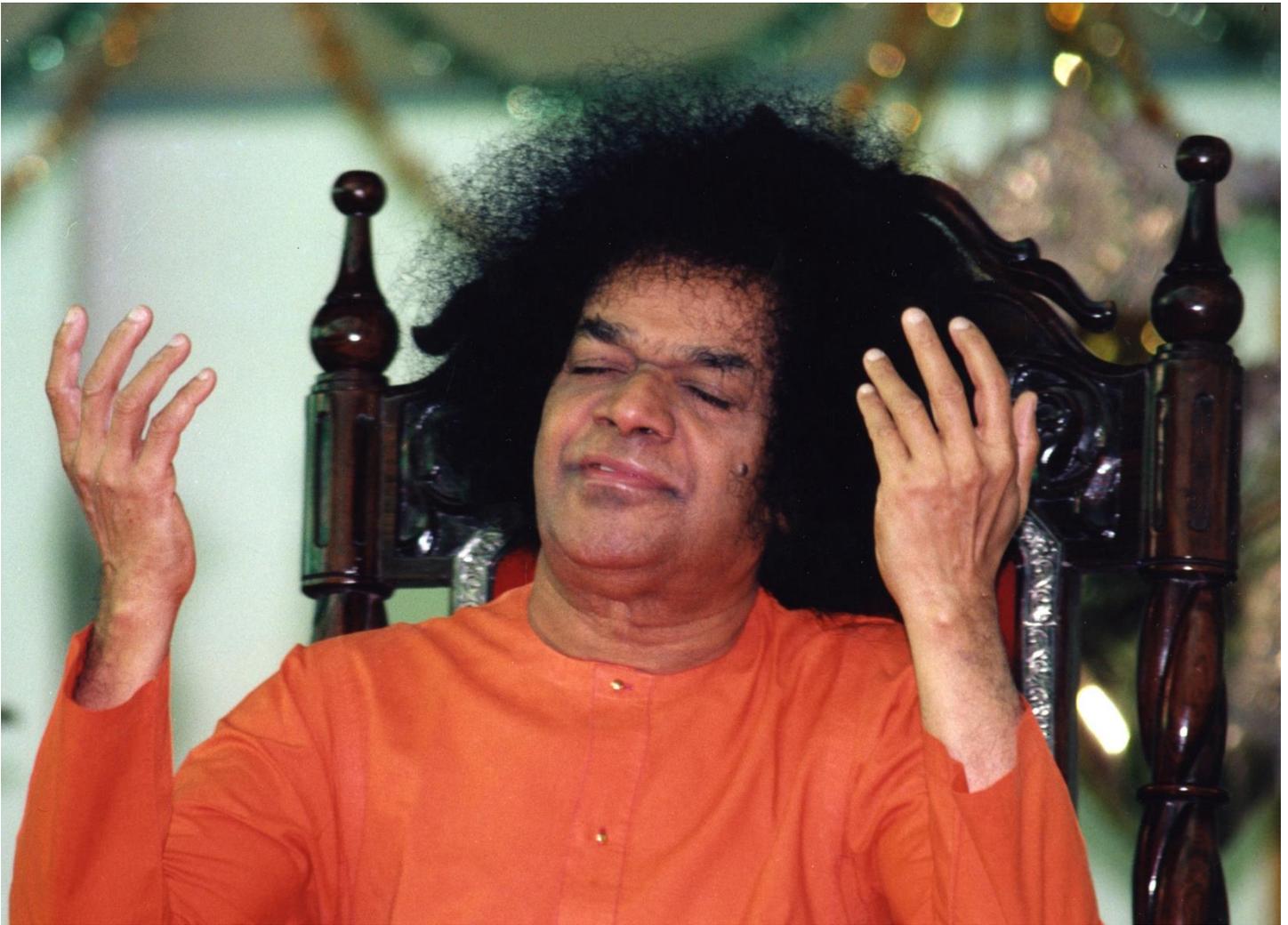
Ever in Sai Service,

Biswajit Choudhury

District President

You are called sevaks (servants) because you are engaged in sevā (selfless service). What exactly is sevā? Is it the way in which bhakti (devotion) manifests itself, a consequence of devotion? Or is it the cause of bhakti, one of the methods by which bhakti is expressed and developed? It is neither. It is not the sine qua non of bhakti; nor is it the result. It is the very essence of bhakti, the very breath of a bhakta (devotee), his or her very nature. It springs from the actual experience of the bhakta—an experience that convinces him or her that all beings are God's children, that all bodies are altars where God is installed, that all places are His residences.

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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."

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SRI SATHYA SAI SEVA ORGANISATIONS, MALDA

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

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, Malda

BRIEF HISTORY

Malda Bhajan Mandali was established in 1979. Inaugurated by Dr. B. C. Ghosh the then Zonal Coordinator of North Bengal districts, in a meeting at Puratulibandh road, house of Sri. Bikash Behari Palit. The organisation has come a long way in establishing its identity through its three-fold activities pertaining to service, spiritual and education wings.

The main persons were Late. Lilabati Choudhury, Sri Bikash Behari Palit, Sri Hari Charan Das, Smt. Snehalata Choudhury, Smt. Sarbani Palit, Lt. Madhuri Choudhury, Smt. Gayatri Sengupta, Sri Indra Narayan Sarkar and some other persons, who were part of the bhajan mandali till 1982.

In 1982 at Jiagang conference Malda bhajan mandali was established as a samithi and responsibility was given to Sri Tanmay Sen. In January 1983, Malda organisation took up Swami's village adoption project in earnest. Malda adopted A. K. Gopalan colony - 10 k.m. from Malda, and started activities such as bhajan, nagarsankirtan, punthi path, study circle, narayana seva, sadhana sibir, door to door health hygiene contact programme, medical camps, sai protein distribution, free coaching among others. In 1985 on Swami's birthday, the village adopted by Malda Samithi was awarded by Bhagawan as the best village of West Bengal and received a bicycle ambulance in Puttaparthi, in the presence of Bhagawan. In 1985 during Bhagawan's 60th birthday, Malda Samithi organised public activity

like first aid camp during Durga Puja, Blood Donation Camp, and opened Bal Vikas unit.

Since 1985, by the divine grace of Swami, Malda became a self-sufficient district, taking up new and challenging activities like Bal Vikas classes, guru training, sevadal workshop, outreach programme, slum adoption, mahila rescue home programme, correctional home education programmes..

1st and 2nd batch of Bal Vikas students completed their course and took hold of samithi activities as new gurus and sevadals.

During specific cases wherein Malda was flood affected, Malda organisation was there for relief work, contributing towards cooked food distribution, food packet distribution, dry food, clothes, medicine distribution through medical camps, to flood affected people.

Gradually Malda expanded its range of activities and in due course of time 2 samithis, 2 bhajan mandalis and 2 centre, 3 villages and 1 slum came up.

Sanitation programme drives at internationally famous Ramkeli Mela, Bharat Seva Ashram, Basanti Puja Mela, Sadullapur Burning Ghat, Iskcon Ratha Yatra Prangan, Barasanko Kirtan Mela, regulated market Jaladhar cleaning etc. are carried out on a regular basis

Malda has always proactively attended different state camps, Prasanthi Nilayam Seva, and done its

best to fulfil duties as and when allotted by State Organisation.

With the divine grace of Bhagawan Baba, Malda is leaving no stone unturned to dedicate itself for the welfare of mankind, with the master's divine voice always ringing in our ears, we are forever ready to 'face the devil and fight till the end.' we are nothing without His Grace and Will.

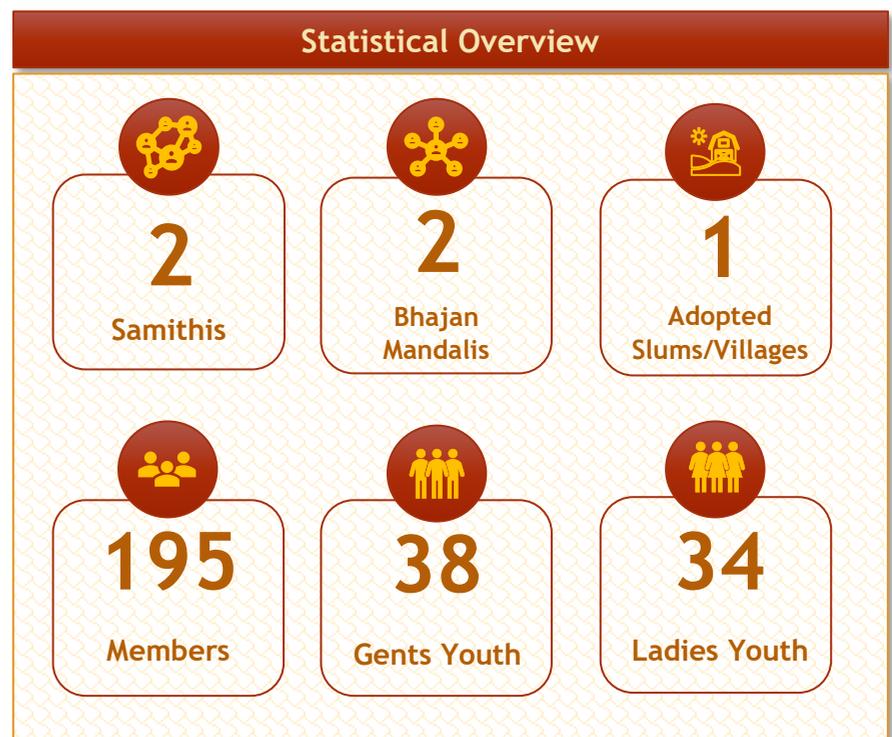
40 years have passed since the inception of the Malda unit, many devotees and members have left us and merged with Bhagawan having fulfilled their part of duty. Our prayers and acknowledgement for the departed souls. People leave but memories stay. New members have joined the divine mission. Problems come but divine solutions are there—all we need is our faith in Sai.

The Malda district team is determined to take the organization to newer heights.

OVERVIEW

Sri Sathya Sai Seva Organisations is functional in Malda with members from various cross sections of society and different faiths. With 2 Samithis 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.

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

Whenever a hungry person stood in front of our house, I used to provide food to him even foregoing My own share of food. For those who had no clothes to wear, I used to give away My clothes. Thus, I have been helping every needy person since My childhood. My motto then as well as now has been "Help ever; hurt never". I had a lot of opportunities to help others since childhood. Several people pay lip service to the poor, but they do not really help them.

 Sri Sathya Sai 

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	6	
	No. of. Bhajans Held	72	504
	Household Bhajan		
	No. of Houses	45	
	No. of Bhajans Held	2160	10800
	Nagar Sankirtan	36	396
	Study Circles	33	363
	Conference/Retreats/Sadhana Camps	3	61
	Activities	Total Number	Total Number of Students
Educational	Bal Vikas Centers		
	(i) Urban	8	40
	(ii) Rural	1	20
	(iii) School	1	45
	Total (i+ii+iii)	10	105
	Bal Vikas Gurus	15	
	Activity	Total Number	Total Number of Beneficiaries
Service	Visit to:		
	Orphanages	11	75
	Correctional Homes	27	10
	Camps:		
	Narayan Seva	26	741
	Blood Grouping Camps	1	58
	Veterinary Camps	2	215
	Free Coaching Centers	1	8
	Medical Centers	1	906
	Sanitation (Public Urinals)	6	In hundreds
	National Narayan Seva	1620 kgs	324
Blood Donation Camps	2	65	

There are millions who are hungry, desperate and miserable. I am directing you to limit the intake of food to actual need so that you can share it with the poor. Do not waste food. Do not fritter away money for harmful purposes. Use it for helping others. Do not waste time and energy. Allow others to benefit by your skills.

 Sri Sathya Sai 

SPECIFIC SERVICE PROJECTS OR INITIATIVES

Medical Centres

Two medical centres are operational in Malda district. One centre runs at Narayanpur, Mission road, on 2nd and 4th Sundays of every month and another centre runs at Choto Kaderpur village Sahapur, on the 3rd Sunday of every month. Doctors and Sevadal Members regularly take care of the patients with love and lot of patients have benefitted from this service since its inception.

Sri Sathya Sai Vidya Jyoti Program

The rejuvenation of learning in schools, especially village schools under the Sri Sathya Sai Vidya Jyoti Program of the Organisation found energetic response in Malda district too. In Jadupur Samithi primary school, sevadal members undertake the various activities like health and hygiene awareness, cleaning, health check-up and free coaching to students.

IMPORTANT EVENTS OR CONFERENCES

Bal Vikas Guru Training

Malda town Samithi conducted a Bal Vikas cultural programme at Puratuli area on Independence Day. About 50 Balvikas students participated with great enthusiasm along with Bal Vikas gurus and parents. It was a colourful programme that was enjoyed by one and all.

Avail yourself of every possible occasion to render service to the society. It need not be limited to individuals. It is important to do national service. You need not seek to know what kinds of service should be done. Whenever you find that you can render help to anyone in need, offer it. Do not make distinctions between rich or poor or the deserving and the undeserving. Offer service according to the needs of the situation. Today the needs of the poor in the rural areas are quite great. In this situation you must go out into villages, organise service activities and encourage the rural population to participate in them. The village folk should be told the importance of health and hygiene and how to keep their homes and villages clean and healthy.

Your seva (selfless service) will be judged with reference to the mental attitude accompanying it. So whatever work is allotted, do it with fervour, understanding and reverence.

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Glimpses of few activities

Cleaning and Sanitation

The responsibility of cleaning the Burning Ghat at Sadullapur has been taken up by the sevadal of Malda district. Everyday 40 Sevadal, spend about two and half hours in cleaning the burning ghat and its vicinity for the convenience of the people.



Sevadals cleaning burning Ghat

'Swatchata Se Divyata Tak' cleaning programme was also conducted on 2 October 2018. 52 sevadal participated in program and within 3 hours they cleaned 1.25 km. of municipal road.



Cleaning under Swatchata Se Divyata Tak

A society, a community or nation can be safe, secure and happy only when the individuals comprising it are mutually helpful and bound together in skillful and sincere service.

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Jal Chhatra

Throughout the month of Baisakh (as per bengali calendar) in summer, the Barasanko bhajan mandali conducts 'Jal Chhatra' which means water and light snacks are distributed to thirsty people on the road. During every day of 'Jal Chhatra' 2-3 sevadals, serve gram, sugar cake and water to the thirsty people. About 125 persons are served each day.



Jal Chhatra

Clothes distribution

Before Durga puja 2018, the members of Malda district took up the initiative of distributing new and good quality old clothes to the villagers of Rangamati village area. Many members actively contributed and new clothes were bought were distributed among 230 villagers.



Clothes Distribution

Blanket Distribution

During winter, the Sarbamangala Pally samithi conducted a blanket distribution activity at Malda town railway station. About 8 sevadal members enthusiastically took part and distributed 24 blankets among the underprivileged & needy people staying in and around Malda railway station.

Strive for the peace of the world. The world is at rest but the human being's mind is full of unrest. Let the mind, which is full of unrest, be filled with peace. All this depends on the human being's conduct. Teach the world through noble actions and words. Fill your heart with the name of God. Fill your mind with the spirit of service.

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Sevadal distributing blanket

Disaster Management Awareness Program

Training proves to be the key ingredient in handling any disaster and an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of care. A demonstration of the Disaster Management techniques was put up at Chhoto Kaderpur village by the Disaster Management team. The local youths cheered and showed interest to pursue the training in future.



Disaster management training

Sadhana Sibir

Sadhana sibir was organized at Narayanpur village area in the month of February. 114 devotees participated and discussed various subjects of spiritual interest. The programme was a day long affair that ended with a quiz contest, bhajan singing and mangal arati.



A glimpse from Sadhana Sibir

The world today is torn into factions and groups that hate and hack each other. No method is considered too cruel if the aim is to destroy one's enemy. No one is aware of the innate unity, the ever-present current of Divinity that animates every single living being on earth. You have the role now of demonstrating that all is not lost; that there are still people who believe in Truth, Righteousness, Peace and Love; that acts of loving service rendered in a spirit of humility and reverence are still making people happy; and that the day when the kinship of human beings and the Fatherhood of God will shine bright and beautiful is drawing and dawning near. All efforts are now being concentrated on the production of more food, the building of more houses and the manufacture of more cloth. But what is most needed today is a total effort to make the human being manifest more tolerance, more humility, more brotherliness, more compassion and deeper awareness of the springs of joy and peace that lie within the heart of each one.

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Office Bearers

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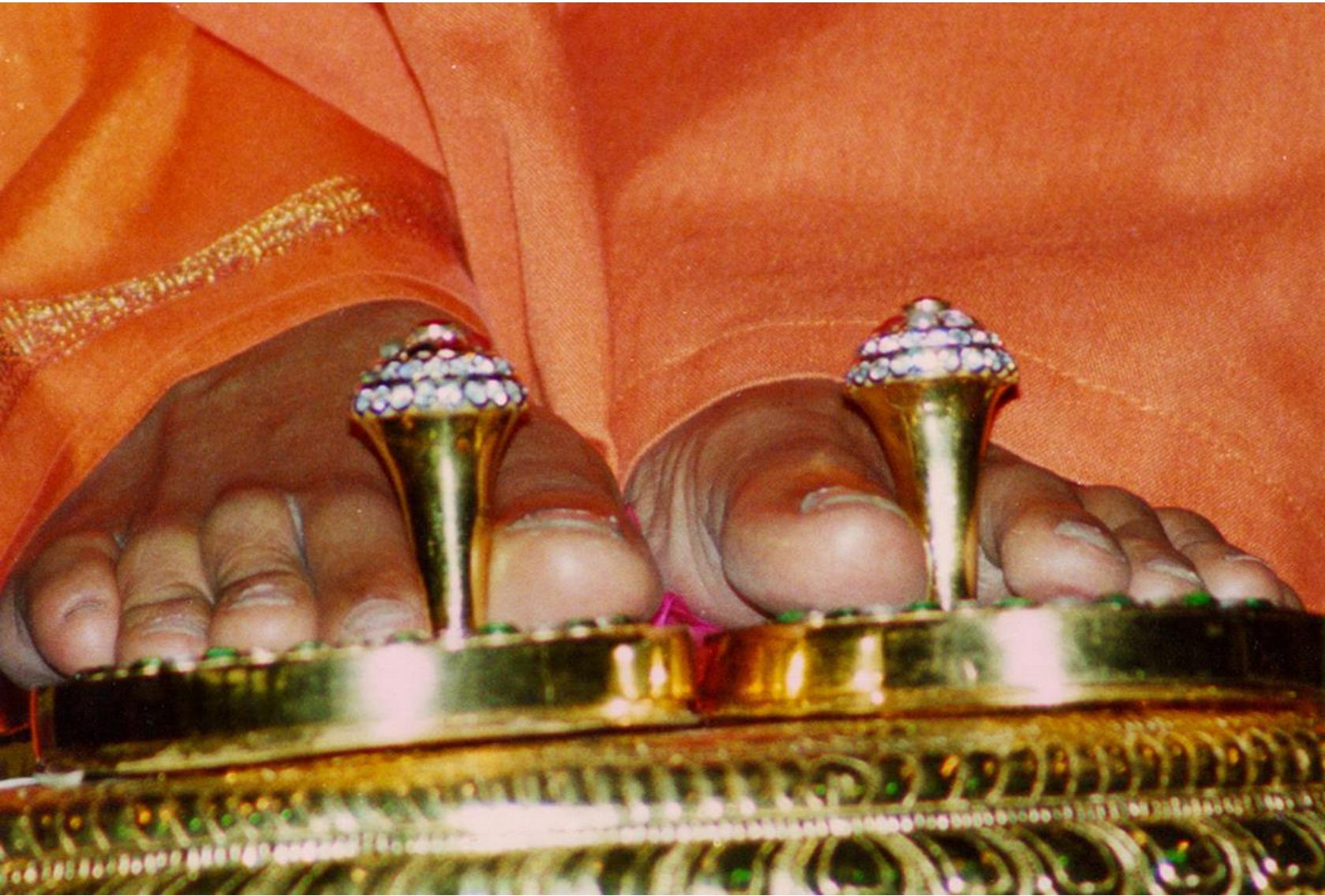
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PAST DISTRICT PRESIDENTS

Name	Period
Late Haricharan Das	1982 -1984
Sri Tanmay Sen	2002 – 2003
Sri Bikash Behari Palit	2004 - 2010
Sri Biswajit Choudhury	2010 - Present

Teach the illiterates in the villages how to read and write and broaden their vision. Welcome the slum dwellers into your group and work together with them to make the area clean and attractive. Once you take up sevā (selfless service) you will discover many ways of doing good.

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○ Lord, take my love, and let it flow in fullness of devotion to Thee;

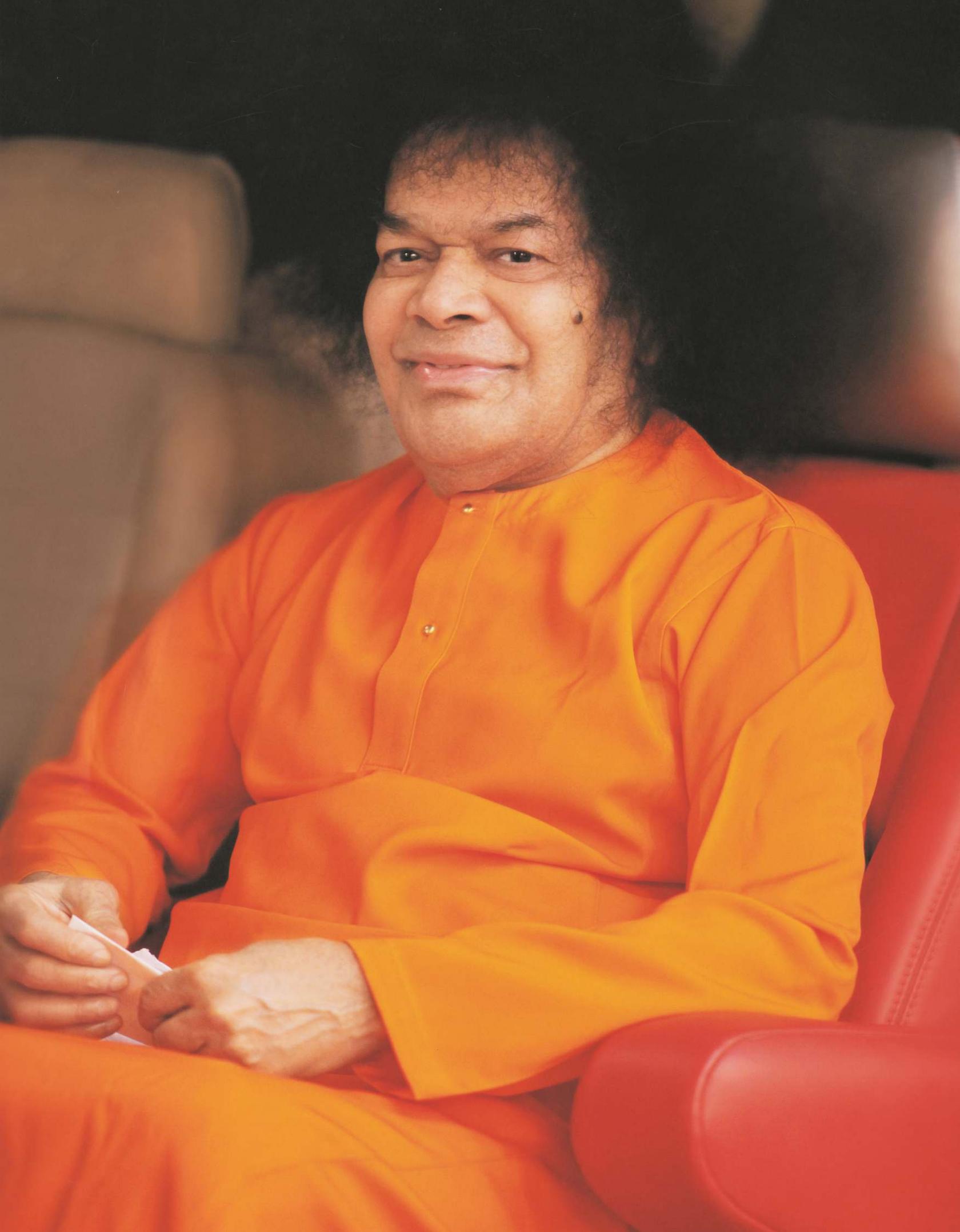
○ Lord, take my hands, and let them work incessantly for Thee;

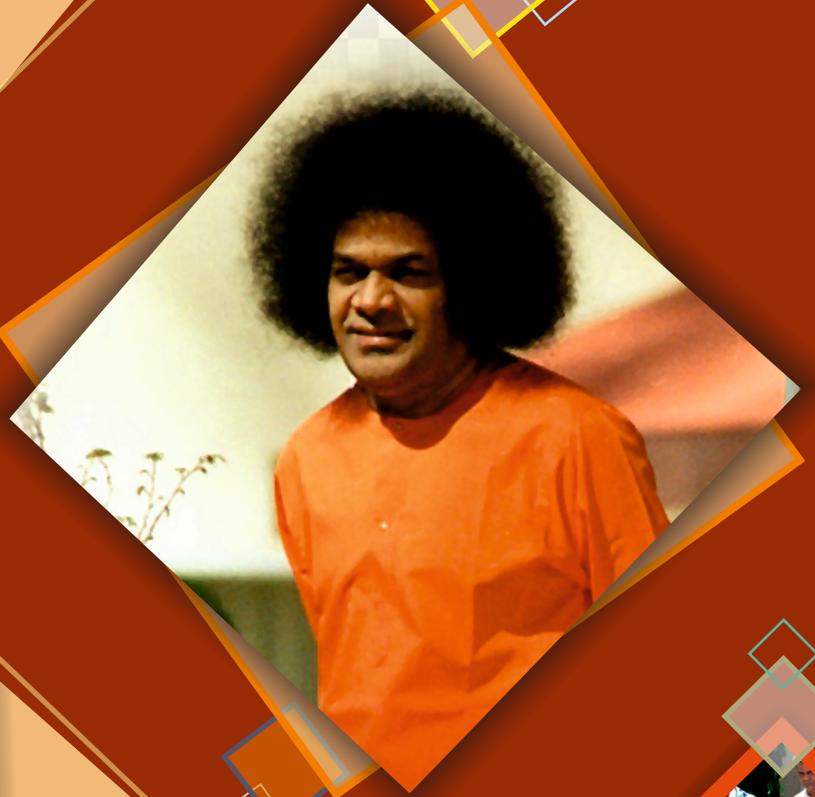
○ Lord, take my soul, and let it be merged in One with Thee;

○ Lord, take my mind and thoughts, and let them be in tune with Thee;

○ Lord, take my everything, and let me be an instrument to work for Thee.







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