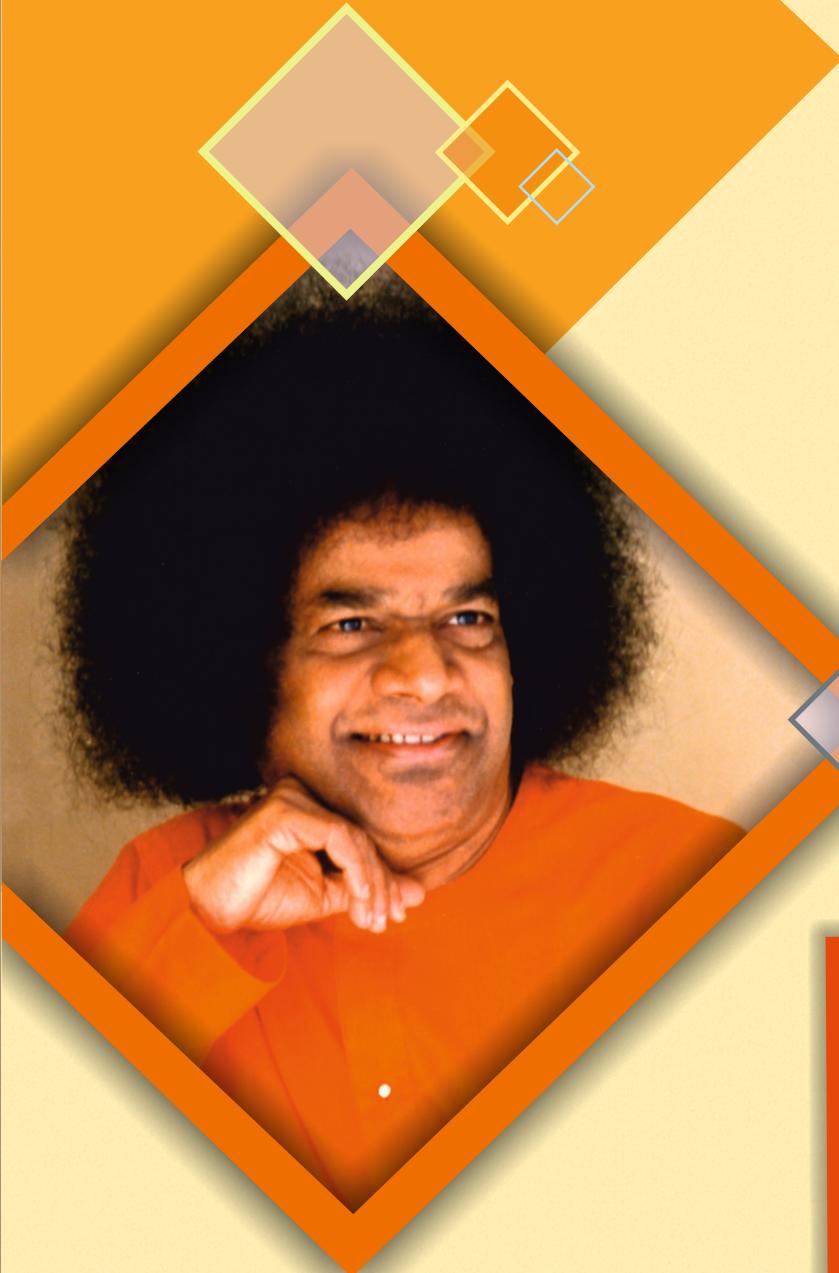




SRI SATHYA SAI SEVA ORGANISATIONS

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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

Offering my most humble and reverential pranaams to my beloved Bhagavan Sri Sathya Sai Baba. I extend my heartiest veneration and greeting to all. This is the first annual report of the District of Murshidabad.

Sri Sathya Sai Seva Organisation is a service organisation with a spiritual core and base, founded by Sri Sathya Sai Baba for the benefit of all mankind. It is emphasized that the Sri Sathya Sai Seva Organisations is not a religious organisation. The organisation has its motto as "transforming self to transform the world", which is fulfilled and attained through practice of the maxim given by Sri Sathya Sai Baba 'Love All, Serve All' and 'Help Ever, Hurt Never'.

At present in Murshidabad, the organisation has 3 samithis, 3 bhajan mandalis and 3 study centres. Members are dedicatedly running various seva activities within the spiritual, education & youth realms and serving the society.

The report is a humble attempt to collate the myriad activities that were undertaken in the district and also the origin and the history of the district. Throughout the year, there have been umpteen number of activities and with Bhagawan's blessings, the district has emerged as a platform to serve the society to the utmost satisfaction of the needy beneficiaries and has also practised the aforesaid dictum for one's own transformation, as this is the way forward for mankind to achieve universal peace and realize the purpose of human existence.

The activities under the three wings are conducted keeping in mind the nationally designed programmes and the local requirements. Constant review of the methodology of work, maintenance of spiritual discipline, rules and regulations is done. At present the Cooch Behar district has four samithis, six bhajan mandalis, 8 study group centres and four medical centres.

As the District President of Murshidabad District of West Bengal, I would like to take this opportunity to express my heartiest gratitude to our respected State President and other State Coordinators for their constant support, guidance and cooperation. I also take this opportunity to express by deepest respect and love to all the District Coordinators, Samithi Convenors, Bhajan Mandali In-charges, Sevadals and all the members for their constant hard work and relentless sacrifices.

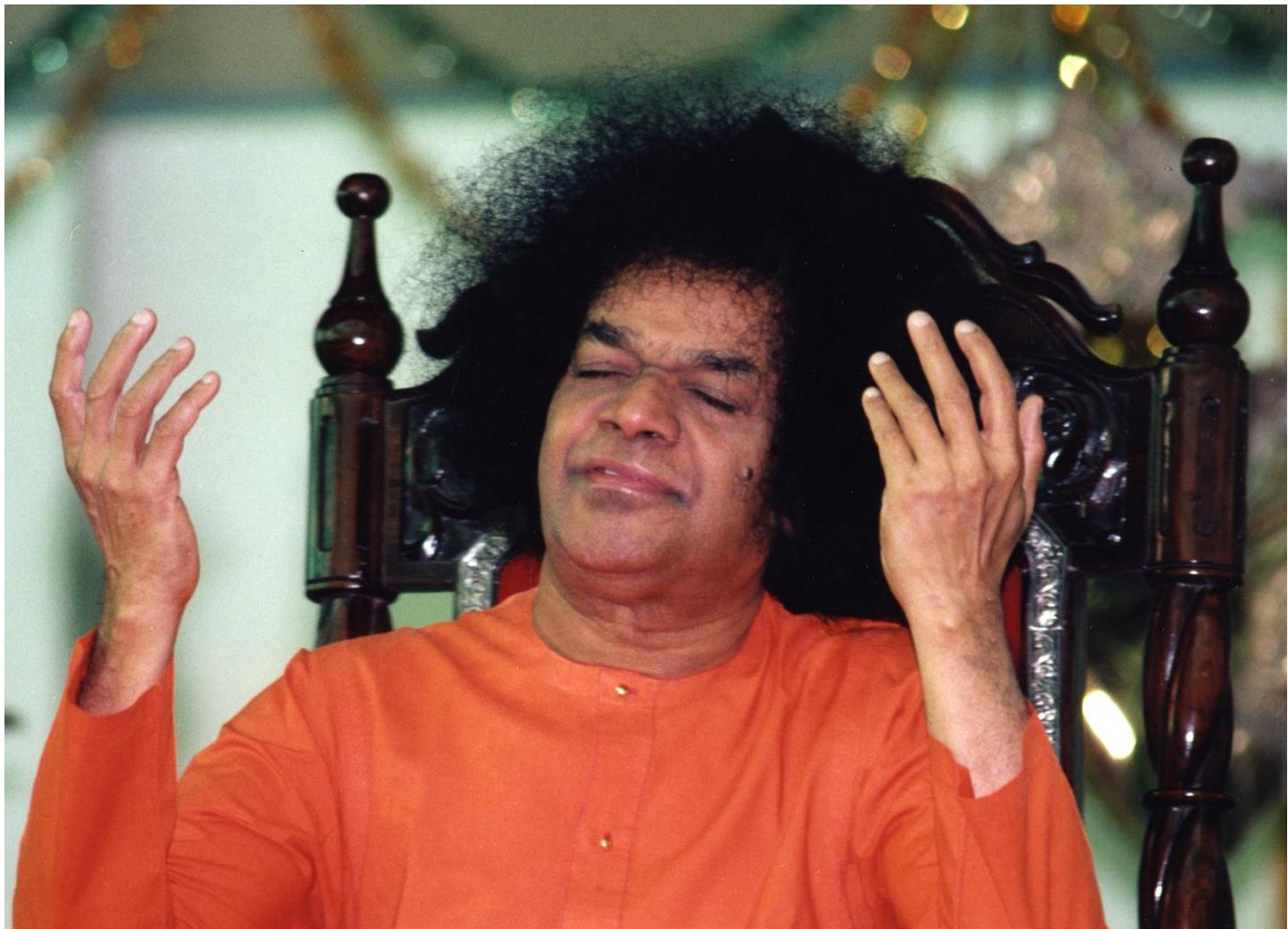
This report provides an overview of the district activities of the organisation. We dedicate this report at the Lotus feet of our Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba and express our deepest gratitude to him for giving us the opportunity of serving mankind through this unique organisation and redeeming ourselves.

Jai Sai Ram.

Ever in Sai Service,

Dr Chandranath Bhaskar

District President



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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

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 orphanges, 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.

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BRIEF HISTORY

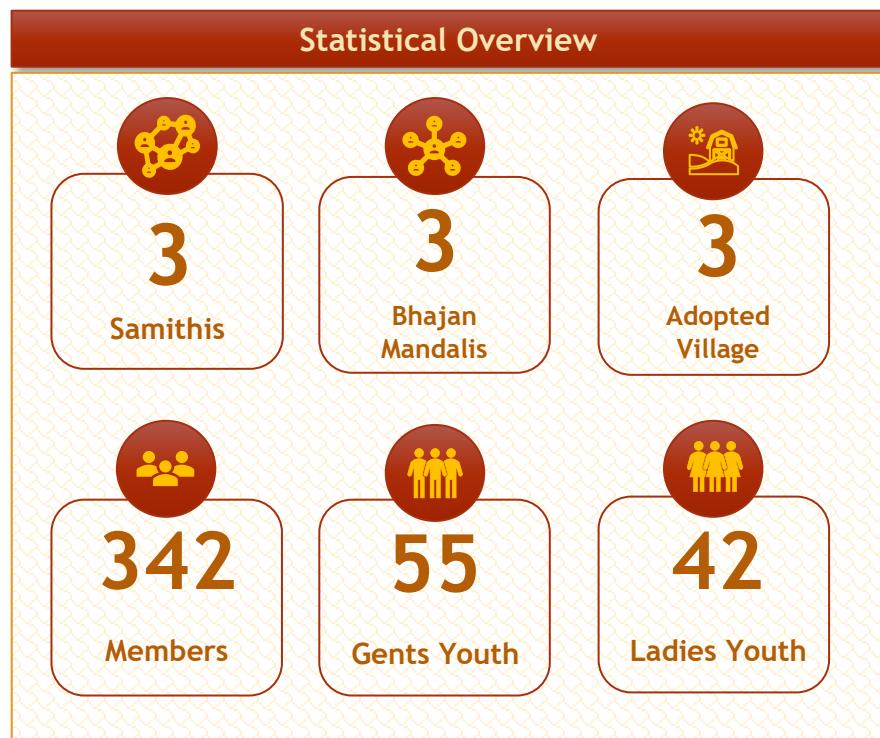
In the Year 1970, the First Samithi started at Berhampore under the Chairmanship of Sri K. S. Moktan. In 1971 the first appointed District President was Late Dr. Mrityunjoy Barman, followed by Late Dipnarayan Sarbadhikari (1985), Late Sudhangshu Chatterjee, Late Bidyanath Dhar (1987). In 1987, In 2000 Sri Aloke Banerjee was appointed District President followed by Sri Supriyo Ghosal (2002) and Sri Dr. Chandranath Bhaskar (2009 till date). Late A.K Sarkar was appointed as State Coordinator of Murshidabad, Nadia & North 24 Parganas.

During the initial years, the founding members, who dedicatedly served the Samithis of Berhampore, Jiaganj & Kandi are- Late Bimal Mitra, Gour Chandra Bhaskar, Sudhangshu Chatterjee, Kali Dasgupta, Pranab Dasgupta, Sunil Mukherjee, Nikhil Sanyal, Bimal Roychowdhury, Kamal Maitra, Arup Mukherjee, Dipu Mukherjee, Sunil Mukherjee, Manajit Ghosh, Sahadeb Das, Sourendra Mohan Sen, Anuttam Sen, Manaranjan Sen, Shaktiranjan Sen, Lalu Barman, Uma Sankar Sharma, Uma Sankar Bhatta, Matilal Saha, Richen Talapatra, Harichand Basak and Ganju Babu, the former SDO of Kandi. They are not present amongst us.

At first in Murshidabad, 3 Samithis were formed, then 3 Bhajan Mandalis & 3 Study Circle Centres also came on board followed by two Villages. A few devotees in two Sub Division Towns showed interest in forming Study Circle Centres in their areas. At present Sri Sathya Sai Seva Organisation in the District of Murshidabad is running with 3 Samithis, 3 Bhajan Mandalis and 3 Study Circle Centres.

OVERVIEW

Sri Sathya Sai Seva Organisations is functional in Murshidabad with members from various cross sections of society and different faiths. With 3 Samithis and 3 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 Bhajan class Veda training class
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 Blood Grouping Camps Blood Donation Camps 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Narayan Seva Programme Visit to Correctional Homes, Orphanages, Hospital, Disabled/ Old Age Homes Narayan Seva Service Camps Vocational Training Centers Sanitation at fairs

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	16	795
	No. of Bhajans Held	79	
	Seven Household Bhajan		
	No. Of Cluster	7	
	No. of Houses	28	
	No. of Bhajans Held	672	3360
	Nagar Sankirtan	119	952
	Study Circles	30	210
	Conference/Retreats/Sadhana Camps	2	150
	Activities	Total Number	Total Number of Students
Educational	Bal Vikas Centers		
	(i) Urban	9	28
	(ii) Rural	1	36
	(iii) School	1	92
	Total (i+ii+iii)	11	156
	Bal Vikas Gurus	12	
	Activity	Total Number	Total Number of Beneficiaries
Service	Visit to:		
	Correctional Homes	1	135
	Disabled / Old Age Homes	1	12
	Camps:		
	Narayan Seva	3	145
	Medical Awareness Camps	3	110
	Vocational Training Centers	2	40
	Medical Centers	3	926
	National Narayan Seva	480 kgs	160
	Blood Donation Camps	2	36

You are called *sevaks* (servants) because you are engaged in *seva* (selfless service). What exactly is *seva*? 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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Glimpses of few activities

Blood Donation Camp

At the time of crisis of Blood in the Blood Banks during summer, the Sathya Sai Seva Organisation came forward and organised two Blood Donation Camps at Behrampore and Jiaganj Samithis. A Total of 36 Units of Blood was donated.



Blood Donation in progress

Medical Check Up Camp

Weekly Homoeopathic Camps are organised by Berhampore, Jiaganj and Kandi Samithis and a Health Awareness Camp runs on a twice a month basis at Berhampore. Vitals such as Blood Sugar, Blood Pressure, Pulse Rate, High & Weight is monitored in those camps.



Weekly Homeopathy Camp at Behrampore Samithi



Weekly Homeopathy Camp at Kandi Samithi

Tree Plantation Programme

All Samithis of Murshidabad planted different types of saplings at various places around the District. Saplings are also planted at SSSVIP Village at Jiaganj. Around 100 saplings were planted within a 2-month period by Berhampore, Kandi & Jiaganj Samithis.



Sevadals planting saplings

Cleaning and Sanitation

Regular cleaning activities are held by Berhampore, Kandi & Jiaganj Samithis at Murshidabad to create awareness amongst people and to clean our surroundings. Around 15 Sevadal members generally take part in these in the such activity. Regularity of Sevadals in keeping the environment clean has motivated the people in to keep the surroundings clean. People in general are also often found to join hands with the members of the organisation in ensuring cleanliness.



Cleaning of public place by Jiaganj Samithi

Drinking Water Distribution

Drinking Water Distribution Camp was organized by Berhampore Samithi at Dasa Munda Kali Mela for 10 days and at the time of Kirtan for 7 days each Year. This year camp was held on 2nd week of April 2019. 15 Sevadal Members served water amongst people.



Drinking water camp at Dasa Munda Kali Mela

Cooked Food Distribution and Narayan Seva

Cooked Food Distribution was held at SSSVIP Village Chandipur, under Jiaganj Samithi. A Total count of 18 Gents and 12 Mahila Sevadals and Bal Vikas students participated in the programme. In addition, a total of 12 needy people were included under National Narayan Seva by all samithis under Murshidabad, who are getting Rice & Dal regularly on a monthly basis.

Spend the years of life, the wherewithal you earn or possess, in the service of others who are in distress. Love grows on such service. Service is the sincerest form of adoration of God.

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Cooked food at the door step of needy

Office Bearers

CURRENT OFFICE BEARERS OF THE DISTRICT

Name	Designation	Contact Details
Anup Roy	District Spiritual Coordinator (Gents)	Mobile : 09434751567
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Ashoka Mukherjee	District Education Coordinator (Ladies)	Mobile : 08327476010
Utpal Mandal	District Service Coordinator (Gents)	Mobile : 0943463791
Jaba Dasgupta	District Service Coordinator (Ladies)	Mobile : 09474674029
Pradip Biswas	District Youth Coordinator (Gents)	Mobile: 09434164338
Utsab Bagchi	District Assistant Youth Coordinator (Gents)	Mobile 09046715771
Utpala Ghosh	District Youth Coordinator(Ladies)	Mobile 08392014818
Murlidhar Yadab	District Vocational(SSSVIP) Coordinator	Mobile : 09641240003

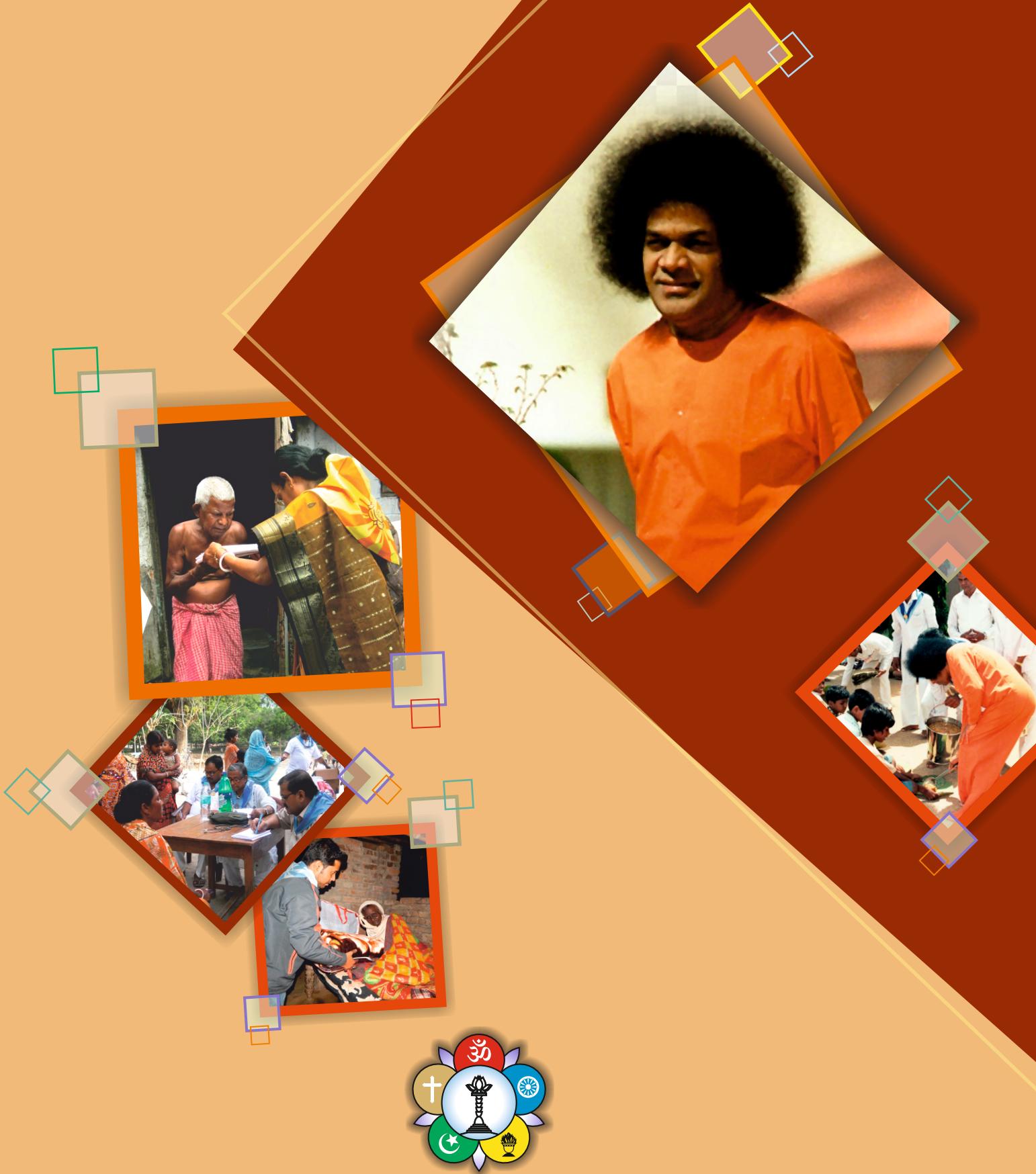
PAST DISTRICT PRESIDENTS

Name	Period
Sri K.S.Moktan (1st Chairman)	1970
Late Dr. Mrityunjoy Barman (1st District president)	1971
Late Dipnarayan Sarbadhikari	1985
Late Sudhangshu Chatterjee	1986
Late Bidyanath Dhar	1987
Late A. K Sarkar	1987
Sri Alok Banerjee	2000
Sri Supriyo Ghosal	2002
Dr. Chandranath Bhaskar	2009-Present

One should fill the heart with compassion. Always speak the truth and dedicate the body to the welfare of society. The thoughts, words and deeds of a person should always be sacred. The heart unpolluted by desire and anger, the tongue not tainted by untruth and the body unblemished by the acts of violence—these are the true human values. It is because of the lack of these human values that the country is facing hardships today.

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