

**SRI SATYA SAI SEVA ORGANISATION
DISTRICT - BHANDARA**



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THIS REPORT IS DEDICATED AT
THE LOTUS FEET OF OUR
LORD AND MASTER

BHAGVAN SRI SATHYA SAI BABA



Foreword from the District President

Saprem Sairam !

This report provides an overview of the Organisation in the district and various facets of the activities undertaken by hundreds of sevadals across the length and breadth of Bhandara District. We dedicate this report at the Lotus Feet of our Lord and Master 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 redeem ourselves.

Sri Sathya Sai Seva Organisation in Bhandara District was established in the year 1982 & has completed 37 years of its existence . Over these years, it has grown to provide shelter to thousands of poor and downtrodden peoples of society , to give them support and mentally peace, to enable them to live in love and in union with God, to make continuous bonding for showering of divine bliss. In these 37 years, the organisation has expanded with more than 10 Samithis and 22 Bhajan Mandalis. Following the Divine pathway of our Loving Lord Bhagvan Sri Sathya Sai Baba, our Organisation through its committed Sevadals has reached out to people in disaster and despair, wiping the tears of the deprived and downtrodden. Thirty four numbers of dedicated BalVikas Gurus have put in persistent efforts to safeguard the future of the society by imparting value education and creating youths with strong character. With the flavour of Bhajan, Nagar Sankirtans, SadhanaShibirs, Study Circles, Veda Recitations etc. the land of Bhandara is reverberating with spiritual vibrations; thanks to the sadhana of devotees. It is still growing for a good cause, to make our Organisation and the society at large, a better place to live in.

Sai movement in Bhandara has excelled manifold through series of activities at individual, family and community levels, taken up by the state organisation under the guidance of the State President . These activities have certainly enabled devotees to internalize and realize Sai within. This is enough as a proof of Swami's abundant love towards the state of Maharashtra. The Sai movement further intensifies with active involvement of youth and Mahila Vibhag, fair participation in Prashanti Seva, and a number of new comers joining the Parti Yatra etc.

At present there are number of programs being carried out across the district in spiritual, service and education wings benefitting people from different walks of life. Our loving Swami is still gradually and firmly creates faith and dedication among our sevadals to offer more and more at his lotus feet. The year 2018-2019 was a testimony of the Sai mission in the district of Bhandara. Let us pray with folded hands that his grace flows unabated and abundantly for the people of Bhandara.

Shyamrao Parashram Pathekar

**DISTRICT PRESIDENT,
SSSSO, BHANDARA**

Sri Sathya Sai Seva Organisations – an introduction



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 can not be any fee or subscription for one's journey towards his ownself.

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 Hindi 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."

WINGS OF THE ORGANISATIONS

The Sri Sathya Sai Seva Organisation functions under three wings viz. (i) Spiritual, (ii) Education, and (iii) Service.

Each activity in a wing is directed to facilitate and help the member in his 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 supplementary and 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 in the District under the stewardship of the District President, focused on its purpose, clear in its vision and dedicated in its efforts to live up the 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 inspire in them a desire to inculcate 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 and Sri Sathya Sai Vidya Jyoti Programme—each of them are bound by one goal— "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 abiding by the following Nine Point Code of Conduct which has been bestowed by Baba for one's spiritual and personal development. In addition, the ten principles that forms 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 the 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 security 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.

BRIEF HISTORY

By the blessing of Bhagvan Baba , Sri Sathya Sai Seva Organisation in the Bhandara district was established on Dt. 13-01-2019. It was led from the front by ten devoted and dedicated predecessors of mine who have been dearest to our loving Baba. Dr. Kunnawar, Wamanrao Lede, Hiranman Karanjekar, Tappu Patel, ChatpalliwarJi, Choudhuri Ji, Sathwane Ji, Pawar Ji, Itankar Ji, Mahajan Ji were the key devotees who initiated Organisation in the District. Dr Kunnawar initiated and came forward to install the God Sri Sathya Baba in the heart of Devotees and had given a place for the Samiti in his residence. Initially 10 male and 10 female devotees were bounded in the rope of pure love of Bhagvaan Baba and carried out activities like singing Bhanjan and Nagarsankirtan in the district. They have not only taken the Organisation to great heights, but also set an example for many people like us to follow and get inspired. They were the role models for the youths, children and will continue to be so for the future generation also . As we take over this responsibility, we sincerely seek their blessings and guidance so that we shall be able to give justice to the legacy they have left behind. At present, in Bhandara the Organisation has 10 Samithis, 22BhajanMandalis and 1686 devotees. Members are dedicatedly organising several medical camps and are serving the society as per needs and means.

DIVINE VISIT: Bhagvan Baba has not visited .

OVERVIEW

Sri Sathya Sai Seva Organisations is functional in Bhandara with members from various cross sections of society and different faiths. With around 10 Samithis and 22 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.

The following tables give an overview of the Organisation in Bhandara District

Statistical Overview as on 31st March 2019

Units	Numbers	Number of members
Samithis	10	693
BhajanMandalis	22	993
Total	32	1686
No of Sevadals		230
Gents		120
Ladies		110
No of Youth		170
Gents		100
Ladies		70
Adopted Slum Villages	Numbers	Number of Beneficiaries
Slums/Villages Adopted	01	110
Adopted under SSSVIP	00	00
Total	01	110
Adopted Schools under Sri Sathya Sai Vidya Jyoti	Numbers	Number of Students
1) Ujjwal Vidyalaya, Lakhori, Tahsil-Lakhni, Dist-Bhandara	01	98

SAI CENTRES

Sri SathyaSai Gramin Seva Centre was registered in the village Amgaon on 30-12-2007 in the name of Sri Sathya Sai Book & Public Trust Maharashtra to take up intense activities of all the three wings activities of the Organisation (Spiritual, Service and Educational) in villages to benefit the rural poor. This centre is situated about 7km towards East of Bhandara city . Total area of the

centre is 1268.93 Square feet. Plot no of the area is-55,56,57(549). While planning for constructing these centers, utmost care has been taken to ensure that it meets all the needs of the village community, Organisation activities and also provide aesthetically pleasing looks. This Centre will be equipped with basic requirements as well as many other facilities.

Foundation stage of the Gramin Sai Centre is completed and rest portion of the construction work is yet to be completed. All the activities that contribute to the betterment and welfare of the local community are generally taken up at these service centers and they serve to all communities irrespective of caste, colour, religion etc. They broadly include the activities relating to

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|---------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| a) Health Care | b) Educare | c) Socio Care | d) Spiritual Care |
| e) Agri Care | f) Veterinary Care | g) Women empowerment | |
| h) Vocational guidance to youth | i) Environment care | | |

This service center has been changing the lives of the villagers and gradually the villagers are tuned to self-less service. The youth and elders from this village, voluntarily participate in the Service at Prashanti Nilayam Ashram as a thanks-giving gesture to their beloved Master Sri Sathya Sai Baba for having blessed them with this village service center. Sri Sathya Sai Seva Organisation, Bhandara feel blessed that in a small way, it could make a humble beginning in creating Healthy and Happy Village.

Project Coordinator: Sri Sathya Sai Seva Organisation, Bhandara

Contact Person: Sri Raju Sarve, Incharge of Sathya Sai Gramin Seva Kendra,
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ACTIVITIES:

The members of the Organisation are involved in various activities on regular basis which primarily includes Spiritual Study Circles, Community Bhajan, Nagrsankirtan 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 in all the 19 districts of the State.

Overview of activities undertaken across all the Districts

	Educare	Medicare	Sociocare
Spiritual	-Study Circles for Adults and Youth		-Community Bhajan Centers -Nagar Sankirtan -Conference / Retreats Sadhana Camps
Educational	-BalVikas Classes based on human values -Bal-Vikas and Guru training		-Parents' Awareness programs on Parenting -Parenting Workshops
Service	-Free Coaching and Tuition centers -Computer training -Spoken English -Adult Education -Literacy programs	-Medical Centers -- -Medical Camps in villages -Eye Camps -Blood Grouping Camps -Blood Donation Camps	-National Narayan Seva Programme -Visit to Leprosy Villages, Correctional Homes, Orphanages, Hospital, Disabled /Old Age Homes
		-Dental Treatment Camps -Veterinary Camps	-Narayan Seva -Service Camps -Vocational Training Centres -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

A summary account of regular activities that are undertaken on monthly/weekly basis across the Districts is given in the following table.

An account of regular activities undertaken across the District

Spiritual	Activities	Total number	Total Number of Participants
	Devotional Singing	870	23210
	No. of. Community Bhajan Centers		
	No. of. Bhajans Held		
	Seven Household Bhajan	485	2480
	No. Of Cluster		
	No. of Houses		
	No. of Bhajans Held		
	Nagar Sankirtan	240	6455
	Study Circles	01	08
Conference/Retreats Sadhana Camps	01	150	

Educational	Activities	Total number	Total Number of Students
	BalVikas Centers		
	i) Urban	08	93
	ii)Rural	21	338
	iii) School	01	266
	Total (i+ii+iii)	30	697
	BalVikas Gurus	34	

SERVICE	Activities	Total number	Total Number of Beneficiaries
	Visit to:		
	Leprosy Village	0	0
	Correctional Homes	0	0
	Orphanages	0	0
	Hospital	05	210
	Disabled / Old Age Homes	02	135

Camps:			
Narayan Seva	80		4860
Veterinary Camps	01		105
Medical Awareness Camps	297		24904
Eye Camps	12		1235
Blood Grouping Camps	03		50
Service Camps	01		125
Vocational Training Centers	0		0
Free Coaching Centers	0		0
Medical Centers	0		0
Sanitation (Public Urinals)	0		0
Dental Treatment Camps	02		63
National Narayan Seva	15		12470
Blood Donation Camps	03		54

OFFICE BEARERS

Name of the Office Bearer	Designation	Tenure
Bawanrao Lede	Samiti Pramukh	1982 to 2004
R.M.Dandekar	District President	2000 to 2014
Shamrao Parashram Pathekar	Samiti Pramukh District President	Aug 2006-Dec 2014 Dec 2014- Apr 2019
Vivek Itankar	District Youth Cordinator	2001 to 2008
Dhanraj Hari Mahule	District Youth Cordinator	2008 to Till Date
Balraj Premlal Bhagat	Sevadal Cordinator	2010 to Till date
Archana Sapate	Balvikas Cordinator	2007 to 2011
Sravan Agashe	Balvikas Cordinator	2011 to 2014
Jaya Pramod Sapate	Balvikas Cordinator	2014 to Till Date
Maya Abinash Khobragade	Mother & Child Cordinator	2015 to Till Date
Pradip Mahadev Sapate	Media Cordinator	2014 to Till Date
Yashvant Laxman Chitkule	Medical Cordinator	2011 to Till Date
Sudhir Belurkar	Spiritual Cordinator(M)	2010 to 2014
D.N. Mankar	Samiti Pramukh Spiritual Cordinator(M)	2014 to Till Date
Tarabai Thomre	Ladies President	2010 to Till Date
Swati Radheshyam Khirsagar	Ladies Youth Cordinator	2016 to Till Date
Damayanti Subhash Damahe	Ladies Sevadal President	2016 to Till Date
Tarabai Kumbhalkar	Ladies Spiritual Cordinator	2016-2018
Vikrant Ninave	SSSVIP	2009 to Till Date

SPECIFIC SERVICE PROJECTS OR INITIATIVES

	No of Beneficiaries
Rural Vocational Training Centres :	
Medical Centres:	
Medical Vans:	24904
Disaster Management :	Training Given to 30 nos of Youth (15 Male and 15 Female).
Sri Sathya Sai Vidya Jyoti Program:	98

IMPORTANT EVENTS OR CONFERENCES

Annual Conference	
Balvikas Alumni Meet	
Youth Conference or Meet	

Glimpses of Activities

SADHANA CAMP

a) Sadhana Camp was organised at Mangli Bandh & Jewnada Village on 23rd January 2019, No of devotees attended= 130(M) & 170 (F)= 300 . Camp was Organised by Adyal Samiti.

b) Sadhana Camp at Surbodi village was organised . No of devotees attended= 80 (M) +120 (F) = 200 .



AKHANDA BHAJAN

On 10th and 11th November 2018 Akhanda Bhajan were organised in Tumsar & Bhandara Samiti for the welfare of humanity as a whole. Total 573 devotees (298 Male & 275 Female) participated in the bhajan & created a positive vibration, joy and harmony. Tumsar's MLA Sri Charan Bhau Waghmare & Tumsar NAC Chairman Sri Pradip Padole participated in this programme.



VEDA TRAINING

Veda training programme was organised to remove negative thoughts, develop clarity in thought and success, deliver purity of minds. Amgaon Sai Gramin Centre organised two days programme & no of students attended – 120 . Recitation of vedic mantra was done by Veda guru Sri Raju Sarve . This type of training activity is conducted throughout the year in different samitis of Bhandara district.



ESWARAMMA DAY CELEBRATION:

On 6th May 2018, Matru-Pitru Pujan & Cultural programs were organised by Jawaharnagar centre & Tumsar Samiti. Balvikas students from all religions hugged and worshiped their parents to cement the bond between family members and to imbibe good values like respect, obedience and humility in children. Total 39 Balvikas students (21 boys, 18 girls) and 120 Balvikas parents involved in the programme. District Youth Coordinator Sri Dhanraj Mahule and Medical Incharge Sri Yashwant Bhau Chitkule addressed & motivated the gathering about the need of parenting in the current society.



PLANTATION PROGRAMME:

An extensive plantation programme was organised in different samitis of the district. Balvikas students, devotees and villagers of Gramin Centre Amgaon selected and planted plant saplings in a well organised way. The programme created a great stir among the general public too.



HOSPITAL VISIT:

With immense blessings of Bhagwan Sri Sathya Sai Baba ,free medical health check up programme is being organised by Bhandara Samiti and Tumsar Samiti in General Hospital Bhandara and Tumsar on 19th of every month. Fruits, Biscuit packets were distributed and District President advised health awareness tips alongwith practice human values for healthy living .



SWACHHATA ABHIYAAN (SWACHHATA SE DIVYATA TAK) :

Every member of Bhandara samiti i.e.Bhajan singer, Balvikas parent,Seva dal, Youth members , Office bearers participated in swachhata activities in the campus of Government Hospital,Bhandara, Jewnada,Karkapur, & other villages.In all the samiti, Samiti head focused on Environmental hygiene and quality of life by stressing the importance of clean environment and the impact on human life.



MOTHER & CHILD CARE :

The Mother and Child care programme is conducted once in every month to offers free prenatal and postnatal care to women , along with immunization and medical care for infants and very young children, in the adopted village ‘ Shivani’ and Karkapur. Women received nutritional support, training in childcare , personal hygiene and spirituality.



VETENARY CAMP:

An Animal Breeding Veterinary Camp was organised in the month of December 2018 in the village 'Belati ' of Sakoli Samiti for the welfare of Animals . The village people of Belati provided full suport to conduct the camp successfully. Total 105 cattle benefitted from the camp. This camp was conducted under the supervision of Veterinary Doctor Anushree Wararkar.





**** JAI SAIRAM ****

LOVE ALL SERVE ALL,
HELP EVER HURT NEVER

SRI SATHYA SAI SEVA ORGANISATION,

**** DIST-BHANDARA(M.H) ****