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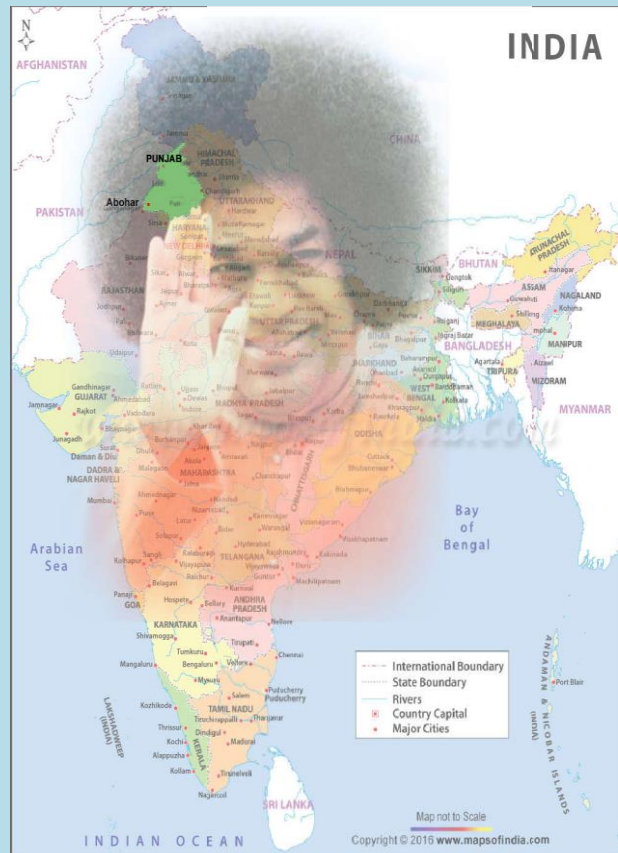
SRI SATHYA SAI SEVA SAMITHI,
ABOHAR, PUNJAB



ABOUT ABOHAR



Abohar is a small border town situated at South West of Punjab and share its territorial borders with Haryana, Rajasthan (India) and Pakistan (15 Km.). It is a major town of District Fazilka.





GLORY OF BHAGWAN REACHED ABOHAR

In the year 1968, glory of Bhagwan Sri Sathya Sai Baba spread all over India. One devotee Mulkah Raj saw baba in dream and wrote a letter to Bhagwan with wish to visit him. He got answer in 1969 with baba asking to wait. In the year 1970-71, Sh. Lajpat Rai, elder brother of Sh. Om Parkash Rajdev went to Puttaparthi with his ailing wife for baba's blessing. On return he gathered his Bahawalpuria community and told about Sai miracles & glory.



Sh. Prithvi Singh Bhambhu Sh. Mulakh Raj Mutneja Sh. Hari Chand Ji Sh. Om Parkash Rajdev Smt. Krishna Sachdeva

In the year 1972, lots of articles appeared in Punjab newspapers about vision of Sai, his healing powers, love & compassion for sick and weaker section and his abundant miracles.

Sh. Prithvi Singh Ji Bhambhu of village Bodiwala Pitha became his ardent devotee (who later founded Samithis at Abohar along with Hari Chand Ji and Subash Sachdeva).

In the year 1972, one very rich goldsmith of Abohar Shri Hari Chand Ji Dawar lost vision of both eyes. He did every possible treatment including two months extensive indoor treatment at famous hospital of that time at Sitapur (U.P.) –but all in vain.



On return he was contacted by Sh. Prithvi Singh Ji Bhambhu who advised him to take refuge at lotus feet of bhagwan but he asserted that he will follow if miracle happens to him.

He gave a photo of Sri Sathya Sai Baba which he kept and slept with his photo on the chest. On rise after one hour, miracle happened, his 70% vision returned (He could view the Baba's photo).

Then both (Sh. Hari Chand and Prithvi Singh Bhambhu went to Puttaparthi for Swami Darshans. The both were called by Swami for personal interview & blessings.

In the same time Swami's glory spread even at faster pace at adjoining town to Fazilka, where Sh. Parmanand Ji Ahuja, his wife (Mrs.) Ahuja, Bhim Dutt became ardent devotees of Bhagwan and started bhajans at Radha Krishan Mandir, Fazilka with huge gathering.

The Fazilka group came in contact with Mulakh Raj, Subash Sachdeva, (Mrs.) Krishna Sachdeva, Hari Chand and young Om Parkash Rajdev of Abohar and started Sai bhajans at Tantia Dharamshala (Later shifted to Geeta Mandir), Abohar.

On call of Swami to go to village for seva Abohar group went to village Nihal Khera where a local teacher Dharampal (who had already witnessed swami's blessings in the form of birth of daughter Sai Kiran after a very very long time) along with Dr. Dharampal, Raja



Ram and many other started spiritual and service activities in the form of Sadhna Camp and rural sanitation and hygiene services.

As the days passed by carvan increased and service and spiritual activities spread to another nearby village Dangar Khera with local devotee Bali Ram (Teacher). They started bhajan sadhna camp and service activities in the form of plantation, constructing a shed at local bus stand and making soak pits in water lodged areas and manual labour service in the form of cleaning and renovating Basanti Mata Mandir in shoulder to shoulder with local residents.

Spirit of the devotees was so high that young devotees from Ludhiana like Prof.

K.L. Nijhavan and B.K. Soni with many other used to come to these villages near Abohar for Sai Seva. Thus Sai Samithi's came to being at Abohar, Fazilka, Nihal Khera and Dangar Khera and Sai Service activities started at these places like Bal Vikas (under able guidance of Smt. Krishna Sachdeva), Bhajans (Om Parkash Rajdev, Shyam Lal) and medical camps (Dr. N.K. Bhatia) which flourished in further times.



AKHAND BHAJAN

To pay tributes to Baba for his infinite love and compassion local devotees

Decided to hold akhand bhajan in the 70th year of Sai Advent for 70 hours. (in year 1995).



The local group of devotees went to Prashanthi Nilyam to seek Swami's blessings and permission for the same. As they were seated in front row, Swami came to them, blessed all of them. The group requested Swami to lit the lamp for 70th hour akhand bhajan which was to be taken to Abohar.





Swami asked how you will take it to Abohar (Such a long distance in train –about 2400 km.).

The group reply was – We are nobody to take this – Only you can take it. Then Swami happily lit the Jyothi which was brought to Abohar. The 70 hours bhajans started and successfully completed.

Since then every year Abohar Samithi hold the akhand bhajans for the same number of hours as the number of years of advent of Avtar. After Mahasamadhi of Swami in year 2011 at 85 years it was decided to fix the akhand bhajan for 85 hours.

Since then every year 85 hours akhand bhajans are held to mark Swami's 85 years of love, compassion and service to humanity.

It is pertinent to mention that there bhajans are held by all samithi's of Punjab and it is a state level spiritual activity.

The samithi's of adjoining states of Rajasthan (Sri Ganganagar, Padampur) and Haryana (Hisar) also participate). Delhi and NCR Samithi's are also kind enough that they also cooperate and contribute in this spiritual activity. With the blessing of Bhagvan Sri Sathya Sai Baba we are fortunate enough that this year we celebrated the 25th anniversary of annual akhand bhajan (1995 to 2019). There was no akhand bhajan organized in 2020 due to pandemic and we stuck to online bhajans.



FREE SURGICAL CAMP

On one of visits for darshan at Prashanthi Nilyam an idea came to mind of Dr. Vinod Pal Sethi and Dr. Sarla Sethi (simultaneously) that we should do medical seva on regular basis at our private



hospital in the form of free checkup of poor & needy patients every Thursday.

On return, this was implemented and since then it is continuing with the kind blessings of Bhagvan. On learning that Dr. Inder Kumar Seekri, Surgeon from U.S.A., visit every year to African countries for free surgical operations, idea of holding free surgical camp came to being. We requested him to come to India for free surgical camp, Which he happily agreed. He came to Sai Hospital & Laparoscopic Surgery Centre,



Abohar in the year 1997, 1998 for first and second free surgical camp organized by Sri Sathya Sai Seva Samithi, Abohar. Where he performed 65 and 67 major surgical operations respectively free of cost.



It needs a special mention that in the first & second free surgical camp Dr. T.N. Sadasukhi (Prof. Head Urology, Sawai Man Singh Hospital, Jaipur), Dr. Parveen Bhatia (Present Laparoscopic surgery consultant at Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, Delhi) Dr. Kailash



Falor (Urologist in Sri Ganganagar) and Dr. Enmerry – Surgeon from USA also participated as specialist surgeon.

Since then every year free surgical camp is organised at Sai



Laparoscopic Surgery Centre, Abohar in association and whole hearted service of all the devotees of Sri Sathya Sai Seva Samithi, Abohar.

During the surgical camp, all operations, investigations (Ultrasound, ECG, X-

Rays, Laboratory tests) are performed free of cost. Food to patients (and one attendant) is provided by devotees of Sri Sathya Sai Seva Samithi, Abohar (cooked at their residences collectively and serviced with love at the hospital venue).

It needs a special mention that other doctors also render their specialist services like Ujjawal Bansal (Urologist), Dr. Bhargava CL (free ultrasound), Dr. Naveen Sethi (as Physician), Dr. Vicky Rani and Dr. K.N. Babbar, Dr. Y.K. Gupta as anesthetist, Dr.

Satish Jain (as Radiologist–free X-Rays), Dr. Dinesh Ahluwalia from Patiala (free Histopathological examination of removed specimens).





The local nursing staff from Civil Hospital, Abohar also offer their kind services (free) for the whole 7 days of camp by taking leave from their government duty names for special mention are Santosh Bajaj (now retired Matron), Kusum Lata (Nursing Sister), Baljinder Kaur.

Since 1997, the camps are being held every year (annual basis) in the month of November. So far we are blessed to hold 22 free surgical camps. Pm 2019 we have done 140 registrations.



Food Preparation for Patients during Free Surgical Camp by Devotees of Sri Sathya Sai Seva Samithi, Abohar



Narayan Seva for Patients and their Attendants during Free Surgical Camp



HOSPITAL SEVA

On 19 September, 1998, a group of Sai devotees from Abohar was called for personal interview by Swami while sitting in darshan lines. Two special features need mention about this were as under :



- The group told Swami that we held 73 hours of akhand bhajan at Abohar and had Naryan Seva. Swami reply was- What use of seva – All rich people ate at seva.

Since then every year during akhand bhajan Naryan seva food is sent to slums and poor localities to needy before serving to devotees gathering.

- One devotee Anil Trikha asked Swami that he can't concentrate on meditation. Swami reply was then it is if no use.



Anil again asked Swami –What to do?

Swami- Do hospital seva, provide cow's milk and fresh fruit to



every patient at civil hospital.

Since then, after return, local devotees of Sri Sathya Seva Samithi perform daily hospital seva. 200 ml. of boiled milk and a fresh fruit is offered to all patients at Civil Hospital, Abohar. With the blessing of Swami, this seva is running in its 22nd year.

A local fruit wholesaler Mr. Babbar is providing fresh fruit banana as a free Service as his personal contribution. With the kind blessing of Bhagvan this seva has spread to all over Punjab.

Almost all Samithi's are rendering this seva at their places like Jalandhar, Dhuri, Patiala, Taran Taran, Ferozepur, Fazilka, Ludhiana and may other places. They has also increased the scope of seva, to providing cooked meals (full meals) and even providing medicines to poor in government Civil Hospital (specially Jalandhar).



BLOOD DONATION CAMPS

Every year, a blood Donation camp is organised at Sai Mandir on the eve of conclusion of Sai Bhajans.

Blood is donated by devotees and members of Sri Sathya Sai Seva Samithi,

Abohar and other devotees from Punjab Samithi's who are present on that particular day. Teams from Christian Medical College, Ludhiana, Dayanand Medical College, Ludhiana and local Civil Hospital, Abohar come for collection of donated blood.



This year on 21.09.2019 -63 units of blood was donated.

BAL VIKAS ACTIVITIES

Bal vikas activities were started in early seventies by (Mrs.) Krishna Sachdeva very sincerely and dedicated for years together.



Presently there are five centre working in the area under able guidance of Smt. Shweta Ahuja, Smt. Usha Sharma, Salam Sai, (Mrs.) Pooja Chugh, (Mrs.) Saroj Mehra and Sunita Kakkar imparting moral and spiritual guidance to children of Abohar and Nihal Khera and school children at "Udaan" special school.

Presently balvikas classes are conducted every week at these 5 centers, during COVID we shifted to online classes.

SCHOOL FOR MENTALLY CHALLENGED CHILDREN

Sri Sathya Sai Seva Samithi, Abohar is running a special school for mentally

Challenged children at premises of Sri Sathya Sai Mandir, Abohar with the help of "UDAAN Educational Society" under able guidance of Smt. Meenu Shahi and Suresh Sachdeva.



The school was inaugurated on 11.02.2018 by Punjab congress chief Sh. Sunil jakkar

Presently about 30 children are benefitting at the school.

The children also attend bal vikas classes run at Sai Mandir, Abohar.

Bhajan Mandali

People say that when you go to Sai Baba, there is nothing but devotional singing (bhajan). Realize that there is nothing greater than bhajan. What bliss is there in bhajans! What a demonstration of oneness is it when a myriad throats join in uttering the name of God! The vibrations emanating from them make the heart vibrant. If you sing alone in your shrine, the vibrations return to you as a reaction. But in community singing, what you have is not a reaction but a wave of vibrations. They enter into the atmosphere and purify the polluted air. The atmosphere today is polluted by bad thoughts and feelings. When you sing the glory of God, the bad germs in the air are destroyed and the air gets purified by a treatment of antibiotics, as it were. (SS, Jan. 1995, 26)

The bhajans that are sung permeate the ether in the form of sound waves and fill the entire atmosphere. Thereby, the whole environment gets purified. Breathing in this purified atmosphere, our hearts get purified. Reciting the Lord's name is a process of give and take. Singing the Lord's name should become an exercise in mutual sharing of joy and holiness. It should be remembered that the sounds we produce reverberate in the atmosphere. They remain permanently in the ether as waves and outlast the individual uttering the sounds.

Community bhajans should not be treated as a pastime. When thousands of persons join in singing bhajans, they should be fully absorbed in the devotional process and the ecstasy of that experience. The singing should be vibrant and soulful, and not mechanical or drawling and uninspiring. It should combine feeling (bhava), melody (raga) and rhythm (tala). What delight can be experienced when all sing in chorus, with the same feeling, in the same tune, and to the same timing! When there is such

unity, the Divine can be experienced.

Not all realize the potency and efficacy of reciting the Lord's name. The first requisite is purity of thought, word, and deed. The name that is uttered by the tongue should be meditated upon by the mind. What is uttered and dwelt upon should be hailed by clapping the hands. This threefold concentration on the Divine name --unity of mind, speech, and action-- purifies the heart and nourishes the feeling of devotion. ([Divine Discourse: 8 November 1986](#)).

Every Monday, Thursday and Sunday we have community bhajans at sai mandir abohar. Which is attended by all devotees and local people in large gathering.

24th April : Sri Sathya Sai Aradhana Mahotsavam

- **Nagar Sangkirtan, Langar Sewa, Special Sai Bhajans at Sai Mandir.**

06th -May : Easwaramma Day

- **Nagar Sangkirtan, Langar Sewa, Special Sai Bhajans at Sai Mandir.**



15th July – 23rd July : Prashanthi seva

- **Like every year this year as well abohar participated with full enthusiast in prashanthi seva and large number of people went for seva at Puttaparthi.**

16th July : Gurupurnima

- **Nagar Sangkirtan, Langar Sewa, Special Sai Bhajans at Sai Mandir.**
- 2nd September : Ganesh Chaturthi.**



25th August : Krishan Janmashtami

- **Nagar Sangkirtan, Langar Sewa, Special Sai Bhajans at Sai Mandir.**

27th October : Diwali Celebrations.

- **Special Bhajans, Deepmala at Sai Mandir.**

9th - 10th November : Global Akhand Bhajan

23rd November 2019 : Bhagwans Birthday Celebrations.

- **Nagar Sangkirtan, Special Sai Bhajans at Sai Mandir.**
- **Cake Ceremony at Sai Mandir**



25th December : Christmas celebration

- **Nagar Sangkirtan, Langar Sewa, Special Sai Bhajans at Sai Mandir.**

31st December to 1st January : New year celebration

- **Special Sai Bhajans from 9:00 pm to 12:15 am.**

21st February : Mahashivratri Celebration

- **Shiv Pujan at Night to Morning with Bhajans.**

10th March : Holi Celebration

- **Holi Celebration at Sai Mandir.**

After Holi 2020 all activities were online and due to COVID no major activity was under taken.

