

SRI SATHYA SAI GLOBAL COUNCIL

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Sai Ram! Greetings from Prasanthi Nilayam!

Recently, with Swami's immense grace, the Sri Sathya Sai Seva Organisation India, the Sri Sathya Sai Central Trust and the Sri Sathya Sai Global Council collectively offered the 'Ati Rudra Maha Yajnam' in Prasanthi Nilayam, Puttaparthi. Devotees from India and across the globe participated actively in the proceedings. Prasanthi Nilayam had devotees from 53 different countries, and devotees from 86 countries participated virtually.

The above reflects the unity and the basis on which the Sri Sathya Sai Global Council was established. With various programs such as the "Sri Sathya Sai Center Leaders Conferences" completed, and events such as the Global Ladies Conference, Veda Conference, Medical Conference and the World Conference in planning, the spirit of the institutions established to carry Swami's mission forward working together, is strongly evident.

While events are being organised to deliberate and progress the Sai Mission forward, the emphasis on Sri Sathya Sai Centers globally remains strong. We continue to hear of many of the SSSGC Centres outgrow their venues, that the numbers in SSS Spiritual Education Programs (Bal Vikas) have never been this high and the ever-increasing contributions of Young Adults, many of whom now are leading their local Sri Sathya Sai Centers.

It is time we took the opportunity to remind Sri Sathya Sai devotees in our countries and zones that the establishment of the SSSGC wasn't about supervision, acquiring properties, but for giving prominence to devotees outside India. To be specific, the zones operate with their own leadership teams led by Zone Chairs, and they collaborate through the Executive Committee. The SSSGC and the SSSCT have not acquired any assets from any zone / country.



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Overseas devotees are now participating in events just as they did when Swami was with us physically, with greater ease and cooperation.

In SSSGC, decisions and activities reflect the views of every zone and are facilitated through the Executive Committee, which has representatives from every zone.

We should also remind everyone that no devotee has been stopped from receiving Darshan, participating in Vedam / Bhajans in the Sai Kulwant Hall, availing food and accommodation in Prasanthi Nilayam. The holy abode remains as welcoming to Sri Sathya Sai devotees world over.

Looking forward to the Centenary Celebrations, the SSSGC centres worldwide have plans for grand celebrations. Through the SSSGC, devotees will have the opportunity to also connect with and participate in the programs in Prasanthi Nilayam, especially in the Centenary year at the abode of peace and the abode of the Avatar!

It is now much easier for devotees to travel to Prasanthi Nilayam, to participate in programs and activities and to have a comfortable stay. It is indeed sad that some organisations are promoting programs and are diverting devotees away from Prasanthi Nilayam.

It is time to invite those centers, members and leaders that are yet to join the SSSGC to join and be a part of history – it is no coincidence that we know of Swami's divinity, are physically here in 2025 and have the opportunity to participate in 100-year celebrations. More so, we have the opportunity to give shape to the mission for the next 100 years – mission that will have institutions tasked with taking the Sai Mission forward, grounded in Swami's teachings, centred in Prasanthi Nilayam and working unitedly to only please Swami.

With Love & Best wishes

K Chakravarthi/