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*“The education that we are acquiring today is not merely for our benefit; it is for the benefit of our fellow human beings and even animals, birds, and other creatures. We should help each and every living being. Only then we can call ourselves educated.”*

**- Sri Sathya Sai Baba**

## Foreword

Dear Concerned friends,

It is a fact that the journey of several miles begins with a single small step. We have been taking such small steps towards a noble purpose. This newsletter is one such small step to integrate the thoughts, shape our actions and find new avenues and directions. It would also help us in a great way by linking all of us to share our ideas and experiences in creating Better Citizens & Better World.

We place this first edition of Newsletter of Sai RAM Trust before you, with all the nits and bits of our thoughts and activities and seek your participation, support and valuable patronage in enabling the establishment of an Institution par excellence and furtherance of the noble objectives of Sai RAM Trust.

Sai RAM Trust is growing and evolving as an Institution with unique identity of its own. This is made possible by many hands and hearts joining us. We are progressing toward establishment of a Research and Teaching Institution; par excellence in the fields of Biotechnology and Pharmacy, with relevant inter-disciplinary inputs of Nano-technology, Management, and Information Technology.

We are the little tools, brushes and instruments used by the almighty to paint a wonderful portrait of human lives. We dedicate ourselves to this great Mission of the Almighty.

Your support is immensely valuable. It is a divine blessing to us. We express our gratitude and sincerely thank you beholden.

With many thanks and kind regards,

Sai RAM Family.

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## Meeting of distinguished Academicians, Experts and Officials at Karnavati Club, Ahmedabad, held on 09<sup>th</sup> January, 2008

Sai RAM Trust expresses its gratitude all the participants of the meeting. This galaxy of academicians, experts and government officials joining the mission of Sai RAM Trust, was an outcome of the able guidance, support and kind patronage of Shri PK Laheri, former Chief Secretary to Government of Gujarat and currently Chairman and Managing Director of Sardar Sarovar Narmada Nigam Limited. We are highly indebted to Shri PK Laheri for making this event possible.



### A few of the many important suggestions and comments made:

- ❖ Due importance be given to Science stream. We need a Centre of Excellence in Science and Technology in Gujarat. We should overcome the obstacles in the process of establishment if any, should be overcome. No sufficient challenges are being given in the present class rooms.
- ❖ We should select areas to find top most Faculties instead of top most areas. Adopt a similar Approach of the Research Institutes at Bangalore; IISER (Indian Institute of Science Education and Research) Pune etc. which can be replicated. Time has come for De-novo Universities. GNLU (Gujarat National Law University), DAICT (Dhirubhai Ambani Institute of Information & Communication Technology) and the recent Petroleum University were giving state recognition right from the day one. A separate ordinance can be made.
- ❖ Identify the areas where facilities are not available with relevance of its applications in future. Support the areas where the existing Institutions are not covering.
- ❖ Identify Indian Professors in foreign Universities who wish to support us during sabbaticals. The tie ups with foreign Universities in specialised areas could be considered in the specialised areas.
- ❖ Flow of money for sustenance is an important factor that needs to be ensured.
- ❖ Present trend is for integrated courses. We need to focus on opening up barriers of specialisations and allow students to pursue studies across various branches of specialisation should not limit to the areas of specific needs of specialisations.
- ❖ We need atleast 1500 Universities in India and in Gujarat, We need atleast 70 Universities.
- ❖ There should be an inter-linkage of the Institutions, Universities & Industries. We need not to make education free but we may consider earn while you learn approach.
- ❖ Good amount of Industry based programs still lack the basic Research.



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- ❖ Evaluation patterns need a change. We need to focus on the Inter disciplinary approach.
- ❖ Consider beginning with Management Development Programmes (MDPS). The model requirements for Management Education with an Industry perspective should be given due consideration.
- ❖ An Institution for World Peace is essential. Judge issues rationally. Networking with various Institutions is necessary.
- ❖ It is an important and alarming issue that only about 50 Ph Ds are produced an year from various Universities in India and in them, the Ph Ds in Sciences are again minimum.
- ❖ It is necessary to establish the institute with atleast 10 different faculties. Try to multiply the forces. We should concentrate on quality aspects.
- ❖ We have to carefully evaluate which model we want to continue. Model of starting from the top as a Research and Teaching Institution and then extend to the undergraduate students. It is not an easy model. This is possible when there is ample support from Private Company for Research Institute. It is a costly affair. It involves a lot of financial implications.

## Meeting at Hotel Pride, Ahmedabad

A Meeting of distinguished Senior Academicians, Experts, Senior Scientists Educational Consultants and representatives of Industrial Associations was convened by Sai RAM Trust, on 10<sup>th</sup> January, 2008 at Hotel Pride, Ahmedabad.

## Suggestions and Comments

On the establishment of an autonomous University and preparation of a road map for it - the participants suggested the idea of opting to commence as a Research and Teaching Institution as it would not essentially need the complex permissions or involve any hardships that are felt in the case of Under graduate courses. An application for autonomous self financing University status could be processed simultaneously.

It was suggested that certain Universities outside Gujarat are giving recognitions to Research Institutions. We may consider such recognitions too, if felt necessary.

In case of a Research Institution, the recognition by a UGC recognized University is required as it implies that the courses are recognized by the UGC. A standing of five years with good research output and sound faculty would enable the Institution to establish itself as a University.

A suggestion to build up the departments around eminent Academicians / Experts - was observed to be a suitable option to ensure that the department is built up strongly, similar to Dr. Vikram Sarabhai's Institution building approach. The need for a small team for each of the selected areas was suggested.

The interface with the Industry, Industry based training programmes, Industry Research works etc., were the areas suggested to be considered to make the students more employable.

Usage of the name of Mahatma Gandhi would imply that we follow the Gandhian Philosophy and apply some of his principles in our Institution. Offering free education for the economically deprived was observed as adherence to Gandhian Philosophy too.

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On proposal to name the University as 'Mahatma Gandhi Vishwa Bharati' - It was felt that the State Government and the University Grants Commission would be the agencies to accord approvals for proposed names of the Universities. The participants suggested a few instances of various names used by Universities and as such the suggested name Mahatma Gandhi Vishwa Bharati was acceptable. It was also felt that modern names such as Applied Institute of Research etc. were used to follow the current trends of students identifying the institutions by such names. A broader area, name wise would give a greater freedom to attract people and work in wide areas.

On courses, It was suggested that we need to offer short time courses as early as we can, as these would give us immediate benefits as against the long term courses that take a long time to establish a brand value and identity to the Institution. Such certificate courses could be taken up with sponsorship from the Industry constituting Chairs sponsored by them.

## Presentations on Sai RAM Trust and Motivational lectures at Science City

Science City, Ahmedabad has organised a great Science Exhibition 'Science Expo - 2008'- aimed at promoting awareness and interest in Science amongst the young students.

Mr. DNS Siva Kumar, Director Sai RAM Trust was invited to address different groups of young students, parents and teachers on this occasion. The interactions enabled us to reach hundreds of young talents. Dr. N. Ganesh, Director, Indian Institute of Science, Education and Research, Pune delivered a special lecture and also provided us many valuable suggestions during this interactions with Mr. Siva Kumar. Sai RAM Trust is benefited of the association of a few experts through this initiative too. Special thanks to Dr. Narottam Sahoo for his continued support.



## Please participate and extend your valuable contributions

- ❖ We earnestly seek your kind participation, exchange of views, comments and support in the following areas of pursuits by Sai RAM Trust.
- ❖ Constitution of advisory panels of Experts in the fields of Biotechnology, Pharmacy, Nanotechnology, Information Technology, and Management.
- ❖ Panel discussions of advisory panels - in February and March 2008.
- ❖ Identification of eminent resource persons in various disciplines.
- ❖ Identification of unique short term courses, target groups, explore sponsorships and invite faculty volunteers and Experts to conduct these courses during May 2008 to July 2008.
- ❖ Collaborations with existing Academic and Research Institutions and Industry to identify the gaps between the Academic initiatives and Industrial needs.

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- ❖ Industry oriented training programmes specifically aimed at Industry training needs.
- ❖ Identification and Association/Collaborations with Foreign Institutions of Excellence and good repute in areas of mutual interest.
- ❖ Facilitating Medical Tourism initiatives of 'Serve All - Help All' (SAHA) - a non profit Charity in the United States.

## Proposed short term programs during May - July 2008

- 1.Life Management and Spiritual Science (1 Week)
- 2.Short term Courses in Basics of Nano Technology, Biotechnology and Pharmacy to Science
- 3.Empowerment Programmes for Graduates and Job seekers
- 4.Entrepreneurship Development Programmes
- 5.Career Counseling Sessions to Students and Parents (As Required)
- 6.Any other programs specifically suggested by the Expert panels and Patrons of Sai RAM Trust
- 7.Training Programs on Yoga, Stress Management and other specific needs to the Employees from the Industry

## Web Community

Internet is the best resource to facilitate global connectivity. Sai RAM Trust has initiated various web communities like students' forum, teachers' forum, applied sciences forum etc., to share and discuss various issues concerning the development of pursuits of knowledge through sharing.

We request all the patrons and concerned friends to join the web community of Sai RAM Trust and strengthen the initiative. You may like to mail to [mail@sairamtrust.in](mailto:mail@sairamtrust.in), for any details on these initiatives.

## Career Opportunities

The following openings are available for prospective right candidates with an attitude to work for a noble cause with commitment.

- 1.Director - Resources - to plan and coordinate various fund raising activities.
- 2.Academic Advisors (Adjunct Professors) Biotechnology, Nano-technology, Pharmacy, Information Technology and unique disciplines in Management - to establish research centres par excellence in their areas of specialisation.
- 3.Research Associates - with a Science back ground and fluency in spoken and written English. For details: Please contact Mr. DNS Siva Kumar or [www.sairamtrust.in](http://www.sairamtrust.in)

## We need your help

We earnestly request your kind participation, guidance, cooperation and mighty support in shaping this noble Institution - par excellence. Please write to us, share your ideas and experiences and extend your helping hand to the needy students. Please forward us your valuable comments and suggestions in furtherance of the objectives of Sai RAM Trust.

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## Closing Thoughts

*Mere acquisition of knowledge is not enough. Our Knowledge may be as vast as an ocean, as great as the mighty Himalayas, but if we do not have discrimination, then every thing is useless. It is enough if we have discrimination. Before we undertake any task, always enquire, "is this good or bad, is this right or wrong?" We will come up in life if we develop this one quality in us. This itself is self realization. -Sri Sathya Sai Baba*

*"A person who is crooked can never enjoy real peace of mind. His tricks tie him into knots."*

*-Brahma Kumaris.*

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