

Sai RAM Trust

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Opening Thought

“Terrorism never improved any lives. It ruined the lives and hearts. The Peace loving World is shaken but it can never be broken. Sai RAM Family strongly condemns the heinous act. We share the grief of all the affected people and extend them our love and sympathy. We salute the brave Heroes who laid their lives fighting the terror act in Mumbai.”

Foreword

Dear Concerned Friends,

We are happy to place before you the fifth issue of Newsletter. It has been a great learning experience through your support and participation and marching towards the goals of Sai RAM Trust, in shaping 'Mahatma Gandhi Vishva Bharati'.

For reasons beyond our control, the commencement of 'Centre for Advanced Diploma Studies and Research (CADSR) was getting delayed. We anticipate that the Centre would commence its academic life from the Second week of December 2008, in the premises of the office of Sai RAM Trust at Vasna, Ahmedabad. The Advanced Programmes are also offered to Employees on Sundays/ timings suiting their convenience.

We are assigned with Research Projects by the Government of Gujarat and Academic Institutions of repute. Some of these Projects are in progress. We are involving Masters' students in these project with paid assignments. We are voluntarily taking up initiatives for improving the quality of rural schools. Special counseling and feedback (360 degrees feedback) to the Teachers and motivational sessions to the students in the age groups of 13 years to 16 years are the focus of these initiatives. We are thus walking ahead.

As concerned and responsible citizens, we all believe that the good and happy life we lead is a contribution of a few known and many unknown persons. On behalf of Sai RAM Trust we call upon each of you to take up a small initiative. As you are all kindly aware, our life becomes too difficult when we at times don't receive our day's Newspaper or when the milk vendor is late and causes delay for the morning cup of Coffee. We keep cursing the traffic jams and take note of irresponsible people.

Do we ever think of a few sincere and honest people in the Traffic Police or other service providers who are really managing our interests? Often we tend to ignore them as we probably see only the negative side of the people around us. Instead, whenever and wherever you see a sincere and committed person serving the people, Please take a little time to go to him and say “THANK YOU, YOU ARE DOING A GOOD JOB. PLEASE KEEP IT UP”. Bringing a smile on their face, giving a pat on their shoulder and an honest appreciation is far better than many monetary rewards. I am sure this makes our lives happier too. Thus, you will make a big difference to change the society.

Regards,
Sai RAM Family.

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Presentations at Various Institutions

Mr. DNS Siva Kumar gave presentations on various courses offered by Sai RAM Centre for Advanced Diploma Studies and Research (CADSR) at Gujarat University's department of Microbiology, Mahadev Institutions at Shadera (under Gujarat Vidyapeeth) and KBIPER, Gandinagar. The students received the programmes well and actively participated in the discussions. The dream of Sai RAM Trust to establish 'Mahatma Gandhi Vishva Bharati' is appreciated by all the Faculty and Students in the interactive sessions. Similar presentations are planned to be held in various other Science, Arts and Commerce colleges so as to reach the students directly and admit desirous students to various courses.

We express our gratitude and heartily thank Prof. Dr. SR Dave (Gujarat University), Prof. Dr. Kannubhai Nayak, Prof. Dr Pradeep Acharya (Mahadev Institutions, Shadera) & their Faculty.



Proposed Institutional partnership with Mahadev Institutions

Sai RAM Trust and Mahadev Institutions would work in tandem to take up Academic activities and Projects that are relevant to the specific needs of the students of various streams of specialisations. The proposals are currently being processed.



Coordinating Student NGOs and Voluntary Groups

The direct interactive sessions are enabling Sai RAM Trust in directly reaching the students and understanding their needs and expectations. In addition to the interactions and presentations made on these platforms, it is quite interesting to note that the students are voluntarily coming forward to contribute to change. Atleast four student volunteer groups, building up their own NGOs are interacting with Sai RAM Trust in partnering various socially oriented initiatives.



Sai RAM Trust created a platform (Internet Blog for networking and coordinating the students NGOs and voluntary initiatives. The readers may like to access the blog and interact at: <http://focusngos.blog.co.in/>. The blog aims to coordinate the volunteer groups in the best possible way and facilitate interactions and mutual support.

An appeal for the support of Students and Teachers as Academic Volunteers

Sai RAM Trust is exploring the possibilities of working in tandem with active student groups in providing education to the deprived and needy in factories, offices, rural schools etc. We wanted to reach to as many beneficiaries as possible. We need several volunteer teachers and students who can spare a little of their valuable time for being an instrument of change.

We encourage the young students and volunteers to join us and benefit out of vast learning and teaching experience through the mission.

(Please contact Director Sai RAM Trust for further details and information).



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Feedback and Support

1. "I found this newsletter very interesting and refreshing. Good, keep it up. The program of village school seems to be nice, interesting and worth continuing on regular bases. An idea comes to my mind about one NGO which conducts Disaster management training programmes for school teachers and children with an intention of developing public partnership and self sufficiency during any disaster. The addition of last 2-3 pages with varied subjects is really a great idea and has made newsletter spicy and tasty."

-Prof. Dr. Shubha Desai, N.H.L Municipal Medical College

2. "Thanks for the mail. I have come across such a newsletter for the first time. Since you have asked suggestions I am sending few, absolutely personal, observations."

-Dr. Nikhilesh Desai, Sr. Manager, Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India

3. "I really appreciate your efforts to bring out the fourth issue of newsletter with content. I read the newsletter and the story specifically, it is really enlightening. Being the man of HR is good gesture to remember people who left the organization and taking record of their contribution to the organization is positive. I hope this plant will grow as tree by tomorrow as discussed in story"

-Ambarish R Ved, Asst. Registrar, Indira Gandhi National Open University, Rajkot

4. "Thanks, Excellent work done"

-Dr. Vikram Mahida, General Manager, HR, Paras Pharmaceuticals Pvt. Ltd.

"We are grateful for your inputs and the same are incorporated in the present issue."

-Editor

Donate for a Nobel Mission

As you are kindly aware, Sai RAM Trust is initiating various projects aimed to bring about Social change by supporting the needy talented students.

Please forward your generous and mighty donations by Cheque/DD/Cash favouring Sai RAM Trust payable at Ahmedabad. All the donations are exempted from Income Tax vide Section 80(G).

Comments

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A good story

One day a father of a very wealthy family took his son on a trip to the country with the firm purpose of showing his son how poor people live. They spent a couple of days and nights on the farm of what would be considered a very poor family. On their return from their trip, the father asked his son, "How was the trip?" "It was great, Dad". "Did you see how poor people live?" the father asked. "Oh yeah" said the son. "So, tell me, what did you learn from the trip?" asked the father. The son answered: "I saw that we have one dog and they had four. We have a pool that reaches to the middle of our garden and they have a creek that has no end. We have imported lanterns in our garden and they have the stars at night. Our patio reaches to the front yard and they have the whole horizon. We have a small piece of land to live on and they have fields that go beyond our sight. We have servants who serve us, but they serve others. We buy our food, but they grow theirs. We have walls around our property to protect us, they have friends to protect them." The boy's father was speechless. Then his son added, "Thanks, Dad, for showing me how poor we are."

Isn't perspective a wonderful thing? Makes you wonder what would happen if we all gave thanks for everything we have, instead of worrying about what we don't have.

Just for laughs

Santa: I got married because I was tired of cooking, cleaning home and washing clothes.

Banta: Amazing, I got divorce for the same reason.

Judge asks a little girl: Now that your parents are getting divorced do you want to live with your mummy?

Girl: No, my mummy beats me.

Judge: Well then, I guess you want to live with your daddy.

Girl: No, my daddy beats me too.

Judge: Well then, who do you want to live with?

Girl: I want to live with the Indian Cricket team, they never beat anybody!!!

Laloo was filling up application form for a job.

He was not sure what to be filled in column

"**Salary Expected**".

After much thought he wrote: **YES Expected!**

Man to Lawyer: What is your fees?

Lawyer: \$200 for 3 questions.

Man: Isn't it too high?

Lawyer: Yes, it is. What is your third question?

An accountant visits a museum with a friend.

Accountant: This painting is 500 years and 20 days old.

Friend: Where did you get this exact information?

Accountant: I was here 20 days ago.

The guide told me that the painting was 500 years old.

Teacher: Robin, your essay on "My Dog" is exactly the same as your brother's. Did you copy from him?

Student: No, teacher, it's about the same dog!

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Glimpses of life



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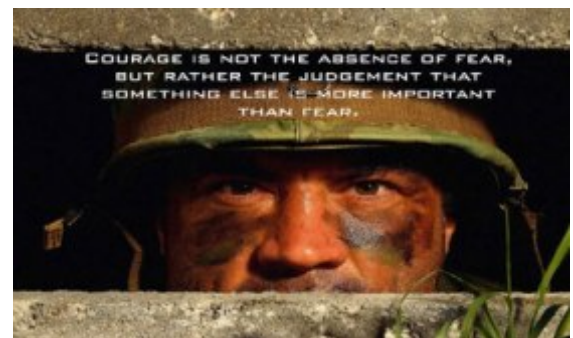
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Closing Thought

"If someone feels that they had never made a mistake in their life, then it means that they had never tried new thing in their life."