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Universal Sai Association

The founder of Universal Sai Association, Dr. Ranga Rao Sunkara is also co-founded North America Shirdi Sai Temple of Atlanta (NASSTA). The temple is presently serving thousands of devotees in Atlanta GA, and other parts of USA.

The story of Universal Sai Association (USA) reveals an extended loving hand of Shirdi Sai Baba to the West. When Dr. Sunkara was admitted in the hospital for treatment of Cancer, he was reading a book on auto biography of Parmahansa Yogananda. A Caucasian (White) American, who was a health care Therapist, by name Mr. Wayne Jenner, asked him what the title of the book was. Dr. Sunkara told him the name of the book and, on enquiry by the curious the content of the book. During further discussion, he also focused on the importance of Satgurus. It further increased the curiosity of the listener. He wanted to borrow the book for a day or two. Dr. Ranga Rao Sunkara gladly agreed to loan the book to him.

About a month later Dr. Sunkara was discharged from the hospital by the grace of our lord Shirdi Sai Baba. He received a call from Mr. Jenner; inviting him for lunch. During his conversation, Mr. Jenner with an almost regard to Indian Philosophies, said that, "Though I am a born Christian, do not believe no other God form other than Christ, after reading the book you gave, I realized the importance of respecting other faiths". Further his queries of Shirdi Sai Baba temple in Atlanta, he said: "Please enlighten me with your works of your Satguru". Dr. Sunkara narrated the sacred story of Sai Baba from Satcharitra and, how his principles are useful to the

World, for realization of peace and co-existence; regardless of the religion. Then Mr. Jenner said: Today I got a divine feeling that you are going to do something with this peace mission in the world", he further extended, "that you accept my contribution of one thousand dollars towards starting this organization". Dr. Sunkara tried to explain that he does not have any idea of starting such organization. But Mr. Jenner insisted to keep the money and use it for whatever.

At least a year passed before Dr. Sunkara got an encouragement, in his meditation, from said to start an association from Shirdi Sai devotees. In further probe in the meditation a name has been evolved with the initials of USA. The vision and mission evolved with Sai's grace. Dr. Sunkara incorporated the name of the organization as 'Universal Sai Association (USA), Inc' in 2011. In the same year he traveled to India, his mother country, to implement Sai's command and organize to gather like-minded devotees to support his plan. Upon



arrival to India, with the suggestions of Sai devotees, Dr. Sunkara created a trust, with an India Chapter, fitting into the main association (USA).

The Purpose

Devotees of Shirdi Sai Baba join together to coordinate under one Umbrella of Sai's protective power "Sabka Malik Ek", in raising the awareness of Sai Baba principles and commands. Stimulates human hearts towards peaceful living.

The Vision

Shirdi Sai preachings will go to "nook and corners" of the World as "a Beacon of Light" starting with proper infrastructure in India.

The Mission is to Bring all Shirdi Sai devotees under one organization & develop leadership from the representatives of appropriate organizations both national and international, In the name of Shirdi Sai Baba, to carry a peace torch from East to West.

The Goal

Should be able to design a model, for establishing organizational net working in India and abroad, that will pass "Shirdi Sai Babas Jyoti' from country to country, starting from India to USA, carrying the vision and mission of the organization.

The Foundation will Conduct Meetings, workshops, both in India and Abroad, to develop organizational network.

To establish pilot Hospice Program in Aurangabad, to serve terminally ill patients and extend it to other parts of the country with the help of Government and non-government organization.

The Objectives

In November 2012, Dr. Sunkara visited India in pursuance of continuity of this mission. He spent four months organizing workshops and seminars with the