

# Universal Sai Association Wishing You a very Happy Mew Year 2015



The founder of Universal Sai Association, Dr. Ranga Rao Sunkara, founding president of 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 Therapist, by name Mr. Wayne Jenner, asked him what the title of the book was. Dr. Sunkara told him the name of the book. Then Mr. Jenner curiously questioned about the content of the book. During further discussion, he also queried on the importance of the Sat-gurus. Knowing the revelation of Yogananda, he wanted to borrow the book for a day or two so that to know the essence of the book. Dr. Ranga Rao Sunkara gladly agreed to handover the book to him for his inquisition.



Ranga Rao Sunkara (Chairman)

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 at most regard to the Indian Philosophies, said that, "Though I am a born Christian, I do not believe no other God form, other than Jesus Christ. But after reading the book you gave me, I realized the importance of respecting other faiths also". 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 Sai Baba's preachings are respected by his followers, without leaving their own faith. Then Mr. Jenner reveled his dream of Jesus and 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 in future.

At least a year passed before Dr. Sunkara got an encouragement, in his meditation, from said to start an association for 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.

### The Purpose

Devotees of Shirdi Sai Baba join their hands together, with others, who are interested to promote peace in the world.

# The Vision

The vision is to see that an organization under "One God For All (Sabka Malik Ek)", will result in a system of training, envisioned by great Saints towards peace. To carry a peace torch from East to West, in the name of Shirdi Sai Baba.

# The Goal

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

The Foundation will conduct meetings and workshops, both in India and Abroad, to develop organizational network towards peace.

## The Objectives

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



Dr. Priya Shinde (Vice Chairman) Universal Sai Association

- 1. An academic institution or university, that focuses on educating and training youth for leadership in achieving peace through USA's mission in the world
- 2. Yoga and library center to obtain Philosophical and spiritual literature from all over the world
- 3. Satcharitra parayana and Music center with audio and video facilities.
- 4. A public and health information center, with aided help to needy. Ex: Hospice Center for terminally ill patients. Health care professional will be trained, with advanced education to serve in association with the help of International Organizations
- 5. To conduct conventions of organizers and sai devotees of the association in different places, including in India (2015) and in USA (2016 & 2017).

As the association is for noble cause as blessed by Sai and, with the best wishes from prominent Sai devotees, the Universal Sai Association (USA) can, not only strengthen its activities, but also progress in achieving its goals towards peace.

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