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HAPPY DIWALI

May this diwali
fulfill all yours
dream and bring
happiness to your
life forever...



Youth Perspective on Universal Sai Association(USA) An exclusive interview with Chairma, Universal Sai Association(USA)



He is the one, watching us at every movement. His blessings are my energy... What I am now: His devotee, is just because of him; and that is my Sai...! Om Sai Ram"

These words are well said by the chairman of Universal Sai Association (U.S.A.):

Dr. Ranga Rao Sunkara,

Q Sir, I found in you a true devotee of Sai Baba How that love for him arose, how you were truly connected with that divine peace?

There is a small story behind it. I would like to share that story. In 1985 when I was going to Madras (Chennai) with my mother to take up the flight to America after 5 years, my car broke down. At that time suddenly it started raining. We were in trouble and I was blaming god for this, I mad at Him that as my him my mother is in trouble. I started meditating to get

help. In that meditation, I heard a divine murmuring that I should enchain names of God that I know So I did. I took Krishna, Rama, Budha, alha, Christ etc but nothing helped me. Then I whispered Sai Sai Sai and next minute a car stood before me. The person who was sitting in that car helped us and dropped at our hotel 'Dwarka' There were 2 gates of that hotel and the 2nd gate was always locked. When car dropped us, and when I turned around car wasn't there and then I asked a guard who was on the other gate about that car, but he said that no car was there. It suddenly dispersed. Now I know that Sai Baba came in the disguise of a business man and extended His help.

Q Great... what happened next Sir.?

Then... In 1986, I when I was visiting Dhawarka Mai I heard an inner voice asking me to take a Shawl from the temple and carry it to USA and initiate to found a Sai temple in Atlanta,GA, USA. I was dazzled but with a challenge of how could an ordinary professor raise money for such gigantic task. But I did not leave my faith in that divine voice. So, you all see the devotee efforts became fruitful.

Q So how did you got an idea of starting USA organization?

Almost 6 years I was holding the position of President to the temple. Then I was diagnosed with Cancer. I was hospitalized and during the treatment I met a caucasian gentleman, by name Wyne Jenner,

who suggested me to start an organization for peace in the name of Shirdi Sai Baba. He gave me some money and said that, Jesus inspired him to do this. He actually encouraged me and after a while Sai inspired to start this association.!!

Q Okay... what about the seminars and workshops? Do you teach people about Sai?

The main purpose of the work shops ans seminars, is to explain the vision and mission of the association. Especially to youth and ofcourse who are interested to participate in the organization. Our forefathers envisioned that our youth will become master philosophers of the World. This will give an opportunity for devotees to carry our peace loving philosophies of India.

Q What is your vision?

Our vision is to carry Sai Baba's preachings of co-existence, peaceful living and tolerance from East to West.

Then what is your mission?

To take a "Sai Jyothi" from East to West. We already conducted work shops, seminars, conventions, both in India and abroad.

Q Sir, if I ask whom will you choose between India and Sai baba. What will be your answer?

I would choose India because she is a mother for God's avatars.

Q And if I ask choose between India and America, then?

My answer would be America

because my mother India forwarded the message to the World; for wherever country you go for your living you should be faithful for that country. I respect my mother country and so I follow.

Q So... sir what have you planned for making this organization a success?

I have registered this organization in America as well as in India. We are trying to organize the teams in various places to carry that sai jyoti and spread love and peace all over the world...!

Q What are your achievements Sir?

In the leadership of Vice-Chair Dr Priya Shende we are trying to establish 'Hospice Programs' for children who are suffering with terminally ill diseases, such as Cancer, starting in Auranga Blud Also we extended what ever little help we could do to Utterakhand/ Utteranchal.

Q So have you planned anything for encouraging the youth to participate in the same?

I would say god has given something to someone. Each assignment to each individual. I can't force any one to be the part of it. What ever Sai nath wants that would happen.

Q And what about Fundraising?

It depends upon you all. Our organization is purely based on my own pocket spending and so far no membership or donations are collected.

You want to help yourself it's your choice because it is a community organization which is meant only for social welfare. For example, in Andaman Islands the people have blood bank facility, but they do not have blood product making machine. If any one come forward that will be a great help. We are trying to out reach for direct help to the people in different parts of India.

Q Do you consider your self as a Guru?

Not all I believe in Sai Baba and He is only Sai Guru for me.

Q Sir, you said that you endures Sai Baba a lot, have everlasting love for him. Have faith in him, but as you told me that you were connected with sai baba because of your mother as you were not able to see your mother in trouble...! So between both of them whom will you show your gratitude toward... your mom or your god?

I remember that quote "Guru gobind doukhade kake lagu paye.. Bahari guru apne.. gobind diyo bhaye"

Same case is with me. I would thank my mother because of her only I got an opportunity to be close to my baba!

Q Thank you sir, your words enlighten me and I see there is a great hope for youth leadership.

Thank you.
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