



Sathya Sai International Organisation South Africa – National Council

(SSIOSA & SSIOSANC)

GUIDELINES - TALKS & MUSIC PROGRAMMES BY VISITORS & DEVOTEES: 2014.3.18

FOR MEMBERS & DEVOTEES FROM THE SAI ORGANISATION OF SA (SSIOSA):

1. Centre & regional presidents should choose speakers carefully. No single individual should “dominate” at centre, region or wing meetings as a speaker or study circle facilitator.
2. Negative comments about the SSIOSA & its members will not be permitted. Those who contravene this will not be allowed to speak again at any of the SSIOSA meetings;
3. All office bearers from the centres and regions should be given an opportunity. This will assist in the development of these officers as good and confident public speakers as well as study circle facilitators;
4. Speakers from other regions must first get permission from their own regional presidents and then receive permission from the National Devotional Coordinator and the National President.
5. Speakers from the other units of the SSIOSA (Central Trust, Education Trust, ISSE) will be promoted at SSIOSANC meetings. These will be facilitated by the National President in consultation with the National Devotional Coordinator of the country;
6. Non office bearers or previous officers but members of the SSIOSA may be allowed to speak once per year but with permission from SSIOSANC President and Devotional Coordinator;
7. Non-members of the SSIOSA must get permission from SSIOSANC before being allowed to speak at centre, region or national meetings;
8. Speakers must be notified in advance whether the permission has been granted or not, or if the content has to be amended; it is important that no speaker be confirmed prior to authorisation to avoid uncomfortable situations.
9. Meditation workshops, yoga classes including rituals such as hawans by outside agencies or individuals will not be permitted in the SSIOSA
10. In terms of speakers, the **topic** must be known beforehand and the content should not be conflicting with Swami’s teachings or of a controversial nature. The Regional Coordinating Committees must ensure adherence;
11. Any transgressions must be reported to the presiding body for further action. In cases where individuals have scheduled or given a talk/s without following protocols or which proved to cause confusion within the organisation and its members or had mentioned controversial subjects, those individuals should not be allowed to speak at any registered centre/group activities. SSIOSANC, then, needs to inform all centres of individuals that are not allowed to talk at centres;

FOR VISITORS (FROM OTHER COUNTRIES AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS OR PRIVATE):

1. Visitor speakers/musicians, that are not members of the Organisation, should get permission from the SSIOSANC;
2. Special permission and protocols is needed from Zone and Prashanti Council for foreign devotees. This applies even to visitors that have come to SA on holiday/work purposes;
3. The content of the talk should focus on Bhagawan's teachings or sound human values and not on Organisation matters/controversial subjects;



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4. Bhajans or other musical program must be done in consultation with the regional coordinating committee who will seek permission from SSIOSANC;
5. Any logistical arrangement for travel, accommodation, food & other must be detailed and submitted to SSIOSANC by the regional president concerned;
6. No payments of money should be made by the organization to singers/musicians as fees for such rendition.

With Sai Love and Light

President: SSIOSA National Council

cc. National Devotional Wing Coordinator