

SRI SATHYA SAI CENTRAL COUNCIL OF SOUTH AFRICA
National Spiritual Wing

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SPIRITUAL 12 – VEDA CHANTING CLASSES:

Bhagawan has made a call to the whole world:

“It is Swami’s wish that the Vedas be spread to every country, so that every human being, irrespective of religion, caste, nationality, etc learns Vedas and chants them” Discourse, 2006 Aug 9

He declared, *“My main tasks are fostering of the Vedas and fostering of the devotees”*

Milestone Discourse, 43rd birthday, 1968 Nov 23

DAILY AT PARTI: The Vedas are being chanted twice daily at Prashanti Nilayam.

CLASSES: We would like all centres & groups to commence Vedam Classes weekly. Our suggestion is to introduce it about 30 to 45 minutes before Public Devotional Singing (Bhajans) programmes in order to get maximum participation and maximum world benefit. However, the centres can utilise any other day/time suitable. The focus could be on:

1. Ganapati Prathna
2. Sri Rudram (Namakam & Chamakam)
3. Purusha Suktam
4. Swasti (Peace) Prayer
5. Forgiveness Prayer

For this, sadhana CDs were made for every centre last year (they can still be copied from your centre chairperson) OR the audio/written text is available to all on the SA Sai website (link below):

http://www.srisathyasai.org.za/index.php?option=com_fabrik&view=table&tableid=2&calculations=0&resetfilters=0&Itemid=69

*BHAGAWAN ON VEDA: “A regular study of the Vedas and practice of Vedic injunctions confer all forms of wealth on the human beings...**The Vedas are the gift of God for the welfare of the entire humanity**...The Veda mantras can be chanted by one and all...Some people from Iran and Iraq have come to Puttaparthi, day before yesterday. The devotees from Iran are still here. We are making efforts to teach Vedas to all people...youth leaders have been appointed in all the states of India like Andhra, Kerala, etc. Not only that, **youth leaders have also been appointed in the Sathya Sai Seva Organisations in all the countries of the world for the propagation of the Vedas and Vedic chanting**”.*

Divine Discourse, 2006 Aug 09

*“The Vedas seek to promote good thoughts; eliminate ideas of evil, and help mankind to lead the good life. Hence they have to be cherished and fostered. If the injunctions given in the Vedas and Sastras are followed by mankind, they will be freed from affliction. The Vedas encompass the whole world and are immanent everywhere...**In the Sai Educational Institutions students from the primary classes to the Ph.D. level are studying Vedas.***

Every individual should take a pledge to nourish the Vedas on right lines. The welfare of the nation and the prosperity of the world are dependent on the Vedas...Within another ten or twenty years, even the few who possess the Vedic knowledge may not remain. Hence there is urgent need to take concerted measures to provide the resources and the encouragement for the propagation of the Vedic studies. Today all the ceremonies prescribed by the Vedas are being given up. Most people are engaged in meaningless superstitions. Whether everyone knows this or not, the Vedas pervade, everything ... Everyone must regard it as his foremost duty to work for the revival of the Vedas and live the Vedic way of life.”

Discourse, on 28-9-1987

Veda chanting is a selfless act done for the benefit of all. It is a great service to the world. For more assistance, contact your regional/centre spiritual convenor.

Sai Love

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