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Sri Sathya Sai Seva Organisations

Andhra Pradesh

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అందరు జిల్లా అధ్యక్షులకు హృదయపూర్వక సాయిరాం,

భగవాన్ శ్రీ సత్యసాయి బాబా వారి దివ్య అనుగ్రహ ఆశీస్సులతో 2026వ సంవత్సరంలో నిర్వహించబోవు పర్తి యాత్రలకు సంబంధించి విధి విధానాలు ఖరారు చేయబడినవి. తదనుగుణంగా మీ మీ జిల్లాల పర్తియాత్రలకు సంబంధించి Proposals Request Letter అందజేయగలరని కోరడమైనది. అఖిల భారత అధ్యక్షులు వారి Guidelines దీనితో జతచేయబడినవి.

Respected Sir,
Sai Ram,

Proposals are invited from the State Presidents for organising Parthi Yatras and Parthi Darsans during the year 2026.

While proposing the Parthi Yatras and Parthi Darsans, You are requested to follow the guidelines as under...

1. Kindly study the Parthi Yatra Guidelines - 2026 attached herewith for you to conduct Sensitisation and orientation with the teams before embarking on Parthi Yatras.
2. Plan the Parthi yatras only for 2 days and not more.
3. Please check the Official Calendar of Prasanthi Nilayam and avoid all the days of Festivals, Celebrations, Events and Programs that are organised by Sri Sathya Sai Central Trust.
4. Please avoid the dates and days of the Official Programs planned by Sri Sathya Sai Seva Organisations, India.
5. The Proposals must be sent by the State Presidents to the All India President and in turn the All India President shall forward the cleared proposals to the Managing Trustee's office for approval and necessary permissions and arrangements.
6. Mere proposing need not be considered as approval.
7. On receipt of the Proposals from SSSSO India, SSS Global Council, SSS IHL, SSS IHMS and other Institutions, the office of the Managing Trustee of SSSCT shall generate the Calendar of Events accommodating the appropriate programs and intimate the concerned State Presidents about the approved programs and dates.

Kindly follow the guidelines and propose the Parthi Yatras and Parthi Darsans.

Please submit your proposals to the All India President before 15th January, 2026.

Note: attached the Guidelines for Parthi Yatras and Parthi Darsans 2026—

"करिष्ये वचनम् तव"

Sai Ram & with Regards,
Siripurapu Koteswara Rao
National Seva Coordinator,
o/o All India President

Sri Sathya Sai Seva Organisations - India

జత: Parthi Yatra Guidelines

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Guidelines for the Parthi Yatras and Parthi Darsans

Loving Sairam,

Reaching Bhagawan's abode in Prasanthi Nilayam is a dream come true for all the devotees to enhance the spiritual pursuits by reconnecting to Bhagawan. This is an opportunity for a first-time visitor to get oriented with Prasanthi Nilayam and become part of Sri Sathya Sai Seva Organisations. The State Presidents / District Presidents of Parthi Yatras & Pilgrimages are requested to co-operate and ensure the guidelines are followed, to provide a good overall experience to all the participants in Prasanthi Nilayam and in Sai Kulwant Hall.

It is our combined responsibility to act in accordance with and in sync with the Divine message, ambience, and chartered conduct within the Ashram and that all of us uphold the sanctity and holiness of the Divine abode. The presentations, performances, and events to be offered as part of Parthi Yatra should reflect the perfection and purity that Swami personified and are of the highest standards reflecting the glory of the Avatar, His Mission and His Messages.

(A). Preparatory Planning:

1. Title for Parthi Yatra may be kept as a very simple name like "**XXXX State / District Parthi Yatra**". Don't give weird titles like 'Sri Sathya Sai Ananda Yatra' / 'Sri Sathya Sai Vaibhava Yatra' / 'Sri Sathya Sai Anugraha Yatra' / 'Sri Sathya Sai Adbhutha Avataara Yatra' / 'Sri Sathya Sai Parthi Yatra for Transformation' and such. Do not print any new and separate Logos on Banners or brochures or any other material other than the official SSSSO Logo.

2. It must be well understood on what kind of visit is to be undertaken.

a). Parthi Yatra: Larger number of devotees and even first-time visitors exceeding a number of 1,000, both Ladies and Gents put together participating in the proposed Parthi Yatra for 2 days, with a clear plan of organising a spiritual program in Prasanthi Nilayam and Spiritual & Cultural presentation in Sai Kulwant Hall by Bal Vikas Children and Sri Sathya Sai Youth.

There can be a Radhothsavam / Palki Festival / Gramothsavam/ Maha Nagar Sankeerthan from Old Mandir in Puttaparthi to Ganesh Gate of Prasanthi Nilayam. However, it is not a mandatory program of a Parthi Yatra.

b). Parthi Darsan: Groups of devotees and first-time visitors not exceeding 1,000 in number plan to visit Puttaparthi without any programs to be performed in Sai Kulwant Hall can be permitted for Parthi Darsan to experience the magnificence of Bhagawan's holy incarnation and His Divine Mission. Small groups of 50s, 100s, 200...300 devotees and first-time visitors also can be permitted.

They can be guided to visit the Divine Footprints in Puttaparthi like Prasanthi Nilayam, Maha Samadhi, Easwaramma Well, Swami's Birth place, Old Mandir, Sathyamma Temple, Venugopala Swami Temple, Hanuman Temple, Chitravathi Ghat, Kalpa Vruksham, Vata Vruksham, Chaitanya Jyothi, Sanathana Samskruthi Museum, Sai Hira Global Convention Centre, SSS Book Stall, University, Hanuman Hill, Hill View Stadium, Planetarium, Indoor Stadium, Super Speciality Hospital and such other byway of a guided well-informed tour.

3. Proposal for undertaking a Parthi Yatra or Parthi Darsan or Pilgrimage either by a Group, or by Samithis or by Districts or by State must be informed by the State President of the concerned State to

the All India President along with the details of the programs with the indicative Dates, Number of devotees taking part, well before the Calendar is finalised. **All such programs with relevant details must be routed through the office of All India President.**

4. All the **proposals of Parthi Yatras / Pilgrimages** from all the Districts and States shall be scrutinised and **consolidated by the Office of All India President** and shall be sent to the **Office of Managing Trustee, Sri Sathya Sai Central Trust**, Prasanthi Nilayam to accommodate Programs of Sri Sathya Sai Global Council, Programs of Sri Sathya Sai Institute of Higher Learning and to be integrated with the Calendar of Prasanthi Nilayam. When the Year Calendar of all the programs is consolidated, the necessary permissions and approvals are released for the states / Districts.

5. The State President must ensure and certify that at least 50-60% of the participants in Parthi Yatras / Parthi Darsans / Pilgrimages are drawn from New Families, as first timers. This is the real purpose of Parthi Yatras. This also widens the horizon of the persons becoming a part of the Sai Family at the Samithi Level.

(B). Orientation & Guidance

1. All participants of every Parthi Yatra need to be well oriented to the discipline, dress code and conduct to be followed during the yatra and inside the ashram including the habits of smoking, drinking and such prior to reaching Prasanthi Nilayam.

2. All participants may be guided on parking of vehicles, movement of vehicles, usage of Mobiles, maintaining silence in the Ashram, Accommodation, Canteens and on the roads and not to blow Horns on Cars, 2 wheelers.

3. Participants may be guided not to offer any Prostrations / Pada namaskar to any individuals / elders in Sai Kulwant Hall.

4. All the participants may be guided on speaking softly, conducting themselves in the Ashram and maintain SILENCE in the Ashram.

5. Participants may be advised to minimise usage of Mobile phones.

6. Participants may be advised to maintain Ashram Discipline of Men and Women, Boys and Girls to be separate in moving about in the Ashram respecting the decorum and dignity of Prasanthi Nilayam,

7. Participants may be guided on Accommodation, Canteens, Food counters, coffee kiosks, Ice crème Parlours, Tender Coconut stalls, Book Store, Book Stalls, Media Centres, Shopping complex, Washrooms, Cloak Rooms, such other facilities, their locations and the timings.

8. All the participants may be guided in advance about the important places to be seen in Puttaparthi that are connected to Bhagawan and His Mission.

9. State President or One of the responsible State Level Office Bearers must accompany every Parthi Yatra from the State / District.

(C). Pre-Yatra preparation:

1. It is advised to register every devotee new or old or first timer collecting the data of (i). Name in Full, (ii). Age, (iii). Gender, (iv). Mobile Number, (v). Samithi jurisdiction (vi). District to which he or she belongs to.

Submit the data collected in excel format to the office of All India President by e-Mail aip.office@sssoindia.org.

2. Arrival details and Number of participants can be communicated to the office of the All India President in advance, to advise Accommodation, Canteens & PRO.

3. Designate a **Parthi Yatra Management Team** with experienced members and young members of the organisation to liaise with Prasanthi Nilayam Administration and make arrangements for Yatris.

4. Designate some experienced members as Group Leaders for both Gents and Ladies, may be One leader for every group of 40 / 50 devotees / participants to guide, conduct, organise Parthi Yatra smoothly, maintaining the decorum of Prasanthi Nilayam.

5. Designate some Sevadal members both in Gents and in Ladies to support the On Duty Seva Dal in Canteens for transportation and serving Breakfast, Lunch, Snacks and Dinner to the Yatris.

6. Proper guidance may be given to all the participants to maintain queue and maintain SILENCE all over the Ashram. All the Parthi Yatra participants may be given an orientation and awareness about Prasanthi Nilayam, Dress Code, certain rules and regulations, places of importance to visit, about canteens, about accommodation, Darshan timings, darshan guidelines. **All participants may be advised to maintain distance from new persons, and foreigners and not to indulge in exchange of phone numbers or conversations.**

7. Every participant may be given some **Unique Identity Card** and an **Orientation / Information booklet** (printed in Low Cost) about Prasanthi Nilayam, Places of importance in Puttaparthi, Dress Code, certain rules and regulations, Accommodation, Canteens, Food counters, coffee kiosks, Ice cr me Parlours, Tender Coconut stalls, Book Stalls, Media Centres, Shopping complex, Washrooms, Cloak Rooms and such other facilities and their locations, Parthi Yatra Schedules and Details from Arrival to Departure, and such other essential information.

(D). Parthi Yatra

1. **Duration:** Every Parthi Yatra may be limited to **2 Calendar Days only**. In other words, programs in Sai Kulwant Hall must be limited to 2 Calendar Days only comprising of 4 sessions at the maximum.

2. **Content approval:** The content of all events or programs that are proposed to be presented during the Parthi Yatra whether in the Sai Kulwant Hall or anywhere else inside the ashram must be verified by the State Presidents who will personally check and vouch for the content of all such programs like Text of Speeches, Text of Commentaries, Text of the presentations like Drama and the dialogues in Dramas / Skits etc., and ensure that it is in order with the magnanimity and environment within the sacred abode of our beloved Lord and Swami Centric and Swami's Message Centric.

3. **Processions** of whatsoever nature **should not** be planned and conducted inside Prasanthi Nilayam by Parthi Yatris.

4. If a **Gramothsavam / Rath Yatra / Palki Yatra** is planned by the Parthi Yatra group, it must be ensured that absolute discipline must be maintained while taking up the procession. All care must be taken about even minute necessities of a spiritual procession. The procession must be more spiritual than cultural.

Lane discipline, Movement discipline, Traffic management and such other sensitive issues must be dealt with absolute care.

All the participating devotees must be advised to maintain cleanliness and not litter the streets. If any cultural events or programs are planned in Gramothsavam please ensure that girls and boys / men and women are not together in performance.

It may be ensured that Women will not perform any kind of dances / Kolatam / Garba and such. Women can carry Kalasams, Poorna Kumbhams, Bathukamma and such but not dance on Streets.

Formation of Procession / Sobha Yatra / Palki Procession / Radh Yatra must be carefully organised. Formation may be with Vedam, Kalasam, Bal Vikas Children, Cultural Items, Mahilas and Gents followed by Bhajan, Palki OR Radham.

Flag off point should not be crowded and should be well organised to facilitate smooth flag off by the Chief Guest. Beginning of Procession shall commence at Old Mandir and conclude at Ganesh Gate and the devotees can enter through Ganesh Gate and offer Harathi to Lord Ganesh.

There must be Sevadal either side of the procession regulating and guiding the procession without obstructing the Traffic.

Necessary permissions may be obtained in advance from Police and Municipal authorities.

Video photographer and still photographer may be designated before commencement of procession and not all may be permitted to interfere.

It must be ensured that everyone participates in the procession.

5. Cleanliness & Silence: It may kindly be observed and monitored by the organisers and Group Leaders to maintain Cleanliness in the Ashram, during the procession and at every place. Leaders and organisers may please guide the devotees continuously to maintain Silence in Prasanthi Nilayam.

6. Participation: All the Devotees and participants in Parthi Yatra may be guided to participate in every program planned by the Parthi Yatra Organising Team particularly the early morning Omkaram, Suprabhatham and Nagar Sankeerthan with discipline and devotion. Also in all the programs planned in Sai Kulwant Hall and in outside programs. Seniors and Sevadal nominated from the Parthi Yatra group may be advised to help the Ashram Authorities and Security to maintain proper lane discipline and silence.

7. Guided Tours: It may be planned well to conduct a guided tour for the benefit of all the devotees to the places of importance in Puttaparthi 'Following the Divine Footprints'.

8. Light & Sound Show: It may also be well planned to schedule the "Light & Sound Show" on Bhagawan's life and Mission organised by Sri Sathya Sai Media Centre in the Hill View Stadium for the benefit of all Parthi Yatis.

Every Parthi Yatra team must depute **15 Gents Sevadal to organise Light & Sound Show**. They must report at Santhi Vedika of Hill View Stadium around 5-00 PM on the designated date to prepare the venue and organise Chairs. They should conduct the devotees / pilgrims on to the ground and ensure all of them are seated. After the show is over, Sevadal must help the devotees leave the stadium premises. Then they must return the chairs to the Stadium Store. They must ensure that everyone left the stadium before they leave.

(E). Accommodation: Advance information must be given to the Accommodation office in Prasanthi Nilayam on the number of devotees participating in Parthi Yatra.

There shall be fewer rooms as per the vacancy position, Halls with 2 Tier Cot Beds, Halls with Beds and Halls without any beds shall be made available as per the vacancy position.

Advance information and clear allotment plans must be submitted by the Organising Team for Accommodation allotment.

Accommodation team may be constituted to help the devotees to get accommodated suitably. The devotees may be given the authorised Accommodation Allotment slips clearly mentioning their location of accommodation.

(F). Prasadam:

Prasadam may be procured from Vendors of repute with good manufacturing practices.

While preparing the Prasadam at District / Samithi level, it may be ensured that the raw material is procured with a very good standard. Preparation must be done under a real time supervision by an expert.

Quality of Prasadam may be ensured to be good, uniform and standard.

Shelf life of Prasadam must be maintained for a minimum of 10 days.

It is advised to avoid milk-based Prasadam to avoid Fungus.

Packing cover may be transparent OR a plain wrapper without any advertisement. To the extent best possible, avoid Plastic wrapper or cover.

Please do not print the image / photograph of Swami or the LOGO of Sri Sathya Sai Seva Organisation on the Prasadam packets. Often, these covers are littered all over the place and people tend to step over them.

Do not print the donor's name or the group's name on the prasadam cover or any material distributed to yatris or devotees.

(G). Decoration: Parthi Yathra management team of State / District may plan for appropriate Decoration of Sai Kulwant Hall.

(H). Banners: There may be a minimum of 5 Banners of 12 ft X 4 ft size to be arranged in Sai Kulwant Hall and 2-3 banners at accommodation / dormitories and Sathsang Hall.

Banners should be printed with the official LOGO of Sri Sathya Sai Seva Organisations only. Please don't create a SPECIAL LOGO on Banners, pamphlets, brochures and any other material.

(I). Vehicles: All the vehicles must be parked in the ground behind N 6 only. Vehicles should not be parked anywhere else in Prasanthi Nilayam. For any support of transportation for BalVikas children, Old persons and Material, special permission may be obtained from the Chief Security Officer for **TWO Cars (4 Wheelers) and TWO 2 wheelers.**

(J). Media Centre Mandatory Clearances

Sri Sathya Sai Media Centre has a set of Standards and Benchmarks to stream the proceedings of Sri Sai Kulwant Hall.

To ensure seamless online streaming of Sai Kulwant Hall proceedings, kindly follow the media guidelines and directives of the Sri Sathya Sai Media Centre, Prasanthi Nilayam (SSSMC).

Please send the Audios and Videos to SSSMC, **atleast15 days before undertaking Parthi Yatra to get the mandatory clearances.**

If any Audition Tests are required, the same must be followed up with the Media Centre well before the commencement of the Parthi Yatra.

The Veda Chanting needs to be approved by the Prasanthi Vedam Group.

The Bhajans need to be approved by Prasanthi Bhajan Group.

If any Group Singing is planned, all the Songs must be presented to the media Centre for their approval and clearance.

Ensure that the Vedam Chanting group and Bhajan Group, practise very well conforming to the Prasanthi Nilayam standards and perform well matching the standards of Prasanthi Nilayam.

Design Music Programs in Group Singing or Sangeetha Vibhavari in such a way that young Men and Young Women perform separately and not sing same song together or do not sing on duet mode.

Only Balvikas children and youth wing Male members of SSSSO Organisation, should put up Dramas OR Dances and other cultural programs.

Do not engage any paid artists for any cultural program.

(K). Bhajans & Songs

Please ensure that Standard and usual Bhajans sung in Sai Kulwant Hall are sung by the Bhajan group of Parthi Yatra. This is to facilitate all devotees to follow the Bhajans.

Songs in any Group Singing Program, must be selected to be sung only from Sri Sathya Sai Literature reflecting the glory of the Avathar, His Mission & His Messages, Indian Culture, Heritage, Epics and such.

Male & Female duet Bhajans / Songs should be avoided.

Enough practice sessions may be organised for participants to ensure high quality of performance.

(L) Speeches:

Speakers who are given an opportunity to speak at the Sai Kulwant Hall must be instructed to limit their speeches to a **maximum of 10 minutes duration.**

Speakers may be identified from Bal Vikas Group-3 / Group-4 students and Youth.

Speeches must be contextually very relevant.

Speeches must encompass the Spiritual – Educational - Seva Activities undertaken by the organisation and reflect the essential and fundamental features, ethos, legacy, philosophy, of the Organisation and guidance from the discourses of Bhagawan.

(M). Cultural Programs:

The duration of the programme in Sai Kulwant Hall should be limited to maximum of one hour including the time required for floral offerings, introduction, speeches, dance, drama, musical presentations, Group Singing, Commentaries etc. Please observe **ONE HOUR time strictly, as the programme is followed by Bhajans and Darshan.**

If there are more than 2 programs are planned in one Session, the participants must be strictly directed to complete the program in the given time and not to encroach into the next program.
In the TWO-day Parthi Yatra, Plan for 1 Cultural programme (Drama) in the evening session only.

Avoid cultural Programme in the morning session. Musical programmes can be planned in the morning session.

Programmes like Chanting Sai Gayatri, Sahasranamam, Hanuman Chalisa etc can be organised in the morning session and these programmes should be led by /accompanied by pre-recorded audios only.

Unduly long programmes cause inconvenience to the devotees and upsets the Ashram schedule.

Cultural Programs should not merely be a 'show' for entertainment.

Negativity/Violence in any form should not be depicted.

Encourage the local Talent in all the Cultural programs, Bhajans, Group Singing and such other programs.

The programme should be centred around the teachings of Swami, the aspects of the Organisation, Values, Indian Culture and Spirituality and devotion to the Lord.

Content and Text including dialogues must be submitted well in advance to the State President for verification and approval.

Enough practice sessions may be organised for participants to ensure high quality of performance.

(N). Session timings

The overall session from Vedam to Arathi may be planned to adhere to the regular mandir timings. (8 AM - 9:30 AM & 4:30 PM - 6 P.M. (or 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM in summer). The performance in Sai Kulwant Hall shall be for a maximum of 2 days.

(O) Sai Kulwant Hall Discipline in Seating :Kindly ensure that all the participants both Ladies and Gents enter Sai Kulwanth Hall in a disciplined manner forming the 'Q' and making entry from the designated gates.

Guide the Parthi Yatris not to bring any bags, Mobile Phones and restricted items into Sai Kulwant Hall.

Please ensure that the Parthi Yatris do not carry Wax Candles and Electronic Lamps. (In program planning kindly avoid Wax Candles to be lit up by the Parthi Yatris and / or Electronic Lamps to be switched on by the Parthi Yatris.

After entering the Hall, they may be guided properly to sit in the earmarked space for the Parthi Yatris.

(P). Performance Discipline in Sai Kulwant Hall:Avoid all interactions / conveying instructions, exchange of courtesies etc in Bhagawan's Sannidhi and Sai Kulwant Hall.Gents and Ladies should not communicate with each other in Bhagawan's Sannidhi.

Please plan your activities in advance during practice sessions and avoid co-ordination gestures, interactions etc in Bhagawan's Sannidhi.

Girls above the age of 11 are advised to put up only music programs and not dramas / dances in Sai Kulwant Hall.

In dramas / dances, please ensure that there are no scenes where boys and girls are present together.

(Q) Photography Sessions

The **photography sessions are only for participants of cultural programs, not for the Vedam Chanting & Bhajan groups.**

It should be completed within 10 minutes during bhajans. (Simultaneously prasadam distribution to devotees will go on). The group may please rehearse the photography sequence during their cultural program rehearsals so as to complete the photographs within the allotted 10 minutes.

Male and Female / Boys and Girls must not join together for photo sessions. They can take their photographs separately.

Girls playing character of Boys, should sit along with Girls only.

Boys playing character of Girls should sit along with Boys only.

(R). Number of Participants to be given in advance to Authorities

The exact number of participants in the cultural / music programs, gender wise, is to be given in advance, along with the proposal. There should not be any increase / change in the number on the day of performance.

(S). Mangala Harathi:

Usually 2 gents on gents side and 2 ladies on ladies side are permitted to give harathi in every session. After offering Aarti to Bhagawan at the conclusion of the programme, only the Mandir Pujari turns around with the Aarti plate for the devotees to view. Other members offering Aarti should not turn around, but place the harathi on Floor and simply go back to their respective seats to sit.

(T). Practice Session:

Group members can have only one practice session in **Bhagawan's Sannidhi** – on the day prior to the actual presentation. The practice session, without loudspeakers, can be upto a maximum of two hours and should not extend beyond 10.00 PM.

(U). Paid Artists:

State/ District should not engage **paid artists** OR **professional artists** for any cultural presentation during Parthi Yatras. These professional Artists must be suggested to the Central Trust for consideration during other occasions but not during Parthi Yatras.

(V). Restrictions

It is strongly recommended that the plans for Parthi Yatra must not be tagged on with the dates when the State is due to perform Prashanthi Seva.

We must have different organising teams to take charge of Parthi Yatras so that seva at Prashanthi Nilayam is not affected and additionally we will be able to create more teams and leadership in the State.

(W). Guests from States

If any personality of public image and popularity is planned to be invited for participation, a prior information and request may be given to the office of the Managing Trustee along with a detailed profile of the invitee for clearance and for appropriate protocols.

Loving regards,

Nimish Pandya

All India President, SSSSO, India
Vice Chairman, Sri Sathya Sai Global Council