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*"When decisions are good, good is the resultant. When they are bad, bad happens. When Love is the lever that operates the mind, only good can result. Live in Love; Love is Life. Without loving or being loved, no being can exist on the earth. Love sustains, Love strengthens, Love is the urge behind all adventure, all sacrifice, all success." – Sathya Sai, August 1971*

**Love is the ultimate alchemist.**

## EDITORIAL

Love: the **GOLD** in gold!

**G**old shines in its rarity and its intrinsic essence – Love.

Just as gold's luster, malleability, and durability captivate humanity, Love's warmth, closeness, and resilience transform lives. Sathya Sai Baba reminds us, *"When love is the lever that operates the mind, only good can result. Live in Love; Love is Life."* These words help us to remember that Love is "the GOLD in gold" that sustains and strengthens, offering beauty and purpose to those who embrace it. By living in Love, individuals and communities can truly flourish.

**Go forward with Love and transform life's challenges into extraordinary opportunities for growth and success.**

In education, this transformation is most evident. The Sathya Sai Education in Human Values (SSEHV) programme embodies this principle, nurturing the inner treasure of values within every child. Sathya Sai Schools like the Mahatma Gandhi School in Buenos Aires, and the Sathya Sai Schools of Indonesia and Malaysia, featured in this issue, exemplify how

love turns learning into a lifelong beacon of wisdom and compassion. Here, students excel academically while embodying human values like Truth, Peace, and Nonviolence, setting the gold standard for character-driven education.

**Old wisdom reminds us that Love is the foundation of every great decision.**

Decisions rooted in Love create harmony, progress, and resilience, just as gold retains its value and allure across generations. Conversely, choices made without Love often lead to discord, tarnishing even the most well-intentioned efforts. As Sathya Sai emphasizes, when Love is the basis of action, it aligns our thoughts, words, and actions, creating ripples of positive change. This alignment is the key to fostering individual growth and collective well-being.

**Log every action of Love, for it builds a legacy of transformation.**

Love's influence is most profound when it becomes a part of daily life. In classrooms infused with Love, educators act as

guides and catalysts, helping students uncover their inner brilliance. Through empathy, understanding, and encouragement, teachers foster environments where kindness, patience, and joy naturally flourish. These seeds of Love, planted through thoughtful education, grow into trees of wisdom, their branches spreading across families and communities.

**Do bring out the gold in others, for love is the ultimate alchemist.**

Just as gold is refined to remove impurities, love refines individual character, strengthening the capacity to overcome challenges and inspire those around them. Love sustains, strengthens, and connects us, making it the essence of everything we see. Its power transcends barriers, allowing us to see the Divine in ourselves

and others. In education, this translates into creating environments where students not only learn but thrive. The principles of SSEHV remind us that the true purpose of education is not merely to impart knowledge but to bring out the inherent goodness within everyone.

**Embrace Love as the GOLD in gold, building hope and harmony in life.**

Just as gold's luster endures through time, so too does the Love in our hearts guide our decisions and actions, illuminating paths toward peace and unity. By living in Love, we not only enrich our own lives but also inspire others to do the same, creating a golden legacy that will shine for generations to come.

*Education Committee*

*"Learning is like gold; it has an intrinsic value. Gold's beauty, luster, durability and pliability have always had an appeal and value to people. Just like gold, learning is durable and pliable; it can be moulded to cater to various needs. Knowledge and skills gained are priceless and last a lifetime."*

*Anuradha D/O Ramasamy - Nurse Educator, National Neuroscience Institute (NNI) of Singapore*

## AN EDUCATIONAL LIGHTHOUSE IN BUENOS AIRES

In 2000, the Director of Education for Buenos Aires authorized the establishment of an Institute of Education in Human Values in an unprecedented way, signing the necessary documents on the spot! Its goal was to start new Sathya Sai schools in Argentina. This was soon followed by the opening of the **Mahatma Gandhi Sathya Sai School**, in Castelar (Buenos Aires), inaugurated in March 2001. The Sathya Sai Education in Human Values Programme (SSEHV), and its Educare philosophy, are at the heart of the school's curriculum. Its aim is to promote self-knowledge and help students manifest the five Human Values of Truth, Right Conduct, Peace, Love and Nonviolence, with the awareness that these are inherent in all human beings. Each year, the school implements different projects to help students gain core skills and competencies. In 2009 its performance received recognition for both the values and the skills it engenders and was praised as an exemplary social organization



dedicated to the service of the community. In 2019, the Ministry of Education once again commended this remarkable educational institution for achieving the highest test scores in the country. As of today, the activities of kindergarten, primary, and secondary levels, lovingly support the school's 352 students thanks to the caring presence of 80 teachers and other staff members. The school can count on a strong alumni network of successful professionals who maintain contact and assist its further growth. Sathya Sai Education in Human Values is a necessity; it elicits the goodness latent within each student and by so doing transforms the individual, the society and the nation. With its focus on character-building, the Mahatma Gandhi Sathya Sai School has established itself as a beacon of hope for Argentina's future. In addition, the SSEHV programme has been acknowledged for its cultural and educational contributions, not only in Buenos Aires, but also in Mendoza, San Luis and Salta.

## BRAVERS, ADVANCERS, BELIEVERS AND ACHIEVERS

It is always wonderful to see how Human Values are being implemented formally around the world, and how hundreds of students have the opportunity to grow in an educational environment that helps them learn to manifest the innermost Beauty of their true selves. This certainly is the case in Southeast Asia! With a large number of students, **the Brigjend Katamso School**, an SSEHV partnership School in Medan, Indonesia, is doing an excellent job through the dedicated efforts of its Board and staff who are inspired by the Sathya Sai Education in Human Values programme. It is also inspiring to learn of the progress. It is also inspiring to learn of the progress of the **Sathya Sai School of Bali**, whose Kindergarten and Primary have seen an increase in the number of visits since it has also developed into a training centre for other schools and has become recognised by the Ministry of Education. In Malaysia, the 2024 Sports Programme carried out at the **Sathya Sai Primary School of Kuala Lumpur**, honoured several young talented students at the Prize-Winning Ceremony of its annual Sports Event 2024-2025, with certificates awarded to the school's

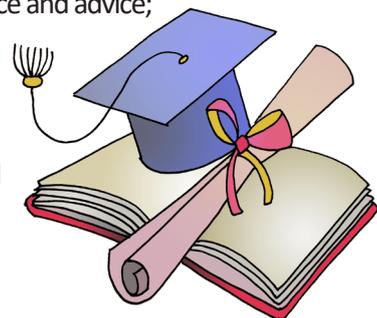


distinguished "**bravers, advancers, believers and achievers**". In a recent interview, Grade 6 students said they learn a lot about values from sports and games. Their comments show how this award system contributes to bringing out their values, such as perseverance ("I never give up. Some people thought I was bad at football but I practised and proved I could do it."), resilience ("A few times I have practised resilience when I have lost a game. You can't just leave if you lose, you have to continue. Losing is a part of the journey – I can't improve myself without it."), "help ever, hurt never" ("After football games we would fight with the other team. Now if we lose I can feel happy for the winners."), and good sportsmanship ("If opponents won't play with sportsmanship, I don't want to get involved.")

## SATHYA SAI ALUMNI

The first two Sathya Sai Schools opened in 1992, respectively in Zambia and in Thailand, followed by the Sathya Sai School of Vila Isabel, Brazil, which opened three years later. Subsequently dozens of other schools opened worldwide inspired by the principles and results of including Human Values in education. The children who joined these schools at that time are now young adults. How are things going for them? In what way did studying at the Sathya Sai School impact their lives? Some Sathya Sai Schools have regular meetings with their alumni. Listening to their recounts is an amazing way to learn about the schools themselves. In 2023, the Sathya Sai School of Ribeirão Preto, in Brazil, met with students who had enrolled at the school in 2002–2006, the first meeting after the pandemic. About 50 former students participated in the meeting. They are no longer teenagers; they are now young adults and understand life from another perspective. We asked them two questions—and each of them had the opportunity to talk: What tools did the school give you that are helping you deal with life? What advice would you give to the Sathya Sai School so that it could help its students better after they leave the school? The atmosphere was amazing. The alumni's deep love for the school emerged, together with their feelings of having been loved, cared for and nurtured. One student reported humorously that whenever there was an issue at his work place, they would summon him to help ease the situation: **"You know how to manage people"**, they would tell him. One student said, **"The Sathya Sai School is like a parallel universe. There**

**is no similar fostering anywhere."**, while another stated **"The School helped us to have the peace of mind to deal with hard situations. To stop, to think and, only then, to make the decisions."** What we would like to emphasize here, however, is their response to our second question. The most important suggestion was to help students prepare for the transition when it was time to leave the school. From our perspective they were certainly prepared, but maybe it was hard for them to realize this at that age. We know from other school Principals and teachers that these students made a difference wherever they went after they left the Sathya Sai School. The transition from the loving and caring environment of a Sathya Sai School to a regular school is indeed challenging. Some of the tools that we may nurture more deeply in the students to help them in this transition are Self-confidence, Self-appreciation, Self-respect, and Discrimination. It is also important to help their parents be confident that they have all these tools. Similar experiences have been reported by other Sathya Sai Schools, as well. This is why this twofold practice could be useful to Sathya Sai Schools worldwide: to meet with the alumni and listen to their experience and advice; and to coach students and parents when the time to leave the Sathya Sai School is approaching—a school that will forever live in their hearts.



*"Join the great company of those who make the barren places of life fruitful with kindness. Carry a vision of heaven in your hearts, and you shall make your name, your college, the world, correspond to that vision. Your success and happiness lies in you. External conditions are the accidents of life, its outer wrappings. The great, enduring realities are love and service. Joy is the holy fire that keeps our purpose warm and our intelligence aglow. Resolve to keep happy, and your joy shall form an invincible host against difficulty."*

*- Helen Keller*

Front cover: Prize winners at the Sports Event of the Sathya Sai Primary School of Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia)



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