

Mother, Father, Teacher and God are four persons who come in succession. Mother is the first teacher. It is your mother who looks after you, who moulds your career, your future, good and bad. From the moment you are born, the mother is your first teacher. In fact you do not know the father in the beginning. It is the mother who will show you father. The father helps you, he fosters you, he grows you up and directs you towards the teacher. Guru, the teacher, imparts all forms of education and directs you to the divine, God. Mother shows Father, Father directs to Guru and Guru takes you to God. Mother and Father will help to take care of the physical body. The teacher will make every effort to help our intellect grow in right direction, cultivate virtues, good conduct and behaviour. Bookish knowledge transforms into superficial knowledge. Guru helps to convert it into General knowledge. The teacher will tell you all those that are relevant, applicable to our daily routine life. Based on general knowledge we have to develop discrimination knowledge. This discrimination should never be on the individual basis. It is not individual discrimination but fundamental discrimination. Individual discrimination is confined, limited to individual interests only.

Besides these, every child must learn to live in peace and love with other children and other families. The idea that one can live for oneself and that one need not worry about the wants and weakness of others, has to be removed quite early in life. Encourage the child to cultivate the Happiness of 'togetherness.' They will enjoy it; and, you will be sowing the seeds of social peace. The seeds will grow into Universal Peace and Universal Bliss.

Do not set bad examples for these children to follow. If you are truthful, just be calm under provocation and full of love in all your dealings with others, these children too will grow up in Sathya (truth), Dharma (righteousness), Shanthi (peace) and Prema (love).



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Just as underground water is the sustenance of all trees, the Atma is the underlying source of all the ananda that the jivi experiences.

Dharmakshetra has a distinct complex 'Manav Abhyudaya Kshetra' where all the educational activities are located. These include the Primary and Secondary schools affiliated to the Maharashtra Board of Education, Pragyan Deep and the Institute of Sathya Sai Education. The complex also has a Hall - Gyan Deep - where a number of Training Courses have been held in the past.

## Bal Vikas

In the early 'Sixties, children in homes of devotees were attending a programme called the Bal Vihar - a totally non-formal Culture Course conducted by the lady of the house. The silent revolution started by Teachings of Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba spread in thousands of homes, purifying them with devotional singing, stories of the good and the noble, and sacred thoughts.

Soon after the formation of the Mahila Vibhag in 1968, the Bal Vikas programme inspired by Bhagawan Baba was launched. In the next few years, the educational activities increased multiple times. Mumbai, with Dharmakshetra as the nerve centre, has been deeply associated with this outstanding programme of values education, which is the very core of Bhagawan Baba's message for all mankind. On every visit of Swami to Mumbai, the Bal Vikas children and Gurus were the most Blessed.



"Matru Devo Bhava". Bal Vikas Children pay obeisance to their mothers in Shanti Deep on Eshwaramma Day, 6 May 2000.

Serve all with Love. The Divine is both the lover and the beloved.

He is the director of the play; He is also the actor.