

in several Inter-school competitions. Children are prepared for arts and crafts, music, dance, recitations, public speaking, games, physical education, and plays.

However, the distinguishing feature of the schools is the emphasis being given to inculcation of human values. All teachers have undergone an intensive course on the teaching of Sri Sathya Sai Human Values programme. The integrated 'Experiential Learning' curriculum encourages creativity, intuition and values inculcation among the students. The School has a 'Dynamic Parenting' programme of regular meetings and interaction with the parents. The school Assembly is an important daily routine.

The school is considered as one of the best in the region and there is a tremendous rush for admissions to the school. Hence, three years back it was decided to double the strength of the students by providing additional classrooms and facilities of library, computer education and co-curricular activities.



Sri Sathya Sai Vidya Mandir students stage a play in the presence of Bhagawan Baba in March 1999.

### Institute of Sathya Sai Education (India)

The Institute was started in 2000 with the aim of promoting Sathya Sai Educare in India. It is one of the 17 Institutes of Sathya Sai Educations established in the world. Some of its current activities are as under:

Three things are most essential today. Fear of sin,  
love of God and morality in society.

1. Teacher Orientation. The Institute conducts 3 day Orientation Courses in Values Education for teachers from local schools; this is followed by regular visits by the Institute staff to assist the schools in adopting the curriculum in classes. In addition to the 50 'Adopted' schools in Mumbai, almost 100 schools in other States have adopted the Programme where local Resource Persons under guidance of the Institute conduct regular follow up. All teachers from these schools have attended the Orientation Course.

An inter-school Values Festival is organised in Dharmakshetra each year wherein value-based skits, songs and dances are staged by students from these schools. 2. Co-ordination. Following the International Conference in 2001, which was attended by 70 heads of Sathya Sai and 'adopted' schools in India, the Institute is serving as the nodal agency to coordinate the values education programme of all Sathya Sai School in India. This includes publishing of Resource materials and a newsletter, preparing audio-visual materials, and evaluation.

3. Diploma Course. For the purpose of developing the training faculty throughout India, an intensive residential Diploma Course of 45 days duration on the Theory and Practice of Sri Sathya Sai Educare is organised in Dharmakshetra.

4. Sri Sathya Sai Educare Programme. The Institute has conducted Orientation Courses in Sri Sathya Sai Educare for Office Bearers of the Sri Sathya Sai Seva Organisations. Four 2-day Courses were conducted in Mumbai, Prasanthi Nilayam, Kolkota and Delhi. In the past 4 years the Institute has organised several Workshops for Corporate Executives, Medical doctors and Police Officers. All these courses emphasise Self-Management techniques based on the Sri Sathya Sai Educare programme.

### Other Educational Activities

Dharmakshetra also offers short term Computer training courses for local youths who cannot afford to pay the high fees outside. A Tailoring class is run for women, which prepares them for a Certificate at the



Educare class in progress

Stick to your faith, do not change your loyalty as soon as something happens  
or someone whispers.