

## Only Teachers Can Transform Children

The girls of Bal Vikas today, are going to be teachers of tomorrow. - the Lady Teachers. Then the whole country will progress definitely.

## Women In The Lead

Women in particular are ahead in the path of service. They are improving Bal Vikas movement. It is not of today. In fact, women are responsible since ancient days for the glory of this country, Bharat. Savitri belongs to this holy land, who brought her dead husband back to life. Sita, who just jumped into the fire, demonstrated chastity to the entire world. Damayanti, who brought down everything to ashes belongs to this land. This holy land is the birth place of these women of chastity, nobility and character.

The mother of Gandhi also upheld and followed truth. His mother is the cause for his becoming a Mahatma, the noblest of all.

Women occupy the highest position in every country. The first place is for ladies. Woman takes a primary part even in the life of Avataars. We say Sita Rama. No one says Rama Sita. We say Radha Krishna and not Krishna Radha. We say Lakshmi Narayan and not Narayan Lakshmi. We say Parvati Parameshwara. Does any one say Parameshwara Parvati? So, the first place is given to women.

Bhagavan gives first place to women in the Sai Organisation also. Sai Organisations are number one in the world and women are the main cause behind this. Let not men feel jealous of them. You should follow them. You should also work for the progress and serve. You will have anticipated results when both of you join.

## Programme in Dharmakshetra

Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba has always bestowed the highest honour on 'Women'. He has initiated several programmes and activities and urged all of us to do likewise.

The Sri Sathya Sai Trust, Maharashtra and the Sri Sathya Sai Seva Organisation, Maharashtra have, in accordance with the Divine guidance, taken up following programmes for the welfare of women.

A. Mother Easwaramma Fund for Needy Widows. Objectives of the Fund for the Needy Widows is not only to give economic support but to help such a Mahila to gain strength in terms of emotional and spiritual support by making her a part of the Sai family.

"From time immemorial women of India, by their adherence to lofty ideals, have occupied exalted positions in society and have bestowed joy on this land. Therefore, from the very beginning the name of women come before that of men as a mark of honour."

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## B. Mother Easwaramma Scholarship for the Girl Students

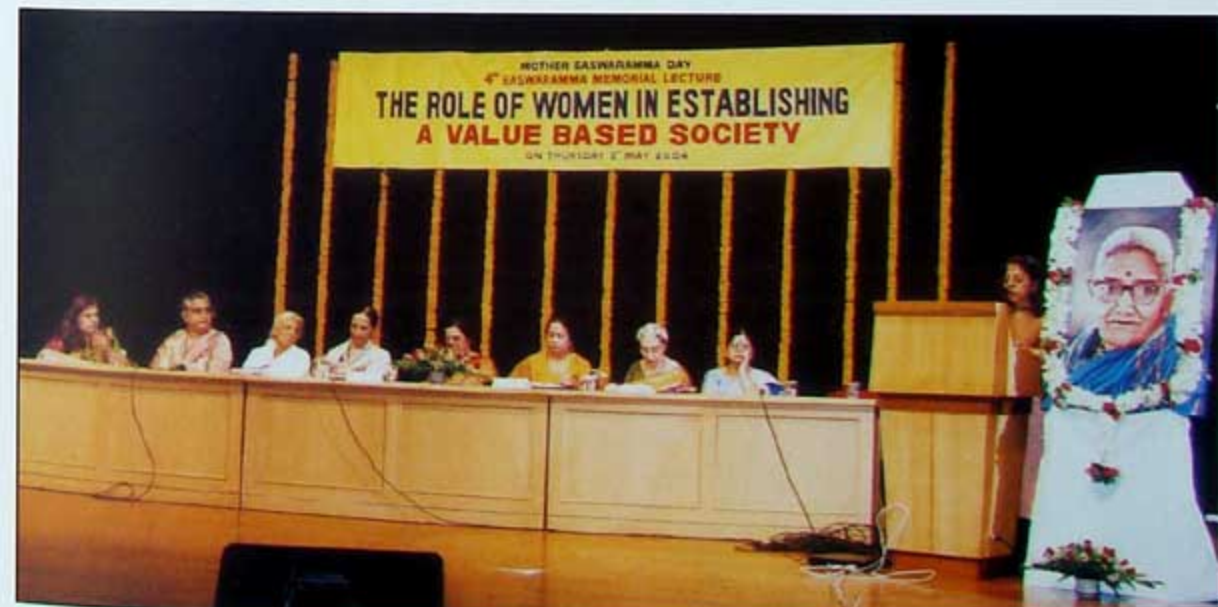
The girl child in India is often the most neglected member of the family. In many families, which are below the poverty line, the girl child is required to drop out of school and become an earning member well before she attains the age of majority. To encourage deserving girl children to pursue their academic ambitions and goals, the Mother Easwaramma Scholarship was instituted in the year 2000.

## C. The Exhibition cum Sale of Handicrafts

The Mahila Vibhag has undertaken this activity since 1995, with a view to help the Mahilas of the adopted Sai Colonies, to learn and master skills that will not only blossom their inherent talents but will also help them by way of a financial support.

## D. THE MOTHER EASWARAMMA MEMORIAL LECTURE SERIES

The Sri Sathya Sai Seva Organisation, Mumbai started a unique programme in 2001 : The Mother Easwaramma Memorial Lecture Series aimed at acknowledging the most important but most neglected section of the society - 'WOMEN'.



5th Mother Easwaramma Memorial Lecture

Do not go to the wish-fulfilling tree and come back in glee,  
with a towel that you asked and got!

Just as the end of culture is progress, the end of knowledge is love,  
so the end of wisdom is freedom.