

Beneficiaries of this program are candidates belonging to the profession of agriculture only (traditional farmer) and depending only on their agricultural income with marginal land holdings of 2 to 5 acres of land. The trainees can immediately implement scientific methods of agriculture, which is a value addition by using post harvest technology. Wastage and losses are reduced especially when agricultural production is in surplus. Basic health requirements in villages are taken care of. The Educare dimension promotes human resource development and responsible leadership in rural areas.

Trainees are given the wherewithal to form co-operative societies and self help groups for agro-base activities. A visible contribution of the training program is the self confidence displayed by the trainees in translating what they have learnt at the Institute into practice. Most of the trainees are implementing Educare programme in their personal life.

The Institute has also come up with a formulation of a food Supplement Sri Sathya Sai Poshak Ahar which, if consumed in sufficient quantities, will alleviate malnutrition problems to a large extent. It is proposed to put up a pilot plant at the Institute with a capacity to produce 50 Kgs daily and supply the same in 40 gm packets as ready to consume sweet which will be very palatable to the child's taste.



Sri Sathya Sai Poshak Ahar in making

An unique Institute has thus come up with the Divine Grace of Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba and now it serves the farming community. The Institute organised a Farmers Conference on 15th May, 2005 to spread the Message.



Farmers' Conference at the Institute

Never be ungrateful to those who have been good to you.
There is no greater sin than that.

I hope students who are trained (here) will become efficient farmers, self-reliant young men, who depend on their own skill, character and hard work for earning their livelihood. 'In the village, you are ever in contact with God. When you get the twin gifts of medical care and Educare, you need nothing more for marching onwards to happiness.- Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba

Water Projects

Taking inspiration and guidance from Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba's mammoth water projects in the drought-prone areas of Andhra Pradesh, the Sathya Sai Trust & Seva Organisation have taken up the task of providing water to the villages that face scarcity of water, with generous help from HDFC Bank.

The Dudhani village, located at foothills of Matheran was one of the first villages identified for implementing the water project. This village had an acute water shortage until two years back, when the 1200-odd Adivasis had to do without bath or drinking water. The children lost out on education since they spent their time fetching water from far off resources. Today, they face no shortage of water, the children attend school, and with overall improvement in hygiene, they now lead healthy lives.

Highlights of the project: Digging of Bore wells; Pumping the water from the Bore wells to the overhead storage tank; Building the overhead storage tank on the hillock; Laying of uptake and downtake pipelines; Providing water outlet taps along 9 different points in the village.

Kombaltekdi is 20 Kilometers from Navi Mumbai, and has Adivasi inhabitants. While water is available during the monsoon season, the other months are torrid. The hapless villagers have to trek long distances every day to fetch water for their daily need. This project has benefited more than 1000 people in the villages of Tarpatti, Kombaltekdi, Maldunge and Satyechiwadi.



Inauguration of Water Project by the State President