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State Educational Coordinator
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Kallukuzhi, Trichy - 620020
Tamilnadu.

All District Presidents/District Educational Coordinators

Dear Sai Brother/Sister,
Sai Ram!

The State Level Talent search for the students of Sri Sathya Sai Balvikas of Tamilnadu will be held on 25th December 2016 at, Chennai.
The following are the key points of this circular.

1. **There will be no Zonal Level Talent search for any event in any Group**
2. **GROUP I:**
There will be State level talent search only for STORY TELLING EVENT (Both English & Tamil) for Group I Balvikas children.
Districts are requested to conduct talent search for Group I children in Sloka Chanting, Bhajans, Veda and Drawing events and give away prizes as encouragement at their end.
3. **GROUP II :**
Individual Events
Sloka / Drawing / Quiz / Elocution (English & Tamil) / Bhajan / Veda :
Each district will have to select ONLY ONE CANDIDATE (either boy or girl) for each of these events and these candidates will perform at the State level directly.
4. **GROUP III :**
Individual Events:
A) Drawing / Quiz / Elocution (English & Tamil) :
Each district will have to select ONLY ONE CANDIDATE (either boy or girl) for each of these events and these candidates will perform at the State level directly.
B) Sloka/ Bhajan / Veda:
Each District will have to select ONE BOY AND ONE GIRL for each of these events and these candidates will perform at the State level directly.
Sloka for Boys, Sloka for Girls, Bhajan for boys, Bhajan for girls, Veda for boys, Veda for girls will be treated as separate events **ONLY FOR GROUP III**

Team event:

Group singing:

Each district will select four girls (from Group II or Group III or from both Groups), train them in the songs emailed to them, record the group's rendition and email to SEC latest by 31st October 2016. A centralised team will evaluate the renditions and

intimate the respective districts selected for State Level. Such of those selected teams will perform at the State Level

5. There will **not** be any impromptu round (second assessment) for any event for any Group
6. **Veda, Sloka chanting and Bhajan - Groups I & II – based on new, revised syllabus**
Veda, Sloka – Group III – based on old syllabus
7. The results of all the District level events should reach the State Educational Coordinator with a copy to the State President by 30th November 2016. However the audio recordings of the Group singing should be sent by the Districts to the State Educational Coordinator by 31st October 2016.

State Level Talent Search 2016 – at a Glance

	S.no.	Group –I	Group-II	Group –III
District Level	1	Bhajans	Bhajan	Bhajan – Boys
	2	-	-	Bhajan – Girls
	3	Slokas	Slokas	Slokas - Boys
	4	-	-	Slokas - Girls
	5	Story Telling(E)	Elocution (E)	Elocution (E)
	6	Story Telling(T)	Elocution (T)	Elocution (T)
	7	Drawing	Drawing	Drawing
	8	-	Quiz	Quiz
	9	Veda	Veda	Veda – Boys
	10	-		Veda – Girls
	11	-	Group Singing	
State Level	1	-	Bhajan	Bhajan – Boys
	2	-		Bhajan- Girls
	3	-	Slokas	Slokas - Boys
	4			Slokas - Girls
	5	Story Telling(E)	Elocution (E)	Elocution (E)
	6	Story Telling(T)	Elocution (T)	Elocution (T)
	7	-	Drawing	Drawing
	8	-	Quiz	Quiz
	9	-	Veda	Veda – Boys
	10	-		Veda – Girls
	11	-	Group Singing	

Please read the entire circular for detailed instructions:

EVENTS FOR GROUP II & GROUP III ONLY

No	Group- II	Group- III
INDIVIDUAL EVENTS - TO BE CONDUCTED AT DISTRICT LEVEL & STUDENTS SELECTED AT DISTRICT LEVEL TO DIRECTLY PERFORM AT STATE LEVEL		
1	<p>Bhajan Any 10 bhajans from Group II - new syllabus Students to bring their list of 10 songs</p>	<p>Bhajan Any 10 bhajans from Group II - new syllabus and another set of 5 bhajans not forming part of Group I/ II syllabus Students to bring their total list of 15 bhajans</p>
2	<p>Slokas Group I slokas Suprabhatam, Ashtotram, Bhagawad Gita slokas(Gr II) Bhaja Govindam slokas</p>	<p>Slokas Group I slokas Suprabhatam, Ashtotram, Bhagawad Gita slokas (Gr II &III) Bhaja Govindam slokas</p>
3	<p>Elocution Topic: The present is a product of the past, but it is also the seed for the future. நிகழ்காலம் என்பது கடந்த காலத்தின் விளைவாகும் - அதே சமயம் எதிர்காலத்திற்கு வித்தாகவும் ஆகிறது</p> <p>Time : 5 minutes</p>	<p>Elocution Topic: Life is: Loving - Listening - Lifting - Learning – Living வாழ்க்கை என்பது : நேசித்தல் – கேட்டுக்கொள்ளுதல் – உயர்த்திக்கொள்ளுதல் - கற்றுக் கொள்ளுதல் – வாழ்தல்</p> <p>Time:5 minutes</p>
4	<p>Drawing Theme: Om Shri Sai Sarva-Hridayavaasine Namah</p> <p>ஓம் ஸ்ரீ சாயி சர்வ -ஹ்ருதயவாசினே நம:</p> <p>Time: One Hour</p>	<p>Drawing Theme: Sarva Jeeva Namaskaaram Keshavam Prathigachati Sarva Jeeva Tiraskaaram Keshavam Prathi Gacchathi</p> <p>சர்வ ஜீவ நமஸ்காரம் கேசவம் பிரதிகச்சதி சர்வ ஜீவ திரஸ்காரம் கேசவம் பிரதிகச்சதி</p> <p>Time: One Hour</p>

5	<p>Quiz Based on Stories for Children – Part II including episodes from Ramayana and Mahabharata as given in the book and Young Sai Part I & II</p>	<p>Quiz Based on Summer Showers 1973</p>
6	<p>Veda Chanting 1. Mantrapushpam, 2. Durga Suktham, 3. Purusha Suktham, 4. Neela Suktham</p>	<p>Veda Chanting 1.Narayana Upanishad 2.Medha Suktam 3.Bhu Suktam 4.Sri Suktam</p>

7	<p>Group singing One Team of 4 girls (Combined with Participants from Gr II and/or Gr III)</p> <p>The Songs will be sent to all the districts by 31st May 2016 Each District will select four girls, train them in the songs emailed to them, record the group's rendition and email to SEC latest by 31st October 2016. A centralised team will evaluate the renditions and intimate the respective districts selected for State Level. Such of those selected teams will perform at the State Level</p>
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GROUP I – ONLY STORY TELLING EVENT AT STATE LEVEL

A	<p>Story telling : Topic: Any happiness that you can give to others will result in happiness for yourself in the end.</p> <p>நீ பிறருக்கு தரும் எந்த மகிழ்ச்சியும், முடிவில் உனக்கும் மகிழ்ச்சியை ஏற்படுத்தும்</p> <p>Time:5 minutes</p>
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**GROUP I - OTHER EVENTS
TO BE CONDUCTED ONLY AT DISTRICT LEVEL
NO ZONAL OR STATE LEVEL PERFORMANCE FOR GROUP I FOR THE
FOLLOWING EVENTS**

B	Bhajans – Syllabus bhajans
C	Slokas : Group-I slokas, Suprabhatam, Sai Ashtothram 1-54
D	<p>Drawing : Theme: Maatru Devo Bhava Pitru Devo Bhava மாத்ரு தேவோ பவ பித்ரு தேவோ பவ</p> <p>Time: One Hour</p>

E	<p>Veda chanting</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ganapathy Prarthana 2. Shivopasana mantram 3. Narayana Upanishad 4. Kshama prarthana.
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**List of Group I & Group II bhajans (as per new syllabus)
eligible for 2016 Talent Search**

GROUP I – new syllabus bhajans		GROUP II – new syllabus bhajans	
1.	Jaya Guru Omkara	1.	Shri Ganesha
2.	Krishnam Vande	2.	Hara Shiva Shankara
3.	Jai Durga Lakshmi	3.	Govinda Rama
4.	Jai Radha Radha	4.	Jaya Jaya Rama
5.	Gopala Gopala	5.	Gopala Radhey Krishna
6.	Alakh Niranjana	6.	Jai Jai Jai Manamohana
7.	Jai Jai Ram	7.	Gangadhara Hara Hara Shambho
8.	Shaila Girishwara	8.	Sitaram Nam Bhajo
9.	Om Namoh Bhagavate	9.	Hari (4) Smaran Karo
10.	Mahaganapate	10.	Jai Jai Durge
11.	Hey Shiva Shankara	11.	Hey Madhava
12.	Govinda Hare	12.	Gurupada Ranjana Ram
13.	Shiva Shambho	13.	Allah Tumho
14.	Om Shri Ram Jai Ram	14.	Ram Hare Sai Krishna Hare
15.	Govinda Krishna Vitthale		

The audios of:

- Bhajans for Group I
- Bhajans for Group II
- Slokas for Group I
- Sri Sathya Sai Suprabhatam
- Sri Sathya Sai Ashtotram
- Bhaja Govindam
- Bhagawad Gita for Group II & Group III
- Veda chanting for Group I , Group II & Group III

Can be accessed on our Tamilnadu State Balvikas Website under Resources for Gurus
<http://www.sssbalvikastn.org/gurus.php> (in the Tutorials section of the respective Group)

THE PARTICIPATING STUDENTS MUST MANDATORILY FOLLOW THE SAME RAGA AND METRE AS IN THESE AUDIOS

Rules for the talent search events:

1. Please note carefully the number of students per event eligible to participate from each District at the State Level events:

Group	Events	Number of students eligible to participate from each District at the State Level
INDIVIDUAL EVENTS		
I	Story telling English Story telling Tamil	} ONLY ONE STUDENT per event from each district - Either One boy or One Girl
II	Veda Sloka Bhajan Elocution English Elocution Tamil Drawing Quiz	
III	Elocution English Elocution Tamil Drawing Quiz	} ONLY ONE STUDENT per event from each district - Either One boy or One Girl
III	Veda Sloka Bhajan	} TWO STUDENTS per event from each district - One boy AND One Girl
TEAM EVENT		
II & III combined	Group Singing	One Team of FOUR GIRLS ONLY These four girls could be from Group II and/or Group III

2. Date of birth of the participants should be furnished. The following age limit should be strictly followed

Group	Age	Date of birth should be between
I	5-9yrs	25-12-2007 to 24-12-2011
II	9-12yrs	25-12-2004 to 24-12-2007
III	12-16yrs	25-12-2000 to 24-12-2004

3. Please follow the eligibility criteria as given below:

- The participants in Group I should have been in Balvikas for a minimum period of SIX MONTHS
 - The participants in Group II should have been in Balvikas for a minimum period of ONE YEAR
 - The participants in Group III should have been in Balvikas for a minimum period of THREE YEARS.
 - Students who have passed the Group II exam but are eligible age wise to participate in Group II events can do so provided they continue to attend Balvikas classes regularly.
 - Students who have completed Group III and are eligible age wise to still participate in Group III events can do so provided they continue to attend Group III classes regularly.
 - Children participating in Group III events should have appeared for the Group II exams definitely.
4. One student can participate in a maximum of two events only. That is, the student can either participate in two individual events OR in one group event and one individual event.
5. The students who have already secured 1st position in any event cannot compete again in the same event in the same group.
6. Please see annexure for judging parameters and procedures.

All are advised to go through the annexure in detail

Annexure:

<p>Bhajans (50 marks)</p>	<p>Shruthi, Bhaavam, Ragam, Taalam & pronunciation -10 marks each</p> <p><u>For Group I</u> - only revised syllabus bhajans to be sung by the participants. The event coordinators to give a copy of revised syllabus bhajans to the judges.</p> <p><u>For Group II</u> - for the mandatory 10 bhajans - only revised syllabus bhajans to be sung by the participants. The event coordinators to give a copy of revised syllabus bhajans to the judges.</p> <p><u>For Group III</u> - for the mandatory 5 bhajans not forming part of Group I / II syllabus, children can sing bhajans featuring in Sundaram Bhajan collection or Radio Sai Bhajan Tutor collection.</p> <p>- for the mandatory 10 Group II bhajans – only revised syllabus bhajans to be sung by the participants. The event coordinators to give a copy of the Group II revised syllabus bhajans to the judges.</p> <p>Bhajan – Boys and Bhajan – Girls to be judged as two separate events - for Group III ONLY</p> <p>Judges are requested to find out the sruthi from the participants and set the same in the harmonium/sruthi box.</p>
<p>Slokas (30 marks)</p>	<p>Bhaavam, Pronunciation, Memory -10 marks each</p> <p>Meanings not to be asked for any Group</p> <p><u>For Group I</u>, the judges may ask the child to chant any sloka appearing in the Group I syllabus, Suprabhatam and Sai Ashtothram 1 to 54.</p> <p><u>For Group II</u>, Judges to judge the children on Suprabhatam, Sai Ashtotram, Gita slokas, Bhaja Govindam Slokas as well as Group I Slokas. <u>Judges are requested to assess participants in all the above areas; however more weightage to be given for the Group II syllabus.</u></p> <p><u>For Group III</u>, Judges to judge the children on Gita Slokas of Group III, Bhaja Govindam slokas and also Suprabhatam, Sai Ashtotram, Gita slokas of Group II, as well as Group I Slokas.</p> <p><u>Judges are requested to assess participants in all the above areas; however more weightage to be given for the Group III syllabus.</u></p> <p>Slokas – Boys and Slokas – Girls to be judged as two separate events for Group III ONLY</p> <p>The coordinators to give a copy of the syllabus to the respective judges.</p>

<p>Story telling / & Elocution (30 marks)</p>	<p>Presentation, Matter and Language -10 marks each English Story/Elocution and Tamil Story/Elocution judged as separate events and hence separate prizes awarded for English and Tamil Story/Elocution events</p>
<p>Drawing (30 marks)</p>	<p>Theme, colour coordination and layout-10 marks each Drawing to be done on a quarter size chart for Group I Drawing to be done on a half size chart for Groups II & III</p>
<p>Quiz</p>	<p>Group II – Based on: Young Sai Part I & II AND Stories for Children – Part II including episodes from Ramayana and Mahabharata as given in the book Group III – Based on Summer Showers 1973</p>
<p>Veda Chanting (40 marks)</p>	<p>Pronunciation, Bhaavam, Intonation, Memory- 10 marks each. <u>Judges are requested to assess participants in the specific syllabus content of that Group only. Meanings not to be asked</u> Veda – Boys and Veda – Girls to be judged as two separate events for Group III ONLY The coordinators to give a copy of the syllabus to the respective judges.</p>
<p>Group Singing (50 marks)</p>	<p>Sruthi, Bhaavam, Ragam, Taalam and Coordination - 10 marks each. <u>Participants can be selected from Group II and/or Group III.</u> The group to comprise of 4 girls. The Songs will be sent to all the districts by 31st May 2016 Each district will select four girls (from Group II or Group III or from both Groups), train them in the songs emailed to them, record the group's rendition and email to SEC latest by 31st October 2016. A centralised team will evaluate the renditions and intimate the respective districts selected for State Level. Such of those selected teams will perform at the State Level</p>
<p>For: Sloka Bhajans & Vedas</p>	<p>To ensure uniformity in judging parameters, the State Level Talent Search Event Coordinators to send to the judges, well in advance, the prescribed syllabus and the audio files. (The text /lyrics and audios are available at http://www.sssbalvikastn.org/gurus.php in the Tutorials section of the respective Group)</p>

STATE EDUCATIONAL COORDINATOR

Cc:

The State President, SSSSO, Tamilnadu

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