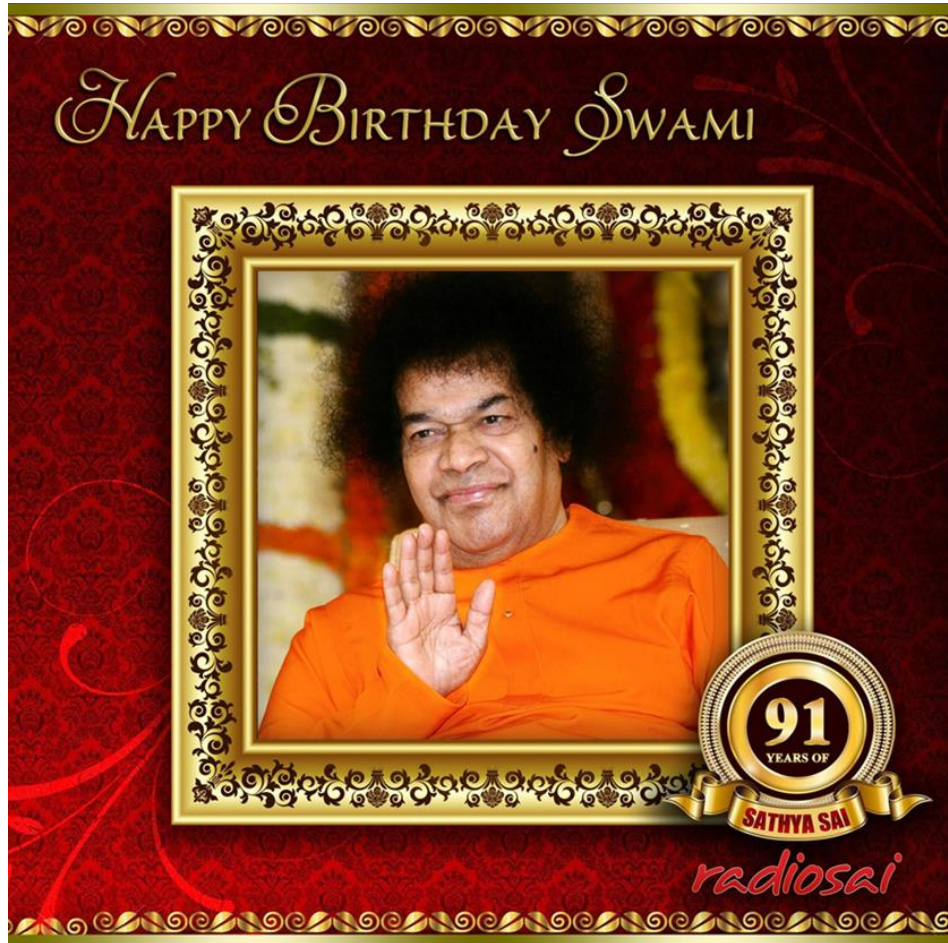


REPORT ON INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL CAMP

Prasanthi Nilayam, 18–25 November 2016



“Service to man will help your divinity to blossom, for, it will gladden your heart and make you feel that life has been worthwhile. Service to man is service to God, for He is in every man and living being, in every stone and stump.”

—Sathya Sai Baba, 5 December, 1964

The Medical Committee of the Sathya Sai International Organisation (SSIO) has been blessed by Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba to conduct medical camps globally to serve the patients in need by offering preventive health screening and health check-ups to address their medical needs. Sathya Sai International Medical Camps have been, and continue to be, held all over the world.

In Prasanthi Nilayam, Puttaparthi, International Medical Camps are held every year during Guru Pournima celebrations for six days and during Bhagawan’s Birthday celebrations for eight days. Bhagawan Baba himself blessed the camp and all volunteers in the initial years. This is a wonderful opportunity for doctors and allied health care workers (including nurses, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, and pharmacists) to serve God in everyone by participating in this divine healthcare mission. These Medical Camps also provide a blessed opportunity for Young Adults (medical professionals, medical students, and non-medical persons) to take an active role in organizing these medical camps and participating in various activities, including direct patient care

for medical volunteers, and camp set-up, registration, patient assistance, and pharmacy inventory maintenance, for non-medical volunteers.



Introduction: The Sri Sathya Sai International Medical Camp got off a splendid start with preparations beginning a few days ahead of the camp's start date of November 18. With the impending 91st Birthday Celebrations of Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba, many people from different countries signed up as medical and non-medical volunteers for the camp.



Inauguration: Dr. Narendranath Reddy, Chairman of Prasanthi Council, inaugurated the camp on the morning of November 18. Arriving at 7 am, he attended the prayers and addressed the volunteers that had gathered for the camp. The hall mark of his address was expounding on the letters written personally by BHGAWAN to Dr. John Hislop. He shared the original letters with one and all present.

MEDICAL CAMP INAUGURATION



HEALTH CARE TEAM

The medical camp is represented by volunteers from 11 countries which includes USA, UK, Australia, India, Sri Lanka, Dubai, Canada, West Indies, South Africa, Germany and Russia.

Camp Personnel

Medical Professionals: There were 23 medical doctors at the camp spanning various specialties like Pediatrics, Hematology/oncology, Gastroenterology, Family Medicine, ENT, Wound care and Internal Medicine.

Nursing: There were two full time nurses staffing the Acute Care room to do EKG's, nebulizer treatments, IV fluids, wound care.

Pharmacy: The pharmacy section was staffed by three pharmacists, doctors as well as volunteers assisted in inventory management, filling prescriptions and explaining dosage information explicitly to the patients.

Volunteers: 52 volunteers assisted with all non-medical duties such as registration, patient flow, vital signs recording (weight and Blood Pressure), translation from Telugu, Hindi, Spanish into English and vice versa, and pharmacy tasks. In additional, Seva Dals from Andhra Pradesh were deployed by their units to help.



Structure of the Medical camp

The Medical Camp premises were divided into two distinct areas: one wing served women patients, while the other served male patients. In addition to separate consulting rooms, the two wings shared an Acute Care room staffed with six full time nurses, a pharmacy and a medical education room. The courtyard of the building served as the registration area, and was staffed with volunteers from around the world. The volunteers registered the patients, noted down vital signs such as weight

Day to Day Schedule

During this 91st Birthday of Bhagawan, there was an unprecedented turn out of patients from neighboring villages, other states of India, from abroad and delegates attending the 10th World Conference as well.

The day started early for the participants at the camp. At 7 AM doctors and volunteers assembled in the altar room - where an elaborate altar was set up for Bhagawan Baba - to chant prayers. After an hour of energizing prayers everyone took up positions to start seeing the patients.

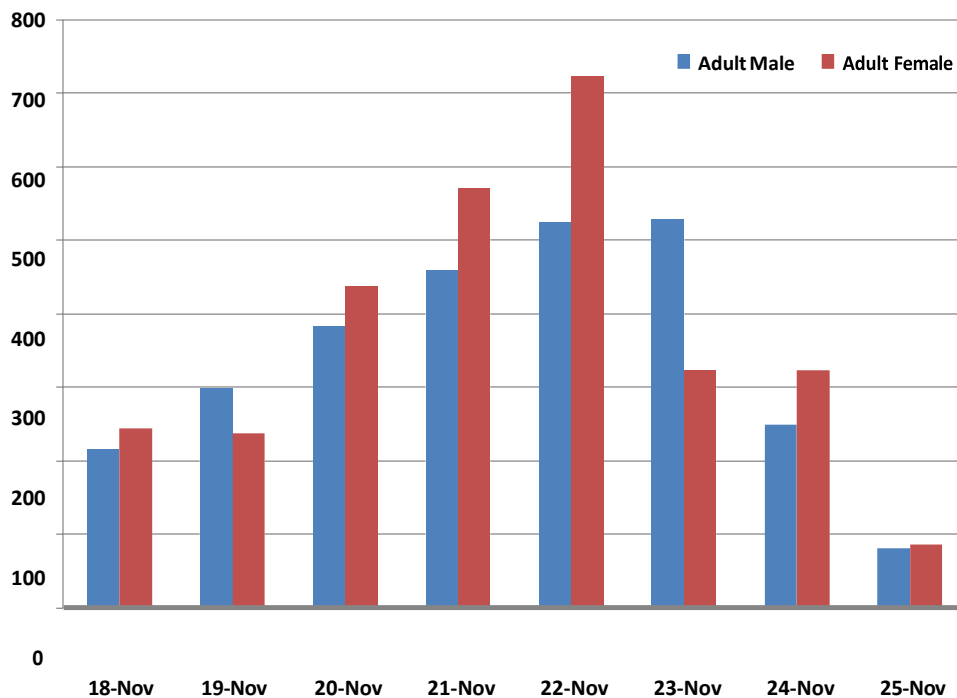
The day started with checking fasting blood sugars and rendering medical education. There was a constant flow of patients from 8 AM till 7 PM. The patients were very happy with the care rendered by the physicians and volunteers from all the 11 countries. It was a great experience for the new comers on this holy occasion to render service to our fellow brothers and sisters. Every wing of the make-shift hospital - the consulting rooms, pharmacy, acute care - were all flooded with people until the closing time of 7 pm.

Daily Statistics

As anticipated, due to the large crowds attending the 91st Birthday Celebrations, the Camp got off to a busy start on Nov 18. The table below presents the total number of Clinic visits by day.

Date	Adult Gents	Overseas Gents	Children	Total Gents (Adults)	Adult Ladies	Overseas Ladies	Children	Total Ladies Adult	Overall Adult	Grand Total
18/11/2016	209	12	7	216	235	28	9	244	460	
19/11/2016	298	13	2	300	223	14	14	237	537	
20/11/2016	375	12	9	384	374	10	53	437	821	
21/11/2016	452	4	8	460	530	21	40	570	1030	
22/11/2016	509	4	16	525	662	20	61	723	1248	
23/11/2016	487	2	41	528	703	8	120	823	1351	
24/11/2016	245	8	4	249	307	26	16	323	572	
25/11/2016	82	0	0	82	83	7	3	86	165	6184

Number of Clinic Visits by Gender and by Day (Graph)



Eye glasses:

With the help of an optometrist 640 eyeglasses were distributed to the needy.

Walking Sticks & Canes:

Patient with severe osteoarthritis, gait instability and endemic fluorosis related degenerative joint diseases were treated and those who needed help to walk were given walking sticks/canes which were of great help to the needy.



REGISTRATION AREA





LADIES REGISTRATION AREA



MENS REGISTRATION AREA



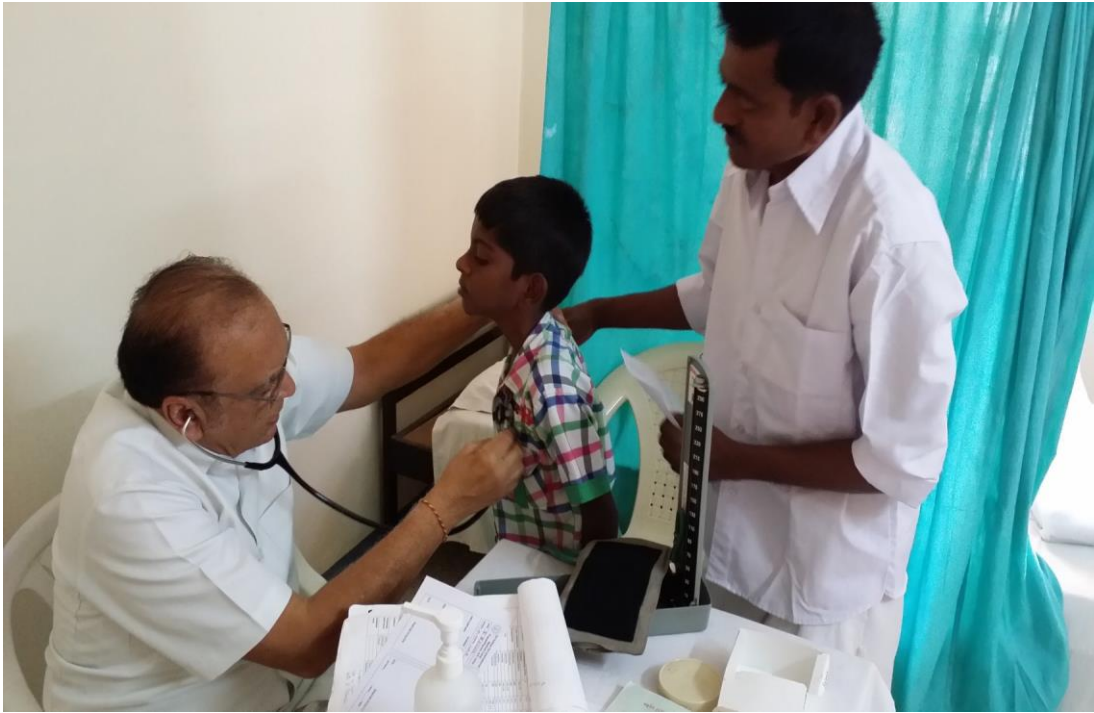
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MALE OPD







FEMALE OPD



FEMALE OPD



ACUTE CARE



PHARMACY



FEMALE VOLUNTEERS



FEMALE DOCTORS / VOLUNTEERS



MALE VOLUNTEERS





“Manava seva is Madhava seva” (Service to Humanity is Service to God)

LADIES DAY / PRAYERS



YOUNG ADULTS IN MEDICAL CAMP



