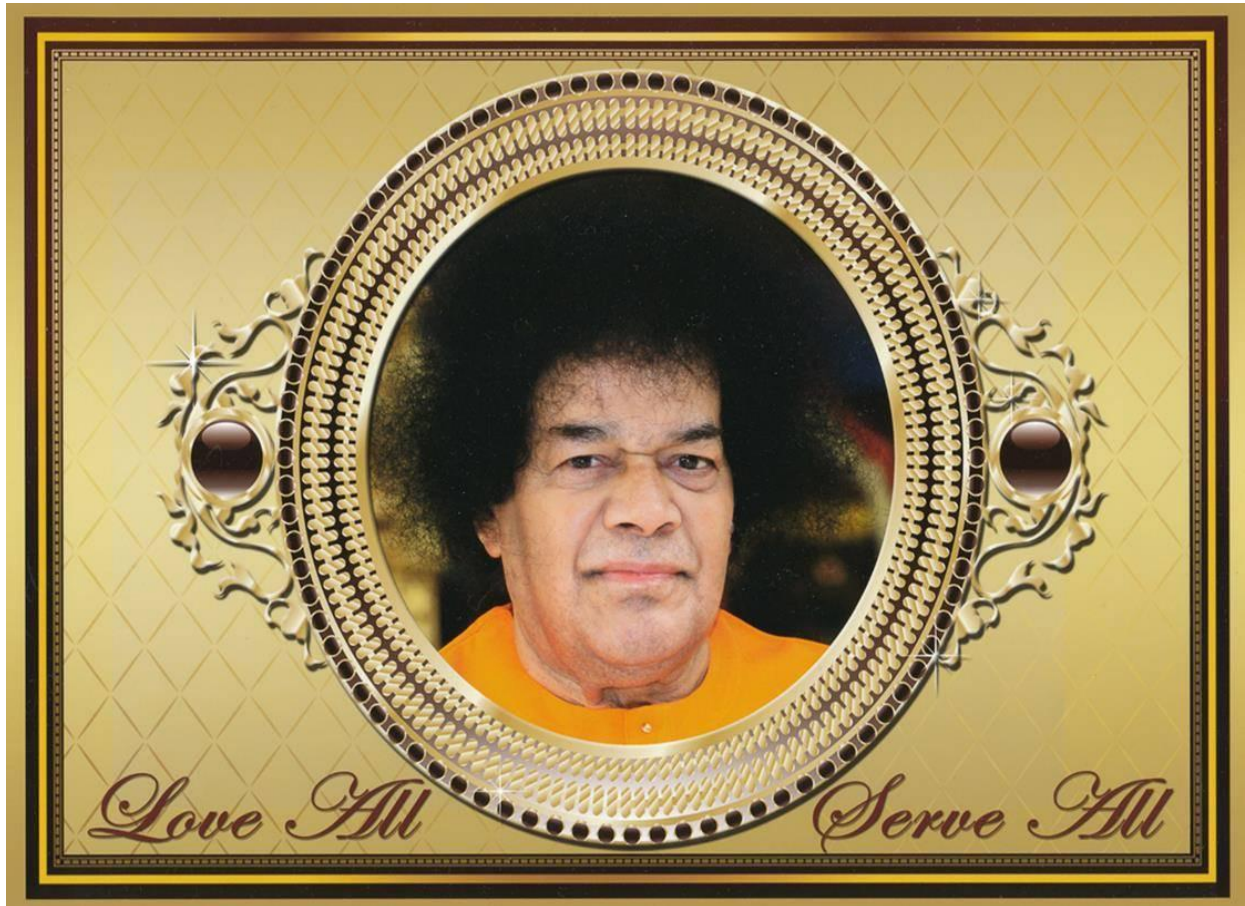




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**A REPORT ON THE INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL CAMP held at PRASANTHI
NILAYAM 18–25 November 2017**



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Introduction

The International Medical Camp got off to a splendid start with preparations beginning a few days ahead of the camp's start date of November 18, 2017. With the upcoming 92nd Birthday Celebrations of Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba, many people from different countries signed up as medical and non-medical volunteers for the camp.



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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 for the camp. His address expounded on the letters written personally by Bhagawan to Dr. John Hislop. He shared the original letters with everyone present.

**Dr. Narendranath Reddy, Chairman, Prasanthi Council
arriving at medical camp for inauguration**





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HEALTH CARE TEAM

The medical camp was served by volunteers from 19 countries which included USA, UK, UAE, Australia, New Zealand, Fiji, Holland, Bahrain, Denmark, Malaysia, Nepal, Singapore, India, Sri Lanka, Dubai, Canada, South Africa, Slovenia, and Germany.

Camp Personnel:

Medical Professionals: There were 33 medical doctors at the camp spanning various specialties, viz. Pediatrics, Hematology/Oncology, Gastroenterology, Family Medicine, Emergency Medicine, Dermatology, Wound care, Pediatric Neurosurgeon, Nephrology, Geriatrics, General Surgery and Internal Medicine.

Nursing: There were 2 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 4 pharmacists, doctors as well as volunteers who assisted in inventory management, filling prescriptions and explaining dosage information explicitly to the patients.

Volunteers: 46 volunteers assisted the Camp 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 addition, Seva Dals from the Andhra Pradesh state cadre were deployed by their units to help at the camp.



Medical and Non-Medical Volunteers



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Structure of the Medical camp

The Medical Camp premises were divided into two distinct areas: one wing served the women patients, while the other served male patients. In addition to separate consulting rooms, the two wings shared an Acute Care room staffed with 6 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, and noted down vital signs, such as weight.

Day to Day Schedule

During this 92nd Birthday of Bhagawan, there was an unprecedented turn out of patients from neighboring villages, other states of India, from abroad.

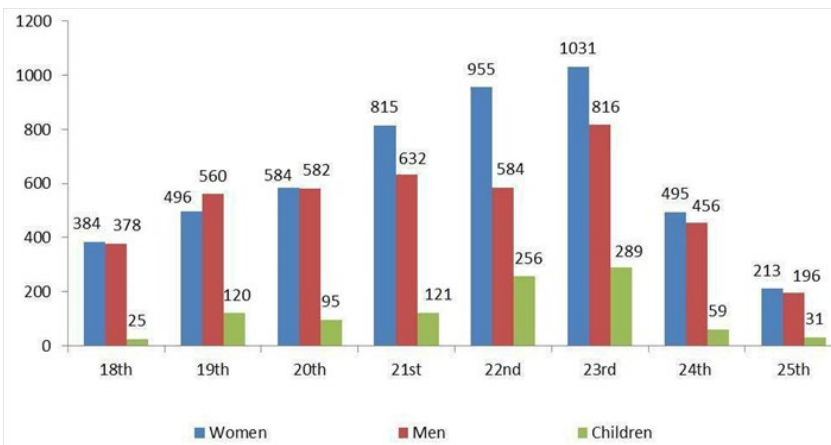
The day started early for the participants at the camp. At 7 AM Doctors and volunteers assembled in the Altar room - where an altar was set up for Bhagawan Baba - to chant prayers. After an hour of energizing prayers, everyone took up positions to start seeing the patients.

The day started with checking fasting blood sugar and rendering medical education. There was a constant flow of patients from 8 AM till 5:30 PM. The patients were very happy with the care rendered by the physicians and volunteers from all 19 countries. Indeed, it was a great experience for the new comers on this holy occasion to render service to our fellow brothers and sisters.

Soon after opening, every wing of the make-shift hospital - the consulting rooms, pharmacy, Acute care - were all flooded with people until the closing time of 5:30pm.

Daily Statistics

As anticipated, due to the large crowds attending the 92nd Birthday celebrations, the Camp got off to a busy start on November 18. The table below presents the total number of Clinic visits, every day.



Number of Clinic Visits

Total Patients seen over 8 days: 10,173

Women: 4,973

Men: 4,204

Children: 996

Foreigners: 260*

**Foreigners are a sub-total of the overall total*



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Acute Care



Acute Care Visits by Day and Type of Treatment

Day	Blood Glucose*	IV Fluids, NS, RL	IM / SC / IV Injections	Nebulizer	Wound Care	Ace Bandage	ECG	Total
18 th	6	2	6	9	23	2	4	52
19 th	16	3	9	5	21	2	4	60
20 th	8	1	12	11	23	7	11	73
21 st	8	1	12	13	25	11	8	78
22 nd	7	5	21	11	34	4	5	87
23 rd	16	2	13	9	34	9	3	86
24 th	22	5	4	7	24	5	4	71
25 th	13	2	5	1	10	2	0	33
Total	96	21	82	66	194	42	39	540



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Eye glasses

With the help of an ophthalmologist and two optometrists, eyeglasses were distributed to the needy. Patients really appreciated the eye care.

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.

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Registration





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Male Registration Area





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Female Registration Area





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Diabetic Screening / Education





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Volunteers





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Dr. Narendranath Reddy, Chairman, Prasanthi Council, visiting doctors at Medical Camp



Trustee of Sri Satya Sai Central Trust, Mr. R. J. Rathnakar visiting doctors at Medical Camp

