



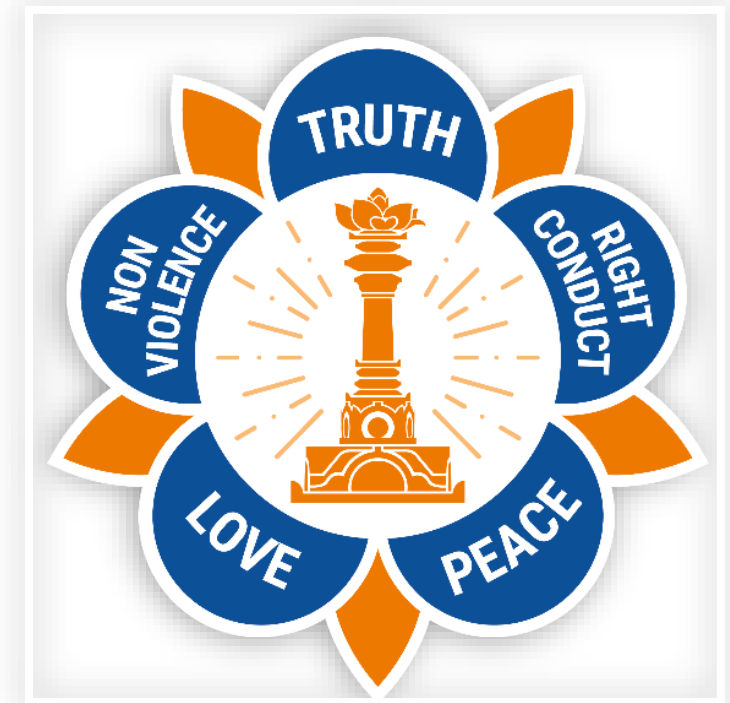
THE SATHYA SAI INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATION

Module 2

ORIENTATION PROGRAMME FOR SSIO OFFICE BEARERS

Module 2 ~ General Outline

- The SSIO Aims, Objectives & Goals
- His Teachings on the SSIO
- Brief History of the SSIO
- Key Characteristics of the SSIO



Question for reflection...



*What distinguishes the SSIO
from conventional organisations
and why are you active
in the SSIO?*



“Do not doubt your destiny: it is to merge in the Highest Wisdom, Power and Love. Do not waver or stay away. At every step, inquire, discriminate, and search for Truth. Be self-reliant, bold and free. Know that you are the instruments of God in a Divine Task and so there is no justification for weakness or vacillation. Be an example to others in humility and devotion. Do not scatter advice, without the authority of practical experience. Love, cooperate, serve. Your Office is a call for spiritual exercise, a reminder of your being under My care and direction.”

~ Sathya Sai Baba (22nd November 1969)

*SSIO:
Aims, Goals
& Objectives*



Aim & Purpose of the SSIO

To help humanity recognise and manifest its inherent divinity:

- *Translate principles of love and non-violence in daily practice*
- *Promote in its members ever increasing faith in God and in the inherent divinity in man and in all creation*

Objectives of the SSIO

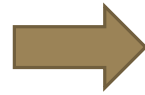
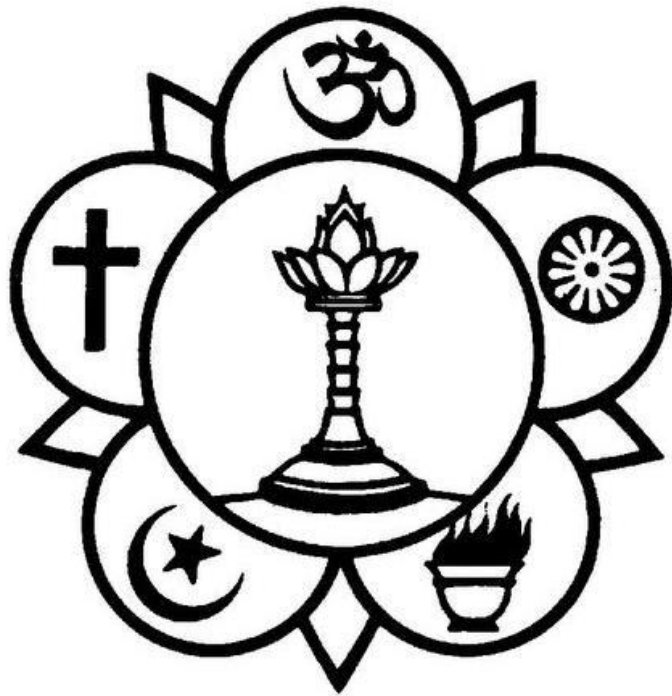
I. Help the individual:

- a) *to become aware of the divinity that is inherent in him and to conduct himself accordingly;*
- b) *to translate into practice in daily life, Divine Love and perfection, and therefore;*
- c) *to fill his life with joy, harmony, beauty, grace, human excellence and lasting happiness.*

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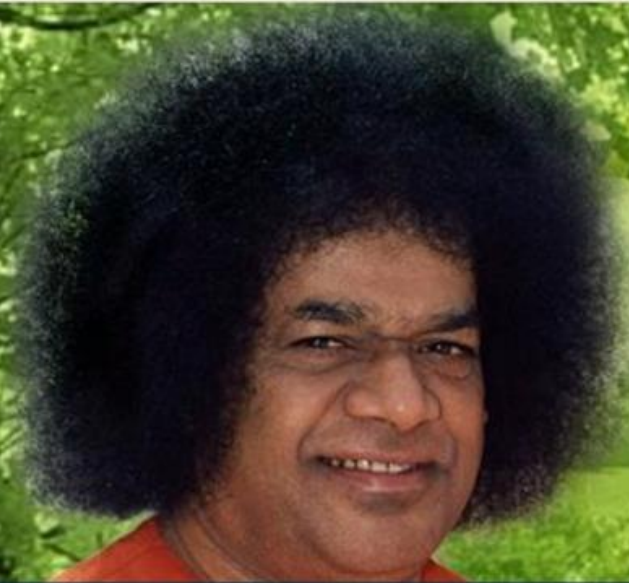
- 2. Ensure that all human relations are governed by the principles of Truth, Righteousness, Peace, Love and Non-violence.*
- 3. Make devotees of the religions more sincere and dedicated in the practice of their respective religions.*

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End of Education is Character

A true human being is one who practices the five human values - Truth, Righteousness, Peace, Love, and Non-violence.



“Seva (selfless service) can be identified by means of two basic characteristics: compassion and willingness to sacrifice.

Sathya Sai Speaks, Vol. 15 Ch. 31, November 19, 1981

Featured Articles



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Guidelines

This is a collection of SSIO guidelines and manuals from various committees and task force teams.



Official Logo

SSIO Logo with the five human values that form the foundation of Sathya Sai Baba's teachings



Sadhana of Love

The Sadhana of Love programme consisting of four principles to support the realisation of our true nature as pure love.



10th World Conference Proceedings



Annual Report

Summary of Worldwide Educational, Service, and Spiritual Activities of the SSIO in 2017-18



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On the anniversary of Sathya Sai Baba's Mahasamadi let us give thanks and focus on the purpose of taking a human birth and the goal of life.



The Meaning of Easter in the Sai Faith

Judie Rowling from Australia shares her spiritual journey as a Christian coming to Sathya Sai Baba and His teachings



Realise the Oneness Between God, Nature and Man

Offering gratitude and love to Swami for Aradhana Mahotsavam, Dr. Narendranath Reddy shares Sathya Sai Baba's



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LOVE ALL - SERVE ALL

GUIDELINES

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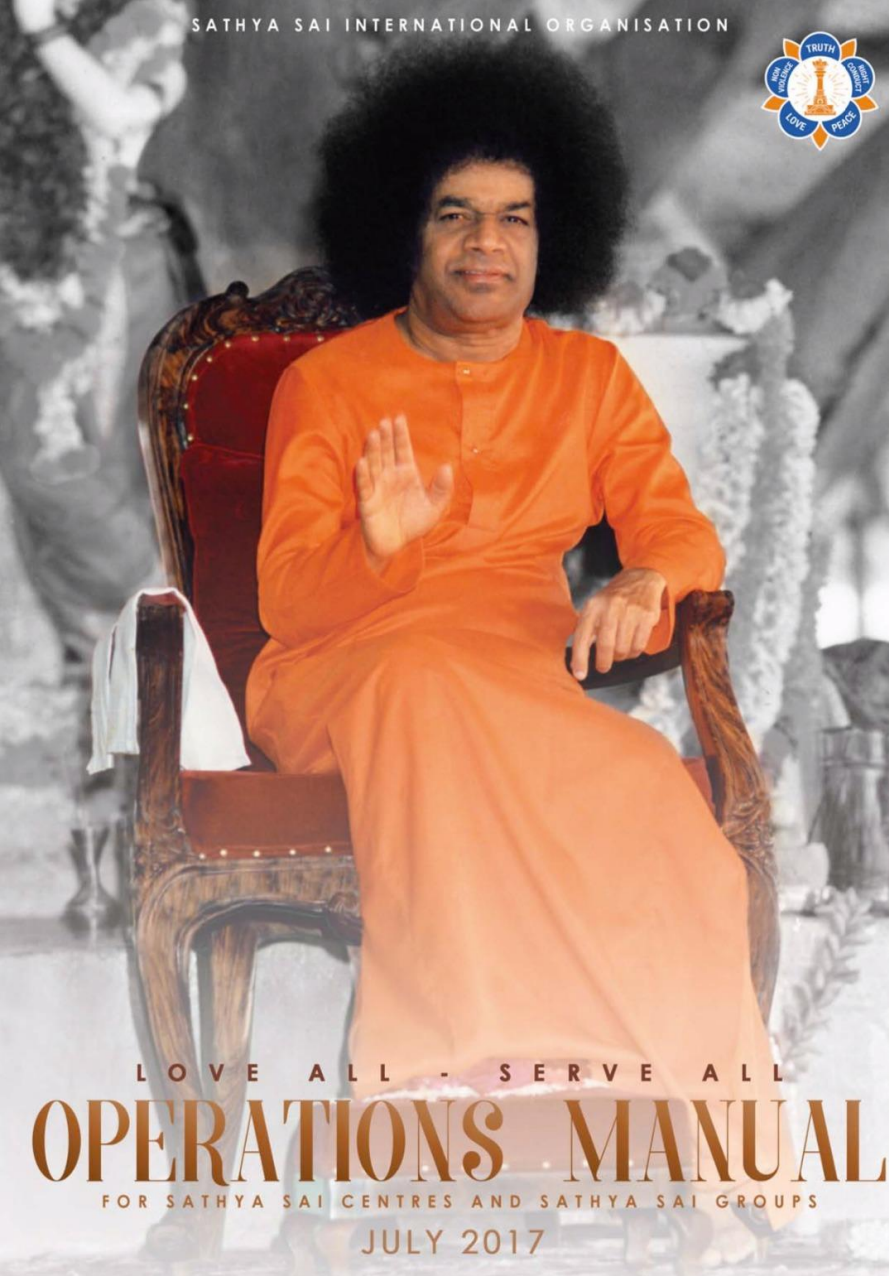
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CODE OF CONDUCT

1. Daily meditation and prayer.
2. Group devotional singing or prayer with family members once a week, where possible.
3. Participation in Sai Spiritual Education by children of the family.
4. Regular attendance at the Centre's devotional meetings (at least once a month).
5. Participation in community service work and other programmes of the Organisation.
6. Regular study of Sathya Sai Baba literature.
7. The practice of placing a "Ceiling on Desires" – consciously and continuously striving to eliminate the tendency to waste time, money, food and energy – and utilising the savings for service to mankind.
8. The use of soft, loving speech with everyone.
9. Not speaking ill of others, especially in their absence.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

1. Love and serve your country. Do not be critical of others' countries.
2. Honour all religions, for each is a pathway to the one God.
3. Love all people without distinction; know that humanity is a single community.
4. Keep home and surroundings clean.
5. Help people to become self-reliant. Provide food and shelter, love and care, for the sick and the aged.
6. Do not tempt others by offering bribes or demean yourself by accepting them.
7. Do not develop jealousy, hatred, or envy on any account.
8. Do not depend on others to serve your personal needs; become your own servant before proceeding to serve others.
9. Adore God, abhor sin.
10. Observe your country's laws and be exemplary citizens.

“Food is the medicine for the illness of hunger; water, for thirst; for the disease of Birth-Death-Cycle (bhava-roga), Bhagawan is the medicine; for the disease of desire, Jnana is the specific. For the disease of doubt, despair and hesitation, which are the occupational diseases of spiritual aspirants, the most effective remedy is paropakara (doing good to others). For the major infection of ashanti (anxiety and restlessness), the course of treatment is bhajan. It is to provide these remedies to the sufferers that the organisation has to dedicate itself. The organisations must be such that members find them congenial places to deepen their Sadhana, to cultivate their virtues and to overcome their ego, by contact with workers who are free from the least trace of that deadly poison. If this is achieved, their success is certain.”

~ *Sathya Sai Baba* (21st April 1967)

*His Teachings
on the SSIO*



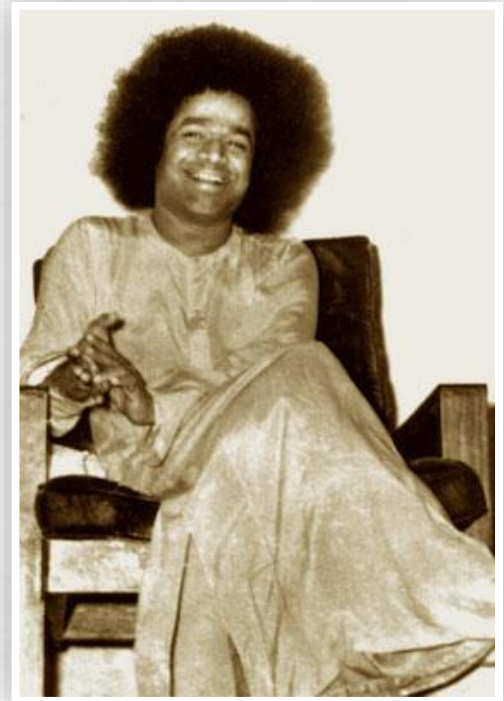


“The sole objective of the Sathya Sai Organisation is to enable man to discover his innate divinity; to regain his self-confidence and faith in God. The power and strength derived from the faith in Self, from the faith in God, will be enduring and ever sustaining. The objective of the Sai Organisation is to make people again become aware of this truth and live in this awareness.”

~ *Sathya Sai Baba* (Seva Dal Magazine, April 1983)

*“Promote harmony among members.
You cannot avoid making distinctions such as
president, coordinator, member, etc. however
these distinctions are functional only and have
no place at the spiritual level. God is present
equally in all, from the president to the ordinary
member. You should recognise this Oneness.”*

~ Sathya Sai Baba (Sathya Sai Speaks Vol. 28, pg. 30: 1995)

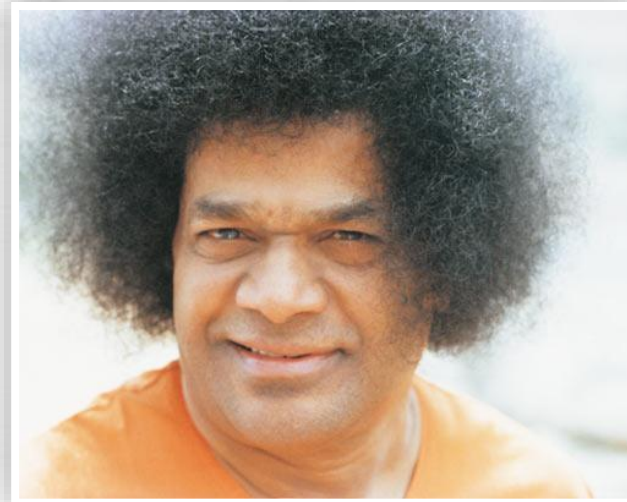


Conduct of the SSIO

- *“The Organisations named after me are not to be used for publicising my name or creating a new cult around my worship.*
- *They must try to spread the interest in recitation of God’s name, meditation and other spiritual practices that lead man towards Divinity.*
- *They must demonstrate the joy derivable from devotional singing and remembering the Lord’s name, the peace that one can draw from good company.*

Conduct of the SSIO

- They must render selfless service to the helpless, the sick, the distressed, the illiterate and the needy.
- Their service should not be exhibitionistic; it must seek no reward, not even gratitude or thanks from the recipients.

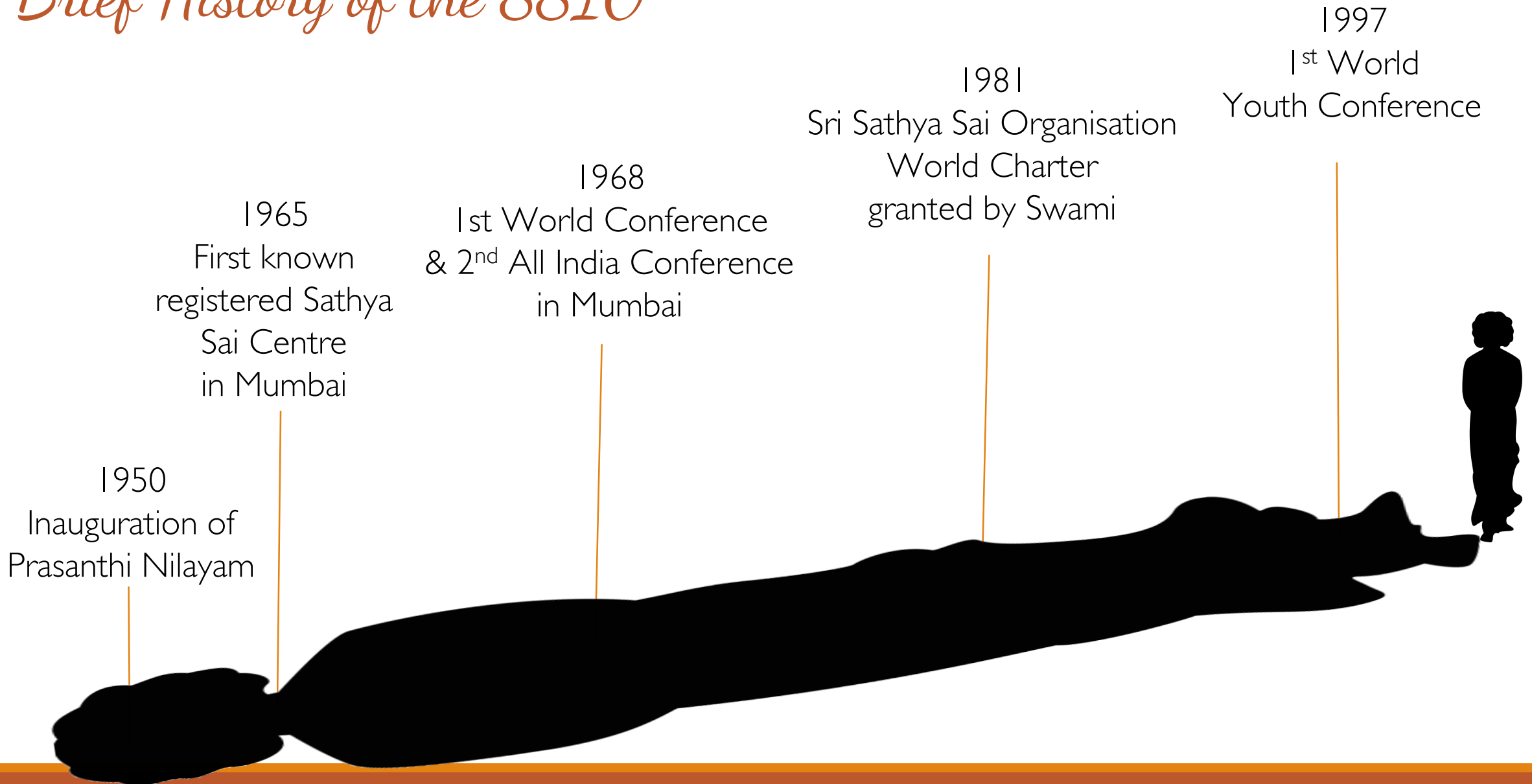


~ Sathya Sai Baba (23rd February 1968)

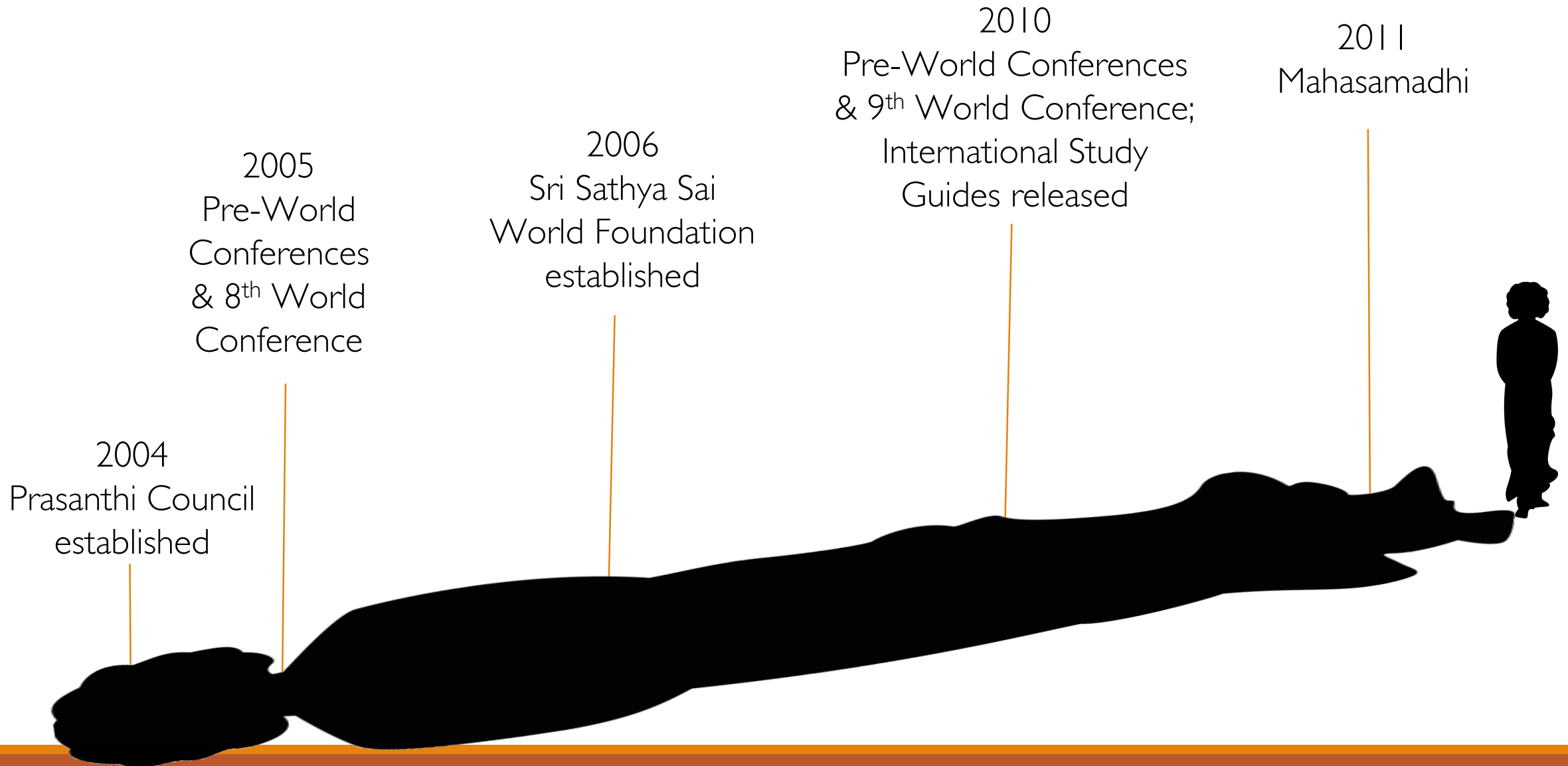
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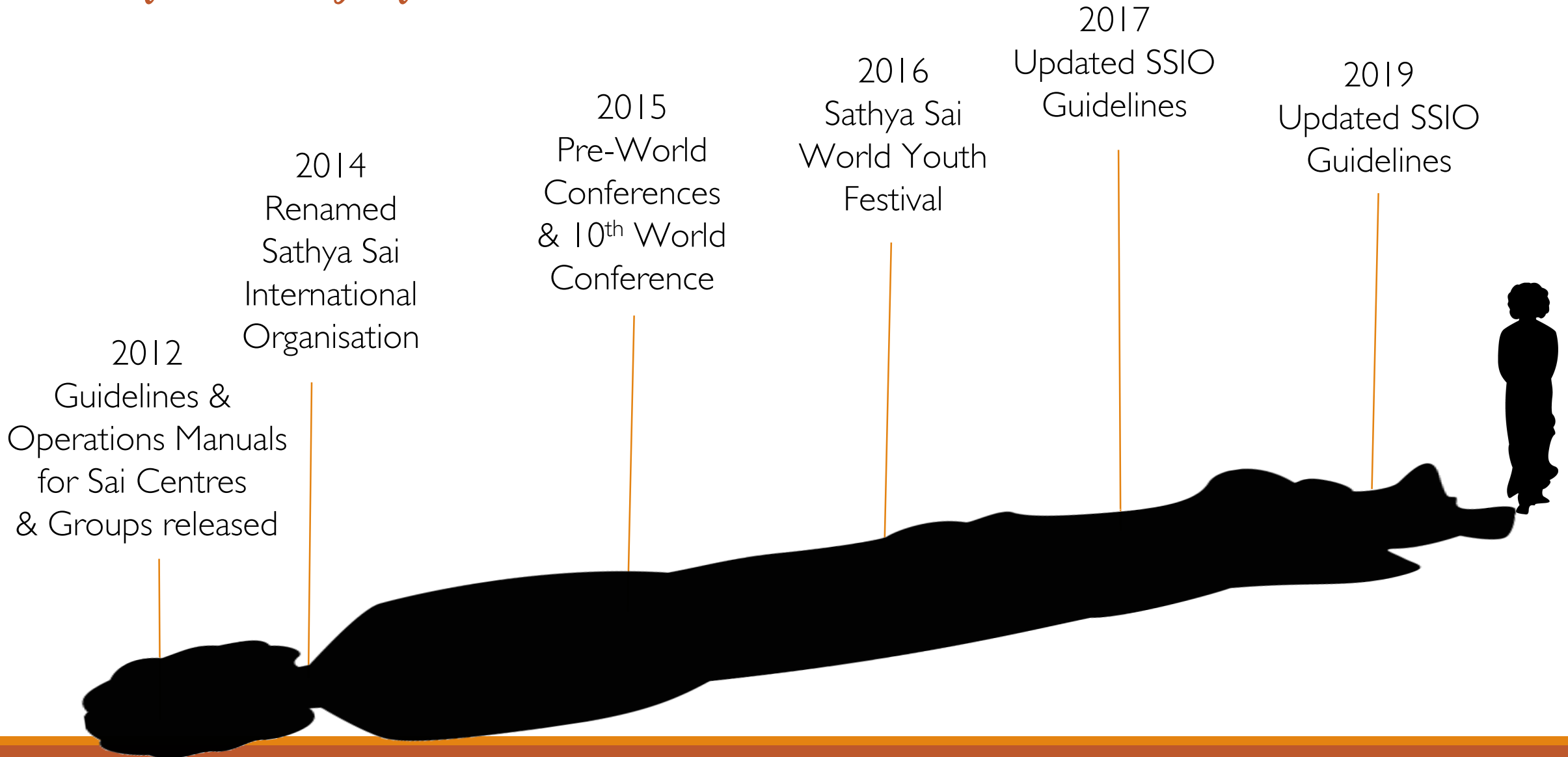
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Membership Requirements

The qualifications for membership are:

- *to be an eager aspirant for spiritual progress*
- *to have full faith in the name that the Organisation bears*
- *to have won recognition as a good person*

That is all the qualification needed; nothing else counts.

~ Sathya Sai Baba (21st April 1967)

Membership Requirements

- *There are no dues or membership fees, and donations are never solicited.*
- *An individual who is at least 18 years old may become a member of a Sathya Sai Centre after having become familiar with the SSIO Guidelines and after expressing a sincere intention to abide by and practice them.*
- *Members of the SSIO are expected to do their best to the 9 point Code of Conduct and the 10 Guiding Principles laid down by Sathya Sai Baba and thereby become exemplars of His teachings.*

Question for reflection...



*How do we describe the SSIO
to the members of the public?
And what are the key
characteristics of the SSIO?*

Key Characteristics of the SSIO

- *Spirituality at its core*
- *Voluntary, non-proselytising*
- *Kinship with Sathya Sai Baba*
- *Oneness – Unity of Faiths*
- *“Love All, Serve All”*

