

Sri Sathya Sai Baba's visits to Dharmakshetra

March, 1966

1. Sri Sathya Sai Baba presided over the 'Bhoomi Puja' at the site selected for 'Dharmakshetra' on 24th March 1966. He addressed the volunteers on 25th March.

November, 1967

1. Sri Sathya Sai Baba reached Bombay on 2nd November at midnight.
2. HE laid the foundation stone for Dharmakshetra, the Center for Sai Seva activities at Bombay on 3rd November. He created a silver plate with the nine planetary signs carved on it to be placed in the foundation. He then hoisted the Prashanti Flag and unveiled the copper plaque announcing the inauguration of the construction of "Dharmakshetra".
3. Sri Sathya Sai Baba blessed the gathering with His Discourse and later blessed the devotees who were involved in the construction of Dharmakshetra.
4. That evening Sri Sathya Sai Baba inaugurated the Sri Sathya Sai Seva Dal, an Organisation of Sadhaks who render service to the weak, disabled and the distressed.
5. Sri Sathya Sai Baba addressed the members of the Seva Samiti on 4th November.
6. Sri Sathya Sai Baba blessed the devotees with His Darshan during Bhajan sessions at Dharmakshetra site from the 4th to 6th.

March, 1968

1. Sri Sathya Sai Baba flew to Bombay on the 11th March.
2. He visited Dharmakshetra which was still under construction. He met the Seva Dal and also conferred with the members of the Reception Committee of the World Conference of Sathya Sai Sangams and Sadhaks.

May, 1968

1. On the sacred Vaishakha Pournima day (Buddha Pournima), 12th May, 1968, Sri Sathya Sai Baba inaugurated Dharmakshetra, the International Centre of His Mission at Bombay. Sri A. K. C. Natarajan played the Clarinet as Sri Sathya Sai Baba unfurled the Prashanti Flag.
2. Sri Sathya Sai Baba stayed at Satyadeep, His residence at Dharmakshetra, from the 12th onwards.
3. Sri Sathya Sai Baba blessed 65 students at a youth camp with His guidance on 13th May.
4. Sri Sathya Sai Baba addressed the Lions Club members on the 14th.

5. Sri Sathya Sai Baba granted audience to the delegates from U. S. A., Mexico, U. K., Holland, Norway, France, Hong Kong and Australia for a whole week and held discussions with them at Dharmakshetra.
6. Sri Morarji Desai, the Deputy Prime Minister of India, had an interview with Sri Sathya Sai Baba at Dharmakshetra.
7. Sri Sathya Sai Baba lit a perennial flame (Sathya Sai Jyoti) at Dharmakshetra on 18th May in answer to the fervent prayer of Ms. Indra Devi of Mexico.
8. On 22nd, Sri Sathya Sai Baba addressed the Seva Dal members. Sri Sathya Sai Baba gave Darshan to the mammoth gathering at Dharmakshetra and sang Bhajans for them on the 23rd.
9. Sri Sathya Sai Baba left for Gujarat by car on the 24th.

July, 1968

1. Sri Sathya Sai Baba arrived at Bombay to the crescendo of "Jais" sounded by jubilant devotees on the 15th. Sri Sathya Sai Baba addressed a mammoth gathering at Dharmakshetra that evening.

May, 1969

1. Sri Sathya Sai Baba reached Bombay on the 8th of May, 1969. The devotees were blessed with Darshan of Sri Sathya Sai Baba during the daily Bhajan sessions at Dharmakshetra.
2. Sri Sathya Sai Baba inaugurated the Prayer Hall in Dharmakshetra on 12th May, its anniversary. Sri Sathya Sai Baba addressed the members of the Bhajana Mandali on the 13th.
3. The Bal Vikas students were given the privilege of putting up a show in front of Sri Sathya Sai Baba on the 14th.

May, 1970

1. Sri Sathya Sai Baba reached Bombay on 8th May.
2. Sri Sathya Sai Baba met groups of teachers, principals, Rotarians, Lions (members of the Lion's Club) and Sadhakas at Dharmakshetra on different days.
3. Sri Sathya Sai Baba addressed a public meeting on the 12th, the Anniversary of Dharmakshetra.

December, 1970

1. Sri Sathya Sai Baba reached Bombay on 21st December after His epoch making stay at Goa.
2. Sri Sathya Sai Baba blessed thousands of devotees with Darshan at Dharmakshetra between the 21st of December and the 9th of January.

3. On 25th December, Sri Sathya Sai Baba blessed the devotees with His Christmas message.
4. Sri Sathya Sai Baba gave a Discourse at Dharmakshetra on Vaikuntha Ekadashi, the 7th of January. Prof. V. K. Gokak, Dr. John Hislop and Sri Page spoke on these two occasions.
5. Sri Sathya Sai Baba blessed the Dharmakshetra school children and the Bal Vikas students who presented various cultural programmes at Dharmakshetra.
6. He gave Discourses at Dharmakshetra to the various groups of Rotarians, artists, intellectuals, Seva Dal members, volunteers and Bal Vikas teachers on different days.
7. During Sri Sathya Sai Baba's stay at Bombay, a unique book was dedicated to Him by the members of the All India Prashanti Vidwan Mahasabha, Maharashtra branch.
8. Sri Sathya Sai Baba left Bombay on 9th January.

May, 1971

1. The First 'All India Bal Vikas Teachers' Conference was held at Dharmakshetra, Bombay, on the 11th and 12th of May, 1971.
2. Sri Sathya Sai Baba blessed the devotees with His Message on the 12th May, the 3rd Anniversary of Dharmakshetra.
3. The 3rd State Conference of the Office Bearers of Sri Sathya Sai Seva Organisation, Maharashtra, was held at Dharmakshetra on the 13th May.
4. Sri M. M. Pinge, the State President of Maharashtra, presented a brief report of the activities.
5. In His Message, Sri Sathya Sai Baba elaborated on the objectives that the Organisation should place before itself.

March, 1973

1. Sri Sathya Sai Baba flew to Bombay on 28th afternoon and gave Darshan to the devotees at Dharmakshetra.
2. He then flew to Pune and after addressing a public meeting there, returned back to Bombay. Sri Sathya Sai Baba addressed 2,00,000 people at a public function in Vallabhbai Patel Stadium on the 29th.

July, 1973

1. Sri Sathya Sai Baba flew to Bombay on 19th July, 1973.
2. He blessed the devotees gathered at Dharmakshetra.
3. Sri Sathya Sai Baba inaugurated the Industrial Service Training School at Dharmakshetra at 4.00 pm that evening.
4. Sri Sathya Sai Baba gave a Discourse to the members of the Sri Sathya Sai study classes in the city on 20th morning. He addressed the members of the Mahila Vibhag, Bombay in the evening.

5. Late in the evening, the Bal Vikas students presented a few playlets before Sri Sathya Sai Baba.
6. On 21st morning, the Dharmakshetra School students presented a cultural programme in the Divine Presence. Sri Sathya Sai Baba blessed the members of the Seva Samiti of Bombay, in the evening.