

Dearest Member of the E1E1 Family,

Greetings from the Each One Educate One Foundation!

As we find our way through yet another scorching summer in this part of the world, it is also that time of the year that ushers in a new financial year, followed soon after by the next academic year at most schools across India. For a wide majority of us here in India, the month of April also heralds the dawn of a new year, as per the lunar and solar calendars observed in our country. It is that time of the year when most of us are into the stock-taking of some kind or the other. For us at the E1E1 Foundation too, it is no different but very distinct nevertheless in respect of the intent, purpose, and objectives.

As we take stock of the year gone by, a very tumultuous and unprecedented one at that; for us, it is a re-affirmation of the age-old adage, "Every good work is God's work!". It was Tom Sachs who extended this further when he said, "The reward for good work is more work!". Perhaps, we could rephrase it to say, "The reward for good work is more good work!" Well, indeed it is and we welcome it in letter and spirit; something that we believe you too will welcome and continue to be a part of, as you scroll down the succeeding pages ...

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2020-21: The year that was ...

The E1E1 Foundation is delighted to share with you this gratifying news, that during the academic year 2020-21, nearly 3500 children received the 'Gift of Education' through the E1E1 platform, despite the trying and testing times that we all underwent due to the Covid onslaught. Indeed, it is the kind and caring support of nearly 800 donors like you, who have made this possible. For all of us joining hands to support the cause of high-quality values-based rural education, this pandemic year has proven to be a very special and defining one, as an opportunity to toughen our resolve and commitment to the cause. We are ever so grateful to you for being an invaluable part of this journey and making it happen! Over the last 4 – 5 years, the Each One Educate One Program, on average, has enabled the education of about 2500 children every year. The rising curve, year upon year, represents not merely the rising numbers, rather it is a reflection of the rising care, concern, and love for our brethren residing in remote under-served corners of rural India who have not been as privileged or fortunate as us, to be able to afford or access high quality, holistic, values-based education. Truly, broader and greater participation in the love and service of the impoverished and the underprivileged is the defining hallmark of what we together strive to realize through the E1E1 platform.

The E1E1 Story Rising in Love



Note: The Each One Educate One initiative of "Group Giving" made a small beginning when the first few seeds were planted back in 2013, by a small group of our Alumni, well before the Foundation was formally established in 2017

Key Milestones amidst the Covid Standstill

As valued stakeholders in the E1E1 program, you will be pleasantly surprised to know of the important milestone developments in the Foundation and our 23 partner schools spread across 16 districts of Karnataka and 1 district in Telangana. The year gone by witnessed several landmark steps and decisions taken by our Institutions, to further the cause of free values-based education for the deprived and underprivileged children residing in rural India.

The Sri Sathya Sai Loka Seva Gurukulam Online Classes

Our partner schools were among the first in the country to launch online classes back in May 2020 itself, no sooner than the 1st countrywide Covid-related total lockdown was lifted in stages, across different states in the country. While several entities were offering online classes at unaffordable sums, making hay while the pandemic spread its gloom all around the world, the Sri Sathya Sai Loka Seva Institutions chose to make a difference by doing it differently, as is the case always!

The Gurukulam online classes were made available and accessible free of cost, through an App and a dedicated YouTube channel, not just to the students of the Loka Seva Institutions but to all students across the world, irrespective of the institution, location and geography that they studied or resided in and irrespective of their caste, creed, colour, religion or nationality!

The below graphic tells the entire story as it is, even as the channel is very much live and continues to be accessible to anyone and everyone in pursuit of learning and wisdom!

UPDATES FROM OUR PARTNER SCHOOLS

.....Where knowledge is free:
Where the world has not been broken up into
fragments by narrow domestic walls.....
- Rabindranath Tagore (Geethanjali)

Sri Sathya Sai Gurukulam YouTube Channel
Steady month-on-month growth in
subscription & viewership

- 9 Lakh Views
- 12,000+ Subscribers
- 1200 video lessons available for free access to every child across the globe.

The Gurukulam Revolution

Another very interesting and evolutionary step taken amid the Corona outbreak was the renaming of the Sri Sathya Sai Loka Seva Group of Educational Institutions as the Sri Sathya Sai Loka Seva Gurukulam.

The re-christening to Sri Sathya Sai Loka Seva Gurukulam marked the systemic shift in perspective and focus, from being an Educational Institution that also imparts some values and spiritual knowledge, to becoming a Gurukula – an Institution that lays equal emphasis on both; the knowledge of the material world through secular education as we know it and the spiritual knowledge of the self or the higher wisdom contained in our ancient texts; a spiritual heritage that India is looked up to, the world over.

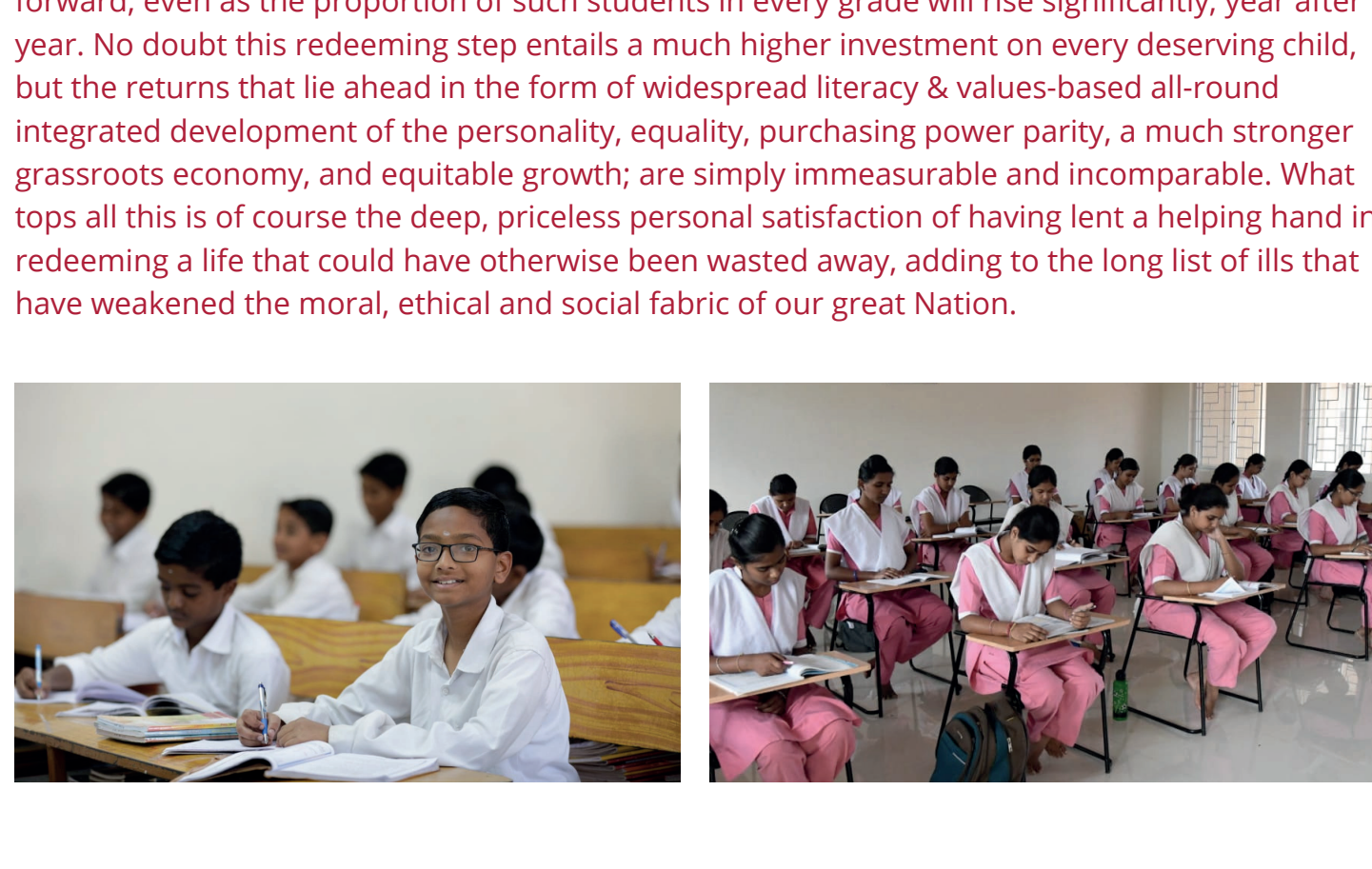
"The Sri Sathya Sai Loka Seva Gurukulam will be akin to the traditional Gurukulas - the ancient centres of education in India which were spiritual incubators, a place where students gained practical knowledge of the mundane, along with the wisdom of the highest. Other than gaining spiritual and worldly knowledge, there was an enhanced awareness of societal responsibility in students, with the undercurrent of all activities in the Gurukulas contributing joyfully to the well-being of everyone and everything. The integration of the body, mind, and spirit through a holistic system of education, aimed at producing a balanced and complete personality who could positively contribute towards a better world, is the means and end of the Gurukula System of Education. Such integrated personalities were a harmonious synthesis of a sharp mind, a kind heart, and competent hands, with the unique combination of nobility and ability".

-Sadguru Sri Madhusudan Sai

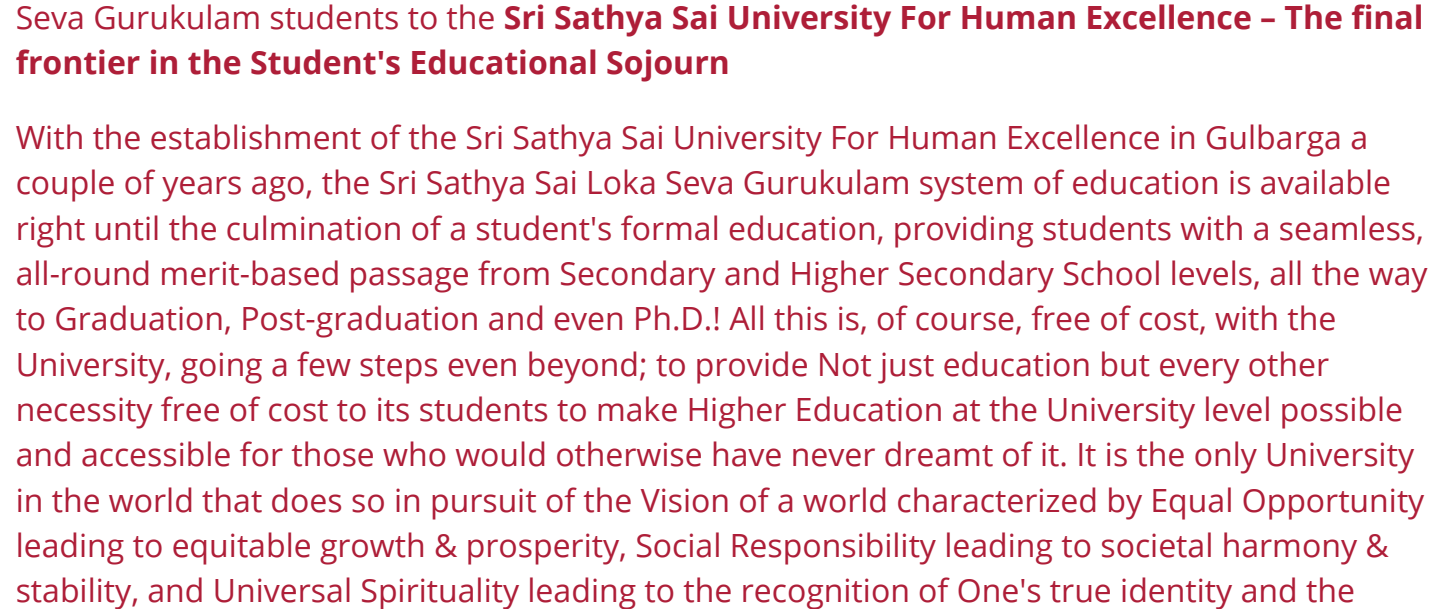


Shift to NIOS – The first step towards a modern-day Gurukula

To ensure that our vision remains undiluted and is firmly implanted in the hearts and minds of all the students, from a very young age, the Loka Seva Gurukulam Schools simultaneously decided to move to the NIOS (National Institute of Open Schooling) Board of Education, recognised by the NCERT on par with the existing State and Central Boards of Education. The shift to NIOS affords the Institution and its students ample time and flexibility to devote equal time and energy to their secular education, higher spiritual learning, and other aspirational interests.



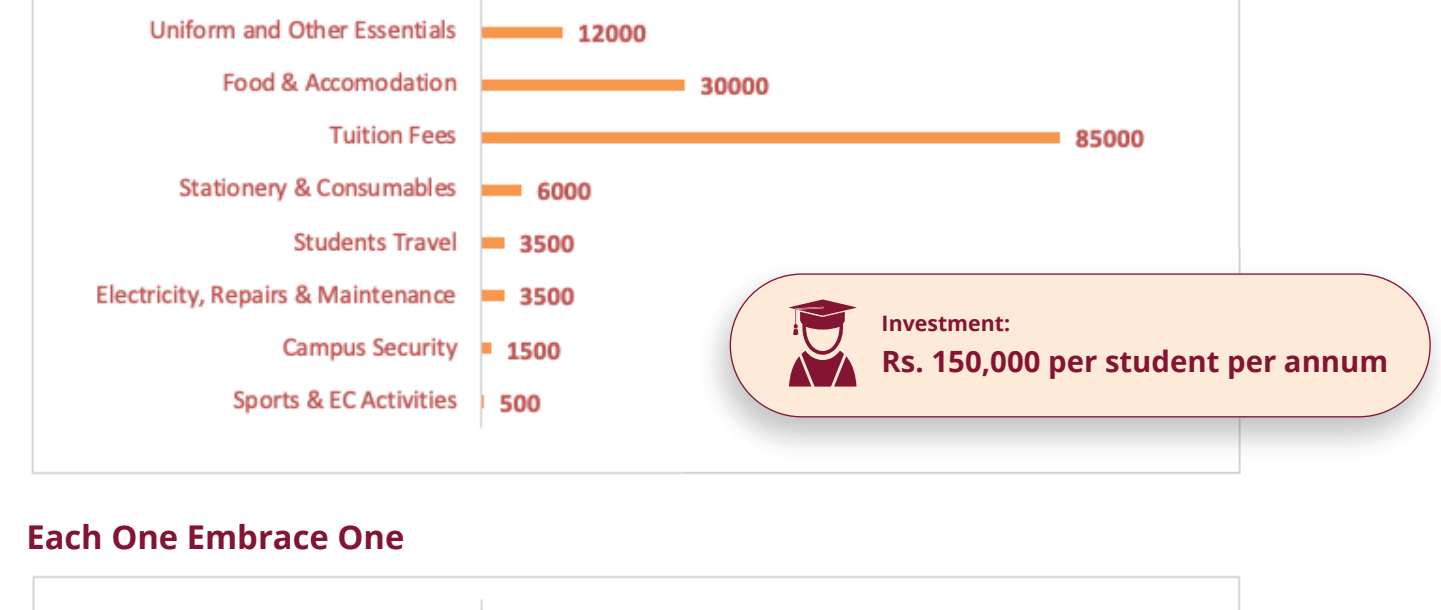
With the announcement of five new campuses exclusively dedicated for the education of girl children living in remote and backward rural areas of Karnataka and Tamil Nadu, the Sri Sathya Sai Loka Seva Gurukulam institutions will soon have 27 schools in all, **nine of which are schools dedicated to girl child education and uplift!**



Each One Embrace One – A Watershed in the Education Mission

At this juncture, we would like to draw your attention to the Each One Embrace One program that we had written to you about in brief, in our letter of July 2020. The program as you would recollect and as the name suggests, is about enveloping the child in the warm and loving embrace of complete care that is not limited to the child's education alone. This program has been instituted in homage to the founder of the Loka Seva Group (formerly called Loka Seva Vrinda) - Revered Sri Madiyal Narayana Bhat Anna, to bring children who hail from very humble and backward families that can ill afford even their basic necessities, into a unique formal education system that also nurtures them with a dignified upbringing. Recognising and respecting their right to education and equal opportunity in life, the Foundation is striving to support not only their education but also their basic necessities that include food, clothing, accommodation, and all other essential daily needs.

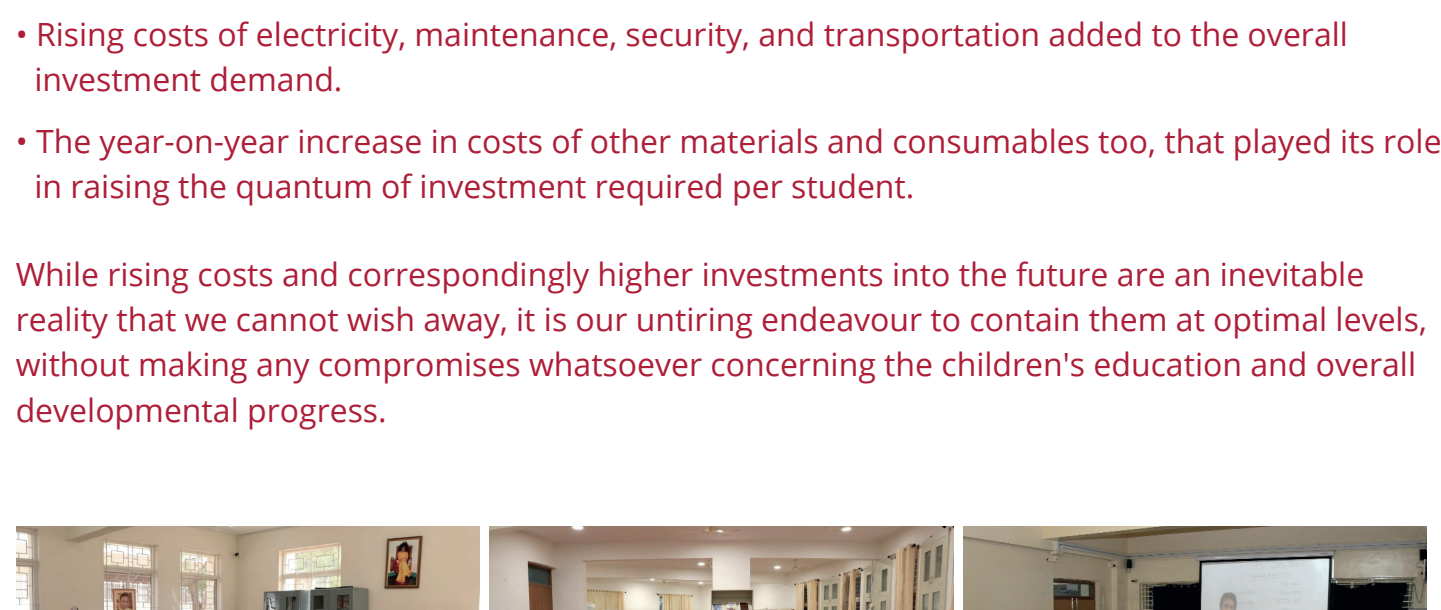
You will be both surprised and humbled to learn about the selection methodology followed for this program. The campus Chairpersons and staff personally visit the villages in very backward regions of the state, to identify the neediest families there. They hold detailed discussions with the family members, counseling and convincing them to give their children a chance at life; by sending them to our institutions. Such is the extent of dedication and nature of commitment to the cause of rural uplift and nation-building, demonstrated by our institutions. From the experience of having admitted nearly 1000 children under this program so far, we are convinced that this program will prove to be the cornerstone of our education mission going forward, even as the proportion of such students in every grade will rise significantly, year after year. No doubt this redeeming step entails a much higher investment on every deserving child, but the returns that lie ahead in the form of widespread literacy & values-based all-round integrated development of the personality, equality, purchasing power parity, a much stronger grassroots economy, and equitable growth; are simply immeasurable and incomparable. What tops all this is of course the deep, priceless personal satisfaction of having lent a helping hand in redeeming a life that would otherwise been wasted away, adding to the long list of ills that have weakened the moral, ethical and social fabric of our great Nation.



Each One Higher Educate One – A Path-breaking initiative by the Each One Educate One Foundation

While it is heartening for us as a community and nation to witness a growth in the number of Non-Governmental Charitable Institutions working to promote and facilitate primary, secondary, and in some cases even higher secondary or pre-university education for destitute children, rarely do we come across instances where children hailing from the weaker or backward sections of society are supported in large numbers, as entire batches, to seamlessly complete their education from the secondary school level to the highest level, in the University! The Each One Educate One Foundation is delighted to announce the launch of a new initiative for this academic year beginning June 2021 – The "Each One Higher Educate One" Program conceived and instituted to promote and support the seamless transition of Sri Sathya Sai Loka Seva Gurukulam students to the **Sri Sathya Sai University For Human Excellence - The final frontier in the Student's Educational Journey**

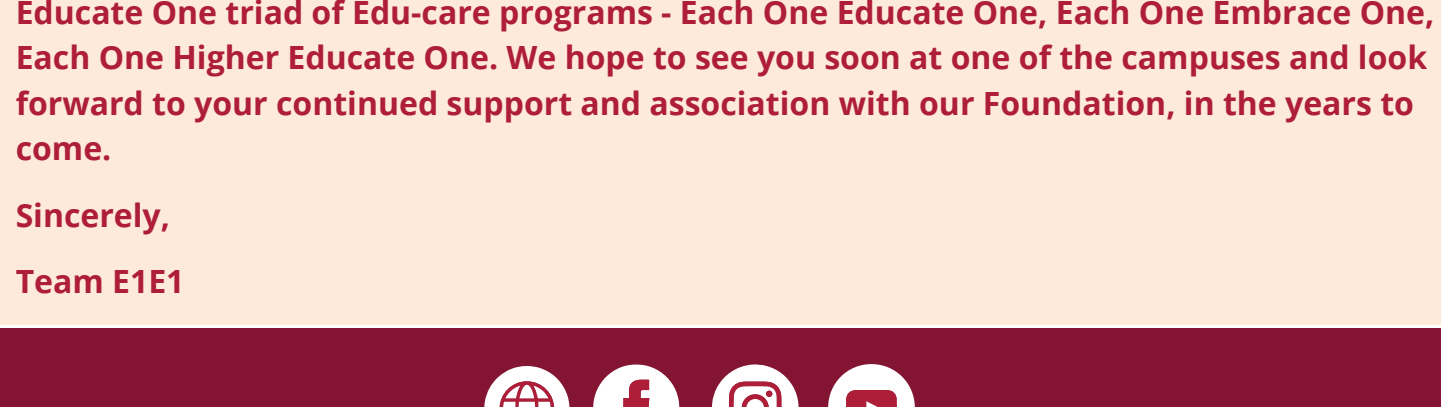
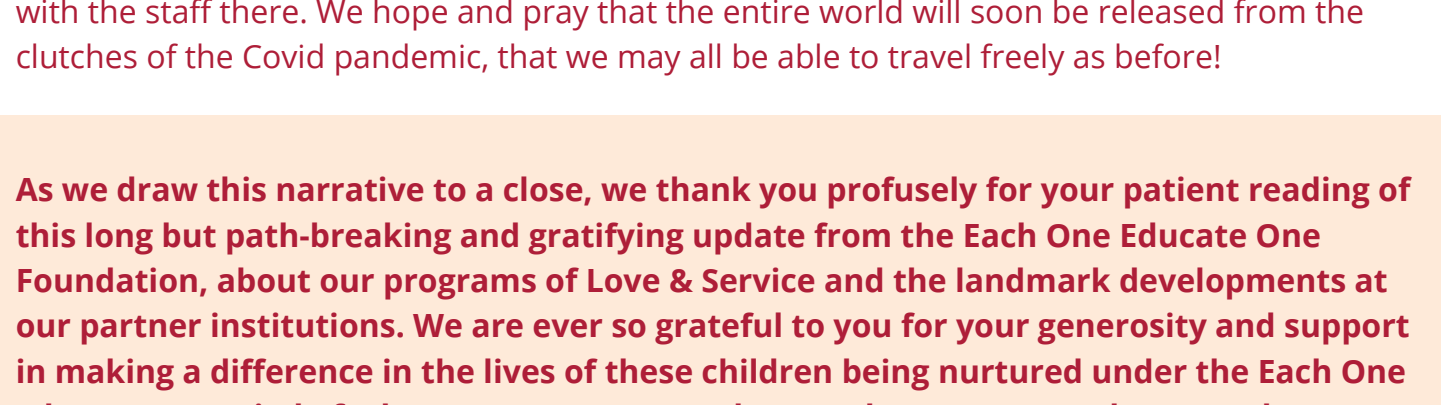
With the establishment of the Sri Sathya Sai University For Human Excellence in Gulbarga a couple of years ago, the Sri Sathya Sai Loka Seva Gurukulam system of education is available right until the culmination of a student's formal education, providing students with a seamless, all-round merit-based passage from Secondary and Higher Secondary School levels, all the way to Graduation, Post-graduation and even Ph.D.! All this is, of course, free of cost, with the University, going a few steps even beyond; to provide Not just education but every other necessity free of cost to its students to make Higher Education at the University level possible and accessible for those who would otherwise have never dreamt of it. It is the Only Opportunity in the world that does so in pursuit of the Vision of a world characterized by Equal Opportunity leading to equitable growth & prosperity, Social Responsibility leading to societal harmony & stability, and Universal Spirituality leading to the recognition of One's true identity and the underlying Unity of All Creation.



Matters of the Heart

It is our stated intent and practice to be completely transparent with all our esteemed stakeholders, supporters, and volunteers, regarding the kinds of investment that go into the making and fulfillment of this long-term vision of redeeming and transforming lives through holistic, values-based education.

While the uninhibited investment of selfless love and sacrifice that goes into the grooming, shaping, and transformation of these otherwise directionless tender hearts, into upright, awakened and socially responsible young citizens of tomorrow is priceless and irreplaceable; the value of investments into human resources, teaching pedagogy, modern technology, and world-class infrastructure is best expressed through the below graphics.



Note: In the case of the Each One Educate One Program focused on the education of the child, a detailed campus-wise analysis of operations was carried out recently. The results of the analysis conclusively revealed that the total of costs incurred over the last four years amortised over the total number of students educated during the same period far exceeded the earlier projected investment of Rs. 18000 per student per annum that had been kept constant in the corresponding period. Some factors that significantly contributed to the higher outlay are:

- A year-on-year increase in the number of students with the addition of grades in the older campuses (18 out of 23), that elicited a much higher investment in the number of qualified teachers and other support staff, over the last 3 years.
- The constant striving towards a healthy teacher-student ratio of 1:10 in the interests of quality and noteworthy learning outcomes, that further accentuated the investment on this front.
- Rising costs of electricity, maintenance, security, and transportation added to the overall investment demand.
- The year-on-year increase in costs of other materials and consumables too, that played its role in raising the quantum of investment required per student.

While rising costs and correspondingly higher investments into the future are an inevitable reality that we cannot wish away, it is our untiring endeavour to contain them at optimal levels, without making any compromises whatsoever concerning the children's education and overall developmental progress.

Privacy and Sensitivity of Students Information

As the number of students under the Each One Embrace One program is hereafter slated to rise every year, the overall outlay towards the education and fostering of these children too will correspondingly rise in the years to come. This significant change in the profile and proportion of students also brings with it an incumbent responsibility upon us to safeguard their privacy, according greater sensitivity and confidentiality while dealing with their personal information and backgrounds.

Keeping in mind the sensitivities involved and respecting the right to privacy of these children and their families, the Each One Educate One Foundation and its partner Institutions will not be able to disclose or share any personal information (including names) of individual beneficiaries, under any of the sponsorship programs. However, acknowledging and respecting the bona fide feelings and desire of our valued patrons to know how the program and their kind support to it is making a difference in the lives of these children; updates and impact stories of emancipation & transformation from different campuses, will be shared regularly by the Foundation. Additionally, as has been the case always, all stakeholders, patrons and benefactors are most welcome to visit any of our campuses; to witness first-hand the joyful and wholesome lives led by the children of our Institutions, interact with them, and also have meaningful engagements with the staff there. We hope and pray that the entire world will soon be released from the clutches of the Covid pandemic, that we may all be able to travel freely as before!

As we draw this narrative to a close, we thank you profusely for your patient reading of this long but path-breaking and gratifying update from the Each One Educate One Foundation, about our programs of Love & Service and the landmark developments at our partner institutions. We are ever so grateful to you for your generosity and support in making a difference in the lives of these children being nurtured under the Each One Educate One triad of Edu-care programs - Each One Educate One, Each One Embrace One, Each One Higher Educate One. We hope to see you soon at one of the campuses and look forward to your continued support and association with our Foundation, in the years to come.

Sincerely,

Team E1E1

