

Message to the Teachers and Staff of SSSVM

Om Sairam everyone 🙏

Our school is one of the most important projects of our organization, SSSSO – a true need in today's world. The world longs for an example school, a place where knowledge is joined with values, and education nurtures both intellect and heart. The dedicated Team of this school – teaching staff and all members - can play an important role in making the school truly an exemplery.

For me, the opportunity to work at this school, in this sacred land of Nepal, is one of **the greatest blessings** a person can receive. In this life, I have not received the karma and Swami's blessings to be able to work at our school and receive Swami's physical Darshan. **I would be extremely grateful if I could serve there, as a teacher, security guard, cleaner, cook, bus driver, or in any other position.** If I could exchange places with any one of you, I would do so immediately.

Therefore, from today onwards, let us all do our very best together to make our school an **example school for the world**. A school about which people in the Netherlands and other countries can tell to their governments: *"There is an exemplery school in Nepal from where we can learn how education can contribute to solving the various challenges of our time."*

About Donations and Salaries

Education at our school is free, and we would like to keep it this way so that we can truly be an example. Our salaries therefore depend to a large extent on donations from volunteers and well-wishers who have trust in Swami's Mission. Let us be grateful to Swami and the Donors and do our very best in return.

I believe that a day will come when the salaries at our school can be higher than the average in the country, if we continue to successfully develop the school together.

An Example from Congo

I asked our SSSSB coordinator, Merphia Ma'am, when she was ready, to look for a school where we could start the SSSSB program once a week. Eventually, she came into contact with the Education Inspector of that municipality. Merphia Ma'am told him about the transformation among the SSSSB students. The Education Inspector was impressed and wanted to speak with me, so we spoke through a translator.

He thought that I was a professor and that I had developed a complete set of SSSSB books for teachers. I told him that I had not attended much school. And the teaching material consists of one A4 sheet, printed on both sides. I said that these are the good things our parents and grandparents taught us, supplemented with the teachings of Lord Jesus [they are Christians] and the teachings of Swami that are suitable for this time. This is more than enough, provided that we put them into practice.

In Congo, we have received permission from the Education Inspector to give SSSSB classes at a school once a week. The Inspector even asked whether we could offer the SSSSB program weekly in all the schools in Matadi.

I said: **“Let us first start with one school. Then see the results for yourself and afterwards decide whether you also want the program in a second, third, fourth, and eventually more schools.”**

This will be the first school in Africa where our SSSSB classes will be offered in this way. The teachers there know little or nothing about Sanatana Dharma, Lord Rama, Lord Krishna, Swami, or SSSSB. What they have heard from our SSSSB teachers in Congo is this: **when people sincerely put the values of SSSSB into practice, their characters improve and, step by step, positive changes will take place in all areas of their lives.**

I believe that **SSSVM in Nepal can become an example School for the whole world and can show that character formation can help us face and resolve many of the challenges within education and other institutions in a natural and sustainable way.**

Let us start together today and all do our very best.

There is one thing we can start with immediately:

Let us all always try to see the good in others and, at the same time, look honestly at ourselves. Step by step, improve everything within us that can be improved.

I thank you all for listening, and I thank Kusumaa for conveying this message on my behalf.

Om Sairam everyone 🙏

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