

PRESS RELEASE

International Sai Sewa Trust Launches Social Justice Forum and Hosts "SAI MAHOTSAV" – A Two-Day Women and Child Empowerment Program

Kaushambi, India– In a continued commitment to uplift marginalized communities and promote social justice, **International Sai Sewa Trust** is excited to announce the launch of its **Social Justice Forum**, alongside its annual event, **SAI MAHOTSAV**, which will be held on **6th and 7th December 2024**. This year, the forum and the event will emphasize legal awareness, women and child empowerment, and community welfare, as part of the trust's long-standing efforts to advocate for the underprivileged and promote societal change.

The **Social Justice Forum**, a new initiative by International Sai Sewa Trust, aims to bridge the gap between marginalized communities and the legal system. The forum will be a platform for educating individuals about their rights, providing access to legal knowledge, and creating opportunities for dialogue on issues such as women's rights, child protection, legal aid, and social justice. Through this initiative, the trust seeks to empower individuals, particularly those from vulnerable backgrounds, by equipping them with the tools and knowledge to seek justice and improve their lives.

Key Objectives of the Social Justice Forum:

- 1. Legal Education and Awareness:** The forum will conduct workshops, seminars, and outreach programs to inform individuals about essential laws related to women's rights, child protection, and social justice, focusing on accessibility to legal support and resources.
- 2. Empowering Vulnerable Groups:** Special emphasis will be placed on educating women, children, and marginalized communities, ensuring that they understand their legal entitlements and how to approach the legal system when facing injustice or discrimination.

3. **Collaboration with Legal Experts:** The forum will engage legal professionals, advocates, and judges to ensure that participants receive accurate, reliable, and actionable legal information.
4. **Community Advocacy and Support:** The Social Justice Forum will advocate for the rights of marginalized groups and foster a more inclusive society through continuous community support and educational initiatives.

This new initiative will be an integral part of **SAI MAHOTSAV 2024**, a two-day event that brings together the local community to celebrate empowerment, unity, and social justice. The event will also serve as a space for promoting the goals of the Social Justice Forum.

Event Highlights:

Day 1 – 6th December 2024:

- The event will begin with a **Grand Inaugural Ceremony** attended by esteemed guests, including social leaders, community activists, and government representatives. This will set the tone for the two-day program and highlight the importance of women and child empowerment.
- A **Street Play** based on the *Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao* initiative will raise awareness on the importance of girl child education, gender equality, and ending discrimination against girls. The street play will emphasize the need for educational opportunities for girls as a means to break the cycle of poverty and inequality.
- **Cultural Performances** by local schoolchildren will follow, showcasing patriotic songs, dance, and drama that reflect themes of nationalism, social values, and women's empowerment. These performances are designed to foster unity and inspire the community to work towards a more inclusive society.
- The **Prize Distribution Ceremony** will recognize the exceptional contributions of children, particularly those who have shown leadership in promoting social values and working for the betterment of the community. These awards will encourage youth participation in social change.

Day 2 – 7th December 2024:

- The second day will feature a **Community Meal**, expected to host approximately 10,000 individuals from diverse backgrounds. The meal will symbolize inclusivity, unity, and the spirit of community, fostering bonds across different social, economic, and cultural groups.
- During the meal and throughout the event, the Social Justice Forum will engage attendees in discussions and presentations about their legal rights, available resources, and how they can access justice when needed.

A Legacy of Social Justice and Empowerment:

The SAI MAHOTSAV has been a hallmark of community welfare programs for the past **13 years**, with a strong focus on empowering women, children, and marginalized communities. The event was initially started with the vision of **Dr. Krishna Dutta Dwivedi**, the **Chief Trustee and Founder** of International Sai Sewa Trust, who has been a tireless advocate for social justice and the rights of underprivileged groups.

Dr. Krishna Dutta Dwivedi, known for his work in social reform and community empowerment, has led numerous initiatives aimed at improving access to education, legal aid, and healthcare for those in need. His work has been instrumental in shaping the trust's initiatives, including the recent **Women Empowerment Campaign** organized in collaboration with **Mahila Vikash Vibhag** at the **District Court of Kaushambi**. This campaign successfully raised awareness about legal rights for women and highlighted the importance of providing equal opportunities for all.

Leadership Behind the Initiatives:

Sushila Dwivedi, the **President** of International Sai Sewa Trust, is a well-respected advocate who has dedicated her career to the causes of women's rights and social justice. As a key leader of the organization, she has been instrumental in shaping and expanding the trust's efforts to serve marginalized communities and promote equality.

Together with **Dr. Krishna Dutta Dwivedi**, Sushila Dwivedi has ensured that the trust's initiatives, including the Social Justice Forum, reach those who need them most. The dynamic

leadership of both individuals ensures that the trust's work continues to make a lasting impact on the region's development and progress.

About International Sai Sewa Trust:

Founded on **8th November 2018**, **International Sai Sewa Trust** is a non-profit organization focused on social justice, community welfare, and women & legal empowerment. The trust has been at the forefront of organizing impactful programs that promote education, equality, and access to justice. Its initiatives, including the **SAI MAHOTSAV** and **Social Justice Forum**, aim to create lasting change in the lives of women, children, and marginalized communities.

About Nagar Palika Parisad Manjhanpur Kaushambi:

Nagar Palika Parisad Manjhanpur Kaushambi has been a crucial partner in the success of various community development programs in the region. Their collaboration with International Sai Sewa Trust on initiatives like **SAI MAHOTSAV** ensures the broad reach and effectiveness of these welfare programs.

