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# SSIO YAs at the 25th Youth Assembly, NYC 2020

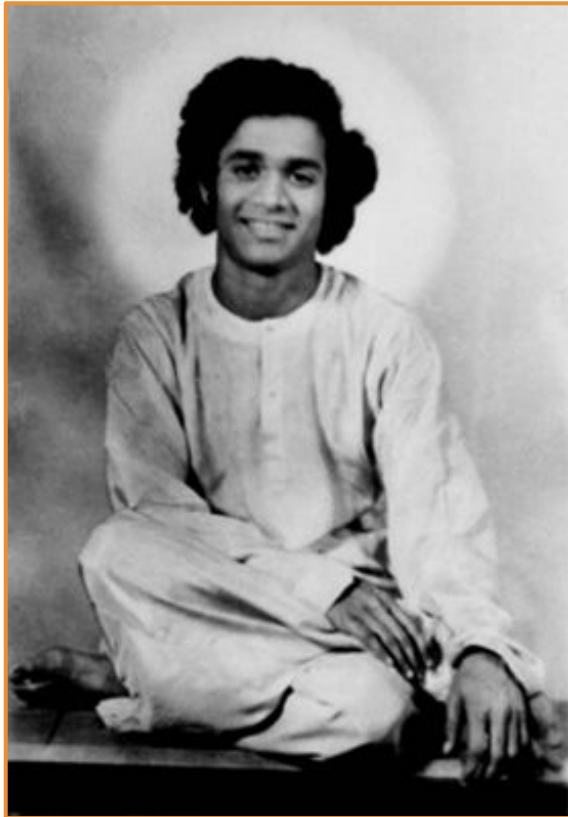
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# Salutation





**Only young men and women are capable of eradicating the evils prevailing in society. If we have virtuous youth, all ills of society can be removed.**

**- Sathya Sai  
Nov 18, 1999**

**Back (L-R): Kshitij Srivastava, Abhinav Thirunagari, Santosha Pidatala, Kabir Mitra, Shivram Viswanathan, and Ritesh Reddy.  
Front (L-R): Rishma Jivan, Sanjna Srivatsa, Krutika Puntambekar, and Saipreethi Ruvva.**



# Expectations



- SSIO
  - Represent SSIO and increase it's external engagement
  - Build material to represent SSIO in public forums
- Sustainable Development Goals
  - Better understanding of SDGs
  - In depth dialogues surrounding the problems and policies
- Global
  - Dilemmas the world is currently facing
  - Identify solutions and models that are promising
  - Devise an approach to implement solutions
  - Cross pollination of global issues
- Youth
  - Youth empowerment
  - Understand the importance of youth today
- Overall
  - Stimulating conversations
  - Networking
  - Inspiration





# SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

1 NO POVERTY



2 ZERO HUNGER



3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING



4 QUALITY EDUCATION



5 GENDER EQUALITY



6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION



7 AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY



8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH



9 INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE



10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES



11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES



12 RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION



13 CLIMATE ACTION



14 LIFE BELOW WATER



15 LIFE ON LAND



16 PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS



17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

# Experience



- Feb 14-16, NYC
- Opening ceremony
- Breakout sessions
- Format:
  - Panelists
  - Discussions
  - Group activities
  - Speakers
- Declaration of priorities
  - Human development
  - Peace
  - Environment
- Closing ceremony, and cultural fashion show
- GDL series: 4 days



Declaration of Priorities: Peace Discussion

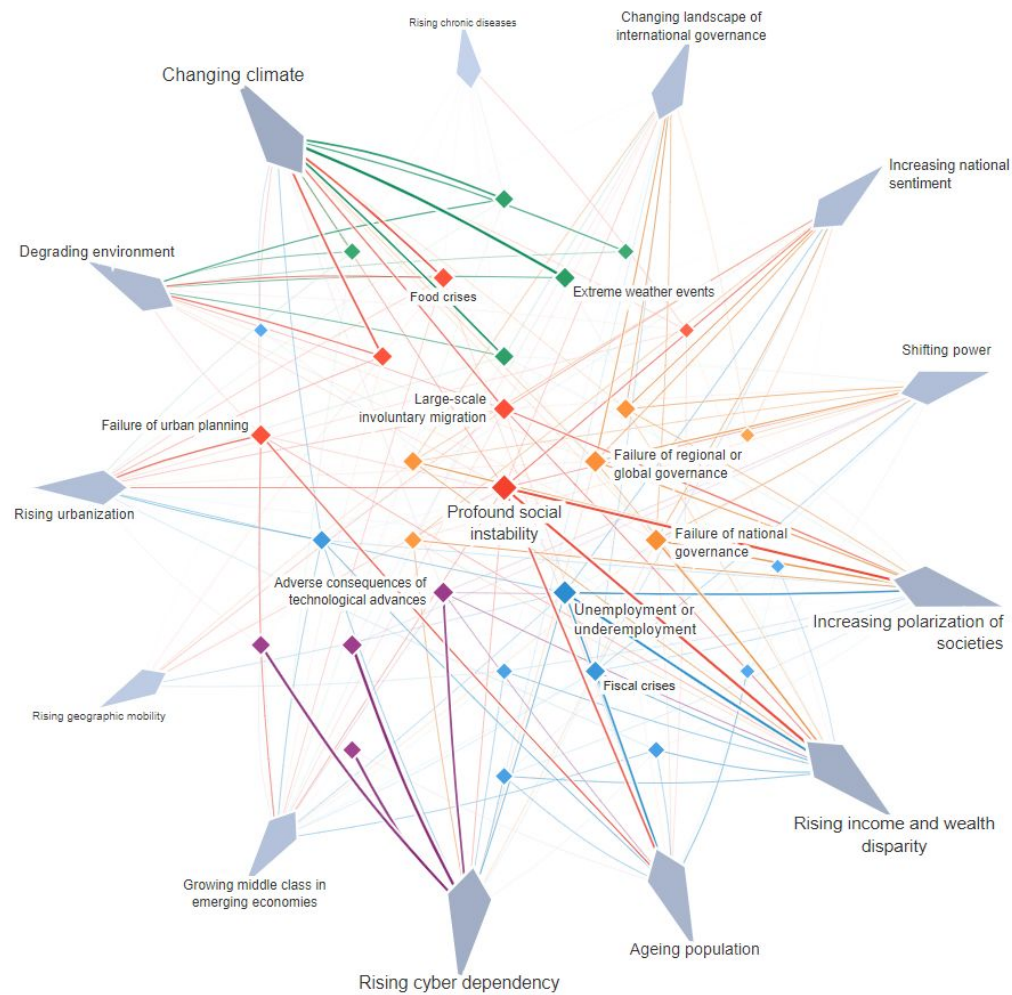


# Breakout Sessions



1. Climate
  - a. Climate Crisis
  - b. Water
  - c. Sustainability
2. Youth engagement and entrepreneurship
3. Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions
  - a. Refugee crisis
4. Socioeconomic disparities
  - a. Quality education







# Breakout Sessions



1. Gender inequality
  - a. Women Empowerment
2. Intersectionality of global issues
3. Declaration of priorities
  - a. Human development
  - b. Peace
  - c. Environment
4. Youth Empowerment



Session: Educating for Employment, Society and Change



# Learnings



- Thinking bigger and beyond
- World Bank Group case studies
- The 'bubble'
- SSIO and YA's role in achieving SDGs
- Think Globally, Act Locally
- SSIO and non-Sai devotees



Session: Developing sustainable communities via education





SSIO Young Adults Shivram Viswanathan and Rishma Jivan discussing international issues in development of the future generations. Countries represented here: USA, Senegal, Nepal, Nigeria and Saudi Arabia.



SSIO Young Adult Preethi Ruvva with Adam Bittner, Akwasi Belvin and Nana Agyemang discussing improving waste disposal methods on college campuses.





**SSIO Young Adults Kshitij Srivastava, Shivram Viswanathan and Sanjna Srivatsa**



**In conversation with global youth delegates on pressing issues the world faces**





**Preethi Ruvva and Kabir Mitra w/ Satya Tripathi- UN Assistant Secretary General and Head of New York Office at UN Environment**



**Rishma Jivan w/ Maggie Liu - Program and Impact Manager of Girl-Up, UN**



# Next Steps



- Tech Pod
- SSIO online resources
  - [sathvasaihumanitarianrelief.org](https://sathvasaihumanitarianrelief.org)
- Continue sustainability efforts at center and regional





## The Friendship Ambassador Pledge

As a Friendship Ambassador, I pledge to:

uphold the virtues of *kindness, fairness, integrity, and respect* in every work that I do;

take proactive steps to promote a *peaceful and sustainable* world that is built on *friendship*;

seek and bring out the *best* in others to help them reach their *full potential*;

promote *understanding and cooperation* beyond differences and barriers;

and recognize the importance of *friendship* as a catalyst for making a *positive change* and creating a *better world for all*.



# Young Adult International Engagement



<http://sathyasai.org/ya/yaie>





# Coming up next in April...



## ❖ “*Love and Discipline*” by Region 2 Team

- *At times, we have questions on the rules and discipline aspect that Swami has laid down for us like on gender-separation etc. This leads to questions like "Why should we follow all the rules if we feel Swami's presence even without doing so?". So, Are we constantly trying to adapt Swami to fit our lives rather than the other way around?*

❖ Details: [sathyasai.us/ya/SAIX](https://sathyasai.us/ya/SAIX)

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# Thank You and Sairam



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