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The Sansthan's newly selected Chairman Shri Jayant Sasane (M.L.A.) with the Vice-chairman Shri Shankararao Kolhe (Ex. M.L.A.) and other Trustees Shri Radhakrishna Vikhe Patil (M.L.A.), Shri Kailas Kote (Chairman of Shirdi Nagar Panchayat), Shri Ashok Khambekar (Journalist), Captain Suresh Vasudeva, Shri Krishnachandra Pandeya takes the darshan of Shree Sai Baba in the Samadhi Mandir at Shirdi on the 1st September 2004 before taking the strings of the Management of Shree Sai Baba Trust (Shirdi) in hand.

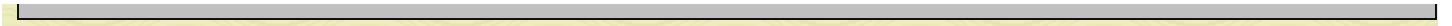


Shri Jayant Sasane expresses his feelings after swearing in as the Chairman of the Sansthan, as the Vice-chairman Shri Shankararao Kolhe, other Trustees Shri Radhakrishna Vikhe Patil, Shri Kailas Kote, Shri Krishnachandra Pandeya, Smt. Urmila Jadhav, Executive Officer Shri Bhausahab Wakchaure, Administrative Officers, Staff Members and other Dignitaries look on at the ceremony.



***Sansthan's Chairman
Shri Jayant Sasane
in a Glance***

- * Name : Jayant Murlidhar Sasane
- * Address : Hs. No. 1808, Shivaji Road, Ward No. 3, Shrirampur - 413 709, Dist. Ahmednagar, Maharashtra State. Tel. No. (02422) 222910 - 312900
- * Date of Birth : 5th July 1958 * Place of Birth : Shrirampur
- * Education : B.Com. (Hon.) * Language known : Marathi, Hindi, English
- * Occupation : Agriculture
- * SOCIAL WORK
- * Began with the vigorous active part taken in the Farmers' and Students' Movements in 1980.
- * Elected as an youngest Councilor of Shrirampur Municipal Council in May 1985.
- * Elected as a Governing Council Member of Pune University for the period of five years (1986- 1992)
- * Founded Maharashtra Seva Mandal Education Trust which runs Primary and Secondary Schools having 3000 students at present.
- * Elected as the President of Shrirampur Municipal Council in 1989 and adorned the post for 10 years continuously. Constructed nearly 1600 houses for the down-trodden people without charging anything and started continuous supply of drinking water in this limited period.
- * Well-known Social Workers Dr. Babasaheb Amte and Late Mother Teresa extolled for the social development works done in the period from 1989 to 1999 by the Municipal Council, in their special visits to Shrirampur.
- * Shrirampur Municipal Council takes guidance whenever necessary as an abled, experienced and succeeded President of the Council.
- * Elected as a Member of Mula Pravara Electric Co-operative Society which is only one Electricity Distribution Co-operative Society in Asia.
- * Elected as a Member of Maharashtra Assembly from Shrirampur Constituency in October 1999 and again recently in September 2004. Worked for Panchayat Raj Samiti, Lok Lekha Samiti, Niyojan Samiti of Maharashtra Assembly. By doing different types of Public Works such as Construction of Roads, Samaj Mandirs, Boarwells, Wall Compound to the Cemetery for Minority Community, Gardens, Play Grounds, Small Dams and Canals, Water Reservoirs, Kolhapur-type Dam for the adequate supply of water to the farms, Street Lights etc. got an acquaintance as an efficient M.L.A. of Maharashtra.
- * Collected more than 6 million Rs. Funds to carry out the Public Works done in the Shrirampur Assembly Constituency.
- * Succeeded in maintaining Communal Harmony among the different communities in Shrirampur Assembly Constituency.





Aum Shree Sadgurudevaya namah I
Aum my prostrations to the Celebrated God in the form of the Divine Preceptor.

Aum Shree Sainathaya namah I
Aum my prostrations to the Celebrated God in the form of the Divine Shree Sainatha.

Atha

Shree Sainathashtakam

Now the panegyric consisting of 8 verses in eulogy of shree Sainatha

(Anushtup)

**Sainatha ! namastubhyam mama shreyaskarah
sada I Dayasindho ! Krupardrastvam tvad-drstir-
mangalaprada II111**

"O Sainatha ! Obeisance to You. You are always the Imparter of my excellence. O the Ocean of Compassion ! You are melted with grace. Your sight is always showering auspiciousness." (1)

**Sachchidanandroopaya Sainathaya te namah I
Bhaya-klesha-vinashaya mangalya-vara-
dayine II2II**

"Obeisance to Your Holiness Sainatha, Who are in the embodied form of Being (*sat*), Consciousness (*chit*) and Bliss and are the Relinquisher of fears and worldly affliction (*klesha*) and the best of the boons of auspiciousness." (2)

**Shirdisthopi sarvatra sada samrakshako bhavan I
Sharanagata-bhaktanam
smartroonamanugrahkah II3II**

"Though Your Holiness are (physically) situated at Shirdi, You are everywhere and always the Excellent Protector. You are Gracious to the devotees, surrendered to You and remembering You." (3)

[The main purport is this. Apparently, Shree Sainatha seems to be present at Shirdi only, it being His residential place during His physical existence; but it is not so, in-as-much as He always approaches as soon as He is truly remembered i.e. He is *Smartrugami* (= being immediately present only by being remembered) and also presents Himself everywhere in the world i.e. *Sarvagami* or *Sarvatogami* (= approaching everywhere and from every corner of the world). Baba is Omnipresent and Omniscient, being identified with the Supreme God. Many devotees have experienced this. Baba's one of the attributes is - *Trilokeshu Avighatagatih* - One whose access (or entrance) is unimpeded (or unobstructed) in the three worlds.]

Satyavadi satyadharma satyasyagrahavan sada I

**Satpalanat prasanascha bhaktanam satya-
rakshakah II4II**

“O Baba ! You are Truth Speaking (i.e. veracious, sincere, candid), strictly Truthful (i.e. absolutely established in the truth) and You always bear persistence for truth only; moreover, You are being propitiated by observance of truth; Your Holiness are the Protector of the course of righteousness of devotees.” (4)

**Ruju-janeshu tushtosi priyastesham sadaiva hi I
Lilavachan-matrena tesham
saddarmadarshakah II5II**

“You are contented with straightforward persons and really are endeared to them always. You point out to them the true course of righteousness by sportive utterances only.” (5)

**Vitta-santan-saktanam linanam ragkarmasu I
Bhogaishwarya-vimudhanam vairagya-janako
bhavan II6II**

“Your Holiness ! Do provoke the sentiment of indifference to worldly desires (i.e. aversion to the worldly objects, renunciative spirit) in those who are attached to property and progeny and abundantly absorbed in the acts prompted by passion (*raga* i.e. likes, desires, emotions) and also deeply deluded by pleasure and prosperity.” (6)

Na kadapi gato riktah sharanastho hi

**kashchana I Smartrugamin ! Kashtaharin !
Raksha-vrat-dharo ! Bhavan II7II**

“Really, no one surrendered to Your Holiness, has turned with his cherished desire unfulfilled at any time. O You, approaching instantly as soon as remembered ! O the Dispeller of distresses ! Your Majesty, hold the vowed observance of protection.” (7)

**Shishuraham bhavanstrata sada sharanagatosmi
te I Tasmad-vatsalya-bhavana rakshitavyosmi
sarvatha II8II**

“I am an infant and Your Holiness are the Protector. I have surrendered to You always and, therefore, I am to be protected by You in every way (i.e. by all means) with affection towards an offspring.” (8)

**Sainathashtakamidam yah pathet prayatah
puman I Tasya bhavanusarena Sainathah
prasidatu II9II**

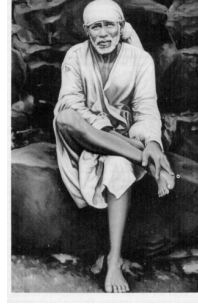
“The pious person who recites this panegyric consisting of eight verses for Sainatha, may Sainatha be propitiated according to his devotional sentiment.” (9)

Bhakta-charan-rajah-prarthinah

**Kantilalasya ShreeSainatha-charanakamalayoh
sashtangah pranatih I**

Prostrations to the Lotus-feet of Shree Sainatha by Kantilal soliciting the pollen dust of the feet of devotees.

- Prof. Dr. K. J. Ajabia



Shirdi Sai

The Incarnation of Dattatreya

If there is any Incarnation of God, Who had ever retained His sway on millions of followers and continued to grant boons to the devoted long after the cessation of His physical or mortal coil, He is Shirdi Sai Baba. He has been variously described as the Incarnation of God in different forms.

Lord Dattatreya, the Divine Child of saint Atri and *Mata Anasooya* has been worshipped as the *Aadi Guru*, and the Deity of Deities. As a result of the penance of the causal couple - Atri and Anasooya, Dattatreya was born with the image of the Divine Trinity - Brahma, the creator, Vishnu, the preserver and Shiva, the destroyer. The pantheistic attribution of the divine qualities to Dattatreya has paved the way for the highest place to Him in the minds and hearts of millions of devotees all over the world. *Datta Jayanti* falls on the *Pournima* day in the month of Maargasirsa and it is considered as the most sanctified day. Lord Dattatreya has in fact been ageless and does not confine to time or space.

Around the year 1886, Shirdi Sai ceased from the physical world leaving the mortal coil and was believed to have reappeared after 72 hours assuming physical body and lived till 1918 that is a short span of 32 years. It is a strange coincidence that all great saints and

ncarnations left the physical world in their thirties. Baba's physical body was protected by His staunch devotee Mhalsapati long after the '*praana*' (auto energy) fled it. It was again on the Pournima day of the month of Maargasirsa that Baba left this world but gave '*darshan*' to His millions of devotees with the three faces of the Trinity. Thus, the belief of the reincarnation of Lord Dattatreya as Shirdi Baba is proved to be true beyond doubt. *Datta Jayanti* is as important to Shirdi Sai devotees as it is to the devotees of Lord Datta.

Of the important festivals observed in the Shirdi temple of Baba like Shree Rama *Navami* during March-April started by Baba Himself, *Guru Pournima* during July-August with Baba as *Vyasa Bhagavan*, *Vijayadashami* as *Samadhi* Day, the *Datta Jayanti* on Maargasirsa *Suddha Pournima* day assumes added significance.

The '*Tattva*' (quality) of Shirdi Sai Baba, the Incarnation of Lord Dattatreya could not be confined to a little space here for it runs into volumes and the devotees have been abundantly experiencing it day in and day out.

- Dr. P. G. Krishna Murthy

Machilipatnam.



Now

THE PANEGYRIC CONSISTING OF THE THOUSAND NAMES OF THE CELEBRATED DATTATREYA

My Obeisance to the Celebrated Lord of *Ganas*.

My Obeisance to the Celebrated Preceptors.

My Obeisance to the Celebrated Goddess
Saraswati (i.e. the Goddess of Learning).

My Obeisance to the Celebrated *Guru* Dattatreya.

My Obeisance to that Celebrated *Gurudeva*,
from whom is the emanation of Gods, beings and
the Lords of the worlds and comes from whom,
wisdom and real knowledge. (1)

My Obeisance to that Celebrated *Gurudeva*,
besides whom there is nothing else and in whom
merge all embodied beings. (2)

My Obeisance to that Celebrated *Gurudeva* in
whom this universe is said to reside and on whom
death cannot cast a glance and by whom knowledge
and emancipation are bestowed upon (all). (3)

Dasa said -

"O you all sages, highly devoted to Dattatreya !
Listen to the thousand names of Atreya (the Son of
Atri), a sovereign secret." (4)

"Now, I shall impart to you the knowledge, the
best of the best, which leads the persons who follow
the path of Datta to all achievements." (5)

"I shall recite to you the divine thousand names
of the Ascetic Dattatreya which are enormously
meritorious and are destroyers of sins." (6)

"A person is absolved of all sins simply by

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(reciting) the name ‘Datta’, ‘Datta’. Moreover, he attains the supreme, eternal and inborn stare.” (7)

Om ! The Celebrated *Guru Paramahansa* is the Seer of this panegyric spell named *Shree Dattatreya-Sahasra-Nama* (i.e. The Thousand Names of the Celebrated Dattatreya).

God Shree Dattatreya is the Deity.

Anushtup is the metre.

‘*Om*’ is the seed.

‘*Dam*’ is the power.

‘*Ttam*’ is the *Kilaka* (i.e. the pin).

The Great Glorious God Dattatreya is the Deity.

Indulging in recitation of the panegyric of thousand names is meant for achieving (His) grace.

Now the purification of elements.

The purification of elements arises, when the merging of elements is visualised in the supreme, perfect, vast space-consciousness, which is void of any distinction and which is untouched by any blemish.

Now, the consecration of the Vital Air.

“I am this entire animate and inanimate (world) - knowing this, consecration of the Vital Air (i.e. holding the life-force) in this body is declared.”

Now, the establishment in hands, heart etc. (of the Deity) -

Om, Obeisance to the Celebrated Dattatreya, the embodied form of auspiciousness, with thumbs.

Om, Obeisance to the Celebrated Dattatreya, the embodied form of bliss, with the pointing fingers.

Om, Obeisance to the Celebrated Dattatreya, the First Preceptor, with the middle fingers.

Om, Obeisance to the Celebrated Dattatreya, the Ascetic who has renounced all worldly attachments and connections, with the ring-fingers.

Om, Obeisance to the Celebrated Dattatreya, having directions as garments, with the smallest fingers.

Om, Obeisance to the Celebrated



Dattatreya, the embodied form of the Supreme *Brahman*, with the palms and the hinder parts of the hands.

Thus, the establishment (of the Deity) in the hands is over.

Now, the assignment (of the Deity) in the heart etc.

Om, Obeisance to the Celebrated Dattatreya, the embodied form of auspiciousness (situated) in the heart.

Om, Obeisance with (the utterance of the sacred word) **Swaha to the Celebrated Dattatreya, the embodiment of bliss (residing) in the head.**

Om, *Vashat* to the Celebrated Dattatreya, the First Embodied Form (placed) in the lock of hair on the head.

Om, Prostration with the mystical syllable

'*Hum*' to the Celebrated Dattatreya, the Ascetic, who has renounced all the worldly attachments and connection and who is in the form of an armour.

Om, Prostration with the mystical syllable '*Vaushat*' to the Celebrated Dattatreya, having directions as garments (situated) in three eyes.

Om, Prostration with the mystic syllable '*Fat*' to the Celebrated Dattatreya, the embodied form of the Supreme *Brahman*, and who is as a (protecting) weapon.

Thus, the establishment (of the Deity) in the heart etc.

Now, the contemplation -

I contemplate on Dattatreya, having directions as garments, whose body is besmeared with ashes, the embodied wisdom, perfectly united with the Supreme *Brahman*, delighted, whose body is extremely dark-blue owing to the emancipated state and who is absorbed in profound meditation on *Brahman*.

Thus, the contemplation.

Now, should be undertaken the remembrance of the main names (of Shree Datta).

Om, Obeisance to the Glorious Dattatreya,

having directions as His garments.

Om, Obeisance to the Glorious Dattatreya, having consciousness as His garment.

Om, Obeisance to the Glorious Dattatreya, the Ascetic who has renounced all the worldly attachments and connections.

Om, Obeisance to the Glorious Dattatreya who granted a boon to Atri.

Om, Obeisance to the Glorious Dattatreya, in the form of the First Preceptor.

Om, Obeisance to the Glorious Dattatreya, the Supreme God.

Om, Obeisance to the Glorious Supreme *Brahman* Dattatreya.

Om, Obeisance to the Glorious Dattatreya, the embodied form of *Sat* (Reality), Consciousness and Bliss.

Om, Obeisance to the Glorious Dattatreya, in the universal form.

Om, Obeisance to the Glorious Dattatreya, in the form of the soul.

Thus, calling the prominent names to mind is over.

Now, calling to mind the sixteen names.

1) Om, Obeisance to the Celebrated Supreme Ascetic.

2) Om, Obeisance to the Celebrated Conferrer of a boon to Atri.

3) Om, Obeisance to the Celebrated Dattatreya (i.e. Datta, the Son of Atri).

4) Om, Obeisance to the Son of Anasooya, who quenched the fire destroying the universe.

5) Om, Obeisance to the beloved of the Ascetics.

6) Om, Obeisance to the Master of the mystic achievements.

7) Om, Obeisance to the Master of knowledge.

8) Om, Obeisance to the Ascetic who renounced all the worldly attachments and relations and who is free from illusion (i.e. *maya*).

9) Om, Obeisance to the Celebrated First Preceptor.

10) Om, Obeisance to the Celebrated (Dattatreya), having the eyes like blue lilies and dark lotuses.