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AFTER HIS MAHASAMADHI.....

IS BABA LIVING AND HELPING NOW ?



DEVOTEES EXPERIENCES AFTER BABA'S MAHASAMADHI ON 15TH OCTOBER, 1918 FROM BOOK ENTITLED 'AMBROSIA IN SHIRDI' WRITTEN BY SHRI RAMALINGAM SWAMI, INSPIRED BY SHRI SIVANESAN SWAMIJI OF SHIRDI

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93. BABA CURED THE CHICKEN-POX AND OTHER DISEASES OF THE DAUGHTER OF SMT. P. JANARDHANAMMA, CHENNAI.....

My daughter Akkila, aged seven years, had chicken-pox (*Atalamma*) last July. After three days, she had high temperature, and was raving. No medicine was given as none was supposed to be given for a disease of this sort.

We prayed to Sai (having got faith in Him after reading 'Sai Leela'), and put some *Udi* in her mouth. She felt some relief within 2 or 3 minutes. She herself told us so at once. During the next 3 or 4 days, whenever there were some troublesome symptoms, she herself asked for the *Udi*, used it and got relief. Then she became alright.

My other daughter Yashoda, aged five years, is very devoted to Baba. She plucks flowers from our garden and worships Baba's picture with them. After Akkila's recovery, Yashoda too had an attack of chicken-pox and we gave her Baba's *Udi*. It was a mild attack and soon disappeared.

Yashoda's faith in Baba was so great that when her elder sister had jaundice and was taking medicines, Yashoda said, "Why not simply take Baba's *Udi* and discard the medicine ?"

One day, our gardener complained of a severe stomachache due to which not only was he unable to do any work, he had to be carried home. We gave him some *Udi* which he used. By evening he had recovered.

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94. BABA CURED THE TYPHOID OF SHRI MOHANAKRISHNAN, S/O SMT. K. ARUNDATI AMMAL, CHENNAI.....

My son *Shri* Mohanakrishnan, aged five years, was suffering from typhoid. He was under allopathic treatment and there were various complications.

I had faith in *Shri* Sai Baba, having read the 'Sai Leela'. Finding medicines useless, I used Baba's *Udi* for the boy.

One night, his temperature was high and he was in a delirium, raving loudly. I was helpless. I prayed to Baba to save the boy, and gave the *Udi*, vowing we would take the boy when cured, to Shirdi. Within fifteen minutes the symptoms subsided. The delirium and raving ceased and the patient slept. Gradually, the fever left him and he recovered.

Every year, during the last quarter, my health has been giving great trouble. I prayed to Baba for help, seeing how He had helped my boy. In October 1938, my trouble began as usual. I then prayed and vowed that I would remit Rs. 100/- to Shirdi and also make a pilgrimage to Shirdi, if the disease was cured. Then, it disappeared completely, not even leaving a trace behind.

A calf of mine had dysentery earlier in this month. I did not wish to send it to the Veterinary Hospital despite numerous suggestions from friends. I put some of Baba's *Udi* in its mouth. Then, the dysentery which had troubled it for six or seven days ceased and the calf was cured.



95. BABA CURED THE FEVER AND HELPED IN THE SAFE DELIVERY OF THE YOUNGER AND ELDER SISTERS OF *SHRI* ABDUL SATTAR *SAHEB*, SCENTS DEALER, WORIYUR TRICHY.....

I learnt of *Shri* Sai Baba's greatness from *Shri* A. S. Gopalkrishna Iyer. I used to offer *Naivedya* and light scented sticks manufactured by me before Baba's picture in *Shri* A. S. Gopalkrishna Iyer's office.

One of my younger sisters had fever for a whole week. *Shri* Iyer asked me to apply Baba's *Udi*, but I forgot to take it from him. When I reached home without it, I lay thinking of my omission. Baba appeared in my dream. He applied His *Udi* and blessed the patient. Next morning she recovered her health.

Another younger sister of mine was pregnant. It was her first conception. We were all anxious when the labour pains began. I gave her Baba's *Udi*. A little bit was given to be swallowed and some was smeared on her body. Within an hour she had a safe delivery.

Four days later, my elder sister was about to deliver. On previous occasions it had been observed that she would have fits at the time of delivery. We were, therefore, afraid that history would repeat itself. But, I was assured of the efficiency of Baba's *Udi* and in three hours she had an easy delivery, without any fits.

The younger sister, who had delivered earlier, developed an abscess. The doctor treating her feared there may be a fractured bone below the abscess. We prayed to Baba and vowed to send Rs. 1-4-0. Later, another doctor examined her; but found no fracture and cured it by an operation.

Due to my firm faith in *Shri* Sai Baba, I have named my scents manufacturing unit as 'Sai Baba *Udi* Works'.



96. BABA CURED THE LIVER OF MISS SANTHA, COUSIN OF MISS K. V. LALITHA.....

In 1937, October, my two year old cousin Santha of Erode had been suffering from an enlarged liver for three months and the case was serious. The medical treatment continued. Baba's *Udi* was applied to her body and given in small doses for her to eat. The disease became less severe and in a year, she was cured.

Another cousin Gururajan had liver and spleen enlargements ever since he was one or two years old. Gradually, he got better and seemed to be cured in his seventh year. But, two years later (when he was nine) he had a sudden relapse and passed blood in his urine. We despaired for his life. We gave him Baba's picture and *Udi*. We also advised his parents to make vows to *Shri* Sai Baba. He was also treated by Dr. D. Mac Roberts. The boy had a vision of someone visiting him. He is now alright for the past eighteen months, thanks to Baba's grace.



97. BABA MADE A MOHAMMEDAN DEVOTEE WIN HIS APPEAL (WRITTEN BY *SHRI* SWAMINATHAN IYER, 19, TOWN HALL, CHENNAI).....

The remittance of Rs. 100/- by money order is the amount I have received from a Mohammedan friend of mine on account of his success in an appeal. The appeal was prepared by me and at that time he promised to pay me this sum if he succeeded.

But, since I am a staunch devotee of *Shri* Sai Baba (though I was not fortunate enough to see Him when He was living), I had told my friend at that time that the amount would be paid to *Shri* Sai Baba Sansthan as charity.

As I am just in the receipt of that amount, I am remitting the same to be utilised for any charitable purpose as would have been utilised by the Master Himself (*Shri* Sai Baba when He was in human form). I, therefore, leave it to you to take a suitable decision.



98. BABA FULFILLED THE WISHES OF *SHRI* T. BALANAGI REDDI, REDDY STREET, OLD TOWN, ANANTAPUR (A. P.).....

There was a civil litigation pending for the last eleven years. We had failed in all courts and there was no chance of recovering anything, even to maintain ourselves.

After we turned to *Sadguru Shri Sai Baba*, it has now been possible to retain some property for our livelihood. The litigation was launched in the name of my wife Smt. P. Subhamma.

She now wants to join *Shri Sai Baba Sansthan* as a life member. It seems she had vowed thus and has achieved it. The case ended about 10 days ago and she is sending the amount of Rs. 100/- without delay. Please accept and make her a life long member of your esteemed Sansthan.

As soon as we get back the property and we have repaid our debts, our whole family of three will be joining as members, as bright days commence.



99. BABA MADE HIS HOLINESS B. V. NARASIMHASWAMY SUFFER FOR NOT ADHERING TO HIS INSTRUCTIONS.....

His Holiness B. V. Narasimhaswamy was getting particulars from the devotees in Shirdi and began to write about the devotees' experiences. One day, Baba ordered him in his dream to stop the writing.

But, in his zeal to serve Baba, he continued writing ignoring Baba's definite order in his dream. As a result, *Swamiji* somehow became senseless and dumb. All the devotees joined together and took him to Manmad to arrange to send him to his native place in Chennai. At Manmad, they asked him, whether he would drink some milk. *Swamiji* made signs to say "yes".

They fetched him milk from a nearby tea shop and made him drink. After drinking the milk he became fully conscious and spoke well. He asked for some more milk. After that he returned to Shirdi and stayed there for some time. He finished his work with Baba's grace and returned to Chennai. With Baba's blessings he formed the All India Sai Samaj, Mylapore, Chennai - 4. He has written many authentic books on *Shri Sai Baba's Creed*.

We can dare say that none in the world till now has done so much as *Swamiji* in propagating Sai's worship and thereby obtained *Sadgati* with Baba's grace.



100. BABA HIMSELF PROVED THAT HE EXISTS EVEN AFTER HIS MAHASAMADHI ON 15TH OCTOBER, 1918 AS PER LETTER WRITTEN BY PROF. G. G. NARKE TO SHRI G. S. KHAPARDE, DATED 5TH NOVEMBER, 1918.....

Prof. G. S. Narke wrote a letter to *Shri G. S. Khaparde* stating that he had been to Shirdi on 2nd October, 1918 and that *Shri Sai Baba* was suffering from fever since 28th September, 1918, and had given up eating food from that day. However, He had not given up His begging round (*Bhiksha*). He became weak and was unable to walk. *Shri Butti* and *Shri Nimonkar* helped Baba in walking during His round to Lendi Baug and His daily round of *Bhiksha*. Baba stopped His round of *Bhiksha* from 13th October, 1918.

Baba's health grew worse and He asked His devotees to take their meals in their residences. *Shri Bhagoji Shinde*, *Lakshmanmama*, *Nanasaheb Nimonkar* and *Laxmibai* were present. Four days prior to leaving His mortal coil, He told that He no longer wanted to stay at *Dwarkamai* or in the *Chavadi*, but at *Butti's Wada*. His condition grew worse on 15th October, 1918. He sent everyone to their residences for their meals and asked two Shirdi villagers to seat with Him..... Sai Baba called *Laxmibai Shinde* and gave first Rs. 5/- and then Rs. 4/- in all Rs. 9/-..... One of the villagers, present in the Masjid, came out and said that Baba was having trouble breathing. *Nanasaheb Nimonkar* came and put some water in Baba's mouth; but the water came out. On seeing this *Shri Nimonkar* cried, "Oh, Deva..... !" Baba opened His eyes and wanted to speak; but was unable to do so. He breathed His last on *Bayaji's lap*.

The next morning, i.e. on 16th October, 1918, Baba appeared in *Lakshmanmama's* dream and told him, "That Jogi thinks I am dead and so, you come and do *Kakad Aarati*."

After a long discussion about the disposal of the body, it was decided to keep Baba's body in *Butti's Wada* as per His last words. The *Samadhi* ceremony of *Shri Sai Baba* took place in *Butti's Wada* on 18th October, 1918.

Even though His mortal coil is no longer there, He is alive and active as aforesaid and effecting the welfare of His devotees as we have read so far.

- Jyoti Ranjan



That was the only seat and the bed. He wore a '*kaupin*' (*langoti* or loin cloth) tied at the waist and had no other garment. Only the '*dhuni*' was there to ward off the cold II91II Baba would sit cross-legged, facing South, with His left arm resting on the railing in the *Masjid*, gazing intently into the *dhuni* in front of Him II92II Along with ego and passion, all kinds of desires were offered as oblation; and, also, worldly aspirations were thrown into the *dhuni*; by different ways and means II93II - Chapter 5 Baba's '*dhuni*' was kept burning, all the twentyfour hours in the *Masjid*, whether it be summer, winter, monsoon or spring II84II How strange was Baba's determination ! Just as the *Agnihotri* performed his *agnihotra*, similarly Baba's sacred *dhuni* remained lit in the *Masjid*, day and night II85II Chapter 23 Baba repeatedly asked and took *dakshina* from which He did charity, helping the poor and the needy. From the balance, He purchased a lot of firewood which He piled in heaps II5II He offered the dry wood as an oblation in the *dhuni*, in front of Him. The ashes from the burnt wood which were considerable, were distributed to the devotees II6II - Chapter 33 In order to keep the *dhuni* lit, Baba bought bundles of wood and kept them stacked against one of the walls in the courtyard II86II - Chapter 23 — Shri Sai Satcharita



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upper floor of the house.



God” saying so, he used to repent his utterances. Remembering the forgiving nature of Baba, his eyes weeled with tears and he called, “Oh my Lord !”

Baba went to Madhavrao’s house especially on two occasions – firstly, when Madhavrao was bitten by a scorpion and secondly, when he was running a very high fever. On not seeing Madhavrao in the Masjid, Baba enquired with the devotees, “Why Shamyia has not come for the *Aarati* ?” The folks said, “Baba, he has fever.” Baba took hold of his worn *Kafni*, went to his house and brought him for the *Aarati*.

Madhavrao stayed in Kakasaheb’s *Wada* and also looked after the maintenance of the *Wada*. Kakasaheb was affectionate towards Madhavrao and made him stay in his *Wada*. On the other hand, he let out Madhavrao’s own house on rent and thus, helped in improving his means of living and finances. After the death of Kakasaheb, Madhavrao used to issue his rent receipts in the name of the Sansthan.

Even Bapusaheb Butti entrusted the work of maintenance and supervision of his *Wada* to Madhavrao. For this work, Bapusaheb gave Rs. 7 every month to Madhavrao. After the death of Bapusaheb, his son Keshavrao continued the practice.

A few months prior to his death, for some specific reason, Madhavrao was required to leave Dixit *Wada* and stay at his own house. It was a miracle that 6-7 months before he passed away, Madhavrao’s health improved suddenly and he started moving about. He repeatedly said - “My God has once again started looking at me.”

Balasaheb Deo writes about Madhavrao’s death :-

“Kakasaheb Dixit, Bhausahab Dhumal, Annasaheb Dabholkar were virtuous devotees who did not experience sufferings before their demise. Madhavrao was similarly fortunate. He spent only a night and time up to noon in an unconscious state. He passed away in his own house on Thursday, 26th April, 1940 (*Chaitra, Krishna Chaturthi, Shaka* 1862). At that time, he was 80 years old. Very rarely, a person is fortunate enough to have such a peaceful death. This is not possible without the good deeds of the past.

The next day, Madhavrao’s funeral procession was taken out with great fan-fare. A lot of people were present. They gave him *Tilanjali* on the public well of the town.”

After Baba took *Samadhi*, Madhavrao spent the next 23 years in practicing medicines, looking after the devotees and narrating Baba’s *Leelas* to curious devotees. It would be proper to say that – besides Mhalsapati and Tatya Patil – Madhavrao was the only other person who had the great fortune to spend so much time in the company of Baba.

There were persons who were ardent devotees of Baba. However, amongst them, the love and affection between Baba and Madhavrao was somewhat unique. Balasaheb Deo – an ardent devotee of Baba – was curious about this relationship between Baba and Madhavrao. He carried out an in-depth research on Shri Sai Sat Charita to ascertain the reasons, why Madhavrao was so close to Baba, why he was so fortunate to have such *Bhakti-vaibhav* (wealth of devotion) and why Baba used to agree to many things which Madhavrao asked.

For the purpose, Balasaheb also studied the life of Madhavrao. On 2nd April, 1934 Madhavrao placed two chits before Baba’s *Samadhi* and took Baba’s permission before narrating his life story to Balasaheb Deo.

From the very early times, Baba used to call Madhavrao as ‘Shama’ and *Masjid* as ‘Dwarkamai’. Balasaheb felt that there was a reason behind this. After careful study, Balasaheb came to conclusion that there were similarities between the relation of Lord Shri Krishna with Arjun on one hand and Baba and Madhavrao on the other hand.

* A reference to 37th *Shloka* in 10th *Adhyay* of Bhagwad Geeta reveals that *Bhagwant* had given his own name ‘Shri Krishna’ to His devotee ‘Arjun’. Similarly, Baba had given the name Sham to Madhavrao and indicated that Sham is His own Vibhuti.

At the time of wedding of Nanasaheb Chandorkar’s son and also at the time of thread ceremony of Kakasaheb Dixit’s son, Baba told Nanasaheb and Kakasaheb, “Take my Shamyia with you !”

Once, Kakasaheb was overwhelmed with emotions and said, “Baba, let me have Your *Sahawas* for ever.” Baba replied, “Keep this Shamyia with you ! That will mean I am with you.”

* Similarly, Madhavrao used to call Baba by the name 'Deva'. In Bhagwad Geeta, Arjun has also called Lord Shri Krishna as 'Deva' on several occasions.

Once, in an angry mood, Madhavrao said, "It is we who made you God. You give money and wealth to others; but are very miserly as far as I am concerned." Baba smiled indulgently at him and said with affection, "Are Shamya, the wealth of money is not for you. What is for you is very much different than that." Madhavrao understood the significance of this and remained quite about the matter.

* Arjun had once felt that the Lord is talking irrelevant things and had got angry with Him. Similar incident took place in Madhavrao's life also.

Once, Madhavrao's eyes were swollen and were paining. Even after trying out several medicines, there was no relief. Ultimately, in a foul mood, he rushed to Baba and said, "Are you blind ? Can't you see that I am suffering ?" Baba smiled and relied, "Don't get wild. Take seven seeds of Pepper, soak them in water and apply the water to your eyes. And take some *Udi* also." Though Madhavrao knew that such water may bring stinging sensation to his eyes, he had full faith in Baba. He went ahead, tried the home remedy and received instantaneous relief.

There is another incident concerning the wife of Sakham Aurangabadkar – a resident of Solapur. Madhavrao had forced Baba to gift a coconut to her and warned Him to bless her with a child or "else I will bang the same coconut on Your head !" The lady really had a child within a year.

At the time of noon *Aarati*, Madhavrao would scold Baba to "to sit and distribute *Prasad*." Baba also followed Madhavrao's orders without a whisper.

Once, while chitchatting with Madhavrao, Baba took out some money from the pocket of His *Kafni* and shoved it under the gunnysack, on which He was sitting. Just then, a man came to Him and started asking for money. Baba told him that He had no money and the man went away. When Madhavrao questioned this behaviour, Baba said, "This was not lying in true sense. You to give only when the person deserves it."

Once, a Ramdasi came to Baba. Everyday he read various religious books; but he was not able to overcome his ego. One day, Baba suddenly started pain in stomach. He told the Ramdasi to bring Sonamukhi – a medicinal herb. While he was gone, Baba took out Vishnu Sahasra Nam *Pothi* from the Ramdasi's bag and gave it to Madhavrao. On his return, the Ramdasi saw the book in Madhavrao's hand and became furious. Baba told him, "You wear saffron clothes and still behave like this ?"

* Arjun had requested Lord Shri Krishna to give him *Vishwaroop Darshan*. Similarly, on Madhavrao's insistence, Baba told him to close his eyes and blessed him with the view of *Satya Lok*, *Vaikuntha Lok* and *Kailas Lok* !

From the above incidents, one would realize, how apt was the comparison made by Balasaheb Deo between Arjun and Lord Shri Krishna and Madhavrao and Baba.

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Sai Sansthan's English school's exceptional performance in sports

The Shree Sai Baba Sansthan managed, Shri Sai Baba English Medium School has performed exceptionally well in sports in the academic year 2005 - 2006. The students led and competed at Divisional, District, State and National level in Chess, Volleyball, Sword Fighting, etc.

Tanmay Badhe, Kanhaiyya Sahani, Shubham Shivgaje, Akshay Warghude and Pritam Patil secured splendid success in the State level Chess tournament in Parbhani. Tanmay Badhe and Abhishek Deharkar stood first and third respectively in District level Chess competition and qualified for Pune Divisional Chess tournament held in Solapur.

Shantanu Adep, Hemant Muthe, Prasad Thete, Abhishek Deharkar qualified for State level competition in Sword Fighting in Yeotmal. Prasad Thete performed very well in this competition. He was selected for the Maharashtra Sword Fighting team.

Satish Sahani won a gold medal in the State level 5 k.m. walking competition held in Pune. He has been included in the Maharashtra team for National level competition.

Prasad Thete performed well at the State level Volleyball competition. He has also been selected for the Maharashtra team for 51st National Volleyball school competition held at Bhubaneshwar in Orissa.

These students were felicitated by Shree Sai Baba Sansthan Trust's Chairman *Shri* Jayant Sasane, Vice-chairman *Shri* Shankararao Kolhe, other trustees, Executive Officer *Shri* Bhausahab Wakchaure, Administrative Officers - *Shri* Prakash Deshpande, *Shri* Subhash Jagtap, *Shri* Prakash Joshi, *Shri* Eknath Wagh, *Shri* Ramesh Sabale, Principal (Mrs.) Z. V. Inamdar and others. The students received guidance from the physical trainer *Shri* Rajendra Kohokade.

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Shri Ramnavami celebrated with Pomp and Piety

The annual celebration of *Shri* Ramnavami was celebrated at Shirdi with the usual religious fervour and gaiety.

Like every year the *Padayatris* (pilgrims who walk to a holy place) came with their *Palkhis* (palanquins). There were more than 57 *Palkhis*, most of them from Mumbai and Thane. Shree Sai Baba Sansthan took care of their accommodation, water, light facility, etc. at their halts along the route. In this period, a free mobile dispensary was run between Sinnar and Shirdi. The programme was in association with Red Cross Society, Nasik. The Trustees - Dr. Eknath Gondkar, *Shri* Suresh Wable, *Shri* Ashok Khambekar and Executive Officer *Shri* Bhausahab Wakchaure, went to Sinnar, Vavi, Pohegaon, etc., to welcome and to oversee the needs of the pilgrims.

The celebrations got off to a great start with the divine *Kakad Arati* at 5.15 a.m. on April 5, 2006 and culminated on April 7, 2006. The three days divine extravaganza was marked with a number of spiritual and entertaining programmes till late in the night.

First Day, April 5, 2006 - *Kakad Arati* at 5.15 a.m. was attended by thousands of devotees, drenching the atmosphere with devotional fervour to Lord Sai and Lord Ram. After the *Kakad Arati*, Baba's photo, *Veena* and *Shri Sai Satcharita* were taken out in a grand procession to Dwarkamai from *Samadhi Mandir* via *Gurusthan*. At 6.30 a.m. non-stop recital of *Shri Sai Satcharita* commenced with the reading of 1st Chapter by trustee Smt. Urmila Jadhav. After this, Baba was given holy bath amidst chanting of vedic hymns. At 8.00 a.m. *Abhishek Pooja* was performed on behalf of Sansthan. Public auction of offerings to Baba in the form of cloth and ornaments was conducted at 8.30 a.m., where the enthusiastically competitive spirit amongst the devotees was interesting to watch. After the *noon Arati* and *Tirtha-prasad* at 12.30 p.m. routine recital of chapters from *Shri Sai Satcharita* was performed from 3.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. at *Samadhi Mandir*. *Shri Manu Maharaj* Kokalegaonkar from Nanded presented his lively and enlightening *Kirtan* from 4.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. *Dhooparati* was performed at 6.45 p.m. *Shri Ashok Hande* with his associate artists presented a programme 'Marathi Bana' from 8.30 p.m. to 12.35 a.m. on the stage constructed on the spacious ground at Sai Nagar. This entertaining programme was attended by a large gathering. At 9.15 p.m. Baba's palanquin's procession commenced. An enthusiastic but disciplined crowd of devotees made full use of this opportunity giving vent to their love and devotion through self-composed poems, couplets and slogans. The procession meandered through almost all the roads in the city and returned back to the *Samadhi Mandir*. After the *Shejarati*, the first day's celebrations came to an end. The non-stop recital of *Shri Sai Satcharita* was going on in Dwarkamai throughout the night.

Main Day, April 6, 2006 - The main day celebrations were witnessed by thousands of devotees who flocked to Shirdi. *Kakad Arati* at 5.15 a.m. set the pious beginning for the day. Several devotees were seen standing in large queues outside the *Samadhi Mandir* right from the time the *Kakad Arati* commenced. At 5.45 a.m. *Shri Sai Satcharita*'s non-stop recital was concluded. A procession of Baba's photo, *Veena* and *Shri Sai Satcharita* was taken out from Dwarkamai to *Samadhi Mandir*. Baba was given Holy bath at 6.30 p.m. by water specially brought from river Godavari in a procession. Public auction of various offerings to Baba was arranged at 8.30 a.m. Chairman *Shri Jayant Sasane*, Vice-chairman *Shri Shankararao Kolhe*, trustee *Shri Pandurang Abhang* and trustee *Shri Krishnachandra Pandeya* participated in the *Padya-pooja* and paid floral tributes to Baba's *Samadhi*. *Pooja* of a sack of grains was performed at the hands of trustees *Shri Ashok Khambekar* and *Shri Krishnachandra Pandeya* in the morning and it was taken out from *Samadhi Mandir* to Dwarkamai. Between 11.00 a.m. and 12.00 noon *Shri Manu Maharaj* Kokalegaonkar delivered a *Kirtan*, which brought live the birth and the complete story of Lord Ram. The other regular features included the *noon Arati* at 12.30 p.m. followed by *Tirtha-prasad*, routine recital of chapters from *Shri Sai Satcharita* and *Dhooparati*. The traditional 'Flags' procession was taken out at 4.00 p.m., which reminded of Baba's two intimate devotees, Late Nanasahab Nimonkar and Damuanna Kasar. Baba's chariot was taken out in a colourful procession at 5.00 p.m. At 8.30 p.m. a drama named 'Vichcha Mazi Puri Kara' produced by *Shri Vijay Kadam* was presented at Sai Nagar. At 9.15 p.m. Thursday's Palanquin procession was taken out. Devotees presented devotional songs at *Samadhi Mandir* from 11.00 p.m. The *Samadhi Mandir* was kept open throughout the night and devotees made full use of it by taking *Darshan* to their heart's content.

Concluding day, April 7, 2006 - The usual features were Baba's holy bath, *Padya-pooja* at the hands of trustees *Shri Krishnachandra Pandeya* and *Shri Ashok Khambekar*, public auction, *noon Arati* at 12.15, *Dhooparati* and *Shejarati*. *Rudrabhishek* was performed at the hands of trustees Dr. Eknath Gondkar and *Shri Krishnachandra Pandeya* at *Gurusthan* at 8.45 a.m. The unique features were *Gopalkala* and *Dahihandi* at 12.00 noon, which are common for all the *Utsavas* celebrated here. *Shri Rajesh Sarkate* of Aurangabad presented a special programme named 'Swar Vihar' from 8.30 p.m. to 12.15 a.m., comprising of *Bhajans* and devotional songs. With the culmination of this programme the curtain came down on a three-days celebrations which will be fondly remembered by all those who came to Shirdi during the *Utsav* period.

The participant devotees acknowledged the excellent arrangements by the Sansthan.

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