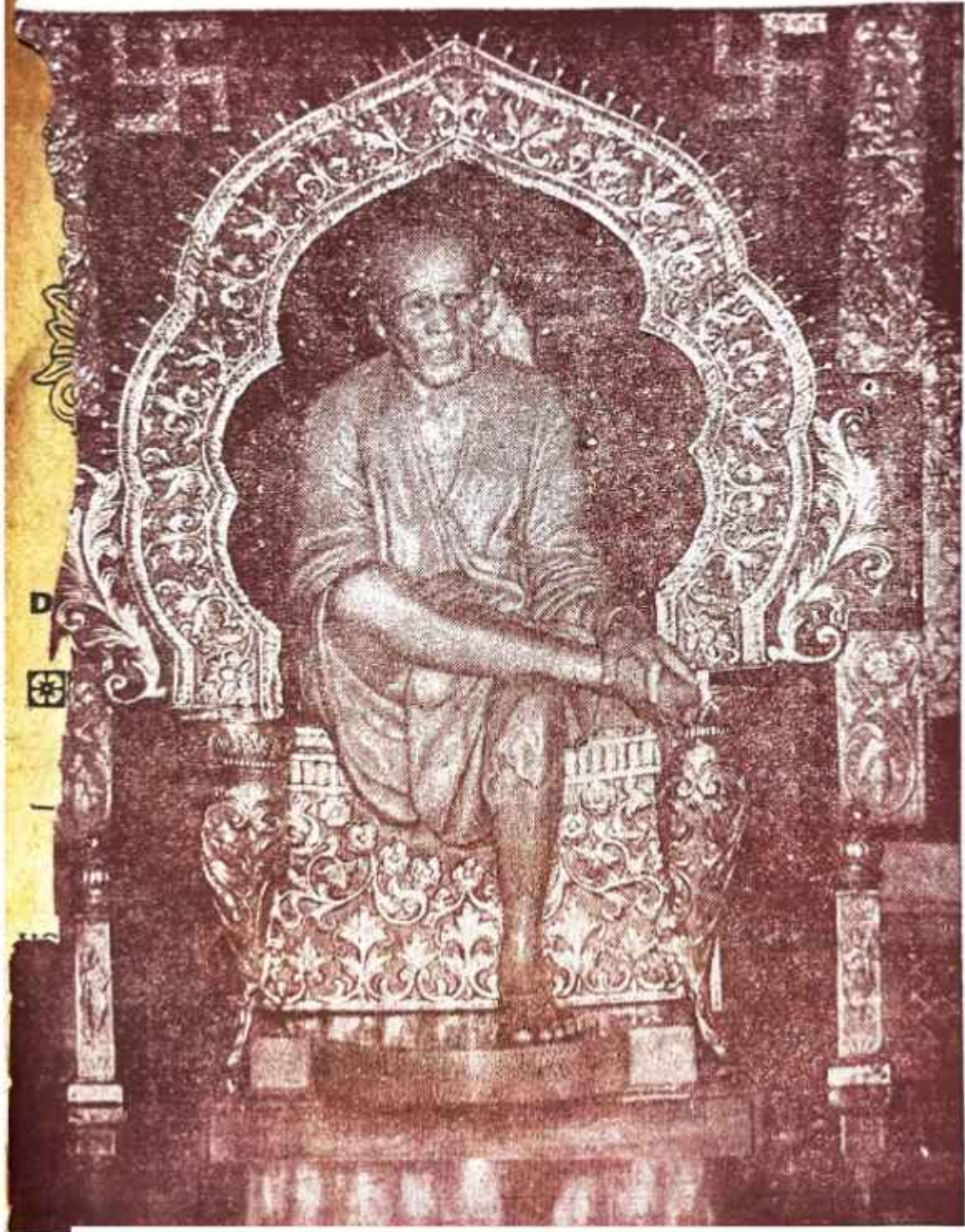


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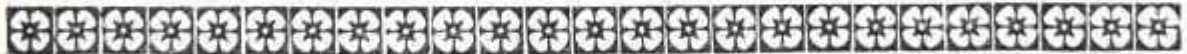
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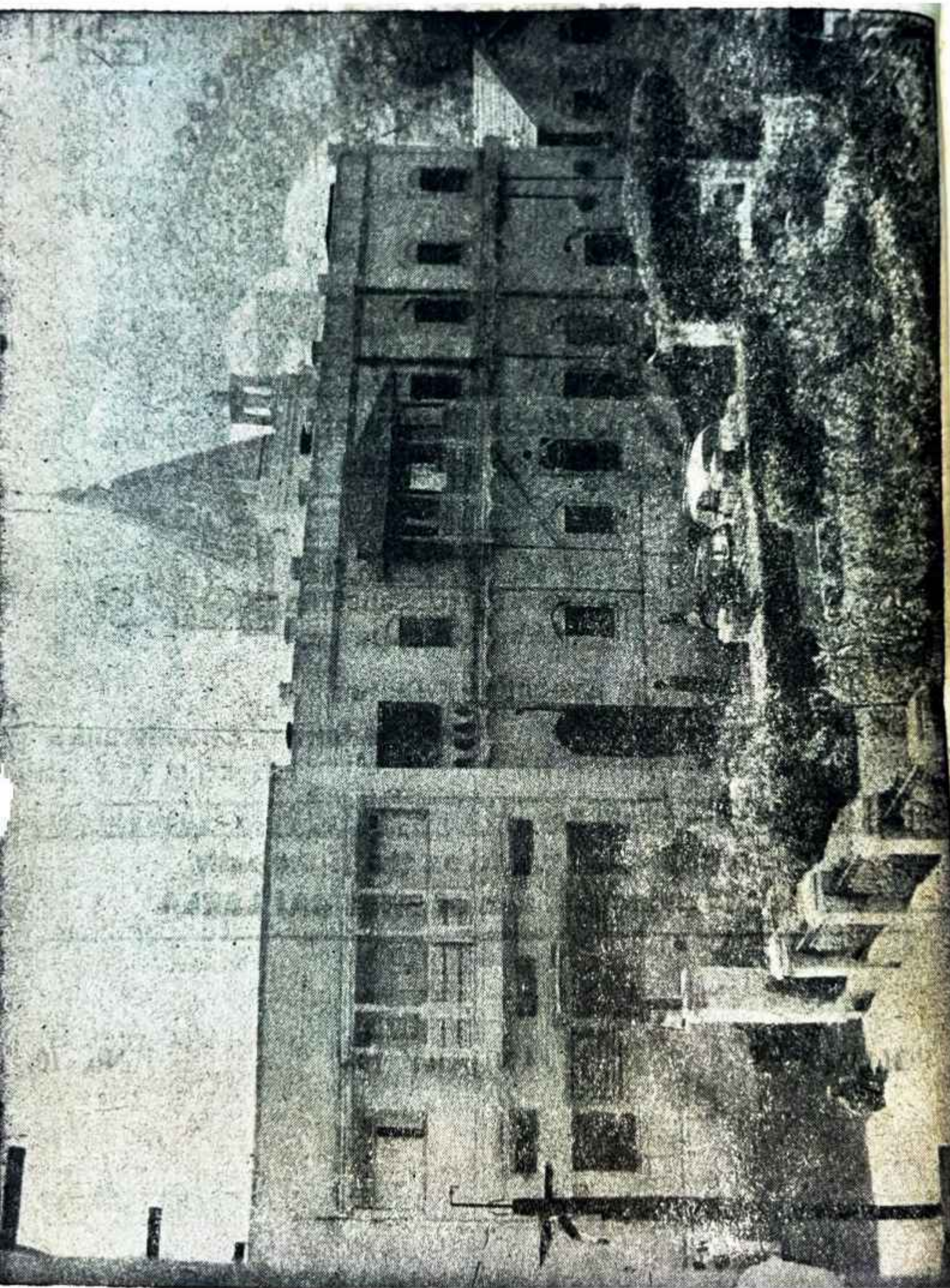


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An Ideal Place of Pilgrimage

Religion plays a very important role in the life of every Indian. Any order or dictum that is given to him by religion is honoured by him to the last letter of the word. Many things of general value like personal cleanliness, truthfulness, obedience were embodied in religion and were swallowed by the people at large like a sugar-coated bitter pill. Due to fear of sin, which would be committed by violating religious orders, nobody ever thought of challenging them. Religions orders were thus being obeyed implicitly in India by the masses without murmur. To give some examples of these religious orders, we may cite the order of not taking lunch or worshipping god before taking bath. This order was really meant to ensure personal cleanliness as in a country like india, which is sultry, sweating is quite common and if no proper bath is taken everyday, it may result in getting some skin diseases. Another custom in India is to leave your footwear outside the temple when you visit a temple or you leave your footwear at the entrance of your house. Here too hygiene has been the instrument in laying down this order. When we move about in the streets, we might naturally carry some infection with us through the dust on the streets. In order therefore to avoid the spread of that infection in our houses and temples, the order of removing the footwear must have been laid down. Washing of the legs before entering the Masjid for prayer is an order of the Muslim religion. The underlying idea of this order must also be the prevention of carrying the infection alongwith your legs.

One order of the Mohamedan religion is given above. Every religion has given some such orders to its followers. The order of going on a pilgrimage is very common to many religions and sects. Jerusalem is a place of pilgrimage for all the Christians. The Mohamedans yearn to go to the Haj pilgrimage and become a Haji (pure, pious). The Hindus go on pilgrimage to various places, which are famous for various different reasons; but what might be the underlying idea behind this order? In good old days there were no proper roads. There did not exist proper means of conveyance by which you could move from one place to another quickly and comfortably. It was because of this that by overcoming the static human nature, people would not move from one place to another and see different places and also know the nature and condition of their own countrymen staying in other parts of their country. Hence pilgrimage was included in religion and going on a pilgrimage to holy places became a religious order by which you could acquire merit, which would help you in your spiritual uplift. If we look at the biographies of saints and religious preachers, we find that they undertook pilgrimages to holy places as often as possible and they spent many years of their life in visiting holy places.

Religious and dutiful people in our country undertake pilgrimage to holy places whenever possible; but in these places of pilgrimage there are certain classes. Just as there is a legislative assembly for each state and there is a Parliament for the whole country, similarly in every state in India, there are certain holy places which attract people mostly from that state and there are very few people, who come from other states to visit those places. There are however some other places of pilgrimage which are popular among the masses and they are the places of pilgrimage for people coming from all the states in India. To speak about the state of Maharashtra we may say that places like Nasik, Pandharpur, Paithan, Shegaon are mostly popular only among the people in Maharashtra state; but Banaras and Allahabad in Utter Pradesh, Dwarka in Gujrat State, Kanya-

kumari in Kerala State, Puri in Orissa, Pashupati in Nepal. Amarnath in Kashmir or Tirupati in Andhra Pradesh are places of worship and pilgrimage for devotees all over India and abroad.

The places mentioned above have become places of pilgrimage because of the temples existing at those places. However in modern times certain other places have also become places of worship and pilgrimage because of the saints that have lived there and have sanctified those places. In Maharashtra, Shegaon has come into prominence as a place of pilgrimage because of Shri Gajanan Maharaj, who stayed there and attained Samadhi at that place. Garudeshwar, which stands on the bank of the Narmada river in the Gujrat State, has become a holy place because of the Samadhi of one great devotee of Datta, Shri Vasudevanand Saraswati or Tembeswami. Shirdi is known because of Shri Sai Baba. As in the case of other places of pilgrimage, all the aforesaid places also are not places of pilgrimage, for people all over India. Only Shirdi is frequented more by devotees not only from this country but also by devotees staying abroad.

Though the devotees go to a number of places of pilgrimage with heartfelt devotion and they do not mind the troubles that they have to undergo in the journey on the way and also at the holy place itself, still we find that day by day the managements of these Sansthans and temples have realised that more and more facilities should be provided to the devotees, who are visiting these places and are trying their best to make the stay of the devotees at the place of pilgrimage as comfortable as possible. However huge funds are required for providing these facilities and the management may not be able to provide these funds and hence the facilities provided are always found to be short for the number of ever-increasing devotees.

Because of the sanctification of Shirdi village done by Shri Sai Baba, it has come so much into prominence in modern days.

Let us therefore see the arrangements done at Shirdi and the facilities, which are provided there for the devotees and find out what is being done there for the incoming devotees.

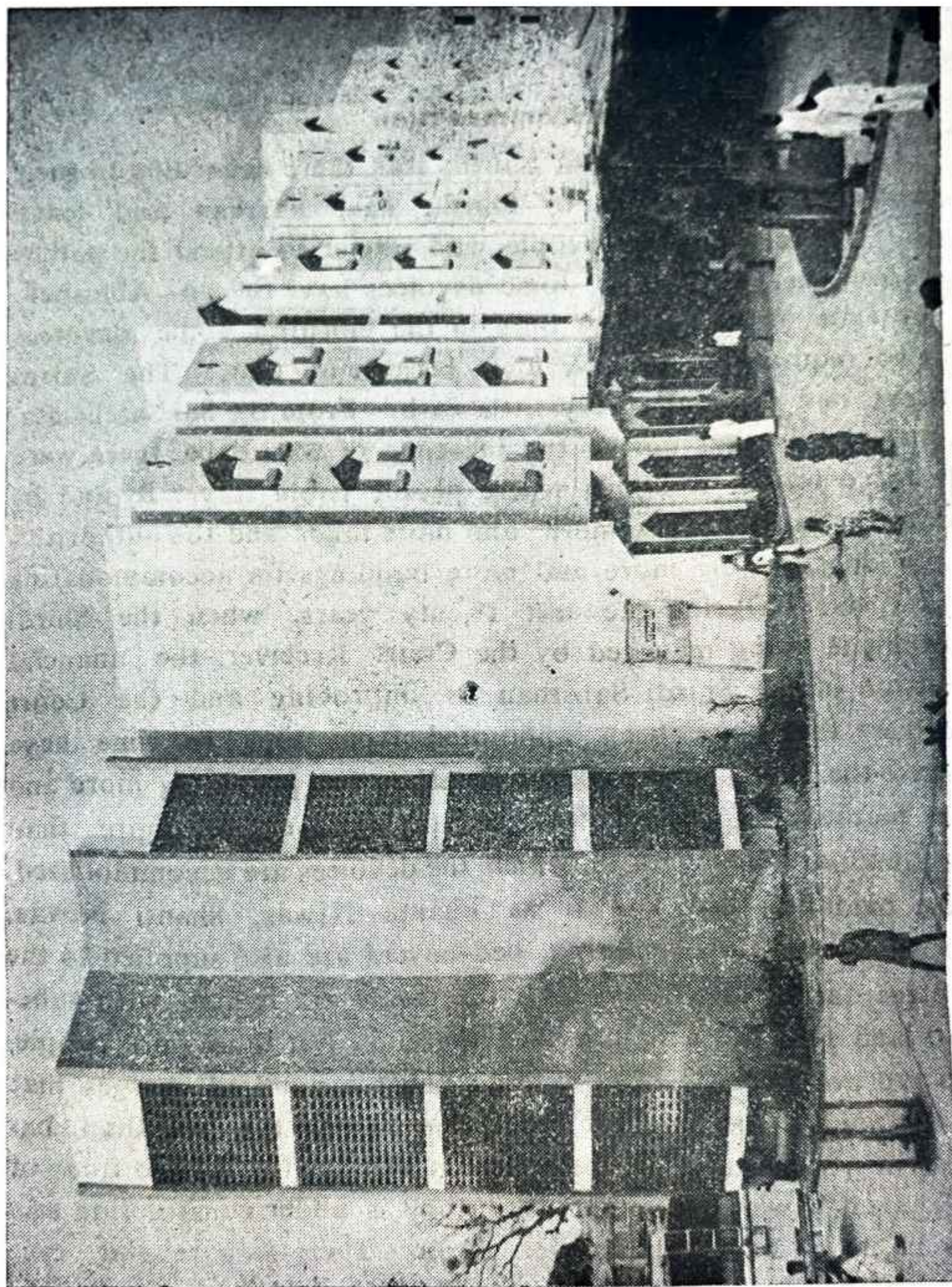
Samadhi Mandir

All devotees travel long distances and undertake pilgrimage in order to have darshan of their venerable deity from very close quarters. Therefore it should be possible to have darshan of the deity at every place of pilgrimage most easily; but it is not so at many places. The gods at some places have been made somewhat whimsical by the priests or management. Some time the gods at those places are asleep and therefore a curtain is drawn in front of the deity and naturally darshan is not possible unless the god comes out of His slumber. In some places money has to be paid for getting darshan of the deity. In some places if the palm of the priest is greased, it is possible for the devotees to get darshan even in hours when darshan is not ordinarily possible. At Shirdi however it is not so. The Samadhi Mandir opens everyday at 5 a. m. and remains open for darshan upto about 11 p. m. every day. During this period any devotee can get darshan of Shri Sai Baba without any trouble irrespective of cast, creed and religion. It is also possible for everyone to perform Abhishek on the Samadhi of Shri Sai Baba. It is not so at many places. There are many restrictions even on dress in many temples in South India and at Kanyakumari. Hence every devotee who visits Shirdi feels that 90 per cent of his pilgrimage at Shirdi is fruitful when he gets the darshan of Shri Sai Baba. Of course due to limited time for Abhishek in the morning, this facility has to be restricted; but if it is not done, all the twenty four hours also will be insufficient and other routine programmes like Kakad aarti, Shejarti, Dhuparti, holy bath etc. would be. The devotees, who come to Shirdi, are simply carried away by taking the darshan of Shri Sai Baba. They are fully satisfied with the arrangements made there for darshan and Abhishek. At the time of the aartis and other programmes that

are conducted in the Samadhi Mandir, a serene, peaceful and devotional atmosphere is maintained which carries the devotees to a high spiritual level.

Accommodation

The devotees, that visit Shirdi, stay there according to their convenience. Some come to Shirdi, have darshan and leave Shirdi. There are many people who intend to attend the palkhi procession on Thursdays, some devotees have to do Abhishek. As the time of Abhishek is only in the morning, some devotees are also required to stay by night because of that. The Shirdi Sansthan had originally very little cash. From the Sai Satcharita, devotees know that during the life-time of Shri Baba, there were only three wadas at Shirdi where people could stay. By and by the Shirdi Sansthan got more and more funds and the authorities started constructing more and more buildings for accommodating the devotees. During the last twenty years, when the Shirdi Sansthan is being managed by the Court Receiver, the financial condition of the Shirdi Sansthan is improving and the Court Receivers that have been appointed from time to time have utilized the funds of the Shirdi Sansthan for providing more and more facilities to the devotees. At present there are more than four hundred tenements in which the devotees are accommodated. These buidlings are known as Bhakta Niwas, Shanti Niwas, Gurusthan etc. Cots, bedding, bed-covers are also supplied to the devotees during their stay. All tenements are lighted with tube-lights and fans are also provided therein. For those poor people, who are not in a position even to pay the nominal charges that are required to be paid for other tenements, the Sansthan has provided a dormitory in the spacious hall on the ground floor of the Shanti Niwas. Another dormitory is under construction and it is likely to be completed very soon. There is a regular race between the increase in the number of devotees, visiting Shirdi and the increase in the tenements. However the increase in the number of devotees visiting Shirdi is so enormous that the race



is always lost by the Sansthan with regard to the construction of tenements. At the time of the festivals the accommodation always falls short, but the staff of the Shirdi Sansthan does every effort to make available all the rooms at their disposal.



Sai Prasad (Bhojagriha), Shirdi

Next we have to look to the arrangements regarding lunch. The Shirdi Sansthan provides lunch to all the devotees, only at a nominal cost which they call as prasād of Shri Sai Baba. In all the hotels round about the Samadhi Mandir the cost of lunch is very high and it is not possible for all the devotees to pay it. The new Bhojagriha, constructed by the Shirdi Sansthan, has got good tables, a spacious waiting hall and the service done is quite efficient. At present about a thousand devotees can be served lunch in the hall at one time. Hence now the waiting and queuing in the sun is not there as before and the devotees now get stomach-full lunch at a very nominal cost. They really relish the Prasād of Shri Sai Baba and satisfy their hunger.

The staff of the Shirdi Sansthan is paid a reasonable salary, which is mostly equivalent to the salary paid in other offices of the State Government. They therefore have no major grounds for complaint. There is good discipline maintained in the staff and no corruption therefore exists at any stage. The devotees are therefore not harassed in any way by the staff. On the other hand they behave courteously with them. Many devotees, after visiting Shirdi, are writing letters to that effect and are expressing their entire satisfaction for the good arrangements at Shirdi in comparison with those prevailing at other places of pilgrimage. Shirdi can therefore be called to be an ideal place of pilgrimage and by the grace of Shri Sai Baba, the presiding deity of Shirdi, let us all take advantage of it and undertake the pilgrimage to Shirdi as often as possible, for it invigorates every devotee after his visit to Shirdi. ★

Follow the path of the wise

Experience teaches wisdom while knowledge supplies information. An illiterate man may be a wise man but a highly educated person may not be wise. A batch of students set out for a village for rural service, on foot. While proceeding, they arrived at a junction of four roads. They did not know which road to take and their prestige did not allow them to wait and ask some passer-by. All but one took different routes and proceeded. One student stayed at the junction for some time. An old village rustic passed that way and on enquiry he pointed out the right road for the village, including the further bends and curves. This particular student who took the advice of the wise man reached the village earlier than the rest. How profitable it is to follow the path of the wise!

Late Saipadanand Radhakrishna Swami

A Homage to Swamiji

Shri Radhakrishna Swamiji attained Mahasamadhi on 14-1-1980. On the 14th January 1982 comes the Second Anniversary of His Samadhi Day. Hence This article, which pays homage to him, is being published in this issue.

— Editor

“When the heart is hard and parched up,
 come upon me with a shower of mercy,
When grace is lost from life, come with
 a burst of a song”

Gitanjali - Rabindranath Tagore

Fellow devotees, we all often experience the above agony while living and expect a sympathetic soul to turn up, guide us and lighten our burden.

In 1979, I was beset with difficulties all around. I did not know what to do and also I could not share my anxiety with anyone. My spiritual progress came to a jerking halt. There was darkness even on domestic front. It is against this background that Shri Radhakrishna Swami came up on the scene and like the sun dispelling darkness. He removed all difficulties and also pushed me up spiritually.

To remember him is to remember Shri Baba. Shri Baba is nothing else but pure unselfish love incarnate and Shri Swamiji was also nothing else than the same unselfish love.

I still remember his soft silken sympathetic frame when he listened to me and spoke to me softly that Shri Baba would remove all the difficulties. The meeting took place at Shirdi in 1979, when we, the contributors to Shri Saileela had assembled at our Annual Gathering.

In the same year, in the last week of June, I suddenly received transfer orders from Head Office to our sub-office. The back-ground in which the transfer took place had all the trappings of a political plan. It depressed me much. At that time

Shri Subhash Chendvankar son of Executive Editor of Shri Sai-Leela came to my wife's School at Chembur to inform that Shri Swamiji had come to Bombay and is at the time camping at Shri G. R. Inamdar's place. I immediately took half day's casual leave on the next day and told my wife to be in readiness to visit Shri Inamdar to see Shri Swamiji. My half day's casual leave was duly sanctioned and I started for home. On the way, I suddenly thought of giving a telephone call at Shri Inamdar's place and came to know that Shri Swamiji would wake up from noon-nap at about 4.00 p. m. As I reached home my wife told me that Shri Subhash had again come to her School on that day to inform her that Shri Swamiji had already left for Bangalore by last night's plane and so I had unnecessarily taken half day's casual leave. She was surprised to learn from me that Shri Swamiji was still in Bombay and I had confirmed this fact on phone.

During our meeting at Shri Inamdar's place, I requested Shri Swamiji to visit our home and bless us. He readily agreed to do so during his next visit to Bombay. However, that was, his last visit to Bombay as he passed away on 14.1.1980 at Bangalore.

In retrospect, I feel, if I had not phoned up at Shri Inamdar's place I would not have received Shri Swamiji's three pats on my back which gave me a definite push on spiritual path. The meeting with this Saint has proved to be an important milestone in my spiritual Sadhana. His subsequent visit to me, day before he passed away; while I was in meditation has also proved most beneficial. It is during this brief visit that he hinted to me regarding my future and slowly but steadily the truth of his revelation is dawning on me.

Shri Swamiji added a new glorious chapter in the lives of Shri Sai Devotees with whom he came in contact. He had immense capacity for enduring the sufferings of others. He also had a treasurefull of Siddhis which he seldom revealed. I come to know of this aspect of his personality only when day before he passed away he visited me in meditation and gave prior

intimation of his passing away. Though he had such vast Siddhis he did not use them for personal publicity, profit or vain glory. He had a definite mission in his life and that was to carry the torch of Shri Sai devotion forward. To do so he spent last ounce of his life while he was in a mortal frame. He is doing the same while he is not with us now. He gave me an evidence of this recently. I come to know from Dr. Bhate a devotee of Shri Swami that he was born on 15th April and on this day last year he answered my prayers to him for giving me inspiration to compose poem on Shri Baba.

Shri Swamiji was purity personified apart from love sublime. Even his brief presence with anyone cleaned that person of his base desires. He could not be his former self for Shri Swamiji's contact would immediately transmit the eternal message which Ravindranath Tagore has enunciated in his famous poem which reads as under:-

Where the mind is without fear and the
head is held high;
where knowledge is free,
where the world has not been broken up
into fragments by narrow domestic walls;
where words come out from the depth of truth;
where tireless striving stretches its arms
towards perfection;
where the clear stream of reason has
not lost its way into the dreary desert
sand of dead habit;
where the mind is led forward by thee into
ever-widening thought and action-

Into that heaven of freedom, my father,
let my country awake.-

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Baba's Omnipresence

The incidents forewarning a calamity and Baba's protection were narrated in my earlier article published in December-1980 issue of Sai Leela. Successive events in series establish Baba's omnipresence and receptivity to each and every prayer. After 2-3 days at Trivandrum I had stopped over at my wife's place on way back to Hubli. From there my brother-in-law was to accompany me on our return journey. He had left for a distant place to invite his newly married sister and brother-in-law for their first visit to bride's home. He was expected to return with the couple only on Sunday by noon, whereas we were to leave latest by Sunday early morning. I was in a fix unable to communicate my programme to him.

Instantly I was reminded of His Highness Radhakrishna Swamijee's blessings and assurance on the eve of my departure from Bangalore that my burdens would be properly attended to by Sai Nath. I prayed to Baba to fetch my brother-in-law with the newly married couple on the next day itself viz. Saturday instead of Sunday. The party consisting of my brother-in-law, co-brother and sister-in-law promptly reached the place on the following day by 10-00 a.m. to the amazement of all. Saturday morning much earlier than usual they were forcibly awakened by bride-groom's father with directions to start for bride's home immediately. Despite their protests they had to reluctantly agree to his seemingly thoughtless suggestion. The preparation for their visit was not ready in the traditional way. There was no justification in their visit earlier than the auspicious date mutually fixed by parents of both bride and bridegroom.

More interesting incidents followed on our arrival at Hubli. A friend of mine was anxiously awaiting my arrival to conduct opening ceremony of his automobile shop at Belgaum.

I had managed to attend the function and returned home in the evening on the verge of a severe asthma attack. I had then recollected the cause and cure of my ailment predicted by a dear local devotee of Baba. Without a second thought I prayed to Baba to inspire him to come to me immediately. Precisely within an hour there was a knock on the door and that was none other than Baba's messenger. I had no occasion to meet this Sai brother for several months and his sudden appearance cannot be attributed as mere coincidence.

His presence gave me relief and confidence. There was one more mild attack during the same season, and Baba's holy messenger made a similar appearance at the crucial time. Baba's protection is rest assured to those who surrender to him in all humility. ★

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Why and how I became a devotee of Shirdi Sai

I am in the habit of studying and scrutinising the lives and precepts of Godmen, saints and sages with the searching scientific knowledge. In this context, it so happened to me to read two review Journalistic featured articles published in "Blitz" Weekly Shirdi dated 12-5-79 & 19-5-79 under the caption "Miracles of Sai Baba of Shirdi," which are the extracts of the book called "Sai Baba the Master" written by Acharya Shri E. Bhardwaja, M. A. and published by Shirdi Sai, publications of Vidyanagar in Nellore District of Andhra Pradesh. I was puzzled by the informative instances of miracles contained therein. I immediately ordered for the said book and Shri Sai Satcharita written in English by Shri Nagesh Vasudeo Gunaji along with other connected literature

of Sai-Culture. I studied these valuable religious and spiritual editions with utmost earnestness and devotion. Thereby I am greatly impressed with the biography of the divine saint, adorned and adopted Him as my spiritual Sadguru for the following reasons :-

1) **Religious Tolerance :-** Though the religious birth of the saint is not exactly identified, His preachings, sayings, doings and adaptations are of universal and humanitarian nature.

2) **Mode of life and living :-** He led a life below the poverty line in sanctity of saints without distinction of caste, creed and colour. He never hankered after name and fame though later they followed of its own accord.

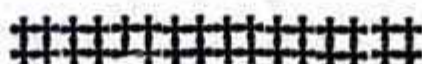
3) **Scriptural Knowledge :-** His gnana in fundamentals of all faiths was abundant. He displayed & manifested his knowledge on different occasions.

4) **Nature and Creative Vision :** His Dharma towards all the creatures of creation is uniform and abundance with love, kindness and compassion.

5) **Divine Mission :-** His grace towards the devotees in distress has been unfailing and refuge in Him is a safe shelter. He is a mystic man of miracles with truth, but not superficial. His transmigrating spirit and soul incarnate wherever and whenever. He wishes and His presence requires.

Blessed are those who take refuge in Sadguru Sai. ★

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A Mission to Shirdi

In the Dassera issue, I came across the article, "How Shri Sai Leela Helped Me" by Shri Anil K. Rasal. The learned guru-bandhu bewailed the fact that even though Shri Sai Leela Magazine was in existence since decades very few devotees are aware of it. Like a whiplash, I suddenly felt that it is indeed a fact. Millions of Sai devotees are there in India and in the countries of the world. Most Hindus and quite a sizeable number of devotees from other religions cherish His Omnipotence and have greatly benefitted from His graceful benedictions. It is an unbelievable paradox that so few people know the existence of Shri Sai Leela Magazine.

Taking my own example, I should admit that even as a child and young man I came to Shirdi frequently under the care of my parents from as early as 1940. My father's death put an interlude to my Shirdi sojourns for quite some years; but, like all other Sai devotees, under strange and compelling circumstances, I was attracted to Shirdi once again without my personal volition. That was in 1969. Despite my long association with the Shirdi temple, it was quite an irony of fact that I came to know of Shri Sai Leela Magazine only in 1980 and I immediately became a subscriber to it.

I have many instances of Shri Sai Baba's grace, both spiritually and temporally, which entirely changed my course and outlook of life. I shall describe these incidents in my future articles in detail. Let me now confine myself to tell you how Baba guides His devotees even in their day-to-day little happenings.

On 6-10-81 I was watching the construction of my sister, K. Yashodhara's house. The masons were doing the cement plastering of the outside walls. The sun was bright and shining

well. The cement was brought with great difficulty and only a few bags were left. Pure cement is next to impossible to get in the market nowadays. My sister had already come to the end of her tether, having sold all her gold and other valuables.

Suddenly and inexplicably the scene before me underwent a complete metamorphosis. The sky suddenly became overcast with threatening dark, rolling clouds. Visibility was nearly reduced to nil. Rain - heavy rain - was imminent any moment which would completely wash away all the cement plaster.

Paralysed into helplessness, I silently prayed to Baba. In a few moments the unbelievable happened. A gust of wind started and increased its force. The clouds dispersed and the merciful sun came out. A small disaster was thus averted. The work was continued with redoubled vigour.

In the evening, however, the sky again turned murky. For some days past it was raining regularly in the evenings. The plastering was still raw as the masons were still on it. A few drops fell on me and I grew apprehensive. I again prayed. Instantly the rain stopped.

This miracle continued the next day also. suddenly it rained very heavily for fifteen minutes. The masons informed me that though the plastering was continued outside it was done fortunately in unexposed areas and no damage was done. What a relief!

Next day was Vijaya Dashami. My daughter and son-in-law with children and luggage were returning to Berhampur in Orissa by Konark Express, which starts from Secunderabad, 10 Kms away from my house. At the nick of time, it started raining. Everything seemed to go awry. I again prayed. And again the rain stopped as though by an unseen push-button device. I immediately sent my son to fetch two autos. He went but the auto stand was deserted. A forlorn sense again

crept up; but when the bountiful Sai Baba is around, a silver lining for every vicissitude of life's travails is bound to come before long with unfailing regularity. Very soon two autos - just the two - were seen coming down the road. They were immediately engaged and we reached the railway station in time.

These are no doubt small incidents but they are enough for three days since I had gone through Shri Rasal's article. What I would like to emphasise here is that not only our beloved Sai Baba does great and big miracles in the lives of His devotees but also cares for the daily attention of their small needs. Is not He truly a great giant of a saint?

Sai devotees are in millions. Each one of them might have been a beneficiary of His grace on several occasions in multiple ways. If narrated, they form an infinitely vast and many-splendoured kaleidoscope of human drama, with all its spiritual fervour and devotional supplication, ever enacted on this vast expanse of mother Earth. What a heartwarming miracle it would be, if all devotees share their myriad experiences in Shri Sai Leela magazine, which is the other name for the contemporary Shri Sai Satcharita.

In the Kingdom of Sai, anticipation and fulfilment are not two different words. They are just two sides of the same coin. The huge task set above may seem to defeat solution for a time; but with the blessing of the ever kindly Sai, all things, great and mighty, should necessarily come within the realms of possibility.

Shri Sai Leela Magazine is bound to have an immediate leap in its circulation if a press of its own is established in Shirdi itself which will provide a great fillip to the lakhs of devotees visiting the place. Suitable notice boards should be provided at all prominent places in Shirdi and in all rooms of Bhakt Nivas, Shanti Nivas etc., giving all details of the Magazine and requestin them to contribute articles sharing their experience

of Sai devotion with other readers as a sacred measure of attitude to Him.

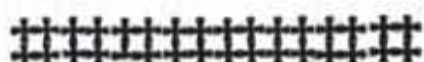
Unlettered devotees and those who lack the gift of expression may be encouraged to take the help of a capable fellow devotee, who may be able to put up their experiences in a readable form for contribution to the Magazine. The Magazine should publish from time to time the names and addresses of such helping devotees for others to approach them. For Hyderabad and Secunderabad I am willing to take up this task and meet such devotees at their places if they give intimation of their desire to me either by post or in person.

Sai devotees may take it as their sacred duty to gift the first year's subscription of the magazine to fellow devotees, especially overseas friends, who are not-subscribers as it would greatly increase their faith. From second year onwards Sai will see that they themselves subscribe to it once they are habituated to it. In the case of poor devotees and libraries the fortunate devotees should come forward to subscribe to magazine in their favour for as long as they could do. Regularly invite suggestions for improvement from all the devotees.

Shri Sai Leela magazine is as sacrosanct to the Sai devotees as the Samadhi Mandir, Gurusthan, Chawdi, Dwarkamai and its Udhi are. I, therefore, hope that Shri Sai Sansthan and all the devotees will spare no efforts to popularise this modern Shri Sai Satcharita and ensure that its content and circulation are vastly improved and make it a fortnightly as soon as possible, ushering in a new era of glory and bliss to act as a fulcrum for better understanding of Sai phenomena. ★

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Grace of Sai Baba

The blessings of God, the Sai Baba of Shirdi are strange, and beyond imagination. But they are the real essence of our life. Without Him and His blessings, the life is insignificant. He is with us, within us and around us.

Recently, I have been transferred from Hyderabad to Bhubaneswar in May, 81. My son, who was in Class IV in Central School at Hyderabad passed the annual examination there. Hence for his admission to the Central School at Bhubaneswar, I obtained a transfer certificate from the School at Hyderabad and applied for admission to the School at Bhubaneswar with good hopes of automatic admission. However, it turned out to be impossible with a competition of 20 similar T. C. students seeking admission. I met the Principal thrice at intervals of a week upto July 6th. I was assured of a decision either way i. e. yes or no on that day, But again on that day he belied the hopes and said, I should wait upto 15th July, 81, but he added that there was no guarantee of admission on that day also. The successive disappointments and the growing uncertainty worried me, my wife and my son very much. Friends offered to use their influence. We were however determined to leave it to Shri Sai Baba. Myself and my wife took a vow that we will fast in the evenings and observe nishta upto the 15th of July. Day by day it was difficult to observe the fast, but we could keep our vow with great difficulty. On July 14th one close friend of mine phoned to me saying that he was surprised to know of the situation and added that he would speak to the Vice-Principal whom he knew very well. I thanked him and said if necessary I will take his help on the next day. My wife and myself were at the brink of tears before Baba, unable to bear the worry. She said, "Baba, we won't be happy if the admission is secured through any body other than Your grace.

We don't want that. But do you like us to be unhappy? Do you like us to break the nishta tomorrow without Your grace, filled with disappointment and sorrow? Do You like us to spend Gurupurnima in sorry mood? Please rescue us Baba"

Next day I met the Principal in the School. It was a thrill for me to find that the Principal agreed to admit my son, though after initial reluctance. I said to myself, "Baba, You are really great". My wife was full of tears when she knew about this. He has always stood by us supporting us in our adversities. ★

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Work Is Worship

On my way to the office and on my return to my home I invariably stop before the Sai Baba temple. Whenever I don't stop and do not get the darshan, I feel that I have lost something precious. More than a friend or a relative, He is to me a compassionate mother. After crossing the Malad Railway gate I generally stop before Him.

Nicely clad in silken cloth, beautifully garlanded by radiant flowers, and nicely shining amidst the misty fragrance of 'Agarbathi' my heart floods with tears of joy. I pray to Shri Baba to keep the day happy and peaceful and apply 'Udi' on my forehead.

At times returning from work, I feel tired and exhausted. My greedy avaricious mind complains, "Why the hell I am working when affluent upper strata people are enjoying the

luxury then why not I? Though I get a neat packet on the pay day, my body craves for ease and luxury. In such a depressed mood, once I was coming home. When I heard the Poojari saying, "You are getting two square meals a day then why are you greedy after the glitters and pomp?" His words stirred my heart and brought peace to my restless mind. I recollect the saying of Shri Sai Baba "Poverty is better than Kingship".

After a moment of relapse, I was trekking the way home. On the way I stopped at Rani Sati Seva Kendra. It is a Trust rendering social service and performing philanthropic work. Here they provide drinking water to the public. As I was feeling thirsty, I stood in the queue which was quite long. An old man was supplying the drinking water. He was so busy that he had no time for respite. I was moved by his old age and touched by his sincerity. I offered him 25 paise. This was my regular routine at the railway station. I thought he would be pleased. However, he got annoyed, declining to accept the coin he said, "Drop the coin in the box." I was overjoyed at his selfless devotion to duty.

On another occasion I was waiting in the queue to quench my thirst. A person who was in the line, after drinking the water, spat it on the ground. The person chided him, "This is temple. Do not spit." His words came across as flashing light in the darkness. It brought me back to my senses and reminded me of Sai's immortal words "Work Is Worship" ★

A Sai Devotee



Baba's Life-size Portrait Installed in Prayer Hall

How Shri Baba came in my life in the year 1967 in the form of Satcharita and the incidents denoting my experience thereafter had been published in Shri Sai Leela magazine in the past. His protection and love to me cannot be expressed in words. Baba's prophecy that He would draw his devotees from far off even across seven seas, like a sparrow with a string fastened to its feet, is absolute. Our Sadguru Sainath is ever anxious for our welfare from the moment we are accepted to his fold. Let us sincerely surrender our ego and pray for his divine grace. He encourages good thoughts and guides in our worldly life like a mastercraftsman, proficient in all the arts. He needs no ceremonial worship nor does He seek your valuable gifts. You can neither perceive him in the image nor in your Shrine. Verily he resides in your heart. Behold him. Baba had been moulding my life since 1967 and enabled me to construct a spacious house with a prayer hall for Him. Baba's life-size portrait painted by renowned artist Shri D. Vishwanath bringing out Baba in life with full lustre and glory was installed in the prayer hall of my house on the 63rd Mahasamadhi Anniversary Day this year. The Pooja and Abhishekas were conducted under the able guidance of Sai devotees Shri Radhakrishnan and Dhayanand. The portrait was installed by Shri Disbat Desai C. A. who had early patronage from Sai Baba's apostles like Pujya B. V. Narasimhaswamy and Radhakrishna Swamy. He is one of the elder devotees of Baba in Dharwad district, who had also the privilege to be the secretary of the All India Sai Devotees, Convention held at Dharwad in 1952. He is quietly spreading the fragrance of Shri Sai devotion instilled in him by the benign grace of Sai Nath and His worthy disciples. Shri Sai Baba's photo, installed in the Prayer Hall, is unique and it is accomplished by the artist in record time only through the grace and inspiration of Baba. ★

K. R. Gopinath

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Omnipresent Baba

Here I want to tell a recent experience of my Lord Shri Sai Baba of Shirdi specially for those persons who do not have faith in the almighty God. But I stress here with full faith that Shri Sai Baba is not only in Shirdi but He is present everywhere as I am living in Ashok Vihar, Phase II, New Delhi, irrespective of any limit. The following recent experience, which I had, has encouraged me to write for the Sai devotees.

On 11th September 1981, my son master Deepak, 8 years old, had, pain while passing urine. I sent him to the Sir Ganga Ram Hospital with my wife for check-up. After urine test and X-Ray, the doctors satisfied themselves that there was no stone but the child had still pain. They allowed us to go home, but on 12th September 1981, again the same thing happened and the child had more pain. I went to the hospital. The doctors this time relieved the child by passing the urine with 'Catheterization'. I came back with the child along with the medical prescription, but on the same night again the position was same and I had to approach a private medical practitioner for the 'Catheterization' and he instructed me that this practice should not be continued and Catheterization will not be done third time if needed. We whole family slept in fear of what would happen in the morning if the child did not pass the urine on 13th September 1981 We were much worried as there was no sign of the child passing the urine even upto 10-30 A. M. At that moment an idea came in my mind and I asked my wife for Udi (Vibhuti) which I had brought from Shirdi during my visit in the month of June, 1981. Only after a few minutes of Vibhuti administration, the child passed the urine peacefully and we heaved a sigh of relief, and since then everything is O. K. with the grace of my Lord Shri Sai Baba of Shirdi.

Let us pray to Lord Shri Sai for the help to all needy like me.

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Prayer Unto Shri Sadguru Maharaj

O, Adorable Shri Sadguru Maharaj,
Heartiest salutations and prostrations unto Thee.
For Thy favours, I know not how to thank Thee.
From the deep depth of my heart, I prayeth Thee.
O, Shri Sadguru Maharaj hear me!

Forgive my faults and pardon me.
Make me worthy, to be Thy instrument in
programme Divine,

Make me a virtuous devotee of Thine;
So that where I am, there is love, mercy and forgiveness
And there is joy, happiness and peace.
Give me sufficient for my family;
And for the guest at my door who goes satisfied.

O, Shri Sadguru Maharaj, grant me
Courage, strength and wisdom divine;
To resist temptations and to control the mind.
Free me from ego, lust, greed and anger,
Give fortitude to stand and face tribulations of life,
Courage to accept gladly what I cannot change,
And to change boldly what I can.

O, Shri Sadguru Maharaj, with faith and devotion,
I wait for Thy grace and blessings.
I am Your 'Sharnagati', I count on You and You alone
I know You have redeemed many from all iniquity.

Will You not rescue me, Thy humble servant?
Yes, certainly You will at a time appropriate,
Eagerly, I wait anxiously, I wait.

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His Holiness Swami Kesavaiahji

(Continued from December 1981 Issue)

Week after week the number devotees participating in Sai worship at Sai Nilayam at Shenoyanagar began to increase rapidly. The people of Shenoyanagar, Madras are lucky. Swamiji's heart overflowing with love for the devotees, melted at the sight of these numberless devotees, exposed to unfavourable weather, like scorching heat, the biting cold of the winter and occasional drizzling to heavy showers of rain in the night. By the untiring efforts of Swamiji, the incessant urge among devotees to help and spread the divine message of Shri Sai Baba everywhere, took shape and Shri Sai Baba Bhaktha Samajam came into existence as a registered body in the year 1959 with Swamiji as its Founder President. It had been the dream of Swamiji, day and night, to have the Prayer-Mandap there in the open and spacious grounds situated in front of the Sai Nilayam. Whatever bubbled up in the mind of a Saint, God Almighty fulfils it. Fourteenth March 1975 was a glorious day, which deserved to be recorded in letters of gold. We had the fortune of witnessing the opening of the magnificent edifice. Shri Shirdi Sai Baba Mandir dedicated to Shri Sai Baba is to radiate from Shenoyanagar, thenceforth, for centuries to come. Many devotees circumambulate the Mandir every day for certain number of times for a certain number of days, as instructed by Swamiji and get their desires fulfilled by the grace of Shri Sai Baba.

Apart from conducting Thursday-Pujas at the Mandir, answering devotees in person and through letters, celebrating the annual functions, Shri Swamiji had been taking pains, at great personal inconvenience to visit various places outside Madras to propagate Shri Shirdi Sai Baba's message. He founded Samajams at Secunderabad, Bangalore, Vijayawada, Vuyyur, Nalagonda, Kareemnagar and other places. He opened several Mandirs of

Shri Sai Baba of Shirdi at several places in the last four decades, and the latest was at Vidyanagar in March 1981. The most remarkable feature of Swamiji's life was that he succeeded in reforming the character of some men and women whose morals were low. This was an incomparable benediction conferred on him by Shri Sai Baba. It looked as though the family surname of 'Swami' presaged Shri Swami Kesavaiahji's spiritual eminence. Atheists have become theists and devotees of Shri Sai Baba. To the hundreds and thousands of devotees who went to him, Swamiji gave a soothing touch, a kind word, a source of guidance and a comfort. Whether it was a personal problem or sickness or whatever it was, Swamiji got the message from Sai Baba. Swamiji had a unique personality in the realm of Sai cult. The spiritual centres he had founded for the worship of Shri Sai Baba of Shirdi in the past four decades speak eloquently of the unlimited grace he was enjoying of Shri Sai Baba. Swamiji's tact and power of understanding and adopting himself to the devotees with whom he was dealing, were marvellous. He never expected a devotee to attain perfection at once. He was not surprised at the sight of human weakness. He was a perennial source of spiritual inspiration to his devotees, especially during these days when systematic attempts were made to deny the existence of god and to decry spiritual leaders by a section of the society.

In the last four decades, he wrote several articles to the various magazines on philosophy, religion, Shri Sai Baba of Shirdi, mission of saints, bhakti, prayer etc. in a simple and lucid style. These form a guide to the spiritual aspirants.

Shri Shri Prakash, Governor of Madras participating in Shri Sai Baba Mahasamadhi Day celebrations in the year 1955, observed and warmly applauded the services of Swami Kesavaiahji to the community by following the example of his great master Baba. In 1862 participating in Shri Rama Navami Celebrations Mr. Justice P. Ramakrishna Iyyer, I. C. S., Judge, Madras High Court said that he knew Swamiji for long and that he used to attend

his Puja many a time while he had been posted in Andhra. He had always great regard and love for Swamiji and was benefited much by his Puja and blessings. He further said that Swamiji was a remarkable man in our country to whom spirituality came at a very early age and who had been inspiring a large number of educated people in the authentic religious way. We knew the great spiritual work of our Acharya Swami Kanchi Kamakoti Peetam Shri Shankaracharya at present. The work done by Swami Kesavaiahji in his own humble way can be compared to that of these Godmen. But for them we will be like blind men groping in the dark.

Dr. H. T. Veera Reddi, F. R. C. S., in an interview given to Shri M. S. Kotiswaran, M. A. (Columbia) in the year 1965 said, "Since 1948 I am fairly in close touch with Shri Swami Kesavaiah. He is the favourite devotee of Shri Sai Baba. He could see the destiny of others as one sees stars through the telescope. He never lets anyone down but likes all, even the worst person of the society." For instance, he is afraid of hurting even a diseased dog that comes near him. When he speaks about religion, one feels inspired by the admirable way he drives home his objective. It is only out of intense love for humanity he is eager that others should enjoy the same bliss that he happens to enjoy." Shri M. S. Kotiswaran writing in "My Pilgrimage" said "Kesavaiah seeks no princely pomp, no wealthy store and when asked why he does not move like a whirlwind and catch the mass mind, he answers that he has no orders from his Master. His duty is to carry out the task assigned."

In the year 1975, participating in Guru Poornima Celebration, the Governor of Tamil Nadu, Shri K. K. Shah observed that he was very happy to find such a beautiful Mandir, calm, cool, collected, sober and which gave peace of mind and spiritual satisfaction. Any holy place should be calm and inspiring and he was happy that this Mandir was one such place. He would

love to come here any day for meditation and peace of mind. He was very happy to find more women than men in the gathering because women were the custodians of the culture of India. Swami Kesavaiahji deserved our respectful thanks, for the great spiritual work he had been carrying on in a spirit of dedicated service without any other motive.

In a foreword to a book, in the year 1976, Shri V. V. Giri observed, "I had the privilege of knowing Shri Kesavaiahji from 1949. Swamiji's devotion and surrender to Shri Sai Baba is profound and complete. When at Penukonda, there was no place for the Bhaktas of Shri Sai Baba to meet in a congregation, Shri Swamiji threw his own house open for the purpose to his devotees' meeting from time to time. Swamiji, is a leader of this great Sai movement, with great distinction, whose character, integrity and Sai saintliness were recognised by all". Shri V. V. Giri further observed that the Swamiji's life of truth, purity and dedication had a profound influence on the life of the citizens.

Smt. Jothi Venkatachalam, Governor of Kerala, participating in Shri Rama Navami celebrations in the year 1979 said, "it is a privilege, blessing and a pleasure to preside over the Shri Rama Navami celebrations under the auspices of the Shri Sai Baba Bhaktha Samajam and participate on this great and holy occasion where all the devotees of Shri Sai Baba of Shirdi assemble for prayer under the guidance and leadership of Swami Kesavaiahji. I have been associated with the Samajam as a devotee of Shri Sai Baba for many years and have come here many times for the blessings of Sai Baba and Swami Kesavaiahji. The Samajam was founded by Swamiji with a view to spreading the teachings of Shri Sai Baba and give his blessings to devotees. It was his untiring efforts and that of all Sai devotees which helped him to establish this great temple of spirituality. Ever since I came into contact with him, he was like a Guru to me and it is the same with all people who came into contact with Swamiji."

In the year 1977 Shri M. Uttam Reddy, Chairman of the Samajam, welcoming the devotees on Guru Pournima day said, "The magnificent shrine we have today is the fulfilment of Swami Kesavaiahji's love for his devotees and will remain as a monument of his faith in Sadguru Shri Sai Baba." He also recalled the prediction of Swami when Shri Neelam Sanjeeva Reddy visited the shrine in 1965 that he would occupy the highest position in the country.

Shri Prabhudas Patwari, the Governor of Tamil Nadu, presiding over Guru Pournima Celebrations at Shirdi Sai Baba Mandir in the year 1979 observed that he felt a different atmosphere—spiritual atmosphere—whenever he stepped in this magnificent edifice of Shri Shirdi Sai Baba. He said, "I pray and wish that His Holiness Swami Kesavaiahji should live for more than hundred years, not for his sake but for the sake of humanity." and prayed for a bright future of the country.

In the last public meeting of Swamiji, on 16th of July 1981, The Chief Justice of Tamil Nadu High Court, Mr. Justice P. R. Gokulakrishnan, addressing the devotees paid rich tributes to the qualities of head and heart of His Holiness Swami Kesavaiahji and said, "Swamiji's message of peace and his services to the society were unique. The Swamiji had become a Guru to the thousands of followers of Shri Sai Baba."

Throughout his life he was known for his strict discipline. At the same time he had deep compassion for the poor and always insisted on helping the down-trodden and chanting of "Sairam" or any name of the God at least for few minutes in a day. Wherever he went he set up samajams and mandirs for Shri Sai Baba of Shirdi. He always stressed that people should be honest in their word, deed and thought. He emphasized the need for the spirituality for orderly material progress. In his discourses, he always appealed to the womenfolk to bring up their children as model citizens. He is survived by a son and two daughters.

It was at about 6.10 p. m. The sun had set on 9th August 1981. Sunday, Sravana Suddha Dashami. He asked for Udi He took it, applied it to his forehead and swallowed it and said, 'Allah Malik' and closed his eyes, sitting. After 10 minutes he was made to rest on the bed. At about 6.28 p. m. the sage of Shenoyanagar left his mortal coils. Swamiji was a god-man with a difference. He never claimed himself to be a Baba. On the other hand, he firmly believed that no one, however great he might be, could become Sai Baba. He was not a scholar in the worldly sence; but his words were pregnant with philosophical truths and spirituality. He was not a great orator; but his speeches were charged with devotion and sincerity and attracted huge audiences wherever he went, Although he is not seen now in his mortal form, his spirit remains immortal for the service of mankind. It pervades this universe and continues to guide the destinies of many Sai devotees, who surrender to Him heart and soul. This was his promise and prophecy. ★

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Sai Baba, the Saint of Shirdi

(Continued from December 1981 issue)

CHAPTER XI

First Advent of Baba at Shirdi—Incapacity and Boldness in
undertaking the work—Hot discussion

O' Baba, Thou the God incarnate
Thou by Thy free will
Descended to this mortal earth
To make Thy children immortal.

None knew Thy holy lineage
Nor Thy parental lineage
Every one tried to know this
But all failed to find this

Every one put questions many
To know Thy whereabouts any
But Thou shrewdly evaded all
And made all dumb by Thy talk tall.

Namdeo and Kabir the immortals
Were once found like mortals
At rivers Bhimarathi and Bhagirathi
So were Thou found under Neem tree

The day was at its dawn
The morning was at its fine
Thou, a lad of sixteen wert seen
Under the holy tree Neem.

Thou wert a lad of sixteen to the onlookers
With an old head on young shoulders to thinkers
Thou had the fund of knowledge in Thee
To make all immortals to look at Thee

Thou an ascetic incarnation
 Never dreamt of worldly passions
 And lived to the core the life sacrifice
 To give a treat of love and sacrifice.

Thou wert visible first at Shirdi
 To Nana Chopdar's mother pretty
 A chap smart, handsome and fair
 In a posture of asan glare

The villagers were struck with wonder
 To see Thee in penance hard thunder
 Not minding heat and cold by day
 And non-fearing anybody when night lay

Sitting under the Neem tree tall
 And not tapping anybody's door to call
 Thy handsome face endeared all
 And dragged everyone to Thy feet fall.

Thou a young to an outward eye
 Proved a soul great to an inward eye
 By Thy innumerable actions high
 Made all the mortal tongue nigh

Thou an embodiment of dispassion
 An ennobling selflessness
 A heart rendering loveliness
 Proved an enigma to worldliness

The people at last prayed Khandoba
 To tell them who Thee were and whence came Thee
 Khandoba asked them then to bring a pick axe
 And to dig near the tree Neem with an axe.

When they dug, they saw with surprise
 Bricks underneath a stone flat

And removed the stone to see a corridor
Leading to a cellar big and broad.

In the cellar cow-mouth-shaped structures
Wooden boards, necklaces were seen
Where Thou practiced penance hard
For years twelve lone and long bard.

When asked Thee the people about this
Thou put them off the scene thus
By telling them it was Thy Guru's place
And asked them to keep it intact

Ashwattha and Audumber trees
Are held sacred by all people free
So Thou regarded tree Neem sacred
And loved it most to the core of it.

Mhalsapati and Thy devotees all
Took this to be Thy Guru's place holy all
And prostrated before this place of rest
And prayed for peace, bliss and rest.

One cannot write the life of a saint
Unless one is first oneself a saint
Where the Vedas fail, the saints describe
And what a man can't, the saints prescribe

To measure the depth of seas seven is easy
Easy it is to enclose the sky by cloth trappings cosy
To write the life of a saint is hard and difficult
A saint being a soul characteristic typical

Jnaneshwar a poet saint of Maharashtra
Announced, The Lord loves the writers of life
And saints having their own method peculiar
Get the service of devout devotees sincere.

The devotees their mind aspire
 The saints holy in them inspire
 The thoughts noble and good about them
 And filter and screen before them.

Thus Thou inspired the poet Mahipati
 To write Bhakta Vijay and Santa Vijay
 And so was Ganu the poet inspired
 To write Bhakta Leelamrita and Santa Kathamrita.

When many works on Thee extant
 No necessity to write instant
 So felt Annasaheb Dabholkar
 To write the Life of Shirdikar

Very simple and plain is it here note
 The ocean of Thy life is wide and deep to quote
 So all can essay to dive deep into it
 To pick up precious jewels and gems out of it.

The precious jewels so picked up
 Are the stories, parables of Thy life's cup
 Distributed among Thy devotees when
 Give peace and happiness to covetees then.

To the souls afflicted with deep sorrow
 And heavily loaded miseries hollow
 Thy parables bestow domains spiritual
 With knowledge and wisdom cultural.

Thy teachings interesting as Vedic lore
 Listened and meditated daily to the core
 Thy devotees get what they long for
 To lead a life of peace and happiness for
 The collections of Thy parables and fables
 Serve most delightful to all the souls
 Simple to whom Baba invisible ever seen
 And could not bless with His darshan keen

Thus Annasaheb set collecting Thy teachings
From the depths of boundless life's preachings
To spread them through length and breadth
To give peace and solace to the worried breaths

To a soul ego-centred to the core
How could it know the saint's life more?
Nor could it feel the saint's lore
To it a saint's life becomes a bore

Ego one surrenders when
Saints are visible to one then
Saints then inspire the souls able
And get written their noble fable.

So Annasaheb an ego-centred
Embraced Thy feet ego surrendered
And so then made his heart Thy abode
And made him Thou write Thy life's code.

Dared not Annasaheb then to ask Thee
So ran he to Madhavrao to seek fee
So, Madhavrao, the kind, begged Thee to help
And Thou suddenly blessed him with help.

Thus Thou a great faith professed
None could write Thy life ego-possessed.
Ego surrendering one runs to Thee when
Entering his heart Thee get Thy life written then

Nanasaheb pressed Annasaheb to see Thee
But Annasaheb's ego forbade him to feel Thee
The time favourable goaded him to set to Thee
So, once alighted he at Shirdi to see Thee

Lodging at Sathewada the only shelter then
In the morning at the corner of the shelter when

Annasaheb took Thy preliminary darshan first
 Prostrating at Thy feet got his ego freed next

This is the gracious effect of Thy touch
 Which only the meritorious souls feel the touch
 All the worldly passions and attractions leave
 Making room for virtuous traits to live.

Annasaheb entered into discussion hot
 The topic being necessity of Guru lot
 The discussion was forced for a time long
 But no decision came out fruitful for long

When were they all at Thy Masjid
 Thou asked Kakasaheb at Masjid
 The matter of hot discussion at wada
 And thus Thou proved Thy omniscience at wada

(To be continued)

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EIGHTH ANNUAL GATHERING AT SHIRDI

It is proposed to hold the Annual gathering of the contributors to Shri Sai Leela Magazine at Shirdi on Sunday the 31st January 1982 and Monday the 1st February 1982. Darshan of Shri Sai Baba, cultural programmes, mutual introduction, discussion for improving the getup and standard of Shri Sai Leela magazine and symposium etc. are some of the programmes arranged for the gathering.

As only the persons, who have contributed some articles (poem, story, article etc.), to Shri Sai Leela magazine are proposed to be invited to take part in the gathering, those people, who have contributed at least four articles to Shri Sai Leela magazine during the last seven years, will be invited by the Shirdi Sansthan to partake in the gathering. Those people, who would like to attend the gathering with the above stipulation, are requested to return the form printed overleaf duly filled in, to the Court Receiver before 16th January 1982, on receipt of which the regular invitation will be dispatched to the delegates by the Court Receiver. No correspondence in connection with the gathering will be entertained after 16th January 1982. The delegates should come to Shirdi on 30th January 1982.

The arrangements for tea, lodging, boarding etc. of the delegates will be made by the Shirdi Sansthan. The form should be returned to the following address :-

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K. H. Kakre
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Shri Sai Baba Sansthan
Shirdi

FORM

Sub :- Annual gathering at Shirdi to be held on
31-1-82 and 1-2-82

Sir,

I intend to attend the 8th annual gathering of the contributors to Shri Sai Leela Magazine, which is proposed to be held at Shirdi on the above dates. I am furnishing below the information required by you. I will be thankful to you if I am invited to attend the gathering as a delegate.

1. Full Name (Surname first) _____
2. Full Address : _____
3. Occupation : _____
4. Educational Qualifications : _____
5. Age : _____
6. I am / am not a subscriber of Shri Sai Leela English / Marathi issue. My number is : _____
7. I contribute Prose articles / poems : _____
8. Captions of the articles or poems: Month Year
1)
2)
3)
4)
5)
9. My wife / husband / son / daughter / brother / sister is going to accompany me (only one). _____
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On This Day of His Seemollanghan (Composed on Vijaya Dashmi Day 1981)

On this day of His Seemollanghan
What thoughts haunt you my
Dear devotee, On the day of
His 'Pari-Nirvan'? What 'Kaamanaas,
Would you jump across, my
Dear 'Sai-Paricharak'? Search
Thy heart and take His torch
Engraved with His sweet name
Go right into thy heart and
Leave not the corners dark
Hiding deep down in the Limbo!
Make thyself His slave
And bend thy naughty
Head before this Almighty!
Lo! What have you found
At Shirdi, if not peace,
Sublimity and the sparkle
Of His glory immense? And of
His compassion for the lowly
And the lost? Go, celebrate
This day. This is thy day as well
Of 'redemption' from delusions all,
If only you carry His name
In thy prayers-unconcerned
With things transient-
All nothings and intransient!

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OCTOBER 1981

(Continued from
December 1981 issue)

Fourth day, Saturday 10-10-1981

The Samadhi Mandir was opened as usual at 5 a. m. and the kakad aarti was sung at 5.15 a.m. at 6 a.m. the holy bath of Shri Sai Baba was started and from 8 a. m. the Abhishek programme was started. From 10.30 a. m. to 12 noon, Shri Gangadharshastri Beedkar performed the kala keertan in the Samadhi Mandir. After the Dahihandi programme, the noon aarti was sung and teerth and prasad were distributed to the devotees who attended the aarti. After Dhuparati, Mrs. Rajanitai Joshi, from Bombay, gave a programme of her vocal music in the Samadhi Mandir from 7.30 p. m. to 10 p. m. She was accompanied on the Tabla by Shri Bhausaheb Thatte from Bombay, on the harmonium by Shri Datta Jogdande and on the tanpura by Miss Rashmi Joshi. This programme also was much appreciated by the audience. The Shejarati was sung after this programme and this four day old festival of the Punyatithi of Shri Sai Baba came to an end. During all the four days of the festival, the articles offered to Shri Sai Baba were sold to the devotees by auction and all the devotees, who were present, took active part in the auction and purchased a lot of articles. The devotees were given a sweet dish as prasad at the usual rates during the days of the festival. Poor feeding was also done on a mass scale on all the days of the festival. The open place in front of the Samadi Mandir formerly admeasured 60' x 30'. It has now been expanded to 110' X 30'. The accommodation has been thus expanded and greater number of

peopal can now conveniently attend the programmes that are conducted during festivals.

The Police and Homeguards gave complete co-operation in maintaining law and order. Hence this festival, in which more than one and a half lac people visited Shirdi, concluded peacefully.

Kojagiri Pournima:-

Dr. K. B. Gavankar and his colleagues came to Shirdi on 12-10-81 for celebration of the Kojagiri Pournima on that day. Dr. Gavankar is continuously celebrating this day at Shirdi for the last 50 years. He celebrated this year the 51st Pournima at Shirdi. The programme given by the artists, who accompanied Dr. Gavankar, began at 8 p. m. From 8 p. m. to 12 midnight vocal music was given by two artists and keertan was performed on the life of Shri Eknath Maharaj. At midnight Shri Kakresaheb performed the pooja of Shri Sai Baba and the moon as on this day the moon has a special importance. After the pooja, prasada was distributed to the persons, who were present for the function. From 12.30 a. m. the programme was continued and the artists sang Bhajan, played on different musical instruments and continued the programmes upto 6 a. m. on the next morning (13-10-81). All the programmes were so interesting that they kept the entire audience spell-bound for the whole night.

Laxmipujan:- During the Diwali festival, worship of Laxmi was done on 27-10-81 by Shri Kakresaheb in the Samadhi mandir. Dhuparati was sung after the Laxmipujan was over and prasada and teerth were distributed to all the devotees, who were present for the aarti.

Felicitation:- As stated in the issue for December 1981, the famous devotional song singer and sincere Sai devotee Shri Shreeram Vishnu Satardekar completed his hundredth programme of vocal music at Shirdi on 7-10-81. The Court Receiver Shri

Kakresaheb therefore felicitated him on that day by offering him a shawal and a cocoanut for his covetable record.

The following artists gave their various programmes in the Samadhi Mandir during this month:-

Keertan:- Shri Gangadharshastri Beedkar, Beed and Sou. Padma Sahasrabuddhe.

Pravachan:- 1 Shri Laxmanbuwa Wakchoure, Shirdi 2 Shri Prabhakar Shankar Bhide, Pune 3 Shri Meghasham Ranade, Madgaon, Goa 4 Shri Ganasu Vaikuntha Naik, Shirodegaon 5 Shri Vitthal Baba, Hyderabad 6 Shri Murlidhar Ramrao Deshmukh, Shirdi.

Vocal Music, Instrumental Music, Bhajan, dance etc.

1 Shri Navratra Mahostav Mandal, Shirdi. 2 Shri Rambhakta Mandal, Indore 3 Shri Vaishya Samaj Bhajani Mandal, Bhivandi 4 Shri Sainath Bhajan Mahila Mandal, Shirdi 5 Shri Shreeram Vishnu Satardekar, Bombay 6 Dr. M. K. Kirtikar, Bombay. 7 Shri Chhota Gandharva, Pune 8 Shri Manohar Chandorkar, Pune. 9 Kum Sucheta Thombre, Pune 10 Shri Subhashchandra Kamat, Pune 11 Shri Bhausaheb Gokhale, Pune 12 Shri Damuanna Dalvi, Shreerampur. 13 Kumar Raghuv eer Shantaram Mirane, Shirdi 14 Shri Namdeo Nagu Bhoir, Navghar 15 Sou. Nandini Subhash Patil 16 Kum Manisha Vishwanath Kelkar, Aurangabad 17 Shri Aghorkar, Aurangabad. 18 Shri Raosaheb Deshmukh, Amravati 19 Shri Bholanath Samel, Bombay. 20 Shri Anantrao Rane, Bombay 21 Sou. Savita Suresh Gijare, Shirdi 22 Shri Arvind Rane, Bombay 23 Sou. Anjamma Chiranjivi, Hyderabad 24 Shri Raghunath Baburao Sandhbor, Pune 25 Shri Chhaburao Ahire, Hanumanthgaon 26 Shri Raghunath Shankar Landge, Sangamner 27 Shri C. V. Prasad, Hyderabad 28 Shri Narayan Kshirsagar, 29 Shri Rajendra Sakharam Salkar 30 Shri Vishnu Bhole, Nerul, Goa 31 Kum. Kalpana Prabhu, Bombay 32 Shri Kishor Devandas Devlekar, Baroda 33 Shri Harakchand Chandrabhan, Aalegaonpaga

34 Sou. Pratibhati Joshi, Nasik. 35 Sou. P. D. Paithankar, Nasik
 36 Shri Vitthal Vishnu Manjrekar, Shirdi. 37 Shri Shahu Bhosale,
 Bombay. 38 Shri Jagannath Mahadeo Ganacharya, Bombay. 39
 Smt. Leelatai Gujarathi, Shirdi. 40 Sou Milan Annasaheb Waghmare
 Pandharpur. 41 Shri Sai Mauli Bhajani Mandal, Hyderabad. 42
 Shri Swami Ramanand, Kurnool 43 Shri Dnyaneshwar Vaidya,
 Shirdi 44 Smt. Annapurna Devi, Shirdi 45 Shri Nanasaheb Korate
 Shirdi 46 Shri Chandrakant Manjrekar, Bombay 47 Shri Ratnakar
 Korate, Shirdi 48 Shri Natwar Vispute, Shirdi 49 Shri Rajendra-
 prasad Goyal, Delhi 50 Shri A. B. Karode 51 Shri S. S. Gurav
 52 Shri Shivaji Tukaram Dhumal, Shirdi. 53 Shri Dnyanoba
 Tatyia Wadekar, 54 Shri Barkoo Sheth, Bombay 55 Shri Shashikant
 Dalvi, Bombay 56 Shri Vilas Paralkar, Bombay. 57 Shri Vilas
 Mahadik, Bombay 58 Shri Subhash Jaywant Kambli, Bombay.
 59 Shri Satyawan Sawant, Bombay. 60 Shri Raghunathseth,
 Nagare, Shirdi 61 Shri Chaturdhanseth Nagare 62 Shri Baravakar
 Kaka, Shirdi 63 Shri Manikrao Sali, Shirdi 64 Shri Suresh
 Anjarlekar, Bombay 65 Shri Shantaram Mirane, Shirdi 66 Shri
 Shiva Mane, Bombay 67 Shri Dhanraj Naidu, Hyderabad 68 Shri
 Vivek Y. Mulay, Hyderabad 69 Shri Mahesh Shankar Adhikari,
 Bombay 70 Shri Ashok Sawant Bombay 71 Shri Krishna Band
 Pathak, Parel, Bombay 72 Corporation Colony Bhajani Mandal
 Nagpur 73 Sou. Rajanitai Joshi, Bombay 74 Shri Annasaheb
 Thatte, Bombay 75 Shri Datta Jogdande, Bombay 76 Kum. Rashmi
 Joshi, Bombay 77 Shri Sai Seva Samittee, New Delhi 78 Shri
 Ramesh Dhanawade, Bombay 79 Shri Janardan Rane, Bombay
 80 Shri Ramesh Jail, Bombay 81 Shri Ramdas Patil, Bombay 82
 Shri Anna Samant, Bombay 83 Shahir Madhu Kadoo, Bombay
 84 Shri Mohan Patil, Bombay 85 Shri Sukhdeo Kambli, Bombay
 86 Shri Vinayak Lad, Bombay 87 Shri Subhash Kode, Bombay
 88 Shri Shashikant Pusalkar, Bombay 89 Shri Datta More,
 Bombay 90 Shri Sudhir Chande, Bombay 91 Sou. Alka Riswadkar
 Bombay 92 Shri Namdeo Keni, Bombay 93 Shri Eknath Dhanawade
 Bombay 94 Shri Ramchandra Bobhate, Bombay 95 Shri Kale,
 Bombay 96 Shri Vasant Gavankar, Bombay 97 Shri Arun Shahane

98 Shri Amar Sainath Mandal, Hyderabad 99 Shri Saibaba Arti Satsang, Bhilainagar 100 Pandit Appasaheb Page, Kolpewadi 101 Esmail Dhanukha, Esmail Haddukha, Bhopal 102 Shri Jaywant Kulkarni, Bombay 103 Shri Anantrao Panchal, Bombay 104 Shri Hemant J. Pandit, Bombay 105 Smt. Jyoti A. Manuja, Bombay 106 Shri A. M. Manuja, Bombay 107 Shri Sai Baba Seva Mandal Malhat, Madgaon, Goa 108 Smt. Madhubala Manmohan Chawla Bombay 109 Shri Arun Gupte, Dombivli 110 Sou. Shubhada Ramrao Deshpande, Bhandara 111 Shri Chandrakant Ganesh Limaye, Bombay 112 Shri Dayal, Dattatraya Tukaram, Satara. 113 Sou. Chandrabala Vitthaldas Bhate, Bombay 114 Shri Mohan Shirodkar Bombay 115 Shri Vishram Mohan Shirodkar, Bombay 116 Kum. Vandana Mohan Shirodkar, 117 Shri Vasant Kashinath Kadnekar, Bombay 118 Shri Anantrao Dattaram Panchal, Bombay 119 Sou. Shakuntala Moreshwar Joshi, Nasik.

Weather:- The weather at Shirdi was quite healthy during this month. Due to good rain the water was found to be adequate for the devotees who attended the festival.

NOVEMBER 1981

The devotees visited Shirdi as usual during this month and hence the staff at Shirdi was rather busy during the whole month. The following artists gave their programmes in the Samadhi Nandir during this month :-

Keertan :- 1 Shri Shrikrishna Pandharinath Kulkarni, Bombay. 2 Shri Gangadhar Koparkar, Pune 3 Shri Subodha Morgaonkar, Pune.

Pravachan :- 1 Shri Laxmanbuwa Wakchoure, Shirdi. 2 Smt. Hirabai Deshmukh, Alandi. 3 Shri Murlidhar Deshmukh, Nagar 4 Shri Vishwanath Pandit Sahane, Surala 5 Shri Jagannathbuwa Wakchoure, Shirdi 6 Shri Bal Vyas Saraswati, Bombay
Vocal Music, Instrumental Music, dance Bhajan etc.

1 Shri Anurag Shrivastav, Bombay. 2 Shri Tilakraj Shivrag

Pushkarna 3 Smt. Jayashri Shivram Pushkarna, Bombay. 4 Shri Pandurang Waman Bhosale, Bombay. 5 Shri Bhaktaraj, Indore 6 Shri Ramchandra Laxman Nirgudkar 7 Shri Waman Ganesh Jog, Indore 8 Smt. Meena Sangam, Bombay 9 Shri Satyasai Samiti, Ulhasnagar. 10 Shri Giriraj, Bombay 11 Bhabool Seemapuri 12 Shri Siddhivinayak Gayan Party, Bombay. 13 Rajesh Nagjee Bombay. 14 Sou. Shubhatai J. Dhamankar, Pune. 15. Shri Rajabhau Dumane, Pune. 16 Shri Nagesh V. Ligras, Pune. 17 Shri Baliram Danduk, Bombay. 18 Shri Chokhelal Khedule, Raipur. 19 Shri Bhagwati Sai Samaj, Narayan Baba Kurla. 20 Late Shri Pandurang Bala Madwi Bhajani Mandali, Thane. 21 Atmashanti Bhajani Mandal, Bombay. 22 Smt. Geeta Laxman Parkar, Bombay. 23 Shri Jani Anant Sadre, Thane.

On the Ekadashi day in the first half of the month of Kartik, keertan programme was arranged and the Palkhi of Shri Baba was taken in procession in the Shirdi Village. The Shejarati was sung on that day after the procession returned to the Samadhi Mandir.

Tulsi Viwaha :- In Dwarakamai the function of Tulsi Viwaha was celebrated as usual on the 12th day of the first half of the month of Kartik. The staff of the Sansthan and Sai devotees took part in the function. Prasad was distributed to all who attended the function. The children fired crackers on the occasion.

Weather :- The weather at Shirdi was quite healthy during this month. The nights were comparatively cool. ★



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साई बाबा की कृपा

मैं साई लीला मासिक का गत मार्च ८१ से ही सदस्य बना हूँ। हरवार पत्रिका अनूत रूपीज्ञान का पान करती है उसमे साई भाईयों के स्वानुभव पढ रहा हूँ और साई महिमा की अनंत कृपा का आनंद उठा रहा हूँ। कल ही अर्थात् १-११-८१ को अंक प्राप्त हुआ। पूर्ण पढ कर एक खोई हुई निधी की प्राप्ता हुई। साई कृपा से आज मुझे तो मेरी १६-२-८१ को परिवार सहित "शिडी धाम" की यात्रा मैं एक हप्ते की। उममें प्राप्त अनुभव को लिखने की प्रेरणा हुई उसे लिख रहा हूँ जो कि महाराज की साईनाथ की दया से लिख रहा हूँ। मेरी यही प्रार्थना है कि इसके द्वारा और साई भाईयों और भक्तों को यह ज्ञात हो कि बाबाने जो महासमाधी पूर्व कहा कि मैं अपने भक्तों के उनके कदम के चलने पर दस कदम चलकर उनकी रक्षा करूंगा यह मृत्यु की किरणों के समान अक्षरशः सत्य है।

हम १६-२-८१ को सिकंद्राबादसे मनमानी के लिए निकले १७-२-८१ मनमाड पहुँच कर पूर्व प्लान के अनुसार हमने नाशिक का टिकट लिया और दोपहर में नाशिक गये वहाँ पर पंचवटी में गोदावरी में पुनीत स्नान कर तथा मंदिरों के दर्शन के बाद हमने एक टांगा लिया और सी. बी. एस. के लिए निकले जहाँ से हमारी इच्छा त्र्यंबकेश्वर जाने की थी। दुपहर में तीन बजकर तीस मिनट पर जब टांगा बस स्टैंड के नजदीक जा रहा था एक ऊँचा पुल आया जब टांगा पुल चढ रहा था उसी समय घोड़े की सीदी हाथ के तर्फ की वेन्ट टूट गयी। टांगेवाला नीचे उतरकर उसे ठीक करने की कोशिश कर रहा था अचानक घोडा बिचक गया और पीछे की तरफ जाने लगा। नीचे करीब बीस फीटकी खाई था। उस समय अचानक एक रोड साईड के मामुलीमे गाडे हुए लकडी के डंडे से भी मेरी पत्नी ने अपना पैर टिका दिया उसी समय उनका पैर दर्द से चूर हो रहा था घोडा था कि पीछे आनेपर तुला हुआ था। हमारी चीखें सुनकर आसपास के दुकानों में से चार आठ लोग दौड आये और सबने मिलकर पहियों को पकडकर टांगे को उपर चढाया। उस समय एक वृद्ध महाशय सफेद सफेद धोती तथा भिर पर टोपी थी वहाँ आये और मेरी पत्नी के सिर पर हाथ रख कर बोले कि अब तुम लोग आराम से जाओ सब भगवान

ठीक करेंगे। आप सच जानिये जो पहियों को दोनों तरफ से लोगों ने मिल्कर रोका उसे दस मिनटों तक पत्नी ने पैर से रोका था पैर सूज गया था। बस स्टैंड पर पहुंचकर हमने त्र्यंबकेश्वर को यात्रा रोक दी। हमने बाबा का मन पूर्वक ध्यान करके हमारी रक्षा के लिए उन्हें बाबा याद किया उनसे प्रार्थना कि की अब हम सीधे शिर्डी ही आ रहे हैं। आश्चर्य उसी समय शिर्डी एक्सप्रेस बस आकर रुकी। मैंने उसमें स्थान प्राप्त किया और दो ढाई घंटों में हमने शिर्डी के पावन स्थान पर अपने पाया तथा उतने समय में सूजा हुआ पैर पहले के समान बगैर किसी दवा के केवल उनके नाम स्मरण से ही ठीक हो गया। और हसँते खेलते हम सात बजे की धूप आरती के पावन समय में श्रीमूर्ती के दर्शन कर पायें। हम वहाँ पर पांच दिन तक थे।

शुक्रवार के दिन सायंकाल गुरुस्थान में बेंच पर बैठे थे कि मेरी पत्नी ने कहा कि आप भी जाकर लोभान लाईये। तब मैंने कहा कि हम तो यहीं हैं। कक्ष जलायेंगे ऐसी लापरवाही मैं कर रहा था। उसी समय करंट आफ हो गया और पांच मिनट बाद लाईट आने पर एक दस वर्ष का बालक हमारे सामने आकर कहने लगा कि मेरे पास लोभान के पाकिट है चार आने के दो ले लो। मेरी सासनी भी हमारे साथ थी मैंने कहा कि मुझे और एक पाकिट दो तब वह बोला मेरे पास दो ही है। मैंने दो पाकिट लिये और उससे कितना ही कहा कि और लाकर दे पर वह चला गया और उसके बाद लगातार तीन तक कितना भी ढूँडने पर नहीं दिखा। बाबा की अद्भुत लीला का यह रूप देख कर मैंने अश्रुओं भर गये। कि उनकी अपने भक्तों के लिए कितनी तीव्र गतिसे उनकी इच्छा पूरी करने की महिमा है।

इसी प्रकार भोजन के लिए चौथे दिन हम गुरुस्थान के पास बैठे थे। हमने बच्चों और सासजी को भोजनगृह भेज दिया। हमें भूख नहीं थी। हम दोनों ही बैठे थे। साढ़े आठ के बाद बच्चे वापस आये और कहने लगे कि आज सब्जियाँ बहुत ही अच्छी बनी है आप जरूर खाकर आये। हमने भी सोचा कि रोज आ नहीं सकते चलो चलकर थोड़ा प्रसाद ले लें। जब हम धीरे धीरे भोजन मंदिर के पास गये तो मैं कांटर की ओर टिकट के लिए गया तो देखा खिडकी बंद है। आकर पत्नी से कहा तब उसने कहा कि बाबा की इच्छा, गलती अपनी है हम पहले नहीं आये हैर उनकी कृपा चलो, वापस मंदिर चले।

जैसे ही हम एक दस कदम चले होंगे एक व्यक्ति अचानक हमारे सामने आया और कहने लगा कि भाई मेरे पास दो कूपन आप ले लीजिए । मैंने कहा कि आपको नहीं चाहिए क्या तो बोलें कि मेरे लोग नहीं आये परवाह नहीं आप लेकर जाइये ; और मैंने उनके पैसे न लेने पर जिद से चार रुपये दिये । इस तरह श्री बाबा ने अपने परम अनुग्रह द्वारा हमें अपने प्रसाद रूपी भोजन का स्वाद का कार्य पूराकर प्रति जगह अपनी उपस्थिति और प्रेम और अनुरागी भक्तों की हरेक जरूरत और उसकी रक्षा का भार वहन करने क्षमता का पूर्ण रूपसे जीता जागता प्रमाण दिया और उनके इन प्रमाणों के लिए हमारा परिवार और खास कर मैं हम जन्म जन्म के लिए श्री बाबा के ऋणी हैं । और बाबा के प्रति हमारी श्रद्धा चहान की तरह और भी मजबूत हो गयी । मेरी सब साई लीला के पाठकों से भाईयों और बहनो से यही नम्र विनंती है कि “श्री साई हर वक्त हर जगह अपने भक्तों के लिए हमेशा तत्पर हैं ।” श्री बाबा के चरणों कोटि कोटि साष्टांग प्रणाम क्यों कि उन्होंने इस पामर जीव और परिवार की रक्षा की नहीं तो आज हम उस खाई में गिर कर मर गये होते । अनायास ही बाबा समाधि के पास लिखे हुए यह लाइन आंखोंके समक्ष आई “कौन छुवेगा उसकी परछाई रे । जिसको बचाने वाला साई ॥” इस प्रकार हमारा परिवार उनकी अनन्य भाव से पूजा अर्चना रोज कर रहा है और उनकी कृपा से हमारे अनेक या कहिये कि हरेक संकट वे ही दूर कर रहे हैं । जिस तरह मांकी गोद में बच्चा अपने को पूर्ण सुरक्षित पाता है । उसी तरह श्री बाबा हमारी रक्षा कर रहे हैं । श्री बाबा का यह स्नेह हमेशा हम पर और साई भक्तों पर बना रहे यही प्रार्थना करते हुए इस लेख को पूर्ण कर रहा हूँ ।

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साई लीला

- “साई लीला मेरे बाबा की गुणगाथा गाये रसवंती ।
हर माह साई की कृपा कथा सुमधुर लाये भगवंती ॥ १ ॥
- शिरडी पुण्यभूमिकी प्रदक्षिणा का फल देती फूलवंती ।
भक्तगण की अनुभव कथा का गान करती मन भावनी ॥ २ ॥
- काव्यप्रसाद के भक्ति भावोंके नित नये जयजयवंती ।
श्री साई गौरव स्तोत्र की मधुरम ओवी छंद बहलाती लीलामृतदायिनी ॥ ३ ॥
- श्री साई चरित की आंग्ल भाषी धारा नित्यक्रम से बहाती दिल रंजनी ।
तंत्री महोदयके साई अध्यात्म परिचय लेखों की प्रेमपरवाणी ।
संस्था समाचारों से परिचित करती स्मरणीय स्त्रोतस्विनी ॥ ४ ॥
- साई अमरत्व के आनुभविक दिव्य दर्शन करवाती मंगल मार्गनी ।
संत जनों की भगवद वाणीका मर्म निरूपती रसगुंफनी ॥ ५ ॥
- मुखपृष्ठ पर विध विध साई प्रशांत रूपों की चित्रावली आनंदमयी ।
हिरदयको पुण्य पावन भावोंसे तरबरी तादात्म्य रंजनी ॥ ६ ॥
- हम निशदिन भक्तिभावसे पठन-पाठन मनन करे साई सिंचनी ।
भक्तों विशुद्ध हिरदयमें अखंड धूप दीप जलाये “साई लीला” पुण्यदायिनी ॥ ७ ॥
- नित “साई लीला” एकचित्त अभ्यास मनपावन रससरसावनी ।
साई चरणों मे प्रेम जगाकर “श्रद्धा” “सबूरी” दृढ करती मुक्तिदायिनी ॥ ८ ॥

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भगवान श्री गुलाब बाबा कवच

मैं गत चार वर्षों से भगवान श्री गुलाब बाबा के सान्निध्य में हूँ और उन्हें भगवान के अवतारों के अन्तर्गत मानता हूँ। मुझे दिनांक १ जुलाई, १९८० को भगवान श्री गुलाब बाबा की ४८ वी वर्षगांठ के समारोह में रेशिम बाग, में सम्मिलित होने का सौभाग्य मिला था। उस समय नागपुर के श्री सुधाकर बडकस ने 'सौरभ' नाम से भगवान श्री गुलाब बाबा के गुण-गौरव का उद्घाटक एक ग्रंथ श्री भालचन्द्र बूट के सहयोग से प्रकाशित किया था, जिसमें मेरी एक हिन्दी कविता और मेरे विस्तृत हिन्दी लेख का चतुर्थांश प्रकाशित हुआ था। कविता में व्यक्त भावों को भक्त-जनों ने काफी पसन्द किया, जिससे प्रेरणा पाकर नागपुर से लौटते ही भगवान श्री गुलाब बाबा कवच की रचना में संलग्न हो जाना पडा। मुझे इस ग्रंथ के पूरे रचनाकाल तक बाबा की दिव्य उपस्थिति का भान होता रहा, क्योंकि प्रत्येक पंक्ति में ३० मात्राओं की योजना और पूरी पुस्तक में एक राग-लययुक्त गीतात्मकता का निर्वाह-यह सब बाबा की ही महिमा है।

इस पुस्तक में बाबा के जन्म, बचपन, घर से बाहर निकलना, पंढरपुर में प्रवास, विदर्भ से अविरत यात्राओं का दौर आरम्भ होना, बाबा का काटेल आगमन, काटेल-कोल्द की जनता में बाबा की महिमाओं का प्रचार, बाबा के जीवन में संकट, काटेल आश्रम का वर्तमान स्वरूप और बाबा की तत्सम्बन्धी योजना, अनेक भक्त जैसे राजासाहब डफवाले, कामठी के उद्योगपति श्री शंकरलाल अग्रवाल, अमरावती के श्री के. एन. पाटील, श्री बापूराव तिडके, शिरडी साई संस्थान के मैनेजर श्री ए. आर. शिन्दे, बम्बई 'घाटकोपर' के फोटोग्राफर श्री दिनेशचंद्र शीतोले, अण्णा बाबा उर्फ ताजुद्दीनदास बाबा, कुर्ला (बम्बई) के डाक्टर के. बी. गव्हाणकर, दमोह के सेठ गोपीचन्द्र जैन, भण्डारा के श्री महादेव डोंगरवार बाबा, घामणगांव के श्री हरिदास बाबा आदि के साथ घटित हुए ईश्वरीय चमत्कारों की झांकी प्रस्तुत की गई है। साथ ही भगवान श्री गुलाब बाबा को अक्कलकोट के स्वामी समर्थ परमहंस श्री रामकृष्ण, रमण महर्षि, शिरडी के श्री साई बाबा, शेगांव के श्री गजानन महाराज, नागपुर के श्री ताजुद्दीन बाबा तथा मेहर बाबा, धूनी वाले दादा, भगवान श्री सत्य साई बाबा, सती

गोदावरी माता, सती अनुसूया माता, सन्त विक्त् बाबा, सन्त गुणवन्त बाबा (लाखनवाडी), भगवान पुन्डलीक महाराज (मुर्तिराजपुर), आदि अक्तारी विभूतियों की परंपरा में रखा गया है ।

दिनांक १० जुलाई, १९८० को मलकापुर में कोलते जी के निवास पर आयोजित वाढ-दिवस के कार्यक्रम में भाग लेने के लिए मैं मुर्तिजापुर में भगवान श्री पुन्डलीक महाराज और शेगांव में भगवान श्री गजानन महाराज के दर्शन करके दिन के ३ बजे मलकापुर आश्रम पहुंचा । प्रोफेसर राजापुर गुरु जी का भाषण चल रहा था । भगवान श्री गुलाब बाबा की कृपादृष्टि मुझ पर पडते ही उन्होंने मुझे अपने पास बुलाया । मैंने प्रभु के पावन चरणों में प्रणाम करके उनके कर-कमलों में इस कवच की टाइप की पांडुलिपि अर्पित की । बाबा ने तुरन्त मुझे इसको पढने का आदेश दिया । सामान्यतः जब भक्त उपस्थित जन-समूह के समक्ष उनकी महिमाओं का गुणगान करने लगते हैं, तब बाबा वहां से उठकर अन्यत्र जाकर विश्राम करने लगते हैं, किन्तु लीलाधर इस ग्रंथ के पूरे पाठ-काल में भक्तों के बीच में ही बैठे रहे थोड़ी देर बाद झपकी लेने की भंगिमा में वे तकिये के सहारे लेट गए । मैं ग्रंथ की एक-एक पंक्ति का सस्वर पाठ करता रहा और मलकापुर, नागपुर, खामगांव, अमरावती, कोपरगांव, जलगांव, भुसावल, चालीसगांव, बम्बई, दिल्ली, नवसारी, गुजरात आदि के भक्त तल्लीन होकर कवच में वर्णित लीला-गान सुनते रहें । अन्तर्यामी और सर्वज्ञ भगवान श्री गुलाब बाबा ठीक उस समय उठकर बैठ गये, जब मैं १०७ वां छन्द पढ रहा था और अन्तिम १०८ वां छन्द पढते समय वे उठकर खडे हो गये और वरद हस्त उठाकर आशीर्वाद दिया, जब कि पाठ करते समय मैंने यह कहीं प्रकट नहीं होने दिया था कि इस कवच में कुल वितने छन्द हैं अथवा यही कि अब कवच समाप्त हो रहा है । पाठ के पश्चात् भगवान् की अनुमति से उनकी उक्त सर्वज्ञता के ताजे उदाहरण से जब मैंने उपस्थित भक्तों को भवगत कराया तो "बोलो गुलाब बाबा की जय" की ध्वनि चारों ओर गून्ज उठी । बाबा ने इस पुस्तक की पांडुलिपि पर एक गुलाब का फूल रखकर इसमें शक्तिपात भी करने का कृपा की ।

बाबा भगवान हैं और उन्होंने इस कवच के एक-एक शब्द को सुनकर इसे पावन कर दिया है तथा वरद हस्त उठाकर दिव्य

आशीर्वाद भी प्रदान किया है । अतएव मुझे पूर्ण विश्वास है कि जो भी भक्त इस कवच का नित्य श्रद्धापूर्वक पाठ करेंगे, भगवान् श्री गुलाब बाबा की कृपा उन्हें अवश्य प्राप्त होगी । दिनांक २ सितम्बर, १९८० को गोकुल अष्टमी के अवसर पर काटेल में श्री गुलाब बाबा ने इस कवच को प्रकाशित करने की कृपा की । भगवान् बाबा के बारे में जितना भी लिखा जाय, वह थोडा ही है उनकी महिमाओं का कहीं ओर-छार नहीं मिल सकता । उनके सम्बन्ध में तो बस यही कहा जा सकता है कि जो शिवमहिम्न स्तोत्र में भगवान् शंकरजी के लिए कहा है ।

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यह कवच अभी साई भक्तों के लिये क्रमशः साई लीला में प्रकाशित हो रहा है ।

गौरीनन्दन शिव-शंकर हरि श्री साई भगवान् ।

कवच-सृजन से पूर्व दास का सबको कोटि प्रणाम ।

साई बाबा के पावन चरणों पर यह मस्तक रखता ।

सन्त गजानन महाराज को सपुलक नमस्कार करता ॥

बाबा ताजुद्दीन नागपुर वाले का मैं ध्यान करूँ ।

सन्त-शिरोमणि श्री गुलाब बाबा का लीला-गान करूँ

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एक जुलाई सन् बत्तिस के सुप्रभात की बेला में ।

टाकरखेड ग्राम में प्रगटे उमक-वंशयश फैलाने ॥

सीताराम उमक बचपन से "साधु बुवा" थे कहलाते ।

पत्नी तानाबाई उनकी, जिनसे दुख-दरिद्र जीते ॥ २ ॥

इस दंपति ने पाँच पुत्र दो कन्याओं को जन्म दिया ।

यशवन्तराव, नारायणराव, गुलामराव को प्रगट किया ॥

रामराव ओर भीमराव हैं नाम अन्य भ्राताओं के ।

बहन द्रौपदा और नर्मदा पूजित हैं माताओं में

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तीस जून सन् बत्तिस दिन गुरुवार रात ग्यारह पंचपन ।
ज्येष्ठ कृष्ण द्वादशी और संवत् अट्ठारह सौ चौवन ।
साधु बुवा के तीसरे पुत्र श्री गुलाब राव प्रगटे ।
कृष्ण-जन्म का मृदु प्रसंग सुनने के बाद कृष्ण प्रगटे ॥ ४ ॥

आषाढी एकादशी के दिन साधु बुवा सुरधाम गये ।
मातृ-स्नेह से शैशव में ही वंचित पुत्र 'गुलाब' हुये ॥
अट्ठारह बिस्वा दरिद्रता का था घर में वास सदा ।
मोल-मजूरी पालन-पोषण का हलका आधार रहा ॥ ५ ॥

मात्र तीसरी कक्षा में गुलाब ने पढना छोड दिया ।
गो-चारण में रुचि दिखला कर कृष्ण रूप का बोध दिया ॥
घनोपार्जन हेतु भाइयों ने दुकान भी खुलवाई ।
किन्तु दयानिधि की अपार करुणा से ठीक न चल पाई ॥ ६ ॥

दूध साईकिल पर लेकर गांवों में भी गुलाब घूमा ।
कुटिल चतुरता-भरे नरों के कारण वह धन्धा डूबा ॥
वाद्य और संगीत, भजन-कीर्तन में रुचि थी बचपन से ।
स्थापित कर पंढरी भजन-मण्डल गांवों में ले जाते ॥ ७ ॥

कालिदास, तुलसी, भूषण अपमानित नारी से होकर ।
घर त्यागे, विख्यात हो गये सन्त-प्रवर या कवि बनकर ॥
उसी तरह भाभी से अपमानित होकर बाबा निकले ।
हुआ सुखद फल, 'श्री गुलाब' आगे चलकर भगवान बने ॥ ८ ॥

घर-परिवार त्याग कर बाबा सुर्जी-अंजनगाँव गये ।
पंढरपुर की दिण्डी वाले वहीं अचानक उन्हें मिले ॥
दिण्डी वालों के साथ-साथ बाबा जा पहुँच पंढरपुर ।
किया प्रणाम गाडगे बाबा को मस्तक रख चरणों पर ॥ ९ ॥

वरद हस्त श्री सन्त गाडगे बाबा ने सिर पर रक्खा ।
'गुलाबराव' अभिधान छोड कहलाये 'सन्त गुलाब बाबा' ॥
'गोपाला-गोपाला देवकीनन्दन गोपाला' का मंत्र
दिया गाडगे बाबा ने, जैसा था बाबा का प्रारब्ध ॥ १० ॥

‘स्वामी नामानन्द निकट जाओ’ आदेश गाडगे का ।
 शिरोधार्य काके ‘गुलाब’ ने उनको अपना गुरु माना ।
 पांडुरंग का आशीर्वाद मिला पंढरपुर में उनको ।
 कैकाडी महाराज, सन्त तुकडोजी वहीं मिले उनको ॥ ११ ॥

कृष्ण रूप में दर्शन पाकर स्वामी नामानन्द हिले ।
 संदीपनि ऋषि को थे जैसे शिष्य रूप में कृष्ण मिले ॥
 नामानन्द तभी से उनको नत-मस्तक प्रणाम करते ।
 बाबा सद्गुरु मान उन्हें चरणों पर हैं मस्तक रखते ॥ १२ ॥

तुकाराम और ‘नामदेव, गोरा कुम्भार और ज्ञानेश्वर,
 सन्त गजानन पथ दिखाते, रटो निरंतर मुरलीधर ॥
 नामानन्द, सन्त तुकडो, कैकाडी और गाडगे से -
 आशीष और प्रेरणा मिली, बाबा विदर्भ में आ पहुँचे ॥ १३ ॥

पंढरपुर में चौदह वर्ष बिताकर शिरसगाँव आये ।
 “दास-बोध” पर उनका प्रवचन सुन विद्वत-जन चकराये ॥
 पूर्णा में था पूर, डुबता गाँव देख जन घबराये ;
 कर तट-बन्ध पूर का बाबा अपनी जान बचा पाये ॥ १४ ॥

पारस नगर रेलवे पुल के पास प्रथम भंडारा था ।
 शुष्क कूप में पाँव टेक जलमय उसको कर डाला था ॥
 रामटेक, आकोट, तेलहाग, मालेगाँव, अकोला में -
 अनुदिन सन्त गुलाब लगे जनता में जागृति फैलाने ॥ १५ ॥

आज यहा, कल वहां, भजन-कीर्तन के आयाजन होते ।
 भक्त-वृन्द के साथ सदा बाबा उसमें हाजिर रहते ॥
 ढोल-मृदंग-मंजीरा-तबला हारमोनियम और मुरली ।
 सभी वाद्य-यन्त्रों पर बाबा की उँगलियाँ नाच सकतीं ॥ १६ ॥

भजन-कीर्तन और गोपाल-काला, फिर होता भडरा ।
 स्वयंपाक घर में लग जाता अन्नपूर्णा का डेरा ॥
 छोटे-बड़े, धनी-निर्धन, अस्पृश्य-स्पृश्य का भेद नहीं ।
 एक साथ सब भोजन करते, होता कोई खेद नहीं ॥ १७ ॥

पूरण सेठ मारवाडी थे मालेगाँव रहा करते ।
जो गुलाब बाबा के ऊपर थे अतिशय श्रद्धा रखते ॥
ऊपरी कक्ष उनके घर का बन गया आश्रम बाबा का ।
दूर-दूर से आकर जनता दर्शन करती थी उनका ॥ १८ ॥

काटेल गाँव में महुये से दारू निकालने का धन्दा -
करते राजा माँग कचेरी तट पर था जिनका भट्टा ॥
पंच-उंबर के पास छिपाकर रखते महुये के पीपे ।
आज जहाँ बिट्ठल का मंदिर, वहीं लोग दारू पीते ॥ १९ ॥

राजा गये छिपाने महुये के पीपे पंच-उंबर पर ।
फूत्कार कर नाग भयानक बड़ा आक्रमण को तत्पर ॥
गिरे कचेरी की बालू पर घबरा कर राजासाहब ।
घर जाकर सब हाल सुनाया, लुप्त चेतना लौटी जब ॥ २० ॥

जान बची, 'श्री गुलाब बाबा' के दर्शन के लिये चले ।
मालेगाँव पहुँच राजा बाबा की खोज लगे करने ॥
पूरण सेठ मारवाडी के घर उनको लाये लडके ।
'भारी संकट से जान बची' बाबा तुरन्त बोले उनसे ॥ २१ ॥

चला सिलसिला राजा डफ वाले के आने-जाने का ।
काटेल-निवासी आग्रह करते थे बाबा को लाने का ॥
'भंडारे की करो व्यवस्था, लाता हूँ मैं बाबा को' -
कह कर मालेगाँव चले मिलने राजा इस 'बाबा' को ॥ २२ ॥

ताला बंद रहा बाहर से, बाबा ने दिखलाया खेल ।
पूरण की चोरी से राजा उनको ले आये काटेल ॥
इर्षित हुए गाँव वाले पी भजन-रसामृत सारी रात ।
थके हुए थे राजा, अपने घर को निकल गये चुपचाप ॥ २३ ॥

सुबह उठे राजा, दारू, की भट्टी पर चल कर आये ।
घोती ओढ़ सो रहा कोई झाडी में लख घबराये ॥
प्रभु को सोया देख लगे दिखाने उनको दिन में तारे ।
घबरा कर वे लगे छिपाने मिट्टी के बर्तन सारे ॥ २४ ॥

भट्टी नष्ट किया राजा ने आ बैठे बाबा के पास ।
कोलर-काटेल निवासी दौड़े आये उर में लिये हुलास ॥
"भंडारे में कचे अन्न का क्या हो" लोगों ने पूछा ।

बाबा बोले "स्नान बाद उसका प्रसाद सबको बैठना" ॥ २५ ॥

जंगल-झाड़ियों, साँप-बिच्छू से भरे हुए उस मरघट पर ।
संकल्प आश्रम का करके बस गये कचेरी के तट पर ॥
राजासाहब को ग्रामवासियों ने भरसक सहयोग दिया ।
गणपति कुकडे ने वही भूमि आश्रम के लिये प्रदान किया ॥ २६ ॥

घास-फूस की एक झोपड़ी बनवा दिये गाँव वाले ।
अन्न और जल का प्रबंध करने लग गये भजन वाले ॥
नदी कचेरी केवल वर्षा में जीवन धारण करती ।
शेष सभी ऋतुओं में तो वह सुखी सदा पडी रहती ॥ २७ ॥

देहाती चरवाहों के संग बैठ गप्प करते-करते ।
अमृत-कुंड सृजन कर डाला बाबा ने हँसते-हँसते ॥
मीठा और रोगनाशक जल सदा भरा रहता जिसमें ।
कितने ही असाध्य रोगों से मुक्त हुए जिसके जल से ॥ २८ ॥

इसी कचेरी के तट पर ग्रामीण बनाते थे मदिरा ।
इस समाजघाती प्रवृत्ति से करुणाकर का हृदय हिला ॥
अपने भजन-कीर्तन में बाबा मदिरा-विरोध करते ।
ग्रामवासियों को हिलमिल रहने का भी प्रबोध करते ॥ २९ ॥

"जिसने नहीं पिया दारू, है जन्म व्यर्थ" कहते बाबा ।
"जे दारू नाही प्याला त्यांचा जन्म वाया गेला ना" ।
तामदेव-ज्ञानेश्वर ने पी, तुकाराम-गोरा ने पी ।
सूरदास ने पी वह दारू और वही मीरा ने पी ॥ ३० ॥

महुए की दारू नहीं, भक्ति रूपी दारू पी लो लोगो ।
दुर्वह भव-सागर में भक्ति-रसामृत पी जी लो लोगो ॥
दया-क्षमा और शान्तिप्रेम का जन-जन को देते सन्देश ।
आश्रम है काटेल, किन्तु घर बाबा का है सारा देश ॥ ३१ ॥

मदिरा का उत्पादन बंद करूँगा, यह संकल्प किया ।
 लगे रोकने लोगों को, मद-पान-त्याग-हित विवश किया ॥
 बाबा की संकल्प-शक्ति से मदिरा बनती गंगा-जल ।
 मादकता होती न तनिक, तुक गया गाँव वालों का बल ॥ ३२ ॥

फिर गुलाब बाबा को अज्ञानी ग्रामीणों ने मारा ।
 एक अभगिन महिला ने तो उन्हें जहर ही दे डाला ॥
 किन्तु बाल बाँका बाबा का किंचित् नहीं हुआ उससे ।
 अजर-अमर जो दिव्य शक्ति, भय उसे भला कब और किससे ॥ ३३ ॥

मानव के कल्याण हेतु अवतार लिया जिसने भू पर ।
 कहो भला वह कैसे विचलित होगा ऐसे विधुनों पर ॥
 बाबा को जहर दिया जिसने, मंडराने लगी मृत्यु उस पर ।
 आकर रोने लगी, गिरी बाबा के पावन चरणों पर ॥ ३४ ॥

करुणासागर को कैसे करुणा फिर भला नहीं आती ।
 जिसको हर नारी में अपनी माता की छवि दिखलाती ॥
 क्षमा-दान दे बाबा ने उसको नव-जीवन-दान दिया ।
 अमृत-कुंड के जल की महिमा का सबको अनुमान दिया ॥ ३५ ॥

काटेल और कोलद के आस-पास जितने भी गाँव बसे ।
 फैली चारों ओर कीर्ति आश्रम की, बाबा की तब से ॥
 कोलद गाँव एक दिन बाबा गये भजन-कीर्तन करने ।
 नाम-रसामृत की पावन धारा में लोग लगे बहने ॥ ३६ ॥

बीती आधी रात, चल पडे वापस बाबा आश्रम को ।
 तरुणाई में पूर बह रहा घेर कचेरी के तन को ॥
 ग्रामीणों ने पूर उतरने तक -चाहा रोकना उन्हें ।
 किन्तु ईश्वरी शक्ति दिखाने हित ही था लौटना इन्हें ॥ ३७ ॥

भयभीत ग्रामवासी बाबा के साथ चले, तट तक आये ।
 देख रूप विकराल बाढ का साहस नहीं संजो पाये ॥
 सहज भाव से बाबा ने जल के सीने पर पाँव दिया ।
 पीछे-पीछे आने का ग्रामीणों को उत्साह दिया ॥ ३८ ॥

पूर भरे जल पर चल कर बाबा उस तट तक जा पहुँचे ।

दिव्य शक्ति से बाबा की ग्रामीण लोग भी आ पहुँचे ॥

ऐसी असंख्य लीलायें दिखलाई बाबा ने जनता को ।

रोग-व्याधि, चिन्ता-अपयश से मुक्त किया है जनता को ॥ ३९ ॥

भारत के प्रत्येक प्रान्त में, नगरों में और गाँवों में ।

फैले लाखों भक्त चतुर्दिक् मोहित हैं लीलाओं में ॥

काटेल बने द्वारका दूसरी, बाबा का संकल्प यही ।

पूर्ण नहीं होता जब तक, तब तक उनको विश्राम नहीं ॥ ४० ॥

सोलह वर्षों के भीतर मरघट बन गया स्वर्ग-जैसा ।

जाते ही काटेल दिखेगा वहाँ विश्वकर्मा चैठा ॥

मुख्य द्वार से लेकर आश्रम के अनेक आवासों तक ।

सन्तव द्वार, मन्दिर अनेक फैले सरिता के घाटों तक ॥ ४१ ॥

बाबा के भक्तों की संख्या कितनी, इसे जानना हो ।

भक्त और भगवान बीच अंतर को जिसे मापना हो ॥

'नास्ति' 'अस्ति' बनता जिसको प्रत्यक्ष देखना हो ।

मुक्ति-धाम अपने नेत्रों से यदि साकार देखना हो ॥ ४२ ॥

तो दौड़ो, काटेल चलो, सार्थक कर लो नर-जीवन को ।

अमृत-कुंड का जल पीकर निर्मल कर लो अपने तन को ॥

एक-अनेक-भेद प्रत्यक्ष दिखायेंगे गणपति तुमको ।

भव्य कृष्ण-मन्दिर में साईनाथ मिले बैठे तुमको ॥ ४३ ॥

विट्ठल रखुमाई का मन्दिर बना कचेरी घाट पर ।

पवन-पुत्र, संतोषी माता दुर्गा हैं उस घाट पर ॥

पांच, तीन और एक उंबर तक पहुँचो, नवधा-भक्ति वहीं ।

ताजुद्दिन दास अण्णा बाबा का आश्रम बना वहीं ॥ ४४ ॥

(अपूर्ण)

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सदा पालन करना, सदा पालन करना ॥ १ ॥

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