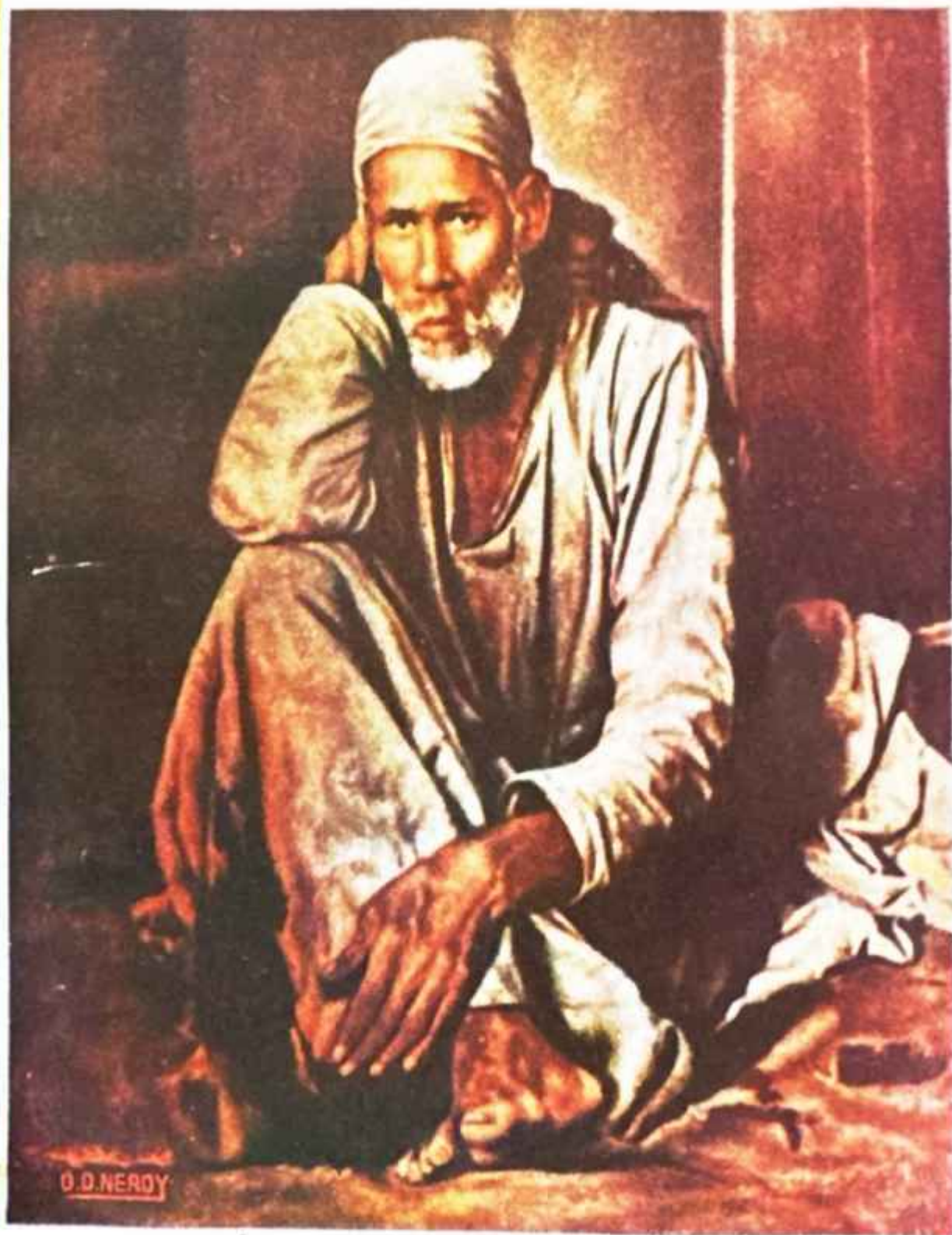


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## Omnipresent Sai Baba

God and his incarnations are described by three main epithets viz Omnipotent, Omnipresent & omniscient. Shri Sai Baba, who is described by some devotees as God and as an incarnation of various Gods, by others, fully qualifies for all the above epithets as can be seen from the incidents described in Sai Satcharit. In the last issue (Editorial for the month of September 1982) it was described at length how Shri Sai Baba was Omnipotent and how he accomplished many things which are normally beyond the scope of the ordinary people. Though normally it is said that Shri Sai Baba never went beyond Rahata on the one side and Nimgaon on the other, after he came to Shirdi, still by His yogic powers He used to travel long distances and He used to remain present at several distant places. From the several incidents narrated in Shri Sai Satcharita we can definitely say that like God He was also Omnipresent. We may therefore see how we can prove this with the help of the incidents narrated in the Sai Satcharita.

In this connection we may first of all look at a story which is commonly told. There was a learned Guru who was giving instructions to several students. After a certain period the Guru completed the course of training of one batch of students and he wanted to know how much of what he taught was digested by his pupils. He therefore called three of his pupils, who in his opinion were more sharp than others. The Guru then gave one plantain to each of the three students and told them, "My boys,

I have given to you all my learning and I would now like to send you back to your parents for entering into the next ashram viz. Grihasthashram (गृहस्थाश्रम); but before that let me find out how much of the learning, which I imparted to you has been digested by you. I have given one plantain to each of you. Now I want you to go out from here and eat it at a place where God will not see you. You may now make a move. I wish you good luck."

The Guru had given six hour's time to the pupils to report to him. He therefore awaited them after that period. After six hours all the pupils returned. The Guru then enquired with one of them what he had done. He said, "Guruji, I went in a very secluded room in my wada & I felt that God will not be able to see me at that place and hence I ate the plantain given by you at that place".

On hearing this the Guru nodded his head and requested the second pupil to give his report. He said, "Guruji, you know there is a very dense forest at a distance of about three miles from our ashram".

After listening to this, the Guruji said, "Yes, I know about it. Narrate your further story". The pupil continued, "I went to that forest and started walking inside. I found that the jungle was getting thicker and thicker as I was going deeper and deeper in the jungle. Ultimately I came to a spot where it was quite dark and when I looked around I thought that God cannot be present there and hence I ate my plantain there".

On completion of the narration by the second pupil, the Guruji just looked at the third pupil, who understood that it was the order of his Guru to speak. So he started, "Guruji, I wandered far and wide, as I could, during the last six hours in search of a spot, which would be out of God's ken; but I was not able to find out such a spot anywhere on my way. I

therefore did not eat the plantain, which you gave to me and hence I have brought it back with me. Here is it".

Saying so the pupil returned the plantain to the Guru, who patted the third pupil on his back and said with great joy, "My boy, you have done well. You are the only pupil, who has digested my teaching properly. God is all pervading. There is not any place in this world which is outside God's Ken."

The moral of the above story is quite clear. That God is omnipresent is brought out very clearly in this story. If we look at the several incidents narrated in Sai Satcharit, we have also to come to this conclusion that Shri Sai Baba is also omnipresent. The following incidents from Sai Satcharit may be examined from this point of view:-

1) Shri Baba's reference to the discussion that took place at Sathé's wada and asking the question, "What did this Hemadpant say?" (Chapter II)

2) Shri Baba saves the child of a blacksmith by thrusting his arms into the Dhuni at Shirdi (Chapter 7)

3) Shri Baba told master Tarkhad at Shirdi about the neglect of His Pooja at Tarkhad's house at Bandra on the same day (Chapter 9)

4) Shri Baba told Mrs. Tarkhad that the food offered by her to a dog reached Him and gave Him satisfaction (Chapter 9).

5) Shri Baba asked Shri Ruttonji Shapurji Wadia to give Him dakshina of Rs.5/- subtracting therefrom an amount of Rs. 3-14 which he had spent for reception of one Moulavisaheb at Nanded (Chapter 14)

6) Shri Baba told Shri V.H.Thakur that Shri Thakur had formerly met one Kannad saint Appa and that Shri Thakur had a buffalo ride in the Nane Ghat (Chapter 21)

7) When one pleader from Pandharpur came to Shirdi and bowed down to Shri Baba, He remarked referring to some

discussion that took place in the bar-room at Pandharpur in which the pleader had taken part (Chapter 21)

8) Shri Balabuwa Sutar had bowed down to Shri Baba's portrait four years before his actual meeting with Shri Baba at Shirdi in 1917. In His first meeting with Shri Baba, He said that He knew Shri Sutar since four years, referring to Shri Sutar's first prostration before Shri Baba (Chapter 33)

9) Shri Baba attended Mrs. Deo's Udyapan ceremony at Dahanu in the form of a sannyasi along with two other persons (Chapter 40)

10) Shri Baba appeared in the house of Hemadpant in the form of a portrait as per His promise (Chapter 40)

11) Shri Baba permitted Shama to go to Banares and Prayag and told him that He would be there ahead of him. As promised by Shri Baba, Shama found a portrait of Shri Baba at Gaya (Chapter 46)

12) Shri Baba knew that Shri Tembye Swami had sent a cocoanut to Him through Shri Pundalikrao and therefore He asked Shri Pundalikrao to give it to Him (Chapter 50)

If we scan the above twelve incidents carefully we will at once come to know that Shri Baba must have been present at all these places, which are far away from Shirdi. He had some yogic power by which he could assume an invisible form and go to several places outside Shirdi, though His physical form or body was seen to be in Shirdi itself. God is supposed to be only one; but every devotee feels that God is guarding him and He is protecting him. Every devotee also has the confidence that God will run to him in his difficulties and He will pull him out of the rut of difficulties. As it is common experience that God does run to the help of His devotees, how could He do so unless He was present everywhere? Similarly though we have quoted above only a few instances from Sai Satcharita to show that Shri Sai Baba was Omnipresent, (present everywhere) still many

more instances may be quoted from Sai Satcharit and from other places. The experiences of the devotees that were published by Shri Narsimha Swamiji in his books and the experiences that are being published in this magazine every month go to show that Shri Sai Baba is Omnipresent and is rushing to the help of His devotees at different places when sincere prayers are offered to Him. Apart from the experiences that are published in this magazine, there may be the experiences of thousands of other devotees, who may not have the knack of expressing their experiences in writing, which will also indicate that Shri Sai Baba is Omnipresent. From our epics and Puranas also we see that all the incarnations of God have this extraordinary power of remaining present at all places and achieving marvellous things.

On the 27th of this month comes the Mahasamadhi day of Shri Sai Baba and hence the Punyatithi festival will be held as usual at Shirdi in this month for four days. Many devotees will try to go to Shirdi to attend the festival. Those who are lucky will get the opportunity to go to Shirdi at the feet of Shri Baba for the festival. As Shri Sai Baba stayed at Shirdi for more than sixty years, He moved in the Lendibaug, He stayed in Dwarkamai and Chawadi. All the land at Shirdi has become very holy to Sai devotees because Shri Baba's feet have touched that land. If therefore a devotee has reached that spiritual level, he will be able to feel the presence of Shri Sai Baba at Shirdi at every step and at every moment; but those devotees that are not able to go to Shirdi for the festival should not feel dejected. If they do so, it will mean that they have not understood Shri Sai Baba and His teaching properly. From the experiences of the devotees, we can say that even nearly sixty four years after His Mahasamadhi Shri Sai Baba has been appearing at several places far and wide which shows that He is still Omnipresent. In this case one assuance of Lord Vishnu to sage Narada should be remembered. Once when Shri Narada asked Shri Vishnu about his whereabouts, He at once said, "मद्भक्ता यत्र गायन्ति तत्र तिष्ठामि नारद" (O Narada,



I am present at all those places where my devotees are singing my praise). Similarly wherever Sai devotees are praying to Shri Baba sincerely, He is bound to be present at that place. Only you must have that spiritual eye, that spiritual vision to see Him. Then you will definitely feel His presence everywhere. Thus those devotees who pray to Shri Sai Baba all over the world outside Shirdi, should rest assured that Shri Sai Baba will be with them as usual on the Punyatithi festival as He is Omnipresent as pointed above in several ways.

Shri Sai Baba is the Guru of all the his devotees and thousands and thousands of Sai devotees will pray to Him on the Mahasamadhi day on 27 October 1982. Shri Baba was an awatar (incarnation) and like all incarnations of God, Shri Baba also had to cast His mortal coil some day or the other. Before His Mahasamadhi however He had told His devotees that from His tomb, He would speak to His devotees, He would guide His devotees and He would guard His devotees and during the last sixty four years the devotees have experienced the truth of the aforesaid words of Shri Baba. On the coming Punyatithi day let us therefore bow down to Shri Sai Baba sincerely at whatever places we are and obtain His blessings for protection from all evils and difficulties; but all Sai devotees should remember that Shri Baba is not there only for granting us mundane things. He always looks to the spiritual well-being of His devotees and He has once told that His devotees will never feel any want in their worldly life. They should therefore not ask for any worldly things from Shri Baba as they will automatically come to them. Let Shri Baba therefore bless all His devotees on the Mahasamadhi day with their spiritual well-being and progress for which we pray to Him along with all Sai devotees. ★



## Attainment of Sainess

Shirdi Sai Baba is a known Sadguru for the last several decades, in this world. The job of a Sadguru is to guide the devotees towards ultimate rejoicement, called the Mukthi which is a magnificent element, confessed by the world of recognised yogic systems. It is nirguna, nirakara and nissangatha. It is really the very old one called 'anadi'. (who does not have a beginning).

Sainess is a path to understand the wordly attribution recognised as Sai by several yogic concepts. That is to say that satya and ahimsa are elevated in an incarnation as Sai has taken an activity to protect and put in practice the required methods of satya and ahimsa.

Satya is the naked truth in word and action. Likewise ahimsa will also be calculated. Because of the incarnation of those two powers, the Vishwa-Atma is now at the functionaries to protect this world from asatya and himsa.

Asatya and himsa are the reasons for the prevailing troubles to the mankind. When Kama, Krodha, Lobha and Moha are provocated, they institute selfishness. To avoid this, every Atma will have to meet miseries. Sai Baba had formulated systems of living to the mankind to obey the naked truth that there is no difference between one atma and other atma and that atma is one, and only one. So who so ever would like to know atma, should extend his co-operation in loving all the creation.

Though Shri Baba had first refused and abused people coming to Him, still He loved them immensely afterwards. Thus his love was stable on those who were at His feet in this world till they attained Moksha. People who would like to use His name or love to cheat others, will not be entertained to follow up his cult, because they cannot see Paramatma in this Vishwa.

They suffer with pride of their selfish glory. They cannot understand that Kama, Krodha, Lobha and Moha have to be utilised to know about Paramatma and Maya. The efforts so made on this job have to be cultivated towards Paramatma. By practice of worldly love Sai showed methods to serve the God (Paramatma). Then it is easy to come closer to Paramatma and attain His Krupa. This is the first step towards Moksha. By extending love towards all creatures Ahimsa must come into practice. When the minds are filled with love and ahimsa there will be no difference between any part of the creation and all will be on same status. Samata prevails, when equality and equity stand to lead us to God. This is called realising self. One can see God when he feels he is not separated from God the almighty, who can do and undo things. It is only a pleasure of the will and of the will power. Creation can be destroyed when the intended game is closed. The ultimate aim is mukthi and to attain it no special efforts are required, except keeping up only with Godmindedness. If we follow the principles of Sai in all respects we get Sai conscious and it is attaining Sainness. ★

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## PUNYATITHI FESTIVAL AT SHIRDI

The Punyatithi Festival will be celebrated as usual at Shirdi for four days from Tuesday the 26th October 1982 to Friday the 29th October 1982. All Sai devotees are cordially invited to attend the festival.

K. H. Kakre  
Court Receiver

## A Pilgrim's Progress

It is an undeniable fact that the idiom, grammar and syntax of a language reflect the mind of the people, who speak it. Englishmen never believed in Karma and incarnation. In English, therefore, the word "luck" means merely a chance opportunity. In Sanskrit, however, it has a different connotation. It is अदृष्ट that which is already there but cannot be seen with the mortal eye. To a Hindu nothing comes by chance; every thing by merit. If Shri M. Appa Rao was able to earn the grace of Shri Sai Baba it is due to this thing called अदृष्ट.

His father, Shri M. Venkata Das, was a wellknown Bhagwathar in Rajahmundry. Once in 1942 when he was taking a holy bath in river Godavari, an unknown Tamilian sadhu accosted him. Being of simple disposition, he invited the stranger to his house. The whole night he did bhajans and in between interpolated with succinct and impressive stories and anecdotes concerning the life of Shri Sai Baba. Shri Appa Rao was impressed by the sadhu. In the morning, the stranger blessed them all and went away.

In 1943 Shri Appa Rao completed his B.A. and was knocking at the doors of offices for a decent job. Particularly he had an eye for the Excise Department for which his inexperienced young mind nurtured an enigmatic fancy. He met Sufi Saint called Qader Ahmed Wali at Kotha Lanka. He blessed him and without asking surprised him by telling that the job, for which he was dreaming, would be his by 15th March, 1944. Exactly on 15th March as prophesied by the saint he was selected as a Sub-Inspector of Excise from out of about 100 candidates who were interviewed for the post.

His first posting was at Peddapuram in East Godavari District. There a P. W. Inspector of the then B. N. Rly was

supplying Hundies to all those interested, as the part of a fund collection drive for some buildings at Shirdi. Impulsively Shri Appa Rao too expressed his desire and was supplied with one. The merchants who used to come to his office for transport permits involuntarily used to drop coins into the Hundi. When it was full he asked for the address and sent the money to Shirdi. Till then he never knew who actually Shri Sai Baba was nor where Shirdi is except for the passing introduction of Shri Sai Baba in 1942. Like a robot, he mechanically collected the funds. He was however already initiated into Rama Nama Taraka Mantra by a Hindu Guru. Therefore, he had many reservations regarding Baba. He capriced that He did not belong to his religion and therefore he was not fit for worship. As a part of Sai-graduation, therefore, in a lesson-teaching spree, his doubts brought him grotesquely into many privations from that time (1945) till he visited Shirdi in 1957. During this period Baba was watching him very unobtrusively but with tender care and love. He was slowly grinding away all the residual grosser elements from his mental frame by precipitating and practising calculated bumps and knocks in his life.

Once the Deputy Superintendent of Excise, a hot-headed man, abused and scolded some rich merchants in his presence on a dispute over permits for no valid reason. A serious complaint was later lodged by them. The officials by a clever twist held Shri Appa for this delinquency. After protracted correspondence an enquiry was held in February, 1949, where only one complainant turned up. He absolved Shri Appa Rao. But as Shri Rao proved himself like a square peg in a round hole in a place thriving on graft, predictably the case dragged on for another 3 years. During this period of traumatic experience, nobody came forward to bring any succour to refurbish his bruised mind. As a result, his mind, seeking solace, turned fully towards the spiritual side of life. The case was finally dropped in 1954; but it left a deep gash in his mind and he was made to

realise that the force of Karma is so strong and inexorable that some times one has to seemingly reap the wages of sin even for actions committed by others !

He visited Shirdi for the first time in 1957, after construction of a house as thanks-giving. As soon as he stepped into Dwarkamai all the cobwebs of illusions built up in his mind were destroyed in a moment as it were. It was all a red carpet story for him since then. He no longer had any hesitation in accepting Baba as a great saint free from any bias or dogma. To him, Baba has transcended all mundane barriers of religion. He was pleasantly surprised on return from Shirdi to learn that he was transferred to Hyderabad with independency of job.

In 1964 his Guru left the mortal coil. In the ensuing trauma, as his mind became void, Baba took charge of him completely thereafter. Shri Appa Rao in that state of mind took to meditation with a serious effort. As he was a man living purely by honest sweat with a large family of 7 sons and 2 daughters, Baba took up his temporal matters also and guided them quite amicably. In 1965 Shri Appa Rao performed the marriage of his eldest daughter, Ganga Bhavani, in a most miraculous manner. It was an exercise full of gripping suspense and drama with mind-boggling sequences till the entire ceremony was completed. Only a giant of a saint like Shri Sai Baba could bring about such a miracle. This will be recounted in full in a separate article later. Since this incident, Shri Appa Rao completely turned inwards. His mind became more subtle and began to experience Baba as a living presence. In the ensuing euphoria all the vasanas in him were knocked out. Even things like pooja and worship looked like acts of ostentation for him. In meditation a constant feeling that all this external phenomena was like a dream from which he has to wake up one day into a great reality began to assail him. Non-vegetarian food gave a repulsive, putrid smell -- a sure sign of an awakened Kundalini. During meditation he was able to drain away all thoughts and

be in communion with the self inside for long periods witnessing the resplendent scenery of the imprisoned splendour within which can be unlocked only the grace of a Siddha guru. Miracles have become a part of daily occurrence for him now. But he does not misuse these spatial powers. He no longer calls them miracles. They are part of Sai phenomena for him. His is a very rare case where Shri Baba went personally to His devotee, knocked at his door, introduced Himself story fashion, and after fully providing for the house-hold and preparing him to a spiritual life, entered the abode of his heart and stayed there. ★

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## OBITUARY

We are very sorry to inform our readers that Shri Govind Vishnu Bagwe expired at Bombay on 21.8.1982 at the age of seventy. Though he stayed in Bombay for his whole life due to his service, he was taking keen interest in social, religious and educational activities that used take place at his native place at Masure, Taluka Malvan, District Sindhudurg. He took leading part in erecting the building of the school at Masure, which is conducted by the Masure Education Society, Bombay. He was one of the founder members of the Bagwe Samaj Sewa Sangh, Bombay. He worked in that institution upto the end of his life and has lion's share in bringing up and fostering that institution. He took active part in the renovation of Shree Mauli Devi Mandir, Masure and Shree Datta Mandir, Masure. He was the Assistant Secretary of Shree Samarth Bagwe Maharaj Sansthan, Masure. He laboured hard for improvement of the Gavthanwadi,

Masure in various ways from the beginning. He was the original promoter of the Patit Pawan Mandir at Masure, which was sponsored by Shri Pachalegaonkar Maharaj. In addition to the above institutions, Shri Bagwe had close association with various other social institutions at Masure and Bombay. By his death a vacuum has been created in all the above institutions, which will not be filled up in the near future. He is survived by his wife, six sons, two daughters-in-law, two grand-sons, two brothers and three sisters.

He was a sincere Sai devotee and his two younger brothers, who are also Sai devotees, are in the service of the Shirdi Sansthan. His one brother Shri Vitthal Vishnu Bagwe is working at Shirdi and he is looking after the Samadhi Mandir at Shirdi. His other brother Shri Dattatray Vishnu Bagwe is working in the Bombay Office of the Shirdi Sansthan.

We extend our heartfelt regrets to the members of the family of Shri Bagwe in their sad bereavement and pray at the feet of Shri Sai Baba that the departed soul may rest in peace. ★

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## How I Became a Sai Devotee

I became a Sai devotee in August 1979. It all started with my promotion-cum-transfer from Poona to Ahmedabad. I am working in a Central Govt. office since 1972.

After passing a tough competitive Examination my results came with all others. Due to less vacancies in Poona I was transferred along with three other colleagues to Ahmedabad. They decided to stay back in the same old posts due to transfer; but I didn't have a mind to do that and hence I proceeded on leave. I thought, in a month I may get chances in Poona and so I proceeded on earned leave for a month. I used to visit the office every week to find if any chances were there in Poona.



One month passed by without any news and I became nervous. I still didn't feel like giving up and so I again extended my leave by one month.

There was no news of my promotion here and I got worried. Second month passed by, but there was no news. I continued my leave with medical certificate for two months. When only one more month was left to join I met a friend who was a Sai devotee. She suggested me to pray to Sai Baba and start fasting on Thursdays.

I fasted on following Thursday and my news of promotion came on Monday which followed it. I just could not believe all this. On telephone my friend from office, informed me about it. I had to only step in the office premises that whomsoever I met congratulated me for my promotion in station.

When I joined the next day it was not in an ordinary section but in Computer Centre as an Operator. My joy knew no bounds and I thanked Shri Sai Baba for all that He gave me at one time.

From that day onwards I never had to look back and I continued fasting on Thursdays.

I believe that our Sai Baba gives to His devotees everything He thinks right for him, and also at the right time.

May Shri Sai Baba be graceful to all.



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# Sai Baba, The Saint of Shirdi

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Art Thou the creator?  
Art Thou the preserver ?  
Art Thou the destroyer ?  
No! Thou art the protector

Nothing will harm those  
Who remember Thee always  
And those, who forget Thee  
Maya will lash them free

Thou taught the world that  
Thou cover the whole world fat  
And Thou art in the creatures all  
Whether animate or inanimate all

Those, who love Thee most  
Are always blessed to see Thee most  
The world a desert be to him  
Without Thee to see Thee in him

Those, who to Thee completely surrender,  
Will always tell Thy stories ascender  
And upon Thee meditate ceaselessly  
And chant Thy name always lovingly

Thou feel indebted to him  
Surrenders who wholly to Thee

Thou always repay his debt  
By giving him salvation net

Who those fast after Thee  
And have food without offering Thee  
He, who thus to see comes to Thee  
Becomes he always one with Thee

Meeting the sea, the river merges with it  
So who those set aside egoism fit  
And surrender to Thee humbly and tarts  
See Thee always seated in their hearts

Advised' Thou to all to see Thee  
In all Thy creations free  
And Thou shalt say No 'HE'  
If all see Thee in all 'BE'

Fortunate are the banks of Godavari  
That gave birth to saints many  
Among them the prominent are  
Jnaneshwar and Thou the Sai fair

Nine miles away from Kopergaon  
Shirdi is near hamlet Neemgaon  
Where Thou the Lord Sai sprung up  
And made Shirdi a holy Teerth top

Made Thou the hamlet Shirdi a spot famous  
Like Ganagapur and Audumbar places trimulous  
On the banks of Krishna a river holy  
As Ekanath made Paithan solely

Flourished Damaji at Mangalvedha  
So Ramdas Samarth at Sajjangad  
Narasinh Saraswati at Narsobachiwadi  
Flourished Thou at Masjid Shirdi

Shirdi a hamlet with cots few  
But by Thy presence a town grew  
And made Thou Shirdi a teertha  
By Thy dwelling there a place sacred

Conquered Thou the passions six  
Senses hard to cross and control fix  
Thy ornament was peace still  
And wisdom was Thy repository fill

Wert Thou the liberal of liberals  
The quintessence of all essences  
Never Thou loved things perishable  
And engaged always in knowing self

Never Thou thought of things material  
But Thy heart thronging always for immaterial  
And Thy heart being as clear as mirror  
Thy speech rained nectar clear and pure

Rich and poor, honour and dishonour  
Wert all the same to Thee the Honour  
As Thou made no difference where  
All were one and the same Thee there

Being the Lord of Lords Thou  
Mixed up with all freely Thou  
And danced with them when danced they  
And listened to a gajjal as sang they

Thou though engaged in actions mortal  
Still Thou wert free from actions earthly  
All were merged in sleep sound when  
Wert Thou vigilant always then

Sitting Thou in one place always  
Thou told the news of world highways

Thy darbar being always imposing  
Told Thou parables poignant composing

Though Thou being siddha  
Always Thou acted like a sadhak  
Being Thou meek, humble and egoless  
Taught all to follow Thee the formless

The soil of Shirdi being trodden by Thee  
Attained the position of Teerth holy by Thee  
And whoever tread the soil of Shirdi  
Purified were they by Thy darshan free

Jnandeo Alandi elevated  
Ekanath Paithan elated  
Pandurang Pandharpur exalted  
So Thou Shirdi exhilarated

Thy darshan was yoga-sadhana to devotees  
A talk with Thee removed sins of covetees  
Shampooing Thy legs a bath in Triveni Prayag  
And drinking water of Thy feet destroyed desires

Thy command a Veda to devotees all  
Acceptance of Udi destroyed sufferings all  
And purified the hearts by ending senses all  
Was so Thy game and fame while Thou lived

Thou though lived at hamlet Shirdi  
Thy fame spread all through the country  
People all far and wide came to Thee  
For Thy darshan to get their sins free

A Pandharpur warakari Goulibuva aged ninetyeight  
Pandharpur he stayed at for months eight  
And on the banks of the Ganga from Ashadh to Kartik  
With an ass to carry load and a companion on the way

This trip of his to Pandharpur went on for years  
 Once he halted at Shirdi to see Thee a peer  
 As he liked and loved Thee the most  
 And lived with Thee at Masjidmai a host

Staring at thee said Goulibuva  
 Thou art Pandharinath Vithal incarnate  
 Hailed at hamlet Shirdi, a place holy  
 A Lord merciful of poor and helpless

An old devotee Shri Goulibuva  
 Had made many a trip to Vithoba  
 And so by his visit to Shirdi often  
 Testified that Thee were real Vithoba

Masjid dilapidated made Thou Thy residence  
 Devidas a saint at Shirdi affirmed Thy presidency  
 Thou liked the company of Devidas a saint previous  
 And lived with him in temple Maruti or Chavdi premises

Janakidas another saint came to Thee  
 And spent Thou most of the time in talking with he  
 But Jankidas some times came to Thee  
 For Thy darshan and had a talk with Thee

Then came there a householder saint  
 By name Gangagir a Punatambe gent  
 Frequented he Shirdi Thy dwelling  
 To discuss with Thee the matters pricking

Saw he Thee first with pitchers of water in hand  
 Watering the gardens at Shirdi a holy land  
 With amazing tone announced then he  
 Blessed is the land that got the precious jewel Thee

Carrying Thou pitchers in hand both  
 Wert not a man ordinary quoth

The land Shirdi meritorious being  
 Luckily secured this jewel glowing

Anandanath a saint famous of math Yewla  
 An ardent lover and disciple of Akkalkot Baba  
 Came to Shirdi with Shirdi attendants  
 And saw Thee when openly asserted to associates

Though Thou looked Then a man ordinary  
 Thou wert not a 'gar' but a diamond factuary  
 All will realise Thy being a diamond in future near  
 So saying Anandanath returned to Yewla far

In Thy days young Thou on head hair grew  
 And dressed always like atheletes few  
 With zendu, jai, jui when Rahata went  
 Cleaning and scoring the land dry gave them a vent

Planted Thou those scented flowers small  
 And bloomed to blossom watering them all  
 Wamantatya a devotee earthen pitchers two gave Thee.  
 Used them Thou to water plants three.

(To be Continued)

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## Kindle Life

Shri Ravindra Rama Rao Vinchurkar, aged 35, resident of Qrs. No.I/78,V.H.B. Colony, Shantinagar, Nagpur is a tracer in Soil Conservation Department of Sovner Taluq. His father, who was a very mild-natured man, saw God in all creatures and spent all his time in the service of the poor. His heart always flowed with the milk of human kindness. By his example he could earn a niche in everybody's heart. Shri Vinchurkar proved himself a chip of the old block. He caught the spiritual bug from a very early age. He developed intense longing for Shri Sai Baba. However, as his father left him nothing, his income from salary was barely sufficient to make both ends meet. In consequence, despite his all-consuming love for Baba, he could not visit Shirdi even once.

He daily sat in meditation for an hour before Baba's idol in his pooja room. The sparkling lustre exuding from his face spoke volumes of his sincere efforts and the good progress made by him. One night in 1979, while his family and children were away, he sat as usual for meditation before Baba. Perhaps owing to the loneliness, he was suddenly overwhelmed with an intense feeling that he could not visit Shirdi even once to take his Guru's holy darshan. As soon as the thought assailed him, he could no longer control himself. At first he felt a choke in his throat and soon all his fossilised and pent-up emotions burst out in a torrent of fitful, uncontrollable sobs. Tears coursed down his cheeks in a steady stream. It was only after sometime, when he could compose himself, he could see Baba's idol in front of him. And Lo! There were two tears in Baba's eyes glistening in the light. Stupefied and in sheer wonder, he got up and went nearer to confirm. Yes, Baba too was crying! He felt ashamed of himself for making Baba weep. He went out of the room, washed himself and returned. And this time Baba was smiling. He could see an unmistakable twitch in His lips. It was not a hallucination.

The incident was unbelievable. For a couple of days he did not tell anybody lest he may be mocked at for his gullibility. Then very hesitatingly and with a lot of trepidation he related the experience to his close friend, Shri Eknath Kamble. The gentleman was a Nastik (atheist) but the unalloyed sincerity of expression on his friend's face impressed him very much. Finding the warmth of truth in his statement, he impulsively offered to take him to Shirdi immediately on his motorbike. Thus they made that unusual journey on bike all the way from Nagapur to Shirdi. Initially Shri Kamble's desire was to fulfil his friend's wish. But the visit brought an unexpected change in him. Like a magnetised iron filing, he too was drawn towards Shri Sai Baba with such tempestuous feeling that soon he too fell into the spiritual line and as a first step he unhesitatingly converted himself into a vegetarian. Since the visit, Shri Vinchurkar also was freed from the thralldom of want and he is now in a position to visit Shirdi often, which is all that he craves for. Humility and soft nature are the two jewels in his character. Being still at the threshold, with age to his advantage, his fine traits will surely embellish his spiritual path towards the goal of eventual fulfilment.

As one light enkindles another without losing its own brilliance, the fruits of good deeds and the spark of sincere love for the indwelling God can be handed down to the progeny like a family heirloom and to those around. Sincere love for Shri Sai Baba is like the fabled Chintamani which not only confers temporal benefits of its own accord but leads one on the unfailing spiritual path bringing, like an onrushing flood, all the bystanders also into the fold. One should therefore pray to Baba, not for the temporal benefits but for Baba Himself with love!

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## A Miracle Marriage by Shri Sai Baba's Grace in a Muslim Family

Before I start with the above miracle, I wish to say that I was sick with Jaundice, Arthritis and Rheumatism on left shoulder in December 1981 and I went to the Govt. Ayurvedic Hospital, Bangalore, for treatment.

I was introduced to one Mr. Shaik Ahmed, Pharmacist in the Hospital by my friend Mr. S. Ramaswami of Nilgiri Products, Bangalore.

I would like to mention here that Mr. Shaik Ahmed, besides being a hospital employee, he gives medicine for jaundice (some green leaf) only once on a Sunday morning, of course, free of charge, but a token amount of Rs. 5.25 as Mosque fund is taken. With stipulated and regular diet control, I was completely cured of my Jaundice. He is such an expert in The treatment of Jaundice that he gets calls for Jaundice treatment from far off places like Delhi, Bombay, Calcutta, etc., not to speak of the numerous calls for him locally. He cured my Arthritis and Rheumatism also.

I was going to him daily for treatment and as a Sai Bhakta I was eager to propagate Shri Sai Cult. I therefore used to give him and his assistant a talk on Sai Cult and Sai miracles. Shri Shaik Ahmed and he were much interested and they were keenly hearing and so I gave him a photo of Shri Sai Baba and asked him to keep that photo with him always on his person. I also told him that some good will occur shortly by possessing the photo and I requested him to tell me what that incident was. He readily agreed and accepted.

I left Bangalore for Madras via Chittor (A.P.) where I treated a relative of mine Sri N. Sundera Raja Rao with spiritual

treatment of Shri Sai Baba's Udi and Prasad for an ailment and he was gradually getting better with Shri Sai Baba's grace. I returned to Bangalore after nearly two months. Immediately on my return, I saw Mr. Shaik Ahmed. He narrated to me the miracle of the marriage of his daughter as unexpected and sudden to my great surprise.

### THE MIRACLE

Mr. Shaik Ahmed said, "A few days prior to 29.0 .1982 one young Muslim boy, a forgotten relative of his, by name Mazar Pasha, aged about 30 years, arrived at Bangalore from America and stayed in Mr. Shaik's house telling that he was the son of Mr. Shaik Ahmed's wife's sister, who died when that boy was too young. At the time of her death, she wished that that boy should be married to Mr. Shaik Ahmed's daughter, named Umida Jabeen, who was a child at that time.

This young man, an orphan, after some schooling in Bangalore joined St. Martha's Mission Hospital at Bangalore as an employee.

Rev. Pope Mandrose in the Hospital took a liking for this young man and took him away to America along with him when he left St. Martha's Hospital, Bangalore.

This Rev. Pope Mandrose provided and helped this boy with shelter, food, clothing and education at America, and also financially, with the result that this young man qualified himself for M.B.B.S. and became a doctor earning a decent amount and lived a luxurious life in America.

In March this year (1982), this young man Mazar Pasha suddenly thought of visiting India and seeing his people and came to Bangalore and stayed in Mr. Shaik Ahmed's house, since Mr. Shaik's wife Smt. Mustri Begum was the young man's aunt (mother's sister).

During his stay, he hinted at his marriage with Mr. Shaik's daughter, though Shaik Ahmed was a poor man when compared

to this young man's present status and position. Hearing the boy's desire for marriage, some very rich people from Bangalore and Hyderabad offered their daughter to him, promising lakhs of rupees as dowry and cars, etc. But he politely but flatly declined and refused the offers and insisted on marrying Mr. Shaik's daughter, who was about 20 years, studying in matriculation class

Mr. Shaik Ahmed and his wife Smt. Mustri Begum, were surprised at the sudden proposal of the boy; but they were not prepared to conduct the marriage immediately, though willing, due to short time to prepare for the marriage. Nevertheless, the boy insisted that the marriage should be done, in the simplest manner without any expenditure, as he just wanted to fulfil his mother's wish at the time of her death, that he should marry only this girl.

Due to the pressure and force by the boy, the girl's parents agreed to his wish, but they wanted time to perform the marriage and told the boy that only a betrothal could be done now. But the boy told them, that he was agreeable but a regular and final marriage must be done now itself.

This decision of the boy baffled all and on 12.4.1982, they went to the Registrar's Office with the bride and bridegroom for a registered marriage by duly filling up a marriage form for Rs. 80/-. But to their disappointment, and to their surprise, the Registrar told them that as Muslims they cannot have a Registered Marriage like Hindus. As per Muslim law, they should get married at a mosque through Nikah function.

So with the same clothes in which they came to the Registrar's Office they immediately drove directly to a Mosque and had the Nikah function completed and returned home by that evening itself.

Thus, this unexpected miracle marriage was over in a few hours as they thought of it and decided, in the most simple manner.

After a small and simple gathering at the Bride's house that evening, the bridegroom with his bride Smt. Umida Jabeen and the boy's father Jawed Mohammed Ghouse and their party went to boy's residence, to fly back to America with his bride on 24.6.1982.

Mr. Shaik Ahmed and his wife Smt. Mustri Begum were surprised at this unexpected miracle marriage which they never thought of and for which they were fully unprepared.

But Mr. Shaik Ahmed expressed his sincere whole-hearted gratitude to Shri Sai Baba since as I told him within two month's time, Shri Sai Baba's miraculous hand was there to arrange and celebrate this marriage and his faith and devotion was pinned to Shri Sai Baba of Shirdi.

The points to ponder in this miracle marriage are:-

1. How this young man and why he came to Bangalore from America without invitation, suddenly within two months of my giving the photo of Shri Sai Baba to Mr. Shaik Ahmed.
2. How Shri Sai Baba made this young man at America to recollect his mother's last wish, within these two months of my giving to Mr. Shaik Ahmed Shri Sai Baba's Photo.
3. Why he did not think of coming to India earlier to my giving the photo of Shri Sai.
4. How such a rich man, a foreign,-resident of America for many years could think of this very poor girl for marriage within two months of my giving Shri Sai Baba's photo.
5. How Shri Sai Baba made the boy to refuse and reject the richest offers and dissuaded him from being tempted by riches.
6. It is common among modern boys to give preference to money and riches, to the girls, even their kith and kin; but contrary to this modern boys' attitude, Shri Mazar Pasha our esteemed bridegroom preferred the poorest and simplest offer to riches and fortune,

7. This bridegroom also rejected the idea of dowry and going in for marriage from a rich family, thus setting an example for encouraging poor connections, and shunning dowry—a virtue worth mentioning.

8. In the changing modern times, there is a boy who unmindful of status and riches, though highly educated and rich did not forget his mother's last wish. A rare quality among modern boys.

It is clearly indicated by this miracle that Shri Sai Baba, without any distinction or difference in caste, creed or religion, extends His Abhaya Hasta to all in common, who are deserving.

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## Strange Ways of Sai

I was a devotee of Sai Baba; but of late I was not so close to Him. His image and name was always present at the sub-conscious level, but I was neither reading the Sai Satcharita nor worshipping Him.

It seems to me that Sai Baba wanted to draw us towards Himself so He created a situation which would compel us to run to Him, as it is the human nature to turn to Him in times of trials.

It so happened that just fifteen days before the commencement of the examination, I came to know that my daughter had not been granted permission; but the school

authorities were hopeful that she would be allowed ultimately and they assured us not to worry.

How could I stop worrying? In fact, there was plenty to worry about. My father-in-law was seriously ill and in hospital. The whole atmosphere was tense and my home was hardly a place where my daughter could carry out her studies peacefully. I was daily praying that my father-in-law gets well or he gets at least a little better so that my daughter could somehow complete her papers. Now in addition to this the hall ticket battered my mind. Immediately I turned to "Sai Ram", pleaded and begged Him to help us and to give us the strength to bare our difficulties. Further there was no one else who could help us. Therefore there and then I decided to do the "Saptahas" of Sai Satcharita.

It was an uphill task to find time to read between daily chores, hospital visits and guests. Accepting all this as a test, I calmly struggled and happily completed the first "Saptah". This effort brought the message that my daughter will somehow be allowed to appear for the first few papers so that they (school authorities) could in the meantime get permission from the board.

With renewed hope I began the second "Saptah". Just two days before the examination my father-in-law was discharged from the hospital (accepting this as Baba's grace). This enabled me to accompany my daughter to the examination centre in the neighbouring town. It must have been Baba's blessing which enabled me to meet the Superintendent of the examination by chance who was very straightforward and cordial.

Thanking Baba with all my heart, I encouraged my daughter to repose her confidence in Sai Baba and to invoke on Him to write the papers Himself through her. She was brimming with joy and confidence. Fervently I completed the second "Saptah" and started the third one, but suddenly a twist in the events



took place and it seemed as if my daughter would not be allowed to complete her examination. I was aghast. I just could not believe it.

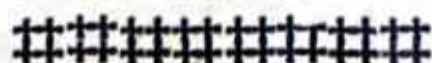
I turned to Baba and cried at His feet and had a long talk with Him. I begged and cajoled Him that He cannot forsake us now and that this was a good opportunity for Him to draw my daughter under His fold by helping and guiding her. I also requested Him to let me suffer for my past karma but that my daughter should be free. While talking thus a strange strength flowed into me and I was convinced that Baba was there beside me and that He would definitely get us safely over the crisis. This strange conviction helped to reassure my daughter. Through "Udi" and Sai Baba's Satcharita, she got the necessary moral strength to continue to study for the rest of her papers. I continued my prayers non-stop. In the meantime the Principal had received intimation that my daughter could not appear for the examination. If it was not Baba what was it that influenced the Principal to undertake a long, long, journey at considerable cost to get special permission for my daughter? He was overwhelmed with obstacles at every point, but as he neared, his path was cleared as if by miracle. To make this long story short, he ultimately obtained permission and informed us personally that my daughter's candidature was accepted.

Baba helped me at every stage. If it was not a miracle, what was it? With all that anxiety my daughter secured, nay Baba secured, a first class.

My fervent prayer to all is that we should never lose our faith in Him and that if we remember Him with just a flower, a word or a glance, He will never forsake us in our hour of trial.★

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## Late Saipadananda Radhakrishnaswamiji

Holy men leave this world on an auspicious day after fulfilling their duties and mission in life.

Shri Radhakrishnaswami has left his mortal coil on the night of 14-1-80-, an auspicious day being "Makar Sankranthi day" on which day "Bhishma" left for his heavenly abode. His revered Guru Shri Narasimhaswami attained "Brahma Nirvana" on full moon day (19-10-56) as full moon day is considered very important for doing pooja to one's "Ishta Devatha" and meditation on Him when mind will be calm, composed and peaceful to merge in Him.

Shri Sai Baba chose "Vijaya Dashami" to cross the border line (Seemollangan) on 15-10-1918. He left this world actually when "Dashami was touching Ekadasi Tithi". Both Vijaya Dashami and Ekadashi are very important, for, one who dies on Ekadashi day straightaway goes to heaven (attains moksha).

We rejoice in celebrating the birth day of great avatars like Shri Rama Navami, Krishna Jayanthi, Datta Jayanthi, Sankara Jayanthi, Buddha Jayanthi etc., so also, we observe Samadhi Day (Punya Tithi) of Shri Sai Baba, Shri Narasimhaswami etc., with equal fervour and devotion and thereby get blessed by them.

Coming to the subject proper, now Shri Radhakrishna swamiji's second Samadhi day (Punyatihi) has fallen on 14-1-82 and the same has been observed by his devotees with love and devotion at Bangalore, Madras and wherever his devotees are. For Shri Baba's devotees, it has become a sacred duty to remember and love these two great divine men viz. Pujya Narasimhaswami and Radhakrishnaswami for, they have sacrificed thier lives for Baba's cause.

Now, I have to recall my close association with this "Unassuming Saint" (Shri. Radhakrishnaswami in the words of

Sai Leela Editor). From the year 1945 onwards, I regularly visited "All India Sai Samaj" Mylapore, Madras taking one month leave from the Railway. There was no problem for food and accommodation since all my relatives are living in and around Madras. I used to meet daily Shri. K. Radhakrishnan along with revered Narasimhaswami in a room adjoining "All India Sai Samaj Building" which was under construction. He used to read "Bhagwadgeeta" in the presence of his beloved Guru Shri Narasimhaswami, who would explain in detail to the audience present. Both practiced, what they preached. I loved Shri Radhakrishnan as my elder brother, who has always been kind to me.

In the year 1952 "All India Sai Devotees' Convention" took place at Dharwar. Both Shri Narasimhaswami and his first and foremost disciple Shri Radhakrishnan arrived from Madras one week in advance and camped here (Hubli) in connection with the arrangements for the convention. I, with other senior devotees namely-Shri. J. D. Batliwala, Jamkhandj Master (Retd. Post Master), late Sri. S. Krishnamoorthy Iyer etc., were working day and night assisting Shri. Narasimhaswami. At that time I closely watched Shri Radhakrishnan (the middle aged man of 45 years with dark beard) doing selfless work. He taught us by his personal example what "Guru Bhakthi" is. He never cared for food and sleep and was always waiting for his Guru's orders to be obeyed. So to say, he had surrendered completely his Tan, Man, Dhan to his Guru Shri Narasimhaswami. Such a unique person he was. So, it is no wonder that he has attained the highest aim and end in life viz. self realisation.

Shri Narasimhaswami also loved his disciple Shri Radhakrishnan so much that He blessed him and sent him to Bangalore in 1952 to propagate "Baba's cult" in Karnataka, which he has successfully fulfilled by Baba's grace. He has founded the "Sai Spiritual Centre" there and became a "Guru" to his

devotees. It may be remembered here that Shri Sai Baba also blessed Shri Upasani Maharaj and sent him to Sakori to establish an Ashram there, where he became a "Guru" to many devotees.

In those days (when Shri Radhakrishnan was middle aged) he was very shy by nature and wouldn't talk to any body of his own accord. He never wanted any publicity and wished to remain a silent worker.

Sai Baba initiated school master Shama alias late Madhavrao Deshpande with "Vishnusahasranamam" and saved him from the onslaught of mundane existence and Shri Radhakrishnaswami followed Sai Baba in initiating all his devotees with "Vishnusahasranamam", the recitation of which is a regular feature by all the devotees both in the morning and evening in "Sai Spiritual Centre", Bangalore. Further Swamiji has become a "Perfect Yogi" by the gracious blessings of Shri Narasimhaswamiji and Shri Sai Baba and all Yogas mentioned in Geeta viz. Rajayogam, Karmayogam, Bhakti and Jnana Yogam (synthesis of all yogas) were combined in him. Though he was a great scholar in Sanskrit, Tamil and English, yet he had no pride of his learning. On the other hand, he was meek, humble, loving towards one and all, who came in contact with him. There are many devotees all over India, who have been benefited by him both materially, as well as, spiritually. I had no touch with him after 1952, since he settled down at Bangalore from that year. I used to take "darshan" of H.H. Narasimhaswami whenever I went to Madras.

But, I was told by my brother (R. Subramanian. a staunch devotee of Shri Sai Baba, Shri Narasimhaswami and Shri. Radhakrishnaswami) residing at Madras that he used to meet Swamiji (whenever he went to Madras from Bangalore) who used to make kind enquiries about me. How kind he was to remember this unworthy !! I consider myself most unfortunate and a wretched person for not having contacted Swamiji after 1952 upto 1978.

However, by Baba's grace, in the month of Feb. 1978, I went to to Madras in connection with settling my second daughter's marriage. On one Thursday (I do not exactly remember the date) my brother and myself went to "All India Sai Samaj" Mylapore, Madras to get the blessings of Sai Baba for my daughter's marriage, which was fixed on 1-6-78.

I was surprised to find Shri Swamiji inside the temple. I could not believe my eyes. What a tremendous change I saw in him !! I was not seeing my brother Radhakrishnan (middle aged man) but saw actually H.H. Narasimhaswamiji standing in front of me. What a wonderful transformation was there in his life!! He looked at me and said smilingly "You are seeing me after a long time". Tears gushed out of my eyes and I felt at his feet. He raised me up and blessed me and as some of his devotees were waiting with a car to take him for some function, he went away with them. Then we did "Archana" to Baba in the temple and were about to leave the place when I thought to myself, "What a divine personality Shri Radhakrishnaswamiji has become". Is it possible for fools and sinners like me to attain his status !! Further what a pity it is. How unfortunate I am. I met him after a long spell of 26 years; but I could not be with him for a few minutes !! As soon as I finished thinking like this, Lo !! Behold !! Shri Radhakrishnaswamiji returned and alighting from the car, straightaway approached us (myself and my brother) and said, "I have finished my engagement soon and came running because you wanted me "(especially looking at me). Again tears gushed out of my eyes and I was overwhelmed with joy. Then he enquired about my welfare, as well as, my brother's and gave permission to take his leave. (From the following incident, the readers will know that this was my last meeting with Swamiji physically).

Two years after meeting Swamiji in Feb. 78, I had a strange and sorrowful experience in January 1980 as follows: "Makara Sankranthi Pongal we call it in Tamil which is a great

festival for Tamilians) had fallen in 1980 on 15th Jan, (Usually every year this festival used to fall on Jan. 14th). For two days (from 14th Jan. to 15th Jan. 1980) I was in a sorrowful mood weeping throughout the day and night praying to Baba. My wife and children asked me. I could not answer them. I was feeling that I lost one of my dearest and nearest relatives. Other domestic circumstances also came in the way for not observing Pongal as my wife was out of doors (menses) from 14th January. After one month i. e. in February 80 I happened to meet Shri. K.R. Gopinath of Hubli, a staunch devotee of Baba, who gave me the news that Shri Radhakrishnaswamiji passed away on the night of 14th January 1980. I narrated the whole sad experience to Shri. Gopinath how Baba made me feel for Swamiji's "Nirvana" (death) that took place on 14-1-80 (night). Shri. Gopinath was also very much moved on hearing the same. In this connection I recollect one incident from "Life of Sai Baba" written by Poojya Narasimhaswami in which, Baba, sitting in the Masjid along with the devotees said, in a sorrowful voice as follows:

"The light that Allah lit, He is taking it away". The devotees came to know afterwards that Baba uttered these words when a Fakir, whom Baba loved deeply and who was living some distance from Shirdi, was actually passing away. This proves beyond doubt that Baba is Omnipotent, Omnipresent and Omniscient.

To conclude Shri Radhakrishnaswamiji has become one with Shri Sai Baba (Parabrahma).

Sai Baba has assured his devotees in the following words: "I follow my devotees birth after birth and in their last birth I make them merge in me". We do not know when our turn will come to attain His lotus feet.

Till then, let us follow closely the life and teachings of these two great apostles of Baba (Poojya Narasimhaswami and Radhakrishnaswami) and try to live like them as far as possible.

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## Sai Baba's Blessing

I have been a devotee of Shri Sai Baba since 1970. I always seek his help and guidance.

In the year 1981, January, one of my family friends aged 75 years, who knows astrology, came to my house and enquired about the welfare of my family and children. My wife casually told him that her eldest son was going to appear for SSLC Examination in the month of April 1981. The boy is hardly fifteen years and he is not listening to her. He is always playing not studying. Then the friend told my wife to bring the horoscope of my son. My wife gave him the horoscope. After seeing the horoscope the friend told my wife, "your son will not pass the examination since his stars are not good" and the friend left the house. After my arrival to the house from the office my wife told me the above facts. I told my wife, "Baba has said why should one fear? When I am here, cast your burden on me. I shall surely bear it." I had full faith and confidence in Baba's saying that He will come to the rescue of my son.

After this incident we made the boy to sit for study regularly. The examination date was announced from April 6th to 11th 1981. I prayed to Baba saying I will do saptaha for the sake of my son. On 6th April 1981 the examination started and I also started stptaha on the same day in the early morning

hours. The examination was over on 11th April 81 and I completed saptaha on 12th April 1981.

I and my wife made up our minds to go to Shirdi this time after my son's result. The result was to be announced on May 28th 1981. On 14th May 1981 I attended the weekly Bhajan as usual being Thursday. One of my friends who is a principal of the school and also a Sai devotee attended the Bhajan. After Arti I enquired with my friend about the S.S.L.C examination results. The friend told, "this time due to new syllabus the percentage of result is very poor". I returned home with prasadam and handed over the prasadam to my wife and told my wife, "this time percentage of result of S.S.L.C. is very poor as informed by my friend".

Before going to sleep my wife entered the pooja room and prayed to Baba for the blessing of my eldest son. On the same day Baba appeared in the dream of my wife and told, "your son has passed in second class." The next day my wife told about the dream. I and my wife had full faith and confidence in Baba. On 28th May, Thursday, the results were announced and my son passed in second class as predicted by Baba in the dream of my wife. Is not Baba ever active and vigorous, even after leaving this earthly body, to bless and to help his devotees who surrender whole-heartedly and who seek refuge in him? 28th May 1981 being Thursday we took sweets to Baba's Mandir and distributed them to one and all after Arti.

In the month of June 1981, I visited Shirdi alongwith my family and children and performed Abhishek in the Samadhi Mandir, Sai Satyanarayana Pooja and Dhuni Pooja in Dwarakamai. We stayed at Shirdi for three days by the grace of Baba and had his blessingsl. ★

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# Miracles Worked by Baba in My Life

“Ask and it shall be given” —Christ

It was my habit to worship Baba with Sahasranamarchan every Thursday, for which as well as for the preliminary Anga Puja (अंग पूजा) and Ashtottara Puja, at least some twelve hundred flowers are required at the rate of one for each name. One Thursday in the winter of 1942, I forgot to gather the flowers in the morning and remembered it only late in the evening a little before sunset. No flower could be had at that late hour. However, in lieu of flowers tulsi dhalams (twig endings with two leaves and a bud), could be used. Fortunately we had a bed of tulsi bushes in the neighbourhood. So, along with some of my student friends\*, I set about gathering tulsi till sunset after which tradition forbids it. Each of us kept count of the number plucked and the total came to about seven hundred only. A recount of all put together confirmed it. I decided to make up the deficiency with Akshatha\*\*.

However, when once I began the Puja, I forgot all about the shortage and went on with one tulsi dhalam for each name, reassured and beckoned by the generous heap in the tray before me. Not till the puja was over and I relaxed after partaking of prasadam was my attention attracted to the substantial quantity of tulsi dhalam still left in the tray. I checked with those present to make sure that I had continuously used only the tulsi for each ‘name’ of the archana. On counting the quantity left over I found nearly three hundred dhalams. How else could I explain it except as Baba’s lila. “Ask and it shall be given.”

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\* Sri Bhattam Srirama Murty, at present Minister for Cultural Affairs, A.P. Government and Sri M. Suri Babu, Officer (Retd.) of the Central Secretariat, New Delhi were among them.

\*\*Turmeric-coated whole grains of rice used in lieu of flowers.

## Baba's Benevolence

My neighbour Shri Singra Iyengar, residing at VII main and VIII cross Road, Malleswaram, Bangalore 560003, when we used to stay there, had the following incident to relate to me often.

Once his eldest son got seriously ill. Any amount of medical aid would not cure him and the ailment got aggravated day by day. One day his condition became so bad that everyone lost hope of his survival. That night they kept vigil over the boy, all through. Early in the morning, round about Brahma muhurta when Shri Singra Iyengar's eyes got forcefully closed due to strain and tension, he saw a hazy figure of a bearded mendicant, who came and pressed his shoulder and told him not to worry and that the boy would recover soon. When he opened his eyes, the figure had disappeared and what he saw was only the boy who was sick along with the wailing relatives all around.

He got up and went to his prayer room, where in one corner he saw a framed photograph of Shri Sai Baba and the mendicant who had appeared before his closed eyes bore exact resemblance to Shri. Sai Baba. He sat there and prayed for an hour or so and took a vow to take the boy to Shirdi if he recovered fully. Then he came out. And what should he find? The motionless body of the boy slowly started showing signs of movement. Eyes which were closed for days together slowly opened out and the boy regained his consciousness. In a few days he recovered fully.

Then he decided to fulfil his vow of going to Shirdi with the boy, whose constitution was still weak; but he had so many difficulties. First he did not know where Shirdi was. His friends started dissuading him saying that it was not advisable to take the boy, who was still weak, to take a journey to such a strange and distant place. Then he had the language problem as he did

not know Marathi at all. Then there was the question of diet. Their staple diet was rice and during those days of war time, rice was a scarce and strictly rationed commodity in Maharashtra. It could not also be carried from Bangalore as there were interstate restrictions on movement of rice. Permits could be obtained, but with great difficulty.

Having full faith in Shri Sai Baba and leaving everything to Him, father and son set out on the pilgrimage to Shirdi. As they neared Kopargaon, they revealed to a co-passenger, who said that he was an advocate from Kopargaon, the object of their visit. The advocate immediately started dissuading them, further saying that Shirdi Sansthan was a fake institution and only people with blind faith and weak hearts were attracted there. He said that rice was scarce and that there was an epidemic of cholera there. So he would advise them to retrace their steps back to Bangalore. But the Iyengars did not agree to this proposal and decided to continue their journey to Shirdi.

At Kopargaon they alighted from the train to catch the bus to Shirdi. The advocate also got down and asked the Iyengars to come to his place, have some food and then leave for Shirdi after taking some rest, as the boy was already tired due to the strenuous journey. They did so. The advocate, then escorted them to the bus stand. There he passed on one small bag to Shri Iyengar, saying that it was rice for the boy. When Shri Iyengar turned round to thank him for all the courtesies, the advocate was nowhere to be seen. Even to this day he does not know his address. They proceeded to Shirdi, stayed at the shrine for a few days and returned home with all mental peace. Even to this day, he says that the mental satisfaction he found at Shirdi was most rewarding. ★

Is this not an unfathomed SAI LEELA ? If not what is it ?

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## OBITUARY

We are very sorry to inform our readers that Professor Chandrakant Kandade, Advocate, Proprietor of the famous Inter Arts Classes, at Portuguese Church, Girgaum succumbed to a severe heart attack on Thursday the 16th August 1982, at the age of 61 years.

Professor Kandade had donated one silver plate for the platform of the Samadhi at Shirdi. He had also plated with silver both the railings in front of the Samadhi, and had offered a gold plated silver 'Mugut' to Shri Baba.

It was His practice to visit Shirdi every year along with all his family members, which he maintained upto the end of his life. He always used to worship Shri Baba at the beginning of every auspicious function. That he was a sincere Sai devotee has been proved by the fact that he left his mortal coil on a Thursday.

We extend our heart - felt condolences to the members of the family of Prof. Kandade in their sad bereavement and pray at the feet of Shri Sai Baba that the departed soul may rest in peace.

Editor —

## Think Over

Can any efforts done remove the sorrow  
Not being known the cause for sorrow ?  
O Lord, Sainath, wherein have we fallen short ?  
Show us now how to better follow Thine will,  
Think, Think, Think over, Thou sayeth,  
The birth is sorrow, isn't ?  
Karma gives inspiration to birth, doesn't ?  
The attachment and abhorrence lead to Karma, don't ?  
Environmental influences give rise to  
    attachment and abhorrence, Doesn't ?  
The intellect is shrouded by environmental influences, isn't ?  
The duality blurs the intellect, doesn't ?  
The ignorance sustains duality, doesn't ?  
Thus, the ignorance alone is the cause of sorrow, isn't ?  
Don't the knowledge and wisdom dispel ignorance ?  
So then, we pray, O Lord Sainath, remove our ignorance  
So that we can have a glimpse of the light of reality,  
And take us to that eternal happiness along the path real,  
We salute Thee with our humble words, time and  
    time again.

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# RASALILA

What is Rasalila? It is a heavenly sport in which Lord Shri Krishna danced with bhakti and prem with sixteen thousand Gopees when he was 12 years old. Each Gopee danced with the Lord, who manifested Himself by His yogic power into as many Shri Krishnas as there were Gopees.

It is one of the yogic powers of the avataras (incarnations) of yogeshwara Krishna, who was the centre of the purest devotion of the Gopees. Lord Krishna is the 8th incarnation of Shri Vishnu. It is a little difficult fact to comprehend this view by the western minds, whose eyes are always tinged with moral deviation. These terms are applicable to the humanity alone. The Rasalila was openly done, and was not a secret affair. When a large number of Gopees participated in the dance what chance was there to think about the moral wrong?

The incarnations of God Vishnu have the opposite qualities (विरोधी धर्म) which reside in the Paramatam e. g. the Almighty is described as smaller than the smallest and greater than the great. The incarnations possess this power. It is undoubtedly the unlimited power of Lord Shrikrishna.

Even in the नमस्काराष्टक, which is recited daily after the arti at the Shirdi temple, we find a reference made to रासक्रीडा as follows:-

तुझ्या ज्या पदा पाहतां गोपवाली । सदा रंगली चित्स्वरूपी मिळाली ॥  
करी रासक्रीडा सर्वे कृष्णनाथा । नमस्कार साष्टांग श्री साईनाथा ॥ ७ ॥

Consequently Shri Sai Baba also has been linked with this divine dance. It is, indeed a sport -- unforgettable one which every one of us would like to play.

In the end I wish my readers to join this joyful dance in a spirit of sportsmanship because it is a gesture of universal love for the entire humanity and animal kingdom. Be like a child if one wishes to enter the kingdom of God, Lord Shrikrishna. ★

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**Weather:-** Due to shortage of rain, shortage of water is felt at Shirdi,. The weather is however cool and the occasional showers are helping to keep the temperature low. The weather was quite healthy and there was no epidemic in Shirdi during this month.



## AUGUST 1982

Due to the month of Shravan, which is supposed to be an important month in Chaturmas, the devotees came in large numbers to Shirdi in this month. The number of Satyanarayan poojas performed during this month also increased to a great extent. The following artists gave their various programmes in the Samadhi Mandir during this month:-

**Keertan:-** Shri Vasudevshastri Dharmadhikari from Akola, District, Ahmednagar.

**Pravachan:-** 1) Shri Deshmukhbuwa, Shirdi 2) Shri Shadilal Sharma Jaipur 3) Shri Anant Gajanan Datar, Ambarnath 4) Shri Laxmanmaharaj Waghchoure, Shirdi 5) Bhanudas Waman Gawde, Bombay. Vocal music, Instrumental music, bhajan etc. 1) Shri Saidasbaba Sainilayam, Baitul 2) Shri Parashuram Tayawade, Vile Parle 3) Shri Annasaheb Yadavrao Ghotkar, Bhavidhanora 4) Shri Datta Prasadik Bhajani Mandal, Patnoli 5) Sou. Shashibala Joshi, Thane 6) Shri Sainath Bhajani Mandal Gwalior 7) Sou. Meghana Shirish Shete, Pune 8) Shri Appasaheb Katre, Bhopal, 9) Shri Shirdi Sai Cultural Mission, Vijaywada, 10) Shri Jayvijay Orchestra. Bombay, 11) Shri Vijay L. Dhopavkar, 12) Shri Vijay Vinayak Athavle 13) Sou. Vaishali Vijay Athavle 14) Shri Shirish Keertane 15) Shri Anilchand Vadangale 16) Shri Satish Chandanshiv 17) Shri Raju Gotambe 18) Shri Raju Kulkarni 19) Shri Shirish Haldankar 20) Shri Panchal 21) Shri Nivrutti Pagare, 22) Shri Surendra Kumar 23) Shri Najmuddin Shaikh 24) Shri Satish Chavan 25) Shri Sudhir Chavan 26) Kumari Aruna 27) Shri Narendra Gholap 28) All artists of "Chabidar Nar Guljar" Pune.

**Gokulashtami festival:-** Gokulashtami was celebrated as usual on Thursday the 12th August 1982. It being a Thursday the Palkhi of Shri Baba was taken as usual to Chawadi in procession. From 10 p.m. to 12 midnight a programme of Keertan was arranged wherein the story of the birth of Lord Krishna

was narrated by the Haridas. As the story of Lord Krishna is very absorbing all audience attended the Keertan devoutly and were kept spell-bound by the narration of the Haridas. Shejarati was sung after the keertan was over and the Samadhi Mandir was closed for the day thereafter.

On the next day i. e. on 13-8-82 the kala keertan was performed in the morning together with the Dahihandi programme after the keertan. At night the chariot (रथ) of Shri Sai Baba, duly decorated, was taken out in procession from Dwarkamai through Shirdi Village when all the villagers took darshan of Shri Sai Baba in the Chariot. The Shejarati was sung on that day after the return of the Chariot procession and the Samadhi Mandir was closed thereafter for the day.

Independence day celebrations:- On 15th August 1982, Shri K. H. Kakre, the Court Receiver, hoisted the national flag in the morning and flag-salutation programme took place thereafter as that was the Independence day of India. The staff of the Shirdi Sansthan, the Police, Home guards, some guests, prominent people from Shirdi village, the teachers and students of Sainath High School and the Band troupe of the High School attended the independence day function. Tea was served to all, who attended the function and sweets were distributed to the children present on the occasion.

Weather:- The weather at Shirdi was free from disease. Scanty rain was however bringing coolness in the air, which otherwise used to be rather hot.



# श्रीसाईलीला

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# हर पल साई सहारे

(गझल)

साई तेरे लीला का, क्या ब्रया करूं मैं,  
हरपल साई सहारे, साई चरणो रूँ मैं  
तिनके को दे, सहारा -

माँझी को दे किनारा -  
भक्तों को दे दिलासा

फिर भी मगन रूँ मैं ॥ १ ॥

अरमाने दिल मे रखकर

जी रहा हूँ कब से,  
'दुवा' तुम्हारी मिल गई

दवा का क्या करूँ मैं ॥ २ ॥

दुनिया की तेज आँधी टकरा रही है मुझपर  
माँझी की भाँती मेरी नैथ्या डुबी रही है  
पतवार बनकर साई -

आये तो क्या करूं मैं ॥ ३ ॥

सदियों से मैं फिरा हूँ,

ढुंढा तुझे जहाँ मैं,  
साई जहाँ तुम हो,

फिरता हूँ वो गलीन में ॥ ४ ॥

अनिलकुमार लुतडे

वाडें नं. १७ वर्धा, (४४२ ००१)



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# श्री ह. भ. प. श्री दासगणू कृत श्री साईनाथ स्तवन मंजरी

हिंदी अनुवाद

श्री गणेशाय नमः ॥ हे सर्वाधारा मयुरेश्वरा । सर्वसाक्षी गौरीकुमारा ॥ हे  
अचिंत्य लंबोदरा । पाही मां श्री गणपते ॥ १ ॥ तूं सकल गणोंका आदि ईश ।  
इसलिए कहते है गणेश ॥ सभी शास्त्र को तू मंजूरसा । हे मंगल रूपा  
भालचंद्रा ॥ २ ॥ हे शारदे वाग्बिलासिनी । तूं शब्दसृष्टीकी स्वामिनी ॥ तेरा  
अस्तित्व है, हे जननी । इसलिए चल रहा है संसार व्यवहार ॥ ३ ॥ तूं ग्रंथकारो  
की देवता । तूं भूषण देशका सर्वथा ॥ तेरी अगाध सत्ता । नमो नमो जगदंबे ॥ ४ ॥  
हे पूर्णब्रह्म संत लाडले । हे पंढरीनाथ सगुणरूप निराले ॥ हे कृपासागर रहम  
करनेवाले । पांडुरंग नरहरे ॥ ५ ॥ तूं सबका सूत्रधार । तुझसेही भरा है सब  
संसार ॥ शास्त्र सोच विचार । करती है तेरे स्वरूपका ॥ ६ ॥ जो कोई कितान  
जानी । तूं उनसे न मिलता हे चक्रपाणी ॥ उन मुख की वाणी । सिर्फ ब्रह्म  
के लिए ॥ ७ ॥ तुझे पहचानते है सिर्फ संत । न मिलेगा किसीको अंत ॥  
तुझे मेरा प्रणाम । आदरभावसे ॥ ८ ॥ हे पंचवक्त्रा शिव शंकरा । हे  
प्रलयंकरा ॥ हे नीलकंठ दिगंबरा । उँकाररूपा पशुपते ॥ ९ ॥ जो लेंगा तेरा  
नाम । बन जायेगा उसीका काम ॥ ऐसा है महिमा । तेरे नामका ॥ १० ॥  
प्रणाम तेरे चरणोंको । लिख रहा हूँ इस स्तोत्रको ॥ कर दो मदद मुझको । हे  
भोलेनाथ स्वामी ॥ ११ ॥ अब प्रणाम श्री दत्तको । विष्णु नारायण भगवानको ॥  
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तू ज्ञान आसमान का दिनकर ॥ तू दया का सागर । भवरोगपर तू ही दवा ॥ १५ ॥  
तू हीन दीन का चिंतामणी । भक्तोंके लिए गंगापानी ॥ डुबनेवालों को नैया जानी ।  
घबराये हुए का सहारा ॥ १६ ॥ संसार का आद्य कारण । जो विमल चैतन्य ॥  
वही तूम ही दयाधन । यह खेल तुम्हारा ही ॥ १७ ॥ आप जनम रहित । मृत्यु

भी नहीं आपके प्रत ॥ आखीर यही ज्ञात । हो जाता है ढूँढनेसे ॥ १८ ॥ जनम  
 और मरण । अज्ञानी करते है धारण ॥ आपको न जनम ना मरण । आप तो  
 इनसे अल्लिय ॥ १९ ॥ जल शरणोंसे प्रगट भया । क्या वह उससे उमड आया ॥  
 था वह पहलाही समाया । आया सिर्फ अंदरसे ॥ २० ॥ चट्टानकी सुराकमे  
 पानी आगया । इसलिए नाम मिल गया ॥ वही शरना बन गया । जलके शिवा  
 सुराक ही ॥ २१ ॥ भर गया सुख गया ना खबर । नो है वेत्रवर ॥ जल को  
 न सुराककी कदर । वह उसे मानता ही नहीं ॥ २२ ॥ सुराकको लेकिन अभिमान ।  
 जीवन का परिपूण ॥ इसलिए सुखनेसे भयान । अवस्था उसकी ॥ २३ ॥ नरदेह  
 यह सुराक है । शुद्ध चैतन्य जल है ॥ अनंत सुराके है । लेकिन जल वही  
 है ॥ २४ ॥ इसलिए हे दयाघन । अज्ञाननगको करने छेदन ॥ ब्रज बनो तुम  
 महान । हमारे कारण ॥ २५ ॥ ऐसी सुराके बहुत । भरा हुआ है जगत ॥  
 भूत वर्तमान भविष्यस्थित ! हो जाएगी ॥ २६ ॥ हरेक सुराक के प्रति । अलग  
 नाम गती ॥ जिससे जगमें प्रचीति । हो जाती है उनकी ॥ २७ ॥ अब चैतन्य  
 प्रत । मै तू कहना नहीं उचित ॥ क्यों की जहाँ न संभव द्वैत । वही चैतन्य  
 निश्चित ॥ २८ ॥ चैतन्य का विस्तार । भरा पूरा संसार । फिर मै तू भावना  
 विचार । कैसे रहेंगे ॥ २९ ॥ मेघ गर्भका जल । मूलता अभिन्न निर्मल ॥  
 पाता है जब भूमी स्थल । भेद बनते अनेक ॥ ३० ॥ जो गोदावरी मे गिर  
 जाता है । वह गोदावरी बन जाता है ॥ जो नालेमे गिर जाता है उसकी  
 योग्यता कैसी ॥ ३१ ॥ संतरूप गोदावरी निर्मल । वहाँ के तुम प्रवित्र जल ॥  
 जल हम नालेके अमंगल । इसलिए भेद दो बनता ॥ ३२ ॥ बनने हमे कृतार्थ ।  
 आना चाहिए आपके प्रत ॥ शरण सर्वदा जोडकर हाथ । क्यों की तुम पवित्र  
 हो ॥ ३३ ॥ पात्रसे पवित्रता । गोदाजलको सर्वथा ॥ सभी जल एक सा रहता ।  
 देखनेसे भिन्न नहीं ॥ ३४ ॥ पात्र गोदावरी का । पवित्र कैसा बन सका ॥ वह  
 होने के लिए भूमिका । देखो गुण दोष सहाय्य कैसा हुआ ॥ ३५ ॥ मेघ  
 गर्भके दलको जो भूमि भाग बदल न सका । उस भूमी भागका  
 ज्ञानी गोदावरी बोले ॥ ३६ ॥ गीर पडा जो अन्य भूमी पर ।  
 वही का गुण स्वीकार कर ॥ बन गया कहुआँ नमकीन बेकार । अच्छे रहते  
 हुए भी ॥ ३७ ॥ वैसे ही गुरुवर है यहाँ । षडरिपूकी न गंदगी जहाँ ॥ उस  
 देह को पवित्र कहा । सुन्दर संत नामसे ॥ ३८ ॥ इसलिए संत गोदावरी । बडी  
 है प्यारी ॥ सब जीवोंमे न्यारी । श्रेष्ठ अपनी योग्यतामें ॥ ३९ ॥ जगत आरंभ  
 जहाँसे । गोदा निर्माण वहाँसे ॥ परिपूर्ण हमेशा जलसे । कभी न खंड हुआ ॥ ४० ॥

प्रभू रामचंद्र जब उतरे । गोदावरी किनारे ॥ उस वक्त के जल सारे । रहेंगे  
 कैसे अबतक ॥ ४१ ॥ पात्र स्थानसे न हिला । जल सागर को मीला ॥ पवित्रता  
 का बोल बाला । जल पात्रको आज तक रहा ॥ ४२ ॥ पुराना जल जाता है ।  
 नया आता है ॥ हर बरस ऐसा होता है । वही न्याय संबधित आपसे ॥ ४३ ॥  
 शतक वही संवत्सर । उस शतकोमे जो साधुवर ॥ वही जल साचार । नाना  
 विभूती यह लहर ॥ ४४ ॥ संतरूप गोदावरी मैया । प्रथम संवत्सर में आया ॥  
 बाढ समा गया । सनत्सनक सनंदनोंका ॥ ४५ ॥ फिरसे नारद तुंब्र । ध्रुव  
 प्रल्हाद बलि नृपवर ॥ शबरी अंगद वायु कुमर । विदूर गोप गोपिका ॥ ४६ ॥  
 इस तरह बहुत हो गयीं । हर एक शतक की पुर्वायी ॥ बाढ के पिछे बाढ आयी ।  
 जिसका वर्णन बसके बाहर ॥ ४७ ॥ इस शतकमें । संतरूप गोदा मैया में ॥  
 आप बाढ बनके आये । साईनाथ नामसे ॥ ४८ ॥ इसलिए दिव्य चरणोंमें  
 तुम्हारे । स्विकार करो प्रणाम मेरे ॥ मेरे दुर्गुण सारे । मत देखो जरासा  
 भी ॥ ४९ ॥ मैं हीन दीन अज्ञानी । पातकोंका शिखामणी ॥ नीच मेरी  
 करणी । लेकिन ठुकराओ मत स्वामी ॥ ५० ॥ लोह अंग का दोष । मन मे  
 न सोचे पारस ॥ नाले, युक्त जो गंधगीसे । उन्हे गोदा न वापस लौटाती ॥ ५१ ॥  
 मेरा मन भरा जो मैलासे । आपकी कृपा दृष्टीसे ॥ होए निर्मल जैसे । यह  
 विनती दास की ॥ ५२ ॥ पारस का संग जब मिलता । लोहा, लोहा कैसा  
 रहता । अगर उसका सोना न बनता तो दोष पारस का ॥ ५३ ॥ मत रखो  
 पापी दास को । क्यों की इसका दोष आपको ॥ आप पारस मैं लोहा देखो ।  
 मेरी इज्जत आपके हाथ ॥ ५४ ॥ बालक करता है अपराध । पर माता करती  
 नहीं क्रोध ॥ इसका बात का लेकर बोध । कृपाप्रसाद किर्जाए ॥ ५५ ॥ हे  
 साईनाथ सद्गुरु । तूही मेरा कल्पतरु ॥ भवाब्धीका भव्य तारु ! तूडी है  
 निश्चित ॥ ५६ ॥ तू कामधेनु चिंतामणी । तू ज्ञान अंबरका वासर मणी ॥  
 तू सद्गुणों की भव्य खाणी । या शिर्डी स्वर्गकी ॥ ५७ ॥ हे पुण्ययुक्त परम  
 पावन । हे शांतमुरत आनंदधन ॥ हे चित्स्वरूप परिपूर्ण । हे भेदरहित ज्ञान  
 सिंधु ॥ ५८ ॥ हे विज्ञानमुरत नरोत्तम । हे क्षमा शांती के निवासधाम ॥  
 हे भक्तजनोंके विश्राम । अब प्रसन्न हो जाओ ॥ ५९ ॥ तू सद्गुरु मच्छिंदर ।  
 तू महात्मा जालंदर ॥ तू निवृत्तीनाथ ज्ञानेश्वर । कबीर शैल नाथ तूं ही ॥ ६० ॥  
 तू ही बोधला सावता । तू ही रामदास तत्त्वता ॥ तू ही तुकाराम साईनाथ ।  
 तू ही सखा माणिक प्रभु ॥ ६१ ॥ इस तरह आपके अवतार । अगम्य है

प्रकार ॥ मूल एक भिन्न आकार । पहचान न होने देते अपने जातीकी  
 क्रिसिको ॥ ६२ ॥ कोई कहता है यवन । कोई ब्राह्मण ॥ इस तरह कृष्ण  
 समान । आपने लीला रचाई ॥ ६३ ॥ श्रीकृष्ण को देखकर । बोले जन हर  
 प्रकार ॥ जैसे यदुभूषण गिरीधर । कोई बोले गोपाल ॥ ६४ ॥ यशोदा कहे  
 लाडला । कंस कहे महाकाल ॥ उध्दव कहे प्रेमल । अर्जुन कहे ज्ञानजेठी ॥ ६५ ॥  
 इस तरह गुरुवर आपको कहा । जैसे जिसके मनमे रहा ॥ आप तो अग्ल रहे ।  
 एक ही स्थान पर ॥ ६६ ॥ मसजिद आपका मकान । बगैर सुराकके कान ॥  
 इसलिए आपको यवन । कहना प्राप्त होता है ॥ ६७ ॥ वैसी अग्निकी  
 उपासना । देखकर हे दयाधन ॥ कहता है हमारा मन । आप हिंदु ही है ॥ ६८ ॥  
 पर यह भेद व्यवहारीक । देखेंगे इन्हे तार्किक ॥ पर जो रहेंगे भाविक । वह  
 महत्व न देंगे ॥ ६९ ॥ आप तो ब्रह्मरूप । धर्म जात न कोई स्वरूप ॥ सबके  
 गुरु चिदानंदरूप । जगत के लिए बने ॥ ७० ॥ बनी यवनहिंदुओंमे कटुता ।  
 उनमे करने के लिए एकता ॥ मसजिद अग्निसे जोडा नाता । लीला भक्तों को  
 दिखानेके लिए ॥ ७१ ॥ आप धरम जाती रहित । सद्वस्तु जो वह सत्त ॥  
 वह आप साक्षात् । तर्कातीत सच ही मे ॥ ७२ ॥ तर्कवितर्क कैसे चले ।  
 आपके सामने भले ! शब्द कैसे मिले जुले ! मेरे गरीबके ॥ ७३ ॥ लेकिन  
 आपको देखकर । न रहता मन मेरा ॥ शब्द यह साहित्य आधार । आपके  
 स्तुतीके लिए ॥ ७४ ॥ इसलिए शब्दसे जो होगा । वही करुंगा ॥ आपके  
 गुण गाऊंगा । आपकी कृपासे ॥ ७५ ॥ संतोंकी योग्यता भली । ईश्वरसे भी  
 निराली ॥ जो सभीसे मिलीजुली । ना द्वैत संतोके पास ॥ ७६ ॥ हिरण्यकश्यपू  
 रावण । जिनका हुआ हनन ॥ देव मत्सरके कारण । न हुआ संतसे कभी  
 ऐसा ॥ ७७ ॥ गोपीचंदने गोबर मे गढा दिया । जालंदर पर अन्याय किया ॥  
 उस महात्मने दुःख न किया । उसके प्रति ॥ ७८ ॥ फिर भी राजा का उध्दार  
 किया उसे चिरंजीवी बनाया ॥ उसे कैसे बयान किया जाय । ऐसे होते है संत  
 महान ॥ ७९ ॥ संत आदित्य नारायण । कृपा उनकी प्रकाशपूर्ण ॥ संत  
 सुखद रोहिणी रमण । कौमुदी वह तत्कृपा ॥ ८० ॥ (अपूर्ण)

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## जब याद तुम्हारी आती है

मुझे मालुम नहीं आखिर क्यों  
याद तुम्हारी जब सताती है मुझे  
मुझे मेरी माँका घर तब याद आता है  
मैके की याद मुझे बारबार आने लगती .... ऐ मेरी साईं माऊली ...

ससुराल कितना भी अञ्छा हो फिर भी  
ससुराल अखिर ससुराल ही होता है  
मैका कैसा भी हो कितना भी दूर हो  
लेकिन मैका आखिर मैका ही होता है ... ऐ मेरे साईं पिता ...

शादीके बाद लडकी जब ससुराल जाती है  
मैके का प्यार और यादें लेके जाती है  
पीया के घर सुखी तो होती है  
लेकिन मैके को कभी भी भूल नहीं सकती है ... ऐ मेरे साईं भाई ...

जब मैं शिरडी जाती हूँ साईंदर्शन के लिये  
ऐसा महसुस होता है मैं मेरे मैके आ गई हूँ  
मेरे लिये तो शिरडी वह मेरी माँका ही घर है  
इसी लिये मैं वहाँ भावविभोर हो जाती हूँ ... ऐ मेरी साईं बहन ...

बादमें शिरडी पहुँचकर साईं माऊली को मिलकर  
जब वापिस आनेका वक़्त आता है  
शिरडी नहीं बल्कि मैके को छोडकर  
मैं आ रही हूँ ऐसा एहसास होता है मुझे ... ऐ मेरी साईं सखी ...

ऐसी नाजुक पल्लोमें आँखोमें आंसु भर आते हैं  
बारबार मैके की याद सताने लगती है  
जब जब शिरडी की याद आती है मुझे  
आँखो से आंसूकी धारा बहने लगती है ... ऐ मेरी साईं माई ...

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## श्री साई का स्मरण

जो प्रेम से श्री साईनाम का स्मरण करेगा ।

तो बाबा उसकी समस्त इच्छाएँ पूर्ण करेगा ।

जो श्रद्धापूर्वक साईलीलाओं का गायन करेगा ।

वह अपनी भक्ति में दिनोदिन वृद्धि करेगा ।

सदैव बाबा उसकी हर प्रकार से सहायता करेगा ॥ १ ॥

जो प्रेम से श्री.....

जो दिल और जान से श्री साई को चाहेगा ।

जिसका हृदय साईलीलाओं को सुनकर प्रसन्न हो जाएगा ।

वो तो परमानंद और चिर सन्तोष को प्राप्त करेगा ॥ २ ॥

जो प्रेम से श्री.....

जो कोई अनन्य भाव से साई की शरण में आएगा ।

जो श्रद्धापूर्वक उनका पूजन और निरन्तर ध्यान लगाएगा ।

ऐसे भक्तों को तो बाबा मौत के मुख से बचाएगा ॥ ३ ॥

जो प्रेम से श्री.....

जो नित्यप्रति साईनाथ का पूजन करेगा ।

और साईलीलाओं का प्रेम से चिन्तन करेगा ।

तो बाबा उसकी विषयवासनाओं को दूर करेगा ॥ ४ ॥

जो प्रेम से श्री.....

जो भक्त ऐसा सरल और सीधा मार्ग अपनाएगा ।

साई साई के उच्चारण मात्र से वह मुक्ति को अएगा ।

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## चमत्कार ! चमत्कार ! चमत्कार !

मैं एक विद्यार्थी हूँ। मेरे पिताजी प्रा. गुंडेराव पटवारी साई भक्त हैं। उन्हीं की कृपा से मैं साई बाबा के भक्ती की तरफ मुड़ा। इस वर्ष मैं पी. यू. सी. द्वितीय वर्ष की परीक्षा दिया। परीक्षा समाप्त होते ही पिताजीने प्रश्न किया के, “ प्रश्नपत्र कैसे गये” मैं छोटी सी सूरत लेकर कहा, “रसायनशास्त्र और गणित के प्रश्नपत्र उत्तीर्ण होने के काबिल नहीं गये।”

पिताजीने मुस्कराया और उसी क्षण मुझे दो सौ रुपया देते हुये कहा के, “शीघ्र शिरडी साई बाबा के चरणों में पहुँच जावो। भगवान साई की कृपा से तुम उत्तीर्ण हो जावोगे”। मुझे आनंद के साथ दुःख भी हुआ, कारण मैं विज्ञान का विद्यार्थी होने के नाते यह संभव नहीं था के मैं उत्तीर्ण हो जाऊंगा। फिर भी विश्वास, भ्रष्टा को लेकर अपने कुछ साथियों के साथ मैं शिरडी पहुँचा, साई बाबा के दर्शन हुये, दो तीन दिन वहीं रहा, प्रार्थना करते गया, आहुं बहाते हुअे उत्तीर्ण करने के लिए साईचरणों में गीड गीडाते रहा।

दो दिन, शिरडी से आकर विदर में भी प्रार्थना करते हुये गुजारा। हर पल पल बाबा की याद आती थी। दिल धडकता था। १६ जून को मेरे भाग्य का निर्णय था, पिताजी निश्चित थे, कहते थे के, “बाबा साई की कृपा से उत्तीर्ण हो जाओगे” १६ जून को मेरा नतीजा निकला। साई बाबा का नाम लेते हुए कॉलेज पहुँचा, देखता हूँ के साईकृपा से मैं द्वितीय श्रेणी में उत्तीर्ण हुआ हूँ।

यह केवल बाबा की कृपा का कारण था। मैं कुछ नहीं, केवल बाबा। उनकी कृपा। पिताजीको भी बड़ा आनंद हुआ सबने मेरा अभिनंदन किया, वास्तव में मेरा अभिनंदन न होकर वह साई बाबा का अभिनंदन था।

आज मेरा सारा परिवार बाबा के भक्त है। भाई, बहन, पिताजी, सब कोई साई के चमत्कारों से प्रभावित है।

मेरी माँ नहीं, परन्तु साई माँ जब मुझे पाल रही है तो इस भौतिक माँ की क्या आवश्यकता है ।

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मुझे मिले रेहम एसु से,  
कभी न सोचो दिल में अपने  
सोचो, यही मिला, जो कुल है  
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सारी धरती मिलने से भी  
कोई बड़ा न बन सकता है  
अपने इमान पूरा उससे रहने से ही  
अपना गौरव बढ़ सकता है ।

अपने दिल में तुम अपने को,  
कभी न समझो बहुत बड़ा-सा ।  
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## माई मां की अगाध करनी

पहली बार हमने शिरडी देखी। और बाबा के दर्शन कर घन्यता हुयी। दिल में सुबह शाम बाबा के ध्यान की धून लग गयी। हमें कोई चमत्कार या साक्षात्कार (बाबा का) तो शिरडी में नहीं हुआ। पांच दिन वहां ठहरकर अनेक तरह का अनुभव लिया। समाधी मंदिर में बाबा की मूर्ति निहारना, उनकी आराधना करके जो अजीब खुशी दिल को मिलती उसे ठीक से शब्दों में व्यक्त नहीं कर सकती। फिर भी बाबा की कृपा ही समझो, लिखने का प्रयास कर रही हूँ।

शिरडी से लौटते समय हमने अपने साथ बाबा की कई छोटी बड़ी किताबें अपने लिए और बच्चों के लिए ले आये। बच्चों साई बाबा की किताबें तथा चित्र अपने साथियों को दिखाते नहीं थकते थे। हम बाबा की करनी से अभी अनजान थे फिर भी हमें उनकी किताबें देखने और पढ़ने में बड़ा आनंद मिलता। उनके साक्षात्कार से हम अनभिज्ञ थे। मगर मैं अब समझ चुकी हूँ की, हमें उनका कोई दर्शन या चमत्कार नहीं हुआ था यह कहना अज्ञानवश था। वास्तव में बाबा की कृपासे ही हम उनके चरणों तक पहुंच सके थे। उनके दर्शन से आनंद का लाभ उठा सके थे। क्या यह सब उनकी कृपा के बगैर हो सकता था? अब मैं पूर्ण विश्वास के साथ कह सकती हूँ, कदापि नहीं। वे तो हमेशा हर पल, हर जगह हमारे साथ थे।

ऐसे ही एक दिन की घटना है। घर में एक किरायदारने घर बदलने का निश्चय किया और उन्होंने शटपट अमावास्या के दिन ही घर छोड़ा। घर में मेरे दो बच्चे और मैं ही रह गये। बड़ा घर, अमावास्या की काली कलुटी रात और उसपर बारीश की झड़ी। कहीं खुट की आवाज होती तो दिल धक् करता। फिर भी बच्चोंने कहा "मां हमें साईबाबा की कहानीयां सुनाओ"। और मैं बाबा की 'मुलांचे साईबाबा' की कहानीयां पढ़ना शुरू कर दिया। बच्चे कहानीया सुनते सुनते सो गये। मैंने पूरी किताब पढ़कर, दुसरी किताब 'श्री साईबाबा अवतार व कार्य' पढ़ना प्रारंभ कर दिया। लेकिन पहले अध्याय का पहला पन्ना पढ़ना शुरू किया और आधा भी नपढ़ पायी थी की मुझे

झपकियां आने लगी। फिर भी मैं पढ़ने का प्रयास कर रही थी। लेकिन नींद संभाले नहीं संभाल रही थी। ऐसे ही झपकी लगी, उतनेमें मैं जो किताब पढ़ रही थी उसपर का बाबा का चित्र मेरी आंखोंके सामने प्रकट हुआ और हमारे सोनेके कमरे की तरफ अपनी अंगली दिखाकर बाबा कह रहे हैं "यह क्या कर रही हो। जाओ सो जाओ" यह सुनते ही मेरी आंखोंसे झपकी टूटी। बाबा के वचनों को याद करके मुझे ऐसा लगा साईबाबा ही मेरी रक्षा के लिए आगे आये हैं। मैंने निश्चित हो कर दरवाजा भेड़ लिया संकल चढा दी और बच्चों को लेकर बाबा के सहारे बफिक्र हो सी गयी। "उम दिम मेरे पति किसी कारणवश घर देर से लौटे थे ! उनके आने तक मैंने बाबा के भरोसे गहरो नींद में डुब चुकी थी। मेरे पति जगाने पर जब जाग गयी तो बाबाके उपकार का स्मरण कर मेरे दिल में उनके प्रति हृदय श्रद्धा के भाव मजबूत बने।"

"अब तो मुझे और मेरे परिवारके सभी सदस्यों को बाबा के बिना कुछ सुझता ही नहीं। सुबह शाम उनका ध्यान करना ही हमारे लिए सब कुछ है। साईबाबा पर हमारी अटल श्रद्धा है। हम यही चाहते हैं की बाबा जीवन भर हमारी सहायता कर अपने चरणों में हमें जगह दे यही मेरी प्रार्थना है।"

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## मुश्किल में श्री साई बाबा

मैं सब से अधिक साईं को ही प्यार करता हूँ । साईं के प्रति मेरे मन में एक विशिष्ट स्थान है । मेरे मन ऐसा लगता है कि साईं के बारे में सब को कह दूँ । ऐसा कर दे कि सब को भी साईं के प्रति एक विशिष्ट स्थान दे । मेरे मन में साईं के प्रति अनेक भावनाएँ हैं लेकिन उसे व्यक्त करने की ताकत मुझ में नहीं है । लेकिन साईं की मैं हर दिन पूजा नहीं करता, मंदिर नहीं जाता । साईं के नाम में एक महत्वपूर्ण शक्ति है । वही सब दुखों को दूर कर देती है । वहीं नाम से सभी शांति पाते हैं । वही नाम से कष्ट भी दूर हो जाते हैं । इसके लिए मैं एक बीती हुई घटना को व्यक्त करता हूँ ।

मैं भीमवरम से मछलीपट्टणम जाने के लिए रेलवे स्टेशन गया । बुकिंग आफिस में कोई भी नहीं था । एक मिनट रहने का समय भी नहीं था । इसलिए मैं एक सहयात्री की बातों से उस रेल पर चढ़ गया । लेकिन मेरे मन में डर ही, लग रहा है । रास्ते में मंडवल्लि स्टेशन में टिकट कलेक्टर ने कुछ लोगों को पकड़ लिया । मैं तो साईं नाम जप करके बैठ गया । मैं तो अंतिम डिब्बी में बैठा था । वह मेरे अगले डिब्बी तक टिकट्स देखा । मेरा डिब्बी तक न आ सका । तभी रेल चल जाने लगा । गुडिवाडा स्टेशन आ गया । उस स्टेशन से बाहर तो आया । लेकिन कैसा आया ? वह तो साईं ही जानते । इस प्रकार मैं टिकट खरीदे बिना साईं के नाम जप करके आ गया । यह घटना मैं अपने जीवन तक कभी न भूल जाऊँगा ।

आखिर मैं यहीं कहना चाहता हूँ कि हम सब को ठीक समय में सहायता करनेवाला केवल साईं ही है ।

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रक्षा करे साई बाबा, साई नाम सदा ही लेना ।

सच्चे रास्ते पर चलना, बाबा का नाम सदा ही लेना ॥ १ ॥

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सच्चे दिल से याचना करना, वे सदा ही देंगे ॥

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पीड़ित जनों की सेवा करना, वे सदा प्रसन्न होंगे ।

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