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The marriage party of Chand Patil of Dhoop village camped in the open space near the Khandoba Temple. One young lad, who came with the marriage party, came to the temple for taking darshan of Shri Khandoba, Shri Mhalasapati the pujari of the temple was impressed much by the young boy and he welcomed him with the words. "Aao Sai" By which name the boy came to be known in his later life.

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## GREED

According to the theory of a great scientist, named Darwin, the human race has progressed to its present stage of civilization by the process of evolution. His theory of evolution brought him in the lime light once upon a time and though that theory was criticized by several scientists in various ways, still many principles of his theory have also been accepted by a number of scientists. The scientists mainly consider the progress of humanity from the material point of view, while the saints are concerned about the spiritual progress of the human race. After analysing the various inborn tendencies and natural instincts of the human mind, the Indian saints have unanimously proclaimed that six natural instincts mainly obstruct the human beings from achieving spiritual progress and they have always been advising the common man to have control over those instincts in order to proceed smoothly on the spiritual path. In the editorials for the months of February and March 1982, we saw how the two instincts of काम and क्रोध affect the common man and mislead him. We may now consider the third instinct viz. लोभ ( Greed ) and try to see how it affects the life of the human beings.

The primitive man had to struggle very hard even for his existence. The thick jungles that grew all over the earth at that time were infested with furious and wild animals as well as poisonous reptiles. The energy of the primitive man was mostly spent in saving himself from these animals and killing a

few of them for his food. So the main trouble in those days was to get the daily necessities which would be just sufficient for the time being. In course of time, however, this position changed. The human race left its nomadic tendencies and settled in the plains and started doing agriculture.

Hoarding is a natural instinct of the human race. This is of course required to be done to a certain extent, because everyone has to provide for the future. During the time of prosperity therefore the men hoard things for use in future. Of course these things are applicable only to common men. If we look at the saints we find that they never cared for the next day. People who read Sai Satcharit know that Shri Sai Baba did not own anything. His only property was the clothes that he wore on his body and a tin which he used as a begging bowl when he went round in the Shirdi village for begging. This is no doubt a very ideal position which only saints like Shri Sai Baba are privileged to have. The saints spend their whole life for the welfare of the people and therefore they feel that they have sort of a right to get alms from them only for their survival. We find this same thing in the life of another modern saint, who was known by the name of saint Gadgemaharaj. This saint collected lacs of rupees by way of donations and constructed dharmashalas, rest houses, ghats, etc. for the convenience of the public; but he never built even a small room for himself to stay in. Similarly he arranged 'bhandara' (common lunch) for thousands of people with a sweet dish, but he never ate anything else except a little bread and chatni, which also he often times procured by begging. Leaving aside such cases of saints if we look to the common people, they have got to lay by something for the future; but by and by the natural instinct of greed started having full sway in the human society.

It is clearly understood by everyone that all people should earn that much wealth and property, which would be enough to

maintain their status and position properly. Of course it is not possible to define clearly what this 'enough' is. A person staying in a hut may expect to get good clothing and good food to eat and he may feel that this is enough to maintain his status. On the other hand a person staying in a bungalow may not be satisfied with this much. In addition to his bungalow, he might expect to have a good bank balance, landed property, a luxurious car and gold ornaments plus a good social status where he is honoured by the people and the government. Thus though the definition of 'enough' may differ from individual to individual, still even after getting this 'enough' according to his definition, we find that such people do not stop there. Their efforts to acquire more and more are still in progress. In our country and abroad we come across many such people in key positions who have amassed large wealth and are still hankering after wealth. Their idea is not only to live in good condition, but they also want to provide something sumptuous for their future generations. When we come across such people we naturally call them greedy and we at once see in every one of their actions how it is greed-oriented. Such persons later on meet some disaster and though in the beginning some persons go on praising them and flattering them because of their wealth, ultimately they are hated by the society at large.

Several stories of greedy people are told in all the languages and countries of the world. Two such stories may be cited here as typical examples of greedy people.

Once there was in a village a very poor farmer. He found it quite difficult to make both ends meet. His large family was almost living a hand to mouth life. In spite of such bad financial condition, the farmer was religious minded and he worshipped and prayed God from the bottom of his heart. After a few years God heard the prayers of the farmer and He asked the farmer what he wanted in order to improve his

condition. When the farmer explained his precarious pecuniary condition, God gave him a goose which would lay a golden egg every day. The farmer thanked God and reared the goose with great care. Every day the goose would lay a golden egg and the farmer would buy his daily necessities with that egg. Some days passed in this way and once greed had complete sway over him. He did not like this daily affair. He wanted to be rich all of a sudden. He then thought to himself that it was no use waiting every day for the golden egg. "I must get all the eggs at once. How could I get them at one time and become rich?" He therefore took a knife and cut open the stomach of the goose, who immediately became lifeless and the farmer ultimately lost the golden egg which he used to get every day! The farmer repented later on for his greed; but it was too late. He had already got the reward of his hasty action.

Another similar story is told of a poor man, who was staying in a village, where cocoanut trees were not being planted. Once when he went to a shop in the village and enquired about the price of a cocoanut, he thought it to be rather high. He thought to himself, "because there are no cocoanut plantations in my village therefore the cocoanuts brought from outside must be being sold here at a high price." He therefore enquired with the shopkeeper about the place from which he was getting the cocoanuts. He also did not fail to enquire about the price at which they were available at that place. On knowing the difference in the price, he said to himself, "why should I not go to that place and get the cocoanut? I will get it [cheap at that place." Thinking in this manner, the greedy fellow walked to that village and enquired about the price of a cocoanut in a shop in that village. He was quite pleased to find the price to be much lower than that which was quoted in his village; but greed did not allow him to stop at that stage. He thought that he may get a cocoanut still cheaper from a person who would be owning a cocoanut grove. He therefore approached one

person, who owned a cocoanut grove. There were hundreds of cocoanut trees in the grove of that owner and giving a few cocoanuts was a very insignificant matter to him. He therefore told the visitor that he was ready to sell him the cocoanuts; but if the visitor was ready to climb up a tree and collect the fruits, he would not mind giving the fruits free to the visitor. Even the small price that the owner was asking for the fruits was thought to be rather high by the greedy fellow and he started climbing up a tall cocoanut tree. Not being used to climbing tall trees, the greedy visitor felt giddy and fell down into a well, which lay below the cocoanut tree and thus lost his life due to his greedy nature!

Another story of a Chinaman, who was running a flour mill, is also being told. The man saw continuously in his dream that there was a treasure buried below his flour mill and ultimately when he dug the foundation of the mill he found no treasure and on the other hand his mill, which was giving him his daily bread, broke! Greed is therefore censured in all the countries and is considered as a vice which should be shunned by all.

Philanthropy is a good anti-dote for greed. We often see that people, who are amassing wealth, become its slaves. Acquiring and accumulating money becomes their only aim in life. A person having five lacs rupees is always waiting to see that it becomes double that amount. Thus wealth creates further greed for money. In order to curb this greed, people try to donate their wealth and get rid of the accumulated wealth so that it will not create further greed in their minds. King Raghu, from Raghuvansha, acquired wealth by leading campaigns against his neighbouring kings; but on returning to his capital he performed sacrifices and distributed all the wealth won by him. The example of Shri Sai Baba is also worth noting in this connection. He was getting lot of money by way of dakshina; but he made it a point to give away the whole of it to the



needy people by the evening. He never saved any money for the next day. It therefore appears that He was also of the opinion that money when accumulated gives rise to further greed,

Greed has got one more facet. As the wish for acquiring fabulous wealth and property increases enormously, it takes the shape of greed. In the process of acquiring this property and wealth a person then forgets about the means he uses for collecting it. As the only aim at that stage is amassing more and more, a person naturally connives at the means which he uses for acquiring money. If therefore, in certain case, a person is not able to get money by fair means, he does not hesitate to use any foul means to grab money or property as at a certain stage his only aim in life becomes acquiring more and more when he is under the sway of the wolf of greed.

It will thus be seen that greed is a vice of the first order, which leads a person astray and tempts him to use even foul means against his very kith and kin. A very good way of keeping the wolf of greed away from your house is to remain satisfied with acquiring only that much wealth and property, which is just sufficient for a decent living. If by any chance we acquire, by ordinary fair means, wealth or property which is superfluous and if it is therefore likely to give rise to greed in our mind, then taking a lesson from our ancient kings & sages we should donate everything surplus to the poor and needy so that we will be successful in keeping the wolf of greed away from our house. A person, who is marching on the spiritual path, always needs to have a pure and serene mind, which he can concentrate on God. He has therefore to guard against the hounds and wolves of vices. In order therefore to achieve progress on the spiritual path all Sai devotees also will have to curb the wolf of greed and if they keep full faith in Shri Sai Baba and concentrate their mind on Him, we are sure that they will have full control over this wolf with the kind blessings of Sadguru Shri Sainath Maharaj. ★

## Sai Baba The Great

On 24th August, 1981, by the kindness and grace of Sai Baba of Shirdi, I was blessed with a son. On the Mahasamadhi day, i. e. on 8-10-81, the boy was named as Jayant in a formal gathering of our nears and dears.

On 8-10-81 itself, the boy was taken ill and by the time when night arrived, it was difficult to see the boy screaming as if possessed by some evil spirit. It was our strong apprehension that the boy has been taken ill only by an evil eye of someone present in the gathering in the ceremony. Next day we rushed him to the doctor and medical treatment continued for about seven days but to no avail.

At night the boy used to get up and scream which was quite heart-rending. At day time he behaved quite normal. My mother took him to a priest and after the needful was done by the priest, we brought him back to our house. Immediately after this, the same evening, I put a locket round the neck of the boy. I had realized my mistake and was regretting as to why I did not put the locket earlier. On the day I put the locket, I had full faith in Sai's grace and told my mother and wife that the boy would have a sound sleep by the grace of God (i. e. Sai Baba). It was a wonder for everyone in the house when they found in the morning that the boy had a sound sleep and it was only because of the Sai Baba's locket which did wonders for all of us. I immediately made it a point not to ever deprive my son and myself of the locket throughout our life. ★

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## Shri Sai Baba's Blessings

Pujya Shri Shantvanji is a great Gayatri Saint of Gujarat and a blessed disciple of Pujya. Ramsharmaji. After having roamed in the Himalayas and on the bank of Ganga for meditation, he finally settled at Karmali; on the bank of Narmada; near Chandod, in Baroda district. He is unmarried. For the last 30 years, he has been worshipping "Bhagwati Gayatri", imparting guidance to devotees, arranging "Gayatri Anushthan" for nine days, twice in a year during Chaitra and Aso. Navratri, when devotees from different parts of Gujarat and other states get together. tea and meals are served free of cost during Anushthan.

Sai Baba, dressed as a Fakir, saved him from committing suicide and also gave darshan thereafter.

The following is the text of the incident narrated by him:-

"After leaving my home, I stayed on the bank of the river Ganga for the sake of "Gayatri Sadhana". Not being able to concentrate, I started roaming and reached Balaram, a holy place, near Palanpur. Here, the atmosphere was devotional and spiritual. I passed three to four days in meditation.

However, thereafter for reasons unknown, I started feeling tired and discouraged; and lost all concentration. I was upset, with the idea that I will have to pass the whole life in this way and decided to commit suicide by jumping into the river, flowing nearby. After offering my last prayer at the Shiv temple I reached the river bank. I closed my eyes and chanted Gayatri Mantras. It was also ascertained that there was nobody in the vicinity. When I was about to jump into the river, a fakir dressed in black, with beard and long hair and with divine eyes appeared and caught me. I was simply taken aback.

He smiled gently and inquired as to what I was doing and why. He ordered me to follow him. The force in his words was magnetic and I followed Him like a machine. We came to the nearby railway station Chetrasani and He got me a ticket for Kalol (the nearest Railway station, from my home town; Sardhav) and disappeared immediately.

I could not recognise Him. Thereafter I went to Himalayas frequently for meditation and finally settled at Karnali on the bank of river Narmada.

Exactly after 30 years of the incident, I was invited to Sai temple, Surat in December 1979 on the day of "Datt Jayanti" for Baba's puja and Gayatri Yagna, which was to be performed there.

As usual; before going to bed, I sat in meditation. Never before I had the occasion either to visit Sai's temple at Shirdi or at any other place. I was not even a devotee of Sai Baba. I, therefore, prayed to Baba, to know the reason for my selection for the puja celebration. When I was asleep, great Sai Baba gave me darshan in my dream and inquired as to how, I forgot Him who saved me thirty years ago when I was about to commit suicide at Balaram... On hearing these words, I woke up. There was a bright light. My joy knew no bounds.

I left the bed and after taking bath, sat in meditation. To my great surprise, I saw Sai Nath, in place of Gayatri, and enjoyed the scene which cannot be explained in words.

On the next day, as programmed, I went to Surat for the celebration of Sai Puja and Gayatri Yagna." ★

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## Sai Baba's Command

**“ Cast your burden on me, I shall surely carry it ”**

I am blessed by Sai Baba, who is full of love, mercy and kindness, as He has drawn me to His lotus feet at the appropriate time,

It was in 1964 when I first visited Shirdi. I was a student of the Engineering College at Aurangabad. I was studying in prefinal year of B. E. Civil. My theory examination was over. Practical examinations were to be started after a week. So during this period I casually decided to have a trip to Shirdi for a day.

It was my very first visit to Shirdi. One of my theory papers had gone very difficult to me. I was in a little worried mood. As I was not very strongly believing in God at that time, I had come to Shirdi only for a change.

The moment I got down from a bus, at the Shirdi bus station, I had a feeling of relief of my worries. My heart was full of joy. After I spent about an hour in Shirdi, I was feeling that I am moving in heaven, without any worry to bother me, and darshan of Shri Sai Baba's marble statue gave me complete peace of mind. I had such a nice feeling that I cannot express it in words.

And this feeling made me an ardent devotee of Shri Sai Baba from that very day.

It is needless to point out here that I passed my prefinal examination with good marks, which was never expected by me.

Today I am an Executive Engineer in Irrigation Department of Maharashtra Govt, of course only due to the blessings of Shri Sai Baba.

Since then all my difficulties, worries and pains are shouldered by Shri Sai Baba only. If I will go on listing them, then I think entire Sai Leela magazine may not be sufficient for the same.

I am going to narrate only one very recent incident where Sai Baba has taken away my worries, even without allowing them to reach me, with my sincere prayers at the Lotus feet of Shri Sai Baba.

At present I am serving at Latur. I had purchased a plot at Aurangabad. in Sept. 1977. The plot was lying as an open space since then. This year i. e. in the month of May 1981, I decided to start the construction of my building on the said plot. Accordingly I started collecting materials etc. One day when I was returning to Latur from Aurangabad, my neighbourer of adjacent plot at Aurangabad requested me not to start the work, on my plot as there was likelihood of resistance from him, as my neighbourer has claimed a part of my plot as his own.

I reported this matter to my relative at Aurangabad. He promised me to solve the problem and I left for Latur. When again I went to Aurangabad, my relatives informed me that he is not at all concerned with my plot. He is trying to trouble me with some malafide intentions of getting some money from me by troubling me. Accordingly he tried to harass me by constantly claiming a part of my plot. I tried to build my compound wall in my boundry. He broke away my compound wall at midnight.

I went to court and brought the stay, and he was disallowed by the court to interfere in my peaceful construction. But his harassment had not ended there. He lodged a Police case against me in order to harass me by hook or crook. When I heard of this I was perturbed very much. I could not sleep for one night. As I am a class I Govt. servant, and to receive the summons of a Police case from Court was going to

mean loss of prestige for me. I immediately prayed to Sai Baba to come to my rescue and relieve me from this worry. I am really grateful to Sai Baba, and not finding words to express His mercy, by which he managed to keep intact my prestige, and now my construction has come upto lintel level.

I am sure looking towards worries, Sai Baba has managed to ward it and has not allowed and will not allow it even to reach me. You will agree with me that Sai Baba has carried my burden and has even not allowed the burden to reach me.

I am encouraged by Shri Sai Baba to write this first article of my life and, I am lucky that this first article is for showing my experiences relating to the Lotus feet of Shri Sai Baba and that it will be shared by Shri Sai devotees. ★

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## Sai Presence Felt

"Cast all your burdens on me and I shall bear them." This was the pledge given by Shri Sai Baba, for the benefit of humanity and his devotees. The devotee has to do his part in a spirit of complete surrender and Sai has never disappointed his devotee.

Sai Baba's blessed devotees are familiar to Him and He protects them from all calamities and pains, if once they unload their burdens at his holy feet. The dictum of this phrase and its efficacy in daily life are explained from my own experience in the following article.

I always have a feeling that Sai is always with me. I feel that whoever wants Him, gets Him. Whoever takes a step towards Him, He in turn takes complete care of His devotee.

Sai is OMNIPRESENT. He is present here, He is present there. He is present everywhere. His devotees are 'His eyes' and he is the eyelid. Even a tiny tot knows how effectively the 'eyelid' protects the 'eye'.

Shri Sai strengthens the faith of His devotees by playing various leelas in his inimitable way.

While going through this article you will realise that Sai saves his devotees in a great way. Let us now recall the incident.

It was the 27th October 1981, the holy day of deepawali festival. the great festival of lights. We three, my father mother and I, had just come from the market after seeing the festival lighting. It was 11 o'clock, and we were sitting in the bedroom. Suddenly we heard the telephone bell ring. I was the one who rushed in to attend the telephone call. It was my doctor uncle who was speaking in a shaky way. He said that he had a very



bad motor cycle accident. A VERY BAD ACCIDENT. This is what he said. It was sufficient to understand that the accident must be a bad one. I ...I could not just understand all this and I started crying. Seeing all this, my father rushed in to attend the telephone. We took some 'Udi' and prayed Sai to help us, After that my father and I rushed to the hospital. It seemed as if the earth was shaken and with such a disturbed mind we entered the emergency ward of the city hospital. The cries of my uncle and his son, Amit could be heard from a distance. We were told by the doctor uncle that the aunt and the five year old, small, beautiful Gunjan were seriously injured. His speech could clearly show that he had a bad accident.

I find myself unable to describe that horrifying sight. My aunt was badly injured. She had received head injuries, her saree was drenched by the blood stains. She was in a semiconscious state and on the other side Gunjan was lying completely unconscious.

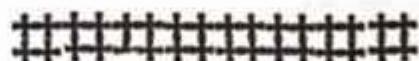
It seemed as if our little dream world had a bad shake. As if every thing was doubtful, even our own existence was doubtful. I just could not bear all this and I myself was in a semi conscious state. I started crying. Every one was crying. We were all crying for help and the only one competent to give us help was Shri Sai. This unstable condition continued for seven days. Meanwhile my aunt got some stitches and she was alright. But Gunjan, though she had very few external injuries, she had many internal injuries. She was unconscious for seven days. On the 7th day we had put a pendont of Sai Baba round her neck and also applied some 'udi' to her head. After a lapse of an hour or so she was alright. Yes, she was alright. She was talking, she was walking and yes. She was singing 'Sai tere hajarō nam.' Yes, she was alright and the credit goes to one and only one our Sainath, our God, our father, our mother, our friend and our protector. For us every thing is Sai. My uncle had no faith in God but after this incident, my doctor uncle

became a devotee of 'Sai Ram'. I had taken an oath to write an article of this incident, if Gunjan gets well. She is perfectly alright due to Sai's grace and I am here to fulfil my promise.

One should always notice that if you want Shri Sai Baba, you get Him. You take a step towards Him and He, in His turn takes complete care of His devotees. Let all of us say "Jai Sai Nath."

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## Zarathustra : A Prophet

For ten years he went, as did the Rishis of India, into the silence of the forest. He lived in a rocky cave. He dwelt in meditation; he wrestled with himself: he conquered his desires: he conquered himself: he became a sage, a Master. And then on mountain-heights, he communed with the Spirit of Light and Love,—with Ahura Mazda.

From Him did Zarathustra receive the Revelation of the Avesta, and then descended,—alone,—from the Mountain to the People,—in his heart the Song, "I love all mankind!" On his lips the hymns of a herald of the Light.



# Sai Baba, The Saint of Shirdi

(Continued from April 1982 issue)

## CHAPTER XV

1. Geeta Rahasya
2. In quest of Guru

Received once Jog a parcel of book  
Geeta Rahasya a Tilak's book  
In his armpit with a parcel saw he Thee  
And prostrated at Thy feet before Thee

Prostrated he at Thy feet when  
The book from his armpit fell down then  
Asked him Thou what fell down  
Told he Geeta Rahasya Tilak's renown

Taking Thou the book in Thy hand  
Pages turning here and there by hand  
Taking a rupee from Thy pocket free  
Returned the book with a rupee free

Thus Thou gave him a sacred book  
And blessed him with a loving look  
And asked him to keep it and read  
And that will give him peace and feed.

Asked him Thou to read it in complete  
And bade him not to keep it incomplete  
As benefitted will he be in life  
To lead a happy and contented life

There were once learned four  
Being proud of religious knowledge core  
To test their knowledge decided  
Their principles being divided.

All the four professed theories different  
One was for raising self by self cogent  
The other said blessed is {he, who controls mind  
divided  
The third pleaded for discrimination of real and  
unreal coveted

The knowledge bookish being useless  
Thou the fourth stood for surrender unique  
And told them to do their bounden duty  
And surrender body, mind and life beauty

Guru is God pervading all  
To get this conviction call  
Is necessary patience unbounded  
And in Thee the faith undwindled

Not minding the crux of the problem  
Knowing not the troubles future problem  
Tried all to make an essay  
To know the truth of their essay

So in this way all the learned four  
Rambled through woods in quest of God lore  
Went the three in quest unaided  
To return without any fruit faded

On the skirts of the jungle where  
Saw they a vanjari there  
Being asked by him what the quest for  
Denied all the truth of the quest soar

Still prayed he to them to wait a while  
And requested them to rest a while  
He offered them food and water greet  
And gave them bread and water a treat

Knowing not the woods fully  
You can't ramble through cooly  
If you want to go through the forest  
You need a guide knowing forest

Spoke he though so tenderly  
Not to march on so hurriedly  
Refused all his offer bluntly  
And marched on further curtly

Entered they the forest dark and dense  
Sun's rays where could not pierce through  
And went in the forest round and round  
To return to the spot from where bound

Met they a vanjari again on the skirts of forest  
Told they why they missed their way in forest  
Not minding the guide's usefulness  
They relied on their own cleverness.

Empty stomach fails in quest  
Unless God wills and thrusts the quest  
So start one should with a belly full  
If wished to make the quest successful

Asked he all to be patient and calm  
And to accept the food offered balm  
But the three hailing from high caste  
Bluntly refused the offer by a low caste

Being Thou very hungry and thirsty  
Consented gladly to vanjari's courtesy  
Though Thou hailing from a high caste  
Honoured the stale bread and water by a low caste

Not minding the caste or creed  
Satisfied Thou Thy hunger greed

Eating bread and drinking water Thyself  
As Thee in him saw Thy ownself

Believing this Thou acted when  
Thy Guru was seen by Thee then  
Asked he all what was the dispute for  
Told him Thee all that had gone for

Thy Guru asked Thee and all to follow him  
And would he show then them wanted all  
Those only who believe in his say  
Will always successful be in his essay

All to what he said disagreed  
And left him to satisfy their greed  
But alone Thou reverently bowed to him  
And accepted his dictum to follow him

Thy Guru took Thee to a well big  
And geared Thee upside down the well  
Neither Thou could touch the water  
Nor could Thou quench Thy thirst by water

In this position clumsy leaving Thee  
Thy Guru went away to return to see Thee  
After long hours of five or six  
He returned to the well to see thee fixed

He on return asked Thee how fared Thee  
In bliss supreme Thou wert said Thee  
Being pleased with Thy answer here  
Took he to his cot there

Stroking tenderly Thy body mere  
Drove away he Thy severe fear  
And told Thee to live without fear there  
Thee could get protection complete where

Put he Thee into his school beautiful  
 Thee forgot where Thy parents dutiful  
 And all attachments snapped away when  
 Thee wert liberated easily then

Thinking Thou of embracing his neck  
 Remained staring at his nimble neck  
 If Thy pupils could not his image fix  
 Professed Thee to be blind ever risk

Such was the school of Thy Guru beloved  
 A place of rest and peace for those who loved  
 One who took entrance in it once  
 Never could one return empty handed thence

All Thy senses leaving their senses  
 Concentrated in Thine eyes pupils  
 Thy sight was thus centred on him  
 Thy sole object being meditation on him

Fixed Thou Thine eyes to meditate on him  
 And wert conscious of none else but him  
 while meditating dinned was Thy mind  
 So Thou keeping quiet bowed down to Thy Guru  
 kind

There are schools and schools here  
 Different spectacles are seen where  
 Spend the disciples money, time and labour  
 And ultimately repent for their labour

Such Gurus boast of their knowledge secret  
 And make false show of knowledge acute  
 His blowing trumpet of sacredness and holiness all  
 Speaks a lot and sings his own glory false

Gurus such being not tender at heart  
 Fail his words to touch his disciple's heart

As they are not convinced on their part  
 Their Guru having no faith in self realisation on  
his part

Thy Guru was quite a type different  
 By his grace realisation flashed upon Thee current  
 Everything so became as clear to Thee  
 As the broad day light from sun to Thee

Wert Thou suspended topsy turvy  
 By Thy Guru a task master truly  
 Alone he knows how it gave joy  
 To Thee a troubled seeking toy

Out of four one was ritualistic  
 The other a knowledge puffed pride  
 The third a bhakta will surrendered  
 Where Thou wert a discrimination incarnate

The study of all scriptures holy and sacred  
 Tell all to worship mother, father, guru sacred  
 None could know the scripture's meaning  
 Without the Sadguru's proper feeling

(To be continued)

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## The Eighth Annual Conventon of Shri Sai Leela Writers

The eighth Annual convention of the Sai Leela writers, which attracted as many as 69 delegates from the various parts of the country, far and near, commenced on 31-1-82 and concluded on 1-2-82. The delegates were entertained to tea on the concluding day by our Official Receiver Shri K. H. Kakre to celebrate the marriage of his beloved son Dr. Prakash with Dr. Sudha.

The convention was a happy event. The Marathi poets were vying with one another to exhibit their talents in offering Sthuthi Malas to Sainath, our Sadguru. The Sai Bandhus were expressing their views for further improvement of the magazine, and were meeting one another and exchanging their pleasant experiences.

To me particularly, the two days were unique and memorable in that I had the good fortune to have the blessings of Shri Dattatreya Damodar, alias Nanasaheb Rasane, the presiding deity of the convention. Sai Satcharita describes, that Shri Nanasaheb Rasane's birth is due to the blessings of Shri Sai to Shri Damuanna Rasane, the father of Shri Nanasaheb. Baba gave four mangoes with His blessings to the elder Rasane and he was gifted with a son-Nanasaheb. (Vide chapter 25 of Shri Sai Satcharita)

Not only that. I was doubly blessed. Thanks to my stars, I was drawn to the feet of Shri G. J. Chitamber, who had in his childhood remained in Shirdi, and accompanied his father whenever he went for Sai Darshan. He had the personal doting and blessings of Sainath. Mr. Chitamber was kind enough to allow me to share his room. I was very much thrilled to hear from him a number of incidents that occurred in his boyhood, which he narrated to me in the nights before retiring to bed.

He would also give anecdotes about places which had the unique privilege of having the Sai-touch, whenever we meandered through the precincts of the Mandir.

My only dejection was, that I had to sit like a mute person unable to follow the convention proceedings fully and enjoy it to the core.

Sai Leela in Marathi and Sai Leela in English are the two eyes for the propagation of Sai movement. Dasganu Maharaj by his spicy and devout keertans spread the Sai movement beyond Shirdi to places around and far off in Maharashtra and neighbouring states.

Pujya Narasimhaswami in the thirties dedicated himself heart and soul in the holy task of spreading the message of Sai in the south, throwing away his lucrative practice in the legal profession. By his untiring work he drew a number of devotees and established the All India Sai Samaj at Mylapore, Madras, which today is humming with activities - a Sai School, a Sai Hospital and so on under the leadership of President Keshava Rao and a team of dedicated Sai devotees.

Later on the mantle fell on Sai Padananda Radhakrishna Swamiji, who for the past three decades and till his attaining Samadhi in January 1980, took up the reins from his master and toiled day in and day out for the Sai movement. He not only established a Sai Spiritual Centre at Bangalore, but also a number of Sai Mandirs in Tamilnad, Andhra Pradesh and several other states.

Thanks to the strenuous and untiring pioneering work carried on by several selfless souls like the above, Sai movement is now gaining more momentum. Now it has permeated outside the shores of India, beyond the seas due to the devoted and religious campaign carried on by Dr. Babaji in U. S. A., U.K.,

and the continent. So, time is ripe now to equip people like him with more material for the benefit of Sai devotees all over the universe. The Sai Leela English Magazine should be made more attractive and instructive for the dissemination of Sai movement.

There are Sai Bandhus in Hongkong and Kuala Lumpur, which this fakir has the good fortune to visit four years ago by the grace of Sai. These are the days of publicity and we have to move with the times. I, therefore appeal to the authorities concerned to kindly bear this in mind and in the 1983 convention due importance may please be given to the English magazine of Sai Leela, and a half-day session, if not full, be allotted for this purpose.

Let us whet the appetite of the Sai Bandhus not only in Bharatvarsha, but all over the universe. Why not invite them for an International Convention? Perhaps, I have pitched the ball too high, being over ambitious. But nothing is impossible, if we surrender to Him and await His command. Let us act before some of elder Sai Bhandhus who had the unique opportunity of receiving Sai's personal blessings whither away into oblivion. May my dream come true!



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An official report of the 8th Annual Gathering of the contributors to Shri Sai Leela magazine, which was held at Shirdi on 31-1-82 and 1-2-82 is being published separately in this magazine elsewhere; but it would be interesting to see what a participant thinks about it. Hence the above report from Shri Ramakrishnan, a delegate from Madras, is printed here for the information of our readers.

— Editor

## Shri Baba Always Fulfills My Desires

I am one of the sincere devotees of Lord Shri Sai Baba for over twenty years.

I am a medical representative by profession. I have to travel outside my head quarters too. Whenever I leave my head-quarter, I always pray Baba and apply His sacred udi, and also carry udi in my detailing bag. My entire family including my wife, my son and my one year daughter are also humble devotees of Sai Baba.

Lord Shri Sai always appears in my dream, either in the form of His statue, photograph or in the fakir form. I consider myself to be very lucky in this respect. Thus Baba shows His presence to me.

I have narrated several of my Sai experiences in Sai Leela Marathi monthly magazine.

Here I would like to narrate two incidents recently occurring in my life. One day as per my company's tour programme, I left my Indore head quarters for a town, which was seventy to eighty kilometers from Indore, also telling my wife that I would be back before sun-set.

Accordingly I finished all my day's work in that town, and was planning to catch the state transport bus going to Indore; but unfortunately all express buses had already left, and I was very much disappointed to see my pitiable condition at the bus stand. Another bus had a gap of four\* to five hours. I had a question in my mind what to do till that time. With this thought I came out from the bus stand on the Bombay Agra Road searching whether I could get any lift. But all my efforts were in vain, Then I sat on the ground, opening my bag, applied Baba's udi, started chanting Baba's name, and closed my eyes.

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After a few minutes I heard a horn, I immediately opened my eyes, and to my surprise I saw a brand new fiat car standing before me. The car driver was asking me to come inside the car. I immediately rushed and sat near the driver. Two or three other passengers also rushed and sat on the rear seat. That new car was going to Indore, and was coming from Agra showroom. The driver touched Indore within one hour and twenty minutes, without any trouble. In this way not only my time was saved; but I reached in time also. I thanked Lord Shri Sai Baba for making the necessary arrangements for me. I paid the actual bus fare to that car driver, and reached my home very safely owing to the grace of Baba.

Second incident happened like this.

Once I had read in one Sai devotee's holy book that a Sai devotee should donate minimum ten paise every day to any needy person. I think this is the most negligible amount one has to give in our day to day life. So keeping in my mind this promise, I started giving ten paise every day without fail to a needy person, and the pleasure which I am getting by giving this gift is unimaginable.

But one day it so happened that during my busy working day I totally forgot to give this small donation till late night. I was very much worrying that today my promise will definitely break without any doubt, and with this sad mood I was returning home, but after walking a few steps I found that one fakir was sitting over a stone, spreading his hand for alms and asking for something. After seeing that fakir my joy knew no bounds and I immediately gave ten paise to him. I am sure that this fakir was none else but my Lord Sai who appeared in that form before me. In this way Baba always fulfills my desires and I am thankful to Lord Shri Sai for blessing me all the time in my life.

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## Who Cares . . . .

Who cares why Sai was born  
When they get at Shirdi  
Everything they want !

That Lord of heavens  
Lived as a Fakir,  
With His clothes torn  
In the ruins of a Masjid !

With wealth pouring in  
He still was a beggar,  
He begged for animals  
Birds and the poor !

In them He saw the divine PRESENCE  
The soul within all  
Life's ESSENCE !

Fraction of Paramatma  
He realized His Atman  
He saw that in animals  
In birds and humans.

He wins devotees' hearts  
Giving them what they want,  
And makes them realize  
God are they all !

Even so He is neglected  
After their wills are fulfilled  
They forget Him soon  
And His spiritual preachings !

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## Sai Baba Shall Fulfil Himself !

Most of Shri Sai devotees in this vast metropolis of Hyderabad and Secunderabad know about Shri M. Hanumantha Rao. He is a very silent worker, very unassuming, mild and polite. He talks very little and what little he talks always revolves round Shri Sai Baba and His leelas. He is never known to have spoken an angry word nor would retaliate when spoken to angrily. He never expressed any desire except to visit Shirdi which he does several times in a year even though he finds it hard to run his house. He sees everything in this world through the kaleidoscope of Sai. Except for the knowledge of the immanence of Sai, he has no pretence to any other form of learning, either of shastras or of metaphysics.

This pious devotee has a small Sai Mandir in his house. Daily he spends hours in the mandir in prayers and floral decorations, which he does with such unbelievable meticulous care and detail. Where he gets all those huge varieties and quantity of flowers is a daily wonder to me. Baba's name is always on his lips. An akhand jyoti always burns in the mandir. His Sai Mandir is always full of gaiety and colour exuding a rare spiritual aura.

When not occupied in the mandir, he is always found at his note book continuously writing Sairam. He is fond of helping others in his own inimitable way. When confronted with other's sufferings, his heart melts for them and he prays to his beloved Sai Baba to alleviate their sufferings. With such kindly stuff he is made of. Succinctly told, he has all the qualities that make one a true sadhaka.

I am extremely fortunate to have come across such an aesthetic personality. Though leukodermic in appearance, he exudes an air of serene tranquility and attracts people to him



with the magnetism of his humble and dignified forbearance. Watching his ways or listening to his talks is always like going through the sacred chapters of Shri Sai Satcharita. I am distinctly lucky to hear from him a couple of incidents recently experienced by him which left a deep impact on my mind.

A big Sai Baba Mandir, with a broad-spectrum of spiritual activities, was constructed at Vidyanagar in Nellore District with the untiring efforts of Acharya E. Bharadwaja to spread the glory and gospel of Lord Sainath. Among others, Shri Rao was also invited to attend the inauguration ceremony. He seldom went to any place other than Shirdi. He was in two minds; but his indefatigable friend, Shri K. Subba Rao, a staunch devotee, prompted him feverishly and finally he accompanied him. They got down by train at Gudur from where they had to take a bus. Before that they wanted to reserve their tickets for the return journey. They went to the booking window. The clerk was not there. Knowing that he was closetted with some people on the platform he approached him there. The clerk, however, was in a highly dejected mood as the Station Master had just received a wire message to keep him under suspension for some misdemeanour. The clerk was deeply repenting for his actions. Shri Rao's heart went out for the crest-fallen man. He immediately took out a small packet of udhi and applied it to his forehead, all the while telling in his own inimitable way that Lord Sai is the saviour of all and that his worries will soon end in a very honourable way. A small photo of Shri Sai was also given to the clerk requesting him to pray intensely seeking His help.

Later Shri Rao got his reservation tickets and proceeded to Vidyanagar with his friend. He spent the next two days in glorious company as His Holiness, Swami Kesavaiahji also had come there. While returning they came directly to Nellore to catch the Hyderabad Express. When the train came on the platform, a group of persons alighted from it and rushed

towards them with garlands and baskets of fruits for Shri Rao. Totally bewildered, he enquired what the matter was. They explained that mysteriously another telegram was received later cancelling the suspension orders of the booking clerk. How it came about nobody knows, they stated. The clerk was so overwhelmed with joy that he immediately remembered Shri Rao and brought all that paraphernalia of fruits and garlands along with his well-wishers and waited for him on the Gudur platform, they said. As he did not turn up there he immediately sensed that he might have proceeded further to Nellore to catch the train as most people do. He involuntarily pushed his friends into the train which arrived by then, along with the things, and requested them to honour Shri Rao at Nellore and express his gratitude on his behalf as he could not come owing to his official responsibilities, they concluded. Hearing all this, tears welled up in Shri Rao's eyes as he explained how Shri Sai, the saviour, helps everybody even in such inexplicable situations.

Another incident took place almost at the same time. Shri Rao sometimes is overwhelmed with an inner urge for solitary places. In such a fit one day he just packed a towel and a bedsheet and quietly slipped away from his home without informing anybody and got down a bus at Narsingi, a village 10 miles away from Hyderabad. He was hungry and wanted to have food and to proceed further thereafter. But that was a small village without a hotel except for tea. Hence he made good with a cup of tea and proceeded on foot cross country. After about a couple of miles he reached an ancient temple. Finding that the sun was setting, he decided to spend the night there. The atmosphere all around was serene and peaceful with tall trees and green vegetation. Only the chirping of the birds could be heard which only heightened the beauty of the place.

The sadhu, who was residing there, welcomed him with open-hearted greetings. After having a meagre fare provided by

him, he spent the night in bhajans and prayerful solitude. In the morning he had a bath in the cool and invigorating waters of an adjoining stream and sat for doing Sai Namajapa. Sometime later a picnic party of some businessmen came on the spot along with servants, cooks and paraphernalia. While they sat for a game of cards, the cooks got around for the culinary preparations. Even though they indulged themselves in morbid revelry, they were all good-natured men. Nearing noon they got up for lunch. Just then they espied Shri Rao serenely going through his silent nama-japa. Enblock they repaired to him and invited him to join the repast. All the dishes were done in pure ghee and were offered first to him and the sadhu. Towards sun-set also they were similarly fed before the party left.

Next day around ten o'clock in the morning two cars and a big van came and stopped at a little distance from them. It was a Telugu film party who had come over there for shooting. While the shooting was in progress, the heroin of the film came over and saw Shri Rao calmly doing his japa unmindful of all the hustle and bustle around. She was struck by his serene personality and child-like innocence. At noon time she sent him various dishes of food which they got along with them from the city. He took them as Sai prasad.

At 3 p. m. Shri Rao wanted to return to the city and started to trek back to the highway. In the mean while, the van was also returning and the driver seeing him beckoned and offered lift to his house in the city. Seeing all this, the genial-minded sadhu, who made the dilapidated temple his temporary abode, spoke that nothing like this happened there during his stay before. How can one explain all these incidents? It was all the ever unfailing leela of Shri Sai Baba towards a true and simple devotee. It was He who brought the picnic party and the film party to provide His humble devotee with the food that was necessary in that jungle. All these characters,

whose name the innocent-minded Shri Rao never got the idea even to enquire, were all mere anonymities in a phantomime drama of which Shri Sai was the director and it was all enacted for a specific purpose for His devotee. Shri Sai Baba's way of coming to the rescue of the pious and the devout are indeed inscrutable.

This pious soul, Shri M. Hanumanth Rao, has only one burning ambition in his life. He spent his life time in Hyderabad. This city, with a population of around 30 lakhs, is still to boast of a high eye-filling temple worthy of dedication to Shri Sai Baba of Shirdi. Small temples are there in plenty but big temples, aesthetically built have their own charm to inspire a special devotion worthy of emulation by all those who visit them. He has already selected a worthy place presenting an idyllic panorama of landscape and water spots. The ever-knowing Shri Sai Baba in His great wisdom has not yet granted this humble devotee his wish. Perhaps in His omniscience He might have felt that the right type of persons to be associated with and the right combination of events have not yet arrived. For everything there is a time, place and proper personalities to have the right admixture to materialise a great event. The synchronisation has to be perfect like a symphony orchestra. Such things do happen when big undertakings are to be embarked upon.

Shri Hanumanth Rao has got both the essential qualities of Shri Sai Baba's eternal conditions in ample measure Nishtha and Saburi. Will Shri Sai belie the selfless zeal of this pious soul? An emphatic no. Before long his dream temple shall be a reality. The benevolent Shri Sai Baba shall fulfil Himself in His own inscrutable way!

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## Opening Ceremony of the Hall on the first floor of the Mangal Karyalaya at Shirdi

There is a constant flow of devotees, who are visiting Shirdi. Many of them visit Shirdi and leave the place after taking darshan of Shri Sai Baba. Some come and stay at Shirdi for performing Abhishek, Satyanarayan etc., but some devotees even come to Shirdi for performing some such function as a marriage ceremony or a thread ceremony. A need of a suitable hall for holding such functions of the visitors as well as those of the villagers of Shirdi and other neighbouring places, was being felt for a long time. Shri J. R. Contractor, a sincere Sai devotee, was therefore inspired by Shri Sai Baba to come forward with a donation of Rs. 1,50,000/- in the name of his mother, for the construction of the Mangal Karyalaya at Shirdi. This donation was given by Shri Contractor when Shri K. S. Pathak was working as a Court Receiver of the Shirdi Sansthan. Shri Pathak immediately started the work and the ground floor structure of the Mangal Karyalaya was ready. Shirdi Sansthan started giving it to the public for social and religious functions and thus a long felt need was satisfied to a certain extent.

Shirdi Sansthan is a constantly growing organization and the devotees coming to Shirdi are multiplying enormously. Therefore many of the conveniences that are provided at Shirdi are constantly found to be inadequate. This also happened in the case of the Mangal Karyalaya and it was found to be inadequate for the ever increasing devotees, who are visiting Shirdi. This fact was brought to the notice of Shri Contractor, who immediately requested that an estimate for adding the first floor to the existing building of the Mangal Karyalaya may be prepared immediately. The present Court Receiver, Shri K.H. Kakre acted promptly and requested Shri Contractor to donate a further sum of Rs. 2,10,000/- which was the estimated cost of the first floor. Shri Contractor considered this request as



Shri G. R. Contractor inaugurating the first floor of the Mangal Karyalaya (From left to right) Miss Rekha Dighe, Senior Accountant, Bombay Office, Shri K. H. Kakre, Court Receiver, Shri D. C. Patil Sansthan Engineer, Shri R. P. Talegiri, Sansthan Architect and Shri Yashwantrao Bagwe, Building Contractor,

A view of the building of the Mangal Karyalaya after addition of the first floor.

the order of Shri Sai Baba and immediately handed over the amount to the Court Receiver and the work of construction of the first floor was immediately taken in hand and completed by the middle of January 1982. Shri Contractor was to return to India by the end of January 82 & hence the inauguration of the first floor hall was arranged on 30-1-82. The opening ceremony was done in the morning on 30-1-82 at the auspicious hands of Shri Contractor. The family members of Shri Contractor, also attended the function.

Shri Contractor stays at present at Sikkim, where he is running his distilleries. He is commanding a good business there and he is known to be a wealthy person in Bhutan and Sikkim. He is a sincere devotee of Shri Sai Baba and he therefore makes it a point to visit Shirdi as often as possible and spends his maximum time in the Samadhi Mandir for offering his prayers to Shri Sai Baba. Though Shri Contractor is earning a good profit out of his business, he is of the opinion like the Raghu Kings, described in Raghuvansha by the famous poet Kalidasa as "त्यागय संभृतार्थिनां" (i.e. those who have collected wealth for donating). Shri J. R. Contractor therefore donates liberally for a good cause everywhere and hence gets peace of mind. At the time of the opening ceremony of the Mangal Karyalaya, Shri Contractor was suitably felicitated by the Court Receiver Shri K. H. :Kakre. In his short speech Shri Kakre praised the philanthropic attitude of Shri Contractor and in his speech delivered by Shri Contractor in reply to the above speech, he said that he was earning profit in his business by the grace of Shri Sai Baba and therefore it was his duty to donate liberally as per His orders.

This Mangal Karyalaya has now provided a good facility for the Shirdi village and other villages round about Shirdi. It is now rented to the public at the rate of Rs. 150/- per day for the ground floor and Rs. 75/-per day for the first floor. A deposit of Rs. 250/- is required to be kept, which is returned when charge of the premises is given back to the authorities of the Shirdi Sansthan.



## Ramanawami Festival at Sai Niketan

The three famous festivals of Ramanawami, Gurupournima and Dassara are celebrated on a grand scale at Shirdi. Many Sai devotees try to attend these festivals at Shirdi; but those who cannot go to Shirdi attend Sai temples near their houses and have darshan of Shri Sai Baba. Knowing this fully well these festivals are celebrated at Sai Niketan, Dadar, every year on a small scale. This year the office of the Shirdi Sansthan at Dadar was opened at 7-30 a.m. on Friday the 2nd April 1982 and the devotees started coming for darshan from that very time.

Ramanawami is the day of the birth of God Shreerama, who is an incarnation of Lord Vishnu and it is celebrated in all Rama temples by performance of a keertan narrating the story of the birth of God Shreeram. Ramanawami was being celebrated at Shirdi during the lifetime of Shri Sai Baba in this same traditional way and the famous devotee of Shri Sai Baba, Shri Dasaganumaharaj, used to perform the keertan on Ramanawami day for many years. Keeping up with that tradition even today the keertan is an important programme of the Ramanawami festival at Shirdi. At Sai Niketan, Dadar, also the programme of a keertan is arranged on the Ramanawami day whenever possible. This year Mrs. Mangala Weling, from Dadar, performed the keertan from 10-15 a. m. to 12-00 noon. Mrs. Weling had her training in keertan at the Keertan Vidyalaya at D.L.Vaidya Road, In her keertan She narrated the background of the birth of Rama explaining how the demons were obstructing the sages in their sacrifices and how the birth of Shree Rama was meant for removing this oppression and for making the Rishies free from fear of the demons. The keertan, created a very devotional atmosphere suitable for the occasion.

After keertan, another small function was arranged. Shri Sai Leela magazine was started in 1923 and its first issue was published on the Gudhi Padwa of Shaka 1845. The year of publication was later on changed from April to March and the first issue of



the year is published on the 1st of April every year. Thus with the issue of March 1982, Shree Sai Leela completed sixty years of its publication and the issue for the month of April 1982 was the first issue of the sixtyfirst year. A ceremony for the formal publication of this first issue of the sixtyfirst year was held at Shirdi on 1-4-1982 and it was published at the auspicious hands of Shri Tukarambuwa Ajegaonkar, who is a famous 'keertankar' and is at present eighty years old. Shri Ajegaonkar was present at the publication of the first issue of Shri Sai Leela in 1923 and therefore he said at the time of the publication of the issue at Shirdi that he is singularly lucky that he had the good fortune to publish the 1st issue of the sixtyfirst year. He said that this magazine was doing the good work of spreading the devotion to Sai Baba and that it has got a distinct good future. After the keertan of Mrs. Weling Dr. S. D. Parchure therefore published the issue of this magazine in the gathering of the Sai devotees, who had gathered together for the aarti. In his brief speech he told in short the history of this magazine and explained how it is helping the spread of Sai devotion. Shri Sadanand Chendwankar, the Executive Editor of Marathi Edition of Shri Sai Leela, also delivered a short speech suitable to the occasion and requested the devotees to become its subscribers.

After this short function lasting only for about five minutes the aarti was started and about 250 devotees who were present for the aarti, sang the aarti with full devotion. The devotees present were engrossed in the aarti so much that they had the feeling of standing in the Samadhi Mandir at Shirdi for the aarti. The office was kept open for darshan upto 8-30 p.m. and on a moderate estimate we may say that nearly two thousand devotees attended the office on the Ramanawami day for darshan. A special feature of this year's Ramanawami may be mentioned as the electric illumination done at Sai Niketan by Sai devotee Shri Kishubhai of Sainath Electricals, which was appreciated very much by all the devotees who visited the office for darshan on Ramanawami day. ★

## Godmen And Miracles.

It is the opinion of many rationalists and atheists that the results researched in the laboratories of science are considered to be established truths and facts and are above suspicion from questioning as to their validity of proof and reasoning. They say the miracles of saints, sages, siddhas and swamis of yogic cult are nothing but propaganda stunts for name and fame and for profit. The so-called established theories of science have been proved to be fluctuating in course of time. The scientific theory of the Law of gravitation of Newton was modified by electro-magnetic waves experiments of Farraday and Moxwell. Einstein's inferences of relative and quantum analysis are contested by Neils Bour (Denmark) D. E. Broglie (France) Schrodinger (Australia) and Pauli (Germany) etc., all scientists of Cosmology. The atomic proposition of indivisibility has become divisible molecules both in organic and inorganic matters of universe and nature.

In the revolutionary evolution of nature, of space and time, there has been changing process in all universal laws of nature, which is not detectable to the microscopic perceptive intelligence of man. It is the view of the philosophers that creation starts with the active intelligence of cosmic energy codified into rudimentary system of elements, whereas the scientists are of the view that the nature's codified process defuses into intelligent spheres; but the goals are the same. The long-experience of ours, teaches that we cannot surely and solely affirm the correctness and exactness of the laws of the universe including the nature for all the times to come. Yesterday's findings of science are not today's inferences so evidently as one mystic said, "In spite of materialism that nature is physics and life is chemistry, it has not become possible to human intellect till now to detect the molecular biology of life in the laboratory." The Vedic lore of Hinduism calls it "Moola Maya" the core of origin of Universe, a creation of positive from negative. A wonderful doctrine of universe in relation to time and space.

The ancient Rishi, Acharya Patanjali, the authority on Yogic Sadhanas, theorised that any individual within the prescriptive principles of yogic practice inherits many kinds of super powers as body is nothing but duplicate bundle and combination of molecular cells of elements. Our Vedic yoga sadhana, cultural past, was full of persons of super powers. By practice of "Kundalini Yoga" the introspective conscious energy of the individual identifies with the cosmic force outside which is beyond purview of science. Matter and force are equally responsible for the reproduction of nature. The yogic practices of Asana, Sadhana, Pranayam uplifts the practitioner to higher levels of intellectual function of mind with insight of molecular cell combinations of body. Dr. Capoor of Columbia was nothing but an agricultural graduate, who challenged the super powers of man and his miracles along with others.

The super powers obtained by the individual after a penance or practice of yoga sadhana is not meant for theoretical exhibitions in competitions of challenges. It is a dignified divine practice of self purification of mind and body and for redemption and deliverance of the soul. Mahayogi Ramakrishna, Ramana Maharshi, Swamis Rama Tirtha, Shradhananda, Master C. V. V., etc of the near past, Jagadguru Sankaracharya, Mandana Mishra and his contemporary galaxy of Acharyas of the distant past are shining and illustrious examples of divine individuals of super powers. Besides many others, Madame Blavetsky of theosophical school of thought, possessed immense occult and esoteric powers beyond the range of senses. She displayed these powers of alchemy in her continental tours. Mrs. Boris Ermaler of Russia sees through opaque objects. It is reported in the press recently that some Tibetan Lamas of Himalayan Kingdom by their Yogic practices and will power generated heat upto 150 degrees as testified by a batch of six scientists.

Above all these examples, quoted above, the illustrious Shirdi Sai Baba's life, His blessings to devotees in the past and at present are of eternal importance.

Blessed are those, who take refuge in Shirdi Sai Baba, ★

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## LOVE

The source of love is God.  
 The genesis of love is faith.  
 The wisdom of love is patience.  
 The sparkle of love is hope.  
 The seed of love is sincerity.  
 The essence of love is generosity.  
 The power of love is prayer.  
 The nature of love is trust.  
 The secret of love is friendship  
 The miracle of love is forgiveness.  
 The test of love is adversity.  
 The sound of love is harmony.  
 The beauty of love is growth.  
 The pulse of love is concern.  
 The centre of love is sacrifice.  
 The joy of love is sharing.  
 The result of love is service.  
 The reality of love is fulfilment.  
 The harvest of love is happiness.  
 The bliss of love is tranquility.  
 The nectar of love is peace.  
 The peace of love is grace.

AUM SHANTI

## Sai Kripa

I am a devotee of Shri Sai Baba, since 21 years. My father, late Shri P. Madhava Rao, was also a devotee of Shri Sai Baba, but after his death in 1954 Sai'puja was completely neglected by our remaining family members as a result of which we experienced various problems and I became Nastik due to endless troubles. Again in 1965 I was invited by my well-wisher for a dinner on the occasion of Sai Satya Vrat at his home. On his good advice, I started Sai puja. Only after early morning bath, I used to light up one Agarbathi in front of Shri Sai Baba's photo, presented by my friend. Gradually I became a staunch devotee of Shri Sai Baba due to day-to-day improvement in my life, the problems one after one unexpectedly being solved and I got peace of mind. I agreed for my marriage also on the condition that the marriage should take place at Shirdi in front of Shri Sai Baba, which was fulfilled in 1959 without any problem.

After marriage my wife also became a staunch devotee, since we were blessed with a son as per our request to Shri Sai Baba. We took oath that, we will dedicate the child at the feet of Shri Sai Baba at Shirdi and we named him as Sainath Rao. Further we were blessed with two sons named as Saiswer Rao and Saibabu by the grace of Shri Sai Baba.

Now our devotion towards Shri Sai Baba increased to the extent that there is no God for family except Shri Sai Baba. On some occasions if we offer namaskarams in various temples, always we had Sai darshan instead of any other God. At present every morning and evening one of our family members will perform Puja and on every Thursday a special puja offering "Doodh Peda" as naivedhyam.

In my life I should remember that I was transferred to my native place Vishakhapatnam in the interest of administration,

which was quite unexpected. As I was permitted to live in my own house with Sai Kripa, I named my house as "Sai Nivas" which resulted in extension of my house and I was able to let it out on rent and my monthly income was increased which helped me to give higher education to my children.

So it is not necessary to state that I was regularly once in a year going to Shirdi with my family and having pleasure of Shri Sai darshan. It is also being experienced upto now, that on return from Shirdi after every trip we were benefitted in some way, but due to some unavoidable circumstances we could not go to Shirdi since 1979 resulting in our full family feeling unsatisfactory. Hence finally we decided if the full family is unable to move, myself and my two elder sons must go to Shirdi at once. Hence necessary reservations were made and also same were confirmed; but all of a sudden our programme was upset entirely as our outward journey fixed on 19th January 1982 could not commence due to "Bharat Bund". It was a great disappointment for our family. So we prayed day and night for mercy of Shri Sai Baba and at last our prayers were heard and we started to Shirdi on 20th January 1982 without any reservation; but unexpectedly we got full accommodation in 1st class for outward and return journey, for which we are thankful to Shri Sai Baba and also enjoyed three days happily in Shirdi, attending all programmes morning to night and availed of the opportunity. On return I was glad to hear that I was getting promotion which was pending since long.

There were countless occasions on which we experienced miracles of Shri Sai Baba. So it is a fact that Baba is alive and is always with us and He is helping us in time. ★

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# Report of the 8th Annual Gathering at Shirdi

(Continued from April 1982 issue)

## Second Session (31-1-1982)

In this session the delegates were requested to make their suggestions for improving the get-up and standard of Shri Sai Leela and for boosting up its circulation. Many delegates gave their suggestions in this session, some of which were given in the issues for the months of March and April 1982. Some other delegates made the following suggestions :-

**Shri Ramesh D. Chavan, Navapur**

The special issue of the Marathi edition for the month of February 1982, which is dedicated to poems on Shri Sai Baba has got a good get-up and therefore Executive Editor Shri Sadanand Chendvankar deserves compliments for that. The Diwali number which is similarly a special issue of the devotees' experiences should also be published with a good get-up. I am thankful that some of the suggestions made in this gathering are being implemented. Some of the delegates have to worship Shri Baba with Abhishek on the Samadhi. If some special arrangement is made for this then the delegates will not be required to miss one session which they have to do if they have to wait in the usual queue. In the seventh gathering Dr. Gavankar totally condemned the poems that are being published in Shri Sai Leela. This hurt the feelings of many contributors to Shri Sai Leela. It would therefore be better if all Sai devotees will use a language which will not offend anybody. Shri Madhukarrao Ganpatrao Talavadekar, who has prepared the new design of the cover page and first page of Shri Sai Leela, should be introduced to the contributors to Shri Sai Leela and he should be felicitated in this gathering. For the last two years the Punyatithi number of the Marathi edition is

published as a special issue of the articles of children. This is a good encouragement to the children; but it is observed that some of the articles appear to be written by elders and published in the name of the children. To give a concrete instance, I may point out that one poem which is published in the recent issue (October 1981) includes about seven to eight lines from my poem and there are only two original lines composed by the young poet. From the notice published by the editor of the Marathi edition it appears that there are many poems lying unpublished with him. It is therefore requested that one more special number of poems may be published in this year.

After listening to these suggestions Shri Nanasaheb Rasane was prompted to give a general reply to various suggestions made by the delegates. He said, "There were very few facilities at Shirdi in old times when we used to visit Shirdi. Of late many new facilities have been created at Shirdi and you should be thankful for those facilities. If you speak to the Court Receiver, he will remove any inconveniences that you may be feeling.

Dr. Prakash, the son of the Court Receiver Shri K. H. Kakresaheb was married to Dr. Mrs. Sudha at Shirdi on 30-1-82. He attended the gathering along with his wife after the above speech of Shri Rasane and he and his wife were introduced to the delegates who attended the gathering. Dr. Prakash and Dr. (Mrs.) Sudha Kakre were then felicitated at the auspicious hands of Shri Nanasaheb Rasane.

**Shri Hasmukh Onkar Patil :-**

At present there are only sixteen pages for the Hindi articles in the English edition. We feel that there is great demand for publishing a separate Hindi issue of Shri Sai Leela and if it is done it will help to spread Sai devotion very much in North India where there are mostly Hindi knowing people. It will not be difficult to find a suitable editor for a separate



Hindi edition of Shri Sai Leela. At present the Hindi section contains more poems and there are less prose articles in that section. The language of the articles published in: Hindi is not gramatically correct. Because of the icreasing income of the Shirdi Sansthan, the special Hindi edition will not be a financial burden on the coffer of the Sansthan. There should be some quotation on each page of Shri Sai Leela from the advice given by Shri Sai Baba from time to time.

When the above speech of Shri Patil ended, it was about six o'clock and as the delegates had to attend the aarti, the session was declared to have come to a close by the president Shri Nanasaheb Rasane.

Monday 1-2-82 ( Second day of the gathering )

Every year on the first day of the gathering a condolence resolution is passed expressing grief for the departed Sai devotees during the last year. This year, however, through oversight this resolution was not passed on the first day of the gathering viz. 31-1-82. Therefore at the beginning of the morning session on 1-2-82, the condolence resolution for all the departed Sai devotees during the last year was passed in the gathering when all stood in silence for two minutes to show their respect for the departed souls.

In the afternoon session on 31-1-82, some delegates gave their suggestions. Some more delegates wanted to speak and therefore they were requested to place their suggestions before the gathering.

Shri Bapusaheb Nirkhe, Indore :-

The youngsters who contributed articles to the special issue of Shri Sai Leela ( Marathi ) in which articles of children below fifteen were published, should be given special prizes and they should be felicitated by the Shirdi Sansthan. We should take this fact into consideration that only these youngsters are the

future contributors of Shri Sai Leela.

A separate Hindi edition of Shri Sai Leela should be started as early as possible or in the alternative at least the pages allotted to Hindi section in the English edition should be increased immediately. If this is done, the spread of Sai devotion in the Hindi speaking states of India will be boosted enormously.

Professor Adyaprasad Tripathi, Baitul :- At present prasad in the form of cash is given to the contributors whose articles are being published in Shri Sai Leela. Hereafter such cash prasad should not be sent. Only udi should be sent after an article is printed and a shawl, cocoanut and one rupee in cash may be given to the contributor in this gathering. Pages in the Hindi section of Shri Sai Leela may be increased to at least half of the total number of pages (i. e. 32). Many of the poems that are published in the Hindi section have no literary standard. Only those poems that are full of devotion, emotion and imagination should be published. Books about Shri Sai Baba that are being published in other languages should be got translated into Hindi and should be published by the Shirdi Sansthan.

Dr. Mrs. Sumati Khanvilkar :- Last year Dr. Gavankar condemned the poems that are being published in the Marathi issue as lacking literary qualities. Dr. Gavankar is a very senior devotee and hence he should give us advice in authoritative language but not by hurting the feelings of anybody. We are all sincere Sai devotees and we are expressing our emotions in the manner in which we can. We are not literary personalities. Hence our poems may not have a high literary standard; but they will be full of emotions.

Jagdeesh Deopurkar :- All the delegates and contributors to Shri Sai Leela magazine come to Shirdi once in a year for this gathering. They meet each other with love and regard. I

do not think that it is necessary to have very high literary standard for the articles published in Shri Sai Leela magazine. What is important here is the emotion. Words have less value here and hence the articles in Shri Sai Leela should not be judged only from literary point of view. All the contributors to Shri Sai Leela should be called to Shirdi every year for this gathering. This gathering should not be discontinued.

(To be continued)

## Special Vasectomy Camp for Muslims at Shirdi

Under the joint auspices of the Zilla Parishad Ahmednagar, Muslim people and the Sai Baba Sansthan, Shirdi a vasectomy camp for Muslims was arranged at the Sainath Hospital at Shirdi on 31-3-1982.

Vasectomy operations were performed on 28 persons at the camp. Every person who was operated, was given Rs. 200/- by the state Government and the Shirdi Sansthan also donated Rs. 201/- to every person, who got himself operated. Meals were also served free by the Sansthan to all the persons, who were operated at the camp.

Dr. Prabodha Joshi, Dr. Prabhakar Deshpande and Dr. Thole from Sainath Hospital and Dr. Kshirsagar, Dr. Patil and Dr. Gunjal took part in the camp on behalf of the Zilla Parishad, Ahmednagar District. Dr. Taherbhai Mehmood, District Health Officer directed all the persons taking part in the camp. All the doctors, who took part in the camp, were felicitated and thanked by the Court Receiver, Shri Kakresaheb for the selfless work done by them in public interest. ★



# श्री साई बाबा शिर्डी मंदिर के दर्शन का अनुभव

जब मैं अपने मित्र श्री साई भक्त पं. रामप्रतापजी दुबे सेवानिवृत्त नायब तहसीलदार उज्जैन के साथ नाशिक से श्री साई बाबा के दर्शनार्थ शिर्डी पहुँचा और दो दिन वहाँ रहा, तथा वहाँ के समस्त कार्यक्रमों में सम्मिलित हुआ, तब मुझे ऐसा अनुभव हुआ कि शिर्डी के उद्भवन में मधुर मूर्ति एक ज्ञानी दयालु वीतरागी संत विराजे हुए है। उनके पार्श्व में परस्पर विरोधी प्रवृत्ति के, हिंसक प्राणी, स्नेह के साथ, मिलजुलकर आस पास बैठे हैं साथ ही पास पड़ोस और सुंदर निवास के अनेकानेक भक्त, समूह बद्ध, इस योगी का अनुग्रह प्राप्त करने के लिए एकत्रित हुए हैं। उनमें मैं भी एक हूँ। मैंने एक जिज्ञासु की भाँति श्री साई बाबासे जानना चाहा कि, “इतने अधिक भक्त आपके गुणानुरागी हैं फिर भी, इस देश की आध्यात्मिक शक्ति का उत्थान, क्यों नहीं होता?” वीतरागी संत साई बाबा ने मेरी ओर दृष्टि डुमा कर कहा, “जरा ध्यान पूर्वक यहाँ एकत्र हुआ समूह को देखिए” मैंने जब श्री साई के आसपास तथा वहाँ के समूचे क्षेत्र पर दृष्टि दौड़ाई तब मुझे वहाँ एकसे एक भयंकर हिंसक पशु दिखाई दिए। उन्हें देख कर मैं बहुत भयभीत हुआ और भयातुरतावश, मैंने पूछा, “श्री साई बाबा, यह क्या चमत्कार है?” प्रश्न के उत्तर में संकेत मिला कि जो कुछ तुम्हें दिखाई दे रहा है यह सब वास्तविकता है, क्योंकि भौतिकता के आवरण में ये सब प्रत्यक्ष में मनुष्य जान पड़ते हैं। किन्तु ये सब हिंसक पशुवत् आचार विचार वाले लोग जो सही अर्थों में हिंसक पशु ही हैं इन की ऐसी स्थिति में इस देश की आध्यात्मिक शक्ति का उत्थान कैसे हो सकता है ?

समय अनोखा आया बन्दे, समय अनोखा आया ।

गगनांगन ने धरती के आंगन से धोखा खाया ॥ समय ॥

सूरज चमके गगनांगनपर, धरती को ऊज्ज्वल करने ।

किरणों के, प्रियकर, फैलाकर, इसको आलिंगन करने ।

पर धरतीपर अनाचार का घोर अंधेरा छाया ॥ समय ॥

आये चाँद सितारों के संग धरती को देने मोती ।

पर यह भूल भुलैया में पड रही निरंतर सोती ॥

कौन हितैषी इसके, इसको, इसने न समझ पाया ॥ समय ॥



## तेरा ही सहारा

हे साई तूने जबसे हाथ मेरा पकडा ।

तबसे जीवनके हर मोड पे पाया सहारा ... हे साई ॥ १ ॥

हे साई तूने जबसे अपने साँचे में लिया ।

तबसे मन पावन हुआ, दिल पाक हुआ ... हे साई ॥ २ ॥

हे साई तूने जबसे भक्तिभाव जगाया ।

तबसे हिरदयमें नाम जपन शंकार हुआ ... हे साई ॥ ३ ॥

हे साई तूने जबसे राम-रहीम को एक बनाया ।

तबसे सर्वधर्म समभाव मन्त्र का उद्गान हुआ ... हे साई ॥ ४ ॥

हे साई तूने जबसे, गीता-कुरान का गौरव किया ।

तबसे मानव-मानव एक बन प्रभुसंतान बना ... हे साई ॥ ५ ॥

हे साई तूने जबसे सर्वधर्मी भक्तोंको अपने पास खींचा ।

तबसे सारे आलम के लिये साई पूजन ही संस्कार हुआ ॥ ६ ॥

हे साई तूने जबसे शिरडी गाँवको अपना धाम बनाया ।

तबसे वह बन गया द्वारका काशी और मक्का महान .... हे साई ॥ ७ ॥

हे साई तूने जबसे यह अटूट अविरत संबंध बांधा हमसे ।

तबसे ही समाधी तेरी बरसाती है हम पर आशिषधारा ... हे साई ॥ ८ ॥

हे साई तूने जबसे जग निवास छोड देवनिवास ग्रहा ।

तबसे 'मुझे सदाजीवित ही जानो' मन्त्र तेरा हृदयस्थ हुआ!... हे साई ॥ ९ ॥

— महेशभाई वैष्णव

१, अमेय एपार्टमेंट, अहमदाबाद-९



# तेरा ही सहारा

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हे साईं तूने जबसे, गीता-कुरान का गौरव किया ।

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हे साईं तूने जबसे सर्वधर्मी भक्तोंको अपने पास खींचा ।

तबसे सारे आलम के लिये साईं पूजन ही संस्कार हुआ ॥ ६ ॥

हे साईं तूने जबसे शिरडी गाँवको अपना धाम बनाया ।

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— महेशभाई वैष्णव

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# साई बाबा की एकात्मता

मैं साई बाबा शिरडी के बारे में, तीन चार वर्ष पहले पूर्णतः अनभिज्ञ था। सौभाग्य से मेरे मित्रों के कहने पर मैं शिरडी के यात्रा का निश्चय किया, बाबा की कृपा से प्रथम बार जब शिरडी की यात्रा पूर्ण हुई, तब से अनेक अनुभवों को प्राप्त करके, पूर्ण शरणागत हूँ। साई बाबा के प्रति भक्ति और श्रद्धा उत्पन्न हुई, पति दिन साई की पूजा, भजन, प्रातः और सायं आरंभ कि, बाबा के अत्यंत उपकार हैं उनका दरबार सब के लिए बराबर है, मैं आज यही समझ रहा हूँ के बाबा यदि मुझ पर दया नहीं करते तो आज इस संसार के दृष्टिकोण में कहीं का न रहा होता।

मैं एक डॉक्टर हूँ, परंतु बाबा के दरबार में जाकर आने के बाद ही मेरा व्यवसाय चमकने लगा। मेरी गृहस्थी सुधर गयी। पत्नी और मेरे दो बच्चे भी साई भक्त हैं, मेरा घर साईमय बन चुका है। मेरे दवाखाने में करीब हर स्थान पर की तस्वीर लगी हुई है हर मरीज को दवा देकर साई नाम स्मरण का उपदेश देता हूँ। बाबा की कृपा अत्यंत कठिन से कठिन विमारीयों का इलाज हो रहा है क्या और कैसे? इस का उत्तर केवल साई नाथ दे सकते हैं!

एक दिन मैं अपने दवाखाने से, काम समाप्त करके, घर लौटा। साई बाबा की पूजा की, भोजन समाप्त करके, आरामसे बैठकर एक ऊर्दू भजन सुन रहा था। यह कहना अत्यंत आवश्यक है के, बाबा की कृपा से—मेरा यहाँ टेप रिकार्डिंग सदा चलते रहता था, केवल साई भजनों को छोड़कर और कोई गाने हमारे यहाँ प्राप्त नहीं है।

भजन को सुनते हुवे आनंद विभोर हो चुका था, मन साई मय हुआ था, भजन का आनंद लूटते हुवे, मैं अपने आप को भूल चुका था, आंख लग चुकी थी, देखता हूँ, के मुसलमानों का श्रद्धा स्थान काबा शरीफ नजर आ रहा है, और उस काबा शरीफ के बीच बाबा मुस्कराते हुये आशीर्वाद दे रहे हैं! वाश्चर्य हुआ के मुझ जैसे एक ना धिज हिन्दु को काबा शरीफ का दर्शन करवाया और यह बतलाया के काबा में भी बाबा हैं।

मेरा पूर्ण विश्वास, है के जो साई भक्त पूर्ण भक्ति और श्रद्धा के साथ अनन्य भाव से, शरणागत होता है, बाबा उनपर पूर्ण कृपा करते है।

जहाँ तक मेरा ज्ञान है, किसी संत और महात्मा ने एकात्मकता का पाठ, बाबा के मुखाबले मे, नहीं पढाया ।

सदा साई मुझे अपने चरणों में रखें, यही नित्य प्रार्थना है । जय साई नाथ ।

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## माँफी

गीत गाती हूँ मैं गुनगुनाती हूँ मैं ।  
मैने आनेका वादा किया था तुझे ।  
इसलिए अब सदा माँफी चाहती हूँ मैं ॥ घृ ॥

तेरे दर्शनके फल कितने अनमोल है ॥  
इस लिए मेरी वाणी अतुर है ।  
रोशनीके तन्हा तेरे हर कदम  
ऐ खयाल आया तो भूल जाती हूँ मैं ।  
गीत गाती हूँ मैं ॥ १ ॥

शिर्डी आनेको जी इतना चहाता है ।  
लेकिन सब तो ये किसको ही कहना  
मेरे मनकी आशा कर दे पुरी  
ऐ आशीष तेरा मुझे चाहीये  
गीत गाती हूँ मैं ॥ २ ॥

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# साई महिमा

“साई महिमा” नामक केसेट (Cassette) का उद्घाटन दशहरा दि. ८-१०-१९८१ को श्री साई निकेतन दादर, बम्बई में हुआ था। यह केसेट (६० मिनिट) साई महिमा के दस मधुर गीतों से सजाया गया है। इन गीतों के रचयिता हमारे जाने पहचाने कवि श्री राधाकृष्ण गुप्ता “चेतनजी” हैं जिनकी भक्ति-भाव पूर्ण कविताओं को श्री साई लीला पत्रिका में प्रमुख स्थान प्राप्त है। केसेट मुनकर ऐसा लगता है कवि ने इन गीतों में प्रेम भक्तिपूर्ण तथा साईनाथजी के प्रति समर्पित अपने हृदयको ऊंडेल दिया है। कवि ने अपने गीतों में श्री साईनाथजी के उपदेशों और श्रीमद्भगवद्गीता के सिद्धांतों का अद्भुत समन्वय किया है। गीता के गूढ कर्मयोग, भक्तियोग व ज्ञानयोग को कवि ने अपने सरल शब्दों में लपेट कर मधुर संगीत की सहायता से जनमानस तक पहुँचाने का जो प्रयास किया है वह सराहनीय है !

प्रथम गीत में कवि श्री साईनाथजी की शतवार वन्दना करता है और यह दिखाता है कि परमेश्वर ने सभी जीवों का संकट हरने के लिये साई अवतार लिया है। यह गीतों निम्नलिखित श्लोक के अनुरूप है :-

परित्राणाय साधूनां विनाशाय च दुष्कृताम् ।  
धर्मसंस्थापनार्थाय संभवामि युगे युगे ॥ ४/८ ॥

द्वितीय गीत में कवि ने कर्मयोग का सार इन शब्दों में भर दिया है

“साई को तू याद किये जा,  
निसदिन अपना काम किये जा ।  
मोते उठते तू गाये जा,  
पतित पावन शिरडी साई !  
जपना नित्य नियम से साई ..... ”

भगवान श्रीकृष्ण ने इस भाव को नीचे लिखे श्लोक में इस प्रकार प्रकट

किया है -

तस्मात् सर्वेषु कालेषु मामनुस्मर युद्धय च ।  
मय्यर्पितमनोबुद्धि मभिवैष्यस्यसंशयम् ॥ ८/७ ॥

श्री साइनाथजी ने कहा है - "जो सदा मेरा स्मरण कर मेरे लिये ही उपवास करते हैं तथा मुझे अर्पण किये बिना जो अन्न ग्रहण नहीं करते, इस प्रकार से जो मेरी शरण आते हैं, वह मुझमें उस प्रकार समरस हो जाते हैं जिस प्रकार नदी समुद्र में !"

तृतीय व चतुर्थ गीत में कवि साई के नामस्मरण व भजन का महत्व स्पष्ट करते हुये कहता है कि साइनाथजी का नाम मन व तन को परम पवित्र करने वाला है और जीवको इस भवसागर से पार करानेवाला है । पंचम गीत में यह स्पष्ट किया गया है कि मनुष्य चाहे साइराम बोले या साइदयाम बोले या साइनाथ बोले, इनमें कोई भेद नहीं है । यह साइनाम रूपी नौका उसे भवसागर से कई दूर परम धाम में पहुँचा देगी । इन गीतों के माध्यमसे कवि साईभक्तिकी महिमा गाता है ।

षष्ठम् गीत में कवि भक्ति के सर्वोच्च शिखर अर्थात् आत्मसमर्पण की स्थिति में पहुँच जाता है जब वह कहता है -

“आशा लेकर आई हूँ मैं,  
छोड़ के सब कुछ आई हूँ ।  
मेरी शोली आज भरो तुम साई .....

गीता में उपरोक्त भाव को वाणी मिली है इस श्लोक में -

सर्वधर्मान् परित्यज्य मामेकं शरणं ब्रज ।  
अहं त्वा सर्वपापेभ्यो मोक्षयिष्यामि मा शुचः ॥ १८/६६ ॥

श्री साइनाथजी भी कहते हैं - "जो अनन्यभाव से मेरी शरण आयेगा, मैं सदैव अपने को उसका ऋणी समझकर उसको मोक्ष प्रदान कर अपने ऋण से मुक्त हो जाऊँगा ।"

साईभक्ति की यह दिव्य धारा सप्तम् गीत में आकर मानव का आब्हान करती है कि वह सब कुछ त्यागकर साई प्रेम में रंग जा, साई के समरस हो जा । उसके अनगिनती बंधन सहज ही छिन्न-भिन्न हो जायेंगे ।

अष्टम गीत में कवि श्री साईनाथजी के निवास के कारण शिरडी को मिले महत्व का वर्णन करता है कि साईनाथ जी की यह पावन नगरी शिरडी सब तीर्थों से अद्भुत है, विचित्र है क्योंकि साईनाथजी के कहे अनुसार वे शिरडी में नित्य बास करेंगे और उनकी समाधि सभी धर्मों व जातियों के भक्तों का दुख हरण करती रहेगी ।

नवम गीत में कवि शानयोग को इन सरल शब्दों में व्यक्त करता है -

“निराकार वह निर्गुण ईश्वर,  
व्यापित है वह सकल चराचर ।  
आदि पुरुष पर रहा निराला,  
इस जग का वह रखवाला ..... ”  
“आत्मज्ञान ही जग में आया, ..... ”

दशम गीत में कवि निर्गुण, निराकार परमेश्वर व भक्तों की अमूल्य निधि श्री साईनाथजी की आरती उतारता है ।

इन दसों गीतों को संगीतकार श्री बाल चावरे ने अपनी उत्तम सूझबूझ से संगीत की विविध, मधुर व मनमोहिनी धूनो में ढाला है । जिस प्रकार सागरकी लहरें चढ़ती व उतरती हुई तट से टकराती है, उसी प्रकार संगीतकार द्वारा निर्दिष्ट धूनों चढ़ती व उतरती हुई मानव हृदय से टकराती हैं और दिव्य आनंद से सराबोर कर देती है ।

कलाकार श्री अजित कडकडे, श्री भूमानन्द योगम, श्रीमती श्यामा चित्तर व श्रीमती उत्तरा केलकर ने गीत गाते समय अपनी स्वर माधुरी को पूर्ण रूप से व्यक्त किया है । उनके गाने की कला यह व्यक्त करती है कि उनका हृदय पूर्णरूप से साई को समर्पित है और गाते गाते वे साई में ही लवलीन हो गये हैं । जिसजिसको मैंने यह कसेट सुनाया है, उन्होंने उत्तरा केलकर के मधुर व मीठे स्वर की मुक्त कंठ से प्रशंसा की है ! उनके वदारा गाया छठा गीत -

“तेरे दरवार आई हूँ मैं,  
फूल श्रद्धा के लाई हूँ मैं,  
प्रभु चरणों में ..... ”

मानव को मंत्रमुग्ध कर देता है ।

इस केसेट में साईनामरूपी ऐसा जादू है कि मन उसे बार बार सुनकर भी तृप्त नहीं होता और उसे हमेशा सुनना चाहता है ।

जहाँ सुरलोक कंपनी ने "साई महिमा" केसेट निकालकर श्रीसाईनाथजी की सेवा की है वहाँ सारे भक्तों के लिये आनंद का एक सुन्दर साधन भी प्रस्तुत किया है जिसके लिये वे धन्यवाद के पात्र हैं । प्रत्येक साईभक्त के घर में इस केसेट का होना अत्यंत आवश्यक है

श्री साईबाबा संस्थान, शिरडी ने अपनी स्वीकृति देकर केसेट को श्री साईनाथजी का भाशीर्वाद प्रदान किया है ।

दीनानाथ गुप्ता

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## साई की रहमत

कौन कहता है कि बस शिरडी में तेरा वास है ।  
दिलसे जिसने तुझे पुकारा तू उसके पास है ॥ १ ॥

जब भी हो जाये किसीपे तेरी रहमत की नजर ।  
समझो जमाने की हर खुशी उसके आसपास है ॥ २ ॥

तू खड़ा है बांह पसारे, देने हम सबको सहारे ।  
पार लगी है नैया उसकी, जिसे तुझपे विश्वास है ॥ ३ ॥

तूने है खजाने लुटाये, कड़े उबडे घर है बसाये ।  
सब कहते यहीं हृद तेरी तो बस आकाश है ॥ ४ ॥

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# साई चरणों की धुलि

बाबा तेरे चरणों की  
'गर धुल ही मिल जाए ।

सच कहता हूँ, हे साई  
तकदीर बदल जाए ॥ १ ॥

सुनता हूँ, तेरी रहमत,  
हर रोज बरसाती है ।  
इक बूँद, को ये आंखें,  
हर रोज बरसाती हैं ।

वह बूँद जो मिल जाए  
जीवन ये संवर जाए ॥ २ ॥

ये मन बड़ा चंचल है,  
कैसे इसे समझाऊ,  
जितना इसे समझाऊ ।  
उतना ही मचलता है ॥

रहमत तेरी होजाए  
ये मन भी संमल पाए ॥ ३ ॥

नजरो से गिराना ना,  
चाहे लाख सजा देना ॥  
नबरो से जो गिर जाए ॥  
मुश्किल है संमल पाए ॥ ४ ॥

बाबा तेरे चरणों की - -

इन्द्र प्रकाश मेहता

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# मेरी नैय्या को पार लगा देना

मेरे साँई तुम मेरे भगवान हो—मेरी नैय्या को पार लगा देना ।

मैं आत्मा हूँ तुम परमात्मा,

काया, मन, तन से क्या लेना—मेरी नैय्या को पार लगा देना ।

यह तन मन मुझसे सदा अलग,

इस ज्ञान की अलख जगा करके मेरी—नैय्या को पार लगा देना ।

मैं मन बुद्धि तन प्राण नहीं,

सोहम् की धुनी लगा देना—मेरी नैय्या को पार लगा देना ।

लौकिक नाम रूप से दूर रहूँ,

तेरा अंश हूँ तुझ में लिप्त रहूँ, मेरी नैय्या को पार लगा देना,

जग में यूँ रहूँ जैसे जल में कमल,

जब आऊँ साँई घाम तेरे—मेरी नैय्या को पार लगा देना ।

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## भजन

यही दुआ मांगता हूं साईं, रहे सारा संसार सुखी ॥  
मन में श्रद्धा भक्ती रहे, तेरे नाम की ज्योत जले ॥ १ ॥

सदा मुख से निकले साईं, दिखती रहे मुझको मूर्ती  
चरणों मे मुझे पडे रहने दो, आखरी खायश पूरी करदो  
जीवन सारा बीता मुख में, तेरा ही था मुझे आसरा  
जब भी मैं ने तुम्हे पुकारा, दौड के आये नही क्या बाबा  
बडी बडी सी आफत आई, तुम ही तो थे मेरे सहाई,  
मौत के मुह से खिंचा मुझको, क्षण भर में ही तुमने साईं  
यही दुआ मांगता हूं साईं, रहे संसार सुखी ॥  
मन में श्रद्धा भक्ती रहे, तेरे नाम की ज्योत जले ॥ २ ॥

कितने अहसान हुए हैं मुझपे, तेरे सिवा और कोई न जाने,  
टूटी फूटी किशती मोरी, तू ने ही पार लगा दी,  
डूब रही थी नय्या मोरी, हाथ लगा कर परे टकेली,  
किसी को भी मालूम नही, नय्या कैसी पार लगी  
तुम ही तो थे उसके खिबया, सच है ना यह साईं बाबा  
याद करूं गर मैं पूरी कहानी, बहेंगे आंसू नदीया जैसी  
यही दुआ मांगता हूं साईं रहे सारा संसार सुखी ॥  
मन में श्रद्धा भक्ती रहे, तेरे नाम की ज्योत जले, ॥ ३ ॥

अब तो बन गया मैं बूढा साथी दे दो कोई ऐसा  
सीधी राह मुझको बतावे, हाथ पकड कर लेता जावे  
दर्शन होंगे अब कैसे साईं, रही न ताकत मुझमे बाकी  
फिकर लगी है मुझको यही, कैसे आवूं मैं शिडी नगरी  
साईं दास लक्ष्मण को है चिंता, मिलेंगे उसको कैसे बाबा  
आस लगी है नयनों मे मेरे, चरण दिखेंगे कब साईं के ॥ ४ ॥

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# सब का मालिक एक

मुझे मिले रेहम राम से, मुझे मिले रेहम रहीम से,

मुझे मिले रेहम एसु से  
कभी न सोचो दिल में अपने  
सोचो यही मिला जो कुछ है  
साई कृपा है सब का मालिक एक-है ॥ १ ॥

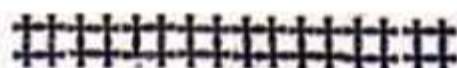
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कोई बड़ा न बन सकता है ।  
अपना ईमान पूरा उससे रहने से ही  
अपना गौरव बढ़ सकता है ॥ २ ॥

अपने दिल में तुम अपने को  
कभी न समझो बहुत बड़ा सा ।  
तुम उतने ही बड़े बनोगे,  
जितना साई का धुवा ॥ ३ ॥

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## श्री साई महिमा

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कसौली हिमाचल प्रदेश की ओर से शिरडी साई बाबा मन्दिर गडखल मे  
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# साई भक्ति में राम नाम का महत्व

हमें गर्व है के हम साई भक्त है । साई सेवक है, साई भक्तों के लिए राम नाम का वही महत्व है, जो कबीर को था, तुलसी को था ! श्री साई बाबा ने भक्तों के हेतु मनुष्य शरीर धारण कर अनेक दुःख सह कर साधुओं को सुखी किया, जो भक्त साई नाम का जप करते है वह सहज ही आनंद को प्राप्त करते है, ।

निर्गुण और सगुण दोनों ब्रह्मस्वरूप है । साई बाबा ने कहा के दोनों में राम नाम बड़ा है ! नाम निर्गुण और सगुण दोनों को अपने वश में किया है ।

जैसा के तुलसीदास ने कहा है के नाम जप से कठिन दुःख मिट जाते है । और वे सुखी होते है । साई राम का नाम अनेकों के अनुभव में भी है । गीता ने भी नाम स्मरण को योग कहा है : अर्जुन को उपदेश दे कर स्वयं गीता इस बात को सिद्ध करता है के शब्दोंका महत्व मन के लिए आवश्यक है । ध्रुवने दुःख पार करके राम नाम जपा । पवन पुत्र महावीर ने राम नाम को मन में रखा । इस लिए तुलसी दास कहते है के "रा" कहो कदन में "म" कहो भजन में !

राम नाम को कल्पतरु, कलि कल्याण निवास

जो सुमिरण भये भाग्यते, तुलसी तुलसी दास !!

तीन काल, तीन लोक में नाम का जप करके जीव शोकरहित होते है । साई बाबा और सारे संतों का मत यही है कि सब पुण्योंका फल राम नाम में है ।

बुरे मार्ग, बुरा कर्म, बुरी चाल, इस युग में पाखंड है, जो इन्धन है और राम नाम प्रचण्ड अग्नि है ।

राम अनंत, अनंत गुण, अमित कथा विस्तार

सुनि आश्चर्य न मानि है, जिनके विमल विचार ॥

राम का अन्त नहीं; उनके गुण अपार है । उनका नाम आश्चर्यजनक है जगत् में मान सरोवर जिस प्रकार हुआ जिस कारण इसका प्रचार हुआ वह हम सब के लिए अपार आनंद हुआ ।

राम नाम में नौरस है। तप, योग, वैराग्य सब कुछ इसी साईराममें मौजूद हैं। जिस घर में राम नाम है, वहाँ भूत प्रेत भूल कर भी नहीं आते। राम नाम जहाँ रहता है उस घर को सदा हनुमान आते रहते हैं। इस कारण वहाँ दरिद्रता नहीं आता।

राम नाम सुन्दर चंद्रमा की किरण है। संत चक्रोर है। साई ने राम नाम देकर अनंत उपकार किया है।

रामायण अमृत कथा, लेत न ता को स्वाद  
तिन को निश्चय जानिये है पूरे दनु जात ॥

साई बाबा धन्य, धन्य है, हमको मार्ग बताया, साई राम नाम से हम धन्य हुवे

अंत में मैं साई बाबा से प्रार्थना करूंगा कि बाबा हमें राम नाम में लीन करो, हमारी मजबूती आप पर निर्भर है, हमें श्रद्धा दो, हमें सबुरी दो, हमें भडकाने वाले बहुत हैं। उन से दूर करके, राम नाम के गंगा में बहा दो। आपका उपकार है आपने हमें अपने शरण में लिया है यदि आप मार्ग पर नहीं ले जायेंगे तो आपकी लाज जायेगी।

जे सजीव जग चर अचर, नारि पुरुष असनाम  
ते निज निज मर्यादा तजि, भये सकल बश काम ॥

हम अपनी मर्यादा को भूलकर काम में फस गये हैं प्रभो साई बाबा हमें बचाओ।

सारा संसार डरा हुआ है। हम को डर हो रहा है कृपया हमारा डर आप दूर करते हुवे हमें राम नाम के पवित्र सागर में डुबो दिजीए। जीवन धन्य हो जायगा।

हे प्रभो साई बाबा रामनवमी के पावन पर्वपर सारे साई भक्तों को राम नाम दिजीए। हर घर पवन बन कर आइयें, राम नाम हमारे कानों में गुंजे, हम असमर्थ हैं हमें समर्थ किजीए, धन्य साई बाबा, धन्य साई बाबा के भक्त, जय सिया रामचंद्र की जय। श्री पवन पुत्र हनुमान की जय। जय हो सकल साई भक्तों की। यह जय-जयकार हमारे कानों में सदा गुंजते रहें।

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