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Facilities for the Devotees and Development of Shirdi is The Objective : Ashutosh Kale



The newly appointed Chairman of the Shirdi Sai Sansthan Shri Ashutosh Kale clarified in the interview given to the 'Saileela' soon after taking over charge of the Chairman's post that his special focus will be on the facilities and development. He gave detailed information about his new schemes on the occasion.

"I have accepted the chairmanship of the Sansthan as an opportunity of

service. My maximum priority will be to provide more and more facilities to the lakhs of Sai devotees coming for the *darshan* of Shri Sai Baba and the patients



Taking over the Chairmanship of the Sansthan...



Absolute Faith in Shri Sai Baba...

“I have absolute faith in Shri Sai Baba. Though I have stayed outside for a long time for (my) education, yet I used to come to Shirdi for Sai Baba’s *darshan* very often. I filled my poll nomination form for the 2019 *Vidhan Sabha* elections after taking the *darshan* of Sai only, and commenced (broke the coconut) my campaign too after Sai’s *darshan*. On the day of the results too I was present for the *Kakad aarati* early in the morning. While coming out from there I bowed at the *Gurusthan*. Baba gave me the verdict at that time. It was as though He assured me that I would be elected. I went home mentally assured. Counting commenced and I won in a keenly contested fight.”

coming here for treatment. For that I will expedite the necessary projects. I will strive with all my strength to co-ordinate devotion and development,” stated the Chairman of the Shri Saibaba Sansthan Trust, Shirdi, legislator (State Minister) Shri Ashutosh Kale while giving a special



Shri Ashutosh Kale’s Grand Father Late Shri Shankarrao Kale...

interview to the ‘Saileela’.

In this interview given soon after the Board of Trustees of the Sansthan took charge, Shri Kale clarified his vision and the road map for the development of the Sansthan. “Though education and development are the obsessions of our family, our house has a tradition of devotion too. Our family has a strong faith in Shri Sai Baba. I have accepted this responsibility based on that role,” he stated. Talking about the tradition in his household, he stated, “My grandmother and grandfather were very religious. One saintly person of this region, Tukarambaba Khedlekar, was our family-*Guru*. He used to come to our house always during various

religious programmes. Taking his advice my grandmother had accepted a garland from him (symbolically accepting him as a *Guru*). Hanuman *Jayanti* festival is celebrated in our house every year. Our family takes the lead in participating in the programmes of the Village Deity and temple too.

My grandfather late Shri Shankarrao Kale's personality was very impressive. He has held several posts like legislator, state minister, chairman of the sugar factory and member of parliament. He had a special liking for education. He graduated in civil engineering in 1947 from the C.O.E.P. College in Pune. He completed his education in Mathematics and Geology from Fergusson College. He contributed significantly in the work of the Gautam Education Society and Rayat Shikshan Sanstha along with that of the factory. My father Shri Ashokrao Kale too had taken admission for the diploma course in mechanical engineering. But, due to certain reasons he had to leave the course mid-way. After that he did his M.B.A. and committed himself to social activities through the factory.

I grew up in an environment of synthesis of education, development and devotion. I had my primary education till IV standard at the Gautam Public School and my education from V standard till 12th in Sanjeevani Vidyalaya at Panchgani. I graduated in engineering from the M.I.T. College of Pune and completed my M.S. from North Eastern University, Boston."

Talking about the chairmanship of the Sansthan, he stated that he imbibed social service and politics from his

infancy through his home itself. He stood for elections in 2019 and won. "The issue of the Board of Trustees of the Shirdi Sai Sansthan was on the anvil then. The party offered me the chairmanship of the Sansthan. I accepted and the Board of Trustees was appointed by the Government under my chairmanship. I accepted this chairmanship with the purpose of serving Shri Sai Baba only and through Him the society."

"I got this chairmanship after the corona crisis. Common people, devotees, business people in Shirdi and employees of the Sansthan suffered great hardship during the corona period. Everyone was confronting financial problems. We are presently thinking of how the Sansthan can offer help to pull them out of this crisis. The earlier Committee having implemented several activities, my main priority is to complete their incomplete projects and follow up on the completed projects", he stated.

"Serving patients and education, these are the most important subjects from my point of view. Shri Sainath Hospital and Shri Saibaba Hospital are the very best renowned hospitals of the Sansthan. Poor people come for treatment to these hospitals from far off places. There is a constant effort to provide more and more facilities-conveniences to these patients. The former managing committee had proposed a medical college. We will stress on following it up. Many visiting doctors come to both the Sansthan's hospitals. Expert and clever doctors are needed to follow up on their treatment.

To ensure the availability of such doctors from this region itself and permanently in the hospitals, there is the need for such a medical college. A nursing college attached to that is also being considered. Besides, there is the need for a large number of skilled employees like lab assistants and cardio and x-ray operators. A special curriculum is being thought of to prepare such technicians.

My guide Shri Sharadchandraji Pawar has proposed the idea of a Knowledge Park. The idea is to have all kinds of education under one roof (in one premise only). Our effort is to develop the Knowledge Park from that viewpoint. The main objective behind this is to create basic amenities of education. Because of this, not only will modernized education be provided to children of this region, but also several

employment opportunities will also be provided. For this there is a scheme of a comprehensive educational complex. An expansive building of this complex is now ready. Furniture work being underway there presently, soon the complex will be available for use.

Increasing the connectivity of Shirdi is one more issue before us. The Shirdi airport is now becoming modernized. Prior to Corona, daily 19 flights used to arrive and 19 flights used to take off there. These reduced slightly during the corona period. But now it is being restored as before. Efforts are on to commence a night landing facility. Our effort is on to start a cargo terminal service with full capacity at this airport for the farmers and other producers of the Shirdi, Kopargaon, Nagar, Nashik and Aurangabad region. We will offer



Will Develop Knowledge Park!

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Will Increase Connectivity!

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all the required assistance for this from the Sansthan. The new Samruddhi route passes through Shirdi. Similarly, the

Surat- Hyderabad green highway passes through near Shirdi only.” These will be

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अपना अपने साथ, उसका उसके साथ!...

जय साईनाथ नमामि विभो
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 करुणाकर साई नमन मुदा
 जस गुण पावन गायन शुभदा
 सुख दायक मंगल मुक्ति प्रदा
 कृत कृत्य विभो हम दास सदा
 तुम स्वामि हमारे हो शुभदा
 बिन कारण दीन दयाल हित^०
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 जग विदित विभूति प्रताप बल^०
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धन्य थे वे भक्त जिन्होंने तुम्हारे साकार श्री सच्चिदानंदघन स्वरूप का दर्शन कर नित्य तृप्ति और भवभय से मुक्ति पायी। धन्य था उनका सौभाग्य जिन्होंने तुम्हारे साक्षात् सान्निध्य में रह कर स्वार्थ-परमार्थ साधे।

धन्य-धन्य थे वे सभी जन जो तुम्हारे परम पवित्र पुरातन श्री-चरणों का पूजन कर परमानंद की अनुभूति से अभिभूत और अपने हर दुख-संकट में तुम्हारी दया-कृपा से कृतार्थ हुए। अब तुम विदेह, निराकार हो गए, अव्यक्त में जाकर बस गए तो क्या! तुम्हारी महिमामयी लीलाओं की चक्की आज भी चल रही है। तुम अब भी अपने भक्तों की सहायता कर रहे हो।

अभी कुछ ही दिन पहले की बात है। मैं अपनी पत्नी के साथ काशी गया था। हम पत्नी की बड़ी बहन रूपमती से मिलना चाहते थे। उन्हें देखे पैंतीस साल हो गए थे। उनकी उम्र भी बयानबे वर्ष पार हो चुकी थी। इसलिए उनसे मिलने की बड़ी उत्कंठा थी। मुश्किल यह थी कि वह कभी अपने गाँव अदलपुरा, तो कभी बनारस शहर में अपनी बेटी विमला के साथ रहती थीं। हम अदलपुरा गए, और वह वहाँ न मिलीं, तो हमारा तीस किलोमीटर दूर गाँव में जाना व्यर्थ हो जाएगा। शहर में विमला के घर का पता हमें मालूम न था। उनसे किस तरह मुलाकात हो, इसी सोच में तीन-चार दिन बीत गए। तभी राजिन्दर नाम के एक रिश्तेदार मुझसे मिलने आए। बातों-बातों में रूपमती का भी जिक्र हुआ। वे रूपमती से परिचित तो थे, पर उस समय रूपमती कहाँ हैं, शहर या गाँव में, यह उन्हें भी मालूम नहीं था। इस तरह दो दिन और बीत गए। मैंने मन ही मन तुमसे प्रार्थना की। साईनाथ! अब तुम ही कोई रास्ता निकालो। किसी तरह रूपमती से भेंट करवा दो। तभी अचानक राजिन्दर की बेटी गुड़िया खुशखबरी लेकर आयी कि रूपमती बुआ अभी-अभी एक घंटा पहले अपने गाँव से शहर विमला के घर आयी हैं। उसने यह भी बताया कि विमला का घर, जहाँ हम ठहरे थे, वहाँ से सिर्फ सौ मीटर की दूरी पर है। हमारी खुशी का ठिकाना न रहा। गुड़िया हमें विमला के घर ले गयी, जहाँ हम पैंतीस साल के बाद रूपमती से मिले।

साईनाथ! अब यह तुम्हारा चमत्कार नहीं तो क्या था! एक तो हमें तीस किलोमीटर का सफ़र तय करके गाँव जाने की ज़हमत से बचाया, जिनसे मिलना चाहते थे, उन्हें गाँव से शहर हमारे पास ही भेज दिया। दूसरे,

तुम गुड़िया को माध्यम न बनाते, वह जानकारी न देती, तो हमें रूपमती बहन से मिले बिना ही मुंबई लौट आना पड़ता। एक टीस हमारे मन को हमेशा कचोटती रहती कि हम बयानबे वर्षीय रूपमती के इतने करीब जाकर भी उनसे मिल नहीं सके। गुरुकृपा से क्या नहीं हो सकता!

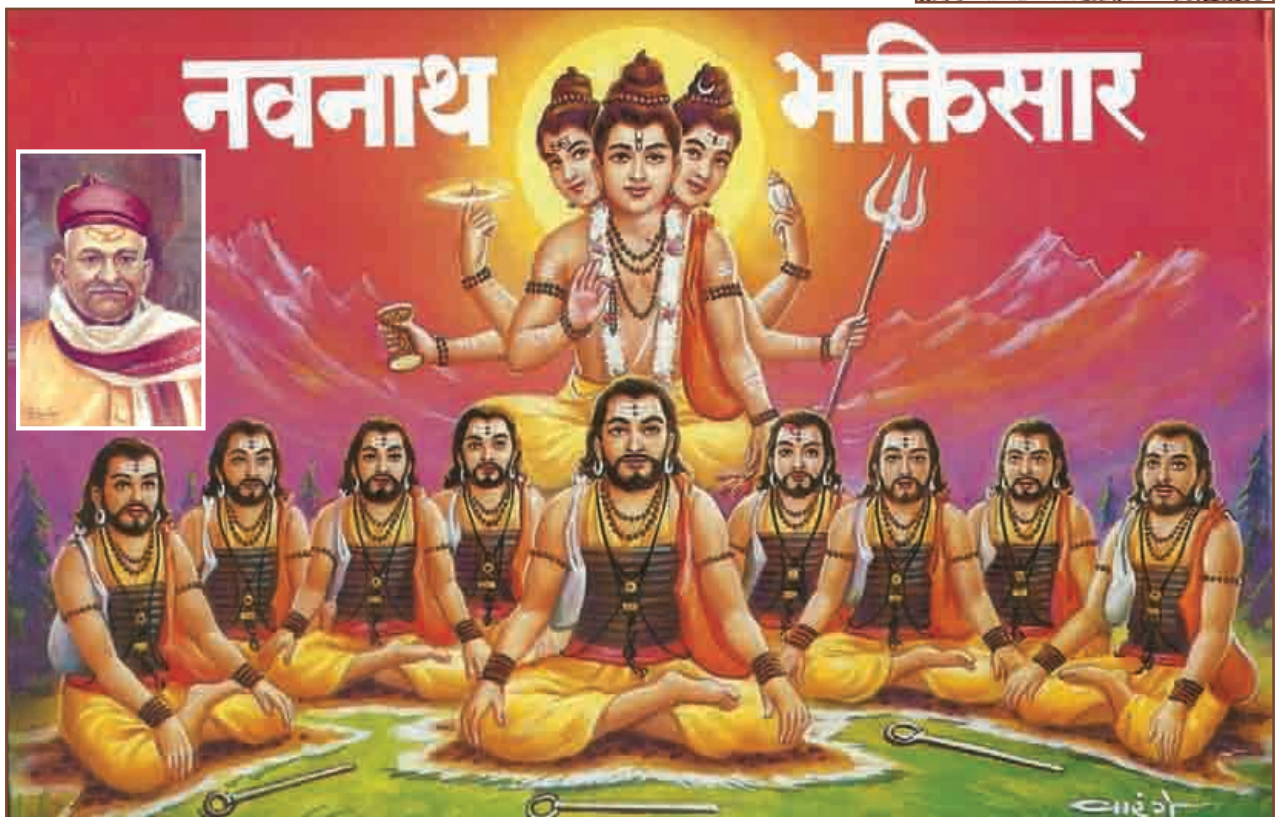
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हे सद्गुरु साईनाथ! तुम ही सद्गुरु, चैतन्यघन ब्रह्म, एकमात्र सत्य हो। नित्य हो। यह जगत् मिथ्या है। मिथ्या अनित्य छोड़ कर तुम्हारा चिंतन, मनन, ध्यान करने से ऐंद्रिक और सांसारिक सुखों के प्रति वैराग्य स्वतः ही होने लगता है। वैराग्य से विवेक जागता है। सर्वभूत में भगवत् दर्शन होने लगता है। अनन्य भाव से, तन-मन-वचन से, तुम्हारी शरणागति शरणागत का मुक्ति पथ प्रशस्त कर देती है। तुमने ही कहा है, “इस विश्व में अनेक संत हैं, अनेक गुरु हैं, सबका सम्मान करो; किंतु अनुसरण अपने ही गुरु का करो; क्योंकि अन्य लोगों की अपेक्षा अपने गुरु को शिष्य के कल्याण की अधिक चिंता होती है, जैसे कि एक बालक की हित-चिंता और उसके प्रति प्रेम-भावना जितनी उसके माता-पिता को होती है, दूसरों को नहीं

हो सकती। दूसरे संत और गुरुजनों के प्रवचन कितने ही मधुर क्यों न हों, पर अपने गुरु का आदेश-उपदेश कभी न भूलना चाहिए। शुद्ध मन से अपने गुरु से प्रेम करो, अनन्य भाव से उनकी शरण जाओ, श्रद्धापूर्वक उनकी भक्ति करो, तब तुम देखोगे कि तुम्हारे सम्मुख भवसागर का अस्तित्व वैसा ही है, जैसा सूर्य के सम्मुख अंधकार का।”

साई समर्थ! गुरु-शिष्य की प्रेम-भक्ति के प्रसंग से मुझे काकासाहेब दीक्षित की याद आ रही है। तुमने उन्हें एकनाथ महाराज के दो ग्रन्थ, भागवत और भावार्थ रामायण का नित्य पाठ करने का निर्देश



दिया था, और यह भी कहा था कि उससे उन्हें जीवन में बहुत लाभ होगा। वे तुम्हारे इस आदेश का पालन तुम्हारे रहते और तुम्हारे समाधिस्थ होने के बाद भी नियमपूर्वक करते रहे। इसी क्रम में एक बार वे मुम्बई की चौपाटी पर माधवराव देशपांडे (शामा) और काका महाजनी के साथ भागवत का पाठ कर रहे थे। भागवत के ग्यारहवें स्कंध के दूसरे अध्याय में नवनाथ राजा जनक को भागवत धर्म की महिमा समझाते हुए कहते हैं कि सृष्टि के कण-कण में ईश्वर का वास है; प्रत्येक जीव, प्रत्येक प्राणी के हृदय में उसका निवास है। किसी से घृणा या द्वेष करना ईश्वर का तिरस्कार है। इसीलिए सबसे प्रेम करो। कलियुग में मोक्ष प्राप्त करने का एकमात्र साधन हरिकीर्तन और गुरु-चरणों का चिंतन ही है। यहाँ पर दीक्षित जी भागवत का पाठ करते-करते अचानक रुक गए। नवनाथों की उत्कट हरि-गुरु-चरण भक्ति की पराकाष्ठा ने उन्हें सोच में डाल दिया। वे माधवराव और काका महाजनी से बोले, “नवनाथ तो सिद्ध थे; हम निर्बुद्धि हैं। वे योगी थे; हम भोगी और पापी भी। वे भगवद्स्वरूप; तो हम पामर प्राणी। क्या नवनाथों जैसी उत्कट, कठिन, अखंड भक्ति हमसे हो सकेगी? उन जैसी गहन भक्ति करने की शक्ति हम कहाँ से लायेंगे? तो क्या हमारी मुक्ति की कोई सम्भावना नहीं? क्या हमारा मानव जन्म निष्फल हो जायेगा?”

योगीराज! काकासाहेब दीक्षित की वाणी में घोर निराशा का अनुभव करके माधवराव ने कहा, “आप ऐसा क्यों सोच रहे हैं? हमें तो परब्रह्मस्वरूप सद्गुरु साई बाबा जैसा अलंकार मिला है। फिर यह शंका-कुशंका करने या निराश होने की क्या आवश्यकता है? माना कि नवनाथों की भक्ति प्रबल थी, किंतु क्या साई बाबा के प्रति हमारी श्रद्धा-भक्ति अटल नहीं? क्या साई के श्री-चरणों में हमारी प्रीति अनन्य, अचल नहीं? क्या हम उनके प्रत्येक आदेश का पालन नहीं करते? आप भागवत का पाठ नहीं करते? एकनाथी रामायण का पठन-मनन नहीं करते? सद्गुरु साईनाथ की आज्ञानुसार हरि और गुरु का नामस्मरण नहीं करते? करते हैं, तो फिर चिंता क्यों? यह निराशा क्यों?”

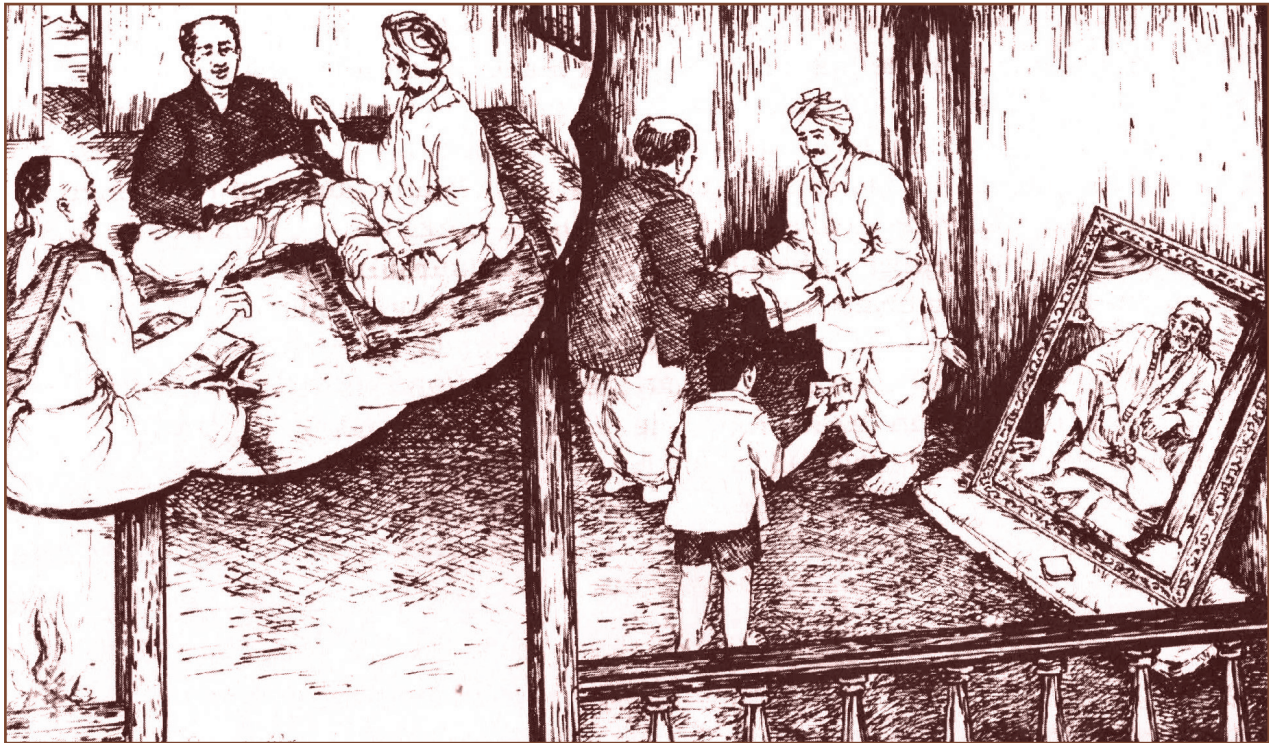
साईनाथ! माधवराव के समझाने पर भी काकासाहेब दीक्षित की चिंता और शंका दूर नहीं हुई। उनका मन विचलित ही रहा। वे लगातार सोचते रहे कि नवनाथों

जैसी उत्कट भक्ति कैसे करें? कैसे उन जैसी श्रेष्ठ भक्ति करने की शक्ति अपने भीतर उत्पन्न करें? यह प्रश्न उनके मन-मस्तिष्क में घुमड़ता ही रहा। उनका आत्मविश्वास डोलने लगा। तभी अचानक एक चमत्कार हुआ। बाबा, तुम्हारा चमत्कार!

आनंदराव पाखाडे नाम के एक साई भक्त माधवराव को ढूँढते हुए वहाँ आए, जहाँ काकासाहेब दीक्षित भागवत पाठ कर रहे थे। वे माधवराव के पास बैठ कर उनके कानों में कुछ फुसफुसाने लगे। इससे भागवत पाठ में खलल पड़ने लगा। दीक्षित जी ने पाठ रोक कर पूछा, “क्या बातें हो रही हैं आप दोनों में?” माधवराव ने उत्तर दिया, “बाबा ने आपकी शंका का समाधान किया है। आनंदराव को स्वप्न देकर बताया है कि नवनाथों जैसी भक्ति करने की कोई आवश्यकता नहीं। केवल गुरु-चरण भक्ति से ही हम भवसागर पार सकते हैं। गुरु-चरण-पूजन ही कलियुग में मोक्ष प्राप्त करने का श्रेष्ठ और सरल साधन है। अब काकासाहेब दीक्षित आनंदराव से उनके स्वप्न का वृत्तांत सुनने के लिए अधीर और आतुर हो उठे; क्योंकि अपनी भक्ति पर शंका उनको ही अधिक थी।

आनंदराव कहने लगे, “मैंने सपने में देखा कि मैं एक अथाह सागर में खड़ा हूँ। मेरी कमर तक पानी है। ऊपर श्री साई बाबा सिंहासन पर विराजमान हैं। उनके श्री-चरण पानी में डूबे हैं। पास ही माधवराव भी खड़े हैं। अहा! कितना मनोहर दृश्य था वह! मेरी दृष्टि उस दृश्य से हट ही नहीं रही थी। तभी माधवराव मुझसे कहते हैं, “क्या देख रहे हो आनंदराव? बाबा के चरण छुओ।” मैंने कहा, “मैं भी तो यही करना चाहता हूँ; पर क्या करूँ? बाबा के श्री-चरण तो पानी में हैं।” तब माधवराव बाबा से कहते हैं, “देवा! अपने चरण पानी से बाहर निकालो ना।” बाबा तुरंत अपने चरण पानी से बाहर निकालते हैं। मैं उनके श्री-चरणों से लिपट जाता हूँ। बाबा मुझे आशीर्वाद देते हुए कहते हैं, “जा! तेरा कल्याण होगा। अब डरने या चिंता करने की कोई आवश्यकता नहीं। हाँ, मेरे शामा को एक ज़री के किनारे वाली धोती दे देना।” आनंदराव स्वप्न का वृत्तांत सुना कर काकासाहेब दीक्षित से कहते हैं, “मैं बाबा की आज्ञानुसार माधवराव जी के लिए धोती लेकर आया हूँ; कृपया अपने हाथों से इन्हें भेंट कीजिए।”

लेकिन, साईनाथ, माधवराव ने धोती लेने से इन्कार



कर दिया; क्योंकि उन्हें तुम्हारी तरफ से धोती की भेंट स्वीकार करने का कोई निर्देश या संकेत नहीं मिला था। तब काकासाहेब ने दो पर्चियाँ बनायीं; एक में लिखा, “धोती स्वीकार”, दूसरी में लिखा, “अस्वीकार”। यह उनकी पुरानी रीति थी। वे जब भी असमंजस या अनिर्णय की स्थिति में होते, तो तुम्हारा (बाबा का) दैवी आदेश लेने के लिए यही तरीका अपनाते थे। उन्होंने दोनों पर्चियाँ तुम्हारे चित्र के सामने रख कर एक अबोध बालक से एक पर्ची उठवाई। आश्चर्य! बालक द्वारा उठाई पर्ची वही थी, जिसमें लिखा था “धोती स्वीकार”। साई देवा! आनंदराव को स्वप्न में तुमने यही आदेश दिया था, न? आखिरकार, माधवराव को धोती की भेंट स्वीकार करनी पड़ी। इस तरह आनंदराव पाखाडे को संतोष और माधवराव को परितोष देकर तुमने काकासाहेब दीक्षित की शंका का समाधान कर दिया। समाधान यह कि मुक्ति के लिए किसी विशेष भक्ति की नहीं, केवल गुरु-चरण सेवा-भक्ति ही पर्याप्त है।

धन्य है, देवा! निराली हैं तुम्हारी लीलाएँ, चमत्कार! कैसे-कैसे अपने भक्तों की शंकाओं का निराकरण करते हो! कैसी-कैसी लीलाएँ रच कर उनकी सहायता और मार्गदर्शन करते हो! तुम्हारा रहन-सहन, तुम्हारी जीवन शैली भी बड़ी निराली, विचित्र, चमत्कारपूर्ण थी। फटी पुरानी, पतली, कमजोर चिंदियों के सहारे हथेली भर चौड़ी

लकड़ी की पटिया झूले की तरह मसजिद की बल्ली से लटका कर, तुम उस पर सोया करते थे। नाजुक चिंदियाँ पटिया का बोझ भी नहीं उठा सकती थीं। फिर पटिया सहित तुम्हारा बोझ वे कैसे संभालती थीं, यह तो राम जाने और तुम जानो। सिरहाने और पैताने दिये जला कर उस पटिया पर तुम कैसे सोते थे, यह भी तुम्हारे सिवाय और कौन जाने! तुम्हारी यह शयन लीला देखने के लिए मसजिद के बाहर बहुत भीड़ जमा होने लगी, तो तुमने वह पटिया तोड़ फोड़ कर फेंक दी। पर, उसके प्रति तुम्हारा लगाव दिल से गया नहीं। एक बार उसी पटिया की महत्ता का बखान तुम काकासाहेब दीक्षित से करने लगे, तो उन्होंने पटिया से तुम्हारा जुड़ाव देख कर तुम्हारे लिए उसी तरह की नयी पटिया बनवाने की पेशकश की। इस पर तुमने कहा, “अरे ना रे! अब क्या अपने म्हालसापति को नीचे ज़मीन पर छोड़ कर मैं ऊपर सोऊँगा? रहने दो। मैं नीचे ही भला।” तब काकासाहेब ने कहा, “मैं म्हालसापति के लिए भी वैसी ही पटिया बनवा देता हूँ। फिर आप दोनों उन पटियों के झूलों पर सुख से शयन करना।” इस पर तुमने उत्तर दिया, “हर कोई हवा में झूलती पटिया पर सो सके क्या? जो आँख खुली रख सके, वही पटिया पर सो सके। मैं सोते समय म्हालसापति को अपने पास बिठा कर उससे कहता हूँ कि मेरी छाती पर हाथ रख कर देखते रहना,



कहीं मेरे भगवत् नाम-जप बंद तो नहीं हो गया। मुझे नींद आने लगी, तो जगा देना। पर, वह तो मुझे जगाने की बजाय खुद ही ऊँघने लगता है। जो भूमि पर ठीक से बैठ न सके, जिसका आसन कायम नहीं, जो निद्रा का दास हो, वह भला क्या ऊँचाई पर सो सके? रहने दो। अपना अपने साथ, उसका उसके साथ।” कह कर तुम ज़ोर से हँसे। साईंनाथ! तुम्हारा मधुर हास्य भी बड़ा मनोहर होता था। काकासाहेब दीक्षित एकटक तुम्हें ऐसे देख रहे थे, जैसे अपने हँसते हुए परब्रह्म को देख रहे हों!

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तेरे चरणों में साईं

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देवा दयाल ना साईं

साई वचनामृत



(३०) विधाता की रचना कुछ ऐसी विचित्र है कि संसार में पूर्ण सुखी कोई नहीं। (अ. १४, श्री साईसत् चरित)

दुनिया में पूर्ण रूप से कोई सुखी नहीं है। केवल धन-दौलत, शान-शोहरत और रुतवा पा लेने से कोई भी

बड़ा आदमी नहीं बन जाता। मंदिर के बाहर हाथ फैला कर भीख माँगता छोटा बालक और अच्छे महँगे कपड़े में सज्ज एक धनवान आदमी भी तो मंदिर आकर अपनी खैरियत की भीख माँगता है। धन मनःशांति नहीं देता। यह ईश्वरीय लीला है।

धन का बिस्तर मिल जाए, तो निंद को तरसे नैन; काँटों पर सोकर भी आए किसी को मन की चैन। हम सब कठपुतलियाँ हैं और उसकी डोर ऊपर वाले के हाथ में है। वह ज़रा भी लगाम कस ले, तो आदमी छटपटाने लगता है। अपने पास जो है उसी में संतुष्ट होकर जीना चाहिए। अधिक धन की तृष्णा मृगतृष्णा है। बस इतना जान लो।

(३१) “चिंता त्याग दो; अब तुम्हारे दुर्दिन समाप्त हो गये हैं।” (अ. १४, श्री साई सत् चरित)

साई अक्सर मौज में आकर अपने भक्त के माथे पर हाथ रख कर ऐसा वरदान देते थे। वास्तव में साई पर पीड़ा भंजन थे। किसी का दर्द, किसी का उदास चेहरा, मायुसी, बेबसी और आँसू साई को विह्वल बना देते थे। अपने भक्त का जीवन सुखी बना रहे उसके लिए उन्होंने अपना ऐश्वर्य खोल रखा था। अष्ट सिद्धि - नौ नीधि के मालिक होते हुए भी उन्होंने अपने ऐश्वर्य का उपयोग अपने लिए कभी नहीं किया। ना पैर में जोड़े, ना खाने का स्वाद। वही एक तार-तार हुई कफ़नी पहने विश्वनियंता साईनाथ सबके तारणहार बने।

(३२) यद्यपि वे (साई) शिर्डी में विराजमान थे, परन्तु शिर्डी के बाहर क्या हो रहा है, इसका उन्हें पूरा-पूरा ज्ञान था। (अ. १४, श्री साई सत् चरित)

यथार्थ में बाबा भूत, भविष्य और वर्तमान हैं। अपनी मुराद-पूर्ति के लिए ऐसा कुछ ग़लत कभी मत करो। यदि दान देने की मंशा है तो मन को कलुषित किए बिना विशुद्ध मन से दान करो। दान इस तरह दो कि दान लेने वाला अपने हाथ उठाए तुम्हारे लिए दुआ माँगे। दो हाथ से लेने वाले नाचीज़ - पामर इंसान को क्या मालूम कि देने वाले दाता के हज़ारों हाथ हैं।

— विनय घासवाला

संचार ध्वनि : (०) ९९९८९९०५६४



Some Wonderful Experiences about Shri Sai...

As a result of partition of the country, I had to migrate to Mumbai in the latter half of 1947. Since then I would often see Sai Baba's photos in many picture shops, homes and offices. I took Him to be a local saint as there are saints everywhere. I never even bothered to enquire, whether He was still in human form or had left this world.

Casually, once, in 1957, a bank manager friend mentioned Baba to me. Knowing his nature well, I was surprised, how he could go for physical (ritualistic) *pooja* and other accompaniments etc. He is a very kind and noble soul, who would never tell a lie. In my life of 56 years, I have come across a few people of his nobility and truthfulness. In reply to my questioning and surprise, he told me that he does not do any physical *pooja* etc. Before going to work and just after returning home, he would simply bow before Baba's photo and that was all his *pooja* or whatever we may call it. His wife, of course, would light *agarbatti* before Baba.

Like me, he too had migrated to Mumbai from Lahore after partition in 1947. He was first given charge of a small branch of the bank. He had absolutely no pull with the higher up in the bank's administration. Many others with pulls, but junior and much less efficient and educated, were given better and bigger branches to manage. He had only his honesty, hard work and Baba's blessings to help him. Eventually, he was given charge of the biggest branch of the bank in Mumbai and later promoted as district or zonal manager. Today, he is in the head office on a very high post.

By Baba's *kripa* I was very much impressed by these facts, especially when long physical *pooja* etc. were not 'musts'.

Like that friend I am also incapable of doing these till now. I wish I too could worship Baba daily for an hour or two as I am told many devotees do. But, I cannot concentrate that long. All I can do and am doing since is to put all faith in Him. I think, He must have many inefficient *bhaktas* like me and I am sure He looks after them as well as others.

I decided to install Baba's photo in my house and went to a picture shop near my house to buy one. The frame of the photo I selected was found cracked and the shopkeeper promised me to give it to me the very next day after changing the frame. For 3 or 4 days, I would enquire of him daily and he would put me off to the next day for one reason or the other. One day, I had some important work. So, I asked him as to how long it will take him to change the frame. He said, 'about 10/15 minutes'. I suppressed my impatience and asked him to do it while I waited. Without 10 minutes I was going to home with the photo.

The very next morning, I had to appear before an appellate authority for a decision of granting me certain permits and quotas, which had been withheld for the last three years. I left my house after bowing before Baba. The P.A. of the officer was a friend of mine and he had assured me of definite success although junior officers had twice rejected my claim. I pleaded the case myself and the hearing was over in about 10 minutes. The officer pointed out a technical point against me and rejected the appeal.

I was very much depending on the success of this matter as the resultant gain was expected to be very substantial. My running business was hardly enough to provide modestly for my family of four persons. On top of this, I was very heavily under debt to some close relatives, who

had to be paid. To pay them off partly for occasions like marriages, I had to surrender all my life insurance and sell almost all the gold ornaments. Still the debt was very heavy as compared to my little means. At the same time there were no hopes of substantial earnings without capital. So, the rejection of the appeal made me all the more dejected and felt Baba did not like to help me.

The P.A. would not believe, when I told him of the result. I left that office with his sincere regrets and sympathies. In a reverie, I walked aimlessly to see a couple of friends nearby, whom I used to meet almost daily in their offices for a chat. Reaching their places, I did not feel like meeting them and turned away. I had a sudden wave of thought. I ran to my office in a cab, typed a short letter of 7/8 lines and ran back by cab to that office. I showed the letter to the P.A. and asked him to send it straight in before the officer could write down his orders to close the matter. In the normal course, the letters have to go through the receipt section and take 10/15 days to get attached to the file. Such a delay would have made my case dead. The P.A. was surprised to read the letter and patted me on the back. He himself took the letter inside to the officer. In the evening he phoned me saying that my case was to be re-processed on the lines of my letter.

In that letter, I had referred to the only objection raised by the officer and proved that it affected only 25% of my claim, which I agreed to forego, and demanded the balance of 75% of my right. This was duly granted and I was issued all due permits and quotas. From these I gained enough, not only to pay off my debts but also enough to run and expand my business as well.

This more than confirmed my faith in Baba and, since then, I have fully left myself in His hands. Baba often has fun on His '*bhaktas*' even when He is going to be

benevolent to them. I take it that for this, He first got the appeal rejected and then gave me the sudden idea. But, for this, why could the P.A. not have pointed out, what Baba put into my mind latter...

To see the place and find out the best way to reach it, I first came to Shirdi with two friends in 1958/59, and got a lot of happiness and pleasure out of Baba's *Samadhi* '*Darshan*'. I was pleasantly surprised to see the arrangements for comfortable stay of devotees at such a small place. I had expected to see a cluster of huts and *Samadhi* or '*Mazaar*' with or without any shelter on top. I had heard that many rich people and film producers etc., who had faith in Baba visited Shirdi before launching any new venture and stayed there at least one night. If lucky they were guided by Baba that night by way of directives in a dream or otherwise. We were all very happy to see the grandeur of Baba's *Samadhi* and the veneration by people of all shades and religions, rich and poor alike. We stayed there overnight, but did not have any dreamy direction as we did not have any problems. I did have such a dream later, which will be narrated subsequently...

Later, I visited Shirdi with my family (wife and three daughters). Wife and myself beseeched Baba for the gift of a son. During next pregnancy of my wife, we both went for Baba's *Darshan* and were blessed with a son at the end of 1959. Will you not call this Baba's '*Kripa*'! At least I did...

In 1962/63, I got into trouble with the revenue collecting department of the Government, which put on me a demand of over Rs. 55000/- after taking three long years to check up and arrive at the figures. I was too much stunned and could not gather courage enough to go through details. This long checking of three years put me under great strain and worry and made me an easy victim to over-drinking. More so, because, if ultimately I was made to pay this heavy

amount, my business career would come to an end. In other words it meant starvation for all of us. I did have the right of appeal. But, I think, in matters of revenue, very few appeals are successful. Besides, before going into appeal, I was required to pay in about Rs.18000/- under the law. I felt very hopeless, as I feared, I would not be able to pay in that much in time for the appeal.

I had been given four show cause notices, each of about 30 typed pages, pertaining to four years of accounts. But, looking at the final figures, I could not rally enough courage to go through the same. I feared, I may collapse while doing so and hence, put it off for 2/3 weeks till my Advocate pressed me to do so to avoid missing the last date for appeal. Somehow, things so happened that I was able to pay the pre-appeal amount.

Hoping to have Baba's blessings and courage, I went to Shirdi intending to stay for 3/4 days to study all the show cause notices and prepare grounds for the appeal. Arriving by car at about 2 p.m. the Sansthan management on my request kindly gave me a room with a table and chair for doing my work. Being tired I went to sleep and intended to start my work in the evening; but I was not required to do so. I had a strange dream. There was a very severe earthquake and the whole building was shaking like a leaf. I told Baba, "So You have brought me here to die, away from my family." Still in dream, I felt the earthquake was over. I raised my head and saw my wife and son standing before me and smiling at me. Just after this the dream was over and I woke up. Out of sheer joy and great relief, there were tears in my eyes. Just then some Sansthan employee came to see me and was surprised to see me in tears. In answer to his query, I told him that Baba was kind and that He had solved the problem, for which I had come to get an answer and help.

The dream was a clear indication that I would be very badly shaken, but will get through the whole affair, - and get through I did. The Sansthan management were surprised, when I told them that I would be leaving the next morning, although a few hours earlier, I had asked to keep the room for 3/4 days. I left Shirdi the next day without reading the show-cause notices, as I did not like to spoil the bliss, kindly showered on me by Baba the day before.

I went into appeal and my advocate was of the view that I would be lucky, if I got about 1/3rd relief. However my advocate and myself did the best to present the case. During the hearing, when a very crucial point was being discussed, in my mind, I called Baba to come and get into that lady officer to make her understand the point in my favour. On this point hinged the whole case and I had never expected anyone to accept my statement, correct though it was. Hence, it came as a pleasant surprise even for my advocate when, after two days of collecting and co-relating figures and facts, my point of view was fully accepted. When the result was known to other advocates, some suspected bribing and some would not believe it. Absolutely no bribing was done as the lady officer was and is totally above board. My advocate got a good name for this and subsequently got many cases of appeal pending before that officer. Acceptance of my case was really unique and people still wonder, how I was able to prove it. But, was I? No. It was Baba's work.

The result was that the government's demand was reduced to almost, what I had paid before the appeal. Topping this miracle was the fact that I earned more than this amount from a deal of chemicals supplied to the defence department without an investment of a single paisa. My only investment was labour and contacts, backed, of course, by an ardent faith in Baba. Chemicals are not at all my line of business. I am a dealer in hardware and

tools. But, by Baba's grace, I got help from outside my line due to a chance meeting and friendship with a defence officer.

Can anybody with my experiences of Baba's benevolence doubt Him?

Almost all my friends and relatives started having faith in Baba after knowing

about my dream, the result of my appeal in the revenue case and that case of permits and quotas which (concluded) brought me to Baba's Feet.

By a devotee

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(पृष्ठ १४ से)

कृपा दृष्टि जब हो तेरी तो
पाप जठर धुल जाते हैं
हम तेरे गुण गाते हैं
निशदिन तुमको ध्याते हैं
तेरे चरणों में साईं
जीवन के सुख पाते हैं
भर मन भाव यही देवा
प्रेम भक्ति प्रणी सेवा
तू चाहे तो दुष्टों के भी
मन मंदिर बन जाते हैं
हम तेरे गुण गाते हैं
निशदिन तुमको ध्याते हैं
तेरे चरणों में साईं
जीवन के सुख पाते हैं
पूजें तुमको जो मन से
छूटें भव दुख संकट से
तेरी महिमा से सब तेरे
भक्त परम पद पाते हैं
हम तेरे गुण गाते हैं
निशदिन तुमको ध्याते हैं
तेरे चरणों में साईं
जीवन के सुख पाते हैं

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साईं, चरण ना छोड़ूँ तोरे...

तुम्ही हो सदाशिव, किसन कन्हैया...
दत्तगुरु तुम मोरे, साईं, दत्तगुरु तुम मोरे...
साईं नाथ तुम कितने कृपालु,
चरण ना छोड़ूँ तोरे,
साईं, चरण ना छोड़ूँ तोरे ॥१॥...
प्यास लगी दरसन की तोरे,
लग जा गले मोरे,
साईं, लग जा गले मोरे
साईं, चरण ना छोड़ूँ तोरे ॥२॥...
जप-तप-अर्चन, ना जानूँ मैं,
करम-काण्ड ये सब सारे,
जानू तो जानू, बस् इतना ही जानू,
मधुर नाम लूँ तोरे, साईं, मधुर नाम लूँ तोरे,
साईं, चरण ना छोड़ूँ तोरे ॥३॥...

— प्रियंवदा प्रकाश करंडे

वडाला, मुंबई.

SAVED FROM DROWNING BY SAI BABA...

Strange ways of helping...

As Baba has performed many miracles and He is still continuing to do so... I wish to narrate here one miracle, which I have experienced. First, let me inform the readers that I came to know the name of Sai Baba and His miracles performed at various stages, through my wife (Veena), who is a great devotee of Sai Baba. Then I read many books on Sai Baba. I have made this trip especially as I took a vow to come here personally, and pay my respects to Him. The first time I came to Shirdi was about a year back, and at that time I visited all His places and found great peace at every place. It gave me a lot of peace (*shanti*), when I used to look at His photograph and sit by His side and pray. I can assure you that He has His own ways to help the needy people and they are at times so strange that a man of my calibre is unable to understand them. I describe one of the most important things, which happened to me in my life.

Captain of the Ship...

I had many offers of jobs in various capacities and as such I was confused as to which one I should choose. I definitely wanted to improve the status and the financial conditions. Hence my wife made 12 slips of paper and only on one, she wrote the name of the ship called 'M. V. DHANLAKSHMI' of which vessel I was offered to take the command and that was the highest post i.e. the captain of the ship. Prior to that all happening, I had just returned from Shirdi after paying homage to Sai Baba. My wife asked me to pick up one slip although out of 12, eleven were blank and as I said earlier that only one she wrote the name of the ship as mentioned above. So, I prayed and shuffled them more and

what a strange! I had my eyes closed and the first one I picked was the slip, on which the name of the ship 'M. V. DHANLAKSHMI' was mentioned. That was the destiny and Sai Baba wanted me to take the command of the said vessel. I undertook the journey to Calcutta. I used to go on board daily since the time she arrived. It being my first command I was taking special interest and precautions.

The ship sailed from Calcutta for Andemans on 17.5.1972. After that I met with heavy weather, rough sea and wind force 6/7. I decided to return. I came back and anchored in Diamond Harbour. As usual, I prayed daily and used to light two agarbattis before a plastic statue. A plastic ring I am still wearing, which was brought from Shirdi. It was so strange that one agarbatti used to go out, every time. I used to light it again, but again it used to go off. I used to put Sai Baba's plastic statue on my chair and I used to ask Him to guide me and protect the ship and men aboard. But, the significance of agarbatti going off could not be understood by me, hence I used to put my hand to my head and ask, "Sai Baba! Guide me or give me any indication as to what is ahead of me!" But, "No". Anyway I took the ship out again, but met still the same weather and I could not proceed out of Hoogly River. The pilot was on board. She was a small vessel, and after consultation with the pilot the second time, we decided to go back to Diamond Harbour. As usual I used to pray, but at that time I started feeling very much depressed in my heart, the cause of which was still hidden from me. At the third attempt, the pilot was changed and our other pilot Anand boarded. I asked him about the weather condition and according to him the weather

outside Hoogly was not abnormal, but I told the second pilot that I have already returned twice and that I felt not right to go out, and I shall have to come back. But, this time, all things had to happen and Sai Baba was to perform another miracle.

The disaster comes...

After I had already passed Lower Grasper Light Vessel, she started listing to star-board. I wanted to ascertain the cause. I called the pilot, who was consulting some papers in the room and the Chief Engineer to check up if my engine room valves were open. Pilot and I were still trying to find the cause of list and in meantime she was



taking heavy list to starboard. I told the pilot to return to Calcutta as I did not wish to proceed out, so that we could confirm the reason of her list. The pilot turned the ship back to Calcutta and the Chief Engineer told me that there was nothing wrong with the Engine room. There was no water entering into the Engine room. The list was becoming dangerous, so I called all the people on boat's deck with their life-jackets. Just then somebody informed me that my cabin was flooded with sea-water as the port-holes of my cabin were broken open, which was confirmed by my writer and deck sarang, and hence my life-jacket could not be brought. All persons on board had their life-jackets, except me. In the meantime, I was calling S.O.S. on the whistle. Although we were very close to intermediate light vessel, no help was received. I had lost all the hopes of saving my ship, my duty was to save the lives on board the vessel. I ordered the Chief Engineer to stop engine and all hands including the pilot to abandon the ship. The ship was stopped and all abandoned. As the sea-farer's tradition goes, that the master of the ship is to be the last one, I complied with it and I jumped without life-jacket.

As I jumped into the sea, the time then was about 01.00 on 21.5.1972. It was pitch dark, the swell was about 10/12 feet high and wind force over 7. I felt that I was being sucked in any way. I pulled myself out of it. Then I got one chicken-crate to which I clung after thrusting my fingers inside it as there was no place to hold. Then I met more people of my ship (crew), who were also clinging to that crate and in this way we were tossed over more than 30 hours in water, during which period, I prayed to Sai Baba. I said, "Sai Baba! You have put me into this and now you must give me the courage to

go through this boldly." It might have taken a minute or so to say all that. I had very little fear in my heart. I was consciously alert, but as my body was eaten by salt water and there was neither food, nor water for over 30 hours, I was getting exhausted. Death was facing me very closely. But, no, Sai Baba gave me the courage to go through this. After 30 hours our cries were heard by a ship called M.V. Jalakendra. My other two members were picked up by that ship, but I could not be, as I was falling back into water from a height of 15/20 feet as I was totally exhausted. Later, after making three attempts, I became unconscious and when I woke up, I found myself to be in pilot vessel... I was running a temperature of 103 and my body was full of bandages all over. Later, I was put in a hospital. After that the government case started (the fact-finding of this mishap). Now, dear readers, although the court of enquiry was equally treacherous, Sai Baba helped me to go through this all clear! Now I am a free man.

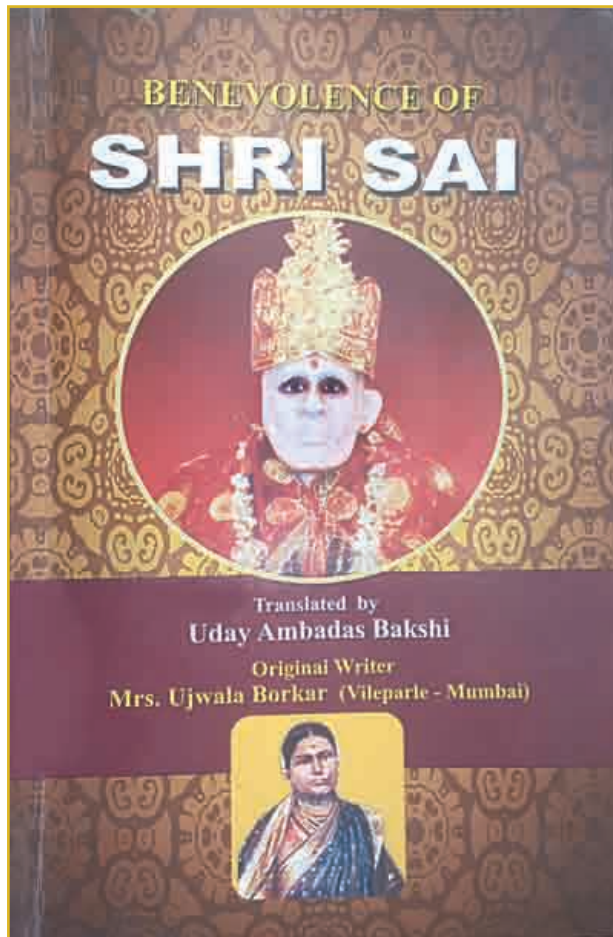
As I said before, Sai Baba has his own ways of helping. So He helped me to save my life and others' lives. Then He helped me go through the court of enquiry successfully and now I am sitting in Shirdi and writing His Leela. I am proud to say that it is He who has granted me the privilege to do so, otherwise? I would have been gone and dead long.

My request to dear readers is that they should not lose trust, faith in Him and when you are in trouble, seek His guidance. I am hundred per cent sure that He will show you the way, but this prayer has to be from your inner self! Say 'Sai Ram'!

By Capt. Pyare Krishan Wali

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Review of the Book - Benevolence of Shri Sai...



“Whosoever offers to me with love or devotion, a leaf, a flower, a fruit or water, that offering of love of the pure and selfcontrolled man is willingly and readily accepted by me.” - Lord Shri Krishna (says in Bhagvad Geeta, IX - 26)

The above lines fit perfectly in the case of Smt. Ujwala Balkrishna Borkar - the authoress of two books - one is the original book in Marathi ‘*Sainchi Ovalani*’, which was published in 2016. The second one is **Benevolence of Shri Sai** is an English version of ‘*Sainchi Ovalani*’, and has been published by Shri Uday Bakshi on 5th January 2022 at the holy place Shirdi.

Smt. Ujwala Borkar, the authoress of the book is blessed with spiritual inheritance from both the families - her maternal family and also from her in-laws Borkar family.

The important link regarding Sai devotion started from Late Chandrabai Ramchandra Borkar - grandmother-in-law of Ujwalatai. Chandrabai was fortunate enough to live in Shirdi with Sai Maharaj. The Sai temple in Borkar bungalow (Vile Parle East) is really a symbol of Borkar family’s full faith, tireless efforts and unconditional love towards Sai Baba. Chandrabai, her daughter-in-law Mrs. Mangala (Mai) and Chandrabai’s grand daughter-in-law Mrs. Ujwalatai are supposed to be the three strong pillars of Sai devotion in respect of Sai service in several ways.

Ujwalatai has fully inculcated Baba’s teachings in her conduct throughout her life. She herself mentions that the book is the outcome of her intrinsic motivation.

The book **Benevolence of Shri Sai** is a collection of experiences and reminiscences of many Sai devotees. The authoress used to meet several Sai devotees (as she looks after their Sai temple in every respect). She used to listen to the devotees’ experiences of Sai. And, so the Sai experiences began to be exchanged. In this way the Sai devotees one day requested Ujwalatai to publish a book of the experiences of Sai devotees. Ujwalatai also thought that there should be such a book and thus ‘*Sainchi Ovalani*’ had been published. The English version ‘Benevolence of Shri Sai’ is inspiring as well as interesting to read. All the experiences are noteworthy.

There are experiences of Chandrabai Borkar, Mangalamai Borkar and Ujwalatai



Yohana praying Sai...

Borkar, which are really worth reading. The experiences narrated by Shri Sudhir Gavhankar, Shri Manohar Pitale, Smt. Nilima Gavhankar, Shri Veerendra Tarkhad have special importance, as these experiences are belong to the time of Shri Sai Baba, when he was in physical form (*Sagunavatar*). The experiences are narrated by their descedants. Smt. Nilima Gavhankar's own experience is also very thrilling. It relates to the power of Sai's *Udi* (sacred ash). Such experiences are narrated by other devotees too. But, the experience of Mrs. Pallavi Satish Rajwade, regarding her daughter Yohana is a symbol of Pallavi's supreme faith in power of Sai *Udi* and Sai *Namasmaran*, as well as '*Shraddha-Saburi*'. The essence of reading the book '*Benevolence of Shri Sai*' is that one should follow the Philosophy of Shri Sai Baba. One may think that why should we read such books, what is the use of reading these experiences of devotees.



But, this thought is absolutely wrong. The reading of such books helps us to guide our life, it guards our life, and most importantly, it helps us to stay us on right path for ever.

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Dr. Neelam Gorhe, Deputy Chairman of Maharashtra Legislative Council, taking the *darshan* of Shri Sai Baba's *Samadhi*... Smt. Bhagyashree Banayat, Chief Executive Officer of the Sanshtan, Trustee Anuradha Adik and Shri Sanjay Dhivare Joint Income Tax Commissioner, Nashik division, were present on the occasion.



Felicitation of Dr. Neelam Gorhe, Deputy Chairman of Maharashtra Legislative Council, after taking the *darshan* of Shri Sai Baba's *Samadhi*, by Smt. Bhagyashree Banayat, Chief Executive Officer of the Sanshtan and the Trustee Anuradha Adik...



Sunday, May 1, 2022



Maharashtra Day and Labour Day Celebrated in the Sansthan with Enthusiasm...

Smt. Bhagyashree Banayat, the Chief Executive Officer of the Shri Saibaba Sansthan Management Trust, Shirdi, did the flag hoisting and felicitated ideal employees and retired employees on the occasion of Maharashtra Day and International Labour Day on behalf of the Sansthan at 7.10 a.m. on May 1, 2022.

Trustee of the Sansthan Shri Sachin Gujar, Deputy Chief Executive Officer Shri Rahul Jadhav, Administrative Officers Dr. Akash Kisave and Shri Dilip Ugale, Security Officer Shri Annasaheb Pardeshi, Head of all departments, employees, teaching staff of educational complex and students were present on the occasion.

Smt. Bhagyashree Banayat, Chief Executive Officer of the Sansthan, conveyed her best wishes of Maharashtra Day and Labour Day to the officers and employees of the Sansthan on the occasion and commended the work of the employees during the corona

period. Shri Sachin Gujar, Trustee of the Sansthan too conveyed the Maharashtra Day and Labour Day best wishes to the Sansthan's officers and employees on the occasion.

Shri Baban Bhadange typist-clerk in the General Administration department of the Shri Saibaba Sansthan, Shri Paraji Pokale helper in the Security department, Shri Parmeshwar Gosavi helper, contract workers of the Sansthan - Shri Madhukar Hon, Shri Sandeep Bhavar and Shri Bapusaheb Shelke, Security employee on contract Shri Santosh Gujar, Shri Sai Bhaktniwassthan helper Smt. Surekha Thakur, Temple department helper Shri Ambadas Gondkar, Canteen department helper Shri Dattu Sulakhe, Fire and Safety department contract employee Shri Valmik Game, Property department contract employee Shri Mahadev Davkhar, typist-clerk of Kanya Vidya Mandir Smt. Indumati Shivade, helper in Construction department Shri Vilas Raut, wireman technician



in the Electrical department Shri Santosh Devkar, Health department helper Shri Uttam Chabukswar, Industrial Training Institute's instructor Shri Prashant Pardeshi, Mechanical department's welder Shri Chandrabhan Gorde, driver of Vehicles department Shri Mukund Thorat, female helper in Shri Sai Prasadalya Smt. Indubai Nimbalkar, helper Shri Janardhan Thorat, typist-clerk of Accounts branch Shri Dattatray Shinde, medical officer of Shri Sainath Hospital Dr. Deoram Tambe, sanitation worker Shri Parshuram Salve, contract nurse Riyaz Shaikh, Water Supply department helper Shri Machindra Tandale, medical officer of Shri Saibaba Hospital Dr. Sachin Bagade, nurse Smt. Vaishali Surve and Shri Jairam Kandalkar of Ladoo Making department were the 29 employees given a certificate, photo of Shri Saibaba, shawl and a coconut and felicitated on Labour Day on May 1 by Smt. Bhagyashree

Banayat, Chief Executive Officer of the Sansthan and Shri Sachin Gujar, Trustee.

Also, those employees of the Shri Saibaba Sansthan, who completed 60 years of age in April 2022 and retired were felicitated by presenting a certificate, Shri Saibaba's photo, shawl and coconut by Smt Bhagyashree Banayat Chief Executive Officer of the Sansthan and Shri Sachin Gujar, Trustee, on the occasion. They included Smt. Vimal Bachhe of the Security department, Smt. Sujata Joshi of the Shri Saibaba Hospital, Shri Madhav Inamke of Canteen department, Shri Pramod Kharat of English Medium School, Shri Haribhau Bachane of Health department and Shri Ashok Divekar and Shri Pandharinath Pawar of Prasadalya department.

Shri Vasant Wani, teacher of Shri Saibaba Kanya Vidya Mandir, compered the program.



... Sai said, "Make a good collection of stories, episodes and experiences.

It is better that you maintain records. You have my whole hearted support. The writer is a mere instrument. I have to write it myself.

My story I shall write myself. I should fulfil the devotees' wishes myself. Thus I will wipe out your egotism and place it at my feet.

The one who behaves like this in life, to him I will give complete help; not only for the writing of the story, but I shall reside in his home and serve him.

When the ego diminishes and finally disappears, then I will dwell in him and I will write with my own hands.

The undertaking begun with this conviction or any listening, thinking or writing so done is accomplished by Him, but the writer is only the instrument.

Certainly keep the records wherever you may be, either at home or outside. Try

to remember them, on and oft. You will have quietude.

If you listen to my stories, recite them and meditate upon them, devotion for me will arise and ignorance will be completely destroyed.

Whenever there is devotion, full of faith, I am entirely in its power always. Have no doubts about this. Otherwise I am unattainable.

If the listeners listen to these stories with faith, then greater faith will be kindled and they will easily experience heavenly bliss and will acquire a state of happiness .

The devotees shall get self realisation. The soul will be in tune with *Brahman*. The inconceivable and the formless will be understood by them and the Life Spirit will manifest.

Such is the aim of my stories. What else can one desire? This is also the goal of the *Vedas*. The devotees will be enriched because of this."

- SHRI SAI BABA

- SHRI SAI SATCHARITA -



Shri Balsaheb Thorat, Revenue Minister, Maharashtra State, taking the *darshan* of Shri Sai Baba's *Samadhi*... Smt. Bhagyashree Banayat, Chief Executive Officer of the Sansthan, the Sansthan Trustees, Hon'ble Anuradha Adik, Adv. Suhas Aher, Shri Avinash Dandwate, Shri Sachin Gujar, Dr. Eknath Gondkar and the Sansthan's Deputy Chief Executive Officer Shri Rahul Jadhav were present on the occasion.



Felicitation of Shri Balsaheb Thorat, Revenue Minister, Maharashtra State, after taking the *darshan* of Shri Sai Baba's *Samadhi*, by Smt. Bhagyashree Banayat, Chief Executive Officer of the Sansthan, Trustees, Adv. Suhas Aher, Shri Avinash Dandwate, Shri Sachin Gujar, Dr. Eknath Gondkar... The Sansthan Trustee Hon'ble Anuradha Adik and Deputy Chief Executive Officer Shri Rahul Jadhav were present on the occasion.



Shri Piyush Goyal, Minister of Commerce & Industry Consumer Affairs & Food & Public Distribution and Textiles, Government of India, taking the *darshan* of Shri Sai Baba's *Samadhi*... M.L.A. Shri Radhakrishna Vikhe Patil, Smt. Bhagyashree Banayat, Chief Executive Officer of the Sansthan, Trustees, Anuradha Adik, Shri Sachin Gujar, Shri Avinash Dandwate and Shri Sanjay Dhivare Joint Income Tax Commissioner, Nashik division, were present on the occasion.



Felicitation of Shri Piyush Goyal, Minister of Commerce & Industry Consumer Affairs & Food & Public Distribution and Textiles, Government of India, after taking the *darshan* of Shri Sai Baba's *Samadhi*, by Smt. Bhagyashree Banayat, Chief Executive Officer of the Sansthan and Trustees, Anuradha Adik and Shri Avinash Dandwate... M.L.A. Shri Radhakrishna Vikhe Patil was present on the occasion.



Shri Prajakt Tanpure, Minister of State for Urban Development, Maharashtra State, taking the *darshan* of Shri Sai Baba's *Samadhi*... The Sansthan Trustees Shri Mahendra Shelke, Shri Avinash Dandwate and Deputy Chief Executive Officer Shri Rahul Jadhav were present on the occasion.



Felicitation of Shri Prajakt Tanpure, Minister of State for Urban Development, Maharashtra State, after taking the *darshan* of Shri Sai Baba's *Samadhi*, by the Sansthan's Trustees, Shri Mahendra Shelke and Shri Avinash Dandwate. The Sansthan's Deputy Chief Executive Officer Shri Rahul Jadhav was present on the occasion.



Shri Kapil Moreshwar Patil, Union Minister of State for Panchayati Raj with family taking the *darshan* of Shri Sai Baba's *Samadhi*... Smt. Bhagyashree Banayat, Chief Executive Officer of the Sansthan, M.P. Shri Sujay Vikhe Patil, the Sanshtan trustee Shri Sachin Gujar and Deputy Chief Executive Officer Shri Rahul Jadhav were present on the occasion.



Felicitation of Shri Kapil Moreshwar Patil, Union Minister of State for Panchayati Raj, after taking the *darshan* of Shri Sai Baba's *Samadhi* with family, by Smt. Bhagyashree Banayat, Chief Executive Officer of the Sanshtan and the Sansthan Trustee Shri Sachin Gujar... M.P. Shri Sujay Vikhe Patil and the Sanshtan's Deputy Chief Executive Officer Shri Rahul Jadhav were present on the occasion.



Public Prosecutor Adv. Ujjwal Nikam with family taking the *darshan* of Shri Sai Baba's *Samadhi*... The Sansthan's Deputy Chief Executive Officer Shri Rahul Jadhav was present on the occasion.

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very useful to increase the connectivity of Shirdi, he stated.

“The Sansthan has always upheld social responsibility. The Sansthan provided aid of Rs. 50 crores to the Government during the corona period. Earlier, the Sansthan had provided plentiful help for the storm-afflicted Kerala. He testified that the Sansthan will always be in the forefront for such kinds of work.

Along with providing more and more facilities for the devotees, to fulfill our yearning for the overall development of Shirdi, our prayers at the Feet of Shri Sai Baba will always be that Shri Sai Baba's inspiring blessings be with us forever and for that Sai devotees and the Shirdi villagers be with us always”, he stated at the conclusion of the interview.

Interview : **Bhagwan Datar**
Translated in English from Marathi :
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... **Sai says**, “I am not the doer of any action nor the enjoyer of its fruits. When I feel this, this is an action which devoid of ego and is the surrender to the Supreme Being for union with it.

Perform all your actions in this way. Then, naturally a stage is reached when you become a non-doer. Though it is not possible ever to disown ‘Karma’, yet it is possible to disown the fruit of the ‘Karma’...”

Felicitatation of the Sansthan's Retired Employees...

Smt. Bhagyashree Banayat, Chief Executive Officer of the Sansthan felicitated the 33 employees of the Shri Saibaba Sansthan Trust, Shirdi, who retired after completing the prescribed age of 60 years on May 31, 2022.

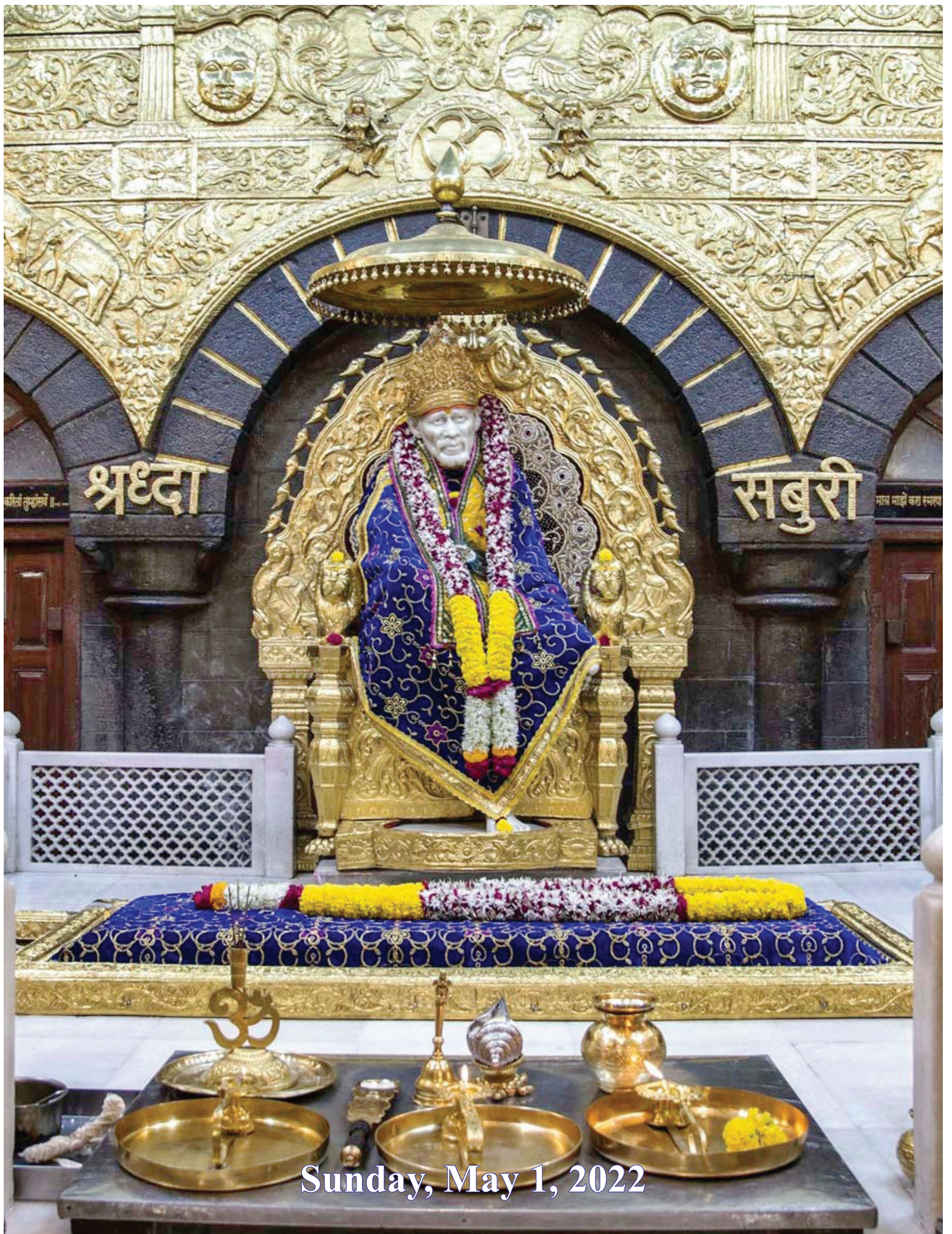
These employees included, Shri Popat Nirmal, Incharge Superintendent of Dwaravati Bhaktniwas, Shri Sunil Sawant, Incharge Superintendent of Shri Sai Baba Bhaktniwassthan, Shri Prakash Kshirsagar, Incharge Superintendent of Vehicles department, Shri Balasaheb Joshi, Temple Priest alongwith the total of 33 employees from various departments that participated. All these employees were felicitated by the Sansthan by presenting Shri Sai Baba's photo, a shawl and a commendation certificate at the hands of Smt. Bhagyashree Banayat, Chief Executive Officer of the Sansthan.

Smt. Bhagyashree Banayat, Chief Executive Officer of the Sansthan, stated on the occasion that "a very big void has been created in the Sansthan with the retirement of these 33 employees today. Shri Saibaba

Sansthan is ranked second among the religious places in the country. The work of these retired employees in the progressive journey of the Sansthan till date is certainly noteworthy, they made a big contribution to the great reputation of the Sansthan". The future generation should keep the ideal of the services of these employees before them and carry on their work further, appealing so, commending the retired employees for their excellent services following their duty for several years, she wished them good health and best wishes for their future life.

Shri Rahul Jadhav, Deputy Executive Officer of the Sansthan, Dr. Ashok Kisave, Administrative Officer, Shri Annasaheb Pardeshi, Security Officer, Shri Navnath Kote, Incharge Superintendent of General Administration, Shri Vishwanath Bajaj, Incharge Superintendent of Publications department, Head of all departments, employees, retired employees and their families were present at the retired employees felicitation function. ○○○○





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श्री साईबाबा संस्थान विश्वस्तव्यवस्था, शिर्डी के लिए मुख्य कार्यकारी अधिकारी द्वारा गणेश आर्ट प्रिंटर्स, एम.आर. ट्रेड सेंटर, शॉप नं. ७, वाडिया पार्क, अहमदनगर - ४१४ ००१ में मुद्रित और साई निकेतन, ८०४ बी, डॉ. आम्बेडकर रोड, दादर, मुम्बई - ४०० ०१४ में प्रकाशित। * सम्पादक : मुख्य कार्यकारी अधिकारी, श्री साईबाबा संस्थान विश्वस्तव्यवस्था, शिर्डी