



Monday, October 24, 2022 Deepavali Laxmi-Kuber *Poojan* 



The then Chief Executive Officer of the Sansthan Smt. Bhagyashree Banayat and her husband Shri Sanjay Dhivare, Joint Income Tax Commissioner, Nashik division, performed the Laxmi-Kuber worship in the Shri Sai Baba Samadhi Mandir between 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. on the occasion of Deepavali. The Sansthan's Ad-hoc Committee's Chairman and Principal District & Sessions Judge Shri Sudhakar Yarlagadda, his wife Sou. Malti Yarlagadda, Administrative Officers, Shri Dilip Ugale, Shri Kailas Kharade, Shri Sanjay Jori, Security Officer Shri Annasaheb Pardeshi, Temple Chief Shri Ramesh Chaudhari, Temple priests, Shirdi villagers and Sai devotees graced the occasion.

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#### You are that God Datta, Who lives in Shirdi and Blesses!

Once, it so happened, that Lord Vishnu, pleased by the prolonged and intense tap or meditation of the great sage Narad, told him to ask for a boon. Whereupon Narad said, "O Vishnu, show me the manifestation of pure sattva which is completely free from rajas and tamas." And the Lord answered, "I am that manifestation, O Narad! But to destroy the asuras (evil spirits) I have to partake of some rajas and tamas from Brahma and Mahesh and impart some of my sattva to them. And so, if you want to see pure sattva in all its splendour, Brahma-Vishnu-Mahesh must all come together." The shrewd Narad, celebrated as he is as a mischiefmaker, immediately hit upon a plan to bring this about. He set out to visit the three wives – Laxmi, Parvati and Savitri and provoked them by remarking as far as loyalty and devotion to the spouse goes, Anasuya, the consort of the sage Atri, on earth, would far surpass them all. Stung by jealousy, they entreated their respective Lords to put Anasuya to a severe test by tempting her. But Atri, by the power of his tap, knew it all and saved his wife from disgrace by transforming the three Gods who came to visit them, into three infants. Thus humbled, the three Goddesses begged Anasuya to restore their Lord to their original forms and she did so by sprinkling

the Ganga water over them. At that opportune moment, when the three Gods were together, who should appear on the scene but Narad to remind Lord Vishnu of His boon? The promise was fulfilled. Out of pure sattva of Brahma-Vishnu-Mahesh, was born to Atri and Anasuya, who were grieved at parting from the three infants, a child named Dattatraya, on the fourteenth day of the bright half of the moon, in the month of Margashirsha.

Interesting as the story is, it stretches the power of our credulence at many points and may seem totally out of keeping with the scientific temper of our modern age. But one does not seek in such stories factual truth or historical evidence; it is the essence of the story that matters. Its symbolic significance is self-evident and revolves round the three gunas and their proper place in our life.

According to Shrimad Bhagvad Geeta, "the three gunas are the three constituents of nature – standing for light, fire and darknes respectively, that limit the liberty of the infinite spirit in finite bodies." The three gunas are described further as: "sattva is said to be the health of life that binds to earthly happiness and to lower knowledge. Rajas is of the nature of passion, source of thirst and attachment that binds the soul of man

to action. Tamas, born of ignorance darkens the soul of all men and binds them to sleepy dullness when they do not watch and do not work." (Chapter 14, Verse 5-8)

Sattva alone cannot make this world go on, for it needs enrgy, action. But of the three it is the happiest state. The other two gunas have their respective places in man's life. Even Lord Vishnu found them necessary for the destruction of asuras. The moral of the story is quite evident. All the three gunas make up the nature of man but one must strive to keep rajas and tamas under control and strive towards the sattvic state. Anger, desire, hectic activity, indolence all these are present in more or less degree in all of us but it must be our endeavour to subdue them so that sattva guna can predominate.

Baba is known as the Avatar of Lord Dattatraya Who symbolizes pure sattva. The occasional out brust of anger, of temper, resulting in hurling of abuses puzzle us in so saintly a being. But they were never directed towards this or that devotees. They were always addressed to some evil influences, or undesirable tendencies, where as for His devotees

He had nothing but infinite love and compassion. If Lord Vishnu found rajas and tamas necessary to destroy the asuras, it is quite possible that occasionally Baba took recourse to them for the same purpose. They were never a part of Him anymore that they were of Lord Vishnu.

But Baba was a Godhead as much as Lord Vishnu and like Him Baba was also beyond the three gunas. Any outward expression of the three gunas in Baba's life was only meant to guide His devotees on the right path. As to Himself He was 'Gunateet' beyond the gunas having attained the state of Supreme Bliss.

But coming back to the story of Lord Dattatraya's birth, we must ponder over its essence and imbibe its valuable lesson by realizing that our struggle in life must always be for the attainment of sattvic state and subduing of the rajas and tamas so that one day we may hope to conquer the three gunas and attain the state of Bliss.

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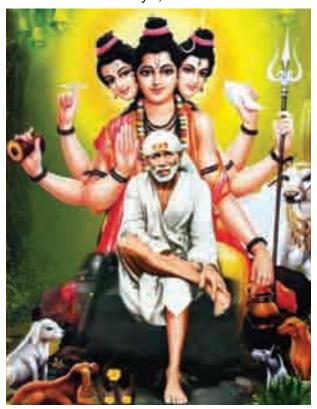
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"It is not good to be in such haste. Thank your stars that you had only the thorn to contend with, though you had disrespected the *darshan*. When a very venerated Deity like Datta is on the way, awaiting *darshan*, unfortunate is he who has not taken the *darshan*! How can I help him?" - Shri Sai Baba

# Analogous Divine Daily Routine of Lord Dattatreya and Shirdi Sai

Atri is one of the seven great *Rishis* or *Saptarishis* along with Bharadvaj, Gautam *Maharishis*, Jamadagni, Kashyap, Vasistha and Vishwamitra. He is a vedic sage, who is credited with composing numerous hymns to Agni, Indra, and other vedic Deities of Hinduism. According to the legends of the vedic era, Sage Atri was married to Anasuya Devi. She is the daughter of Devahuti and Sage Kardam in Hindu texts.

Lord Dattatreya, the Divine Child of



Sage Atri and *Mata* Anasuya has been worshipped as the *Aadi Guru*, and the Deity of Deities. As a result of the penance of the causal couple - Atri and Anasuya, Dattatreya was born with the image of the Divine Trinity - Brahma, the creator, Vishnu, the preserver and Shiva, the destroyer. The pantheistic attribution of the divine qualities to Dattatreya has paved the way for the highest place to Him in the minds and hearts of millions of devotees all over the world.



Datta *Jayanti* is observed on Margashirsha *Purnima*, and it is considered as the most sanctified day.

Mahur or Mahurgad is a town and religious place in the Nanded district of Maharashtra. It is situated on the Sahyadri Ranges, also known as the Western Ghats. Mahur finds mention in the ancient Srimad Devi Bhagwatam as 'Matripur' or



'Matapur'. Mahur is the birthplace of Dattatreya. Lord The parents Dattatreva the Rishi Atri and his wife Anasuya lived at this place. Mahur (Mahurgad) famous is the Datta kshetra. As per Shri Adi Shankarachrya's Ashta Dasha (18) Shakti Peethams Shlokas, the 8th Shakti peetha is

'Mahurye Ekaveerika'

Shri Devdeveshwar Shri Datta



Mandir, Mahur belongs to Mahanubhav Panth, and is classically called as the nidra sthan (sleeping place) of Lord Dattatreya. Dattatreya will take *nitya snan* (daily bath) at Kashi. He asks for bhiksha (alms) at Kolhapur. Panchaleshwar is the place where Dattatreya takes bhojan (lunch). Shri Narsinha Saraswati has referred to about this place in the Gurucharitra. It is believed that Dattaguru visits this place for lunch, in the subtle, every day. Obliging the request of King Panchal and Sage Atma, every day Dattatreya comes here for lunch at noon. Dattatreya has granted the king and the sage a boon that as long as the universe exists He shall come here daily for a meal. It is from the king's name that this village has been named as Shrikshetra Panchaleshwar. From the name of Sage Atma this place is also called 'Atmateerth'. It is believed that even today Dattatreya gets back to sleep in Shri Devdeveshwar Shri Datta Mandir, Mahur on the Sahyadri Ranges.

In the days when Sai Baba was physically living in Dwarkamai *Masjid*, He used to sleep in *Chavadi* on every alternate night, between the years 1910 to 1918. This sojourn at *Chavadi* on every alternate night was preceded by a *'palki'* procession with all regal paraphernalia accompanying Baba from Dwarkamai to *Chavadi*.

This tradition of 'palki' procession continues with the same fervour and devotion. Today it starts from Samadhi Mandir, which is the eternal abode of Sai in 'Samadhi'. From Samadhi temple it goes to Dwarkamai Masjid, from Dwarkamai to Chavadi, and returns to Samadhi Mandir, after which the 'Shej Aarti' is offered to Him.

Lord Dattatreya moves between homes and villages with a golden bowl in His hand, collecting various delicious alms.





O Dattatreya, we bow to You :
भिक्षाटनं गृहे ग्रामे पात्रं हेममयं करे।
नानास्वादमयी भिक्षा
दत्तात्रेय नमोऽस्तुते।।१०।।

[Dattatreya *Stotram*; by Narad Muni, from Narad Puran]

He goes for bhiksha or alms, for He lives on alms. The Master of all the forces of Nature, at whose command are the sun and the moon and the stars, goes begging for His bhiksha! The spiritual reading of this bhiksha or alms-begging by Lord Dattatreya is that He is asking us: "Give me all your sins." He asks for the sins of our past lives and of our present life, and this is the bhiksha that He wants. He will collect the sins of all people. How many sins have we committed in our earlier lives and up to this time in this life! He can swallow and digest all the sins of all the people. So He goes from door to door asking for alms. We can imagine the power of the man who asks for the sins of all people. He does not want our virtues and good conduct. We always ask for good things, merits, punyam. But, He asks for our sins or papam only, and not the



merits or *punyam*. He wants only all the evil propensities that are in us. He puts them in His *jholi* (bag), and walks off and digests the whole thing.

Lord Dattatreya appears with a *Jholi* (a bag) hung on His shoulder, and so does Shirdi Sai Baba. Dattatreya has all the powers of God viz. creation, preservation and destruction, and so has Sai. Datta lives as a *fakir* (a mendicant), and so does my Lord. Dattatreya goes for *bhiksha* or alms, and so does *Brahmand Nayak*!

Sai Baba, who used to be visited by the kings and commoners both, used to beg from door to door in Shirdi. He used to visit the following five houses daily, begging for food (1) Ganpatrao's son Tatya Patil (2) Vaman Sakharam (3) Nandu Vani (4) Madhavrao Deshpande (Shama) and (5) Appaji Patil. He would call out "O give me a piece of bread!" He was like no ordinary beggar. One day, He astounded a lady, who refused Him charity, by gently rebuking her thus, "Mother, you have (such and such number of) *chapattis* (bread), so much of cooked rice (naming the exact quantity), why do you refuse a crust to the poor *fakir*?"

In one hand He carried a tin-pot for liquid or semi-liquid food items such as soup, vegetables, milk or buttermilk, and in other hand a cloth bag to receive bread, cooked rice and solid food items. Baba's tongue knew no taste as He had acquired full control over it. Irrespective of the taste all the food collected was mixed together.

The spiritual meaning of this *bhiksha* or alms-begging is that Sai suggests that in order to destroy one's ego, ascetics must live a simple life by begging alms. Baba used to accept alms as *bhiksha* for conferring blessings on those who offered to Him alms. He clarified that people should offer food to the *sadhus* and ascetics to get absolved from five deadly sins. When the house-wives separate chaff from the grain by beating, grinding, rolling the stones to soften the cereals, washing dishes, cleaning with a broom and lighting the fire for cooking, several insects get perished in



the process. So, His acceptance of alms from the women of the house was merely to cleanse their sins. How fortunate were those house-wives who could offer food as *bhiksha*, to Baba, the Great Giver!

Pulled by the magnetic force of Sai Baba, a tangible sense of the sacred, and a thrill of recognition that the divine is immanent and is responding to our prayers and needs, the number of pilgrims visiting Shirdi is increasing at a phenomenal rate.

Dattatreya takes *nitya snan* (daily bath) at Kashi. In Kashi, the Ganges (Ganga) River merges with five more rivers like the Varuna and the Assi.

If Dattatreya enjoys His daily bath with the holy waters of the Ganges (Ganga) River at Kashi, He is Sai Baba who takes delight in getting Himself drenched with the sacred waters of the Godavari River - the Dakshin Ganga (Ganges of the South). Once, it so happened:

Megha of Viramgaon was a simple and illiterate *Brahmin* who had *darshan* of Shirdi Sai Baba. He was soon convinced that Baba was an incarnation of Shiva.

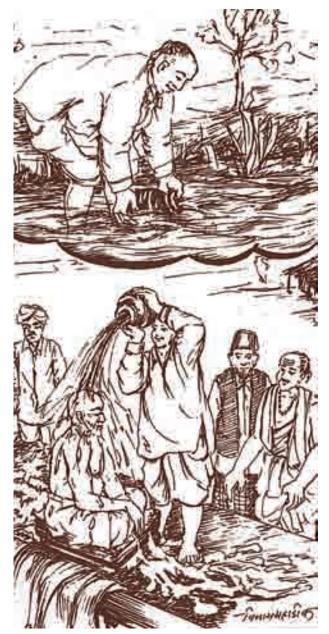
On one Makar Sankranti day, Megha wanted to besmear the body of Baba with sandal-paste, and bathe Him with Ganges water. Baba was first unwilling to undergo this exercise, but at his repeated requests, He consented. Megha had to traverse a distance of eight koss (3 miles or 4.8 km) to bring the sacred water from the Godavari River. The Godavari is India's

second longest river after the Ganga River, and has been dubbed as the Dakshin Ganga (Ganges of the South). The sacred Godavari River, which has its source a few kilometers away from nearby Nasik, flows not far from Shirdi. Pilgrims coming from the direction of Manmad/Kopergaon have to cross the river near Kopergaon. Visitors to Shirdi often take a dip in its holy waters. Geographically, Shirdi is also linked to the pilgrim sites of Nasik, Pandharpur and Gangapur. Maharashtra itself has a long and rich tradition of poet-saints -Jnaneshwar, Namdev, Janabai, Eknath, Tukaram (several of whose psalms have been incorporated into the Shirdi aaratis). and Sufi saints, so it is fitting that Sai Baba should have appeared here and further



blessed the land.

Oh yes, Megha brought the water, and made all preparations for the bath at noon and asked Baba to get ready for the same. Then Baba once again asked him to be freed from his bath saying that, as a fakir He had nothing to do (or gain) with Ganges water; but Megha paid no heed. He knew that Shiv is pleased with a bath of the Ganges water and that he must give his Shiv (Baba) that bath on that auspicious day. Baba then consented, came down, and sat on a pat (wooden board) and protruding His head said, "O Megha! Do at least this favour - head is the most important organ of the body, so pour the water over that only - it is equivalent to the full or whole bath." "Alright", said Megha, and lifting the water pot up, began to pour it on the head, but in doing this he was so much overwhelmed



with love that he cried out "Har Gange", and emptied the pot on the whole body. He kept the pot aside and began to look at Baba; but to his surprise and amazement, he found that Baba's head was only drenched, but the body remained quite dry. [Shri Sai Satcharitra, Chapter 28]

Dattareya is an ocean of compassion. By merely remembering His name, one earns His grace. Hence he is called 'Smartrugami' – one who immediately

appears to the devotee who remembers the Lord. A sage called Daladan once wanted to test the truth in this statement, and remembered Dattatreya. The Lord immediately reached Daladan and said:

> अभक्त्या वा सुभक्त्या वा य: स्मरेन्मामनन्यधी:।

तदानीं तमुपागत्य ददामि तद्भीप्सितम्।।२३।।

abhaktya va subhaktya va yah smarenmamananyadhih |

tadanim tamupagamya dadami tadabhipsitam ||23||

"It is my very nature to reach that person who remembers me, instantly. Whether with devotion or not, if a man remembers me sincerely, I will instantly reach him and grant his desires."

[Shri Dattatreya Vajra Kavacham]

This is Dattareya's sacred promise to us - his children.

Likewise, Sai Baba is 'Smartrugami'. He once said, "Believe me, though I pass away, my bones in my tomb will give you hope and confidence. Not only myself, but My tomb would be speaking, moving and communicating with those who would themselves whole-heartedly to me. Do not be anxious that I would be absent from you. You will hear my bones speaking and discussing your welfare. But, remember me always, believe in me heart and soul, and then you will be most benefited." Baba's speech always established its efficacy or greatness while He was living in the flesh, but wonder of wonders! It did the same even after His passing away. The story of Damu Anna illustrates it. [Shri Sai Satcharita, Chapter 25]

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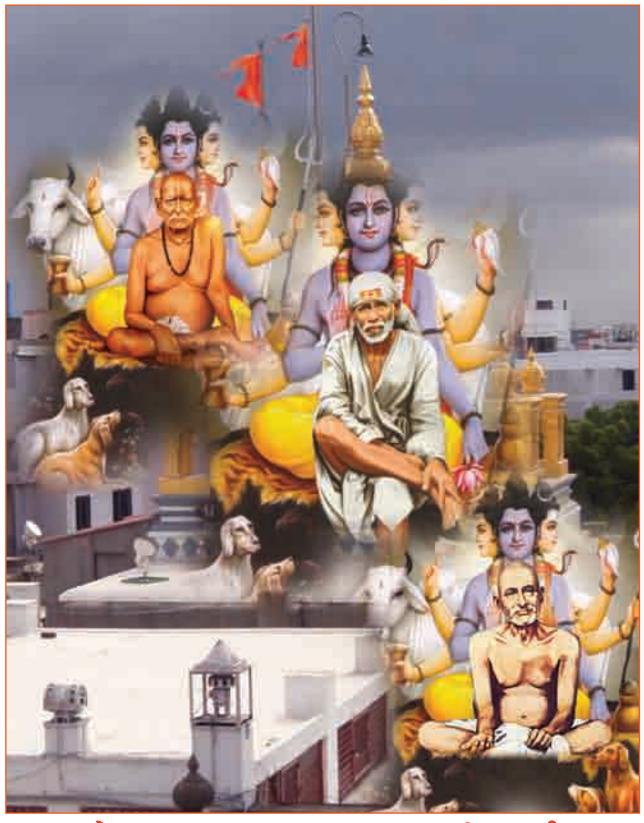


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दत्त देव अवतार - सद्गुरु श्री साईंनाथ

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जय सद्गुरु करुणाकर जय परमेश रमावर बार-बार मैं शीश नवाऊँ सद्गुरु तेरे गुण क्या गाऊँ सूरज को क्या दीप दिखाऊँ

हे दत्त गुरु, श्री साईंनाथ! सद्गुरु की महिमा बखान कर सके, इतना सामर्थ्य किसमें है? श्रुतियों की वाणी भी मौन हो जाती है; फिर मेरी क्या बिसात? वैसे तो तुमने अपने भक्तों को उनकी भावना के अनुरूप अनेक देवों के रूप में दर्शन दिए हैं। कभी शिव, कभी कृष्ण, कभी राम, तो कभी महाबली हनुमान। किंतु अधिकतर भक्त तुम्हें भगवान् दत्तात्रेय का अवतार मानते हैं। हे दत्तराज! तुमने ही अपने भक्तों के हितार्थ-रक्षार्थ शिर्डी के श्री क्षेत्र में सद्गुरु फ़क़ीर के रूप में अवतार लिया। तुम्हारे भक्त तुम्हारी सगुण उपासना करना चाहते थे। विशेष रूप से दत्त भक्त दत्तावतार सद्गुरु के रूप मे तुम्हारी गुरु-पूजा करना चाहते थे। अनेक वर्षों तक तुमने उन्हें इसकी अनुमित नहीं दी। किंतु देवा! भक्तों ने भी तुम्हारी सगुण उपासना करने की हठ ठानी हुई थी। तुम ठहरे दयालु, भक्त वत्सल। कब तक अपना हठ पर अड़े रहते? आख़िरकार, तुम्हें अपने प्रेमी-भाविक भक्तों के हठ के आगे अपना हठ छोड़ना पड़ा। बस्, तभी से तुम्हारी सगुण उपासना होने लगी। तुम्हारे अनेक कवि-हृदय भक्तों ने अपनी-अपनी भक्ति, भावना और आस्था के अनुसार तुम्हारी आराधना के लिए अनेक पद, अभंग, मंत्र, छंद, भजन और आरतियों की रचना की। उनमें से अनेक कृतियों में भगवान दत्तात्रेय के अवतार रूप में तुम्हारी आराधना की गई है। तुम्हारे विशाल उदार हृदय में अल्लाह और अन्यानेक हिंदू देवी- देवताओं के अतिरिक्त दत्त देव के लिए विशेष श्रद्धा थी। यह तुम्हारी अनेक लीला-प्रसंगों से सिद्ध होता है। मैं तुम्हारी ऐसी कुछेक लीलाएँ सुनाता हैं। सुनोगे न, बाबा?

(क्रमश: अगले अंक में)

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### साईं वचनामृत



(४३) "केवल सद्गुरु ही जीवन अर्थ समझाने में सक्षम हैं।" (अ. २०, श्री साईं सत् चरित)

बाबा वेद-पुराण एवं उपनिषदों के ज्ञाता थे। बाबा के वचन तो साक्षात् ब्रहम वाक्य ही थे और हैं। एक बार इशोपनिषद् का अर्थ समझाते हुए बाबा ने कहा, "भगवान् ने जो कुछ दिया है उसी में समाधान वृत्ति रखनी चाहिए। और यह निश्चयपूर्वक समझना चाहिए कि वह सब चराचर में व्याप्त है और जो भी उसकी दया से प्राप्त है, वह अपने लिए ज़रूर लाभदायी होगा। जो कुछ होता है सब उसी की इच्छा से होता है। कर्तव्य को ईश्वरी इच्छा समझ कर जीने में ही परम सुख निहित है।"

> "तुझको सब कुछ मिला, तुझको सब कुछ मिला, तू शिकायत न कर, उसका कर शुक्रिया।"

(४४) ''जलवृष्टि के कणों की गणना की जा सकती है, वायु को चर्म की थैली में संचित किया जा सकता है; परन्तु बाबा की लीलाओं का कोई भी अंत न पा सका।'' (अ. २२, श्री साईं सत् चरित)

बाबा का बेपनाह प्रेम, उनका बेमिसाल ज्ञान और सर्वव्यापकता का वर्णन करने का साहस किसमें है? बाबा एक – रूप अनेक। कभी ब्रहम में निमग्न रहने के कारण दीर्घ मौन। कभी आनंद-मूर्ति बन भक्तों से घिरे रहना। कभी दृष्टांत देना, कभी विनोद करना, कभी गुस्सा करना। बाबा समय-समय पर अनिगनत रूप धारण कर भक्तों के मददगार बने हैं। हज़ार बातों की एक बात – साईं श्रद्धा ही तुम्हें साईं तक ले जाएगी।

(४५) हम साईं बाबा को ईश्वर का ही अवतार मानते हैं। (अ. २३, श्री साईं सत् चरित)

किंतु अवतार होते हुए भी साईं कहते थे कि मैं तो ईश्वर का दास हूँ। "अल्लाह मालिक" सदा उनके होठों पर था। अवतार होते हुए भी मनुष्य को किस प्रकार आचरण करना चाहिए, स्वयं के आचरण से सिद्ध कर दिखाया। उन्होंने कभी नहीं कहा कि मैं अनल हक़ यानि मैं ख़ुदा हूँ। वे तो हमेशा यही कहते थे कि मैं तो यादे हक़ यानि मैं ईश्वर का दास हूँ। जब ये सब बातें हम सुनते हैं, तो अनुभव होता है कि हमारे साईं ने फ़क़ीर का चोला पहन कर अवतार धारण किया। सर्वेश्वर साईं को कोटि कोटि वंदन!

- विनय घासवाला

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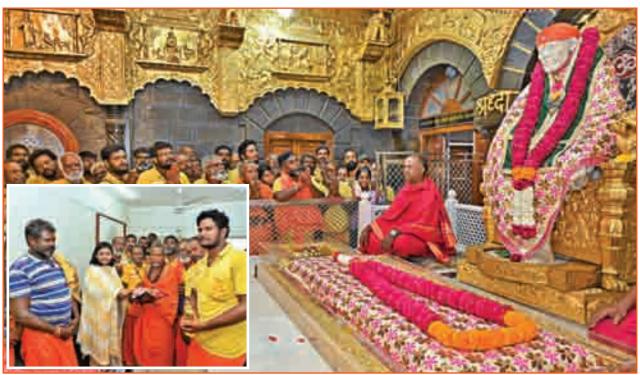
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# 1460 K. M. Journey on Foot for Sai's *Darshan...*



Shri Suresh Wabale and Shri Mahendra Shelke, the then Trustees of the Sansthan, greeting Shri Chandramouli and the 39 Sai devotee *padayatris* (pilgrims on foot), who journeyed 1460 kms on foot along with him from Chennai to Shirdi for the *darshan* of Shri Sai Baba, felicitated them at the Khandoba temple. Smt. Bhagyashree Banayat, the then Chief Executive Officer of the Sansthan, meeting all these *padayatris* after they availed the *darshan* of Shri Sai Baba's *Samadhi*, gave them her best wishes for the coming year.

PadayatriSaidevotee, ShriChandramouli, comes to Shirdi from Chennai travelling 1460 kms on foot, for the darshan of Shri Sai Baba,

since the last 10 years. This year, the *padayatra* starting from the Sai temple of philanthropic Sai devotee Shri K. V. Ramani, on August 5, 2022, taking *darshan* at Shri Tirupati Balaji, Shri Guru Raghvendra Swami Mantralaya and Shri *Kshetra* Pandharpur, journeying for 32 days, reached Shirdi on September 5, 2022. 39 Sai devotees accompanid Shri Chandramouli. All these *padayatris* availed the assistance of philanthropic Sai devotee Shri K. V. Ramani during the journey upto Shirdi. Similarly, Shri Wabale, the then Trustee of the Sansthan, arranged for food and stay of all these *padayatris* at Guha in Rahuri taluka.

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### "Students Moulded Through Teachers' Inspiration!"

# the then Chief Executive Officer's Glorious Remark on Teachers Day



Smt. Bhagyashree Banayat, the then Chief Executive Officer of the Sansthan made the glorious remark that students are shaped by the inspiration of the teachers, teachers mould the students and give a turn to the life of the students. Smt. Banayat was addressing the teachers at the Teachers Day function organized by the Shri Saibaba Sansthan Trust, Shirdi.

Speaking on the occasion Smt. Banayat stated, "I too worked in the education

department in the initial period. I developed a liking for competitive examinations by the inspiration of my father, who was my teacher. My successful progress in the government service till here is due to that inspiration." Citing a beautiful example of how a student became a police officer by the inspiration of his teacher-father on the occasion, Smt. Banayat gave her good wishes for the teachers to shape a generation with self-confidence and for teaching.



Shri Pralhad Singh Patel, Union Minister of State of Food Processing Industry and Jalshakti, Government of India availed the darshan of Shri Sai Baba's Samadhi... Shri Radhakrishna Vikhe Patil, Revenue, Animal Husbandry and Dairy Development Minister of Maharashtra Government, Smt. Bhagyashree Banayat, the then Chief Executive Officer of the Sansthan, Shri Avinash Dandwate and Shri Sunil Shelke, the then Trustees of the Sansthan and Shri Balasaheb Murkute, Sou. Snehlatatai Shelke and Shri Vaibhav Pichad, former legislators, were present on the occasion.



Smt. Bhagyashree Banayat, the then Chief Executive Officer of the Sansthan, Shri Avinash Dandwate and Shri Sunil Shelke, the then Trustees of the Sansthan felicitating Shri Pralhad Singh Patel, Union Minister of State of Food Processing Industry and Jalshakti, Government of India after availing the darshan of Shri Sail Baba's Samadhi... Shri Radhakrishna Vikhe Patil, Revenue, Animal Husbandry and Dairy Development Minister of Maharashtra Government, Shri Rahul Aher, Legislator and Shri Balasaheb Murkute, Sou, Snehlatatai Shelke and Shri Vaibhay Pichad, former legislators, were present on the occasion.



of Hyderabad, donated three golden flowers weighing 214.45 gms, costing Rs. 9,98,479/-, to the Shri Saibaba Sansthan. Smt. Bhagyashree Banayat, the then Chief Executive Officer of the Sansthan receiving the said donation... Shri Kailas Kharade, Chief Accounts Officer and Administrative Officer I/C, Shri Ramesh Chaudhary, Temple Chief and the philanthropic donor were present on the occasion.

# Order to Appoint Heirs on Compassionate Grounds -

Smt. Bhagyashree Banayat, the then Chief Executive Officer of the Sansthan, issued the appointment order on September 15, 2022, to 21 out of the 26 eligible candidates on the compassionate grounds waiting list from August 2009 till the end of 2022, subject to the decision of the State Government, on behalf of the Shri Saibaba Sansthan Trust, Shirdi.

The State Government, vide its order

dated August 27, 2020, had approved the appointment on the principle of compassionate grounds of the Shri Saibaba Sansthan. Subject to that approval, heirs of employees on permanent posts, who expired during the period from August 2009 to 2020, eligible for compassionate ground appointment, a decision was taken by the Sansthan Management Committee at the meeting on February 24, 2022 vide resolution number



92 to collectively appoint on vacant posts in Group C and Group D as per educational eligibility out of the total 26 eligible heirs on compassionate grounds, Smt. Bhagyashree Banayat, the then Chief Executive Officer of the Sansthan handed over the appointment

orders to a total of 21 candidates on compassionate grounds - 8 in Group C and 13 in Group D. Giving her best wishes to all on the occasion, Smt. Banayat expressed hope that "While working, all of you will work with the understanding that it is the service of Baba."

### Convocation Function of Students Passed in the All India Vocational Examination

Passed in the All India Vocational Examination Smt. Bhagyashree Banayat, the then Chief Executive Officer of the

Sansthan, asserted that while the nation is undergoing an industrial revolution, the I.T.I. trained trainees have a very bright future





in the coming times. She was addressing the convocation function programme of the students passed in the All India Vocational Examination.

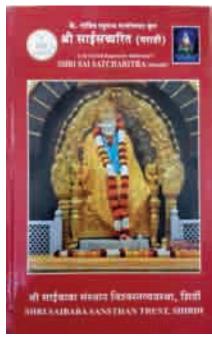
The Central Government started the convocation function for the students of the Industrial Training Institutes from this year on the lines of the graduation studies on Vishwakarma Day (September 17). On this Vishwakarma Day, the Skills Development and Entrepreneurship Ministry, Government of India, organized the convocation function of the students, who passed the All India Vocational Examination held in August 2022, at the Shri Saibaba Sansthan's Industrial Training Institute on September 17, 2022 at 11 a.m. in the Cultural Hall of the Sansthan's Educational Complex.

Smt. Bhagyashree Banayat, the then Chief Executive Officer of the Sansthan, felicitated Shri Saibaba Industrial Training Institute's trainees in the Tool and Die maker vocation, Praveen Gaikot for ranking second in the state and Sai More for ranking third in the state and Deepak Jagtap, trainee in the Mechanical Tractor vocation for ranking third in the state, by presenting a memento and a certificate. Also, the top three rankers in the 11 vocations in the Sansthan were also honoured. Similarly, Smt. Banayat congratulated all the concerned for the 89 per cent results of the Shri Saibaba Industrial Training Institute this year.

Shri Dilip Ugale, Administrative Officer of the Sansthan, Shri Abhay Dunakhe, Principal of the Industrial Training Institute, Shri Ramnath Chaudhary and Shri Dada Jambhulkar, Group Instructors, Shri Asif Tamboli, Principal of the English Medium School, Smt. Shilpa Pujari, employees of the Industrial Training Institute, parents of the successful students and students were present in large numbers on the occasion.



Shri Ashok Gehlot, Chief Minister of Rajasthan availed the *darshan* of Shri Sai Baba's *Samadhi...* Shri Govind Singh Dotasara, Congress State President of Rajasthan, Shri Balasaheb Thorat, former Revenue Minister of Maharashtra State and Shri Rahul Jadhav, Deputy Chief Executive Officer of the Sansthan were present on the occasion.



"In this only lies your well-being. This is also my avatar's fulfilment. This is my repeated preaching. I am always concerned about it... Whoever sings with feelings of my life, eulogises my powers, virtues and excellences, I will protect him totally, by surrounding him... Whoever sings my praises, I will bestow upon him complete hapiness, permanent pleasure and contentment. Believe this as the Truth. It is my promise to redeem the one who, with faith sings my praises, totally surrenders to me, remembers me constantly and meditates on me. How will anyone be longing for worldly pleasures, who thinks of my name, whorships me, studies me, whose holy reading are of me, who meditates on me and who continuously thinks of me!"

- Shri Sai Baba in Shri Sai Satcharita, Chapter 3



Shri Raj Thackeray, Founder and President of Maharashtra Navnirman Sena along with his wife availed the *darshan* of Shri Sai Baba's *Samadhi...* Smt. Bhagyashree Banayat, the then Chief Executive Officer of the Sansthan and Dr. Akash Kisave, Administrative Officer, were present on the occasion.



Smt. Bhagyashree Banayat, the then Chief Executive Officer of the Sansthan, felicitating Shri Raj Thackeray, Founder and President of Maharashtra Navnirman Sena along with his wife after availing the *darshan* of Shri Sai Baba's *Samadhi...* 



Shri P. V. Kumaravadivel, Managing Director of Jesai Healthcare India Pvt. Ltd. in Coimbatore and Director Shri K. Ashok Kumar donated a cardiac ambulance with equipment of FORCE company costing Rs. 35 lakhs to Shri Saibaba Sansthan. The donor Sai devotees handed over the keys of the said ambulance to Smt. Bhagyashree Banayat, the then Chief Executive Officer of the Sansthan on the occasion.





# Competitive Examinations Guidance Class Inaugurated in Shri Sai Baba College...







Management of the Shri Saibaba Sansthan Trust, Shirdi inaugurated the Sansthan's Guidance Classes for MPSC, UPSC and other competitive examinations in the Shri Sai Baba College.

The function was held at 12 noon on Monday, October 17, 2022 in the new educational complex. Addressing on the

occasion Smt. Bhagyashree Banayat, the then Chief Executive Officer, stated, "This guidance class is being started to generate a liking for MPSC, UPSC and other competitive examinations in you students. Students should specially avail the benefit of this class."

Administrative Officers of the Sansthan, Dr. Akash Kisave, Shri Dilip Ugale and Shri Kailas Kharade, Principal Shri Vikas Shivgaje, Shri Abhaykumar Dunakhe, Shri Gangadhar Varghude, Shri Asif Tamboli, Smt. Shilpa Pujari, Shri Ramnath Chaudhary, Shri Dada Jambhulkar, Head of the Information Technology department Shri Anil Shinde, Shri Ramesh Pujari graced the dais on the occasion.

Shri Shivaji Dhokane and Prof. Mubin Shaikh anchored the programme and Prof. Nanasaheb Gunjal proposed the vote of thanks.

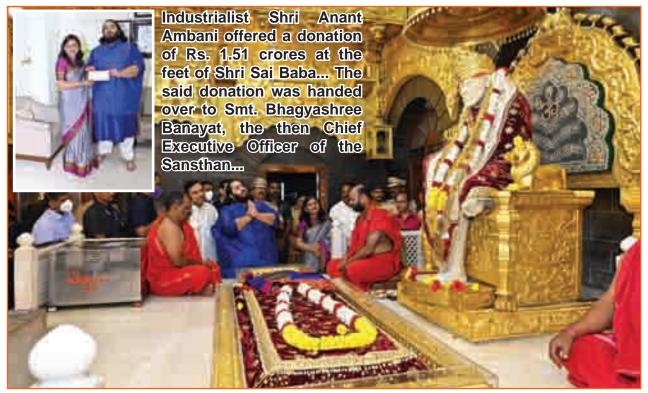






Dr. Mansukh Mandviya, Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare, Chemicals and Fertilizers, Government of India, availed the *darshan* of Shri Sai Baba's *Samadhi...* Smt. Bhagyashree Banayat, the then Chief Executive Officer of the Sansthan and Shri Sujay Vikhe Patil, Member of Parliament were present on the occasion.





Industrialist Shri Anant Ambani availed the *darshan* of Shri Sai Baba's *Samadhi...* Smt. Bhagyashree Banayat, the then Chief Executive Officer of the Sansthan was present on the occasion.



Advocate Shri Ashish Shelar, President of BJP Mumbai Region availed the *darshan* of Shri Sai Baba's *Samadhi...* 



Member of Parliament, Shri Raghav Chadda of *Aam Admi* Party, Delhi, availed the *darshan* of Shri Sai Baba's *Samadhi...* 



Smt. Polavarnam Kalyani, philanthropic Sai devotee of Hyderabad offered a golden necklace weighing 150.300 grams, costing Rs. 7.10 lakhs at the feet of Shri Sai Baba.



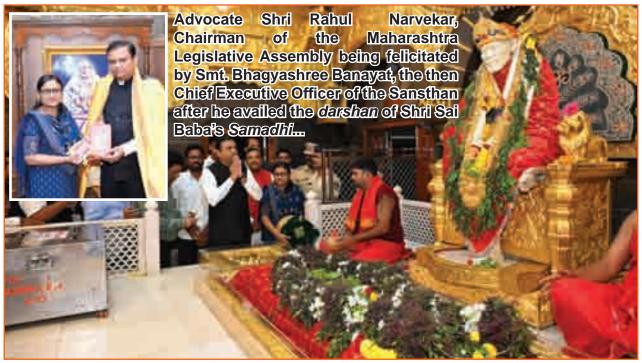
Industrialist Shri Robert Vadra, availed the *darshan* of Shri Sai Baba's *Samadhi...* Smt. Bhagyashree Banayat, the then Chief Executive Officer of the Sansthan was present on the occasion.



Industrialist Shri Robert Vadra being felicitated by Smt. Bhagyashree Banayat, the then Chief Executive Officer of the Sansthan after he availed the *darshan* of Shri Sai Baba's *Samadhi...* 



Shri Ajit Pawar, Opposition Leader of the Maharashtra Legislative Assembly, availed the *darshan* of Shri Sai Baba's *Samadhi...* Smt. Bhagyashree Banayat, the then Chief Executive Officer of the Sansthan was present on the occasion



Advocate Shri Rahul Narvekar, Chairman of the Maharashtra Legislative Assembly, availed the *darshan* of Shri Sai Baba's *Samadhi...* Smt. Bhagyashree Banayat, the then Chief Executive Officer of the Sansthan was present on the occasion.



Shri Rajesh Tope, former Health Minister, Maharashtra State, availed the *darshan* of Shri Sai Baba's *Samadhi*... Smt. Bhagyashree Banayat, the then Chief Executive Officer of the Sansthan was present on the occasion.



*Mantras* were chanted in front of Shri Sai Baba in the Shri Sai Baba *Samadhi Mandir* at 2.39 p.m. during the lunar eclipse (affected) period on Tuesday, November 8, 2022. After the *mantra* chanting ended, Shri Sai Baba was given the holy bath at 6.30 p.m. After that at 6.45 p.m. Shri Sai Baba's "Shirdi Majhe Pandharpur" *aarati* was done and *dhoop aarati* was done at 7 p.m.

#### Some Demands of Delegation of All-Party Villagers Accepted

Recently, all party villagers of Shirdi had come to meet Smt. Bhagyashree Banayat, the then Chief Executive Officer of the Sansthan with some demands. Amicable discussions were held between the Shirdi villagers and Smt. Banayat. Those demands that could be agreed upon without obstructing the security of the temple and the administrative work were immediately approved. Also, some demands would be accepted in phases, this assurance was given to the assembled villagers. Discussions were mainly held as per the demands of the villagers about allowing darshan, as per the crowd, by removing the glass in front of the Samadhi in the Samadhi Mandir, similarly fixing glass of less height by the temple department when it is crowded and giving entry to devotees in the inside of Dwarkamai, clearing the way for the villagers

to come and go at the gate, allowing to circumambulate at the *Gurusthan* when the *aarati* is on, removing excess barricades and making Shri Sai Satcharita available in those languages in which it is presently not available.

Also, all the villagers present expressed satisfaction at the positive role displayed by the Sansthan administration about the demands of the villagers. Shri Rajendra Gondkar, Shri Pratap Jagtap, Shri Shivaji Gondkar, Shri Vijay Jagtap, Shri Sachin Kote, Shri Dnyaneshwar Gondkar, Shri Mahendra Shelke, Shri Prakash Shelke, Shri Sanjay Shinde, Shri Ramesh Gondkar, Shri Sachin Shinde, Shri Ramesh Gondkar, Shri Sachin Shinde, Shri Sandeep Sonawane, Shri Ashok Kote, Shri Sujit Gondkar, Shri Vijay Gondkar, Shri Sumit Shelke, Shri Ashok Gondkar, Shri Gajanan Shervekar, Shri Amit Shelke and Shri Amrut Gaike were among the villagers present on the occasion.

### Gurusthan Opened for Pradakshina During Aarati As Before...

Smt. Bhagyashree Banayat, the then Chief Executive Officer of the Sansthan



informed that the *Gurusthan* has been opened, for *pradakshina* (circumambulation) during *aarati*, by the Shri Saibaba Sansthan Trust, Shirdi, as before, for Sai devotees coming for the *darshan* of Shri Sai Baba's *Samadhi*, from the *noon aarati* on Monday, November 14, 2022.

Smt. Banayat stated, "Many Sai devotees coming for the darshan of Shri Sai Baba used to circumambulate the Gurusthan while the *aarati* was going on. But, two years ago the corona virus had caused havoc worldwide and nationwide in 2020. Due to this corona virus crisis, the Indian government and the State government had imposed a lockdown. In this, instructions were given to avoid crowding at religious places and social venues. In that context, the Sansthan decided to keep the Shri Sai Baba Samadhi Mandir closed for the darshan to the devout-devotees from March 17, 2020. After that, the incidence of the spread of the corona virus having reduced in 2021, as the State government relaxed the corona norms the Shri Sai Baba Samadhi Mandir was opened for the darshan to the devout-devotees

from October 7, 2021. Also, the arrangementsfacility made as preventive measures against the spread of the corona virus is being relaxed in phases by the Sansthan.

Consequently, stating that from the *aarati* at noon on Monday, November 14, 2022, the *Gurusthan* of Shri Sai Baba was declared open for *pradakshina* during *aarati*, Smt. Banayat appealed that maximum devout avail the benefit of this facility.

Smt. Bhagyashree Banayat, the then Chief Executive Officer of the Sansthan, did the first *pradakshina* of Shri Sai Baba's *Gurusthan* as before after the corona period and inaugurated the facility. 100 to 150 devout-devotees did the *pradakshina* till the completion of the *aarati* along with her on the occasion. Devout-devotees, expressing joy at this facility being restored as before, thanked the Sansthan administration. Dr. Akash Kisave, Administrative Officer of the Sansthan, Shri Annasaheb Pardeshi, Security Officer, Shri Ramesh Chaudhary, Head of the temple department, employees and Sai devotees were present on the occasion.

## Inauguration of Shri Sai Diary and Calendar Published by the Sansthan

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inaugurated the Shri Sai Diary and Shri Sai Baba Calendar 2023 published by the Shri Saibaba Sansthan Trust, Shirdi, on November 17, 2022. Shri Rahul Jadhav, Deputy Executive Officer of the Sansthan, Dr. Akash Kisave, Shri Dilip Ugale, Shri Sanjay Jori and Shri Kailas Kharade, Administrative Officers, Shri Ramesh Chaudhary, Temple Chief, Shri Annasaheb Pardeshi, Security Officer, Shri Arun Patil, Head of the publications department and employees were present on the occasion.

The Sansthan's Ad-hoc Committee's Member and District Collector of Ahmednagar, Dr. Rajendra Bhosale availed the *darshan* of Shri Sai's *Samadhi* on the occasion of Deepavali. Shri Sai's *dhooparati* was done at 6 p.m. after the Laxmi-Kuber worship. *Darshan* queue for Sai devotees started after the *dhooparati*. Shri Sai's *Shejarati* was done at 10 p.m. Sai devotee Smt. Kavita Kotvani and Shri Ganesh Shete (Shani Shingnapur), Shaneshwar Decorators did the electrical lighting free of cost and the attractive floral decoration was done from the donation of philanthropic Sai devotee Shri R. Panchpakesan in the Shri Sai Baba *Samadhi Mandir* and its premises on the occasion of Deepavali.



Shri Eknath Shinde, Chief Minister of Maharashtra State availed the *darshan* of Shri Sai Baba's *Samadhi...* Shri Radhakrishna Vikhe Patil, Revenue Minister, Shri Deepak Kesarkar, Minister of School Education, Shri Rahul Jadhav, Deputy Chief Executive Officer of the Sansthan, were present on the occasion.

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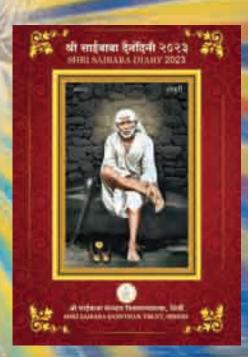
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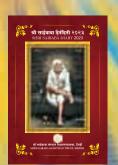
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