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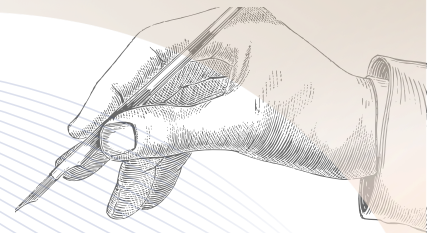
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# Editorial



## RAM NAVAMI 2026: AWAKENING THE DHARMA VS DAVIL

As the sacred festival of Ram Navami dawns upon us in 2026, it brings with it a timeless reminder of righteousness, inner strength, and divine purpose. Celebrating the birth of Lord Rama is not merely a ritualistic observance—it is an invitation to reflect upon the ideals that define a meaningful and harmonious life. Lord Rama, revered as Maryada Purushottam, embodies the highest standards of virtue, discipline, and compassion. His life is not just a story from the past; it is a guiding light for the present and the future. In an age marked by rapid change, ethical dilemmas, and emotional unrest, the message of Ram Navami resonates more deeply than ever: that truth, patience, and integrity are the pillars upon which both individuals and societies must stand.

This year, Ram Navami calls upon us to move beyond celebration into introspection. Are we living with integrity? Are we upholding compassion in our relationships? Are we steadfast in our duties despite challenges? These questions echo the essence of Rama's journey—a journey not devoid of trials, but rich with purpose and unwavering commitment to Dharma.

Spiritual teacher Dr. C. B. Satpathy beautifully reminds us: "Lord Rama is not just a historical figure; He is a state of consciousness that awakens when we align ourselves with truth and righteousness." In another reflection, he shares: "Dharma is not imposed from outside; it blossoms within when the heart becomes pure and the mind steady."

These words inspire us to understand that the celebration of Ram Navami is not confined to temples or rituals—it lives in our thoughts, our choices, and our actions. When we choose honesty over convenience, kindness over indifference, and courage over fear, we celebrate Rama in the truest sense.

At Sai Divine, we believe festivals are opportunities to reconnect—with our roots, our values, and our inner selves. In that spirit, our celebration extends beyond words into action. This year, we are humbled to continue our community-focused initiatives, including our Food Drive, where volunteers come together to serve meals to those in need.

Alongside this, we are actively engaged in various charity programs—supporting underprivileged families, contributing to educational assistance for children, and organizing outreach efforts that bring hope and dignity to many lives. These initiatives are our small yet sincere attempt to live the teachings of Lord Rama—where service (seva) becomes an expression of devotion.

We also take this moment to express our heartfelt gratitude to our Sai Divine Family, whose unwavering support, dedication, and spirit of selfless service make all these efforts possible. Your compassion, commitment, and unity continue to inspire us every day. It is through your collective strength that our vision of spreading love, care, and dharma turns into reality. We remain deeply thankful for each one of you who walks this path with us.

Let Ram Navami be a turning point, where devotion transforms into daily practice, and ideals become lived realities. May our acts of kindness become the truest offerings at the feet of the Divine.

May the spirit of Lord Rama guide us toward clarity in confusion, strength in adversity, and humility in success. May we each become torchbearers of dharma in our own unique ways.

**Wishing all our readers a blessed and reflective Ram Navami 2026.**

EDITOR  
Sai Divine Foundation

# Ram Navami Message 2026



The Indian Society accepts Shri Ram as the 'Maryada Purusha' - the epitome of noble values. Shri Rama sacrificed everything to uphold the honour of his dynasty and race, to fulfil the promise of his father Dashrath, and devoted heart and soul towards the welfare of this kingdom and its subjects. Shri Sainath is known by many names, one of them is 'Sairam'. Shri Sainath was an epitome of compassion and kindness. His main concern of life was His devotees. On the one hand, He used to bless them and improved their material, mental and spiritual condition. On the other hand, like a concerned mother, He used to cook food and serve it to all the devotees and animals present there. At times He sang bhajans with them or even played with children like a young boy. He used to address His horse as His son. That is why Sainath is also worshipped as Sai Mother, though He was in the State of 'Poorna Bramha'. He had taken Avtaric form and often used to say that He would be born again and again till all His devotees get liberated.

For these reasons He has been aptly hailed as 'Sairam'. Reportedly, many devotees have seen Him in the graceful form of Shri Ramchandra at Shirdi. There is no definite information about the date of birth, place of birth and early childhood of Sri Sainath. Sai Baba never disclosed anything about His place and date of birth as He Himself had only said that He was born out of *Brahma* and *Maya*. Therefore, on the Ram Navami Day, Sai Baba's Birthday is celebrated at Shirdi and elsewhere, with great devotion and fervour. Even Baba celebrated Ram Navami with devotees at Shirdi.

It is the duty of all of us, the devotees of Shri Sai, to maintain the noble values that Shri Sai Baba stood for. These are mutual co-existence, amity with all religions, love and compassion for all living and non-living beings and to realize *Sat-Chit-Anand*.

May Shri Sai bless us all.

**Dr C. B. Satpathy**  
**Gurugram**

## From Our Beloved Guruji Dr. C.B Satpathy



Truth is ever-present in life, though facts may fade and illusions may appear real.

Time, in its essence, is a seamless flow — eternal and indivisible.

Ever since the evolution of the human consciousness, there have always been some who were instrumental in opening the treasures in different fields of knowledge, including in the spiritual field.

In a way, one can state that a society will be what its teachers (Guru) are.

# SILENCING THE TEN HEADS - THE DIVINE DISSONANCE OF EVIL

By **Atishay Jain**  
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As the fragrance of incense fills the air and the rhythmic chanting of "Sri Rama Jayam" echoes through us, I often find myself reflecting on a fundamental truth of the human experience. Beyond the festivities and the beautiful decorations lies a sincere question: Why is it that, despite the complexities of the world, the human heart possesses an innate, distaste for "evil"?

I believe the answer doesn't lie in social conditioning, but in our original blueprint. Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba often reminded us that our true nature is Ananda pure, unadulterated bliss. When we encounter "evil" be it in the form of cruelty, or raw selfishness, we feel a sharp internal dissonance. It is much like a musician hearing a discordant note in a beautiful symphony. We don't dislike the "evil" person; we recoil from the vibration of Adharma because it is a foreign element to the soul. Our spirit knows, even when our minds are clouded, that we were never meant to be defined by shadows, but by the light.

Lord Rama's life, the Ramayana, serves as the ultimate mirror for this internal reality. We celebrate Rama not just as a historical figure, but as the Maryada Purushottama, the Supreme Man who lived the perfect standard of righteousness. When we look at Rama, we see our potential. When we look at Ravana, we see our ego's distortions. We "dislike" evil because it represents the bondage of the ten senses, symbolized by Ravana's ten heads, which pulls us away from our inherent divinity. We gravitate toward Rama because his presence feels like coming home. His adherence to Truth, even at the cost of his kingdom, resonates with that quiet voice inside all of us that yearns to be better, kinder, and more selfless.

In our work within the Sai Organization, we see this played quite often. When we serve the poor, there is a natural flow of peace. Conversely, when we witness injustice, we feel a heaviness in our chest. This "dislike" for evil is a divine grace; it is our inner compass signaling that we have veered off the path of Dharma. It is the soul's way of saying, "This is not who you are."

As we celebrate the birth of the Divine Prince of Ayodhya, let us look beyond the external battle of Lanka and recognize the Ramayana happening within. Our distaste for the "evil" in the world should be the fuel that ignites our commitment to the "good" within ourselves. Ram Navami is a call to align our thoughts, words, and deeds until they harmonize with the song of the Atma. By choosing love over ego and sacrifice over self-interest, we don't just celebrate Rama, we allow him to be born once again in the sanctuary of our own hearts.

# THE SECRET OF OM (ॐ)

**By Namita Rani Subudhi  
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**Om** has been created from the Brahmanda (the cosmic universe), just as our soul and body are created. Inside our body there exists Paranada (the primordial sound), which continuously creates divine fragments.

Beyond this existence there is a vast region called Ring Pass Not. It exists beyond the three worlds Bhu, Bhuvah, and Svah. No one can cross or enter this region. What we call Pitru Loka and other subtle realms are related to this area. All creation begins there and then comes into the regions of Bhu, Bhuvah, and Svah.

When the sound of Paranada tries to enter this existence, it breaks into stages. First it enters the Pashyanti level (electric or energy plane). Then it moves into the Madhyama level (the molecular or subtle world)... Finally, it breaks again and manifests in the Vaikhari level {the physical world}

In the Bhagavad Gita, Krishna says:

“I am the syllable Om in all the Vedas.”

This means that Om represents the highest truth.

By chanting Om during meditation, the mind connects with the divine.

Summary of OM in the Gita :

It represents Brahman: It is the sacred sound representing the formless, absolute Supreme.

It is Meditation: It is used as a tool to focus the mind on the Divine.

It is Liberation: Chanting Om at the time of death leads to liberation (attaining the supreme goal)

In Bhagbad Geeta 8 th chapter 13 shloka, Bhagban explains :

“He who leaves his body while chanting the one syllable 'Om', which represents Brahma (God), and remembering My (Krishna/God) form, attains the ultimate salvation.”

## 1. Concept of Om in Mandukya Upanishad -

The Mandukya Upanishad says that Om or Aum is the symbol of the entire universe. Om is made of three sounds:

- A - Creation
- U - Preservation
- M - Dissolution

After these three sounds there is complete silence, which is called the Turiya state. This is the divine state where the soul experiences unity with the Supreme reality.

## 2. Om in the Bhagavad Gita

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## 3. Connection with your idea of Paranada

Your concept of Paranada → Pashyanti → Madhyama → Vaikhari is also part of the Vedic philosophy of sound.

This means that:

- Everything first arises in pure consciousness
- Then it becomes energy
- Then it appears as thought
- Finally it manifests as speech or physical form

## 4. Meaning for our life

If Om is a cosmic code, then decoding it means:

1. Meditation - Chant Om daily
2. Knowledge - Understand the soul and the universe
3. Good actions - Do good deeds for others

By living in this way, a person can gradually experience the deeper mysteries of the universe.

**Om Sri Sai**  
**Om Sri Gurudev**

# WHAT IS SPIRITUAL MEANS

**By Sanjeeb Panigrahi**

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Spirituality is a broad concept that encompasses a sense of connection to something greater than oneself. It involves seeking meaning, purpose, and transcendence in life. While it often intersects with religion, spirituality is not necessarily tied to any specific religious beliefs or practices. Instead, it focuses on the individual's inner experience and relationship with the universe, the divine, or the sacred.

Key aspects of spirituality include:

- **Inner Journey:** Spirituality often involves introspection and self-exploration to discover one's true self, beyond the superficial aspects of identity.
- **Connection:** It emphasizes a sense of interconnectedness with all living beings, nature, and the cosmos. This connection can foster empathy, compassion, and a deeper appreciation for life.
- **Meaning and Purpose:** Spirituality seeks to understand the meaning of existence and one's purpose in life, beyond material success or societal expectations.
- **Transcendence:** It involves experiences that go beyond the ordinary and mundane, such as moments of awe, inspiration, or deep peace.
- **Ethical Living:** Many spiritual traditions promote values such as kindness, forgiveness, gratitude, and service to others as integral to spiritual growth.
- **Practice:** Spiritual practices can include meditation, prayer, yoga, contemplation, rituals, and mindfulness. These practices vary widely depending on cultural, religious, and individual beliefs.

Spirituality is a deeply personal journey that can lead to personal growth, resilience in the face of challenges, and a greater sense of fulfillment and inner peace. It is a quest for understanding the mysteries of existence and finding harmony between the physical, emotional, mental, and spiritual aspects of life. In the fast-paced and often materialistic world we live in, the concept of spirituality provides a profound counterbalance, offering individuals a pathway to deeper understanding, inner peace, and a sense of purpose beyond the tangible aspects of life. Unlike religion, which is often associated with organized belief systems and rituals, spirituality is a more personal and subjective experience that revolves around the exploration of one's inner self and connection to something greater.

At its core, spirituality is about seeking a meaningful connection with oneself, others, the universe, or a higher power. It transcends the boundaries of religious dogma and cultural practices, focusing instead on the individual's inner journey of self-discovery, introspection, and reflection. While spirituality can be influenced by religious beliefs, it is not confined to them; it encompasses a wide spectrum of beliefs, practices, and experiences that vary greatly from person to person. Spirituality encourages individuals to delve deep into their thoughts, emotions, and beliefs, aiming to understand their true essence and purpose in life. This process often involves questioning societal norms and exploring existential questions about existence and the nature of reality. Central to spirituality is the idea of interconnectedness – with oneself, with others, and with the universe. This sense of unity fosters empathy, compassion, and a greater appreciation for the diversity of life forms and experiences. Spirituality seeks to uncover the deeper meaning behind life events and experiences, helping individuals find a sense of purpose that transcends material pursuits. It provides a framework for ethical decision-making and living in alignment with one's values and beliefs. Spiritual experiences often involve moments of transcendence, where individuals feel connected to something larger than themselves. These experiences can be transformative, leading to personal growth, resilience, and a heightened sense of awareness. While spirituality is deeply personal, it is often cultivated through practices such as meditation, prayer, mindfulness, yoga, and contemplation. These practices help individuals cultivate inner peace, mindfulness, and a deeper connection to their spiritual beliefs.

Spirituality is inherently diverse, reflecting the rich tapestry of human beliefs, cultures, and experiences across the globe. It can be expressed through various religious traditions, philosophical teachings, indigenous practices, and even secular ideologies that emphasize humanistic values and environmental stewardship. Ultimately, the essence of spirituality lies in the quest for understanding, connection, and harmony within oneself and with the world.

Engaging in spiritual practices and exploring one's spirituality can bring about numerous benefits:

- **Inner Peace and Fulfillment:** By connecting with their inner selves and finding meaning in life, individuals often experience a profound sense of peace and fulfillment.

- **Improved Mental and Emotional Well-being:** Spirituality promotes emotional resilience, reduces stress, and enhances overall psychological well-being by fostering a positive outlook and coping mechanisms.
- **Enhanced Relationships:** A deeper spiritual connection can strengthen relationships with others, fostering empathy, understanding, and compassion.
- **Sense of Community:** Many spiritual traditions emphasize community and collective rituals, providing a sense of belonging and support.

In a world where material wealth and external achievements often dominate the discourse, spirituality offers a refreshing perspective – one that encourages individuals to look inward, explore their beliefs and values, and cultivate a deeper connection to themselves and the world around them. It is a journey of self-discovery and growth that transcends cultural boundaries and religious affiliations, inviting individuals to find meaning, purpose, and inner peace amidst the complexities of modern life. As more people embrace spirituality, the pursuit of personal fulfillment and collective well-being continues to evolve, enriching lives and fostering a more harmonious and interconnected global community.

Spirituality, with its emphasis on ethical living, mindfulness, and interconnectedness, plays a significant role in guiding individuals towards performing good actions or "good karmas" within society. Here's how spirituality contributes to fostering positive actions and behaviors: Spiritual traditions often emphasize universal values such as compassion, kindness, honesty, and respect for all living beings. These ethical principles provide a moral compass for individuals, guiding their decisions and actions towards benefiting others and the community. Spirituality encourages individuals to cultivate virtues and qualities that contribute to societal well-being, such as patience, forgiveness, and generosity. Through practices like meditation and self-reflection, people develop greater self-awareness and empathy, which are crucial for understanding the impact of their actions on others.

- **Spiritual practices, such as mindfulness meditation, help individuals become more aware of their thoughts, emotions, and intentions. This heightened awareness enables them to make conscious choices that align with their values and have positive repercussions for society.**
- **Responsibility and Accountability:** Spirituality teaches personal responsibility for one's actions and their consequences. By understanding the interconnectedness of all beings, individuals are motivated to act in ways that promote harmony, justice, and environmental sustainability.

Spirituality, with its emphasis on ethical values, mindfulness, and compassionate action, empowers individuals to contribute positively to society by performing good karmas. By cultivating inner transformation, promoting ethical conduct, and fostering a sense of interconnectedness, spirituality not only enhances personal well-being but also strengthens the fabric of communities and promotes a more harmonious and just world. As individuals and communities integrate spiritual principles into their daily lives, they play a crucial role in collectively shaping a future where good actions and positive outcomes prevail for the benefit of all.

Spiritual gurus, often revered for their wisdom, guidance, and spiritual insight, play a significant role in the lives of their followers by offering profound assistance and support in various ways.

As in Shri Gurubhagawat, Volume II written by Dr C.B. Satpathy , when the spiritual guru play the role of gardener, the disciple plays the role of a tree. He rears the sapling with due care and caution. When the tree is fully grown, it bears flower and fruits. After digging a hole, the gardener, initially cleans it at first, Similarly, the Guru cleans the mundane impression of the past live of the devotee.

Spiritual gurus possess deep knowledge and understanding of spiritual principles, practices, and philosophies. They guide their disciples or followers on their spiritual journey by imparting teachings that help clarify complex spiritual concepts, provide practical advice on meditation, mindfulness, and self-awareness, and offer insights into the nature of existence and the self. Gurus assist individuals in exploring their inner selves, confronting challenges, and overcoming obstacles on their path to self-discovery. Through personalized guidance and encouragement, gurus empower their followers to cultivate virtues such as patience, compassion, and humility, which are essential for spiritual growth. Beyond intellectual teachings, spiritual gurus often serve as compassionate mentors who offer emotional and psychological support. They provide a safe space for individuals to express their feelings, fears, and doubts, offering wisdom and reassurance to navigate life's ups and downs with equanimity and resilience. Gurus embody the spiritual ideals they teach, serving as role models of compassion, integrity, and humility. Their way of life inspires followers to emulate these qualities and integrate spiritual principles into their daily lives, fostering a positive impact on their relationships, careers, and personal well-being. Gurus often gather disciples or followers into spiritual communities or ashrams where individuals can practice together, learn from one another, and support each other's

spiritual journeys. These communities provide a sense of belonging and mutual encouragement, reinforcing the values and teachings imparted by the guru.

Spiritual gurus may possess the ability to facilitate healing on physical, emotional, and spiritual levels through practices such as energy healing, blessings, or guided meditations. Their presence and blessings are believed to have transformative effects on individuals, promoting inner peace, clarity, and well-being. Gurus emphasize the importance of ethical conduct and moral values in spiritual practice. They guide their followers in making ethical choices and living in harmony with others and the natural world, promoting social responsibility and environmental stewardship.

Spiritual gurus play a multifaceted role in guiding and supporting individuals on their spiritual journey. Through their teachings, personal example, emotional support, and transformative presence, gurus empower their followers to cultivate spiritual awareness, inner peace, and a deeper connection to the divine or universal consciousness. The relationship between a disciple and a spiritual guru is characterized by mutual respect, trust, and a shared commitment to spiritual growth and enlightenment.

Spiritualism has the potential to significantly change a person's behavior. Spiritual practices often encourage introspection and self-awareness, leading individuals to examine their thoughts, emotions, and beliefs. This introspection can bring about a deeper understanding of oneself and others, leading to changes in behavior based on greater empathy, compassion, and mindfulness.

Many spiritual traditions emphasize ethical conduct and moral principles such as honesty, kindness, forgiveness, and non-violence. Engaging in spiritual practices can inspire individuals to align their actions more closely with these values, leading to more considerate and principled behavior in their interactions with others. Spiritual teachings often encourage selflessness and service to others. Individuals who embrace these teachings may become more inclined to engage in acts of kindness, generosity, and community service, thereby positively impacting their behavior towards others and society at large. Spiritual practices like meditation, prayer, and mindfulness are known to promote emotional regulation and resilience. By cultivating inner peace and equanimity, individuals may respond more calmly and compassionately to challenging situations, reducing impulsivity and reactive behavior.

Spirituality often shifts focus away from material wealth and ego-centric desires towards a deeper sense of purpose and connection. This change in perspective can lead individuals to prioritize meaningful relationships, personal growth, and contributing to the well-being of others over material pursuits and self-centered behaviors. Many spiritual traditions emphasize the interconnectedness of all beings and the environment. This awareness can foster a greater sense of responsibility towards others and the planet, motivating individuals to adopt behaviors that promote sustainability, social justice, and environmental stewardship. Spiritualism encourages individuals to strive for continual personal growth and transformation. This ongoing journey of self-improvement often involves overcoming negative habits, cultivating positive qualities, and embodying values that contribute to a more harmonious and compassionate way of living.

While the extent and nature of behavioral change through spiritualism may vary from person to person, many individuals experience profound shifts in their attitudes, actions, and relationships as a result of engaging in spiritual practices and embracing spiritual teachings. By fostering inner transformation, ethical development, altruism, and a deeper sense of interconnectedness, spiritualism can indeed lead to positive changes in behavior that benefit both the individual and society.

**Jai Shri Sai**

# **BHAKTHI OF HANUMAN FOR SHRIRAM !!**

**By Padmaja Puppala**

**Dallas, Texas**

Hanuman's devotion, or bhakthi, toward Lord Rama and Devi Sita stands as one of the purest and most powerful examples of selfless love in all spiritual traditions. His devotion was not driven by desire, fear, or expectation of reward—it was born out of complete surrender, unwavering faith, and deep love.

From the moment Hanuman first met Lord Rama, he recognized in Him the embodiment of righteousness, compassion, and divine truth. Hanuman did not merely see Rama as a king or a hero; he saw Him as the Supreme Being. This realization transformed Hanuman's life entirely. From that moment onward, every thought, word, and action of Hanuman was dedicated to serving Rama.

Hanuman's devotion was not passive—it was active, courageous, and tireless. When Devi Sita was taken to Lanka, it was Hanuman who undertook the impossible journey across the ocean to find her. With immense determination and faith in Rama, he leapt across the vast sea, overcoming countless obstacles along the way. His strength came from devotion; he believed that as long as he was serving Rama, nothing could stand in his way.

Upon finding Sita in Ashoka Vatika, Hanuman displayed courage along with humility and sensitivity. He approached her gently, spoke words of comfort, and presented Rama's ring as a symbol of hope. At that moment, Hanuman became the bridge between Rama and Sita, carrying love and reassurance from one to the other.

Hanuman's devotion reached even greater heights during the war against Ravana. Whether it was carrying messages, defeating powerful warriors, or bringing the life-saving herb to revive Lakshmana, Hanuman served tirelessly without any thought of recognition or reward. For him, every act was an offering to Rama.

One of the most beautiful aspects of Hanuman's bhakthi is his humility. Despite his immense strength and wisdom, he always considered himself a servant of Rama. He believed he was nothing without Rama, and that all his abilities came from devotion. This humility made his bhakthi even more profound.

Hanuman's love for Sita was equally deep, filled with reverence and purity. He saw her as the divine mother and treated her with utmost respect. His mission to find and comfort Sita was not just a duty—it was an expression of his devotion to both Rama and Sita.

What makes Hanuman's devotion truly extraordinary is its selflessness. He never asked for anything in return—not wealth, power, or even liberation. His only desire was to remain in the service of Rama forever.

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Another deeply cherished belief is that Hanuman is always present wherever the name of Lord Rama is spoken with sincerity and devotion. It is said that the moment someone chants "Rama," Hanuman arrives invisibly, listening with folded hands and a heart full of joy. His love for Rama's name is so profound that he cannot stay away from it. In temples, homes, or gatherings where Rama Nama is sung, devotees believe that Hanuman quietly sits among them, absorbing every syllable with devotion.

Stories often describe how Hanuman's eyes fill with tears when he hears Rama's name, as it reminds him of his beloved Lord. This belief reflects the idea that true devotion transcends physical presence. Even today, Hanuman is considered ever-living, moving wherever Rama's glory is praised. His presence is not always seen, but it is deeply felt by those who chant with faith. Thus, Hanuman continues to inspire devotees, reminding them that sincere prayer and remembrance of Rama invite divine grace and the silent, loving presence of the greatest devotee himself.

Hanuman's bhakthi teaches us that true devotion is not about rituals alone, but about love, surrender, and service. It shows that when one dedicates oneself completely to a higher purpose, even the impossible becomes possible. His life is a reminder that strength guided by devotion, and action driven by love, can overcome any challenge. In every age, Hanuman remains a shining example of what it means to love selflessly and serve wholeheartedly. His devotion to Lord Rama and Devi Sita continues to inspire millions, reminding us that the purest form of bhakthi lies in unwavering faith, humility, and unconditional love.

**JAI SIYARAM JAI HANUMAN !!**

# AN EDUCE FROM SHRI SAI SATCHARITRA

## CHAPTER XXVI

All the things that we see in the universe are nothing but Maya's games– the creative power of the Lord. These things do not really exist. What really exists is the Real Absolute. Just as we mistake a rope for a garland or a stick for a serpent in the darkness, we always see things as they outwardly appear and not as what underlies all those visible things. It is only the Sadguru who opens the eyes of our understanding and enables us to see things in their true light and not as they appear. Let us therefore worship the Sadguru and pray to him to give us true vision, which is God-vision.

### Inner Worship

Hemadpant has given us a novel form of worship; Let us, he says, use warm water in the form of tears of joy to wash the Sadguru's feet, let us besmear His body with the sandal paste of pure love, let us cover His body with the cloth of true faith, let us offer eight lotuses in the form of our eight Sattwik emotions and fruit in the form of our concentrated mind and let us apply to His head bukka (black-powder) in the form of devotion and tie the waistband of Bhakti and place our head on his feet.

After decorating the Sadguru with jewelry in this way, let us offer our all to Him and wave the fan of devotion to ward off the heat. After such blissful worship, let us pray thus: "Introvert our mind, turn it inward, help us to discriminate between the Unreal and the Real and attain non-attachment for all worldly things and thus enable us to attain Self-realization. We surrender ourselves, body and soul (body-consciousness and ego), to You. Make our eyes Yours, so that we shall never feel pleasure and pain. Control our body and mind as You wish. Let our mind attain peace at Your Feet."

### Bhakta Pant

Once it so happened that a devotee named Pant, a disciple of another Sadguru, had the good fortune of visiting Shirdi. He had no desire to go to Shirdi, but man proposes one way and God disposes the other. He was travelling in a train where he met many friends bound for Shirdi. They all asked him to accompany them and he could not refuse. They alighted at Bombay, while Pant got down at Virar. There, he asked his Sadguru for permission to go to Shirdi and after arranging for the expenses, left with his friends for Shirdi.

They all reached the place in the morning and went to the Masjid at about 11 A.M. Upon seeing the concourse of devotees assembled for Baba's worship, they were all pleased, but Pant suddenly had a fit and fainted. They were all frightened but they tried their best to bring him to his senses. With Baba's grace and with pitchers of water poured over his head, he regained his consciousness and sat upright, as if he had just been awakened from deep sleep. The omniscient Baba, knowing that he was a disciple of another Guru, assured him fearlessness and confirmed his faith in his own Guru, by addressing him as follows, "Come what may, stick to your Bolster (support, i.e. his Guru) and always remain steady and in union with him." Pant at once knew the significance of this remark and thus he was reminded of his Sadguru. He never forgot Baba's kindness in this regard.

### **Harishchandra Pitale**

There was a gentleman named Harishchandra Pitale who lived in Bombay. He had a son who suffered from epilepsy. He tried many allopathic and Ayurvedic doctors, but was unable to cure his son's epilepsy. There remained only one remedy- resorting to the saints. It has been stated in Chapter 15 that Das Ganu, by his inimitable and splendid kirtans (songs in praise of the Lord), spread Sai Baba's fame in the Bombay Presidency. Mr. Pitale heard some of these kirtans in 1910 and learnt therefrom and from others that Baba, by His touch and mere glance, cured many incurable diseases. Then a desire arose in his mind to see Sai Baba. After making the necessary preparations, which included presents and fruit-baskets for Baba, Mr. Pitale came to Shirdi with his wife and children. He then went to the Masjid with them, prostrated before Baba and placed his sick son at Baba's Feet. As soon as the child was placed before Baba, the child immediately rolled his eyes and fell down senseless. His mouth began to foam and his whole body began to perspire profusely and it seemed as if he had breathed himself out. Seeing this, the parents became very nervous. The boy used to get such fits very often, but this fit seemed to last much longer. Tears began to flow ceaselessly from the mother's eyes and she began to wail, crying that her condition was like that of a person, who being afraid of robbers ran into a house which collapsed on him; or like a cow who, fearing a tiger, ran into the hands of a butcher; or like a traveler who, being tormented by the heat of the sun, took refuge under a tree which fell on him. Then Baba comforted her saying, "Do not wail like this; wait a bit and have patience. Take the boy to your lodging, he will come to his senses within half an hour."

They did as directed by Baba and found that His words came true. As soon as he was taken to the Wada, the boy recovered and the whole Pitale family was very delighted and all their doubts disappeared. Then Mr. Pitale came with his wife to see Baba and prostrated himself before Baba. He very humbly and respectfully sat shampooing Baba's legs, mentally thanking Baba for His help. Baba then smilingly said, "Aren't all your thoughts, doubts and apprehensions calmed now? The Lord will protect those who have faith and patience". Mr. Pitale was a rich and well-to-do gentleman; He distributed sweets on a large scale and gave Baba excellent fruits and pan (betel-leaves). Mrs. Pitale was a very simple, loving and faithful lady. She used to sit near the post staring at Baba with tears of joy flowing from her eyes. Seeing that she had an amicable and loving nature, Baba was very pleased with her. Like Gods, Saints are always dependent on their devotees who surrender and worship them with their heart and soul. After spending a few happy days in Baba's company, the Pitale family came to the Masjid to ask for Baba's leave. Baba gave them Udi and blessings and called Mr. Pitale close and said to him, "Bapu, I had given you two rupees a while back and now I give you three; keep these in your shrine for worship and you will be benefited." Mr. Pitale accepted these as Prasad, prostrated himself again before Baba and prayed for His blessings. He was puzzled by the fact that this was his first trip to Shirdi and could not understand what Baba meant, when He said that He had given him two rupees previously. He was curious to have this mystery solved, but Baba never explained it. When Mr. Pitale returned to Bombay, he narrated to his old mother all that had happened at Shirdi and the mystery about Baba giving him two rupees previously. The mother too did not understand the mystery initially, but upon thinking about it more seriously, she was reminded of an old incident which solved the mystery. She said to her son, "As you now went to Sai Baba with your son, so had your father; he took you to Akkalkot, for the darshana of the Maharaj, many years ago. That Maharaj was also a Siddha, a perfect Yogi, omniscient and liberal. Your father was pure and devout and his worship was accepted. He then gave your father two rupees to keep in the shrine and worship. Your father worshipped them accordingly till his death, but thereafter the worship was neglected and the rupees were lost. After a few years, the memory of these two rupees also disappeared. And now, as you are very fortunate, the Akkalkotkar Maharaj has appeared to you in the form of Sai Baba, just to remind you of your duties and worship, and to ward off all dangers. Now beware henceforth, leave off all doubts and bad thoughts, follow the path of your ancestors and behave well; go on worshipping the family gods and the rupees and take pride in the blessings of the Saints. Sai Samartha has kindly revived the spirit of Bhakti in you.

Cultivate it to your benefit.” Hearing his mother’s remarks, Mr. Pitale was very delighted. He was convinced about Baba’s all-pervasiveness and the significance of His darshan. From that time on, he became very careful about his behavior.

### **Mr. Ambadekar**

Mr. Gopal Narayan Ambadekar of Pune was Baba’s devotee. He worked for ten years in the Abkari department in the Thana District, from where he had to retire. He tried to get another job, but did not succeed. He was overtaken by other calamities and his condition grew from bad to worse. He endured 7 years in this condition, visiting Shirdi every year and placing his grievances before Baba. In 1916, his situation got to its worst point and he decided to commit suicide in Shirdi. So he came there with his wife and had been living there for two months. One night, while sitting in a bullock cart in front of Dixit’s Wada, he decided to end his life by throwing himself into a nearby well. He proposed to do one thing, but Baba had other plans for him. Just a few paces from this place, there was a hotel whose proprietor was a man named Mr. Sagun. Just as Mr. Ambadekar was thinking about ending his life, Sagun approached Ambadekar with a book in hand and said, “Have you ever read about the Akkalkot Maharaj’s life?” Ambadekar took the book from Sagun and began to read it. Casually, or we may say providentially, he came across a story which was to this effect: During the lifetime of Akkalkot Maharaj, a certain devotee suffered very much from an incurable disease. And when he could no longer endure the agony and pain, he became desperate and to end his miseries, threw himself into a well one night. Immediately, the Maharaj appeared and took him out with his own hands and advised him thus, “You must enjoy the fruit, good or bad, of your past actions; if the enjoyment is incomplete, suicide won’t help you. You will have to take another birth and suffer again. So, instead of killing yourself, why not suffer for some time, exhaust the store of fruit of your past deeds and be done with it once and for all?”

Upon reading this appropriate and timely story, Ambadekar was very surprised and moved. Had he not got Baba’s hint through the story, he would have been no more. On seeing Baba’s all-pervasiveness and benevolence, his faith in Baba was confirmed and he became a staunch devotee. His father was a devotee of Akkalkot Maharaj and Sai Baba wanted him to walk in his father’s footsteps and continue his devotion to Him. He then got Sai Baba’s blessings and his prospects began to improve. He studied astrology and gained proficiency in it and thereby improved his lot. He was able to earn sufficient money and passed his later life in ease and comfort.

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**Millions Embark on Sacred Shirdi Parikrama 2026, in presence of renowned spiritual thinker Rev. Shri. Chandra Bhanu Satpathy**



Shirdi, Maharashtra - February 13, 2026: The annual Shirdi Parikrama commenced today at the holy town of Shirdi, drawing thousands of pilgrims across Maharashtra and other parts of India. The event, a cherished tradition honoring Shri Shirdi Sai Baba, began at the historic Khandoba Temple and was graced by the presence of eminent spiritual figure Rev. Shri Chandra Bhanu Satpathy.

Rev. Shri Chandra Bhanu Satpathy, a noted scholar, humanitarian, and ardent devotee of Shirdi Sai Baba, formally opened the Shirdi Parikrama. Widely revered for his teachings on Sai philosophy and his efforts to spread Baba's message of love, compassion, and service globally, Dr. Satpathy's participation added deep spiritual significance to the occasion. He performed the sacred aarti at the Khandoba Temple alongside Shri Goraksha Gadilkar (IAS), Chief Executive Officer of the Shree Saibaba Sansthan Trust, Shirdi and brought the portrait of Shirdi Baba from Khandoba Temple to the Chariot

The parikrama started at 5:00 AM on Friday, with devotees undertaking the circumambulation of Shirdi in a spirit of faith, humility, and saburi (patience). This sacred journey, symbolizing surrender and devotion to Sai Baba, winds through key sites associated with the saint's life, fostering a sense of unity among participants.

Extensive arrangements were in place to ensure the comfort and safety of the pilgrims. Shree Saibaba Sansthan Trust, Shirdi in association with The Green Clean Shirdi Foundation, Shirdi Municipal Council, local police, and residents of Shirdi, worked tirelessly to welcome devotees. Measures included cleanliness drives, provision of water and medical aid points, traffic management, and eco-friendly initiatives to maintain the sanctity and vibrancy of the pilgrimage site.

The Shirdi Parikrama has grown into a major spiritual event, reflecting Sai Baba's timeless teachings of "Sabka Malik Ek" (One God for all). Participants expressed profound gratitude for the opportunity to walk in Baba's footsteps, seeking blessings for peace, health, and spiritual growth.

Dr. Satpathy's involvement in the event emphasized on selfless service and devotion. As a key figure in the global Sai movement, his presence inspired many, reminding devotees of Baba's enduring message of empathy and universal brotherhood.

The parikrama continues to unite people from diverse backgrounds in shared reverence for Shri Sai Baba, reinforcing Shirdi's status as one of India's most beloved pilgrimage destinations. Devotees are encouraged to carry forward the spirit of the day through acts of kindness and service in their daily lives.

## 24th Vasant Utsav Celebration, Sai Ka Aangan, Gurugram



## Shri Guru Bhagwat Book & Music Release in Hindi, Dogri, Urdu, Sanskrit Languages

The tranquil environs of \*Sai Ka Aangan\* in Sushant Lok came alive with color and cultural vibrancy as devotees and art enthusiasts gathered to celebrate the 24th Vasant Utsav, hosted by the Sai Prakash Spiritual and Charitable Trust in association with the CBS Cultural Foundation.

The annual celebration, known for blending spiritual devotion with India's rich classical arts, once again upheld the temple's tradition of honoring Shri Shirdi Sai Baba through cultural expression and community participation.

The highlight of the evening was the gracious presence of Guruji Dr. Chandra Bhanu Satpathy ji, renowned spiritual thinker, author, and philanthropist, who inaugurated the festival by lighting the ceremonial lamp. This year's theme, \*Rajasthan Art and Culture\*, set the tone for a vibrant showcase of performances and artistic displays.

On the occasion, Dr. Satpathy unveiled Shri Guru Bhagwat – VIII (Hindi), along with its regional translations—Santali (by Dr. Damayanti Besra), Dogri (by Padamdev Singh), and Urdu (by Dr. Amir Hamza). He also released music and audiobook versions in Santali, Urdu, and Sanskrit.

Addressing the gathering, Dr. Satpathy emphasized the enduring link between spirituality and the arts, observing that music and dance represent some of the highest forms of devotion and creative expression.

#### A Cultural Symphony :

The evening unfolded with enchanting performances that celebrated Rajasthan's artistic spirit. Classical Odissi and Rajasthani folk dances captivated the audience, while children from \*Sai Ka Aangan\* and the \*Ether Band\* rendered melodious bhajans that filled the atmosphere with devotion and serenity.

Extending beyond the physical venue, the entire event was streamed live, connecting thousands of devotees worldwide and reinforcing the message of \*"Sabka Maalik Ek."\* The festivities concluded with the distribution of \*Langar Prasad\*, where visitors shared traditional delicacies in a spirit of unity and gratitude.

## Dr. Chandra Bhanu Satpathy Attends Magha Shukla Saptami at Konark



### Devotees Gather at Chandrabhaga for Magha Shukla Saptami Rituals

#### Konark

The sacred shores of Chandrabhaga near the Sun Temple in Konark turned into a vibrant hub of devotion as thousands of pilgrims observed Magha Shukla Paksha Saptami, an occasion of deep spiritual importance celebrated as Chandrabhaga Mela.

From the early hours, devotees took the ritual Chandrabhaga Buda—a holy dip in the sea —believed to purify the soul and cure ailments, in reverence to the celestial legend of Shamba, the son of Lord Krishna, who is said to have been cured by Surya Dev's blessings at this very site

Renowned spiritual leader Dr. Chandra Bhanu Satpathy ji led the morning rituals by offering Arghya to the rising Sun and performing aarti at Arka Kshetra, reinforcing the ancient tradition of Sun worship that lies at the heart of Konark's identity.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Satpathy emphasized that Konark is far beyond a monument of stone—it is a living spiritual center. He underlined that Sun worship transcends sects and religions, symbolizing universal reverence for the life-giving energy that sustains creation.

### **Dr. Chandra Bhanu Satpathy Attends Magha Shukla Saptami at Konark**



Renowned spiritual leader Dr. Chandra Bhanu Satpathy ji inaugurated the Magha Saptami Mela 2026, organized by the Saura Bramhan Parishad under the auspices of Bishwa Bhratrutwa Divyatma Parishad.

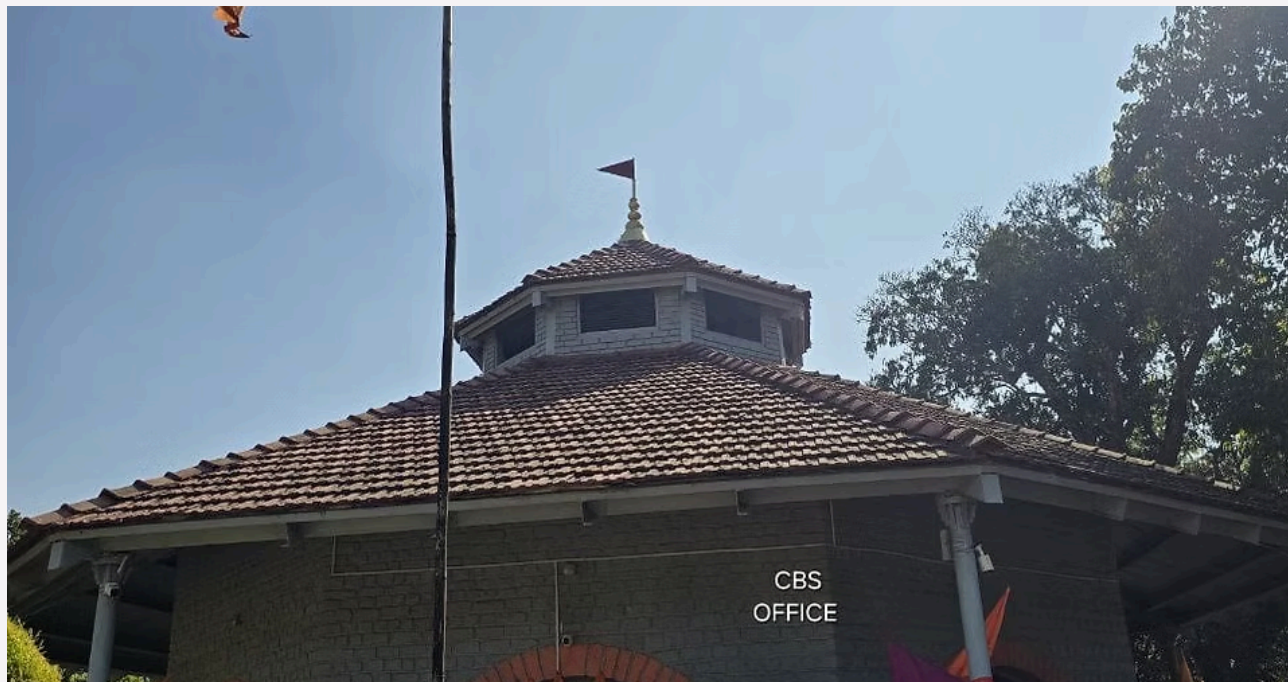
The ceremony took place at the sacred confluence of the Prachi River, a historic site revered for Sun worship since ancient times. The Parishad has been conducting the Surya Yagyan annually since 2011, with Kailash Chandra Mohanta serving as President and Nimai Charan Das as Trustee.

The event marks one of the region's most significant traditional observances dedicated to Lord Surya. In his inaugural address, Dr. Satpathy ji recalled the spiritual history of the site, noting its connection with Shamba, the son of Lord Krishna, who is believed to have performed penance here to cure himself of leprosy through Sun worship. He observed that this devotion continues to draw thousands of devotees each year to offer prayers to the Sun God during this auspicious period.

Reflecting on the universality of the Guru's presence, Dr. Satpathy likened the Guru to a mother whose compassion and nature remain the same, whether in India, Africa, America, or anywhere else in the world.

Highlighting the universality of Sun worship, Dr. Satpathy ji stated that reverence for the Sun is found across religions and spiritual traditions, signifying its timeless and inclusive essence.

## Shirdi Saibaba Temple, Lapung, Jharkhand



In a moment of spiritual significance and emotional reunion, Dr. Chandra Bhanu Satpathy Ji visited the Shirdi Saibaba Temple at Lapung, Jharkhand, today.

The revered temple holds a special place in history, having been established under the inspiration of Dr. Satpathy Ji and constructed by the late Shri Gyan Ranjan Ji.

Dr. Satpathy Ji himself had performed the temple's Pran Pratishtha in April 1994.

As the news of his visit spread, the local community gathered in large numbers to extend a heartfelt welcome. Traditional tribal groups received Dr. Satpathy Ji with customary rituals and vibrant Jharkhandi Traditional dance performances, reflecting the deep cultural harmony of the region.

The event comprised with performance by Tana Bhagat community with Baadh Yantra musical instruments. This is an unique tribal group originally from the Oraon tribe of Jharkhand, followers of the Tana Bhagat Movement, which began in 1914 under the leadership of Jatra Bhagat. The group adheres to nonviolence, simplicity, and the principles of Mahatma Gandhi.

And performance by Sangeet Sargam Team of Devgaon.

In a solemn and devout atmosphere, Dr. Satpathy Ji offered prayers to Shirdi Saibaba in the sanctum sanctorum. Marking the occasion of his return after more than 30 years, the temple trust and the villagers organized a special event



# Events

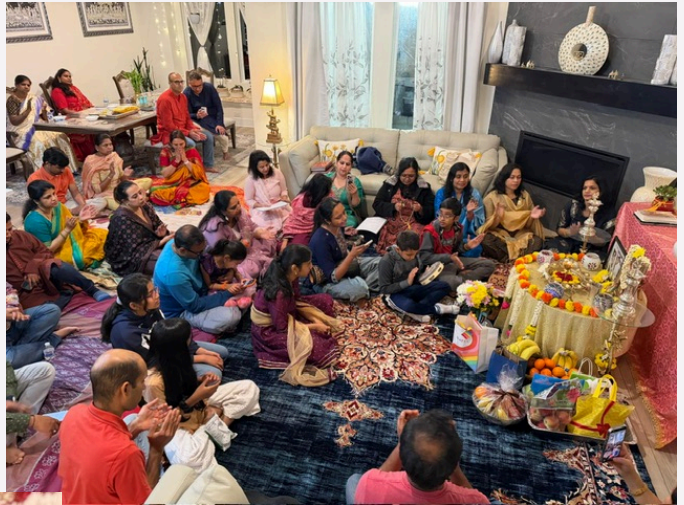


## SAI DIVINE FOUNDATION Dallas Charity Monthly food drive



- A Pizza and Cold Drinks Drive was organized by Sai Divine Foundation at downtown to serve approximately 130 homeless individuals, spreading care, compassion, and kindness.
- Freshly prepared pizza and cold drinks were distributed with love, bringing comfort and smiles to those in need.
- **This initiative is carried out every month**, reflecting Sai Divine Foundation's ongoing commitment to selfless service and community welfare.

# Shri Guru Bhagavat Parayan at Devotee's Residence



The Shri Guru Bhagavat parayan was held with devotion and reverence at a devotee's residence, creating a sacred and peaceful spiritual atmosphere. The program commenced with Shri Guru Bhagavat Parayan, where devotees gathered to chant with faith and sincerity, offering prayers and expressing gratitude for the Guru's divine grace and guidance.

Following the parayan, soulful bhajans were sung, filling the home with divine vibrations and devotion. The collective singing fostered a sense of unity, peace, and spiritual joy among all present.

The celebration concluded with the offering and distribution of prasadam, lovingly prepared and shared as a blessing. The entire gathering was marked by simplicity, devotion, and spiritual harmony, leaving devotees with a deep sense of fulfillment and grace.

# SHRI GURU BHAGAVAT

Shri Guru Bhagavat originally written in Odia language is an unparalleled creation of Dr. Chandra Bhanu Satpathy, after his sojourn and evolution in the spiritual realm. Guru Bhagavat in the Odia language runs into seven volumes containing 29,000 verses. This book elaborately depicts the theme of devotion towards the Guru with the basic features of Guru tradition. This treatise contains invaluable aspects of human life, the greatness and uniqueness of Shri Guru, the different levels of Guru, the Guru-disciple relationship, the different types of disciples and the importance of rendering services to the Guru. There are many facets to Shri Guru Bhagavat of which a few are listed below:

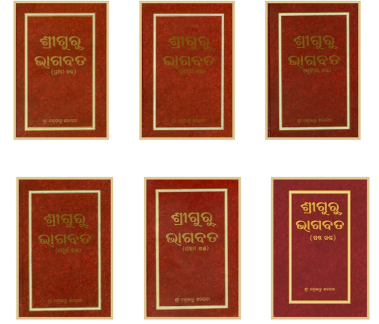
- For spiritual wanderers, it stands like a lighthouse and shows the divine path towards knowledge, devotion and pious activities.
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