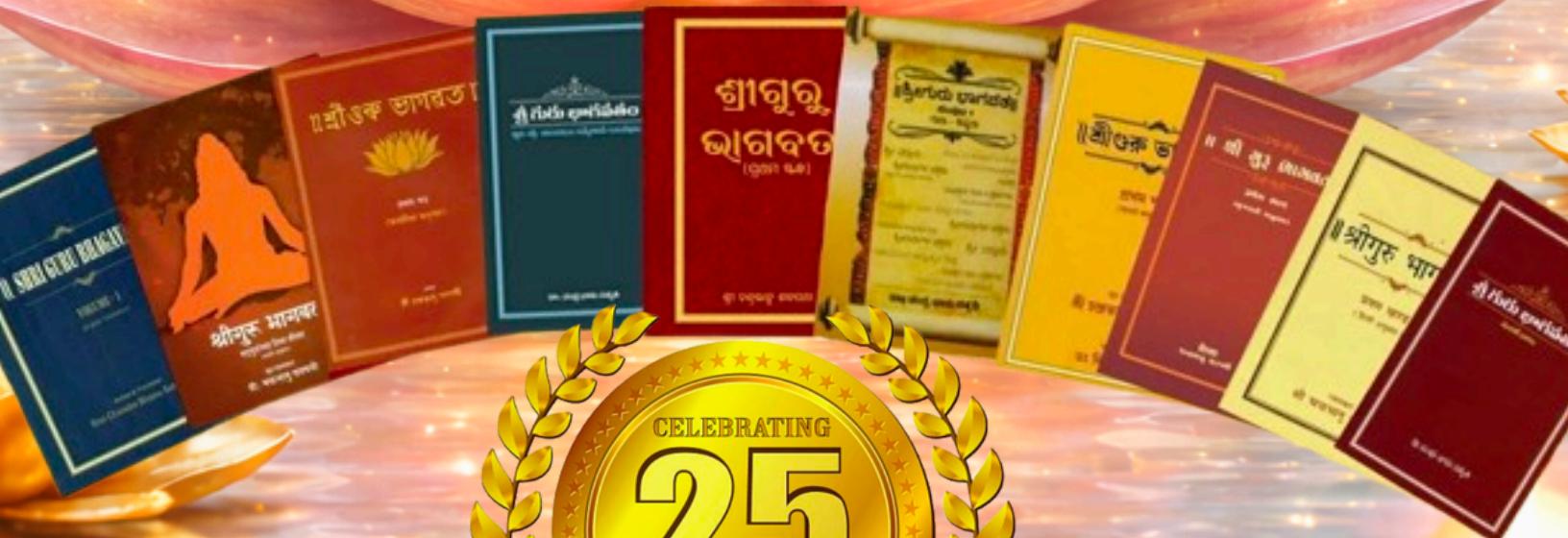
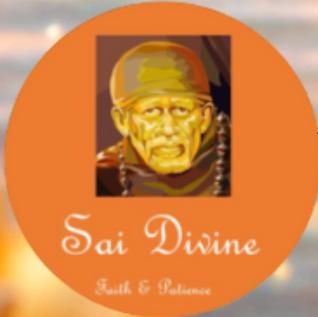


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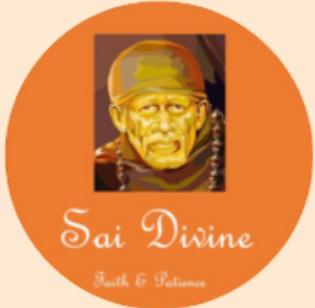
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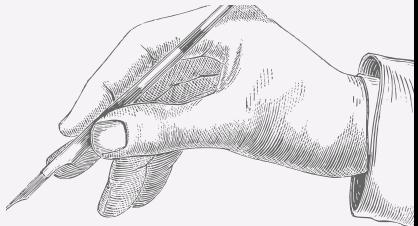
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## SAI CREATIVE – GRACE, GRATITUDE, AND CELEBRATION

With the infinite blessings of Shirdi Sai Baba, and intense guidance from Dr C.B.Satpathy ji , Sai Divine Foundation humbly presents NEW YEAR 2026 Edition issue of SAI CREATIVE Magazine to our beloved readers and devotees.

As we step into the New Year, we offer our heartfelt prayers to Baba for peace, good health, spiritual strength, and harmony in every home. On behalf of Sai Divine Foundation, we wish all devotees and well-wishers a happy, blessed, and spiritually fulfilling New Year. May Sai's grace guide every thought, word, and action in the coming year.

This year holds special spiritual significance as we celebrate divine milestones that fill our hearts with gratitude. We lovingly commemorate the 80th birthday of our revered Guruji, Dr. C. B. Satpathy, and also celebrate 25 sacred years of Shri Guru Bhagawat, a timeless spiritual scripture that has inspired devotion, faith, and surrender among countless seekers. On this auspicious occasion of the 80th birthday of our beloved Guruji, Dr. C. B. Satpathy, the entire Sai Divine Family offers our heartfelt pranams and loving birthday wishes at his holy feet. Guruji's life of simplicity, devotion, and wisdom stands as a living example of Sai Baba's teachings. Through Shri Guru Bhagawat, he has blessed us with a spiritual treasure that continues to guide, inspire, and transform our lives. We pray to Shirdi Sai Baba to grant Guruji good health, long life, and continued strength to guide devotees on the path of truth, devotion, and selfless service. Guruji's grace and blessings remain our greatest spiritual wealth.

SAI CREATIVE is more than a magazine—it is a humble offering at Sai Baba's lotus feet. It is a space where devotion finds expression and creativity becomes a form of sadhana. Inspired by Baba's eternal message of Shraddha (Faith) and Saburi (Patience), this magazine seeks to spread positivity, spiritual awareness, and inner peace especially among new generation members at USA.

With humility and devotion, we place this special issue at the divine feet of Shirdi Sai Baba and seek his blessings for our Guruji, our spiritual mission, and all devotees across the world.

EDITOR  
Sai Divine Foundation

# New Year Message 2026



Time, in its essence, is a seamless flow – eternal and indivisible. Yet, humanity has chosen to mark it into years, months, and days, weaving these divisions into the fabric of culture and life. For the devotees of Shri Sai Baba of Shirdi, the New Year is far more than a calendar milestone. It is a sacred moment to renew hope, to begin afresh, and to sow seeds of better thoughts and actions for a brighter tomorrow.

Truth is ever-present in life, though facts may fade and illusions may appear real. The seekers' journey is to remain anchored in 'dharma' (truth) and free from 'maya' (illusion), constantly discerning whether each step brings us closer to happiness and liberation. Saints like Shri Ramakrishna Paramhansa, Shri Sai, Namdev, and Tukaram remind us that true spiritual mastery is not born out of intellect, but of bhakti – the pure love of God that flows selflessly toward all beings, as divinity dwells in every heart.

Shri Shirdi Sai Baba, Himself lived this truth. He followed no rituals, claimed no sect, yet embodied the essence of all religions through boundless love, patience and sacrifice. His life teaches us that genuine love blossoms into selflessness, expanding the narrow self into universal consciousness. Shri Shirdi Sai Baba's life in Shirdi was a living shrine of love – a place where stale bread held more worth than a royal feast, and the touch of a leper was received with divine tenderness. His message was simple yet profound: to expand our love beyond the narrow limits of the self and unite society through compassion; to seek transformation not through rigid practices, but through the sincerity of our thoughts and actions; and to honour diversity, recognizing that true harmony blossoms only when all faiths and traditions are embraced with equal reverence.

As we step into the New Year, let our resolve be simple – to love Shri Sai and to love all the humanity He served; to forgive the past, learn from our flaws, and nurture gentleness in the present; and to walk the sacred path shown by the Sadguru, the Perfect Master, who embodies truth and compassion in every breath. To imbibe this Sai spirit in our hearts is the highest way to welcome the New Year. Let us pledge to live His message – to love, to serve, and to unite – for this is what the world needs the most today.

May Shri Sai bless us all with wisdom, compassion, and unwavering faith as we enter this New Year 2026.

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

# Birthday Wishes on Your 80th Birthday

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- DR. CHANDRA BHANU SATPATHY -

## 80th Birthday wishes from Sai Divine

On the auspicious occasion of your 80th birthday, the Sai Divine Family offers our heartfelt prayers and warmest wishes to Dr. Chandra Bhanu Satpathy. We pray for your good health, longevity, and continued divine grace. Your wisdom, compassion, and spiritual guidance have illuminated countless lives, and we remain deeply grateful for your blessings and teachings.

May this milestone year be filled with peace, joy, and divine grace.

With reverence and gratitude,  
Sai Divine Family

# From Our Beloved Guruji Dr. C.B Satpathy



*"True knowledge is understanding of one's own ignorance."*

*"For mankind, the kind man's life itself shines as a message. Let us try to kindle the light of kindness in us and in those we love."*

*"No language can ever picturize a true prayer. Only the language of the heart can. Let us pray from the heart."*

*"Try to understand the silence of those you love. Those who do not understand your silence shall not be able to understand your words."*

# MY GURUJI — DR. C. B. SATPATHY

By Sanjeeb Panigrahi  
Little Elm, Texas

Dr. Chandrabhanu Satpathy, lovingly called Guruji, is one of the most respected followers and messengers of Shirdi Sai Baba's teachings. His calm presence, simple explanations, and inspiring life have touched millions around the world. As he completes 80 blessed years, this article shares his journey, his message, and the deep influence he has had on my life.

Guruji was born in Cuttack, Odisha. He studied at Ravenshaw College and later at Delhi University. After teaching Political Science for some time, he joined the Indian Police Service in 1972. He served in many important roles in the Government of India and the Government of Uttar Pradesh and retired as Director General in 2008. His disciplined career helped shape his clear thinking, humility, and spiritual depth.

Guruji's spiritual path began strongly in 1989 when he visited Shirdi. There he experienced a deep pull toward Shirdi Sai Baba. From that moment, he devoted himself to spreading Baba's message of love, kindness, and service. Over the years, he has guided the creation of many Sai temples, spiritual forums, and service organizations across India and many countries around the world. His teachings encourage us to live simply, think positively, remain pure in our actions, and serve others with love.

One of Guruji's greatest gifts to the world is his writing, especially the sacred scripture Shri Guru Bhagavat. Written originally in Odia, this book explains the ancient tradition of the Guru and disciple. It presents spiritual wisdom in a very clear and practical way. For many devotees—including me—Shri Guru Bhagavat has become a guiding light that shows the path of devotion, surrender, and self-improvement. Guruji has also written many other books in English, Odia, and Hindi on spirituality, Indian culture, and the teachings of Sai Baba.

Guruji also supports and promotes Indian culture. He has written devotional songs, composed spiritual music, and encouraged classical dance and traditional art forms. Through foundations like the Shirdi Sai Global Foundation, he has inspired many social service activities. These include free medical camps, education for children, disaster relief work, women's empowerment, and help for the poor and needy. For Guruji, spirituality must be lived through action—through helping others and spreading kindness.

Guruji's teachings have had a deep impact on my life. His simple words and clear ideas helped me understand what true devotion means. He taught me to stay calm in difficult times, to trust in God, and to serve others without expecting anything in return. Reading Shri Guru Bhagavat changed the way I think about life and made my faith stronger. Guruji's message has guided me to become a better person, to be more patient, and to walk on the path of truth and love.

As we celebrate Guruji's 80th birth year, we honor not only a spiritual master but also a writer, a guide, and a true servant of humanity. His teachings will continue to inspire future generations to live with peace, kindness, and devotion.

May Baba's blessings always be with us.

----- Jai Shri Sai -----

# जन्म दिवस की बधाई

By Sanjeeb Panigrahi

Little Elm, Texas

आज भक्ति ने दीप जलाए, गूँजा हर एक द्वार,  
गुरुजी के जन्मदिवस पर धन्य हुआ संसार।  
Sai Divine परिवार नतमस्तक होकर गाए,  
आपके चरण-कमलों में श्रद्धा सुमन चढ़ाए।  
आप ही श्रद्धा, आप ही शक्ति, आप ही जीवन सार,  
आपकी कृपा से गुरुजी, मिटा हर अंधकार।  
शतायु हों, स्वस्थ रहें, यही प्रार्थना हमारी,  
आपके आशीष से खिले, हर पीढ़ी, हर नारी।  
अस्सी वसंतों की शोभा से आज जग दमका जाए,  
गुरुजी के पावन जन्मोत्सव पर हर मन शीश नवाए।  
करुणा, सेवा, साधना का दीप आपने जलाया,  
भटके हुए मानव को गुरुजी, सच का पथ दिखाया।  
आपके वचनों में बसता है अमृत-सा उपदेश,  
आपके चरणों में मिल जाता है जीवन का संदेश।  
दीर्घायु हों, स्वस्थ रहें, यही कामना हमारी,  
आपके आशीर्वाद से खिले, हर पीढ़ी, हर नारी।  
आपकी छाया में चलता रहे, जीवन का यह हर क्षण,  
गुरुजी, आपके चरणों में, पूर्ण हो हमारा जन्म।

Jai Shri Sai

# **GURU UPADESH**

**By Namita Rani Subudhi  
Bhubaaneswar**

Guru Upadesh means, sacred guidance given by the Guru for living a righteous and meaningful life. The Guru teaches us to walk on the path of truth, compassion, humility and self-discipline. Through Guru Upadesh one learns to remember God at all time, perform one's duty honestly, and serve society selflessly. The Guru advises us to give up ego, hatred and greed, and to cultivate love equality and forgiveness. By following Guru Upadesh a person attains inner peace and move closure to spiritual wisdom and liberation.

A Guru, who imparts vidya or sadupadesh is called Acharya and when a Guru transfers a part of his spiritual energy to a worthy disciple, this process is called Gurudikhya. The word Dikhya is derived from Sanskrit word Dakhya, which means skillful teachings. Dakhya means surrender before a Guru. So Dikhya means complete surrender. A disciple, who is fully devoted to a Guru is a meritorious disciple and his consciousness is fully expanded. A Guru Upadesh converts to Gurudikhya through meaningful transmission of eternal knowledge from a Guru to a Disciple.

# BECOMING A DECENT GLOBAL CITIZEN

By Ria Shrimali

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## Develop a broad understanding of the world

A decent and responsible global citizen intentionally expands their knowledge of international cultures, political structures, historical context, and social conditions beyond their own country. This global awareness allows individuals to recognize interconnectedness amongst nations and fosters informed decision-making, rooted in understanding, rather than assumption.

## Exhibit cultural sensitivity and respect for diversity

Respect for cultural diversity is a cornerstone of effective global citizenship. It involves recognizing, valuing, and honoring differences in traditions, belief systems, languages and social norms. By approaching cultural distinctions with humility and openness, global citizens help reduce ethnocentrism, promote mutual understanding, and encourage constructive cross cultural relationships.

## Maintain an informed awareness of global challenges

An informed global citizens consistently engage with reliable sources to remain knowledgeable about pressing international issues, including climate change, migration, public health, economic inequality, and geopolitical conflict. Understanding the complex causes and global consequences of these challenges enables individuals to participate thoughtfully in discussions and support informed solutions.

## Uphold and advocate for human rights and social equality

Global citizenship entails a moral commitment to the protection and promotion of universal human rights. This includes opposing systemic discrimination, supporting marginalized and vulnerable populations, and advocating for social justice initiatives. By promoting equity and dignity for all individuals, global citizens contribute to the creation of more just and inclusive societies.

## **Demonstrate environmental stewardship and sustainability**

Environmental responsibility is an essential aspect of global citizenship, as ecological degradation transcends national borders. Global citizens acknowledge the long-term implications of environmental hardship and adopt sustainable practices that conserve natural resources, reduce pollution, and mitigate climate change, thereby safeguarding the planet for future generations.

## **Engage in meaningful civic participation and humanitarian action**

Active civic engagement and humanitarian involvement reflect a commitment to improving the well-being of others on both a local and global scale. Global citizens contribute through volunteering, advocacy, and charitable initiatives that address social, economic, and humanitarian challenges. Such participation strengthens communities, promotes global cooperation, and reinforces the principle of shared responsibility for addressing global inequities.

In conclusion, being a good global citizen requires a sustained commitment to awareness, responsibility, and ethical action in an increasingly interconnected world. By cultivating a comprehensive understanding of global systems, respecting cultural diversity, and remaining informed about international challenges, individuals are better equipped to engage thoughtfully with the world around them. Furthermore, advocating for human rights, practicing environmental stewardship, and participating in civic and humanitarian efforts reflect a dedication to collective well-being beyond national boundaries. Ultimately, ethical decision-making in everyday choices reinforces the principles of fairness, sustainability, and global cooperation. Together, these practices enable individuals to contribute meaningfully to a more just, inclusive, and resilient global society.

# SADHGURU'S DREAMS

By **Uma Besen**

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In Shri Guru Bhagawat- Volume IV, Revered Guruji has dedicated one chapter to 'Dream Analysis'. Classifying our sleep into three states, Guruji has written that the first one is an ordinary sleep, the second - a Yogic sleep and the third one is the final state of rest, i.e. the eternal sleep. During our ordinary sleep, we see lot of dreams, some meaningful and other useless ones. However, as mentioned in the Shri Guru Bhagawat, sometimes Spiritual adepts or Saints appear in our dreams and that can be considered as an act of kindness towards the devotee by the Guru. Most of us had the good fortune of Guruji appearing in our dreams and giving us various instructions including at times demanding for something as funny as a 'Diet Pepsi' to a cup of tea. Many a times the devotee ignores such dreams as a figment of one's own overactive imagination.

However, in the Shri Guru Bhagawat, it is written that a dream evoked by the Guru can 'either be an indicator or a blueprint of future happenings'. Guruji has explained that the Guru is capable of controlling both the soul and the mind of devotees. It is recommended to go through the entire chapter on the dream analysis as encapsulated in Volume-IV of Shri Guru Bhagawat, so that the devotee can neither ignore nor misinterpret the dreams given by the Guru.

I would like to share one such dream wherein the Guru gave indications of a future event, but I kept ignoring it and shelved it as just a mere incident. Sometime around the end of January 2025, I saw a dream in which Guruji asked me to make some arrangements for the Pran-Pratishta of some temple. He had organised us into teams, to carry out the task and I was paired with Mrs Manisha Jain of SKA. Subsequently I saw myself accompanied with three other gentlemen, two of whom I had never seen

before, and the third one, I identified as Mausiji's driver. All four of us were walking through some very narrow lanes with jungle like greenery on both sides of the road, towards the venue of the Sai Temple. Meanwhile I saw that one of the persons was carrying Sree Ram's idol in black. I distinctly remember questioning myself in the dream as to why Sree Ram's idol was being taken for the Pran-Pratishta of a Sai Temple. Later, the driver told me that we have to make arrangements for a 'Guest House' for Guruji and I should go and seek permission from the Trustees who have the keys to the 'Guest House'. Upon his guidance I went to their house and remember seeing one robustly built gentleman and a thin lady clad in a saree. Significantly, I had never seen these people in my real life and they were complete strangers to me. They were very happy to see me and after discussions they came to see me off till my car. When I woke up from my sleep, I conveyed the contents of my dream to my husband and though I could not decipher anything about the dream, I was just ecstatic that Guruji appeared in my dream and went on with my daily chores.

Two or three days, after I saw this dream, my cousin from Hyderabad told me that he was going to Colombo with Guruji for the Pran-Pratishta of a temple. He casually urged me to tag along. I did not take him seriously and joked with him saying that I don't belong to the elite section of devotees like him. A month later, I completely forgot about my dream and also about my cousin's Colombo trip with Guruji.

Around the first week of March, Shri Raghunath Reddyji, another ardent devotee of Baba called me to discuss about something, I cant remember, for what, but he casually brought up the topic of Sri Lankan visit of Baba and urged me to come to Sri Lanka saying that Baba has asked the South Indians to reach there and since I was from Andhra, I could also join. When he talked about South Indians, I immediately recalled that Baba was calling out for the South Indians at Sai Ka Aangan just the previous day, waving out a green colour cloth in his hand. Significantly, he also mentioned about South Indians

being fond of the colour green. At that time, I had recalled that my father always bought green colour dresses for me saying that, that was the only colour that suited me. I replied to Raghunath Reddyji that if at all I have to visit Colombo, I must first seek the permission of Guruji, and if he approves I can consider joining. However, since the time was very short it was very unlikely that I would get his permission and get the necessary procedures processed for the visit, I said.

As I sat down for doing the Shej Aarti that night, I suddenly recalled my dream and became very excited, thinking that the dream was an indication of Lord Rama's return to Lanka as Sainath Maharaj. Since my childhood, I had been a worshipper of Lord Hanuman and never went to sleep without reciting 'Hanuman Chalisa'. All this flashback prompted me to muster courage to seek Guruji's permission to be a part of the entourage to Sri Lanka. My happiness was boundless when I received a reply from him to 'Go ahead'. I pondered on these words, and immediately started preparing for my visit. Since the direct flights were very expensive at the last hour, I decided to go via Chennai with a six-hour layover at the Chennai airport.

At the Chennai airport, I met two Tamil Gentlemen - one was a devotee of Sripada Srivallabha and another one, of Sri Swami Samarth. Interestingly, one of them shared a story about Shri Shirdi Sai Baba, being an avatar of Lord Hanuman. I was flabbergasted to hear this as he was a 'You Tuber' and he showed me videos that held this as truth. Finally, I landed in Colombo, eager to reach the Hotel where everyone was staying and quiet obviously to have darshan of Baba in Colombo. However, the driver who had come to receive us at the airport, took all three of us to the office of the Trustees who had built this Sai Temple. The temple was built by Eshwaran family who were famous tea exporters in Sri Lanka. As I was waiting for the two gentlemen to return to the car. One of the members of the Eshwaran family, who looked very familiar, came to greet me. Not knowing that they were the people who were hosting us at Colombo, I was more anxious to reach the Hotel to meet

Guruji. Finally, when I reached our Hotel, I learnt that, Baba had not arrived and he was scheduled to arrive in Colombo later. It was then that it struck me why Baba had said 'Go ahead", when I sought his permission.

However, the next day, we all went on a City Tour and as Guruji sat in our Bus, leaving his comfortable and luxurious Sedan, I was recalling the times when Shree Ram visited Lanka with the Vanar Sena, I felt the same kind of happiness and excitement, imagining ourselves as the 'vanar sena' of Guruji.

Next day, we all travelled to the temple location in Avissawella where the Pran-pratishta was scheduled and Lo behold! I was surprised that the bus suddenly took a turn from the main road and entered a narrow lane which had a forest like landscape, exactly the way I had seen it in my dream. I was further surprised when I met the lady who came to welcome Guruji. She was the daughter of the main Trustee of the temple and alongside was her younger sister's husband. I could immediately recognise them as the two persons who had appeared in my dream when I went to their house to make arrangements for Guruji. One thing led to another and I started organising the jigsaw pieces of my dream to create one full picture.

On the last day, everyone left Colombo but, I was left behind to be picked up by the same driver, who had come to receive me at the airport. He was the personal driver of the brother-in-law of the main Trustee. I left Colombo with the feeling that I had some strong connection to the place. As I returned to Gurgaon I shared my surreal experience with my husband who always discourages me from reading too much between the lines. I also wondered whether it was my imagination or the result of overthinking, that I was connecting all dots to my dream. However, the dream that I saw was very real to me and till date I vividly remember each and every scene in my dream. Incidentally, one day before leaving for Colombo, I had a very long chat with Manishaji as well. Both of us sat in front of Chavadi and had a prolonged discussion on various spiritual matters. She was oblivious that Guruji had paired me with her in my dream. So even that bit of dream had

come true. Meeting the two gentlemen at the Chennai airport who were trying to establish that Sainath is Hanuman avatar, and the third person who appeared in my dream significantly was a driver who had also played his role in fulfilling my dream. Most importantly, the appearance of the location of the temple and the Trustees of the temple in the dream exactly the way I had seen in the dream was also very baffling. The fact that I actually lived the dream that I saw in my sleep two months prior to visiting Colombo had me thinking and the more I sought answers the more confused I remained. Incidentally Avissawella, was the place where Mother Sita was first kept, after she was abducted by Ravana. That Shirdi Sai Baba's temple came up exactly in that location and seeing Lord Rama's idol being carried to the temple, for consecration clearly signifies that Baba is none other than 'Maha Vishnu', who takes different forms in different periods. Every bit of description of my dream was exactly the way I have described it without one bit of exaggeration. The events that unfolded compelling me to visit Sri Lanka was also ordained by Guru.

It is written in Shri Guru Bhagawat that

**Gurukrupaa janita swapna, Dibya sarthaka o mahanana  
Badhaae bhakti aur gyaana, kashanara kare nidaana**

Which means- 'Good indications are conveyed through dreams before the happening of good events. Dreams caused by compassionate Guru are divine, true and magnificent in nature, such dreams strengthen devotion, give knowledge and solve problems'. What can be more divine than Baba coming in the dream and showing the location of the Pran-Pratishta of Sainath Maharaj. I might have erred in many ways in joining the dots, I might have overstretched my imagination in interpreting Guru's indications , nonetheless every time we see our Guru in our dream we wake up with a happy and beautiful feeling.

**Jai Shri Guru Bhagawat.**

# MY NEW YEAR RESOLUTION 2026

By Atishay Jain  
Frisco, Texas

The beginning of a new year is always a moment for reflection and renewal. As 2026 is approaching, I find myself at a stage of life where responsibilities feel more real and choices carry greater meaning. It is a time to pause, look inward, and consciously decide how I wish to grow both as an individual and as a member of society.

One of my key resolutions next year is to approach my academic and personal commitments with greater focus. As I begin the final year of my college journey, I recognize the importance of discipline, consistency, and purposeful effort. Rather than simply completing assignments, I decided to engage deeply in learning and to develop habits that will prepare me for the responsibilities ahead.

Strengthening my spiritual foundation remains equally important. In the middle of busy schedules and future planning, I am determined to stay grounded in the teachings of Sai Baba. His message of love, humility, and selfless service continues to guide my actions. In the coming year, I hope to be more mindful, grateful, and centered, remembering that inner character is the true measure of success.

A meaningful part of my New Year resolution is to further support the Sai Divine Organization and its service activities. The temple has always been a source of inspiration and community, reminding me that spirituality finds its true expression through service. I am especially committed to supporting the monthly food drives. Through consistent participation by offering time, effort, and support, I hope to contribute to these initiatives throughout the upcoming year.

In 2026, I also decide to practice kindness, patience, and understanding in my daily interactions. As life becomes busier and expectations grow, it is easy to lose sight of compassion. I want to be more conscious of my actions, believing that even small gestures of kindness can create meaningful change.

# FROM LIGHT TO DARK

By Ramchandra Kollar  
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Many people say that the spiritual journey goes from darkness to light. But I feel that sometimes we also have to go from light into darkness to understand life better. Going into darkness does not mean doing something wrong. It means looking inside ourselves deeply and honestly.

Light means knowledge, happiness, faith, and feeling close to God. In such times, life feels easy. We feel protected and guided. Praying, meditating, and helping others feels natural. Everything seems clear. But life does not always stay this way. To grow, we must face hard times too.

Darkness means confusion, pain, fear, and silence. In this phase, we may feel alone and far from God. We start asking questions like, "Why is this happening to me?" and "Why do I feel so empty?" But this darkness is not a punishment. It is a lesson. Too much outer light can make us blind, but darkness helps us see inside.

Many great saints have talked about this difficult phase. In darkness, false pride breaks. We stop pretending. Our ego slowly disappears. Prayers feel unanswered, and hope feels weak. But this is when real faith is born. We learn to trust without expecting anything in return.

Darkness teaches us to be humble. It shows us that we cannot control everything. When our mind gets tired, our heart starts listening. Silence becomes our teacher. Pain makes us stronger from inside. We slowly understand that God was always with us, even when we could not feel it.

Just like a seed grows under the soil, our inner growth also happens quietly. After some time, the darkness starts to feel gentle. We understand that light and darkness both are important. Light helps us move forward, and darkness helps us grow deeper. From this experience, a new kind of light is born inside us. It is not very bright, but it stays forever. This light is wisdom. It makes us kind, patient, and strong. We stop fearing problems because we know they are teaching us something.

In the end, the journey from light to dark takes us beyond both. We learn to accept happiness and sadness equally. We stop getting stuck in success or failure. Our soul feels peaceful and aware.

So, “From Light to Dark” is not a step backward. It is a step toward truth. When we accept darkness with faith, we find a light inside us that never goes away.



# AN EDUCATION FROM SHRI SAI SATCHARITRA

## CHAPTER XXV

Sai Baba is always full of mercy. What is wanted on our part is whole-hearted devotion to Him. When a devotee has got firm faith and devotion, his wishes are soon fulfilled. When the desire arose in the mind of Hemadpant to write the life and Leelas of Sai Baba, He immediately got it written by him. When the order 'to keep the memos' was given, Hemadpant was inspired and his intellect got strength and boldness to undertake and finish the work. He was not, he said, qualified to write the work, but the gracious blessings of Baba enabled him to complete the undertaking; and thus you have this Satcharita which is a Somakant jewel, from which nectar in the form of Sai Leelas oozes out for the readers to drink to their hearts' content. Whenever, a devotee had complete and whole-hearted devotion to Sai Baba, all his calamities and dangers were warded off and his welfare attended to by Baba.

### His Speculations :

**(1) Cotton** - A Bombay friend of Damu Anna wrote to him, that they should do some cotton-speculation business in partnership which would bring them about two lacs of rupees as profit. (Damu Anna says in his statement made about the year 1936 to Mr. B.V.Narasimha Swami that the proposal about speculating at Bombay in cotton was from a broker who was not to be a partner, and that he (Damu Anna) was to be the sole adventurer: - vide P.75 of the Devotees' Experiences Part II). The broker wrote that the business was good and involved no risks and that the opportunity should not be lost. Damu Anna was oscillating in his mind. He could not at once determine to venture in the speculation. He thought about this and as he was a devotee of Baba, he wrote a detailed letter to Shama giving all the facts and requested him to consult Baba and take His advice in the matter. Shama got the letter next day and when he came with it at noon to the Masjid and placed it before Baba. He asked Shama what the matter was, and what the paper (letter) was about. He replied that Damu Anna of Nagar wanted to consult Him about something. Then Baba said - "What does he write, and what does he plan? It seems that he wants to catch the sky and that he is not content with what God has given him; read his letter". Shama then said, "The letter contains what you have just said now. Oh, Deva you sit here calm and composed and agitate the devotees and when they get restless, you draw them here, some in person and others through letters. If you know the contents of the latter, why do you then press me to read it?" Baba said - "Oh Shama, read it please. I speak at random and who believes Me.".

Then Shama read the letter and Baba heard it attentively and said feelingly - "The Shet (Damu Anna) has gone mad; write to him in reply that nothing is wanting in his house. Let him be content with the half loaf (bread) he has now and let him not bother himself about lacs." Shama sent the reply which Damu Anna was anxiously waiting for. Reading it, he found that all his hopes and prospects about lacs of rupees as profit were dashed to the ground. He thought that he had done a mistake in consulting Baba. But as Shama had hinted in the reply that there was always much difference in seeing and hearing and that, therefore, he should come to Shirdi personally and see Baba. He thought it advisable to go to Shirdi and consult Baba personally about the affair. So he went to Shirdi, saw Baba, prostrated himself before Him and sat shampooing His legs. He had no courage to ask Baba openly about the speculation, but he thought in his mind, that it would be better if some share in the business should be assigned to Baba and said in his mind, that if Baba were to help him in this transaction, he would surrender some share of profits to Him. Damu Anna was thus thinking secretly in his mind, but nothing was veiled from Baba; everything past, present and future were clear to Him as an Amalaka fruit in hand. A child wants sweets, but its mother gives bitter pills; the former spoil its health, while the latter improve it. So the mother looking to the welfare of her infant, coaxes it and gives it bitter pills. Baba, kind mother as He was, knew the present and future prospects of His devotees, and therefore reading Damu Anna's mind, He openly spoke to him - "Bapu, I do not want to be entangled in any such wordly things (sharing profits)." Seeing Baba's disapproval Damu Anna dropped the enterprise.

**(2) Grain-Dealing :** Then he thought of trading in grain, rice, wheat and other groceries. Baba read also this thought and said to him, "You will be buying at five seers and selling at seven seers a rupee". So this business was also given up. The rice in the prices of grains was kept up for some time, and Baba's prophecy seemed to be falsified, but in a month or two there was abundant rain everywhere and the prices suddenly fell down; and, therefore, those who stored grains suffered a severe loss. Damu Anna was saved from this fate. Needless to say that the cotton speculation which was conducted by the broker with the help of another merchant also collapsed with a severe loss to the adventurers. After seeing that Baba had saved him from two severe losses in cotton and grain speculations, Damu Anna's faith in Baba grew strong and he remained a true devotee of Baba till His passing away and even now.

## Prayer

Hemadpant closes this Chapter with a prayer. "Oh Sai Sad-guru, the wish fulfilling tree of the Bhaktas, Let us never forget and lose sight of Your Feet; we have been troubled with the ins and outs (births and deaths) in this samsar; now free us from this cycle of births and deaths. Restraine us from the outgoing of our senses to their objects and introvert us and bring us face to face with the Atma (Self). As long as this outgoing tendency of the senses and the mind is not checked, there is no prospect of self-realisation. Neither son, nor wife nor friend will be of any use in the end. It is only You, Who will give us salvation and happiness. Destroy completely our tendency for discussions and other evil matters, let our tongue get a passion for chanting Your name. Drive out our thoughts, good or otherwise and make us forget our bodies and houses, and do away with our egoism. Make us ever remember Your name and forget all other things. Remove the restlessness of our mind, and make it steady and calm. If you just clasp us, the darkness of night of our ignorance will vanish and we shall live happily in Your light. That You made us drink the nectar of Your Leelas and awakened us from our slumber is due to Your grace and our store of merits in past births".

-----> Jai Shri Sai <-----

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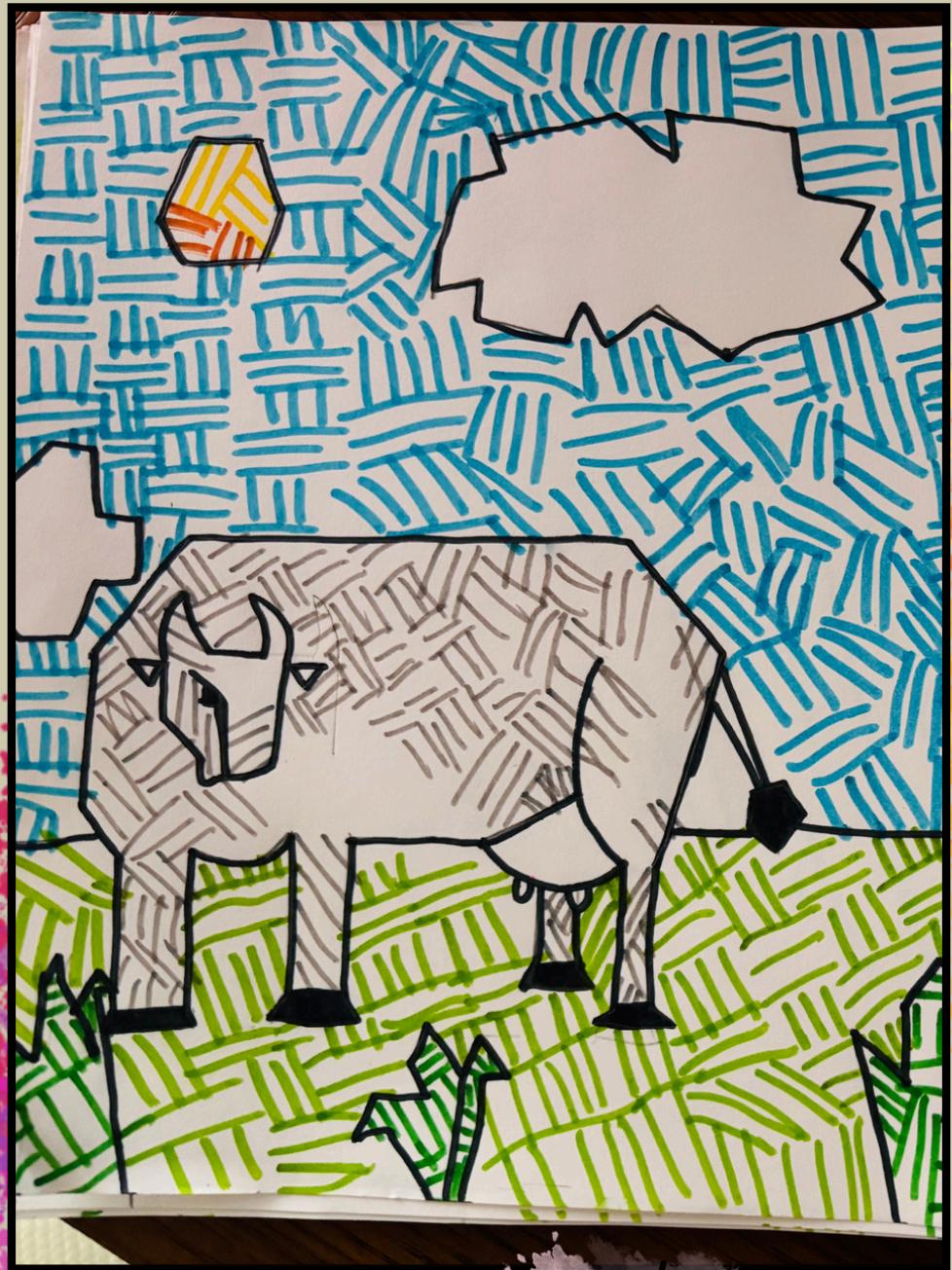
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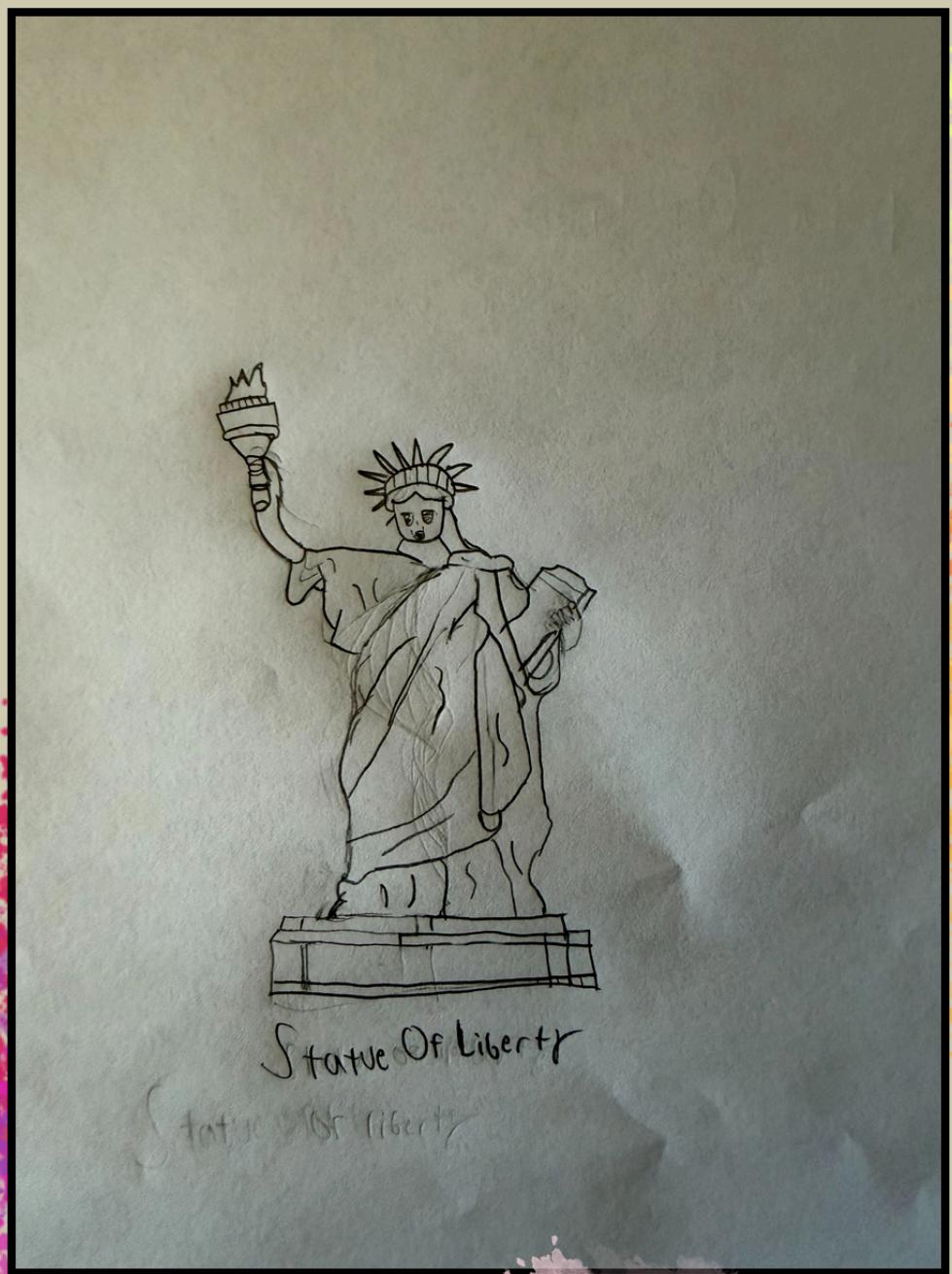
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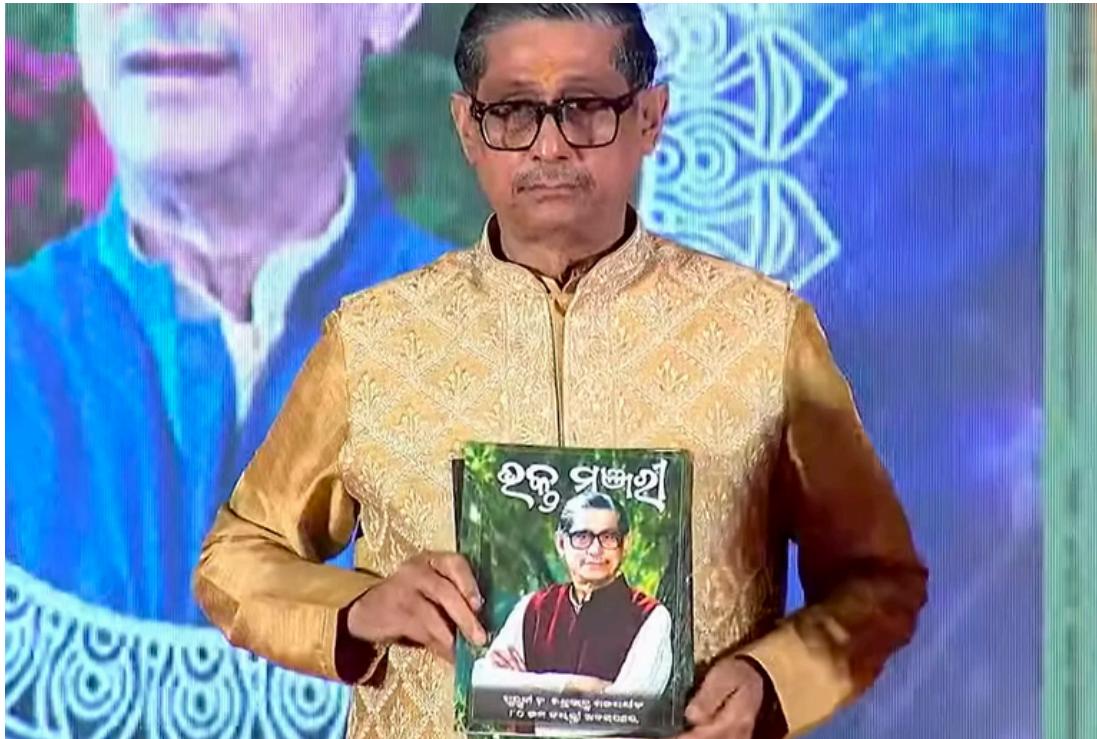
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## SHIRDI SAI GLOAL FOUNDATION

### Shri Shirdi Saibaba's PaSilver Jubilee Celebration of Shri Guru Bhagwatduka Darshan



The 80th birth anniversary of revered spiritual leader Guruji Dr. Chandra Bhanu Satpathy ji, coinciding with the 25th anniversary of his sacred scripture "Shri Guru Bhagwat", was celebrated with great devotion and enthusiasm at Hotel Swosti Premium, Bhubaneswar.

The auspicious occasion drew a distinguished gathering of devotees, scholars, intellectuals, social leaders, and eminent personalities from across India and abroad.

To mark the milestone celebration, Dr. Satpathy ji unveiled his latest book, Shirdi Sai Baba: Eka Preranadayi Jeevan, the Odia edition of his widely acclaimed work first published in English by HarperCollins. The book, now published by Visions Printer & Publisher, Bhubaneswar, has earlier appeared in Gujarati, Marathi, English, and Hindi, earning widespread recognition as a bestseller.

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Another highlight of the event was the release of the first Santali edition of "Shri Guru Bhagwat". The scripture, translated into multiple Indian languages and published in nine volumes, continues to serve as a beacon of spiritual enlightenment for seekers worldwide.

Addressing the gathering, Dr. Satpathy ji spoke on the elevation of inner consciousness, emphasizing the infinite vastness of creation and the limitations of human understanding. He urged everyone to live joyfully, spread happiness, and extend compassion to the poor, suffering, and neglected, reminding attendees that divine consciousness resides equally in all beings—humans and animals alike.

The programme concluded with a vote of thanks by Shri Jitendra Kumar Mahanty, Chairman of Swosti Premium Hotel, who shared personal reflections on Guruji's divine presence and spiritual influence.

As part of the celebration, students from Shirdi Sai Baba Temples at Tankapani Road and Naharkanta performed cultural programmes showcasing Odisha's rich heritage through Odissi dance and Jagannath devotional music. Popular vocalists Antara Chakraborty, Sohini Mishra, Biswajit Mahapatra, and Shantanu Nayak captivated the audience with soulful bhajans.

To commemorate the day, a grand birthday cake-cutting ceremony was held, and Guruji also inaugurated a new website dedicated to Shri Guru Bhagwat—featuring an information repository and a chatbot to answer readers' queries. Additionally, a special souvenir titled "Bhakta Manjari", compiling devotees' spiritual experiences, was released to mark the occasion.

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**Dr. Chandra Bhanu Satpathy Debate & Knowledge  
CenRavenshaw Collegiate School Inaugurates "Dr. Chandra  
Bhanu Satpathy Kaksha" to foster Intellectual Growth**



Ravenshaw Collegiate School, one of Odisha's most historic educational institutions, witnessed a momentous occasion today with the inauguration of the "Debate and Knowledge Center," a new space dedicated to learning and thoughtful exchange. The hall, named \*\*"Dr. Chandra Bhanu Satpathy Kaksha (Hall)"\*\*, was inaugurated by \*\*Dr. Chandra Bhanu Satpathy Ji\*\*, who also conceptualized the initiative.

The newly established center stands as a tribute to Dr. Satpathy Ji's vision and contributions to education. Constructed through the generous efforts of the school's alumni, the hall aims to serve as a hub for knowledge-sharing and intellectual development. It houses an extensive collection of books from varied disciplines, including a dedicated section featuring Dr. Satpathy Ji's complete works, allowing students and visitors to explore his literary and philosophical writings.

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Shri Satyabrata Sahu, Additional Chief Secretary for Home, Forest, Environment, and Climate Change, attended the ceremony as a distinguished guest.

Shrimati Pragati Panda, the Head Mistress, expressed the school's deep gratitude for his continuous support. She highlighted his pivotal role in the school's modernization, recalling the inauguration of the smart class on August 10, 2023, which was made possible by his generous donation.

Justice Shri Laxmi Kanta Mohapatra, former Chief Justice of the Manipur High Court, felicitated Dr. Satpathy ji on behalf of the alumni

Founded in 1851 by Thomas Edward Ravenshaw, Ravenshaw Collegiate School is recognized as a heritage institution with a remarkable legacy of academic excellence. The school has produced many distinguished personalities over the decades. Notably, Dr. Satpathy Ji himself studied at this institution during his early childhood years and has remained actively involved in its growth—having initiated the annual Laddu Diwas tradition and supported several development initiatives for the school community.

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### Shri Shirdi Saibaba's Paduka Darshan



The Trustees of the Shirdi Saibaba Temple in Sector-40, Noida, Uttar Pradesh, hosted a special event on the occasion of the arrival of the holy Paduka of Shri Shirdi Sai Baba on December 3, 2025. The sacred Paduka reached the temple earlier in the day and was received with deep reverence by devotees. Dr. Chandra Bhanu Satpathy Ji graced the occasion, offered his prayers, and participated in the Madhyan Aarti. The event was also attended by Shri Goraksha Gadilkar (I.A.S), Chief Executive Officer of the Shree Saibaba Sansthan Trust, Shirdi. It is noteworthy that Dr. Satpathy Ji had performed the Bhumi Pujan of the temple and later conducted its Pran Pratishtha ceremony in November 1999. Addressing the gathering, Dr. Satpathy Ji commended Shri Gadilkar for his dedicated efforts in spreading the message of Shri Shirdi Saibaba across India and abroad.

## **Holy Paduka of Shri Shirdi Sai Baba Arrives in Agra; Dr. C. B. Satpathy Ji Graces Special Ceremony**



Agra, December 9, 2025 – Shri Sai Seva Mitra Mandal, in association with 30 Shirdi Sai Baba temples from Agra and neighboring regions, organized a special devotional ceremony to mark the arrival of the sacred Paduka of Shri Shirdi Sai Baba. The occasion was graced by the revered spiritual leader, \*\*Dr. Chandra Bhanu Satpathy Ji\*\*.

Trustees and devotees extended a traditional welcome to Dr. Satpathy Ji with great reverence and rituals. During the event, Guruji offered prayers and participated in the \*\*Dhoop Aarti\*\*, spreading spiritual fervor among attendees. \*\*Shri Goraksha Gadilkar, I.A.S., Chief Executive Officer of Shree Saibaba Sansthan Trust, Shirdi\*\*<sup>\*</sup>, also attended the ceremony, adding to the program's significance.

Recollecting his earlier visit in \*\*December 2009\*\*, Dr. Satpathy Ji had performed the \*\*Pran Pratishtha of Dwarkamai\*\* at Shri Sai Temple, Halwai Ki Bagichi, and visited several Sai temples across the city. His inspirational message then had encouraged numerous citizens to engage in selfless service to the underprivileged.

Guided by Dr Satpathy ji's vision over the past \*\*17 years\*\*<sup>\*\*</sup>, the Shri Sai Seva Mitra Mandal has continued its commitment to \*\*social and philanthropic initiatives\*\*<sup>\*\*</sup>, benefiting many sections of society.

In his address, \*\*Dr. Satpathy Ji\*\*<sup>\*\*</sup> praised the team of Shri SaiBaba Sansthan, Shirdi and its CEO \*\*Shri Gadilkar\*\*<sup>\*\*</sup> for his sincere dedication and tireless efforts in spreading the divine message of \*\*Shri Shirdi Sai Baba\*\*<sup>\*\*</sup> across India .

## 7th Book Exhibition in Bhubaneswar



Dr. Chandra Bhanu Satpathy Ji visited the 7th Book Exhibition in Bhubaneswar, on 14 Dec 2025, accompanied by Shri Satyabrata Sahu (IAS), Additional Chief Secretary to the Home Department, and Shri Deba Prasad Dash, Special Secretary to the Culture Department, Dr Bijay Ketan Upadhyaya (IAS) Secretary, Odia, Language and Culture Department, along with other senior officers.

During the event, Dr. Satpathy Ji released the book \*“Manua Thakur”\* (based on Shri Jagannath), authored by Smt. Pramila Jena ( former teacher, Ravenshaw Colligate School), published by Jagannath Rath Publications, Cuttack.

Dr. Satpathy ji visited a pavilion on the theme of "Shri Guru Bhagwat" by Visions Printer & Publisher, Bhubaneswar.

Along with various other pavilions at the exhibition, He also visited 18th Kalinga Herbal Exhibition, having herbal products, natural remedies, organic items, and traditional wellness practices from different parts of Odisha.

The exhibition was organized by the Odia Language, Literature, and Culture Department. This year's festival featured 550 stalls and witnessed participation from nearly 250 publishers and booksellers, including six international publishing houses.

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## Inauguration of Dr. Chandra Bhanu Satpathy Block at SAI International School



SAI International Education Group marked a momentous occasion today with the inauguration of the Dr. Chandra Bhanu Satpathy Block at SAI International School, Bhubaneswar. The event celebrated the Group's enduring commitment to value-based education, the Guru-Shishya Parampara, and the vision of holistic learning that forms the foundation of SAI's educational philosophy. The new academic block was graciously inaugurated by Guruji Dr. Chandra Bhanu Satpathy ji, Founder Patron of SAI International Education Group, in the presence of distinguished dignitaries, school leadership, teachers, parents, and students.

Dedicated to fostering learning with purpose, discipline, devotion, and compassion, the Dr. Chandra Bhanu Satpathy Block stands as a symbol of the institution's mission to nurture enlightened, value-oriented global citizens. This landmark event added yet another milestone in the journey of SAI International Education Group, reaffirming its commitment to excellence in both education and character building.



# 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.

## Guruji's 80th Birthday Celebration



The 80th birthday of our beloved Guruji was celebrated with deep devotion, reverence, and spiritual joy by the Sai Divine Family. The occasion was marked as a sacred gathering, filled with gratitude for Guruji's divine guidance, wisdom, and boundless compassion that have touched countless lives.

The celebration began with Guru Bhagavat chanting, creating a serene and spiritually charged atmosphere. Devotees participated wholeheartedly, immersing themselves in the sacred vibrations and offering prayers for Guruji's health, longevity, and continued blessings upon all.

This was followed by soulful bhajans, sung collectively with devotion and love. The bhajans filled the space with divine energy, expressing devotion, surrender, and thankfulness to Guruji for his teachings and spiritual presence.



As a symbol of love and celebration, the cake-cutting ceremony was conducted with joy and reverence, marking this milestone 80th year. The moment reflected unity, happiness, and the collective gratitude of the Sai Divine Family.

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# 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:

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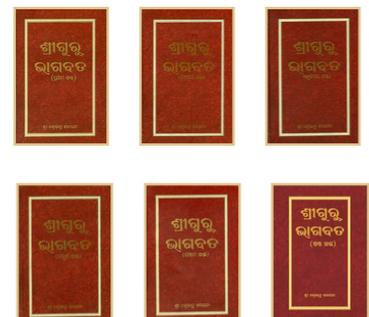
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