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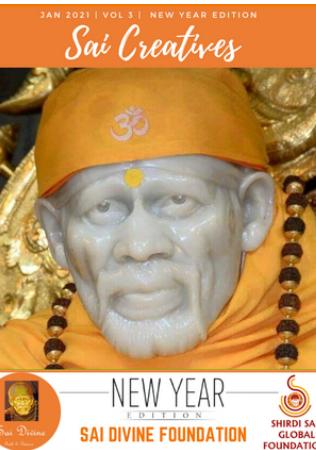
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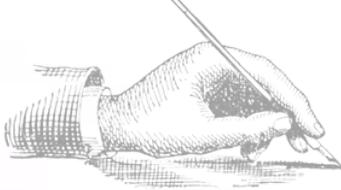
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EDITORIAL

The year 2020 can be summed up with a quote by Confucius – "It does not matter how slowly you go as long as you do not stop," and that is what we all have been doing as a family during this pandemic. This year we all have understood the true meaning of Shraddha and Saburi and have made these principal as basis of our life. Our Shradha on our Shirdi Sai Baba and pujya Guruji Dr. C.B. Satpathy and our Saburi with this ongoing pandemic has made us realize how important it is to band together and stand firm against this unforeseen situation. It gives me so much joy and happiness to see how our members banded together to make Sai Divine Foundation a big family and work together to help those who need our help. I thank Baba and Guruji for all their love and blessings, without which Sai Divine Foundation would not have existed.

Sai Divine Foundation was established with the core belief of helping others and spreading Shirdi Sai Baba's and pujya Guruji Dr. C.B. Satpathy's teachings. This year, Sai Divine foundation has organized multiple foods and cloth drives to help the homeless community in Dallas downtown. One of the main goals for these drives was to prepare the homeless community for the winter. Along with food donations, we have engaged in donating items like winter coats, hats, and gloves. The pandemic has made the donation process harder, but Sai Baba and Guruji always showed us the way and gave us the strength to carry out these noble deeds. The lockdown has been a significant disruption in our day-to-day activity, but we took this opportunity to use zoom as a medium to read and understand Guru Bhagwat. This lockdown has also made it possible to release Sai Creatives magazine, and it is my immense pleasure to present you with this year's new year edition of Sai Creatives. What started as a mere kid's section has grown into a collection of literature and art submitted by all age groups. It is great pleasure to see a tremendous amount of work produced by the children and gives me hope for our future. As I read through some of the work, you will realize that some adults do not possess half of the knowledge that these children have to offer, and that gives us a chance to learn from these young minds. I hope you will be able to see every individual's creativity who has worked on this magazine.

Sai Divine Foundation is blessed to have you all as a part of this caring family. It is because of you we can do god's work. On behalf of Sai Divine Foundation, I want to thank you for all your help, support and wish you a very Happy New Year, and pray for your happiness and wellbeing. Stay Safe.

Jai Shri Sai
Jai Shri Gurudev

Rajnish Mittal
Editor, Sai Creatives

NEW YEAR MESSAGE 2021



During the year 2020, human civilization experienced a shock that it had never anticipated. The pandemic COVID-19 virus took the entire world by complete surprise. Our daily routine and affairs were completely disturbed and a new lifestyle was forced on us as individuals and communities. We had no choice but to accept this massive disruption. Later, it became the new normal.

This Pandemic is too wide and too critical a subject for it to be discussed fully in a single message. Hence, I am only venturing to put forward a few effects of this Pandemic that directly or indirectly, have taught the human civilization novel lessons on survivability and growth.

- The human civilization can ill-afford to take for granted its capabilities to combat such sudden and unforeseen happenings of such dimensions. It has to re-examine its capabilities with humility and create new capabilities after examining the causes of its failure.
- If countries don't share timely information among themselves about catastrophes such as COVID-19, the problem may escalate and become a pandemic. This will have global ramifications with massive loss of lives, livelihoods and property and thereby cause immense suffering.
- Even after receiving information about COVID-19 some countries did not take the desirable and urgent steps to combat the disease and considered it to be a routine issue which resulted in the loss of so many human lives and created severe loss and suffering not only to them but also to others who were connected with them. Those countries that took timely preventive measures, like India, faced fewer deaths and lesser problems.

- The disease affected all the perceivable components of society. Different Governments, private organizations, groups and individuals joined in the fight against this as a problem for the entire human race.
- It taught us that we can work online from home or wherever we are. The future trend of communications and various types of human activities is going to be online-based, in a major way. It saves time, energy and cost.
- It has taught us to realize the risks and difficulties faced by people working in Health, Police, Municipality, Supply departments and other such groups known as the 'Corona Fighter group'. We have learnt to value their work. We must be sympathetic to them and help them where necessary.
- The UN (WHO) and many countries issued laws, rules, regulations and advisories to combat COVID-19 and bring about medical awareness in public places, etc.
- It has taught us to live frugally when confined to our homes and to maintain social distancing.
- The nonessential areas of life like malls, pubs, hotels, restaurants, movie halls, theatres and other recreation centres were closed.
- As people remain confined within the home, understanding among the family members became better in most cases. They learnt how to share work and emotional stress. The family members learnt to understand and ease stress through more meaningful conversations, both face to face and online.
- Even in matters of religion and belief, people learnt how to worship God at home without visiting temples, churches and other places of worship.
- It has taught the school authorities, teachers, students and parents to create and get adjusted to a system of online education. It saves cost, energy and time. In future, it may set common international standards of educational system. It also made us aware that children who could not afford mobile phones or laptops were being deprived of online education. Efforts must be made to bridge this digital divide.
- It has taught the Governmental, corporates and private business organisations and other groups to perform their jobs using the online communication system. There was minimal use of office space. We can perform many such jobs even from our homes, thereby improving time and cost management.

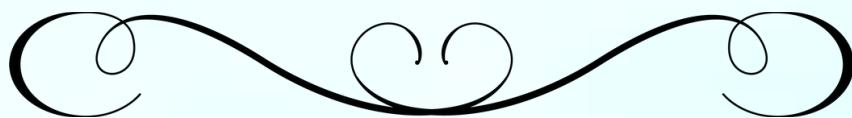
- It has taught us to support each other in society. There are many examples of how many people have helped others at considerable cost to themselves.
- It also taught us to revisit our lost values, culture/heritage. This is essential in order to protect our society during times of distress.
- It has taught us not to exploit the various gifts of nature like the plants, animal kingdom and the five elements of nature more than we essentially need for our survival.
- It has taught us to live with other species with empathy and strive to maintain the ecological balance on earth. It has also taught us to desist from degrading the environment around us.

It is not at all easy to list out what we learnt from the impact of COVID-19. However, humanity can survive and grow only if it learns its lessons rapidly and brings about the necessary changes in time.

Let us pray God, the Almighty, and our spiritual masters like Shri Shirdi Sai Baba to give us the intelligence to take proper and timely actions to save the human race from such unforeseen challenges.

May Shri Sai bless us all.

**Dr. C. B. Satpathy
Gurugram, India**



The Glory of Sai Baba's Blessings

By Sampriti Senapati
Plano, Texas

**Gurur Brahma Gurur Vishnu
Gurur Devo Maheshwarah!
Guru Saakshaata Parabrahma
Tasmai Shri Guruve Namah!!**



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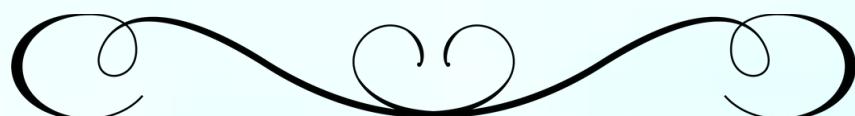
Om Sai Ram. Today, with the grace of Baba, I am taking the opportunity to write a story that illustrates one of the methods conducted by Baba in some instances to strengthen and reform his devotees who persisted in the belief of Astrology.

To start off, there was a family who lived in Bandra and all the members of that family were truly and genuinely devoted to Baba. Day and night, their son excelled academically and wished to appear for a medical examination. He consulted some astrologers and, reviewing his horoscope, they advised him that the stars were not favorable this year and that instead, he should appear for the examination next year. This brought a desolation over him, leaving him anxious and restless. Subsequently, his mother went to Shirdi a couple of days later to meet with Baba. She conveyed her concerns about her son's grim and somber situation as he was still contemplating the decision to appear for a medical examination in a few days after being advised not to do so for this year by the Astrologists. Baba, all-knowing, immediately said to her "Tell your son NOT to believe in horoscopes and predictions of the astrologers and palmists and to instead continue his studies for the exam.

Let him appear for the examination with a calm mind, he will pass this year. Ask him to trust in me and not to get disappointed". The mother was very pleased so she returned home and conveyed Baba's message to her son. In due course, the son studied hard and soon appeared for the examination. With Baba's blessing, he did very well in the written examination but was still overcome by uncertainties as he felt he wouldn't be able to get enough marks to even pass. As a result, with the contemplation, he decided to skip and not appear for the oral examination. However, the oral examiner was so impressed with the son's written examination and was eagerly waiting for him to start the next part of the examination. The oral examiner eventually realized that the son had opted not to undergo the oral examination. The oral examiner, therefore, sent a word through a fellow student, revealing that the son had passed the written examination and that he should appear for the oral examination. Immediately, the son was very ecstatic to hear the news and was given an opportunity to appear for the oral examination. With Baba's grace, he had passed the examination that year, even though he was told that the stars were against him. The guidance of Baba was very timely and prompt thus enabling the son to pass even against the power of Astrology!

In my opinion, this story was really intriguing and perhaps a beautiful representation of how influential Baba's blessings can really be. As stated by the devotees in the Sai Satcharitra, If we hold steadily to Baba with full faith and continue our endeavors, our efforts will be ultimately crowned with success. Doubts and difficulties surround us to confirm our faith. When we surrender to our Sadguru (SAI) with wholehearted devotion, he is sure to carry us safely. The Sadguru looks to the intense feeling and devotion of his devotees and endows them with knowledge and eternal bliss. It is only the Sad-guru who can open the eyes of our understanding and enable us to see things in their true light. Let us, therefore, worship the Sad-guru and pray to him to give us the true vision.

OM SAI RAM !!!!



The Diversity and Greatness of Science

By Sasmita Mohapatra

Allen, Texas

The discussion topic is taken from the last (34th) chapter of Gopya ru Agopya called the 'Anitma Prathana'. We will discuss about 'Gatisila Biswa' and 'Brahma Vigyana'

THE DYNAMIC UNIVERSE ('Gatisila Biswa')

Imagine someone in your family calls you lazy for just sitting still in a chair, you can politely remark that, it may look as if you are sitting still, you are actually moving at a great speed around the Earth, around the Sun, around the Milky Way, and through the Universe. Cosmically speaking you are in constant motion. Our Sun is just one star among several hundred billion others that together make up the Milky Way Galaxy, our 'island of stars' and within it, each star is itself moving in organized ways around the center of the Galaxy. There are a lot of moving parts to the Universe, as nothing exists in isolation; we hardly ever realize these are in constant motion on the Earth.

Think about when your family takes a trip and is driving on the highway. You look to your right, and a little kid in the backseat of the car in the next lane waves at you. At this moment, it appears as though this car is not moving. It is only when you look at the trees behind the car that you realize that both cars are in fact moving very fast. It is like this with the speed of stars in astronomy. Some stars near our position in the Milky Way may appear not to be moving very fast relative to our star, the Sun, but they are still moving in the galaxy.

Shooting stars appear to move faster than non-shooting stars when you are looking at the sky at night. Shooting stars are actually small pieces of rock, which burn when they enter the Earth's atmosphere. Many people think that space is empty, but it is not! If the space rock is large enough, it can fall all the way to the Earth's ground. Maybe one day you will find a rock that fell out of the sky! There was a funny story that happened several years ago where a lady went to her garage in the morning and found her car's hood had been bashed. She called the cops to make a report so they could find the troublemaker. After some investigation, they found the culprit... a "shooting star"... resting quietly beneath the hood of her car!

All these celestial bodies being in never ending motion do collide with each other. Note that physical collisions between stars occur frequently in dense star clusters via close encounters between two single stars or during strong dynamical encounters involving binary stars. Such collisions are rarer near our star (the sun). The effects of such collisions, such as mass loss, energy loss depends on the masses of the stars, angular momentum and relative velocity. While a stellar collision may even lead to gamma ray bursts if the collision results in the formation of a neutron star, the effect on the earth of a nearby collision is not likely to be noticeable but such things are happening all the time.

There had been a relationship between God and Universal Nature. Gyanis and Vigyanis (scientists) are always close to Nature and God, as they both contemplate upon God. Both Gyanis and Vigyanis deeply aware of its greatness, diversity, and surrender to the power of creation. They follow the path of nature by logic and intellect.

It is seen that renunciation, supreme knowledge, self-realization, dedication towards exploration are the attributes of Vijnani. Many of the vedic rishis, saints of yore in the past had developed state of mental equipoise through yogic practices, meditation and various other methods. Similar are the attributes of a Vijnani in the present time. It will not be wrong to address the scientists as 'Brahma Vijnani' of the present time.

Rishis in ancient India stands for the highest ideal and its accorded great veneration. They are freed from all social obligations, conventions and usually lead a scheduled life. A holy man who sits alone in a cave or "wanders like a rhinoceros" may be a paragon of perfection, but his way of life cannot be followed by the vast majority of people especially in the market-oriented, industrialized modern societies, which put a premium on work and social life. Don't think that only a person who sits in a temple all day, sings devotional songs and rings temple bells is truly worshipping God, it is not so.

Brahma - Vidya is the knowledge, which every soul in this world is longing for in each and every birth. But the veil of ego (meaning our body) drawn over our soul restricts the knowledge and we live and die in that bondage of ego. There are questions like the purpose of life, real happiness, how to attain this etc. in the wonder filled universe. The answers to these and other such questions lie in the wisdom that we call 'Brahma Gyana'.

The man of science sees and observes things only as they appear to be to his sense- perception. Prakriti or Nature is quite unbiased. What has science done to us? It has added both a fondness for knowledge as well the discomfort, restlessness, and enhanced human complexities and intricacies. We have visualized both the good and evil side of the science leading to both wonderful and disastrous discoveries. It has been a year the whole world is the victim of the disastrous pandemic, covid-19. Millions and millions of people have lost their precious lives, even the people from Antarctica are found victims of the pandemic. Eminent scientists with the help of latest technologies and knowledge have found a remedy for the pandemic, which is a boon to society. It is not the science or the discoveries by scientists that cause the destruction or downfall of human beings but the negative forces like pride, prejudice of human nature.



My Baba

By Padmaja Puppala
Plano, Texas

I look at you, You are seeing me
I want to say something, You listen to me
I have a wish, You have fulfilled me
I think of a question, You have aptly answered me
I send my prayers, You have blessed me
I wail in agony, You heal my pain
I am lost in despair, You guide me to my destiny
I walk alone, You give me a blessed company
I trip on my journey, You have held me
I feel sick, Your Udhi treats me
I am happy , You share my joys with me
I trust you , You never fail me
I accept my mistakes, Baba! Please forgive me
I look around, You are always around me
I close my eyes, deep within I can feel You with me
What more to ask, just one – to Bless All around me
My Baba, please BE WITH ME !!

Miracle and blessing of Shirdi Sai Baba

By Pooja Dakshin
Chennai, India

Let me tell you a small miracle and a blessing that shirdi sai baba gave to my family..my mother (lakshmi) before getting married during her office days she has no clue of who sai baba was, one day a miracle happened when she was sleeping she had a dream where an old man came and said, come and see me worship me and press my footprints strongly and surrender yourself soulful I will be there for you then suddenly she woke up with this weird dream and then she conveyed it to her family (mom dad sister and brother)then they all started to search everywhere finally she remembered a doll of sai baba ,footprints under a peepal tree one day they found the place she ran to that place heard all about sai baba and started crying that had a blissful arati they all visited that place regularly that place was later demonstrated and rebuilt huge temple it is now located in tamil nadu chennai - Injambakkam sai baba kovil then my mother started to worship and became a true devotee of sai baba later years passed by my mom got married and told the incidents to my dad (dakshina moorthy) and they went to that temple often then I was born and from my childhood I have been to that temple were I got peace bliss the temple was connected to the sea shore later it was closed because of the tsunami (natural calamity)this was the miracle than sai baba gave to my mother sai baba leela's are always the best now coming to the blessing a year ago my mother had an operation done where my dad prayed to shirdi sai baba,tirupati vekatachalam(perumal),and mantralaiyum ragavendra that he would visit them once the operation was done successfully I was never been in a flight before and I always wanted to fly and watch the clouds above since my childhood suddenly my dad was about to go to shirdi in plane I also wanted to go badly blessing of sai baba at that point made a opportunity for me to fly and visit him my mother wasn't able to come because she just had her operation finished (maybe sai baba told her until her time arrives to meet him) the first time I stepped into shirdi felt so blissful and we had got the tickets for night arati.which was amazing suddenly I started to cry while seeing sai baba(they told it was as a blessing) we stayed there and next morning we had one more arati both dharshan was a true blessing and I got 2 friends (dogs) a place where dogs are filled would be heaven they came near me they were playing and sat next to me until the arati got over and I visited dhwarakamau before flying back .flying in plane with sai baba blessing these incidents my mom stopped talking to sai baba and got angry for some reasons then I prayed and promised sai baba that ill make my mom(sai baba most loved devotee)talk to you again and ill bring her to shirdi soon .one day I got an beautiful opportunity to make my mom talk to him and keep food for him everyday and then in vice versa he granted me a puppy (Bairavan) I always wanted to have one but my mom didn't allow me then now I got one I really happy and people around me are also happy after the puppy came home I kept udi on his forehead when

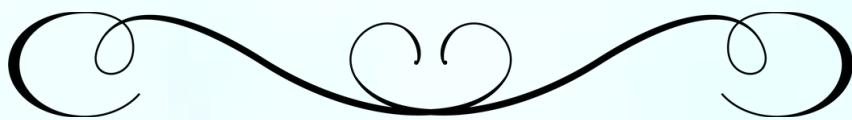
he first came to our house ...I will now tell you a small natural habitat connection towards me and sai baba my chithi (chitra) bought me a small sai baba doll from shirdi before I visited there , when ever I had a tough day sad or worried day I used to cry and scold sai baba doll and keep the doll beside me during my sleep the next morning all my worries will be vanished and positive energy will receive and start my day happily he never failed to surprise me with all I asked him and I got bracelet in shirdi which is a replica of ruthracha (given in the picture) I hanged it around his neck and I used to wear it during my semester exams and write the exam extraordinarily .and I also got satcharita book whenever I read a chapter I get the solution for my problem on that day .in my childhood I was always scared of negative energy (ghosts) and had an anxiety during some occasions in my school my mom thought me 2 slokas

1."SAI SARANAM BABA SARANAM"

**2."ACHUDHA NANDHA GOVINDA SAAYISHA NAMA BHEYJASHAATH NASHYANTHI SAKALAA
ROGAA SATHYAM SATHYAM VADHAAMAYAHAM"**

This is a true miracle and blessing and positive vibes that connects me and my family towards sai baba soulful...

★★OM SAI RAM ★★



Miracles Come from Heaven

Om Sai Ram,

By Rajeswari Venkatesan
Frisco, Texas

First of all, I would like to say that it has not been long for me to be in Baba's touch & blessings. Only been, few months that I started following him but within this short span of time, he has such spell-bounded me that now my day starts with Sai and ends with Sai.

I come from a Hindu family and my mom and dad used to trust & believe Sai. But I have never had faith in him not because of any reason but I never had any inclination towards him but I have got no problem with others' faith. Anyway, I have always been quite a devotional child I used to pray to all other gods & goddesses.

In my life miraculous happens through a Baba devotee Mrs.Chitra send by baba after I met her. She came as the lighting in my life. The way I met Mrs.Chitra is a big miracle unexpectedly I met her like a paper blown in a wind from a different direction, whenever I thank her she humbly pass that thank to Baba many good things happened and happening in my life.

1. My first kid Kavin had a bow leg doctor advised he may have surgery I told baba and Mrs.Chitra she told me there will be no need for surgery same thing happened after the investigation of his x-ray.

2. My second kid Yuvan undergone major surgery he was healed within a week the plastic surgeon was wondered how it happened this quick. all baba Magic.

Many more miracles happened in my life once I started wholehearted trust with baba, Mrs. Chitra a very humble baba devotee conducted Dwaraka Mai pooja in our house more than 23 families attend which is also a big miracle because we didn't plan for that many devotees, before my kid surgery, all their presence and prayers answered well. In that puja, Mrs.Chitra noticed a Fly came and sit on my head and she mentioned it's a blessing of BABA. The devotees who attend shared their miracles too after attending the pooja. Some got a good job after 10 years break. One lady told me the same day in their house the TV channel got changed automatically to baba song which never they watched before.

I totally surrender to Baba to show my path every day whatever comes I completely agreed Baba is giving this. Now I'm doing Thursday puja with the guidance of the same Baba devotee she is a treasure in my life, connecting the bridge.

Om Sai Ram!

लीलामय बाबा

डॉ. अर्चना पट्टनायक
नई दिल्ली



हे बाबा , आप हो गए तबसे , सबके बाबा
जब महालसापती पुकारें “आओसाई “ बाबा ।

कोई बोले साईराम , तो कोई साईशाम
बनगए आप शिरडी के दाता
साँची प्रेम की डोर से,
जुड गया हर किसि से नाता ।

माँ का दर्जा सबसे ऊपर
दिखलाया आपने साई
बेटे को बिना खिलाए
हठ करती , ना खाति
साई की “बाइज़ा मायी”!!

ना वो बारिश होती , ना आप चौड़ी आते
ना वो पालकी प्रथा शुरू होती
ना गुरुवार को भक्त , भगवान से मिलते
ना आप लठ से , फटकार करके
पानी से दिया जलाते ।

महा व्याधि को दूर किया
रख के पिंडी , पिस के गेहूँ
पाप मुक्त “ शिरडी” हो गयी
ऐसा चिकिस्तक देखा कहूँ !!

आज भी चमत्कर किया आप ने
बनाके महामारी टीका , इतनी जल्दी
बस, एक ही विनती , आपसे साई
असर हो इसका जल्दी जल्दी ।

हे “इछामय”, “लीलामय” साईनाथ
सुनलो हम सबकी प्रार्थना
मानवता के प्रदीप हो आप
सदा जग करे आपकी अर्चना !!

Baba Willingly Accepted the Offering

By Kalpana Dash
Pune, India

**Brahmanandam parama sukhadam kevalam jnaanamurtim
Dvandvaateetam gaganasadrusham tatvamasyadi lakshyam
Ekam nityam vimalamachalam sarvadheesaakshibhuutam
Bhaavaateetam triguna rahitam sadgurum twam namaami.**

This is my experience that happened very recently which takes me closer to our Sadguru Sai.

His presence felt in the entire world by billions of devotees and he also felt in our heart when someone really surrenders everything to him and simply follows his duty in this world.

In Satcharita we have read baba willingly accepted Dakshina from many of his devotees. Similar Leela happened in my life which baba wanted me to write also.

By his immense blessings on my family, on some occasions like birthdays or wedding anniversaries, we offer paridhan (new dress) in Sai temple.

Due to Covid-19 pandemic, our lives have changed a lot. My wedding anniversary was in last month (November). Because of heavy workload and household works I forgot to send/offer Dress to baba. Just the next day of my anniversary it reminded me automatically, and I was so upset for my forgetfulness. For 2 weeks it was in the back of my mind that how could I do this? When I will get the opportunity again to offer him?

Suddenly one-morning last week I got a message from the same temple Panditji if I am willing to offer a dress baba for the upcoming new Year Day of 2021. My heart filled with joy and tears came rolling that Baba not only listens to our prayer but also reads our mind and heart even untold. I immediately called Panditji and everything is set as per Baba's will now.

Sri Sainath Arpanamastu.

Shirdi Sai's Wonderful Leelas

By Rama Srinivasan
Chennai, India

Om Sairam.

My heartfelt pranams to Shirdi Sai Baba.

Wonderful are his ways of assuring us that he is always with us. This is our daughter's digital art (Mrs. Priyanka Rahul), created with Baba's blessings



Me and my family are devotees of Baba for the past 25-27 years. He has always shown us good directions, throughout our life, and protected us. Here is one instance to prove his presence. My daughter was getting engaged, and we had invited many closer relatives and friends to bless her one such invitee was ardent devotees of Baba; My friends Lakshmi from Chennai and her sister Chitra Sudakar from USA. Chitra revealed to us that she will not be able to attend, my daughter's engagement, as she just then reached Chennai, and had to travel a lot. But to our surprise, she and her family attended our engagement function, directly returning from Shirdi, that day with Udi, and gifted my daughter an idol of Saibaba. We were all happily surprised, shocked to see them as they literally told us it was impossible for them to attend. If not for Baba who else's decision could it be---for my daughter to be blessed most appropriately when she was treading into her new life that too through his devotee My daughter took Babas idol to her inlaws house in Kerala, and now to Canada, as she has settled there. Even this artwork is getting exhibited, only by Baba's grace, as it was forwarded casually to Lakshmi, Chitra's sister recently, though it remained with me for months together. It was a coincidence, Chitra requested her sister Lakshmi to send an artwork of Baba to be published in this magazine/ebook. Again we see that How Baba gets these connections done and expresses his presence and care always.

My dear sai friend Ashok who was also my classmate during our M.Sc. asked me to post some of my experiences in SAI CREATIVES. Trying to express my feelings with words is a difficult task! Because it's not about just one experience or some of the experiences but Sai is actually my LIFE. I remember back in 2009... it all started with 9 Gurubar puja that I heard from someone in India and it was kind of a "give and take" relationship. Like I do 9 gurubar puja and you do this for me! Relationship with my Baba was kind of something like that until 2015. I was doing so called "puja" and also read "sai satcharitra " once just to get something from him. But the intense love for him grew only after 2015 when my only Aunt (who actually raised me in my childhood and who is more close to me than my Mom) was diagnosed with cancer. I was terrified.. listening to the news when you are far away from home was never easy- I remember reading sai Satcharitra every night after my kids go to bed. With 2 toddlers life was busy but somehow I managed to pray, do puja and read sai Satcharitra everyday. And yes my Aunt survived and doing well by Baba's grace. She herself a Sai devotee! So this experience in 2015 actually changed my life. I never loved any other God/Goddess in my life like I love my Baba. Though I used to worship this God and that God, do some bratas and all when I was in India I never found myself so close to any other God. I never knew that God could be our friends, our family too. I don't know how to express my feelings. But it's something beyond words. Oh that feelings!!! But one thing I know and I can assure you that: you love him, think about him, chant his name and your life going to change like never before. You will find him wherever you go in life. All of your problems will be solved like nothing ever happened. He will make the path clear for you.

Let me share one such incidents:

This is sometime in Oct 2018. I was little stressed when my PCP asked me to get my Mammogram done. I was so tensed that I couldn't even sleep at nights properly. This is what happened to me in coming days:

I live in a small town of northern Michigan. The nearest temple is 2hrs drive from my home. I did not have any plan to visit the temple. But I had to go there for Indian grocers and also visit our family friends who live in the same city. Also I had to stay there over night. So next day morning I decided to go to temple before I leave for home. It was a Sat day, also Navaratri puja was going on at temple and that time temple was really crowded. I sat in front of Sai, prayed for sometime and when I was about to leave someone called me and asked me if I believe in Sai. I said "Yes".

To my surprise he asked me to wait for sometime, went inside the room, get Sai Satcharitra (*this is also another miracle, I am going to write in the next paragraph), Sai Gyaneswari and some other books on Baba and also a beautiful necklace of Baba(*Pic attached)) and gave it to me. Wow what an experience!!! Someone called me from the crowd and gave me all these when I needed the most! Was not that a miracle!!! That made my day and for sure I came out with such a confidence that nothing can go wrong from now on. Next week after that I went for the mammogram and everything was normal.

Regarding Sai Satcharitra I mentioned in above paragraph: I use to read my Sai Satcharitra almost everyday. I use to take it with me everywhere (especially when I have to stay over night) So I took it with me in my India trip in July 2018. I didn't pack the book in my check-in bag, rather it was in my purse and I was reading it while driving from my home to Chicago airport which is almost 4.5 hrs drive. After I reached the airport I kept the book in the side pocket of a check-in luggage. It was a long trip from Home -> Chicago -> New Delhi -> Bhubaneswar. I didn't want to carry it in my purse! Then after I reached I didn't unpack all the luggage. There was a family gathering at home so I didn't bother to check my book either. It was almost time for me to come back to USA, I checked my bag and I didnt find my book. I searched everywhere and was really upset about it. But then I could not even go to any Sai temple and get another book. As usual it was a tiring, hectic India trip with kids. I kind of forgot about it too. Then after I come back home in USA I realized that I dont have my book. I started missing my book so much. I tried to download and read it in my phone /laptop. But still I was missing my book. It was in Aug.2018. And Oct. 2018 I went to the temple (I usually do not really visit temple as it is nearly impossible for me) and someone called me and gave me the Sai Satcharitra. Is not that amazing??? Baba knows our heart. I was so overwhelmed, I didn't know how to thank that person and my Baba.

Aug 2019

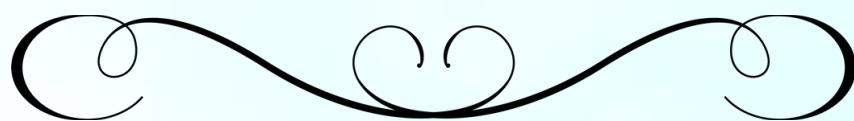
After I lost my Sai Satcharitra which was in Odia (i.e. my mother tongue) in my July-Aug 2018 India trip I got one from a nearby temple in Oct.2018. The book I got from the temple was in English. And I do not get "that" feeling when I read my Sai Satcharitra in English. I was still longing to get a book in Odia. These days my parents live in Ahmedabad with my sister, So it was not possible for them to get a book in Odia too and send it to me. So this is what happened later:

In Aug 2019 I visited my other sister who lives in Seattle, USA. It was a very tight schedule, I just went there for 4 days, just to visit her and come back. So obviously I did not have any plan to visit any temple in those 4 days. I have 2 kids and she has 2 kids. So we just had plans to visit nearby kid friendly attractions and temple was not in our schedule atall!

But... my Baba wanted me to come and see him:

I reached Seattle around 11PM in a Friday night. Next day morning my sister got a text from one of her friends that they are celebrating their kid's bday at the Sai temple and if she wants to come in the evening. My sister asked me, I was excited and was thinking myself that this was not even in plan!!! So next day we took kids to see some fun places and in the evening, me and my sister went to the temple. Guess what??? That temple is built by an Odia person. So they have Sai Satcharitra in Odia language in the temple to buy. I did not get the same Sai Satcharitra which I had before (the original one with red cover) But I got the one written by Guruji C.B. Satapathy. There was only one book available that time! Another interesting thing also happened the same time. I'd only have \$21 cash with me to donate at the temple. And the book was priced at \$12, now I was thinking to myself if I buy the book for \$12 then I can't donate \$21 as I decided before. As I was thinking I asked someone where to pay !!! And I was told to just donate in the box!!! How HE knows every little detail and helps us accordingly!!! Only HE knows!

Attached is the pic of Sai Satcharitra Book I got from Seattle temple and also pic of the temple!



BABA'S UDI: THE PANACEA

JAI SAI RAM

By Deepak Varshney
New Hampshire

The whole world is witnessing an unprecedented situation due to COVID-19. We all have been wholeheartedly praying to Baba to protect everyone and keep them safe. But still there are times when we succumb to the effect of karmas but as assured our Benevolent Baba minimizes that effect so that the problem just brushes past us. Today, I am relating one such incident on how Baba stood by me and my family in our toughest times.

My 75-year-old mother stays in Mumbai with my younger brother and his wife. It was around 27 June this year (during lockdown) that she started complaining of sore throat and a fever around 100 F. At that time none of us suspected of Covid but thought it to be weather related. The reason being that it was lockdown and nobody was going anywhere; even all shopping was being done online so there was no apparent possibility of Corona creeping in the family. But within 3 days she started coughing a lot and the fever was also constant. It came down with paracetamol but again went up as the effect of medicine faded. But still we did not think about Corona until my brother's neighbor and his whole family, who live on the same floor as my brother, were diagnosed with Covid 19. This same neighbor had come into their house on 23 June and had a chat with my brother and none of them had worn masks

As soon as my brother told me this, I got so tense that my head starting spinning. I knew that now my mother, my brother and his wife would surely have Covid 19! I was scared out of my wits as my mother is 75 and she has high blood pressure and diabetes. I did not know what to do? My mind was crowded with all kinds of negative thoughts and my heart started racing. I started assessing the situation, the disease is new, there is no cure for it, younger do stand a chance but it's fatal for older people with underlying health conditions. Also, the whole world is under lockdown, nobody can travel anywhere, I would not be able to go to India, if something happens to her. Also, if she is admitted to the hospital and quarantined there then she will not be able to cope with the mental pressure of having Corona and staying away from family.

Now, as always Baba was our solace, who helps us in all our trying times, so I straightaway went to my mandir and prayed to Baba from the bottom of my heart. I cried out to Him to help us.....as everything was in His hand. I asked Him to protect my mother and minimize her difficulties. I also begged Him not to put me in a position like last time (I want to mention here that when my father passed away due to a sudden heart attack in Jan 2016, I was not able to reach India in time for his last rites).

By Baba's grace I told my mother to start taking Udi in water. Everyone in the family starts drinking Udi tirth all the time. They drank it sip by sip the whole day continuously for the next two to three weeks. As expected the corona test came +ve ! Initially, after 3-4 days my mother's fever never came down below 100 F. She was also coughing a lot and had a lot of body pain as well. My brother and his wife were also under stress about my mother's condition. They were oscillating between admitting or not admitting her to the hospital for proper care! I had full faith in Baba and told my brother to just buy an oximeter to keep track of her oxygen levels, if they are normal then she is better off in home than in hospital. I told all of them to have faith and patience as Baba will take care of her. Within a matter of 3-4 days my brother also started exhibiting mild symptoms of Corona and came out +ve. He and my mother were self-quarantined at home and were just taking Baba's Udi Tirth along with turmeric and honey in water.

7 days had passed like this. Though I used to console them and tell them not to worry but deep in my heart I was still very worried as I had read that symptoms can get fatal between 7-11 days. Each day was an ordeal, and we thanked baba for each day that passed peacefully. On the 8th day, I even cried before Baba as I was getting overwhelmed with all the stress. I sat in front of baba for the whole night praying for my family especially my mother's well-being.

In the morning , I called my brother and he told me that the fever has not abated....It was 101 F and the coughing had become worse and to top it all the Oxygen level had dropped a little bit and was coming between 92-95. All the while she was sticking to her remedy that is faith in Baba's Udi and Blessings. My brother took her for an X-Ray and the report came as a blow to us as it showed that both lungs were affected, and she had DOUBLE PNEUMONIA! With that report my world came crashing down and I thought that at the age of 75 its next to impossible now for her to recover! I turned to Baba and asked Him.... Will she not survive?Would I not be able to see her again?..... All the negative thoughts flooded me at that moment!! I prayed fervently to Baba to please do something about the situation! The thought of losing my old mother to corona tormented my heart.

Now, look at Baba's miracle, and the power of Udi! My mother was diagnosed with double pneumonia still she neither experienced difficulty breathing, nor her oxygen levels went below 92. After 14 days of infection her fever also came down to normal and her Covid test also came -ve. Baba took care of her and saved her life. Even the doctors in our family were shocked to hear this, they could not believe that my mother recovered from double pneumonia at that age with all the other underlying conditions. Not even for once she saw any doctor !

!!!!....BABA was her DOCTOR and UDI was her prescribed MEDICINE....!!!!

Nevertheless, my brother and his wife had very mild symptoms which went on to pass after some time and they tested negative as well! Later on, we also got our mother tested for Covid antibodies and it showed that the Covid antibody count was very high. She had a severe infection, but Baba's Udi saved her by giving strength to her weak body to fight the severe infection. Presently, she is safe and sound and doing well!

If we leave all our worries to Baba then He takes care of everything! Jai Sai Nath!

SAI IS THE GREATEST STRENGTH TO MY FAMILY

By Jyotsna Dash
Plano, Texas

**Tumhi Brahma, Tumhi Vishnu,
Tumhi Sai Ho Shiv Shankar.
Tumhi Gajanan, Tum Vighneshwar
Tumhi Sai Daata Digambar.
Tumhi Samarth Swami Sai !!!**

Om Sairam.

To start off, Baba's Leelas are marvelous and can't be explained in a few sentences but I will share one of my experiences briefly here. Since childhood, I knew my parents were loyal and dedicated devotees of Sai Baba. From that, my journey with Baba first started when I was in High School. Since then, Baba supported me in every phase of my life. When I was doing my master's in computer science at Utkal University, I was always very genuine about my studies, especially during my exam time. Moreover, I would not spend any time with any other thing but studies. One time, after the semester exam schedule was published, I started preparing for exams very seriously but, for some reason, there was a change in the exam schedule which happens very rarely. Since I didn't talk to any of my friends after getting the original schedule, I was completely unaware of the new changes. Unfortunately, I wasn't prepared with the new schedule and went to the exam without knowing. Before going inside the exam hall some of my friends started talking to me about the accounting and financing related questions whereas I was prepared for CAD (Computer Architecture and Design). After a while, I started asking them "why are we talking about accounting paper, we should instead focus on what we have today." Furthermore, they started laughing at me thinking that I was joking with them. But on the contrary, I came to know from them that there was a change in the schedule. For a moment, I was speechless and couldn't decide on what to do. I questioned them and admitted that I did not have any idea what they were talking about. Additionally, they started informing me about the new exam schedule and I was in shock. I then told them that I had no idea and that I instead studied for the wrong exam. But they couldn't believe me at all and instead, they started joking with me saying that I am too serious in my studies I could never possibly do that mistake. Since I was not prepared for the accounting and financing exam, I was debating whether I should go into the exam hall or go back home as I was shocked that I had missed such an important detail. Consequently, an idea arose in my mind to go into the exam hall anyway and try my best so that suspicion doesn't arise within my friend-group as well as any other classmates.

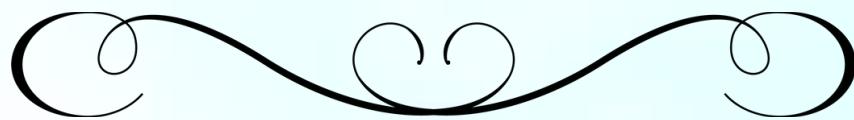
But internally, I was crying and thinking about my SAI, asking him “how did I do this mistake Baba?” and “what should I do now?” Thoughts began to arise inside my mind again. If I failed this exam, it would disappoint my parents. If I give up and leave during the exam, my whole class would know that I was not prepared. Either way presented an ultimatum. Despite this unfortunate situation, I remained optimistic and looked down at my ring with Baba’s glorious face engraved. My mother had given each of my siblings this ring in order to have Baba’s glory with us wherever we needed it. Additionally, I began to pray for blessings from my SAI. After, I decided that I will try my best and whatever happens, will happen for a reason. “Everything happens for a reason – SAI.” Then, I opened my exam, looked at the questions, and soon realized I was capable, with Baba’s blessings, to complete this exam. Is this not a miracle? An exam that I didn’t even acknowledge studying for, has all of a sudden become so easy. With Baba’s blessings, I secured the highest score out of my exam room. My SAI had helped me get through this situation with his blessings. I didn’t have limits for my happiness at that moment. I thanked Baba in many ways.

The experience which I shared above has the resemblance with the following verses from Guru Bhagavat which really touched my heart.

**Hey Gurudeva Bhaktaprana... Bhakta Paiin Tuma Jivana...
Hele Bhaktara Sandhikala... Arambha Tuma Krupa Khela...
Bhakta Jebe Hue Nirasa... Sebele Tume Kahun Aasa...
Antare Sinchi Bhabajala... Dia Gyana Bhakti O Bala...**

Baba is the greatest strength to my family. He blessed us with the best. Whenever we sincerely believe in him, he will always be with us. Just by taking one step at a time, Baba will take 100 steps closer. Om Sai Ram, Sri Sai Ram, Jaya Jaya Sai Ram.

Sri Sachchidananda Samartha Sadguru Sainath Maharaj Ki Jai !!!



MY EXPERIENCES WITH SAI BABA

By Chitra Sudakar
Frisco, Texas

Usually, in our local city Baba temple, I have spoken to many people, and previously they had some other gurus but finally they came to Baba. That shows how Baba and other Gurus are working together.

My parents believe in all the GODS but myself is a staunch devotee of Guru Sri Raghavendra Swami. On school days, on Thursdays, I follow very rules for puja for our Guru Sri Raghavendra Swami. When I moved to USA, I stayed in different places such as California, New York and New Jersey etc. but I could not find Sri Raghavendra Swami temple. After I moved to Plano, the Baba temple was opened, and I call him Baba Raghavendra.

4 years back when I entered Baba temple, I saw Sindur (Forehead Tilakam) and also immediately I saw Guru Raghavendra Swami in Baba. I was excited and could not control my happiness and shouted. Nobody believed me even if I told the same thing to other devotees present there. Baba showed me that Sri Raghavendra Swami and Baba are same...

Always I keep on praying to my Guru Sri Raghavendra Swami to help and guide me to start sketch drawing. He blessed me and I could draw my Guru Raghavendra Swami.

In 2014, one week before Groundbreaking day for the new Baba temple, one miracle happened at my home. One day when I moved the sofa, I saw Baba seating there in the wall with full color. I double-checked again and again, and I could see him whereas my husband and children could not see. Next day early morning, Baba told me that I want to seat there in the wall. I told my husband that I want to draw baba there on that wall. I told Baba that I can't draw so huge as I am not an artist. I can draw a small one. But every day Baba keeps on telling me, but I was not doing it. After a few days, Baba shouted at me and told me to get five pencils and keep them in the puja room in front of Baba and start the drawing. I turned Sofa to the other side, and I put a ladder near the wall. When started drawing, I cried as well because I don't know how to do it. I made a tiny square and then baba told me to turn on Evening Aarti. I did that and then I started drawing. Within 30 mins, I completed the drawing of huge Baba seating (on the stone) on that wall. I was surprised and could not believe how I could do it. When I was about to start the stone, my daughter and husband came from outside. My husband started crying and told me that I can see Baba on that wall. It was a pencil sketch.





After that, we did the first bhajan in our house. After the bhajan, I asked Baba do you want to do Drishti to be removed. Baba said in a friendly tone yes please remove the Drishti. I told Baba I was just joking. My son took the wet paper towel and started erasing the stone. I told him "stop, stop... Baba asked me to paint the down part with Black paint and leave the upper part as it is. After that, I started making Canvas with Baba's sketch. One Saturday morning, Baba woke me up around 3 o'clock. I could hear the bhajans in different languages with music. I could hear the music continuously. In my dream vision, I see Dwarkamai Baba and Baba told me to draw that in the game room I said to Baba, I can't do it. He said you have to do it. Baba asked me to start with the pencil sketch and also, he told me that he will tell me the color. I did Ganesha prayer then I told Baba I will cook for my family and took some coffee. I kept Dwarkamai Baba picture in the side. I started the face. One side one eye and nose, and other side another eye then immediately he said erase it. After I erased it, he showed me the face there. I started the outline according to the facial appearance. After 3 months, Baba told me to go to Hobby Lobby and he showed me each color and I got the colors and brushes. Then Baba said stop it. Then after a few months, he asked to paint again. He asked me what specific color for which part. Finally, I could complete it.

Devotees' Experiences



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Jai Shree Sai !

We are currently living in Bhubaneswar. In 2007 my husband got promoted and had to move to Balungaon. I was worried because for first time we had to stay away from my in-laws. One of my neighbors is great devotee of Baba. At that time I was not that aware of Baba's presence . I told that her to pray to Baba for my decision. She asked pick a number,I chose 25 . She had a book with her and asked me to read the message with the number 25. There has message that 'your journey will success'. After that I finally decided to shift to Balungaon. And after 2 years we transferred back to Bhubaneswar. That 2 years living in Balungaon had brought a great change in my life. And this was all Baba's blessings. Since that very day I do feel Baba's presence .

Jai Shree Sai

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**By Rasmita Patra
Bhubaneswar, India**

My Experience

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I would like to share an exciting incident where I felt the presence of Sai in front of me. Once a limping black dog was resting on my terrace where I normally dry clothes and watering the plants and keep the terrace clean. The dog used to come and rest everyday which was irritating me and I was shooing it away. Seeing such behavior towards the dog my son was bit unhappy and asked me not to do so. He rather asked me to feed the dog and allow the poor dog to rest. Thinking that it will make the terrace filthy I was driving it away and fenced the terrace.

Suddenly after some days it appeared again on the terrace of an under constructed house behind our terrace and it was looking towards our house as if it wanted to come back to the terrace which was already fenced. Seeing this I felt regretful, I immediately ran down to get a piece of bread and threw it towards him. The dog went away without eating.

The incident persistently disturbed my mind and I was emotionally feeling sad. I felt bad for the mistake and went to Sai temple to narrate my unkind behavior towards the poor dog. With tears in my eyes I was reading "Sai Sacharita Book" on an afternoon.,a shadow appeared silently on my door. To my surprise I saw a dog like Golden Retriever sitting like a pet dog. I was surprised at the sight and offered some biscuits, the dog happily ate it. I immediately ran to the kitchen to get something more but when I came back, I saw the dog disappeared. I couldn't believe that the dog could disappear so quickly as there was no noise of its disappearance..The closed gates were Open.Then I realised that it was Sai who had come in disguise to wipe off my sins. That day onwards I became compassionate towards animals and my belief of Sai's presence in every creature became stronger then I became a sai devotee.

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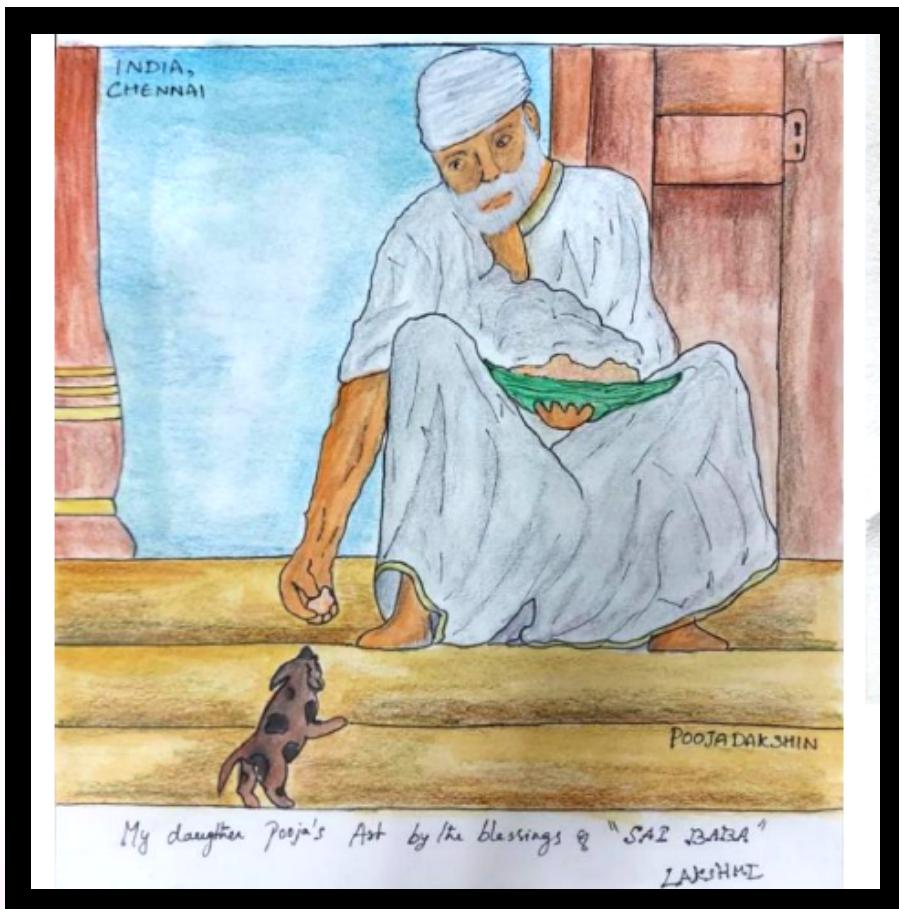
**By Namita Rani Subudhi
Bhubaneswar, India**

Baba's Kids



Education confers humility, endows one with the authority to command, that will entitle one to affluence. With the help of charity and compassion this affluence can be made fruitful, and by this means, happiness in this world and peace in the next can be won.

- Shirdi Sai Baba



"God is one – Sabka Malik ek"

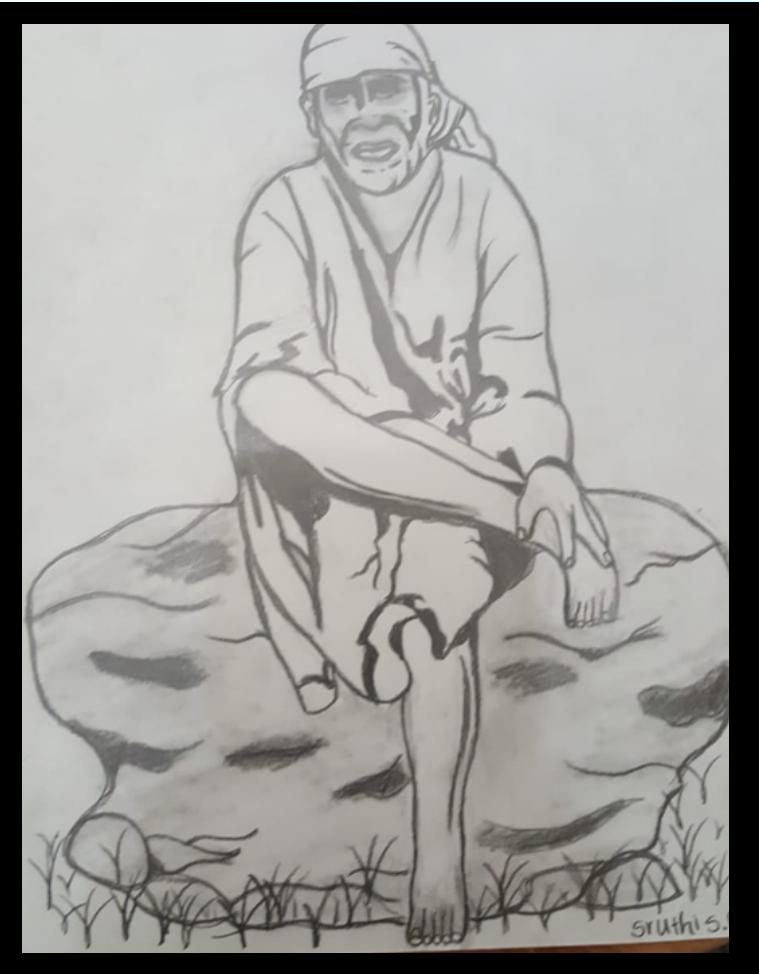
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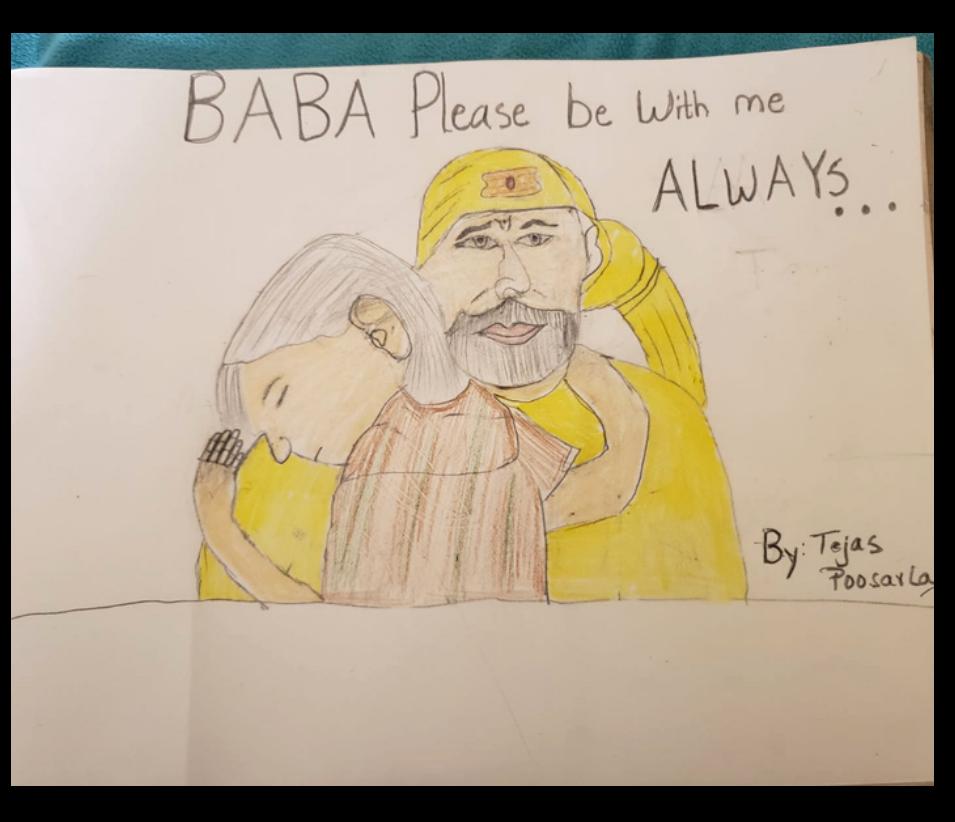




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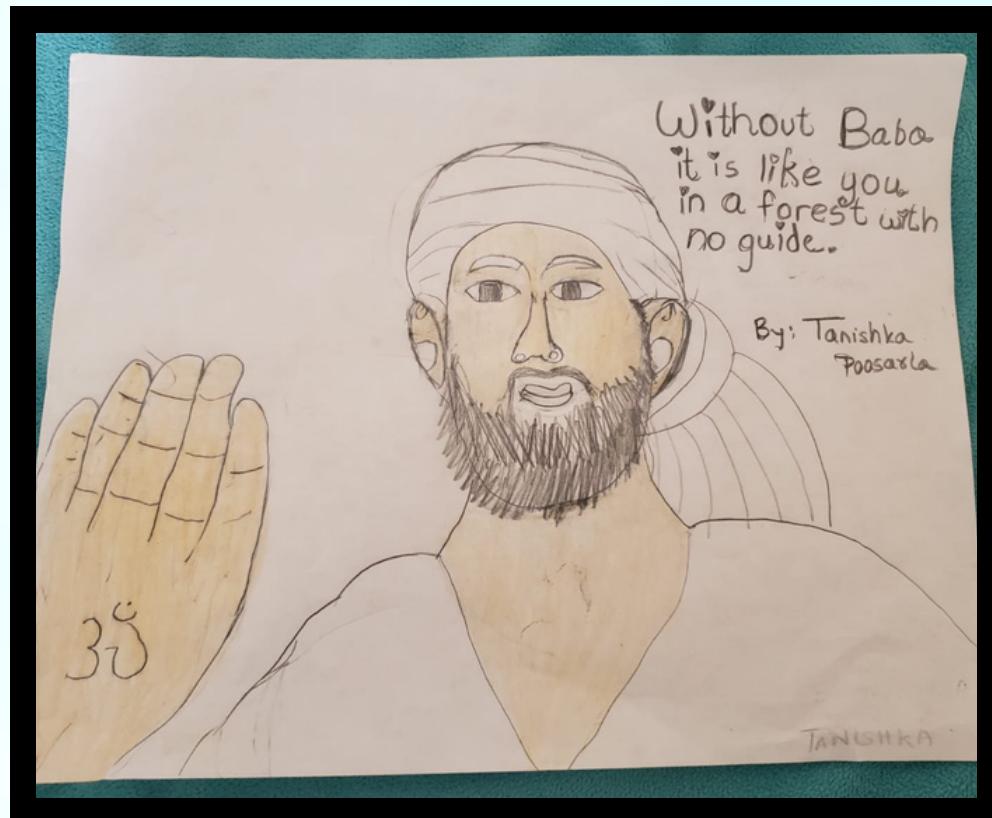
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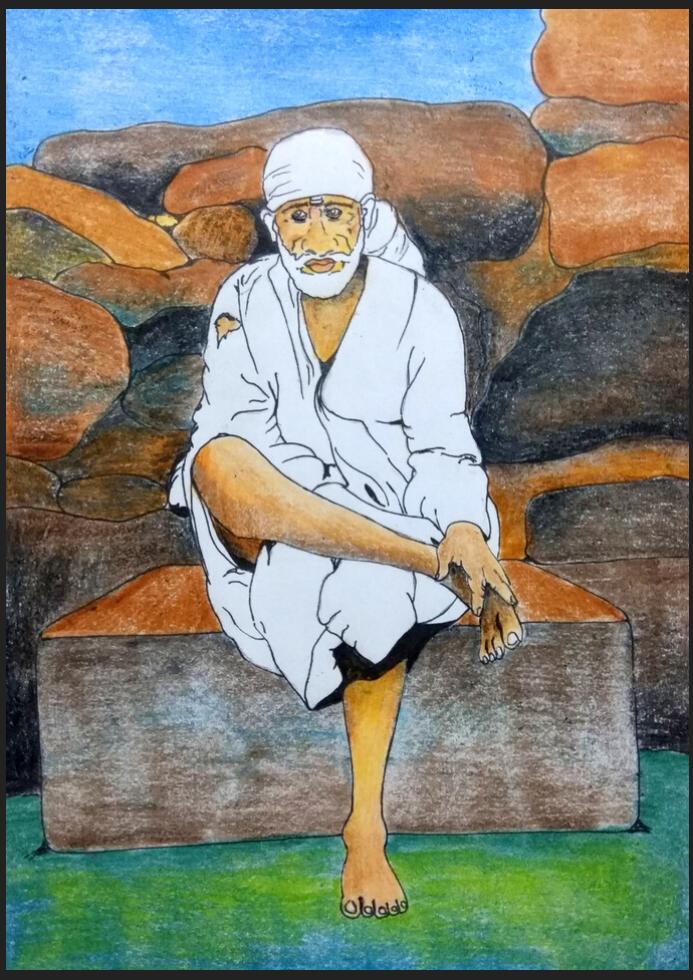




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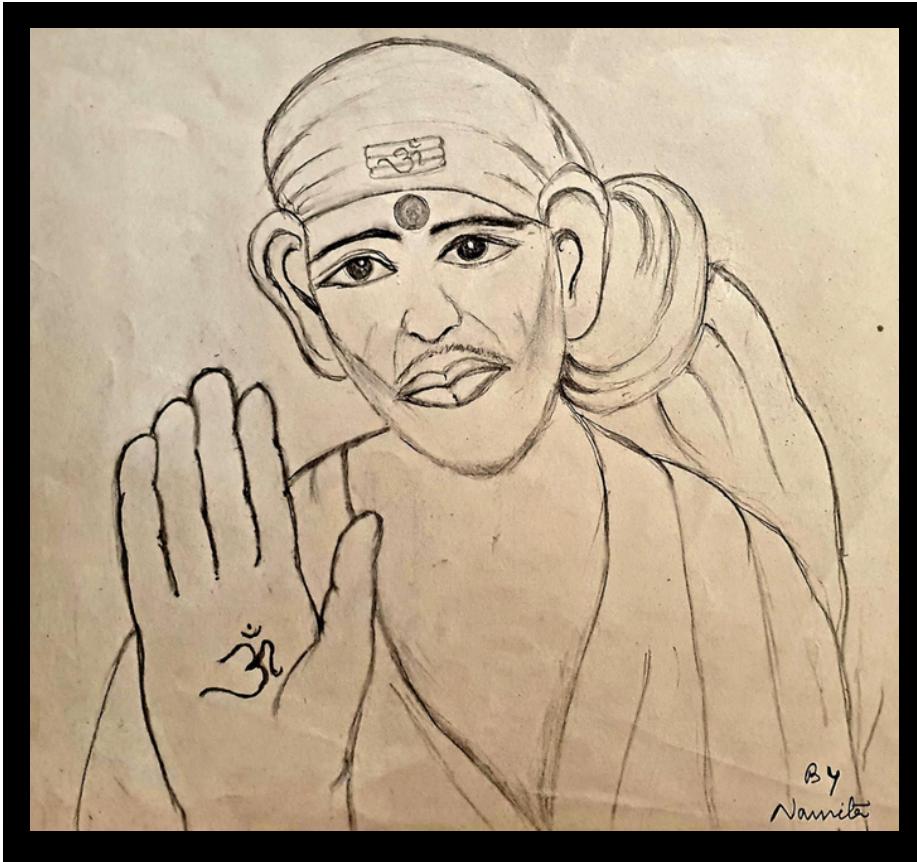




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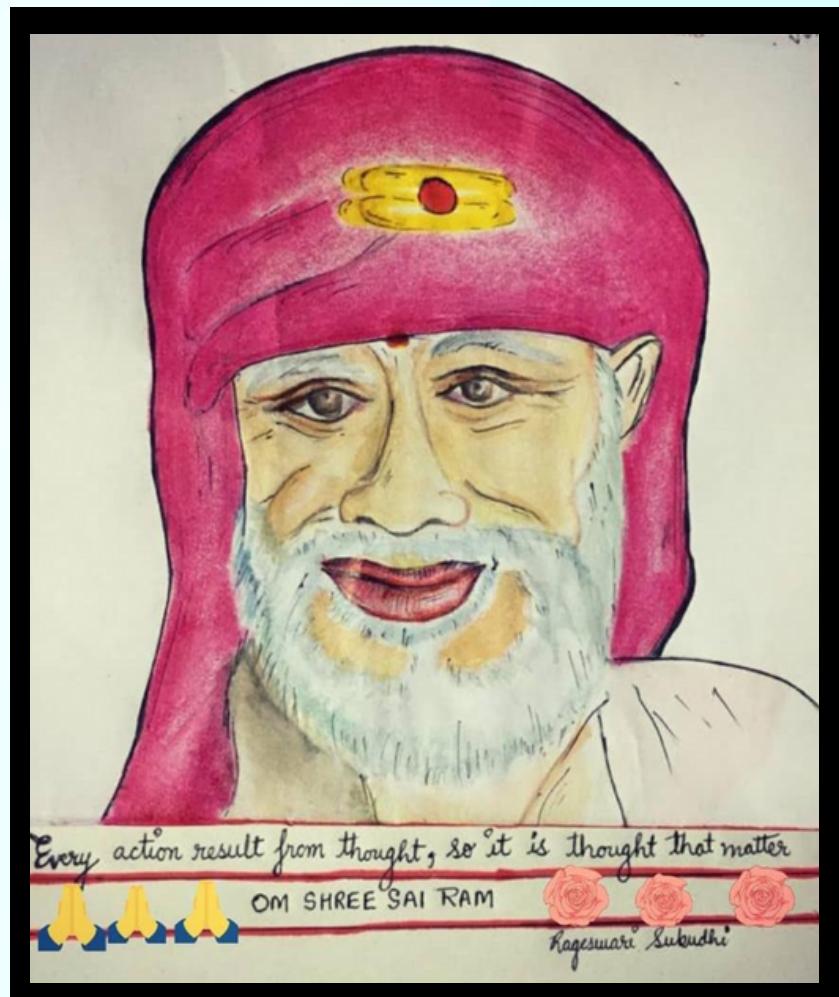
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MISSING MY GRAND PA (S)

It's too early in my life,
I lost my both grandpa(s) before time.
Every day I wonder why?
You all were taken high up to the sky.
I did not get a proper chance
To say you all goodbye.
I will try to follow your footprint
However hard others' say.
BABA, your blessings and all elders' affection
Bless me reaching high.

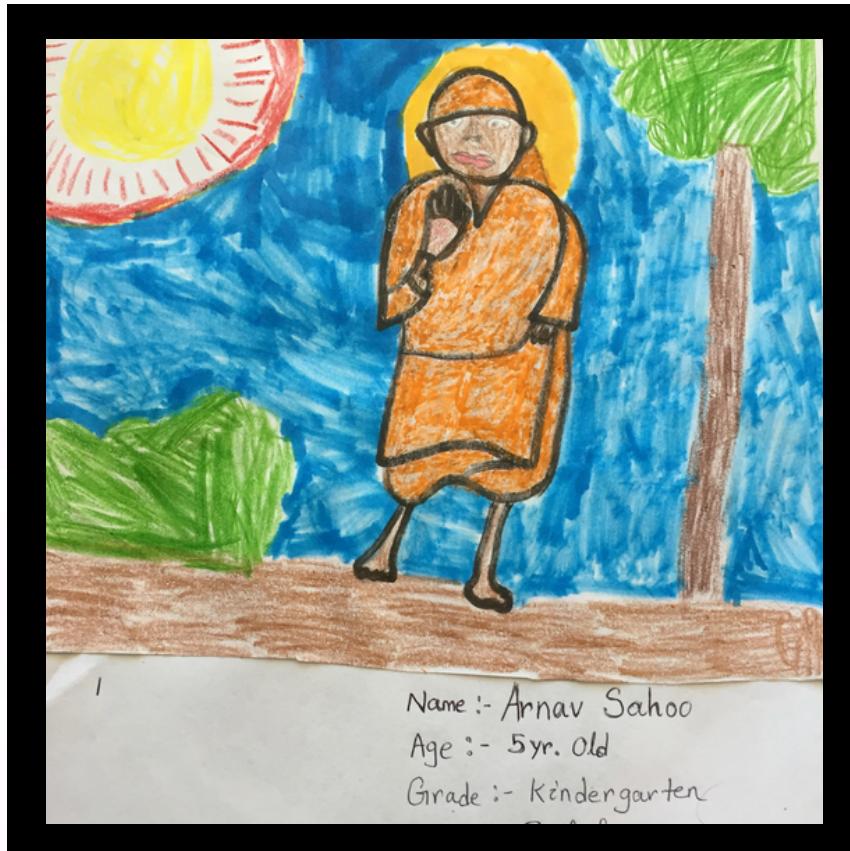
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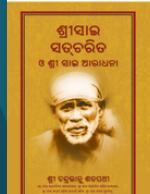
The Covid Pandemic has led many to the unprecedented challenge of isolation. Sai Divine Foundation has continued zoom sessions as an opportunity for devotees to connect while acquiring knowledge about the Great Sadguru.



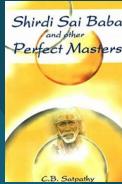
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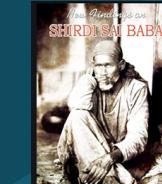
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SHIRDI SAI BABA AND OTHER PERFECT MASTERS



NEW FINDINGS ON SHIRDI SAI BABA

Sai Divine



Shri Sai Baba is in God state. He sees himself in every one and hence love everyone

-Dr. C. B. Satpathy

Kartika purnima (Birth Anniversary of Shri Guru Bhagwan)

November 30th marks an important date in the Odia calendar, and it is also celebrated as the birth anniversary of Shri Guru Bhagwan, written by Pujya Guruji Dr. C. B. Satpathy. At Sai Divine foundation, Dallas, we celebrated the birth anniversary by organizing a zoom meeting where all the devotees from different parts of the globe joined together and chanted Shri Guru Bhagwan's holy hymns.

Guruji's birthday

December 24th is an important date for all of us, as it marks the birth anniversary of our Pujya Guruji, Dr. C. B. Satpathy. We took this opportunity to celebrate this occasion by chanting Shri Guru Bhagwan through zoom. The children of Sai Divine foundation celebrated by cutting a cake at Baba's house.



Charity Drive (Blanket, Cloth and Food)

At Sai Divine foundation, we believe that we must help those who are in dire need. On the occasion of Shri Guru Bhagwan's birth anniversary, the volunteers distributed woolen blankets and food items to the homeless community in downtown Dallas. As we are entering the core of the winter session, warm clothes were also distributed to the Dallas downtown homeless community's Mothers and children. It is a continued effort that is possible due to our pujya Guruji's blessings and the constant support provided by our volunteers.



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Mahasamadhi Diwas Celebration, Sai Ka Aangan, Gurgaon, 25th October 2020



Shri Sainath's Mahasamadhi Diwas was commemorated at Sai Ka Aangan, Gurugram, on the auspicious day of Dusshera. Amidst pandemic restrictions, the priests performed the customary havan and pujan. Dr. C. B. Satpathyji visited the Temple and offered purnahuti at the havan. The in house Temple staff carried out the Paalki procession in the evening following the Covid-19 rules for maintaining physical distancing.

Guru Samarpan Divas Celebration, Mumbai, 2nd November 2020

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Shri Guru Bhagwat Janam Diwas Celebrations, 30th November 2019



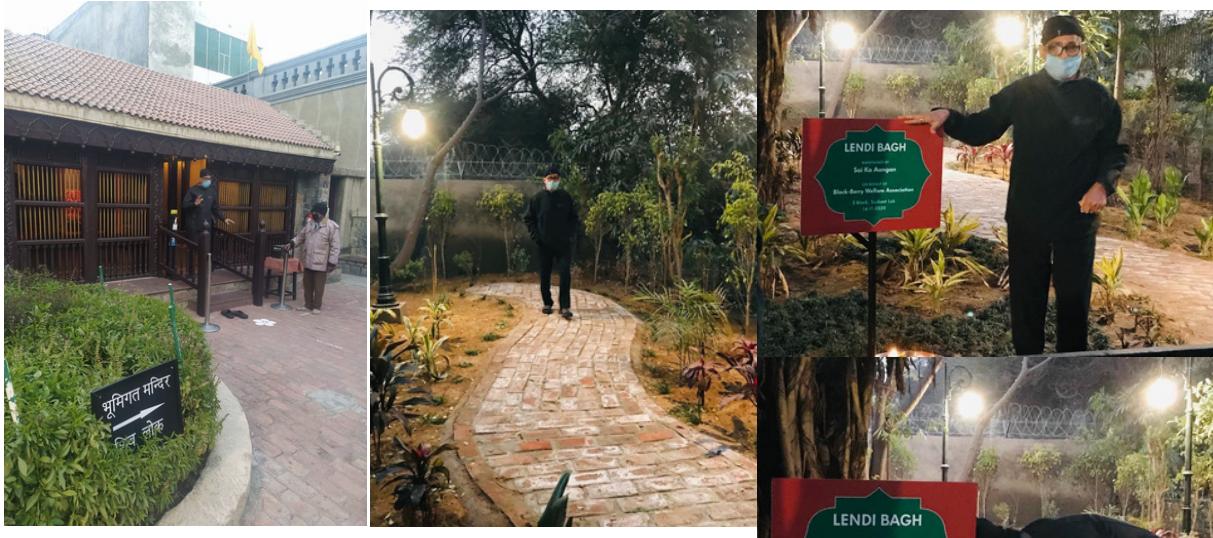
The first four lines of Shri Guru Bhagwat were written in Odia language by Dr. C. B. Satpathyji on the day of Kartik Purnima in the year 2001. Thus, Kartik Purnima became the 'Janma Tithi' or the birthday of Shri Guru Bhagwat. Since then, the epic treatise has been published in eight volumes in Odia. It contains more than 34000 lines with each line having nine letters. Some of the volumes have been translated into eleven Indian languages and also in English. The Shri Guru Bhagwat Janma Tithi was celebrated globally by various Trusts and Temples. Activities like Shri Guru Bhagwat Parayan, Recitation and 'Akhand Paath' (24 Hours) were conducted in places like Dallas, Seattle, Bellevue, Arizona, Santa Barbara and Minnesota in USA, as well as in Canberra, Australia and Auckland, New Zealand. It was also celebrated in several places in India such as Puri, Iginia, Tankapani Road, Bhubaneswar, Sambalpur, Keunjhar, Baripada, Gopalpur, Cuttack, Charpali, Aathagarh, Nuagaon, Shyampur in Odisha,



Danapur, Chakradharpur, Naubatpur and Patna in Bihar, Guwahati and Nagaon in Assam, several places in Delhi, Gurugram in Haryana, Raipur in Chhattisgarh, Noida, Moradabad, Lucknow in Uttar Pradesh, Pune in Maharashtra, Tirupati in Andhra Pradesh, Chennai and Hosur in Tamil Nadu and Cochin in Kerala. In Sai Ka Aangan, Gurgaon the seven volumes of Shri Guru Bhagawat in Odia were taken to the Sabha Mandap in the traditional procession where they were sung. This was followed by Shabad Kirtan.

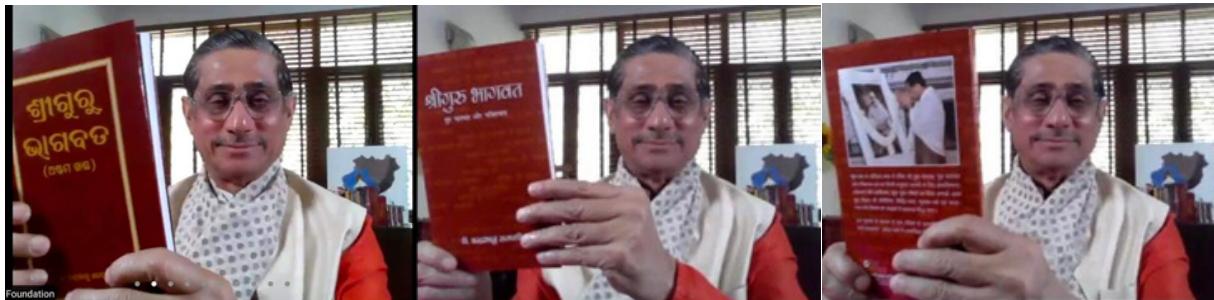
A Punjabi YouTube channel (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=10TOFMKDjFY>) for broadcasting Punjabi translations of verses from Shri Guru Bhagawat (originally composed in Odia by Dr. Chandra Bhanu Satpathyji) was started on this day.

Lendi Bagh, in Sai Ka Aangan, Gurugram, 17th December 2020



On 17th December 2020, Dr. Satpathyji visited the newly created Lendi Bagh, adjacent to Sai Ka Aangan temple complex in Gurugram. This is being maintained by Sai Ka Aangan.

Online Guru Bhagwat Book Release Ceremony, Bhubaneswar, 24th Dec 2020



Vision Printers and Publishers, Bhubaneswar, along with Shirdi Sai Global Foundation, organized an online book release on 24th December 2020. Dr. Chandra Bhanu Satpathyji graced the event as the Chief Guest. Shri Guru Bhagwat Volume VIII in Odia and Shri Guru Bhagwat Volume VI & VII in Hindi authored by Dr. Satpathy ji were released by him on this occasion. Shri Rajeev Chandra Joshi (IAS) introduced the Hindi Guru Bhagwat Vol- VI & Vol -VII. Professor Dr. Deepa Padhi introduced Shri Guru Bhagwat (Odia), Volume – VIII. Dr. Bijay Kumar Sahoo, Founder, Sai International School, Bhubaneswar coordinated the program.

Inauguration of Shri Guru Bhagwat Tungi, Jhartangi, Khordha, Odisha, 24th Dec 2020

Dr. C.B. Satpathy inaugurated Shree Guru Bhagwat Tungi located at Jhartangi, Khordha through an online event on 24th December 2020. Group singing of Shri Guru Bhagwat was conducted by the members of Shri Guru Bhagwat Mahima Trust. A "Pala" (a traditional singing style of Odisha) on Shree Guru Bhagwat was also organized. In this online event, with Dr. Satpathyji's consent, the construction work started for the Guru Bhagwat Tungi at Naraj, Cuttack, Odisha.



Online Release of Shri Guru Bhagwat Thamizh (Tamil), Sai Puram Chennai, 25th December 2020



The Thamizh (Tamil) translation of the first two volumes of 'Shri Guru Bhagwat' were released by Dr. C. B. Satpathyji through an online event organized by Shri Shirdi Sai Spiritual and Charitable Trust (Chennai) on 25th December 2020. Smt. Subhasree Tanikachalm, the famous producer from the South Indian television industry introduced the book. The Thamizh (Tamil) translation of Volume I was done by Shri. A. Ratankumar and Shri R. Ramanathan. Volume II was translated by Shri. N. Balasubramaniam. In his address, Dr. Satpathyji, inter-alia, informed the audience about the features and utilities of the Shri Guru Bhagwat.

SHRI GURU PRAARTHANAA

Source : Shri Guru Bhagavat Volume 1

Author - Dr. C.B.Satpathy



(13 & 14)

In the secret garden of my heart and in the 'Parijata' (divine flower) forest of Your kindness. Your resplendent Divine Form manifests. Oh Gurudev (Oh my Master)! At that moment my mind gets absorbed in the 'Chidakasha' (deep meditative plane). Your resplendent form appears at a point over the meeting place of the two eye brows('Chidakasha').

(15 & 16)

Beholding the lustre of Your divine form, my mind gets settled therin. The five life forces ('Pancha Prana') get transfixed and my eyes (vision) gets sanctified. Oh Gurudev (Oh my Master)! In my chidakasha (deep meditative plane) how lustrous Your divine form reflects! I have no words to express it glory as my tongue becomes mute.

(17 & 18)

Like the mother cow, when longing for its calf, sheds drops of milk from its udder, so also Your (motherly) compassion flows for the devotees when You think of them. Oh the beloved Guru (Oh the beloved Master)! I prostrate at Your feet. I have become sanctified bt smearing the dust of Your feet on my body.

(19 & 20)

Beholding Your divine personality, everyone gets astonished (dumfounded). Where from such cool water flows, in the worldly desert, they wonder! You are personification of the divine kindness of Shri Hari. Compassion is the essence of Your divine personality. Your pardon the many sins of Your devotees innumerable times.

(21 & 22)

By giving sorrow along with happiness and by imparting direct experiential knowledge, You evolve the devotees by redeeming them from the worldly miseries. Hence whatever happens around You, is always for the good. A non believer does not understand and the believer does not question it.

(23 & 24)

Oh the Guru-Govind Gosain (Oh the Guru Krishna)! You are the receiver of the devotional emotion ('Bhaba') of Your devotee. The devotee is ever protected under the shadow of Your kindness. When the devotee forsakes his ego and stubbornness and prostrates before You with devotion, (then) You place Your compassionate hand on his head (take him under protection).

To be Continued...

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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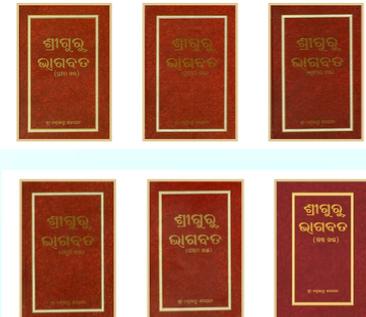
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