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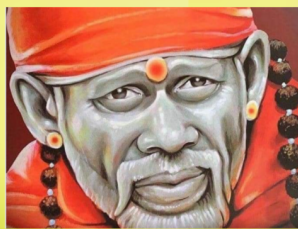
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EDITORIAL

Ram Navami is one of the festivals that has lived through numerous millennia. Even Sai Baba and the residents of Shirdi celebrated the Ram Navami to their heart's content. Ram Navami marks the day Lord Vishnu took the avatar of Ram to bring peace and balance to the world. This year, Ram Navami holds a special place for all of us, as it reminds us that we all have been engulfed in this pandemic for a whole year. This Ram Navami brings lots of hope for many of us who pray every day to end this pandemic once and for all. Last year we celebrated Ram Navami under fear and negativity caused by the Covid-19. However, what this year's Ram Navami would prove is the resilience and the bravery that we all have shown during this ongoing pandemic and our unconditional love for Shirdi Sai Baba and Pujya Guruji Dr. Chandra Bhanu Satpathy.

Sai Divine Foundation, Dallas was founded with the idea of spreading the words of Shirdi Sai Baba and Pujya Guruji and sharing love and respect with every member of this community. This foundation has always believed to help those who need our help, whether in the form of a food drive or winter cloth's drive. What makes this foundation unique is the younger members who have been active participants in every single function that we have hosted. It makes me very happy to see that they are taking the initiative out of their interests and learning valuable life lessons on their own. They understand that there exists a world where people go hungry every night, and they take solace in the fact that they are doing something about it by volunteering in various food and charity drives. We have to learn a lot from these children.

For the past three years, any charity drive conducted was restricted to the Dallas/Fort Worth area. But this year, with Sai Baba's and Pujya Guruji's grace, we were able to host two food drives in Austin, Texas. We have many Sai Divine Foundation members at Austin, Texas, who have taken the initiative to start a charity drive over there. Due to their initiative, we will be able to help more people. So far, food has been the focus of the past two charity drives, but as long as we have Sai Baba's and Pujya Guruji's blessings, we will expand our charity to clothes, food, and toy drive.

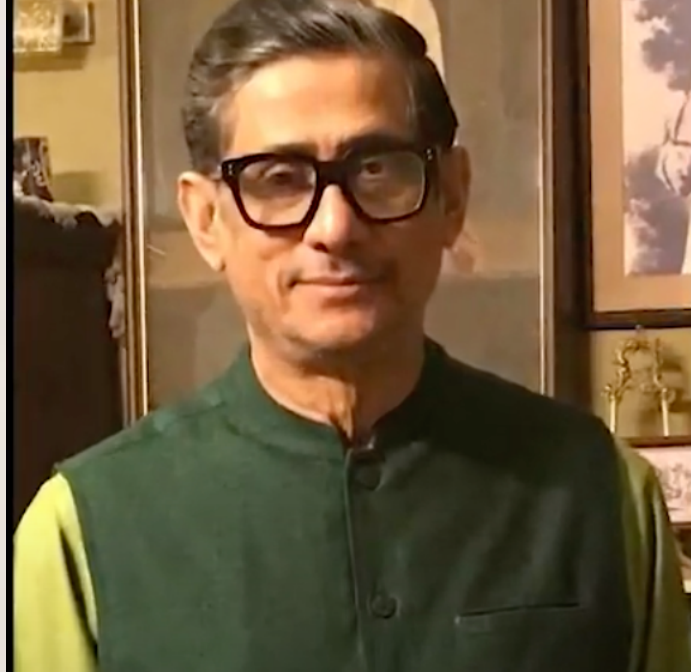
Sai Divine Magazine is a brilliant idea. It gives us a platform to paint our painting and showcase what we perceive as our devotion to Shirdi Sai Baba and Pujya Guruji Dr. Chandra Bhanu Satpathy. The magazine is also a way for our children to express their thoughts on what they perceive as a perfect world and open a window for us adults to see and learn. What makes this magazine unique is that the submissions are received from all over the world and therefore allows us to go across multiple borders without leaving our home.

With that, we would like to thank every one of you who has shown love and support to Sai Divine Magazine and Sai Divine Foundation. We are humbled by chaperoning in the presence of such people who understand and love Sai Baba and Guruji and work hard to make sure that a stranger does not go to sleep empty stomach. We hope you will enjoy the Sai Creative Magazine, Ram Navami edition, and continue to support our effort to spread the teachings of Sai Baba and Pujya Guruji Dr. Chandra Bhanu Satpathy and help the community to be a better place not for us but our future generation.

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RAM NAVAMI MESSAGE

Dr. C. B. Satpathy



Ram Navami is universally celebrated as the birthday of Shri Shirdi Sai Baba. Celebrations are not only held at Baba's temple at Shirdi but also at other places around the globe. Factually speaking, Shirdi Saibaba's date of birth has not been established as yet. Here the question that naturally arises in the minds of readers/devotees is regarding why Shri Ram Navami is celebrated as the birthday of Baba? Although there cannot be a definitive answer to this question, yet it can be found that Baba gave a lot of importance to the celebration of Shri Ram Navami at Shirdi. There had been a tradition of Ram Navami celebration at Shirdi even before the advent of Baba during the second half of the 19th century. However, the dimensions of the Ram Navami celebration expanded multi-fold in Baba's time. It not only became the most important function of Shirdi, but also a festival which was the largest crowd puller with multiple activities. People from Shirdi and also from the urban areas like Ahmednagar, Bombay, Nasik and Aurangabad, etc. used to visit Baba on this day, considering it as a special day. There used to be a lot of preparation not only by villagers/devotees but also by the Gram Sabha of Shirdi, the Police, Civil Department and local administration, weeks before the Ram Navami celebrations. There is a reference about Shri Hari Vinayak Sathe bringing an Assistant Police officer to supervise the police and other civil arrangements in one of the Ram Navami festivals. Baba used to participate spiritedly and joyously in the Ram Navami celebrations with all His devotees.

There is a reference of a 'Ramdashipanth' lady (Chennai's Bhajani Mela) in Shri Sai Satcharita (Chapter 29), where she saw the holy figure of Shri Ram in Baba and was moved emotionally. She expressed this to her husband after meeting Baba. There is also a mention of a doctor who visited Baba with his friend (Mamlatdar, i.e., Revenue Officer) in Shri Sai Satcharita (Chapter 12) who saw Shri Ram in Baba and prostrated before Him.

Ram Navami is a unique celebration for all Hindus across the globe, not only in temples but also in the homes of the devotees. Shri Ram Chandra, a Divine Incarnation of Tertiya Yuga, played the role of an ideal king in protecting his subjects. His war with Ravana, the king of Sri Lanka, is an epic fight and his success in defeating Ravana in the war of Ramayana symbolizes the victory of virtue over vice. Shri Ram stood for truthfulness, sacrifice, kindness and generosity of the highest order and hence, is depicted as "Maryada Purushottama".

Shirdi Saibaba always advised His devotees to imbibe the qualities of truthfulness, honesty, sacrifice and kindness. On this day we remember Him for His kindness in protecting His devotees in Shirdi, during His lifetime and even now, after taking His Mahasamadhi.

Jai Shri Sai.

Dr. Chandra Bhanu Satpathy
Gurugram, India



Happiness in giving

By Sanjeeb Panigrahi
Plano, Texas, USA

Research has shown that giving makes us far happier than receiving. Thus, in a way, we are actually being both selfish and selfless by giving to others. Numerous studies have shown that giving money to others or to charity will put a much bigger smile on your face than spending on yourself.

When you were a kid, there was nothing better than receiving a gift. A wrapped present was a mystery story with an ending that was guaranteed to be excellent. You didn't know exactly what was inside, but you knew it was for you, and it was probably something you wanted. We all eventually reach an age at which giving gifts becomes just as thrilling as it was receiving them as a child. You grow up to find that the joy of making someone happy is more powerful than you could have possibly imagined. There's something inexplicably satisfying in witnessing people unwrap a gift and respond with unadulterated amazement and happiness. You have made them smile, and that's worth far more than money or any material item. Simultaneously, we find great satisfaction in giving back to the world around us. Many of us are far more privileged than others, and when we become aware of that, we often have an innate desire to help the less fortunate. After all, we can't move forward as a species when such a significant number of people are left to suffer in the shadows.

As Winston Churchill once aptly stated:

"We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give."

Indeed, it is through giving that we enrich and perpetuate both our own lives and the lives of others. Money can't buy happiness, unless you spend it on others. Research has shown that giving makes us far happier than receiving. Thus, in a way, we are actually being both selfish and selfless by giving to others. Numerous have shown that giving money to others or to charity will put a much bigger smile on your face than spending on yourself. Michael Norton, a professor at Harvard Business School, conducted one such study. Along with his colleagues, Norton questioned 632 Americans about their level of income and what they spent their money on. They were also asked to rate their own happiness. North and his colleagues found that, regardless of income, those who spent money on others were decidedly happier than those who spent more on themselves.

Anne Frank once wrote:

"No one has ever become poor by giving".

Tragically, Frank died when she was just a teenager, but she was wise beyond her years. Simply put, enriching the lives of others makes us all wealthier. True wealth is not acquired through earthly possessions, but by leading a fulfilling life. There is nothing more fulfilling than knowing you have made a palpable difference in the lives of other people. Giving to others might take money out of your wallet, but it could mean the difference between life and death for some people. You never know how far a dollar might go. A tiny stone can create a massive ripple when thrown into water at the right moment. At the same time, there is widespread evidence that we could all give much more, and that we need to be more careful about how we give. In other words, don't just give because it feels good. Make sure your generosity actually has an impact. Generosity makes us human, and keeps life going. Humans are an inherently

social species. We have survived and thrived because we take care of one another. Generosity is, in part, a survival instinct. Even the simple act of sharing food or shelter with another person is an example of humanity's intrinsic generosity. If we were an overwhelmingly selfish species, we would've gone extinct a long time ago. By giving to one another, we have prolonged the survival of the human community. We still have room for improvement, of course. Concurrently, global poverty is still an enormous problem. At present, around 2.7 billion people live on less than two dollars per day. Millions of children die from malnutrition every single year.

Indeed, poverty impacts everything from nutrition, to education, to healthcare. It can be difficult to connect with these numbers. Seeing is believing. Yet, **you can never truly understand poverty unless you have experienced its horrors.**

As Mahatma Gandhi once contended:

“Poverty is the worst form of violence.”

Impoverishment not only robs people of their dignity, it threatens their very existence. It can also lead to political and social unrest, and even war. Some people might argue that they would rather the government spend more on defense than foreign aid, in the sense that it goes towards our protection. Yet, when poverty makes the world less stable, we are all less safe.

It's also true that there is evident poverty within the United States that also requires imminent attention. This is a fair point. Yet, in this globalized world, we have to view poverty as a borderless problem.

Global peace will never be achieved, in any form, until poverty is eradicated. Unfortunately, even when we do give to charity, the money doesn't always reach those who need it. With foreign aid, for example, corrupt governments often intercept what's given and use it for their own devices.

The Internet and social media are a powerful entity, and it can be used to ensure that charitable donations end up where they will be most effective. Hence, don't just give because it's satisfying, do a bit of research beforehand. We all struggle in our own way, but many of us are still better off than most people. Much of that privilege is a product of our own hard work, but a great deal of it is also a consequence of history and the exploitation of others. Simply put, where you are born in the world is a matter of chance. We can't choose where we are born, but we can choose to use our privilege to assist others. Perhaps the reason it feels so good to give is that we know, deep down, that even an individual can change the world. All it takes is one small act of kindness.

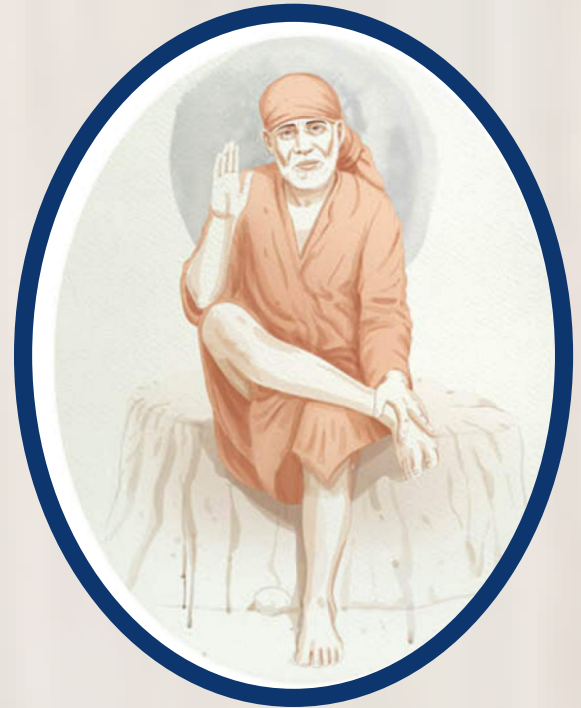
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My cognizance of Saibaba's divinity

By Sridevi Somasekaran
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Thank you to Baba and Chithra for giving me an opportunity to share my experience with all. To start with as we know that Baba helps us and gets to us through people. I experienced it when Mrs. Chithra whom I've never seen in person, connected with me when I was pregnant with my son. My son was blessed with Sai Baba prasadam through Chitra from the time he was in my womb. From that day on, I started experiencing a lot of miracles of Baba in our lives. I would like to share a few of those. My husband, who wasn't completely devoted to the spiritual life till then suddenly started changing and whole heartedly believing on Sai Baba.

Few years ago, when we travelled to India and had an unbelievable experience in Shirdi temple, the home of Sai Baba. As usual Baba temple was flooded with devotees on that day, the devotees were lined up in a long queue. As my son was just one year old, my husband had to carry him on his shoulders throughout the darshan. I suppose the blessings and aura of lord Sai baba inside the temple created peace, divinity, and harmony in the hearts of the devotees. Even my son was silently observing and enjoying the aura. when we were close to having the darshan of Sai baba that is the time the miracle happened. All of a sudden, my one-year old son started clapping his hands with a big smile. His eyes were directed towards the statue of Sai baba and saying ba—ba with his baby words. We were surprised to see his response. This made me believe that baba connects and passes his message to all age groups without disparity.



Life is a roller coaster with ups and downs, joy and sorrow. My son at four years of age fell on the ground by jumping on the couch which was just two feet high and fractured his elbow. I had to rush him to the emergency care as it was late night. He was admitted in a hospital and the emergency department physician discussed that it could be an open surgical treatment. Even though I am a medical person by profession, as a mother I was stuck with panic. I started praying to Baba give me the courage to handle the situation and the only person I felt like disclosing to was Mrs. Chithra. She consoled and advised me to play Stavan Manjari beside his bed overnight. The next day Orthopedic surgeon checked him and decided that the alignment can be corrected with closed procedure using pins. This is the time when I truly discovered Sai Baba's power and his ability to perform miracles. From then on, I can see all around me the presence, divinity, and holiness of Sai Baba.

Food Impacts Our Character

Sampriti Senapati (15 Years)
Plano, Texas, USA



Sai Ram!

Food that we eat impacts our character. Let me explain with a story.

Once there was a Swamiji who visited a gentleman's house for dinner. The gentleman welcomed Swamiji and served him food with water in a silver tumbler and left for a few mins to get something else. In the meantime, Swamiji finished the food but stole the silver tumbler and put it in his bag. On his way back home, Swamiji felt guilty and decided to go back and return the silver tumbler to the gentleman. He returned the tumbler and apologized. As Swamiji wondered what made him act that way, he found out that the cook was a petty thief. And since the Swamiji ate that food without praying first, it impacted him, and he ended up stealing the tumbler.

Three types of purities are said to be necessary with regards to food. These are 1. Pathra Shuddhi (purity of vessels): The vessels for cooking must be clean and pure. 2. Paka Shuddhi (purity of the process of cooking): The process of cooking should not bring impurities. The person who prepares the food and serves must not only be clean in dress, but clean in habits, character, and conduct. He should not allow his mind to dwell on wicked or vicious ideas. 3. Pachaka Shuddhi (Purity of food materials): The materials used for cooking must be pure and of good quality. They should have been purchased by fair means. The absence of any of the above three qualities makes the food impure and can impact us negatively as we saw with the Swamiji's story.

Since we cannot always be sure about the purity of food, we must offer food to God first and sanctify it before we eat - this is a sure way to be free of diseases. Food offered to God becomes prasada and helps you get closer to God. When Meera was given poison, even the poison became nectar because she offered it to Lord Krishna first. Swami wants us to choose food that is healthy and nourishing and eat it after praying to develop good qualities.

One must eat only to the extent required. When it comes to quantity, Swami says that we should feel light when we sit down to eat food and we should feel light when we get up after eating. Swami points out that overeating causes many problems.

Satwic food taken in moderation leads to good tendencies and spiritual practices. Swami says that only by being watchful of what we consume, we can get closer to God and attain Divinity. Swami says:

**As is the food, so is the mind;
As is the mind, so are the thoughts;
As are the thoughts, so is the conduct.**

I practice this in my life by not wasting any food at any time. I also make sure that I do not make my mom mad while she is cooking :) as I want her to cook food with a happy mind. And our family always prays before we eat:

**Harir Daatha Harir Bhoktha
Harir Annam Prajaapatih
Harir Vipra Shareerastu
Bhoonkte Bhojayathe Harih.**

Meaning: Oh Lord Hari, You are the food, You are the enjoyer of the food, You are the giver of food. Therefore, I offer all that I consume at Thy Lotus Feet.

Sai Ram !!



OM SAI RAM

By Namita Rani Subudhi
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It came to my mind to observe “Sai 5 Guruvar puja” and started the Puja. After the first puja, I got the news that my father suffered a brain stroke, and he was brought to Bhubaneswar to be admitted in one of famous hospital. That day I was alone at home as my son and husband were not in town. I immediately informed one of my family friend for help keeping faith in Sai. By His grace, my friend turned up to help us in this situation. After getting all the required tests and scannings, he was admitted to the ICU.

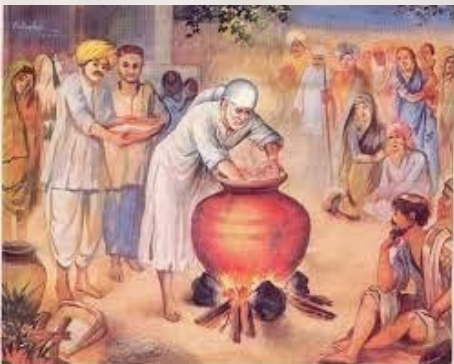
As he suffered a facial paralysis, he was unable to move and speak properly. While he was in ICU no one was allowed to see him or enquire about his condition. When I visited during the visiting hours, I could find that proper care was not been taken by the nursing staff, even he was not provided with a proper blanket! The ICU was air conditioned and as my father was shivering in cold, the nurses did not even bother to cover him with a blanket. He was unable to eat by himself while it was the duty of the nurses to feed him at required intervals, which to my surprise, was not even done properly. The food provided was not up to the standards and the nursing staff were found gossiping and not responding even when called for.

Doctors were not sure about his condition and the time required for improvement. All I had was faith in Sai that he will help me. Suddenly after 3-4 days when I visited my father in ICU, to my surprise he was pretty happy and I could notice that his face was returned to normalcy from partial paralysis status. When I enquired about, he happily said that a person introducing himself to be a student of one of my father’s old colleague came to him and introduced himself to be an top official of the hospital. He then ordered a nutritious soup for both of them which was very delicious as explained by my father. He enquired about his health and treatment with the attending doctors and immediately directed the hospital authorities to shift my father to a special cabin. My father was shifted that evening itself and was being provided with proper care. The special cabin was quite specious with all facilities as required to our expectations.

When he was shifted to the cabin, he narrated me about that person who like an angel appeared for a very short time. I thought since my father was suffering from brain stroke, he was murmuring something but on the other side I could not imagine how he could remember his colleague’s name with whom he worked 50 yrs. Back. The sudden appearance of a person introducing himself and took all care of my father as nothing but the miracle of Sai. Unexpectedly, within a week my father was discharged from the hospital and he was brought home feeling much better and improved slowly. I could realise that my prayers got paid for where Sai helped my father in his recovery and because of that miraculous incident in the hospital he could get discharged quickly.

Keep faith in God, be patient, your prayers will be fruitful.

JAI SRI SAI



Baba's Handi

By Sai Alhari

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Sai Baba always used to say that 'Anna-daan' was the best of all charities. Anna-daan means donation of food. When Baba wanted to do anna-daan, he made all preparations by himself. He did not take anybody's help and troubled none in this matter. First, He would go to the bazar and buy all the ingredients needed for cooking, (e.g. corn, flour, spices etc.) for cash. Then, in the open courtyard of the masjid, He would build a big hearth and, after lighting a fire underneath, He would place a handi over it containing the proper measure of water. There were two handis. The small one could hold enough food to provide for 50 people, and the large handi could provide enough food for 100 people.

Baba cooked different varieties of delicious food. Sometimes, he cooked 'mitthe chaval' (sweet rice) and at other times 'pulava' with meat. Frequently, while boiling varan (soup), He added small balls of thick or flat breads of wheat flour. He did all the grinding Himself. Baba would also pound spices on a stone slab and put the thin pulverized spices into the cooking pot. He took great pains to make the dishes very palatable. He prepared 'ambil' by boiling jawari flour in water and mixing it with buttermilk. He would then distribute this ambil along with the other food to everyone.

Baba never used utensils to mix the food. He used his bare hands. Baba had his own unusual way of checking if food was cooked or not. He used to roll up his kafni and would put his bare arm into the boiling handi without fear that his hand would get burned. He churned all the food from side-to-side and up and down. He had no marks of burn on his hands, nor any fear on his face. Once the food was prepared, Baba would put the pots in the Masjid and had them consecrated by the Muslim priest. First, Baba sent part of the food as prasad to Mhalasapati and Tatya Patil, then He served the remaining contents with His own hand to all the poor and helpless people.

Baba distributed both vegetarian and non-vegetarian food as prasad. Those who did not eat non-vegetarian were given vegetarian food. He never created in them any wish to indulge forbidden foods. Sometimes, he used to test his devotees. For instance, on an Ekadashi day, Baba gave some rupees to Dada Kelkar and asked him to go in person to Koralha to buy some mutton. Dada Kelkar was an orthodox Brahmin and kept all orthodox manners in his life. He knew that offering wealth, grain and clothes etc. to a sadguru was not enough because implicit obedience to and prompt compliance with His order was the real dakshina that pleased Him most. In view of this, Dada Kelkar dressed himself and started out for Koralha to get the mutton. As he started to leave, Baba called him back and said, "Don't go yourself, but send someone." Dada then sent his servant Pandu for the purpose. Then, seeing Dada's servant starting to leave, Baba asked Dada to call him back and cancelled the request. On another occasion, Baba asked Dada Kelkar to see if the salty 'pulava' (mutton dish) was done. Dada replied casually that it was alright. Baba then said to him, "Neither have you seen it with your eyes, nor tasted it with your tongue, so how can you say it was good? Take the lid off the pot and have a look." Saying this, Baba caught Dada's arm and thrust it into the pot and added, "Take out your arm and use a ladle and put some of the pulava in the dish without caring for your orthodoxy and without blustering." Thus, Baba's ways were inscrutable, for in reality, He would never force His orthodox disciple to eat forbidden food and defile himself thereby.

After Baba's fame spread far and wide, people began to flock to Shirdi, and devotees brought with them various dishes of food as prasad. The quantity was so much that people fed themselves to their hearts content.

The handi cooking went on for some time until 1910, at which time it stopped thereafter. Really blessed and fortunate must be those people who got food prepared by Baba and served by him.

साई की वंदना



By Anju Puri
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आओ बैठे साई के चरणों में ,गाएं भजन मधुर वचनो से
करे मिलजुल कर साई बखान, गुरु चरणों में करे प्रणाम
पुकारे साई का नाम सुबह शाम,करे वंदना हर श्वास हर प्राण
सुख हो या दुख रखें विश्वास,साई चरणों में लगाकर आस
मिलेगा मनवांछित गुरु ज्ञान ,जपो माला सद्गुरु साई नाम
करता जा कर्म लेकर साई नाम ,मिलेगा किनारा जीवन की जब हो शाम
पकड़ के हाथ संभालेंगे साई, आशा नहीं विश्वास है अटल साई
दर्शन की है आस ऐसा भाग्य हमें देना , सेवा का अपनी बाबा सौभाग्य हमें देना

ओम साई राम

JAI SHRI RAM

By Padmaja Puppala
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Ramayana is one of the oldest holy epics ,written in 1000 BCE. The main protagonist of the epic is 'Lord Rama', referred as the 'Maryada Purushottama', which means 'The Perfect Man'. Lord Ram is believed to be ' The Dharma', in its human form.

Lord Ram, in His human form taught us that all humans will have limitations and that we all have to undergo impediments and tests throughout our lives. He taught us how to deal and fight our challenges without deterring from human principles, ethics and ideals of 'Dharma'. There are lessons for all to learn how Lord Ram, willingly sacrificed His throne to keep His father's words, teaching us to obey and respect our parents and elders. His loyalty towards His wife, teaches all to be committed towards spouse and family. His love for His brothers and His Bhakt Hanuman, teaches each one how to cherish the bond between siblings and friends.

Lord Ram was a great ruler who wanted everyone in His kingdom to be happy and satisfied, which teaches every leader how to take care of the people who trust and have faith on their leaders.

Lord Ram has been defined as 'the embodiment of truth, morality, the ideal son, the ideal husband and above all, the ideal King'. He personifies perfection carrying the above traits. For millions of us, Lord Ram and his life is observed as a life of compliance, purity, loyalty, sacrifice and simplicity. Lord Ram, one of the most widely worshipped Hindu deities is the embodiment of chivalry and virtue. He is conceived as a model of reason, right action and desirable virtues. His life was a life of holy obedience, of stainless purity, self-sacrifice and remarkable renunciation. Lord Ram's adherence to duty was remarkable and illustrious.

The name of Lord Ram is interpreted as the combination of essence of the Narayana-Ashta-Akshara and the Shiva-Pancha-Akshara i.e. Ra and Ma. It is considered as the Taarak Mantra, which takes the mortals across the ocean of Samsara or Death. His name 'Rama', burns ignorance, passion and sin.

The birth of Lord Ram is celebrated as 'Ram Navami', which falls on the ninth day of the bright month of Chaitra(March-April). It is the most important festival of Hindus celebrated in all Hindu temples by millions of Hindus with great fervor and devotion. May Lord Ram bestow His choicest blessings on all !!

Bumpy Road to Ultimate Faith



By Rita Verma

Bhubaneswar, Odisha, India

Got married in 1982 in 1985 gave birth to a little princess after long duration of labour pain and a Cesarean section was done.

Gradually she was growing and all the milestones were ok. After one year and seven months I gave birth to a boy, i.e. in 1987. As the children were growing and we were very happy to see them grow. When daughter was two and half years old I marked she is not able to speak except some non-meaningful words and even co-ordination was not there. We took her to a neuropath who told that she is a mentally challenged child.

This news was a bombshell for me which totally shattered my life. It broke me down and I was not able to accept the truth. Maa Vaishnodevi who is our Kula-Devi and my faith in her was very firm now got shattered.

Daughter was very aggressive, whole nigh she never used to sleep and would not allow others to sleep. She will be violent, throw tantrums and scream. I used to close all the windows and doors as I did not want to disturb the neighbours . I told my husband also to sleep in another room as he had to attend the office.

I used to quarrel with my Maa, my Kula-Devi always as I had lost my parents at a very young age. So I always took Maa Vaishnodevi as my Mother and Father and always thought that I am very lucky that she has given me so much but my faith started swaying as my daughter was growing. She had no control over her daily routine, no expression and the whole house was shattered.

Got her admitted in a special school but still it was difficult for me to accept the truth. I used to cry and quarrel with my Maa then would think next year everything will be ok. But to my dismay time was running without any developments.

In 1989, one of his friend told us, about a doctor in Chennai who gives acupressure and her son is undergoing treatment and has improved. Took her to Chennai stayed there for 9 months in a rented flat but she developed epilepsy which deteriorated her condition further and I was forced to come back.

Gradually I lost faith in God and decided not to go to any temples, no puja nothing. One year passed and I thought –

God will not be affected. God wants that people call her mother and pray her but how can she understand a human mother's feelings. She has not wombed the child for nine months. Going or not going temple by one devotee also may not affect her because she has many devotees.

Amidst this in 1995, I got an opportunity to go to Mumbai to show her to a doctor named Vohra who treats by pressing the points. From Mumbai we went to Mahabaleswar and I wanted to visit Shirdi about which I had heard a lot and had seen Baba's photo in my house since my childhood days. While returning from Mahabaleswar I was only thinking whether we can go to Shirdi as route to Mahabaleswar and Shirdi are opposite to each other.

When I reached Pune my husband took the route to Shirdi. Reached Shirdi in the night and took a room. Husband wanted to rest as whole day he was driving. Morning when we were getting ready, manager told that Madam, go quickly or the temple will be closed by 12o Clock and will open only at 4 in the evening. We ran but were not allowed inside as they told the hall is already full. I enquired if any P.R.O was there, security officer guided towards the Office. A lady officer was locking the room and told nobody is inside. We got disappointed, we were supposed to return in the evening, as the next day our tickets were booked for Bhubaneswar. In those days, you have to book tickets, well in advance.

Suddenly, a VIP person came and the lady was forced to open the lock and my husband also accompanied that VIP and the officer gave him two passes, but we were four persons. We came and stood near the door of the temple thinking what to do. The security officer asked us the problem and when came to know, he allowed all four of us inside and locked the door. We went and stood right in front of Baba, attended afternoon Arati. Gradually my faith in Baba developed and even I heard lot of miracles. My faith was slowly dying, but Baba, who held my hand once did not allow me to loose his grip.

I observed, that gradually my daughter calmed down. Violence and aggressiveness were lost somewhere. Now her presence in the house was not felt sometimes. This was a miracle for me. Gradually made a small group to meet every Thursday and sing Baba's Bhajans. Went through his books and came to know about his two faiths Shradha and Saburi. Read about Baba's miracles and also came to learn that Baba told that every person has to suffer his own karmas. I can do anything but cannot change anybody's karma. It took me 13 years to accept this. Gradually got attached with Sai Charan Organisation, Sambalpur and then with Sai Divine Foundation.

I got answers to all my questions. Why me? Why me?

Baba gave me strength to bear it and developed my faith in him. Now I have totally surrendered myself at the Lotus feet of Baba and the questions which used to bother me a lot after me who Baba, taught that she has come to this world with some purpose and who are you. I am there to take care of her.

It is Baba who has brought stability to the otherwise unstable boat and thus helped in keeping faith in Shradha and Saburi.

Jai Shree Sai.....

SAI BABA'S MIRACLE

By Trupty Nayak
Florida,USA

We all Know who Sai Baba is and often listen to his miracle or short stories which portray how Sai Baba can read everybody's mind.

➔ Miracle #1 - Story of Grinding Wheat



One time, there was an epidemic of Cholera in Shirdi. Helpless Shirdi people approached Baba for relief. On this Baba after washing his hand and face took some wheat and started grinding in a hand mill. Then he asked the village people to take the flour and throw it on the village borders. With grace of Baba, from that time onward the cholera epidemic went away, and the people of the village were happy. By grinding wheat here Baba meant that, it was not the wheat, that was ground but cholera itself was ground to pieces and pushed out of the village.

➔ Miracle #2 - Man's shoes



Once upon a time in a village of Dhoopkhed, there is a young man named Harihara. He never believed in Sai Baba, but everyone had been taking about Sai Baba, so he decided to go meet him. So, he went to Shiridi. Sai Baba was sitting at the Masjid and a devotee sat in front of him. Harihara had got a new pair of shoes so he didn't want to take off his new shoes he was deciding whether to leave his new shoes or go inside and visit him. He decided because he came along way here, he would go visit him but the whole time he was there his mind was only on the shoes and Sai Baba read his mind and told a messenger to take his shoes to the village and when Harihara came outside his shoes were gone so he walked barefoot all the way home. So, the instructions Sai Baba gave the messenger was to ask whose shoes is this and if they say its mine ask them what's your fathers name and if they say Arnav Gupta ask them their own name and if they say Harihar then say this is your shoes that were lost and give it to them and come back so the messenger did as direct. So, he went their and found Harihar he asked him the questions he answered them correctly and gave the shoes to him and left. Harihar then realized that Sai Baba read his mind and from then on, he always visited Shiridi and prayed to Sai Baba.

OM SAI RAM

Baba's Kids

"My eye is ever on those who love me."



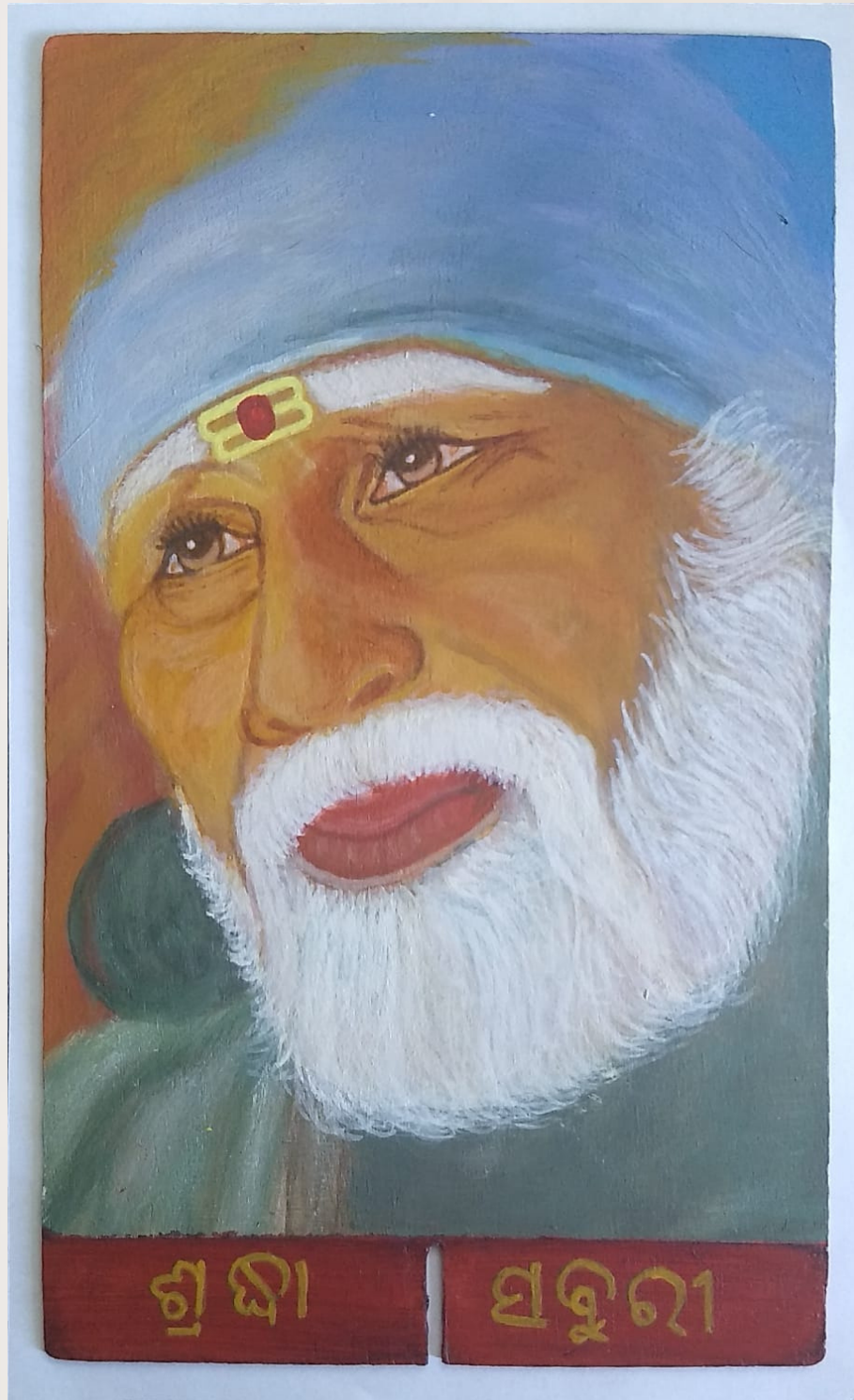
Sachit Kumar Dash
New Delhi, India

**"Love all. Serve all.
Help ever. Hurt never."**



**Aaradhya Satpathy
Plano, Texas, USA**

"Life is a challenge – meet it."



Sirish Vavilla
Plano, Texas



Chitra Sudakar
Frisco, Texas



Arnav sahuo
Union city, California



Aryes Mohapatra
California, USA

My Experience with Guruji (Dr. C.B.Satpathy)

By Manan Puri
Plano, Texas, USA



I would like to shed some light on a mere eye-opening story that I experienced last year. On December 14, 2019, me and my family traveled to Minneapolis for the inauguration of a new Sai temple. Guruji was going to be a part of the inauguration as well. All of the devotees hoped to seek the blessings of Guruji. Shortly after we arrived at our hotel in Chaska, we noticed that Guruji was also staying in the same hotel as ours.

The next morning, we all woke up excited to catch a glimpse of Guruji and seek his blessings. On our arrival at his suite, we observed a long queue of devotees waiting for Guruji and hence joined the queue. After some time, Guruji sent us back because he refused to meet the devotees without them eating breakfast. Therefore, we all decided to grab a quick bite and headed back to his suite post breakfast. Beyond the shadow of a doubt, we got invited to meet Guruji and seek his blessings.

On our way out, we were given banana as prasad offerings since Guruji did not want his devotees leaving empty-handed. Since I'm severely allergic to bananas, I was in a dilemma if I should eat the prasad or not. My mother advised me that the prasad has Guruji's blessings for his devotees so, we should always respect the prasad. Upon eating the first few bites of the prasad, I was amazed as everything went like a charm and I had no feeling of discomfort or any allergic reactions. This incident portrays the power of Guruji's blessing as he leaves no stone unturned for his devotees. Having faith in Guruji always pays off in your favor.

Have faith and patience - I will always be with you wherever you are" - Sai Baba

Om Sai Ram

SAI BABA'S EXPERIENCE



By Sangita Sarangi
Bhubaneswar, Odisha, India

!! Jai Shree Sai ... Jai Shree Gurudev !!

The story depicts the anniversary of Baba opting Samadhi (October 15, 2018), which is the centenary year. The anniversary is said to be celebrated in a grand manner, hence to be able to witness the same me and my family started planning for a trip to Shirdi before six months of the said event in mind. Earlier that year during the month of May, I had visited Shirdi and met a local lady who informed me about the event and also warned me that the hoteliers would hike their rates.

Keeping that in view we had booked our room in Dwarawati Bhakt Niwas from 13th to 16th October, 2018. As Sai Baba had taken Samadhi on October 15, 1918, hence on October 15, 2018 we had a thinking in our mind that the function would take place on the said date. We reached Shirdi on October 13, 2018 and I had imagined that there would be a lot of crowd but to my surprise the crowd was normal. On the 14th one of my Sai group friends (Mamata Panigrahi), reached Shirdi and informed me that the actual event shall take place on 17th October 2018. Hearing that we had extended our stay until 19th October 2018. However, the hotels were reserved and the rooms were occupied, but Sai Baba can make any impossible things possible. Fortunately we got room and managed to extend our stay. And I still believe that this is magic that was only possible because of Sai Baba.

On 17th October 2018's morning, suddenly we were introduced to Bayajama's grand daughter (Lata Tai) and she told us that on 18th October 2018 there is a "Bhiksha Jholi" festival at Shirdi and thus she invited us to her house for the festival. My friends went back to Bhubaneswar on 17th October night and I alone went to Lata Tai's house. It was indeed a beautiful moment for me as the lane approaching to her house was decorated with rangoli and ladies were standing patiently with their puja thali. My happiness reached peak high when Lata Tai asked me to prepare the main puja thali along with her. The function started at 9 am and very few selected people from Shirdi Sanstan trust which includes the localities also, started walking through the lanes of Shirdi seeking "Bhikshya" from houses similar to how Sai Baba used to do during his time.

The festival was celebrated with playing drums and roll and that gave me goosebumps, the feeling of which is unexplainable. The festival ended at 10 am and Lata Tai's daughter-in-law asked us to have the "Sradha prasad sevan". I had no idea that Sai Baba's death anniversary would be celebrated in this way and I shall have the opportunity to be part of this ceremony. Around 12 pm, I along with Lata Tai went to the Prasadalya. I came to know that only the Kote Patil family can have the privilege to have the Prasad and no outsiders were allowed. However, with Baba's grace I got to have the Prasad. There were almost 30-40 dishes and after having it, my heart felt contented.

While writing this I still don't believe that Baba had given me such a precious moment to cherish for my life. This is the reason that my faith for Sai Baba keeps growing day by day. I pray in front of Baba that he keeps blessing us forever.

Om Sai Ram. Jai Shree Sai ... Jai Shree Gurudev.



Experiences With Shri Shirdi Sai Baba

By Ashok Kumar Senapati
Plano, Texas, USA

Om Shri Sai Ram...

Offering my humble prostrations at the divine lotus feet of our beloved Bhagavan Sadguru Shri Sainath Maharaj, who is our sole refuge and who makes us realize that self-realization is the reality and the worldly pleasures are illusion. I am invoking Shri Sainath's grace to write some of the experiences in my life.

In earlier editions, I have shared two of the experiences i.e.

1. As fortune favored me, how I was drawn to Sai path like a sparrow with a string fastened to its feet and how the astral appearance of Sainath in front of the Shirdi Sai temple engendered in me a never-failing love for Sainath's feet.
2. How my car's flat tire got fixed and taken care of around 9:00pm in the night with the yellow sticker message.

"Your car got a flat tire... I have fixed it and filled up some air in it so that you can reach home safely... Have a blessed day... "

Now I would like to share another experience i.e. Sai's appearance in the form of huge squirrel in our Balcony. It was summer 2009 and at our local Saibaba temple, the occasion of Sai Chitra Yatra was going on. The procedure was like 9 portraits of Sai Baba will be taken by 9 devotees to their home and then each portrait will be taken by 9 devotees in that series in rotation basis so the total 81 devotees get chance to take Baba's portrait and worship in their home for one week (from Wednesday to Wednesday). It was our turn and blessings to pick up Baba's portrait from one of the devotee's home on one of the Wednesdays night. Before going to pick up, we called the previous devotee in sign-up list, but we came to know that she was not ready to give Baba's portrait that night, and she wanted Baba to stay in her home for one more day. So, she requested us that you can come and pickup on Thursday morning.

Thursday morning. We felt a little bit sad but thought that it is Baba's wish and Baba wants to come to our home on Thursday. Next day it was Thursday and after completing Thursday morning puja, we got ready to go to the devotee's place and called her before starting but she said that she will make some Naivaidya (i.e. offering of food) for Baba then only she can give Baba's portrait to us, so she requested us to come to her place after lunch. We felt sad again and started losing our patience because we were eagerly waiting for Baba to come our home.

After some time, all of a sudden in our balcony (3rd floor), we noticed the appearance of a huge Squirrel almost in standing position with both the hands up in a form of giving blessings to us and disappeared in a couple of minutes.

There was no connection of any tree to our balcony (3rd floor), so that any ordinary squirrel can appear and disappear, hence it was not a coincidence. It was no other than Sainath in such form and he appeared to give us assurance that I am coming to your place but wait with patience.

We felt so much divine energy around. My faith reinforced more and more in Shri Sainath. Wonderful and inscrutable is the Leela of Baba and there is no end to His Leelas or miracles.

This experience illustrates one of the methods, which Baba followed (and is following even now) in some cases to improve and reform his devotees.

"Our Sai is the sole Dispenser and Protector, always think of Him. He will take care of his devotees. Surrender to His feet with body, mind, wealth and speech, i.e. completely and then see what He does."

With Baba's permission, let me now make a halt here, reserving my other experiences for future editions.

Jay Shri Sai... Jay Gurudeva...

My Recent Experience with my Sai

By Disha
Michigan, USA

It was Dec 15th 2020/Tuesday morning (Tuesday evening in India). I was sitting by my 6yr old's online class. After class I checked my phone and there was 2 missed WhatsApp call from my cosisters. I called back no response. Then got a msg saying my husband's cousin brother passed away. It was unbelievable because he was just 49 and was doing good. It was a heart attack! News was shocking and of course was not easy to accept. As we were waiting the day to pass with this shocking news evening another call shook us really hard. My father in law passed away. He didn't even listen to the above news (his nephew's demise - his brother's son) and it was also a heart attack!!! Oh my God... we only know how we managed that night. As we were thinking of all the options to get to India asap, due to covid it was not easy at all to fly with a 9 and 6yr old. But we all wanted to go together to be with family during this difficult time. As we were getting frustrated, and restless with each passing day, this is how everything fell into place in a miraculous way - starting from kids visa to getting 4tkts within 4hrs of flight.

It was never easy to get emergency visas for kids during Christmas time and with a winter storm approaching which was making shipping slow. Next big hurdle was to get tickets. I remember sitting till 3@night and trying to find 4 tickets with some affordable price. I remember trying to book tickets via Europe, but my payments were not going through. I was frustrated trying again and again. Then getting mad on Baba for not helping me and putting us in such a difficult situation, not making the path clear for us. But at the same time, I kept saying him please make the path clear for us. At least let all of us go and attend the funeral rituals. You know what... He has plan for everything, He can see our future and we can't. So we get frustrated easily. Our kids passport didn't come so He didn't want us to book the tkt. As soon as we got the passports He had a plan for us. I don't know from where this travel agent lady came from, one of our friends gave her number and believe me this was the first time in my 15yrs in USA I booked tickets through an agent. I used to do it by myself. But she was Baba sent for me. We had to drive 4.5hrs to get to the airport. As soon as we got the passport around 1PM we started driving, till that time we didn't know whether all of us going to India or just my husband. As we were driving this lady found 4 tickets together in one flight. Just before 4hrs of flight. But then she was not sure whether we can make it to the airport on time or not. It could be anything - bad weather, accident on road or just anything could have happened. With all ifs... and Buts... by Baba's grace everything was on time. We made it all the way from Cadillac, MI to Bhubaneswar, Odisha, then from there to my father-in-law's ancestor village. Wow what an adventure!

During COVID there are so many cases happened with friends and family where son/daughter could not even make it to parent's funeral/rituals even living in same state in India. There is this incredible story of ours. BELIEVE ME... EVERYTHING IS POSSIBLE WITH GOD BY YOUR SIDE. We just have to believe Him. In our 5 weeks trip in India none of us got sick with Covid or anything! Is not that a miracle? My kids didn't get sick for the first time in India seriously. I still don't believe it. How he did everything for me. He only knows. But one thing I know He is there for me always and everytime...



The Legacy of Sai Baba

By Lokitha Ananth

Roanoke, Texas, USA

Though lost in the thresholds of long passed time
Your message and your memory live on in devotees' minds
Your grace and humbleness will always be remembered
Keeping evil away and tethered

You always keep a watchful eye
To wipe our tears when we cry
While sometimes you might test our strength
Your love is as faithful as cement

You are never forgotten and stay in our hearts
When we do our poojas, arathis, and eat prasadam
You are always blessing us with your presence
As you watch on us down from the heavens

You are wise beyond comprehension
A god from another dimension
The miracles you performed during your time on Earth
Curing sorrow and healing the hurt
You inspire us all to become better
To increase kindness and spread pleasure

You were one with nature, not hurting a single soul
Showed compassion to all, friend and foe
You motivate us to give back to Mother Nature
To protect her from all types of danger
To make sure that she thrives and grows
To keep her waters clean, sparkling and aglow

You embody peace, hope, and love
A holy figure from above
You are in every breath and particle
Spreading positivity, light, and being merciful

You are in the seeds that grow into trees
You make sure that bridges are held up with their beams
You are in the sun that shines so bright
You are in the moon that reflects its light

You are in the stars that glimmer and glow
You are the breeze that softly blows

You are in the bird that sings and chirps
You reside in every human from their birth

There is no question to your protection
You will always be there when you need you most
That's why we think of you as our holy guardian
Keeping us safe from evil and malignance

Through generation and generation, dusk to dawn
Your legacy will be carried on
You are a muse that is a driving force
Behind the good that fights evil foes

You are in every helpful person
Sending your devotees to aid the needy and helpless
You make sure your devotees spread only righteousness and good
Making sure that virtue and morality withstood

We know that you are there to catch us
Should we fall and face failure
You shade us from any harm
When it's cold you keep us warm
We know that life is not life without struggles
But that you will protect us from anything that might cause grief and sorrow

From North to South, East to West
Your devotees will try their best
To make sure your beliefs are expressed
To use you as a positive example
To feed the hungry and clothe the poor
To be creative and try new things
To take become the best self we can be
To stay true to who we are
To uphold trust and morality

Thank you Baba for all you do to inspire and protect
We will forever be blessed by your humility and holiness

The Grace of Shirdi Sai Baba

Ayesha Satpathy
Plano, Texas, USA



In the book Shirdi Sai Baba and Other Perfect Masters, Guruji CB Satpathy writes, "Apart from the powers obtained through the use of modern science, saints have exhibited much greater control over Nature than scientists can ever dream of. Moreover, Shirdi Sai Baba, a divine Sadhguru, has fathomed the difficulties of his devotees and has performed such occult miracles.

Sai Baba, the Universal Master, always shields his devotees from harm. A prominent example of Baba's Leelas illustrates him saving a child from drowning. To illustrate, Shirdi contained a communal well from where the village's residents fetched their water. On an account, it was reported that Babu Kirwandikar's three-year old had menacingly drowned in the well. The villagers were fetching water as part of their daily routine when they noticed the child suspended in mid-air, safe from the perilous threat of the water. Such an incident can only be defined by the mystical powers of Baba and his love for his children.


Evidently, Baba's grace is the ultimate savior his devotees. Let us place our faith in Baba as he says, "No harm shall befall him, who steps on the soil of Shirdi."

Jai Shri Sai!

Guru Bhagavat Play Book

By Sampriti Senapati
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“Due to the global pandemic, we have all gone through a very tough time this past year. This situation forces us to stay in our homes which allows us to save time from our day-to-day activities and instead dedicate the time to connect with God. We are privileged to get the guidance to venture through the knowledge of Shri Guru Bhagavat. With Shirdi Sai Baba's blessings and our Guruji's blessings, I am taking this opportunity to create an “Interactive Guru Praarthana (from Shri Guru Bhagavat) PlayBook” for children of all age groups. I, myself, am still learning the wonders of reciting the parts of the Guru Bhagavat. Since Odia is not my first language, I tend to struggle with recitation. With the help of my parents, I have created an Interactive PlayBook which can be essential for children who are interested in learning and reciting the parts of the Guru Bhagavat. Hope this will intrigue interest and will allow children in my generation and younger know that they, too, are capable of reciting and enjoying the essence of the parts of the Guru Bhagavat.”

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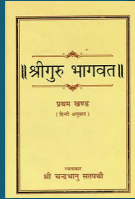


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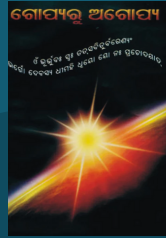


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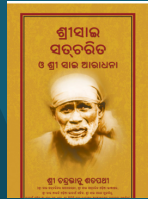
The Covid Pandemic has led many to the unprecedented challenge of isolation. Sai Divine Foundation has continued zoom sessions as an opportunity for devotees to connect while acquiring knowledge about the Great Sadguru.



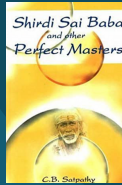
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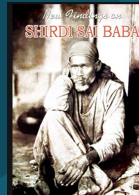
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SHIRDI SAI BABA AND OTHER PERFECT MASTERS



NEW FINDINGS ON SHIRDI SAI BABA

Sai Divine



"Experience God here and now in this life. Who knows what will happen after death? Hence, wastage of time means wastage of life and misuse of time means misuse of life"

-Dr. C. B.Satpathy

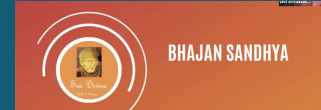
MAHA SHIVARATRI

At Sai Divine foundation, Dallas, we celebrated Maha Shivaratri on 11th March 2021 with great devotion and religious fervor by Hindus in honor of Lord Shiva. Devotees from different parts of the globe joined together through Zoom and devotees chant "OM NAMAH SHIVAYA".



Bhajan Shandhya

Sai Divine foundation hosts a bi-weekly Bhajan Sandhya where devotees from different parts of the globe joined together to chant devotional bhajan through zoom meeting, which telecasted live on social media.



Guru Bhagavat Parayan

Sai Divine Foundation organizing Shri Guru Bhagavat Parayan every day through Zoom. Devotees from USA, Canada, Odisha and other countries participating regularly and doing parayan since the covid-19 pandemic started.

Charity Drive - Dallas & Austin (Food)

At Sai Divine foundation, we believe that we must help those who are in dire need. On every month, Food were distributed to the Dallas and Austin downtown homeless community's and Mothers and child center. It is a continued effort that is possible due to our puja Guruji's blessings and the constant support provided by our volunteers.





SHIRDI SAI GLOBAL FOUNDATION

Talk on Character building and understanding of 'Guru Tattwa'

Dr. C. B. Satpathy addressed the students of DAV Public School, Bhubaneswar, their parents and the faculty members of DAV groups of eastern regions on "Character Building and Understanding Gurutatwa" on 22nd January 2021 in an online event organized by Regional Officer, DAV Institutions, Odisha. In his speech Dr. Satpathyji, emphasized the role of parents in character building of students and teaching them about environmental protection. He suggested that environmental management should also be a subject in the school curriculum.

Online Release of Shri Guru Bhagwat Vol I & II (Sindhi translation), 16th Feb 2021

The Sindhi translation of the first two volumes of 'Shri Guru Bhagwat' were released by Dr. C. B. Satpathyji through an online event organized by Sai Kripa Sansthan, Nagpur in association with Shri Shirdi Saibaba Spiritual & Charitable Trust, Chennai; Sai Charan Trust, New Delhi and Sai Items Innovatives, Gurugram, on 16th February 2021. Shri Ghanshyam Hasananda Kukreja, Vice President, National Sindhi Language Promotion Board introduced the book. The Sindhi translation was done by Shri Muraj Dialani. In his address, Dr. Satpathyji informed the audience about the features and utilities of the Shri Guru Bhagwat.

Online Pranpratishtha Of Shirdi Sai Baba temple at Kahilipara, Guwahati, Assam

In an online event, organized by Kailash Nath Sarma Trust, Dr. Chandra Bhanu Satpathyji performed the Pranpratishtha of Shri Sainath temple at Jatia, Kahilipara, Guwahati, Assam on 15th February 2021.

Vasant Utsav (Online Celebration), Sai Ka Aangan, Gurugram



Last year, Vasant Utsav, the annual programme of Sai Ka Aangan, Gurgaon, was celebrated for the nineteenth year on Basant Panchami, organized under the aegis of Shirdi Sai Global Foundation. This year, the celebration was virtual, considering the government restrictions on social gatherings due to the Corona pandemic. It was broadcast for the audience through zoom and the Temple's YouTube channel.

After a formal virtual welcome of Dr. Chandra Bhanu Satpathyji, Founder Chairman, Shirdi Sai Global Foundation, the ceremonial lamp was lit to begin the festivities. Vocal music offerings in Raag Pahaadi by Anamya Mongia from the USA, created an atmosphere of the springtime merriment. In-house staff of the Aangan carried out Shri Sainath's Palki procession, which was followed by melodious devotional musical renderings of Dr. Satpathyji's compositions by Shirdi Sai Global Foundation Children's Choir. With the environment thus filled with a festive spirit, a documentary showcasing the experiences and reflections of the children of the Aangan was screened. The cultural show ended with a vibrant Kashmiri dance performance by Aangan devotees. In his discourse Dr. Satpathyji highlighted the importance of the customary celebration of Vasant Utsav at Sai Ka Aangan since 2003, wherein prominent artistes have been recognized. He mentioned that the Aangan is a 'parivaar' and children have undergone holistic development while singing, learning, playing, painting and participating in various activities in its premises. This, in turn, has taught them to live life fruitfully. He thanked all those who contributed to the organization of the virtual Utsav.

The programme was compered by Smt. Jyotsna Rai and Shri Abhijit Narayan. The programme concluded with the vote of thanks by Ms Kumkum Bhatia.

Pranpratishtha of Shirdi Sai Baba temple at Karanji, Tangi, Odisha



Dr. Chandra Bhanu Satpathyji performed the Pranpratishtha of Shri Sainath temple (Sai Banasthali) and inaugurated Shri Guru Bhagabat Tungi built on the typical ancient 'gurukulashram' design, On 20th February 2021 at Karanji in Tangi, Odisha. The temple has been built on two acres of land adjacent to a natural stream surrounded by mountains, forest and tribal population.

Dr. Satpathyji's Visit to Guru Bhagavat Tungi, Gopalpur Cuttack, Odisha



On 20th February 2021, Dr. Satpathy visited the Shri Guru Bhagavat Tungi, Gopalpur, Cuttack established on 28th December 2018. On behalf of the Tungi, he was welcomed by Tilak and Garland. The "Pita Mata Stabak" of the 8th volume of Shri Guru Bhagavat was recited by the members of the Tungi. Besides this, a Guru Prathana and a Jagannath Prathana written and composed by him was also recited. He unfurled Shri Guru Bhagavat Flag, Shri Guru Bhagavat Garden, Shri Guru Bhagavat canopy (chandua), Shri Guru Bhagavat Cup, Key Ring, chakkisila and also Shri Guru Bhagavat 'Suddhajhara'.

Dr. Satpathyji's Visit to Guru Bhagavat Tungi, Lokeswarpur, Pala, Khurda, Odisha

Dr. Satpathyji visited Guru Bhagavat Tungi at Lokeswarpur, Pala, Khurda on 21 February 2021. He attended the programme on "Pitamata Stabaka" (Volume-VIII, Shri Guru Bhagwat) arranged by the Tungi trust and addressed the devotees. This Tungi was inaugurated by Dr. Satpathyji on 31st December 2020 (in an online programme).

Dr. Satpathyji's Visit to Guru Bhagavat Tungi- Jhartangi, Khordha, Odisha



On 21st February, 2021, Dr. Chandra Bhanu Satpathyji visited Guru Bhagavat Tungi at Jhartangi, Khordha. Due to the strict implementation of Covid-19 restrictions, only around 150 devotees witnessed this grand event. On his arrival, Satpathyji was welcomed with the famous "Warrior dance" of Khordha. After paying obeisance to Lord Jagannath and Sri Sainath at the Tungi, he addressed the devotees. This is the second Guru Bhagavat Tungi that has been built at Khordha and there are two more already in operation in Odisha.

Dr. Satpathyji's Visit to Prati Dwarkamai temple at Naraj, Cuttack, Odisha



Dr. C.B. Satpathyji visited the Prati Dwarkamai Temple, Naraj, Odisha on 22nd February 2022. He also visited the construction site of Shree Guru Bhagabat Tungi and Shri Guru Nivas Sthana. Land measuring 9,800 sq feet adjoining the main temple was purchased within a short span of time. The construction work of Shri Guru Bhagabat Tungi and Shri Guru Nivas Sthana started under Dr. Satpathyji's guidance. Dr. Satpathyji addressed the devotees. Shri Satyabrata Sahu, IAS, Principal Secretary, Govt of Odisha, felicitated him on behalf of the trust by presenting Anga Vastra, 'sirastrana' and a memento. Smt. Sonali Sahu moderated the program. An audiovisual on Shri Guru Bhagabat and Satpathyji were played on the occasion. He also felicitated Shri Satyabrata Sahu, IAS, Shri Soumendra Mohanty, architect of the Shri Guru Bhagabat Tungi project and Smt Sonali Sahu, who has been moderating Shri Guru Bhagabat in the online platform for the last one year due to the pandemic. Trustees of Shri Guru Bhagabat Tungi from different places and the devotees doing Shri Guru Bhagabat Parayan online since last year were also felicitated. Satya Khadgarai gave the vote of thanks.

SHRI GURU PRAARTHANAA

Source : Shri Guru Bhagavat Volume 1

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(25 & 26)

Oh Gurudev (Oh my Master)! Your kindness is spontaneous and unqualified. Please reside in my heart. Let me remain at Your feet. Oh Gurudev (Oh my Master)! I bow before You repeatedly. Oh the inexhaustible store of compassion. I am only a speck of dust under Your feet.

(27 & 28)

I am born for You. I am born because of You. I have welcomed You in my heart at the very first sight. Having crossed forty years of my age. I realized that my life had become poisonous (impure). Being absorbed in the worldly affairs, I used to consider myself superior to others.

(29 & 30)

My ego was inflated, so much so that I respect none, not even the Sun and Moon. Absorbed in the illusory games of Maya, I had gone mad (virtually). Due to the beneficial results of the past lives 'Punyas' (virtuous deeds), I was reigning over people. I was drowned in my ego and (therefore) was oblivious of Your memories (of past lives).

(31 & 32)

Oh Gurudev (Oh my Master)! How kind of You to have shattered my ego. Drawing me to Your holy feet, You gave me refuge. Sprinkling my heart with loving thoughts, You held my hand with compassion. Otherwise a sinner like me, would have been destroyed due to his own sins.

(33 & 34)

Oh Gurudev (Oh my Master)! The divine cloud of compassion, take my life under Your shelter. Let my mind, actions, knowledge and devotion ever be at Your service. At last chanting Your name, let my soul departs from my body peacefully at Your feet and merge in Your Divine response.

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