

THE GLORY OF SHIRDI SAI - 1

Fourth Year of Publication

Published as Bi-Weekly

Issue 1 / 2006

05-01-2006

BIRTHDAY SPECIAL ISSUE

WITH PRAYERS AT THE LOTUS FEET OF LORD SAINATH OF SHIRDI

TO BLESS ALL WITH A HAPPY NEW YEAR 2006.

GURUR-BRAHMA, GURUR-VISHNUH; GURU-DEVO MAHESWARAHA;

GURUR-SAKSHATH PARAM BRAHMA; THASMAI SREE GURAVE NAMAHA:

Shirdi Sai Baba" technical@saidarbarusa.org

26 Dec 2005 15:00:41 -0000

Congratulations. With Baba' blessings, your "Shradda" and "Saburi", Sai Darbar Movement has completed its Seven Years on 25-December-2005 and the e-NewsLetter 'The Glory of Shirdi Sai' will celebrate its Fourth birthday on 01-Jan-2006. This movement is spreading all across the world with so many devotees, has already created its own identity. It is all Baba' Darbar everywhere. I remember, Saibanisaji was saying me, which has etched in my mind and soul is "Build the Temple in the devotee's heart". With His Blessings, we are also following the same in spreading the Sai Philosophy.

Please accept our sincere thanks for being a moral support for all of us in achieving the goals of spreading Shri Sai Philosophy. Sai DarbarUSA (wallingfordsai) Group joins me in conveying Special Thanks and its best wishes to the Sevaks of SaiDarbar Hyderabad, in making this a big success.

Jai Sai Ram.

Sai Sevak-Badri

THIS ISSUE CONTAINS

1. FOUNDATION STONES FOR THE SPIRITUAL LIFE

2. SAI'S NEWS FROM TIME MACHINE

3. FOOT STEPS OF HOLY FEET

4. SAI IN DREAMS

5. QUINTESENCE OF SRI SAIBABA'S PHILOSOPHY

6. SANATANA DHARMA & SRI SHIRDI SAIBABA

7. SAIBANISA OFFERS PRANAMS TO

8. DEVOTEES EXPERIENCES

9. SPIRITUAL GEMS FROM SAI SATCHARITRA

10. SAI WITH CHILDREN

11. ARTICLES FROM SAI DEVOTEES

12. LETTERS FROM SAI DEVOTEES

13. FROM SAI ORGANISATIONS

14. SAI'S BOOK WORLD

15. EDITORIAL

1. FOUNDATION STONES FOR THE SPIRITUAL LIFE:

From the Satsanghs of Saibanisaji

Sai Sevak Smt. Rajeswari Kasturi, Saidarbar – Hyderabad.

150. To control the army, a capable Chief is required. Similarly for better control of family, a capable lady (wife or mother) is required.

151. Even though you have given a birth to a baby girl, she will not stay permanently with you as she has to get married and leave the house.

152. The ladies should be given utmost respect in the society. If anyone crosses this, they deserve punishment from the society.

153. You should know that you will get many people around you who will go on praising. But it is difficult to find persons who will give healthy criticism. So it is your duty to select between a praise and healthy criticism.

154. In the society, the intellectuals should be given due respect, otherwise, society turns lawless and will be full of unrest.

155. A wise government should collect taxes from the people in such a way as honey bee collects honey from the flowers.

156. The way the Alum clears the dirt from the water, participation in the Satsanghs (company of learned people) will clear all doubts in the spiritual field.

157. Self defense is your birth right. Accept the outcome in that process whatever it may be.

158. You should know that self praise is the first step of your downfall.

159. Like the night follows the day, rebirth follows the death, so it advisable not to think too much on birth and death.

To be Continued...

2. SAI'S NEWS FROM THE TIME MACHINE:

January 1912: Dadasaheb Khaparde's youngest son Balwant was cured of bubonic plague by Baba by taking the disease on Himself.

January 3, 1912: Megha fed some Brahmins on completion of his Gayatri Purascharana. Dadasaheb Khaparde attended it in Sathewada.

January 19, 1912: Megha died at Shirdi at about 4 A.M. Baba lamented loudly and followed the funeral procession for some distance. Baba showered flowers on Megha's body.

January 20, 1912: Bapusaheb Jog started performing Baba's Pooja and Arati after Megha's death. He continued this till Baba's Maha Samadhi.

January 1912: Ganapatrao, father of Tatyia Kote Patil passed away. Tatyia patil stopped sleeping in the Dwarakamai with Baba.

3. FOOT STEPS OF THE HOLY FEET –20

EXPERIENCES OF SAI.BA.NISA WITH SHIRDI SAI

I am sure that all devotees have read the 42nd, 43rd and 44th chapter of Sai Satcharitra where, in SAI attaining his heavenly abode was described and how people of Shirdi felt orphaned at that time. May be foolish but a thought crept in to my mind that I should be a party to witness a similar incident involving death of a great saintly person. Probably this was very unfair on my part to ask for such a thing to happen. Sai gave me an opportunity and I humbly place it before the readers.

My paternal uncle and aunt, the Somayyajulu couple has brought me up under their care, and custody, as they were issueless. My parents were away in Northern India by virtue of my father's job placement. My uncle was a Telugu pundit and was instrumental in educating many a poor. They were very charitable, offered food and shelter to the deserving boys in studies. During his 78th year he suffered from an attack of fever on 23-01-1992. Myself and his adopted son admitted him in a local Nursing Home. On 25-01-1992 Doctors after assessment of all the pathological reports have come to the conclusion that his chances of survival are bleak. He stopped all oral intakes from 27-01-1992. Shri Sai also suffered from fever from 28-09-1918 and stopped taking food orally from 01-10-1918.

Shri. Somayyajulu's adopted son has completed construction of his new house and an auspicious date for Gruhapravesh was fixed for 29-01-1992. All arrangements were made way back. He was now worried whether the program would go as planned and whether his father would be present or not for the occasion after having spent 4.00 lakhs of Rupees. The situation was similar in context to Shri. Gopal mukund booty's in those days when he was doubtful whether Baba will ever live in Booty wada specifically constructed for him after having spent a lakh of rupees as promised.

I was moved by this pathetic situation and prayed upon Baba to see that my uncle recovers and fulfills his son and every body's desire. I am happy to state that Baba has listened to my prayer and he graced the function having come home in an Ambulance and things appeared going on well. As saying goes "Man proposes and God disposes", things took a different turn and his position got deteriorated. On the night of 29-01-1992 itself he was again shifted to Gandhi Hospital. I reached Hospital in the morning of 30-01-1992 and the Doctors were now less hopeful. I approached my uncle who wanted me to open a page from Sai Satcharitra and read out its contents. At random I opened a page which happened to be from 27th chapter and it carried advisory message from Baba to Khaparde's wife, as follows - " Chant Raja Ram, Raja Ram - If you do this your life's object will be achieved, your mind will attain peace and will be immensely benefited ".

I read the message, and he started uttering continuously the Mantra and at noon he wanted me to read Madhyanna Aarati and I read it slowly to him in his ears. After completion he again commenced chanting of Rama mantra. Doctors declared that he is nearing his destiny and may live only for a few hours. At 13:20 he was not able to pronounce the mantra and I put "THULASI THEERTHA' once in to his mouth and trial for second attempt has gone in vain and it spilled out. Baba had a similar end in the lap of Nana Sahib Nimonkar at 14:30 Hrs. on 15-10-1918. Shri. Somayyajulu expired in Ekadasi thitthi and Baba left for heavenly abode Dasisimi-Ekadasi transit. Shri Somayyajulu's mortal remains were brought to his son's newly constructed house. I bathed his physical body with Gangajal and on 30-01-1992 (Thursday) by evening hours his adopted son performed the last rites. In all these events I could see and feel Sai's maha samadhi.

BOW TO SAI - PEACE TO ALL

4. SAI IN DREAMS:

These are the dream sequences and messages as received by SAIBANISA From our beloved GURU LORD SAINATH OF SHIRIDI. In Anticipation that this feature will help in one's spiritual growth are hereby compiled from his personal Diary and presented to SAIBANDHUS.

Translated and presented by RAGHU RAMAN SATULURY.

01-03-1994

Ongoing events in the family caused me lot of disturbance. I prayed Lord Sainath to show me a way out so that I can practice mental detachment while living in their midst. Baba shown me a visual-

I was traveling by a train. It halted at a wayside station. I got down and was having a stroll as a breather. In the meanwhile the train picked up motion and gaining momentum. I was in a dilemma whether I should get into or not. Finally I decided to board and entered in to the Guard's cabin. As normal he was fully clad in white dress. He thus advised me-

“Do not resort to anger on your co-travelers and get down in the middle of the journey. On reaching destination, you will be received by four porters who will rid you off from the worldly bonds. Exercise patience and be prepared”. It was an eye-opener for me to choose a way out.

Do not let minor hurdles detract you from the main objective.

03-03-1994

I suffered from chest pain. I asked Sai to advise me on the ways to keep good health. SAI said

-Peace will come only when distance is maintained and thoughts are set free from the trio causing mental agony.

-Do not pay much attention to happenings beyond the control.

-Be a vegetarian.

-Duty is to earn money for the family and not to monitor the expenditure.

-Stop getting into arguments with relatives and think of God always.

Good health or bad health is our own creation.

05-03-1994

Yesterday, I was mentally upset with my son's aptitude and was literally in tears. I simply prayed Lord Sainath and retired to bed. I could later develop courage to face all odds with the visual presented to me by Baba.

A head of a family expired and his children were staying quite far off. All his relatives were mourning over the body. His wife's eyes have gone dry and was mechanically preparing for performing the last rights. Nobody could notice an unknown person guarding the area with a gun in his hand. That was SAI.

In the eyes of God nobody is an orphan.

God extends his benevolence to all equally.

08-03-1994

Yesterday, I invited some of my colleagues for dinner. I criticized and talked loose on one of our senior and retired officer. Having enjoyed the dinner and the company of my friends, I went to bed with good recollections of the day. I got up in the morning and started off for the morning walk. I came across an old acquaintance after a long gap of time. I received shock of the day when he said- “Yesterday, I was thinking about you and the senior officer of yours. Bye the bye how is your relationship with him now”?

I felt as if SAI himself was talking to me. I was deeply engrossed in thoughts as my attention was drawn to the chapter wherein SAI said –

“Never speak ill of others and indulge in projecting anybody in bad taste. Everything is known to me and distance is no barrier to ME”.

Sai is Omniscient as nothing is hidden from HIM.

To be continued.....

5. QUINTESSENCE OF SRI SAIBABA'S PHILOSOPHY:

(By Late Sri Bharam UmamaheswaraRao)

"Shashi": shashi_31@yahoo.com

20. On Humanity:

Baba always said that God is only One. He who worships Him under false pretences does not know Him.

Megha was an illiterate and orthodox person sent by H. V. Sathe to Shirdi. On the way he was told that Baba belonged to a different religion. But H.V. Sathe prevailed upon him to go. As soon as Megha went to Baba, He was asked to be kicked out .He will loose his superiority by bowing to Him. Megha then went away from Shirdi stayed for one and half year at Triyambak.

After some time, he realized that Baba was above all sorts of human classifications, and thus came back to Baba as his Poojari. When he died in 1912, Baba passed His hand over the dead body and said ‘he was a real devotee of mine’. All were equally dearer to Baba. He particularly favored untouchables such as leper patients like Bhagoji Shinde, with whom He used to take food and tobacco.

Great men opine that division of humanity is a curse in our society. In spite of general concurrence with their view, by all the thinking persons, we see the venomous creature very much alive and vitiating our national verity. Sri Sai Baba says that this ghost is an off shoot of Maya which itself doesn’t have any existence in reality but subsist in our ignorance. Even a little reflection on simple humanitarian principles, will reveal that all human beings are equal in all respects from the womb to the dust and the intervening inferiority or superiority complex is man made evil and should go, as soon as possible.

To be continued.....

6. SANATANA DHARMA & SRI SHIRDI SAIBABA

AKHILANDAKOTI , BRAHMANDA NAAYAKA, RAAJAADHI RAAJA, YOGIRAJA,
PARABRAHMA SREE SATCHITANANDA ,SAMARDHASADGURU, SAINATH
MAHARAAJ KI JAI”

Sai In Ramayan: By Sri SAIBANISA Gopal Rao Ravada

Vengeance Kills:

In Ramayan, Kekaya Maharaj suffered for a great sin committed by him for the sake of momentary pleasure. When Kekaya Maharaj was young, he had the skill to use his bow against unseen targets. For the pleasure of exercising this skill, he once killed a love intoxicated male deer sporting his joy of love with a female deer. The male deer fell down dead. The female deer seeing her husband dead ran to her mother to fetch the sanjeevini moolika and bring her husband back to life. The mother of the female deer begged Kekaya Maharaj to handover the body of the male deer but Kekaya Maharaj refused. She then proclaimed in anger. “Kekaya Maharaj, in this birth you have killed my son in law. So in the next birth I will take revenge and I will be responsible for the death of your son in law and show you how painful it is” .The mother in law deer was born in the next birth as Mandhara. Mandhara’s evil counseling to Kaikeyi was the main cause of Ram’s exile and later King Dasaratha’s death. Dasaratha had married Kaikeyi, the daughter of Kekaya Maharaj. This is narrated in Tulsi Ramayan. If one dies with the feeling of revenge, it will be carried to the next janma.

In chapter XLVII of Sai Sat Charita, Sai narrates this incident. Chennabasappa and Veerabhadrapappa were enemies in their previous birth. They were always quarrelling and threatening to kill one another. They died and in the next birth, Chennabasappa was born as a frog and Veerabhadrapappa was born as a snake. Once when Sai was scrolling along a small riverbank, He heard the croaking of a frog and soon found that a huge black snake was holding a big frog in its mouth. Sai recognized them as Chennabasappa and Veerabhadrapappa. He addressed them, “Have you not forgotten your enmity? Though born as a frog and snake, you still maintain enmity against each other? Be ashamed of yourself. Give up your hatred now and be at rest”. Baba preaches that the feeling of revenge, whether it is in human being or animal should not be carried to the next janma. Many people like Megha and Somadev Swamiji had insulted Baba in the beginning and refused to bow before Him because He was a fakir. But Baba pardoned them and finally they became His ardent devotees. Grudge is a very bad vice, and people should learn to forgive and forget instead of carrying their grudge, birth after birth.

The Lord is the humblest of all

In Ramayana, Kaikeyi told Ram that she wanted her son Baratha to be the heir to the throne and asked Ram to go in to exile for fourteen years. Ram without the slightest sign of disappointment or sorrow, said that He would be the happiest person to give the throne to Bharatha and go to the forest to fulfill His father’s promise.

There was in Shirdi, a very queer person, by name Nanavalli. He once approached Baba who was sitting in His seat in Dwarakamayi and asked Baba to get up as he wanted to occupy the same. Baba did not show the slightest displeasure in being dictated and ousted. He very happily got up from his seat and offered Nanavalli his seat.

Lesson on Charity

Before going to vanavas, Ram donated all his jewels to the poor and needy people. Even when a Brahmin approached Him on the way, Ram ordered Sumantha to gift him as many cows as he needed. Rama wore only a bark dress and carried His bow and arrow as his belongings.

Same way Baba used to collect dakshina everyday from devotees who visited Him, which sometimes amounted to Rs.500/- . But, He would distribute the money thus collected to poor and needy people on the same day and the next morning He would be a fakir as usual. Baba did this to teach His devotees the lesson of Charity and to remove their attachment to money.

SANATANA DHARMA

Reincarnation, as a doctrine or mystical belief, holds the notion that one's 'Spirit' ('Soul' depending on interpretation), returns to the material world after physical death to be reborn in a new body. The natural process is considered integrative of all experiences from each lifetime. A new personality feature, with the associated character, is developed during each life in the physical world, based upon past integrated experience and new acquired experiences.

Karma is a concept within Hinduism based on the Vedas and Upanishads. One of the first and most dramatic illustrations of Karma can be found in the great Hindu epic, the Mahabharata. Karma in Hinduism is used to explain the problem of evil that persists in spite of an omniscient, omnipotent, benevolent God. In this it is related to theodicy.

Karma literally means "deed" or "act" and more broadly names the universal principle of cause and effect, action and reaction which governs all life. Karma is not fate, for man acts with free will creating his own destiny. According to the Vedas, if we sow goodness, we will reap goodness; if we sow evil, we will reap evil. Karma refers to the totality of our actions and their concomitant reactions in this and previous lives, all of which determines our future. The conquest of karma lies in intelligent action and dispassionate reaction. Not all karmas rebound immediately. Some accumulate and return unexpectedly in this or other births.

SANATANA DHARMA –NEWS FROM ABROAD:

Hinduism in Malaysia

Approximately nine percent of the population of Malaysia is Tamil Indians, of whom nearly 90 percent are practicing Hindus. Hinduism was more prevalent in Malaysia in the 15th century. Traces of Hindu influence remain in the Malay language, literature and art.

Indian settlers came to Malaysia from Tamil Nadu in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Many of these came as work force on rubber plantations, while those who were English-educated occupied more professional positions. A minority of Indian immigrants to Malaysia during this time period came from Northern India.

Malaysian Hinduism is diverse, with large urban temples dedicated to specific deities, and smaller temples located on estates. The estate temples generally follow the tradition of the Indian region from which the temples' worshippers originate. Many people follow the Shaivite, tradition (worship of Shiva), in Southern India. Shaivism is a devotionalist grace-based concept and emphasizes love for the deity, rather than fear. Folk Hinduism is the most prevalent variety, including spiritualism, animal sacrifice and worship of local gods.

Since the Second World War a revival of Hinduism has occurred among Indian Malaysians, with the foundation of organizations and councils to bring unity or to promote reform.

Compiled by SaiSevak SrinivasaRao Kasturi
Saidarbar – Hyderabad.

7. SAIBANISA OFFERS PRANAMS TO “Kannappa”

Kannapa, a tribal hunter, was a devoted follower of Lord Siva. Once when he offered meat to a Siva linga, a priest at the temple objected to that practice. The Lord wanted to test the extent of Kannapa's devotion. Blood issued from the right side of the Linga. Kannapa tried to treat it with herbs but failed. So he gauged out his right eye and placed the eye to cover the bleeding. Then the left eye of the linga began to bleed. He was about to gauge out his left eye when he was stopped by Siva, who took him, placed him on his right side and granted mukti.

The famed Kalahasti temple, located near the renowned Tirupati temple is the site of this incident.

8. DEVOTEES EXPERIENCES:

From the files of Saidarbar:

Nalini Mosali, South Carolina, USA

I have to tell about one of my latest experiences! I had lost my admission letter, which was very much necessary for registration of courses in my school! the next morning was the last day to register my courses & I had faintly remembered that I had shown the letter to somebody but I did not remember who it was! I tried at all my friends' places but without success.

Then, I realized as usual that my human efforts are unsuccessful and I sincerely prayed to Baba that "Oh Baba! My father, you know that every moment I remember you! Why cause me this trouble? You know how important that letter is for me! Kindly help me in finding it!" thus saying I went to bed having full faith in Baba as I know He is my best friend! That night, I dreamt of finding my letter at one of my friend's places just beside the telephone! Next morning I went to their place with full faith in Baba, I just went directly towards the telephone and placed my hand on a folded piece of paper, which was undoubtedly the admission letter I was searching for! My friend was shocked as he searched for it many times before at the same place! That was a miraculous experience! I have nothing to say other than I LOVE YOU MY BABA!

Thank you for allowing me to tell about my divine experience!

(This experience was received by Saidarbar during the year 1998)-Editor.

9. SPIRITUAL GEMS FROM SAI SATCHARITRA

swamymain@yahoo.com

1/3/2006 22:20:24 -0800

Sai Ram. Let us continue with the Spiritual gems from the last issue.

When Shri Sathe was blessed with a vision of Baba in his dream, he could not fully understand the significance of the vision and he requested Shri Kakasaheb Dixit to ask Baba. When Baba told Dixit that Sathe should do one more Saptah, Shri Hemadpant was near by and he happened to hear. We will take up the story from there. Sai Ram.

"Then Baba replied - "He should make one more saptah of the book; if the work be studied carefully, the devotee will become pure and will be benefited, the Lord will be pleased and will rescue him from the bondage of the mundane existence." At this time, Hemadpant was present there. He was shampooing Baba's Legs. When he heard Baba's words, he thought in his mind as follows - "What! Mr. Sathe read for a week only and got a reward; and I am reading it for forty years with no result! His seven days' stay here becomes fruitful while my seven years' stay (1910

to m1917) goes for nothing. Like a Chatak bird I am ever waiting for the Merciful Cloud (Baba) to pour its nectar on me; and bless me with His instructions." Sai Ram.

We can perceive a small tinge of jealousy in Shri Hemadpant. But let us see how Baba used that opportunity to bless him and teach him a valuable spiritual lesson.

"No sooner did this thought cross his mind, Baba knew it then and there. It was the experience of the Bhaktas that Baba read and understood all their thoughts, and that He suppressed the evil thoughts and encouraged the good ones." Sai Ram. It was not exactly an evil thought but it was not exactly a good thought too. Baba heard the cry of a good devotee and decided to help him.

"Reading Hemadpant's mind Baba at once asked him to get up, go to Shama (Madhavrao Deshpande), get from him Rs. 15/- as Dakshina, sit and chitchat with him for a while and then return. Mercy dawned in Baba's mind, and so he issued this order. And who could disobey Baba's order?" The Sadguru is always ready to help the disciple but has to see whether the disciple is ready. "Hemadpant immediately left the Dwarakamai and came to Shama's house. He had just bathed, and was wearing a dhotar. He came out and asked Hemadpant - "How is it that you are here now? It seems that you have come from the Dwarakamai. Why do you look restless and dejected? Why are you alone? Please sit and rest, while I shall just do my worship and return: in the meanwhile you please take pan-vida (leaves and betel nuts etc.) let us then have a pleasant chat."

Sai Ram. Shama, by Baba's inspiration, spoke what is needed. He saw the restlessness of Hemadpant and he also told Hemadpant what Baba ordered, viz., a pleasant chat. Satsang. Very potent in removing obstacles on the spiritual path. Like this satsang. Sai Ram.

"After saying his, he went inside and Hemadpant sat alone in the front varandah. He saw in the window a wellknown Marathi book named 'Nath-Bhagwat.' This is a commentary by the Saint Ekanath, on the eleventh Skandha (chapter) of the bigger Sanskrit work, the Bhagwat. At the suggestion or recommendation of Sai Baba, Messrs. Bapusaheb Jog and Kakasaheb Dixit read daily in Shirdi, BhagwadGeeta with its Marathi commentary named Bhawartha-Deepika or Jnaneshwari (A dialogue between Krishna and His friend devotee Arjuna) and Nath Bhagwat (A dialogue between Krishna and His servant devotee Uddhava) and also Ekanath's other big work, viz. Bhawartha Ramayana. When devotees came to Baba and asked Him certain questions, He sometimes answered them in part, and asked them to go and listen to the readings of the above-mentioned works, which are the main treatises of Bhagwat Dharma. When the devotes went and listened, they got full and satisfactory replies to their questions. Hemadpant also used to read daily some portions of the book Nath-Bhagwat." Sai Ram. Baba knew what was going on when and where. So, He sent devotees to the right place at the right time to get their doubts cleared. He pulled all the strings. Similarly he sent Hemadpant to Shama for instruction.

"That day, he did not complete the daily portion of his reading, but had left it unfinished in order to accompany certain devotees, who were going to the Dwarakamai. When he took up the book from Shama's window and casually opened, it, he found, to his surprise that the unfinished portion turned up. He thought that Baba sent him very kindly to Shama's house for enabling him to complete his daily reading." Sai Ram.

I am sure all of us got similar experiences at one time or another. "So he went through the unfinished portion and completed it. As soon as this was over, Shama, after doing his worship came out, and the following conversation took place between them.

Hemadpant :- I have come with a message from Baba. He has asked me to return with Rs. 15/- as Dakshina from you, also to sit with you for a while and have a pleasant chitchat and then return to the Dwarakamai with you.

Shama (with surprise):- I have no money to give. Take my 15 Namaskaras (bows) in lieu of rupees as Dakshina, to Baba.

Hemadpant: - Alright, your Namaskaras are accepted. Now let us have some chitchat. tell me some stories and Leelas of Baba, which will destroy our sins.

Shama: - Then sit here for a while. Wonderful is the sport (Leela) of this God (Baba). You know it already. I am a village rustic, while you are an enlightened citizen. You have seen some more Leelas since your coming here. How should I describe them before you? Well, take these leaves, betel nut and chunam and eat the pan-vida; while I go in, dress myself and come out."

Sai Ram. If reading books is enlightenment, all of us would have been enlightened long ago. Wisdom and true knowledge comes from deep within after all the intervening layers of ajnana are removed. By Baba's grace, Shama was in such a unique position as to explain the intricate points of discipleship to Hemadpant.

"In a few minutes Shama come out and sat talking with Hemadpant. He said - "The Leela of this God (Baba) is inscrutable; there is no end to His Leelas. Who can see them? He plays or sports with His Leelas, still He is outside of (unaffected by) them. What do we rustics know? Why does not Baba Himself tell stories? Why does He send learned men like you to fools like me? His ways are inconceivable. I can only say, that they are not human." With this preface Shama added, - "I now remember a story, which I shall relate to you. I know it personally. As a devotee is resolute and determined, so is Baba's immediate response. Sometimes Baba puts the devotees to severe test; and then gives them 'Upadesh' (instructions).

Sai Ram. When the disciple is found to be ready, Guru gives further instructions and upadesh. Hemadpant's time and turn came at that point of time.

"As soon as Hemadpant heard the word 'Upadesh', a flash of lightning crossed, through his mind. He at once remembered the story of Mr. Sathe's Guru-charitra reading and thought that Baba might have sent him to Shama, in order to give peace to his restless mind. However, he curbed this feeling, and began to listen to Shama's stories. They all showed how kind and affectionate Baba was to His devotees. Hemadpant began to feel a sort of joy while hearing them. Then Shama began to tell the following story."

Sai Ram. We will take a little rest here and will continue with this chapter in future issues. Sai Ram.

S.V.Swamy

To be continued.....

10. SAI WITH CHILDREN:

Smt. Madhu Gopal Ravada, Saidarbar, Hyderabad.

Hello Children! I am Madhu aunty. Do you know Baba use to play with children and used to tell stories to them? I felt children visiting Saidarbar should be entertained with good stories. For the last 2 years I have told you about Lord Krishna's Leelas and Lord Rama Story. Now I want to tell the stories what heard in my child hood.

The story of the Monkey

Construction of a temple was on outside a town. Near the site, a huge wooden log was being split. At the lunch, the workers fixed a wedge between the split wood and went to dine. A monkey had been watching the activities of the workers since morning. When the workers were away, the monkey descended from the tree and began to meddle with that log of wood. During the play, he saw the wedge and began to withdraw it. But he forgot that his tail was hanging between the split ends of the log. As soon as the wedge was out, the split ends closed squeezing the tail of the monkey. The monkey tried hard to get himself free but in vain. No help was available nearby. By the time, the workers returned from their lunch, the monkey had died.

MORAL: Do not meddle in things that don't concern you

11. ARTICLES FROM SAI DEVOTEES:

"Sankaraiah Dubagunta" sainama@yahoo.com

SAI ---- SAAKSHAT ISHWAR

Sri Jyotindra, Son of Ramachandra Tarkhad(Chap 9 of SSS) defined the word SAI as follows -- SA means Saakshat (real), I means Ishwar (God),after experiencing the Divine powers of Sainath Prabhu in his very first meeting at Shirdi itself. Baba Himself gave darshan to Jyotindra in Mumbai in the guise of a 'Fakir'. We are aware that Baba has declared "I require no conveyance, carriage, tonga nor train nor aero plane" and also "No door is necessary for my entry, I have neither shape nor size, I am always everywhere". Yes, Baba's assurances are always true.

One day while Jyotindra was crossing the road to go to school (St Xaviers, Bombay) after lunch, a Fakir approached him for alms. Young student gave one copper paisa coin of the year 1894

assuring it was in circulation. The fakir blessed " Allah Bhala Karega". We will know Baba preserved the same to return to the boy at Shirdi in his first meeting.

How Tarkhad family was pulled to Shirdi? Mrs. Atmaram Tarkhad i.e., Jyotindra's mother had a chronic headache, which could not be cured by doctors. The family of Tarkhads was full of doctors. One of them was personal doctor to the then Viceroy. Somebody suggested her to approach Pir Moulana Baba residing near Bandra for suitable medicines. On seeing her, Moulana Baba advised to go to his brother at Shirdi for treatment. After getting details of location of Shirdi including route particulars both mother and son left for Shirdi. The moment Baba saw them at Dwarakamai; He Himself told they were guided by His brother from Bandra to Shirdi. He blessed her with a 'Abhaya Hastha' with Udhi and said "Oh, Mother! from now onwards you will never get headache in your life", she got instant relief and was surprised to know that Baba Himself did what was required without their telling Him. Of course this incident laid firm foundation of Sai devotion in her and son's heart.

Jyotindra who was observing Baba's peculiar treatment for his mother's headache was astonished and fell on Baba's feet as a mark of gratitude. Then Baba asked whether he could recognize Him. As he could not Baba narrated how He collected one paisa copper coin of 1894 while he was crossing the road on his way to the school. Now Jyotindra could recollect and caught hold of Baba's legs with tears of joy in his eyes. Then Baba confirmed it was He who received the coin and the Fakir and Himself were one and the same. To confirm this He showed the same coin and returned it to Jyotindra for preservation and worship.

We know from the above that Baba in His own mysterious ways pulled the sparrows (devotees) to Shirdi.

OM SAI SRI SAI JAYA JAYA SAI

D.Sankaraiah.

12. LETTERS FROM SAI DEVOTEES:

debu7366@yahoo.com

On 12/27/05

Om Sai Ram!

All the very best wishes from me and my family to the Saidarbar team members , for completing 7 yrs and doing such a noble work of spreading Sai philosophy throughout the world. As for the devotees like me -- The e-magazine, 'The Glory of Shirdi Sai ' certainly makes me feel closer to Sai and Shirdi even though I am living so far away. My heartfelt thanks to all the devotees who through their devotion have made this possible.

I pray to Sai that with this coming new year- May HE shower- happiness, joy, hope, success, good luck and good health in the lives of all his devotees and to forgive us all for our sins and

show us the light that will bring us all closer to Him and thus enjoy the bliss of devotion and faith in our hearts.

With Good wishes and Regards,

Sai bhakt,

Deepa H

"Sobha Naidu" kuchipudisobha@yahoo.com

Fri, 23 Dec 2005 02:10:47 -0800 (PST)

Sairam.

You are doing a great service by Propagating Sai`s philosophy. I always feel that if you publish a magazine with the same matter, it will be more convenient for people like me get absorbed in the ocean of Sai Bhakthi.

I wish a very happy, bright and prosperous new year all our Sai devotees.

SARVEJANA SUKHINOBHAVANTHU

Sobha Naidu

Satish Chandra" satish542@yahoo.com

Tue, 27 Dec 2005 08:45:59 +0800 (CST)

Sairam

We, at Shiridi Sai Sansthan, Singapore, wish to convey to Sai Darbar our hearty Congratulations, on turning seven years old and to the E-magazine "The Glory of Shiridi Sai" for entering her fourth year from inception, on 01-01-2006. We sincerely pray to Shri Sai, that Sai Darbar continue to bring Sai Bandhus closer to each other, and continues to increase Sai-love amongst Sai-devotees, through the innumerable services Sai Darbar has been offering for the past few years.

We also wish to thank you from our hearts, for your new year wishes, Since we are a society in its inception, we are hoping to increase Sai-related activities in the future, with Shri Sai's grace and permission.

Sai Sevak

Satish Chandra

deep_luv@yahoo.com

On 12/23/05

SaiRam!

Please accept my Congratulations! On completing 7 years of selfless service to Baba and His devotees through www.saidarbar.org I wish you and everyone behind this success many such Happy, Prosperous and Blessed years.

Thank you,

Deepak.

"Chandra sekar" chandra3459@yahoo.co.in

Sat, 24 Dec 2005 11:20:16 +0000 (GMT)

SaiRam!

Thank you for this wonderful share. I really enjoyed by reading "The Glory of Shirdi Sai". Once again Thanking you.

Sai Chandrasekar

"Chelimilla rangareddy" chelimil@yahoo.com Sat, 24 Dec 2005 09:41:38 +0000 (GMT)

SaiRam!

Thank you so much for your blessings and greetings for our family members. I wish E-magazine "The Glory of Shirdi Sai" continually spread Lord Sai's Philosophy and drive us in right path.

Yours truly,

C.Ranga Reddy.

"Charan yam" charanyam279@yahoo.co.in

Sat, 24 Dec 2005 12:28:51 +0000 (GMT)

Sai Ram

I pray to our Sadguru Sainath to shower His blessings on each and every one of you in the Sai Darbar team on this Anniversary day.

Glory of Shiridi Sai is a wonderful E-Magazine, spreading His fame, messages & teachings to innumerable Sai devotees, across the globe.

I request you to keep on giving many more valuable information to Sai devotees like me through this wonderful web site.

Let Sri Sai guide us all.

Renuka

Sreenivas Kovalluri" Kovalluri@navionicsindia.com

Mon, 2 Jan 2006 18:39:43 +0530

SaiRam

Thank you very much for including my name in the list of Sai devotees. I am very happy to see our e-magazine "The Glory of Shiridi Sai" and it is excellent in covering all topics. The web site too is excellent and it has a lot of information about the GOD. I really thrilled to see all the contents.

Your service in spreading the ideologies of lord is extraordinary. Please continue to send me e-magazine through e-mail.

With Best Wishes,

Sreenivas K

Damodar Bhattarai" bhattarai.d@gmail.com

Sun, 1 Jan 2006 13:54:03 +0545

SaiRam

Thank you very much, all Saibandhus May Lord Sainath bless us all during2006.

Damodar.

FOR STARTING A SAIDARBAR CHAPTER OUT SIDE INDIA:

Please contact: saidarbar@saidarbar.org & saidarbar@gmail.com

13. FROM SAI ORGANISATIONS:

For Activities of Saidarbar Laurel, MD USA: Contact murali_krishnamurthy2003@yahoo.com

1/1/2006 17:29:22 -0800

January 5th, 2006 Next Shirdi Sai Satsangh for Saidarbar Laurel, MD USA

Jai Sai Ram.

Happy New Year 2006! We all pray for Shirdi Sai's blessings to guide us through this year. Our Next Shirdi Sai Satsangh will be held on Jan 5th Thursday, 2006 7:00PM sharp.

Sreekanth Devarakonda devarakonda@gmail.com

Active member of Saidarbarmovement & Renowned Telugu film singer Usha will be performing for the Roshni Telugu Light Music Show conducted by the Sankara eye foundation. She will be in California on the 21st January, 2006 for the program. Sai devotees interested to meet her may contact her at singerusha@gmail.com during her 2 day trip.

Regards,

Sreekanth

Saidarbar Chennai: saidarbarchennai@yahoo.co.in

For Activities of Saidarbar Chennai

Contact saidarbarchennai@yahoo.co.in

Chennai Saidarbar Team.

"Ramesh and Anitha" kandra@iprimus.com.au

Saidarbar-Canberra

For Further details visit:

<http://angelfire.com/sd/SaidarbarCanberra>

Shirdi Sai Baba" technical@saidarbarusa.org

Saidarbar Wallingford-PA- USA:

For further details please visit

www.saidarbarusa.org

"Shanthi Ramakrishnan": shanthi@sigmacgi.com

Sai Darbar Portland OR USA

For Further details please contact shanthi@sigmacgi.com

A.S.Rao, - raoas@zamnet.zm

For Activities of Sai Darbar Kitwe, Zambia

Please contact: raoas@zamnet.zm

Anil Zutshi: zutshi_anil_k@sbcglobal.net

For activities of Saidarbar Danbaru-Canitcut-USA

Please contact: zutshi@msn.com,zutshi@magnai.com

Satish Achanta: vskachanta@hotmail.com

For activities of Saidarbar Woodland Hills-CA-USA-

Please contact: vskachanta@hotmail.com

Ravi Subramanyam: sai_ravi@hotmail.com

For activities of Saidarbar Livermore-CA-USA

Please contact: sai_ravi@hotmail.com

Suresh Vaghela: suresh@vaghela.net,suresh@somtek.com

For activities of Saidarbar-London

Please contact: suresh@vaghela.net,suresh@somtek.com

Hariharan Iyer: hariharan_r_iyer@yahoo.com

12/22/2005 08:15:56 -0800

Sai Activities in NJ

Sai Satsang, New Jersey, USA

Shirdi Sai Dham, Inc regularly conducts Sai bhajans followed by Aarti and Prasad on every 1st Saturday of each month at Durga Mandir, Kendall Park, New Jersey from 3 pm to 5 pm (Winter Hours). All are requested to kindly come and receive Baba's blessings. For more information visit www.shirdisaidham.org or email us at shirdisaidham@hotmail.com

Thanks and May Baba bless all your initiatives.

Regards

Hari

"Raja" rajamm@starhub.net.sg

12/1/2005 12:35:25 +0800

Sai Sansthan, Singapore

Weekly Satsanghs on all Saturdays

Venue: Sri Vadapathira Kaliamma Temple, 555 Serangoon Road Singapore 218174

Time Program

6.30 pm Start of the Bhajan Session. Playing of Sai Baba's mantra CD

7.00 pm Reading of Sai Satcharitra

7.30 pm Sai Baba Bhajan - Singing / CD

8.00 pm Sai Baba's Aarti

8.15 pm Distribution of prasadam

More details on www.saisansthana.com

"The Shirdi Sai Mandir, Toronto": events@theshirdisaimandir.com

The Shirdi SAI Mandir, Scarborough, Toronto, Canada

The Shirdi Sai Mandir located at 2721 Markham Road, Scarborough, ON M1X 1L5 (Intersection of Markham and Nashdene) is open Monday to Friday from 6.30 p.m to 8.30 p.m and Saturday to Sunday from 10.30 a.m to 8.30 p.m. Dhoop aarti - 7.30 p.m everyday. Bhajans - Saturday, from 5.00 p.m onwards.

For other temple activities and information please visit www.theshirdisaimandir.com

or send an email to info@theshirdisaimandir.com

Sincerely,

Suhas Godkhindi

"Atlanta Sai Temple News": webmaster@templeofpeace.org

Dear Devotees,

Continuing our tradition of celebrating Sai Vrat on every second Saturday. Pooja will be performed from 3:00 PM - 5:30 PM, Please bring your friends and family to witness this pooja and receive Baba's blessings!

Atlanta Sai Temple

700 James Burgess Road, Suwanee, GA 30024

"Shirdi Saibaba Prayer Center": sai@hamaresai.org

For Further details Visit: Web Page:

<http://www.hamaresai.org/>

Email: hamaresai@yahoo.com

"Sri Shirdi Sai Baba Temple of DFW" USA:

shirdisaidallas@yahoo.com

Baba Pada Puja & Abhishekam

This event repeats on the first Saturday of every month.

Event Location: 2109 W. Parker Road, Plano, Texas

It will be followed by Vishnu Sahasranamam at 11:00am.

Please email your questions, comments or suggestions
about the web site

to: admin@shirdisaidallas.org

<http://www.shirdisaidallas.org>

"Om Sai Mandir" saisandesh@omsaimandir.org

Sai Sandesh's present issue and archives can be read at:

<http://www.omsaimandir.org/newsletter1.cfm>

"S Chopra" saileela99@yahoo.com

SHIRDI SAI BABA SANSTHAN, CANADA invites all to join every Thursday for Satsang at
6:30PM - Sai Dwarkamai, 147 Winston Castle Dr. Markham ON

L6C 2N4 Ph: 905-887-1752 or email: saileela99@yahoo.com

Shammi Chopra

babamandir@babamandir.org

Om Sairam!

Mandir Pathrika is now in its third Year of publication. We request all devotees to contribute articles to Mandir Pathrika. Articles can be any information on Saibaba, Jalaram bapa or devotee Experiences, suggestions etc. Please email your articles to babamandir@babamandir.org You can view all previous issues by opening the following link.
<http://www.babamandir.org/mandir/OnlineResources.html>

Vijay

info@dwarakamaishirdi.org

SHRI SHIRDI SAIBABA TEMPLE, 46-16 ROBINSON ST, FLUSHING, NY

voora srinivas : voora@yahoo.com

Sri Shirdi Sai Florida Center

4707 S. Pleasant Grove Road

Inverness, FL 34452

For further details contact voora@yahoo.com

14. SAI'S BOOK WORLD:

Books in English:

1. Sri GURUDEVA DATTA VAIBHAVAM

Author: Mahabhashyam. Rangacharya

Published by: Sri GNANASAI KENDRAM

Socio- Spiritual (Regd.) Trust,

No. 1-8-4/1/5, 3rd Floor, Chikkadapally Main Road,

Hyderabad – 500 020 - A.P.

Price: Rs. 100/-

Books in Telugu:

1. Sri SadguruSainatha Charitra

Samadhi Anantara Leelalu

Author: late Sri Vemuri Venkateswarlu

Published by: Sri Datta SaiSeva Samaj

H.No: 1-9-295/32/5,

102, SitaRama Nilayam,

Vidyanagar

Hyderabad – 500 044

Phone No: 27662298

Price: Rs.25/- (postage Extra)

Please Note:

Those desirous of using this facility (Sai's Book World) to spread the word about their books may send ONE new copy of the book to Saidarbar, for details contact:

webmaster@saidarbar.org , saidarbar@saidarbar.org & saidarbar@hotmail.com

Acknowledgement of receipt of books will be done by E-mail only.

Book(s) sent to Saidarbar will be retained by Saidarbar and cannot be returned.

E- Books from Saidarbar:

1. SAI A BEACON FOR HUMANITY:

You can obtain your copy at http://www.ebeacon.indiainabook.com/other_books.htm

2. SAI IN DREAMS

You can obtain your copy at <http://www.ebeacon.indiainabook.com/>

Contact for further details: Sai Sevak-Vijay Agarwal:

vijishvanya@gmail.com

SAIDARBAR – HYDERABAD:

We will be happy to conduct Tele-Satsanghs to cities outside Hyderabad, India on prior intimation. For further details please contact saidarbar@gmail.com

Shirdi Sai Baba technical@saidarbarusa.org

On 2 Jan 2006 15:44:43 -0000

Saidarbar Wallingford-PA- USA

Jai Sai Ram

New Year Eve Special Satsang – SaiDarbar, USA

On 31st December 2005 SaiDarbar USA had a special Satsang to celebrate the arrival of the New Year 2006. After all the devotees assembled, at around 8:00 PM, Aarti was performed and then Mahaprasad was served.

This was followed by the phenomenal 45 minute Tele talk by Sri Gopal Rao Ravada Ji (SAI-BANISA). On the topic, "Sai In the Life of his Devotees". He emphasized on the cycle of Birth, Death and Rebirth by comparing various instances from Bhagawat Geeta and Sai Satcharitra. The essence was that Athma never dies but it always takes rebirth. When atma leaves the body it's the death and when it enters another body it is the rebirth. It's mentioned in the Sai Satcharitra, Chapter 3 that Baba is the Jaganmaatha. God is the paramathma and athma is the part of paramathma. He quoted a few instances from the Satcharitra, chapter 50 & 36 that Baba told Balaram Dhurandhar and Shyama that he knows them from past 600 years and 72 Generations respectively. Likewise, the same was told by Lord Krishna to Arjuna that he knows him from his previous births in the Bhagawat Geeta. This is to ascertain the fact that athma is eternal.

He emphasised that whatever you desire for at the time of your death will be reflected in your next birth (which is described in the Preliminary of chapter XXXI of Shri Sai Satcharita). He concluded by saying that we all accept that rebirth is there, and advised us to do good deeds and thoughts in the present birth so that we get spiritually uplifted in our next birth.

This of course was the highlight of the evening. Saidarbar USA members feel very fortunate to have had this incredible opportunity to hear Saibanisa Uncle speak on such a special occasion. We remain indebted to the feet of our Lord Sri Sainath without whose blessings this would not have been possible. We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude and thanks to Saibanisa Uncle for taking the time to talk to us and hope to hear many more discourses from him in the future.

And then, till about 11:30 PM the regular Satsang was performed starting with three Om's, Gane-sha Shloka followed by Bhajans by the children and adults. From 11:30 PM – 12:00 AM, Sai Gayatri was chanted by all the members with utmost devotion, peace and quiet. We observed 2 minute Dhayana exactly at 12:00 AM and welcomed the New Year 2006 by opening our eyes to view the life like photo of our dear Lord Sri Sainath.

The evening was concluded by performing Shej Aarti followed by cutting of a delicious chocolate cake. The devotees dispersed at 1:00 AM.

WISH YOU ALL A VERY HAPPY, SAFE AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR!!!

Bow to Shri Sai, Peace be to all

SaiBandhu Raghu & Radhika Nistala

15. EDITORIAL

Things impressed me from this Magazine:

You should know that you will get many people around you who will go on praising. But it is difficult to find persons who will give a healthy criticism. So it is your duty to select between a praise and healthy criticism.

A wise government should collect taxes from the people in such a way as honey bee collects honey from the flowers.

Karma literally means "deed" or "act" and more broadly names the universal principle of cause and effect, action and reaction which governs all life

The way the Alum clears the dirt from the water, participation in the Satsanghs (company of learned people) will clear all doubts in the spiritual field.

Sai devotees may write about their Sai activities in their place, essays, articles and poetry on Sai to "The Glory of Shirdi Sai" – they may address their contributions to E-mail id: saidarbar@saidarbar.org with a copy marked to webmaster@saidarbar.org

We shall put in our best efforts to include them in the Glory of Shirdi Sai- the bi-weekly E - Magazine. Unless the author of the articles instructs, not to publish his/her E-mail id, we will publish them as a matter of routine practice.

You can subscribe for THE GLORY OF SHIRDI SAI for a friend /relative by submitting e-mail ID in the main page of <http://www.saidarbar.org>

Also read the old issues from: <http://www.saidarbar.org/glory.htm>

If you are subscribing this E-magazine for your friend or a relative, we request that the person concerned may be notified about receiving the same.

Editor does not accept responsibility for the views expressed in the articles published.

This e-magazine is intended for Private circulation only.

Submitted by Sai Sevak: Srinivasa Rao Kasturi

P.S. In case you do not like to receive "The Glory of Shirdi Sai ", Kindly reply UNSUBSCRIBE for our necessary action.