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

**GURUR-SAKSHATH PARAM BRAHMA; THASMAI SREE GURAVE NAMAHA:**

HOLI is on 15-03-2006

From SaiSatcharita chapter XL-Hemadpant's Shimga Dinner “After this, preparations for the dinner went on and it was quite ready at noon. The Holika-worship was gone through and the leaves (dishes) were spread and arranged with 'Rangoli' marks around them. Baba's picture was placed on the central seat reserved for the guest and after the due offering of the Naivedya, the whole party commenced eating and finished it in proper time. Seeing the beautiful form in the picture everybody was extremely pleased and wondered how all this happened.”

## **HOLI AS PER SANATANA DHARMA**

Brahma then appeared before Hiranyakshipu and the demon asked for a boon thus “Let not my death occur at the hands of living beings created by you. Holi 'O' Lord, let there be no death to me indoors or outdoors, by day or night, from anyone or even through weapons, neither on earth nor in the air, by men nor animals; nor should I meet my death at the hands of animate or inanimate beings, gods, demons or serpents.” Brahma granted him the boon. Believing that he was now invincible, Hiranyakshipu soon became pompous and ordered all his people to worship only him. The demon however, had a son named Prahalad who was an ardent devotee of Vishnu. Much to his father's chagrin, Prahalad continued to pray to Vishnu. The evil demon decided to kill his son, but each attempt failed. The king then summoned his sister Holika who, because of a boon, was immune to fire. He prepared a pyre, lit it and asked Holika to sit on it, clutching Prahalad. Vishnu intervened to save Prahalad and the evil Holika perished instead. This legend is relived on Choti Holi when the pyre is re-lit. Holika also signifies the dirt and filth that collects during the winter months. Hay and old rubbish is thrown into the bonfire for spring-cleaning.

Holi at Mathura and Vrindavana is celebrated with great gusto for many days, as these were the places where Krishna spent most of his childhood. It is celebrated for many days here. Each major temple celebrates Holi on a different day. People throng the temples to get drenched with colored water and consider it a blessing from the god.

In Maharashtra and Gujarat, a grand procession of men soaked with colored water walksholi through the streets shouting 'Govinda ala re ala, Zara matki sambhal brijbala' or 'Here comes Govinda (another name of Krishna), take care of your pots of butter and milk, oh girls from Brij'. This refers to Krishna's habit of stealing butter and milk stored in terracotta pots from people's homes. As a child, Krishna was extremely fond of milk and milk products. He would prow into any accessible house with his friends and steal pots of butter or break pots of milk. During Holi, a pot of buttermilk is hung high up in the street. Men forming a human staircase try to break this pot, and whoever succeeds is crowned the Holi king of the locality for that year.

In Bengal, Holi is called Dol Yatra, or the swing festival. Idols of Radha and Krishna are placed on swings and devotees take turns to swing them. Women dance around the swing and sing devotional songs, as men spray colored water at them.

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## **1. FOUNDATION STONES FOR THE SPIRITUAL LIFE:**

From the Satsanghs of Saibanisaji

Sai Sevak Smt. Rajeswari Kasturi, Saidarbar – Hyderabad.

190. If you are affected with any disease, you should get it cured without wasting a single minute. In the similar way, if you recognize somebody showing enmity towards you, you should curb him at the earliest else you may have to face both mental and physical torture.

191. An umbrella will protect you from rain, in a similar way, good will of the people in the state will protect the rulers.

192. If the person ruling the state takes care of the people of the state, the people will come forward voluntarily to save the life and position of the rulers.

193. The hasty decisions and actions may give temporary benefits but in the long run it will show the bad affects. So a wise person should think about long range benefits and act.

194. A good person will always show gratitude for the small help he received from the fellow human beings. A bad person even though he was saved by his fellow human beings, will never be grateful to the persons, who have helped him. So it is our duty to help the good and deserving person.

195. The leader in the society should follow the right path so that the followers will also follow him in that path. If this is not happened the society will be ruined.

196. If the ruler of the state is not having good advisors then it is the first sign of the deteriorating administration in the state.

197. A person in need will search for the donors and not the greedy person with huge wealth, the way a poor farmer expecting the rain water from the clouds and not from the huge oceans.

198. The leader who will not keep up his promises to his followers, one day he will be treated like a mad dog by his own followers.

To be continued...

## **2. SAI'S NEWS FROM THE TIME MACHINE:**

March 1911- Tatyasaheb Noolkar, a staunch devotee of Baba, Sub-Judge of Phandarpur breathes his last at Shiridi at the age of 48.

March 1912- Dadasaheb Khaparde returned to Amroati. Mrs.Laxmibai Khaparde stayed behind in Shiridi.

### 3. 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.

16-04-1994

Yesterday, I had been to a friend's house. A Swamiji was invited, being honored, and worshiped. Having seen the function, I got tempted to opt for 'Sanyasarama'. Baba quipped and said-

It is highly difficult even for great saints to overcome their attachments towards mother, place of birth and surrounding society where one has spent major portion of his life. Therefore practice Gruhastha dharma and complete all the responsibilities to the last one.

Sainthood is not a child's play.

22-04-1994

I repented the whole day as I felt that precious time is getting wasted living entangled in the worldly affairs alone. When is it time proper to start thinking about God?

Baba in the form of an unknown person said-

Gram will sprout only when water is sprinkled on them irrespective of whether kept in an old cloth or a new cloth. Cover the thought of reaping the benevolence of the almighty with devotion like sprinkling of water. God cannot be pleased with rituals alone performed mechanically without an aura of devotion added to them.

The path of renunciation is a tougher one.

23-04-1994

Sai appeared in the form of an unknown person and said-

Time is the precious gift from God to mankind. Do not waste it and spend every available moment in his service and for a good cause.

Make a meaning for the life and thus try attaining the grace of the almighty.

Every moment is ripe one for thinking about God.

To be continued.....

#### **4. QUINTESENCE OF SRI SAIBABA'S PHILOSOPHY:**

(By Late Sri Bharam UmamaheswaraRao)

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#### **22. Atma – Jnana**

There is no permanent existence for the destructible bodies. The Atman never ceases to be. Realization of Self results in the total reversal of this identification, when the aspirant identifies himself with the Atma and is fully aware that the body is only an adjunct to his Self. Then there is no more delusion about the ephemeral nature of his body which he understands, to be the effect of Karma.

The eternal nature of the wise is to get over the fear of death. The Self is Akarta and Abhokta. Only an intelligent man understands this. A Jnani only identifies himself with the self Ajnani identifies himself with his body. Till realization takes place, death continues to cause fear in us. It is consciousness of Atma, which is reflected in the functioning of the body and the mind which are the effect of Karma. Karma cannot touch the Atma. Till the knowledge of the Self dawns, the mind continues to be deluded by the ego and hence transmission goes on. We must know that only self- realization can cut the knot of ignorance and put an end to re-births.

Supreme God exists in the form of Atman throughout the life of an individual and silently remains a mere on-looker. 'Brahman' never interferes with the activities of individual, who exists in the world. The real nature of every person is that of the Supreme God, because he derives energy for his existence from Brahman, who remains inside his body itself. Our Physical and sensory organs are mere 'Sporting tools' of Brahman. Hence all of us must develop the ability to be willing tool of Brahman and we should not react emotionally or physically for the events that occur around us from time to time and be a mere witness.

To be continued.....

## 5. SANATANA DHARMA & SRI SHIRDI SAIBABA

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

From the Satsanghs of Saibanisaji

Sai through Reincarnations

By: Sai Sevak Raghuraman Satulury

The thought to pen down ‘Sai in Janma Janmantar’ has come to my mind after hearing Saibanisa explaining the subject to the gatherings during his discourses at different places. The incidents are compiled and placed before the Saibandhus with the intention that these may perhaps serve as food to their spiritual hunger.

Baba in various contexts told his devotees that they were known to Him from their past many lives. Baba often talked with full knowledge and precision about the visitor’s past and future. We find such instances are quite often depicted as we go through Sai Satcharitra and even in other epics where Divya and Mano - dhrusti were involved.

Quoted from Sai Satcharitra:

Lord Sainath was eating food offered to him by Lakshmi Khaparde and simultaneously he was speaking about her previous lives. She in her earlier life was a cow in a businessman’s house. Afterwards she was born in a Gardener’s family, then followed her rebirth in a family of Kshyatrias. Baba said, “now in the present life as the daughter of a Brahmin she is feeding me”.

The stories of two brothers, who constantly fought with each other, after death were reborn as two goats. Dubaki, the poor lady had mortgaged her land with a moneylender. In the next birth the same lady was born as Chennabasappa and the moneylender as Veerabhadrappa. These two persons Chennabasappa and Veerabhadrappa lived as enemies all through their life and were reborn as a snake and frog, thus continuing their mutual hatred in their next life too.

There are instances where human beings are reborn as animals to complete the spilt over ‘Vrunanubhandha’ from their previous lives. The tiger about to die was brought and made to stand before Baba. The tiger lifted its tail, looked into the powerful eyes of Baba and then collapsed at the lotus feet of Baba. Baba then said to the keepers’ - “it is now relieved from the debts of the past life, after having served you all along, is now freed from all the bonds”.

Jadabharatha, a saint developed deep attachment towards a pet deer having nurtured it from the infancy. Jadabharatha was reborn as a deer in his next life in order to satiate his love towards the animal.

Jai Sai Ram

## **SANATANA DHARMA – NEWS FROM ABROAD:**

### **Mauritius Celebrates Mahasivaratri**

[www.deccanherald.com](http://www.deccanherald.com)

MAURITIUS, February 25, 2006: When the Siva temples in India echo with the chaste chants of "Om Namoh Shivai" and ardent devotees make a beeline at Sivalingams all over the country to offer their prayers on the occasion of Sivaratri, the beautiful island of Mauritius too resounds with the devotional notes of "Bam Bam Bhole." Thousands of worshippers prefer to walk all the distance to Ganga Talao (Grand Bassin) to fetch the holy waters to offer to the Sivalingams in their homes. Ganga Talao is considered as sacred as the Holy Ganges in India.

Indians being the predominant population in Mauritius, all Indian festivals like Deepavali, Holi, Ganesh Chaturthi, Eid, Ugadi are celebrated with traditional gaiety and fervor, but Mahasivaratri is perhaps the biggest of all. It is a public holiday in Mauritius.

For the Mauritian Hindu, a pilgrimage to the volcanic sacred lake of Grand Bassin or Ganga Talao is a spiritual obligation that every family fulfils on Maha Sivaratri. Most worshippers start the day with a thorough cleaning and decoration of their houses. When they proceed to the sacred lake, singing bhajanas all along the way, people offer water or juice to them as is done in India to the pilgrims going for pilgrimages.

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### **South African Youth Celebrate Mahasivaratri**

[www.newkerala.com](http://www.newkerala.com)

JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA, February 26, 2006: Chanting prayers, Hindu youths took part in an annual procession ahead of the Sivaratri festival in the South African Indian township of Lenasia near here. The procession drew a crowd of more than 2,500 devotees. At each of the six Hindu temples along the eight-kilometer route in Lenasia, devotees welcomed the procession with traditional Gujarati garba dances. The Hindu Coordinating Council organized the yatra. Council chairman Kokie Singh told IANS that there were 14 groups participating from all over Gauteng province, but most significant aspect this year was the involvement of the large number of youths. "I think this is because they realize that culture is important (and) as they become increasingly aware of the spiritual functions," he said. "The elderly folk were particularly overjoyed at the shuttle service. They could be ferried between temples on the route without having to walk." Many devotees brought along their own containers for taking home the water handed out at several points along the route. This is a mix of the Ganges and local well water. In Laudium, a much smaller crowd than had been expected joined the 11th annual sivaratri Yatra organized by the Pretoria Hindu organization. Devotees started to walk at the Sivan Alayam temple and proceeded to the Vishnu Mandir before ending the procession at the Seva Samaj temple. At each temple prayers were offered.

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## Mahasivaratri in Sri Lanka

[www.tamilnet.com](http://www.tamilnet.com)

COLOMBO, SRI LANKA, February 25, 2006; Maha Sivarathiri Day religious observance is to be held in the historic Trincomalee Koneswaram Temple, Thiruketheeswaram Temple in Mannar and Kantalai Choleeswaram (Siva) Temple, about 20 km southwest off Trincomalee town on February 26th Sunday night . Arrangements are being made by the temple societies and Hindu Affairs Department, sources said. Koneswaram, Thiruketheeswaram and Choleeswaram are several-centuries-old Sivan Temples in the North East. According to chronicles, Koneswaram temple was built six thousand years ago and King Kulakottan reconstructed it later. Likewise Thirukeeswaram temple was also built several hundred years ago. King Raja Cholan built Choleeswaram temple in Kantalai in 1010 ce when Cholan regime in South India was at its peak. The ruins of Choleeswaram were found in the midst of jungle when the Colombo government in 1952 implemented its state-aided colonization scheme in Kantalai, a traditional Tamil village that has now turned it to Sinhalese dominated, according to chronicles. Saiva saints Thirugnanasambanthar and Suntharamoorthy have praised the glories of Koneswaram and Thiruketheeswaram temples in their Saiva religious books, which are called Thiru Muraigal. Meanwhile at a conference held Tuesday in Mannar District Secretariat with Additional Government Agent Mr. N. Neekilaspillai in the chair, army officials present had promised to shift backwards their sentry points located along Mannar-Madawachchiya (A 14) highway to facilitate devotees traveling in vehicles to reach Thiruketheeswaram temple without any hindrance, sources said.

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## Remote Malaysian Temple Holds Consecration Ceremony

[www.dailyexpress.com.my](http://www.dailyexpress.com.my)

LABUAN, EAST MALAYSIA, February 18, 2006 The 31-year-old "Thirumurugan" Hindu Temple will hold its "Maha Kumbabhishagam" (consecration) ceremony tomorrow (Sunday). It is the third time that the temple is holding such a ceremony and five priests from Kuala Lumpur would be present for the auspicious occasion. Chairman of the event's organizing committee, R. Ramasamy, said musicians from Kuala Lumpur would also be present for the three-day event. He said there were only about 250 Hindus on the island (off the west coast of Borneo) and without the support of those in Sabah like Kota Kinabalu, Sandakan, Lahad Datu, it would be difficult for the temple to hold such a "divine" event. The temple is located in the Armed Forces area and maintained by Hindu personnel from the Forces, while the business community provides the support. Ramasamy said the temple reflects an ideal co-operation and understanding between the Forces and civilians.

## **6. SAIBANISA OFFERS PRANAMS TO “LORD SIVA”**

From Sai Satcharita -chapter 28

Megha began to look upon Sai Baba as an incarnation of Shiva In order to worship Shiva, bela leaves are required and Megha used to go miles and miles every day to bring them and worship his Shiva (Baba).

Megha returned to the Wada, and drew a red Trident on the wall near Baba's picture. Next day a Ramadasi Bhakta came from Poona, saluted Baba and offered Him Pindi (an image of Shiva). At this time Megha also turned up there. Baba said to him - "See, Shankar has come, protect (i.e., worship) Him now." Megha was surprised to see Pindi following Trident immediately.

<http://www.saidarbar.org/sarwam/shiva.jpg>

Information about JyotirLingas:

### **2. SRI MALLIKARJUNA in Sri Sailam**

Srisailam bramaramba Mallukarjuna swamy temple

Srisailam is located in Kurnool district of Andhra Pradesh. This whole area is full of forests of Kadali, Bilva trees, mountain ranges and Patalaganga (Krishnaveni river). All of them echo from these joyous voices of devotees.

Puranic History of Srisailam

When Kumar Kartikeya returned to Kailash after completing his trip around the earth, he heard about Ganesha's marriage from Narada. This angered him. In spite of being restrained by his parents, he touched their feet in obeisance and left for Krounch Mountain. Parvati was very distraught at having to be away from her son, implored Lord Shiva to look for their son. Together, they went to Kumara. But, Kumara went away a further three Yojanas, after learning about his parents coming after him to Krouncha Mountain. Before embarking on a further search for their son on each mountain, they decided to leave a light on every mountain they visited. From that day, that place came to be known as JyotirLinga Mallikarjuna. It is believed that Shiva and Parvati visit this palce on Amavasya (No moon day) and (full Moon day) Pournami, respectively. Visiting this JyotirLing not only blesses one with innumerable wealth, but also name and fame and fulfils all the desires.

Once, a princess named Chandravati decided to go to the Jungles to do penance and meditation. She chose Kadali Vana for this purpose. One day, she witnessed a miracle. A Kapila cow was standing under a Bilwa tree and milk was flowing from all of its four udders, sinking into the ground. The cow kept doing this as a routine chore everyday. Chandravati dug up that area and was dumb founded at what she saw. There was a self-raising Swyambhu SivaLinga. It was bright and shining like the sun rays, and looked like it was burning, throwing flames in all directions. Chandravati prayed to Siva in this JyotirLinga. She built a huge Shiva Temple there. Lord

Shankara was very pleased with her. Chandravati went to Kailash wind borne. She received salvation and Mukti. On one of the stone-inscriptions of the temple, Chandravati's story can be seen carved out.

Shaila Mallikarjuna's holy place is located on the banks of River Krishna. Here River Krishna is in the form of Patalaganga (underground spring). Lakhs of devotees take a holy dip here and then go for the Darshan of the JyotirLinga.

During the Karnataka Movement, Chatrapati Shivaji used to come to take a Darshan of the JyotirLinga during the Mahasivaratri. He built a tower on the right side of the Temple and also opened a free-meal center.

The kings of the VijayaNagar Dynasty too built a Temple, Tower, Portico and a pond. Ahelyadevi Holkar, a great devotee of Siva built a strong bathing wharf consisting of 852 steps on the banks of the Patalganga.

Earlier, this part of the Shaila mountains was an unreachable tough terrain and fraught with danger. Even then, devotees, with their sheer will power, used to reach there in large numbers. Hiranyakashipa, Narada, Pandavas, Sri Ram are some of the great mythological personalities who have visited this holy shrine.

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## **7. DEVOTEES EXPERIENCES:**

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Sai Baba has been guiding our lives like mother and father, I bhargavi fondly call him nanna. In my case he wrote my all India exam. Actually I asked him that I will write exam only if he bless me before the exam. It was night 12 or one I along with my mother was in train going to madras. A Sadhu dressed like Baba came to our cabin and asked only me dakshina and carried a big picture of Shiridi Baba. HE blessed me. I was sure that I will get selected. It was Baba who wrote exam and I got selected.

One more time I told Baba I would give him dhoti but he has to come and receive it. One day he came to my house as Brahmin for dakshina and asked me give me something. I gave him dhoti he asked for food but at that time it was not prepared I gave him dates he ate it and blessed both of us.

Baba has entirely changed my husband's life after he read Baba's Satcharitra, he got his doctoral degree, he got married to me, got post-doc in USA.

We are praying Baba for guru, Baba introduced through our cousin sister to Sri Sri Sri Viwayogi Viswamji, Guntur, incarnation of Lord Dattatreya. I had a doubt whether he is my Shiridi Baba or not. One day I had a dream in which it was a photo of Baba but the face was Viswamji.

We were planning for child, Baba appeared in my husband's dream, wrote a letter only the following sentences were visible "Child, born, more money". In my dream I saw a small boy doing Sai Bhajans. Baba indicated that he will take birth in our house. There are many experiences which require books.

I will post regularly.

Satya Kumar and bhargavi

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## **8. SPIRITUAL GEMS FROM SAI SATCHARITRA**

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Tue, 28 Feb 2006 23:27:50 -0800 (PST)

Sai Ram. Let us continue with the spiritual gems.

Variety in Upadesh -- Slanderer Condemned

"Sai Baba required no special place, nor any special time for giving instructions. Whenever any occasion demanded, He gave them freely."

Sai Ram. Baba is the Satguru and He knows when to give what instructions in what manner.

"Once it so happened that a Bhakta of Baba, reviled another behind his back, before other people. On leaving aside merits, he dwelt on the faults of his brother, and spoke so sarcastically, that the hearers were disgusted. Generally, we see that people have a tendency to scandalize others, un-necessarily; and this brings on hatred and ill-will."

Sai Ram. Such behavior is ego driven. Praising also is ego driven and if given to an undeserving person has the effect of further spoiling him. So, either praise or criticism must be tempered by intellect carefully. Criticising a person behind his back is especially bad since that person may get a much more distorted version of what has been uttered and so the communication process suffers further.

"Saints see scandal, in another light. They say that there are various ways of cleansing or removing dirt, viz. by means of earth, water and soap etc., but a scandal-monger has got a way of his own. He removes the dirt (faults) of others by his tongue; so in a way obliges the person, whom he reviles and for this he is to be thanked."

Sai Ram. If we absorb this lesson, we will not develop ill-will toward the person. It is a difficult lesson to learn and to practice, but is really valuable since it prevents us from developing hatred towards that person.

"Sai Baba had his own method of correcting the scandal-monger. He knew by his omniscience what the slanderer had done and when He met him at noon near the Lendi, Baba pointed out to him a pig that was eating filth near the fence and said to him - "Behold how, with what relish it is gorging dung. Your conduct is similar. You go on reviling your own brethren to your heart's content. After performing many deeds of merit, you are born a man, and if you act like this, will Shirdi help you in any way?" Needless to say, that the Bhakta took the lesson to his heart, and went away.

Sai Ram. Baba had several such different ways of instructing His disciples so that they progress further on the spiritual path and eventually merge with Him.

Swamy

To be continued.....

## **9. 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.

### **Two Frogs in Trouble**

Once a big fat frog and a lively little frog were hopping along together when they had the misfortune of jumping into a pail of fresh milk. They swam for hours and hours hoping to get out somehow; but the sides of the pail were steep and slippery and death seemed to be certain.

When the big frog was exhausted he lost courage. There seemed no hope of rescue. "Why keep struggling against the inevitable? I cannot swim any longer." He moaned. "Keep on! Keep on!" urged the little frog, who was still circling the pail. So they went on for a while. But the big frog decided it was no use. "Little brother, We may as well give up" he gasped. "I am going to quit struggling."

Now only the little frog was left. He thought to himself. "Well, to give up is to be dead, so I will keep swimming." Two more hours passed and the tiny legs of the determined little frog were almost paralysed with exhaustion. It seemed as if he could not keep moving for another minute. But he thought of his dead friend, and repeated, "To give up is to be meat for someone's table, so I'll keep paddling on until I die – if death is to come – but I will not cease trying – while there is life, there is hope."

## **10. ARTICLES FROM SAI DEVOTEES:**

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### **Immortal Saint of Shirdi**

In Bhagvadgita (Chapter IV, 7-8) Lord Krishna says "Whenever there is a decay of Dharma (righteousness) and an ascendancy of unrighteousness, I manifest Myself, and for the protection of the virtuous, the destruction of the vicious and for the establishment of righteousness, I manifest Myself in age after age." This is the mission of Lord, and the Sages and Saints, who are His representatives appear at proper times and try to set matters right by their words and action, thus showing us the right path to follow. In this way, many saints like Jnanadev, Muktabai, Tukaram, Ramdas, did appear at various times to show the right path to the people, and so came Lord Sainath of Shirdi. The fourteenth Nama in one hundred eight Glorious Names of Sainath Maharaj is "Om Sri Sai Amarthayaya Namaha" Meaning - Pranavaswarupa Oh Sainath! Obeisance to you who is immortal.

We further glorify Sai in Ashttotrasatha Namavali "Kalatheethaya Namaha, Kaalaya Namaha, Kaalakaalaya Namaha." It means He has transcended the limitations of Time, Himself Time and Lord of Eternity. Baba declared, "I am not the body or the senses, I am Sakshi (Witness)" Sainath though left His mortal coils on Oct. 15th, 1918, He continues to remain in His subtle form (Sukshma Sareera) with the option of taking stable or visible form at will. Immediately after giving up His body Baba showed to the world through the following incidents that He is alive but His body is dead. Baba appeared in the dream of Laxman Mama Joshi on Oct. 16, 1918 and said, "Get up soon, Bapusaheb thinks I am dead and so he won't come, you do the worship and the Kakad Arathi." He appeared in the dream of Dasganu Maharaj on Oct. 16, 1918 at Pandharpur, informed of the event, and said that he should cover His body with ample flowers. Thus, Baba in His own mysterious way maintained the continuity of daily Pujas and Arathis as usual.

To be continued.....

## **11. LETTERS FROM SAI DEVOTEES:**

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Sun, 19 Feb 2006 18:39:05 -0800

God does not like big subscriptions and donations collected against the wishes of the donors, but He likes ever trifling amounts given with love, devotion and appreciation

Shri Sai Satcharitra Chapter XLVII Baba's Reminiscences

### **Story of Veerbhadrappa and Chenbassappa (Snake and frog)**

SaiRam

Thank you for your support towards the temple construction in Nandivada AndhraPradesh. As I explained, we are desperately looking for funds to complete the construction and for maintenance. We have developed the site with the complete details. Please forward [www.saimandiram.org](http://www.saimandiram.org) site to all Sai devotees.

Also, I assure everyone that every penny we receive will be utilized appropriately. Please help us to complete this project.

Regards,

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(Roles played by Shirdi Sai Baba as God and the Spirit Masters in my Spiritual training resulting in God – realization)

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A good person will always show gratitude for the small help he received from the fellow human beings. A bad person even though he was saved by his fellow human beings, will never be grateful to the persons, who have helped him. So it is our duty to help the good and deserving person.

If the ruler of the state is not having good advisors then it is the first sign of the deteriorating administration in the state.

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