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

GURUR-SAKSHATH PARAM BRAHMA; THASMAI SREE GURAVE NAMAHA:

Hanuman Jayanti is the birth anniversary of Lord Hanuman.13-4-06

Lord Hanuman was born in Anjaneri (now a hilltop temple). Anjaneri is near Triambakeshwar, Nasik - a pilgrim village in Maharashtra State. He is the son of Anjani and Maruti, born with the blessings of 'Vayu', the wind god (also called Pavan). He is considered to be an avatar (incarnation) of Lord Shiva.

He is one of the seven Chiranjivis and the only learned scholar who knew the nine Vyakaranas. He learned the shastras from Suryadev, the sun god. He is well versed with the Vedas and other sacred books.

He has exhibited astonishing physical strength and worked many miracles. His valour, wisdom, knowledge of the scriptures and superhuman strength attracted everybody who came near him. He had extraordinary skill in warfare. He is the chosen messenger of Lord Rama and the minister & messenger of Sugreeva. Hanuman is fast, the most agile and oriented god.

Hanumanji is the symbol of Devotion and Service. Like Krishna, Rama is an incarnation of Vishnu whose elevated character and righteous actions are designed to inspire men to divine consciousness. In liberating his consort Sita from the demon Ravana (symbol of material illusion); Rama is greatly aided by the brave Hanuman. Hanuman was the chief of the armies of Sri Ramachandra and took a prominent part in the war against Ravana, the king of Lanka, in the Indian epic poem Ramayana. Hanuman helped restore Sita Devi back to Sri Rama. Recognizing Godhead beneath the human disguise, Hanuman consecrates himself wholly to service of Rama. Depicted in kneeling pose of utter devotion and humility, he symbolized the strength and purity of the Perfect Servant.

Hanumanji is known by many names as Anjaneya, Anjani Putra, Bajarangbali, Hanuman, Mahaveer, Marutinandan, Pavanputra etc. Hanuman, worshipped for his strength, valor, agility, is a man of great teaming.

Hanuman carried Sri Rama and Lakshmana on his shoulder to Sugreeva, the king of all Vanars (monkeys) in Kishkindha and helped them to find Sita. Prior to the war between Sri Rama and Ravana, Anjaneya visited Lanka, met Ravana, created havoc and burnt down the city of Lanka (Lanka Dahan). During the war, when Lakshmana was injured seriously, Sushena, the surgeon/physician of the monkey army, dispatched Marutinandan to bring herbal medicine, Sanjeevini, from the far-off Sumeru Mountain in the Himalayas, before sunrise. Flying over the Himalayas and unable to identify the particular herb fast, Hanuman uprooted and carried the entire mountain in time to save the life of Lakshmana along with the rest of the Vanar army. Hanuman was blessed by Sri Rama with immortality (chiranjeevi) at the end of the war.

Hanuman was a bachelor (brahamachari) and is worshipped in all the temples of India. Every temple of Sri Rama contains an icon of Hanuman. Worship of Sri Rama is complete only with the worship of Hanuman. There are various temples dedicated solely to Lord Hanuman also. Sant Tulsidas composed the 40 stanzas of Hanuman Chalisa in praise of Hanuman.

The worship of Hanuman symbolizes the worship of the Supreme Lord, for acquiring knowledge, physical and mental strength, truthfulness, sincerity, selflessness, humility, loyalty, and profound devotion to the Lord. Students pray to him for intelligence and soldiers for strength. In olden days, there used to be temples of Hanumantha, at the gates of forts. The gymnasium of wrestlers invariably have his picture.

From Saisatcharita--Behaviour of Sai Baba--Chapter VII

HE got almost all the temples in Shirdi repaired. Through Tatyapa Patil, the temples of Shani, Ganapati, Shankar-Parvati, Village Deity, and Maruti were put in order.

Tamil New Year 14-4-06

The months of the Tamil Calendar gain more significance and are deeply rooted to the faith of the Tamil People. Some months are considered very auspicious while a few are considered inauspicious as well. The Tamil New Year, starts in the first month of Sithirai, in the mid-April every year. It is celebrated with much enthusiasm among the Tamil Community all over the world. It is marked by gifting new dresses for the family members and giving prayers to God wishing for prosperity among the people for the coming year. The second month of Vaikaasi and the tenth month of Thai are considered very auspicious and most of the marriages usually happen during those months than the other months of the year. The third month of Aadi is considered inauspicious that usually marriages do not happen in the month. It is usually the worst month for thriving businesses and recently this situation has changed a lot, as the businesses started providing discount shopping during that particular month. The fifth month of Aavani is considered auspicious among the Tamil orthodox people, and the special occasion of Aavani Avittam marks the month. The sixth month of Purattaasi is auspicious to the effect that, most of the non-vegetarian Tamil people do not eat meat during the month. The full moon days and the new moon days have considerable importance among the Tamil people. One of the famous festivals, the Deepavali, is celebrated on the new moon day, in the seventh month of

Aippasi. The month of Aippasi is usually characterised by the North-East Monsoon in Tamil Nadu, which has given birth to a phrase, Aippasi Adai Mazhai meaning the 'Non-stop Downpour'. The Festival of Thirukarthigai is celebrated during the eighth month of Kaarthigai. The ninth month of Maargazhi is characterised by the winter in Tamil Nadu, and considered auspicious for maiden women to find their groom. The tenth month of Thai is the month of Harvest in Tamil Nadu. The festival of Pongal is celebrated to mark the harvest in the first day of that month.

From Saisatcharita--Madrasi Bhajani Mela--Chapter XXIX

It was in the year 1916 that a Madrasi Bhajani Mela (Party of the Ramadasi Panth) started on a Pilgrimage to the holy city of Banaras. The Party consisted of a man, his wife, daughter and sister-in-law. Unfortunately their names are not mentioned. On their way, the party heard that there lived at Shirdi in Kopergaon Taluka, Ahmednagar District, a great sage named Sai Baba, who was calm and composed, and who was very liberal and who distributed money every day to His Bhaktas and to skilful persons, who went and showed their skill there.

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1. FOUNDATION STONES FOR THE SPIRITUAL LIFE:

From the Satsanghs of Saibanisa ji

Sai Sevak Smt. Rajeswari Kasturi, Saidarbar – Hyderabad.

220. For life to be happier, keep away from those doubting your integrity and avoid inquisitiveness to listen secretly to others.

221. Quality of the Gold can be assessed by rubbing against a Goldstone. So are troubles which are sure test for true friends, relatives and servants

222. A crow can be decorated with Gold and diamonds and still it cannot become a swan. In the same way, a fool can be throned, but he cannot rule the kingdom

223. A bad king with good ministers and servants is far better than a good king with bad ministers and servants.

224. You should always be alert with your staff who are not loyal.

225. Gold gets beauty when polished and not from the fact that it is embedded with pearls taken from the ocean. So also training is essential for an intelligent student and not for those few born intellectuals.

226. Trying to reform a bad person is like chasing a mirage

227. Refrain from taking loans, keep away from fire, enemies and keep aloof from contagious diseases that can take toll of the lives.

228 It cost nothing to talk good and sweet that brings in good returns

229. A selfless person is like a candle giving light to others while burning and finally loosing identity.

To be continued...

2. SAI'S NEWS FROM THE TIME MACHINE:

April 1886: Baba performed Yoga kriya samadhi for 72 hours.

April 1904: Rao Bahadur.H.V.Sathe first arrived at Shiridi.

April 1912:Baba announces the first arrival of Dhurundhara brothers from Bombay in advance.

April1914: Baba appeared in the dream of B.V.Deo and explained as to how to go about reading Gnaneshwari.

April 1918: Baba paid RS 25/- to person named Vaze and made him to perform Satyanarayan pooja.

April 1923: First issue of Sri Sai Leela published.

April 1940: Shama (Madhav Rao Deshpande passed away at Shiridi at the age of 80 yrs.

3. SAI IN DREAMS:

These are the dream sequences and messages as received by SaiBaNiSa Ji 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.

08-05-1994

I was mentally upset, as I was not able to overcome the urge for other women in life. I prayed Sai to offer me with a way out. Sai appeared in the form of a friend of mine and said –

You are not compromising even to look at the woman intending to marry you just because she is not beautiful as the inner Jnana shakti (intelligence) is unable to differentiate between the relative beauties. Why does the same Shakti fail in realizing that seeking other women is like putting one's hand in to a burning kiln?

None can help a knowingly ignorant one.

09-05-1994

My mind was engrossed in thoughts on Sai philosophy.

Sai said –

When your mind stays disturbed as your children are hospitalized, how can I live in peace idling and remain without reacting, when MY children are in troubles?

SAI never fails in offering protection to his devotees.

15-05-1994

I prayed Lord Sainath to show me my true position.

The scene was that of a marriage stage. Bridegroom's party reaches the venue with full vigor demanding for the dowry. Bride's father having entrusted me with task of guarding the brief case stored with money asked me to do the needful. I opened the Brief and to my surprise, the money was not in place. All the elders assembled there branded me as a thief. Bride's father tries to

commit suicide by immolating himself. I considered myself responsible for the incident and I too try to jump into the fire. In the meanwhile, the person who stole the money arrives at the scene laughing. Bride's father and myself then embraced the thief. He too is perished in the whole process along with both of us. I got scared with such a dream and got up from the bed. What could this mean? I am not clear.

Never offer services that can cost life.

To be continued.....

4. QUINTESSENCE OF SRI SAIBABA'S PHILOSOPHY:

(By Late Sri Bharam UmamaheswaraRao)

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22. Atma – Jnana

Atma is the active principle. From this, arises the world which is originally inactive. So try to reach the active Atma and thus attain peace. All worldly things arise from Atma and get merged in it finally. Even the mind will get merged in Atma. We must know this.

Atma is self-effulgent. It will not have any change due to worldly activities or due to time. It will always be one. This Atma is the Self and the Atma is the Universe, both get merged in Paramatma. The indestructible Paramatma will never get destroyed and is beyond space, time and causation.

Atma is permanent and is without any change or alteration. It is full of knowledge, bliss and purity. If we are in the state of Atma, we will always be happy. So, all of us should do Sadhana and try to fix our aim and visualize Atma. Know Atma is not an artificial, conventional thing. The source of the Universe is the power of Atma.

If we practice the following good habits, we will have Divine perfection and realize the Atma in ourselves. They are:

1. Purity of Anthakarna;
2. Resistance of external indriyas;
3. Reading philosophical books;
4. Straight forwardness;
5. Charitable nature;
6. Avoiding criticism of others;

7. Peace of mind;
8. Having mercy on all living beings;
9. Not having bad desires;
10. Not doing bad actions;
11. Not having wavering mind;
12. Having Saburi;
13. Having external and internal purity;
14. And not having egoism.

If we perform all these things perfectly, we will have Atma-Jyothi darshan.

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 Saibanisa ji

Sai through Reincarnations

Death, is when the soul leaves the physical body and Re entry of the soul in to another bodily form is reincarnation. The underlying idea to be understood is that one has to pay the price of his karmic deeds if not in this life definitely in the lives to come. There cannot be an escape from this hard truth of life and has been repeated by all great saints again and again. The sooner It is realized the better it is.” The seeds you sow, make the fruits you reap”. Probably Saibanisa was inspired to place before the Lotus feet of Baba, the questions in his mind as he came across a cross section of people suffering and undergoing hardships in their present lives. The answers were in the form of visuals in dreams of Saibanisa and are presented to the Saibandhus and bear relevance to the title.

By: Sai Sevak Raghuraman Satulury

SANATANA DHARMA –NEWS FROM ABROAD:

King Gyanendra Inaugurates WHF Silver Jubilee Celebrations

www.kantipuronline.com

BIRGUNJ, April 7 - King Gyanendra has said Hinduism, which dates back to the beginning of civilization itself, embraces the high ideals of tolerance and "Vasudaiva kutumbakam" or universal fraternity, in which ideals lies the strength in the relations amongst various faiths in this Hindu Kingdom. The King made this remark while addressing the Silver Jubilee Celebrations of the World Hindu Federation (WHF) at Pipara Muth in Birgunj, on Friday. On the occasion, the King said "Based on humanistic ideals, the Hindu culture, which espouses the precept Sarve bhawantu sukhina sarve santu niramaya or 'Let every human being be happy and free of disease; let every individual's well-being be ensured,' is dedicated to the good and peace of all. " These ideals must be incorporated into our way of life, as inscribed in the great religious epic The Bhagawat Gita, the King added. King Gyanendra referred to many instances where, for peace, many sages had sacrificed their lives, and said that to establish permanent peace in the true sense is the need of the day "Let us all pledge to dedicate some of our time towards this noble cause," said the King, adding the holy Vedas also lay special emphasis on peace and humanism.

Project Set Up to Trace Indian Diaspora

inwww.rediff.com

NEW DELHI, INDIA, April 8, 2006: The ministry of overseas Indian affairs' (MOIA) effort to help persons of Indian origin (PIOs) abroad trace their antecedents in the land of their forefathers has started bearing fruit with the roots of eight people being traced in the district of Ballia in Uttar Pradesh. A meeting held here reviewed the progress in a pilot project started by the ministry, called "Tracing the Roots," which is under way in the districts of Ballia in Uttar Pradesh and Bhojpur in Bihar. The Uttar Pradesh government has already created an archival database of 10,000 people who had migrated to different parts of the world in the 19th and early 20th centuries. There are 56 names from Ballia, where the pilot project is under way, on the list of 10,000 and of them the roots of eight have been traced. Most of the ancestors of these PIOs had gone as indentured labour to countries like Trinidad and Tobago, Guyana, Jamaica, Mauritius and Fiji. A PIO, who is interested in tracing his or her roots, will have to produce the emigration pass that had been given to the ancestor by the then British government in India. MOIA will then help the PIO trace his or her roots while charging a nominal fee for the exercise. There are around a million PIOs in the Caribbean islands - over 500,000 in Trinidad and Tobago, around 400,000 in Guyana, over 60,000 in Jamaica and over 2,000 in Barbados. Mauritius is home to 700,000 PIOs while over 300,000 PIOs live in Fiji.

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:

5. SRI VAIDYANATHA in Parali

If one is to draw a line between Kanyakumari and Ujjain, Parali village can be clearly seen on that line. This village is located on the slopes of Meru or Naganarayana Mountain. Parali is an ancient village located near three rivers, Brahma, Venu and Saraswati, because of the presence of one of the twelve JyotirLingas of Shankara, it has become famous. This village is also known as Kantipur, Madhyarekha Vaijayanti or Jayanti. It is 26 kilometers from Ambejogai in the Beed district.

History of Parali Vaidhyanath jyothirlinga temple

Yogeshwari of Ambejogai was married to Lord Vaidyanatha of Parali. But by the time the marriage party reached, the auspicious time of the wedding had passed. As a result the people of the marriage party turned into stone statues. Yogeshwari was waiting away from Parali. This is one story that is frequently heard there.

When the Gods and Demons made their combined effort in Amrit Manthan (Churning for Nectar), fourteen gems emerged. There were Dhanwantari and Amrit Ratnas in it. When the Demons rushed to grab Amrit, Lord Vishnu hid the Amrit and Dhanwantari in the Shiva Linga of Lord Shankara. Just as the Demons tried to touch the Linga, flames started emanating from the Linga. The scared Demons ran aay. But when devotees of Lord Shankara touched the Linga, there was a free flow of Amrit from the same. Even today, devotees touch the Shiva Linga as a part of taking Darshan. Here, there is no discrimination between caste, creed or color. Anyone can come and visit this place. As the Lingamurthy is supposed to have Amrit and Dhanvantari, it is also known as Amriteshwar and Dhanvantari.

The mountains and jungles and the rivers, are full of useful medicinal herbs. That is why Parali JyotirLinga is also known as Vaidyanatha. It is here that Lord Vishnu successfully helped the Devas to obtain Amrit. Therefore, this place is also known as ‘Vaijayanti’.

Once the Demon King Ravana went to Kailasa mountain and did a severe penance to please Lord Shankara. Put up with cold, heat, rains and fine and even then when Lord Shiva did not appear before him, he began to cut his head off in order to offer it to the ShivaLinga. Then the Lord appeared after Ravana tried to offer his tenth head. He restored all of Ravana's heads and granted him boons. Ravana expressed his desire to take Lord Shiva to Lanka as a boon. He said, "I want to take you to Lanka". Shankara, who is very soft hearted to His devotees, agreed to accompany Ravana to Lanka. He told Ravana, "You must carry my Linga with care and devotion, but do be careful not to put it down on the earth until you reach your destination, or else, it will stay at whichever place you put it down" Shiva cautioned.

Ravana began the journey homeward carrying the Shivaling. On the way, he wanted to relieve himself by urination. He bid a cowherd boy to hold the Linga while he relieved himself. The cowherd was not able to bear the weight of the Linga and when he could no longer hold it, he put it down on the earth. And the Shiva Linga put there stayed as Lord Shiva already ordained and came to be known as Vaidyanatheswar.

Here, the gods were sad about Ravana taking away Shiva to his Lanka. They requested saint Narada to do something. Narada met Ravana and said to him by way of praising his penance and Tapas. "You made a mistake in trusting Shiva. Believing Shiva's word was wrong. Go to him and slander him and get your way. Go to Kailasa and move it entirely. Your success will be gauged by your art of moving Kailasa from there". Ravana was tricked into believing Narada. Ravana promptly carried out Narada's bidding. Lord Shiva saw the ego driven mischieves Ravana and told him: "A unique power is soon going to born which will destroy your pride in the strength of your arms". Narada informed the Gods of these tidings and his success in his mission. The gods were relieved and were happy. In the meanwhile, Ravana too was happy with the boon he received from Lord Shiva. He returned and was in a trance and was under the influence of Shiva's mythical power. He was heady and drunk with power. He decided to conquer the entire universe. To subdue his ego only God had to descend on the earth in the Avatar of Rama.

To be continued-----

7. DEVOTEES EXPERIENCES:

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4/09/2006 14:00:00 -0600

SaiRam!

I have seen the photos of Baba coming to me in miraculous ways days after having read extensively on Shirdi Baba. On the way to a pilgrimage, while speaking about these events with my sister, my sister showed me his statue minutes after on the road near a residence after traffic slowed down and yesterday thinking of him, I again saw a small picture of his on the doorway of a bus as soon as I sat down inside.

I am very much astounded by the way he shows his presence each time we meditate on him. We pray that Shirdhi Baba enlightens our path and guide us in all aspects of our life.

Also Congratulations to you people behind this marvelous website for all the good work you are doing. May I request for a prayer for my auntie who is seriously ill and for my getting into a new challenging international career. Many thanks for prayers and support.

Navind

8. SPIRITUAL GEMS FROM SAI SATCHARITRA

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Tue, 11 Apr 2006 22:11:41 -0700 (PDT)

Sai Ram. We have been enjoying the spiritual gems of Brahma Jnan and how Guru takes care of His disciples in the last few chapters. In this chapter, another great disciple of Sai, Shri Dasganu Maharaj is blessed by Sai and Dasganu's doubts regarding the deeper meaning of Isa Upanishat are solved by Sai Maharaj through a small drama. Sai Ram.

"Sai (Lord) was originally formless. He assumed a form for the sake of Bhaktas. With the help of the actress Maya, He played the part of the Actor in the big drama of the universe."

Sai Ram. Here, Shri Hemadpant describes the Nirguna nature of Sai. Maya is the restraining influence of the Para Brahman which makes the parts (individual souls) forgets that they are in fact of the same nature. By trapping the awareness into physical senses which are limited in their capacity to show the real picture, Maya allows each of the small fragments to develop a sense of separate identity and thus sets up the stage for the drama of the Universe to take place.

"Let us remember and visualize Shri Sai. Let us go to Shirdi, and see carefully the programmes, after the noon-Arati. After the Arati ceremony was over, Sai used to come out of the Dwarakamai, and standing on its edge, distribute Udi to the devotees with very kind and loving looks. The Bhaktas also got up with equal fervor, clasped His Feet, and standing and staring at Him, enjoyed the shower of Udi. Baba passed handfuls of Udi into the palms of the devotees and marked their foreheads with Udi with His fingers. The love He bore for them in His heart was boundless. Then He addressed the Bhaktas as follows: - "Oh Bhau, go to take your lunch; you Anna go to your lodgings; you Bapu, enjoy your dishes".

Sai Ram. Sai was distributing Udi and love through His words and actions and was also indirectly advising each soul to enjoy the fruits of the karma with a sense of equanimity. It is an inescapable law of the universe that action is followed by reaction, and that in turn sows the seeds for further action, which in turn leads to more reaction and thus an endless cycle is started. Only when the doer does the action without a sense of the doership (which is possible when the limited soul realizes its true nature of being one with everyone and everything), does the cycle stop (for that soul)?

"In this way He accosted each and every devotee and sent them home. Even now, you can enjoy these sights if you bring into play your imagination. You can visualize and enjoy them. Now bringing Sai before our mental vision, let us meditate on Him, from His Feet upwards to His face, and prostrating before Him humbly, lovingly and respectfully, revert to the story of this Chapter."

Sai Ram. One effective way of sublimating our ego is to serve the evolved and enlightened Saints who are fully conscious of their real nature. Sai Sadguru is indeed such and that is why we worship Him so that we too become like Him in due course (Bhrama - keeta nyaya). Sai Ram.

We will continue with this chapter in the coming issues. Sai Ram.

S.V.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.

The Farmer's Donkey

One day a farmer's donkey fell into an abandoned well. The animal cried piteously for hours as the farmer tried to figure out what to do. Finally, he decided the animal was too old and the well needed to be covered up anyway; so it just wasn't worth it to him to try to retrieve the donkey.

He invited all his neighbors to come over and help him. They each grabbed a shovel and began to shovel dirt into the well. Realizing what was happening, the donkey at first cried and wailed horribly.

Then, a few shovel-fulls later, he quieted down completely. The farmer peered down into the well, and was astounded by what he saw. With every shovel-full of dirt that hit his back, the donkey would shake it off and take a step up on the new layer of dirt.

As the farmer's neighbors continued to shovel dirt on top of the animal, he would shake it off and take a step up. Pretty soon, the donkey stepped up over the edge of the well and trotted off, to the shock and astonishment of everyone.

The Moral: Life is going to shovel dirt on you, all kinds of dirt. The trick to getting out of the well is to stop wailing, and not let the dirt bury you, but to shake it off and take a step up. Each

one of our troubles is a stepping-stone. We can get out of the deepest wells just by not stopping, never giving up! Shake it off and take a step up.

10. ARTICLES FROM SAI DEVOTEES:

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WHO THE OLD MAN WAS??

Babu Rao Tukaram Kakade of Satara narrated his experience in June'1951 Sai Sudha as Follows:

In 1946, he started for Shirdi with his wife and children to attend Guru Purnima. Rains were pouring in at and near Shirdi. He took the evening train at Poona and reached Kopergoan around 2.30am, he knew none. Rains were pouring. He was helpless. Suddenly an old man came to him and asked him "What are you praying for?" Kakade answered "I wish to go to Shirdi". The old man took him and his family and engaged a Tonga to go to Shirdi and suddenly disappeared when Kakade got into the carriage. Kakade then turned to thank him but could find no trace of him. When the tonga reached Godavari, there was plenty of water in the river. The tonga driver did not wish to take the risk of crossing the river with occupants in it. Some other person appeared there and asked Kakade and wife to ford the river by walking. As for the two children the stranger carried them in his arms till the other bank was reached. The tonga stemmed the river freed from the human weight. Then Kakade turned to thank him but the stranger had left the children on the bank and disappeared."

Beloved Readers, Baba confirms from the above incident "If you cast your burden on me, I shall surely bear it" Did not Baba Sai provide water to Chandorkar on harischandra hills in the guise of a Bhill? What is impossible for Omnipotent Sai?

OM SAI SRI SAI JAYA JAYA SAI

D.Sankaraiah.

11. LETTERS FROM SAI DEVOTEES:

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3/28/2006 04:17:24 -0800

Sai Ram!

Thank you very much for your information through E-magazine "The Glory of Shirdi Sai". Sai Baba blessing always showers on you. Happy ugadi

Venkat.

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3/30/2006 06:01:05 +0530

Dear Sir,

We request you to publish the following in Glory of Shirdi Sai E-magazine. "We are setting up a library of Old Shirdi Sai Baba Books in Hyderabad. In this connection we are searching for old books on Shirdi Sai Baba in Marathi, Hindi and English. If any devotee has the same, they may please contact us at leedhar@rediffmail.com .We are also searching for old Saileela Masik magazines in marathi before 1973. If any devotee has the same, Please spare a photo copy; we will bear all the expenses."

With regards

Leeladhar

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The Shirdi SAI Mandir - Sri Ram Navami Celebrations, April 6 / 8, 2006

SRI SATCHIDANANDA SADGURU SAINATH MAHARAJ KI JAI

Sri Ram Navami Celebrated on actual day as per Calendar :

Opening prayers, Sri Ganesh Pooja, Havan with 108 pranams to Lord Sri Ram, Abhishekam of Sri Shirdi SAI Baba with 108 pranams, Dhoop Aarti, Palaki Ceremony & Prasad Thursday April 6, 2006 -6 p.m. onwards Celebrated on following Saturday : Opening prayers, Sri Ganesh Pooja, Havan with 108 pranams to Lord Sri Ram, Abhishekam of Sri Shirdi SAI Baba with 108 pranams, Bhajans & Naam Sankirtan, Dhoop Aarti, Palaki Ceremony & Prasad Saturday

April 8, 2006 - 4 p.m. onwards.

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Things impressed me from this Magazine:

A crow can be decorated with Gold and diamonds and still it cannot become a swan. In the same way, a fool can be throned, but he cannot rule the kingdom

Trying to reform a bad person is like chasing a mirage

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