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## **1. FROM THE SATSANGHS OF SAIBANISA JI**

Compiled by: Sai Sevak Smt. Rajeswari Kasturi, Saidarbar – Hyderabad.

Shirdi Sai's Philosophy in the words of Saibanisaji

Those who listen to His teachings are free from the delusions and the miseries of life. "People cannot be saved by relying on their own wisdom," He said, "and through faith they must enter into My teaching." Therefore, one should listen to the Sai's teachings and put it into practice.

Just as the pure and fragrant lotus flower grows out of the mud of a swamp rather than out of clean loam of an upland field, so from the much of worldly passions spring the pure enlightenment of Saihood. Even the mistaken vies of heretics and delusions of worldly passions may the seeds of Saihood.

If a driver is to secure pearls he must descend to the bottom of the sea, braving all dangers of jagged coral and vicious sharks. So man must face the perils of worldly passion if he is to secure the precious pearl of Enlightenment. He must first be lost among the mountainous crags of egoism and selfishness, before there will awaken in him the desire to find a path that will lead him to Enlightenment.

**Om Shantih Shantih Shantihi**

**Lokah Samastah Sukhino Bhavantu**

To be continued...

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

Bhadrapada 1910: H.H Gajanan Maaraj of Shegaon left his mortal coil. At the same time Shirdi Sai Baba grieved profusely and said " Hallo! My Gajanan is gone".

Bhadrapada 1922: Mahalsapathi passed away on 11-09-1922

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**FOR STARTING A SAIDARBAR CHAPTER OUT SIDE INDIA:**

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### 3. SAI IN DREAMS:

These are the dream sequences and messages as received by SaiBaNiSaji 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.

APRIL-1995:

14-04-1995

Yesterday, I prayed Baba to indicate how I should overcome Arishadvargas. Sai appeared in the form of a Schoolmaster and said that he would tell me one each every day.

The first one being 'Kama'-desires.

The life is like a Banana tree. Desires are like the multiple offshoot plants of the main banana tree. The main trunk cannot grow well unless offshoots are plucked out.

The conquest of desires is the first step to reach the goal.

15-04-1995

Sri Sai appeared as a Doctor and said-

Do not get angered on the Doctor and throw away the medicines in to the gutter, as you will only be the effected lot. Anger draws one away from the peace and happiness. Therefore remove anger from the life.

Control the anger.

16-04-1995

Yesterday, Sai has shown me a miser in the dream. His deeds caused me

Lot of laughter even in the dream-

An unidentified person is in preparation for his daughter's marriage. He sets out for shopping and enters a cloth shop. The shopkeeper puts before him the handloom yellow bridal saree and says that it is the cheapest one available. The miser gets a flash in his mind and decides to buy all the clothes of the same variety to be gifted to all the womenfolk on both the parties. Every one attending the marriage had a big fun and laughed to full extent on seeing all the women dressed in the same costumes.

A miser will end up as a laughing stock.

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

(By Late Sri Bharam UmamaheswaraRao)

"Shashi": shashi\_31@yahoo.com

#### **30. Efficacy of Prayer and Worship**

Sri Sai Baba is present in the hearts of everyone and conducting the acts of worldly show. He is Jagannata and HE is the cause of creation, sustenance and destruction of the world.

The main aim of Sri Sai Baba is to improve and develop the mankind and other beings from the troublesome life of the worldly difficulties and improving their devotion and to impart divine knowledge and salvation to all.

Our prayers to Sri Sai Baba are to remove the veil of ignorance and to provide knowledge of Universal Self. In reality we are all Universal Self but we forget this truth and so we pray to Sai Baba to remind us of this truth.

The first step in Bhakti is Nama Sankeertana. Nama Sankeertana is like a ladder, a simple and uncomplicated piece of equipment which anybody can climb with ease and in safety. Nama Japa and Sankeertana are the most efficacious recipes for steadying and purifying the mind, for bringing its vagaries under control and purging it of its evil propensities and concentrating on God.

To be continued.....

#### **5. SANATANA DHARMA & SHRI SHIRDI SAIBABA**

Do not brood over your past mistakes and failures, as this will only fill your mind with grief, regret, and depression. Do not repeat them in the future.

AUM stands for the supreme Reality.

It is a symbol for what was, what is,

And what shall be. AUM represents also

What lies beyond past, present, and future?

-Mandukya Upanishad

For see!

The Self is in all beings,

And all beings are in the Self.

Know you are free,

Free of "I,"

Free of "mine."

Be happy.

-Ashtavakra Gita 15:6

## **NEWS**

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

MUMBAI, INDIA, September 15, 2007: Millions of people here are celebrating the Ganapati festival, a 10-day event beginning today that will see groups across the city vying to create the most colorful and attractive marquees. At least 8,000 to 9,000 Ganesha Mandals (a temporary temple build on the sidewalk) have been formed in the city and on the final day of festivities, the Deities of the elephant-headed god will be taken in a large procession for immersion in rivers in keeping with traditional rituals. The local Mandals vying with each other to put up the big Deities are in no mood to deviate from the traditional public celebration of installing 20-30 feet high Deities.

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Sep 26, 2007 9:10 AM

Shirdi Sai Mandir's First Anniversary Celebrations: Sep 27

### **SHIRDI SAI MANDIR**

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It is our pleasure to announce, that we reached the one year mile stone of Shirdi Sai Mandir with our Baba and Datta's grace, blessings and great support from all the devotees. As a double bonus, anniversary happens to be on Baba's birthday and on Thursday (Sep 27 th, 2007). We are celebrating the occasion with SAI SATYA VRATHAM POOJA. It is free for all and please participate in the pooja and get baba's blessings.

7:30 – 9:30 - Bhajans/ Sai Satya Vratham followed by Shej Aarathi and Prasadam.

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Deep

## **6. DEVOTEES EXPERIENCES:**

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Fri, August 10, 2007 1:29 pm

Sai Padala Bandu

Dear Sai Bandus,

I am a very strong devotee of Shiridi Sai. He is with me all the time during my life's up and downs. I couldn't have imagined my life without his blessings. Off late, though I start the day with His name, I a kind of easy on praying to Sai by devoting sometime during the day. Recently, I got back to it. As I was thinking that Sai made me come back to him through prayers, I had a dream that night with a Sai Bandu telling me how close should I get to Sai and then seeing Sai closer to me. I then realized why Sai wanted me to get back to my daily prayers. I was very happy in the morning that I am back praying and getting still closer to Sai, my savior.

OM NAMO SAINATHAYA NAMAHA.

Sai Padala Bandu

## **7. 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. Now I want to tell the stories what heard in my child hood.

### **The Peacock and the Tortoise**

Once upon a time a peacock and a tortoise became great friends. The peacock lived on a tree on the banks of the stream in which the tortoise had his home; and daily the peacock after he had a drink of water danced near the stream and displayed his gay plumage for the amusement of his friend.

One unfortunate day, a bird-catcher who was on the prowl caught the peacock and was about taking him away to the market. The unhappy bird begged of his captor to allow him to bid his friend the tortoise good-bye, as it would be the last time he would see him.

The bird-catcher allowed him his prayer and took him to the tortoise, who was greatly moved to see his friend a captive. The tortoise asked the bird-catcher to let the peacock go; but he laughed at the request, saying that was his means of livelihood.

The tortoise then said, "If I make you a handsome present, will you let my friend go?" "Certainly," answered the bird-catcher that is all I want." Whereupon the tortoise dived into the water and in a few seconds came up with a handsome pearl, which, to the great astonishment of the bird-catcher, he handed to him. This was beyond his expectations, and he let the peacock go immediately.

A short time after, the avaricious man came back and told the tortoise that he thought he had not paid enough for the release of his friend, and threatened that, unless a match to that pearl was obtained for him, he would again catch the peacock. The tortoise, who had already advised his friend to betake himself to a distant jungle on being set free, was greatly enraged at the greed of this man.

"Well," said the tortoise, "if you insist on having another pearl like it, give it to me and I will fish you out an exact match for it." The stupidity of the bird-catcher prevented his reasoning that "one in the hand was equal to two in the bed of the stream," and he speedily gave the pearl to the wily tortoise, who swam out with it saying, "I am no fool to take one and give two!" and forthwith disappeared, leaving the bird-catcher to be sorry ever after for his covetousness.

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

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On 9/21/07

Sai Ram. We will now, with His grace, take up Chapter 25 of His Satcharitra. Sai Ram.

SSS: Damu Anna Kasar of Ahmednagar - (1) Speculations - (2) Amra-Leela

Preliminary

We begin this Chapter with a bow with all our eight limbs to Sai Baba, Who is an ocean of mercy, the God incarnate, who is Para-Brahman and the great Yogeshwara (Lord of Yoga). Victory be unto Sai Baba, Who is the crest-jewel of the Saints, who is the home of all auspicious things, who is our Atmaram (Dear Self), and who is the able refuge of the devotees. We prostrate ourselves before Him, Who has attained the aim and end of life.

Sai Baba is always full of mercy. What is wanted on our part is whole-hearted devotion to Him. When a devotee has got firm faith and devotion, his wishes are soon fulfilled. When the desire arose in the mind of Hemadpant to write the life and Leelas of Sai Baba, He immediately got it written by him. When the order 'to keep the memos' was given, Hemadpant was inspired and his intellect got strength and boldness to undertake and finish the work. He was not, he say, qualified to write the work, but the gracious blessings of Baba enabled him to complete the undertaking;

and thus you have this Satcharita which is a Somakant jewel, from which nectar in the form of Sai Leelas oozes out for the readers to drink to their hearts' content.

SSG: Sai Ram. He knows when to inspire whom and get the work done through them. Even when we think we are ready, He only knows when the work is to be carried out. These Spiritual Gems are also coming out of Sai Satcharitra only by His grace. So, let us also now offer our Saashtaanga Pranams (namaskar or prostrations with our eight limbs) to our Sadguru Sai Maharaj. Sai Ram.

SSS: Whenever, a devotee had complete and whole-hearted devotion to Sai Baba, all his calamities and dangers were warded off and his welfare attended to by Baba. The story of Damodar Savalaram Resane, Kasar of Ahmednagar (now of Poona) alias Damu Anna illustrating the above statement, is given below.

SSG: Sai Ram. We have seen earlier too many instances of Sai's guidance and mercy for the protection of His devotees. These stories help to strengthen our faith (Sraddha) in our Sadguru. And another advantage of hearing and reading these stories carefully is that, when we need guidance, He makes us remember the appropriate story and thus gives guidance. He is indeed our Atma Ram (Atmaram if you prefer that spelling). Sai Ram.

S.V.Swamy,

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

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On 9/17/07

JAI SAI RAM JAI SAI RAM JAI SAI RAM

MUJHEY SAI BABA SAY MILNA HAI

SAI BABA KAY BHAGAT MUJHEY BAHUT ACCHEY LAGTAY HAI

SAI BABA KI BHAKTI MAIN MAIN HAMESHA LEEN RAHNA CHAHTI HOOO

JAI SAI RAM

Raj.

On 13 Aug 2007 08:53:28 -0000

pankaj77k@rediffmail.com

SaiRam,

Shri Sai Baba Ji's blessing are always with me. Whenever I am in trouble, I am saying "OM SAI RAM" n Sai Babaji suddenly to make me so comfortable and solve the problem.

SAI BABAJI'S MAIN OBJECTS:

Always help the poor people in every manner, I will help you.

Always love the poor people, I will love u.

Whoever is help the others I will always be with him/her n I will help them always.

Saibabaji ki mujh part bahut kripa hai. Woh hamesh mere saath rahte hai. Main jab bhi kisi musibat mein hota hu to sai babaji meri help karte hai. Sai babaji hamesh apne bhakto ka imtehan lete hai. Jo insant said babaji ke imtehan mein pass ho jata hai, sai babaji uski hamesh help karte hai. Hamko hamesh sai babaji ke bataye huye marg par hi chalna chahiya. Unke har sanket to samjhna chahiya. Jo insan garibo ki help karta hai (bhukho ko khana khilata hai, pyase ko pani pilata hai aur jiske tan par kapde nahi har use kapde pahnata hai), sai babaji us insan ka jivan paar laga dete hai. Hamko apne karmo ke hisab se hi sukh or dukh milte hai. Agar hamare jivan mein kuch bura hota hai to hum log hamesha bhagwan to puchte hai ki hai bhagwan apne hamko dukh kyo diya jabki hamne to kisi ka bhi jivan mein bura nit chaha. Lekin yeh sab galat hai. Hamare jivan mein jo bhi kasht aate hai, woh hamare karmo ka hi natiza hai. Bhagwan kabhi bhi kisi ka bura nahi karte. Who to bahut hi dayalu hai. Koi insan chahe to kitna bhi bura karam kar le agar woh apni galti ki maphi bhagwan se magta to bhagwan use maaf kar dete hai. Sai babaji hamesh apne bhakto ki madad kisi na kisi rup mein karte hai. Saibabaji ne hi to is sansar the nirman kiya hai. Har vastu mein saibabaji hai.

We should not forget the above. Always work hard and be honest.

Om sai ram ji.

Regards,

Pankaj

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Thu, September 13, 2007 10:13 pm

Sai the name when utters on the tongue feels like heavenly thoughts of GOD on earth.

Sandeep

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

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On 9/16/07

Om Sai Ram. This site is like a blessing to all the Sai devotees. I logged for the first time and it seems to be the best among the many I have seen before. May god bless you all who have taken effort for making this site.

Sandeep tickoo.

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On 9/14/07.

patyludesai@hotmail.com

Sairam, beautiful we need this for more virtues in the life I love Sai Baba but in Mexico the life is very hard every day thousands people nor working well thanks any time Sai ram

Lourdes patricia novoa

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"sudha vohra" sudha\_vohra@hotmail.com

Wed, 22 Aug 2007 16:54:57 +0530

Jai Sai Ram

Thankful for the effort you are doing for the welfare of sai devotees. Nice to see the new format and matter you are providing for us. I always wait for the mail and whenever I received the mail of `glory of shirdi sai' it's give me peace of mind and sometimes matter of this magazine solve my problems.

Please don't stop to publish this magazine in any condition.

Thanks

Sudha Vohra

**Response for “The Glory of Shirdi Sai” E- Magazine in the 3d page turning NEW  
FORMAT**

vsmuurthi@yahoo.com

Thu, 12 Jul 2007 08:30:43 40500

Dear SaiRam Brother,

You doing wonderful job please keep it up.

Thanks & Reg-Muurthi-Muscat

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On Thu, 12 Jul 2007 01:52:43 40500

Sai Baba is always with us watching our services to living beings, we can find him any where any time if we have Shradha and Shaburi from our inner heart .e Zine is valuable to share information about feelings of devotee. Om Sai

Radha Pd. Acharya

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On Thu, 12 Jul 2007 03:31:11 40500

SaiRam,

your site is really excellent. We could feel that Baba is with us. It gives the impression that we are in Shirdi.

thanks a lot for your support and service.

Srilekhavijai

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On Thu, 12 Jul 2007 05:13:13 40500

SaiRam,

very impressive E-magazine "The Glory of Shirdi Sai".

Ravi

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On 9/17/07: ar\_visa@hotmail.com

Dear Editor,

First of all let me thank you for sending out this e-magazine. I just finished reading about "Sai Amrit Vani" and Udi falling on Mrs. Gupta's lap. I am stunned by this wonderful experience. What I learn is just pray to HIM whole heartedly, we too can someday experience what Mrs. Gupta experienced. I was fortunate to go to SHRDI last week during my India trip. Thank you again. Sairam.

Visa Arumugham, Dallas, Texas.

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jayalakshmiraos@yahoo.co.in

On 9/16/07

Om Sai Ram

I would like to suggest that Current Shirdi news covering from morning to night with photographs of Almighty Sai Baba, narayanaseva photos, clips of devotees in temple premises with a brief news: their Experience with His Holiness Shirdi Sai Baba.

Poetess S.Jayalakshmi Rao

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Response by Saidarbar Team:

[vijishvanya@gmail.com](mailto:vijishvanya@gmail.com) On 9/16/07

Sairam,

Thanks for your suggestion. If we can get the content (news, clips etc.) and some sponsorship we will be glad to implement your suggestion.

Vijay

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On 9/16/07

Sairam,

Got happy, I am happy, Got he love, I am Love

Thaks for the Bhajan

Steve Olfers

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On 9/16/07

It is too nice !

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On 9/16/07

SaiRam, it is really Divine Inspiring site and we felt Baba presence with the Discourse of Saibanisaji and also Audio clips on the website. My Heartfelt Gratitude to the Host

Jai Sai Ram

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On 9/13/07

Pranam SaiRam

the new format in black with white ground helps old people like us to read. we are very happy to read this every week. koti pranams Balasubramanian

## **11. TELUGU SECTION:**

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Please visit for Sai Aaratis Audio:

[http://www.shrisaibabasansthan.org/main\\_English/saibaba/saibaba\\_aarti.asp](http://www.shrisaibabasansthan.org/main_English/saibaba/saibaba_aarti.asp)

## **12. SAI'S BOOK WORLD: (HINDI)**

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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@gmail.com](mailto:saidarbar@gmail.com) with a copy marked to [webmaster@saidarbar.org](mailto:webmaster@saidarbar.org)

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