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From Raghu Raman Satulury - Editor

Dear Sai devotee,

On 25th of December 2007, "SAIDARBAR" - Hyderabad enters tenth year from its inception and "The Glory of Shirdi Sai"-The e-magazine published from Saidarbar, enters the Sixth year of its publication on 1st January 2008. The overwhelming support and encouragement received from Sai devotees is the main driving force for our team members to keep us going. During the past ten years, membership has touched thousands thereby rejuvenating our vigor and commitment to serve better.

The continuous overseeing of all the Saidarbar activities with utmost care and full dedication by Saibanisa Gopala Rao Ravda ji has immensely helped in sustaining the image.

I shall fail in my duty if I do not record the excellent services rendered by Sai Sevak Srinivasa Rao Kasturi in organizing our daily activities and compilation of all the materials meant for publication.

The support rendered by our sixteen chapters of Saidarbar overseas is very valuable and are gratefully acknowledged.

We look forward for continued support in the coming years too.

Please give your support and valuable suggestions for the improvement of the E-magazine on E-mail ID saidarbar@gmail.com So that we can fulfill our mission to serve Shirdi Sai devotees and spread HIS Philosophy across the Globe.

Pray Lord Shirdi Sainath to shower HIS blessings on all.

Sai Sevak Raghu Raman Satulury

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

A man who chases after fame and wealth and love affairs is like a child who licks honey from the blade of a knife. While, he tastes the sweetness of honey, he has to risk hurting his tongue. He is like a man who is carrying a torch of flame against a strong wind; the flame will certainly burn his hands and face.

It would be foolish for a man to put out his eyes for fear of being tempted by beautiful forms. The mind is master and so longer is under control, the weaker desires will be overpowered.

Health, happiness to family and peace to everyone around, comes only when one exercises discipline and mind control. A man with perfect mind control can find way to enlightenment. All the wisdom and virtues will naturally come to him.

Om Shantih Shantih Shantihi

Lokah Samastah Sukhino Bhavantu

To be continued...

2. SAI'S NEWS FROM THE TIME MACHINE:

10th December, 1909: Devotees began to offer regular worship to Baba in the Chavidi, where Baba slept on alternate days.

25th December, 1909: Baba gave darshan in the form of SriRama to a doctor who was an ardent devotee of Sri Rama who came with a Mamlatdar to Shiridi.

10th December, 1910: Hon'ble Dadasaheb Khaparde of Amraoti first visited Shiridi.

10th December, 1910: Foundation stone of Dixit Wada was laid with Baba's permission.

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.

MAY-1995:

27-05-1995

I prayed Lord Sainath to educate me on the care to be taken in leading normal life. Sai presented with a visual-

I was cycling through a road full of potholes. I got down, walked for a while holding the bicycle and again started once the path was seen plain. Then I came across a river. I got into a boat and had a short nap during the boat ride, situation appeared satisfactory till then. Suddenly I found water entering into the boat. I took out my dinner plate and with its help started pouring the water back into the river, thus continued journey as guided by the wind direction.

Exit roads are there for every difficult situation.

28-05-1995

I prayed Baba to show me a way to live peacefully in the company of my family. I was shown with the visuals-

- I was sitting in the midst of my relatives, encircled by a revolving ring of light. They were all whispering that my Guru presented it.

- My kith and kin are living quite far off and visiting me once in a while, Traveling by air and talking to me on telephone occasionally.

- I was building a house with sweet honey as one of the ingredients rather Than using only sand and cement for bonding.

- I planted good banana trees as barrier wall between we brothers so that both the families can enjoy the fruit equally.

Think good and do good for better results.

29-05-1995

I prayed Baba to rid me of the mental torture I am subjected to from my near and dear ones. Sai presented me with a visual as an unknown person and said-

Avarice and jealousy amongst friends and relatives is as common as a wild growth of vegetation in a clean pond of water. However man being a social animal, cannot live alone by himself just as water needed for survival. Some of the associated troubles have to be faced for living in the society.

Jealousy is a common whether expressed or unexpressed

To be continued.....

4. QUINTESENCE OF SRI SAIBABA'S PHILOSOPHY:

(By Late Sri Bharam UmamaheswaraRao)

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30. Efficacy of Prayer and Worship

We must lead a moderate, simple, dignified, clean and noble life having faith in God and perform Nitya Pooja. God's force is ever peaceful, calm, serene, blissful, truthful and splendid. If we worship God daily, we will get peace and delight from Him. The whole world is a vast kingdom ruled by God's grace. So all our actions must be done as an offering to God. Then our every action shall be inspired and fulfilled by God's will. Regular worship to God transforms, purifies, elevates and glorifies our life and also it widens our Soul, elevates our mind, purifies our life, identifies our heart with the hearts of others and immortalizes us.

When we sit in pooja, we must be very careful and see that our mind is not to be polluted. As long as there are bad thoughts in us, our mind will not be purified and we don't get concentration. If we get sensual desires destroyed, then only we can get benefit by performing Pooja. We can also visualize the Atma-Jyothi, that is already present in us.

Devotion leads to perfection as well as occult and Divine potencies, as well as immortality and fullness and happiness. Imperfection leads to desire. Bhakti leads to perfection and stimulates desirelessness. When one is having Bhakti, one will not have any sense of want or desire or grief or hatred. He will have no selfish attachments and worldly desires. We will have exuberant joy and peace and Self-Realization. Spirit of renunciation and Self control is the essence of Bhakti. He should do his duties in a spirit of detachment and without a thirst for the fruit of his actions. Devotion is the opposite of desire.

To be continued.....

5. SANATANA DHARMA & SHRI SHIRDI SAIBABA

Life after life I cast those who are malicious, hateful, cruel, and degraded into the wombs of those with similar demonic natures. Birth after birth they find themselves with demonic tendencies. Degraded in this way, Arjuna, they fail to reach me and fall lower still.

There are three gates to this self-destructive hell: lust, anger, and greed. Renounce these three. Those who escape from these three gates of darkness, Arjuna, seek what is best and attain life's supreme goal. Others disregard the teachings of the scriptures. Driven by selfish desire, they miss the goal of life, miss even happiness and success.

-Bhagavad Gita 16:19-23

Free from desire, He neither praises the peaceful

Nor blames the wicked.

The same in joy and sorrow, He is always happy.

He sees there is nothing to do.

-Ashtavakra Gita 18:82

NEWS

Diwali Celebrated in Northern Ireland

www.hinducounciluk.org

IRELAND, November 16, 2007: ArtsEkta Ltd, Northern Ireland's only Ethnic Arts organization, recently celebrated Diwali in the City of Lisburn. The event was hugely successful and was

attended by members of the local community as well as Indian, Chinese and the Zimbabwean community (for photos click URL above). A showcase of traditional, classical dance and music was on display as well as European and African performances. The event was attended by the Minister for Culture Arts and Leisure Mr. Edwin Poots MLA as well as the Mayor of Lisburn, Councillor James Tinsley. Arts Ekta have also held Diwali celebrations in three different locations across the country involving and engaging with a cross section of all communities. The largest of these celebrations will take place at the University of Ulster on 18th November and will end with a huge outdoor fireworks display. Arts, Ekta's work has been well received and recognized by members of the Northern Ireland Assembly.

Texas Students Celebrate Diwali

studentorgs.utexas.edu

AUSTIN, TEXAS, November 14, 2007: The students in the University of Texas chapter of the Hindu Students Council celebrated Diwali this year with a bang. On November 9, students gathered at the base of the University of Texas tower to participate in a Lakshmi Pooja, sing bhajans and watch a fireworks show. Diwali is put on by the Hindu Students Council every year and is always a success, but organizers were impressed with the large turnout this year. Over 500 students of all faiths turned out to express support of the university Hindu community. The event started at 5:30 PM with a Rangoli contest and a Diya Decorating contest. At 6:30 PM, Acharyaji Soneraro from the Arya Samaj of Greater Houston began the Lakshmi Havan puja. The Acharya, at the request of the Hindu Students Council, explained the complex puja in English to the polyglot participants and included them in the havan rituals. Following the puja, participants listened to bhajans and then performed aarti to the images of the Ashta Lakshmi. All participants were given a chance to perform the Aarti and to partake in the Prasad. At 9:00 PM, a spectacular fireworks show commenced over the tower.

6. DEVOTEES EXPERIENCES:

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Nov 11, 2007 9:39 AM

Experiences of Devotees reading Satcharitra, Baba's stories

I started Sai Satcharitra on Thursday. And today is the 7th day. This morning as I was reading Satcharitra at work for sometime, a thought crossed my mind that I should have Baba's picture in my office cube. Since I had 2 photo frames at home, I thought I would get the smaller one and put it on my desk. But, the smaller frame also seemed too big for me as I didn't want to display my religious inclinations at work. I wanted something smaller and compact, which I did not have with me. After lunch when I came back to work, I thought I would read the book for a while. And when I opened the book, a small pocket size picture of Sai Baba fell out of the book onto my desk. I am not sure who put it there or where it came from, but it presented itself at the right moment.

I dint see the picture in the book even though I was reading it for the past 6 days. I was surprised and excited at the same time as to how this happened. As I was thinking about it this morning itself. For me it is nothing less than a miracle. Even now, if I think about that incident I really feel elated and pleased that Baba is with me all the time to protect me and save me from trouble! Samartha Sadguru. Shri Sainath Maharaj ki jai!

Kiran

(SHARING WITH LOVE)

RAM.CHUGANI

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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 story of the Monkey and the crocodile

Once upon a time there lived a monkey named Red-face on a tree by the side of the sea. The tree was an apple tree and the fruits it bore were sweet as nectar. Once a crocodile named Ugly-Mug swam ashore and Red-face threw apples at him and asked him to taste them. Ugly-Mug started coming everyday ashore and eat the fruits thrown by Red-face and soon they became good friends. Ugly-Mug used to take some fruits to his home to his wife.

His wife was a greedy lady and asked him as to where he got the nectar filled apples. Ugly-Mug told about his friend the monkey. The lady was greedy and pleaded with her husband that she would like to eat the monkey's heart, as a person who gave such tasty fruits must have a heart filled with nectar. Ugly-Mug was angered and did not agree to deceive his friend. But she then insisted on not eating anything till he brought her his friend's heart. Out of desperation, Ugly-mug started making plans for killing his friend.

He came back to Red-face and entreated him with an invitation to his house for supper stating that his wife would be thrilled to have him home and also that she was very anxious to meet such a nice friend. Poor Red-face believed the story but was asking his friend as to how he could cross the sea to reach the house of the crocodile on the other side. Ugly-mug then offered to carry him on his back and the monkey agreed.

In the middle of the sea, Ugly-mug took the crocodile deep into the ocean to kill the monkey. The monkey was frightened and asked the crocodile why he was doing this. Ugly-mug told him that his wife wanted to eat the monkey's heart filled with nectar. Red-face immediately asked it to take him back to the tree as he told him that he had left his other heart which was full of nectar back at the tree. The foolish crocodile then swam back to the tree and the terrified monkey jumped up the tree never to return. Upon being asked as to why she was not returning, the monkey answered to the crocodile that he had only one heart and he had been fooled and scolded his friend for misusing his friendship.

The crocodile was ashamed at what happened and asked the monkey if he could make any amends. And he was also scared that his wife would not let him back in because he had returned without the monkey's heart. Just then he heard that a huge he-crocodile had occupied the house of his. The monkey advised him to fight the he-crocodile and drive him out of his home and gain his wife's confidence. His advice the crocodile followed and he was back happy with his wife.

MORAL: Wit is superior to brute force.

8. SPIRITUAL GEMS FROM SAI SATCHARITRA

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Sat, November 3, 2007 12:20 pm

Sai Ram. Let us continue with the Spiritual Gems from the chapter 25 of Shri Sai Satcharitra. Sai Ram.

SSS: Prayer

Hemadpant closes this Chapter with a prayer. "Oh Sai Sad-guru, the wish fulfilling tree of the Bhaktas, Let us never forget and lose sight of Your Feet; we have been troubled with the ins and outs (births and deaths) in this samsar; now free us from this cycle of births and deaths. Restrain us from the outgoing of our senses to their objects and introvert us and bring us face to face with the Atma (Self). As long as this outgoing tendency of the senses and the mind is not checked, there is no prospect of self-realisation. Neither son, nor wife nor friend will be of any use in the end. It is only You, Who will give us salvation and happiness. Destroy completely our tendency for discussions and other evil matters, let out tongue get a passion for chanting Your name. Drive out our thoughts, good or otherwise and make us forget our bodies and houses, and do away with our egoism. Make us ever remember Your name and forget all other things. Remove the restlessness of our mind, and make it steady and calm. If you just clasp us, the darkness of night of our ignorance will vanish and we shall live happily in Your light. That You made us drink the nectar of Your Leelas and awakened us from our slumber is due to Your grace and our store of merits in past births".

SSG: Sai Ram. We also join in the above prayer and bow to Sai Sadguru. Sai Ram.

SSS: Note :- In this connection the following extract from Damu Anna's statement mentioned above, is worth perusal, (Page 76).

"Once when I sat at His Feet along with many others, I had two questions in my mind and He gave answers to both.

(1) There are so many crowding to Sai Baba. Do they all get benefit from Him?

To this, He replied orally - "Look at the mango tree in blossom. If all the flowers brought fruit, what a splendid crop it would be. But do they? Most fall off (either as flowers or as unripe fruits) by wind etc. Very few remain".

SSG: Sai Ram. But even that short interaction with a Sadguru will not go in waste. They will progress slowly but steadily in their path in future. Sai Ram.

SSS: (2) The second question was about myself. If Baba were to pass away, how hopelessly a drift I would be and how am I to fare then? To this Baba answered that He would be with me when and wherever I thought of Him. That promise He had kept up before 1918 and has been keeping it up even after 1918. He is still with me. He is still guiding me. This was about 1910-11, when brothers separated from me and my sister died, and there was a theft and police enquiry, all of which incidents upset me very much.

When my sister died, my mind was much upset. I did not care for life and enjoyments. When I went to Baba, He pacified me with His Upadesh and made me eat a feast of Pooran Poli at Appa Kulkarni's house and get pasted with sandal.

There was a theft in my house. A thirty year's friend of mine stole my wife's jewel-box, including her auspicious Nathi (nose-ring). I wept before Baba's photo. The next day, the man returned the jewel-box and prayed for pardon.

SSG: Sai Ram. He always said that He was not limited by His body and if we keep His assurance given above that even after His leaving the physical body His tomb and His bones will be discussing our welfare should be sufficient for us. There are other incidents where He showed His freedom from the limitations of space and time. Sai Ram.

Bow to Shri Sai - Peace be to all

S.V.Swamy

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9. LETTERS FROM SAI DEVOTEES:

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Thu, 22 Nov 2007 12:20:11 +0530

Sairam,

I would like to appreciate the way Efficacy of Prayer and Worship is explained by Shri Shashi.

It's worth knowing as well the acts of 5 fingers at the time of prayer. Keep writing/updating good article like this in The Glory of Shirdi Sai Issue.

Sairam

Venkat.

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

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On Nov 22, 2007 1:50 AM

Sai Ram, good Work of 3d magazine. Keep it up.

Sagar ankush mane

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On Nov 22, 2007 2:30 AM

Sai Ram,

This is for you Shirdi Sai Baba

Anant Shrotiya

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On Nov 22, 2007 2:49 AM

SaiRam,

Thank you for the beautiful composition of bhajans and literature. I enjoyed it.

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On Nov 22, 2007 3:59 AM

Sai ram

this is a very good useful site. May sadguru Sai ram bless you to continue this noble work

Sai ram Sai ram

S Ramesh.

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On Nov 21, 2007 1:03 PM

Sai Ram,

Very nice zine we love baba very much

Laxman Ahuja

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On Nov 15, 2007 8:52 PM

Sai Ram,

Last week on 11/8 I was trying to access the latest issue, but the link was still not updated.

Anyhow is heartening to see the latest issue.

I have a request. Can all the old 3D issues be presented in Sai darbar? There is only one link to the 3d format and it automatically takes us to the most "current" issue.

Slave of Sai

Response by Saidarbar Team:

On Nov 15, 2007 10:37 PM, Info At Ettitudemedia <info@ettitudemedia.com> wrote:

Sairam,

Thanks for your comments. Sorry for any inconvenience.

We update the issues on alternate Thursdays, alternate to the weeks, when Saibanisaji sends the e-mail and e-Newsletter.

Currently we are uploading only the current version of the 3d Magazine on the site. This is purely a voluntary service with small donations from few humble devotees.

Thanks for liking and appreciating our efforts.

Vijay

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On Nov 17, 2007 3:01 AM

OM SAI RAM

It's very important for the devotees who are employed. They want to read the SAI SAYINGS but don't have the time in the morning because of office hours. In office they can open this and read.

Neeraj Gupta

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On Nov 15, 2007 11:54 PM

Sai baba ki aap per anant kripa hai jo aapko aisa avsar prabhu ne diya ki aap sai karya mai lage.

Jai Sai Ram

Arvind bhawsar

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On Nov 17, 2007 4:29 AM

We will be the good by the help of almighty god.....SAIRAM

Rajendra Mohapatra

10. TELUGU SECTION:

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Please visit for Sai Aaratis Audio:

http://www.shrisaibabasansthan.org/main_English/saibaba/saibaba_aarti.asp

11. SAI'S BOOK WORLD: (HINDI)

Title: Sri Shirdi Sai Baba Ke Sang Mera Jeevan

Author: Prof. S. P. Ruhela

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Title: Sri Shirdi Sai Baba

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Title: Sai Chintan

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12. EDITORIAL

Things impressed me from this magazine:

The whole world is a vast kingdom ruled by God's grace. So all our actions must be done as an offering to God. Then our every action shall be inspired and fulfilled by God's will.

Bhakti leads to perfection and stimulates desirelessness. When one is having Bhakti, one will not have any sense of want or desire or grief or hatred. He will have no selfish attachments and worldly desires.

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

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.

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