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"THE GLORY OF SHIRDI SAI" ENTERS THE SEVENTH YEAR

WISHING YOU

"A VERY HAPPY HEALTHY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR – 2009".

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NEWS FROM SAIDARBAR – HYDERABAD

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1. FROM THE SATSANGHS OF SAIBANISA JI:

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<http://saibanisa.blogspot.com/>

Shirdi Sai's Philosophy in the words of Saibanisaji

Saibanisa's popular Nine discourses on NavavidhaBhakti in English language (Sai as lord Siva, Sai as lord Rama, Sai as lord Krishna, Sai's advice to gruhasthas, Sai in dreams, Sai's philosophy, Hidden meanings, Sai's advice on conduct in life, Sai on birth and rebirth.), each discourse is around 30 minutes duration.

These discourses mainly focus on the fact that Sri Sai Satcharita contains the essence of Ramayan, Bhgavatham, Sivamaha puran, Gurugita and Srimadh Bhagavadhgita. We request you to listen the above C.D's (ENGLISH Language) and receive the Blessings of Lord Sainath.

Those who are interested in obtaining the above MP3- Format CD may kindly contact: saibanisa@gmail.com To be continued.

2. SAI'S NEWS FROM THE TIME MACHINE:

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

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

January 19, 1912: Megha died in Shirdi at about 04:00 hrs. Baba lamented loudly and followed the funeral procession for some distance. Baba showered flowers on Megha's body.

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

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

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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-1996

19-04-1996

Sai appeared as an unknown person and said-

1. For spiritual feasting and enlightenment, one need not visit famous temples and Mutts. Go to a person sincerely inviting you for a luncheon. Spiritualism automatically comes to the fore.
2. Do not engage in co-travelling with everybody coming to you in the process of spreading spiritualism.

The journey to spiritualism cannot happen in company.

20-04-1996

Yesterday, I was mentally disturbed. I prayed Baba to grant me peace. Baba appeared in the form of a School teacher and said-

I am in knowledge of your past. Why crave for name and fame even while spreading my philosophy. Adapt to life the way it comes and accept things as they happen. Sense of dissatisfaction and unpleasantness will automatically disappear.

In the morning by 08:30 AM, I was hospitalised in CDR Hospitals suffering with chest pain. The board of Sai Shakti medical Hall greeted me at the entrance offering temporary relief to me.

Certain things do happen without our control.

22-04-1996

Yesterday, I spent the day in the ICCU under the care of Specialist Doctors. Sai appeared as a fakir and said-

I have saved you from the heart attack. Rest of the life, you have to serve me. Gradually health will improve.

4. QUINTESSENCE OF SRI SAIBABA'S PHILOSOPHY:

(By Late Sri Bharam UmamaheswaraRao)

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32. Significance of Meditation

Preliminaries to Meditation

Baba says: "If you meditate on Me with such perseverance and concentration, you will get the results. Such people can get over Maya or the 'Trigunas'. I am responsible for well being of those who are devoid of egoism and attachment. Treat pain and pleasure equally. Offer your mind and buddhi to Me and then meditate with one pointed mind. Some of you are inviting your own downfall by practicing sorcery against My devotees being foolishly prompted by arrogance, jealousy and hatred. All of you must meditate on Me, with firm faith that I am the father and mother of this Universe. Know that I am in those who meditate on Me, with complete faith, and then they are in Me."

Sri Sai Baba also says: "If one ever meditates on Me, repeats My name, sings My deeds and is thus transformed into Me, one's Karma is destroyed. I stand by his side always."

It was Baba's lookout to see that His nature and attitude towards His devotees should be thoroughly well impressed upon the devotees' mind and look after their welfare. Baba had to repeat His efforts to ensure the thorough fixing of these valuable truths and impressions in Chandorkar's mind. The most common and basic things one would include in the list of ordinary man's needs are water to drink and food to eat. By a kind act, act of Divine providence, Baba provides these two to His devotees.

5. IN THE DAYS OF SHRI SHIRDI SAIBABA :

Baba Converted Shri Baba Sahed Bhate into a devotee

Shri Balasaheb Bhate and Shri Nanasahab Chandorkar were college friends. Shri Balasaheb Bhate was sceptic. He first came to Shirdi in 1894. He was a Mamaltdar at Sakori. A saint by name Bhau Maharaj came to Bhate. The Sant made Keerthan about Kabir and Kamal. Bhate heard this attentively with keen interest.

Afterwards he came to Shirdi and Baba made him to stay in Shirdi for six months on leave and he has not gone to duty even after six months. His superior (Personal assistant to the Revenue commissioner) came to Shirdi and asked Bhate to rejoin duty. Bhate told him that he put down his papers for ever. From that time, he left his post of Mamaltdar.

Kakasaheb Dixit, Nanasahab chandorkar and Madhava Rao Deshpande (Shama) requested Baba as they were very anxious about Balasaheb's family after giving up his job. Baba told Balasaheb to write an application. Bhate filled an application as he served for 13 years as Mamaltdar for

pension. By the Grace of Baba, he got a pension of Rs.29/- per month without any trouble. Then onwards, Bhate turned into a staunch devotee of Baba.

Baba cured the pain in the eyes of Shri Tatya Saheb Noolkar and gave him Satgati..

Shri Tatya Saheb Noolkar when he was sub-judge at Pandharpur, he had a pain in his eye and gone to his brother who was a Doctor at Jalgaom for treatment. After having known that Gurupournima has to take place within two or three days, he started immediately without any treatment to his eye and came to Shiridi.

He lay down in his lodging with pain in his eyes. When he came to Baba for darshan, Baba told Shama in His own characteristic way "Shama, My eyes are giving trouble and that I am suffering much from pain". From that time when Baba uttered these words, the pain in the eyes of Shri Noolkar has disappeared. Then Shri Noolkar remained in Shiridi, till his death. During the time of his death, Baba gave Udi and Thirtham to drink and gave Sadgati to him thereby.

6. DEVOTEES EXPERIENCES:

From the files of Saidarbar

SaiRam all,

I am SAI CHAND; I am a devotee of SAIBABA. I have a lot of experiences with SRI SHIRDI SAI BABA. I used to share an apartment with another guy while I was doing my Masters. I lost my apartment key. On that Thursday, I had an early class in the morning from 8AM to 10 AM. My roommate was leaving to go to his office the same time I was leaving. He (my roommate) comes home only in the evening. I asked him to give his keys to me as I would be done with my class by 10 AM and would be at home in the evening. I also told him that I would make a duplicate key for myself. However, he refused to give his keys. I was hurt because it was a small favor that I asked him. After I finished my class I stayed the whole day at some other place.

To my surprise, when I came in the evening, I found a cop talking to my friend in our apartment. Do you know what happened? While my friend was returning from the office into my apartment, someone mugged my roommate and stole the apartment keys from my friend. My friend lost only his apartment keys-nothing else. The mugger scared my friend by showing his gun. I think Baba doesn't tolerate people who are not nice to His devotees. HE takes care of us in every way. Om Sri Shirdi Sai Baba Gurunathayanamahakijai

Sai Chand

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 TIGER AND THE GOLD BANGLE:

One day a rich merchant was passing through a dense forest. As he walked down the path his solid gold bangle shone on his wrist. A tiger was hiding in the tall grass by the path. As the merchant came near enough, the tiger pounced and killed him. After feasting on the merchant's flesh, the tiger did not know what to do with the gold bangle. He kept it with himself any way. After few years, the tiger grew old and weak. He could no longer chase a prey. He started thinking of some way to get his food. He remembered the gold bangle he had. He thought, "I have heard that human beings are very fond of gold. I must test and confirm this. May be I can lure some passers – by with this gold bangle and then kill them. This way, I will have enough to eat to survive the rest of the days of my life."

So the tiger took the gold bangle and sat by the path that ran across the forest. As he had thought, he lured many people with the gold bangle and ate them up. Now he had found a good idea to eat the tasty flesh of human beings. He made it a routine. In this way, he began to live a happy life. One day a clever but poor man named Krishna was walking down the forest path. As he walked on, he heard a voice from the tall grass by the path, "My Dear man, will you stop for a while and hear me out?" Krishna looked around, but could see no one near the trees or bushes. Then his eyes were blinded by a flash in the grass. He stealthily walked a step nearer. To his surprise, he saw a tiger in the tall grass. He held a gold bangle in his paw. Then fear gripped Krishna's heart and he stepped back. The tiger said, "Don't fear my friend. Come here and take this gold bangle." Krishna said, "Do you take me for a fool? You are a well known ferocious animal. I cannot come near you to lose my life."

But the tiger insisted, "Your thoughts are true because everyone knows that tigers are violent animals. But look at me now. I am not strong anymore and my paws have lost the sharp nails too. I have killed many people and animals in my life. Now I am old, I want to die without any burden of sin. I gave up my violent nature. As repentance I want to give this gold bangle to any man. You are lucky to have come down this forest path today." At the tiger's honest sounding lecture, Krishna grew thoughtful. He thought, "If this tiger has given up his violent nature then there seems to be no danger in approaching him. Furthermore, I am a poor man. The gold bangle which the tiger is offering can help me a lot." So overcome by greed and losing his ability to think, Krishna went to the tiger. The wicked tiger waited till Krishna came near and then pounced on him. Krishna died instantly and once again the tiger was able to fool a man due to his greed for gold.

8. SPIRITUAL GEMS FROM SAI SATCHARITRA:

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Wed, Nov 19, 2008 at 9:50 PM

Shri Sai Satcharitra
Chapter XXXI

The Passing Away In Baba's Presence of - (1) Sannyasi Vijayanand - (2) Balaram Mankar - (3) Noolkar - (4) Megha - and (5) The Tiger.

In this Chapter Hemadpant describes the passing away of certain persons and a tiger in Baba's presence.

Tatyasaheb Noolkar

A brief summary of the account that appeared in the Sai Leela magazine about Tatyasaheb is given here.

Tatyasaheb was a Sub-Judge at Pandharpur in 1909, when Nanasaheb Chandorkar was Mamaltdar there. Both met often and exchanged talks. Tatyasaheb did not believe in saints, while Nanasaheb loved them. Nanasaheb often told him the Leelas of Sai Baba and pressed him to go to Shirdi and see Baba. He finally agreed to go to Shirdi on two conditions: - (1) he must get a Brahmin cook, and (2) must get good Nagpur oranges for the presentation. Both these conditions were providentially fulfilled. A Brahmin came to Nanasaheb for service and he was sent to Tatyasaheb and a fruit parcel containing 100 beautiful oranges was received by Tatyasaheb, the consigner being not known.

SSG: Sai Ram. It was Sai, Who arranged that parcel and Who thus pulled His devotee (though the devotee did not know that he was a devotee at that time) to Him.

SSS: As the conditions were fulfilled, Tatyasaheb had to go to Shirdi. At first Baba was much enraged with him.

SSG: Sai Ram. Baba was enraged with the atheist and non-believer in Tatyasaheb, not with Tatyasaheb.

SSS: But by and by Tatyasaheb got such experiences that he was convinced that Baba was God incarnate. So he was enamoured of Baba and stayed there till his death. As his end was approaching, sacred literature was read out to him and at the last hour Baba's Pada-tirth was brought and given to him for drinking. Baba on hearing of his death, said, "Oh, Tatyasaheb went ahead of us, he won't be reborn."

SSG: Sai Ram. What a great way to go? Tatyasaheb was indeed fortunate. Sai Ram.
His Servant,

S.V.Swamy

To be continued.

9. ARTICLES FROM SAI DEVOTEES:

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Monday, 22 December, 2008 , 6:39 AM

Sai is always near so why fear

When things are down and you are out of your mind
remember just remember Sai is so Kind.

When your life is in darkness and nothing is right
remember just remember through the darkness, Sai is The Light.

When nothing makes sense and everything seems dense
remember just remember, Sai is The Wise.

When times are troubled and no one seems to care
remember just remember, Sai is so Fair.

When your heart is breaking and your pain makes you fall
remember just remember, Sai sees it all.

When you are weak and the road seems long
remember just remember seek strength from The Strong.

When life is a burden and everything is unstable
remember just remember, Sai is The Able.

When the way is cloudy and there is no one by your side
remember just remember, Sai is The Only Guide.

When no one wants to listen or is willing to lend an ear
remember just remember, Sai is always ready to hear

When you are poor and penniless and you are stuck in a niche
remember just remember, Sai is The Rich.

When you are down in your misery and there is nowhere to run
Remember just remember, you can always run to The One
and when your scars are hurting and your heart is in fear
Remember just remember, Sai is always near so why fear

Sai devotee Suresh Gattu

10. LETTERS FROM SAI DEVOTEES:

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Monday, December 15, 2008, 11:56 PM

Sai Ram. I would like to share my appreciation to the team of Sai Darbar on this happy occasion. I came into the fold of Sai Darbar on 17th December 1999, when I met Saibanisa in the marriage of Sai Bandhu Satulury Raghuraman's eldest daughter's marriage at Ahobila Mutt, Hyderabad. Though Saibanisa and myself are long time friends, I was not associated with Sai Darbar till then.

Sai took a firm hold of my hand through Sai Darbar and has guided me and is guiding me on my Spiritual Path. Even though the path is still full of ditches and thorns and even though I keep straying to check out the detours out of my curiosity, He never left me and is always keeping an eye on me and is taking care of me.

Sai Ram. What can we do but to offer ourselves at His feet?

His servant,

Swamy

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Wed, Dec 24, 2008 at 2:41 PM

SaiRam,

I have no words to communicate the serious efforts you have taken in the initial stage to propagate Sai News thro' this magazine and now you have grown to this level. That means you have full and full grace of Lord Shri SaiNath Maharaj of Shirdi.

You were able to complete the past 10 glorious years on Sai Nam spreading. We all wish to convey our heartfelt CONGRATULATIONS for the same and pray Him for your robust health for the further years in the service of Joy.

I have been reading your magazine since last 4 yrs regularly. Always waiting the date to go thro your magazine contents.

Always Shirdi Sai graces all those earnest devotees. Let us be one among them.

With warm wishes,
K.Varadarajan from Pune.

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On Thu, 18/12/08

Sai Ram,

Congratulations to Saidarbar team and The E-Magazine for their ten year completion.

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Fri, Dec 26, 2008 at 10:22 AM

Jai Sai Ram,

Many Blessings on all your good works!

Heartfelt congratulations on the anniversary of Saidarbar and The Glory of Shirdi Sai.

I appreciate you so much.

Jai Sai Ram,

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Friday, 26 December, 2008, 7:09 PM

Sai Ram

Hearty Congratulations to SAIDARBAR on successful completion of one decade of publication!

We pray Lord SAI to bless the organisers with good health and happiness for many more

decades to come!!

RammohanRao

11. TELUGU SECTION:

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13. EDITORIAL:

Things impressed me from this magazine:

Baba says: "If you meditate on Me with perseverance and concentration, you will get the results.

From The Editor's Desk:

At the outset let me wish you and your family members a very Happy, Prosperous, Healthy and an Eventful New Year-2009.

It is universal fact that Time and again is a dynamic phenomenon. Time keeps flying and waits for none. It is amply proven by the fact that ten years have passed from the time Saidarbar made a humble beginning under the flag leadership of Saibanisaji way back on 25th December 1998. To bring to the present stage was not an easy task, but the divine blessings of Baba and your continued support all these years made all that difference to make both 'Saidarbar and The Glory of Shirdi Sai-e-magazine' to reach the present level of popularity. Betterment is a continuous process and Saidarbar team desires to uphold the tradition to serve the family of Shirdi Sai devotees with the same vigour in the year ahead in 2009.

- Raghu Raman Satulury-Editor

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