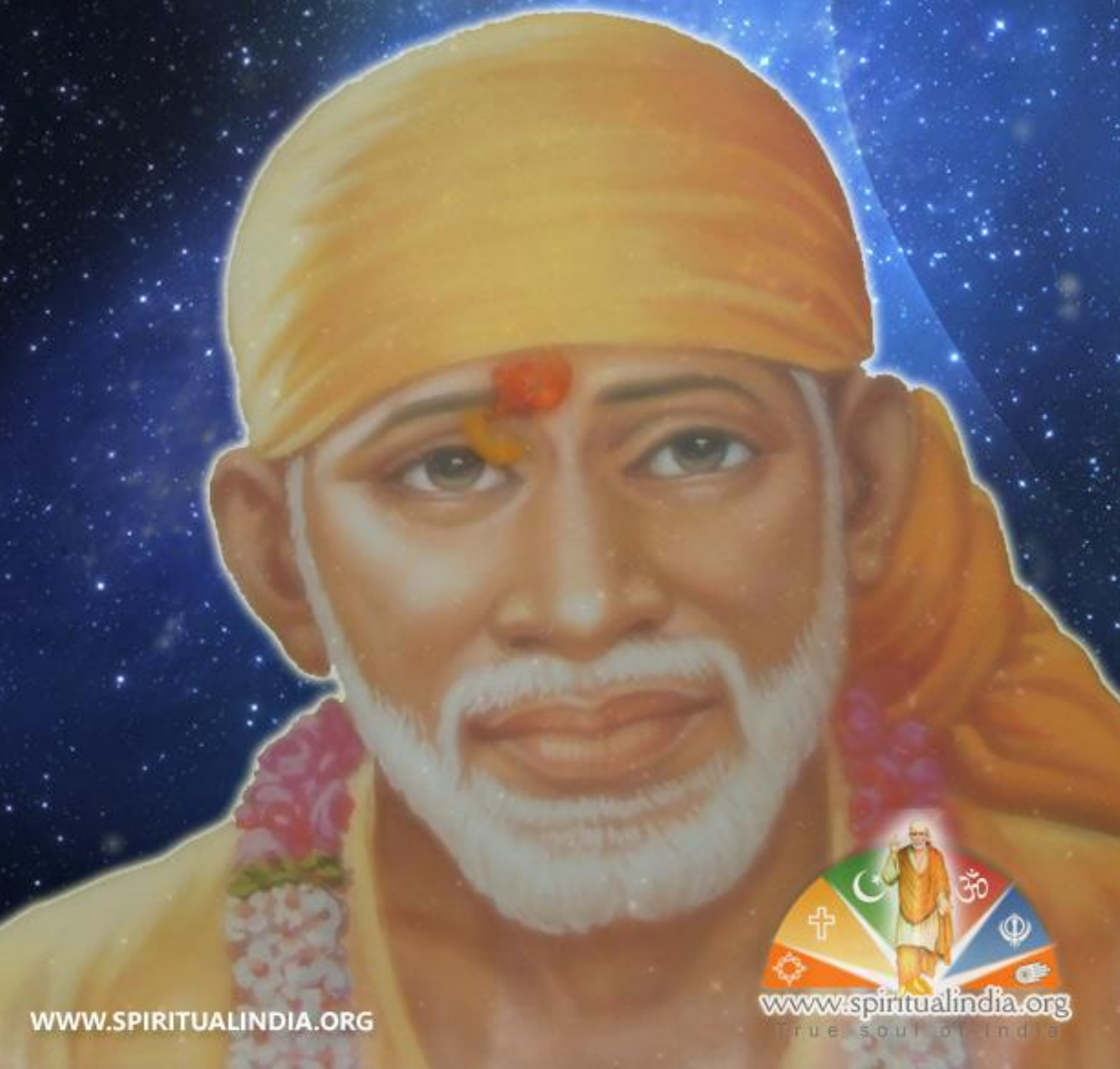


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# EDITORIAL

By: Ashok Jain

With Baba's blessings we bring October edition to you. In the editorial section, I would share couple of my thoughts in brief and would speak about some of our future plans for the magazine.

It has been an eventful quarter and Anna Hazare's movement has been the highlight so far. A long lasting impact of the movement will be possible only when I, you and everyone live our life morally and never compromise with ethics and values. The essence of every Guru's teachings is into living their teachings and until we take measures to change ourselves, all other external acts of pleasing any Guru or God will appear shallow. Baba would be pleased to see us being moral and ethical than being rich or being able to donate wealth to him. Ill-gotten wealth can never impart peace to anyone. When we raise pillars of fortune on the shoulders of poor and down-trodden people, we accumulate so much of bad karmas which will take millions of years of suffering to be offset against. A simple meal earned by honest means would nourish our mind and body; whereas costly dishes brought to plate by dishonest means would be slow poison to us.

Every one of us would have heard the story of hare and tortoise in our childhood, while the proud hare rested and slept the steady tortoise won the race. Pride can be a big bottle neck for further advancements. Pride is an offshoot of our ego. It is not easy to nullify our pride, but we can certainly try to keep it in check. It is said that one who is proud of its appearance gets an ugly appearance in next birth, one who is proud of one's family and heritage gets a lowly birth next time and so on. We Indians are sometimes quite proud of our country, its ancient culture, its traditions, spirituality and personal stuff. However, we are a land of extreme poverty,

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sufferings, social and economic inequality; this is because we like to theorise and live in past glory doing nothing in the present. We have to live exemplary lives. We have to act.

Coming back to Samarpan, we have had almost fifteen issues so far and I personally thought that it would be nice to have all of them published in one nice book. However, editorial teams's inexperience in this regard and finances would be the two major challenges. I would like the publishing to be a no-profit and no-loss affair and hence any sponsorship would help bring down its cost to actual buyers of the magazine, but on the other hand I would also not like any kind of commercial advertisement in the magazine. Difficult proposition, but if Baba blesses it, it would certainly be possible. If this becomes possible, we would skip next quarter's Samarpan edition and would be revert to you in the month of April, 2011. If we drop the idea of mega-issue in print, we would bring our next edition in next quarter, January 2011 as usual. If you have any thoughts for the mega print edition or would like to help in some way, you can contact us.

And before I conclude this editorial, I must say that by Baba's blessings, Samarpan magazine is reaching around fifty thousand people by this time. Reading experiences shared by people brings tears to our eyes. Baba is kind, compassionate and Baba has lifted the spiritual quotient of this earth by inspiring all of us to lead morally correct lives and living lives ethically based on simple tenets of spirituality. Thank you all for sending articles to Samarpan and thank you for being reader of Samarpan. Baba always bless you. Peace and love.

Om Sai Ram.

# THE TRUE MARK OF EVERY PERSONALITY AND SOCIETY – MORALITY

By: SathyaSai Baba (submitted by: Ashok Jain)

The most essential requisite in any society is *Maanavathvam* (humanness); whatever be one's scholarship or scientific knowledge or position, one has to develop human qualities. To the extent these qualities are developed, to that extent the society, the state and the nation will progress. Where human qualities are absent the society ceases to be civilized. And the nation itself forfeits her place of honour.

## **Spirituality – the Basis for Morality and Integrity**

It is only morality and integrity which entitle human beings to be respected. Students have to cherish human qualities. Only by adhering to the spiritual path can human qualities be promoted. They will not flourish in other conditions. A seed will sprout and grow into a plant only if you sow it in proper soil and water it. It will not grow in a tin can; it will only rot.

Morality can be upheld only through control of the senses. Only the person who has self-control is competent to exercise authority over others. How can one who is too weak to control himself be able to control others? There must be unity in word and deed. Only then can one achieve great things.

## **The Essence of Education – Sacrifice**

It is undoubtedly necessary to seek a job for one's livelihood. But one should not regard finding a job and earning money as the be-all and end-all of life. Even in a job, one should try to uphold morality and integrity, and set an example to others. Looking at the world today, it would seem that education is for the purpose of practicing fraud on the people, making money through bribes and other immoral and unrighteous ways without regard for truth. Certainly this is not the purpose of education. Its aim is the acquisition of knowledge. The true values of education have been lost owing to excessive concern for making money. There is nothing wrong with money or education. Everything depends on how it is acquired or utilized.

*Students!* You have to exhale as much as you breathe in. This is inescapable. If you do not exhale, the lungs will burst. Likewise, while you have to acquire education and earn wealth, you must utilize both in a righteous way. The education you have received must be given back to society for promoting public well-being. Equally what is earned should be given back to society. Unless this is done, your education and wealth are utterly worthless. What has been received from the community should be given back to the community. That is true *seva* (service).

This kind of sacrificing spirit is rare among students. They are interested in acquiring more and more. Life is reduced to a one-way traffic. This is not proper. What is earned should be utilized properly and shared with others. This is the way to ennobled life.

In swimming, you have to push the water back so that you may move forward. Likewise, renouncing material things is the way to spiritual progress. But, what you have to renounce is not wealth alone; you have to get rid of all your bad qualities. That alone is true sacrifice. Giving up hearth and home is not a big sacrifice. It is the giving up of all vices that is true renunciation. That alone can result in the blossoming of the human personality.

### **The Ideal Priorities in Life**

People should realise that they are born in society, grow in society and live in society. Today most people are content to think only about themselves and their families and are indifferent to their obligations to society. As a result, they lose peace and happiness. Even devotees are more concerned about their personal interests and give secondary place to God. Consequently they are unable to experience real bliss. They lead purposeless and meaningless lives.

The Kauravas are an example of persons who sought worldly gains and power, forgetting God. Although they had immense wealth, what happened to them in the end? They had many valiant heroes and preceptors fighting on their side. But all their material resources, their intellectual abilities and their armed might were of no avail.

The Pandavas relied on the strength of the Divine and the power of righteousness. The Bhagavad Gita has clearly explained that the Divine helps those who adhere to *Dharma*. The Pandavas relied on God for everything. Hence they were crowned with success. No doubt the Pandavas had to encounter many difficulties. But these did not overwhelm them.

The Pandavas placed God first, the world next and the "I" last. Hence they were successful. The Kauravas placed "I" (the ego) first, the world next and God last. Hence, they lost everything! *Students!* Give a back seat to the ego. Our history is full of instances of persons who set an example in sacrificing the ego.

### **Love – As Vital as Breathing**

*Students!* Bear in mind these things: Bharatians have always been votaries of truth and righteousness. Justice has been their watchword. Students must ceaselessly endeavour to adhere to Truth, Righteousness, Morality and Integrity. Live up to the *Vedic* injunction: "Speak the Truth. Follow *Dharma*".

Above all, whatever anyone may say or do, you should not give up your devotion to God. Without the love of God, this cosmos is an empty void. Love is God, God is Love. Develop this Divine Love.

Cherish it in your hearts at all times and in all situations. Do not give it up, whatever troubles or difficulties you may be faced with. That Love will be with you, in you, beside you and protect you.

# LIGHT THE LAMP OF MORALITY IN YOUR HEARTS

By: SathyaSai Baba (submitted by: Ashok Jain)

“One may master all forms of knowledge,  
One may vanquish one’s adversaries in debate,  
One may fight with valour and courage in the battlefield,  
One may be an emperor reigning over vast kingdoms,  
One may offer cows and gold as an act of charity,  
One may count the countless stars in the sky,  
One may tell the names of different living creatures on the earth,  
One may be an expert in eight forms of Yoga,  
One may reach even the moon,

But is there anyone who can control the body, mind and senses?

Turn the vision inward and achieve the supreme state of equanimity of the mind.”

“Forbearance is the real beauty in this sacred land of Bharat. Of all the rituals, adherence to Truth is the greatest penance. The nectarous feeling in this country is the feeling of love toward one’s mother.

Character is valued far higher than the very life itself. People have forgotten the basic principles of this great culture and are imitating Western culture today. Alas! What has happened to this country?

The Bharatiyas are not aware of the greatness of their own cultural heritage just as a mighty elephant is not aware of its own strength.”



# GOD IS FOR REAL AND HE CAN INSTRUCT YOU IN DREAM ALSO

Source: Internet (submitted by: Ashok Jain)

A Russian devotee, Alexander, had been to see SathyaSai Baba and when he returned he excitedly told all his friends about the phenomenal occurrences that were going on in Puttaparthi, India. He told them an Avatar was on the Earth and discussed many of the details of his visit with them. But all listened mildly and had no interest in finding out anything further about this.

He started to plan a return trip and wanted to take at least one other person with him. He had previously given several books in Russian to his friend "Mikhail", but Mikhail would not read them. Although the two had been friends since they were students and Mikhail knew his friend was credible, still he had no interest in Sai Baba. Alexander could not understand this as Mikhail was a well-educated man, a professor and well known scientist with many achievements to his name.

Alexander had resigned himself to going alone back to India, but unexpectedly, Mikhail had called and told him he had decided to go. He had told his wife that he might stop drinking if he went and so he got her support. He thought he might pay for the trip by the savings from refraining from alcohol for six months. Alexander explained to him that no one was allowed to have meat or alcohol or tobacco in PrasanthiNilayam and Mikhail agreed to these conditions. But, even though he had decided to go, Mikhail still refused to read any of the books about Sai Baba.

They arrived at the Ashram and were given a room to share with other international visitors. On the third day Alexander gave his friend three issues of the quarterly magazine, "Divine Love" and Mikhail started reading only those articles where Swami himself speaks. He was transfixed by what he read and continued reading into the night.

The next day, Alexander got up to attend darshan as usual but did not see his friend Mikhail so he saved a place for him in the darshan lines even though the Seva Dal volunteer told him this was usually not allowed. Finally, a half hour before darshan time, Mikhail showed up and joined Alexander and they settled down to wait for a glimpse of Swami. At last he appeared and slowly, gracefully floated through the crowds until he approached to where the two Russian visitors were. As he went by them, Sai Baba looked directly at Alexander and Mikhail and made a sign with his hands three times. Alexander was thrilled as it is an unusual occurrence to receive some kind of sign or attention from Swami.

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After Darshan, Mikhail excitedly told his friend Alexander that last night he had had a dream in which Swami came to him and had a long conversation with him. Mikhail was confused because the dream had seemed completely real to him and he could see and remember everything just as when he was awake so he didn't know whether to take it as a dream or a real event that actually happened.



Then Mikhail narrated to his friend from memory, the following conversation from his "dream". In the dream he found himself in the very same lecture hall in Russia where he normally delivers lectures to his students. But instead, Swami was at the rostrum where Mikhail usually lectures and Mikhail was sitting at a table like one of the students.

Sai: "You wanted an interview - you will have it now. You always liked double lectures (two 45 minute periods without a break): you will now have such a period yourself. You may ask me any questions."

Mikhail: "Not everything is clear in religions. They divide"

Sai: "Religions were written for the time when people were primitive and so they were expounded in the language and concepts of that period. A blind belief and miracles were required. Look at Moses who was taking Jews from Egypt showing miracles. Each time requires

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its form. Temples were constructed but the real temple must be in one's soul. You did not want to read books about me, but you studied mathematics: first 2 X 2, then further, then physics. From the simple to the complex, but all the knowledge is held up by the highest knowledge which is God. Gradually one goes from intellect to spirituality; one needs intellect to live in the world. You started reading about me for the sake of your friend. Your friend is my channel. He brought you here and did it selflessly. Do not worry about material things - You have a good intellect. Just imagine that man's life in a cosmic scale lasts only one hundredth part of a second, so what difference does it make where you live: in a palace or in a hut?"

Mikhail: Where can I find strength?

Sai: "If you have spiritual strength, then physical strength is not important. Your program was to go swimming in the sea (this is exactly what Mikhail and Alexander had agreed upon). Go or you will be sorry. One must do everything sincerely, nothing should be done out of compulsion. You have a good intellect and it's not necessary for you to stay here long. You have to decide."

Mikhail: "How shall I live now? Maybe I should become a monk or work out an algorithm for my future actions?"

Sai: "If you put bread into the mouth of a hungry man then he will never learn to earn it himself. One can't work out algorithms for the whole of one's future. That is why you are given a choice in your life. I give you a trial and watch what choice you will take. on that depends whether you pass your test or not. If there was no choice, you would be slaves, and I don't need slaves. You should find a spiritual path by yourself, everything depends on you. You should not expect any gratitude for whatever you give."

Mikhail: "What concrete steps should I take to come to spirituality?"

Sai: "Let us take an example of water - it is a substance. One may pour it into a vessel; they may bring it to you in a restaurant in a crystal glass or you may pour it into a gold goblet. But the best of all is to go to the source, the spring, and drink it from there. The spring is in your heart. it is forgotten; you must yourself converse with God. What should you do? You must gradually change yourself morally for the better. You have bad habits. Start with getting rid of them. You have already become better; less proud. Pride is making you blind. Alcohol dries up your brain - that is the worst. It's an obstacle to God. Smoking dries up your body. It hinders your development."

Mikhail: "What then?"

Sai: "Act according to the criteria of Truth. One can clean the puss out of the wounds like Mother Teresa or help people, but if you are proud then everything is in vain. If you want you may bring people the knowledge about me, but do not be a lecturer. Nothing should be done without sincerity, one should not be lazy. Your wife is more spiritual than you, she is more

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compassionate. Both of you still have an opportunity to come to me - your life span is not finished yet."

Mikhail: "I can't understand: is it a dream or not? I am waiting with my group for an interview."

Sai: "The cleverer a man is, the less faith he has. There are no miracles in the world, only a level of knowledge. For you to believe tomorrow morning at Darshan I'll make this sign by moving my hand three times like that (and Swami showed how he would do it). That's the end of your double time."

And after the dream ended, Mikhail attended darshan where Swami confirmed the truth of the meeting by making the sign with his hand three times. He has repeatedly said that no one can see him in a dream without his willing it. He chose this extraordinary way to help Mikhail in his spiritual growth at just the right moment in his life. As always he showers his love on all.

# BABA HELPS MY FATHER FOR EYE TREATMENT

By: Shantha

One of Sai's countless assurances to His devotees "Be wherever you are, If you spread your palms with Devotion, I am immediately with you" is very true. I wish to share one of the most wonderful experiences Sai bestowed on me.

My father who is 80+ had undergone a cataract removal and got a lens inserted in his right eye about 3 years ago and recently he developed blurred vision in the same eye. After preliminary eye tests, he was asked to go to a nearby city from our village as the doctor suspected that the inserted lens could have slipped internally. Rectifying this would be expensive too. I could clearly sense my Dad being much tensed about the same, not only due to money matter but also due to his old age.

I offered a prayer to my Lord Sai to kindly look upon my Dad and do His Leela and cure my Dad's vision problem easily and with affordable expenses. We were able to travel back and forth from the village to the city in a comfortable bus. Upon reaching the eye care center in the City, my Dad's registration was done, and we were told at the counter that my Dad did not have to pay the registration fees and the Doctor's fees. I at once sensed Sai's Leela already taking place and Sai was there with us and ahead of us ☺.

The doctor checked my father's eyes and said that he needs to do a laser treatment as there was some hazy formation



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behind the inserted lens. This treatment was completed within 5 minutes and all the while I was seeking Sai to be with my Dad and HE was there as I could see my father very calm all through the process. Here again the fees was very minimal and affordable. Now my father's vision on the right eye is clear... ALL THANKS TO MY SAI. Dear Baba, please always be with my family and with the families of all those who seek you. Please bless us, protect us and forgive us.

# WHO IS THE DEAREST?

By: Dhruva Trivedy

## **18th August 2011**

Having spent more than 62 years of my life in a metropolitan environment, there was very little opportunity for realisation in its truest sense. I always had anguish and anxiety for mundane achievements such as career, money, family commitments.

Baba came to me in the most unusual circumstances. I had His first 'darshan' at Jabalpur, when I was 8 years old. A little boy that I was then, I was playing around in the large 'haveli' that my father's professor Mishraji had invited my parents and me to, for dinner (poori, halwa and aloo ki sabzi), when I was confronted by a pooja ghar (place of worship) in the house and lo, who do I find! Our dearest Baba...His life-size image made of marble! Oh my!! What a sight!! My mother was a Bengali and therefore she had inducted me to spiritual figures such as Sri Sri Bijoykrishna Goswami, Baba Loknath and ofcourse Sri Ramakrishna Paramhansa...but who was 'This Impactful Persona??' I came running to the baithak (living room) and dragged my father to this place of worship and asked him who He was. All I was told at that point of time was that He was a great saint of Maharashtra.

In retrospect when I think and look at other events in my life where Baba made Himself significantly and prominently present, I begin having goose-bumps! Today I woke up with a bright feeling after a satisfying sleep, as I was very tired after a long day yesterday, but as Baba would destine it, I heard some very insinuating remarks from one of my 'dear' ones and I lost my cool. Baba why does it have to happen to me?? Today was Thursday, I spent my time crying in front of Him and there he was comforting me in the form of another 'beloved'!

## **1st September 2011**

Today is a Thursday and also Ganesh Chaturthi!! His kindness and grace has been immense!! The day started with my small offerings and every moment thereafter was cherished. An achievement in helping a child from an economically weaker section of the society to begin proper education was a hallmark of the day and perhaps one in my life. May Sai bless him and he does well in life and takes care of his mother, when I am no more in this world. Thereafter, I have been at work and also attending the needs of the day such as getting my visa photographs etc. Now it is the fag end of the day and I am looking forward to a good beginning for all walks of life. All my worries O Sai should come to an end with your benign presence.

## **3rd September 2011**

Today is Saturday, I am again in a painful situation and today it has become even more painful, because the person to whom I could ventilate was not prepared to listen and empathize. O Sai please help me out!!

**29th September 2011**

Strange are His ways! At one time you go through a terrible low and at another you are in high spirits! Today is a Thursday and Baba has been kind to put things in place as 'planned'. Today is also the second day of the Navratra and His Grace has thus far been benign to sail things through in the 'right' directions. Jai Saimaa!!!

I recall my second encounter with Him, when I was at the outskirts of Dhar in a PWD rest house while on tour as an employee of the Madhya Pradesh State Textile Corporation. I chose to drive

the jeep back to Indore and visit and inspect a sericulture farm on the way at MHOW. I asked my driver to check the wheels before we left and he obligingly did so. On the way while driving through the hills we came across dense forests and on one side of the road to my right were steep hills while on my left was a deep valley. I was driving at 40-45 Km per hour. Out of nowhere, from the left emerged a green clad 'fakir' and tried to stop me with his peacock feathered fan, as if asking for a lift. I did not stop but slowed down to almost 20Kms per hour; musing over the fact as to how could I offer him a lift, when the jeep was already full with staff and



officers. No sooner did I start my thought process, the front left wheel just flew off the front axle and I was compelled to bring the jeep to a grinding halt. I looked back to see if the fakir was still there...and lo!! He was nowhere!! Baba had graced His second darshan and saved our lives!!



# SAI BABA SAVED MY MARRIAGE LIFE

By: Kamakshi

The only primary thing in my life is to write about my life experience with Sai Baba. He has done lots and lots of miracle in my life. Only after the age of 23, I got to know about Sai Baba. After my marriage there were a lot of problems with my in laws and also with my husband. I have been to London after my marriage. We had a lot of family problems. Though I was away from my in laws, I had various personal problems in handling the relationship with them. Later on after a year I was separated from my husband and stayed with my parents in India. Then I had no hope in my marriage and I thought that this marriage life was over and I was very unhappy. One day our family friend told me about Sai Baba and his miracles and how their life had been changed after getting to know about Sai Baba. I started reading Sai Satcharita book with complete devotion and started doing Navavrath pooja. I did everything hoping that things will definitely be patched up with my husband. On the 9<sup>th</sup> day of my pooja I received a call from my hubby stating that he needs to talk to me.

Later I went to see him at his place, we as a couple talked and we sorted out the issues. We had a lot of misunderstandings and difference of opinion always. The greatest God in this whole world solved our problems and saved my marriage life. Also we are moving back to India assuming that my husband would get a new job and we would start a new life. I hope that Baba will help everyone who trusts him and those who have patience. Faith and patience are the keys to reach the salvation and to attain the spiritual world. May Sai Baba be with everyone and help all.

# SAI HELPED ME TO STUDY

By: Ram P

At the beginning of this year while living in Australia, I was going through health problems and felt really sick. I was also diagnosed with panic attacks. It pains when one is in a state of panic attack. After some time my Dad passed away as he got his third heart attack. Since then, life has been extremely hard for me. Then one fine day I came to know about Sai Baba. I prayed and asked him to help me and rub away my sorrows. To my surprise the next month of praying to him I got my permanent resident in Australia. Now I am continuing my studies and before studying I always go to Sai temple, kneel down and pray to Baba. I also bought his small statue which I keep on my bed side. Every day I bow to Baba and then start my day. I am still taking tablets for the panic attack. Earlier I was not able to study at all and I used to feel as if someone is stopping me from doing so but the moment I chant "Om Sai Namoh Namah" and ask for strength, amazingly I start to study without any problem. Dear friends, Baba is always around us and will always help us in our sorrows. I wish that his blessings always be upon all of us.



# BABA ACCEPTED PRASAD FROM HIS OWN HANDS

By: Maninder Bagga

Jai Sai Nath ji. Baba always guides us on the right path and diverts our mind towards good acts. Baba joined me with his holy feet in February 2009, after few days I had a feeling to offer Baba sweets on every Thursday and from then it became my routine. On every Thursday I use to purchase some sweets from the sweet shop to offer it to Baba during evening arti.

On 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2011 (Thursday) I went to a nearby shop to purchase sweets for Baba. I was walking back to my hostel (as I am studying in college) and was chanting Baba's name. When I entered the college premises, a five year old poor girl stopped me and asked me to give some sweets from the packet which I was holding in my hand. She stretched her palms for Prasad. I was surprised because only I knew that the packet had sweets in it and the only other person who could know it was Baba. The little girl was nowhere near the shop where I had purchased the sweets and the shop was also quite far from my college. I gave her some sweets and she asked for more but I foolishly told her that it was enough for her. As I went a few steps ahead, I suddenly realized that it was not the little girl asking for sweets but it was Baba who came to me in the form of that little girl. I was happy with the realization and also sad that I could not recognize Baba. Never ever lose faith in Sai Baba and always, all the time chant SAI SAI SAI with love. He is always with us.

# MY HUSBAND GOT JOB WITH BABA'S BLESSINGS

By: Bhanu Bommareddy

Sai Baba is not only God but he is my best friend. He listens to me, helps me and also guides me when I am in need. I have many experiences with him but I would like to share one of my experiences with you all.

In the year 2010, one day my husband suddenly resigned from his job and when he came home in the evening he told me about it. He appeared for three interviews within a week and the outcome was pending. I was really worried at that time and suddenly one fine Wednesday my husband told that we would go to Shirdi and luckily we got the tickets for the day and went to see Baba. After seeing Him I was in tears and asked Baba that why was He testing us so much. After staying in Shirdi for two days we left for home and once after reaching home I was performing puja and when it ended, we got a call from a company stating that my husband was selected. Also within two days after we were back from Shirdi, he got calls from all the other companies where he appeared for interviews and finally he selected the best company with the blessings of Shri Sai Baba. Baba is everywhere and He helps everyone who is in need.

# ME AND MY BABA

By: Renu Bisht Aswal

I promised at the time of my marriage that after my marriage I will share my experiences in Sai Samarpan. Today after seven months of my marriage, I am so happy to share my experiences with my Baba but I am just not able to start as I don't know where should I start from.



I don't remember the exact date and time when I developed trust and faith in Baba. All I can say is that, I came close to Baba around 12 years back when I was in college and since then my faith and love in Baba has grown like a vine, day by day.

With Baba's grace I got a government job immediately after my graduation, but somehow as it was not an executive post, I was not satisfied with the job. So I decided that I will try my best to get selected as an officer in my own organization and requested Baba to guide me. I was only a graduate and to appear for officer's exam, professional degree was compulsory, so my seniors told me that I should do MBA. With Baba's guidance, I completed my MBA within three and half years and then I applied for executive test. I cleared my written test but could not clear my Interview and it came as a big blow to me and I was extremely frustrated and sad. But my faith in Baba never got diminished and I knew that what Baba does is always for good. Next year I

again applied and again the result was same. I cried a lot in front of Baba and asked Him why it was happening like that to me. But in my heart I had the belief that Baba knows what is best for us and the following year I applied again. I told Baba that it was my last attempt for that post. By Baba's grace I cleared all levels and joined as Class One Officer in my organization. My Baba is the best. *Baba jaisa koi nahi ho sakta*. He is everywhere and he gives everything to his devotees at the right time. So the moral is "Shraddha" and "Saburi".

We are a family of four - my dad, mom, younger brother and me. My younger brother had also struggled a lot for his career, he also used to clear all his written exams but I don't know why he

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never got selected after interviews. One day I prayed to Baba and Ganesha to bless my brother. I promised Baba that when my brother would get selected, I would do a Bhandara in Baba's temple and would feed the needy people. Baba showed his mercy on my brother and this time he got selected as a PO in a reputed Bank. Again my Baba precisely gestured that he can do anything for his devotees and listens to their prayers from any corner of the world. I love my Baba.

Finally, my marriage, it became a big issue as my parents were searching a good boy for me for the last 5-6 years but somehow things were not working out. I never wanted to marry as I have been very close to my parents and my brother and I never want to leave them. They are my world to me and I never left my family for a single day and could never live without them. But my mom started crying and I realized that my family and all my relatives were getting tensed day by day because of my marriage issue. Finally, I went to Baba and requested him that if he wanted to see me getting married, he has to find the right guy for me. My Baba gave me indications to visit Vaishno Devi and we made a plan to visit Vaishno Mata and all our tickets got confirmed and to my surprise when we came out of Ard Kuwari I got a call from a lady who was asking my details as she were searching a suitable match for her brother. Then, we came back and the same family and the guy came to our place and I don't know how but I said yes for the guy and he also said yes and we got engaged. But before marriage I wanted to visit Shirdi to give first invitation of my marriage to my Baba and my ever merciful Baba blessed me again and called me and my parents to Shirdi and we gave our first invitation to our Baba and there in Shirdi, I prayed Baba to be with me throughout the marriage and you won't believe that everything including my Kanyadaan was right in front of my Baba's picture, that means right in front of my Baba. I don't know how to express my thanks to him. He is just too good, too merciful, too loving and he can do anything and everything. He is everywhere and in everything.

Today, I am happily married and Baba has chosen the best life partner for me. I always wanted to visit two places with my life partner, one is Shirdi and another is Vaishno Devi. Last weekend Baba and Mata Rani blessed us by giving an opportunity to visit Vaishno Devi and we both had time of our life and it was a beautiful and memorable travel. "Please Baba call us to Shirdi also, as soon as possible". I pray that he always keeps his boon bestowing hands on our heads and always bless my parents, brother, husband, parents in-law, and all his devotees with all the health and happiness.

I love him so much. I don't have words to express my gratitude, my love and my affection for him but all I can say is that I just cannot live without him, my life has is meaningless without my Baba. I beg that he never gets angry with me, I know I am full of bad habits and don't have even a single good thing in me, yet he always shower his blessings.

My request to all the devotees is that never lose your faith on Baba even if he is delaying in giving you anything you are praying for, it must be for your good only. Always remember, he is always there to take care of his kids and all he seeks is "Shraddha and Saburi". May my Baba bless you all with all the happiness, health and success.

# EFFECT OF NON- COMPLIANCE WITH BABA'S ORDER

By: Binod Pillai

As mentioned in chapter IX of Sai Satcharita where devotees suffered for disobeying Baba's order. This is my personal experience on the effect of not complying with Baba's decree.

For more than three decades I and my family have been in Baba's fold and witnessed many miracles in our lives. Sai Baba has been there protecting and ever blessing us.

Though I will not be going into the details of our experiences we had in our life but I want to share this one particular experience of mine.

I was employed abroad for 15 years and decided to come back to India and settle down once for all in 2007. With Baba's blessing I got a good job in a distribution company as General Manager, my wife too got into MNC Bank and both my daughters got their school admission.

With Baba's grace Life was going well till last year. One day I received a call from my ex-boss asking me to join him in his new firm and head the operation. I wasn't sure to commit initially but eventually I decided to take the offer. In due course of time I got the offer letter and consulted with my wife. I decided to quit my job, as mentioned in Sai Satcharita that Baba warns and guides us through certain messages, having this thought I consulted Baba by putting two chits in front of him on whether (YES) to resign and (NO) not to resign. My younger daughter took the chit mentioning (NO), but I didn't comply with this dictum of Baba thinking that this opportunity was also given by Baba himself. I went ahead with my resignation and was serving the notice period; meantime my new company had some issue relating to license and registration of the firm which delayed my issuance of work permit.

I was confident that the company will be able to obtain my work permit before my relieving from the present company, but things were different as there were complication in registration, the process got delayed and the worst happened to my career, it's almost seven months that I am jobless, I have managed to hold my family till now without any crisis with Baba's blessing and sincerely praying to Sai Baba to shower his kindness and help me get a job soon.

Dear Sai, I know you have taken care of me and my family always and even in this crisis you have never let us down, I have suffered for not abiding your order, I shall be more careful in my entire decision making. Baba I request your forgiveness and bless me as always. Lastly, this experience of mine does not insure misfortune or bitterness in life and I have full faith in Sai Baba and he will help me cross this rough patch of my life.

!! Om Sai Ram Blesses Every One!!

# **BABA'S MIRACLES IN MY LIFE CONTINUES TO FLOW LIKE A RIVER**

By: Lakshmi

I had earlier written about SaiBaba's miracles in my life in the April 2011 issue of Samarpan. Our trip to Shirdi happened as scheduled in March 2011. We made this as a hectic day trip where we flew from Chennai to Pune early in the morning and were scheduled to return by the 10pm flight from Pune back to Chennai.

My niece joined us for this trip and while I worried that it was too hectic, I was also confident that Sai Baba would lead the way. We took the 4am flight from Chennai and reached Pune at 6.30am. We had pre-booked a taxi. We had requested for an English speaking driver but we got a Hindi speaking driver with whom my husband communicated with whatever little Hindi he knew.

We left for Shirdi from Pune by 7am and were there by 9.15am. We went to the Samadhi Temple and joined the queue. Since it was a Tuesday we were expecting the queue to be short but we were wrong. A friend of ours had said that if we let the security people know that we are NRIs we can have a shorter wait. But we were not able to communicate it with the people there and we joined the main queue itself.

It was a long queue. Generally my husband would get very intolerant of waiting and I had 2 teenagers who were hungry because we did not have a good breakfast. But that day surprisingly all were tolerant. At 11.30am (2 hours after we joined the queue) we still had no idea if we will have his darshan. Soon after something happened, the queue moved very fast and we were told to go into the temple and sit down. It was time for the Noon Arti and we had a fabulous darshan for about 45 minutes in front of Baba. He had again proven to us that we need Faith and Patience and he will take us in his arms. We were amazed as to how he had planned it for us. If we had indeed joined the NRI queue we would not have had such a fabulous darshan. Such was the kindness of Baba.

We still have a lot of problems. No solution seems to be in sight. Meanwhile I have lost my job as well. So now there is another dimension to the problems we are facing. But now I am much more reassured. I know that Sai Baba is looking over me. Every time I call for him he answers and says that he is there. Just 3 weeks ago my husband and I went to the Sai Temple in Mylapore, Chennai. On our way back my husband asked me about the fireplace in the Temple and its significance. I explained it to him. I could see a genuine interest starting in my husband's mind. That night we were scheduled to return back to Singapore. Normally when we go back to



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Singapore, we pick up Tamil magazines. So that afternoon, I went to the magazine shop to pick up various magazines. That evening we went to children's home which my husband helps out on a monthly basis and had arranged for a dinner for the children in the memory of his grandmother. It was a very touching experience for me that whenever I go to that home and see the faces of 30 children, I feel as if Baba is also there. I asked Baba as to why a good man like my husband has to go through the hardships he does? In the airport that evening while we were waiting for the plane we decided to browse the magazines that we picked up that afternoon. The first magazine I opened was Kumudam and in the first page I turned was an article with a big Sai picture explaining the significance of the Udi and the Dhuni fireplace in the Shirdi Temple. That was how once again Baba blew me away. I showed the article to my husband and told him that it was nothing short of miracle and Baba was assuring us that He is with us.

We met a guru who told us about our family deity (Kul Devi) and asked me to start doing Devi Puja on Fridays. So I started doing the Devi Puja. My aunt who does Sri Vidhya Puja advised me to take Bala Manthra from a guru and that would be very beneficial. In Singapore, we have a Shirdi Sai Baba Temple as an extension of a Devi temple (Vadapadrakaliamman temple). I generally go to this temple on Thursdays. So last Thursday I went to the temple and asked the priest whether he can start me on the Bala Manthra. He asked me to come back on Monday. Again on Monday I went to the temple and asked the priest. He paused for a while and he said that he is not qualified to do it but there was another priest in Sivadurga temple, and he will be able to help me. I had prostrated before Sai Baba in his temple both on Thursday and Monday so I was a little upset that I am still where I started. So I left the temple thinking it was not meant to be. Then I decided I am not giving up and headed on to the Sivadurga temple the priest had mentioned. I had not been to this temple in years and when I entered the temple there was the Sivalingam and his consort Devi was on the right and she was none other than Sunderavalli Amman whom my guru had said was our Kula Deivam. I then realized that the Bala Manthram was bait for me to my Kula Deivam Devi and make sure we make her happy. She was and has been there in my country all the while and we never knew it.

That evening Vijay TV channel showed Mahan serial about how Sai devotee Shama was directed to the Saptashrungi Devi temple in Vani village to fulfill his penance by Sai Baba. I could not help but compare what happened to me to what happened to Shama. And the timing was impeccable. One can call it coincidence. But too many of such coincidences are happening in my life and I will not insult my faith by calling them coincidences. It is Baba's miracles and it keeps flowing like a river. All he is doing is reassuring us that he is there and very soon I believe that he will bring us out of our karma's suffering.

Dear Baba, thank you for all your kindness and your reassurances. We are now in your hands. You know how long we have suffered and you know how many good hearts are also suffering because of us. You have blessed us with good people around us. I prostrate in front of you to bring us out of our misery. Only you can and only you will. Guide us and be with us always.

# MY INTERACTION WITH SAI

By: Ms. Madhur Raj

I always upheld the belief that 'one makes his own destiny', and accordingly concentrated on my own effort without caring for blessings from any higher power. This power being invisible, I could never entrust my faith in it and remained rather confused about it. In fact I used to laugh at people going to religious places and keeping fasts.

Well, as years passed, obstacles faced by me became bigger and bigger, turning my life into an ongoing struggle. I remember it was 2006; one of my cousins came to my house and inspired me to read 'Sai Sat Charitra'. This was an alien concept for me but I had reached to a point where I was ready to do anything. To my parent's disbelief, I read the whole book in the prescribed time. I did not know then, this was the start of my spiritual journey which will make me realize that God has his own way of calling people.

Same year I had to go to Mumbai for some interview. I stayed at a PG accommodation where I got quite friendly with the caretaker. In one of our daily chats he told me about his friend's recent visit to Shirdi and I was surprised to hear that Shirdi was quite near to Mumbai. The moment I heard that Shirdi is only an overnight journey, I made up my mind to go there. When my mother heard she could not believe as I had never expressed any desire to go to any religious place. But being a religious woman herself, she gave me the permission.

It must have been 2 in the afternoon that I left the hotel at Shirdi to go for Sai darshan. After coming out while I was searching for the way back to hotel, I heard chanting of some shlokas, I realized, it was coming from the Chavri side. I was quiet tired, however I chose to move towards chavri. I heard the chanting for good 30 minutes in complete awe. During this arti lot many fakirs had gathered around chavri. I gave some money to the one standing nearby but the one who caught my attention was standing at a distance. He was a dark person and like any other fakir was asking money from passing people but still there was something 'different' about him. He was quiet a robust personality. It almost looked that he was doing a favor by taking money from people. His mannerisms amused me and I too felt like offering him some money. But since he was little far off I dropped the idea and started walking towards the hotel. After full one hour when I was just a meter away from the hotel, walking on the roadside path, I realized that same dark fakir was standing at a distance on the right side of the footpath. The amazing thing was that he was standing in such a way that I could not have avoided him. I saw his outstretched hands for 'dakshina'. His dark demure look almost frightened me and I started taking my steps slowly. I had taken out a ten rupee note to give him and as I dropped the note

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in his hand he spoke something. To my surprise, it was in English! I was too frightened to hear clearly but whatever he said it was English. Tell me how a fakir would know English? I have no doubt in telling that he was Sai Baba. He spoke in English because if he had spoken in Hindi I would have thought him to be like any other fakir. This was my first interaction with Baba. You would be surprised to know that same year on the Ramnaumi day I was standing in front of Sai murti in a temple at Delhi with eyes closed and suddenly I felt that same dark fakir was standing next to me. This was another effort of Baba to make my belief strong in him.

In 2008 I again visited Shirdi with one of my uncles. While I was waiting for the arti at Dwarika mai, one man came on crutches and suddenly told me 'tu mujhe aaj sweater kharidayegi'. He said this with such impersonality as if he knew me from before. I was taken aback but still could not say 'no' and told him that when I come out of the arti I will buy him the sweater. When I came out, I did not see him and with much searching I saw him quietly standing in a corner. He again was not like normal beggars. He was fair, short and a proud man. When he pointed towards a far off shop I asked 'haw far is the shop', he promptly said in hindi 'kyo ghabra rahi hai, yahi per hai'. While walking I kept thinking 'is he Sai'? Well finally after crossing the road, I bought him the sweater. While coming back he started moving to the other side of the road but I told him to cross the road with me as I wanted to test, if he is Sai or not. I asked him, 'does Sai give darshan to their bhakts in Shirdi'? He said 'Surely'. And then he also told that one should try to gather flowers which are spread over the Sai Paliki and one must try to go under the palki as it is auspicious to do so. I recently went under a palki but not at Shirdi, somewhere else. Now tell me, will any normal fakir talk like this?

Another incident happened when I was visiting Shirdi with my mother in 2010. I had read in Sai Sat Chritra that Baba gave darshan at Shirdi to someone in the form of his own Isht. Inspired from this incident, I kept telling Sai in my mind that kindly come in the form of a sadhu. Well in that trip we entered the main temple after a long wait and by the time we came out my mother was feeling very thirsty. While I was looking for water at Sai Sansthan, I saw a well-dressed sadhu calling me; I got scared as I did not understand why he was calling me? I kept walking. I had totally forgotten about my request to Sai to come in a sadhu's form. Maybe because, I never believed that he will come. While I was walking back also this Sadhu kept calling me but I did not go and went straight to my mother, Sadhu went on his way. Well the moment I sat down next to my mother, the memory of my request to Sai came flashing to my mind and I immediately ran out to find that sadhu. My mother kept calling me but I could not wait to answer her. I looked for him everywhere but I did not find him. With a heavy heart I came back and told everything to mom. She was surprised and we were little sad too but rejoiced in the knowledge that Sai finally answered our prayer, though we did not recognize him.

After this incident my belief in Sai Baba grew many folds. I believe he has his own ways of making people his bhakt. I consider him as a guide and a friend with whom one can talk whenever one feels like. I strongly believe now that strength lies in the belief that prayers will be answered and not in doubting the higher power.

# A SINNER'S JOURNEY WITH BABA

By: Anonymous (Name withheld on request)

When I was in the worst phase of my life, Baba came from nowhere and picked me up from ground. When I was completely blank, he started giving me signals to come to him. When I thought that 'my death' was the only option, he showed me that death is not solution to any problem. Karma's effect must be suffered otherwise you will have to take another birth and suffer them again. It has been one year since he came into my life.

Though my problem still hasn't been solved, I can never thank you enough for being in my life and for protecting me and my family at each step. If it hadn't been for you, I and my family would have been suffering things worse than death and that too only because of my fault and then, I could have never forgiven myself. But Baba, you have given me a new chance to correct my mistakes and to never ever repeat them.

Readers, I want to tell you that I almost had no faith in God till the age of 19. But just one year back, things which happened shook me completely. Baba called me towards himself just 1 year back giving me many signals. My equation with my family was very bad but as soon as Baba entered into my life, our relations became smooth. Baba every day gives me signals in some form or the other, lighting a little smile on my face. I've left my 3 favourite food items and have told Baba that unless he solves my problem peacefully and unless he calls me to his abode, I won't take them. Just one month ago, Baba finally blessed me and my family with a visit to Shirdi!! Till the time I reached Shirdi, I couldn't believe I was going there. On my way to Shirdi, I was thinking that would Baba be waiting for me too as he waited for his devotees as mentioned in Shri SatCharitra. My journey was blissful! Yes, I did experience miracle there! My family doesn't believe in Baba. In fact, they visited Shirdi only because of my pestering and of course, due to Baba's grace. Baba ensured a safe and comfortable journey for me. Such is my sweet and caring Baba. With a very heavy heart and teary eyes, I left his abode. Thoughts of my first trip to my dreamland will forever remain in my heart.

My Baba is my best friend. I crack jokes with him, say him funny and weird things, make funny faces and voices in front of him. Sometimes, I dance at his songs in full motion and sometimes, I compose my own little funny songs for him. On friendship day, I told Baba that I won't eat anything unless he would come to me. On that day I forgot my words and was busy eating like a glutton. Suddenly, I noticed Baba's new statue on my dining table. On being asked, I was told that it's of my helper. And, I remembered my words then. As always, I stuck out my tongue and said 'Sorry' Baba. 😊

But when sometimes stress takes over me and I'm in very much anguish, I get angry at Baba because he does not talk to me. But as I see Baba's picture, all my anger vanishes and I fall at his feet, hug him and I tell him everything, I beg him to never ever leave me.

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Baba, you made me learn real lessons. Tears can be fake and that a helping and loving person may also have evil plans in his mind. You made me learn not to ever put blind faith in anyone again and to always remember God in whatsoever one does. You've taught me to offer any new relationship at your feet. Readers, I should tell you that God gave me many signals before my worst phase in my life, but me being blind ignored all! Baba has also taught me to feed at least one human/animal every day, watering plants every day, spending a fair part of your pocket money for the needy ones, respecting elders, giving without any expectations, praying God to bless even the evils so that they may turn to good ones with god' grace, not to keep any kind of hatred in your heart, not even for your enemies.



Baba, I cannot image my life without you. In sorrows and in happiness you are my companion. When night arrives and when my heart feels heavy, I sometimes fight with you because being my best friend I expect you to speak explicitly to me. You never slept as you always cared for your devotees. I have done Baba's vrat 2 times, parayan 4-5 times, his chaliya, sugar candy pooja, but still my problem hasn't been solved. I know that Baba is accumulating all these to solve my problem at the right time and for once and for all.

From now on, I have decided that the words spoken at night with my Baba will only be full of love and fun. Baba, you have been the biggest blessing of my life. I hope that someday I too am for you! ☺

# BABA HELPS ME CHOOSE MY BABY'S NAME

By: Saritha

I am fortunate to be blessed with Baba's love and blessings. I have experienced innumerable incidents that confirm Baba's love and blessing showered on me, there are few incidents in my life when I lost all hope and did not have any courage to live also. It was Baba who carried me with his own hands, during those tough times of my life and made me walk till I could see a ray of light in my life. I like to take the opportunity to share an incident how Baba helped me in giving name to my baby.

When I was pregnant and I had a premonition that it would be a baby girl and so I started looking for names and selected the name "Varenya" (from Gayatri Mantra which means Excellent). I told this to my husband and its meaning; he was fine with it. When I was nearing my delivery my husband said that we will give a name to baby according to astrology. I don't believe in astrology. I believe in God while his family was adamant about astrological compatible name. I was upset and had an argument with my husband about it. I told my husband that baby will be born in such a time that by Baba's and Gayatri maathas blessings we have to name her **varenya only**.

The big day arrived and I was in labour, everything was going normal, I was told that I will be having normal delivery, after being in labour for 12hrs, i reached 2nd stage of labour, and the midwife told me that any moment I might deliver the baby. I tried for 3hrs to push the baby, but it didn't come out. Finally I was taken to emergency c-section and after forty minutes had my operation.

After the baby was born when they looked at her astrological chart, she was to be named with letters starting from V (Va, Vi and Vu). I was so happy. Baba ensured the delay in birth so that my wish was fulfilled. Who other than Sai Baba knows our deepest desires and is capable of fulfilling them. We named our baby Varenya.

Thank you Baba for giving such wonderful name to my baby, please always shower your blessings on her, please catch our hands and make us walk on right path.

# SAI YOU ARE MY GOD MY PARENT AND MY GURU AND EVERYTHING

By: Kunal Patel

I had promised to Baba that if my wish is fulfilled I would post my experience. My son has a passion to do something which he made it as his career. My husband and I have done our best and have worked very hard to help him to fulfill his dream. By Saibaba's grace he got a job with his own ability in one of a good and a reputed company. We paid a huge amount to the company for the necessary training. We managed to get the money by mortgaging our only house. We are paying huge EMI's for the same and this is only possible by Saibaba's help. One fine day suddenly we received shocking news that the company is grounded due to some problem with respective authorities. All the operations of the company stopped one by one and my son was sitting home for more than a year. We were worried about our son's future and also had spent a lot of money for this.

My Son, husband and I religiously do our daily prayers, read Satcharitra, talk and share all our problems with Baba then why was Baba not listening and paying attention to my problem. I have never asked anything else from Baba except to fulfill my son's wishes. I guess we have Shraddha but need to have Saburi too as Baba advises. One day a thought came to mind that I should do Sai Nav Guruvar Vrat, but was wondering that I do my daily prayers read Satcharitra and observe fast so should I observe Sai Nav Guruvar Vrat? I was confused, but then something maybe Baba himself prompted me to do this vrat and I started doing Sai Nav Guruvar Vrat and to our utter surprise within 9 Thursdays the company where my son is working called him saying that very soon they will be starting operations and he will have to report to work within next few weeks.

My son has started going to work. The company still has to complete few formalities before they start again and this also is going to take some more time. But then I strongly believe that since my SaiBaba has always taken care of his children he will also help my son to with his career and achieve his dream. Thank you Saibaba for always being with us and always taking care of us and also helping me write this post. We love you Saibaba. Om Sairam.

# BABA CHOOSES HIS DEVOTEES

By: Satabdi Roy

Even if you had never known Sri Sainath Maharaj of Shirdi but Baba wants you to be his devotee or maybe you were connected to Baba in your past birth you will be drawn towards him. There are so many experiences that have happened in my life and are still happening which have made me an ardent devotee of Baba. I think such things happen with every devotee of Baba. I will try to pen down my experiences with Baba with His blessings.

I heard of Baba when I was studying in 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> standard or may be much earlier back in 1990s. We came to know about Baba from my youngest uncle and aunt who used to live in Mumbai. When they would come to Kolkata in our place they would talk about Baba, and would give us Baba's pictures and stickers. Then I used to think that Baba was a simple saint and did not pay much attention. Then another uncle of mine with whom we used to live in Kolkata went to Mumbai to pay visit to my youngest uncle. As far as I can recollect on his return he brought with him a picture of Baba that had magnet on its backside and put the same over his almirah. Though I was not attracted to Baba then, I somehow felt different looking at that photo. And I used to look at Baba's photo whenever I was in my uncle's room and still do the same. From then onwards before going to give any exams I used to bow down before Baba's photo like I did with other pictures of different deities in our house. But still I had no special attraction towards Baba.

While doing my B Tech we were going through a bad phase of relationship with my uncle. Also my best friend turned against me. All these made me mentally upset. Then during the second year of B Tech I had severe hepatitis due to which I had to be hospitalized for a month and my health worsened and could not take the annual exam I used to cry every day and for all these misfortunes began blaming Sai Baba. I used to ask him why was he giving me so pain and showering his blessing on dishonest people. In those days all my grudge was against Sai Baba.

After couple of years my family started looking for suitable match for me. After a year I met my future hubby's family, immediately the two families liked each other and the first thing that I learnt that my in-laws were great devotees of Sai Baba and that they worship Baba's idol at home and from then onwards I started to believe that Sai Baba wanted to clear the misunderstanding and misconception that I had towards him. Mean time I had cracked the campus interview and got a job.

After marriage in my in-laws house I came to know about Sai Baba and Sai Satcharit and learnt about the miracles of Baba. I was really happy and asked Baba for his forgiveness for blaming him for every bad phase of my life and for whatever I have said him. I visited a small Sai temple at Garihat in Kolkata with my fiancée.



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Meantime I joined the company but was told that all the newly recruited people would have to go to Pune for training and remain there for one or two years even after training. I did not want to leave my hubby and I prayed to Baba to make my training happen at Kolkata and to give posting at Kolkata only. Baba immediately answered. I was so happy that I promised Baba that I will visit Shirdi.

Within one year I conceived and during second month complications arrived and the doctor suggested for bed rest. I cried to Baba and said that I don't require my job but please save my child. Baba blessed me with a healthy boy and also I did not lose my job. In October 2010 with Baba's grace I had visited Shirdi along with my husband. I was happy to see Baba's place. Also we were lucky to see Kakad aarti.



We bought Prasad from the counter but I was not sure if the prasad was actually served to Baba before being sold from the counter. As I was loitering around the Samadhi Temple a lady gave me suzi and said that was it Baba's prasad. I was overwhelmed with the miracle and shared it with my husband. In the same trip we went to Mumbai and went to Shree Sidhi Vinayak temple. The darshan time was nearly over. But by Baba's grace we entered through the exit door and had a good darshan.

I used to think why Baba does not give darshan in my dream? This prayer of mine also got answered and Baba gave darshan twice in my dream. Once I dreamed that some evil spirit was approaching me and I called out loudly "SAI BABA" and that evil spirit changed its direction immediately. Another time I saw some bad people approaching me and I heard my father telling me to utter Baba's name, as soon I uttered his name I was saved. I think

through this two dreams Baba wanted to tell me that he has saved me earlier from some unfortunate events which I am not aware of.

I conceived again in December 2010. The doctor initially had found some complications and told me if these complications remain even after 7/8 days then he would advise to terminate this pregnancy. I was totally shattered. Stopped going to office for a week and prayed to Baba. In the meanwhile I had another dream in which I was applying sindoor on Baba's left foot. When I was going to apply sindoor in Baba's right foot which is folded over his left leg, the priest of the temple started abusing me. Then I saw I was standing in a queue waiting to receive Baba's prasad and the dream ended. I started thinking, have I done anything wrong? Was Baba

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unhappy with me? Can't my pregnancy be continued? Then I prayed to Baba to show me some sign that my Baby will be alright. Now, I have bought a book from Shirdi containing Sai bhajans written in Bengali script. But I have not read that before. So one day I casually pulled out the book and was turning pages then I saw Baba's picture - the picture was of Baba's right foot resting on left limb and most amazingly I saw under Baba's right foot three horizontal lines like the ones we draw on Lord Shiva's forehead . At once I was sure that my baby will be alright and thus Baba answered that I have done no wrong (as I thought indicated by the dream). After one week I visited the doctor and he told me everything is alright.

Meantime my son was going to play school. Initially he was alright but after a month started crying and refused to go to school. We had to drag him to school and this continued. One day before taking him to school I bowed before Sai Baba's photo and told him that it is his duty to see that my child should not cry. And that day after coming from office I heard that he had not cried and from then onwards he is being going to school happily. From Samarpan I learned about certain sites where devotees raise questions and Baba answers them. Through that site I asked Baba the baby who is coming will be alright as I was worried still then. He told me to feed poor people.

I am not much of a cook and thus was thinking when to cook and whom to feed. Then in the month of April in our house we have Basanti Puja (puja of goddesses Durga) and on the ninth day it is the Ram Navami day, every year my mother -in-law makes prasad for Baba, but this year I cooked the khichdi as Bhog to Baba and went to office. After I returned I found a girl who used to look after my sister-in-laws son and two of our house maids, they were served the Bhog and I knew that my baby will be alright.

I have given birth to a beautiful girl child on 21<sup>st</sup> August 2011. I am happy that Baba has always blessed me. I think that I have previous connection with Baba in my past birth. I love him so much. Every painful prayer that comes out through my heart is answered by Baba and I think that this applies to all Sai devotees. I hope one day my soul will meet Baba. Let Baba shower his blessing to all people.

OM SAI RAM.

# LOVE IS WHERE YOU ARE NOT

By: John Ptacek

It would bomb as a pick up line, but it's a concept of love worth pondering. They are the words of Jiddu Krishnamurti, a renowned spiritual teacher who travelled the world in the twentieth century extolling the merits of self-inquiry. At first the statement comes across like one of those if-a-tree-falls-in-the-woods Zen mindbenders, but spend a few moments with it and it may dissolve into a valuable insight.

Tug on the word 'you' and the statement begins to unravel. You, as in ego. Krishnamurti was saying that love can only exist when the ego is not around to muck things up. Few of us would object to such a selfless concept of love. Similar observations by acknowledged subject matter experts like St. Paul and Kahlil Gibran lift our lips into hopeful smiles during wedding ceremonies. In those moments of stillness we contemplate the endlessness of human possibility, but only seconds later we are contemplating the endless flow of free beer at the reception. It's as if such grand visions of love are too hot to hold, or perhaps too unattainable to sustain our attention.

And anyway, who are St. Paul or Kahlil Gibran to lecture anyone about love? They weren't even married. For better or for worse, we view love as easily acquired treasure. This is because we define it as a feeling, rather than as the shared experience Krishnamurti hints at. We can't wait to report the news of our surging feelings to friends after a third date with our latest admirer. And three dates later we want to throw open the window and broadcast our feelings to the world. Something inside us has been switched on, and it's a marvelous feeling that's hard to describe. Eventually we all find the same word for it – love.

But is a feeling that any randy seventh grader can experience really what the world needs more of? If this is love, it is not of the selfless variety. It is all about us, and hooray for that. But feelings come and go, even the rapturous ones, making this kind of love as easy to fall out of as it is to fall into. Is this ephemeral quality evidence of love's sublime mystery? Or is love, the feeling, too flimsy a structure to stand on its own?

Divorced from feeling, love loses its conventional charm. When it's not being rented out for wedding ceremonies, the concept of love as a shared state of being is considered the property of ascetics like Gandhi and Mother Teresa. Far from romantic, it is a state in which the ego loses its grip and one's identity merges with those around them. It is love without a speck of self-gratification; in the absence of ego, there is no self seeking any reward. Love exists, according to Krishnamurti, because we no longer do.

As inspiring as this selfless model of love might be, who needs it? The old model works just fine. That is, until it breaks down, which it does most of the time when you consider the hefty

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divorce rate and then guess at the number of burned out marriages. Add to this the legions of lovers meeting similar fates outside the borders of marriage and we have what might be termed an epidemic if it were a contagious disease. And yet somehow none of this dissuades us from hopping aboard the same rickety jalopy for another perilous ride.

A more abiding state of love awaits those disillusioned by one too many hapless joyrides. We need not shave our heads or abandon all earthly pleasures to enter this transcendent state, but we must discard the notion that love is a self-fulfilling venture. Love and ego cannot coexist. Like light and shadow, they cancel each other out. For love to appear, you must disappear. You must give yourself so completely that no trace of you remains. Love arises in the space created by your absence. Love is where you are not.

# THINGS HAPPEN ONLY WITH BABA'S BLESSINGS

By: Praveen Kumar

I would like to thank Sai Baba for showering his blessings on those who are in need. One fine day in 2009, I was browsing internet for downloading Sai Baba's Aarti lyrics and few Baba's pictures, suddenly I came across this website [www.spiritualindia.org](http://www.spiritualindia.org). I registered myself into it and started receiving Samarpan articles regularly. I was reading it regularly and after few days I also started reading Sai Satcharitra and felt lot of positive vibrations and felt very happy even sometimes my eyes were filled with tears.

I got a good job opportunity by Baba's grace and presently I am working in Muscat, Oman. When I was working with my previous company in India, I met a girl who is also a devotee of Baba. As time progressed our friendship deepened and became very close to each other. We visited Baba's temple many a times and this helped us gain more faith in Baba. We decided to get married and plan our marriage with Baba's blessings. We wanted our family to agree to the marriage. She had an elder sister and she could not think of discussing her own marriage with her parents till her elder sister gets married. Her parents were worried about her elder sister's marriage which was not getting finalized.

One day I went to Baba temple near our colony and I did 21 pradakshina and requested Baba to solve their problem so that her sister would get married and that their parents would be happy and I promised to Baba that, I will do fast on Thursdays for 21 weeks. Baba showered his blessings on them and at 18<sup>th</sup> week of my fasting her sister got a good proposal she got married in 20<sup>th</sup> week of my fasting which was on 4<sup>th</sup> June, 2010. Now the couple and her parents all are very happy and this happened only because of Sai Baba's blessings. On 21<sup>st</sup> week i.e. on my last day of Thursday fasting I went to Baba and finished 108 pradakshina and for the first time in my life I attended Sai Baba's Abhishekam and Kakad Aarti and there were no limits for my joy.

Now the time has come for my marriage, however, I am not sure how would it materialize. The girl and I are from same caste and hence our marriage should not be a problem. However, only Baba can make that happen. We would never ever do anything which will bring pain to our families. We are praying to Baba with Shradha and Saburi for his blessings so that everybody will be happy. While preparing this article I got good news from India that my brother was blessed with a son and they are also good devotees of Sai Baba.

At last I would like to say one thing that we should be patient and keep faith in Baba. Baba needs Shradha and Saburi from us; he will not let us go empty handed from his temple.

Om Sai Ram.

# BABA IS VERY GREAT

By: Vishalini Thevar Visha

Baba is very great even the word great is not sufficient to describe our loveable Sai Baba. I have been receiving mail from Samarpan for sharing anything great about our Baba for quite a long time and I love to read Samarpan which is my very favorite magazine. I had few times tried to type down my experience but somehow I felt it's not my call. As all of us know very well even a leaf can't move without Baba's grace. I had experienced so many miracles since the day I started to follow Shirdi Sai Baba's path and today I kept having the thought that I must share what happened to me recently.

I'm from Malaysia and right now I'm in Indonesia doing Medical Degree. Today (9<sup>th</sup> September) was the date of cardiology examination for me. I got to know about this exam at a very short notice. This is a very tough subject. As I do always I just prayed to Baba so that he blessed me for this exam and took a number from Baba's question and answer book. I don't know anyone will believe this or not but the answer was you would pass the examination. The night before the exam I put all my energy and studied.

The next morning I went to the hospital examination hall at 7am. Suddenly I had some bad feeling and so I asked a girl sitting beside me outside the hall if any doctor gave any tips for the examination and she replied in negative. So I didn't want to waste any time and continued studying. Suddenly I saw everyone busy reading something in their mobile. Then I asked again to another girl and in a minute I felt my heart stopped when she said yes. The worse thing was she told all my international friends also have the guess question paper. I just did not have words to speak. She persuaded me to go through the paper in her mobile but all I was thinking was that I was going to fail in the exam because it was very tough and it was just 10 minutes later.

I was very sad because everyone was prepared and even if I scored 70% I would have failed the exam if the others scored very high and I was very sure that they were going to score high. All my hard work studying throughout this day would be useless. Just right before a drop of tear well down from my eyes, there was an announcement and the exam was postponed to 12<sup>th</sup> Sept. I didn't know how to thank Baba at the very moment. If it's not His help I don't know what could have happened to me in the exam. I'm very grateful to Baba and took a copy of the paper and came back to study again. Even though it is an open book examination but still I'm just praying right now so that I'll be blessed to do well on Monday. At this very moment the words of Baba's eleven assurances strike my head again **"I am ever living to help and guide all who come to me, who surrender to me and who seek refuge in me". One who believe in Him will be never been neglected by Him. Sai Ram, all the credits only go to our loveable BABA.**

# BABA BLESS ME WITH A JOB

By: VenuSumanth Talluri

By Baba's blessings right time has arrived for me to write my experience in this article. It is the second time I am writing my experience over here. I promised Baba when I succeed in getting a job I will pen my experience here.

Actually I have suffered a lot to get a job, attended many interviews, some of them were successful, but unfortunately nothing worked out. Though the interviewers were satisfied with my answers, I never landed up with any real job. Every day I prayed to Baba to give me any little job. It went on like this for almost a year. I cried a lot in front of Baba, asked him so many times that why He was testing me like this. Everyone around me was fine, then why I should suffer like this. Though I accept these as the effects of my past karmas, I am at your holy lotus feet and why can't you wipe out these bad karmas which I did in my past life and save me from the troubles. Every day I used to get up believing that Baba would help me in my job search and do some miracle for me. I used to clear all interviews and they always told me that they would get back to me with an offer, but that never happened. I was very depressed because of constant failures.

I used to ask my questions at [www.shirdiSaiBaba.com](http://www.shirdiSaiBaba.com) and most of the times I got answers stating that I would get a job in July. I know that Baba knows what to give and what not to give to his devotees; he only knows what is good for his children. But the frustration I had sometimes made me hate Sai, but this used to last for few minutes and very next minute I would fall at Baba's feet and ask his forgiveness.

Finally I got a job for which I have to move coast to coast in US. I got this job in July. Now I am working since one and a half month. First two weeks were really difficult as I couldn't understand what they exactly do, and still now I am facing a lot of troubles from the company's management. I am praying Baba to help me survive in this job. Baba, please help me to get rid out all the troubles. You know everything. You gave me this job and you have to make me survive here. Please forgive me and show your mercy on your poor kid. Baba I promise you that I would not repeat the mistakes I did knowingly and unknowingly. Please help me Baba.

Without Saibaba I am nothing, without him I could not have come to US and worked here. Baba Please bless me and stay beside me all the time no matter where I am. You know what I want and you know when and what to give me. You know what is right and what is not. I love you so much Baba. Please bless all your children and please save them from all the troubles they are facing.

Jai Sai Ram

# SAI TERI KRIPA APARAMPAR

By: Rani Gupta

I and family belong to Nepal which is a beautiful place full of peace and Natural beauty. We have a small Business and we are all together 10 members in family. My Dad basically is very simple and hardworking and also trusts people very soon. He is soft at heart and can't say NO to any person but to his own family. We are believer of Our Sai and we follow his words "Shradha aur Saburi" so we completely have faith in him. Because of this I say him "MY SAI".

We have so many staffs working in our firm and for one family business purpose my Dad had to send some



valuable things to one of his party (other partner). He asked one of the staff members to do that. From middle of his way our staff member returned back and said that when he was travelling in a bus, he fell asleep and someone took away all the valuables.

When we heard this we blamed him. He begged us for his life and convinced us to forgive him for his mistake. My Dad believed him and forgave him and told him do his work as usual. That loss was a great shock for us because of it we were very much upset. But as we are believer of Our Sai we prayed him day and night all the time and we did Sai Vrat on Thursday till many months, also read Sai Satcharitra every day. We were told by someone that our staff who gave us this big loss is doing well in his personal life leading luxurious life. With the help of army we went to his house with search warrant and got back 75% of our lost amount. All credit goes to our Sai and my parents visited Saibaba in Shirdi. Life has become easy now with all Love and blessings of Sai Baba. *BOW TO SHREE SAI PEACE BE TO ALL.*



# TRANSFORMATION OF SELF IS THE BEST GIFT TO THE GURU

By: Gaurav Kathuria

Our true nature is sublime and divine. But we do not experience it. We assume we will achieve this goal with our own self-prescribed directives and rules without the help of a guide on the path. Hence, in travelling the most important journey of our lives i.e. to reach Divinity we try to make it on our own. We waste precious time in making the mistakes that could have been avoided if we had followed the path traversed by someone, who has already reached the goal.

It is the Guru who shows us how. Initially it is difficult to obey the Guru's instructions as we have been conditioned to listening to our own minds. Very often we are unfocused in our efforts to achieve our spiritual goals. However there is very little a Guru can do unless a person really wants to grow spiritually.

Transforming oneself is the best gift one can give to the Guru. He then gains the satisfaction of knowing that His mission of making you merge with the Divine is being accomplished.

How can that flame be lit in your heart? How can you offer a transformed self at His feet?

## Golden guidelines

### Yearning leads to Transformation

Yearning is ignited when we are clear about the aim of our life. If one is not sure of what the aim of one's life is, then reading and study of spiritual scriptures can give direction to one's thoughts.

Every individual has Godly qualities at the time of birth. However, after being born, the child steadily gets acquainted with the outside world. The effect of the outside world and the way in which the child is brought up by his parents affects his spiritual progress. As the child grows, he gets more and more entangled in the Great illusion (Maya) and forgets his life's aim. Therefore, God takes the form of the Guru for the spiritual progress of each and every embodied soul (*jiva*). The Guru is the manifest form of God. He guides those souls who have intense desire for liberation.

If a seeker has intense yearning, then he receives God's grace which helps to activate the dormant qualities in him and he begins getting transformed.

### **Learning Fuels Yearning**

Learning helps us to crystallize in our minds what it is that we are really aspiring towards. Thus a desire develops to attain the goal. When intense desire for Liberation develops, then only will there be a constant flow of the Guru's grace upon you. For that to happen, we must try to learn at every stage and from every aspect of our lives. We know that God or Guru is in charge of all that happens in our lives so in the larger perspective nothing can go wrong with our lives. Lord Dattatreya had 24 Gurus in Nature. He kept on learning something from each and every



Guru, be it a tree, the sea or even the humble bee. In order to acquire the Guru's grace, we must increase our learning attitude and become desirous of Liberation.

### **Think about God/Guru rather than yourself**

We keep our minds occupied with several unnecessary thoughts. Some of us foster a worrying attitude. Instead of worrying, if we use our time in remembering God, then the worries will automatically get resolved. Due to remembering God, He will always be present with us. In addition to this, by constantly thinking about God and keeping our mind occupied in repeating the name of God, it will help in reducing the reactions occurring in our mind.

One tangible way to disengage oneself from thoughts of self is to think about others' needs. Something as simple as acknowledging others' opinions when in conversation can help one experience true spiritual love.

**Praying for guidance rather than deciding oneself**

Taking the correct and appropriate decision is paramount in so many aspects of life. Human knowledge is very limited and many times we are faced with a situation wherein we have to take decisions beyond our intelligence as we have to see the situation from so many different angles and also the impact of that decision over time. Thus we understand the limitation of our decision-making capacity. The moment we feel that we cannot take a decision or the decision that we have taken seems to be inappropriate, we should surrender to God whole-heartedly and pray to Him to suggest an appropriate solution.

**Instead of finding fault with others, strive to change yourself**

If someone makes a mistake we feel a strong reaction in the mind against the person who has made the mistake. This reaction may remain unexpressed or it may erupt into an angry exchange of words. Instead in such a situation we should contemplate on positive thoughts like 'Why has God created this incident? What does God want to teach me through the incident? What qualities do I need to imbibe to cope better in this situation?'

With regards to our own mistakes, we need to become alert and try to rectify our mistakes. Initially we try to improve our actions instead of going deeper to the source and reducing the root personality defect responsible for the mistake.

**Pay gratitude instead of feeling distressed**

During adverse times we should pay gratitude to God for getting spiritual practice done and instead of falling prey to any negative emotions, we should foster a learning attitude. By doing this, our attitude of viewing each and every incident in life will become positive and we will learn to overcome obstacles. By expressing gratitude, God teaches the seeker to find a way even in adverse situations. Thus we learn to grow spiritually in adverse situations instead of being defeated by them. This is only due to the grace of the Guru and God.

**The Guru's Resolve**

The Guru only needs to see you make a genuine effort and then it is He who accomplishes the transformation in you.

# BABA BLESSED ME AND MY FAMILY

By: Jaimini Patel

We went to India this year in February and planned a trip to Saputara, Shirdi, Naasik, Shani Dhaam, and Muktidhaam. So the day finally came and we were travelling by car. Before Saputara on the way from the car I saw the sign of "Shabri Dhaam and Pampa Sarovar". I asked our friend whether it was the same place as mentioned in Ramayana. He said indeed it was the same place. I was very happy with tears in my eyes as Shri Ram had answered my prayers. By Baba's grace I am a devotee of Shri Ram and Hanumanji. I regularly read Ramayana and it gives me eternal bliss, specially the episodes of Bharat Milap in Chitrakut and Shabri mata. When I read about Shabri mata in Ramayan I always wished if can visit the place where Lord Ram met Shabri mata. As our trip was planned so tightly I could not even think of going to Shabri Dhaam and got upset, but going to Shirdi and visiting Sai Baba kept me happy. We had very good darshan of Sai Baba and with Baba's grace we reached the Samadhi Temple right before Shej Aarti started. We then visited all the places in Shirdi and went to our hotel.

I kept thinking of Shabri Dhaam for the rest of the evening. I talked to our friend if we could visit Shabri Dhaam the next day. I was afraid that my husband and he will say NO but with Baba's grace it was decided that we would not go to Nasik and Shani Dhaam but go to Shabri Dhaam instead. I was very happy. The next day we visited Muktidhaam. It is the most beautiful temple I have seen of Lord Rama with all the main deities and Sai Baba. We had great darshan and we started for Shabri Dhaam. When we reached there I was mesmerized by beauty of Pampa sarovar and Shabri Dhaam temple itself. It was getting darker and I was told by our friend that I would be able to spend only 5-10 minutes and we would need to head back. As I entered the temple to my surprise the evening Aarti was going on. Here again Baba in form of Shri Ram blessed my visit by letting me be a part of his Aarti. The tears of joy were coming out of my eyes and this was the moment of my life. I felt so much at peace and the environment around Shabri Dhaam was so pure, pious, and I felt eternal bliss here. I spent barely 10 minutes in Shabri Dhaam but it will remain with me for rest of the life.

Another experience I want to share with you is Baba visiting in my dream. In my dream I went inside Hanumanji temple but there was no idol of Hanumanji, I saw RAM written with Sindoor. So I bowed down and came out of the temple. Then I started walking towards Ganesha temple but before even I could go there I saw Baba laying there on a "khatiya" or bed in open yard of the temple. There were people sitting around Baba and I bowed down at Baba's feet. Then Baba called out to me and said, Jaimini come and give me some water. So I helped Baba to get up from the bed halfway and gave him water. He drank the water and I again went to his feet, touched them and bowed to them. My grandfather was also supposed to come for Baba's darshan but was not able to due to his bad health (my grandfather passed away in 2002). And I woke up from my dream.

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I asked Baba a question on the website and I was told to listen to Baba's Aarti and to read Akkalkot maharaja Charitra. I began reading the book and had a beautiful darshan of Akkalkot maharaja sitting on a Shiv lingam. I wish Baba is always in my thoughts, dreams, talks, work, and anything I do. Jai Sai Nath.

# ME AND MY BABA

By: Savita

I always wanted to send my experiences with my Lord Sai but had put one condition for sending it. That condition is still valid though I feel Baba wants me to share my experiences unconditionally. So here I am. I don't know where to start from. There have been so many experiences, when I had lost all hope, when my faith shattered into millions of pieces and then all of a sudden I got the sign or experience that Baba is watching over and taking care.

My contact with Baba started many years ago. My devotion started by begging Him to bestow His blessings on my daughter who is facing delay in her marriage. I am still begging and once in a while I lose my faith and get angry with Baba for not making it happen. Baba says have patience and full faith. I am trying and that gives me hope.

One of my friends recommended me to keep Ma Vaibhav Lakshmi's fast on Fridays. I know Baba was never in favor of keeping fasts. But one Thursday evening I decided to follow the recommendation and keep the fast. Next morning when I opened my mail box, there was copy of Samarpan magazine (July issue) with Baba's photo in Ma Lakshmi Avatar. I was overwhelmed and tears started flowing in my eyes. What a way to show me His presence!

This is not the first time I have experienced His presence, still I forget and start losing faith, but then immediately Baba gives me sign, telling me why fear when I am here. He helps me to strengthen my faith in Him. I am sure Baba will listen to my prayers and my daughter will soon get married. He has molded me and my family such that even after my daughter gets married, we will always feel the closeness with Baba and will never leave His feet. My husband had never believed in worship, but the moment He went to Shirdi, which has been many years ago, he became Baba's staunch devotee and has complete faith in HIM. This is one of the biggest miracles, Baba has shown to me.

I send my best wishes to all the devotees and my sincere regards and prayers to Baba. Jai Sai Ram. Be with us all and bless us.

# BABA CAME TO MY HOUSE

By: Vijay

I would like to thank Shri Sai Baba for giving me an opportunity to publish my article about the miracles I experienced. I and my family have been devotees of Sai Baba since quite a long time now and we have been helped and taken care of by Baba through all thick and thin. Be it financial status, job, food, clothing, shelter, family issues and anything, Baba has been beside me all the time guiding me like a father. On this September 14th it will be complete one year since my father passed away and I feel that Shri Sai Baba is my father now who has come to our house in the form of a beautiful marble statue (original Old Marble Stone from Shirdi) of Baba.

I am happy that my mother, brother and I are worshipping our Baba, daily, humbly and if we have done any mistake knowingly or unknowingly, I sincerely beg Baba to kindly forgive us and show mercy on us forever.

I have done mistakes and even now I do lot of mistakes but I pray to Baba to keep guiding me by holding my hand tightly.



# SAI IS MY FATHER

By: Himani Anand

We cannot see the wind  
We only hear it whisper  
It makes the grasses bend  
whenever it passes by

We cannot see Sai's love  
But in our hearts we know  
He watches over us  
Wherever we may go

We do not have to see  
To know the wind is here  
We do not have to see  
To know Sai's love is near

No one knows from where Sai Baba came. He came as an angel on this earth. I consider myself really lucky to call myself daughter of Sai Baba. He is everything to me and where ever I go I always find him with me. Whether I am happy or sad, he is the first one I share it with because I never treated him as God but my Father. The best thing is whenever I get stuck in a situation I always close my eyes, remember him and he always comes in front of me and asks "Bolo Beta Kya Hua" and then being a daughter I start telling my stories and he always smiles while looking at me, sometimes I think that I talk too much and one day Baba may say as my mother "You talk so much, talk less", but it has been more than 10 years that I am eating his head because I know he is the only person who listens me like a father and guides me like a mother.

In Earlier days my mother used to be very confused while seeing me talking to my Baba because she couldn't find anyone there and she used to wonder with whom I talk. As it was strange situation for her, she asked me one day and I told her that I talk to Sai Baba. She was surprised to know this. That time my father was also unwell and he was on bed rest for three years and the worst part was that none of the doctors were able to diagnose what had happened to him. I have two siblings, one younger sister and a younger brother and we all were in school that time and it was a difficult situation for my mother to handle us alone. My mother was very upset and I told her "I know Baba hum sab ka test le rahe hain, don't worry wo hi papa ko theek karenge" and that time I was the only one who believed in Baba but after listening to me, I and my mother went to Lodhi Road "Sai Temple". To every one's surprise, the very next day doctors said that my father have some thyroid and a cervical issue and it would be better for him that he should start going for work. We were amazed that the doctors who suggested to my father, not to work, are saying that he should continue working. Since then my mother actually



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believed that I don't talk to walls, I talk to my father, my Baba. Now it's my routine that after going back home from work I always sit at the terrace for around an hour and discuss everything with my Baba, all about what I did in my office, with whom I fought and what I have said etc etc, and as usual he has to listen to his daughter because now he is also used to it.

The best thing about my Baba is that whenever I need to know what way I should choose, he always shows me two roads, one is a way to advantage and other is to disadvantage. He then advices me about my call that whatever step I will take would be my decision. Whether it's good or bad I should not blame him for it as being a father he has shown me both the ways and I am the one to choose. So just one line for my dad "Love you a lot" and thank you for being with me.

# SCIENTIST WAS BABA FOR ME

By: Kiran Kumar N

First of first, I beg pardon to my lord Sai Baba for long delay to share my experience and miracle I had in my life.

I had worst of my life experience from 2007-2009 with, my father being mentally depressed, engagement been cancelled and other personal woes. My family always trusted and continued to be under Baba's lotus feet. We did not lose faith in Baba, but problems started multiplying with other family members boycotting our family and my character been targeted at.

My heart broke when the doctors were diagnosing my father for long mental depression towards Parkinson's diseases and our life at home was hell of an experience for all the family members. My father was subjected to various medicines/tests but there was no relief either for him or for us. As most of us know that there are no medicines for Parkinson's disease.

Things started changing and there was a small ray of hope where a common friend suggested us to take my father to a scientist who has done some research in Parkinson. When we happened to meet him, we saw miracle, Sai Baba's photo was found on his desk, and he observed my father and gave us some prescription. The only thought in our mind was it came from Baba's blessing and without any word we continued medicine given by Scientist. After 3 months, I took my father to diagnosis with neurosurgeon and this test proved negative. Our joy was endless as Baba blessed us. My father was then healthy and my marriage was settled with a very good partner and we are blessed with a baby boy too.

Baba, time and again you have shown us path where sincere devotion and faith in you can take away any obstacles in our lives. I pray for the well-being of all and may I humbly submit to you to settle my sister's marriage.

# UNBELIEVABLE EXPERIENCES WITH BABA

By: Kamal Prasad

I am a retired army person re-employed in a private firm. I perform Sai puja in whatever little way I could, daily. Blessed with two lovely daughters and one son, I am a content filled individual praying for everybody's welfare. I am a small disciple of Sai and have been experiencing his blessings in one form or other since childhood. The most memorable to be mentioned are:-

My father was called upon for war duties in the year 1962. I was three years then. When I and my mother went to see him off at Railway station, I found my mother crying. When train left with my father, we came out and found a fakir outside the railway station who told me and my mother that my father would be coming in the same train with which he left. Go to Sai temple and place a garland to Sai Baba. This was the first introduction to Lord Sai and imagine in the year 1962, we placed garland on the statue of Sai for Rs 1.25 which my mother probably earned after doing contract job.

I had been praying whenever I get time, as a student. I had been relieved off my worries whatsoever came to me by lord Sai.

During Aug 1984, I had a dream wherein Baba came as a young officer in white half pant and white T Shirt and told me that I am first in my course which I was undergoing, it was Clerks training at Aurangabad then. I took it as an illusion and kept on doing daily work. Next day again he came in the same form and told me that you are not believing me. When I got up and remembered the dream, I again thought illusion and went to attend the class. There the senior instructor declared and I was astonished and then I realized that dream was of Baba only as daily I used to chant Sai arti.

While reading Sai Satcharitra on one of the mornings in 1988 when I was at a forward location in army, the photograph of lord Sai (Samadhi and deity Photo) in the Sai Satcharitra spoke to me about my marriage and I kept to myself thinking this as another illusion but in the evening a letter came from my parents and I was called. When I reached home, the marriage was fixed.

I was a witness in an Inquiry wherein it seemed that I am going to be convicted. In my dream a bold line square appeared inside which there were three faces (one being mine and two others who were culprits). I heard a sound asking me whether I want to come out and upon saying yes, my face came out from the square where there was no opening. Next day, I was pronounced acquitted and the two faces in the square were convicted.

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I had experienced ultimate blessings of lord Sai when on 17 Mar 1994; I was poisoned in food and made unconscious. After that kerosene was poured on me and house was lit on fire. All material belongings were burnt except three things viz Sai Photo, Sai Satcharitra and myself. The huge fire could not burn even a single hair of my body and I came out of the room which was burning. This happened when I came on leave. But believe me dear devotees, I met Baba at Rangiya Railway station in the form of a Sadhu who asked me if I can give him food. I gave him food and he gave me in return a red stone to be kept in my possession always to which I asked him what this is. The sadhu took that stone in his chimta (A Forcep like instrument carried by



sadhus), took out a long hair of his beard and rotated that hair to the stone and put that stone fixed on chimta into the fire of the dhaba. To my astonishment, the hair was not at all burnt. He told me you keep this stone with you and nobody can touch you. "Tumhara baal bhi baka nahi hoga". I remember that stone was in my pocket of the trousers when this incident happened.

There are many more experiences. I kept these incidents with me enjoying Baba's blessings. After watching the experiences shared by devotees, I have made my heart to come out with the above. Also, after the fire incident, I came to Shirdi and at Gurusthan, a 25-30 years old women

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clad in white sari and white cloth covering her head, came from behind me and said "Sai Ram bola ki". After this she vanished. I tried to search her but could not find her. This lady seemed to be an African woman. This was in 1994. Many of the devotees who visited during this period might have seen her because when I enquired, many told me, God knows from where she comes and where she goes but there are reports that she approaches many devotees, utters something in the ears and vanishes. In fact during this period I was a sort of psychic patient totally depressed with the situation without support from parents, in laws, friends etc but had firm faith on Lord Sai which has sailed me through that phase. Since then, my life has improved upon and we all (my family of two daughters, one son and my wife) are indebted to Lord Sai Baba. If any Sai bhakt wants to experience Sai's blessings, I want to humbly suggest that Sai Satcharitra should be read continuously regularly and leave the rest to the glorious feet of Lord Sai.

I remain a humble servant in the name of Lord Sai. May Lord Sai grant Peace and Prosperity to all. One of the experiences is of how Sai Baba made my younger brother walk from Bhandak (Distt Chandrapur) Maharashtra to Shirdi followed by few more experiences.

Blessed are we all that we still get glimpse of presence of Sai Baba. My younger brother who is retired from Army and now serves as Security Guard at SBI Ordinance Factory, Chandrapur Branch, saw a shadow in a Hanuman temple and felt that there is somebody present. What transpired between the shadow and my brother is not known but my brother states that he made a promise that he will visit Baba on foot. Accordingly on 26th Jan 2011, he along with five others started from Village Bhandak (PIN 442 902) for Shirdi. As per my brother's statement he was met by Sai Baba on route twice. All the same, a 45 years old person have traveled on foot for approx 720 KMs and had darshan on 18<sup>th</sup> February 2011.

As I serve at Pune, I intended to go and meet my brother and offer him a glass of water, but after all planning when I was about to start, my boss cancelled my leave on grounds of exigencies of services and I could not go. Baba correctly said that He will call His people with small string attached and nobody can visit unless desired by Baba. Walking up to Shirdi for approx. 700 KMs is itself a rare feat in our family and I bow to the power of Baba. Before this, when I was traveling in Maharashtra express sometime between 15 Jan 2011, the train stopped at Platform in Ahmednagar and it was about 0300 hours. I was the only one awake and there was nobody on Platform. I saw a big painting of Sai Baba hanging on which was written in Marathi "Welcome to all Sai Bhakt". First thing is, platform was empty, and secondly the coach stopped exactly in front of hanging painting made me understands that Baba is waiting for me.

Accordingly when I came back from leave, on first Saturday, I started for Shirdi and had a wonderful darshan. The garland for Samadhi Temple, which I bought, was sought by one person who was standing behind me as soon as I offered it. Again, one garland which I took was offered at Dwarakamai early in the morning, which was given to Sansthan persons and that garland was offered to Sai portrait kept behind the Baba stone. This made me feel satisfied that offerings are being accepted by Baba. Also, whilst again moving in Maharashtra Express from

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Pune, I noticed those paintings on Platform No 3 but the way my compartment stopped in front of painting on that day and only I being awake at 0300 hrs and watching Baba face to face (though in painting) is what makes it special.

Dearest all Sai Bhakt, please believe me, He is present in any form you think. After the darshan, I had gone to Ambikapur Sai Dham near Kopergaon. This Sai Dham is just 15 KMs from Shirdi and one Mr. Dhondu Chavan resides there. When I met him he said "You started your life as zero. You have risen from ash. Don't worry, Baba is with you always". I earnestly request all Sai Bhakta to visit Sai Dham at Ambikapur (Kopergaon). It is just 15 to 18 KMs and auto will charge about 150 rupees. This is a serene place and Sai leela can be experienced. Also, Mr Dhondu Chavanji if willing only tells about you otherwise he is always praying to Baba and is famous for being Baba's devotee.

I would also like to add here that during 1994, when I was still in Army, it was Vijaydashmi and since my visit from 1966 (when we were allowed to enter Lord Samadhi), I had a desire that I shall be a bearer (Carrying palanquin) to the Sai Palanquin, which is taking a round at Shirdi, but it was not fulfilled. During 1994, I was sleeping up to 1000 hrs and suddenly, I started for Shirdi after getting and freshening up. As soon as I reached Shirdi and got down from bus, I ran towards the palanquin which was already taking a round. Just then one of the person, who himself was bearer called me saying "I am awaiting you since long" please come and carry this around the village. Just imagine my excitement. I had done this and this is because of Baba's blessing. Dear Sai devotees, please note that Sai is alive and is helping us. Shibpur Sai temple, four Hours from Kolkatta is in the news now a days and many Sai Bhakt have started visiting. I have a desire to visit this temple also. Let's see when Sai Calls.

# SRI SAI BABA'S LEELA

By: Ujwala Bajpai

After marriage I had always dreamt of a home at Mumbai. Having expressed this feeling to my husband we started a frantic search for the same, we visited various estate agents and builders. In the process we came across one agent who introduced us to a seller with clear and guaranteed sanction and disbursement of housing loan of Rs.11 lakhs. With such assurance we proceeded ahead completing all formalities of purchase and loan. Advance cash amount of Rs. 7 lakhs was given to the seller. But to our astonishment the estate agent did not extend any help which was committed by him. Due to this we faced a lot of hurdles in getting loan.

One of the reputed housing finance companies sanctioned the loan. When we went to collect the cheque on the prescribed date, we were told by one of the executives of that finance company that the branch head was busy in a meeting at their head office and would return by evening. We may come back in the evening to collect the cheque. We requested the executive that it was the last day of payment and we needed to give the cheque for completing the formalities. Considering our situation and the prevailing facts he agreed to at least give us a photo copy of the cheque of amount Rs. 11 lakhs to get the final papers of registry getting transferred in my name. We returned to our seller and showed him the cheque. Believing us he signed all papers relating to the transfer of his flat in my name and other departments such as Municipal Corporation, CIDCO, MSEB, etc.

After completing these formalities when we reached the bank to collect the original cheque, all hell broke loose. The branch manager refused to hand over the cheque stating irrelevant excuses. Much as we tried he was not ready. This was communicated to our estate agent who was least bothered. He only said that as we are not able to complete the deal on the prescribed time we shall be losing our entire amount. And as the seller happened to be posted at Police Commissioners office he held influence of powerful political persons also. This gave a terrible shock. It was then that we visited Sri Sai Baba's first temple and placed the situation at Baba's feet.

One day having noticed that we were not reverting, the seller approached me on my cell and told to meet him at his friend's place. His friend also happened to be a builder having a strong clout. I met him and narrated the whole episode. Seeing the situation his friend expressed his willingness in getting us the loan in case we were ready. This came as a wonderful ray of hope. Then again we started from beginning all the formalities of completing the papers for loan. But this time it was different. This time Sri Sai Baba was in command. The loan was sanctioned and disbursed within 25 days flat (Having Tried For 70 Days on Our Efforts) and that too from a nationalized bank. We are now proud owners of our flat. Om Sai Ram.

# SAI-BABA: MY PROTECTOR AND CARE-TAKER

By: ARVIND NARVEKAR

Oh Sai Deva, my humble salutations to you. How I wish, I should have been there with You at "DwarakaMai" during Your physical presence; I could have stayed close to You at Your feet. I'm aware that even now I'm with You forever because I know that even if You have departed to Your Heavenly abode, You are still present in a subtle form to guide and protect Your devotees, at their beck and call.

Although Sai Baba does physically not exist, His presence and Grace are felt consistently by His yearning seekers.

I pray to God every day, in my happier moments also, for the benedictions I received to lead a fit and healthy life.

Well, just two months prior to my retirement, on 24th July 2006, in the office, the fateful ailment struck my entire being - when I started feeling spinning on top of my head and could not maintain my composure. I was losing my balance. I was going crazy. Momentarily I thought, "Does this have to do anything with the heart?", because my heart was madly pounding against my chest. Company Doctor who diagnosed the disease as tinnitus vertigo said it has no known cure. It scrambles your brain and takes you for a roller-coaster ride. But he further clarified that vertigo is not a disease. It's one of the most frequent symptoms reported by adults in which the spinning sensation is felt when the head moves. It's an inner ear inadequacy, an equilibrium disorder, causing unsteadiness.

My life no longer seemed my own. The loud noise in my left ear was making it impossible to deal with my responsibilities and sometimes I was short tempered with my family because they hardly realized that every little noise they made aggravated my condition! I couldn't eat or sleep normally; and I was growing more depressed. I was reaching my breaking point. Something had to be done and it had to be done quickly or I was going to lose my mind. I had to strengthen my will-power.

Every day I was talking with Sai-Baba in my thoughts pleading Him to rescue me from the deadly symptoms of Vertigo because I never wished to be a liability to my family as I was fighting the demons of helplessness. I have absolute faith in SaiBaba and I was sure He would give me a solution to eradicate my problem. SaiBaba told me, since I would have to live with this ailment throughout my life-span; I must make positive amends with it and make it friendly,



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making simple life-style changes in daily habits to drastically reduce that horrendous noise of tinnitus in my ears. SaiBaba said, the power of my mind and mental capabilities can help tackle vertigo.

You may be wondering how I talk with SaiBaba! It's my wife Uma who taught me to hold daily conversations with SaiBaba and it really gives me Peace and confidence. I talk with SaiBaba through thought process. It's a kind of profound telepathy, you can say! You can do it - if you believe.

Saibaba further told me that I must change my attitude toward life like more control over senses, less indulgence, lots of meditation and the belief that the more relaxed I am, the more stress-free I will be. This holistic approach worked wonders.

SaiBaba is the greatest healer. I have noticed many miraculous healings through prayer and faith. If you believe in Him and ask him something, He gives it. But, God has plans to prosper every human-being according to nature's laws. You have to be patient and wait for your turn. It was through the benediction of Saibaba I was directed to proper Doctors and many other senior people who guided me and my vertigo went on diminishing to the point that I can lead a normal life.

Believe me, with SaiBaba - anything is possible, but you got to be just and righteous. No matter what divine stories are being told about SaiBaba's miraculous powers, He never claimed himself to be a God. Baba's miracles were to provide succor to the suffering humanity and to infuse strength into them to face life as it is, and to reinforce faith among people to turn toward god. There were countless beneficiaries who were transformed morally and spiritually. God is inspiring all of us all the time.

Om Sai Ram.

# TRAVEL IN GENERAL COMPARTMENT

By: Ravish Bhatt

I wish to share my latest experience with Baba with you all. I wanted to visit Shirdi, however it seemed difficult because I was not getting leave from office. In the month of August, from 13<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup>, I got my leaves approved, however then another problem came up. There were no tickets available for the journey. I told my wife that we would certainly go to Shirdi and even if we had to travel in general compartment of train. On the day of the travel, I entered into the general compartment and got enough space for us. I went very comfortably and could even sleep from Durg to Manmad. My return trip was equally comfortable in general compartment. And this fabulous trip was made possible by Baba. Baba is always with us and helps all of us.

Om Sai Ram.

# THE LOTUS FEET OF SAI BABA

By: Ashish

I have been a normal human being with an average expectation from life since childhood. But, I had been always curious about the afterlife and also the supernatural powers in this world. I used to sleep in my grandmother's room when I was a child and she told me a lot about religions and meditation. She even narrated me many stories of fairies, gods and even the messengers of god. While listening to those stories my mind used to draw a picture of this outer world and wanted to be there or meet one of the messengers of god. I grew up with this thirst and I tried everything to get connected to God but couldn't get there. I went to every place: temple, gurudwara, church, masjid and even met lots of people who claimed to be the messengers of god. I did get some knowledge from them but never satisfaction. All the years I had been a regular follower of lord hanuman and every day read chalisa.

About 5 years back my family shifted from Delhi to Chandigarh, that time I was working in Wipro BPO and had to quit the job due to this shifting. It was really tough to find a similar job in Chandigarh. I joined one of the companies with a package that was lesser than the half of my previous salary. After joining there I used to do my work and kept thinking of the future as I wasn't alone and had a wife. I was totally unaware of any solution for this issue.

One day I went to get a CD on rent and searched for something different and started shuffling the boxes of CDs in one of the shops near my home and suddenly I found a CD named "Shirdi Sai Baba ki kahani", I got so attracted with that CD cover itself that I just picked it and asked the shopkeeper that I wanted to have this one only. I came back to my home and started watching that CD. I found it interesting as the story of Baba is very nice and interesting. In between the movie there is a scene where mahalsapati asks Baba to show his real form and Baba shows his real form, his size increased to the maximum and he had the faces of almost all the gods. The one that impressed me was the face of lord hanuman. Then Baba said "I am all in all and you can rely on me only as I am the starter and I am the destroyer and I am the only preserver." That dialogue attracted me a lot.

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After finishing the movie I wanted to be connected with Baba and I noticed the picture calendar of Baba pasted on the door of an old Elmira of my mother. That picture had been pasted on that door for about 7 years I did notice it and read the Sai saar but never got involved in it. Well, I took it out carefully and shaped it with scissors and pasted it on a shelf of my room. Then I thought about decorating that picture and hung a string of pearls. Then see the magic that it just came into my mind that I should try decorating the image with sandal wood paste. I did not have an idea but still I applied a drop of that paste on his forehead, ears and even decorated his nails of hand and feet. I also lighted up a Dhoop which I continued to do every day. After 5 or 6 days something strange happened. I had a habit of cleaning my computer table and so I did it on Saturday. While placing the PC back I saw a stain like thing, I tried to wipe it off with cloth and even tried collin, finally when it didn't go off, I asked my wife to see that what it was, she was surprised and shockingly said "oh, my God it's the impressions of Sai Baba's feet, like they are in the Sai temple" I had been to Baba's temple but long time back and didn't have an idea about this. After her statement I saw them carefully and found that they were actually in the shape of feet. I was astonished that Baba had shown his presence at my home. I invited my



neighbors also and they also said that I was a lucky one to be blessed by Sai Baba.

From that day onwards my interest increased in Sai Baba, but still my financial state was continuously bothering me. But, as they say that master knows all about his servants, so did Baba do. I got an offer from IBM Daksha New Delhi and I made up my mind to go back to Delhi. I was worried about the expenses there as I would have to live there in a rented accommodation. But Baba is great and he had planned something more for me. On the departure day I had my bike's fuel tank filled, packed my bags and went to take the blessings of my father. He asked me for a cup of tea, I said that I was in a hurry as I had to ride my Pulsar till Delhi. He insisted again and I stopped, while having the cup of tea we discussed about future plans and in the end my father asked me to start a business rather than doing a job In BPO. I don't know how and why I agreed to his offer. At that very moment I decided to start the business of running an academy. I also decided the academy's name "Sai Academy - a step ahead". I started the business in solan H.P as I wanted to start from a small city. I worked very hard for 3 years and though I did not mint money but what I got was really precious; first of all I was blessed with a beautiful and very active daughter and I have my own house in Chandigarh. I shifted my place and academy from Solan to Chandigarh.

The work did not go well here as I had broken the commitment that I made to Baba. I had promised that I would quit pan masala, but I did not do so. Baba is a strict master, I realized my error and asked forgiveness from Baba and quit that habit. Baba is generous and he has given

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me one more chance to grow. Now my new business of Emu farming is on the way. Dear friends, this is my story of experience with Baba and there are more day to day experiences of Baba that I would share later. Just remember that whatever Baba does is for good for you. Om Sai ram.

# MY EXPERIENCE WITH SAIBABA

By: Anonymous (name withheld on request)

I don't have words to describe his kripa, which, our dear Saibaba has showered upon me and my family, since my birth as Guru Nanak Dev ji, and starting from 2006, as Sri Saibaba of Shirdi ,and certain incidences, which led us to believe that both are one.

My family and I have seen so many incidents where Guruji showered his blessings and love on us. These incidents reflected as his divine miracles in times of need. There are numerous such miracles, which we experienced, and due to shortage of time, rather I should say, as a human being, my incapability to express all those incidents, I will share only one such experience in this Samarpan magazine.



It was year of 2009, I was preparing for my pre-medical entrance. I had tried a few times earlier as well, but due to certain factors and my family's financial conditions; I could not get admission to any medical college. I was in huge depression. I was trying my best, yet I wasn't improving in my preparatory tests. One day, I was reading the chapter regarding sugarless tea of Mr. Cholkar and how by Baba's grace he cleared the departmental exam and got promoted. Also, on further reading I read the chapter regarding, gentlemen from Goa, how one of the gentleman retrieved his lost jewels and cash, by Baba's kripa, by taking up a vow of

giving up of his favorite food. That time only, in the February of 2009, I thought of taking a vow, of giving up my favorite food rice in any form until and unless I get admission in some decent medical college, in honor of Saibaba, and for him to fulfill my desire of getting in a decent medical college and become a doctor.

Further, my exam was in June 2009. Just few days, before the exam, a huge tragedy fell upon us, my father, who was a heart patient, expired due to heart attack in May'2009. It was just a few days, since my dad was gone, still, my family gave me the courage to take up the exam, and hope for the best, though, I hadn't even read a single word before the exam. As hopeless I already was, I took up the exam and left everything upon Saibaba. I was already hopeless and wasn't even in my wildest dream, thinking of cracking up the exam and getting admission.

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Just before the result was supposed to be declared, I saw Saibaba in my dream, roaming on the streets of Shirdi, with fellow villagers, and I was standing close to him. He came near me, and gave me a water pot full of water and said to me, 'keep this, you will get what you want'. A few days later, my result came out and I got a very good rank and admission in a reputable medical college and, quite contrary to the fact that, I didn't even study nor get the chance to revise my text properly. All fellow Sai Devotees, please know that, I am not advocating that there isn't any necessity of proper preparation and study rather it's just that my conditions at home, at that time were such that, I could not study properly at home before exam.

By Saibaba's kripa, I am about to take up my exam for 2nd year professional next month at this college. I got 1st division marks in my first year, here in this medical college by his kripa only. I cleared all my exams here at this college as well as any exam of this life by his kripa only. I can never forget his timely kripa which saved me and my family from so many problems on several occasions. I just pray that he always showers his kripa on me and my family like this always. May everyone receive his blessings.

Om Sai Ram.

# SPIRITUAL EXPERIENCES WITH SAI BABA

By: Ashok Sharma

Our family is devotee of Shri Sai Babaji. We have many experience of blessing of Shri Sai Babaji and we always feel that Babaji is with us and guide us step by step. This particular experience which I had during this summer vacation is the one which I would like to share with you all. We were in Kolkata in the month of June. In the evening of 23rd June, 2011 we are on a ferry boat and when we reached at Howrah Bridge my wife asked me to take a picture. When I was trying to take picture my camera did not work. I tried many times without success and I was very disappointed. During the return journey we were sitting at Millennium Park, my wife went to buy some snacks and I prayed to Sai Baba to make my camer work as I was new to the city and did not know where to get the camera repaired. After this I kept Babaji in my mind and opened my camera and to my biggest surprise, the camera started working. I do not know how this happened; I think it was Baba's grace.



# **MY SON PASSES EXAM**

By: Ketan Madani

My son was appearing the final exam of his graduation. He was thinking to change the subject and we told him to check with his professor. But we were not ready for the same and we did not want to force him also. We prayed to Sri Sai to look after him. When my son spoke to his professor, he was told not to change the subject.

He was saying his papers went not so good. We prayed to Sri Sai and one day I asked a question to Sri Sai on the web, Sri Sai told me to come to Shirdi. I went to Shirdi on the same day, when my son's result was there.

I reached Shirdi at 5.30pm, booked a room in hotel, took bath and went to the temple. After Sri Sai's darshan, I went to telephone centre to call to my wife and son at 10.00 pm. Both told me happily that he passed and he got the result at the same time when I was praying to Sri Sai sanmukh. I had tears in my eyes and so did my wife and my son. We prayed to Sri Sai mentally many a times and thanked Him for His mercy.

# BABA HELPS DURING FIRE ACCIDENT

By: Renu Arora

Today I want to share wonderful experience of my life in which Babaji saved my family and home from fire in the kitchen. Babaji, from the bottom of my heart I would like to say many thanks to you. I used to get tensed easily but now when I am in your fold I never feel any fear. I leave everything in your hand.

One Monday morning I was preparing meal for my family around 5am. I did not pay attention to the leakage in the gas pipe and while preparing food it caught fire and the fire spread very fast on entire shelf of the kitchen and within in no time entire kitchen was on fire. I shouted for help. My husband and father in law started throwing buckets of water on the fire. I shouted Sai Babaji's name for help because any time gas cylinder could have blown off with my husband and father in law being in kitchen.

Meanwhile, I woke up both my kids and sent them down stairs with my mother in law. I immediately called my brother, father for help. They called the fire station. During this half an hour I was going through a hell like situation. At last I shouted with full volume in front of Sai Babaji photo "Babaji Please come for our help" and then my husband came out of the kitchen and said the fire is controlled and now go and switch off the knob of cylinder. It was really a big miracle that fire got extinguished and nothing happened to our kitchen and wood work of the kitchen was safe as nothing happened in it except lot of water on kitchen floor. It was a big miracle. For the whole day I controlled myself and did our daily routine work. But in the evening when I visit my neighborhood Sai Temple with coconut as Prasad, I couldn't control myself and tears started flowing uncontrollably. Usually I stay alone at home with two small kids as my husband stays out of town because of his business. On that day both my husband and father in law were at home. This was also Babaji's grace. I know Babaji you are always with your devotees. I trust you whole heartedly. What can I say more about our Sai Babaji. Sai Babaji, you are the only one who gives me lot of energy and strength to move on in my life in tough times. Babaji bless us that we live our life in positive way utilizing our life for the benefit of everyone.

# TWO EXPERIENCES

By: Rishi Rathore

I'm very delighted to share these experiences with Sai Baba that happened to me. It is true that those who worship HIM from core of their heart always feel SAI BABA near them. I don't know how I became devotee of Sainath. But since the day he has given me a place at his feet, I'm very relaxed towards my life and never worry about anything as I know that my Baba will take care of my needs. All I do is to remember him daily.

My whole family has slowly started realizing the omnipresence of Sai Baba due to many miracles that happen with me. My elder brother's brother in law (Mr. Basant) had been married for five years but he was not blessed with any child. His family was very worried about him. one day my bhabhiji (his sister), who is true devotee of Sainath, told him to worship Sainath and make a promise that they will visit Shirdi if his wife conceives and they readily agreed. My bhabhiji prayed to Sainath on their behalf. And the miracle did happen. Just after one month his wife became pregnant. Everything was going on fine till that day when my bhabhiji reminded them that they should not forget their promise of visiting Shirdi once she delivers the child. At this Basant said that his guru disallows anyone to worship dead persons and since Sainath is no more he would not go to Shirdi. My bhabhiji

tried her best to make him understand that his wife got this child due to miracle of Sainath and that they had promised to go to Shirdi but he did not agree. Just after two days of this arrogant statement his wife had the abortion. They went to the doctor. After examining her even doctor was confused as everything turned out to be normal. This is just one incident that goes to prove that Sai Baba is always there and have a close watch on every devotee.

My second experience relates to my Shirdi visit. One day my wife and I were discussing about the plans to go to Shirdi. I said that my birthday is on 27th of October and if that falls on



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Thursday I will definitely go to Shirdi. At that time I had no calendar in front of me. When I searched for the day on which 27th October falls I was surprised to see that it was Thursday. We were very happy and immediately we planned to go to Shirdi. But live in Ranchi and we both are working. My wife is in government job and I run an institute. Time was a factor for both of us. So, we searched for flight tickets. You will be surprised to know that all tickets in the month of October were in the range of Rs. 7000 except for 24th of October. It was just Rs. 3600 for a person from Ranchi to Mumbai on that day. I immediately booked the ticket. Next followed the problem of arranging money. I don't have much savings but still wanted to go to Shirdi. I knew it somewhere down my heart that Sai Nath will manage everything. We planned to go to Shirdi via Mumbai. We have to stay in Mumbai for two days. And accommodation there is very costly. I wanted to save every rupee. Two days back I talked to my elder brother who works in Delhi. He said that he will arrange his office guest house in Mumbai for three days and we don't have to pay any amount for that. This was very good news to me. My wife has already booked her bank's guest house in Shirdi. This is all due to miracle of Sai Baba, who has arranged my visit under his guidance. I suggest you all to have faith in Sai Baba and always worship him. He will take care of your needs. Leave all worries aside and surrender yourself at the feet of Sai Baba. May Sai bless every human being with his kindness.

Om Sai Nath!

# BABA PROTECTS MY DAUGHTER

By: Sujata Patil

Our Lord Sai is everywhere and saves bhaktas and dear ones to His bhaktas also. I am writing this experience to share with my fellow friends and bhaktas of Sai Baba.

Our daughter is finishing her third year of fellowship at Harvard. She stays alone and quiet busy with her research and patients. Her apartment is in basement where you have to go downstairs almost 5 stairs. We, her parents, live in China due to my husband's special assignment in Shanghai. Last week, there was hurricane Irene on the East coast of the United States and earth quake just few days ago in the same region. After my daughter told us that she felt earthquake in Boston. I started praying Shree Sai to protect my daughter aftershocks. Fortunately, she did not have any significant damages. Lord Sai can save bhaktas and their children for sure.

Not even one week was passed after this earthquake, we saw on CNN that hurricane Irene is coming towards east coast of the United States of America. Again, I was worried about our daughter. On top of this my husband had to go to Korea on business trip for one week. We could communicate with our daughter on phone and e-mails. Her dad was very worried about her getting drinking water, food, torch, batteries since hurricane was going to from North Carolina to all the way New England area. We told our daughter to finish taking care of patients quickly and go to grocery store. One can imagine how much we were worried about her thousands miles far away. Since her apartment is in basement we were worried about rain and flooding, wind damage. I had trust in Shree Sai that He will be taking care of child, but mother's mind cannot stop worrying about her children. I suggested my daughter to pray God after she finished keeping important paperwork on shelves (in case of water coming in her apartment due to heavy rain). She did exactly what we suggested her. Her dad came back to Shanghai from Korea late night also.

It was late night in China when we checked with her and went to sleep praying Shree Sai. Later, in the morning when we talked to her we found that hurricane has become tropical storm and caused heavy rain in New York. It was moving up north. With Sai Deva's blessing, it did not rain very much except only 3-5 inches in her area. Hurricane eye did not pass through Boston. We were so amazed that where it had dumped so much rain and flooding, her area had only few inches of rain. Who could do this? --- None other than Lord Shree Sai. I could not stop crying. HE always save His devotees if you just remember him and concentrate on Him. Our daughter can go to work on Monday and see her patients in the hospital as scheduled.

Let us pray together for people who lost homes etc. in flood. Let us pray for their well-being. We can serve Lord Sai by praying and wishing well for others. Lord Sai has said: DO NOT HARM OTHERS.

# THE IMPORTANCE AND POWER OF NAAM JAP AND HOW BABA BLESSED US

By: Suman

My wife was experimenting for first time to prepare a sweet, which she had watched on a television channel. She asked my help in mixing the flour, so that she can do the remaining part of preparing the sweet. I thought that why not do the naam jap while mixing the flour and started chanting "om Sai sri Sai jaya jaya sai" while mixing the flour.

And after thoroughly mixing the flour, gave it to my wife. To our surprise even though it was her first time in preparing the sweet, it turned out to be near perfect. Whoever ate that said that it came out very nice. I personally feel it was Baba's grace.

Any work when done with chanting Baba's name is bound for success and all excellence. The power of naam jaap is immense. Baba used to encourage the naam jap of the lord. In Satcharitra book we can find instances where the naam jap was conducted for seven days and was called naam saptah. One can and should feel and experience the power of naam jap personally. Let us chant - Om Sai Sri Sai Jaya Jaya Sai.

# SHRADHA AND SABURI

By: Rakesh

I would like to share my personal experience. I become a devotee of Baba because of my friend's wife.

I was staying at Kandivali-Mumbai far from station. My wife told me we should change our residence because our child faced problems while going to school, tuition classes and she while going to market. It was not easy to change the flat which we bought three years back on housing loan.

We gave advertisements in newspapers and by Baba's blessings; our flat got sold with best price in no time. My worked a lot towards selling the flat. We have booked our new flat in very good locality. Our new flat is under construction and we have moved to a rental house. I applied for home loan and got rejected at couple of places. Finally I got approval from a private bank. My wife wanted fully furnished kitchen in the new apartment, however, I was not sure how that would happen. Meanwhile, my had some problem in her teeth and after X-Ray my wife was asked to remove her problematic tooth. The doctor's fee was lot and I was not sure how I could pay that. I prayed to Baba and asked the doctor if I could pay the fee in installments in three months and to my surprise, he agreed. By Baba's grace I was able to pay off the fees in few days. By some turn of events and by Baba's help we were able to get our apartment furnished and we have moved into the new apartment. My financial position has never been good, but Baba has taken care of every need of mine during my life. Dear Baba, please accept my humble pranams at your lotus feet.

# AN INTERESTING INCIDENT

By: Ashok Jain

I met one of my relatives who is young and unmarried. He drives his bike in Chennai to reach Sai Baba's temple every Thursday. Because of oppressive heat in Chennai, he does not wear helmet. He said that while returning from the temple he was always caught by police and he used to bribe the cop with fifty rupees every Thursday. This went on for many weeks and so finally he told Baba that coming to see him is becoming an expensive affair and if that continues, he would not visit him again. From the next Thursday onwards, he was never stopped by police and he never had to pay any fine. It has been a year since then. When he told me this, I found this experience quite amusing and interesting and thought of sharing with you all. You know, it is up to Baba to choose which wishes he deem fit to fulfill for its devotees. Everyone comes by its own way to Baba and once a person is into Baba's fold, Baba starts working on the person. Every experience is unique and is invaluable to the person.

Om Sai Ram.



# SOME SPIRITUAL POEMS

Submitted by: Ashok Jain

## 1. Mortals and Sages

By: Bodhidharma

When mortals are alive, they worry about death.  
When they're full, they worry about hunger.  
Theirs is the Great Uncertainty.  
But sages don't consider the past.  
And they don't worry about the future.  
Nor do they cling to the present.  
And from moment to moment they follow the Way.

## 2. SOLITUDE

By: Rumi

Spiritual joys come only from solitude,  
So the wise choose the bottom of the well,  
For the darkness down there beats  
The darkness up here.  
He who follows at the heels of the world  
Never saves his head.

## 3. LOVE

BY: Rumi

Love makes bitter things sweet.  
Love turns copper to gold.  
With love dregs settle into clarity.  
With love suffering ceases.  
Love brings the dead back to life.  
Love transforms the King into a slave.

Love is the consummation of Gnosis.  
How could a fool sit on such a throne?

Visit the sick, and you will heal yourself.  
The ill person may be a Sufi master,  
And your kindness will be repaid in wisdom.  
Even if the sick person is your enemy,  
You will still benefit,  
For kindness has the power to transform  
Sworn enemies into firm friends.  
And if there is no healing of bad feeling,  
There certainly will be less ill will,  
Because kindness is the greatest of all balms.

The book of Sufi wisdom  
Is not written on the blank page,  
But on a heart white as virgin snow.  
Scholars pursue penmarks.  
Sufis track footprints in the snow,  
Like hunters tracing a musk – deer's trail,  
Until they breathe in the sweet scent  
That the deer exudes from its navel,  
And rush to catch their quarry.

# SAI SHARAN MEIN AOGHEY

By: Sudhir Rai

Sai Sharan mein Aogey to samjhogey ye baat ,  
Raat ke picchey Din aavey hai din ke picchey raat.  
Kaun khilaye phool chaman mein  
Kyon murjhaye deep ki baati,  
Kyon chamkey hai din mein sooraj,  
Sai fold mein aaogey to samjhogey ye baat  
Raat ke picchey Din aavey hai din ke picchey raat.  
Hum matwaley hain chale Sai ke desh  
Jahaan sabhi ko chain milega  
Kabhi na lagey thes  
Humein jana hai jahaan pe wahan jaayenge jaroor  
Sai naam ki dhun hum sunayengey jaroor  
Koi Karan Hoga  
EK Jholi Mein Phool Khiley Hain ,Ek Jholy Mein Kantey  
Arey Koi Karan Hoga,  
Nag bhi Das le to mil jaye kisi ko jivan daan,  
Chiti sey bhi mit sakta hai kisi ka namonishan  
Arey koi karan hoga,  
Na koi aaye,Na koi jaaye  
Wo aaye ,wo Jaaye  
Sab ka malik ek  
Sai Smaran  
Anant terey gun kaise gaouooo,Shish charno pe kaise jhukao  
thaki meri bani tery gun gatey  
Namaskar shashtang sri SAi mere  
Baso mere man mein charan tere swami  
Nijanand bhakti karuoon anteryami  
Janam manva ka mila bhagya se hi  
Safal hum karein satya ki rah se hi  
Kya kiya man Shirdi aakar Sai naam na japa re

# O BABA

By: Viruchika Pahuja

O Baba, what shall I write about you  
I just could say that my soul rests in you.  
O Baba, you save me every moment  
Just like a Father saves his child.  
O Baba, you accompany me every now and then  
So much that the days of solitude are blown away.  
O Baba, whenever I asked for anything  
You did your best to make to it.  
O Baba, whenever I was bewildered in the lanes of darkness  
You showed me the torch of unconditional love.  
O Baba, whenever I was desolate and dejected  
You made me sit in your lap and caressed me.  
O Baba, whenever I howled in pain  
No doubt, you pacified and comforted me.  
O Baba, whenever I felt there is no one to listen to me  
You proved me wrong and talked to me through day and night.  
O Baba, whenever I thought I would give up my life  
You spurred me to live it up with perseverance.  
O Baba, whenever I sought your help  
You never deferred to grant it.  
O Baba, whenever I vowed something to you  
You made me stick to it unflinchingly.  
O Baba, whenever I asked for a sign of your being  
You inundated me with signs just to assure you are there.  
O Baba, whenever I was baffled and lost  
You were there to show me the path of enlightenment.  
O Baba, whenever I was sick and downtrodden  
You were there to cuddle me and kiss me.  
O Baba, you were there everywhere  
With me, behind me, beside me and everywhere.  
O Baba, the more I think of you my sage  
The more I get hooked to your magical visage.  
That's not it Baba, there is more to it.  
I wish I could expound it more and more.  
But still Baba, I asked you for just one thing and only one thing  
I would do as you say was my promise to you and look I am trying my best.  
O Baba, Please give me my love  
Make me marry him with your kind grace.

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O Baba, I confide in you completely  
Please don't break my heart Baba.  
You are the only hope for me Baba  
As there is no one who could know my feelings better than you do.  
With a firm faith in you in tandem with that patience I always keep  
I close my eyes and implore before you, O Baba.  
With all this, I rest assured that you would answer my prayers soon  
And I sincerely thank you for everything, O Beloved Baba.

# RAM RAM

By: Shalabh Bharadwaj

Ram Ram kahein ham Ram Ram Ram  
Sab taraf kaaran tumhi  
sab taraf kaaraj tumhi  
Tumhi baney ank ,  
Tumhi baney shabd  
Tumhi Niserg Upwan Mein  
Tumhi Sugandh chandan mein  
Ho tum virajey har ous man mein  
Jahaan nahi koi kaam  
Ram Ram kahein ham Ram Ram Ram  
Dar lagta hei ab man ko ,  
jag jahir kahein na kar dein  
raaj ab tak thaey jo merey  
bhram mera tumney jo tha toda  
bankey SAI RAM  
Ram Ram kahein ham Ram Ram Ram

# A SMILE!

By: M.Velu

A Smile!

A language spoken by all.

An emotion delivers by all.

A symbol of love.

A sign of acceptance.

A Smile!

A tool of controlling anger.

An Equipment to escalate energy.

A method to attract positive.

A Smile!

The powerful weapon of peace.

The enemy of worries.

The friend of happiness.

A Smile!

The Curator of diseases.

The Reliever of pain.

The Counselor of depressions.

A Smile!

Demonstrates a lot of attitude.

Creates pounds of energy.

Destroys tonnes of worries.

A Smile!

A contagious disease,

You smile when others smile

Others smile then you smile

A single smile multiplies into infinite smiles.

A single smile takes us to million miles.

A smile of a child,

Makes you to Forget your selfishness;

Takes you to world of forgiveness;

Brings you a joy of enlightenment;

Gives you a wealth of health.

A Smile!

Love smiles when lovers smile

World smiles when people smile

Sky smiles when stars and planets smile

Rivers smile when Rain smiles

Rain smiles when Trees smiles

Trees smile when Earth smiles.

A Smile is an episode,

It has only beginning and no end.

A Smile is a Biological weapon

Once thrown spreads all.

A Smile!

Give one makes you more fun.

Give more opens others heart door.

Give none makes others run.



# EK GEET-TERA NAAM

By: Jyoti Syal

Jag ma tera naam  
Sai Nath bagwan  
Dil ka kareeb  
Sai tera gun gan  
Kara har ameer-or-gareeb

Ho jai jai kar,  
Sai ka pyar – tyag ki,  
Sab pe barsat kar  
Khusi aur pyar ki,

Baba tera darbar ma  
Shirdi ka har dwar ma,  
Ek nasha ha tuj ko pana ka,  
Insan ko yehi waqt hai batanA Ka,  
Ki :

Tu karta wo hai jo tu chahta hai,  
Par hota wo hai jo mai chahta hu,  
To wo karne lag jo mai chahta hu,  
Fir hoga wo jo tu chahta hai

Om Sai ram

## बाबा की बिभूति

द्वारा:-सुप्रिया देवी

बाबाकि धाम दिव्या धाम  
शिरडी जिसका नाम,  
सारे पातक होगये पावन  
जो गये शिरडी धाम!!

बाबा जो वहाँ बैठे  
लगाये आशन  
देकर एक मृदु मुस्कान  
बाबरे हो गये देखके  
उनको होगई  
जिनको उससे पहचान !!

धुनि जलाकर बाबा होगये  
शिरडी से फिर रुकसान  
पर वो च्छोडगाए अपने प्यारको  
जीवन बिभूति के नाम !!

उड़ी नहीं है ये है इक शक्ति  
भर्गए बाबा अंदर बिभूति  
फिर वो सोचे आएगा ये  
अपने भक्तो के काम !!

बिभूति के कणकन् मे बैठा  
बाबा के आशीर्वाद  
जो वी उसको सेबन करे  
हो गये रोगसे पार !!

आए थे बाबा इस धरती पर

बनकर इक मशीहा बेमिशाल  
देके जीबन आहुति, छोडगाए बिभूति  
ताकि हम भक्तों रहे खुशहाल !!

आओ भक्तो सब मेल करे  
अपने बाबा के गुण गान  
हर बार ये धरती पर आए  
बनके हमारे भगवान !!

# BABA THE SAVIOUR

By: Swasti Madmast

गनीमत है इस दिल की  
आज कहीं जा के निगाहों ने दिल की बात सुनी है ,  
और सब कुछ बदल गया है....  
इसमें, उसमें, तुझमें, मुझमें ,  
नज़र आती हैं सबमें,  
छुपी हुई असंख्य संभावनाएं ,  
एक बड़ी भीनी मीठी खुशबु उभरती है ...  
एक आंतरिक रूपांतरण की  
और मिटते जाते हैं दिमाग में घूमते हुए संशयों के बवंडर ,  
ये जो अनदेखा सा बदलाव चल उठा है  
हदों के विस्तार को बढ़ाता हुआ  
धीमी गति से चला है अनहद की ओर,  
ये ही तो पुलकित करेगा  
हम सब में छुपे उस पुष्प को,  
उन अनगिनत पुष्पों को,  
एक गुलदस्ते को ,  
कभी, किसी रोज़...ज़रूर...  
गनीमत है इस दिल की

# STORY 1: WHEN TRUTH DAWNED

Courtesy: Internet

Ryokan, the Zen teacher, was requested by his sister-in-law to come to her house and talk to her son.

“He does no work, squanders his father’s money in wild parties and is neglecting the estate,” she complained. “If he does not reform, we will be ruined.”

Ryokan went to his brother’s house and met his nephew who was genuinely pleased to see him. The two of them had spent many happy hours together before Ryokan had turned to Zen and entered the monastery. The young man knew why his uncle had come and braced himself for the scolding he was sure he would receive. But Ryokan said not a word in rebuke, the whole day. The next morning when it was time for him to go, he put on his garments and then said to his nephew: “Will you help me tie the thongs of my sandals? My hands shake and I cannot do it.”

His nephew helped him willingly.

“Thank you,” said Ryokan. “A man becomes older and feebler day by day. You remember how strong and robust I used to be?”

“I do,” said his nephew, thoughtfully. “I do indeed remember how you used to be.”

It was the moment of truth for him. He suddenly realized that his mother and all those who had looked after him had become old and that it was now his turn to look after them and to take on the responsibilities of the household and the community.

He gave up his dissolute life forever.

# STORY 2: TIMIDITY

Courtesy: Internet

Rabbits are among the most timid of animals.

The rabbits of a colony once had a meeting to discuss this trait of theirs. They came to the conclusion that as their timidity would never leave them, they were doomed to a miserable existence and it would be better to drown themselves and end their misery once and for all. Accordingly, they began to move towards a large lake.

When the frogs in the lake saw the large number of rabbits approaching, they were filled with fear and made for the deepest part of the lake.

Seeing this, the leader of the rabbits stopped and said to his fellow-creatures:

"It is true we are timid, but here are animals more timid than us. There is hope for us yet. Let us go back to our homes."

And that is what they did.

Moral: Just as we are afraid of others, others are afraid of us.

# QUIZ TIME

By: Mythili K

Let us test our knowledge on Ramayan:

True or False:

1. Two major epics of India are Ramayan and Mahabharata.
2. Valmiki is the author of the epic Ramayan.
3. Dasaratha had two wives, Kausalya and Kaikeyi.
4. Lord Vishnu has taken ten main incarnations (avatars) on earth.
5. Incarnation of Shri Ram is the fifth in the series of Shri Vishnu's incarnations.
6. The major teacher for Shri Ram was Vishwamitra.
7. Dasaratha and Sumitra had two sons –Laxman and Bharat.
8. Guha helped Shri Ram, Sita and Laxman to cross the river Ganga in his boat.
9. Shabari was eagerly waiting for Shri Ram to come near Chitrakoot.
10. Shurpanakhi who come to seduce Shri Ram was Ravana's daughter.
11. Maareecha appeared in the guise of a golden deer, to attract Sita.
12. Hanuman was the trusted minister of Sugreeva.
13. Sita was kept in captivity by Ravana in the park called Ashoka
14. Hanuman identified himself as the messenger of Shri Ram by giving Sita her wedding ring.
15. During the battle, Ravana's son Indrajit was killed by Lakshmana.
16. Kumbhakarna was killed in the battle by Hanuman.
17. Immediately after the battle Vibheeshana stayed back in Lanka, while Shri Ram returned to Ayodhya.
18. The gigantic bow that Shri Ram broke in King Janaka's court belonged to Vishnu

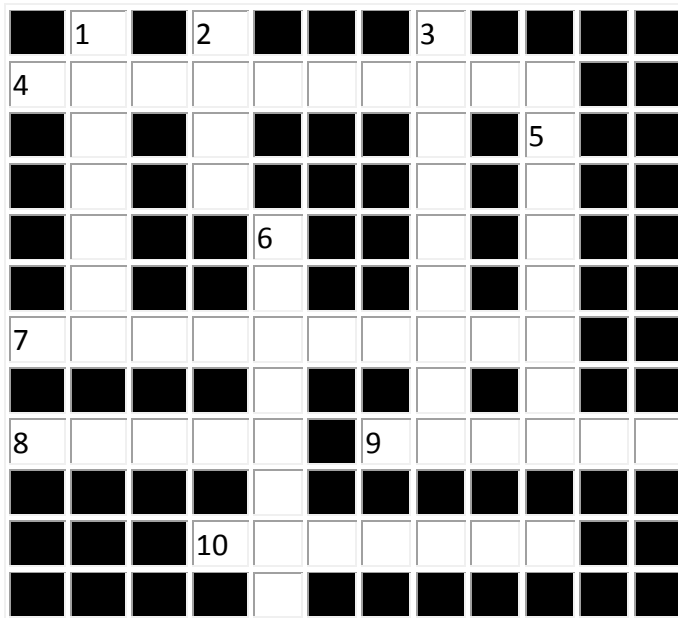
**Match the following:**

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|----------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Mandodari   | Lakshmana             |
| 2. Kumbhakarna | Ravana's Sister       |
| 3. Indrajit    | Ravana's son          |
| 4. Mandvi      | Sita                  |
| 5. Srutakirti  | Ravana                |
| 6. Angad       | King of Vanaras       |
| 7. Urmila      | Shatrughana           |
| 8. Soorpankhi  | Vaali's son           |
| 9. Sugreeva    | Bharatha              |
| 10. Ram        | Dasaratha             |
| 11. Sumitra    | Visbhishana's Brother |
| 12. Manthara   | Kaikeyi Beloved       |

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### CLUES

#### ACROSS

- 4** Name the Rishi who wanted to fight with Rama after Rama was returning back after his marriage with Sita
- 7** Who was taking Rama and Lakshman to Mithila?
- 8** Whose bow was broken by Rama in Janaka's Court?
- 9** Who was the villain of Ramayan?
- 10** Who was the mother of Maricha?

#### DOWN

- 1** Who was the first author of Ramayan?
- 2** Hero of Ramayan
- 3** Who was father of Bharatha
- 5** In which river bank Valmiki's ashram was located
- 6** Who was born next to Rama



Answers

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