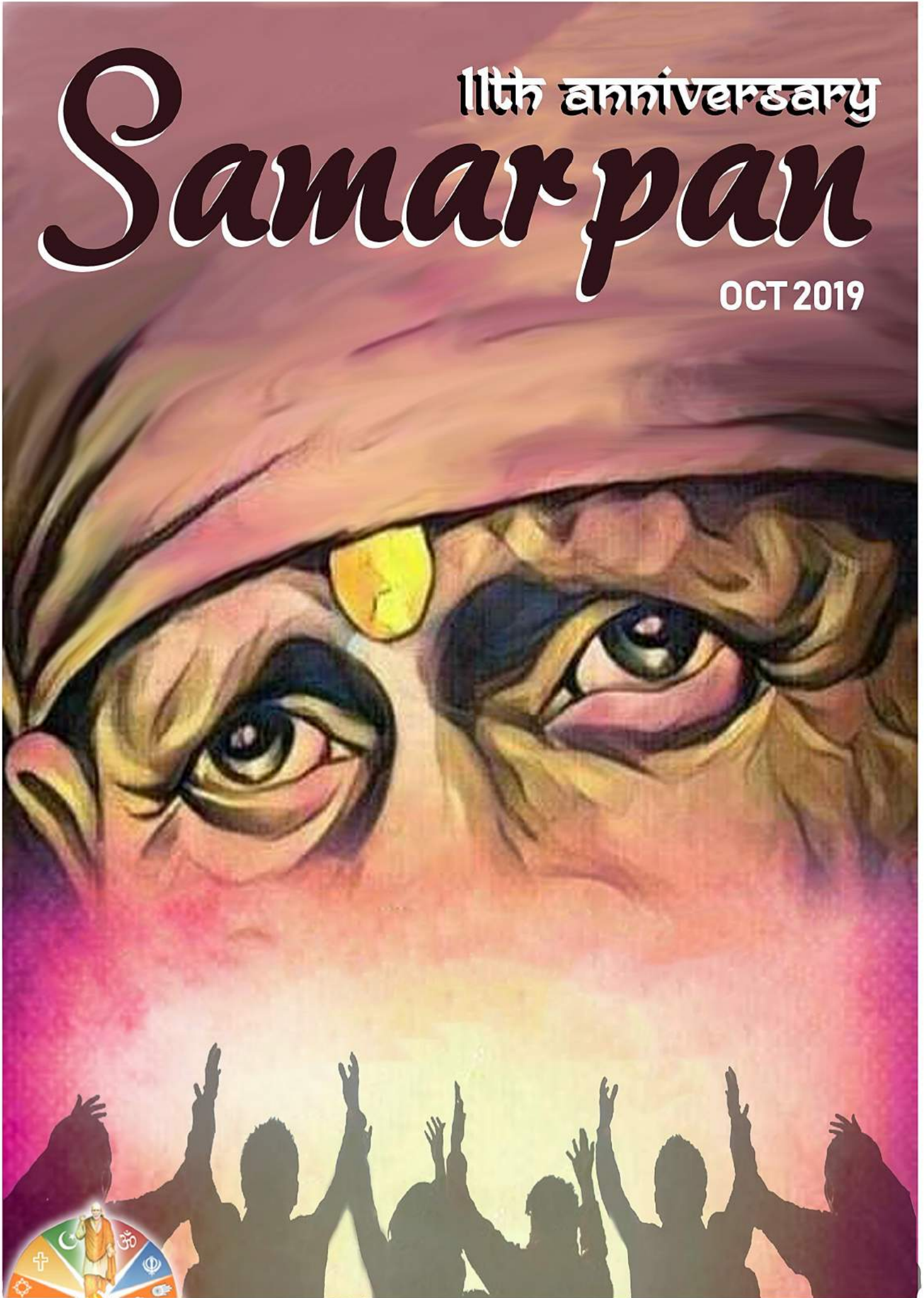


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SAI BABA'S WORDS GUARANTEEING THE WELFARE OF THE BHAKTAS

"There will never be any dearth or scarcity, regarding food and clothes, in any devotees' homes. It is my special characteristic, that I always look to, and provide, for the welfare of those devotees, who worship Me whole-heartedly with their minds ever fixed on Me. Lord Krishna has also said the same in the Gita. Therefore, strive not much for food and clothes. If you want anything, beg of the Lord, leave worldly honours, try to get Lord's grace and blessings, and be honored in His Court. Do not be deluded by worldly honor. The form of the Deity should be firmly fixed in the mind. Let all the senses and mind be ever devoted to the worship of the Lord, let there be no attraction for any other thing; fix the mind in remembering Me always, so that it will not wander elsewhere, towards body, wealth and home. Then it will be calm, peaceful and care-free. This is the sign of the mind, being well engaged in good company. If the mind is vagrant, it cannot be called well-merged."



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Under Baba's blessings and guidance.....

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A Note about 11th Anniversary Edition

Dear Sai Devotees,

I am feeling blessed to present you with the Samarpan 11th Anniversary Edition on Baba's Mahasamadi Diwas. Though Baba had left his physical form, HE remains among his devotees. Devotees experience his leelas and miracles every day. Samarpan is an attempt to spread those miracles. Here are few lines from Sai Satcharitra about Mahasamadhi.

Two or three days previous, Baba had stopped His morning peregrinations and begging rounds and sat in the Masjid. He was conscious to the last and was advising the devotees not to lose heart. He let nobody know the exact time of His departure. Kakasaheb Dixit and Shriman Booty were dining daily with Him in the Masjid. That day (15th October) after arati, He asked them to go to their residence for dining. Still a few, viz., Laxmibai Shinde, Bhagoji Shinde, Bayaji, Laxman Bala Shimpi and Nanasaheb Nimonkar remained there. Shama was sitting down on the steps. After giving Rs. 9/- to Laxmibai Shinde, Baba said that He did not feel well there (in the Masjid) and that He should be taken to the Dagadi (stone) Wada of Booty, where He would be alright. Saying these last words, He leaned on Bayaji's body and breathed His last. Bhagoji noticed that His breathing had stopped and he immediately told this to Nanasaheb Nimonkar who was sitting below. Nanasaheb brought some water and poured it in Baba's mouth. It came out. Then he cried out loudly 'Oh Deva.' Baba seemed just to open His eyes and say 'Ah' in a low tone. But it soon become evident that Baba had left His body for good.

May Baba be with you.

~Ravi



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Dear Sai Devotee,

With divine blessings of Baba, this issue marks the 10th Anniversary of Samarpan! So first and foremost, our heartfelt thanks to Baba for His blessings! Also, heartiest congratulations to every Sai devotee who has been part of this lovely journey of Samarpan and also the followers of spiritualindia.org. Thank you for your support and encouragement. Through Samarpan, we celebrate the spirit of togetherness and the power of sharing our divine experiences and growing our faith in the Almighty.

I totally believe in the power of sharing our experiences. Like the domino effect, our experiences may be able to give someone that little ray of hope, inspiration, motivation, etc. which is so helpful in the troubled times. Having said that, I would like to share few of my divine experiences with Baba wherein I felt that Baba did come to help me. I can't say that I have seen Him but I am positive that I have felt Baba's presence in various forms.

I was introduced to Baba when I was in Grade 11 and was suffering owing to ill health. My father took me to Lodhi Road, Delhi, India temple and introduced me to Sai. Since then, Baba has been my teacher who promoted me on health grounds against all hopes; He became a doctor who told me to continue with my pregnancy against all odds; He helped me get my dream job. Baba has stood by me through the thick and thin of life so far....

One morning after attending Kakad Aarti in Shirdi, I was looking for a sign and you will not believe while standing in the line for Udi, I got Halwa Prasad that was from the morning offerings to Baba. I was asking for a sign and He actually fed me with His Prasad. Oh, writing about each instance can take till eternity but every experience has been special and those who have felt Baba will agree that one can re-live these moments whenever you remember them. And every time, your faith, your belief and your connection with Him just gets stronger!

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Recently in end July 2019, I visited Shirdi with my husband and it was the first time that we took the direct flight from Delhi to Shirdi. Earlier we used to take flights till Mumbai, Aurangabad or Pune and then hire a cab to reach Shirdi. It used to be quite tiresome. May Baba bless everyone involved in the opening of Shirdi airport as this has made Shirdi, our Pandharpur, so much more accessible to us.

Flight was good and this time our hotel was right opposite Baba's temple and we could see the temple from the hotel lobby on 1st floor and the Aarti was audible in our room! Oh, so divine an experience. We also went to Shani temple at Shingnapur, being a Saturday and had good darshan there too!

Early evening, we went to Samadhi Mandir and thought that we may be stuck in the line when the evening aarti starts but, we got beautiful darshan and we were out even before the aarti started. While we were in the main hall, the line was getting bifurcated, one to go from side and one to take darshan from the middle. I and my husband almost reached the line that goes from the side and my husband did mention it to me and I said, "Let Baba decide how He wants to give us darshan!"

You may not believe me but right then, a man standing in the queue held my husband and told him to shift to the other line! He clearly said that this queue will help us get darshan from the centre. No one in the existing queue retaliated our entering mid-way, nor did any security guard say anything and we were accommodated in the centre line and got Baba's darshan. My eyes were flowing with tears of joy and blessed feeling of Baba's kripa.

After taking darshan, we stood in the queue for Kakad aarti passes for Sunday morning; though we had a reference number but we were unable to get any VIP passes being weekend and too much rush.

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Again, we left it to Baba and thought of getting in the regular queue the next morning. Went to Sai Bhojanalaya for prasad, which in itself is a divine experience. The aura of the place is so positive, it feels that Baba is feeding you with His own hands.

The next morning, we were in the temple queue for the Kakad Aarti by 1.45 am and then, we waited till 4.00 am, when the doors open and everyone fills in the halls. I always wanted to sit in the first hall and listen to the Aarti and though we had lot many people in front of us, I was somehow accommodated in the third row in the first hall. Thankfully my husband also got a good seat in the first hall itself. Believe me, it was better than VIP pass darshan as there, you have to stand for the entire Aarti and sometimes there is pushing and chaos. Where I was sitting, it was little angular and the view was not letting me see Baba but the huge screen there was good enough and the idea of being seated in the Samadhi Mandir during Kakad Aarti was so divine. Baba is everywhere and especially in Shirdi, He is in everything, He is in that air!

Sometimes, we get greedy and I wished in my heart if I could have direct view of Baba from where I was. Just after they finished the Aarti and they were making Baba wear new clothes, there happened some chaos near the door and all the women got up thinking that the line has started to move ahead. In that chaos, as I was also standing, I could gradually shift to the left and there, I saw Baba as I had reached the centre and Baba was right in front of my eyes. What else do you call it, if you don't call it Baba's miracle? I prayed to Baba with tears of happiness and gratitude flowing from my eyes.

After distributing some food, we visited our last hotel, where we had connected very well with the Pandit ji. Please remember that Baba cannot come down in person and show you the way, thus, He sends help and guidance through someone.

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For me the help came in the words said by this Pandit ji. He inspired me not to lose hope and in clear words he told me:

“You start writing and share your experiences, write blogs and Baba will Himself guide you what to write.”

After returning, I got this divine blessing of being a volunteer for Samarpan. What more can I ask for? My mind may be clogged but when I start writing, it seems Baba takes me under His wings and I keep typing and I myself get amazed with the positive outcome.

I want to thank all the devotees who have taken out time and shared their beautiful and divine experiences. During the review process, every story got tears of hope, faith, love and devotion for Baba in my eyes and I am so thankful to Baba for giving me this opportunity to be part of the Samarpan team. Now that I have got the flow of writing, Baba has very kindly blessed me in my professional life too and I think He had given me this pause phase so I could start giving my dakshina in the form of writing. I feel so blessed.

I pray to Baba for all of us! May He keeps showering His blessings on all His devotees and on Samarpan as well!

Hope you enjoy the rest of the experiences shared in this 10th Anniversary edition of Samarpan. Please do share your feedback and comments with us at mag@spiritualindia.org

Jai Sai Ram!

Purnima Dheeraj Guliani

On behalf of the entire Samarpan team

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TANOT MATA TEMPLE



The well known Tanot Rai Mata Temple (Tanot Maheshwari Temple) is about 120 kms. Away from Jaisalmer in Rajasthan. Tanot village is close to the India Pakistan border. It is very close to the battle site of Longewala of the India Pakistan war of 1971. Tanot temple is shown in the Bollywood movie "Border". There are many stories about the true incidents proving the miraculous powers of the Goddess "Tanot Mata" or "Bammowali Devi".

History of the temple:

Goddess Tanot Mata is believed to be the **incarnation of "Hinglaj Mata"**. Hinglaj Mata temple is a shaktipeeth in Baluchistan of Pakistan. Tanot Mata is also known as "Avad Mata". According to the Charan literature, this temple was established in early 8th century. There was a Charan (cowherd) called "Mamadiya" in a place called "Chelak". He did not have any children. So he prayed to Hinglaj Mata and also took seven rounds of the Shaktipeeth. One night Hinglaj Mata appeared in his dreams and asked his wish. Mamadiya expressed his desire that Devi (Goddess) may kindly take birth as his daughter. In AC 808, he

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was blessed with seven daughters and one son. The eldest daughter had miraculous powers. She protected the "Maad area" from enemies and was later known as "Aavad Mata" or "Tanot Mata".

Raja Tamrao Bhati made this place their capital. Seeing her miraculous powers, the king offered a golden throne to Aavad Mata. In AC 847, the foundation was laid for Tanot Mata temple by Bhati Rajput King Tamirao. The idol was installed in AC 999. Later Bhati Rajput shifted his capital to Jaisalmer.

Miracles of Tanot Mata:

It is claimed by the people living in Tanot village and nearby places that Tanot Mata appeared in the dreams of some soldiers and assured them protection if they did not leave the premises of the temple. True to the promise of the Goddess, two important incidents occurred.

During the India Pakistan war of 1965, the Indian Army deployed there was less in number and not well equipped with adequate weapons in comparison to Pakistan Army. Only one Battalion of Grenedors and two companies of a Battalion of BSF were deployed against one Brigade of Pakistan army. In fact, the Pakistan army captured our post of Sadewala near Tanot Mata temple. Soon shelling started. The Pakistani army dropped about 3000 bombs out of which 459 bombs fell near the temple. But no damage was caused to the temple and none of the bombs exploded due to the blessings of Tanot Mata! It is believed that Tanot Mata herself appeared in the form of a girl, caught those bombs and made them inactive. Indian soldiers fought valiantly believing in the Goddess and the enemy was forced to retreat.

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Even the jawans and commandoes of Pakistan Army were surprised to see that none of the bombs exploded. Most of them later explained to others that when they were shelling bombs towards the temple and surrounding areas, they could clearly see a little girl in the place of the temple. After the war, the Pakistani General asked his counterpart in India about this incident. When he heard the story of miracles of Tanot Mata, he requested for permission to see the place. The request was granted. The Pakistan General visited the temple and acknowledged the supernatural happenings. Brigadier Khan of Pakistan Army also was impressed by the miracle. He paid obeisance to the Goddess and presented a small silver umbrella to the temple as a mark of respect. After the war of 1965, this temple is looked after by BSF. The temple has a museum in which there is a collection of some of those unexploded bombs.

Again in 1971, Pakistan army did not choose Sadewala as it was well guarded. They chose another post (Longewala) near the temple which was guarded by a company of 120 men (Punjab Regiment) led by Major Kuldeep Singh Chandpuri. **On 4th December 1971**, Pakistan army launched a sudden attack with a full Battalion and tanks. Only one company of Punjab Regiment and one company of BSF were there. But the Indian soldiers did not lose hope. They kept their belief in Tanot Mata and guarded the post till they got support from Indian Air Force. They destroyed the Pakistan tank and **won the greatest battle of Longewala.**

After this, a memorial victory tower (Vijaya Stambha) was made by Indian Army inside the temple compound to mark the victory. **Each year 16th December is celebrated in India as Vijay Diwas** as a co-memoration of our victory over Pakistan in 1971.

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It is a well known fact that each and every enemy soldier who dared to attack this area was killed. People and soldiers believe that Tanot Mata is there to protect us. Tanot Mata temple is maintained by BSF. The worship (Puja, Aarti, etc.) is also performed by the soldiers. Thousands of devotees come to the temple to get blessings from the Goddess. They tie handkerchiefs inside the temple and pray to the Goddess. Every year there are two festivals during Navratras of Ashwin (April) and Chaitra (September) months. Free langar (food) and free medical camps are organized during this time by Indian army. Soldiers on duty passing by, would always stop at the temple, pray to Tanot Mata and apply the sand and the vermilion (sindoor) of the temple on their forehead and also on their vehicles to keep them safe. Tanot Mata is also called “**Jawanon ki Devi**” (Goddess of soldiers).

Indian soldiers have faith in Tanot Mata and believe that the Goddess is there to protect them from enemies. This faith gives them courage and strength to fight with the enemies.

*As shared by:
Dr. (Major) Nalini Janardhanan*

I TRULY BELIEVED THAT BABA WILL TAKE CARE AND HE DID!

Om Sai Ram! I am a staunch believer of Baba and Karma. I just have BELIEF...

Belief of good doings, Belief in positivity,
Belief that Baba is taking care of me...



I am from a middle class family, who has made all efforts in creating her own small world with her faith in Baba and Karma... I believe that I am guided by Baba in every step in this world. I strongly believe that whatever happens in my life is because of Baba. If He so wills it and it is good for my family, the task gets done, if not, then it was never meant to be.

There was a big decision that we needed to make as a family. The family was keen to move to another locality as it was better for the future of my child. As we belong to a middle class family it was difficult for us to afford the move. However, every day as I prayed I remembered Baba's two golden words "**Shraddha and Saburi**". I had faith that if it was good for me and my family, My Baba would answer.

We knew we could not buy a house immediately, we kept looking out for bigger houses in better localities. We thought it was next to impossible but one day Baba gave us a sign and we got ourselves a bigger house in a better society which was affordable. Three years back when real estate prices were at its peak, this was next to impossible but I firmly believe that Baba thought it was good for us and made it possible. This is my first incidence.

Om Sai Ram!

In Connection with this, here is the second incidence. The flat we booked was under construction. After one month my brother-in-law called me and asked me if we wanted to shift in a ready to move-in building at the same rate. I was reluctant as we needed to arrange INR 2.5 lacs at the time of possession. However, our instincts told us to meet with the builder. We finally convinced the builder to let us move into the flat with a nominal hike of INR 50,000.

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We shifted in and after 2 months, demonetization hit the country where most builders went through a rough time. It so happened that the under construction flat has not seen completion to this date. **Baba guided us at the right time and we are now staying in the house for the last two years. Om Sai Ram!**



Now, third incidence, at the time of possession, I had to arrange INR 2.5 Lacs for possession of house. I didn't have so much money or resources, the only thing I had and I believed in was my prayers to Baba. As luck would have it, demonetisation was announced and one of my affluent colleagues, asked me to take money from him and pay him back in instalments without interest. **Om Sai Ram!**

The moment was saved by sheer faith, however, there were more trails ahead. The time to pay instalments for the bank loan had started and now I had two instalments to pay back. However, it is a miracle or just Baba's timing that the bank missed taking instalments from us for six months.

I went to the Bank but the Manager said, if the Bank is not interested in our instalments then we should not bother. I then realised that Baba wanted us to save the money to pay the money for the process of registration and pay back my colleague in time.

BELIEF and BELIEVE.....

Om Sai Ram!

May Baba help everyone in need!

~Nidhi Sareen Arora

SAI THE INNER RULER



Om Sai Ram! I am the eldest in my family. I was born premature and thus, my parents were always concerned about my health since my birth. My father was posted at Pune and my parents frequently visited Shirdi and participated in Sai Bhajans at Pune as well. Though I was weak initially but my health improved with time.

After reaching the age of 3, my mother was concerned as I was not speaking like other kids. They took me to Shirdi and prayed that “When I speak they will visit Shirdi again”. Sai listened to their prayers and I soon started speaking. My parents then visited Shirdi to fulfil their vow. As a child my first introduction to Shirdi Sai was through my parents. Every year we used to visit Shirdi and Tirupati.

My parents were worried about me because of my weak constitution and poor health due to acute tonsillitis problems I suffered from the age of 3 till I was 23 years. I blindly followed my father’s advice to have full faith and trust in Shirdi Sai. With Sai’s grace, I could complete my post-graduation in Space Physics and was posted in Nasik as my first Government appointment.



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I was supposed to get posted to Jagdalpur but my father was very pleased as in last minute I was posted to Nasik which is just 90 km from Shirdi. My father told me “As you believe in Shirdi Sai he wants you to be near Shirdi”. During my stay at Nasik, I feel blessed that I was able to visit Shirdi 35 times in total.

In all turbulent times, be it my childhood, studies, employment or family health issues, whenever I was anxious about results in exam and emotional about the events, my father asked me to keep faith in Sai and follow eleven teachings advocated by Sai in ‘Sai Satcharitra’.

My faith in Sai has ensured me to take care of my old grandparents suffering from various health issues. My mother too suffered with chronic asthma, arthritis, spinal cord fracture and hypertension problems during the last 25 years; her health issues were addressed on timely basis by spirit of Sai.

During the year 1998 to 2001 my father was diagnosed with a complicated brain ailment. He was operated twice in 1999 and once in 2001. He was hospitalised and underwent radiation therapy. By grace of Sai, best neurosurgeon operated on him successfully. My father survived for next 14 years and we all three kids were married and had children during this time span. Because of immense faith in Shirdi Sai, my father could fulfil all his responsibilities. My parents had instilled values and principles advocated by Shirdi Sai in all of us.



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I underwent another dilemma when my wife suffered from severe skin problem during the period from 2007 to 2013. I consulted several skin specialists and could not find any remedy. I left the problem to Shirdi Sai who ensured that the problem was solved without any medicine.

After the demise of my grandmother, my father was heart-broken after finishing ceremonies for 13 days. After 1 month of my grandmother's demise my father met with an accident & was in ICU for 5 days. I was crestfallen as my father was my pillar of strength; he passed away in July 2014.

Though I had to handle multiple issues on family and social front, I could accomplish everything with ease and tact with Sai's grace. The eleven sayings of Shirdi Sai are the guiding force for accomplishing my tasks and duties. Om Sai Ram!

- Satya Srinivas Prasad Chintalapati



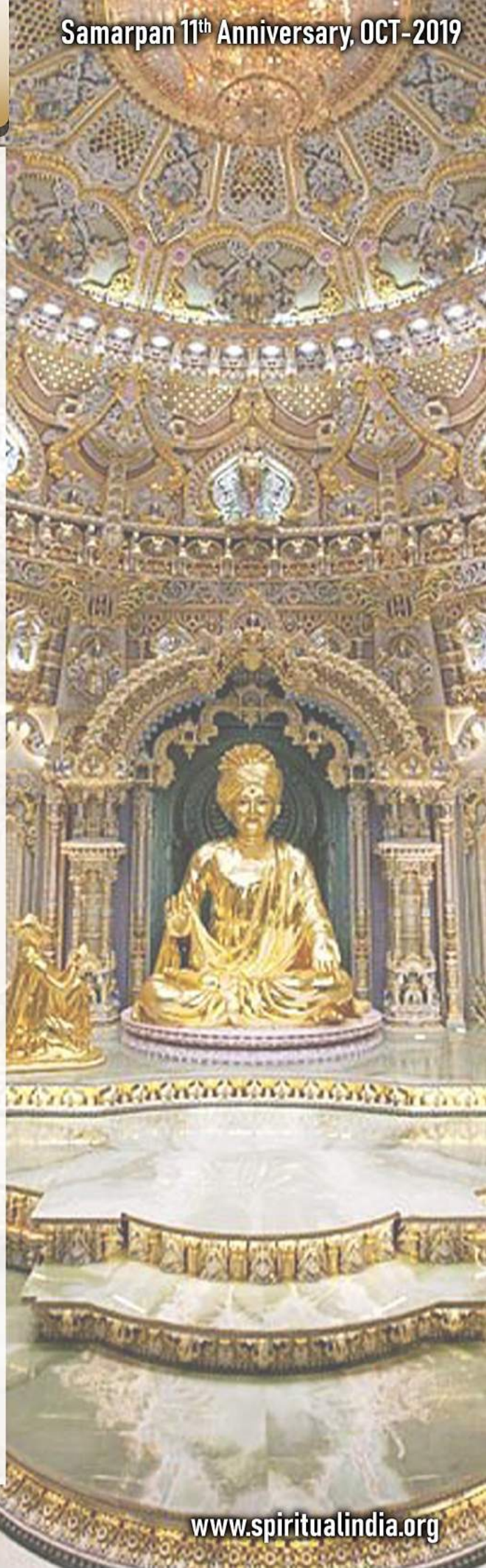
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मैं जानती हूँ की समर्पण के द्वारा बाबा ने मुझे संकेत भेजा है। मैं इस कृपा के लिए बाबा को धन्यवाद देना चाहती हूँ। हम कौन होते हैं साई के बारे में कुछ भी लिखने वाले, पर क्योंकि मुझे यह मौका मिला है, इसलिए मैं पूरी निष्ठा के साथ इसका उपयोग करना चाहती हूँ। जैसे साई के साथ मेरे बहुत से अनुभव हैं पर अभी मैं आपसे एक बहुत करीब आप बीती शेयर करती हूँ।

यह करीब 5 साल पुरानी घटना है। मैं अपने घर में सबसे छोटी बेटी हूँ, पर मैं ही बाहर के सब काम करती हूँ क्योंकि हमारा कोई भाई नहीं है। हम लोग 4 बहनें हैं। मेरे बड़े जीजा जी को हार्ट प्रॉब्लम है। वो अपने डॉक्टर से इलाज करा रहे थे। उन लोगों के साथ मैं भी गयी थी उनके check up के लिए। तभी डॉक्टर ने बोल दिया की ऑपरेशन ही कराना पड़ेगा।

न जाने क्यों, पर मेरे जीजा जी बार बार मना कर रहे थे। क्योंकि कोई और चारा नहीं था,



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हमने ऑपरेशन की डेट ले ली। तब मेरे जीजा जी ने मुझसे कहा की “तुम तो साई बाबा की भक्त हो, तो तुम मेरी मदद करने के लिए बाबा को बोलो”। तब मैं नयी बाबा की भक्त बानी थी, मैंने कहा ठीक है, मैं आपके लिए जरूर बाबा से प्रार्थना करूंगी। मैं तब बाबा की फोटो से बातें करती थी। तब मैंने बाबा की फोटो को देख कर बोला की “बाबा अगर मेरे जीजा जी का ऑपरेशन नहीं होगा और तबियत ठीक हो जाएगी तब मैं जीजा जी को लेकर शिरडी आउंगी।”

आपको विश्वास नहीं होगा, जब हम लोग रिपोर्ट लेने गए तो डॉक्टर जो Chief Cardiologist थे, वो Ooty हॉस्पिटल में थे। जब की तब वो किसी के साथ बात नहीं करते फिर भी न जाने क्या हुआ की जब मैंने कॉल किया तो उन्होंने वह कॉल रिसीव भी किया और हम लोगों को Ooty हॉस्पिटल में जाकर उनको रिपोर्ट दिखाने को कहा। रिपोर्ट देख कर उन्होंने मेडिसिन लिख दी और बोले की अभी ऑपरेशन नहीं करेंगे तो चलेगा। अभी सिर्फ यह मेडिसिन खाइये।

मैं Ooty हॉस्पिटल तक का पूरा रास्ता ‘साई राम, साई राम’ नपति गयी थी और डॉक्टर की बात सुनकर मुझे यकीन नहीं हो रहा था की सच मुच साई ने यह चमत्कार कर दिया



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है। मुझे ऐसा लग रहा था की जैसे साई बाबा खुद उस डॉक्टर के अंदर से बोल रहे हैं।

तभी मैंने जीजा जी से बोला की हम शिरडी जायेंगे और वो भी जाने की लिए तुरंत तैयार हो गए। तब तक शाम के 5 बज गए थे। पर हम लोग अपना मन बना चुके थे की आज निकलेंगे शिरडी के लिए। जब शिरडी जाने की लिए बस स्टैंड पर पहुंचे तो हमारे साथ एक cousin भी था। वह भी बाबा का भक्त था और पहले शिरडी गया हुआ था। हम लोग जब शिरडी पहुंचे तब ऐसा लगा की जैसे बाबा बुला ही रहे थे। क्या अधभुत दर्शन थे वो।

अब मैं नियम से साई सत्वरित्र का पाठ करती हूँ और बाबा के दिखाए हुए मार्ग पर चलने का पूरा प्रयास करती हूँ। मेरे जीजा जी आज तक भी यही कहते हैं की यह सब मुमकिन हुआ तो बस उस प्रार्थना की वजह से जो मैंने उनके लिए बाबा से की थी। और मैं कहती हूँ की यह सब मेरे प्यारे बाबा की दया है, हमारा विश्वास उनपर दृढ़ करने के लिए। मेरे जीजा जी अभी भी बस दवाई ही खा रहे हैं और बाबा की कृपा से उनके ऑपरेशन की ज़रूरत पड़ी ही नहीं। बहुत शुक्रिया मेरे साई तेरा। ॐ साई राम!

~श्रीमती सुचिस्मिता मोहंती



OM SAI RAM – SAKSHAT ISHWAR



Sai name has always touched my soul since I was in college. My friend took me to Sai Baba Mandir in Sector 7, Rohini, Delhi, India, around year 2000 and since that day I have been receiving abundant blessings from Baba.

Sai is another name of miracles, a solution to every problem.

Not only the solution what I want but altogether a different, unexpected, peaceful and best solution which Baba gives as per His own will.

Baba has always granted me with his best solution to all difficulties and problems in my life. Sometimes, it seems that the solution comes before the problem. It is rightly said “har vipda se pehle wo khud aa jate hai” (before the trouble arrives, Baba is already there to extend help).

I have numerous stories which I myself have experienced and I have full faith that only enchanting his name will lead you



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to everything you want. As per my own understanding, I would like to share some ethics that each one of us should follow before we expect anything from Baba

1. Believe in the power of Karma, do your KARMA whole heartedly and dedicate yourself to it. Never expect anything in return. Baba Himself will give you the right fruit at the right time.
2. Do good and the good will come back, never think of harming anyone, Come with clean hands to Baba's darbar.
3. Never expect bad or try to revenge from your enemy. There is indeed no enemy that exists in this world. The creator of this world never created any enemy, He created only humans. Enemy exists only in your own thoughts. Kill that enemy and then expect from Baba.
4. Baba loves everyone and he never differentiates amongst anyone, only believe in *Shradhha & Saburi*. These powerful weapons will always lead you to Baba's heart.
5. Baba's promises (11 vachan) are a real truth, read them every time and you will experience the miracles of Baba
6. Keep your mind in a peaceful state and always ask for peace of mind. Never ever think or ask anything else from Baba, especially stay away from destruction.
7. Don't expect your solution what you want but believe whatever happens, happens for good. Baba gives an unexpected solution and the best solution to every problem that you cannot even think off. Baba is much beyond far than we can even think of.



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8. Get yourself closer to Baba's devotees, this will bring you closer to Baba as you can collectively enchant His name and experience His blessings and all this will release positive powers.

Do everything that Baba wants. The Sai Satcharitra is itself His biography, try to inculcate the learnings from Sai Satcharitra in your life and feel the abundant blessings of Baba.

- C.S. Vandana Gupta



वो शिरडी को जाते कदम।
सब ले चलो अपने सारे करम।
ओ साइयाँ माफ़ कर देगा।
ओ साइयाँ शांत कर देगा।
सबके वो अनोखे करम।

राहत भी मिलेगी।
सकून भी मिलेगा।
सुख चैन की भरमार भी होगी।
मार्ग दर्शन भी होगा।

वो शिरडी को जाते कदम।

ओ साइयाँ प्यार भी करेगा।
ओ सइयाँ विश्वास भी देगा।
तेरी बिगड़ी भी बना देगा।
तुझे गले से लगा लेगा।
उसके पास है हर मरहम।

वो शिरडी को जाते कदम।

अपना अहम भुला देना सब।
अपना वेहम छोड़ देना सब।
उसी श्रद्धा सबुरी के साथ।
मदहोश हो जाना सब,
मस्त लगन लगेगी।
मिलेगा उसका बेशुमार प्यार।
जब तुम्हारी नज़र उसकी नज़र से
मिलेगी।

वो शिरडी को जाते कदम।

अपनी बाहों में समेट लेगा तुझे वो।
जब उसकी कृपा महिमा होगी।
तोड़ देना हर बंधन, हर बेड़ियाँ।
छोड़ देना सब संसार, ये दुनिया सारी।
तेरा दिल भी होगा भारी।
जब अपार प्रेम तुझको मिलेगा।

वो शिरडी को जाते कदम।

ओ साइयाँ, झोलियाँ खाली भर दो।
मुझे अपने होने का सुख दे दो।
मुझे अपने चरणों की धूल दे दो।
मुझे इस शिरडी में समां लो।
मुझे हमेशा के लिए अपना बना लो।
वो शिरडी में समां गए हमारे कदम।

~श्रीमती सुचिरिस्मिता

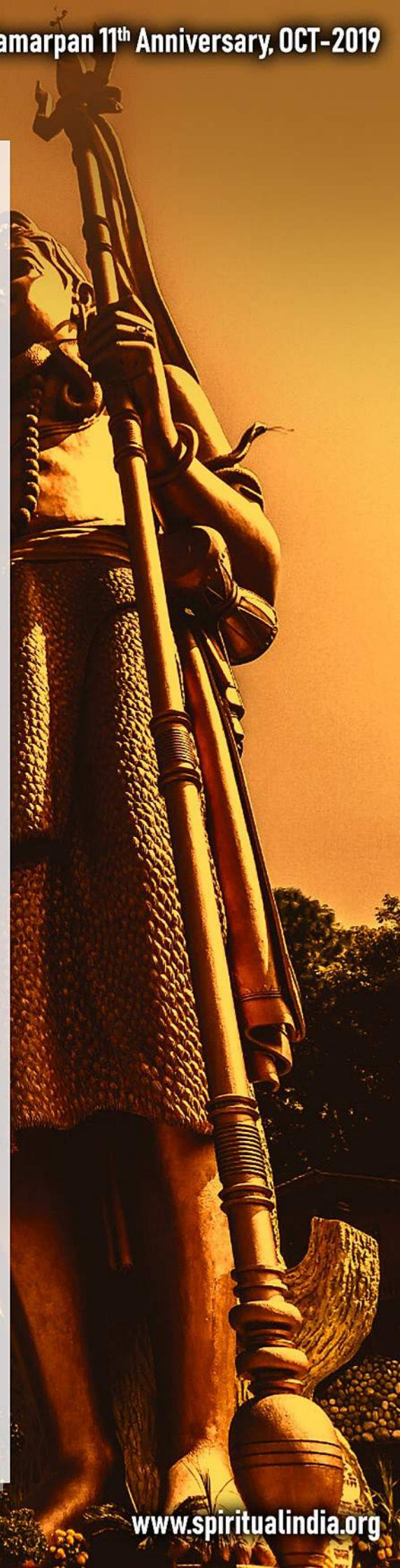
BABA'S MIRACULOUS UDI CURED ME



Om Sairam! I am based in Chennai. My journey with Sairam started at a very young age as my parents are also Sai devotees. I know Sairam clearly from the age of 3 and that is when I started praying and chanting **Sairam**.

When I was studying in 8th standard, I experienced the first miracle of Sairam. During my annual exams, I suffered from severe fever, cough and cold. My parents took me to the doctor and he gave medicines and advised complete bed rest, so I was not allowed to go to school to write my exams. I was so weak with high temperature that it was literally very difficult for me to even open my eyes. On returning home from the clinic, I remember my Mom gave me some food and medicines and I was fast asleep by 9 pm that night.

That night, while sleeping, I saw Sairam in my dream with his joli full of Udi.



BABA'S MIRACULOUS UDI CURED ME

In the dream, I was sleeping nearby Baba's Samadhi and my head was resting on Baba's lap. He applied Udi on my forehead, hands and told me that **"You will be alright soon and will be able to write your exam."** To my surprise and also to the surprise of my parents and my brother, I woke up energetically. No fever, no cold, no symptoms at all! I went to school, wrote the exam well and got very good marks.

One more thing about this dream astonishes and amuses me a lot. I had never visited Shirdi before this incident but I saw Samadhi Mandir exactly the way it is, in my dream. That is indeed a big blessing which brings goosebumps to me whenever I remember this dream. From that day until now I have complete devotion in Sairam and I never wish to leave Sairam's charan.

He is everything for me; when I am happy, I say Sairam, and even when I am sad, I just keep saying Sairam, Sairam.

There are various miracles that happened in my life and I am extremely thankful to Baba for giving this chance to share this experience with you all...**OM SAI RAM!**

"Bow to Shri Sai ~ Peace be to all"

- Vasavi Karnam

साँई करम

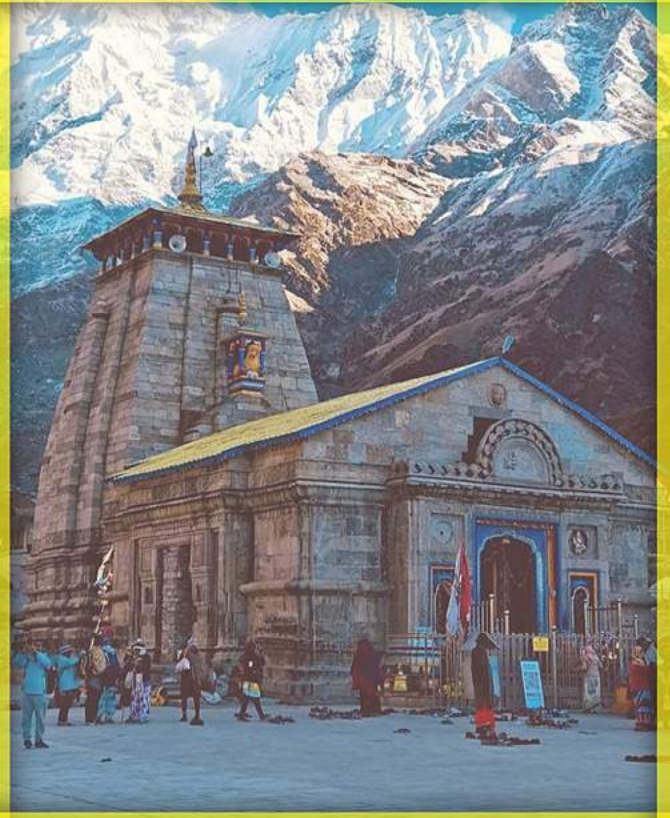
कुछ ऐसी रंगत साँई मेरे सजदो में भर दे
खैरियत मांगू किसी के लिए तो तू पूरी कर दे
कुछ इनायत मेरे हाथों में भी यूँ कर दे
कि छुटे किसी के ज़ख्म तो इलाज कर दे
कुछ करम इन नज़रों पर भी कर दो मेरे साँई

पड़े किसी पराई नार पर तो वो बहन या मेरे माई कर दे
थोड़ा सा बस रहम दिल इस दिल को भी कर दे
ना करूँ क्रोध किसी निर्दोष पर कमजोर समझ कर
कुछ भी ना कर सको तो बस इतना कर दो
बस अपने इस दास का नाम इंसानों में कर दो

साँई इस दास को मछली और खुद को पानी कर दो
जुड़ी रहे ये जिंदगी साँई नाम से ऐसी कुछ कहानी कर दो
साँई नाम का सिंदूर भरू अपनी मांग में पूरा जीवन
पतिव्रता बना रहूँ तेरे नाम का मैं आजीवन
नारी नहीं हूँ पर नारी का सम्मान जानता है यह दास
जगत जननी है, बेटी है, हर रंग में है वो ही सिर्फ खास

सबूरी मन धर मैं शबरी बन बैठा हूँ
आंसुओं से धौ कर बेर रख बैठा हूँ
नज़रे भी अब तो पत्थर कर बैठा हूँ
बस साँई मिलन की आस लिए बैठा हूँ

~भावेश आनंद



BABA LISTENS TO OUR PRAYERS



Firstly, I would like to thank the Samarpan team for creating such a platform where we can share our experiences of Baba and at the same time keep reminding ourselves that He is still alive and He is with us all the time.

Baba has played a very important role in my life, especially after I got married. From the day one Baba has been with me.

I remember the day I got Sai Satcharitra, I completely surrendered myself to Sai and his leelas beautifully described in the Satcharitra.

My husband's job was in Dubai and he had to return immediately after our marriage. I had to stay back with my in-laws. I do not know if this was my destiny or a mistake from my side but I was not at all happy with this arrangement and neither my In-laws were happy. My father-in-law was very strict and I felt that he was annoyed with me all the time. I remember that most of nights I used to cry and during the days I used to read Sai Satcharitra. This arrangement longed for 3 months and during this period, I read Sai Satcharitra almost 15 times as that was the only thing I did during the day time. Very soon Sai heard my prayers and I got the visa for Dubai.

Coming to Dubai, was not really easy and it had its own challenges. Within 4 months of my being in Dubai, I lost my mother back in India. This was really a very difficult time for me. I had no friends in Dubai, my husband was very busy with his job and I had nothing to do, so most of my mornings I used to cry alone...missing my mom.

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Around 2008, I started hunting for a job; market was pretty good but without any experience getting job was a big deal. As earlier, I left it on my Sai and started reading Sai Satcharitra (I have no idea how many times I read it in total) and every evening I started lighting a lamp (diya) in front of Sai's photo.

I appeared for around 3 - 4 interviews every day. I remember it was 5th Nov 2008, Wednesday, I went for an interview in a very big company. Somehow, the interview really went well and I had hopes that I would get that job. Thursday passed - I was reading Sai Satcharitra and during evening at time of lighting lamp, I couldn't control and started crying in front of Baba. I was complaining to Him while I was crying.

Kab tak aap aise meri pariksha loge - kab sunoge aap?
(Till when will you test me, when will you listen to my prayers?)

Anyways it was weekend in Dubai, my husband came from work and the normal day started. Friday, Saturday went normal as my husband was at home and I was busy working and cooking. On Sunday, since morning I was just checking my emails hoping to receive the job offer. After taking shower and completing other work, around 3 pm, I again started reading Sai Satcharitra, that time I was doing saptah so I read until 7pm and then did my puja as usual. I was quite disheartened but again sat with my laptop to apply for jobs and checked my email and guess what? I got the offer from that company (where I was actually hoping to get and praying).

These are the first few miracles of Baba that I experienced. Since then, I cannot tell you how many such miracles have happened with my husband, my friends and with myself too.

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In 2018, I lost my job but this time I did not cry. I knew the path and the magic. All I did was started reading Sai Satcharitra. Sometimes I used to read in the book, but many a times I read it on my laptop. Like this, I think I did 6 - 7 saptah of reading Sai Satcharitra during this phase.

Bus hona kya tha Babaji ko toh ana he tha

(Baba had to come as expected)

On 12th Nov 2018, I gave an interview and the very next day I got the job offer. The date of joining was Thursday!! Yes! Thursday I joined this company.

If you really believe in Sai, please never lose your hope on Him. Believe me, He will help... **He knows the right time and the right thing for us more than we know ourselves!**

Om Sai Ram

- Anju Nathaney

THROUGH A PICTURE, BABA WIPED MY TEARS!

This incident happened very recently. I have shifted to a new place out of India with my husband. My only son just joined his college and is in India now. The new place; knowing no one around me and missing my son...all these made me feel very hollow and I was almost in tears, being curious and anxious about how life is going to be in this new place. I was in tears and speaking in front of Sai's photo.

Then I casually opened YouTube to listen to songs and what did I see.. I saw a picture from "Mere Sai" serial where Sai wipes the tears of a little girl 'Chipri'. It is posted by a Sai devotee Mythili (she posts positive messages every day in YouTube) with a dialogue. The picture accompanied a dialogue: **"When my devotee cry I reach him immediately to give strength."** Sai Baba.

What more can I say! This is one of His Leelas. I have also encountered many such instances before. He is always there for His devotees.

Thank you Sai!!

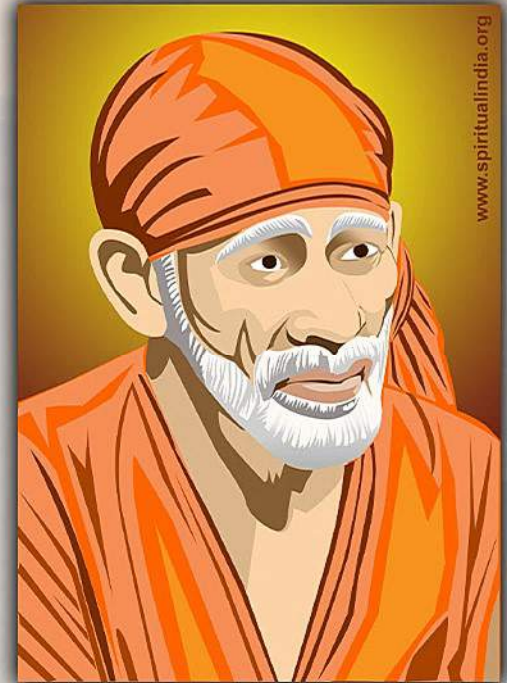
Om Sai Ram!!

~Deepa Arul



BABA HELD MY HAND THROUGHOUT!

Om Sairam! This was in the beginning of 2008, I went to the local temple in Memphis, TN with my mother and met Baba for the first time. I remember so vividly, I had bent down on my knees to put my head under his feet and right then a flower fell on my head. My mom quickly picked up the flower and said, here, "Saibaba gave you His blessing!"



Post this, I moved to Dallas, Tx for a new job as a Junior Accountant and had to stay in my cousin's house. I was around 23 years old then and all my friends were getting married, so I was also kind of desperate to settle down. I had a tough journey; got so many rejections even before the initial meeting; reasons given were my Indian accent, my skin tone, my family background and one family rejected me owing to kundalini mis-match. I was very disheartened by these constant rejections and started doubting myself.

Then a proposal came of a 31 year old Civil Engineer from England. Though he was shorter than me but I still gave him a chance because I knew what rejection felt like. We talked almost every day on Skype calls, this went on for over a month and I kind of liked him. After 2 weeks his brother who had married one of my distant cousins said some weird things about my dad and my family to him. Instead of concealing this information from me, the guy shared the details with me and I remember, I cried so much and tried to justify. I thought that this relationship would end now! When I discussed this with my mom, she advised that I should continue to talk to him, if he wishes to, as he had told me the truth and not judged me by listening to others.

BABA HELD MY HAND THROUGHOUT!

During his visit to US in Sept 2018, we decided to meet in Memphis, TN and I booked my tickets from Dallaz, Tx and I think we both were very excited for this meeting. In the meantime, his brother again warned him against meeting me, but he listened to his own heart and we met. But Baba had planned something else for me, so finally he decided to move on and married someone else.

These frequent moral attacks on me and my family by relatives bothered me a lot. I cried in front of Baba's picture. That night I went on a drive and got into an accident. I lost my job and became very lonely and depressed. Sometimes things have to go in a specific way to finally turn right for you.

I shifted to another apartment in April 2008 in Irving, Tx. While on a walk one evening, I discovered that someone had turned a subway into Saibaba temple. I was so pleased with being close to Baba and started going to this temple every day and chanted Sairam, Sairam for most of those days.

Around November 2008, I planned to visit India and also took the opportunity to go to Shirdi. During my visit, I also met a renowned astrologer, who gave me hope that I will find a man who is going to have a wonderful heart and I will have a very happy married life. I felt good after returning to US in late December 2008. I got a new job in Memphis which did not pay much but at least it kept me busy. I used to keep chanting Sairam, Sairam all the time without expecting anything in return. I refused to attend to any proposals anymore. But Baba had other plans for me.

In October 2009, another proposal came and ironically this was the same middle man who had got that Civil Engineer proposal earlier. The boy's father met my uncle during a wedding in Dayton, OH. My uncle already assured the boy's father

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about me and also warned him regarding many people who may anonymously call and try to trash mine and my father's image owing to village enmity back in India. My uncle called my father to share the details but my father never spoke to me about the proposal and let it go after what I had been through. He was sure someone from family or village will interfere and break it off.

While my father was away to India, on insistence of my mom, I had sent an email to the boy and started expecting a response which did not come. Not thinking that there could be issue with the e-mail address, we presumed this proposal was also over.

Though I had enough turmoil in 2008 but still it was a wonderful year indeed as I found my Guru, Shirdi Sai Baba during this year.

January 2010 came with new hopes and plans that Baba had made for me. When my father came back from India, my mom told him that how I emailed the boy but he never responded. My father was so angry, he called my uncle and scolded him for bringing a proposal in which the guy wasn't even interested in responding to my email. There was so much confusion and the boy kept saying that he never got any email from any girl.

Finally, in March 2010, with grace of Baba, I met the boy and I openly told him about the earlier episodes. When I reached home, I did not speak with anyone and went to my room. My father got a call from my uncle that the boy had said a yes for this proposal. My family and village people found out about my engagement and started calling the boy's parents anonymously and talked rubbish about me. Thanks to Baba, I had already told this to the boy and my uncle had warned his father, so this time, it did not backfire.

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On April 4th 2010, we got engaged and on July 15, 2010, I was his wife and he became my man. Sai Baba, chose him for me.

We began our journey with a broken couch in our rented house and today in 2019, with Sai Baba's blessings, we have a wonderful son and a beautiful daughter. My husband is climbing success in everything he does at his work. And as for me, I am about to sit for my CPA exam on Sept 10, 2019. I am sure Baba has plans about me when I will pass the exam as well to otherwise I wouldn't have gotten this far in my career. Om Sai Ram!

- Dipti Patel



“Guru” word literally means spiritual teacher, a tutor or a mentor who removes ignorance of self.

Our present generation is bombarded with all sorts of information and is unable to handle the complexities of life with changing value system. It becomes imperative for us to seek a guide who will steer us in crossing this ocean of life.

The role of guru is to correct the flaws in our thought process, recognize our strengths & limitations and to make us realize the purpose of human life and ensure salvation.

My eternal guru in this process is **Shirdi Sai Baba**. As a child, I was simply inspired by Shirdi Sai Baba’s teachings.

Service to humanity and taking care of parents who are our first gurus are my few of my first learnings. Though the word ‘service’ sounds like

a simple term but to follow it with total spirit of mind, speech and action is the need of the hour to remove malady of human suffering in the present times.

During adolescent stage, there is conflict in the mind because of information overflow. Our value system and ethics are at stake. I remember that during my youth, I was also very anxious, fickle minded, pessimistic, sometimes overconfident and completely lacked direction owing to inbuilt vasanas. Personally, I had to undergo a lot of struggle to finally understand what is right and what is wrong.

Shri Sai, as my Guru has ensured removal of wrong notions and helped me to know my strengths and weaknesses. By listening fervently to His teachings, I was gradually able to crush my egocentric approach.

Life is full of uncertainties, clash between expectations and results. Push and pull dynamics are pulling and sapping our enthusiasm all the time. Tiding over uncertainty of inferiority complex, poor health and societal pressures at every stage of life was seamlessly possible by eternal guidance of Shirdi Sai in every action of mine just like artificial intelligence. The tools for planning and execution were suitably provided at each juncture with the blessings of

MY GURU

Baba, by introducing right people at each step & literature required for sustaining enthusiasm. This timely help has empowered me to discharge my duties successfully.

In life time one should try to read and understand the essence of Upanishads, Brahmasutras and Bhagavad Gita which is beyond the scope of any individual. Mastery over these three texts is possible by learned souls but, to live life ingrained in the principles propounded is only possible by the grace of Eternal Guru. To keep the things **simple Shirdi Sai teachings shared through "Sai Satcharitra"** help us to know the self which is the ultimate goal of human life.

~Satya Srinivas Prasad Chintalapati

HAVE FAITH, BABA ALWAYS HELPS!

Jai Sai Ram!

I am a Sai devotee and have experienced Sai's presence in my life at various instances. Whenever I look at Him, I feel that Baba listens to my prayers and feels my pain. I have full faith that He will soon solve all my problems and if I have to bear pain, He will also bless me with the required strength.

This instance happened in 2011 at Secunderabad railway station. That time, I and my friend were traveling to our homes in the train. Unfortunately, my friend lost his bag that contained his University & other certificates. We searched the entire station and finally with no other option left, we gave a complaint to railway police. He was looking so helpless and sad.

Those days I was reading Sai Satcharitra and had it in my bag. Thus, while we were waiting for the police to search, I started reading Sai Satcharitra and I prayed to Baba to help my friend.

"Baba, if he does not find his certificates it will spoil his career! Please bless him Baba".

You may not believe, but after sometime my friend came running holding his lost bag with all smiles. On enquiring he told me this conversation he had with an unknown person he met.

Unknown person:

"I have come from a place close to Pune and I am waiting for my train. I'm watching that you are searching for something since half-hour; have you lost something?"



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My friend: "Yes, I have lost my bag that had my certificates"

When my friend shared this entire conversation with me, I was surprised and felt very happy. Baba is always with us but we don't recognise Him. Mentally I thanked Baba for this timely help.

Another incident is about my first Shirdi visit in Jan 2012. When I went for Baba's darshan, I felt very happy and blessed. While coming back, I bought one of Baba's framed picture. While my grandfather was walking, unfortunately, the frame fell and the glass got broken. I don't know why but I cried a lot. I felt very sentimental and my inner voice told me that something bad is about to happen. On our return journey, I was very sad and anxious.

May be Baba had given me a sign to mentally prepare me!

The whole year was very bad and it even continued till the following year. Those were the worst days of my life. But I kept on praying to Baba and read Sai Satcharitra most of the times. Sometimes, I cried and shared my pains in front of Baba's photo and it calmed me down. By mid of the following year, Baba listened to my prayers and solved all my problems. He showed me a new path to lead my life.

I got married in 2014 and everything is going good since then with grace of Baba. With blessings of Sai, I am expecting a baby and the due date is nearing soon. During my pregnancy, I did Sai Divya puja and have read Guru Charitra, Sai Satcharitra and Akkalkot Maharaj Charitra. I hope everything goes well and pray to Baba for my easy delivery and a strong and healthy baby.

Not only for myself but I would like to pray to Baba for everyone. May Baba bless each one of us with great smiles on our beautiful faces and fill positivity in our mind (thoughts) and in our soul.

- Anusha

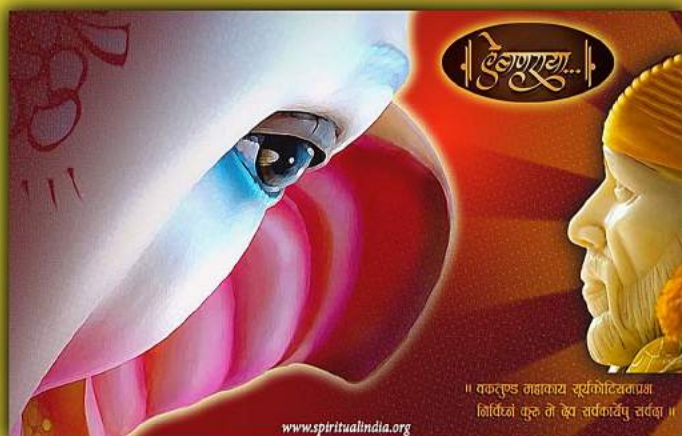


“SAI SANDHYA” CAMPHOR MIRACLE OF BABA

We experienced a miracle long back when we were celebrating “SAI SANDYA” in Delhi.

We were about to start a puja ceremony and we realised that we had forgotten to bring camphor to light the lamps. We immediately sent our chauffeur to the market, however, in the meantime our Pandit ji arrived and to our delight found a big sealed packet of camphor right there.

All of us present were pleasantly surprised as none of us had kept the packet. It was a big expensive packet. We have taken this as Baba’s miracle and continue to use the camphor in small quantities for all our ceremonies.



It was really a miracle of **Satchidanand Sat Guru Sai Nath Maharaj ji**.
We feel truly blessed by Sai Nath!

~R K Saini

SAI – MY SAVIOUR

It was in 2005 that I first came to learn about Sai Baba. That too accidentally!

My husband was extremely unwell and I had gone to the temple which had opened very recently adjacent to our society to look for a tenant for our house. I met the owner of the temple. She asked me about my problems and also asked me if I knew about Sai Baba? I didn't know anything about Baba and I told her so!

She told me if I prayed to Him He would solve all my problems. She then gifted me the “Sai Satcharitra” and told me if I could finish reading the book in 7 days and then break a coconut in the Sai temple something good will happen to me and my family.



By then a crowd of ladies had gathered around us.

Then another lady took the book and marked the pages/chapters I should read each day.

I was a little sceptical but thought that there was no harm in trying. So instead of getting a tenant, I went home with Sai Satcharitra.



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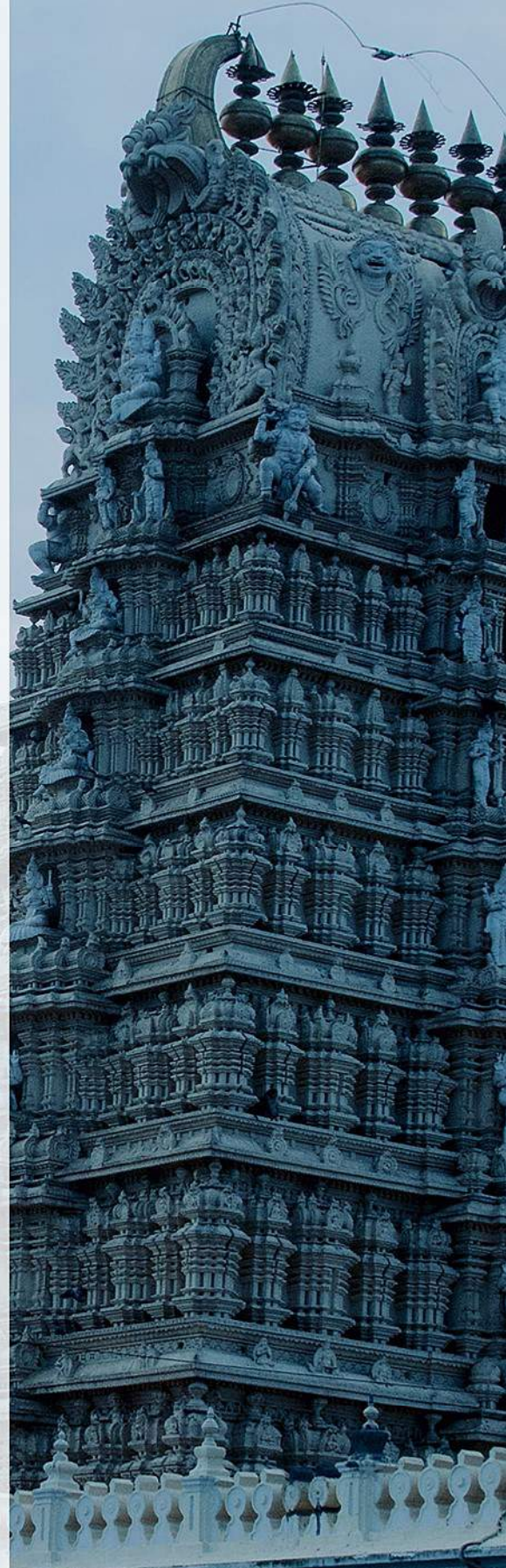
At that point, my husband was extremely unwell and I just wanted him to recover. So every evening when I was with him in the hospital I religiously read the chapters, as marked. . Day by day I observed some improvements in him.

By the 7th day, I was astonished to see that my husband was up and walking. I went to the temple and broke a coconut before Baba and thanked Him for his blessings. Even the doctors were amazed at how my husband could have recovered so fast! Since then, there have been many occasions that I have felt Baba's presence.

Recently, I have been diagnosed with Follicular Lymphoma and need to take radiation and am now undergoing chemo therapy. I look forward to Sai Baba's daily blessings on Facebook. I somehow feel that He is answering me personally. It's such a coincidence that whatever I ask, I seem to get the right answer to it.

I pray that Baba always be there for me and with everyone who needs His blessings! Om Sai Ram!

- Sheila Saha



BABA CALLED ME TO SHIRDI

LIKE A SPARROW

Om Sairam...

*A poem, on how Baba called me like a sparrow
tied his loving thread to Shirdi with my Amma.*

It was in June 2000 I remember vividly,
Wanted to take mom somewhere,
thinking in work amidst,
Shirdi said my inner voice on its own,
It was a divine call from heart to ear blown.

Next day, Wednesday evening, everything got set,
Glad with some more family members we left.
It was a long topsy turvy ride in a Sumo car,
Reached Thursday in the wee hours.

Mom and I got help to walk in straight,
As due to femur fracture
she couldn't in the queue wait.
Unknown tears flowed down our cheek,
My throat choked and I could barely speak.

The divine form smiled at me,
Every gloomy thought seemed to flee.
Felt like just staying there at his feet,
Sai Sai became every heartbeat.

In Chavadi as I bowed
dropped on my head a rose,
Devotees said you're blessed,
he'll be ever to you close.
Same year within months,
he gave me my lifetime friend,
Till date has been with us in every ups,
downs and bend.

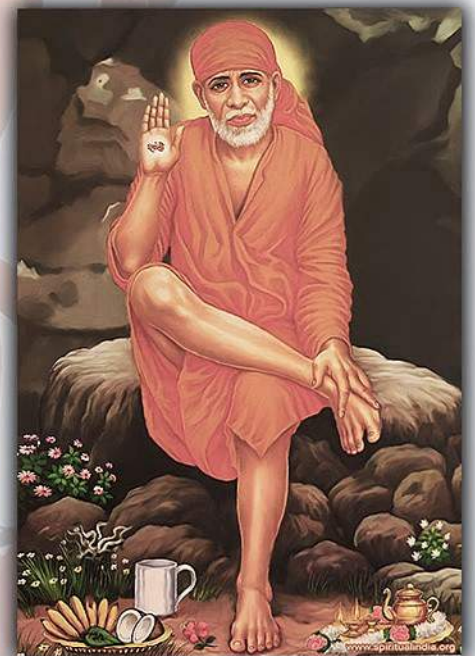
My gratitude towards you Baba
keeps growing multi fold,
I will keep loving you
till my last breath until
you take me in your fold.

~ *Shobhana Kumar*

BABA CURED ME FOR LIFE

I had promised mentally to Baba a year ago that I will share this experience but somehow got caught up in other things. My sincere apologies to Sai Baba.

My father was an ardent devotee of Shirdi Sai Baba and used to regularly visit Baba's temple every Thursday. I did my Engineering during 2002 to 2006. During my first semester, I wasn't comfortable travelling 60kms every day to college and also to focus on my studies. I felt so tired that getting an average passing marks was too difficult for me and was feeling low because till 12th I had been a topper. It so happened that soon my health and studies worsened further.



I suffered severe and continuous bout of cold and cough throughout the year and irrespective of whatever medicine I took, it only got from bad to worse. I gave up and

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started bunking my classes to avoid this embarrassment. But how long could I avoid my classes? Soon my father came to know about it and consoled me to pray to Sai Baba.

The pain was so terrible, that I started praying Sai Baba to heal me soon, because it was unbearable, my chest and ribs were swollen and I had sleepless nights coughing all through the night. My deteriorating health was impacting my studies as well.

One Thursday night, I got a dream. I saw Sai Baba sitting beside me on my bed. Soon after that, He pierced a Trishool (Trident) in my chest and I was trembling with fear. After this, my chest was feeling relaxed without any pain. Sai Baba held my palm and I experienced His touch. It was soft and soothing. I kept on saying:

"Baba, I should never get cold and cough in my entire life. Please promise me".
Sai Baba then assured me in my dream: **"You are free from this disease. Don't worry."**

I suddenly woke up and saw the time, it was 4 in the morning. I could not sleep after this. I was thinking about Baba and was waiting to share this dream with my father. The miracle is, after this dream, I stopped coughing. The cold got cured from the next day. I was in a shock for almost a month and was fearing when it would attack me again.

But my dear friends, I am writing this in 2019. All these years, I finished my studies, worked in different states of India and lived in different climatic conditions.

Whatever Baba promised me, He truly kept His word! I never got cold or cough in all these years. I even got drenched in rain to test Baba. I know I am a fool, but Baba showered His blessings on me always.

Today am healthy and prosperous only because of the divine blessings of my Baba.

I owe my entire life to Him. **Jai Sainath Maharaj.**

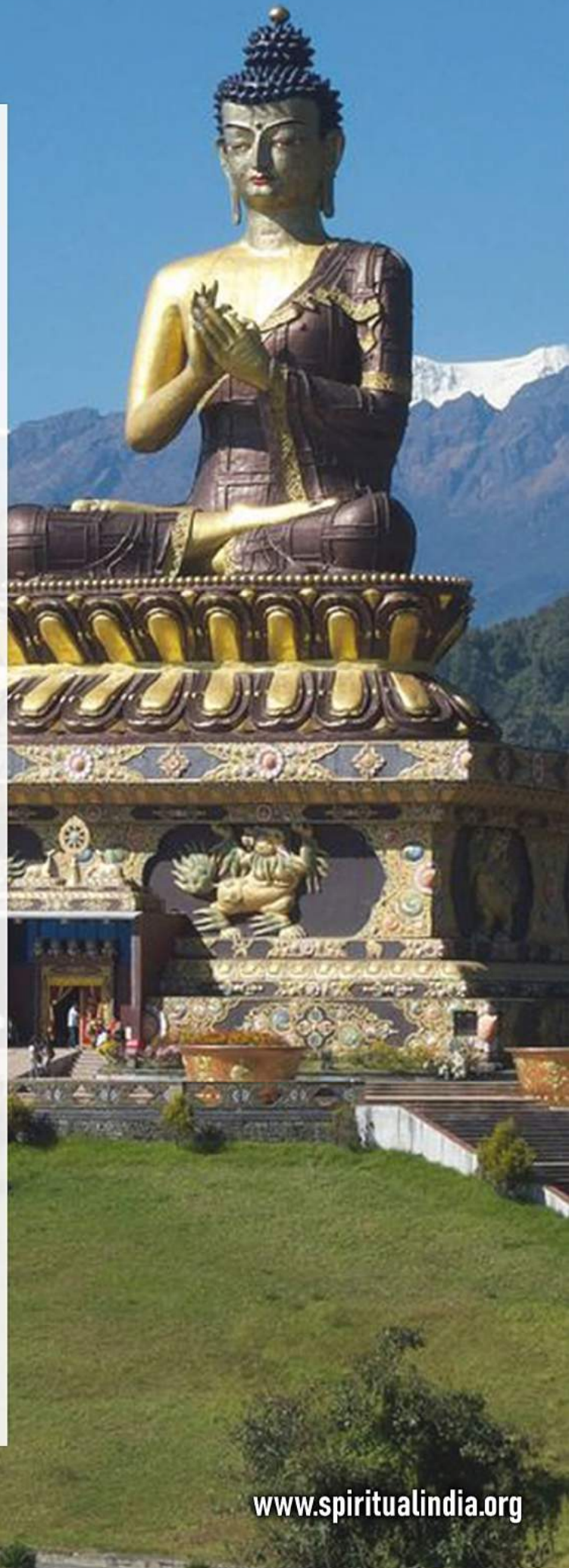
- Rajalakshmi Boggavarapu

BABA HELPED ME GET MY DREAM JOB!

Sai Ram!

Sai Baba was introduced in my life at different stages by different people, however, I decided to rest my faith on His feet, around 4 months ago. As the Sai Satcharitra rightly says that, **Man thinks of God only in his troubled times** and so when I was going through a harrowing phase of my life, Sai Ram helped straighten out one aspect of my sufferings by helping me get the job of my dreams. The past four months at work have been the best I could ask for and I am sure will continue to be so.

But, the thing that clicked inside me and turned me into a staunch believer of Sai Ram were His teachings/devotees experiences' explained in the Sai Satcharitra.



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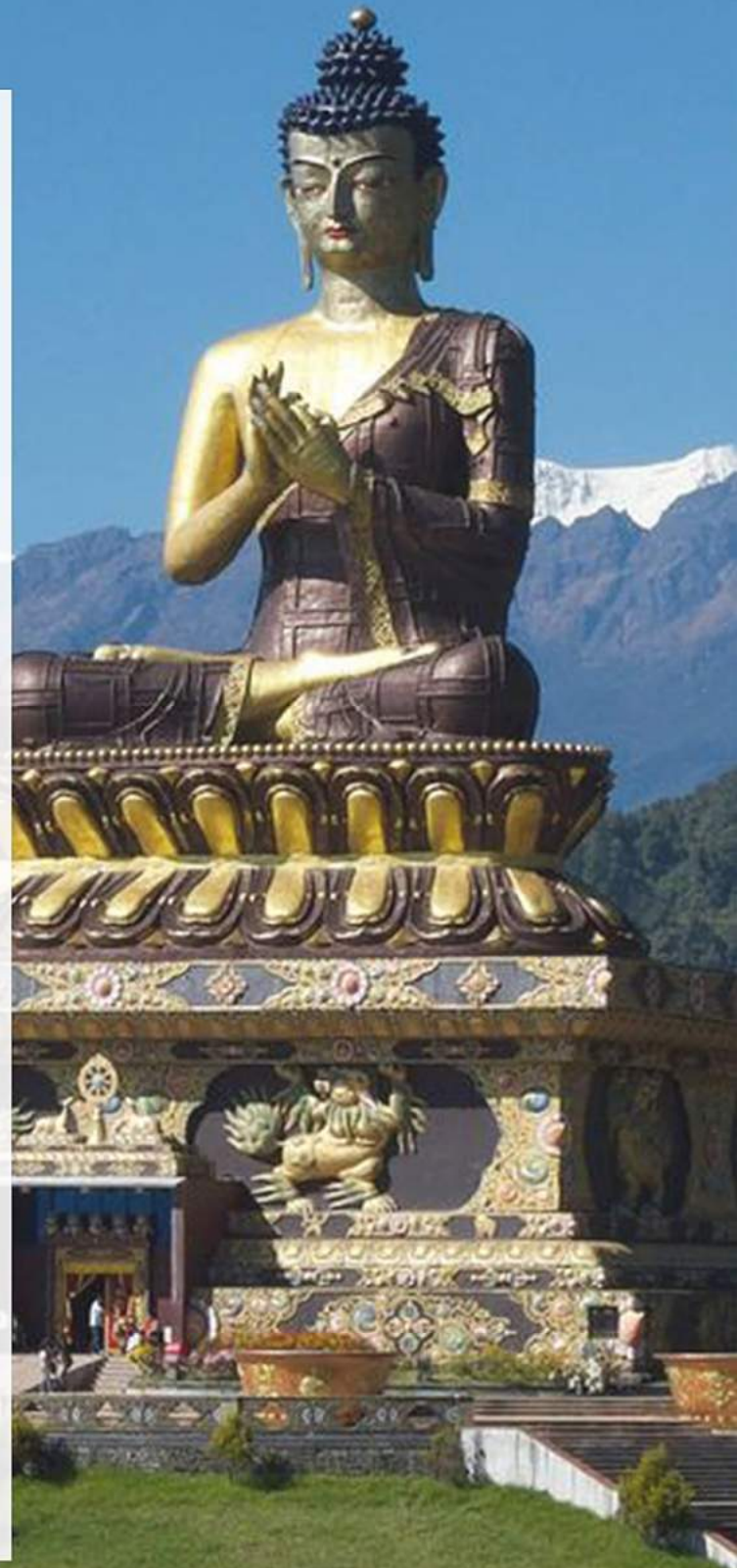
In Sai Satcharitra, Baba does not preach any religious doctrines or puja ideologies or the usual ways of practicing religious tenets advocated by the rest, what struck to me the most was that **Baba simply only asked us to be good human beings and work through our way towards salvation.**

Sai Satcharitra has been my inspiration during my low phase and continues to do so. I hope one day I will feel contented and in turn become desire less and ultimately find a place under His Holy Feet.

Through this message, I pray to Baba to accept my selfless love and grace me always. I have a tough hill ahead to climb and I know that my Guide will take me across safely.

Sri Satchidananda Sadguru Sainath
Maharaj ki Jai!

~Shraddha Cariappa



JUST WITH ONE GLANCE, BABA CAPTIVATED ME FOR LIFE

Jai Sainath! It's a great opportunity that Baba provides us through Samarpan to sing His glory. He Himself holds our hands and makes us narrate our experiences. It all started when I was a child aged 7 years. My father decided to avail his Home Travel Assistance provided by the Government and we all went to Madhya Pradesh. We visited my father's birthplace Chaurai in Chhindwara district.

On our return we made a stopover at Jabalpur. We stayed the night in the house of my father's friend. The next day was slotted for meeting my father's professor and his family. It was a big house of olden times with a huge verandah. While the elders were busy talking, the 7 year old, me, ran around the verandah and while playing suddenly found myself in front of a 7-8' tall marble statue enclosed in a separate room with open doors, where His Holiness was seated.

I was new to the form. Had been conversant with other forms such as Bijoy Krishna Goswami, Ramkrishna Paramhansa, Baradir Brahmachari, because my mother was a Bengali and used to tell us their leelas. I ran to the room where my father was, and dragged him to the spot of my discovery and asked him with all curiosity, but with infinite reverence which somehow was spontaneous, as to who this great soul was. All my father said that **He was a great Saint of Maharashtra.**

Later in life when I went to Mumbai for my post-graduation, I learnt who He was and realised how powerfully He had captivated me for the rest of my life.

Jai Sainath!

~Dhruva Trivedy





I FELT THAT BEGGAR IN SHIRDI WAS BABA HIMSELF

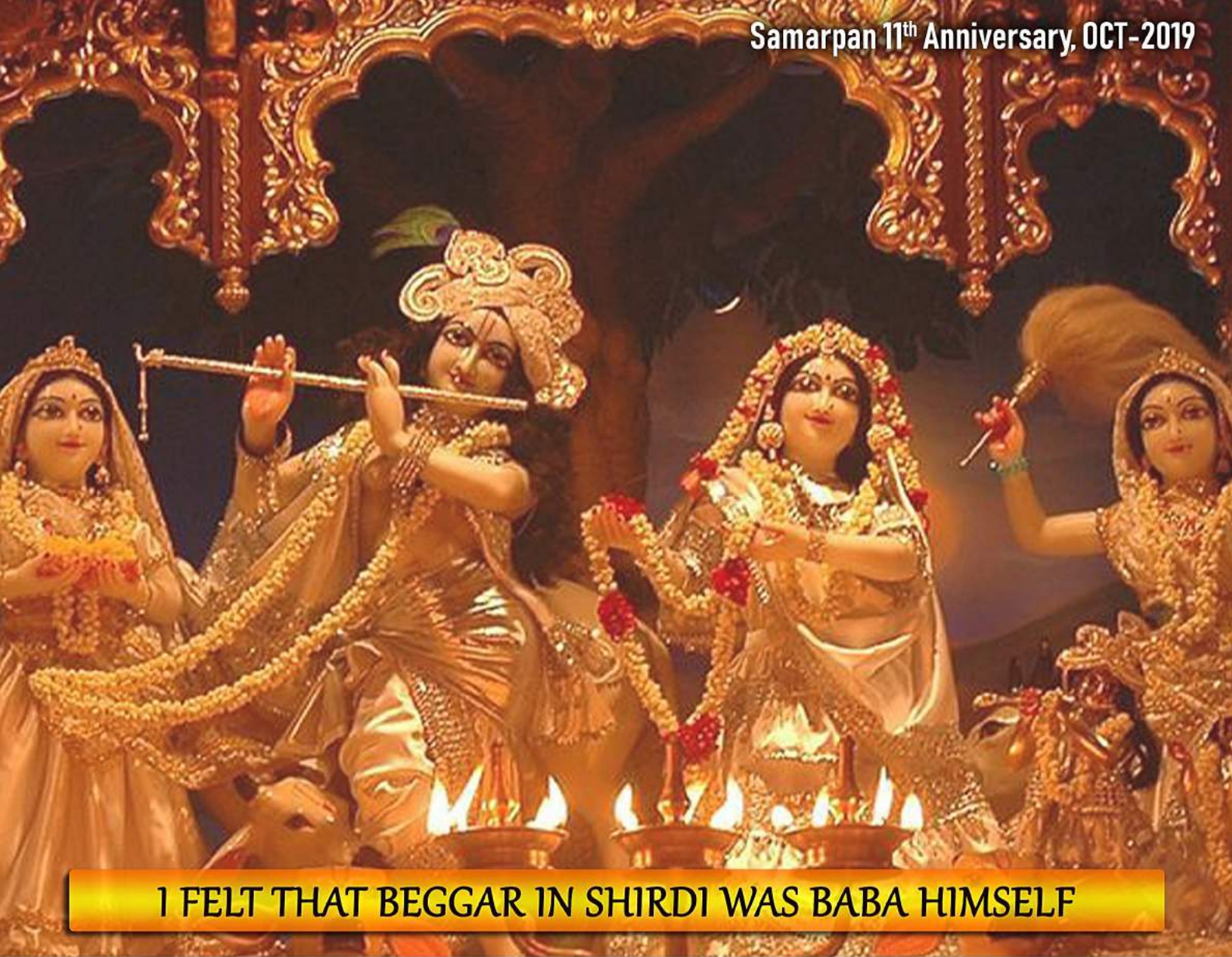


I would like to share an experience I had whilst I was in Shirdi in 2019 March.

I was in Shirdi for 10 days. I walked to the temple from my hotel room daily. While walking every day, I came across a beggar who kept himself filthy and was infested with flies. I kept asking myself why he

would stay in this state. One of the days I asked one of the other beggars about this particular man's state and they said that he was not well.

Then, a thought crossed my mind that Baba was testing me by showing me this scene daily. So, on a Saturday morning before leaving the hotel I carried a bottle of water to give it to the beggar. I saw him lying down and called out to him but he did not look, however his mouth was open so I poured a little water in his mouth. At this moment he woke up and accepted the



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bottle of water.

I reached the temple and **prayed to Baba to free this man from his sufferings**. After a good 3-4 hours in the temple, I returned to the temple and on my way back, I once more chanced upon the same beggar, however, **at this time there were no flies around him but he looked calm and peaceful, in fact, there was a glow on his face**. I called out to him, but there was no response. I too was tired so did not wait from him to wake up and left his sight.

The next day, on Sunday, while going to the temple, I realised that this man was not in his usual place. I enquired from those close by and was informed that he had gone off peacefully a few hours after I had given him water.

I was overwhelmed and thanked Baba profusely for releasing this man of his sufferings.



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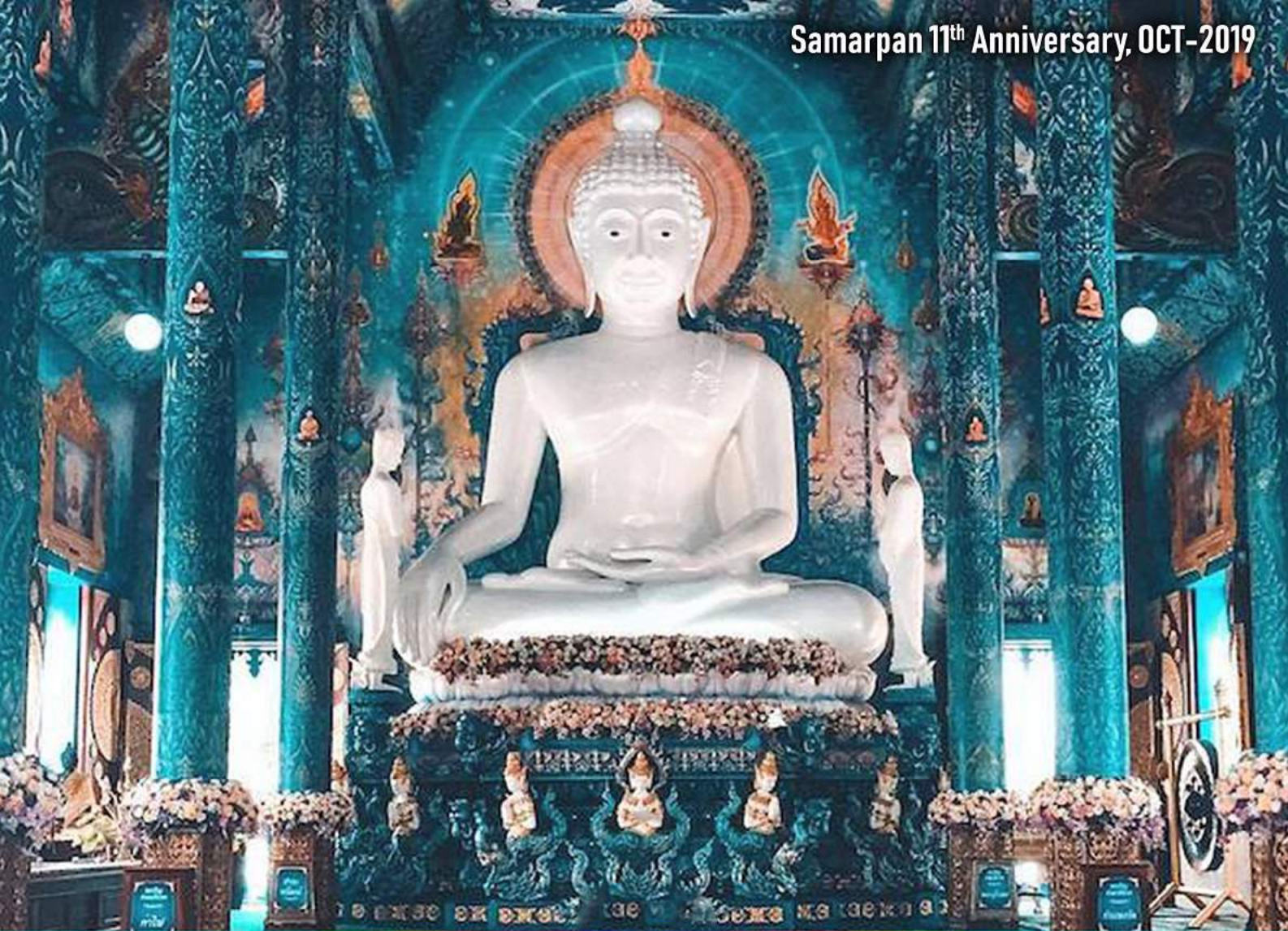
Baba gave me this beautiful opportunity to letting a soul free in calm and peace by allowing me to be compassionate.

This is our Amazing Baba, who makes sure we fulfil our purpose in life. May Baba bless the beggar's soul and may He bless all of us!

Jai Sai Ram!



~Usha Rana

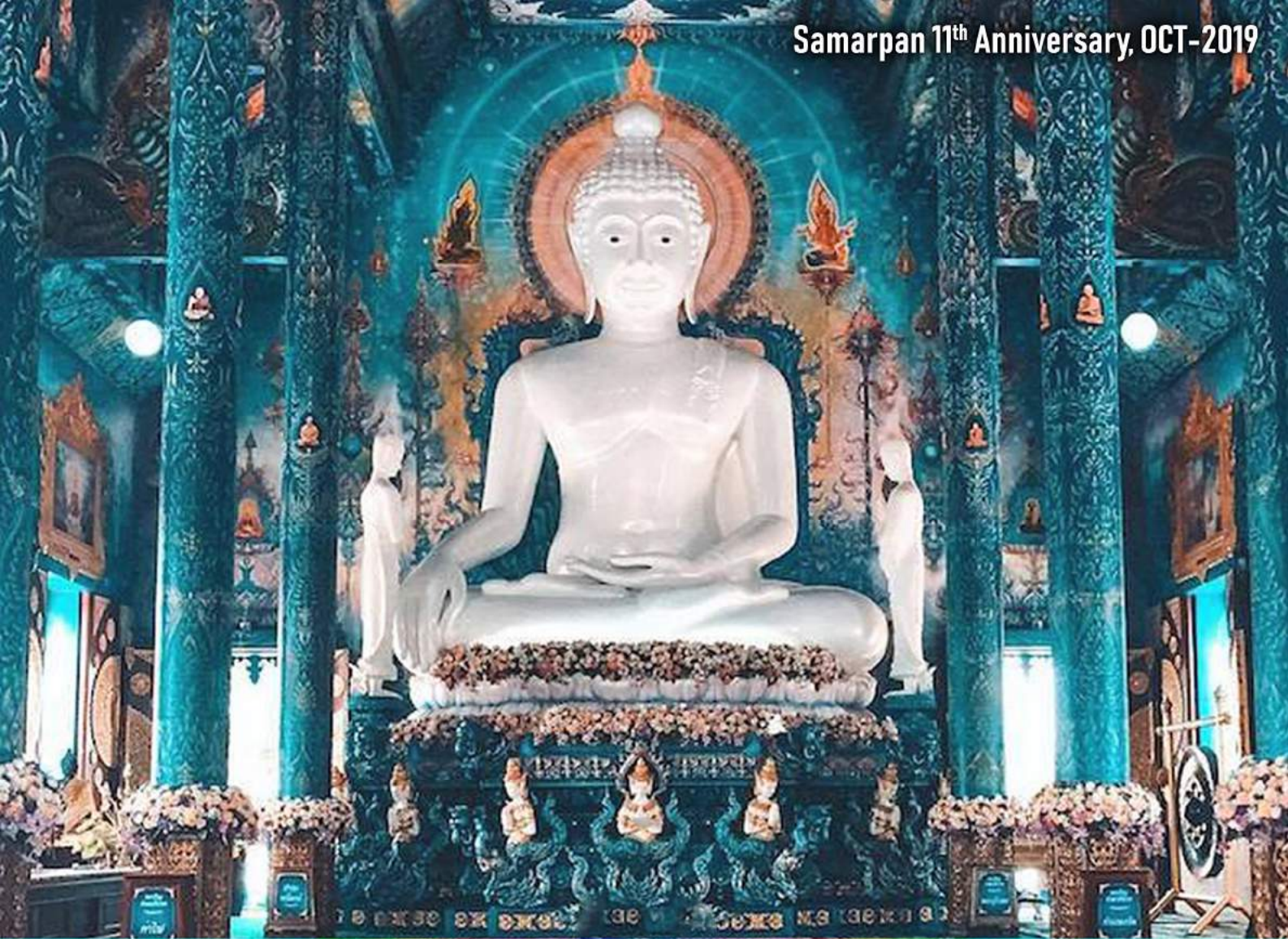


GETTING WOOD FOR SAI DHUNI

I am a resident of Chennai, Tamil Nadu India and I visit our local Shri Sai's temple every day. One day when I was in the **DWARAKAMAI** I got a feeling that I should get wood to add to the Sai Dhuni. Unfortunately I did not have money at that time. I felt really bad that I was not even able to offer a simple thing to Shri Sai.

My heart and mind were really unsteady and in pain. When I was about to exit Dwarakamai, the priest called me near him. I went to him and asked what he needed. He said "If you don't mind, can you please go down and get a few logs of wood and put it to the Dhuni?"





GETTING WOOD FOR SAI DHUNI

I couldn't express the extent of my happiness. Sai can't bear His devotees suffering from pain. He comes to our rescue at once. He answers all our prayers.

My faith increased a million fold.

Sathguru Shirdi Sai is Maheshwar....
Sathguru Shirdi Sai is Maha Vishnu...
Sathguru Shirdi Sai is Bramha....
Sathguru Shirdi Sai is Parabramha....



Have Faith and wait patiently.... Don't worry! He never makes his children wait for too long. Like a mother who rushes to feed her child crying out of hunger...Sai rushes to wipe out the sufferings of His children...



GETTING WOOD FOR SAI DHUNI

Why Fear when the Avinash Avadooth Sai is everywhere....

A MILLION NAMASKAR TO THE LOTUS FEET OF SAI FOR THIS BIRTH TO KNOW HIM,
SERVE HIM AND FEEL HIM! JAI SAI RAM!

SRI PAADA RAJYAM SARANAM PRABHATYE!!

DIGAMBARA SRI PAADA VALLABA DIGAMBARA!!!

~Satheesh Kumar Manoharan

BABA'S PICTURE – HIS BLESSINGS ON ME FOR LIFE

Om Sai Ram. Ever since the first edition I received this lightening guide for Sai devotees called “Sai Samarpan” magazine somewhere in 2016. I wished to share my precious experiences with other devotees.

I belong to a very orthodox family where individuals have their favourite Gods. My mother is ardent devotee of Lord Shiva and father of Lord Dattatreya of Ghanagapur, he visits Ghanagapur at least twice a year and most of the times I have accompanied him and that's why I guess Sai Baba chose me as next generation bhakta of Dattatreya Sai Baba.

I am totally blank and not sure from where to begin as I have numerous experiences with Baba and would like to share as much as Baba allows me to in installments in each quarter of this publication going forward, so here I am sharing my first encounter with Baba which I can briefly recollect.

I had spent most of my childhood in my aunt's home (My mom's elder sister). Once I was playing with my friends, and I came into the house to drink water, while drinking water I saw Baba's photo lying on the floor.

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(Left to right: Nana Nimonkar, Sai Baba and Babusaheb Booti and Bhagoji Shinde)

I took it to my aunt and innocently enquired about this elderly person's relation to our family. I asked her many questions as to: "When was the last time he had come to our home? Why hadn't I met him? Is this photograph taken outside our village home? Who is this little child? Can I too take a photo with him?"

My Aunt laughed loudly and called my mother asking me to repeat my questions. I repeated the questions. Together they informed me that **this photo was of Shirdi Sai Baba** and my cousin who had visited Shirdi recently had brought the photo and told me that **He is a great saint and avatar of God Himself.**

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They even told me that He came in the form of photo to keep an eye on me and to be with me so that I behave myself and be a good boy.

Hearing this I was overwhelmed and felt a connection to my Sai Baba. I requested my Aunt to allow me to keep the photograph. My Aunt allowed me on condition that I would take care of the photograph with utmost care and not let it ever tear.

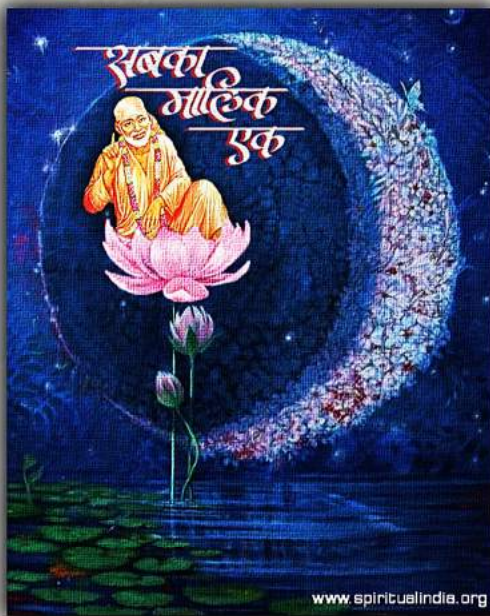
It been many years and till today I have this photo with me and carry it wherever I go. I have carried this photo with me during my student life as well as professional life. I keep this photo intact without putting Kumkum as I don't wish to spoil it with its colour. I just put Vibhuti that too at bhoomi part of photo. Whenever I worship or stare at that photo I feel his divine presence with me as if he is talking to me, guiding me, consoling me and being with me.

Jai Sai Ram!

~Shivshankar Patil



BABA CALLED ME TO SHIRDI



Thank you Baba! I am also indebted to the editor and organisers of Samarpan for giving me this platform to express my personal experience with Baba.

This is a spiritual answer, so some people may consider my devotion to Baba as lunatic. But, I urge you to consider this as my love of Baba that has inspired this writing. In fact, I believe Baba writes for me.

This happened on 8th Dec 2016 when Baba called me to visit Shirdi from a foreign place. I couldn't arrange for the direct flight. My flight journey was destined by Baba from that foreign place to Kolkata to Delhi to Mumbai to Shirdi.

You may not believe but **every morning Baba talks to me when I meditate on Him (Om Sai Ram)**. That day sitting in that foreign airport Baba told me



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“You will have trouble but everyone is not as lucky as you”.

I was astonished what Baba was meaning for! But Baba's Leela, no one can realise from earlier on. When I went for boarding pass, I was told that my flight was delayed to Kolkata as no flight was running from Delhi due to fog. I became scared. What to do with a flight from abroad to Kolkata when there is fog in Delhi? Also, my scheduled Kolkata to Delhi flight was at 6 p.m. sharp.

I didn't know what to do. I was just praying to Baba to bring me to Shirdi. The flight started and landed in Kolkata at 5:45 pm. I was sure that I would have missed my Kolkata Delhi flight. But to my utter surprise, it was rescheduled to 8 pm. So, I checked in and had some food at Netaji Subhash Bose international airport, Kolkata. Suddenly I looked at the display board in the lounge. It was showing flight being delayed upto 11:35 pm due to fog in Delhi. My heart stopped as my Delhi to Mumbai flight was at 1:30 a. m. midnight. I was wondering how could I catch it?

I left my food and went straight to operational manager of the airline to disclose my designation with my VIP gazetted officer's card and requested

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their help to catch the connecting flight?

They made some special arrangements talking to Delhi and assured me that the flight will wait upto 20 minutes more so that they can accommodate me. But, Baba had other plans.

My flight took off from Kolkata on 12:30 am and reached Delhi at 3 am. Obviously the Mumbai bound flight had departed. I went to the airlines office absolutely dejected as I was destined to stay at Shirdi only for one day. The airlines told me all Mumbai and Pune flights had been cancelled for the day due to fog. I disclosed my designation. They told me that only one flight will be operational at 8:30 pm that night for emergency and VIP passengers and they can accommodate me there.

I was meditating to Baba and He told me how far I can be, He will pull me to His feet in no time.. like a string attached to a sparrow. My eyes were full in tears of gratitude.



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The flight was at 8 am and I was on board by 7.30 am. It took off 15 minutes before and reached Pune airport at 9.40 am. My driver was waiting and road was miraculously vacant. I reached Shirdi at 1.30 pm which if I had reached by my prescheduled route should have been somewhere around 12 noon.

I was only 90 minutes late and sparked Baba's vani last morning **"You will have trouble but everyone is not as lucky as you"**.

~Dr. Dhiman Bhattacharya

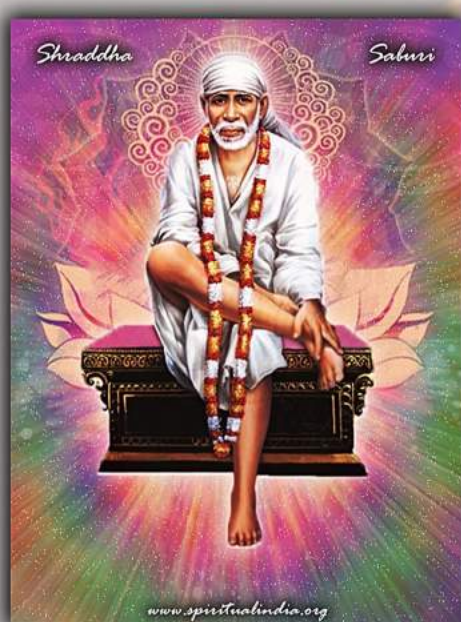
I KNOW IT WAS NONE OTHER THAN BABA

Dear Readers, Om Sai Ram! Please bear with me as the experience I have to share is quite long, but I am sure it would touch your heart and make you feel that Baba is with us always.

This is the incidence that took place when I was in 10th standard (i.e. 16yrs old). I was weak in Mathematics. Although I had my regular tuition classes, my dad had asked one of his friends, who ran a tuition class, if he could send any teacher, who could give me personal tuition for Maths. He then sent a teacher, who had newly joined their classes, to teach me.

This teacher was a Civil Engineer as told by him. He had a very good command in Maths. He was basically from Hyderabad. His elder brother had ditched him and taken away all his part of property. So, he left the place and came to Surat (Gujarat).

He was dark, used to wear torn clothes, spectacles, slippers on feet and his only means of transport was a bicycle. He would come



every day in the morning and my mother would give him breakfast. At times she gave him some money too. My father too was very kind to him as well. Once he had some health issues; my father being a doctor treated him and gave him medicines. He thanked my father. He taught me just for a few weeks. One fine morning, he came and

told us that he would discontinue coming, as he was leaving Surat and that he doesn't know if he would ever return. He said he had just come to meet us for the last time.

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There were tears rolling down his dark cheeks. I was numb as I didn't expect this. Then a shrill voice came to my ears saying thus, **“Dear you are the only one who has respected me so much, till now nobody has done that”**. Keeping his hand on my head, he blessed me saying, “You will always be successful in life. After you grow up and become independent (i.e. start earning), you should go to Shirdi. When you go there, I just want you to do one thing. Just feed one poor person and I will be obliged”. Needless to say, I went to Shirdi with my 1st earning and I did feed a poor man.

Although I believed in God, but I was not at all religious. Hearing these words of his at that age, I was blank as I didn't know what was going on. Then he showed me his palm and showed me a line in it (i.e. “Rekha”). Showing it, he said, “This is a line, which you would not see in anybody's hand”. While saying all this, he kept crying and even I and my mother had tears in our eyes.

It was just like a dream. He took a pen of mine as a remembrance of me. On that day as usual my mother gave him some money, but he refused to take it that day. Thus, he left leaving behind a beautiful memory of his for me. After one year, when I finished my 11th and I had started tuitions for 12th, he again called me once asking if I need any help in studies. But as I already had many tuitions, I refused him.

After completion of my 12th, I went to another city for my graduation and stayed there in a hostel. In the first year of my engineering, my mother got news from someone that this teacher had passed away.



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Few months later, there came a saint at our door, generally my mother doesn't entertain such people due to fear, but that day she did ask him to come in. He said few things about our past, which was absolutely correct. Then he said that Sai Baba had come to your place and He was very happy with you and your family. My mother did not pay much attention to his words as it was really difficult to digest such a statement. Then he made some predictions that we would go to Shirdi sometime in next January and that all problems that my father was facing in his hospital would be solved. It did happen the same way. We did go to Shirdi in January (it was a sudden program) and also my father's problems were solved.

Reading this incident till here, would make you feel that the **Teacher was no one else, but my SAI BABA**. But we being humans use more logic and don't understand when God gives us indications that HE is with us. Same was the case with us. We still couldn't believe that Baba had come at our house. So finally, he had to again give us some further proof.

Few months after all this took place, I had gone home for a vacation. Since the time the Teacher had left, I had started believing in Sai Baba and soon I became an ardent devotee of Baba. He became my best friend and my brother as I am a single child.

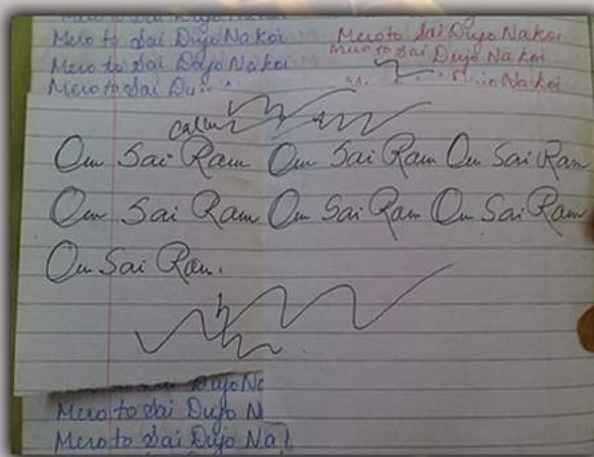
As I started writing the first incident, I don't know what happened to me and I **started believing that the Teacher was my Sai**. As it is said Sai Himself chooses His devotees, He chose me.



I KNOW IT WAS NONE OTHER THAN BABA

The very next thought was that if he was my Sai, then the notes he wrote for me would be a blessing for me only if I can find them as it had been 5 long years now. But when Sai wants something to happen, it would happen. Yes! I did get the notes written by him.

As I opened the note book, I started feeling the pages, which my SAI had touched. Suddenly a thought crossed my mind. If it was my SAI, he would have left some indication, SAI written or symbol to prove that it was Him. So, I started turning each page with a hope of finding one, but I could not find any in the pages written by him. Then by chance, I turned to the last page of the book, which was half torn and folded. When I opened the folded part, I couldn't believe, there was **"OM SAI RAM"** written not once, but 7 times. Look at My Baba he knew 7 is my favourite number because SAI BABA has 7 letters, he wrote it exactly 7 times. (sharing photo here)



Then I filled all the remaining pages in that book with his name till the last page. This is how he came into my life and I did not even recognize him.

Jai Sai Ram!

~Neha Shrivastav

SAI SATCHARITRA – A NEW PERSPECTIVE EACH TIME!

“Sai Satcharitra” written by Hemadpant is a divine blessing. If you have read it even once, you know that Hemadpant under the order and guidance of Baba, captured the leelas and experiences that he witnessed himself or shared the experiences of other renowned devotees of Baba during his time in Shirdi. Indeed it is Baba Himself who got this jewel written. Baba knew very well that when He will leave His body form, His devotees will get very anxious! He thus got this Satcharitra written, so we humble devotees through this book could feel His presence always.



As humans, we need many lives to decipher everything that our God, our Baba wants to teach us. Personally, I have read “Sai Satcharitra” numerous times by now but my experience of each reading has been unique, **it is like peeling the Onion.** Every time another layer sheds and I come out with a different learning, a different perspective. Life is a journey where Baba is with us in the form of “Sai Satcharitra” as our lighthouse, guiding us through the thick and thin.

A glass that may look half full to some will seem half empty to others! It is nothing but everyone’s perspective that makes them see things differently. For the teaching and learnings shared in Satcharitra, each time it will take you one level deeper.

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To share an example: In reference to **Chapter -2** of Sai Satcharitra, did you notice the beautiful explanation about the **“Need for Guru”** at the end of the chapter:

Hemadpant has left no note, no memo about what Baba said regarding this subject, but Kakasaheb Dixit has published his notes regarding this matter. Next day after Hemadpant's meeting with Sai Baba, Kakasaheb went to Baba and asked whether he should leave Shirdi. Baba Said, "Yes". Then someone asked –

"Baba, where to go?"

Baba said, "High up."

Then the man said, "How is the way?"

Baba said, "There are many ways leading there; there is one way also from here (Shirdi). The way is difficult. There are tigers and wolves in the jungles on the way."

1 (Kakasaheb) asked - "But Baba, what if we take a guide with us?"

Baba answered, - "Then there is no difficulty. The guide will take you straight to your destination, avoiding wolves, tigers and ditches etc. on the way. If there be no guide, there is the danger of your being lost in the jungles or falling into ditches."

Mr. Dabholkar was present on this occasion and he thought that this was the answer Baba gave to the question whether Guru was a necessity (Vide Sai Leela Vol. 1, No.5, Page 47); and he thereupon took the hint that no discussion of the problem, whether man is free or bound, is of any use in spiritual matters, but that on the contrary real Paramartha is possible only as the result of the teachings of the Guru, as is illustrated in this chapter of the original work in the instances of great Avatars like Rama and Krishna, who had to submit themselves to

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their Gurus, Vasishtha and Sandipani respectively, for getting self-realization and that the only virtues necessary for such progress are faith and patience. (Vide Sai Satcharita, Ch. 11, 191-92).

The ways of Baba were so unique! Just by way of a simple dialogue, He helped Kakasaheb and Hemadpant present in person and many devotees like us to understand why we need a Guru. **With Guru by our side, there is no difficulty in crossing this wild jungle called “life”. Our Guru, i.e. our Baba will guide us and help us avoid hindrances and potholes on our way and will help us to lead the right path.**

Baba has been so kind to share so many teachings in Satcharitra that if we only follow the learnings from this one book, we are set to rise!

Keep faith! When in trouble think about this! Imagine yourself at the airport, do you get down from your car and directly get into the plane. No, right! Usually, you stand in a few queues, do the security check, walk or ride a bus to the aircraft, etc. (even for a charter plane, you have to get down from the car and take a little walk to get to the aircraft). **Consider the obstacles that you face in your life as the walk that you have to take to start your next ride.** Have full faith in Baba and surrender completely to Him. The flights do get delayed sometimes right! Worry not, your flight will surely take off!

Coming to the point of getting different perspective each time while reading Satcharitra! Personally, when I started reading Sai Satcharitra, I learnt about the Karma theory,

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importance of having a Guru in our life, being kind to everyone, treating everyone with respect and very importantly being contented (specifically referring to Chapter 20 - Das Ganu's Problem Solved by Kaka's Maid-Servant).

I can't touch every perspective here but to give you an example, on reading this chapter- 20 again and again, **I have understood that being in a state of contentment is dependent only and only on our mind. Irrespective of our external circumstances, we can train our mind to be happy. Our happiness does not depend on materialistic things, it is just a state of mind and we have full control over it!**

Imagining life without my Guru, my Baba, is not possible for me now and I feel so humbled and blessed under His umbrella. Baba has taught me to be kind to everyone irrespective of who they are and treat everyone with love and respect. The learning continues!

Things may seem unsettled for now but He knows what's best for each one of us! Trying to be happy and contented with the blessings Baba has showered on me.

Next time you start reading "Sai Satcharitra", keep a log book next to you and write your perspective, what are your learnings after every chapter and you will notice that the learning will keep going deeper with each reading. You will never get bored of reading the same text as each time Baba will guide you to think further into this pool of knowledge and each time you will rise out more learned, wise and humble!

Bow to Shree Sai - Peace be to all!

~Purnima Dheeraj Guliani



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