

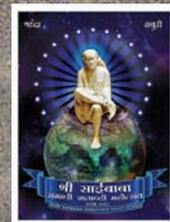
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Global Summit of Shri Sai Temple Trustees - 2016

In order to inculcate the feeling of oneness, to assert harmony, and feeling of unity in a society where discrimination was on the rise, the Eternal, Omnipresent, Omnipotent Divine Entity appeared in the form of Sai Baba on this planet in 19th century around 1838. People first noticed Sai Baba at a tender age of 16 under the Neem tree. His face beamed with radiance, which was indicative of His enduring meditation. Within a year, He suddenly went away from Shirdi. After approximately three years, He again visited Shirdi along with a marriage procession as a member from Chand Patil's family in Dhupkhed and stayed for His lifetime, spanning duration of almost 60 years.

During His lifelong stay in Shirdi, Sai Baba shaped people's life in the correct direction, taught them the art of living, and united people from different religions and castes. He completed this journey of life and left His physical entity at 2.30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 15, 1918, on the occasion of Dassera, in Dwarkamai, the *Masjid*.

On 18th October 2018, it would be 100 years commemorating the event of Sai Baba taking *Samadhi*. For this purpose, the Shirdi Sai Baba Sansthan Trust has planned various programmes on a grand scale from October 1, 2017 to October 18, 2018. The trust wishes to make this commemoration memorable with grandeur and zest and arrange programmes reminiscing Sai Baba's work in Shirdi. The Sansthan has decided to celebrate this event worldwide under the guidance of the Chairman of the Trust and scientist Dr. Suresh Haware. His innovative and skilful guidance will surely help to make the event global. In order to decide the programmes for this event and to reach maximum devotees, to know their suggestions, a summit was arranged in Shirdi on Sunday, December 11, 2016 and trustees and representatives of Sai Baba temples across the world attended it. The meet received a huge response.

Devotees, mainly temple trustees from Indian states like Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Odisha (Orissa), Uttar

Pradesh, Telangana, Madhya Pradesh, Goa, Gujarat, Delhi, Punjab, Jharkhand, Bihar, Rajasthan, Haryana, West Bengal, Uttarakhand, Chhattisgarh, Assam, Himachal Pradesh, Kerala, Puducherry (Pondicherry) and from countries outside India, like America, Australia, Canada, Germany, New Zealand, UK, Netherland, Malaysia, Sri Lanka, Hong Kong, Nepal were present on this occasion.

The venue for this summit was Sai Ashram Bhakta Nivas of Sai Sansthan situated on Nagar-Manmad road. Seating arrangement for 2,500 people and a dome was erected spanning 21 thousand 600 sq. feet. LED screens were put up, so that all people present there could view the event.

The people were welcomed with application of vermilion on the forehead, a ritual followed in India. They were also adorned with an orange coloured *dupatta* (lengthy piece of cloth) having the *mantra* Om Sai Ram and an image of Sai Baba sitting on the stone. By blowing a long musical instrument like a *bigul* (*tutari*), the dignitaries were welcomed.

In the *pandal*, Sai Baba's charters and sayings had been put up leading the people to feel that Sai Baba Himself is talking to them.

The summit began with a programme of melodious devotional songs presented by Sri Paras Jain and his choir. At first he chanted the name and hymn "*Sacchidanand Sadguru Sainath Maharaj ki Jai*" out loud filling the atmosphere with zest. Sri Sudhanshu Lokegaonkar, a musical teacher with the Sansthan's Educatational Institution also mesmerized the audience with his song "*Thoda dhyan laga, Sai daude daude aayenge...*"

When the Chairman of the Sansthan arrived, once again, people greeted him by chanting Shri Sai Baba's Name. He communicated with the people present by going amidst them and roaming, asking for suggestions.

The summit was inaugurated by Sri Sudhir Mungantiwar, Finance and Planning, Forests Minister of Maharashtra. Present on the dais

were Sri Girish Mahajan, Water Conservation and Medical Education Minister of Maharashtra, Sri Radhakrishna Vikhe Patil, Opposition Leader in Maharashtra Legislative Assembly, Members of Parliament Sri Dilip Gandhi and Sri Sadashiv Lokhande. They were greeted with *shawl*, bouquet, Sai's statue, Sansthan's diary and the *Udi* (holy ash). Along with these guests, Sansthan's Chairman Dr. Suresh Haware, Vice Chairman Sri Chandrashekhar Kadam, Trustees Sri Pratap Bhosale, Sri Bipindada Kolhe, Sri Bhausahab Wakchaure, Sri Sachin Tambe, Adv. Mohan Jaykar, Chairprson of Shirdi Municipal Council and Trustee Sou Anitatai Jagtap, Executive Officer Sri Bajirao Shinde, *Prant* Officer Sri Kundan Sonawane were also present on the dais.

Students of Sai Baba Kanya Vidya Mandir School, run by the Sansthan, sang the melodious

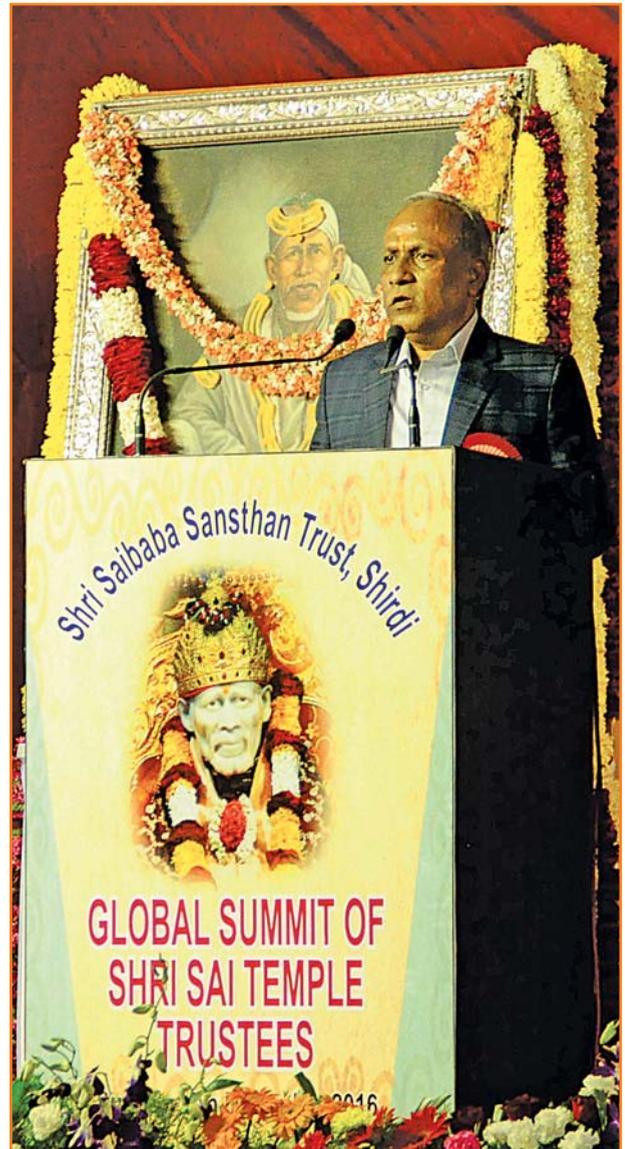
prayer "*Ananta, Tula te kase re stavave*" a prayer asking, "Oh Lord, How shall we praise thee..." and filled the atmosphere with devotion.

Executive Officer Sri Bajirao Shinde welcomed the guests, audience and commenced the summit.

Dr. Suresh Haware, the Chairman of the Sansthan, thanked everyone and said, "Sai Union is one of the biggest association spread across the world. There are more than 3000 big temples of Shri Sai Baba. There are more than 400 temples of Sai Baba in America, Europe, Canada, Germany, South Africa,



Sri Bajirao Shinde, Executive Officer of the Sansthan...



Dr. Suresh Haware, Chairman of the Sansthan...

Dubai, Singapore, Japan, Australia and New Zealand. Recently, Trustee Sri Pratap Bhosale visited America and informed that there are 80 Sai Baba temples. We realize that Sai Baba Himself is the Chief of this Sai Association. Due to the experiences that people all over the world get, the miracles that happen in their lives and due to the prayers being answered, globally, people have started believing in Sai Baba. They are getting connected with Sai Baba and other devotees. The first, main objective of this summit is that all such people should come together, communicate with each other, promote and strengthen this association.

While explaining the second objective, Dr. Haware said that on October 18, 2018, it would be 100 years of Sai Baba taking *Samadhi*. For this purpose, the Shirdi Sai Baba Sansthan Trust has planned various programmes on a grand scale from October 1, 2017 to October 18, 2018. Not just in Shirdi, but the programmes will be arranged in various Sai temples. This meet is organized with a view to share ideas on how to commemorate the event, what are the views of people, trustees of overseas Sai temples. Thus, the second objective was presented.

As a part of this centennial, a huge procession of *Sai Rath* (chariot) will be arranged from Bengaluru, Chennai, Rajasthan, etc. covering North, South, East and West directions. The chariot will halt at certain places on this route so that devotees from these places are able to take *Darshan*, pray and pay their obeisance.”

At this point of time, he narrated his painful experience. Three years ago, he went to Shirdi with his family to seek Sai Baba’s blessings. When he reached Shirdi, there was a lot of rush. As the queue progressed gradually, the crowd increased. Suddenly, people started pushing each other, breaking the queue and causing more chaos. Due to this, he was thrown out of the queue. Disappointed, he told his wife that he would never come to Shirdi again and returned without visiting the Shrine and taking Baba’s *Darshan*. However, Sai Baba’s ways of making

things work out are unfathomable. Not only did he return but he also made a decision of not coming to Shirdi again. Four months ago, Chief Minister of Maharashtra, Sri Devendra Fadnavis informed him that he was thinking of granting the responsibility of Shirdi Sai Sansthan to him. Surprised, Dr. Haware understood this as Sai Baba’s call and accepted the responsibility, as a Chairman. After narrating this surprising, astonishing and mystic event in his life, Dr. Haware said, “The path to reach Sai Baba is not very easy, straight and convenient. It is full of hurdles and one needs to be prepared for such achievements. Sai Baba tests His devotees, yet even then, He never lets them alone. He never leaves His devotees. Firm belief has that power to reach Sai Baba.

Simple things and tasks in life hold big secrets in them. The fruit falling of an apple tree is a natural, trivial and general act in common eyes. Yet, for Newton, this simple task was distinct, something unique and intriguing, which led him to discover Laws of Gravity. Such keen observation is required for better implementation.

The devotees should not face similar problem and rush that I faced three years ago, and thus we are taking efforts to avoid chaos. For this, we would be implementing the system followed by Tirupati Balaji temple for *Darshan*. Thus, one need not stand in queue for long. The system that includes giving a pass stating the time of *Darshan* to each devotee is being executed since 12th December 2016. Each devotee is equally important for Sai Baba. Special provisions are made for nursing mothers. People with disabilities (better words used now-a-days = differently-abled people), aged devotees will get direct *Darshan* along with a kin. The devotees in the queue will get tea, coffee and biscuits free of cost. From 1st January, all devotees will get free meals as *Sai prasad bhojan*.

The summit will be carried out in four sessions. Further decisions or suggestions would be taken in the second session of this



Sri Radhakrishna Vikhe Patil, Opposition Leader in Maharashtra Legislative Assembly...

summit to commemorate the centennial. In the third session, discussion on how Sai devotees across the world have experienced the grace and blessings of Sai Baba, how the faith of increasing number of people is installed in Sai Baba will take place. The fourth session would be the closing session.” Temples from the nation as well as outside India have contributed in spreading Sai Baba’s message and enhancing their devotion, making it more firm. Further, he said that “There are two aspects of Sai Charitra, ‘Sai *Leela*’ and ‘Sai *Seva*’. Through these two aspects, devotees shall continue the work of Sai Baba. While doing so, message of Faith and Patience should be put forth for the world. We all need to work with the spirit that it is Shri Sai Baba Who is making us work this way. Serving the poor, needy, impoverished and in general Sai devotees is serving Sai Baba. Moreover, every Thursday, food is distributed and this ritual shall continue forever.

Sai Baba has healed and cured a lot of ill people when He was in Shirdi. Taking His service to the mankind into consideration, every Thursday should be declared as blood-donation day. Devotees in Tirupati offer their hair. Similarly, Sai devotees should donate blood. The red blood which can be donated to others, cannot be produced artificially and it does not have any other substitute. The decision taken to donate blood in Shirdi would be a revolutionary one. Dr. Haware also explained that along with blood donation, devotees would be made aware



Sri Sadashiv Lokhande, Member of Parliament...

of organ donation. They will be encouraged to donate their organs.

The Opposition Leader in Maharashtra Legislative Assembly, Sri Radhakrishna Vikhe Patil stated in his speech that, “We are indeed lucky to witness the event of centennial and to be part of this occasion. I express my gratitude towards the Sansthan’s Chairman and his colleagues for arranging such a summit, due to which we all have gathered here under a roof. The Chairman had discussed with me about meeting the temple authorities of Sai temples all over the world. I liked this idea very much, and hence, today I am here. Since 35 years, I have been experiencing Shri Sai Baba’s grace and His



Sri Dilip Gandhi, Member of Parliament...



Sri Girish Mhajan, Water Conservation and Medical Education Minister of Maharashtra...

blessings. Hence, I always extend my help to the work or tasks related to Sai. Yet, there are some miscreants who misuse Sai Baba's Name, doing misdeeds. Such people are however, punished by Sai Baba Himself. We need to make sure that the sanctity of this sacred place remains intact.”

On concluding his speech, Sri Vikhe Patil thanked the Chairman and the trustees for including him in this programme.

After this speech, a film showing the regular activities in the Sai *Samadhi Mandir*, Shri Sai Prasadalya, Dwarkamai, the functioning of Sai hospitals, arrangements for Sai devotees' residence, etc. was shown.

M. P. Sri Sadashiv Lokhande said in his speech that “We should all come together and work with a feeling of unison to commemorate this centennial.” Accordingly, facilities like

enough water should be provided to Shirdi and 182 villages surrounding it. The labourers should get just wages as per the ‘Equal pay for Equal work’ principle. Also, considering the technological development, efforts to make Shirdi a modern, technologically well-equipped city should be taken.”

M. P. Sri Dilip Gandhi said in his speech, “Shirdi is a sacred place due to Sai Baba's holy presence. The work in this holy place of Shirdi should be carried out according to the two main principles of Sai Baba, Faith and Patience. Every year, thousands of devotees visit Shirdi, devotedly bow down to the Shrine and return with a strengthened spirit. In turn, they too make others strong; such is the piety of this place. There should be a holistic development of this place and each devotee that comes here



**Sri Sudhir Mungantiwar, Finance and Planning,
Forests Minister of Maharashtra...**

should feel delighted on return.”

Sri Girish Mahajan, Water Conservation and Medical Education Minister of Maharashtra expressed his views in the speech stating, “Sai Baba does not belong only to Shirdi or this state or the country, but to all; He belongs to the entire world. His devotees are all over the world. There should be some co-ordination in them. Sai Baba was a mendicant, but today this Sansthan is known as one of the richest trusts. Out of devotion, people donate and do charitable deeds here. The money gathered thus should be utilized for the benefit of all. It should be utilized in social, educational and medical



**Sri Chandrashekhar Kadam,
Vice Chairman of the Sansthan...**

fields. Whatever assistance is required by the Central and the State Government it will be given. We should participate in this centennial with a feeling of belongingness that this is our function. I will be really happy to carry out the responsibility given to me.”

Paying obeisance to Shri Sai Baba, Sri Sudhir Mungantiwar, Finance and Planning, Forests Minister of Maharashtra said, “The devotees are indeed fortunate to have a humble, hardworking, service-oriented Chairman on the occasion of centennial commemoration of Sai Baba taking *Samadhi*. On this occasion, there should be a heart-to-heart conversation and conservation of Sai Baba’s teachings and thoughts. In this era of technology, taking

efforts for humanity should also increase. This place is not merely a place, but an inspiring, sacred space that helps nurture the feeling of harmony and friendship amongst all. It is like an institute or intellectual hub where people learn how to deal with other people and bridge the gap. Indeed, we have gathered here for the future generation and for everybody's benefit. Our goal should be to provide the facilities to every single person and no one should be left out. India is land of Gods. God does not discriminate and hence, our country firmly believes in being secular and tolerant. Our country always wishes for the peace, prosperity, bountiful growth and happiness in the entire world. Hence, one should serve in the manner that one gets rebirth in this country; a kind of investment by serving. The scheme of 500 ambulances is indeed praiseworthy and notable deed of the Sansthan in the field of medicine. One should have faith and inculcate patience. This strong message of 'Faith and Patience' helps to overcome difficulties."



Sri Bhausaheb Wakchaure, Sansthan's Trustee...

Sri Mungantiwar is sure that under the guidance and leadership of the newly appointed Chairman, the Sansthan will surely do well. He assured the Sansthan that the government will provide all the necessary assistance required for building medical college, for working in various fields like environment, health, service towards mankind, and for illuminating the lives of poverty-stricken people.

The Vice Chairman of the Sansthan, Sri Chandrashekhar Kadam, gave a vote of thanks and concluded the first session.

The second session was carried out under the Chairmanship of Sri R. C. Joshi. The dignitaries present on the dais were the Sansthan's Chairman Dr. Suresh Haware, Trustees Sri Bipindada Kolhe, Sri Bhausaheb Wakchaure and Adv. Mohan Jaykar, Prant Officer Sri Kundan Sonawane and other guests.

Representing the Sansthan, Sri Bhausaheb Wakchaure said, "We have received some suggestions on commemoration of Shri Sai Baba *Samadhi* centennial. In this entire duration, cultural programmes would be arranged. A procession of Sai Chariot will be taken out. In order to spread the message of Sai worldwide and to make this event global, to widen the scope of Sai devotion, the Sansthan alone would not suffice. It needs the assistance of all Sai Baba temples spread across the nation and across the globe. In the history of Sai Sansthan, this is for the first time that a meeting of members or trustee - representatives of all international Sai temples has been arranged. We all shall unite and spread the message of Sai by offering our service. For this, we need assistance and co-ordination of all Sai temples.



Sri Nitin Desai, Art Director, Picture and Documentary Producer...

In some Sai temples, the abundant funds are collected, and they do not know how to utilize them. These temples should give the funds to the main Sai Sansthan so that the Sansthan will make appropriate use of it. On this occasion of Sai centennial, if people have any suggestions, they should feel free to voice them or give them in writing. We will surely consider those.”

The Sansthan felicitated the chairman of the second session, Sri R. C. Joshi and famous Art Director, Picture and Documentary Producer Sri Nitin Desai.

In this session, Sri K. Thangraj, (Mailapur, Chennai, Tamil Nadu), Sri Prashant Dikshit of Bhaskar News Group, Sri Neeraj Kumar (Delhi), Sri Jaychand Choudhary (Anantpur), Sri Mangesh Naibagkar (Vartak Nagar, Thane, Maharashtra), Sri Vivek Parsekar (Goa), Sri Girishbhai Patel (Ahmedabad, Gujarat), Sri Sanjay Chander (West Bengal), Sri Manu Bajaj (U.K.), Sri Shrichand T. Rajpal (Bengaluru), Sri Ramesh Kalya (Chandigarh), Sri Sunil Nayar (Palakkad, Kerala), Sri Abhijit Narayan (Germany) expressed their views.

Sri K. Thangraj suggested that for the centennial year, more trains should be scheduled to and fro Shirdi, a postal stamp of Sai Baba should be issued, and a serial on His life and service to mankind should be broadcasted on television. Moreover, a world-wide exhibition of His belongings like the robe He wore or the things He used should be held at prominent Sai temples or places. The Sansthan should also guide people who wish to construct new temples on how to sculpt and install Sai Baba statues. Further, he suggested that all Sai devotees visiting Shirdi should get meals free of cost, traditional and cultural programmes should be arranged in all schools and colleges and suggested that the Sansthan should organize them. He assured that Sai devotees will always provide the necessary assistance.

Sri Prashant Dikshit of Bhaskar News Group mentioned that “In this pious land of saints like Shri Dnyaneshwar, Shri Gajanan Maharaj, Shri Sai Baba etc., the message and teachings for the well being of entire humanity, breaking the barriers of caste and religion have

been spread and inculcated. In order to live a good, beautiful life, one must have a cleansed mind. Through the teachings of such saints, we can cleanse our mind. Bhaskar News Group will definitely carry out the responsibility of publishing world wide the benevolent deeds and social service done by Sai devotees.”

Sri Neeraj Kumar from Delhi explained that studying Sai Baba’s life and spirit makes one gain insight into life and gives one an inner vision, a mind’s eye that enables one to walk the path of life in the right direction. For this reason, Shri Sai Sat Charita should be promoted, made known through all Sai temples. A Sai devotee who imbibes the knowledge and teachings of Sai Baba and implements them can alone perform tasks of a hundred men.

Sri Jaychand Choudhary from Anantpur expressed his views that “Shirdi Sai Sansthan should register all Sai temples and bring them under a roof. There should be co-ordination and by setting up an information centre, the Sansthan should inform all Sai temples of the programmes, events, functions in Shirdi so that every Sai devotee comes to know about it. Centers should be set up for spiritual fests, meets, and *satsangs*.”

Sri Mangesh Naibagkar from Vartak Nagar, Thane, Maharashtra, suggested that “The priests of all Sai temples should be trained by the priests of the main Shirdi Sai temple for rituals like *Aarati*, worship offered throughout the day etc. Similarly, to remember the event of Sai Baba taking *Samadhi* on 15th October 1918 at 2.30 p.m., Sai devotees should gather at various Sai temples and observe remembrance of this event on the next Dassera that falls on 18th October 2018 at the same time - 2.30 p.m. and together remember Him.”

Sri Vivek Parsekar from Goa proposed, “In this centennial commemoration, a procession of Sai *Padukas* should be arranged at all major centers of the world so that all devotees are able to visit and pay their obeisance and take *Darshan*.”

Sri Girishbhai Patel from Ahmedabad, Gujarat, recommended that “On the grounds of a

programme like ‘*Kaun Banega Crorepati*’, there should be a programme on the life of Sai Baba.” Moreover, monetary help should be provided to students, as they are the future of our nation. Serving human beings is worshipping God, he asserted.

Sri Sanjay Chander from West Bengal suggested that “During this period, medical camps, awareness programmes, helplines, meals for devotees, such programmes should be arranged on a large scale. These programmes should be made public at local, regional, state level, national as well as international platforms, and there should be a special edition informing the people about this.” He also stated that a short film should be made.

Sri Manu Bajaj from U.K stressed on organizing blood donation programmes, social camps for reinstalling communal harmony, feasts, on arranging Sai fares and also competitions based on the life of Sai Baba especially for youth and children.

Sri Shrichand T. Rajpal from Bengaluru stated, “In this centenary year, values and teachings of Sai Baba should be inculcated and promoted in a way that they remain permanently in our memory and more literature on Sai Baba should be made available for the children, our future generation. Shirdi Sansthan should provide the concepts for this and all the Sai temples should develop the concepts in the regional languages and publish them. A calendar, diary on Sai Baba could be published. Activities like organizing drawing competitions, essay writing competitions, releasing postal stamp of Sai Baba could be carried out, more importantly,



Sri R. C. Joshi...



Sri Bipindada Kolhe, Sansthan's Trustee...

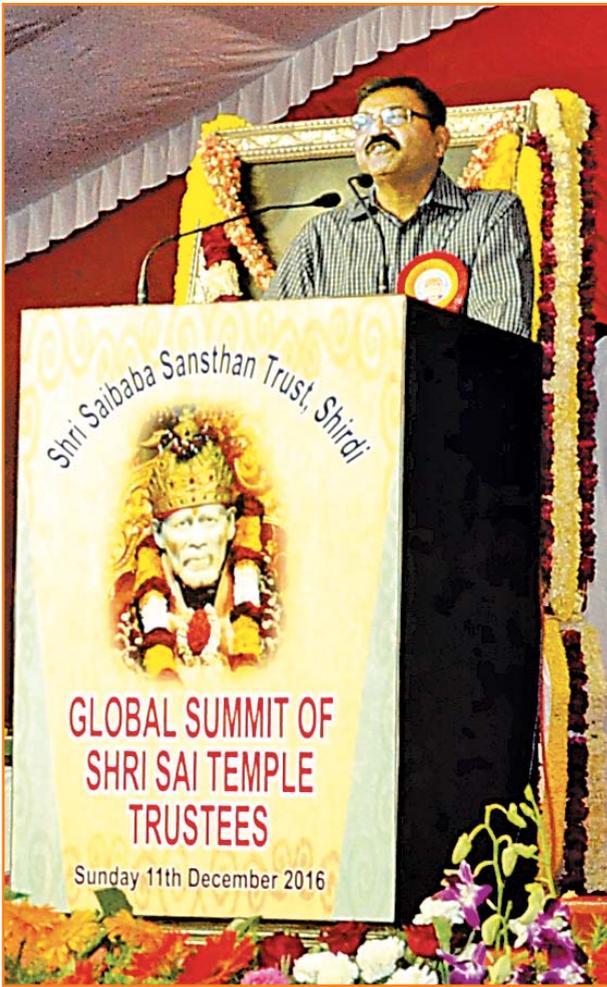
the temples should co-ordinate, unify and adopt nearby villages.”

Sri Ramesh Kalya (Chandigarh), suggested that Palanquin Processions should be taken out at various places.

Sri Sunil Nayar from Palakkad, Kerala said that “A short film should be broadcasted; Chariot Procession or *Rath Yatra* should be taken out, *Akhand Parayan* (continuous reading) of 100 copies of Shri Sai Sat Charita at 100 places at a time can be arranged. Programmes and plays in local languages on the life and events of Sai Baba can be conducted in various states, free food distribution, free medical camps can also be set up.”

Sri Abhijit Narayan from Germany suggested that “Programmes like Sai Sandhya programme of devotional songs in 100 different, central cities across the world can be arranged by the Sai temple trusts located there. The literature, books can be made available in different foreign languages like Spanish, German etc. and Shirdi Sansthan should also provide these overseas temples with sufficient amount of *Udi* - the holy ash.”

Sri R. C. Joshi from Guwahati, Assam stressed that “Sai Baba is not imprisoned in a body measuring some feet, but He is Omnipresent, Eternal. Each one has an idea or suggestion to make the centennial memorable. Yet, the circumstances are different at various places. Programmes should be arranged according to the need and situation in that region, like providing food, medical facilities, blood donation etc.” He expressed his gratitude



Sri Pratap Bhosale, Sansthan's Trustee...

towards Shirdi Sai Sansthan for honouring him the responsibility of being a chairman for the second session of the summit.

While giving the vote of thanks, Sri Bipindada Kolhe thanked the dignitaries and guests for their valuable suggestions and ideas at this global summit that was organized for the first time in the history of Sai Sansthan, Shirdi. Further, he said, "The number of devotees coming to Shirdi is increasing day by day. The money donated in the donation box indicates currency notes of various foreign countries. This also notifies that devotion towards Sai Baba has now spread worldwide. It has become global. Even though now it is lunchtime, you all have stayed back in this programme for the love of Sai Baba. This shows that your faith in Sai is deeply rooted. It reflects the teaching of Faith and Patience."



Dr. Satish Reddy...

After the lunch that was arranged in one side of the pandal, the third session of the summit began under the chairmanship of Dr. Satish Reddy. The dignitaries present on the dais were the Sansthan's Vice Chairman Sri Chandrashekar Kadam, Trustees Sri Pratap Bhosale, Sri Sachin Tambe, Adv. Mohan Jaykar and Sri Bhausahab Wakchaure, Prant Officer Sri Kundan Sonawane and other guests.

In his introductory speech, Sri Pratap Bhosale emphasized that the messages of Shri Sai Baba should reach all over the world and for this, Sai devotees all over the world should be well connected. This would be the fruitful outcome of this summit.

Sri Rajshekar from Pudducherry mentioned that Shirdi is a sacred place for all; it is here that we express and confess all our sorrows and ask for salvation; he further asserted the importance of meditation and *yoga* to achieve this.

Sri Himanshubhai Pathak from Surat, Gujarat suggested that the girls born on the centenary day should be known as 'Sai Beti' (daughters of Sai Baba), and the holy ash as well as a photo of Sai Baba should be sent to their places. Moreover, in this period of commemoration, the flame lit in Dwarkamai should be passed on to other temples, and an app should be devised and developed to let all know what Sai devotees are doing or the way they are offering services.

Sri Nagpal from Uttarakhand mentioned that till now we have been asking for some or the other services from the Sansthan. Now, it



Sri Sachin Tambe, Sansthan's Trustee...

is our turn to give back to the trust. Let us not miss this opportunity. Once we return from this summit, we shall continue to enlighten others by kindling the light of Sai. He requested the people to do so.

Sri M. V. Kannan (Port Blair), Sri Kiran Buddhi (USA), Sri Baba Shandlya (Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh), Sri Upendra Vidyarthi (Bihar), Sri Krishna Pratap Singh (Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh), Sri Vishwaranjan Jina (USA), Sri Mahesh Reddy (Hyderabad), Sri Subhash Nelge (Alandi, Pune), Sri Neel Mahopatra (USA), Sri Balu (Tamil Nadu), Sri Omprakash Yadav (Nagpur), Sri Ankur Bhatia (Gurgaon, Haryana), Sri Dilip Wagh (Kopargaon), and others expressed similar views on this occasion.

In his presidential speech Dr. Satish Reddy said that the Sai devotees belonging to distant places where Sai teachings are not widespread need to be motivated in order to encourage and promote devotion towards Sai Baba. A museum exhibiting Sai Baba's assets, literature based



Adv. Mohan Jaykar, Sansthan's Trustee...

on His life and teachings should be erected, a channel should be launched and devoted to Sai Baba, and for this, a framework should be designed and a committee for this purpose could be set up.

On the behalf of the Sansthan, the Sansthan's Chairman Dr. Suresh Haware felicitated the chairman of the third session, Dr. Satish Reddy by giving a shawl, bouquet of flowers, and a Sai idol. On summarizing the third session, trustee Sri Sachin Tambe thanked the audience. In his vote of thanks, he said, "Sai Baba has given the valuable messages of 'Sabka Malik Ek', and 'Have faith, cultivate patience' to the entire world and through these, has wished well for the universe. Sai Baba's teachings bring peace in the world, and takes the world to the path of sustainable development. We should imbibe it, and it is our responsibility to motivate others to understand and implement these teachings. Sri Dasganu Maharaj is credited as the first devotee, promoter of His teachings. Now, we all have to



Dr. Chandrabhanu Satpathy Guruji...

carry out this responsibility on a wider scale. The creative outlook, forevision of the present Chairman of the Sansthan would help in making this commemoration fruitful. As per Sai Baba's saying, no matter how distant my devotee is, overseas he may be, I shall get him here with a rope, at a go.

Indeed, the number of devotees has increased. The devotees should feel content and get ample time for *Darshan* and for this, adequate steps are needed to be taken. The service would be oriented not just towards an individual but towards the principles laid. The services offered will be Sai service centric. The services offered will be Sai devotee centric. Those who are not able to give suggestions here can write their views and voice their opinion."

The fourth session was commenced by Adv. Mohan Jaykar's speech. He said that "We are all Sai *sevaks* (servants serving Sai Baba). Devotees from Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Gujarat, Haryana, Punjab, Uttar Pradesh, Orissa, Assam and other states of India, as well as from abroad have come here to meet together. This is the USP of Sai devotees, that is Universal *Saibhakta Parivar*. We are a family and should work together as members

of one family. Sai Baba has got us together and called us here. He, too, is present, no doubt. I can feel His presence. You will also realize this. Sai devotees have expressed their opinions and given suggestions from various parts of the country. Of these, the concept of Sai *Padukas* is liked by all. Indeed, Sai Baba never really left Shirdi; however, today He is universal. The devotees have settled all over the globe. Hence, this event should be a memorable and universal. We are taking into consideration the suggestions given; but we expect active participation from devotees. This shall help us form a human chain, Sai chain."

After this speech a documentary on Sai's teachings on environment, need for cleanliness was shown.

Dr. Chandrabhanu Satpathy Guruji said, "It doesn't matter who has come from where, but more important is that we have all come here together for Sai Baba. For Him, no one is small or great; everybody is equal. Those who take others along with them achieve the goals, as seen in history. Such should be the task performed by us. This is what we should remember. Our work should be a milestone. Sai Baba is Imperishable and His existence is Eternal. We all have experienced His presence and miracles. We should continue to serve the poor, provide food to the needy. All Sai temples should perform these tasks. There should be an educational institute that makes one aware of Sai Baba's life, teachings and the events that took place in His life, His messages etc. Musuem exhibiting His assets should also be established. Special stories and literature should be made available for children. In vacations, camps inculcating Sai Baba's teachings should be set up for some days, books, sacred texts should be translated in all other languages. All these activities will have a long lasting impact and these should be conducted bearing fore vision. The present Chairman of the Sansthan has this fore vision and is a humble human being, who can achieve this. That is why we feel assured that the goal of attaining programmes will be fulfilled."

Dr. Satpathy Guruji was felicitated by the Chairman of the Sansthan, Dr. Suresh Haware



**Sou Anitai Jagtap, Sansthan's Trustee and
Chairperson of Shirdi Municipal Council...**

and Trustees Sri Bipindada Kolhe, Sri Pratap Bhosale and Adv. Mohan Jaykar on the behalf of the Sansthan, with a shawl, bouquet of flowers, and a Sai idol.

While concluding the fourth session of the summit, Dr. Suresh Haware had a look at the views, suggestions and opinions given by Sai devotees. He was overwhelmed with the huge response and didn't find words to thank all. He said further, "We have all gathered here because Sai Baba called us together. Thoughts about why such a meeting did not take place earlier indicate the success of this meet. Each person, temple wishes to connect with each other and with the Sansthan. People believe that when Sai Sansthan calls, it is actually Sai Baba Who has invited. All are working well at their level. Have faith that the Sansthan as well as Sai Baba are with you all. Till now, 87 main suggestions have been made. We shall consider each.

The holy ash is very auspicious and precious. Along with the *prasad* of *laddu*, it will be distributed. The production of this will be increased. Similarly, Neem saplings will be distributed to all other Sai temples.

The trust publishes 'Saileela' bi-monthly in Marathi, as well as 'Shri Sai Leela' bi-monthly in bilingual - English and Hindi languages. Besides this, it has been decided that a new bi-monthly magazine in various languages will be published with the name 'Sai Seva'. For this, an editorial committee will be established. Efforts to develop the Sansthan's site further and to improve its speed will also be taken. We will ensure that the visitors on this site get to know more through audio-visual films on Sai Baba.

The social media will be used in such a manner that at a time, Sansthan will be able to reach or communicate with 15 to 20 lakh devotees. The suggestion of training other Sai temple priests is noteworthy. Due to this, there will be uniformity in the worshipping rituals of all Sai temples. The registration of the Sai temples as well as of those devotees who undertake a pilgrimage will be done. We shall all be linked in a way. A chain or web of network will be created.

Moreover, Sai Chariot Procession will be taken out. It will be taken to many different places. Sai Baba Himself will lead this pilgrimage. Sai Baba is Omnipresent, and exists in every living being. We shall also go and visit places, where we have never been previously, because Sai Baba would take us there. All Sai devotees are brethren. Whenever Sai Baba inspires us or calls us, we shall come together. I am thinking that such a summit shall be held every year. Wherever I go, I can feel the harmonious love and affection of Sai devotees. This is Sai Baba's influence. I can feel this here too. This love makes us realize His divine presence. Thus, from the bottom of my heart, I really thank all of you for your valuable presence."

The heart-warming speech mesmerized the audience and the hall was filled with cheerful applause.

After this, Sai Baba's worship ritual – singing *Aarati* was performed by the priests.

While presenting the vote of thanks, Sou Anitai Jagtap, Sansthan's Trustee and Chairperson of the Shirdi Municipal Council, said that "With Sai Baba's grace, I have got the opportunity to communicate with all of you. None of the visitors return empty-handed once they come to Shirdi. We all derive the strength to beat all odds, overcome our hurdles and problems on visiting this Shrine. At the same time, when visitors like you gather, Shirdi gleams. Do make frequent visits in future too; your prayers will surely be answered.

Following the fourth and the last session, everyone took *Darshan* in groups. In the evening, programmes of Sai-*bhajans* (devotional songs), were arranged. Singers Sri Shailendra Bharati and Sri Anup Jalota presented their songs in these programmes. Sri Shailendra Bharati

started his programme with the hymn, “*Om Sai Namo Namah, Shri Sai Namo Namah...*” and ended the programme with a famous song “*Tarif Teri nikli hai dilse, aai hai lab pe banke kawali...*” Sri Shailendra Bharati with his troupe was felicitated by trustee Sri Pratap Bhosale and the officers of the Sansthan.

Sri Anup Jalota began his programme by narrating about an experience in the past. 40 years ago, actor, producer, Sri Manoj Kumar had made a film ‘Shirdi ke Sain Baba’ and Sri Anup Jalota got a chance to sing 4 songs in that film. The film, as well as its music was very popular. As a result, the life and teachings of Sai Baba was known to the world, and thousands of people thronged Shirdi. Sai temples were built at various places. Everywhere, people began to worship Him and became devotees of Sai; even now, we can see this. He observed

that the devotees’ eagerness to visit Shirdi is unavoidable.

Sri Anup Jalota began his devotional songs programme with the famous bhajan “*Aisi lagi lagan, Mira ho gayi magan...*” and ended the programme with the praise song “*Jai Shirdi Baba, bolo Jai Sai Baba...*”

At this time Sri Anup Jalota’s new audio cd of *bhajans* was inaugurated by the Sansthan’s Trustee Sri Sachin Tambe.

Sri Anup Jalota with his troupe was felicitated by the Sansthan’s trustees Sri Bipindada Kolhe, Sri Pratap Bhosale and Sri Sachin Tambe.

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Humble Appeal to the Philanthropic Sai Devotees

The Centenary Festivities of Shri Sai Baba’s *Samadhi* will be celebrated from October 1, 2017 to October 18, 2018 on a large scale by the Shree Saibaba Sansthan Trust, Shirdi. The front sides of the *Samadhi Mandir*, the *Dwarkamai*, the *Chavadi* and the *Gurusthan* are proposed to be decorated with fragrant flowers of different varieties on every Thursday that falls during this length of period (total 56 Thursdays).

The cost of floral decor & arrangements is estimated approximately Rs. 60,000/- (sixty thousand) per Thursday. The Sai devotees, who are willing to give donation for this noble cause, may credit the amount in the State Bank of India, having the Sansthan’s Account No. 35420673060, and enroll their names on the following e-mail addresses : garden@sai.org.in or saibaba@sai.org.in

- Executive Officer,
Shree Saibaba Sansthan Trust, Shirdi

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हे दत्तात्रेय! तेरा पूजन, अर्चन, आराधन, अभिनंदन!
अवतार तेरे स्वामी समर्थ औ' शिर्डीश्वर को शत-शत वंदन!
स्वामी समर्थ कहते, 'अक्कलकोट नहीं, निवास मेरा अब शिर्डी है'!
साई कहते, 'क्यों जाते अक्कलकोट, वतन महाराज का अब शिर्डी है'!
प्रदाता शक्तिपात दीक्षा के दोनों,
इस दिव्य युगल के एकात्म भाव से देदीप्यमान अब शिर्डी है!...



हे साई! आप इस तथ्य से भलीभाँति परिचित ही हैं कि मैं किसी भी भाषा ज्ञान से पूर्णतः अपरिचित हूँ। फलस्वरूप आपके प्रति अपने हृदय में व्याप्त उद्गारों को व्यक्त करने में स्वयं को सर्वदा अक्षम मानता हूँ। मेरी



स्थिति आपके समकालीन शिर्डी निवासिनी उन भोली-भाली एवं अशिक्षित नारियों जैसी है, जिनका पवित्र प्रेम उन्हें ग्रामीण भाषा में भजन रचने की सदैव प्रेरणा देता रहता था। उनके सरल भजनों में जो वास्तविक काव्य झलकता था, वह कोई विद्वत्ता न थी, वरन् उनका सच्चा प्रेम ही उनके हृदय में व्याप्त उद्गारों की अभिव्यक्ति का स्वरूप था। (श्री साई सत् चरित, अध्याय १०)

हे मेरे जीवनाधार साई! आज अपनी रुग्ण शैथ्या पर लेटा मैं अपने मन में आपके प्रति उठ रहे भावों, विचारों और उद्गारों को आपके समक्ष व्यक्त करने लगा हूँ। आप सुन रहे हैं ना, बाबा!

हे शिर्डीश्वर! आपको याद ही होगा कि मेरे माता-पिता वर्ष १९८५ में आपके दर्शनार्थ शिर्डी आये थे। लौट कर उन्होंने मुझे बतलाया कि बाबा ने तुम्हारे लिए 'बुलावा' भेजा है। इस 'बुलावे' को आपका आदेश मान कर मैं उसी वर्ष अपनी पत्नी एवं पाँच वर्षीय पुत्री विभूति के साथ शिर्डी पहुँच गया था। सर्वप्रथम हमने समाधि



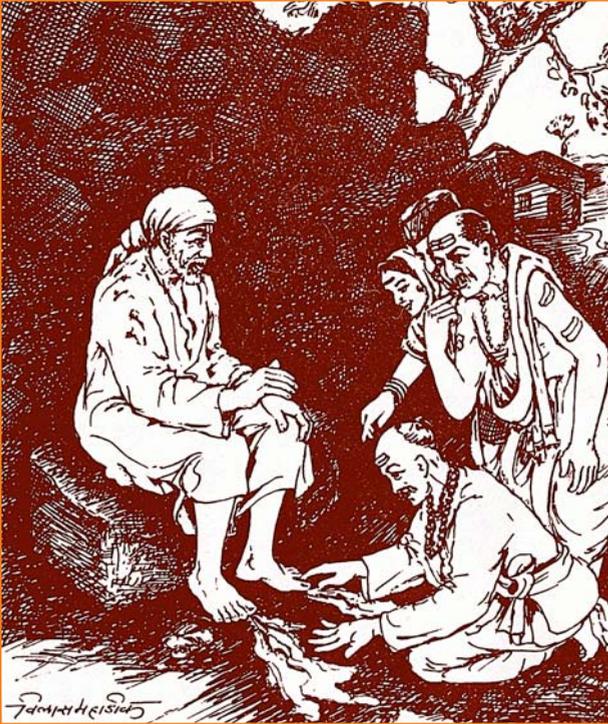
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मंदिर में प्रवेश करके, जहाँ आपका अजर-अमर दिव्य शरीर अब निवास कर रहा है, आपके चरणों पर अत्यन्त ही विनम्रता एवं श्रद्धा पूर्वक अपना मस्तक धरा था। तदोपरान्त हमने आपको आपके द्वारा भेजे गये आदेश की प्राप्ति एवं हमारे द्वारा उसके अनुपालन से अवगत कराते हुए कोटिशः धन्यवाद दिया था।

तत्पश्चात् हम नीम वृक्ष के तले स्थित गुरुस्थान की ओर मुड़ गये थे। हे साई! यह उस समय की बात है जब गुरुस्थान का स्वरूप इसके वर्तमान स्वरूप से सर्वथा भिन्न हुआ करता था। प्रथमतः गुरुस्थान में आपके दर्शन



वास्तविक घटना पर आधारित काल्पनिक चित्र
(श्री साई सत् चरित, अध्याय ४)

वहाँ लगे अलौकिक चित्र के रूप में किये। अभी आपके चरणों में शीश नवाया ही था कि अचानक गुरुस्थान के भीतरी भाग में ही दाहिनी ओर दीवार पर लगे अपूर्व आभा बिखेर रहे एक फ्रेम-जड़ित ब्लैक एण्ड व्हाइट चित्र की ओर मेरा ध्यान आकृष्ट हुआ। मैं समझ नहीं पा रहा था कि इस चित्र रूप में यहाँ यह कौन विभूति विराजमान है। वहाँ उपस्थित पुजारी ने मुझे बताया कि यह चित्र भगवान् दत्तात्रेय के तृतीय अवतार श्री स्वामी समर्थ का है, जो अक्कलकोट निवासी होने के कारण अक्कलकोट महाराज के नाम से भी जाने जाते हैं।

हे सर्वज्ञ साई! आप स्वयं भी भगवान् दत्तात्रेय के अवतार होने के कारण (श्री साई सत् चरित, अध्याय १ व अध्याय ३६) जानते ही हैं कि सती अनुसूया और महर्षि अत्रि के आश्रम में उनके पुत्र रूप में प्रकट हुए भगवान् दत्तात्रेय ब्रह्मा-विष्णु-महेश के अंश माने जाते हैं।

हे बाबा! उस दिन एक ही स्थान पर भगवान् दत्तात्रेय के दो अवतारों के दर्शन कर मैं धन्य हो गया था। मेरे लिए यह दर्शन उस सुस्वादु प्रसाद से कम न था, जिसका रसास्वादन आपने प्रयागराज जाकर संगम में स्नान करने की अभिलाषा रखने वाले अपने परम भक्त श्री दासगणु महाराज को अपने पावन चरणों से गंगा-यमुना की पवित्र धारा शिर्डी में ही प्रवाहित कर कराया था। (श्री साई सत् चरित, अध्याय ४)

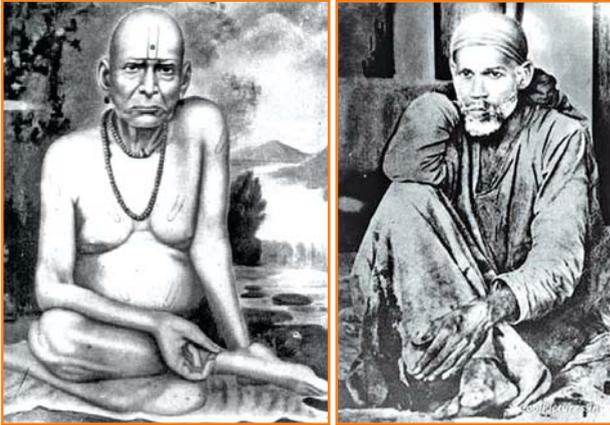
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हे साई! अब मैं श्री अक्कलकोट महाराज के एक अनन्य भक्त भाई कृष्ण जी अलीबागकर का स्मरण कर रहा हूँ। इस स्मरण से आपके हम समस्त भक्तों को आपकी और श्री स्वामी समर्थ की दिव्य एकात्मता का साक्षात् दर्शन करने का स्वर्णिम अवसर प्राप्त हो जायेगा।

हे बाबा! बात लगभग १०७ वर्ष पुरानी है। मुम्बई निवासी भाई कृष्ण जी अलीबागकर अपने इष्ट श्री स्वामी समर्थ की नित्य-प्रति अत्यन्त निष्ठा पूर्वक पूजा-अर्चना किया करते थे। एक दिन उनके मन में विचार आया कि क्यों न अक्कलकोट जाकर महाराज की पादुकाओं के दर्शन करें। परन्तु, प्रस्थान करने से पूर्व ही श्री स्वामी समर्थ अक्कलकोट महाराज ने स्वप्न में दर्शन देकर उनसे कहा

कि आजकल शिर्डी में ही मेरा निवास स्थान है। तुम वहीं जाकर मेरा पूजन करो। फलस्वरूप भाई ने अपने कार्यक्रम में परिवर्तन कर शिर्डी आकर और छः माह वहाँ रह कर आपकी पूजा-आराधना की। अपने शिर्डी प्रवास के समय उनके मन में यह विचार अंकुरित हुआ कि क्यों न अपने स्वप्न की स्मृति-स्वरूप शिर्डी में पादुकाओं की स्थापना की जाये। पुनः उसी वर्ष भाई अलीबागकर अपने मित्र डॉ. रामराव कोठारे एवं उनके कम्पाउंडर के साथ शिर्डी आये। जब पादुकाओं की स्थापना का प्रस्ताव डॉक्टर साहब ने सुना, तो उन्होंने ही मुम्बई लौट कर अति सुंदर पादुकाएँ बनवा कर शिर्डी भिजवा दीं। शक संवत् १८३४ (सन् १९१२) के श्रावण मास में शुभ मुहूर्त देख कर नीम वृक्ष की छाया में पादुकाएँ स्थापित कर दी गईं। पादुकाओं के स्थापना-समारोह में सम्मिलित होने भाई कृष्ण जी अलीबागकर शिर्डी आये थे। (श्री साई लीला, वर्ष ११, अंक १)

हे साई! पादुका-स्थापना से संबंधित समस्त शुभ कार्य भलिभाँति सम्पन्न हो जाने के उपरान्त भाई ने आपके चरणों में अपना मस्तक नवाते हुए आपसे अक्कलकोट हो आने की अनुमति माँगी थी। हे बाबा! आपने उनसे सांकेतिक भाषा में नहीं, वरन् स्पष्ट शब्दों में कहा था, “अरे! अक्कलकोट में क्या है! तुम वहाँ व्यर्थ क्यों जाते हो! वहाँ के महाराज तो यहीं (मैं स्वयं) हैं।”



हे ज्ञानावतार साई! भाई के मन-मस्तिष्क में अब प्रतिपल यही प्रतिध्वनित होने लगा -

स्वामी समर्थ कहते,
‘अक्कलकोट नहीं, निवास मेरा अब शिर्डी है’!
साई कहते, ‘क्यों जाते अक्कलकोट,
वतन महाराज का अब शिर्डी है’!....

हे शिर्डीश्वर! भाई ने अन्ततः यह समझ कर कि

इस दिव्य युगल के एकात्म भाव से
देदीप्यमान अब शिर्डी है!,

अक्कलकोट जाने का विचार सदैव के लिए त्याग दिया, और वे बहुधा शिर्डी आकर आपके प्रत्यक्ष दर्शन कर आपके स्वरूप में ही अक्कलकोट महाराज की दिव्य छवि को निहार लेते। (श्री साई सत् चरित, अध्याय ५)

हे साई! पिछले कुछ समय से एक बात जो मेरे अनुभव में आई है, वह यह है कि जब-जब भी मैंने आपके स्वरूप और आपकी लीलाओं में अपना ध्यान केंद्रित करने का प्रयास किया है, तब-तब आप मेरा साक्षात्कार अपने किसी न किसी अभिनव स्वरूप एवं अपनी किसी सर्वथा पृथक् भूमिका से करा कर मुझे उपकृत करते आये हैं। आज मैं आपके दिव्य एवं अलौकिक दर्शन शक्तिपात दीक्षा के प्रदाता की भूमिका में कर सदैव के लिए कृतज्ञ हो रहा हूँ।

हे मानव जाति और विश्व के कल्याण के निमित्त स्वेच्छा पूर्वक मानव शरीर धारण कर शिर्डी की पावन धरा पर अवतरित होने वाले निर्गुण निराकार सच्चिदानंद सद्गुरु साई! नरदेह धारण करने पर भी आपकी सत्ता की अनंतता में कभी कोई बाधा उपस्थित नहीं हुई। आपकी आत्मोपलब्धि, लाभ, दैविक शक्ति और ज्ञान सदा एक-से बने रहें।

हे साई! शिष्य भी तो सद्गुरु के समान ही ज्ञान की मूर्ति है - ऐसा मैंने श्री साई सत् चरित, अध्याय ३९ में पढ़ा है। शास्त्रों में बताया गया है कि प्रत्येक व्यक्ति में आत्मशक्ति के रूप में पराशक्ति विद्यमान रहती है, जो जन्म-जन्मान्तरों से सांसारिक माया-मोह से आवेष्टित रहने के कारण निष्क्रिय तथा सुषुप्त अवस्था में रहती है। इसी कारण मनुष्य को अज्ञान उत्पन्न हो जाता है और उसी के वशीभूत होकर उसे भ्रम हो जाता है तथा अपने शुद्ध चैतन्य स्वरूप की विस्मृति हो जाती है।

हे बाबा! जब सद्गुरु द्वारा दीक्षा संस्कार सम्पन्न किया जाता है, तो वह मायावी पाशबंधन (आवरण) टूट जाता है तथा शिष्य को अन्तर्निहित दिव्य शक्ति का आभास हो जाता है। इस शक्ति की अभिव्यक्ति को ही ‘शक्तिपात’ होना कहा जाता है। सद्गुरु से शक्तिपात दीक्षा प्राप्त हो जाने पर शिष्य को दिव्य शक्ति का संचार होना प्रारम्भ हो जाता है तथा उसके साधना पथ में प्रबल

विघ्न के रूप में उपस्थित होने वाली समस्त बाधाओं का दमन हो जाता है। शक्तिपात द्वारा शिष्य को न केवल गुरुदेव का प्रसाद एवं पराशक्ति का आशीर्वाद ही प्राप्त होता है, वरन् वह तत्त्वज्ञान का अधिकारी भी बन जाता है। शक्तिपात दीक्षा प्राप्त हो जाने पर शिष्य मनुष्यत्व से शिवत्व के स्तर तक पहुँच सकता है।

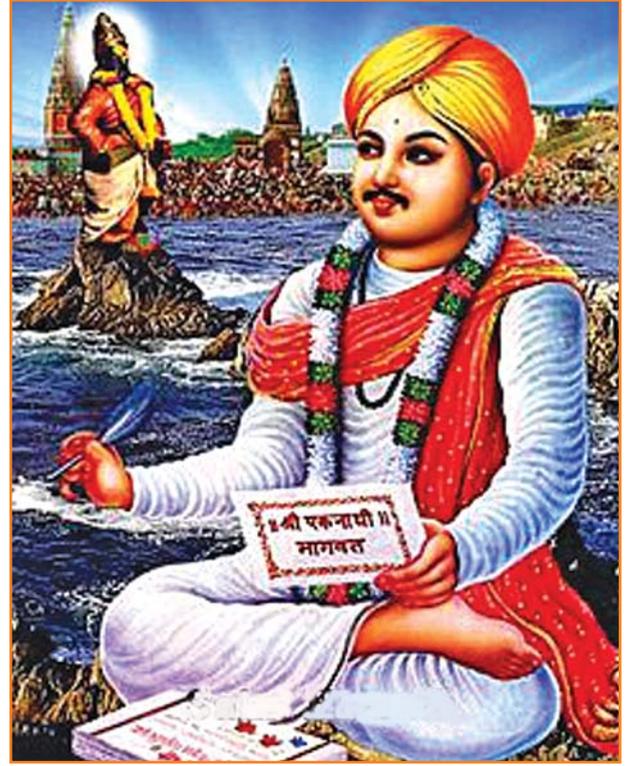
हे मेरे सद्गुरु! शास्त्रों में नाना प्रकार की दीक्षा विधियों का उल्लेख मिलता है, यथा -



लेखक के अध्ययन कक्ष में विराजमान श्री एकनाथ महाराज

(१) स्पर्श (स्पर्शिका) दीक्षा (२) वाक्षुषी (दृष्टि) दीक्षा (३) वाचिकी (शब्द) दीक्षा (४) मानसी (ध्यान) दीक्षा (५) आणवी दीक्षा (६) मान्त्री दीक्षा (७) शक्ति दीक्षा (८) शाम्भवी दीक्षा (९) अभिसेचिका दीक्षा (१०) स्मार्ती दीक्षा और (११) योग दीक्षा

हे मेरे ओंकाररूप सद्गुरो! प्राचीन काल की बात है। भगवान् कृष्ण के पूर्वज राजा यदु एक समय क्रीड़ा करने



की इच्छा से वन में आये। तभी वहाँ उन्होंने आत्मतेज से प्रकाशित, ब्रह्मानंद से डोलने वाले तथा निज सुख से झूलने वाले किसी एक अवधूत को निर्भय और निःशंक होकर विचरण करते हुए देखा। यदु के मन में अवधूत के प्रति पूज्य बुद्धि उत्पन्न हुई, उसके प्रति अनन्य श्रद्धा और नम्रता हो आई। राजा का चित्त प्रसन्न हुआ और उन्होंने साष्टांग दण्डवत् कर, भक्ति पूर्वक हाथ जोड़ कर अवधूत से प्रश्न किया -

हे स्वामी! धर्म-कर्म का आचरण कर अथवा यम-नियम साध कर भी जो बुद्धि प्राप्त नहीं हो सकती वह अपूर्व बुद्धि मुझे आपमें दिखाई दे रही है। आत्मबोध के कारण आपमें अकर्तात्मबोध आ गया है। आप सर्वथा सर्वज्ञ हैं - ऐसा मुझे लगता है। हे कृपामूर्ति! आप आत्मानंद से परिपूर्ण है। उस आनंद का कारण क्या है, कृपया स्पष्ट करके बतायें।

अवधूत प्रेम से बोलने लगे -

हे राजचूड़ामणि, सुनो! तुम यदुकुल दीप के साक्षात् सूर्य ही हो। तुम्हारी वाणी धन्य है। तुमने अपने गुणों से मुझे संतुष्ट किया। राजा होते हुए भी सात्त्विक, सिद्ध लक्षणों से युक्त ऐसे इस पृथ्वी पर तुम एक ही हो। तुमने

जो प्रश्न किया वह सुंदर गुण युक्त और उत्तम से उत्तम है।

हे बाबा! मुझे इस समय ऐसा प्रतीत हो रहा है कि मेरे अध्ययन कक्ष में श्री गणपति, माँ सरस्वती, भगवान् दत्तात्रेय, श्रीपाद श्री वल्लभ स्वामी, श्री नरसिंह सरस्वती, श्री स्वामी समर्थ अक्कलकोट महाराज और स्वयं आपके संग विराजमान महाराष्ट्र के महान संत श्री एकनाथ महाराज मुझे श्रीमद् एकनाथी भागवत सुना रहे हैं।

हाँ, तो बाबा! अवधूत आगे कहने लगा -

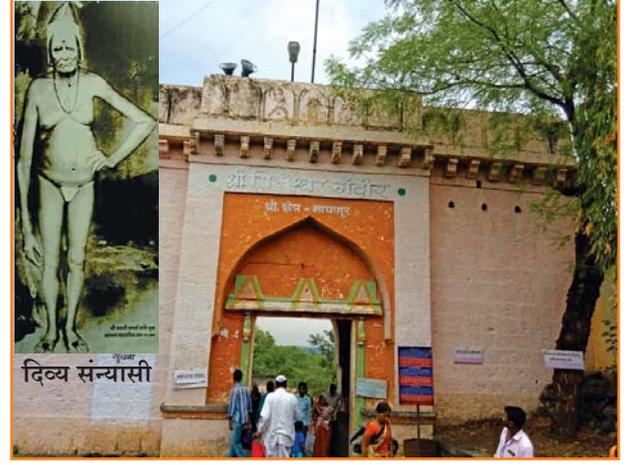
तुम स्वानंद का कारण पूछते हो, वह मैं तुम्हें यथार्थ में बताता हूँ, सुनो!

गुरु के बिना आत्मप्राप्ति कभी सिद्ध नहीं होती। उन गुरुओं के बारे में भी मैं तुम्हें यथार्थ रूप में बताता हूँ। आत्मबुद्धि के विचारों में जब मैं तल्लीन था उस समय मैंने अनेक गुरु किये। उनकी संख्या चौबीस है। उनके नाम मैं तुम्हें सुनाता हूँ -

(१) पृथ्वी, (२) वायु, (३) आकाश, (४) अग्नि, (५) जल, (६) चन्द्रमा, (७) सूर्य, (८) कपोत, (९) अजगर, (१०) समुद्र, (११) पतंग, (१२) मधुमक्खी, (१३) हाथी, (१४) भौरा, (१५) हिरन, (१६) मछली, (१७) पिंगला नामक वारांगणा, (१८) टिटिहरी, (१९) बालक, (२०) कुमति, (२१) हथौड़ा चलाने वाला लोहार, (२२) साँप, (२३) केंचुली और (२४) रानी मक्खी।

हे साई! तत्पश्चात् अवधूत ने ययातिनंदन यदु को बताये हुए अपने गुरुओं के लक्षणों का यथातथ्य वर्णन किया। यदु ने अपने शरीर को मानों कान बना कर एवं समस्त विकल्पों को त्याग कर बड़े चाव से अवधूत को सुना, और उनके उपदेश के बोध को सावधानी से चित्त में धारण किया। यदु को रोमांचित होते देख अवधूत करुणा से व्याप्त हो गये और उन्होंने यदु को प्रेम पूर्वक गले लगा लिया। यदु इस स्पर्श मात्र से ही आत्म-साक्षात्कार कर कृतार्थ हो गये। स्पर्श दीक्षा की विधि से शक्तिपात करा कर यदु का उद्धार करने वाले इस अवधूत को शत-शत नमन।

हे सद्गुरु साई! आप तो केवल भक्तों की भक्ति-भाव की ओर ही देख कर उन्हें ज्ञान और परमानंद की



माचणूर में सिद्धेश्वर मंदिर

प्राप्ति करा देते हैं। हे बाबा! मेरी सहायता कीजिए।

हे बाबा! आपके मुस्कराने मात्र से ही मैंने इस दिव्य अवधूत को पहचान लिया है -

**विष्णु-महेश-विरंच के अंश,
सती अनुसूया-अत्रि के नंदन,**

हे दत्तात्रेय! तेरा पूजन, अर्चन, आराधन, अभिनंदन!

हे साई! अब मैं आपको साक्षी बना कर स्वयं अपने एवं आपके समस्त भक्तों के कल्याणार्थ एक कथा सुनाने लगा हूँ। आप अपना वरद हस्त मेरे सिर पर रखते हुए मुझे आशीर्वाद दीजिए।

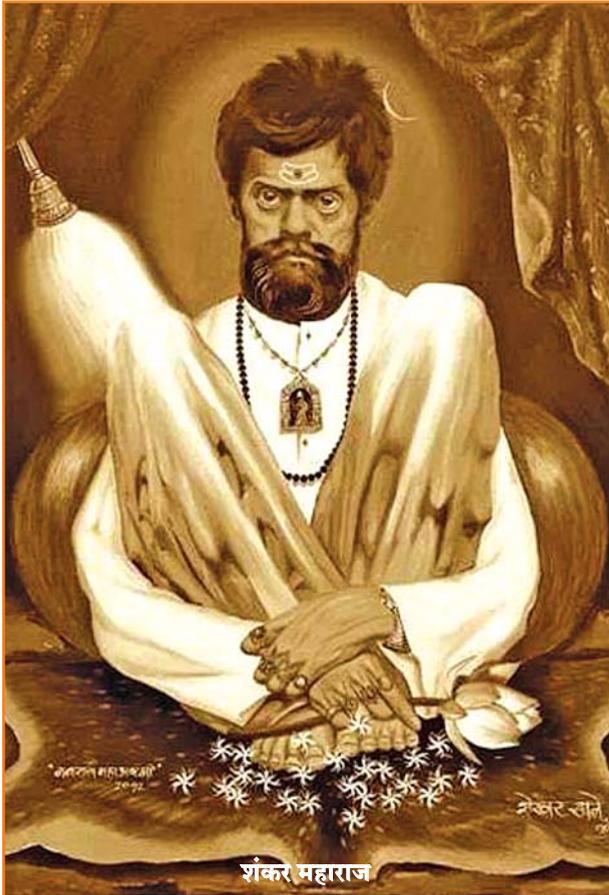
पंढरपुर के समीप मंगलवेढा में उपासनी परिवार में सन् १८०० में जन्मा शंकर नामक एक बालक बाल्यकाल से ही अत्यन्त नटखट एवं ऊधमी स्वभाव का था। जब वह मात्र ८ वर्ष का था, तब एक दिन हाथ में तीर-कमान लिए एक हिरन का पीछा करने लगा। बालक को अपना पीछा करते देख अपनी जान बचाने के लिए हिरन चन्द्रभागा नदी के किनारे बसे घोर जंगलों से होता हुआ माचणूर नामक स्थान की ओर दौड़ा।

हे बाबा! आगे बढ़ने से पहले भक्तों को इस तथ्य से अवगत करा देना लाभप्रद ही होगा कि कालिका पुराण में चन्द्रभागा नदी के माहात्म्य से ३० अध्याय भरे पड़े हैं। महर्षि वशिष्ठ तथा देवी अरून्धती का परिणय इसी नदी के तट पर हुआ था।

हाँ, तो बाबा! हिरन भागते-भागते माचणूर में सिद्धेश्वर मंदिर तक पहुँचा ही था कि पीछे से शंकर को भी वहाँ आते देर न लगी। मंदिर के सामने सात फुट लम्बा

एक दिव्य संन्यासी, जिसके हाथ घुटनों तक पहुँच रहे थे, पहले से ही खड़ा था। मृत्यु के भय से काँप रहे हिरन को देख कर संन्यासी ने तुरन्त ही उसे अपनी गोद में उठा लिया और बालक को तीर चलाने से रोका। मगर शंकर ने संन्यासी की एक न सुनी और उसने संन्यासी की गोद में शरण लिये हुए हिरन पर तीर चला ही दिया। आश्चर्य! महान आश्चर्य!! शंकर द्वारा छोड़े गये तीर ने हिरन को स्पर्श तो किया, मगर वह निष्प्रभावी होकर पृथ्वी पर आ गिरा। बालक ने पुनः एक और तीर चलाया, मगर उसका प्रयास निष्फल ही रहा। शंकर तीर-कमान छोड़ हतप्रभ खड़ा हो गया और संन्यासी मुस्कराने लगा। हे साई! अब संन्यासी ने हिरन को गोद से नीचे उतारा और बालक शंकर के पास पहुँच कर उसका आलिंगन किया - ठीक उसी तरह जैसे भगवान् दत्तात्रेय ने महाराज यदु का किया था।

हे सद्गुरु साई! संन्यासी के स्पर्श से शंकर को स्पर्श दीक्षा द्वारा शक्तिपात हो गया। हे बाबा! मुझ पर आपकी कृपा रूपी मेघवृष्टि होने लगी है और मैंने उस दिव्य संन्यासी को पहचान लिया है। यह वही तो



शंकर महाराज

है, जिसके बारे में आपने भाई कृष्ण जी अलीबागकर से कहा था -

**‘क्यों जाते अक्कलकोट,
वतन महाराज का अब शिर्डी है।’**

हे सद्गुरु साई! मेरे दोनों हाथ स्वतः ही जुड़ गये हैं और आप मेरी जिह्वा पर विराजमान होकर मुझसे कहला रहे हैं -

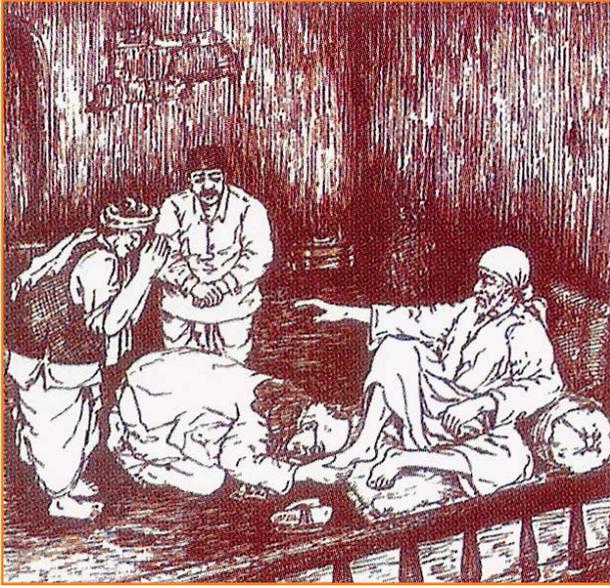
**हे दत्तात्रेय! तेरा पूजन, अर्चन, आराधन, अभिनंदन!
अवतार तेरे स्वामी समर्थ औ’
शिर्डीश्वर को शत-शत वंदन!**

हे शिर्डीश्वर! श्री स्वामी समर्थ अक्कलकोट महाराज ने शक्तिपात से भीगे इस बालक शंकर को तीर्थस्थानों की यात्रा करने का आदेश दिया। गुरु-आदेशानुसार उसने हिमालय की गुफाओं में घोर तपस्या कर एवं सिद्ध योगियों का सान्निध्य पाकर आत्मानंद की प्राप्ति की, और ‘शंकर महाराज’ नाम से प्रसिद्धी पाई। आज शंकर महाराज की गणना नाथ-सिद्ध पंथियों में सिद्ध योगियों (Perfect Masters) की पंक्ति में की जाती है।

हे साई! ‘बालक शंकर’ को अपने आलिंगन से स्पर्श दीक्षा द्वारा शक्तिपात करा कर ‘शंकर महाराज’ बनाने वाले श्री स्वामी समर्थ एक बार अपने प्रिय शिष्य जाधव को साथ लेकर इतगी गाँव आये थे। गाँव पहुँचते ही थकान के कारण महाराज को नींद आ गई। इसी बीच गाँव के रामन्ना नामक एक व्यक्ति को सर्प ने डस लिया; और जब ग्रामवासी उसे हनुमान मंदिर ले जाने लगे, तब रास्ते में ही उसकी मृत्यु हो गई। जाधव ने जब यह दुःखद समाचार सुना, तब वह दौड़ कर अपने स्वामी की पादुकाएँ उठा लाया। और जैसे ही उसने पादुकाएँ रामन्ना के मृत शरीर पर रखीं, रामन्ना जीवित हो उठा -

**हे दत्तात्रेय! तेरा पूजन, अर्चन, आराधन, अभिनंदन!
अवतार तेरे स्वामी समर्थ औ’
शिर्डीश्वर को शत-शत वंदन!**

हे शिर्डीश्वर! निष्कर्ष यह है कि सद्गुरु स्पर्श दीक्षा द्वारा मात्र जीवित शिष्य को ही शक्तिपात नहीं कराते, वरन् मृत शरीर तक में शक्तिपात करा कर प्राण संचार करने में भी सामर्थ्यवान होते हैं -



परम पूज्य श्री हेमाडपंत जी

प्रदाता शक्तिपात दीक्षा के दोनों,
इस दिव्य युगल के एकात्म भाव से
देदीप्यमान अब शिर्डी है।

हे संत शिरोमणि साई! अत्यन्त वैभवशाली एवं
अपूर्व शक्तिसम्पन्न अनेकों सम्राट जिस द्वारकामाई



श्री साई

मस्जिद में आपके समक्ष उपस्थित होकर अपने
मणि-मंडित राजमुकुटों को आपके दिव्य चरणों में
निवेदित कर आपका आशीर्वाद प्राप्त करते आये हैं,
आज उसी द्वार(कामाई) पर बैठा मैं दीन-हीन एक
भयंकर दुर्घटना में खंडित हो चुके अपने मस्तक एवं
नासिका को आपके पावन चरणों में रगड़ते हुए शक्तिपात
पाने का आकांक्षी आपसे स्पर्श दीक्षा प्राप्त करने की
प्रतीक्षा कर रहा हूँ -

ज़िंदगी की दौड़ में रुक गया था, साई!

हाथ बढ़ा, फिर एक बार चलना सिखा दे!

बुझती लौ में, ढलते सूर्य में, बुझती आँखों में,

अपने ही नूर से फिर एक बार दीपक जला दे,

आज अपंग हूँ, तेरे दर्शन का हूँ अभिलाषी

हाथ बढ़ा, फिर एक बार चलना सिखा दे!

हाथ बढ़ा, फिर एक बार लिखना सिखा दे!

हे बाबा! आपका यह वही दर है, जिस पर बैठ
कर स्तुतिपाठ एवं प्रणिपात कर पूर्णरूपेण शरणापन्न हो
परम पूज्य श्री हेमाडपंत जी ने आपकी अंगुली पकड़ कर
आपसे श्री साई सत् चरित लिखना सीखा था।



खापडें दम्पति

हे शक्तिपात प्रदाता साईं!

मेरा भी हाथ थाम,

मुझे फिर से एक बार लिखना सीखा दे!

हे बाबा! जिन्हें आप स्पर्श दीक्षा देकर शक्तिपात कराते हैं, उन्हें प्रचण्ड शक्ति, नित्य-अनित्य में विवेक तथा ज्ञान सहज ही प्राप्त हो जाता है।

हे साईं! अगाध है आपकी लीला... जब चाहें भिखारी को राजा बना दें, और जब चाहें राजा को भिखारी बना दें। आपकी पलकें झपकते ही तूफान पैदा हो जाने और भूकम्प आ जाने की सम्भावना बलवती हो जाती है, और आँखें खोलते ही सूर्योदय होना अवश्यम्भावी है। जब आप मुस्कराते हैं, तो आपकी कृपा की वर्षा होने लगती है, और क्रोधित होते हैं, तो विकारों का ताण्डव दिखाई देने की आशंका से सम्पूर्ण मानवता भयभीत होने लगती है। जब ज़िंदगी देने वाले और ज़िंदगी लेने वाले आप ही एक हैं, तो लोग आपकी कृपा को नकारने का दुःसाहस कैसे कर सकते हैं! आपकी कृपा को नकारने वाले कितने बदनसीब होते हैं।

हे शिर्डीश्वर! कितनी खुशनसीब थी आपकी वह भक्त श्रीमती लक्ष्मीबाई खापर्डे, जिसके भाग्य का सूर्योदय होना उसी क्षण आरम्भ हो गया था, जब उसकी समझ में आपका यह कथन आ गया था -

यदि तुम मेरी ओर देखोगे, तो मैं तुम्हारी ओर देखूँगा।

अमरावती निवासी श्री दादा साहेब खापर्डे सुप्रसिद्ध अधिवक्ता तथा केन्द्रीय धारासभा (दिल्ली) के सदस्य थे। वे उच्च कोटि के विद्वान एवं प्रवीण वक्ता थे। श्री विद्यारण्य द्वारा रचित पंचदशी नामक प्रसिद्ध संस्कृत ग्रन्थ उन्हें कंठस्थ था। उनकी वाणी को सुन कर लगता था, मानों माँ सरस्वती उनकी जिह्वा पर झूल रही है! धनाढ्य इतने कि मानों देवी लक्ष्मी ने भगवान् विष्णु से पाणिग्रहण के लिए समुद्र-मंथन स्थल छोड़ कर इनके ही गृहनिवास का चयन किया हो! लक्ष्मीबाई नाम की पत्नी पाकर तो मानो दादा साहेब के लिए अब कुछ भी पाना शेष न रह गया था।

खापर्डे दम्पति के लिए अब मात्र एक ही अभिलाषा शेष रह गई थी - वह यह कि वे दोनों अपने शेष रह गये

जीवन का अधिक से अधिक समय आपकी सेवा करते हुए व्यतीत कर लें। इसी उद्देश्य की पूर्ति हेतु वे बहुधा शिर्डी आने लगे थे और महिनों वहाँ ठहरते। दादा साहेब तो आपकी उपस्थिति में एक शब्द का भी उच्चारण न करते। वे तो मूक श्रोता बने रह कर एक टक आपकी ओर निहारते ही रहते। मगर श्रीमती खापर्डे प्रतिदिन दोपहर को स्वयं नैवेद्य लेकर मस्जिद को आती और जब आप उसे ग्रहण कर लेते, तभी वे लौट कर अपना भोजन किया करती थीं।

हे बाबा! एक दिन की बात है - दोपहर का समय था; द्वारकामाई मस्जिद भक्तों से खचाखच भरी थी। श्रीमती खापर्डे स्वयं अपने हाथों से तैयार विभिन्न प्रकार के भोज्य पदार्थ लेकर वहाँ आईं। उस भोजन को आप अत्यन्त उत्सुकता एवं रुचि से खाने लगे। आपके द्वारा भरपेट भोजन कर लेने के उपरान्त श्रीमती खापर्डे आपके पाद-सेवन करने लगी। अचानक ही एक ऐसा दृश्य उत्पन्न हो उठा, जैसे दृश्य को देखने के लिए देवता तक चिरकाल तक आपकी तपस्या करते आये हैं।

हे बाबा! श्रीमती खापर्डे को क्या कुछ नहीं मिल गया था, जब आप भी उनके हाथ दबाने लगे थे। सचमुच ही यह अद्भुत दृश्य था, जब भक्त और भगवान् एक-दूसरे की सेवा कर रहे थे। आध्यात्मिक विषयों से अपरिचित व्यक्तियों के लिए यह घटना साधारण सी प्रतीत हो सकती है; परन्तु शास्त्रीय भाषा में यह 'शक्तिपात' के नाम से विदित है, अर्थात् गुरु द्वारा शिष्य में शक्ति संचार करना। हे साईं! आपने स्पर्श दीक्षा द्वारा श्रीमती लक्ष्मीबाई खापर्डे को 'शक्तिपात' करा कर धन्य कर दिया। -

हे दत्तात्रेय! तेरा पूजन, अर्चन, आराधन, अभिनंदन!

अवतार तेरे स्वामी समर्थ औ'

शिर्डीश्वर को शत-शत वंदन!

प्रदाता शक्तिपात दीक्षा के दोनों,

इस दिव्य युगल के एकात्म भाव से

देदीप्यमान अब शिर्डी है !

- डा. सुबोध अग्रवाल

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Wednesday, November 2, 2016 : Actor Sri Sonu Sood with his family accompanied by Sri Sachin Tambe, Trustee of the Sansthan...



Tuesday, November 1, 2016 : Sansthan's Trustee Sri Sachin Tambe and temple department chief Sri Rajendra Jagtap graced the occasion when a philanthropic Sai devotee from Vadodara, Gujarat offered a silver throne weighing about 30 kg at Shri Sai Baba's Feet as a donation.



Wednesday, November 2, 2016 : 43 Sai devotees from Spain availed *Darshan* of Shri Sai Baba in the Sai Samadhi Mandir. Sri Sachin Tambe, the Sansthan's Trustee greeted them on the occasion on behalf of the Sansthan.

Wednesday, November 9, 2016 : The Finance Ministry of the Union Government de-notified all currency of Rs. 1000/- and Rs. 500/- and barred them from circulation from the midnight of November 8, 2016 by a government regulation on November 8, 2016. Hence to avoid inconvenience to Sai devotees coming to Shirdi, free *prasad* meals were arranged for Sai devotees at the Shri Sai Prasadalya on Wednesday, November 9 and Thursday, November 10, 2016. Also swiping machines (Credit and Debit cards) were arranged at all the Sansthan's residential locations for the devotees wanting to reserve rooms for accommodation or extend their stay in the Bhaktniwas places of the Sansthan. This facility was provided at the donation counter, hospital, public relation office, Shri Sai Prasadalya and other places. Dr. Suresh Haware, Chairman of the Sansthan and the Trustees had issued the said instruction to the administration to avoid inconvenience to the Sai devotees.

... They heard that Sai Baba was a great saint, patient, generous and one who had controlled His passions. He was kind to pilgrims and distributed large sums of money. He was munificent with small change; half and quarter rupees rained freely. He gave ten, twenty and fifty rupees to some. This was not only on festive days, or for some special occasions. Everyday, He gave it happily, in the above mentioned proportions. Showmen came, '*nautanki*' troupes danced, great singers gave programmes, bards performed, persons doing '*tamasha*' paid obeisance, *kirtankars* gave engrossing *bhajans*. Having heard by word of mouth that *Maharaj* was generous, and liberal in giving charity, they desired to have *Darshan*.

- Shri Sai Sat Charita -



Friday, November 11, 2016 : Dr. Suresh Haware, Chairman of the Sansthan and his wife Sou Nalini Haware inaugurated the renovated donation counter of the Sansthan. Trustee Sri Sachin Tambe, Executive Officer Sri Bajirao Shinde, Deputy Executive Officer Dr. Sandeep Aher, administrative officers Sri Suryabhan Game, Sri Uttamrao Gondkar, Sri Dilip Ugale and Sri Ashok Auti, chief accounts officer Sri Babasaheb Ghorpade graced the occasion.



Tuesday, November 15, 2016 : Sri Aditya Thackeray, Chief of Yuva Sena with Sri Bajirao Shinde, Executive Officer of the Sansthan...



Tuesday, November 15, 2016 : Sri Arjun Putalaji, Chairman of the Mauritius Marathi Cultural Center felicitated by Sri Bajirao Shinde, Executive Officer of the Sansthan and Sri Pramod Gondkar after availing the Darshan of Shri Sai Baba in the Sai Samadhi Mandir...



Thursday, November 24, 2016 : Sri Raosaheb Danve, Chief of the State Bharatiya Janata Party along with legislators Sri Shivaji Kardile and Sou Snehalatatai Kolhe and trustees of the Sansthan Sri Bhausaheb Wackchaure and Sri Sachin Tambe...



Thursday, December 1, 2016 : Sri Haribhau Bagade, Chairman of the Maharashtra Legislative Assembly along with the Sansthan's Trustee Sri Sachin Tambe, and Deputy Executive Officer Dr. Sandeep Aher...



Saturday, December 3, 2016 : Sri P. Radhakrishnan, Union Minister of State for Surface Transport, Highways and Ship Building, Government of India, with the Sansthan's Trustee Adv. Mohan Jaykar, Sri D. M. Sukthankar, Ex-chairman of the Sansthan and Sri Rajeev Rohom, Ex-trustee of the Sansthan...



Monday, December 5, 2016 : Cricketer Sri Suresh Raina with the Executive Officer of the Sansthan, Sri Bajirao Shinde...



Monday, December 12, 2016 : Chairman of the Sansthan Dr. Suresh Haware and his wife Sou Nalini Haware inaugurated the biometric based free *Darshan* pass (time slot) counter started by Shree Saibaba Sansthan Trust, Shirdi. Vice Chairman of the Sansthan, Sri Chandrashekhar Kadam, Trustees Sri Sachin Tambe, Adv. Mohan Jaykar, Sri Pratap Bhosale, Sri Bhausaheb Wakchaure and Sri Bipindada Kolhe, Executive Officer Sri Bajirao Shinde, administrative officers Sri Suryabhan Game, Sri Uttamrao Gondkar and Sri Ashok Auti, chairman of Messrs. Trilok Security System India Ltd. (Tirupati), Sri Ravichand, Sri Anil Shinde and Sri Ramesh Pujari of the Information and Technology department of the Sansthan and others graced the occasion.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Suresh Haware, Chairman of the Sansthan stated, "Sai devotees will no longer have to wait in the *Darshan*-queue due to the biometric based free *Darshan* pass (time slot) system started today. Thus saving precious time, devotees can utilize the same to do other works. There will also be no congestion in the temple premises due to the said system". Dr. Haware further informed that this facility is proposed to be provided at the railway station, bus depot and other places and if needed the facility may be started through mobile vans at several places.

Sri Sharad Udaramji Daterao from Nagpur took the first entry pass after the inauguration and availed the benefit of the facility.

The said system was executed by Messrs. Trilok Security System India Ltd. (Tirupati). For this 10 counters have been opened at the old Prasadalaya, 2 at the Sai Ashram Bhaktniwas, 4 at the Dwaravati Bhaktniwas and 2 at the Sai Dharmashala.



Monday, December 12, 2016 : “The trustees of Sai temples worldwide having played a significant role in the propagation and communication of Sai Baba’s work, the guidance of these trustees will be sought for the Shri Sai Baba *Samadhi* centenary year 2018 celebrations,” stated Dr. Suresh Haware, Chairman of the Sansthan.

A convention of trustees of Sai temples abroad was organised at the St. Lawrence Hotel in Shirdi by Shree Saibaba Sansthan Trust, Shirdi. Dr. Suresh Haware was addressing the overseas delegates at the summit. The Vice Chairman of the Sansthan, Sri Chandrashekhar Kadam, Trustees, Sri Sachin Tambe, Adv. Mohan Jaykar, Sri Pratap Bhosale, Sri Bhausahab Wakchaure and Sri Bipindada Kolhe, Dr. Chandrabhanu Satpathy Guruji, Sri Narayanbaba and trustees of Sai temples all over the world graced the meet in large numbers. At the outset, Sri Bajirao Shinde, Executive Officer of the Sansthan, greeted the gathering.

Trustees of 43 Sai temples worldwide participated in the deliberations. Smt. Anitha Kandukuri of Canberra, Australia, Sri Raj Vyasbhattu of New Jersey, USA, Dr. E. B. Premdani of Netherland, Sri S. U. Nayahan of Colombo, Sri Lanka, Sri Anil Sinha of Ontario, Canada, Smt. Usha Krishnan Ayyar of Selangor, Malaysia, Smt. Pooja Jain of England, Sri Amar Alluri of Auckland, New Zealand, Dr. Roshan Mannish of Spriegen, Germany, Sri Gerhard Mag Stesser of Weldon, Austria, Smt. Gourimaiya Manandhar of Bhaktapur, Nepal and other trustees, expressing their thoughts, informed about the facilities-activities in their respective temples.

Dr. Suresh Haware, Chairman of the Sansthan expressed on the occasion that ‘so many Sai devotees have committed their whole life to the propagation and communication of Shri Sai Baba. We are inspired and guided by the experiences of you all. We expect to standardize Sai Baba’s *Aaratis*, worship, *Abhishek*, Sai *Satyavrat Pooja*, the *Parayan* (reading) of Shri Sai Sat Charita, *Annadan* and other programmes in Sai temples all over the globe. The Board of Trustees also intends to grow saplings of the Neem tree near *Gurusthan* by tissue culture method and distribute it to other Sai temples. The Board of Trustees having started work on erecting a grand solid waste management project from the point of view of making Shirdi city clean, free *prasad* meals will be

served in the Shri Sai Prasadalya to all Sai devotees from January 1, 2017'. On the occasion Dr. Haware also appealed that all Sai temples participate in the various programmes organized for the Shri Sai *Samadhi* centenary year. Sri Bhausahab Wakchaure, Trustee of the Sansthan, made the introductory address of the programme and Adv. Mohan Jayakar, Trustee of the Sansthan, proposed the vote of thanks to those present.



Saturday, December 17, 2016 : Having successfully conducted the Global Summit of Sai temples' trustees organized by Shree Saibaba Sansthan Trust, Shirdi through the collective efforts of the officers and employees of the Sansthan, Sri Chandrashekhar Kadam, Vice Chairman of the Sansthan expressed that the Shri Sai *Samadhi* centenary year celebrations will be similarly conducted successfully with the collective efforts of the officers and employees of the Sansthan. Sri Kadam was addressing the meet of officers and head of departments of the Sansthan organized at the Shri Sai Prasadalya for the successful conduct of the Global Summit of Sai temples' trustees.

Sri Sachin Tambe, Trustee of the Sansthan and Sri Kundankumar Sonawane, Executive Officer Incharge, graced the occasion. Dr. Sandeep Aher, Deputy Executive Officer of the Sansthan delivered the introductory address at the outset.

Sri Kadam further informed that representatives of Sai temples from all parts of the country and the world attended the Global Summit of Sai temples' trustees in large numbers. They expressed satisfaction at the arrangements and facilities provided for the Summit as also the stay, meals, *Darshan*, seating and other arrangements. This is an acknowledgement of the best facilities provided for the Sansthan.



Sunday, December 18, 2016 : Actor Sri Ritesh Deshmukh with the Sansthan's Trustee Sri Sachin Tambe...

The officers and employees of the Sansthan having achieved success by putting in great efforts in a spirit of unity, Sri Kadam expressed confidence that the Shri Sai *Samadhi* centenary year celebrations will also be similarly conducted successfully.

Speaking on the occasion Sri Sachin Tambe, Trustee of the Sansthan, stated, "All departments of the Sansthan put great efforts round the clock for the successful conduct of the Global Summit of Sai temples' trustees. Therefore, the successful conduct of this Summit added to the repute of the Sansthan considerably. This has also sent a good message to every corner of the country and the world."

Sri Kundankumar Sonawane, Executive Officer Incharge of the Sansthan also spoke on the occasion. The meet concluded with a vote of thanks to all assembled on the occasion by Sri Babasaheb Ghorpade, chief accounts officer. Administrative officers, Sri Suryabhan Game, Sri Uttamrao Gondkar and Sri Ashok Auti, deputy chief engineer Sri Raghunath Aher, all superintendents and head of departments attended the meet.



Tuesday, December 20, 2016 : The Governor of Maharashtra Sri Vidyasagar Rao with the Vice Chairman of the Sansthan Sri Chandrashekhar Kadam, Trustees Sri Bhausahab Wakchaure and Sri Sachin Tambe, District Collector (Ahmednagar) Sri Anil Kavade, Executive Officer Incharge of the Sansthan Sri Kundankumar Sonawane and Deputy Executive Officer Dr. Sandeep Aher...



The Governor of Maharashtra Sri C. Vidyasagar Rao being felicitated on behalf of the Sansthan by the Vice Chairman of the Sansthan Sri Chandrashekhar Kadam and the Trustees Sri Bhusaheb Wakchaure and Sri Sachin Tambe...



Wednesday, December 21, 2016 : Sri Diwakar Raote, Maharashtra's Minister for Transport and Salt Land Development with Sri Kundankumar Sonawane, Executive Officer Incharge of the Sansthan...



Wednesday, December 21, 2016 : Trustees of the Sansthan, Sri Bhusaheb Wakchaure and Sri Sachin Tambe and administrative officers, Sri Suryabhan Game, Sri Dilip Ugale and Sri Uttamrao Gondkar giving away the awards at the annual gathering and prize distribution function at the Sansthan's educational complex...



Saturday, December 24, 2016 : Sri Anand Mahindra, Chairman and Executive Director of the Mahindra & Mahindra Group of Industries being felicitated, after taking *Darshan* of Shri Sai Baba in the Sai *Samadhi Mandir*, by the Trustees of the Sansthan, Sri Bipindada Kolhe and Sri Sachin Tambe and the chief accounts officer, Sri Babasaheb Ghorpade...

Mahindra & Mahindra Group of Industries to give 25 Ambulances to the Sansthan

- Sri Anand Mahindra, Chairman and Executive Director of the Group

Sri Anand Mahindra, Chairman and Executive Director of the Mahindra & Mahindra Group of Industries announced the donation of 25 ambulances to the Sai Ambulance Scheme conceptualized by the Chairman of the Sansthan, Dr. Suresh Haware and the Members of the Sansthan's Managing Committee to provide instant medical services to the needy patients in the remote, rural regions of the state by Shree Saibaba Sansthan Trust, Shirdi.

Sri Anand Mahindra, Chairman and Executive Director of the Mahindra & Mahindra

Group of Industries availed *Darshan* of Shri Sai Baba in the Sai *Samadhi Mandir*. The Trustees of the Sansthan, Sri Bipindada Kolhe and Sri Sachin Tambe felicitated him on behalf of the Sansthan on the occasion. The Executive Officer Incharge of the Sansthan, Sri Kundankumar Sonawane and the chief accounts officer, Sri Babasaheb Ghorpade graced the occasion.

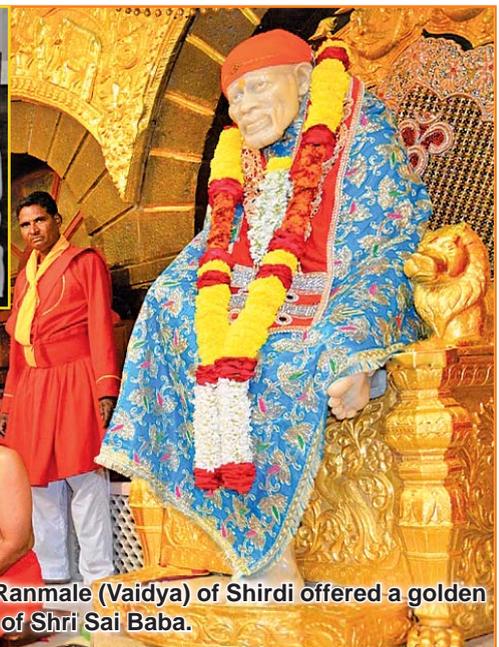
The Trustees of the Sansthan, Sri Bipindada Kolhe and Sri Sachin Tambe briefed Sri Anand Mahindra about the Sansthan's Sai Ambulance Scheme. 500 ambulances will have to be purchased for the Sansthan's Sai Ambulance Scheme to reach instant medical services to

reach the more and more needy patients in the remote, rural regions of the state. For this 75 per cent of the cost will be provided from the donation of philanthropic, donor Sai devotees and the balance 25 per cent has to be given by the Non Government Organisations. The donor Sai devotees giving the donation can donate in the memory of their parents, birthday or other loved ones. On this, Sri Anand Mahindra announced the donation of 13 ambulances in the memory of his mother and 12 ambulances in the memory of his father, amounting to 25 ambulances in total.



Tuesday, December 17, 2016 : Former Union Home Minister Sri Shivraj Patil Chandorkar... Opposition Leader in the Maharashtra Legislative Assembly, Sri Radhakrishna Vikhe Patil and the Sansthan's Deputy Executive Officer Dr. Sandeep Aher were present on the occasion.

Former Union Home Minister Sri Shivraj Patil Chandorkar being felicitated by the Opposition Leader in the Maharashtra Legislative Assembly, Sri Radhakrishna Vikhe Patil after the *Darshan* of Shri Sai Baba in the Sai *Samadhi Mandir*...



Saturday, December 31, 2016 : Sai devotee Sou Surekha Mangesh Ranmale (Vaidya) of Shirdi offered a golden *Padukas* weighing 546 grammes worth Rs. 13, 86, 294/- at the Feet of Shri Sai Baba.



Saturday, December 31, 2016 : Philanthropic Sai devotee Sri Sudhir Prabhu, who donated equipments worth Rs. 1 crore for the Intensive Care Unit of the Shri Sai Baba Hospital run by Shree Saibaba Sansthan Trust, Shirdi being felicitated by Sri Bajirao Shinde, Executive Officer of the Sansthan...

... There could be no lying before Sai. Falsehood does not gain Sai's Grace. Dishonesty leads to destruction and ultimately lies lead one to hell. To deceive the *Guru* is a very great sin, from which there is no atonement. Realising this, Nana described in detail to Baba whatever had happened. Nana said, "We hired a tonga to come straight to Shirdi, as a result of which Biniwale missed the *Darshan* of Lord Datta on the banks of the Godavari. Biniwale is a Datta devotee. When we came across the Datta temple on the way, he wanted to get down to have Datta's *Darshan*. But, I was in a hurry, so I prevented him and told him that we could take the *Darshan* on our return journey from Shirdi. Thus becoming hasty and thinking it would get late to come to Shirdi, I tried to avoid the matter and disregarded Datta's *Darshan*. Later, while bathing in the Godavari, a big thorn pierced my foot and gave me a lot of trouble on the way till I could pull it out with much effort." Then Baba advised, "It is not good to be in such haste. Thank your stars that you had only the thorn to contend with, though you had disrespected the *Darshan*. When a very venerated Deity like Datta is on the way, awaiting *Darshan*, unfortunate is he who has not taken the *Darshan*! How can I help him?"

- Shri Sai Sat Charita -

Saturday, December 31, 2016 : Trustee Sri Sachin Tambe, on behalf of Shree Saibaba Sansthan Trust, Shirdi, receiving the golden plate weighing 1204.700 grammes worth Rs. 30,56,733/- offered at the Feet of Shri Sai Baba by a Sai devotee from Chhatigarh.



SAI AMBULANCE PROJECT

A PROJECT CALLED 'SAI AMBULANCE' PROVIDING EMERGENCY HEALTH SERVICES TO THE NEEDY PATIENTS IN THE RURAL AND REMOTE REGIONS OF MAHARASHTRA

Shri Sai Baba, in His incarnation, has served, nursed and cured many sick people. The Shree Saibaba Sansthan Trust, Shirdi has been taking all efforts to continue providing the services to the patients the way He did. Today, two hospitals, namely 'Shri Sai Baba' and 'Shri Sai Nath' at Shirdi provide medical services at reasonable rates.

In order to carry on the work of providing health care, and to expand it further, the Shree Saibaba Sansthan Trust, Shirdi, along with kind donors and devotees, has decided to start a scheme for providing emergency health care to the needy, poor and deprived patients in the rural and remote regions of Maharashtra by donating ambulances to the NGOs (Non-Government Organization) working in those regions. In order to implement this scheme, 500 ambulances are required. For this, it has been decided that 75% of the cost will be collected from philanthropic Sai devotees who are willing to contribute and the rest 25% from the NGOs.

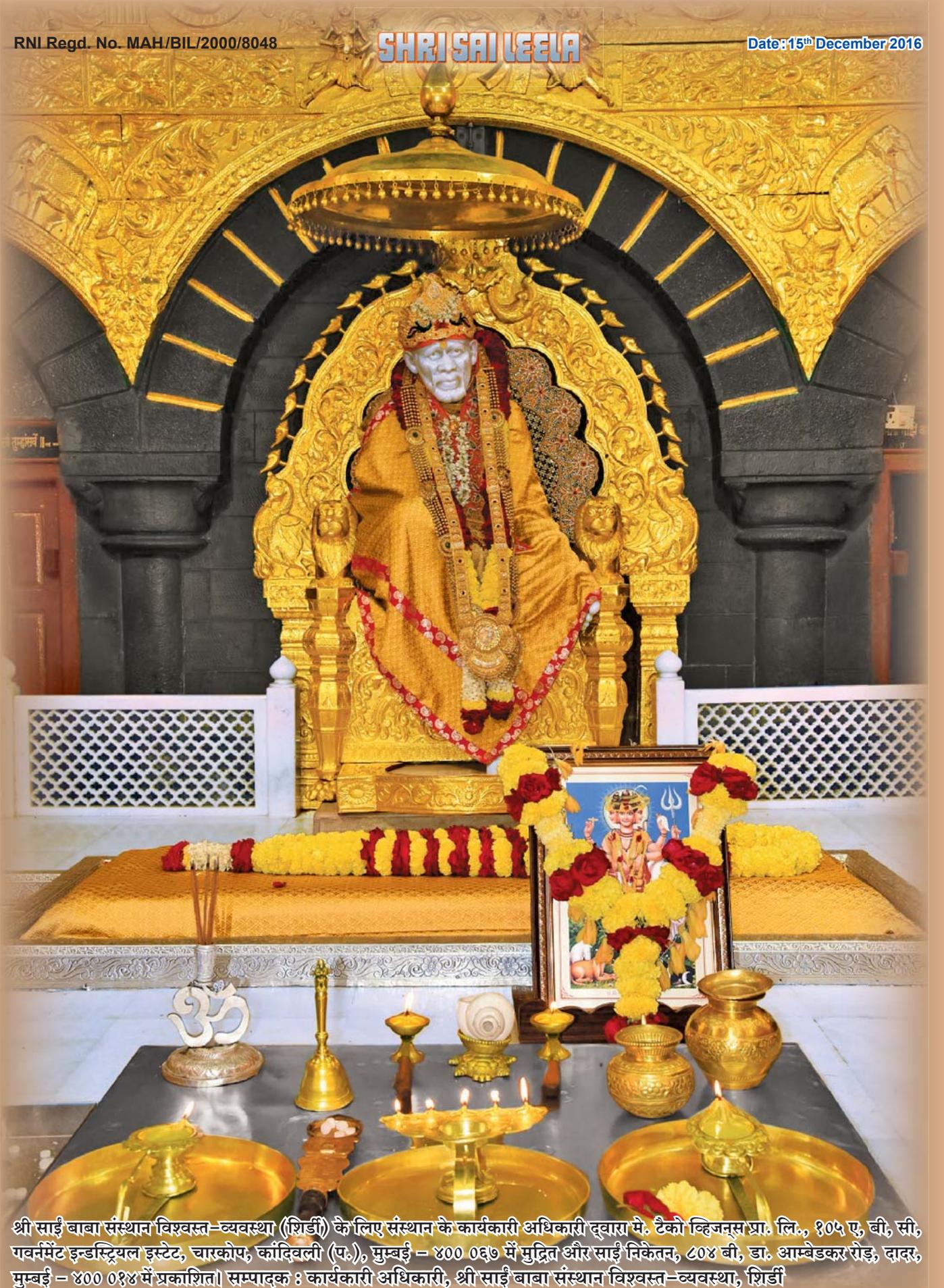
The ambulances donated through this scheme will be termed as 'Sai Ambulance' all over Maharashtra, and their functioning as well as maintenance will be looked after by the social service organizations which are willing to participate in this noble scheme. Donor Sai devotees can make this donation in memory of their parents/relatives/loved ones, on their birthdays or other occasions. The name of the donor making more than 75% share of the total cost of one ambulance will be displayed on the ambulance along with the Shree Saibaba Sansthan Trust, Shirdi. Besides this, those who want to contribute voluntarily can also donate as per their will.

The Sansthan appeals the donors to make a payment by cash, cheque, demand draft, or pay online on the Shree Saibaba Sansthan's official website (www.online.sai.org.in)

All the devotees are requested to make contribution with all the fullness of their heart to the above-mentioned scheme of 'Sai Ambulance'.

COST OF ONE AMBULANCE

Sr. No.	Proposed Ambulance	Amount (Approx.)	75% of the cost (Share of Sai devotee)	25% of the cost (Share of N.G.O.)
01.	Mahindra Bolero (Diesel) Non A/C	4,72,000/-	3,54,000/-	1,18,000/-
02.	Mahindra Bolero (Diesel) A/C	5,00,000/-	3,75,000/-	1,25,000/-



श्री साई बाबा संस्थान विश्वस्त-व्यवस्था (शिर्डी) के लिए संस्थान के कार्यकारी अधिकारी द्वारा मे. टैको व्हिजनस प्रा. लि., १०५ ए, बी, सी, गवर्नमेंट इन्डस्ट्रियल इस्टेट, चारकोप, कांदिवली (प.), मुम्बई - ४०० ०६७ में मुद्रित और साई निकेतन, ८०४ बी, डा. आम्बेडकर रोड, दादर, मुम्बई - ४०० ०१४ में प्रकाशित। सम्पादक : कार्यकारी अधिकारी, श्री साई बाबा संस्थान विश्वस्त-व्यवस्था, शिर्डी