

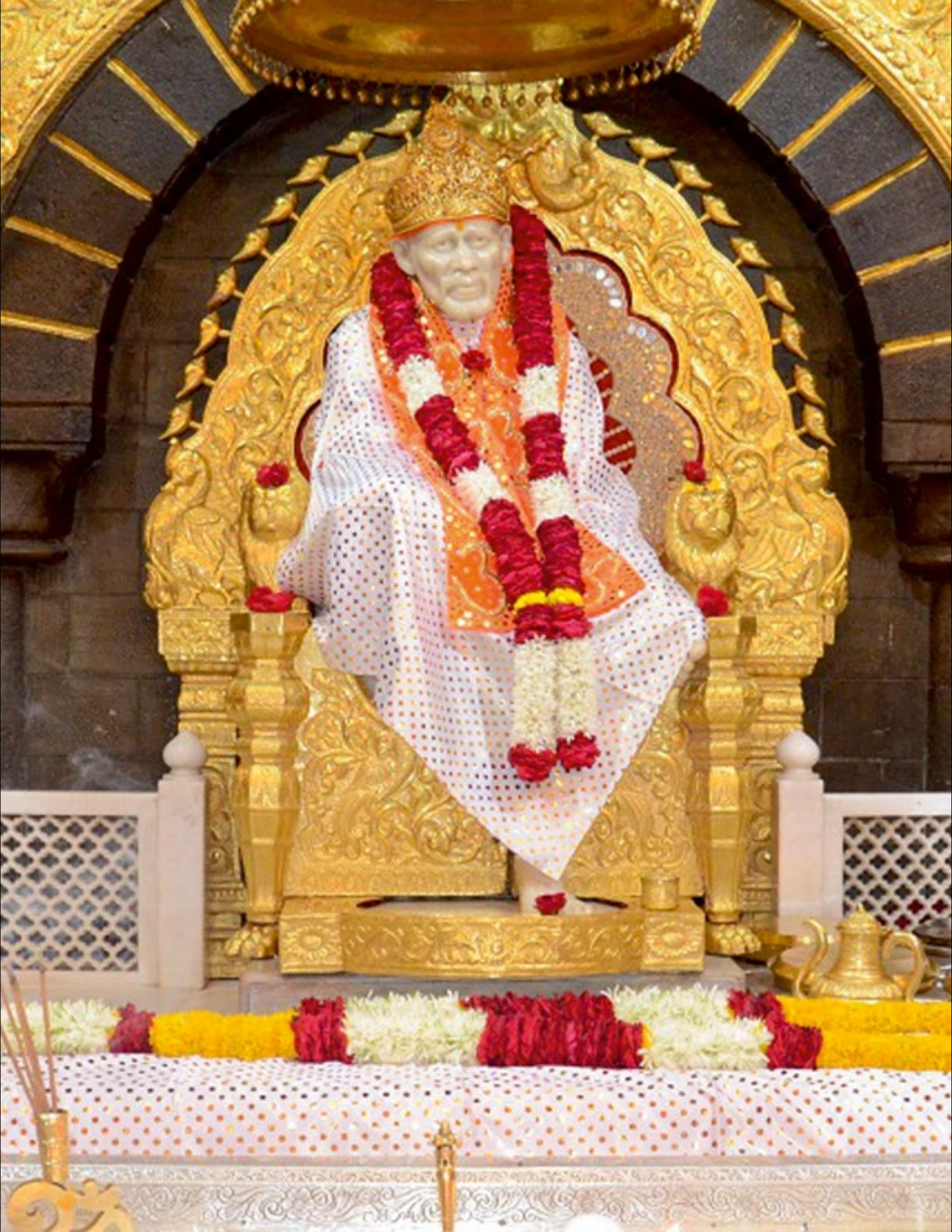


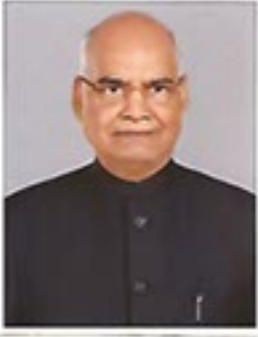
**SHIRDI SAI
MAHA SAMADHI
CENTENARY CELEBRATION
2017-18**



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सत्यमेव जयते

राष्ट्रपति
भारत गणतंत्र
PRESIDENT
REPUBLIC OF INDIA

MESSAGE

I am happy to know that the Shirdi Sai Global Foundation, Gurgaon is organising an event on the philosophy of Shri Shirdi Sai Baba on October 15, 2017 at New Delhi.

Shri Shirdi Sai Baba emphasised that God is one –‘Sabka Malik Ek Hai’. He proclaimed that God is universal, notwithstanding differences in caste, creed, race, language, religion and other temporal differentiations. He served humanity compassionately in various ways for decades till his Mahasamadhi in 1918.

I extend my warm greetings and felicitations to all those associated with the Shirdi Sai Global Foundation and wish the event every success.


(Ram Nath Kovind)

New Delhi
October 6, 2017





सत्यमेव जयते

भारत के उपराष्ट्रपति
VICE-PRESIDENT OF INDIA

MESSAGE

Shri Shirdi Sai Baba truly represents the Indian philosophy and cultural values of "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam" which is need of hour in today's world to attain peace and tranquility. He was compassion personified, who served one and all with love, irrespective of any differentiation of caste or religion and lived a simple life which was dedicated to alleviate sufferings of all in every possible manner.

I am delighted to know that the centenary year of the Mahasamadhi of well known saint, Shri Shirdi Sai Baba is being celebrated by Shirdi Sai Global Foundation from 15th October 2017 onwards.

I am also happy to know that with the inspiration of Dr C B Satpathy ji, the Shirdi Sai Global Foundation, has been actively spreading the Sai Philosophy and Indian culture, across India and abroad, through hundreds of Trusts / Centers dedicated to Shri Sai Baba.

I extend my warm wishes to Shirdi Sai Global Foundation and Dr Satpathy ji for the success of the programme.

(M. Venkaiah Naidu)

New Delhi

28th September, 2017



प्रधान मंत्री

Prime Minister

MESSAGE

Wishes to everyone on the auspicious occasion of the Centenary of the Mahasamadhi of Shri Sai Baba.

I am happy to know that the 100th year of his Mahasamadhi is being commemorated by the Shirdi Sai Global Foundation by organizing a programme on his philosophies on 15th October 2017 in New Delhi. The teachings of the great Saint Sai Baba continue to be relevant even today. His visions encapsulate the spirit of harmony, service and compassion.

Shirdi Sai Global Foundation, has not only advanced the noble thoughts of Sai Baba but also has also contributed immensely to uplift of the weaker section of the society. I hope that the event on his philosophy will see engaging discussions and insights on his blessed life and noble teachings. Best wishes for the success of the event and the cultural programmes planned on this occasion.

(Narendra Modi)

New Delhi
10 October, 2017

Dr. C.B. Satpathy
Chairman
Shirdi Sai Global Foundation
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Haryana- 122001

Keshari Nath Tripathi
GOVERNOR OF WEST BENGAL



RAJ BHAVAN
KOLKATA 700 062

22nd September, 2017

Message

I am glad to learn that the Shirdi Sai Global Foundation is going to organise a programme on the philosophy of Shri Shirdi Sai Baba on 15th October, 2017 to commemorate the hundredth year of his Mahasamadhi.

I am sure that the commemorative programme will inspire the people to follow the teachings and philosophy of Sai Baba.

I convey my felicitations to all the members associated with this programme and congratulations specially to Dr. C B Satpathy, Chairman of the Foundation for his contribution in the field of philosophy, education and culture as well as for his dedication to organise such invaluable event.

I wish the programme all success.

K.n. Tripathi
Keshari Nath Tripathi

राम नाईक
राज्यपाल, उत्तर प्रदेश



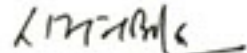
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27 सितम्बर, 2017

सन्देश

मुझे यह जानकर अतीव प्रसन्नता हुई कि शिरडी साई ग्लोबल फाउण्डेशन के तत्वावधान में श्री शिरडी साई बाबा के महासमाधी के शताब्दी वर्ष प्रारम्भ होने के अवसर पर 15 अक्टूबर, 2017 को नई दिल्ली में भक्तों द्वारा विशेष आयोजन किया जा रहा है।

श्री शिरडी साई बाबा ने धर्म और जाति से ऊपर उठकर जनमानस के कल्याण का जो सन्देश मानव-जाति को दिया है, वह आज भी प्रासंगिक है। मैं श्री शिरडी साई बाबा को महासमाधी दिवस पर अपनी आदरांजलि अर्पित करते हुए कार्यक्रम के सफल आयोजन की कामना करता हूँ।


(राम नाईक)

CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO



GOVERNOR
TAMIL NADU

Raj Bhavan,
Chennai-600 022.

Dated: 30th September 2017

MESSAGE

The magnificence of our nation lies in the diversity of castes, creed, culture, religious and spiritual beliefs. Life of Shri Shirdi Sai Baba was manifestation of "Bhartiyata" in true terms as he represented the Indian philosophy and cultural values. Today the mankind in whole world is suffering from various evils and at this very time his preachings are the need of hour to attain peace and tranquility. He was compassion personified, served everyone with love, irrespective of caste, creed or religion and lived a simple life which was dedicated to alleviate sufferings of all in all possible manners.

It is heartening to know that Shirdi Sai Global Foundation is celebrating the centenary year of the Mahasamadhi of the saint, Shri Shirdi Sai Baba from 15th October 2017 onwards.

I am pleased to know that Dr C B Satpathy ji, the inspiration of the Shirdi Sai Global Foundation, is spreading the Sai Philosophy and Indian culture, across India and abroad, through hundreds of Trusts / Centers dedicated to Shri Sai Baba.

I extend my warm wishes to Shirdi Sai Global Foundation and Dr Satpathy ji for the success of the programme.

(CH.VIDYASAGAR RAO)
GOVERNOR OF TAMIL NADU & MAHARASHTRA



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Message

I am very happy to know that Shirdi Sai Global Foundation is organizing a cultural evening on 15th October, 2017 in Sirifort Auditorium, New Delhi commemorating the hundredth year of Mahasamdhi of Shri Shirdi Sai Baba.

Sai Baba being a prophet of Modern India and a hundred years back he put into practice the principles of democracy, socialism and secularism which form the bulwark of our the greatest constitution today. Every follower of Baba should always practice one of his well known epigrams, "SABKA MALIK EK" (One God Governs all), that is the basic way of happy life.

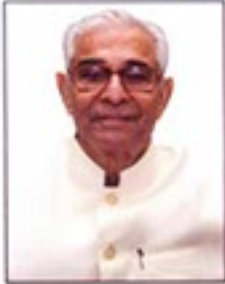
I commend my best wishes to this Function, organizers & all participants.

(Droupadi Murmu)

O. P. Kohli
Governor of Gujarat



Raj Bhavan
Gandhinagar. - 382 020.



MESSAGE

Shri Shirdi Sai Baba, a renowned saint of present Age, in India, was a God who walked on earth, stayed in shirdi, a remote village in the Ahmednagar District of Maharashtra. During his stay at Shirdi, thousands of people irrespective of caste, creed and religion, flocked there to meet Baba and find solution for the various spiritual needs. Baba being the perfect personification of grace and love, served everyone who came to him. I am pleased to know that Shirdi Sai Global Foundation has dedicated itself to celebrate centenary year of his Mahasamadhi from 15th October, 2017 onwards.

I am happy to know that, through hundreds of Trusts/Charitable Institutions dedicated to Shri Sai Baba, the Foundation with the inspiration of Dr. C.B.Satpathy Ji, has been actively spreading the ai Philosophy and Indian culture, in India and across the world.

I extend my warm and best wishes to Shirdi Sai Global Foundation and Dr. C. B. Satpathy Ji for the grand success of the Centenary programme.

O.P.Kohli
(O.P.Kohli)

रविशंकर प्रसाद
RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD



मंत्री
विधि एवं न्याय
एवं
इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी
भारत सरकार
MINISTER OF
LAW & JUSTICE
and
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA



MESSAGE

I am very happy to know that 'Shirdi Sai Global Foundation' is organizing an event at Siri Fort Auditorium on 15th October, 2017 to commemorate the "Centenary year of the Mahasamadhi of Shri Shirdi Sai Baba", which will focus on the philosophy of Shri Shirdi Sai Baba, Sai Global movement and importance of community service initiatives.

Shirdi Sai Baba selflessly served the devotees compassionately for decades till his Mahasamadhi on the 15th October 1918. He proclaimed that God is one i.e. God is the Lord of all, irrespective of the differences in caste, creed, race, language, religion and other temporal differentiations of human society. Today, He is a household name in India and has gone global in a big way. He taught his disciples to be compassionate towards all and undertake philanthropic activities.

His teachings of the universal principles of love, brotherhood, unity and service to humankind, continues to be relevant even today.

It's heartening to see the pioneer role played by Shirdi Sai Global Foundation for spreading the teachings of Shirdi Sai and Indian culture in different parts of the world.

My best wishes for grand success of this event as well as other events to be followed in India and abroad during the Centenary Year of Baba's Mahasamadhi.



(Ravi Shankar Prasad)

जुएल ओराम
JUAL ORAM



सत्यमेव जयते



MESSAGE

मंत्री
जनजातीय कार्य मंत्रालय
भारत सरकार
शास्त्री भवन, नई दिल्ली-110001
MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHASTRI BHAWAN, NEW DELHI-110001

Shri Shirdi Sai Baba, is loved and worshipped by millions of his devotees across the world. Sai Baba lived his entire life serving the humanity. He compassionately devoted himself to alleviate the worldly pains and afflictions of those who visited or remembered him and thereby helping in their spiritual evolution. Shirdi Sai Baba took Mahasamadhi on 15th October, 1918.

I am happy to know that Shirdi Sai Global Foundation, has planned to celebrate the centenary year of Mahasamadhi of Shri Shirdi Sai Baba, from 15th October 2017 onwards. Sai Baba lived a life of simplicity serving all who came to him and thus serving humanity can be the best work in his cause. I am pleased to know that this Foundation, under the leadership of Guruji Dr C B Satpathy, has taken the praiseworthy task of spreading the teachings and philosophy of Shri Shirdi Sai Baba and Indian Culture in addition to undertaking various philanthropic activities all over the world.

I extend my warm wishes for the success of the centenary year celebration of Mahasamadhi of Shri Shirdi Sai Baba, to Dr C B Satpathyji and Shirdi Sai Global Foundation.


(Jual Oram)

धर्मेन्द्र प्रधान
धर्मेश्वर पुयात
Dharmendra Pradhan



मंत्री
पेट्रोलियम एवं प्राकृतिक गैस ;
कौशल विकास एवं उद्यमशीलता मंत्रालय
भारत सरकार, नई दिल्ली
Minister
Petroleum & Natural Gas ;
Skill Development & Entrepreneurship
Government of India
New Delhi

MESSAGE

I am happy to learn that Shirdi Sai Global Foundation, a public Charitable Trust is organising an event to commemorate the hundredth year of the Mahasamadhi of Shri Shirdi Sai Baba, on the 15th October, 2017 at Sirifort Auditorium, New Delhi.

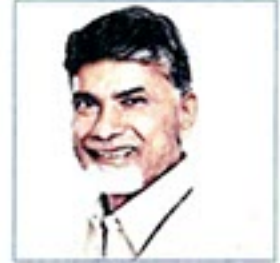
Shri Shirdi Sai Baba, the well known Saint of India, lived in the village Shirdi during the 19th and 20th Century. He served the devotees compassionately in various ways for decades till his Mahasamadhi on the 15th October, 1918. Baba always encouraged charity and shared the happiness of charity. He has touched the life of people across the globe. It is a rare boom to experience his presence in Shirdi. Today, he is a household name in India and has gone global in a big way.

I would like to congratulate all Sai devotees and members of the Shirdi Sai Global Foundation for their dedication and commitment to the noble cause of promoting the ideology and inculcating moral values amongst devotees for the betterment of the society.

My best wishes for success of this event.


(Dharmendra Pradhan)





CHIEF MINISTER
ANDHRA PRADESH

MESSAGE

Shri Shirdi Sai Baba, the famous saint of India, was compassion personified, who served one and all with love, irrespective of any differentiation of caste or religion. He lived a simple life but dedicated it to alleviate sufferings, in whatever manner, of all those who approached him. I am pleased to know that Shirdi Sai Global Foundation has dedicated itself to celebrate centenary year of his mahasamadhi from 15th October 2017 onwards.

I am also happy to know that, through hundreds of Trusts / Centers dedicated to Shri Sai Baba, the Foundation, with the inspiration of Dr C B Satpathy ji, has been actively spreading the Sai Philosophy and Indian culture, across India and abroad.

I extend my warm wishes to Shirdi Sai Global Foundation and Dr Satpathy ji for the success of the programme.


(NARA CHANDRA BABU NAIDU)

Sarbananda Sonowal



Chief Minister, Assam
Guwahati

CMO.1/2017/
Dated, Dispur, 2017.

MESSAGE

I am happy to know that Shirdi Sai Global Foundation has organised an event on 15th October, 2017 in Sirifort Auditorium, New Delhi to commemorate the hundredth year of Mahasamadhi of Shri Shirdi Sai Baba who is a source of constant inspiration for all of us to lead a life of virtues, compassion for all beings and devotion to God. I had an opportunity to interact with Dr. C. B. Satpathy, an ardent devotee of Shri Shirdi Sai Baba. He has been instrumental in taking Sai Baba's name across the globe by setting up temples in India and abroad. I am sure that Shirdi Sai Global Foundation will immensely contribute in spreading teachings of Shri Sai Baba through global Sai movement for a peaceful and harmonious human society.

I extend my heartfelt best wishes for the various programmes organised in the Centenary year and also pray to Shri Sai Baba to bless us all.

(Sarbananda Sonowal)

NAVEEN PATNAIK
CHIEF MINISTER, ODISHA



STATE SECRETARIAT
BHUBANESWAR

No 610-4-10-2017

MESSAGE

Sri Sri Sai Baba of Shirdi is one of the most revered saints of India. His entire life was a message of compassion and human values.

I am glad that Shirdi Sai Global Foundation is celebrating the centenary year of the Mahasamadhi of Sri Shirdi Sai Baba on 15th October, 2017 in New Delhi. I congratulate the members of the foundation and extend my warm greetings to the devotees of Shirdi Sai Baba on this auspicious occasion. I hope the foundation will successfully propound the philosophy of Sai Baba.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Naveen Patnaik', is placed above the printed name.

(NAVEEN PATNAIK)

Devendra Fadnavis

Chief Minister
Maharashtra



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Mumbai 400 032
5th October 2017

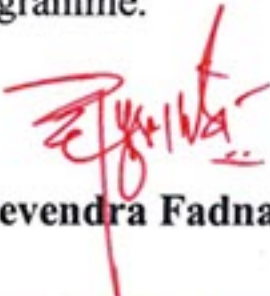
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Shri Shirdi Sai Baba, the most revered saint of India, was compassion personified, who served one and all with love, irrespective of any differentiation of caste or religion. He lived a simple life but dedicated it to alleviate sufferings, in whatever manner, of all those who approached him.

I am also happy to know that, through hundreds of Trusts / Centers dedicated to Shri Sai Baba, the Foundation has been actively inculcating the Sai Philosophy and Indian culture, across India and abroad

I extend my warm wishes to Shirdi Sai Global Foundation for the success of the programme.


(Devendra Fadnavis)

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किरेन रीजीजू
KIREN RIJJU



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गृह राज्य मंत्री
भारत सरकार
MINISTER OF STATE FOR
HOME AFFAIRS
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

26 SEP 2017



MESSAGE

Saint Shirdi Sai Baba is revered and worshipped by people all around the world. He gave his immense love and divine direction to our search for truth. He taught a moral code of love, forgiveness, compassion, helping others, charity, contentment, inner peace, and devotion to God.

I am happy that Shirdi Sai Global Foundation, since its inception, is propagating the teachings & path shown by Shri Shirdi Sai Baba and in order to commemorate the hundredth year of his Mahasamadhi, organizing an event based on his philosophy on 15th October, 2017 in Siri Fort Auditorium, New Delhi.

I commend Shirdi Sai Global Foundation for the excellent philanthropic work it is doing and sincerely wish that it will continue its good work with the same vigour in future as well.

(Kiren Rijju)

21st September, 2017
New Delhi.



सत्यमेव जयते

डॉ. महेश शर्मा
Dr. Mahesh Sharma



संस्कृति राज्य मंत्री (स्वतंत्र प्रभार)
पर्यटन राज्य मंत्री (स्वतंत्र प्रभार)
भारत सरकार, नई दिल्ली
MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR CULTURE
MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR TOURISM
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, NEW DELHI



Date: October 9, 2017

MESSAGE

Shri Shirdi Sai Baba, a famous saint of India, served one and all with love and compassion, stayed in Shirdi, a remote village in Ahmednagar District of Maharashtra State. He served everybody who visited him irrespective of any differentiation of caste, colour or religion. He lived a simple life, stayed in a dilapidated mosque but dedicated to alleviate miseries/sufferings of all those who approached him. I am happy to know that Shirdi Sai Global Foundation has fully dedicated itself to celebrate Centenary year of his Mahasamadhi from 15th October 2017.

I am extremely happy to know that through hundreds of Trusts/Institutions dedicated to Shri Sai Baba, the Foundation with the inspiration of Dr C.B. Satpathy Ji, is fully engaged in spreading the Sai Philosophy and Indian Culture across India and abroad.

I extend my kind wishes to Shirdi Sai Global Foundation and deep regards to Dr Satpathy Ji for the success of this programme.

(Dr. Mahesh Sharma)



मनोज सिन्हा
MANOJ SINHA

संचार राज्य मंत्री (स्वतंत्र प्रभार)
एवं

रेल राज्य मंत्री, भारत सरकार

Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Communications
and
Minister of State for Railways
Government of India

MESSAGE

I am pleased to know that the centenary year of the Mahasamadhi of well known saint, Shri Shirdi Sai Baba is being celebrated by Shirdi Sai Global Foundation from 15th October, 2017 onwards. Shri Shirdi Sai Baba is worshipped by millions of his devotees. Baba was an epitome of love and compassion who served everyone who so ever came to him. His life exemplified that we should serve everyone with love and respect without any differentiation of caste, creed, religion etc.

I am also happy to know that, through hundreds of Centres dedicated to Shri Sai Baba, the Shirdi Sai Global Foundation, under the leadership of Dr.C.B. Satpathy Ji, has been actively spreading the Sai Consciousness and Indian culture, across the world.

I would like to congratulate Dr. Satpathy Ji for having taken the above initiative and extend my best wishes to him and Shirdi Sai Global Foundation for the success of the programme.

Manoj Sinha
(MANOJ SINHA)

डॉ. सुभाष भामरे
Dr. SUBHASH BHAMRE



Message

रक्षा राज्य मंत्री, भारत सरकार
नई दिल्ली-110011
Minister of State for Defence
Government of India,
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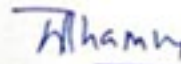
Life of Shri Shirdi Sai Baba, a great saint of India having a charismatic persona filled with compassion, was true representative of Indian philosophy and cultural values. Today when whole world is suffering from various chaotic situations, the preaching's of Shri Shirdi Sai Baba propose the solutions. He was compassion himself as he served all with love irrespective of caste, creed or religion and dedicated his life to alleviate sufferings of all.

I am glad to know that Shirdi Sai Global Foundation is celebrating the centenary year of the Mahasamadhi of well known saint, Shri Shirdi Sai Baba from 15th October 2017 onwards.

It is heartening to know that Dr C B Satpathy ji, the inspiration of the Shirdi Sai Global Foundation through his immense contribution, is spreading the Sai Philosophy and Indian culture, across India and abroad, through hundreds of Trusts / Centres dedicated to Shri Sai Baba.

I extend my warm wishes to Shirdi Sai Global Foundation and Dr Satpathy ji for the success of the programme.

Dated: 5 Oct, 2017
New Delhi


(Dr. Subhash Bhamre)

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Dear Dr C.B. Satpathy,

It gives me great pleasure in sending my very best wishes to the Shirdi Sai Global Foundation, as well as all of Sai Baba's devote followers globally on the commemoration service to mark the 100th anniversary of Shri Shirdi Sai Baba's Mahasamadhi.

Sai Baba's values of peace, compassion and service are relevant in today's day and age more than ever. A century later, Sai Baba still remains close to the lives of millions of devotees in India and across the world. In an era of uncertainty, we particularly reach out to Sai Baba's teachings to us to guide us through difficult times.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Shirdi Sai global Foundation on their efforts to mark this historic anniversary in New Delhi. I wish the team continued success in their efforts to celebrate the life and legacy of Sai Baba.

Lord Dolar Popat
House of Lords, United Kingdom

VIRENDRA SHARMA
Member of Parliament for Ealing Southall



HOUSE OF COMMONS
LONDON SW1A 0AA



Dr. Chandra Bhanu Satpathy
Chairman
Shirdi Sai Global Foundation
C-209, 1st Floor, Sushant Lok
Phase -1, Gurgaon 122001
Haryana

18th September 2017

Dear Dr Chandra Bhanu Satpathy

The beginning of the hundredth year of the Mahasamadhi of Shri Shirdi Sai Baba is an important date for all of his adherents.

This key event is a fantastic way to remember his message and the contributions he made to India and thought.

His message of equality and harmony is one that even a century later we can learn much from.

I am sorry I cannot be there with you, but you have my wishes for health and happiness.

Best wishes

Virendra Sharma MP
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STORTINGET

Dear Dr. Chandra Bhanu Satpathyji

For millions of people across the world, you are a beloved Guruji who means the world. However, for the countless people with disability who have experienced better opportunities in life due to the changes in policy and attitude you have inspired and ignited – and for the countless people who might be starving and to whom someone has given a piece of bread as a result of your teachings – you have meant even more than the world.

Each one of us has the chance to impact the lives of others in remarkable ways. If we all can do even just a fraction of the good for those around us and for our own self evolvment as yourself and many of your devotees have been inspired to through your work and guidance, the world would indeed be a better place.

I am happy to know about the important role played by Shirdi Sai Global Foundation in spreading knowledge of culture and good values. Shirdi Sai Baba is today worshipped globally and is a unifying symbol for bringing people together irrespective of their religion and nationalities. Shirdi Sai's emphasis on universal principles of love, brotherhood, unity and service to humankind, continues to be relevant even today.

My best wishes for the event being organized on the 15th October, 2017, at Siri Fort Auditorium, New Delhi, and the other events that you will organize during the Centenary Year of Baba's Mahasamadhi

Best wishes,

Himanshu Gulati
Member of Parliament, Norway

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Centenary Year Celebration:

A Thought

Shri Shirdi Sai Baba entered Maha Samadhi on 15th October 1918 (Tuesday) according to the English calendar. It was the day of Dussehra or Vijaydashami as per the Hindu calendar. Dussehra falls on the 30th September (Saturday) in 2017 and on 19th October (Friday) in the year 2018. It is observed that most of the temples and organizations, dedicated to Shri Sai Baba and Sai Movement are planning to celebrate the centenary year between the 30th of Sept 2017 (the day of Dussehra) and the 19th Oct 2018 (the day of Dussehra). Reportedly, they are planning to undertake a number of activities during the centenary year.

The exponential growth in the number of devotees, trusts/associations/ societies, groups and temples of Shri Sai Baba, in India and abroad, need to be understood in the correct perspective. Today's Global Sai movement is a spontaneous growth without the management or effective support of a single global institution as is the case with many other religious sects. Most of the devotees who have created the temples and trusts in the name of Sai Baba, have done so sheerly out of their love for and faith in the holiness, kindness and magnificence of Shirdi Sai Baba. Most of these devotees are householders without any formal spiritual training. There exists no such dedicated cadre for the propagation of the Sai faith or Sai movement, to the best of my knowledge. A large number of individually inspired activities are being performed for the cause of Baba. As records indicate, before accepting Baba as their Guru, they have been worshipping their family traditional deities. Even after accepting Sai Baba as their Guru, they continued to worship the tutelary deities. These devotees don't aspire to achieve any spiritual status or recognition. They are happy to work for the cause of Shri Shirdi Sai Baba whom most of them, had never met. When asked, they reply that they are internally and emotively connected with Baba and, therefore, love to perform activities in His cause. It has been observed that most of the Sai devotees have high emotive relationship with Shri Sai. Once into the fold of Baba, they undertake many types of inspirational activities like feeding the poor, distributing clothes, medicines and money to the needy and many more. The list is too long to be incorporated in this article. In the process of rendering philanthropic service, the character and personality of many of them evolves gradually.

Hence, the word 'Sai' can be defined as "Spiritual And Inspirational" in its quintessence. This used to be felt by the followers who were with Him at Shirdi as much as it is being felt by the present day devotees as well. Today also, a large number of devotees report such emotive connect, at times, bordering on miracles. That is so because, the illuminated horizons of spiritual possibilities that Shirdi Sai Baba showed His devotees filled them with a sense of hopefulness of converting a stressful life to a hopeful existence. Most of these worldly people were afflicted with the mundane problems of the sordid realities of life. Baba performed the unique task of uplifting these devotees to various planes of spiritual experience and awakening. Through varied methods, He tried to inculcate in them the equipoise of mind and ethical behaviour. He performed the act of balancing the counter elements in the devotees and yet evolving them. The indelible message scribed by Him for the posterity, inspires millions towards a pious and happy living. They are gearing up and getting ready to celebrate the centenary year.



The components of the centenary celebration year will, undoubtedly, be numerous events spread over the year. A festive and mirthful ambiance is likely to pervade the temples during these days. On special days, devotees from near and far, shall conglomerate and rejoice in each other's company, remembering fondly the greatness and kindness of their Guru. Philanthropic acts will make the atmosphere in the temples, pious and joyous. However, amidst such fanfare, we have to think of a more serious agenda on the celebration of the centenary year and the futuristic Global Movement of Shri Sai.

This issue has been deliberated with a cross-section of devotees of Shirdi Sai Baba across the Globe. A few ideas about what the future program should be, are listed below:

- Establish an online global communication network among the Shirdi Sai Baba temples and trusts for quick and effective communication. First, it will establish a healthy camaraderie among the devotees and trusts. Secondly, various religious and philanthropic practices/activities adopted in one temple/trust can be imbibed by others. Exchanging of news and views will strengthen their knowledge base. Further, prior knowledge of the events/programmes of one temple will help the devotees of the other temples/trusts to programme their participation conveniently.
- Besides conducting the ritualistic activities on a daily basis and on special occasions, the temples/trusts should devote a major portion of their time, energy and resources to undertake humanitarian activities. The philanthropic work should be done in a structured manner by the creation of new institutions or updation of the existing institutions in collaboration with the other organisations, wherever possible. Some temples/trusts can also form a consortium and pool their resources to achieve greater targets rather than aiming for smaller targets in a stand-alone manner. These could include the creation of Schools/ Colleges/ Universities, Medical Colleges/ Hospitals/ Dispensaries, institutions for the differently-abled, homes for people rejected by their own in old age and homes for orphans and destitutes, with a special focus on women and children.
- Setting up a research centre based on the literature on Shirdi Baba in their possession in different languages in a library form, online. To the best of my knowledge no such activity has been started by any organization. These centres should create excellent literature on Baba.
- In flood-prone areas, for example, on the Eastern Coast of India, like Odisha and Andhra, that are afflicted by floods and cyclones, the temples should be prepared to function as flood relief centres. Details can be worked out in collaboration with the local authorities.
- Libraries containing the print/audio and video material on Baba can also be created. Devotees should have easy access to reading material. They should also be encouraged to undertake research and write books and articles on Shirdi Sai Baba.
- Shirdi Sai Baba undertook plantation of flowering plants in Shirdi. He used to get seeds from Neemgaon, a neighbouring village, and water the plants personally. Further, He got the dirty well of Shirdi cleaned. During epidemics like cholera and plague, He used to take a lot of care of the villagers of Shirdi and encouraged cleaning activities. In short, Baba used to give importance to tree plantation (environmental protection) and cleanliness (Swachhata) in the village. Following these precepts, the Sai Baba trusts would do well to undertake massive tree plantation programmes both in urban and rural areas.
- They should also undertake large cleanliness drives not only in and around the temple premises, but also of the urban and rural areas where they dwell, on a regular basis. The nation is undergoing a massive drive to protect the environment and maintain cleanliness. The temples should help and join the governmental and non-governmental bodies in these activities for the maintenance of social health.

Physical, mental, spiritual and holistic growth of His devotees was the aim of Baba. His followers should do what they possibly can to help in the holistic growth of their fellow beings. We can celebrate the centenary year of Baba keeping in mind this pious resolve.

– Dr. C. B. Satpathy, Gurugram

30th September 2017



SAI:

The Universal Protector

IMPORTANCE OF TREE PLANTATION



Plantation of Flowering Plants by Shri Shirdi Sai Baba

"In the beginning, on the very spot, there was a beautiful flower garden grown by Baba, with His own hands. Vaman Tatya (the potter) would supply the earthen pitchers and Sai Samarth would water the plants, thus raising a garden on the rocky barren soil." – *Shri Sai Satcharita, Chapter 4*

"Whenever He went to Rahata, He would always bring back with Him saplings of marigold and jasmine and would plant them with His own hands in desolate places and would also water them regularly." – *Shri Sai Satcharita, Chapter 5*

"For three years this was His preoccupation; in that open space, He raised a garden, and in that same place, that today, by lucky chance people are enjoying the convenience of a Wada." – *Shri Sai Satcharita, Chapter 5*

BABA'S LOVE FOR ANIMALS/KINDNESS TOWARDS ANIMALS



An insect, an ant, creatures living in water or moving in the sky, or animals on the land - a dog or a pig, I pervade them all, most truly and always. – *Shri Sai Satcharita, Chapter 15*

Returning to the mosque from Lendi, while walking casually on the way, if He sometimes met a herd of goats, Baba would feel most happy. He would then cast His nectar like glance over them all, sometimes selecting a goat of two out of them. Whatever price the owner asked, Baba would pay him at once and keep the animals with Kondaji. Such was Baba's usual practice. – *Shri Sai Satcharita, Chapter 46*

How praiseworthy was Baba's life! To both, Hindus and Muslims, He was a mother; a trusted refuge – to a tiger and a goat alike, where both moved in an atmosphere of fearlessness and mutual affection. – *Shri Sai Satcharita, Chapter 10*



"Eating in the company of fakirs, He would eat meat, or if occasion required it, would also eat fish. But even there, should a dog put his mouth to the food, he did not turn away in disgust." – *Shri Sai Satcharita, Chapter 7*

"Everyday in the morning, He would collect alms in the village, with which He would satisfy His hunger and be content.....the food so collected would then be put into a wide-mouthed earthen jar in the mosque, from which crows and dogs freely partook of the food." – *Shri Sai Satcharita, Chapter 8*

"This same money Baba utilized later to build the walls of the place, where His horse Shyamakarna is tied, at present." – *Shri Sai Satcharita, Chapter 36*

"The horse that formed Baba's procession Shyamakarna has his burial tomb just as the tiger that visited Him shortly before his Maha Samadhi has its tomb in front of Dwarakamayee." – *Life of Sai Baba by Narasimha Swamy, Chapter 22*

BABA'S LOVE FOR CHILDREN



"Amani would go and sit on Baba's lap, giving the little box in his hand and, holding His hand, would clamour, 'Baba, rupaya rupaya!'" – *Shri Sai Satcharita, Chapter 29*

"Baba loved children and this child too, was chubby and pretty." – *Shri Sai Satcharita, Chapter 29*



SAI BABA WAS ABOVE ALL RELIGIONS AND CASTE

"Shree Sai Nath's unique and continued vastavya in a small, recently rebuilt Masjid, in Shirdi, for so many years, has converted it into a common international platform, as it were for the Hindu and Mussalman, to offer their prayers from. Other religionists like the Parsees and the Christians, are also, occasionally, though in smaller numbers, seen standing therein, side by side, with their brethren." – *Shri Sainath Prabha (1916), Page 8*

".....in the presence of Shree SaiNath, they stand together as the quiet children of a loving father. The Musalman regards Him, as he would, a Peer or Paigambar, while the Hindu prostrates at His feet as he would, to his Sadguru Maharaj." – *Shri Sainath Prabha (1916), Page 8*

"Urus is held here every year. It is also the day of birth of Ram and therefore affords us an opportunity to celebrate the occasion, without any extra effort." – *Shri Sai Satcharita, Chapter 6*

– *Dr. C.B. Satpathy, Gurugram*



A Distinct Management Approach to Global Sai Movement

The Global Sai Movement has grown gradually over the years due to the tireless and dedicated efforts of many devotees. After Shirdi Sai Baba took Mahasamadhi on 15th October 1918, some highly dedicated devotees took the movement forward. It all started with Anna Saheb Dabholkar and the Shri Sai Satcharita. Later, Shri Narasimha Swamy of All India Sai Samaj, Chennai, brought out valuable literature through focused research. Many a great soul like Swami Kesavaiahji, Shri Bapatla Hanumantha Rao, Shri Ekkirala Bharadwaj, Shri Radhakrishna Swamy etc., contributed a great deal to spread the philosophy and glory of Shirdi Sai Baba across the country. It is stated in the holy book "Shri Sai Satcharita" that the lord would earmark certain tasks to certain people after ascertaining how qualified they are to do them. Nothing can be done without His divine will and this is what the devotees have experienced over the years.

Dr. C. B. Satpathy, an IPS officer hailing from Odisha, started the divine mission on this noble path in November, 1989. He was drawn to Shirdi in 1989 under certain unusual circumstances. Since then, it has been a relentless journey for him, touching the lives of millions of Sai devotees across the globe and inspiring innumerable devotees to tread this path. Soon, he became instrumental in getting more than 300 Sai temples built in various parts of the globe. He has also authored many books that were published in 14 Indian languages and 6 foreign languages. Countless websites, magazines and audio CDs were created in various languages for the use of devotees. In due course, most of these temples became effective platforms for rendering great community service besides working as places of worship and religious congregation.

Since the beginning of the millennium, many events around the globe have resulted in the spread of Sai movement in countries such as USA, Canada, Australia, New Zealand and some of the European countries besides UK. Many camps were set up each year since 1995 on important occasions like Kumbh Mela, Karthik Mela and Pushkar Mela at places like, Allahabad, Haridwar, Nashik, Vijayawada, Rajahmundry etc. Services were rendered to devotees and pilgrims through these camps. International summits for devotees were organized in the US, UK, Africa, Australia etc. to orient them to community service. Schools and colleges of international standard have been established to provide high quality education. Such phenomenal work has happened in a relatively short period of time.

Over the years, he has touched three generations of devotees and has become an integral part of their life. Devotees are virtually caught unaware of how the Global Sai movement has progressed silently. How did it all happen? How could such a large number of devotees be drawn to render such quality service? How has Dr. Satpathy been able to sustain the devotee's motivational level? Many such questions would crop up when one looks at the magnitude of the work that has been done. The purpose of this article is to share the unique and distinct management practices that have been used to achieve this.

From the start, Dr. Satpathy led by example and showed the way for others to follow. The two critical components of the management system that he has carefully built over the years include well-established



ground rules and a sound value system. It is precisely these that have kept the devotees universally united and focused on the works of Shri Shirdi Sai Baba and helped immensely in strengthening the Global Sai Movement.

1. Well Established Ground Rules: The basic tenets are well articulated and clearly defined. These have served as the base for all the devotees to carry on the work. These are virtual timeless treasures that would hold good for generations to come.

- **No personal agenda in Baba's agenda:** Serving the cause of the master is a holy work. We all have come together by His will and should have no other intention than doing His work. This message was clearly communicated through his writings and speeches. He would often quote that: 'temples should not be used as spring boards for building up social networks to further selfish personal ends'. This one principle has been instrumental in creating high impact and sustainable organizations/communities. There were no calculations in the mind of devotees whenever they came together and the only rallying point was the work of the Master.

- **No pursuit of miracles:** This is another thing that was stressed time and again that 'miracles are not the visiting cards of the saints'. Shri Sai's life is shrouded in mystery as many divine miracles were experienced by the devotees, when He was in physical existence and even after His Mahasamadhi in 1918. This naturally led the devotees to seek happiness in their personal life. These are natural occurrences based on the principles of nature used by the Siddhas. In fact, it saved the devotees from having expectations of miracles instead of living an ordinary life.

- **Means are as important as the end:** Fair means have to be adopted while generating funds for the construction of temples or any service. Dr. Satpathy has always been forthright in making this very clear to the devotees. Credit for funds collected should not go to the person who has collected them, but instead should go to the one who donated the funds. Devotees were asked not to pressurize or mislead people to donate in the name of the Sadguru. The only thing he would emphasize is to have firm faith and lots of patience, (Shradhha and Saburi) as prescribed by Sai Baba. Construction of temples, running camps and humanitarian services need financial support, but the required resources should always flow where there is purity of purpose.

- **Go beyond rituals:** Though the devotees are encouraged to build temples and practice some of the rituals practiced in Shirdi, they were asked simultaneously to engage in rendering humanitarian services. Shirdi Sai Baba is a greater Humanist and had always reached out to the suffering souls; hence devotees need to orient themselves more to community service and the temples have to be used as effective platforms for this purpose. Time and again he asks devotees; when you fall sick or there is an accident, do you go to a doctor or hospital? This is natural. Likewise, the Sadguru facilitates access to the needed services for the devotees. During natural calamities, special camps were set up to serve the victims. There are numerous instances when such relief was provided through the temples of Shirdi Sai Baba in the last two and half decades.

- **Have firm faith in your Guru:** This is another principle that is strongly stressed and advocated. Shirdi Sai Baba has always said; 'Sab Ka Malik Ek' which means God is one. Devotees were asked to focus on Sai for material and spiritual help. The word 'Samartha Sadguru', which means one who is capable of surely helping His devotees in distress. Like Shri Sai Satcharita, he emphasizes that 'the best devotee is one who sees Sai in everything and everything in Sai'. When calamities hit people hard, then they tend to waver and it is precisely in such situations that one should cling on to the Sadguru with all the faith as He knows the best remedy for all the ills the devotee faces. Many devotees today have made Shirdi Sai Baba as their only spiritual Master.



- **Don't advertise your Guru falsely:** In the present-day world, it is seen that most often disciples flaunt the glory of their Gurus. So much of hype is created about the divine attributes of the master that in the process the main path goes out of focus. Instead, the actual purpose behind his deeds and teachings has to be highlighted and this is the real service to the master.

- **Small teams are good:** Small teams are good enough to carry out the works of Sadguru and it is not essential to have a big team of people around. More people would mean more social interactions and hence, more conflicts. Owing to this, the devotees are encouraged to have a small team of like-minded people in a trust or a society to run the activities without forming social communities. Even if there is one dedicated individual, the Master would show the way. There are many such instances where a few individuals have done bigger and greater things.

- **Do not brood over painful situations:** Problems do haunt people, but life should go on as usual. 'Convert your pain towards creativity' is another inspirational quote of Dr. Satpathy. The best of works were produced by many devotees when they were going through the most difficult phases of life, inspiring many to endure their suffering. 'Life does not give you options, so to lead life in peace, you have to accept the reality and move on'. One should not worry too much about anything in life, as everything is transient.

- **Spreading goodness:** Negativity in any form needs to be blocked from entering our system as it is a potent force to kill the positivity. Dr. Satpathy wanted devotees to root out negativity and spread goodness. The very purpose of life is just this and even the great souls even after attaining self-realization have remained engrossed in doing good deeds for society. "Don't ever be a source or cause of somebody's problem, instead try and be part of a solution if you can", he says.

- **Not to run around temples skipping work:** He has made it abundantly clear that devotees should never skip their important household or office duties to visit temples and spend their time there. He wanted Baba's works to be done with sincerity.

- **Never imitate your master:** Another important thing that was emphasized was that one should never imitate the Sadguru. Donning the similar attire or imitating certain mannerisms of one's Guru should not be done under any circumstances as inscribed in the Shri Guru Gita. Better to find inspiration from His actions. The job of a true disciple is to tread the path shown by the Sadguru.

- **Sai Satcharita as the reference point:** He always encourages devotees to read the holy book Sai Satcharita and practice the teachings of Shirdi Sai Baba in day to day life. Baba has addressed all our mundane concerns through His deeds and words. Whenever there is confusion, devotees were asked to refer to Sai's teachings and resolve it themselves. He also insists that we understand the meaning of four Aartis which are sung in temples and says that it helps in bringing a proper understanding in the devotees.

- **Let's earn the grace:** In general, devotees seek the grace of the Guru without doing anything useful. Instead of seeking His grace, let the devotees earn it by doing good work. They should make themselves worthy of receiving it.

- **Comparison should be shunned:** Comparison is highly detrimental to progress in both the mundane and spiritual world. God has unique plans for every soul and unfortunately, we don't understand and appreciate this. Many devotees suffer by comparing their faith with that of with others. This creates negative values.



- **Differences are but natural:** On many issues, we beg to differ with others. 'Agree to disagree' is a popular principle that is pretty much familiar to all, but the issue of prime concern here is that people take differences, even regarding their approach towards the Guru, deep into their heart and allow them to impact their relationships. This has to be avoided under all circumstances.

2. Sound Value System: A well-defined set of values have become an integral part of the management process. The devotees are asked to uphold and practice these in their day to day life.

- **Gratitude:** Great emphasis is always laid on this important value. 'Lack of gratitude almost tantamount to a sin, is the most often used statement to drill its value into the minds of the devotees.

- **Humility:** One has to forget the good deeds done in past, lest the ego would keep sprouting up every now and then. Devotees should stay focused only on the works to be accomplished and this is the best way of remaining humble. 'Charity has to be done with utmost humility without hurting the feelings of the receiver'.

- **Simplicity:** 'It is simple to be difficult, but difficult to be simple'. If one understands the true meaning of this, many problems of human beings could be averted. Pompousness doesn't pay. 'Look at the kind of life Shri Sai has lived all along! How can we ordinary people think of ourselves as great beings'.

- **Purity:** Purity of purpose would always keep people on the right path. Purity is the essence of the Sai movement and the devotees were always reminded to check their intentions whenever they were embarking on new assignments relating to the Sai Movement.

- **Love:** Unconditional love is what the Sadguru showers on their devotees and that is what they expect in turn as well. 'Love your master as much as He loves you'. There shall be no other considerations and calculations.

- **Compassion:** The one great quality that all the Sadgurus have in them is compassion and generosity. They are kindness personified. Whenever devotees complain about unanswered prayers, they were simply asked a question. "Have you ever done anything for anyone? Be kind to others to receive the kindness of the Sadguru".

- **Equality:** In the eyes of the Lord all are equal. The world today is torn asunder in the name of religion, region, caste, creed, community etc. As human beings, we need to imbibe this important value. Discrimination and differentiation of any kind would not help us to evolve as good human beings.

- **Integrity:** Upholding righteousness is essential to build a happy and a great society. One should not compromise on honesty. Shirdi Sai Baba did uphold all His promises, so we should not go back on our words.

- **Responsibility:** Most of the ills the society is facing are primarily caused by the irresponsible acts of the individuals. Self accountability for all our actions makes us responsible beings.

This set of principles and values emphasized by Dr. C. B. Satpathy have contributed immensely to spread the Sai Movement across the Globe in the last three decades. These are simple and time-tested principles that have created tremendous impact on the devotees. Dr. Satpathy has remained firmly grounded in these basic tenets and has led the Global Sai Movement effectively with his distinctive approach. He has built an army of dedicated soldiers around the globe for spreading the wonderful messages of Shirdi Sai Baba for the greater good of the humanity.

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Knowledge of Immortality

**“The invaluable gift of
Shri Guru Bhagavat to the mankind”***

We make our journey through eternity, we live beyond time and travel beyond space. In this infinite cosmos we live forever. Nothing limits us, nothing defines us, nothing separates us... such is the power of the "Knowledge of death or Mrityu-vidya". This I consider as one of the wonderful gifts of Dr. Chandra Bhanu Satpathy ji to humanity.

Satpathyji has clearly mentioned in Shri Guru Bhagavat that:

*"Dhararejeetevidyapaatha...
Mryutu-vidya hi sarvasrestha
Maaranaku je jaaninahin...
Jivanaku se bujhinaahi"*

In other words, the knowledge of death is the most important of all. Those who don't understand the meaning of death don't understand the value of life.

It is the knowledge of the ultimate truth of our life and we ignore it out of fear. We procrastinate the urge of knowing more and we postpone it further till we become relatively old thinking that death comes only after a certain age. It is like the fear of a shadow. You will be scared till you realize the true nature of it. You can ignore this article and move on to the next or you might read further and strive to understand more. If you are truly serious about your life, you better read volumes 2 and 3 of Shri Guru Bhagavat. You have to catch it before it catches you. It's just a matter of time. You, me and each living being you see around you will perish in the flow of time without any exception.

In the 13th century the famous Persian poet, Rumi, wrote:

*"We are all the same,
Listen to the reeds as they sway apart;
Hear them speak of lost friends.
At birth, you were cut from your bed,
Crying and grasping in separation.
Everyone listens, knowing your song.
You yearn for others who know your name,
And the words to your lament.
We are all the same, all the same,
Longing to find our way back;
Back to the one, back to the only one."*

Sadguru Kabir in the 15th Century explained about death in his bhajans. He says:

*"Ud Jayega Huns Akela,
Jug Darshan Ka Mela
Jaise Paat Gire Taruvar Se,
Milna Bahut Duhela
Naa Jane Kidhar Girega,
Lageya Pawan Ka Rela
Jub Howe Umur Puri,
Jab Chute Ga Hukum Huzuri"*

This can be translated as:

*The Swan (soul) Will Fly Away All Alone,
Spectacle of the World Will Be a Mere Fair
As the Leaf Falls from the Tree,
Is Difficult to Find
Who Knows Where it Will Fall,
Once it is Struck with a Gust Of Wind
When Life Span is Complete,
Then Listening to Orders, Following Others,
Will Be Over.*

*Shri Guru Bhagabat is written by Dr C. B. Satpathy in his mother tongue, Odia. It consists of 20,000 lines, 10,000 couplets and is published in five volumes. Many of the volumes have been translated in English and ten other Indian languages including Hindi.



Sadguru Shri Nigamananda Paramahansa has given the confidence to leap beyond the unseen world. He said "You are not to live here forever. Someday you will have to depart from this world stage. If you prepare yourself to face death you have to realize what death is, what exists after death and what happens to the soul when it makes its exit from this body? You need not fear death since it is a process of promotion to a better life."

In Shri Guru Bhagavat, Satpathyji has brought solace to millions of souls wondering about death. He has given the technical details, symptoms and the complete process of the separation of the cage (body) and journey in to the other worlds. He has demonstrated it clearly in the most practical and scientific manner so that it is understood by the generations to come. Most of our minds try to find logic and analyze based on the facts available to us. We seek proof of everything before accepting it. If you want proof, then you have two choices, (1) You have to die and experience or (2) you have to have firm belief on what is mentioned by the Sadgurus and great masters from ages. How many of us are ready to opt for the first - almost none. Thus better stop questioning and wasting valuable time and believe so that you can see the immortal nature of your Self.

Satpathyji has brought us the divine nectar in form of Shri Guru Bhagavat. He gives us the confidence in the chapter "The role of Sadguru at the time of death of devotee" as follows:

*"Hey Gurudeba bhakta praana...
Bhakta paain tama jeebana*

*Bhaktara hele mrutyukshana...
Jharetu mara krupaa Ghana"*

In other words:

"Oh Gurudev! Oh my Master, You are the very life of your devotee. At the moment of a devotee's death, You shower Your compassion on him. At the juncture of every life you come and help."

Furthermore, When death approaches, Your divine power attracts the human-soul. During this transition process that we call death, some of the workers, at the behest of Shri Guru, give solace to

the devotee. They remain with him during this difficult time and introduce him to the new subtle world. They suggest to forget this physical world and get used to the subtle world. The Sadguru shapes the devotee's life by taking him through the cycles of birth and death. Every cycle, he cleanses him of his evil propensities and endows him with noble attributes.

If you analyze further, you will realize that both birth and death are the KPI's (Key Performance Indicator) in computer terms. Each of these points indicates the beginning of some kind of life. For example: the event that we call birth signifies the "beginning of an earthly physical-body life" and the event we call death signifies the "beginning of a subtle-body life". Thus it is not an absolute end yet it is a beginning of another life. The soul has been travelling through such physical and non-physical (subtle) bodies since time immemorial and it will continue to do so. Thus we all are the "Eternal entities having a physical body experience".

Satpathyji has said this beautifully:

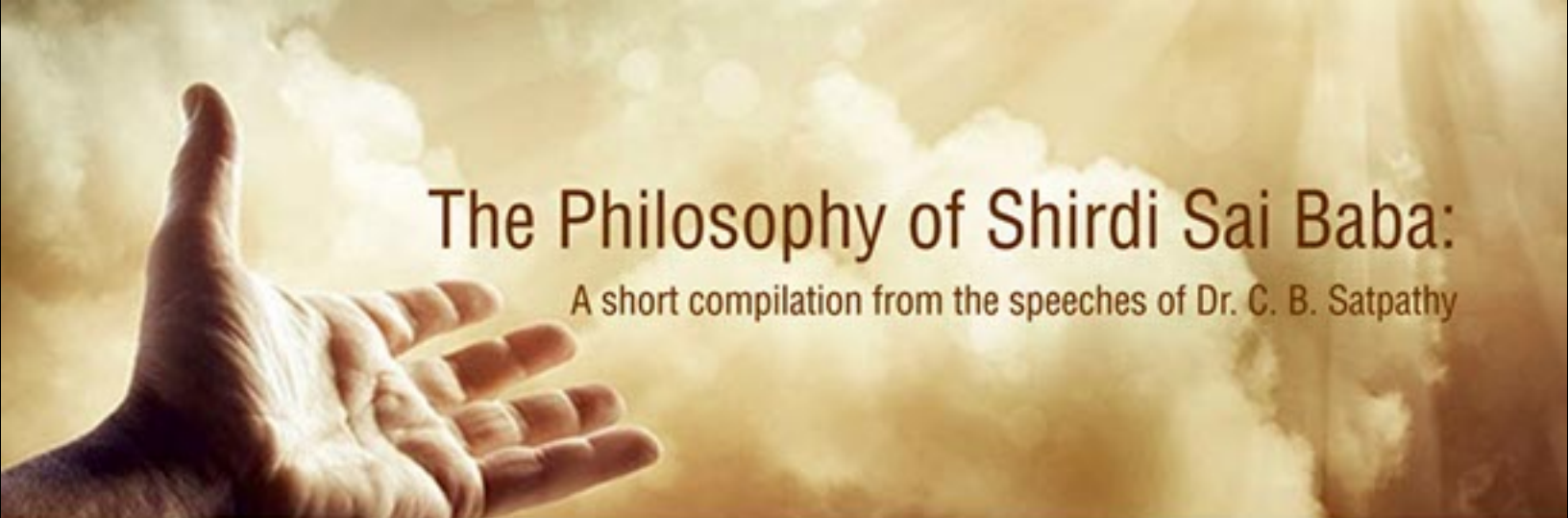
*"Guru Mane jaganti bhaba...
Nohutusamanya maanaba
Tu je Amrutara Santana..
Aatmara sakti to maahan."*

He strives to make us realize this ultimate truth that each of us are this divine soul which is Immortal.

This life is a gift to explore and realize. Make your current journey in this strange world soar for the true spiritual heights. God has created your wings (invisible) not to be dormant. As long as you are alive you must try more and more to use your wings to show you are alive and realize the truth. Let's have a happy Journey while on this voyage called Earth.

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The Philosophy of Shirdi Sai Baba:

A short compilation from the speeches of Dr. C. B. Satpathy

Baba lived in a remote, poor village of Maharashtra called Shirdi, which at that time was not known even in its neighbouring districts. Here He stayed for a period of 50 years from 1858, following the sepoy mutiny, until His Maha Samadhi on 15th October 1918. Shirdi Sai like the other Masters, represents a state of spiritual perfection. He is highest reference point we can find in life.

Understanding the historical undercurrents during Baba's lifetime helps us appreciate the significance of His spiritual teachings. At that time in India, the power of the Muslim rulers was dwindling, with the British Government having recently taken over power. As a result, the English language was introduced in 1835 and Christianity was slowly spreading. Amidst these changes, Hinduism was trying to find its bearings. Three religions, three languages and three civilizations came together in this time of great transition. A great spiritual soul was needed to balance this complex confluence of influences and Baba did so in a simple way. He lived in a dilapidated mosque He called His home, where all His devotees - Hindus, Muslims, Christians, and Parsees would visit. He would tell his followers to find the best in other religions and inspired them to come together as children of God, cast aside bigotry and prejudiced beliefs and embrace the spirit of humanism and compassion for all. His unifying theme was Sabka Maalik Eik which means "God is the only ruler of all of us."

Standing by the pain of others is what Sai is all about

We remember Sai Baba not because of His mysticism, but for His compassion. Of all of God's powers, the greatest power is compassion, which only vests in the Masters. Just like nature follows the cycle of creation and destruction, the Masters follow the cycle of endless compassion. This why we endearingly refer to them as deena bandhu, or the compassionate friend of the poor and suffering. Sainath, was a living example this principle.

The entire Sai Satcharita is about the compassion Baba showered on devotees to help them overcome difficulties.

Out of Their infinite compassion, the Masters take on the pain of others, as Their own, without the slightest concern for how much suffering They may have to endure. Even when a horse was beaten in Shirdi, Baba took on its suffering and devotees witnessed three whiplash marks appear across His back. The Masters are unaware of Their acts of compassion which flow naturally and effortlessly to all beings. They are worshipped because Their consciousness extends to other beings and They can understand and feel the pain of others.

Many of us have read the Shri Sai Satcharita but have we reflected on the time Shirdi Sai spent serving others? About 80 to 90 per cent of the Master's time and sometimes all of it was spent helping His devotees. This left Him no time for prayer, let alone rest. Baba's life was nothing but an exercise in spending sleepless nights watching painfully over His devotees - guiding, healing, controlling and assisting them at different points of time. Baba served anyone that came to Him. He gave food to the poor, that He collected from His rounds of begging, and medicines to the sick. When devotees donated money, He distributed it to the poor. He even fed the birds and animals of Shirdi. A poor person does not need a lecture on the Gita - all he needs is some money for food and medicine. Often Baba would say: "If you cannot do anything for the poor, at least treat them with dignity and don't shower them with abuses." At least we can show small acts of kindness like saying a few words of encouragement, if we have nothing more to share.

We should stand by the pain of others as much as possible because this is what Sai is all about. The Master is all grace and if we seek His grace, but we have to attune ourselves to His frequency of compassion. Unless we are compassionate towards others, we cannot expect to receive Baba's compassion. We grow spiritually each time we absorb the pain of others and support them. A Sadguru is never ours, He will always belong to others. Serve the Master by serving others to be with Him always.



All devotees were equally Baba's Children

Baba worked to simplify the lives of His devotees in every possible way. Baba, like other Spiritual Masters, removed regressive social practices that were impediments for His devotees. Like a child does not need a medium to reach out to his mother, equally, no intermediary is required for devotees to connect with God and the Master. During Baba's time the caste system was widely practiced and leprosy was a condemned disease. Nobody would touch a leper, let alone go near an area where they lived. The only person whom Baba permitted to clean His body and anoint and bandage his burnt forearm was a leper devotee belonging to a scheduled caste, called Bhagoji Shinde.¹

While the world may differentiate between people, to the Masters all devotees are equally Their children. It doesn't matter where we are from, what language we speak, or which caste we belong to - the only factor relevant for the Master is our bhava or devotion. We follow Baba's principles in our Sai temples, where there is no discrimination on the basis of caste, creed, money, gender or social status. We don't believe only those of a certain caste can relay our prayers to the Master. Or, that only a person of a certain gender can worship Baba. Any devotee can approach the Master as their own, just like a child approaches its parents whether he or she is strong or weak, rich or poor. Baba's temples are the greatest equalizer – here except the Master, nobody is higher or lower in any way.

Overcoming our negative qualities with Baba's grace

Shirdi Sai Baba worked relentlessly to efface His devotees' minds of their jealousy, pride, unethical competitiveness, and other egoistic traits. Baba said the first lesson in spirituality is to learn to control the mind and its subtle thought processes and when that is achieved everything else will follow. Once H.V. Sathe, a devotee of Baba, was filled with pride because he was constructing a wada or a rest house for pilgrims in Shirdi.² He wanted to initiate the consecration ceremony, but to his surprise, Baba already began the work with someone else. When he expressed his dismay, Baba said: "Why does it have to be you, anyone can perform the ceremony." Baba created situations through which He indirectly forced His devotees to reflect on their shortcomings. If they were not forced to

confront themselves in this way, they would not evolve. The Master's Guru Shakti works to place a mirror before us and makes us conscious of our negative qualities. Baba draws out our negative qualities and blots them out. The Sai Satcharita is full of anecdotes about Baba's teachings on how we can overcome our negative characteristics. Unless we make efforts to improve our character with the Master's grace, it is difficult to progress spiritually.

The enduring strength of patience and the binding love of faith

Sai Baba always said to have deep faith we need shradha which is devotion and saburi³ or patience. If the element of patience is missing then it is difficult to have steady faith in the Master under all circumstances. Without patience, our faith becomes stressful and the strength of our patience reduces the stress caused by faith. Patience or saburi is needed to manage the power of faith and devotion.

What use is devotion if it is not complemented by patience? Our devotion is put to the test when we follow the principles of the Master and encounter difficulties. We are tested on whether we have strength and courage to endure and pull through. Swami Vivekananda is the model of both shradha and saburi. Not only did he have lot of devotion for his Master, but his spirit of tolerance in times of adversity was equally endless.⁴ He went to America and experienced many difficulties, yet because of his shradha and saburi he succeeded in all that he did for his Master. If we don't have a spirit of patience our devotion cannot survive, and if we don't have devotion, patience alone is meaningless.

We experience Baba the more we understand and embrace His qualities of humanism, love, compassion and His spirit of service and sacrifice. There is a famous line from a bhajan dedicated to Sri Krishna: Ek hi rang me rang de mohe kanha, which is a prayer to Krishnaji to colour us in the colour of His love and make us a part of Him. Whenever a Sadguru is present the devotees are transformed and blended into the colour of devotional love. This is seen in the life of Shirdi Sai, who still works in a subtle form to seamlessly bring together devotees from different cultures, religions and languages, and eventually, He merges each devotee's consciousness within Him.

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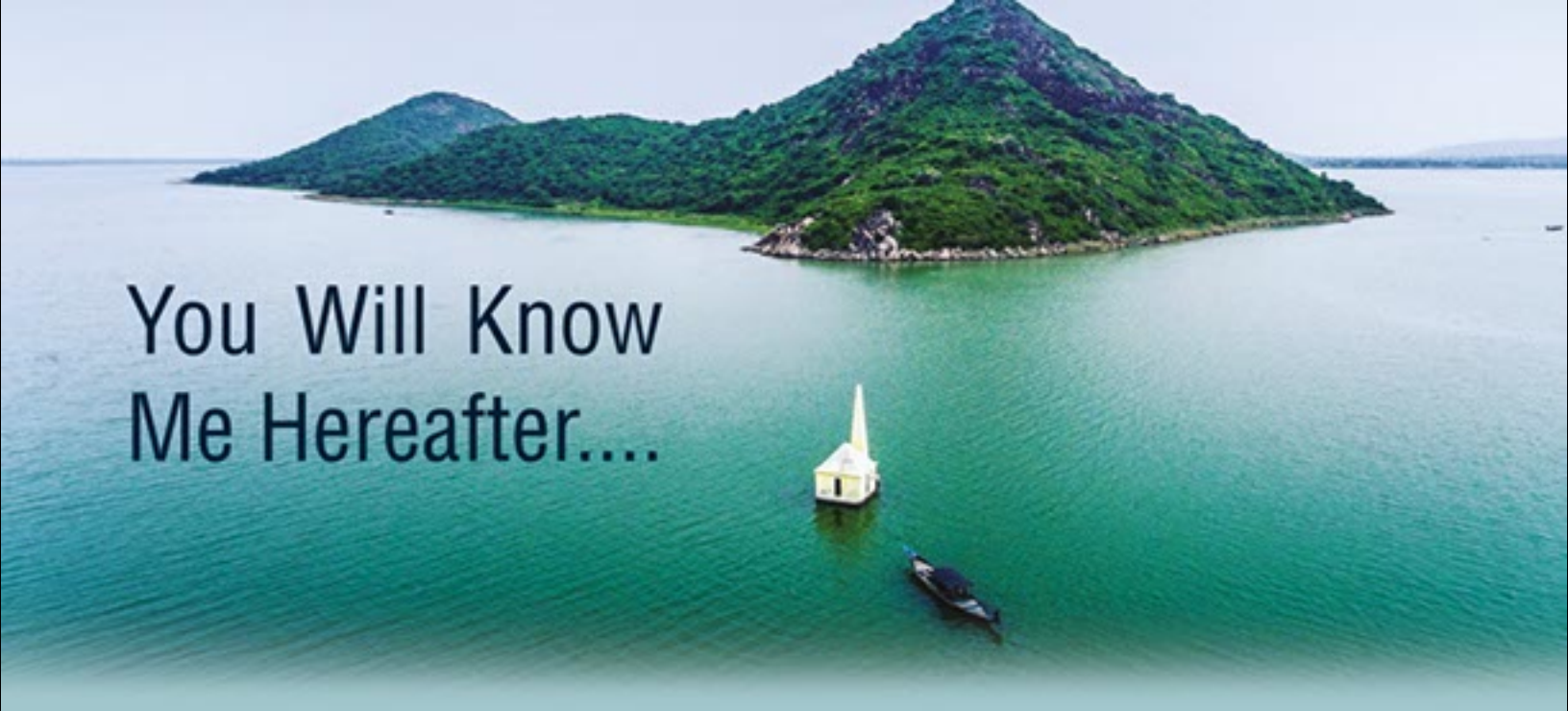
¹ Bhagoji Shinde served Baba until His Maha Samadhi. Even though he was a social outcast, Baba kept him close. Bhagoji used to fill up Baba's chillum (smoking pipe) and light it up for Him. He accompanied Baba when He walked to Lendi Bagh and held an umbrella to provide shade for Baba. In 1910, Baba burnt His right hand when he shoved it into the dhuni (fire) to save the life of a child elsewhere, who fell into a furnace.

² H.V. Sathe (Rao Bahadur Hari Vinayak Sathe). He worked as a deputy collector in the Bombay Presidency. With Baba's permission he constructed a rest house or wada, known as the Sathe wada, for the convenience of visiting pilgrims.

³ The word saburi comes from the Urdu word sabr which means – to be patient. Baba in his rustic style of speaking, called it saburi.

⁴ Swami Vivekananda (1863 to 1902), born Narendranath Datta, was an Indian Hindu monk and chief disciple of the 19th century saint Shri Ramakrishna Paramahansa. He was instrumental in bringing the Indian philosophies of Vedanta and Yoga to the Western world. He founded the Ramakrishna Math and the Ramakrishna Mission.





You Will Know Me Hereafter....

One hundred years ago, Shirdi was such an obscure hamlet, that the village name was not well known even in the district map of Ahmednagar. When Sai Baba first arrived in this tiny village surrounded by a number of babul, prickly pear and other wild growths, He was considered as a pagal fakir. The irony and illusion (maya) of this mundane world is such that faith is a distant dream. Even when Baba shed His mortal coil in 1918, many villagers had the impression that Baba was dead and was no more a factor to reckon with. Although Baba had quite categorically and aptly declared that:

“Believe Me, though I pass away, My bones in My tomb would be speaking, moving and communicating with those, who would surrender themselves whole-heartedly to Me. Do not be anxious that, I would be absent from you. You will hear My bones speaking and discussing your welfare. But remember Me always, believe in Me heart and soul and then, you will be most benefited.”

Baba has given 11 assurances to His devotees. He told Bapusahib Jog, 24 hours before His Maha Samadhi, “I have not shown you anything out of My three and half kalas. I have not shown you even one-fourth thereof. However, people will have experience thereof hereafter.” This remark indicated that Sai Baba intended to give experience of His vast and mighty powers to devotees after His Maha Samadhi. Sai Baba's speech established its efficacy, while He was in the human body, but it did the same even after His Maha Samadhi.

Laxman Mama Joshi

The next morning after departing from His body Sai Baba appeared in dream of Laxman Mama Joshi, a priest of Shirdi and drawing him by His hand said, “Get up at once, Bapusahib thinks that I am dead and he would not come, you do the worship and the Kakad Aarti”. Laxman Mama, the maternal uncle of Shama, was an orthodox Brahmin. His daily routine was to start his day with worshipping Sai Baba and then all the village Deities. He had full faith in Sai Baba. After the dream he came with all the puja materials and without bothering about the protests of the Moulvis, did the puja and Kakad Aarti with all due formalities and went away. Then, at noon, Bapusahib Jog also came with all the other devotees and did the noon-Aarti as usual.

Dasganu Maharaj

The next morning Sai Baba also appeared to Dasganu at Pandharpur in his dream and told him, “The Masjid collapsed, all the oilmen and grocers of Shirdi harassed Me a lot, so, I leave the place. I, therefore, came to inform you here. Go there quickly and cover Me with different varieties of flowers.” Dasganu also got the information from Shirdi, so, he came with his disciples, and started bhajan and kirtan and sang the Lord's name, all through the day before Sai Baba's Samadhi. He himself weaved a beautiful garland of the Lord's name and placed it on Sai Baba's Samadhi.



Yellow Shawl

Two days after His Maha Samadhi Sai Baba appeared in the dream of Moreshwar Pradhan's sister-in-law at Santa Cruz and told her, "In your trunk, there is a yellow shawl. Send this shawl to Shirdi, so that My Samadhi can be covered with it." She had bought a yellow shawl a long time ago and had forgotten about it. Next morning she told about her dream to Pradhan. They immediately opened the trunk and sent the yellow shawl to Shirdi. Sai Baba's Samadhi was covered with it for a long time.

Saffron Rice

On the 3rd day of Sai Baba's Maha Samadhi, Avasthi had an irresistible desire to offer prasad to Sai Baba. He shared his desire with his family. His sisters-in-law took rice and washed it. Neither was aware that the other had washed the rice. They entered the kitchen with washed rice. Now, the question was, what to do with this quantity of rice? Avasthi suggested that they prepare sweet rice with saffron, as Sai Baba was very fond of it. Avasthi offered this prasad of saffron rice to Sai Baba with love. At the same moment, he received a letter from Shirdi that Sai Baba had taken Maha Samadhi. At the same time a friend came to his house and hearing about Sai Baba's Maha Samadhi, he told Avasthi that among the Muslims it was a custom to offer sweet saffron rice on the 3rd day after death.

Kaka Mahajani

On 13th November, 1918, Sai Baba appeared in the dream of Kaka Mahajani and said, "Why are you sleeping? Wake up and worship. It is the 30th day after My Maha Samadhi." After waking up, Mahajani calculated, that day was the 30th day after Sai Baba's Maha Samadhi. He called the Pandits and held a Puja ceremony. He invited Kakasahib Dikhshit, M. V. Pardhan, Dabholkar and his friends and many of Sai Baba's devotees. He celebrated Sai Baba's 30th day of Maha Samadhi with Bhajans and Kirtan whole day, followed by a grand meal. Dear devotees, think it over. Was Sai Baba alive or not based on this incident?

Narayanrao

Sai Baba's devotee, Narayanrao, had the good fortune to visit Shirdi twice during Sai Baba's lifetime. Within a year of Sai Baba's Maha Samadhi he fell sick and all of the treatments gave him no relief. So he meditated on Sai Baba day and night. Then, one night he had a dream in which Sai Baba comforted him saying, "Don't be anxious, you will be

on your legs within a week." Narayanrao got perfectly well within a week's time as indicated by Sai Baba in his dream.

Now the point is, was Sai Baba living because He had the human body or was He dead because He had left the body? No, Sai Baba is ever alive for, He transcends both life and death. He who loves Him whole-heartedly, gets a response from Him at any time and at any place. He is always by our side and will take any form and appear before the devout devotee and satisfy him.

Though Sai Baba has no gross body now, He lives in Shirdi and everywhere, and will ensure the welfare of the devotees even now, as He was doing before, when He was in human body. His passing away is an outward aspect, but in reality He pervades all animate and inanimate things and is their Inner Controller and Ruler. This is even now experienced by many, who surrender themselves completely to Him.

The true Saint. That is Sai Baba

Saints are not born. They manifest themselves for obliging others. Wearing the cloak of the body, the saints manifest in the world. Soon after their work of upliftment is completed, they merge with the formless. The saints are free from the six vices and passions.

Statement of the Policemen

Chakra Narayan, the then Reader to Police Deputy Superintendent, Thana, gave this statement to Shri B.V. Narasimha Swamiji on 20th October 1936, from which the purity and sanctity of Baba could be ascertained.

"I was Police Fouzdar at Kopergaon when Baba passed away (October 1918). I was not a believer in Baba. We were watching Baba through our men. Even though I watched him skeptically, the result was to create in me a high regard for him. First and foremost was the fact that he was not moved by women or wealth. Many women would come to him and place their heads on his feet and sit before him. But he was unmoved; he would not care to cast one glance of admiration or of lust at them. He was clearly and unmistakably unattached. About money also, we watched him. People voluntarily gave him money. If any did not give him money, Baba would not curse or hate or be displeased with him. The same held good about his begging for bread. He did not care for what he got. Whatever he got, he scattered with a liberal hand. When he died, we took



possession of his cash; that was only Rs. 16. Yet daily he was paying or giving away hundreds of rupees. Often we noticed that his receipts were smaller than his disbursements. Wherefrom came the excess for him to disburse or pay? We could not make out. This made me conclude that he had divine powers.

Again his behaviour towards all religions was noble. He would never decry or depreciate any religion or person belonging to any caste, group or position. When I went there, he was told that the Fouzdar was a Christian. "What of that?" was his reply. "He is my brother." His powers were marvellous. A Police Officer went to him; Baba asked him for dakshina. The Officer replied that he had nothing. Baba then said, "See your purse. There is a fifty rupee note in it." The note was then produced and offered to Baba. But Baba wanted only a small amount out of it and told him to keep the balance, as he would soon be in trouble and need it. So indeed it happened. Soon after this visit, the Officer got into trouble and had to use that balance to extricate himself. After thus escaping from the trouble, the grateful Officer sent the balance to Shirdi.

Another Policeman, Joseph, Retired Fouzdar, said in his statement to Shri Narasimha Swami on 26th September

1936 that "I never went to Shirdi. But from friends here I heard of him and I have his picture here with me. I do not worship the picture or Sai Baba."

In 1917, Norvekar (Gajanan) was ill. His son took Rs. 500 and gave it to Baba. On receiving it Baba began to quiver with fever. When asked for an explanation, Baba said, "**When we want to do anything for others we have to take on ourselves burdens and responsibilities.**" Then shortly thereafter Gajanan Norvekar was cured of his fever.

Once I had a very difficult criminal case to detect, I prayed for help. Sai Baba came to me in a dream and gave me directions regarding how I was to proceed. I acted on that and was successful in my detection. In 1916, there were two terrible pathan deceits. I and my sepoy tried to catch them. My sepoy was killed by the Pathan. I was wounded myself and went to the Hospital. This was in a way foretold by Baba. He appeared in my dream the previous night and showed me that two people held and dragged me and took me to a wedding.

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SAI AMERICAN FOUNDATION

A New Chapter in Sai Movement in USA

Inspired by Dr. Chandra Bhanu Satpathy, the Sai American Foundation (SAF) was established to propagate the teachings and philosophy of Shirdi Sai Baba in the Americas and beyond. Beginning as a small congregation of devotees in USA in 2011, today Sai American Foundation has cruised past the regional and language barriers and has become a real Global organization. The group now includes devotees from all over North America (USA, Canada) and is closely connected with Sai devotees in Europe and other parts of the globe.



Our History

On 6th March 2011 a group of 45 to 50 families attended a discourse by Dr. Satpathy in Dallas, Texas. The evening started with discussions on Shri Guru Bhagavat and music based on the first part of the Shri Guru Bhagavat. This event led to the creation of the Sai American Foundation. The main purpose of Sai American Foundation was to spread Shri Sai Baba's message in North America, under the guidance of Dr. Satpathy. As the word spread, more

devotees joined the movement and as of today, Sai American Foundation is a registered Non for Profit Organization in the state of Texas.

Sai American Foundation has been involved in numerous activities over the years, such as:

- Monthly Shri Guru Bhagavat Parayan (reading and discussions on the various chapters in each of the volumes),
- Sai Bhajan Sandhya every week,
- Daily Sai Aarti with the help of volunteers,
- Monthly Food Drive for homeless and poor people in Dallas, Texas downtown area,
- Sai Palki on occasions like Ram Navami, Vijayadashmi etc,
- Sai Satcharitra Parayan on days like Ram Navami, Guru Poornima and Vijayadashmi etc.

Achievement

Under the guidance of Dr. Satpathy, Sai American Foundation has achieved major milestones in its mission in the last few years. It has organized Sai congregations, discourses, books and music releases, cultural events on the life and teachings of Sainath, inspired devotees to form study groups to propagate literature on Shirdi Sai, organized Sai Aarti, music on Shri Shirdi Sai Baba, spirituality, Guru Parampara, cosmology, etc. Dr. Satpathy is the chief mentor of Sai American Foundation. SAF was involved in hosting many Sai Sandhyas and Sai Retreats in the USA. Notable among them are the following:



- Sai Sandhya, Dallas, Texas- 2012
- Sai Sandhya, Dallas, Texas -2013
- Sai Sandhya, Seattle, Washington- 2014
- OSA, Washington DC – 2015
- International Sai Retreat, Dallas, Texas -2016

Philanthropic Activities

Sai American Foundation is committed to work for the development of mankind in multiple ways by engaging in philanthropic activities with help from its numerous partner organizations like

Amarisatya - amarisatya.in/

Asha Kiran Home - www.ashanet.org

Santi - ihelpchildren.org/

Prativa Ashram

Food Drive- Homeless shelter, Dallas

Every month, SAF tries to feed 100 homeless and poor people in Dallas downtown area with help and support from its partners spreading across Dallas area. Besides our Food Drive in Dallas, Texas, SAF is also involved in feeding 50 orphan kids in India on a daily basis. The organization, together with Prativa Ashram, Bhubaneswar, Odisha SAF tries to improve the lives of 50 children by providing them with their daily meals and education. Lily Foundation (a Dallas based voluntary organization) is also associated with SAF to help and support a few poor children in finishing their basic education in West Bengal, India. SAF plans to give more support to this cause.

Awareness regarding Spiritual Literature

Sai American Foundation has been actively involved in organizing spiritual discussions on Shri Sai Satcharitra and the Guru Bhagavat on a regular basis in different parts of the USA. Notable among them are Phoenix, Arizona, New Jersey, Tampa, Florida, etc. The involvement of Sai American Foundation is to make the devotees practice Shri Sai Satcharitra and Shri Guru Bhagavat parayan on a regular basis (weekly and monthly). Through video conferencing Dr. Satpathy advises the Sai devotees to adhere to the basic principles of life by regular reading of this famous treatise.

Spiritual Museum

SAF has set up a newly designed museum in Dallas, Texas where all the literature and music on Shirdi Sai has been placed for the benefit of Sai devotees. This is a repository of all the books and CDs on Shri Shirdi Sai that Satpathyji has released in the US, including "Shri Guru Bhagavat".

E-Magazine- The Sai Divine

Our e-magazine - "The Sai Divine" is published four times a year - New Year Day, Ram Navami, Guru Purnima and Vijaya Dashami. Devotees across North America and Europe are invited to contribute to this e-magazine. With the support of Sai devotees this magazine has completed two successful years of its existence. The sole purpose of this magazine is to reach out to devotees across North America and Europe to spread the message of Sainath and thereby create awareness among them.

Sai American Foundation - APP

SAF has its official app "Sai American Foundation". Sai Divine magazine can also be read on the mobile phones (iphone and Andriod based) by downloading this app. This app not only serves as the mobile mode of contact for devotees across different regions, but serves the purpose to share online discourses in the remotest corner and read our e-magazine - "The Sai Divine".

Future of Sai American Foundation

Until now, SAF has been able to propagate Sainath's message to the devotees staying in places like Dallas, Phoenix, New Jersey, Tampa, St. Louis, Houston and Seattle. SAF aims to increase awareness in other areas on the east and west coast to spread the message of Sainath and make literature about Him available for devotees. Future plans are being finalized to get teams of devotees involved in more volunteer based activities such as food drive in local food banks for homeless and poor people in San Francisco and Dallas area on a regular basis. Through other partner volunteer organizations, SAF plans to reach less privileged people especially students in their educational journey through financial support. Going forward, the service activities will govern the main focus of action for SAF. Along the same lines, SAF also plans to develop Sai consciousness among the children in our center and other centers in USA through awareness drives, such as encouraging reading Sai literature and writing about Him, through music and paintings to imbibe the spirit of Sainath.

Let Baba's blessings befall on all of us so that we can achieve this.

Jai Shri Sai

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Shirdi Sai Movement in Europe

Background

For the Shirdi Sai movement in Europe, August 31, 2014, is a memorable date. It is on this date that Dr. Chandra Bhanu Satpathy, who has been the torchbearer of the Global Shirdi Sai Movement for close to three decades now, instructed me to start Shirdi Sai related events in Germany.



With the objective of connecting with devotees in Europe, we created a group on Facebook - Shirdi Sai International. In addition to Indian devotees, a large number of foreign devotees Spanish, German, Canadian, American, Malaysian, Nepalese, English, Peruvian and Italian devotees, have joined the group.

In March 2015, under the supervision of Dr. Satpathy, a modest beginning was made to spread the teachings of

Shirdi Sai when we organized a 'Sai Sandhya' in Frankfurt, Germany. We sang devotional songs, read Shri Sai Satcharitra, followed by Baba's aarti at a devotee's home.

Immediately after the Sai Sandhya in Frankfurt, we started receiving requests from other parts of Germany and European countries to organize similar events.

In the last couple of years, under the guidance and constant inspiration of Dr. Satpathy, Sai Sandhya has been successfully organized in around 30 cities across 14 European countries like Sweden, Poland, Belgium, Switzerland, Germany, Luxembourg, Finland, Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, Scotland, Austria, Italy and UK.

Recent Activities

Shirdi Sai Movement in Europe received a massive boost in June 2017, when Dr. Satpathy visited six European countries - Finland, Germany, Austria, Luxembourg, Belgium and the Netherlands - and attended 8 functions. Dr. Satpathy's visit is particularly important as we are approaching the Centenary Year Celebrations of the Maha Samadhi of Shirdi Sai (October 2017 to October 2018).

In association with Shirdi Sai Global Foundation, events titled 'An Evening with Sai', were organized in these six countries. Dr. Satpathy attended these events as the Chief Guest. He spoke about the teachings of Shirdi Sai, importance of undertaking community service initiatives and laid down the roadmap for the future of Shirdi Sai Movement in Europe.





The highlights of the events are below:

- Helsinki, Finland (10th June 2017): Mr Ashok Sharma, Indian Ambassador to Finland, felicitated Dr. Satpathy. The cultural programme included dance performances by non-Indian artists of the Mayuri Group of Russia.
- Frankfurt, Germany (11th June 2017): The cultural programme included dance performances by local devotees on bhajans written and music composed by Dr. Satpathy.
- Vienna, Austria (12th June 2017): On his way to the event, Dr. Satpathy also visited another Hindu Temple and spoke to the devotees about the teachings of Shirdi Sai.
- Luxembourg (17th June 2017): At the event, Mr Ambi Venkataraman, the Honorary Consul General of India to Luxembourg, felicitated Dr Satpathy on this occasion.
- Brussels, Belgium (18th June 2017): A cultural programme was organised by the Sai devotees and their children.
- Amsterdam, Netherlands (18th June 2017): At the event, Mr. D.V.N Rao, First Secretary, Indian Embassy, Netherlands, felicitated Dr. Satpathy.
- Olst, the Netherlands in the Netherlands (19th June 2017): Dr. Satpathy conducted the 'Pran Pratishtha' of a new Sai temple. Devotees from UK, Germany, Belgium, Finland and India also attended the Pran Pratishtha ceremony.

Way Forward

In addition to spreading the teachings of Shirdi Sai across Europe, we will undertake charitable activities. As Dr. Satpathy rightly says, the temples should not only be places of worship, but these should also be centers for the welfare of the society.

In the past, we have undertaken some community service initiatives. For instance, we collected funds for people affected by the earthquake in Nepal and floods in Tamil Nadu. We also donated some items of daily use to an old age home in Spain.

Going forward, charitable activities will become a bigger focus for us.

Jai Shri Sai

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Shirdi Sai Movement in Canada

SHRI SHIRDI SAI BABA SANSTHAN, CANADA came into existence in February 2002 when Baba made His Presence felt in the form of a life-size portrait at Sai Dwarkamai, in Markham for Chitra Yatra. On the same day, a devotee called in the evening to request Baba's Darshan. Purely with His divine inspiration, Baba established His first darbar in Canada. Since that moment, devotees started gathering every Thursday. Four annual events - Ram Navami, Guru Poornima, Vijaydashmi and New Year celebrations - have been celebrated since then. Later in the year, in July 2002, on Guru Poornima, Baba arrived in the form of a two foot Murti in marble.

A temple is a means to shape and nurture aspirations, ideals and righteous conduct of individuals, especially the young and future generations. A keen desire rose to serve Baba, with an aspiration to serve His children and humanity. In Aug 2003 a special trip was made to Shirdi to get Baba's permission, before officially registering Shirdi Sai Baba Sansthan in Canada. Granting His permission, Baba brought us in contact with Dr. C.B. Satpathy, an ardent devotee of Baba. He made a two day visit to Sai Dwarkamai, Markham, guided the core group and addressed the

devotees at a Sai Satsang. With Shri Sai Nath's Supreme Grace and Dr. Satpathy's guidance, all aspirations found expression and Shri Shirdi Sai Baba Sansthan, Canada was federally and provincially incorporated as a non-profit and charitable organization.

Activities

In 2002-2005 the Sansthan assisted Vithal Mandir, Mississauga in starting Thursday Satsangs. This was the first location outside Sai Dwarkamai in Markham that used the same format of prayers as was initially inspired by Shri Sai. The first Akhand Parayan of the Pothi was introduced, which is now practiced by all groups and temples in Toronto. Temples were assisted with Pran Pratishta of Baba's Swaroop. A life-size idol was installed at the Hindu Mandir, Cultural Centre, a temple in Malton. New groups were started with the assistance of the Sansthan in Vancouver, Windsor, Hamilton and HMCC Malton. A Group from within the organization decided to start a place of worship in Scarborough.

Annadaan campaigns were started in the name of Shri Shirdi Sai both in Vancouver and Toronto by Shri Shirdi Sai Baba Sansthan, Canada in 2003-2004. Project Winter Survival Kits were provided to the Homeless in 2015.

A Resource Centre was established. Devotees can now receive a copy of Shri Sai Satcharita, free of cost in any language, along with other literature and material like CDs,



DVDs, pictures, posters, movies and other trinkets related to Sai Baba. They also started distribution of Baba's Udi by post.

Sai Darbar was organized for three days in downtown Toronto and 10,000 Canadians had Baba's Darshan. Shri Sai Satcharita in various languages was distributed to almost all the (400) libraries in Canada for the benefit of devotees and to spread Baba's Teachings. Prayers and group Akhand Paarayan was started at the residence of devotees.

Since 2016 Samuhik Parayan is organized every Thursday. On Guru Poornima 2017, Children's Parayan was introduced. This will be continued over the years to come. To celebrate 100 years of Baba's Life and Teachings events will be held throughout the period from Baba's Maha Samadhi 2017 till Maha Samadhi, 2018.

Our Future Plans

We plan to bring everyone together to give the Sai movement a definite direction worldwide by consolidating

all the positive aspects selected from the various regions in the world. The effort will be to unify various cultures and religions at a higher level of humanity, to attain inward and outward peace.

Having one vision, mission, objectives and goals defined to make it 'a way of life' for all, as per the teachings of Sai Baba, to simplify life as per His teachings to help us to lead a moral life, helping others, doing charity, striving to achieve contentment, inner peace, devotion to God and Guru, loving everyone without any discrimination and building a strong character through two important principles - Shraddha and Saburi.

– Shammi Chopra
*Senior Marketing Director, World Financial Group,
Aegon Company, Toronto, Canada.*

– Renuka Arun
*Head of Guidance and Academic Support,
Columbia International College, Canada*



The Story of the Sansthan in Auckland, New Zealand

Building Baba's Temple in Auckland was a **dream** of numerous devotees over the years. Not anymore, as 12 years of committed work by several Committees and devotees culminated in a Beautiful Temple for our beloved Sadguru Shirdi Sai Baba in Auckland in February 2014. In this relay race, the baton was passed on from team to team over these 12 years. A few members started the Sansthan, some consolidated it, some helped to increase the finances and everyone endeavoured to reach the final goal. It is difficult to understand the Leelas of Sadguru Shirdi Sai Baba, as he had different people, performing different duties at different times, to achieve the Final Goal – His Abode in Auckland.

Genesis of Shirdi Sai Baba Movement in Auckland, New Zealand

- Different splinter groups performing bhajans in different suburbs of Auckland came together and started weekly bhajans in a temple in February 2002.
- **Shri Shirdi Saibaba Sansthan of New Zealand Inc** was registered on 4th June 2002 as a religious non-profit organisation with the main objective of propagating the philosophy of Baba and to build a Temple for our beloved Sadguru.
- Subsequently the Sansthan was registered with Charities Commission, which entitles the donor to get a refund of 33% on all donations made to the Sansthan, if they are Residents for purposes New Zealand Tax.

- The Sansthan then moved the Thursday Bhajan venue to Mt Roskill War Memorial, May Road, Mt Roskill, Auckland, in April 2004 and conducted bhajans till October 2013. The Sansthan also performed aartis at a devotee's place every Saturday on prior booking. The same is being continued till date.
- The Sansthan has regularly conducted four major functions, one in each quarter, viz. New Year Day Celebrations, Sree Ramanavami, Guru Poornima and Niryan day. Sai Sumiran, the quarterly magazine of the Sansthan is released on each occasion.
- After 6 years of hard and committed work, in February 2008, the available resources were used to purchase a piece of land in Henderson, the Western suburb of Auckland for the purpose of building the Temple.
- The Sansthan purchased a high roof warehouse admeasuring 1960 sq. mts, on 2975 sq. mts land in Central Auckland at 12-18 Princes St, Onehunga, Auckland in March 2011 and sold the land in Henderson, where a Ram Mandir was built.
- Dr Raghunadha Reddy Pamuru, fondly called as DR RR, helped the Sansthan in getting all Murtis in the temple from India in September 2011 after getting the puja done in Shirdi.
- The Sansthan performed Bhumi Puja Ceremony on 4th & 5th February 2012. Four silver coins blessed by



Dr. C. B. Satpathy were embedded in the ceremonial pit along with 9 sacred bricks representing 9 forms of Devotion as per his advice.

- Pran Pratishtha of the Murti in biggest Shirdi Sai Temple in the world was done by Dr. Satpathy on 9th February 2014. Several fund-raising schemes and programmes were conducted to build the 6 million-dollar temple along with a community hall and apartment for priests.
- Shirdi Sai Devotees Summit was organised in February 2016 under the guidance of Satpathyji. This was attended by 28 delegates from 7 countries to adapt the theme that "Temples should be the Focal Point of Community Development"

Community Programmes by the Sansthan

The Sansthan conducts several community based programmes in line with Baba's Philosophy

- Half yearly Blood Donation camps with NZ Blood Services.
- Tree planting with Auckland City Council.

- Food donation to Auckland City Mission before Easter and Christmas to support the needy.
- Fund raising programmes to support the victims of natural disasters like floods, earth quakes, tsunami all over the Globe.
- The Sansthan has adopted Star Ship Foundation, an organisation doing yeoman service in the field of Health care of NZ kids. An annual donation of \$12,000 is given since 2016.
- Free Yoga, Meditation and Pranic healing classes on weekends.
- Periodical Diabetes Screening and Health Camps

The Sansthan plans to take a major community based project, may be in the field of education or health, once the debt is cleared. By the grace of Baba, blessings of Satpathyji and support of the all the devotees of Auckland this should happen in the next 5 years.

– Bhaskara Reddy Duvvuru, Secretary, Shri Shirdi Saibaba Sansthan of NZ Inc, Auckland, New Zealand





The Shirdi Milestones

From Baba's Mahasamadhi to date (1918 -2017)

1	15th October 1918	On Vijaya Dashmi, Sai Baba left His mortal coil at about 2.30 p.m.
2	16th October 1918	In the evening, Baba's body was taken in a procession through the Shirdi village and then interred in Butty Wada with due formalities. Laxman Mama Ratnaparkhi performed Arti. Baba's last rites were performed.
3	27th October 1918	13th day rites were performed by Balasaheb Bhate. A feast to Brahmins and poor was organised.
4	13th February 1921	Shri Sai Baba Sansthan, Shirdi was formed. (Sanctioned by the District Judge of Ahmednagar under Sec. 92 of the Code of Civil Procedure.)
5	April, 1923	First issue of 'Shri Saileela (Marathi) magazine published (Editor Laxman Ganesh alias Kaka Mahajani). The Preface was written by Shri Hari Sitaram Dixit.
6	1924	Sathe Wada (present Gurusthan area) purchased by Shri Navalkar whose successors presented it to the Shirdi Sansthan in 1939.
7	17th April 1924	Thursday Palki procession started by the Sansthan.
8	June, 1929	Annasaheb Dabholkar (Hemadpant) completed writing 'Shri Sai Satcharita' (52 Chapters only). An index giving the contents of all the Chapters though promised could not be traced. This was later composed by Shri B. V. Deo (retired Mamlatdar mentioned in Chapters XL and XLI) and added as Ch. 53 in the Marathi Shri Sai Satcharita.
9	21st August 1941	Sthapana of Shirdi's Gram Panchayat.
10	1944	Publication 'Shri Saileela' magazine was suspended till 1947 (3 years).
11	15th March 1951	Work of Sabhamandap made in front of Samadhi mandir completed.
12	Ram Navami, 1951	In front of Baba's Samadhi in Butty Wada, a spacious Assembly Hall was constructed for accommodating 400 to 500 devotees.
13	29th September 1952	'Kalash' (an ornamental pointed piece) of gold was fixed on the spire of the Samadhi Mandir. On the 34th Punyathithi Utsav of Shri Sai Baba in the year 1952, Suvarna (golden) kalasha atop this Mandir was installed.
14	7th October 1954	A big and beautiful marble statue of Sai Baba was installed behind Baba's Samadhi at the hands of Swami Sai Sharananandji. Rath and Palki were decorated with electric diyas.
15	18th June 1956	Sainath Vidyalaya started in Shirdi.
16	6th November 1960	Shri Saibaba Sansthan's administration was taken over by the City Civil Court and a 'Court Receiver' was appointed. Management body of Sansthan was dissolved by the Court orders.



17	24th March 1973	VIP Sai Niwas inaugurated in Lendi Baug.
18	April, 1973	'Shri Saileela magazine separated in two different issues - one in Marati and the other in English and Hindi combined.
19	1973	Prasadalaya was started.
20	1974	The Pran Pratishtha of the idol at Gurusthan was done on the Guru Poornima of 1974.
21	12th April 1981	First Palki Pad Yatra came to Shirdi.
22	16th August 1984	The governing of Shri Sai Baba Sansthan was handed over to the Board of Trustees for 4 years. For overseeing the day-to-day activities of the Temple, an Executive Officer was appointed by the Govt. of Maharashtra.
23	1st September 1989	New Board of trustees consisting of 25 members appointed.
24	10th January 1990	Shirdi Nagar Palika was established.
25	4th May 1990	Foundation-stone (Bhoomi-Puja of 'Sai Baba Bhakta Niwas sthan' laid. A building to accommodate 3,500 devotees, having 560 self-contained rooms and two spacious halls was constructed.
26	January-February 1991	Size of 'Shri Saileela' magazine enlarged and converted in to a bi-monthly magazine.
27	1998-99	In 1998-1999, during the beautification plan, the Sansthan demolished Sathe Wada.
28	21st June 1999	Establishment of Nagar Panchayat and end of Nagar Parishad
29	15th May 2006	Shri Sai Baba Hospital was inaugurated by the then Chief Minister of Maharashtra Late Shri Vilas Rao Deshmukh. (A super-speciality hospital was inaugurated).
30	27th Nov 2007	Newly built Asia's biggest Prasadalaya was inaugurated
31	7th January 2009	Ex-President Smt. Pratibha Patel inaugurated the New Prasadalaya.
32	14th January 2009	Newly built Accommodation Complex "Dwaravati Bhaktaniwas" was inaugurated.
33	13th March 2010	Payable Darshan pass started.
34	13th March 2012	High court dissolves Shirdi Sansthan Temple Trust.
35	30th March 2012	A new Shri Sai Baba Sansthan Trust was formed as per the directions of Aurangabad High Court and Ahmednagar District Judge, Shri Jayant D. Kulkarni was appointed as Chairman of the Trust.
36	31st July 2015	Five Temples inside the Samadhi Mandir Complex, namely Gurusthan Temple, Shani Temple, Ganapathi Temple, Mahadev Temple and Nanda Deep Temple covered with Gold plating due to the generous contribution of Sai Bhakt Vijay Kumar on the auspicious day of Guru Poornima.
37	28th July 2016	The Law and Judiciary Department of Government of Maharashtra appointed a New Trust with Shri Suresh Kashinath Haware as Chairman of the Trust for a period of 3 years.
38	11th December 2016	Shri Sai Baba Sansthan, Shirdi organized a Global Summit of All Sai Temple Trustees under the Chairmanship of Shri Suresh Kashinath Haware in Shirdi.
39	1st February 2017	All India Radio FM Station was launched at Shirdi by Shri Suresh Chandra Panda, CEO, Prasar Bharti. This covers an area of around 25 km from the temple. The Radio Station runs at a frequency of 103.7 MHz. and broadcasts in Marathi, Hindi, and English.
40	1st October 2017	President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind, inaugurated the newly built Shirdi Airport



NEWS

RELEASE OF SHRI GURU BHAGAVATA (VOL-1) (SANSKRIT)

New Delhi, September 1, 2017



Shirdi Sai Global Foundation, Gurgaon in association with Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeetha, New Delhi, organized a book release event at the Convention Hall, Pragati Maidan, New Delhi on the occasion of 23rd Delhi Book Fair, on 1st September 2017 from 5.00 pm to 7.00 pm.

The book that was released by the Chief Guest Dr. Mahesh Sharma, Minister of State (Independent Charge), was the Sanskrit translation of the book titled Shri Guru Bhagavat (Vol-1) originally written by Dr. C. B. Satpathy in Odia language. It was translated by Dr. Bhagirathi Nanda, Professor of Sanskrit. Also present on the dais were Prof. Ramesh Kumar Pandey, Vice Chancellor, and Dr. Bhagirathi Nanda, Dean and Shri Debi Prasad Tripathi, the Proctor of Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeetha, New Delhi.

Another book in Sanskrit titled 'Guru Bhakti Kushumanjali Shatakam' written by Dr. Bhagirathi Nanda,

was also released. Dr. Nanda dedicated his literary creation to the spiritual inspiration of Dr. Satpathy.

TRUSTEES' MEET

Lucknow, August 19, 2017



Shirdi Sai Kripa Dham Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh in association with Shirdi Sai Global Foundation organized a "Trustees' Summit" for the trustees of Shirdi Sai temples working in the Hindi speaking states of Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Bihar, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh. The Centenary Year (2017-2018) celebrations of the Maha Samadhi of Shirdi Sai Baba were discussed. The event was inaugurated by Mr. Dinesh Sharma, Deputy Chief Minister, Uttar Pradesh. In his speech, Mr. Sharma appreciated the various programs of social service conducted by Shirdi Sai Global Foundation across India.

Dr. C. B. Satpathy suggested various ideas to the trustees which included arranging food for the poor sections of society, organizing medical camps, giving scholarships to meritorious students, tree plantation, cleanliness drive, yoga and meditation camps, etc.



SAI SANDHYA BY SAI KASHMIRI PARIVAR

Gurugram, July 30, 2017



Sai Kashmiri Parivar, an organization of the Kashmiri Pandits, organized a Sai Sandhya in Gurugram on July 30th, 2017 at Club Florence, Gurugram. The ambiance and decor of the venue, the musical and cultural events as also the food items served to the guests were ethnically Kashmiri.

In his keynote address, Dr. C. B. Satpathy advised the Kashmiri community to remain united and preserve their rich culture and heritage. The first volume of Shri Guru Bhagwat, written by Dr. Satpathy and translated in Kashmiri by Shri B.L. Koul was released.

18TH FOUNDATION DAY OF THE SHIRDI SAI TEMPLE, KUSHINAGAR, NAGPUR

Nagpur, July 23, 2017



Sai Kripa Sansthan, Nagpur in association with Shirdi Sai Global Foundation organized a function on 23rd July, 2017 to celebrate the 18th foundation day of the Shirdi Sai temple at Kushinagar, Nagpur.

On this occasion, Shri Nitin Gadkari, Minister of Road Transport and Highways, Govt. of India, who was the Chief Guest, felicitated Dr. C. B. Satpathy for his lifelong

humanitarian endeavours and spreading of Indian Culture & Philosophy in numerous national and international forums. This was followed by a cultural program and bhajans by famous Marathi singer Pandit Ajit Karkare.

SHRI GURU BHAGAVAT PARAYAN

Bhubaneswar, July 13, 2017



Sai Nirmalya in association with Shirdi Sai Servants' Society organized Shri Guru Bhagavat Parayan at Tirumalla Tirupati Kalyana Mandapam, Bhubaneswar on 13th July, 2017. Dr. C. B. Satpathy graced the interactive session on the concluding day i.e., 14th July, 2017 and addressed the devotees on "Shri Guru Bhagavat O Guru Sishyanka Bhabagata Samparka". A traditional "Bhagavata Tungi" model was inaugurated by Dr. C. B. Satpathy and a few lines from Shri Guru Bhagavata were presented in the form of Odia "Pala".

GURU POORNIMA CELEBRATIONS 2017

Gurugram, July 9, 2017



Shirdi Sai Global Foundation in association with Sai Prakash Spiritual and Charitable Trust, celebrated Guru



Poornima at Sai Ka Aangan, Gurugram on Sunday, 9th July 2017.

Local devotees attired as Taty, Shyama, Kaka Saheb Dixit etc. filled the temple premises with a festive mood. The Palki procession of Baba was carried out traditionally accompanied by various musical instruments such as Dhol, Tasha, Nagada & Turai. Besides the locals, devotees from different states of India and other countries like USA, Canada, UK, and Europe also participated in the event.

PRAN PRATISHTHA OF MAHA SHIVA LINGA & SHRI GANAPATI AT SAI KARUNA DHAM, NOIDA

Noida, July 8, 2017



The Pran Pratishtha of Maha Shiv Linga & Shri Ganapati was ceremoniously conducted by Dr. C. B. Satpathy at Sai Karuna Dham, Sec-61, Noida. The Maha Shiv Linga is almost 4.5 feet in height and weighs about 1400 kgs.

Besides the devotees of the temple, devotees from different states of India and also from USA, Canada, UK and Europe participated in the event.

DR SATPATHY'S EUROPE VISIT

(June 10-June 19, 2017)

Finland, Germany, Austria, Luxembourg, Belgium, The Netherlands

As a prelude to the beginning of the centenary year celebration of the Maha Samadhi of Shirdi Sai Baba, Dr. C. B. Satpathy visited six European countries between the 10th and 19th of June 2017. The objective was also to spread the teachings of Shirdi Sai Baba and interact with the devotees based in Europe, Dr. C. B. Satpathy visited six countries -



Finland, Germany, Austria, Luxembourg, Belgium and the Netherlands. Shirdi Sai Global Foundation organized various events in association with the local organizations/ temples. Mr. Ashok Kumar Sharma, Indian Ambassador to Finland (in Helsinki), Mr. D.V.N. Rao, First Secretary, Indian Embassy in the Netherlands (in Amsterdam), Mr. Ambi Venkatraman, Honorary Consul General of India to Luxembourg and some other dignitaries also attended respective events during which, Dr. Satpathy addressed the devotees and encouraged them to integrate with the local communities to undertake humanitarian activities. Many cultural programmes were also organised by the local Indian diaspora on bhajans written and composed by Dr. Satpathy. Devotees from UK, Germany, Belgium, Luxembourg, France and India also attended these functions.

On 19th June, 2017 Dr. Satpathy conducted the 'Pran Pratistha' of the first Shirdi Sai Temple in Olst, the Netherlands.

PRAN PRATISTHA CEREMONY AND VARSHIK UTSAV CELEBRATIONS OF SHIRDI SAI BABA TEMPLE

Pune, June 4, 2017

On June 4, 2017, Shri Sai Sewa Pratisthan, Pune, organized a cultural function to celebrate its Foundation Day. The former President of India, Dr Pratibha Devisingh Patil attended the event as the chief guest and felicitated Dr C. B. Satpathy for his lifelong humanitarian endeavours in spreading Indian culture and philosophy at numerous national and international forums.

Shri Dilip Kamble, Minister, Government of Maharashtra, Shri Shriranga Barne & Shri Sadashiv Lokhande and Shri Amar Sable, Members of Parliament,



also attended the event besides other representatives from different Sai Baba Trusts.

Dr. Pratibha Patil released the Marathi version of the third volume of 'Shri Guru Bhagavat', written originally in Odia language by Dr. Satpathy. Shri Guru Bhagavat is a magnum opus of Dr. Satpathy which covers all aspects of 'Guru-Disciple' tradition.



Dr. Pratibha Patil also inaugurated a logo - 'From Century - Towards Eternity', to commemorate the centenary celebrations of the Maha Samadhi of Shirdi Sai Baba.

SHIRDI SAI TEMPLES TRUSTEES' SUMMIT IN ODISHA

Odisha, May 10, 2017



A Shirdi Sai Trustees' summit was organised for the Shirdi Sai baba temples/trusts/groups working in different parts of Odisha. The trustees and representatives of more than fifty Shirdi Sai Baba Trusts based in Odisha participated in this. Addressing the trustees, Dr. Satpathy advised them to intensify and also expand the humanitarian activities like feeding poor people, free medical aid, help during the time of natural disasters etc. Dr. Satpathy also asked the trustees

to prepare for the centenary year celebrations of Baba's Maha Samadhi.

Pran Pratishtha of Maha Shiva Linga on Ram Navami

Gurugram, April 5, 2017



Dr. C. B. Satpathy conducted the Pran Pratistha of Maha Shiva Linga on the auspicious occasion of Ram Navami, at Sai Ka Aangan, Gurugram. The Maha Shiva Linga, a monolithic sculpture, is 5.5 feet in height and weighs about 1.5 tons.

The 'Pran Pratistha' ceremony was organized by Sai Prakash Spiritual and Charitable Trust, in association with Shirdi Sai Global Foundation and was attended by devotees in large numbers.

SAI KARUNA DHAM'S 14TH FOUNDATION DAY CELEBRATIONS

Noida, April 2, 2017



Sai Karuna Dham, Noida, a unit of Shirdi Sai Global Foundation organized a cultural evening to celebrate its 14th Foundation Day. The event started with the lighting of



the lamp by Dr. C. B. Satpathy, the chief guest. Dance performance by children and a folk-dance performance by the famous Rajasthani Folk Dance group was staged. Shri Suresh Wadkar, a well-known Indian playback singer rendered devotional songs. 'Sai Prabha', the annual magazine of the Sai Karuna Dham was also released.

'SAI SARANALAYAM'

Sri Lanka, April, 2017

'Sai Saranalayam' which means Sai Sanctuary, temple of Shirdi Sai Baba located in Kotahena, Colombo, Sri Lanka. First opened in April 2017 it was established, within a short span of a few weeks. The statue of Baba in this temple is called 'Jeevathara Baba'. A number of religious activities are organized like regular *bhajan* practices, group question-answer sessions on various spiritual matters, learning of *stotras* etc. A live *darshan* of Baba is available from 6 am to 8 pm through the website www.saisaranalayam.org.

A huge Shirdi Sai temple is under construction at Avisawella – about an hour from Colombo. The objective is to serve the community via various philanthropic activities. A grand dance event portraying Shirdi Sai's life was conducted to raise funds for the temple.

This trust is in association with Shirdi Sai Global Foundation (SSGF) and works under the patronage of Dr. C. B. Satpathy, the founder Chairman of the Foundation. Mr. Eswaren and Ms. Marutini of Colombo, Sri Lanka are the main organizers of these activities.

BOOK RELEASE FUNCTION AT VIJAYAWADA

Vijayawada, March 25, 2017



The Telugu translation of all five volumes of Shri Guru Bhagavata, written originally in Odia language by Dr. C. B. Satpathy, was released at the Convention Center

Vijayawada by Shri Chandrababu Naidu, Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh.

In his address, Shri Naidu said that Guru Bhagavata plays a distinctive role in guiding people towards the spiritual path.

Distinguished guests who attended the event included Shri M. B. Prasad, Deputy Speaker Shri K Srinivas, State Minister for Health and Family Welfare, Shri PM Rao, Minister for Endowments, Dr. Satish Reddy, Scientific advisor to the Government of India and Dr. S Lakshmaniah, representative of Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanam.

On this occasion, a dance program based on Guru Bhagavata was also performed by the members of Dr. Dikkys Academy of Dance, Tirupati.

Launch of Official Facebook Page of Shirdi Sai Global Foundation

Gurugram, February 1, 2017



The official Facebook page of Shirdi Sai Global Foundation www.facebook.com/shirdisaiglobalfoundation was launched by Dr. C. B. Satpathy on 1st February 2017. He also released the Bangla translation of Shri Guru Bhagawat Volume V on this day.

GLOBAL SUMMIT OF SHIRDI SAI TEMPLE TRUSTEES

Shirdi, December 14, 2016

Shri Saibaba Sansthan Trust, Shirdi, organized a Global Summit of Shri Sai Temple Trustees on 11th and 12th December 2016 at Shirdi to exchange ideas on Shri Sai Baba Samadhi Centenary Year Celebrations 2017-18 and Global Sai Movement. Representatives of more than 1,100





temples from across the globe participated in this summit.

In his valedictory speech, Dr. C. B. Satpathy gave the following suggestions to the Sai Baba Sansthan, Shirdi:

- Documentation of literature regarding Sai Baba
- Translation of Sai Satcharita in major world languages
- Maintenance a rich library on Sai Baba related literature and allied subjects
- Starting of chairs in different universities for Sai study
- Establishment of a university in Shirdi for research on Shirdi Sai Baba
- The release of fresh postal stamps/coins /covers on the centenary celebration of His Maha Samadhi to celebrate the centenary year
- Establishment of an Air Radio and TV station at Shirdi

A special session with overseas Trustees, was organized by the Saibaba Sansthan Trust, Shirdi on the next day i.e. 12th December 2016 in St. Larn Hotel, Shirdi. The event began with the lighting of the lamp by Dr. C.B. Satpathy and other dignitaries. Dr. Satpathy stressed upon the important role being played by the overseas based trusts and associations in spreading the Sai Consciousness and Indian culture across the world, with their own effort and resources. He urged all to acknowledge and encourage these trusts in foreign lands. Dr. Satpathy was felicitated by the Chairman and the trustees of the Shirdi Sansthan.

LAUNCH OF OFFICIAL WEBSITE OF SHIRDI SAI GLOBAL FOUNDATION

Shirdi, December 10, 2016

The official website of Shirdi Sai Global Foundation: www.shirdisaiglobalfoundation.org was launched by



Dr. C. B. Satpathy on 10th December 2016 on the eve of Global Sai Summit.

KARTIK POORNIMA GANGA MELA, TIGRI Tigri, November 11, 2016 – November 14, 2016

Shirdi Sai Karuna Sansthan, Moradabad in association with Shirdi Sai Global Foundation organized the Kartik Poonima Mela between November 11, 2016 and November 14, 2016. A Pooja Pandaal for regular Pooja and all four Aartis was erected.

Ganga cleaning activity was undertaken, wherein the area around and in front of the camp was cleaned up by the volunteers. A seminar on "Sacredness of rivers is the mantra for their survival" was also organized for the devotees.

CLEAN AND GREEN DRIVE PROGRAM Shirdi, November 11, 2016

Green & Clean Shirdi Foundation in association with Shirdi Sai Global Foundation organized tree plantation and cleaning of roads in Shirdi on 11th November 2016. Dr. C.B. Satpathy led the plantation drive, planted a tree and appreciated the efforts of members of the foundation. He also organized financial support and handed over cheques worth INR 2 Lacs for this noble drive. The organizers felicitated Dr. Satpathy on this occasion and thanked him profusely for the guidance and support extended to the foundation.

DR. C.B. SATPATHY AT SILVER OAKS ACADEMY SHIRDI

Shirdi, November 10, 2016

Dr. C. B. Satpathy, the chief patron of Silver Oaks Academy, Shirdi addressed students, teachers, and parents



in a specially organized meet on November 10th 2016. Dr. Satpathy emphasized on raising human values in students and stressed on the need to make the children self-reliant.

LAUNCH OF OFFICIAL WEBSITE ON DR. C. B. SATPATHY

Gurugram, November 03, 2016

The official website of Dr. Chandra Bhanu Satpathy was launched at Sai Ka Aangan, Gurugram. General Vijay Kumar Singh, Union Minister of State for External Affairs and Shri Suresh Kashinath Haware, Chairman of Shri Saibaba Sansthan Trust, Shirdi graced this momentous occasion. The paperback editions of Dr. Satpathy's treatise Shri Guru Bhagavat Part III in Hindi and Part II in Marathi were also released.

DR. C. B. SATPATHY'S VISIT TO MORADABAD

Moradabad, October 18, 2016 to October 20, 2016



On October 18, 2016, Dr. C.B. Satpathy attended the annual function of Shirdi Sai Public School as the chief guest.

On October 19, 2016, Dr. C. B. Satpathy inaugurated and consecrated the newly constructed Chavadi, Dwarkamayi, Dhunimai, Baba's Gaadi & different objects i.e. Grinding mill, Bathing stone, Wheat bag, Pillows, Pillars and Baba's Stone.

Dr. Satpathy also inaugurated "Shri Sai ki Rasoi se" - a scheme for the benefit of under privileged, wherein the poor would be provided prasad every day at Rs. 10/- only, both at noon and night every day.

XATRA HONOURS SPIRITUAL LEADER

Guwahati, October 15, 2016

A program depicting the rich cultural heritage of Xatras was organized at Sualkuchi Xati Xatra in honour of Dr. Chandra Bhanu Satpathy

BOOK RELEASE

NCERT complex, New Delhi, Sept 19th, 2017



"Shri Shirdi Sai Spiritual and Charitable Trust, Tigiria organized a Book release event on 19th September at 5.30 PM in Chacha Nehru building, NCERT complex, New Delhi. Dr. C. B. Satpathy graced the event as Chief Guest.

The book titled "The Mystic Saint of Shirdi" written by Shri A R Nanda, Former Secretary, Government of India, was released by Dr. C. B. Satpathy as also the Hindi version of the book titled "The Eternal Sai Phenomenon" originally authored by Shri A. R. Nanda in English and translated by Dr. Meeta Khanna.

Shri A.R. Nanda felicitated Dr. Satpathy for his immense contribution to the spread of Sai Consciousness across India and abroad through the creation of hundreds of Sai centers, literature, music and through service to society.

In his keynote address, Dr. Satpathy mentioned about the importance and merits of the books as mediums for spreading the experience acquired over the years. Shri Suresh Panda, former CEO Prasar Bharti, delivered the vote of thanks.





List of Trusts/Temples/Organizations associated with Shirdi Sai Global Foundation

National / International	Name Of Associated Trust/ Temples/Organisations	Location
International	Mukteshwar Saidham	Kathmandu, Nepal
International	Shirdi Sai Baba Trust	Awisawella, Sri Lanka, Western Province
International	Canberra Hindu Mandir Inc.	Canberra, Australian Capital Territory
International	Shirdi Baba Society Sydney Ltd.	Sydney, New South Wales
International	Shree Shirdi Sai Sansthan Sydney Ltd.	Sydney, New South Wales
International	Shri Shirdi Saibaba Sansthan of NZ Inc.	Auckland, New Zealand
International	Shirdi Sai Sansthan Brisbane Ltd.	Queensland, Brisbane, Australia
International	Shirdi Sai Sansthan Melbourne Inc.	Victoria, Melbourne
International	Shirdi Sai Global Trust	Leipzig, Germany
International	Shri Shirdi Sai Sansthan (UK)	London, United Kingdom
International	Shirdi Sai Stichting Netherlands	Noord-Holland, Amsterdam, Europe
International	Shri Shirdi Sai Baba International	Europe (Except UK)
International	Shirdi Sai Baba Temple Velden	Velden, Austria
International	Sai Mandir Olst, Stichting Shirdi Sai Baba Foundation, Netherlands	Olst, Overijssel, The Netherlands
International	Sri Shirdi Sai Sansthan, Ontario	Mississauga, Ontario, Canada
International	Saisharan Group of Arizona	Chandler, Arizona, USA
International	Sai Parivar Foundation	Bellevue, Washington, USA
International	Shirdi Sai Temple	Hampshire, Illinois, USA
International	Shirdi Saibaba Prayer Center Inc.	Minnesota, USA
International	Shri Shirdi Sai Baba Temple	South Brunswick, New Jersey, USA
International	Shirdi Sai Mandir of Capital District Inc.	Latham, New York, USA
International	Sai American Foundation	Plano, Texas, USA
International	Shri Sai Cultural & Community Center of Washington	Seattle, Washington, USA



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National	Sri Datta Sai Seva Samithi	Amalapuram, East Godavari, Andhra Pradesh
National	Sri Shirdi Sai Satsang Trust	Anantapur, Andhra Pradesh
National	Sri Shirdi Sai Seva Samaj	Chandragiri, Andhra Pradesh
National	Sri Sadguru Shirdi Sai Seva Sangam	Chittoor, Andhra Pradesh
National	Sri Shirdi Sai Seva Sangam	Krishna District, Andhra Pradesh
National	Sri Shirdi Sai Mahima Trust	Nellore, Mahimalore, Andhra Pradesh
National	Sri Shirdi Sai Seva Sangam	Nagalpuram, Chittoor, Andhra Pradesh
National	Shirdi Sai Seva Trust Nagari	Nagari, Chittoor, Andhra Pradesh
National	Sri Sai Darbar Trust	Nellore, Andhra Pradesh
National	Pulicherla Shirdi Sai Baba Sansthan Trust	Pulicherla, Chittoor, Andhra Pradesh
National	Sri Shirdi Sai Seva Trust	Singarayakonda, Andhra Pradesh
National	Shri Shirdi Sai Baba Kalyanam Trust	Tirupati, Chittoor, Andhra Pradesh
National	Shri Shirdi Sai Spiritual and Charitable Trust	Guwahati, Assam
National	Shri Shirdi Saibaba Seva Trust, Nagaon	Nagaon, Assam
National	Shri Shirdi Sai Sandhya Mandir; Shri Shirdi Sai Gurukul Spiritual and Charitable Trust	Gaya, Bihar
National	Sai Angna; Sai Angna Sewa Trust	Danapur Cantt., Patna, Bihar
National	Sai Sadhana Trust	Naubatpur Lock, Patna, Bihar
National	Mansa Pura Devi Sai Shiv Kripa Trust	Patna, Bihar
National	Sai Mithila Parivar Charitable Trust	Darbhanga, Bihar
National	Sai Siv Kripa Mandir	Dirachak, Patna, Bihar
National	Shiv Sai Mandir	Khagaul, Patna, Bihar
National	Radha Krishna Sai Mandir	Shivpuri, Patna, Bihar
National	Sri Kripa Mandir Sewa Sansthan	Patna, Bihar
National	Om Shri Shirdi Sai Darbar	Raipur, Chhattisgarh
National	Shri Sai Sewa Sansthan; Sai Mandir Rajim	Rajim, Gariaband, Chhattisgarh
National	Shri Shirdi Sai Darbar	Gatapar, Raipur, Chhattisgarh
National	Om Sai Sansthan	Pandhariya, Kabirdham, Chhattisgarh
National	Sai Kripa Sansthan	Chhatarpur, New Delhi
National	Sai Shradha Saburi (Newspaper)	Dwarka, Delhi
National	Shirdi Sai Smriti Sansthan	Dwarka, Delhi
National	Shri Shirdi Sai Charan Trust	Laxmi Nagar, Delhi



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National	Sai Ka Aangan; Sai Prakash Spiritual and Charitable Trust	Gurgaon, Haryana
National	Shree Shirdi Sai Sewa Sangam (Regd.)	Kurukshetra, Haryana
National	Shirdi Sai Mandir; Shri Radha Krishna Mandir Trust	Gurgaon, Haryana
National	Shri Shirdi Sai Dham Trust	Kangra, Tehsil Dada Siba, Himachal Pradesh
National	Shirdi Sai Mandir Trust; Shirdi Sai Mandir	Bokaro Steel City, Jharkhand
National	Shree Shirdi Sai Bhakt Mandal,	Chakradharpur, West Singhbhum, Jharkhand
National	Sai Pariwar Manokamna Sai Mandir	Deoghar, Jharkhand
National	Sri Sai Centre	Jamshedpur, East Singhbhum, Jharkhand
National	Kaka Saheb Dixit Trust of Shree Sai Baba	Mumbai, Maharashtra
National	Sai Kripa Sansthan	Nagpur, Maharashtra
National	Sai Om Sai Charitable Trust	Nasik, Maharashtra
National	Shri Sai Ganesh Charitable Trust	Ousmanabad, Maharashtra
National	Sri Sri Shirdi Sai Parivar	Angul, Odisha
National	Saisweta Sansthan Charitable Trust	Khantapada, Balasore, Odisha
National	Shree Shirdi Sai Peeth Spiritual and Charitable Trust	Baripada, Mayurbhanj, Odisha
National	Shree Shirdi Sainath Seva Trust	Bhadrak, Odisha
National	Shree Shirdi Sai Peeth Spiritual and Charitable Trust	Bhawanipatna, Kalahandi, Odisha
National	Shirdi Sai Baba Temple	Bhubaneshwar, Odisha
National	Sai Dham	Khurda, Odisha
National	Shree Sai Karunadham Trust	Cuttack, Odisha
National	Shirdi Sai Servants Society	Cuttack, Odisha
National	Shri Shri Sarbeswar Shirdi Sai Trust	Cuttack, Odisha
National	Saisthan Shirdi Saibaba Trust	Cuttack, Odisha
National	Sai Naivedya: A Spiritual & Charitable Trust	Cuttack, Odisha
National	Pally Shirdi Sai Baba Mandira; Shirdi Sai Charitable Trust	Jagatsinghpur, Odisha
National	Sai Pratibha Siddha Ashram	Near Chhattia, Jajpur, Odisha
National	Shree Shirdi Saibaba Spiritual and Charitable Trust	Jajpur Road, Jajpur, Odisha
National	Sri Shirdi Sai Baba Ashram Trust	Jatni, Khurda, Odisha
National	Shirdi Sai Parivar Seva Trust	Keonjhar, Odisha
National	Shri Shirdi Sai Seve Charitable Trust	Keonjhar, Odisha



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National	Shree Shirdi Sai Jyoti Spiritual and Charitable Trust	Keonjhar, Odisha
National	Shree Dutta Sai Seva Sansthan	Bhubaneswar, Khorda, Odisha
National	Om Sai Parichalana Committee	Cuttack, Sai Gram, Kosida, Kandarpur, Odisha
National	Sai Kutir; Shri Shirdi Sai Sadhana Trust	Puri, Odisha
National	Shri Shri Shirdi Sai Sansthan Trust	Arkakshetra, Konark, Puri, Odisha
National	Shree Shirdi Sai Charitable Trust	Rajgangpur, Odisha
National	Shirdi Sai Sansthan, Rourkela	Rourkela, Odisha
National	Shree Sai Charan Temple; Shri Shirdi Sai Baba Spiritual and Charitable Trust	Sambalpur, Odisha
National	Shri Shirdi Sai Mangalya Khetra Sonepur	Sonepur (Subarnapur), Odisha
National	Shree Sai Dwar; Shree Sai Baba Trust	Charpali, Sundargarh, Odisha
National	Sree Datta Shirdi Sai Charitable and Spiritual Trust, Udala	Mayurbhanj, Udala, Odisha
National	Shri Shirdi Janakalyan Trust	Kendrapara, Odisha
National	Batteswar Dattatreya Sairam Ashram	Bhubaneshwar, Odisha
National	Shri Shirdi Sai Mandir Charitable Society	Bathinda, Punjab
National	Shri Shirdi Sai Welfare Trust (Regd.)	Mandi, Gobindgarh, Fatehgarhsahib, Punjab
National	Shirdi Sham Dham Mandir; Keshav Chander Sareen Vidyawati Sareen Educational and Religious Trust	Nawanshahr, Punjab
National	Pahari Shiv Sai Baba Mandir	Khetri, Jhunjhunu, Rajasthan
National	Shirdi Sai Baba Temple, Saipuram; Shri Shirdi Saibaba Spiritual & Charitable Trust	Chennai, Tamilnadu
National	Shirdi Sai Mangalam Trust	Hosur, Krishnagiri, Tamil Nadu
National	Shri Shirdi Saibaba Manokmna Mandir Sewadham Trust	Dehradun, Uttarakhand
National	Shri Shirdi Sai Shradha Dham; Shri Shirdi Sai Charitable Trust	Dehradun, Uttarakhand
National	Shirdi Sai Temple, Nainital; The Palace of Shri Shirdi Sai Nath Trust (Regd.)	Nainital, Uttarakhand
National	Shri Shiv Sai Dham Trust	Rudrapur, Udham Singh Nagar, Uttarakhand
National	Shri Sai Shirdi Dham; Sankalp Memorial Charitable Trust, Agra	Agra, Uttar Pradesh
National	Shri Shirdi Sai Spiritual and Charitable Trust I	Allahabad, Uttar Pradesh
National	Shri Shirdi Sai Spiritual and Charitable Trust II	Allahabad, Uttar Pradesh



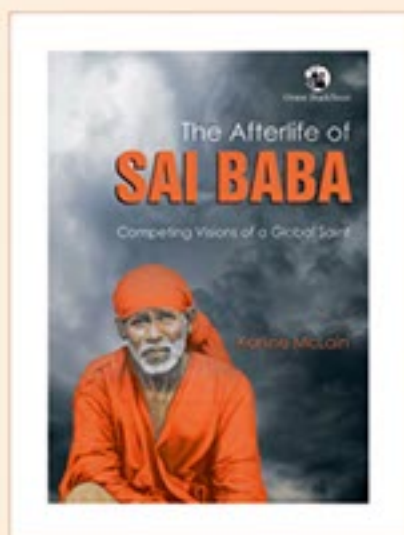
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National	Shri Sai Narayan Temple	Amroha, Uttar Pradesh
National	Shri Shirdi Sai Raksha Dham	Bareilly, Uttar Pradesh
National	Shirdi Sai Mahima Dham; Shri Shirdi Sai Sumiran Memorial Trust	Bilari, Uttar Pradesh
National	Shri Sai Ganga Dham	Dhampur, Uttar Pradesh
National	Om Sai Ganga Dham Mandir	Farrukhabad, Uttar Pradesh
National	Shri Sai Darshan Peeth; Shri Shirdi Sai Kirpa (BJ) Spiritual and Charitable Trust	Gautam Buddha Nagar, Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh
National	Sai Kripa Dham Mandir; Sanjeev Kasana Memorial Trust	Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh
National	Shirdi Dham; Shri Shirdi Sai Spiritual and Charitable Trust	Gorakhpur, Uttar Pradesh
National	Shree Shirdi Sai Maharaj Sewa Sansthan	Hapur, Uttar Pradesh
National	Shri Sai Sewa Samiti, Hasanpur	Hasanpur, Uttar Pradesh
National	Shri Shirdi Sai Kripa Dham	Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh
National	Shri Shirdi Sai Sangam Trust	Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh
National	Sri Shirdi Sai Seva Dham Trust	Kheri Lakhimpur, Uttar Pradesh
National	Shri Shirdi Sai Karuna Sansthan	Moradabad, Uttar Pradesh
National	Shri Shirdi Sai Karuna Sansthan	Moradabad, Uttar Pradesh
National	Mandir Police Academy	Moradabad, Uttar Pradesh
National	Shirdi Sai Shanti Dham	Moradabad, Uttar Pradesh
National	Shri Shirdi Sai Sansthan	Mirzapur, Uttar Pradesh
National	Sri Sai Seva Mitra Mandal	Navlakha, Agra Cantt., Uttar Pradesh
National	Shri Shirdi Sai Sharnam Dham Trust (Regd.)	Pilibhit, Uttar Pradesh
National	Sai Mandir	Rampur, Uttar Pradesh
National	Shri Sai Sidh Peeth	Saharanpur, Uttar Pradesh
National	Sai Kripa Bangla Sansthan	Kolkata, West Bengal
National	Shibpur Sai Mandir; Nadia Shibpur Sai Sadguru Samity	Nadia, West Bengal
National	Shirdi Shri Sai Baba Bhakt Sansthan Trust	Hooghly, West Bengal
National	Shri Shirdi Sai Dwarkamai Sai Mandir	South Kolkata (Kasba), West Bengal





Introducing New Books

Karline McLain, a Professor of Religious Studies at Bucknell University, Pennsylvania has written a book titled "The Afterlife of Sai Baba - Competing Visions of a Global Saint", published by Orient Black Swan Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi, India.

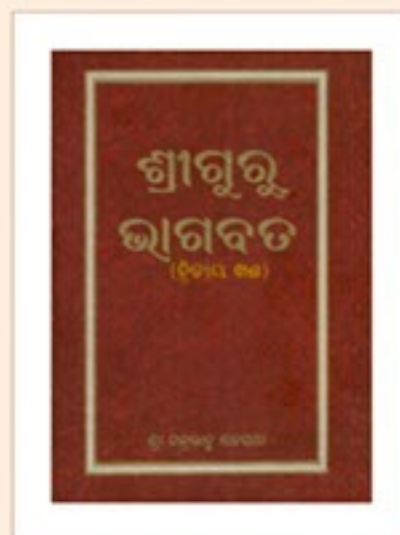


In order to learn about Baba, the author had detailed discussions with Sai devotees in India and in the US. Acknowledging her interviews and discussions with Dr. Satpathy in several pages in Chapters 4 and 5 of the book, she uses the analysis to illustrate how Baba came into the lives of different devotees, how they felt "an intimate personal connection" with Shirdi Sai that transformed their lives away from the "materialistic" towards a "call to service". Noting that he describes Baba as "a role model" who "assimilated all religions" in nineteenth century India... "loved all the people throughout his lifetime"...regardless of whether they were "high caste or low, or if they were big or small. He served everyone", she reiterates his use of the term "to serve and die". She also draws attention to the fact that Shirdi Sai temples are about spirituality, for while "religion divides", "spirituality is

universal." Most importantly, she relates Dr. Satpathy's assertion that "Sai Baba's death in 1918 ...marks not the end of an era, but the beginning of seven centuries of growing Sai consciousness under his metaphysical guidance" as the "Supreme Perfect Master."

The book has 5 chapters and 262 pages, including detailed notes on each chapter, a bibliography and an index. It also contains Acknowledgments, a Note on translation, Transliteration and Orthography and a Map of the Shirdi Pilgrimage Complex.

"Shri Guru Bhagavat" written by Dr. C. B. Satpathy in Odia, is an incomparable poetic creation in the field of



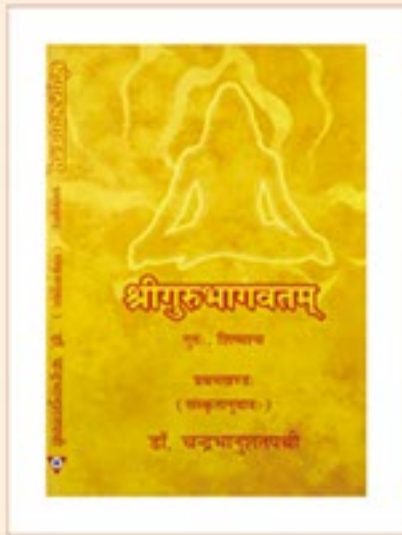
contemporary Odia devotional literature. It has been published in five volumes and contains 20,000 lines in the form of couplets in Nabakshari Chhanda. It has been published by Vision Printers and Publishers Pvt. Ltd., Bhubaneswar, Odisha and has been translated into different languages like Hindi, English, Bengali, Assamese, Kashmiri, Telugu, Gujarati, Bhojpuri and Sanskrit. It is presently being translated into other languages. This set of



five volumes is an Encyclopedia containing the fundamental principles and essential features of divine realm of the Sadgurus of the world.

“Shri Guru Bhagavat – Vol 3”, written by Dr. C. B. Satpathy in Odia language, has recently been translated into Marathi language by Ms Varsha Tarkhud. This volume contains four chapters and deals with topics like Dharma (Religion), the knowledge of death (Mrutyu Vidya), the theory of Karma-Phala (action-reaction syndrome of Hindu spiritual science) and Guru Prarthana.

“Shri Guru Bhagavat- Vol 1”, written by Dr. C.B. Satpathy in Odia language, has now been translated into Sanskrit language by Dr. Bhagirathi Nanda, Dean, Shri Lal



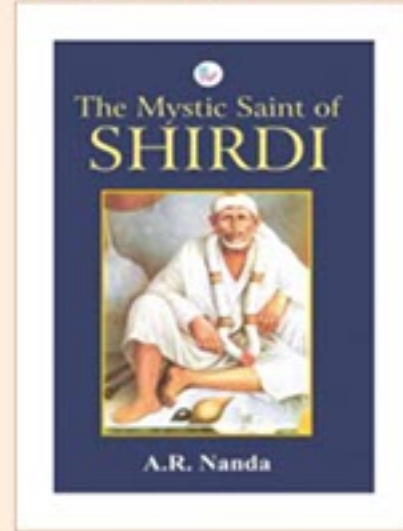
Bahadur Shastri Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeetha. It has 145 pages and nineteen chapters. It deals with topics like Sadgurus (Perfect Masters), Gurus (Masters), Santhas (Saints) and Sanyasis (Ascetics), Guru Shishya relationship and Spiritual Initiation by the Guru in a detailed manner. It also contains notes like – Author’s Preface, About the book (Do Shabd) and an Index.

“Shri Guru Bhagavat- Vol 1”, written by Dr. C. B. Satpathy in Odia language, has been translated into Kashmiri by Shri B.L. Koul.

The book “Shirdi Gazetteer - Untold stories” has been written in Marathi language by Shri Pramod Devram Aher. The book has been printed by Vikas Printing and Careers Pvt. Ltd., Saatpur, Nashik (MH) and published by Yugandhar Publishers, Shirdi, Maharashtra. It has 300 pages and three chapters. It also has a Preface, Prologue, an overview of the

book and a Bibliography. It contains the chronological details of happenings in Shirdi.

A book titled “The Mystic Saint of Shirdi” has been written by Shri A R Nanda and has been published by Har Anand Publishers, New Delhi. It has 145 pages, 14 chapters, a prologue, an epilogue and a bibliography.



The book titled “The Eternal Sai Phenomenon” authored by Shri A. R. Nanda in English has been translated into Hindi by Dr. Meeta Khanna. The book has been published by Har Anand Publishers, New Delhi. It has 312 pages, 27 chapters in addition to several photographs and other information.



A book titled 'Guru Bhakti Kushumanjali Shatakam' authored by Professor Bhagirathi Nanda in Sanskrit has been published by Eastern Book Linkers, New Delhi. The book has 50 pages and 104 shlokas.





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