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गुरुब्रह्मा गुरुर्विष्णुः गुरुर्देवो महेश्वरः ।
गुरुः शाक्षात् परब्रह्म तस्मै श्रीगुरवे नमः॥

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Leela 101

Baba sent His photograph to Saddu Bhayya Naik in 1915, through Balaram and Muktaram. This was the photograph that was kept in Dixit Wada; it reached him on 8.2.1915 on Thursday (Dasnavami). Baba also sent a letter saying "Through this photo I have come to your home. Without My permission don't come to Shirdi again.

Rudrabhishek and Puja were performed and He was placed upon a sinhasan and Anna Daan was done. Then Muktaram climbed on the roof to hoist a flag. He was precariously perched on the roof and the flag was hoisted three fourth of the height when his arm ached terribly. Simultaneously Baba asked a bhakta seated near Him to massage His arm and said, "Allah Mallik Saddu Bhayya Garebon ka wali ha. Allah se bada kyon hein (Allah Mallik is the savior of the poor. Who is greater than Allah?)". At that very moment, the pain in Muktaram's arm also disappeared and he was able to comfortably complete the task.

The flag thus hoisted everyone was joyous as Muktaram was safe. Baba looked after him at all times. Once there was an epidemic of plague in Harda. Everyone fled dissenting the village. At that time, Saddu Bhayya had gone to his ancestral village, Brahmingaon, about 7 miles away, leaving his father with Baba's photograph in Harda. Saddu Bhayya wrote to Baba asking him about the photograph and the plague. Baba told him to perform puja to the photograph daily and go back to Harda and send his father to Shirdi. A few days later, two dead rats were found near the photograph. Saddu immediately wrote to Baba and consulted Him. Baba in his characteristic way said, "Allah Mallik was there and there is nothing to fear." Saddu Bhayya stayed on in that house and was safe.

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Sri Guru Charitra



Krodhajithe

Namaha

**Sai Bhakti
Radio**



By Shri S.N.Huddar

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*Gurur Brahma, Gurur Vishnu, Gurur Devo Maheshwara
Guru Sakshat Parabrahmah Tasmai Shree Gurave Namah*

Chapter XVI Greatness of Shri Guru

Upmanyu acted as directed by the Guru. He would give the alms in the Ashram. But as he did not get full meals at the Ashram he again took alms from some Brahmin houses and satisfied his hunger. When the Guru knew this. He angrily said, 'Give both the alms in the Ashram.'

As directed, he gave both the alms in the Ashram. He was anxious now how to satisfy his hunger. He saw calves drinking milk of cows and much milk fell on the ground and was wasted. He held that milk in his hands and drank it.

After some days the Guru asked him how he was fat, He said that he drank the milk that fell while the calves drank the milk from the cows. The guru said, 'you should not drink milk tasted by calves as this milk makes you dill.'

While remaining in the forest, he saw milk like paste coming out of the "rui" plant. He held the milk in leaves and while he was drinking it, some drops thereof entered his eyes. Subsequently he lost his eyesight and became blind. Now he thought the Guru would be angry with him. He began to collect the cattle; but as he could not see, he fell in a well.

When Dhoumys knew that Upmanyu did not return by the evening, he went to the forest and called him loudly. Upmanyu responded from the well and informed him about his whereabouts.

Dhoumya came near the well and said to him with sympathy 'Recite Ashwinikumar mantra'. After doing that, he got back his eyesight. He came out of the well, bowed to his Guru and stood by him. Dhoumya placed his palm on his head and instantly he had all the knowledge. Dhoumya said to him, "Go home, get married and live happily. You will be well known. One of your disciples, Uttank will bring Kundal (ear ornament) and win the Shesh. He will advise King Janme jaya to perform sacrifice of the serpents and kill all the serpents in the sacrifice"

As stated, Uttank caused Janmejaya to perform the sacrifice in which even Indra had to come down along with Takshak (the king of serpents). This is all due to the greatness of Guru. He will liberate you. You should try to please him.

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Excerpts from Sai Leela

Sai Shankar

He said : "Baba, today is the, festival of Makar-sankranti. When Shankar is given bath with the waters of the Ganges, he is propitiated." Then, considering his love and his adamant resolution, Baba said: "Fulfill your wish," as Megha was pure of heart. After saying that he got up and sat down on the low stool made ready for the bath. He bent forward his head and said : "Pour just a little water. Out of all the limbs the head is the most important. Pour a little water on it. It is as good as having a full bath. At least listen to that much."

Agreeing to do so, Megha picked up the pot. He was so overwhelmed with love while pouring it on the head that he emptied it completely while shouting "Har Ganga", and poured it on the whole body. Megha was greatly joyful. "My Shankar has bathed with his clothes on" he said, as he put down the empty pot. When he looked he was greatly surprised.

Though he had poured the water on the whole body, only the head was wet. All the other limbs were absolutely dry. There was not even a drop of water on the clothes.

Megha's pride was crushed. Those who were around were surprised! Shri Sai thus gratifies the fond fancies of his devotees!

There is another story of Megha, which will please the listeners very much. Seeing Sai's love for his devotees, the listeners will be pleased.

A big picture of Baba, which Nana (Chandorkar) had newly given, was placed in the wada by Megha and he worshipped it regularly.

The real image at the Masjid and the exact replica in the wada, were worshipped with Aarti, at both the places, day and night. When about twelve months had passed in doing this divine service, when Megha was awake early one morning, he saw a vision.

Megha was lying in bed and though he had his eyes close he was fully awake and he saw Baba distinctly. Baba, too, was aware that he was awake. He threw consecrated rice on the bed and said : "Megha, draw a trident", and then disappeared there and then .

Listening to these words of Baba, Megha opened his eyes with great enthusiasm. He was very surprised to find that Baba had disappeared.

Then Megha looked all around. There were grains of rice scattered everywhere on the bed. The doors of the wada were closed, as earlier. Hence he was confused. He went to the Masjid immediately. While taking Baba's Darshan, Megha told him the story of the trident and asked permission to draw it.

Will Continue





*Klesanasanaya
Namaha*



Sri Vishnu SahasraNaamam

VISHNU SAHASRANAMA STOTRAM

**stavyah stava-priyah stotram stutah stotaa rana-priyah |
purnah purayita punyah punya-kirtiranamyah ||73||**

stavyah: Om stavyaya namah.

a) He Who is worthy of praise. b) He Who is praised by all, but who does not have to praise anyone else.

stava-priyah: om stava-priyaya namah.

He Who is pleased by the praise in whatever form it is offered.

stotram : Om stotraya namah.

The Eulogy Incarnate.

stutah: Om stutaya namah

He Who is praised. .

stota: Om stotre namah.

a) He Who praises those who extol Him. b) He Who is also the form of the Eulogizer of Bhagavan.

rana-priyah: Om rana-priyaya namah

a) He Who delights in battle. b) He Who delights in the auspicious sounds in places of worship. c) He Who moves around happily in the form of the Sun etc. .

purnah: Om purnaya namah

He Who is complete.

purayita: Om purayitre namah

The Fulfiller of the desires of His devotees.

punyah: Om punyaya namah.

a) The Purifier. b) He Who is excellent in performing pious activities.

punya-kirtih: Om punya-kirtaye namah.

He Whose kirti or praise is also purifying (in addition to Him being the Purifier).

anamayah : om anamayaya namah

a) He Who removes the disease of samsara. b) He Who is beyond pain or suffering - internal, external, karma-related, etc.

Gurucharitra ..Continued from page 2....

The Brahmin said, 'Gurudev, you have given me the right advice. As I have offended my Guru, how can I please him now? It is very difficult to appease the wounded heart. I would, therefore, leave this worthless body of mine,' saying this, he bowed to Shri Guru. Shri Guru realized his repentance and knowing his desires, Shri Guru said, 'All your sins are wiped off now. Remember your Guru.'

The Brahmin folded his hands and prayed, 'You are the Guru of all the world and incarnation of three great Gods. How can there be darkness after the rise of the Sun? You please protect me.'

Hearing this Shri Guru was kind to place his right palm on his head and instantly he had knowledge of Vedas, Shastras, Mantras etc. By the touch of the philosopher's stone, iron is changed into gold, similarly the Brahmin became learned. Shri Guru again asked him to go to his Guru.

The Brahmin went to his Guru. Shri Guru then went to Bhuvaneshwari near Bhilavadi and stayed under an Audumber tree on the bank of the Krishna secretly. Will Continue...

Ambrosia...Continued from page 1....

Saddu Bhayya had three sons. The eldest was Ananda Rao, then Laxman Rao and Shankar Rao. Saddu Bhayya took samadhi in 1937. The photograph sent by Baba was in Bhamingaon unattended. One day Laxman Rao got a vivid dream in which Baba said "/ came to your home through this photograph, and you have discarded Me. If you don't come and free Me within two days My leg will be eaten away". Laxman Rao was shocked at this dream, but couldn't understand it. He went to the court as usual but was restless the whole day and could not do a jot of work.

That night he had the same dream. In which Baba said "you have not heeded My warning, if you don't come and set Me free. My leg will be eaten away by termite (white ants)'-. This dream terrified Laxman Rao the very next day he went to court and applied for leave. Hastely he went to the house in Bhamingaon. When he opened the door he was shocked to see that termite had eaten the wooden frame, and had just invaded the photograph below Baba's big toe.

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Children Section

Stories from Chinnakatha

OVERCOMING KARMA AND EXPERIENCING ANANDA

Once when the sage Narada was proceeding to Vaikuntha, the heavenly abode of the Lord, he espied a yogi (renunciant) who was engaged in severe ascetic practices.

The yogi prayed to Narada to bring back from Vaikuntha information about the date of his becoming entitled to enter into the Lord's abode. Narada promised to do so.

When Narada stood in the presence of God, he pleaded on behalf of the yogi and asked that he may be informed of the date.

The Lord replied, "Tell him that he will be coming here after as many more births as there are leaves on the tree under which he is currently doing penance."

Narada felt sad and dispirited when he thought of the grief into which the yogi would be thrown into on hearing this disheartening verdict of the Lord. But he mustered courage to announce it nevertheless, for, the yogi insisted on learning the news that he had assured to bring.

When Narada at last broke the demoralizing decision of the Lord, contrary to his expectations, the yogi was transported into a realm of joy; he was not dispirited in the least.

The Law of Karma is not an iron law; by dedication and purification, which invites Divine benediction, its effects can be modified, and its rigour mitigated. Do not despair; do not lose heart. When vices hold sway over your heart it becomes foul and sooty; the flames of kaama, krodha and lobha (desire, anger and greed) char the heart. What quenches these flames is the Grace of the Lord. Grace confers bliss (anandam), which the evil tendencies (kama, krodha and lobha) can never confer.

He jumped and danced in glee. He was lost in the thrill of his dream being so near actual fulfillment. He became oblivious to the world around and was filled with ecstasy thinking of the Lord and offering Him his profound gratitude.

The Lord was so pleased with the joy of the yogi that He himself appeared before him and offered him Vaikuntha immediately. But, the yogi said, he would bide his time, for, he did not like the Lord's word, which Narada had brought, to be falsified!

The Lord now had to convince him that good deeds, noble thoughts and sacred feelings can wipe out the tracings of bad; therefore, by his enthusiastic acceptance of the Lord's will he has actually overcome the consequences of past actions.

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- Baba



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*Gagana
saukshmya
vistharaya*

Namaha

Sri Sai Baba's Sermon

SHRI BHAKTA LEELAMRUT

Chapter-31

Haripant was a devout Brahmin from Pune. He was kind-hearted and believed in good deeds. He was rich but childless. He wished to become an "agnihotri" but he could not do so as he was a widower. People advised him to remarry but Haripant would not listen as he was already in his fifties. "I would become a laughing-stock," he said, "If I were to marry at my age, I am just not worthy enough to be a father. That is all. If, however, any saint tells me to remarry, I may."

Sometime later, Haripant went to Shirdi. No sooner did he bow down to Baba than he said, "Haribau, get married soon. Lord Shankar will give you a child and fulfill your heart's desire." Having secured a saint's permission to marry, Haripant now wanted to consult an astrologer. He came to know of a famous astrologer in Nagar. Haripant consulted him and after getting the go-ahead from him. He got remarried with the blessings of Baba. Needless to say, he became a staunch devotee of Sai Baba.

I now bow down to Sai Baba. He is Grace and Knowledge personified and He fulfills the desires of his devotees. All our difficulties will be overcome if we but remember Sai's feet. He is ever ready to shower his grace on us. Those who listen to this Sai Charitra will be saved by the Lord. In the next chapter I shall recount the advice given by Sai Baba to three persons. By listening to that one will gain all the four purusharthas. O dear devotee, listen to these childlike words of Das Ganu. Offer your forehead at the feet of Sai Baba and he will fulfill all your desires. If anyone recites Sai Charitra, his sins will be burnt down and he will receive the protection of Narayan. This is Baba's holy 'charitra' from Shree Bakta Leelamrit. AH you devotees, drink from it to your heart's content.

.....Will continue



Sri Sooktam:

*Aardraam Pusskarinnim Pussttim Pinggalaam Padma-Maaliniim |
Candraam Hirannmayim Laksmim Jaatavedo Ma Aavaaha ||13||*

Meaning:

13.1: *(Harish Om. O Jatavedo, Invoke for me that Lakshmi) Who is like the Moisture of a Lotus Pond which Nourishes a Soul (with Her Soothing Loveliness); and Who is Encircled by Light Yellow Lotuses,*

13.2: *Who is like a Moon with a Golden Aura; O Jatavedo, please Invoke that Lakshmi for me.*

(Devi Lakshmi in the form of a Moon represents the Transcendental Bliss and Beauty of Sri. This Soothing Loveliness is compared with the Moisture of a Lotus Pond which Nourishes a Soul.)

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