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

सबुरी

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### Sai a Beacon for Humanity

#### EXPERIENCES OF SAI BA.NI.SA WITH SHIRDI SAI - 19

I am sure that all Sai devotees can recall how Bhimaji Patil got cured of his ailment (Tuberculosis) and escaped from the clutches of death due to the divine grace of SAI. It is well depicted in the 13th chapter of Sai Satcharitra. I would like to narrate how Sai saved me from a most feared disease.

It was on 20th April 1996, the Sunday morning hours while engaged in watering of plants in our Kitchen garden, and I felt terrible pain in my chest with lot of perspiration. I approached our family Doctor Dr.R.A.Rao who immediately diagnosed it as Heart attack, administered sorbitral to be kept under my tongue and advised me to be immediately moved to CDR Hospitals for specialized care. As arrangements were being made to shift me to the Hospital, I prayed and opened up a page in Sai Satcharitra. The message given was from the 15th chapter and read as follows: " He who respectfully reads this chapter or studies it daily will get all his miseries removed by the grace of Sadhguru Sai Baba". I gathered courage that Lord Sainath will definitely save me and vowed to continue parayan of 15th chapter regularly on my returning home after full recovery. I was moved to Hospital with the help of my friends in an Auto and I was feeling discomfort in breathing as I was being shifted on to a stretcher. Even in that stage my attention was drawn to the Medical hall opposite to the main entrance - "SAI SHAKTI MEDICAL HALL" with photograph of Sai in blessing. My faith and confidence level in positive recovery increased. A costly injection was given to me after I was made to rest in ICCU. On 28-04-1996 I was taken for ANGIO GRAM TEST and the test confirmed that three of my Arteries were blocked to 90% and two more Arteries to the extent of 30%. Decision to perform bypass surgery was taken by a team of attending experts. As usual I prayed upon Sai on the night of 01-05-1996 and sought his advice as it involves a considerable expenditure, time taking and with success not 100% guaranteed. Sai appeared to me in my dream and uttered - " thieves have joined in your street, you better call the Police in day time and get them driven out ". This type of message may appear strange to the readers but I could decode correctly as it meant to me, that three of my Arteries are, blocked and I must undergo Surgery only during day time and overcome the present crisis. I have talked to the team of Specialists and I was posted to get operated on 16-05-1996 (Thursday) at 14:00 hrs.

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# Sri Guru Charitra



Japyanamne  
Namaha

Sai Bhakti  
Radio



By Shri S.N.Huddar

(As published in Sri Sai Leela English Monthly Magazine  
from April 1975 onwards)

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

## Chapter XXXV

### Kach-Devayani

The demons did not approve of this as they suspected that the gods would learn the Sanjeevini mantra from Shukracharya and then it would be impossible for them to win a victory over them. Therefore, when Kacha had been to the forests for bringing darba (a kind of grass), the demons killed him. In the evening, when Kacha did not return home, Devayani requested her father to bring him home soon.

Shukra, by intuition knew that was dead so he recited Sanjeevini mantra and brought him to life. Kacha then came home. Once again when Kacha had been to the forest, the demons killed him and the pieces of his body were thrown in all directions. Devayani gain showed anxiety for Kacha. Shukra again recited Sanjeevini mantra and brought him to life, as Devayani was his only daughter and Shukracharya had great affection for her.

The demons now contrived to kill Kacha on Ekadashi fast day. They then mixed his flesh in wine and offered it to Shukracharya for drinking. For the third time when Kacha was missing, Devayani wept and requested him to bring him to life. Shukracharya realized that Kacha was not seen anywhere but he was in his belly. He told Devayani that Kacha was in his belly and if he is taken out, he himself would die.

Devayani said, 'You are bringing to life all people and saying that you would die. How is this? Kacha is my soul. If he does not come back, I will give up my life.'

Shukracharya: 'Besides myself none else knows Sanjeevini mantra. There is a condition that this mantra should not be divulged to anyone. If it is heard by six ears (three persons) it will loose its effect. This is a problem with me.'

Devayani said, 'Teach me the mantra. I shall recite it and make you alive.'

Shukracharya: 'The Shastras prohibit telling a mantra to a woman.'

Devayani who was greatly dejected said, 'Then you may live with your mantra happily. I will give up my life.' Saying so she fell on the ground senseless. Shukracharya brought her to consciousness and gave her the Sanjeevini mantra. While he was reciting the mantra, Kacha, who was in Shukra's belly, also heard it. Shukra recited the mantra and Kacha came out of his body tearing his belly. Consequently Shukracharya fell dead. Then Devayani recited the mantra third time and Shukra became alive. Thus Kacha heard the mantra thrice and made it by heart.

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# Excerpts from Sai Leela

**LORD SHIVA**~ *Saileela Jan-Feb 2004*

**His third eye :** Lord Shiva is said to have a third eye (in the centre of the forehead), the eye of wisdom as well as annihilation. The eye whose vision reaches beyond that of the two mortal eyes. Lord Shiva has a divine vision of reality. Your vision is confined merely to perceptions, emotions and thoughts; but when you transcend the limitations of your body, mind and intellect you gain realisation of your inner self. That is by the opening of the third eye. Three eyes also represent his capacity to see in the past, present and future. Lord Shiva as the overLord 'sees' everywhere, everything taking place in his manifested system in the past, present and future and can bring about any result instantaneously.

**Conquering ego :** In the Hindu scriptures ego is represented as a serpent. The ego serpent harasses you with its venom of desires. Man suffers all his lifetime from the pressure of his own desires. When you conquer the ego the same ego that has degraded you into a limited existence now 'adorns' your personality. This idea is indicated by Lord Shiva coiling the serpent around his neck. He has total mastery over his desires, his senses, his ego.

**Carrier of Ganga :** Lord Shiva is said to carry the Ganges in his locks. Ganga stands for the ultimate truth, the ultimate reality, the knowledge of the atman or the divinity in man. The knowledge of atman is symbolically represented as being located above in the heavens. Lord Shiva is reputed for his great tapas, contemplation and meditation. Such a man alone can describe the great spiritual truths. The power to understand the higher truth is limited, hence the release of the Ganges from Lord Shiva's head in trickles. Thus by gradual and slow education spiritual knowledge is gained in this world. Ganges water stands for spiritual wisdom. Hence a dip in the Ganges is considered sacred, his union with the supreme reality.

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However on 16 May 1996, till 17:00hrs the team of Doctors has not turned up. At 18:00hrs a group of Assistants started making preparations for the Surgery anticipating to take place. The inner thinking process of mine was cautioning me that surgery performed in the night Hours may not be 100 % successful. I requested Sai to save from the present predicament. Before entering the Operation Theatre I wrote the following words. "I am going to fight with death and if I return alive the success goes to Sai. I was being readied for the, surgery with all the gadgets and equipment attached properly as per their procedure. In the heart of hearts I was praying that this night's surgery should not take place and was resting helplessly lying on the operation table. Mean while the Telephone in the Operation Theatre gave a ring. One of the assisting Doctors attended the call and Theatre Nurse announced the information that chief Surgeon Dr.Prasada Rao will not be available this evening due to unforeseen circumstances. Accordingly the Surgery stands cancelled and patient is posted to be operated the next day morning i.e. 17-05-1996. My joy knew no bounds and was sure that Sai alone has performed this miraculous act of organizing the postponement. operation commenced at 09:00 AM on the next day and completed by 16:00hrs in the evening. I was shifted to the, critical postoperative care unit for observation and none was allowed to see me. Later I understood that my wife, children and well-wishers were eagerly waiting to see me. I regained consciousness the next day morning by 08:00 AM and the first person I saw was DR.BRAHMAIAH, the Anesthetist. I could see SAI in him and greeted him traditionally with folded hands. He bent over me while asking me as to whom I would like to see first. I expressed that I wanted to see SAI first and a little later I saw my wife showing me a photograph of Sai in gentle smile, with tearful eyes. The typical gentle smile of Sai alone has given me the strength and courage, to be in front of you and granted me an opportunity to serve you all and read the 15 th chapter regularly.





*Janesvaraya  
Namaha*



Please enjoy the talk  
given by [Saibanisa ji](#)  
in Telugu

# Sri Vishnu SahasraNaamam

VISHNU SAHASRANAMA STOTRAM

**ananta-rupo\_'nanta-srih jita-manyur\_bhayapahah |  
catur-asro gabhiratma vidiso vyadiso disah ||100||**

ananta-rupah -om ananta-rupaya namah.

- He of infinite Forms.
- He of unending (never decaying) form.
- He of indescribable form - extending infinitely in all directions.

ananta-srih - om ananta-sriye namah.

- He of infinite wealth, glory, power, etc.
- He of wealth, glory, power etc., that will never diminish.

jita-manyuh - om jita-manyave namah.

He Who has conquered His anger.

bayapahah - om bhayapahaya namah.

He Who destroys the fear (of samsara) in the mind of the devotee.

catur-asrah - om caturasraya namah.

- One Who is skilled in all aspects.
- One Who is fair to everybody.
- One from whom wishes are asked for.
- One Who pervades in all four directions.
- One Who nourishes and feeds everything in all four directions
- One Who is worshipped by the knowledgeable people.

gabhiratma - om gabhiratmane namah.

He of deep and profound nature.

vidisah - om vidisaya namah.

- One Whose nature, forms, and qualities are spread out in all directions.
- One Who can be reached from all directions.
- He Who bestows all benefits on His devotees.
- He Who pervades everywhere, and is in everything, in all directions.
- He Who is the cause of happiness for the knowers (of Brahman) - based on vid - to know.
- He Who has revealed all sastras in elaborate detail.

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vyadisah - om vyadisaya namah.

- a) He Who appoints the different gods in their respective positions.
- b) He Who bestows different benefits on devotees based on their karma-s.
- c) He Who gives directions to the different gods as appropriate.

disah - om disaya namah.

He Who commands.

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## AN ANTHOLOGY OF PRAYERS AND PRECEPTS

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### 'I SEEK NO FAVOUR FROM THEE, BABA'

I seek no favour from Thee, Baba,  
 But to dedicate my body and mind to thy adoration.  
 Let my hand touch Thy Lotus-feet,  
 Let my eyes feast on Thee,  
 Let my ears listen to lyrics in Thy praise,  
 Let my nose inhale the fragrance of flowers offered to Thee.  
 Let my tongue sing songs of Thy glory,  
 Let my hands worship Thee,  
 Let my feet go in pilgrimage to Shirdi,  
 Let my mind meditate on Thee.  
 Let my mind be absorbed in Thee,  
 Let my thoughts be concentrated on Thee,  
 Let me have the company of Thy devotees.  
 Let my surrender to Thee be absolute.





## Children Section

## GITA FOR CHILDREN

### GITA FOR CHILDREN ~ Continued



Now let Me see, where am I? Oh yes, I have been telling you about the Yogi, equanimity and all that. Now why on earth does the Yogi go through so much trouble and such an elaborate discipline? He does all this in order

to experience Reality.’

‘Arjuna, people look at the world and imagine it is real. I am sorry to inform you that it is not, at least not in the way people imagine. Truly speaking, Reality is within you, and what you see outside as the world is merely a reflection of what is within.’

‘Let Me briefly illustrate My point before I get back to the Yogi. You see a man and say that he is a bad fellow. You judge him to be bad because there is bad in you! Unless you know what is bad, how can you declare him to be bad?’

‘This is where the true Yogi is different. The Yogi identifies himself totally with God and sees God not only within himself but also everywhere, including in all beings. Since he sees only God everywhere, for him there are no bad people!’

Arjuna frowns and mumbles, ‘ Krishna, I am not getting the point. Can You please explain again?’

Krishna smiles and says, ‘Yes I shall. Firstly understand that God is the only Reality there is; that is because God is the only entity that is permanent. Next, Reality is within, for the simple reason that the Heart is the permanent residence of God. Thirdly, God is everywhere because the outside is merely the reflection of the inside. So, how can you ever say there is bad in the world? It is all the result of wrong vision!’

Arjuna protests and says, ‘But Krishna, there is something very weird about Your argument! If there is nothing bad in the Universe, then why talk about good guys and bad guys, why talk about Dharma and Adharma, and why this war in which You

are asking me to fight? I am totally lost and back to square one!’

Krishna laughs and says, ‘Arjuna, I can well understand your problem. In fact, this is the confusion that almost all people have. Just keep listening carefully, and in due course your doubts would all vanish. Getting back to the subject of Reality, in simple terms it refers to the Cosmic Unity underlying diversity. He who sees Me in everything and everything in Me has understood Reality. Such a one I shall never forsake. And when this person sheds his body, he would merge forever in Me.’

‘Arjuna, the Wise man always feels is that he is in all, also that all are in him. This is a very important point. The Truth is that man is a limb of Society, Society is a limb of Nature and Nature is a limb of God. To give an analogy, your nail is a part of your finger. The finger is a part of your hand. The hand is a part of your arm and the arm is a part of your whole body. Got it?’

‘Having identified himself with God in this manner that is as a limb of God, the Wise man now sees everyone else also as a limb of God. In this way, he feels that all are part of God. Further, as he has identified himself with God, he now feels that all are a part of him!’

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One who is united with God is called a yogi. The mind of a yogi is peaceful and completely united with God. A yogi has control over his mind, senses, and desires. He is free from anger and greed. A clod, a stone, and gold are the same to a yogi, who sees God in everything and everything in God (Gita 6.08, 14.24). A yogi sees every being with an equal eye; whether a friend, enemy, hater, relative, saint, or sinner (Gita 6.09). The mind of a yogi remains calm even during the worst time (Gita 6.19).





*Jalahinasthale  
khinna  
bhakthartham  
jalasrstikruthe  
Namaha*

# Sri Sai Satcharita

## Saibaba-The Invocation of the Divine

Describing, again and again, the excellent qualities of One who is of sacred celebrity, and, discussing together, in company, his fascinating stories, purifies the mind and brings perspicuity to the intellect.

By singing his praises, by listening to his leelas and his stories, one can please God. Sorrows and sufferings caused to us by the threefold afflictions are also warded off.

Hence, those plagued by the threefold afflictions, as also, those impelled by a desire for self-upliftment, and those intent on Self-meditation, -- all such people fall at the feet of saints and are enriched by elevating personal experience.

And now, listen attentively to this fascinating account (of the aforementioned incident), and you will be amazed by Baba's kindness and compassion.

One day, in the morning, after he had finished washing his face, cleaning his teeth, etc., Baba sat down at the grinding stone, to grind.

Scuttle-basket in hand, he went to the bag of wheat and began taking out, by the brimfuls, measure upon measure, of wheat into the basket.

He spread out another empty sack on the ground, placed the quern on it and knocked its wooden peg firmly into place, to prevent its becoming loose while grinding.

He then rolled up his sleeves, tucked in the folds of his kafni (long robe), and he squatted near the quern, with his legs spread out.

'What is this crazy idea of grinding wheat?' I just thought to myself, puzzled as I was, 'To a poor penniless one, without attachment to material possessions, why should there be anxiety about worldly things?'

However, with head bent down, Baba had taken a firm hold of the quernhandle and went on rotating the quern-stone, with his own hands, as if he was crushing, most certainly not wheat, but all enmity and hatred to a powder.

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### **Durga Suktam:**

*Agne Tvam Paarayaa Navyo Asmaan Svastibhir-Ati Durgaanni Vishvaa |  
Puush-Ca Prthvii Bahulaa Na Urvii Bhavaa Tokaaya Tanayaaya Shamyoh ||3||*

### **Meaning:**

*(We offer our oblations to the Fire of Durga to cross over this very difficult ocean of worldly existence)*

*3.1: O Agni (Fire of Durga), You Who are eulogized (for carrying one across this Samsara); Please ferry us (too), by carrying us (i.e. our Souls) over Your Auspicious Nature, and make us cross this World full of Great Difficulties (Samsara), ...*

*3.2: ... (and also spread Your Auspicious Nature over the) Land and Earth, (so that the Earth) becomes abundantly Fertile and Green (and we feel Your presence in external Nature); And fill us, (We who are) Your Children with Your Bliss (so that we feel Your presence internally),*

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