

## The Glory of Shirdi Sai

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गुरुब्रहमा गुरुर्विष्णुः गुरुर्देवो महेश्वरः । गुरुः शाक्षात परब्रहम तस्मै श्रीगुरवे नमः:॥



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D.K. Joglekar lived in Dadar, Bombay. In 1914 he went to Gurudeswar as he was devoted to Vasudev Sarawathi Tembe Swamy (Ref. To Tembeswamy is given in Sai Satcharitra Ch.6). During the course of his stay there, he asked Tembeswamy, who would look after him after Swamiji's Mahasamadhi "Go to Shirdi

my brother Sai Baba is there" said Tembeswamy. Delighted and satisfied with his darshan he returned home.

In 1916 he decided to go to Shirdi. He rented a small room in Kopergaon, every day he walked from Kopergaon to Shirdi. Upon reaching Dwarakamai he sat in a corner hoping that Baba would call him. At the end of the day he returned to Kopergaon. This went on for five months, yet Baba neither called him, nor gave His blessings, or even a sign of recognition. Soon he realised that his money was running out, even though he subsisted on Kichidi alone. The next day he went to Shirdi, but this time he decided to go to the Sanctum Sanctorum and bow to Baba. As he was climbing the steps of Dwarakamai Baba looked directly at him and said "Chato Javo, Chalo Javo" (Go away, Go away). The next day he tried again with the same result. Baba said "Why have you come here? Go away". None-the-less his heart was filled with love and devotion for Baba.

He thought it was not prudent to try again so he decided to return home. At that time he realised that he had only five annas left. As there was no alternative to get the necessary funds he decided to board the train without a ticket. As he was doing so, a Porter tugged at his shirt. Wondering what the Porter wanted he stepped onto the platform. The Porter handed him a ticket and five annas. Astounded he asked "Why have you bought this? When? Who told you to?" Puzzled the Porter said "Yesterday you gave me the money to buy the ticket, so here it is along with the balance of five annas". Thrusting the ticket and change into Joglekar's ha nd the Porter moved away and disappeared in the crowd.

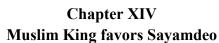
Years rolled by, but he knew that Baba was his saviour. In 1952, he once visited the Vaidyapad temple in Dadar. Then in Baba's photograph he had darshan of Tembeswamy, Swami Samarth and Dattatreya. He realised that Baba was one with the trio, and Tembeswamy's advice to go to Shirdi was not in vain. What more could he have asked for?

Sir Jurn Martra

#### Shri S.N.Huddar

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



Sayamdeo bowed to Shri Guru and said, `Gurudev, though you are Trimurti incarnate, due to our ignorance, you appear to us as a human being. In truth, you are all pervading. It is beyond our intellect to describe your greatness.

I am the servant of a Muslim King, who is very cruel. He invites a Brahmin every year and kills him. He has invited me to day. If I go to him, he will kill me, but as I have now seen your holy, how can he dare to kill me?'

Shri Guru placed his palm on his head and said, 'you do not care a bit. You go to the king fearlessly. He will receive you well and send you back to me. Have faith in my words. I am here till you return and then I shall proceed further. You have been my devotee, you will live happily and have lasting wealth.'

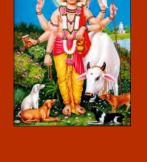
Sayamdeo went to the cruel Muslim King. He was reciting Shri Guru's name all the time. As soon as the king saw Sayamdeo he turned his face and went inside. Sayamdeo said to himself, 'What harm a cruel king can do to one, who is blessed by Shri Guru? How can a serpent bite the kids of a garud? How can an elephant kill a lion? A Devotee of Shri Guru has no fear even from death'.

The Muslim king felt drowsy and had a sound sleep. He saw in a dream that a Brahmin was beating him. When he awoke and came outside, he saw Sayamdeo. He came to him, fell at his feet and said, 'you are my master, who called you here? You can go back happily'. Saying this he offered clothes and ornaments to Sayamdeo.

Sayamdeo soon returned to his place. He first went to see Shri Guru on the bank of the river. He bowed to Shri Guru and reported what had happened. Shri Guru again blessed him and said that he would now proceed southwards.

Sayamdeo folded his hands and said, 'Now I shall not leave these feet. I shall also come with you. You only can liberate us from this worldly sea. Sagar brought the Ganga on this earth for the liberation of his forefathers. In the same way you have descended on the earth for our liberation.'

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Kruths nakshethra prakasakaya

Namaha



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Pujyasri B.V.Narasimhaswamiji, who visited Shirdi in the year 1936, collected authentic information about Lord Sainath from persons lived with Sai and wrote many books on Lord Sainath. All his works are authentic. One such book is SRI SAINATHA MANANAM. This book was published as early as in the year 1942 and the fourth edition came in the year 1945.

#### Mantras

"Achyuta, Ananta, Sayeesa" forming a quarter of the Anushtup verse constitute the supreme Mantra with the worlds "Om" added in the beginning and "Namah" added at the end. By the japa of the Mantra so enclosed, one gets free of all disease.

Oh excellent Guru Sayeeswsara, prostrations be unto you. The ashes of your Dwaraka Mayee quickly give relief to one suffering from great harm from the planets or from utpatas, from dire disease and intolerable pain.

May the Royal Sai Baba who is very powerful and all pervasive, protect me in the front, and behind and on both sides.

To the blind man, a man with one eye is a Guru or Guide; and to the one eyed, a person with both eyes is a Guru or Guide. To all with two eyes Sri Sayee who has three eyes(including the eye of wisdom) is the Parama Guru.

#### Namaskara

Prostrations be unto Sayee, the soul of all creatures, taking the form of all, in whom all are; from whom all emanate; who is everywhere and who is all.

Prostrations to Sai Paramatma, that is the supreme Lord Sai who is the witness of all; who sheds light on all souls and who is beyond the reach of speech, mind and chitta (ego).

Prostrations unto the supreme Lord Sai wo is the Brahman (creator) with endless power, who has no form and has yet numerous forms and whose doings are marvellous.

We bow unto the highly excellent Sai, of Shirdi, who is an ocean of Mercy ever undertaking, the protection of the distressed, a veritable axe to cut down the tree of Mahapapas (committed by the devotees) and who is like the autumnal Moon delighting and conferring boons desired by the devotees.

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Kruths anjnaya Namaha



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arcishman: Om arcishmate namah. He Who has great luster.

arcitah: Om arcitaya namah. He Who is worshipped.

kumbhah: Om kumbhaya namah.

- a) He Who is an object of desire.
- b) He Who shines in this world.
- c) He Who fills this world with His fame.
- d) He in Whom everything is contained.
- e) He Who envelops the earth.

visuddhatma: Om visuddhatmane namah. He of a pure nature.

visodhanah: Om visodhanaya namah. The Purifier

aniruddho: om aniruddhaya namah

apratirathah: Om apratirathaya namah. The Matchless.

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pradyumnah: om pradyumnaya namah.

- a) He Who illumines the jivas.
- b) He Whose wealth is of a superior order.
- c) The Bestower of all desires.
- d) He Who is endowed with great strength.

amitavikramah: Om amitavikramaya namah. He of immeasurable steps.

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Shri Guru - I am going southwards for certain purpose. You shall again see me after 15 years, I shall be then staying near your place. You should then come to me with your family and children. You should live without worry. All your miseries and wants are wiped off now.'

Sayamdeo offered clothes and ornaments to Shri Guru. Shri Guru came to Arogya Bhavani Vaijnath and lived there secretly."

#### Please enjoy the talk given by Saibanisa ji in Telugu

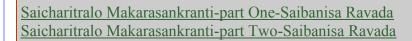
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Sai Krishna 3 by SaiBanisa GopalRao Ravada

Samadhiye Samadhanam (My bones will speak from my Tomb-1)

Samadhiye Samadhanam (My bones will speak from my Tomb-2)



Sai Margam EP 10 Part 1 SaiBanisa Ravada

Sai Margam EP 10 Part 2 SaiBanisa Ravada

Sai Margam EP 11 Part 1 SaiBanisa Ravada

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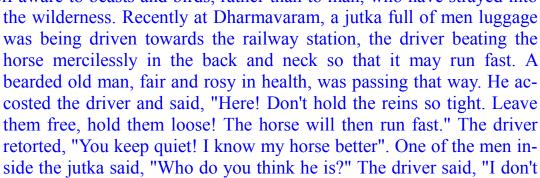




#### Stories from "Chinna Katha"

#### God makes Himself aware to beasts and birds

There are people who bring forth tears when they pass away; there are others who bring forth your tears, when they pass across your way! They are to be avoided. God makes himself aware to beasts and birds, rather than to man, who have strayed into



care"! The driver then heard a voice (it was the horse that spoke): "He is Krishna, who drove the horses of Arjuna's chariot: He knows all about horses!" The driver thought that the voice belonged to someone among his fare. He replied looking into the jutka, "He may know all about Arjuna's horses: but what does He know about mine?"

#### The Gopîs' Messenger

The gopîs felt that a bee can sympathize with their pangs of separation from Krishna, more than any human messenger can. They asked the bee to intercede with the Lord, on their behalf. Pray to Him, to bear the garland of my adoration, one gopî asked the bee. Another wanted the bee to ask Krishna to illumine the darkness of her heart. Râdhâ asked the bee to pray to Krishna to make the desert sands of her heart sprout into green, so that His feet may tread thereon, light and soft.



#### You cannot Paint the World Green

Before you experience the divine in every being in the universe and in every cell and atom, you have to experience it in yourself. Each act, words and thought must be charged with that awareness. There was a millionaire once who was bothered by two aches, one in his stomach and the other in his head! He was diagnosed and treated. He was examined and treated by a galaxy of medical experts; he consumed heavy loads of drugs, and underwent centuries of injections. But the aches persisted with greater vigor then ever before! At last, a svâmî (honorary title of spiritual teacher) arrived at the scene of his agony. He spoke very kindly to him, and pronounced the fault to be in his eyes! Set right the eye, and the head on top and the stomach below, would both behave very sweetly! To improve the eye, concentrate on only one color. Concentrate on green, he suggested. Do not let your eyes fall on red or yellow, or any other color.

The millionaire got together a group of painters and purchased barrels of green color and directed that every object on which his eye was like to fall be painted thick green. Just as the ashtagraha calamity (the ominous astrological phenomenon of eight heavenly bodies reaching a straight line in space, which was sought to be avoided by superstitious persons through ceremonials of exorcism) resulted in a rich harvest for priests, the millionaire's malady resulted in a rich harvest for paint-craftsmen. When the svâmî came back to him after about ten days, the craftsmen ran toward him with a bucket of green paint for he wore a red gown! He wondered why, and got the answer that their master dare not cast his eye on any color other than green, lest the aches may return. The svâmî reprimanded the patient, and said that he had wasted lakhs of rupees as a result of his monumental stupidity. "If only you had purchased a pair of green spectacles, worth perhaps four rupees, you could have saved these walls and trees and pots and pans, and chairs and sofas and also a pretty large share of your fortune! You cannot paint the world green".









Krupa purnaya

Namaha

### Sri Sai Baba's Sermon

#### SHRI BHAKTA LEELAMRUT

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Word of the miracle went round and people began crowding near the mosque at night to see it but of idle curiosity or just for fun. This annoyed Baba and one day he broke the plank to pieces and got rid of the nuisance. Soon Baba's fame spread far and wide and people came in hundreds to the mosque so that he might bless them and fulfill their wordly desires. Shirdi became a place of pilgrimage like Varanasi because of Baba and became known all over. As the soil derives its importance from the flower in bloom, the socket from the diamond studded in it, a piece of cloth from the golden thread woven in it. So Shirdi became an important holy place because of Sai Maharaj.

Once Narayan Govind Chandorkar, known as Nanasaheb went to Shirdi for Baba's darshan, accompanied by Ramdas Haridas from Wai, Bapu Nagarkar and Kangaonkar.

Ramdas Haridas was to perform a kirtan in Nagar the following day so he was impatient to leave Shirdi and told the others that they should leave with him immediately "Enough of this darshan" he said. "Let's hurry up and catch the train to Nagar", Baba told Nanasaheb to stay a while, have his meal at Shirdi and then go to Nagar. Hearing this Nanasaheb became relaxed and set about making arrangements for food with Kangaonkar. Ramdas on the other hand, restless as ever said to Bapu Nagarkar, "I have to perform the kirtan in Nagar tomorrow. Enough of this mad fellow. It is all right for Nanasaheb; he has plenty of money . I'll have to beg in the streets if I follow Baba. I cannot earn a paisa here. Let's go to the station and catch the next train to Nagar".

They left accordingly leaving Nanasaheb and Kangaonkar in Shirdi. Sai Maharaj then said to Nanasaheb; "Look at these people. In their selfishness they desert even their companions. Remember Nana, to take with you only such companions as will stick with you till the end of the world. A man's companion must be like fragrance to the flower." After the two had their food. Baba said to Nanasaheb," You may leave now but remember what I told you. There is still time for the train to arrive." Nana bowed down at Sai's feet and left for the railway station. There they found Bapu Nagarkar and Ramdas waiting for the train. They had no food and were feeling hungry. Seeing Nanasaheb, they hung their heads in shame. In reply to Nanasaheb's query, Nagarkar said ruefully, "Today the train is late by three hours. We hurried to the station disobeying Sai and here we are dying of hunger, enjoying the fruit of our disobedience. You did the right thing, while we made fools of ourselves."

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#### Srí Sooktam:

Kssut-Pipaasaa-Malaam Jyesstthaam-Alakssmiim Naashayaamy-Aham | Abhuutim-Asamrddhim Ca Sarvaam Nirnnuda Me Grhaat ||8||

#### Meaning:

8.1: (Harih Om. O Jatavedo, Invoke for me that Lakshmi) Whose Presence will Destroy Hunger, Thirst and Impurity associated with Her Elder Sister Alakshmi,

8.2: And Drive Away the Wretchedness and Ill-Fortune from My House.

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