



Sai Amrithavani



Quote of the Month

Whoever makes me the sole object of their love, merges in me like a river in the ocean.

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Dear Sai Bandhus,

May we pray Sai Maa, our Mahalakshmi to bestow the wealth of peace, contentment, prosperity and joy. May Goddess Sai Saraswathi enkindle our minds with the true flame of the knowledge of Brahman, May Goddess Sai Durga destroy all our enemies present in us in the form of greed, avarice, anger, arrogance, duality, jealousy and prejudice and shatter the wall of ego and unfurl the curtain of Maya that separates us from HIM, thereby making us realize that we are no different from HIM.

May Sai Maa bless us all with such an **"Adviteeya Bhaava"**.

-- Sai Maa Jai Jagat Janani --

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Sri Sai Sahasranama Bhashya

159) OM SRI SAI AAROPANA VAADAI SCHA MAYAYOGA VIYOGAKRUTE NAMAHA

[Meaning: - Salutations to Lord Sai who creates an illusion by superimposing the unreal over the real and finally destroys the same by removing the superimposition]

A very beautiful proposition about how a GURU explains and establishes the **"Brahman"** (Supreme One) as the truth alone and **"Maya"** (Illusion) as unreal has been explained in a nutshell by the author.

The aforesaid verse can be considered as an extended explanation for the Bhagavad Geetha Shloka.....**"Tadviddhi Pranipaaten....."** (This shloka was also explained by Baba to His devotee Nana Chandorkar, for the details of the same Sai devotees are requested to read Sri Sai Satcharitra).

In Tadviddhi Pranipaaten, Baba explained that a Guru first teaches Ajnaana (ignorance) to his disciple. If this sounds very strange to all of us, then let us try understanding the basic fact that- **"One learns only by his mistakes"**. Once the mistake is realized then he or she stands corrected. Similarly one becomes enlightened (Jnaani) only after his Ignorance (Ajnaana) is destroyed. Now, this Ajnaana is not that easy to be rid of. In pitch darkness of a jungle, a traveller may mistake a rope lying amongst his path to be a snake (**Rajju sarpa braanthi**) and get frightened, but once a light is shone on the path, does the truth dawn that it wasn't a snake. Similarly, Ajnaana is also like the pitch darkness which makes a saadhaka deluded in Maya (Illusion) and make him recognize himself with the body. Ajnaana with Maya will make the person think.... **"I am the Doer", "I am the Body", "I am real, the world around is static and forever"**. This Ajnaana shrouds the true Jnaana (Knowledge) in the saadhaka like the ash covering the fire.

When the saadhaka gets deluded in illusion and recognizes himself with the body, he starts perceiving that the world surrounding him to be permanent and all the deeds done by him and the fruits of the same to be the truth. To redeem such a fallen saadhaka from his fallen state, the GURU manifests in his (saadhaka's) life and teaches him the **"True Knowledge"** of the **"Self"**. As a first step towards the same, the GURU demonstrates the Ignorance of the saadhaka. Sri Shankaracharya in his Upadesha Sahasri says- **"Avidyaa naama anyasmin anyadharmadyaaronah....."**. So, first a GURU starts with **"Adyaaropana"** (superimposition).

A GURU starts the **"Aadyaaropana"** first allows the saadhaka to tread the path which the latter thinks is the **"right path"**. None but the GURU knows what is the **"True Path"** for the saadhaka, but first HE gives the aspirant an option to choose the viveka maarga. If the aspirant does so, then does his actual journey to the final beatitude start and he is sure to realize his Self. If the aspirant chooses a path that is not the right one (i.e: aviveka maarga), yet the GURU initially allows the saadhaka to tread the same. We may feel as to why a GURU should allow a saadhaka to tread on such a wrong path. True fact is that, GURU is the all affectionate mother who would never let any harm befall any of his children. Apparently it may appear that the saadhaka who chooses the aviveka maarga is let scot-free, in reality the GURU will be invisibly following even such a person, but will wait for the right time to teach such a **"mischievous brat"** a proper lesson.

The scot-free saadhaka initially starts thinking that he is actually progressing in the right way, he gets deluded by Maya and starts associating himself with all the actions and endorses himself for the **"cause"** and **"effect"** of any deed, till a point of time when the whip of Maya lashes him to the point that he realizes that he is not actually progressing in the path of adhyaatma but in fact is actually seeping into the pool of abysmal ignorance, then does he realize (let us all understand that all these processes through which the saadhaka has undergone is nothing but an amorous play enacted by the GURU to correct the former and put him in viveka maarga) that he is nothing and lifts up his hands in despair crying for help from the **"The All Powerful One"**. Then does the affectionate Mother of a GURU will lift up such a fallen one teaching him that what he thought was to be **"Real"** was actually **"Unreal"** in nature and reveals the **"TRUE REALITY"** to such an aspirant lifting him up from such a state in no time.

Salutations to such a GURU who by the dint of His knowledge lights the Lamp of Jnaana in the hearts of His disciples dispelling the ignorance of dualities in a trice.

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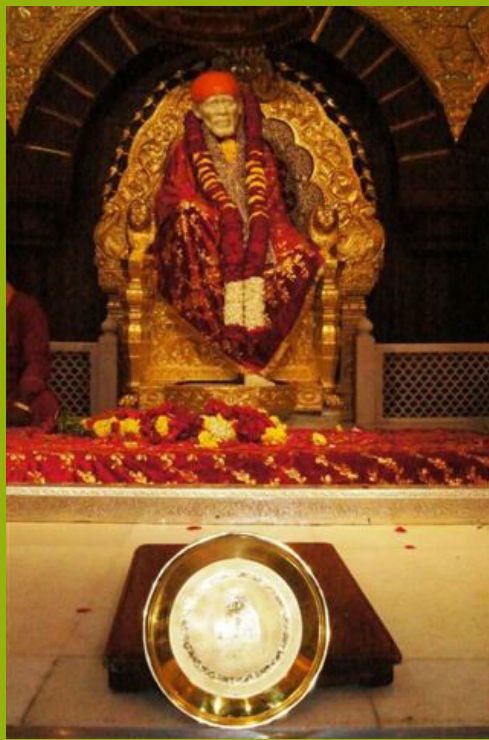
----Jai Sree Sadguru Sai Samartha----

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Shirdi News

1. Anonymous Sai devotee donates 511 Grams Golden Plate worth Rs.10,65,000 to Shri Sai Baba Sansthan - Shri Sai Baba Sansthan Trust, Shirdi.

An anonymous Sai devotee donated a golden plate weighing 511 Grams worth Rs.10,65,000/- (Rupees Ten Lakh Sixty Five Thousand only) to Shri Sai Baba Sansthan on **Sunday, 7th September 2014**.



2. Shri Sai Baba Sansthan initiate "Shirdi Swaccha Gruha" programme in collaboration with Shirdi Municipal Corporation under the guidance of "Greeni" Pune - Shri Sai Baba Sansthan Trust, Shirdi

In a programme held on **Monday, 15th September 2014**, Shri Sai Baba Sansthan Trust, Shirdi in collaboration with Shirdi Municipal Corporation and under the able guidance of "Greeni" an organization from Pune began a new programme titled "Shirdi Swaccha Gruha"(Shirdi Clean Home).





In lieu of the groundwork for the Centenary celebration of Shri Sai Baba's Maha Samadhi in the year 2018, Shri Saibaba Sansthan Trust (Shirdi) & Shirdi Municipal Corporation started the new programme "Shirdi Swaccha Gruha" (Shirdi Clean Home) at the holy place of Shirdi similar to the present programme being held at Alandi by Pune's "Greeni" organization . In view of the same, a pre preparation guidance programme was held on 15th September 2014. Speaking on the occasion, Shri.Sunil Bondage, a member of Greeni organization urged everyone to work hard to make this programme successful. He said that everyone should have the urge for complete cleanliness in view of "Shirdi Swacchagruha". For achieving the final goal, basic ideas like Research-Awareness amongst people, Collection of waste and Recycling was of paramount importance. Responsible behaviour by the general public is very important for creating awareness regarding cleanliness. Basic requirement while collecting the waste is segregation of wet and dry waste materials; and after that the collected waste needs to be either destroyed or recycled. While explaining these he showed related pictures to the august audience.



Sansthan's Deputy Executive Officer Shri.Appasaheb Shinde, Shirdi Municipal Corporation Chief Officer Shri.Dhairyasheel Jadhav, Members from Greeni, Pune organization Shri.Dattatreya Rane, Shri Sai Baba Sansthan's administrative officers Shri.B.D.Sable, Shri.S.N.Garkal, Shri.S.V.Game, Shri.U.P.Gonadkar, Shri.Dilip Ugale, departmental heads from all the administrative departments, Supervisors & Staff from Health department were present on this occasion.

Shri Sai Baba Sansthan's Deputy Executive Officer Shri.Appasaheb Shinde & Shirdi Nagar Panchayat Chief Officer gave assurance to the gathering that Shirdi Swatcchagruha Programme will run successfully. The Administrative Officer Shri.B.D.Sable welcomed the gathering as well as gave the vote of thanks.. (Translated from Marathi to English by Shri.Nagaraj Anvekar, Bangalore).

3. 25 Blind students from Amaravati take Shri Sai Baba Samadhi Darshan - Shri Sai Baba Sansthan Trust, Shirdi.

Twenty Five Blind students from Amaravati getting education under the auspices of Amaravati Helping Wing and Club visited Shirdi on Sunday, 21st September 2014 and had darshan of Shri Sai Baba Samadhi. After the darshan they had a photo session with the Chief Public Relations Officer Shri.Mohan Yadav. (Translated from Marathi to English by Shri.Nagaraj Anvekar, Bangalore).



4. "Anandi Vaastu" daily calendar released in Shirdi - Shri Sai Baba Sansthan Trust (Shirdi).

Deputy Executive Officer of Shri Sai Baba Sansthan Trust (Shirdi) Shri Appasaheb Shinde released "Anandi Vaastu" a daily calendar based on the acquired knowledge on Vaastu Shastra by a well known Vaastu Expert and Jyotish Expert Shri.Anand Pimpalkar on **Tuesday, 23rd September 2014** at Samadhi Mandir.



Briefing the Sansthan Officials, Shri.Anand Pimpalkar informed that various useful informations have been collected and incorporated in his calendar such as Happy Thoughts, Muhurth for Bhoomi Pooja, Vaastu Shanti, Engagement, Wedding, Baby Shower (food for pregnant lady) , Naming Ceremony, Kesh Mundana Ceremony, Upanayanam, Specialty of each day, Numerology, Auspicious Muhurth of the day and Night, Specialty of individual Star Sign, Good Worship, Vaastu Tips, Moon Rise Time of Sanksha Chaturthi, Planning of Gardens according to Vaastu - all these are explained in great detail. He also added that he is giving 9 thousand copies of "Anandi Vaastu" calendar as compliments for the staff of Shri Sai Baba Sansthan. He also felt that this calendar will be read and understood by common man and that they will surely like it.

Chief Public Relations Officer Shri.Mohan Yadav, Shri.Anil Sathe, Dr.Sandip Oswal, Smt.Priya Ranadive, Shri.Umesh Ghandat and Shri.Bhupendra Sonwane were present on the occasion. **(Translated from Marathi to English by Shri.Nagaraj Anvekar, Bangalore).**

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