

Sat:
1st Aug 25.

In the absence of the boys as well as all hired labour also being allowed a holiday the buzzing Dukherabad was for the day a comparatively very calm & silent colony. In the afternoon the mandali were also allowed the holiday of going to sleep in the day time, a luxury which is rarely allowed to be indulged in, in this little town of action and activity. At the usual sports time Shri Uppesi Tukordi's lectures contained in the magazine Sai-Vrik-Sudha were read before all, after which Shri Baba himself discoursed upon the same with signs and writing turning 'raw gold into ~~best~~ beautiful ornaments'. A Fakir from Ajmere came for Baba's Darshan along with the numerous usual visitors, Shri asked him to observe a complete fast from tomorrow for the whole day, observe Namaz for ^{all} ~~the~~ five times and also repeat 500 ~~—~~ times the name of Almighty. The day concluded with the usual divine discussions at night prior to sleep.

Sun:
2nd Aug 25.

In spite of it being Sunday today, the schools were begun as usual and the boys were also present duly at 7 A.M. Before being admitted Shri exacted from them the confessions ^{about} ~~of~~ their having broken his orders in one way or the other during the short holiday of 1½ days at home.

Those erring boys were punished according to their faults and misdeeds in different ways while the monitor amongst them by name Shanker was given the order of the boot very unceremoniously for "grave bad conduct".

The Fakir from Ajmere found the fast & repetitions of God's name as something foreign to the easy atmosphere of managing to get hold of unearned money & bread elsewhere and hence beat a silent retreat.

Baba's maternal uncle Rustam Meena once again came & joined the mandali from Poore where he

was so long looking after some building repair work under Shri's instructions. He was asked to ~~to~~ keep watch every night and instead of that sleep in the day time. Once again the usual routine was followed & in by all and thus another busy and buzzing day rolled away at the Meherabad colony.

Fri. 3rd. Aug '22.

The Two Goats.

The dismissed Shankar, the captain of the boys at drill time again came to Baba and sincerely repeated his regrets and apologies for his blunder. After great remonstrations and the latter having undertaken on oath not to repeat such mistakes that Shri allowed him ~~entry~~ once again allowed him entry in the school but not ~~as~~ before he agreed to take the place of assistant captainship making room for ~~some~~ boys for captaincy.

In the afternoon ~~the~~ all the ~~other~~ untouchable boys were bathed near the well by Shri Baba and the mandeli. In the evening two goats were marked to have been run ~~over~~ down by a passing goods train near the Meherabad colony. Baba asked someone from the party to go & see if the pair was alive or dead. One was badly ^{found} crushed to death while the other one was found still alive with an injured leg. The latter was brought before Shri who ordered the same to be taken to hospital and duly attended to. After some time Shri was informed that some Mahars of Arugam village had removed the crushed remains of the other dead goat to their house apparently to hold a feast over it.

He at once set after the 4 Mahars with a far from the mandeli and with a brisk pace easily over took them at their very doors with the gruesome 'booty'. Shri made the Mahars not only throw away the dead remains of the goat but also had them take oaths not to touch such things again under any circumstances. Thereafter He brought these

Mahars with him to Gherabud and instructed for their being supplied with fresh food to satisfaction.

Wed. 5.8.25

The 'untouchable' and Marathi sections of the schools were examined today in the morning and afternoon respectively. The result was found satisfactory and progressing at which Shri declared an all round increase of one rupee in the pay of every teacher of the both these institutions.

The drinking water well having a low level of water, outsiders were forbidden from today to draw out water as usual therefrom. But to ~~cause~~ avoid the inconvenience to the untouchable people of Arugam who largely depended on this well for drinking purposes Shri has arranged with Bapu Brahmin to let them draw out water from his well in the Arugam.

Bhikolya the leading Bhajankari of Kesba Patti having come for Shri's Darshan this evening ^{from Patti} a ringing Bhajan was held here between 7 & 8 P.M.

Thurs 6.8.25

The distinction so long maintained between the two sections of the school was abolished by Shri today.

The untouchable and Marathi boys were all made to sit at one place for schooling in the 'Untouchable' premises; and the Marathi Premises were set aside as a Girls School. For the latter, Mrs Damanrao is appointed a teacher and only Marathi has been decided to be taught to the girls, the English primary section of teaching is only restricted to the boys joint school. Some of the untouchables were again shaved and bathed today.

The usual tea party at Mr Shahne's place every Sunday has been for the time being suspended. There was the usual Sunday crowd for Shri's Darshan. Besides ~~the~~ all the routine work Bhikolya's Bhajan has been started from today.