

The New Seat Occupied!

Tues. 17. 11. 25

Baba used to sit in the cupboard like seat under one part of the big table under the Jam tree for his writing work and his casual sitting place was generally so low in the school or Gahan. But from today, He has decided to be sitting on a special seat arranged under the same table but outside that 'cupboard' near the Dhooni even when he has finished the day's writing work. Consequently during his rounds of inspections in all the departments he particularly asked the Schools Director and the general Superintendent to be very careful and attentive to their duties & responsibilities since he was going to occupy the new seat near the Dhooni. Accordingly Baba remained over the new seat for the most part of the afternoon.

Wed. 18th 25. }

Baba's Programme!

Baba has declared a programme for his daily activities to be followed from tomorrow as follows:

From 8 to 12 in the morning, writing work in the compound. 'cupboard' seat under the table when none should come even near the Jam tree.

From 12 to 4 Inspections enquiries and rounds of visits to the various departments when the mandali concerned should talk out with Baba their difficulties etc if necessary.

From 4 to 12 Generally sitting over the new seat near the Dhooni and seeing the outside visitors.

Gramaophone playing after the evening Bhajans. The writing work to be omitted on Thursdays and Sundays owing to the enormous crowds of visitors that are found in the case generally. The mandali were once again warned not to leave him under any circumstances and in case even if he began to remain ~~too~~ near

laid up near the Dhoni throughout the day, all to attend their daily duties diligently and with great punctuality.

"The dreadful time", he added "may perhaps come soon when I would be laid up at one place and most of you will be impatient to leave me. Although I would continue asking arguing and even pleading with you to remain most of you ^{will} escape out. Don't be disheartened, keep on repeating my name mentally and try your best to stick to me throughout and I will do the rest" Baba's activities ^{today} were marked to be cut already in conformity to the new programme. He sat writing from 8 to 12 in the morning. Then attending the daily pot and correspondence. He set out on his usual rounds of inspections and enquiries. At the conclusion Baba came and cut over the new seal where at 5 P.M. Savaram & Raghuram entertained all to a few songs.

Thurs. 19. 11. '25.

In spite of a considerable number of visitors Baba cut for his writing work as per the new programme from 8 to 12. After the inspection rounds Baba & party went to Dr Shantaram's place for the tea party where Sri explained to them through writings some spiritual phenomena till 5 P.M. after which Savaram's singing took place at the same place for one hour.

After the evening Bhajan and pranam phone playing Baba ordered Bektaraji & Rustamji to begin fasting from tomorrow. They were instructed to take full food ^{water} to full satisfaction only once every day in the evening and except 1/2 cups of milk daily at 11 A.M. they were asked not even to take water for the rest of the time.

Fri. 20.11.25.

The new programme is being followed by Baba regularly. Accordingly after coming out of his writing room at 12 Shri attended the Post. Sadashivrao - ~~Seth~~ Patel since his last visit to Baba about two months ago had become indifferent towards him through some misunderstanding and was keeping silence. Baba wrote him a letter yesterday asking him to come next Sunday or Saturday evening and the same was sent to Pugor for posting only this morning when Shri received a letter from the same party in today's post. The same was read before all by Vishnuji master under Baba's instruction which said "that I was not keeping well for a long time but now for the present I am feeling much better although I have grown very weak."

I don't expect complete recovery without seeing you hence I have decided to present my self at your service on Sunday next!" It seems the same moment that Baba decided for Patel to come here on Sunday, he too came to the same decision then of coming here on the same day!

In the afternoon all the boys were bathed by Baba and the mandali. During the busiest moment of the bathing, when there was a great hustle bustle and excitement, Rustamji crossed his hand over Baba in ~~pulling~~ taking water from the neat tin. Baba was at that time particularly marked to be looking downwards and hence not in a position to know that a hand crossed over his body for short of the certain particular hand.

~~He~~ However without changing his position He told Rustamji not to put in his hands like that again! From 4. P.M. Baba kept himself near the Throne till bed time as already arranged.

Sat. 26.11.25. Since Baba got out of his seat at 6.30 in the morning there was a rush of outside visitors to see him, as once He got in again for writing work at 8, none is allowed an interview till the work is finished at 12 in the noon. During the rounds Baba particularly reminded the General superintendent to be very attentive towards food etc of those poor and blind people that were putting up in the Dharmashala in large numbers.

The school department also received Sri's due attention. A teacher who was often marked to pay irregular attendance to his duties inspite of several warnings was finally dismissed today and Datalrai Anant Misal was appointed in his place. The latter has been duly taken in from today as one of the mandali people.

Sun. 22.11.'25

The Vanished Harmonium

Except the out-station visitors many of ~~the~~ the old members of Baba's mandali including Doctor Rango & Syed Sabeb had also come for His Darshans. The latter had also brought a Duawall (singer) but the programme of the day proved a failure because the singer had nothing like singing or music about him save his self styled name!

~~He~~ Inspite of it the fellow had the impudence to ask Baba to present him the 'box' meaning the big harmonium contained therein which had been given to him for playing, for the time being. Syed-sabeb who had paid him liberally ~~for~~ his dues became very angry at the vulgar display of meanness but Baba checked the former and hinted that along with the

fulfilment of his request a good lesson will be drawn home to him in due course. Accordingly Baba conveyed to the pseudo-singer that his request was granted and he will be given the box. At the time of departure Baba asked someone to take out the Harmonium and then caused the empty box to be put in that fellow's disposal. A piece of coal when crushed to powder remains the same in colour, likewise the inborn nature of a man whether good or bad asserts itself under every circumstance. In the absence of a conveyance at that time (about 8.30 P.M.) the initiation visitors decided to walk over to the station carrying their own bedding etc while the 'singer' who had nothing to carry himself as he was at the most a member of the higher strata of the begging fraternity, without touching the empty box asked Baba to be provided with coolies.

The prospect of the simple job of getting so realistic made even two of the mandali people who came forward as coolies to eject out groans as if they were lifting a very heavy burden! It was only while the train for Nasik was about to move on that the impudent fellow got the shock of his life!

Syed Sabir who was with him finished the story for him in suitable terms!

Mon. 23.11.25

Unusual Dreams.

After going through the usual daily routine the mandali got together about Baba, after supper near the Shoni seat. The chief topic discussed was about dreams. Many related their ~~dream~~ latest dreams. ~~fallen~~ Woolidhar alias nervous said that while laid up with fever yesterday he had a short nap.

when he dreamt that a big vessel full of tasty eatables was near at hand. He was attracted towards helping himself to the great ~~feast~~ and with this intention he approached nearer but just as he was about to put in his hand he saw that instead of sweets and eatables there was a big black snake coiled in, in there. He at once withdrew and began to run but to his great consternation found the horrible snake following him very fast. Soon he was encircled with the hissing snake and began to repeat Baba's name.

Gradually the snake began to turn round and round and gradually Gervons saw that it was Baba standing before him in Krishna's form with the ~~pet~~ ~~stone~~ ~~wooden~~ 'Moorli' (flute) in his hand!"

Mr Rustonji repeated having seen Baba in his dream in such a vision that he felt it was a complete manifestation of Brahma!

Bapu Brahmin was the third to repeat his dreamland experience. He came across the girl's school premises in his dream and marking an open window, looked in. He found the room to be flooded with a brilliant light like that of the sun and also saw Baba therein. But the moment Baba retired from the room and there was complete darkness at which he suddenly got awake finding himself lolling upon the bed.

Wed 25. 11. 25.

When the mandali were seated about Baba near the Dhoni seat after the evening Bhajans two Tukhars came there and reported that the villagers had gathered a meeting of all

the Arugon Mahars where the latter were being tried to be induced by the other castes to take to dead animal dealings ! Baba immediately sent a few members of the mandali to the place of the meeting but by that time all had dispersed. However the ring leaders of the party were persuaded not to take to such dirty propaganda and one of them was even brought before Baba who "told" him that ~~the~~^{it is} on the one hand the ^{1st} ^{of} Mahars ~~were~~ being tried to be improved and on the other the same village people tried to put obstacles ~~in~~ in the way instead of helping the noble cause. Finally Baba even threatened them with legal and spiritual punishments both, if they persisted in such unholy tricks. After this at the request of Baiji it was decided to observe Padri's birthday which falls tomorrow by providing ~~at~~ tea & sweets party to the mandali and a half-day off to ~~the~~ Padri himself and then all retired for the night at about 11 o'clock.

Thurs. 26. 11. 25

Besides being Thursday it was the hindoo Ekadashi 99 and consequently there was a record ^{dawn} rush of visitors to Meherabad. From the very ~~dark~~ people from Nagar & the surrounding villages began to pour in steadily. The string of these suffering in-way or the other humanity almost continuously kept on passing before ^{Baba} late till 8 in the night. ~~the~~ Almost all were heard and advised by Baba patiently and kindly. On account of the rush Shri could not do his daily writing work between 8 to 12 in the morning.

A large number of the Arugon villagers were summoned before Baba this morning when they

were severly taken to task for inducing the Dukars to take ^{to} dead animal skin dealing. Baba informed them that he had expressly ordered all the village Dukars to have nothing to do with dead animals save burying them out of the village - Hence those who were in need of the skins of their dead animal should come to him instead of troubling the Dukars when they will be paid Rs 2/- in lieu of ~~such~~ the skins of the buried animals. Behramji & Rustamji acted as the chief mouth-pieces for Baba as well as in organising and managing the turbulent meeting.

A Bhajan Mela of about 30 to 40 persons came from Walli and did an enthusiastic Bhajan for nearly two hours before Baba.

Baba garlanded and kissed Padri on his birth-day today after which all were ~~treat~~ treated to tea and sweets at Mr Shahnawaz's place in the afternoon.

Mr Sarlaram the blind Bhajan-kari's Bhajan then took place at the same place when Baba presented him with a Harmonium worth 125/- as Presedi. A few games of Ata-Palas and supper followed, after which instead of the Bhajans ~~singing~~ ~~sing~~ Mr Joshi, a young man from Dager entertained all with Kirtan.