

Mon 30. 11. 25.

Today's Baba's inspection programme also included in personally going & seeing for himself whether a reported dead goat was duly buried by the local Fishers or not. At 2 P.M. the ~~new kitchen~~ opening ceremony of the new kitchen was made in a very lively atmosphere. Baba lighted the hearth for the first time with his own hands followed by some gorse-tran recitations & ceremonies which were gone through by Pesholan. Following the ceremonial side, came the gramophone playing, Savlaram's sweet Bhajans, and some ~~humorous~~ humorous recitations ending with the inevitable distribution of Tea, sweets and Bhajis to all.

Thus on such occasional "opening ceremonies" etc the Mandali gets a change of eatables and delicious stimulant, tea! which in the ordinary course of the ~~same~~ daily routine is a "rare blessing". It is generally the prospect of tea and sweets that provides

the motive force in bringing about such ceremonies so very frequently. In the night again all the Inehars were sent for and for a long time they were once again patiently made to hear and ~~understand~~ observe clean living, sober habits, avoidance of all animal food, and dead animal dealings and at the same time behaving respectfully towards the other villagers.

In view of the Inehars having ceased to take out the skins of the dead animals the majority of the villagers ceased giving them certain privileges and presents which however Baba conveyed to them ~~that they will~~ be fully made up by Him.

After the meeting Baba & party went out for a walk for about a mile, ~~when~~ upon returning it was reported that a Inehar had assaulted ~~to one of~~ ~~his own~~ a female member of his own family.

~~He~~ He was severely taken to task by Baba who also told him never in future to use violence towards the weaker sex and as a punishment asked him to observe a fast. Then for sometime Baba & mandali indulged in 'Soor-Kathi' of playing till midnight when all retired for the night.

Wed. 2nd Dec '25

The Fishers and the 'Patil' did not inform Baba about a ~~dead~~ death of a goat in the village as per his orders in this connection. Consequently once ~~again~~ a meeting of all the principal Fishers was called before Baba tonight. Late till midnight Baba took the pains ~~of~~ ^{of} discussing with the Fishers their latest mistake.

After severe warnings they were however pardoned and dismissed. The mandali were again asked to revive the original arrangement of fasting and to remain only on light tea ~~without~~ and water throughout ~~the~~ ^{the following day} and ~~to~~ begin eating normally from Friday morning.

Thurs. 3. 12. '25.

The mandali was rather late by 15 minutes in getting out of respective beds on account of excessive cold ^{of night} at which Baba became very angry and insisted that in future all should get up punctually at 6.30. The usual tea party was held at Mr. Shahne's place when almost everyone of the party took about 4 or 5 ~~or~~ cups of tea because of the fasting. When Baba noticed this, the mandali once again came in to be criticized severely and all were asked not to observe fasting again on next Thursday.

The rush of the visitors was so much today that there was a crowd of them collected even at Mr. Shahne's place for the short time that the party ~~was~~ was sitting there for tea. The out-station visitors also included a batch of a dozen well to do Parsis who had ^{specially} come for the Darshan ~~specially~~ from Bombay.

In the night a Kirtan was held till bed-time.

Wed 9. 12. '25.

The only remarkable change in the daily routine at Meerabad for the last six days was about Baba's writing time. Instead ~~for~~ of sitting at this work from 8 to 12 Sri did it in the afternoon time till 4 or 5 P.M. and similarly the morning time was passed busily in his usual enquiries & inspection over all activities and departments. Savlaram's Bhajan to the accompaniment of harmonium and 'Tabla' has become a ~~daily~~ feature of the daily programme these days. Gandhi's latest writing in the paper about ~~of~~ being in search of a Guru came in for a lengthy discussion between Baba & the mandali.

During which Sri conveyed through signs and writing that Gandhi would require nearly three more lives before he would reach Perfection. He is greatly prepared without being aware of it ~~to~~ for a divine upliftment and the time is near at hand when he will become a Sadguru after the next two or three forms. Then the mandali were encouraged with the comparison that they were far better than even ~~to~~ Gandhi in as much as they had already come across a Guru and while he was searching for one ~~to~~ to whom he could surrender body and soul. Some more nick names were awarded to some of the mandali so general, Chakkar, & Dukkar respectively by Baba.

The latter was a student in a helpless condition when he came to Baba, who arranged for his boarding, lodging, clothing and school books to his full satisfaction.