

From Pandoba's Diary -

Sun. 21.3.26. Jamshedi Navroz!

On account of this holiday the schools, grinding, tailoring, medical and watering departments were all closed today. Soon after coming out of his retiring place at 6 in the morning Shri distributed Jelebis to all, and after the distribution took his seat upon the specially decorated settee in the Sai-Darbar. The ladies were the first to conduct Arti-Pujas. Following the ceremonies Baba and the male mandali were photographed in a group twice. The first picture was taken in the Darbar itself and the second a full size one, near the Hospital. Visitors and outsiders were allowed to sit in for the second photo. Besides, Baba also sat for a picture separately. A Special 'Culaw', tastefully prepared by Massji ~~made~~ and a similar preparation separately cooked by Vishnu's mother provided a jolly food dinner to both the Hindoo and non-Hindoo members of the mandali respectively. After the meals some of the members were made to work a stone-roller over the grounds of the new school extensions. In the afternoon a tea party was held at Kaki's house where Shri also discoursed upon divine subjects. While the most entertaining feature of the day was Piaroo Quawall's beautiful ~~and~~ singing which took place in the hospital premises between ~~and~~ the hours of 3.30 and 6.30. very successfully. At supper all were provided with a special sweet-jelly preparations. On account of a Sunday a good many people had come to see Baba from the city.

Mon. 22.3.26

The holiday was extended for another day. The mandali were served with jelly along with the usual tea and bread in the morning for the breakfast. Thereafter Baba distributed quinine pills and fruits amongst them. Following some drills and rolling the ground exercises all took their ~~meals~~ ^{meals} at 11 o'clock which consisted of ^{the} Ashy Dham-Sak which was again prepared by Messaji that day. Dry fruits were then distributed to the mandali. After a tea party and spiritual discussions at Kaka's place in the noon, Piaroo's excellent Duawali was begun at 1 o'clock in the hospital premises. At the advent of some uninvited mohomeddams in the room and their insolent behaviour Baba went away from there, and the singing was stopped at 3.30. However again after supper when an excellent dish of vegetable stew was served to all, Piaroo's singing was held from 7 to 10 in the evening. ~~and which~~ ^{It} was greatly appreciated by Baba and ~~was~~ those of the mandali who could understand it.

It was followed by a Bhajan till 11.30 pm which was recited very enthusiastically by the ~~Indian~~ Shri Samarth Bhajan mandali of Bombay who ~~was~~ frequently used to come for the Bhajans when Baba was putting up in The Mangill-Inn at Dadar.

Having come to Aholner to participate in some religious ceremonies there and hearing Baba's presence in the near vicinity the devoted party had specially come for Baba's Darshan, when, as has been already been ~~not~~ written above they were allowed to recite the Bhajans for an hour.

There was also a Puranic lecture by Mr. Angel in the evening before the Duawali began.

Tue. 23. 3. 26.

The school was ^{re}opened as usual from today. Again Piaroo's singing was held specially before Baba and a few of the mandali between 9 to 11 in the morning in the Mahan. A prize distribution was held in the afternoon, when the boys who stood first in the annual exams were given presents under Baba's orders at the hands of Dr Ghani, who was ~~in the~~ at the end of the function, presented himself with a khaki H' kerchief by Baba. Piaru and his Sabalchi were also given silk handkerchiefs as presents by Baba when they departed along with other guests in the evening.

From 4 to 6 the boys indulged in their daily recreation the special feature today being Dipri-play and dance. Puran was also held in the evening for about an hour till 8. P.M. after which the mandali retired for the night at the usual time.

Wed. 24. 3. 26.

As an off-shoot of the Circle committee, a school committee has also come into existence of late. The majority of its members are elected from ~~the boys~~ amongst ^{the boys} themselves. They are authorized to pass by majority, recommendations to the 'mother' committee in connection with school matters and for action to be taken thereon. A meeting of this 'Baby' committee was held today ~~at~~ in the morning followed by another lengthy one of the Circle Committee in the afternoon.

After the boys had finished their usual sports in the evening Baba and some mandali ^{also} played cricket for ~~quite~~ about half an hour. Dhakras Bua delivered Paranic lectures between 7 and 8 in the evening.