

Wednesday 21st July '26

Today being Ashadashi Day, some of the Hindoo members and school ~~members~~ boys who wanted to observe fasts were allowed to do so. They remained on milk and tea throughout the day. In the afternoon the school boys were all given a jolly good bath as usual by Baba and some of the mandali.

Puran reading by Mr Angal followed the usual Bhejan of the boys in the evening.

A good deal of bustle bustle is going on for the celebration of Dwa-Dashi tomorrow specially in the Arunjam village where the villagers have invited Baba on the occasion of the Dwa-Dashi celebrations.

Thursday 22nd July 26.

The hindoo mandali's enthusiastic hands once again turned the colony of Ucherabad into a country fair. Every where there were different coloured bunting and flags and mango-leave decorations hanging about suitable places and across the roads.

The school ~~was~~<sup>is</sup> of course closed for the day and a general holiday is observed.

Baba was given a ceremonial bath after which the usual Arti and Pujan was

performed by all as the first thing in the morning. At 10. A. M. the Mahars of the village lead Baba to the "Samarambh" (celebrations) that they had arranged at Durgam in His honour, in a procession, ~~with~~ Baba was made to sit in a carriage and pier which was gorgeously decorated with flowers and flags.

The procession with the Nagara and ~~band~~ a party of band playing with an enthusiastic vigour and the wildly cheering crowds all round was unique in the history of this normally very quiet village. Even the route to the village was decorated with bunting and arches which added no little colour to the picturesque procession. At the village the Mahars had put up a nicely decorated Pandap for Baba and party to sit in with a specially decorated seat therein for Baba. When Baba took His seat upon it, the enthusiastic crowds loudly chanted forth Baba's Arti and after that for some time they repeated some Bhajans also. In the noon the party was served with "Laphsi" refreshment and again tea and sweets in at 2'o'clock. Besides the local villagers a large number of people from the surrounding villages had also come for the Dua-Bashi celebrations and had the benefit of Shri's Darshan.

The affair was a huge success and great enthusiasm and animation prevailed throughout the day. At night Baba gave in return a nice dinner to all the Mahars and their families when the dining was continued till late

till midnight ~~when~~ <sup>and</sup> about 700 hundreded people ~~there~~ (besides the residents) had a square meal at Incherabad. But again the day was not without a tragic side.

During the heavy rains in the afternoon when it rained cats and dogs for nearly <sup>3</sup> hours a cart ~~with~~ full of human beings while crossing the Arunpau river was washed aside in a torrent of sudden floods in the river. Although heroic efforts were made by some of the villagers to render prompt assistance ~~and~~ three lives were lost!

§ The rescued persons were brought in a carriage to Incherabad when they were promptly attended too and made comfortable after changing their drenched garments, and were quickly brought round.

Friday 23rd July 26. The 'Liquid' Programme  
Ends.

From today Baba again changed His diet, and stopped remaining only upon liquids. He took solid food in the afternoon and declared that hereafter He will be taking one meal daily and water and tea <sup>only</sup> between the hours of 3 to 5 P.M. A special general meeting was held at night to consider if any changes were practicable in bringing about the water and food arrangement of both the Hindus and Non-hindus members together. Quite a heated discussion followed between the orthodox and advanced section of the

mandali. Baba wound up the discussion finally and advised to let the present separate arrangements continue as they are, as although according to Baba all Sadgurus are equal to him and all religious customs mere drill and routine yet the religious feelings of each other should be scrupulously respected and under no circumstances the susceptibilities of any one be injured. On the contrary all facilities and encouragement should be given to ~~revoke~~ a staunch follower of any religious law that is Shariat. Finally calling the meeting a "Gurudi meeting" Baba dispersed them all.

Today ~~at~~ a lot of 15 new boys was admitted in the school which is as far a record number of boys admitted in one day excepting at the time of beginning the school.

After all had retired for the night Seroop who has been given the duty of a watch man near the hospital, blew his danger-whistle sharply at about midnight when there was a great bustle created. All the Guekan residents ran out with big sticks in their sleeping garments only to find a pony grazing at the back of the hospital leisurely!! It seems the "watch man" mistook the poor pony for ~~the~~ a thief and hence gave out the alarm! Swearing and grumbling at the unnecessary disturbance all once again took to their respective beds.