

Thur. 17. 9. 25.

As usual Thursday proved a busier day for all. Besides the daily activities all the school boys were shaved and bathed. Sri personally had a hand in the latter work. The crowd of visitors was also very great. So much so that to enable Baba to attend to all, the general Superintendent was authorized to hear the peoples complaints and troubles and present them to Sri in "short" form when all were given suitable advises by Baba through subtle writings. The tea party at Mr. Saksana's house was also enjoyed by all where besides the physical stimulant all got an intellectual "tonic dose" as well through Baba's written explanations.

Fri. 18. 9. 25

In the evening two of the local village Dabis i.e. belonging to the caste of those ~~had~~ doing oil business came to Sri, and complained that they had not killed the goat according to his advise on the yearly feast that has been held at their place but some of the village people refused to come to the feast for this reason.

At this Baba took the whole mandali with him and went to this Dailji's place in the village. At first Sri sent Anandji to try to bring round those who were refusing to take part in the feast but finding the couple of 'leaders' bent upon sticking to their decisions they were left alone and the Baba & mandali partook of the food and came back to the colony. Baba "said" he liked these village folk one & all including those who had shown the stubbornness of not taking part in the feast inspite of the requests and explanations but he did not like their such bad habits and actions. He "said" they must be

improved and freed of such unreasonable conducts and instructed Rustomji to try once again in bringing round the 'rebelious' party tomorrow but also enjoined upon all not to use any violence in such work which at times proves highly provocative through ignorance & ill-breeding on the part of these poor villagers.

Sat. 19. 9. '25

The first thing in the <sup>early</sup> morning Rustomji took all of the mandali with him to Aragon to remonstrate with those unreasonable villagers. One of the two chief leaders was not found at home but however he was fished out from the adjoining fields and after some discussions the 'rebelious' group was prevailed upon to come in Baba's presence. By the time all reached near Baba's zhopdi, nearly 60 to 70 people had got-together and the consequent din and discussions caused Sri to come out earlier. After some discussions in Baba's presence it transpired that <sup>some</sup> misunderstanding was the only reason of all the disobedience and stubbornness on the part of some of the villagers. And as when all was made clear, the parties concerned tendered their apologies to Sri and the trouble came to a peaceful end for all.

There was a heavy downpour of rain this afternoon.

Baba gave a very interesting explanation on the Powers of the Almighty tonight.

20-9-25 Sun.

Dharmashala Opened.

After the Puranic lectures of Mr Angel pleader the boys were given a bath by Baba and some of the mandali. In the afternoon the school and dispensary were closed in celebration of the opening ceremony.

of the newly completed Dharmashala for outside visitors to this place, the number of whom is steadily increasing every day. The beginning of the ceremony caused great merriment to all as Shri signed to Daman tailor to make a suitable speech. This worthy in spite of having a bulley body has a feeble tongue and poor power of expression. Specially on such occasions, whatever little that he can talk, he loses all sound and very ~~hardly~~ gets out of him in broken and halting sentences with heavy breathing and profuse perspiration all over his body.

Similarly, in spite of his best heroic efforts all that he could blurt-out was "I thank Baba for opening this Dharmashala" However after this amusement Baba asked Dinkar to explain to all the purpose of the day's meeting and the new premises. The latter did great justice to the subject and declared to all the aims and objects of the Dharmashala in flowing Marathi. After some more suitable explanations Shri distributed to all the Jelas that had been specially ordered from Dagar for this occasion along with the other sweets brought by some outstation devotees of Shri. Also tea & Bhojigas were supplied to all in abundance. The ~~principle~~ two principle villagers who had apologized to Shri ~~to~~ yesterday in connection with the Daily feast were presented with Pagotas & Dhoters which they accepted from Baba after great remonstrations.

It again rained heavily this evening till late in the night, which was attributed by Baba as an omen of the apologies tendered by the villagers.



Wed. 23. 9. '25

A very simple but successful Kirtan was held this evening from 7 to 10. The Kirtankari Bue although did not seem to be a very learned man but he still had a very flowing and interesting way of expressing himself. The Kirtan hall was packed to the full with the mandali, some visitors and the villagers, so much so that many had to stand outside. Got all were greatly satisfied with the Kirtan, the subject dealt being "Ramdev Maharaj's Marriage". At the conclusion Shri asked the Kirtankari to come again and give one more of his interesting expatians on the 25th instant.

Thur. 24. 9. '25

Amongst the host of visitors to Baba today, was found to be a young Kumbi woman apparently with an unsound mind. She was admitted in the hospital as a patient. Shri seems to be very attentive to such mad people and personally supervises their feeding etc. Again Kirtans took place this evening, one was held from 4 to 6-30 and the other 7 to 10 in the night. The latter was found to be very interesting.

Sun. 27. 9. '25

### Dusrah Festivities.

For the last so many days the hindoo party under the leadership of Arjoon Master was very busy in preparing for the Dusrah Festivities on a grand scale. In consideration of their enthusiasim, devotion and entreaties Baba had also been very liberal in complying with all their requests.

A complete holiday was declared today, when the both the schools and dispensary were put ~~to~~ <sup>under</sup> the locks.

Baba, inspite of his hesitation, was prevailed upon by Arjoon to come & sit ~~at~~ in for a bath in the special

prepered and decorated bath room the first thing in the morning. ~~He~~ was profusely ~~applied~~ Perfumes and Perfumed oils were profusely applied all over Shri's body and then washed away with soap scores of times. All the mandali took part in ~~the~~ bathing Baba. After this Shri was made to have a change of linen in the Inkan & then to sit on the specially decorated rich seat - provided for him. When Baba took his seat Arti & Puja was made by all amidst great enthusiasm. Thereafter Sw. Anjal pleader began his Purans at 9 A.M. He beautifully explained the origin and importance of this great hindoo holiday in his simple but flowing language with suitable & interesting explanations & examples. The Puran came to an end at 11 o'clock when Baba distributed to all with his own hands a variety of rich sweets that had been specially brought for the ~~the~~ occasion from Gager as well some brought by ~~the~~ Baba's outside devotees, and the function came to a end so far as it concerned the morning programme. After dinner in spite of the general holiday and the great hum-drum <sup>Baba</sup> did not forego his daily grinding. For about two hours in the afternoon Shri sat for grinding along with some of the non-hindoo mandali. The afternoon programme was more lively. Arjundur had spent no pains in beautify and tastefully decorating a wooden palanquin ~~in~~ wherein the Photos of Shri Guberaj Betajan Sai Baba & Baba were placed suitably.

This <sup>was</sup> carried in a procession with a wild medley of the ~~vill~~ noisome village music, singing, & dancing. The younger members of the party took the most enthusiastic part in the procession which was a very large one with all the Arunpurn villagers



numerous outside visitors and almost all the inhabitants of Insherebad. Baba however did not accompany the procession and kept himself at his place. After going for a certain distance towards the Nagar the procession was turned in a field and stopped near a certain tree. Here again the Arti & Puja were gone through and just as the ceremonies came to an end Sri sent word to all to return back quickly in view of the threatening clouds. Accordingly the return journey ~~was~~ of the palangini was finished in no time in comparison with the first wild display of animation & enthusiasm. Just as the party reached back that it began to rain heavily. Again Arti was held in Sri's own presence after which Baba again distributed sweets to all. When the rain stopped for sometime Baba asked all the outsiders and the school boys of the village to get away to their respective homes quickly.

The former accordingly soon cleared away one after the other, but the boys were detained as their water bottles were not kept filled ready with water as usual.

(The boys have to take with them drinking water of the colony well everyday in separate bottles allowed to each to ensure their not taking unfiltered & dirty water home since they take their food <sup>well</sup> here) The bottles were filled in hurriedly and the boys were marched out after a few minutes. But they had hardly crossed half the way that once again a heavy shower of rain began to fall down.

Seeing this Sri became very angry and caught hold of Vishnu who was responsible for the delay in not keeping the water bottles ready as usual, and gave him a good (Pai ray) hiding. Then turning towards Brijom Baba asked him to give quinine pills to each of the boys when

He came back again in the morning. Kishan Inayat was also taken to task to a certain extent. In spite of Baba's order not to indulge in fire works the latter ~~did~~ <sup>had</sup> lighted some during the Procession and as a result got his hand badly burnt. While applying coconut <sup>oil on the burn</sup> ~~it~~ with his own hands Baba conveyed to Kishan that - "~~do not listen to me and this is the result~~" "This is the result of not listening to me"

With all the multifarious woods actions & engagements that Shri underwent He was never heard even to make the slightest sound in any way, the vow of silence is continued with the greatest strictness and freedom both!