

the diary of
Kakasaheb
Dixit



Introduction

Lord Sai Baba's name has been a name giving solace to many peace seeking souls. His Karma-Bhoomi is Shirdi. He lived in Shirdi sporting in flesh and body for sixty untiring years. During this time span devotees like Madhavrao Deshpande (alias Shama), Mhalsapati, Govindrao Dabholkar (alias Hemadpant), Nanasaheb Chandorkar, B.V.Dev, Hari Sitaram Dixit (alias Kakasaheb Dixit), G.S.Khaparde and many more to be added in the list, were associated to this Divine Embodiment. Except the first two, others were highly learned and had acquired considerable good position in social and professional fields gathering immense wealth, name and fame. Still their association with this Lord living in rags and dilapidated mosque was as deep as water in the sea. With their knowledge of words, many have written literature which serve as good source of history to the devotees of today. Hemadpant was given responsibility of noting down incidents happening in Shirdi and make biography of Lord Sai Baba named "Shri Sai Satcharitra". This task has been taken up with full faith and devotion by Hemadpant and presently this is the most popular literature read and followed by devotees of Lord Sai Baba.

The present work "Kakasaheb Dixit's Diary" is also another treasure of divine incidents which took place in Shirdi in times of Lord Sai Baba as gathered by Hari Sitaram Dixit (alias Kakasaheb Dixit). Sai Baba used to call him affectionately Langda Kaka. Kaka Saheb Dixit was known for his obedience to Baba's orders.

About Kakasaheb Dixit

Hari Sitaram Dixit alias Kakasaheb Dixit was born in a Brahmin family in a taluka named Khandva in Madhya Pradesh in the year 1864. His primary education was completed in Khandva and Hingan Ghat, after that he took admission in Alfiston College of Mumbai and became L.L.B. at very tender age of 19. After that, he appeared in Solicitors examination and at the age of 21 only, he joined a solicitors firm by name Little & Co. Then he started his own solicitors business. Due to sharp intelligence & good presence of mind he started earning good amount of money. He built a bungalow of his own in Lonawala from the wealth he earned. He was well versed in English language similarly he had good knowledge of Sanskrit too. He had a practice of reading Ramayan, Mahabharat, Yog Vashit and Jnaneshwari.

Injury to leg:



Once Kakasaheb Dixit went to London for some social service, while trying to board a fast train he missed a step of the train and fell at platform. There was sprain in his leg. It was a deep wound. Due to this reason he was not able to walk straight. He went through many treatments in London, operation was also undergone, still he was not able to walk properly and this remained till his end.

This Lameness of Kakasaheb Dixit's leg occurred only due to remove the fickleness of mind. Due to his lameness he got a chance of placing his feet on the soil of Shirdi. When calamity befalls on a human being, he dislikes everything. But sometimes such calamities prove to very useful.

When Kakasaheb Dixit returned with his lame leg to India, Sai Baba's name was not known to him. In the year 1909, once he went to Lonawala to spend vacation and stayed in his bungalow. There he met Nanasaheb Chandorkar his 'separated classmate'. After school education, Nanasaheb got engaged in government service and Kakasaheb started his own business. After many years they met in Lonawala.

Kakasaheb narrated his leg problem to Nanasaheb in detail. Nanasaheb said, "When all the dava (medicines) stop working then only Duaa (prayers to God) work.

Kakasaheb said, "Nana, I agree with you totally but today true saints are rare to find. If by chance we are successful in finding one, then it is only we have to repent in the end."

Nanasaheb answered, "Let me tell you something and hope that you will trust me truly. I am a disciple of one Guru Maharaj. His name is Sai Baba and he lives in Shirdi a small village near Kopergaon. You take his refuge, your lameness of leg will be cured and also the fickleness of your mind be destroyed. I have shared my views and opinion with you. My Guru Maharaj always said - If a sparrow's leg is tied to thread and pulled it is drawn to us without any effort, in the same way I draw My men towards Me from any corner of this earth. Those persons whose good fortunes have not risen are not called to Shirdi."

Kakasaheb was also a person of religious nature. His roots had deep knowledge and an urge to study spirituality. Nanasaheb was a learned person and he would not say anything meaningless. On hearing the words of Nanasaheb a new love towards Baba rised in Kakasaheb's heart. A divine devotion started growing and Maya (attachment) started decreasing. There and then he decided to meet Baba.

In the year 1910 Kakasaheb had to go to Ahmednagar for election work. He resided at Sardar Mirikar's house. Mirikar's were well known Sai devotees. Every member of Mirikar's family had full faith in Baba. In those days horse race gambling was popular. People were very interested to witness horse races. Sardar Mirikar also went to horse race with Kakasaheb and they met Balasaheb Mirikar, Mamlatdar of Kopergaon. Sardar Mirikar and Bala Saheb Mirikar were cousins. Nana Panse and Appa Gadre also turned up in due course. All started sharing infinite leelas of Baba with each other. Nana Panse said, "An intimate devotee of Baba, Madhavrao Deshpande is in Ahmednagar". After retiring from horse race, Mirikar sent his servant to fetch Madhavrao. On his arrival Kakasaheb got excited and hugged Madhavrao lovingly.

Madhavrao said, "My mother in law is now well due to Baba's grace, so leaving behind the advantage of darshan of Baba, now there is no need for me to stay here. I am leaving by today night's train". Kakasaheb Dixit thought that Shirdi is not very far from Kopergaon. The work of election can be done anyday. When the golden opportunity of Madhavrao's company is in front of me, I cannot miss it". They boarded in train at 10 o'clock from Ahmednagar and when they alighted at Kopergaon, they saw Nanasaheb Chandorkar standing on the platform.

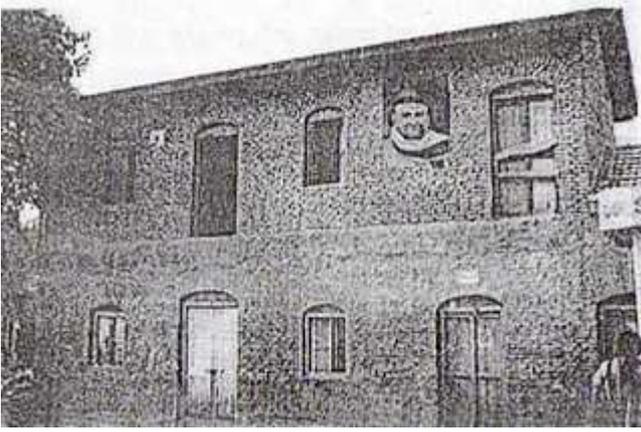
Nanasaheb said, "Had not I said that Sai Baba pulls his devotees like a sparrow with its legs tied to thread." The trio fully engrossed in happiness, took darshan of Lord Dattatreya and hired a tonga to Shirdi. As soon as Kakasaheb stepped in Dwarkamai, Lord Sai Baba said, "O Welcome Langda Kaka!"

After that Lord Sai Baba started calling him Langda Kaka and other people of Shirdi started calling him Kakasaheb. Kakasaheb Dixit got engrossed with Lord Sai Baba's darshan and he become still as picture drawn on canvas. His eyes were fixed as a stone.

Construction of Wada:

During his short presence in Shirdi he stayed in Sathe Wada. But he was uncomfortable there so he decided that God has given him money in abundance and it must be used for Him only.

Kakasaheb shared his heart's desire with Lord Sai Baba and for his noble work, His permission was seeked. He bought a small piece of land exactly in front of Sathe Wada. With the permission of Baba, the construction of wada started on December 10, 1910 and it was completed after four months. The wada was put to use from March 12, 1911.



With the powers, that rest in abode of Lord Baba, Kakasaheb's interest from worldly attachments and affairs started decreasing and he made Shirdi his home. He, one day said to Baba, "Baba, God has given enough money for food then why I be engaged in these worldly knots? I have got a chance to live in Shirdi by good fortune. I have no desire to leave the pleasure of heaven like Shirdi and go to any hell. I wish to wind up this solicitor's business and live in Shirdi forever."

Lord Sai Baba spoke in sweet voice, "Kaka Why there is need to wind up your business?" Kakasaheb answered, "O Baba in my business, I have to falsify the truth and false facts are to be made true."

Lord Baba said, "Others may do whatever they like, but why should we do? Do your business honestly without any false action, but there is no need to wind up the business."

Like this as per Lord Baba's advice Kakasaheb continued his business, but he spend most time of the year in Shirdi and served Lord Baba whole heartedly. Lord Baba gave him updesch to read Eknathi Bhagwat in morning and Ramayan at night daily, which he followed strictly even if he was traveling in train. This was his routine till the age of 62 when he took leave from this world forever.

In the year 1926, Kakasaheb Dixit's son Ramkrishna fell ill. He was admitted in hospital of Dr. Deshmukh. Kakasaheb intended to see him so he went to meet Govindrao R. Dabholkar in Colaba from Vile Parle. Before starting for the hospital, he lighted perfumed incense stick and sung the following melodious gazal by Dasganu Maharaj:

*Sai Reham Nazar Karna...
Bachoo Ka Palan Karna...
Jaanaa Tumne Jagat Pasara...
Sab Hi Jhoot Zamaanaa...
Sai Reham Nazar Karna...
Bachoo Ka Palan Karna...
Main Andha Hu Banda Apka...
Mujh Se Prabhu Dikhalana...
Sai Reham Nazar Karna...
Bachoo Ka Palan Karna...
Dasganu Kahe Ab Kya Bolu...
Thak Gayi Meri Rasna...
Sai Reham Nazar Karna...
Bachoo Ka Palan Karna...
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Then he left and reached Mahim station with Dabholkar where he meet Lord Baba's intimate devotee Raghunath Purandhare. On hearing about Ramkrishna's bad health, he also expressed his desire to go and see him in hospital. When they reached Mahim station, they were late by three minutes; still they were able to board the train with Lord Baba's grace.

After boarding the train, Kakasaheb said, "How kind is Sai Baba? He takes care of the minutest needs of His devotees. If we had missed the train our day would have spoiled and we had to spend the night in Colaba". Saying these words Kakasaheb closed his eyes. Purandhare and Dabholkar assumed that Kakasaheb got engrossed in Lord Baba's meditation.



About four to five stations passed away, now Dabholkar whispered to Kakasaheb, "Bhau, are you awake?" He repeated his question about three times, but he did not get reply and Kakasaheb seemed to be turning. So a doctor of railway was called from Mahim station. On examination doctor concluded while speaking Kakasaheb left this mortal world.

Kakasaheb's dead body was taken to his house in Vile Parle. On July 5, 1926, Monday, Ekadashi day at the age of sixty two, Kakasaheb entered Lord Sai Baba's real world

(i.e. heaven). Lord Baba always said him, "Kaka! I will take you in *vimana* (heavenly vehicle)".

From the point of view of a Sansaari purush, Kakasaheb's death was pleasing, fearless and surprising. From the point of view of spirituality, his death could be considered as a blessing from his Sadguru. It is said in Gita, "The last wish or thought that a man has at the hour of death, determines his future course and he attains the same".

In this case, when Kaksahab was talking about Lord OSai Baba' fame and kindness, he breathed his last. Thus he attained Sadgati. It is very rare that at the time of death a person has Lord's name in his mouth, only great person like Kakasaheb Dixit cannot forget to take the name of Lord Baba in his last moment.

Chapter 1 - Kakasaheb Dixit Diary



A few youngsters came to Shirdi for Lord Sai Baba's darshan. They wished to capture photograph of Lord Baba. When they did not succeed in this task for next two days, they disclosed their heart's desire to Madhavrao Deshpande (alias Shama) to request Lord Baba on their behalf. Shama advised them to meet Lord Baba when He returns from Lendi near Sathe Wada. So they all marched towards the Wada and stood there waiting for Him. Lord Baba returned from Lendi and reached near Wada. He questioned Shama about the matter. Shama quietly answered, "Baba, these young boys want to take Your photo and that is the reason we all have assembled here.

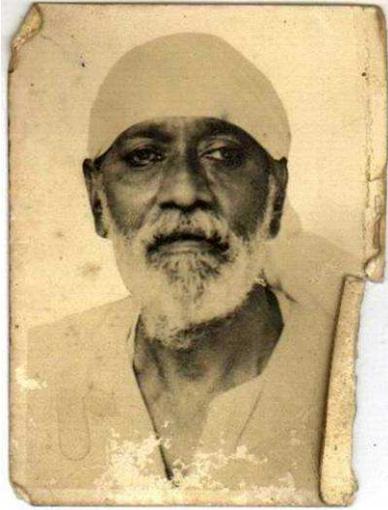
Please stand here for a while" Lord Baba said, "There is no need to take My photo. To know My Real Form they just need to break the wall of difference between us" and quickly went to Dwarkamai Masjid. The youngsters wished to take photograph of three and a half feet of body of Lord Sai Baba which exactly was not His Real Form. They failed to realize that this world and Lord Baba are not different. The feelings of Dwaitya (duality) existed in their hearts and they saw Him only as a Body with Flesh and Blood. This ignorance was noticed by Him, so He wished that this wall of difference should be demolished. He wanted to His every devotee to get rid of hindrances in the path of spirituality and learn His Real Form.

Sometime later, a person from Prabhusamaj came for Lord Sai Baba's Darshan. He was working as a photographer for sometime in a photo studio in Bombay. Even he had the desire to take BABA's photo and he decided to take Baba's photo without His permission as he was unsure about seeking His permission and went on to take Baba's photo. After returning, when he cleaned the negative of the photo, to his amazement he found his Guru's photo instead of Lord Sai Baba's. He was dumb founded seeing this extraordinary miracle. He then came to a conclusion that Lord Sai Baba has shown this miracle to teach him a lesson that one should have determined faith on his own guru.

After few years of Mahasamadhi of Lord Sai Baba, there was heavy flood in MW region. Lord Baba came into his dream pointing towards a box said, "There is a green coloured cloth in this box and I wish you sent it to Shirdi to cover My Samadhi". He was not aware of any cloth in the box as he had forgotten. When he was reminded about the box and cloth in dream, he made a deliberate search for it in the box. To his amazement, he found green cloth. Accordingly he informed about dream and green cloth to Shirdi Sansthan and sent it to Shirdi. After 1923, this cloth was frequently used to cover Mahasamadhi of Lord Sai Baba.

A boy who belonged to Thane region of Mumbai was missing from many years. His father made all possible efforts to find him, but in vain. At last he went to Shirdi and told Lord Sai Baba about his condition. Lord Baba comforted him saying that he will get back his son very soon. After spending two days in Shirdi, he returned home with permission of Lord Baba. He boarded train from Manmad to Bombay (now Mumbai) and reached Thane. At the same time a train came and halted. The father saw his son alighting that train. Both father and son met after a long time and Lord Baba's words came true.

Chapter 2 - Kakasaheb Dixit Diary



Once Lord Sai Baba appeared in Shama's dream to inquire whether he had been to Govardana Das's house. On receiving negative answer from Shama, He said, "Govardan's mother is no more, so you should go and console him. Shama had no doubt in Lord Baba's words, so he went to meet Govardan the next day at about 3 P.M. On reaching, he found that Lord Baba's words in his dream were absolutely true. Govardan's mother died the previous day and Shama was sent there timely.

A person named Dwarkanath come to Shirdi. He carried a letter for Lord Sai Baba which was given by his uncle to be given to Lord Baba. Dwarkanath's uncle had described his daughter's health issues in the letter. When the letter was handed over to Lord Baba, He whispered that she will pass away soon. I (Kakasaheb Dixit) heard these words distinctly, but others could not. Later on, when the letter was read out to Lord Baba, Dwarkanath asked Him, "When can I bring my wife here?" Lord

Baba said, "She will herself come to my place after four days". On fourth day, she passed away and Lord Baba's words came true.

Once on Guurpoornima, Hemadpant came to Shirdi alongwith his family. The money which he had brought with him got exhausted in two days leaving him penniless. After one day, I and Moreshwar Pardhan reached Shirdi. Pradhan was also left without money soon. Next day, Lord Baba asked for dakshina from Pradhan. He said, "I do not have any penny with me". Lord Baba said, "Go to Anna Sahib (Hemadpant) and get the money". Pradhan knew that even Hemadpant's money was exhausted. But Lord Baba's command had to be followed. So without saying a word, Pradhan went to Hemadpant and asked for money. Hemadpant was rather perplexed at such a demand of Pradhan. He questioned, "How did you know that I have money with me now? Just now a person residing in Bandra got money for me." Nobody knew about this affair because it happened a few minutes ago before Pradhan went to Hemadpant, but what was secret from the divine vision of Lord Baba?

A Muslim devotee went to Lord Baba. His friend who was Brahmin by caste was sentenced to death. The devotee requested Lord Baba to save his friend from this punishment. Lord Baba blessed him saying, "He will be blessed by God in four days." At the said time, the Brahmin was released on an appeal and he was freed from death sentence.

Shri. Chidambar Gadgil was a devotee of Lord Ganesha. He was also devoted to Lord Baba and saw Lord Ganesha in Him. He did pooja to Lord Baba in the way as he did to Lord Ganesha. Lord Baba wanted to confirm his faith in Lord Ganesha and once when Gadgil was worshipping Lord Baba, He suddenly spoke, "This old man is a deceiver. Throw this Mahatara (an endearing name for fellow devotee) out, he says that there is a rat below my gaadi (mattress)." Gadgil was happy to note that Lord Baba accepted his worship and his seeing Lord Ganesha in Him.

Chapter 3 - Kakasaheb Dixit Diary



One day, in afternoon, Lord Sai Baba asked me (Dixit) whether Pradhan has come. I answered that he has not come. I sought permission from Lord Baba to send a message to Pradhan to come to Shirdi. Lord Baba answered in affirmative. So a message was sent to him through Bala Shimpi.

At the same time when Lord Baba enquired about Pradhan, he was with some person in a bar room in Bombay (now Mumbai) High Court and suddenly he fell unconscious. He was continuously chanting name of Lord Baba. His friend went to seek medical aid nearby and by the time he returned, Pradhan had regained consciousness. After some time, he returned his home in Santacruz by travelling in train without anybody's help.

Next day, Bala Shimpi came from Shirdi and gave him Lord Baba's Udi and a letter written by me regarding the message which Lord Baba wanted to convey. Pradhan was even told that suddenly Lord Baba remembered him. He came to know for what reason did Lord Baba asked about him. Thus this merciful God takes care of His devotees when they are in trouble and even though they are very far from Him.

Once Pradhan wrote a letter to Lord Baba in my name, when I was in Shirdi to invite Him for opening ceremony of Lord Ganesh's idol in a temple constructed in Santacruz. I informed about the letter and matter contained therein to Lord Baba. He gave affirmation on the same. I wrote a letter about Lord Baba's approval to Pradhan. On the same day Pradhan's sister-in-law named Smt. Thaaibai saw a dream. She saw someone installing Lord Ganesh's idol. She informed about her dream to everyone in morning. After some time, Pradhan received my letter. Thus Lord Baba informed Pradhan about His approval even before my letter reached to him and increased his faith many folds.

My friend once complained to me that he was not able to sleep even for a minute for past eight days when we both were at work. Doctor's medicines were not helpful as well. I gave him Udi which I got from Shirdi and asked him to keep it near him for three consecutive days. Next day he came and happily informed me that he had sound sleep the previous night as soon as Udi was placed near him.

Another friend of mine who resides in Bandra came to Shirdi with his son who was also suffering from sleeping disorder. That night he slept calmly without any problem in Shirdi. Henceforth this disease left him for lifetime.

Due to the love and devotion for Lord Sai Baba in my heart, Shirdi had become my permanent home. One day I decided not to have dinner for the rest of his life. This was shared with all others in Wada (Dixit Wada). After Madhyayan arti that day, Lord Baba asked him what he was planning to have for dinner that day. I replied, "I am ready to cook and serve You anything You wish." "As usual prepare Dal (Lentil soup) and Poli (Chapati – also known as Roti)" came the reply. I asked him, whether I can prepare the same for that day's dinner and offer as Naivedhya to Him in Dwarkamai. Lord Baba answered, "Bring the preparation here but you have it in Wada itself". I said, "Today I will have dinner as per Your wish, but from tomorrow I have vowed not to eat anything in dinner". Lord Baba did not answer me at that time.

The next day again He asked me to prepare Naivedya of His wish and asked me to have the same. In this way He did not allow me to fast and also showed His disinterest in carrying fast. After sometime, He did not ask me about dinner because He knew that I was having dinner regularly by not sticking to my vow.

Chapter 4 - Kakasaheb Dixit Diary



A devotee named Madhur Das came to Shirdi often. During one of such visits, he met Sagun Meru Naik who had a hotel in Shirdi where many pilgrims had their food. They both had good time chatting about matters of other people's faults and affairs. Then Madhur Das went to Lord Sai Baba and sat near Him. Lord Baba asked him, "What was this Sagun saying?" Now Madhur immediately recollected what fault of his was caught by Lord Baba. He remembered that Lord Baba did not like when people blame others and talk about them for no reason. In this way, Lord Baba again reminded Madhur and us not to indulge ourselves in other's matters because what is for us, is with us and what is for others, is with them.

Shantabai's left hand's fingers were full of worms and it caused her unbearable pain. To cure her from this ailment, Lord Sai Baba once appeared in her dream and asked her to apply Dikamali – a type of herb (Cambium gum) on the paining hand and fingers. She was very happy to get this advice from Lord Baba in dream and she instantly followed it. To the surprise of all, the swelling and pain disappeared within seconds of applying the herb. This was noted in a letter which was sent to Shirdi on September 1, 1918.

Narayan Gopinath Dige of Bombay had pain in his intestine. It was getting intense day by day. He consulted many doctors in Bombay and tried many medicines to no effect. A friend of his was a devotee of Lord Sai Baba and thus he advised Narayan to go to Shirdi, place his problem before the Lord there, and He is sure to take care of. But since his condition was rather serious, he showed his inability to travel to Shirdi. However he was confident that Lord Baba's grace would certainly cure him. He vowed once he gets alright, he would certainly go to Shirdi to pay his homage.

His friend thus gave him Udi and advised him to apply it on his forehead daily. Narayan did exactly as directed and next day itself, he was relieved from pain. After one week he got completely fine and he started for Shirdi and had Lord Baba's darshan.

In another occasion, a person named Joshi's daughter was suffering from serious health issues from many years. One day her condition became so critical that she was at death's door. Her mother gave her Udi and Lord Baba's arti. Immediately her condition started to improve, but she had not recovered completely. After some time, Joshi alongwith his wife and daughter came to Shirdi. The girl had turned very weak due to long illness and she barely could walk. So her parents carried her to Dwarkamai before Lord Baba. He applied Udi on her face. After three days, she was completely cured. Now she could walk without anybody's support. Such is the divine power of Udi.

This incident happened in 1913. Shri. G.K.Vaidya of Dahanu once came to Shirdi for Lord Baba's darshan. He spent nice time with Lord Baba. After returning he advised his elder brother Atmaram to visit Shirdi. Atmaram as per his brother's advice came to Shirdi. His age was 42 years at that time. His wife had left his home and was staying at her mother's place as some misunderstandings and problems cropped up between them. They hardly lived together and their marriage seemed to be hollow. Many of their family members tried to re-unite them, but the lady was not ready to return to her husband. While Atmaram was in Shirdi, the lady went to his place and said to her brother-in-law (G.K.Vaidya) that, that was her real home and it was improper for her to be at her parent's place from so long. Vaidya was surprised at this sudden change. He was sure that what all has happened is due to the grace of Lord Baba only. Then after, Atmaram and his wife lead a happy life with their kids and there was no place for any problem or misunderstanding between them.

Chapter 5 - Kakasaheb Dixit Diary



Shri. S.B.Naachne was working as a treasury master at Dahanu in the year 1914. Shri. Fanse was an employee at his work place who was suffering from mental disorder. Once Shri. Naachne was praying to Lord Sai Baba in his shrine which was in kitchen, suddenly he heard a loud noise. He saw Fanse standing there. Forcibly he came near Naachne and squeezed his neck. Further he advanced towards him to suck blood from his neck and tried to eat it. Naachne somehow took spoon which he used to offer water and thrust it in Fanse's mouth. Fanse immediately closed his mouth and started eating his fingers. Since Fanse

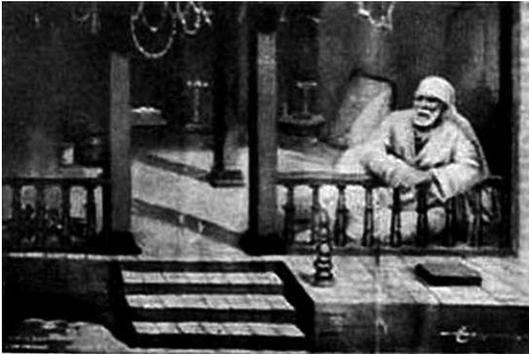
had pressed Naachne's neck with great pressure, his nails were pierced causing intense bleeding in the neck. Due to this attack, Naachne fell down unconsciousness. When he regained consciousness, he saw his mother, younger brother and doctor around him. he came to know that his mother and brother came and saved him from this insane person at the nick of time. After few days, he went to Shirdi. When he went to Dwarkamai in the afternoon, Lord Sai Baba, pointing towards Naachne, said to Anna Chinchankar, who was seated nearby Him, "If I had delayed a single minute that person would have killed this person. When his neck was being pressed tightly, I went and rescued him and thus averted his death. If I don't save My children who else will".

One of my neighbor Anandrao Krishna Choubal was staying with her mother. He and his mother once accompanied me to Shirdi. His mother was a very learned and knowledgeable person. She had decided to offer eight annas as dakshina to Lord Sai Baba. For this reason she asked her son to bring change of Re. 1. In the change, she received one 50 paise coin and two 25 paise coins. When she went to have Lord Baba's darshan, she offered only one 25 paise coin and was about to leave. Lord Baba called her back and asked her to give another 25 paise coin as per her decision and asked, "Why did not you give me My other four annas and cheated this poor Brahmin." Hearing this she felt ashamed on her act and offered the remaining dakshina.

Shankar Rao's mother once planned to visit Shirdi and from there they wanted to proceed to Pandharpur and few other places of pilgrimage. As per her plan she first went to Shirdi. When she went to take Lord Baba's darshan, she was asked to return home and given Udi. Thus she cancelled her trip to Pandharpur and other pilgrimages. She had to consider Shirdi as her Pandharpur. After reaching home, when she unpacked her luggage to give Udi to all others, she did not find Udi in it. Instead of Udi, Bukka (fragrant powder formed of various ingredients) which one gets on visiting Pandharpur shrine, was present. She was surprised at this change, but then she was convinced that since she considered Shirdi as Pandharpur, she was given Prasad of Pandharpur only.

In the year 1915, I, my wife, brother-in-law and Shankar Rao started for Shirdi. On our way, we met Vasudev Sitaram Saamanth who was working as Veterinary and Sanitary officer at Basin. On his knowing that we were bound to Shirdi, he gave me two anaas and also asked me to buy coconut, incense sticks and camphor to offer to Lord Sai Baba on his behalf. I took this responsibility and money and proceeded with our journey. After having pleasant darshan, we asked for Lord Baba's permission to leave. He granted us permission but asked for two anaas, coconut, incense sticks and camphor. He exclaimed that we have cheated poor Brahmin. I quickly went and fetched those things and offered them to Lord Baba. He said, "When you decide to take up any task, do it with utmost care or else don't accept it."

Chapter 6 - Kakasaheb Dixit Diary



Once Shankar Rao came to Shirdi, when I (Kakasaheb Dixit) was also present. Lord Sai Baba asked him for Rs. 16 as dakshina. He did not have that much money and did not disclose this fact to Him. He was very sorry that he could not give dakshina to Lord Baba though He asked directly. Thinking about this, he returned to his town.

On his another visit, Lord Baba asked Rs. 32 as dakshina from him. He again could not give what Lord Baba asked for and felt very sorry. This matter was made known to me. I laughed and said, "When Lord Baba asked for money, you could have told him that you don't have it. Why did you keep silent?" Shankar Rao assured that when he was asked for dakshina, he will give this reply to Lord Baba.

When we went to Masjid together, Lord Baba asked him Rs. 64 as dakshina. We both said, "How can we have such a huge amount of money?" Lord Baba answered, "If you don't have, then ask others and get it".

A few days later, Lord Baba suffered from health issues. Devotees then did Naam-Saptah and Annadaan for Lord Baba's health. Dabholkar's wife and Vaman Bal Krishna Rao started to collect money for this purpose. Vaman Rao then handed over this job to his younger brother Shankar Rao and also informed about the matter to me. We contributed our part for this job. After collection, when we counted the money, it came exactly to Rs. 64. We then remembered Lord Baba's words about asking and getting Rs. 64 from others. We were also surprised to notice that Lord Baba knew exact amount.

On 31/3/1915, Nachne and his colleague Shantaram Moreshwar Panse were returning home after finishing an official assignment. The route was through a dense forest and the only mode of transportation was a bullock cart. It was late night when they reached near Ranshet region. This forest was known to be populated by tigers.

Suddenly the bullock cart started rolling backwards. They wondered the cause of bullock's such behavior. At first no reason could be discerned. Then it came to notice that the road ahead was broken on one side and at other side there were boulders (rocks). If the cart moved a little, all of them would fall into the deep ravine.

Just then Panse pointed his finger in front of him. Nachne looked straight into eyes of a tiger. The tiger had come from rock on the other side of the road. If the bulls in terror swerved a little they would have fallen to their death and if all of them got down to prevent cart from rolling back, the tiger would attack on them.

Panse thought of getting down and put a stone on the wheels of the cart so that it may resist from rolling backwards. So he got down from the other side of the cart. Nachne who was still seated in the cart started shouting on the top of his voice, "Hail Sai Baba, Baba, run and come to our aid." Panse also joined him. This frightened the tiger and it run away. Thus Nachne's faith in Baba acted as savior of all of them.

Chapter 7 - Kakasaheb Dixit Diary



Once Madhavrao Deshpande (Shama) suffered a lot from typical type of pain. He went to Lord Sai Baba and shared his problem. Lord Baba said, "I will give the medicine in afternoon". To save His dear devotee from the pain he was suffering, Lord Baba Himself prepared some decoction using sonamukhi (English name: *Alexandrin Senna*, Hindi name: *Sonamukhi*. Sanskrit name: *Rajvriksa, Bhumyahali*) leaves. He called out Shama and asked him to have the medicine as soon as possible. The moment he took the medicine, the pain started to subside and no trace of it remained.

After two years the pain again appeared causing much restlessness to Shama. He recalled the previous decoction which Lord Baba had prescribed him. He, without consulting Lord Baba, prepared medicine with the same herb. Instead of giving him relief, the medicine had aggravated the pain. Shama, then went to Lord Baba complaining about unbearable pain. Lord Baba blessed Him with His Boon Bestowing Hand and within no time the pain subsided.

Thus diseases are cured by blessings of Lord Baba and there is no need of any medicine when His blessings are present in abundance.

Saint Jnaneshwar Maharaj's amritvani was a very well known but it was very difficult to understand by a common human. So very few people could get it's nectar. Dasganu, another prominent devotee of Lord Sai Baba wished to write it in Ovi meter so that everyone could understand it. He putforth his desire before Dada Maharaj who was a true gentleman and very well known scholar. He was even well versed to write sorts of Amritvani. Still, wish of Dasganu was not appreciated by him. Instead Dasganu was advised to be with Dada Maharaj for sometime to learn basics to get better understanding of meaning of commentary (Tek) and later on he can carry on with the task. These words did not satisfy Dasganu and he said, "If Lord Baba wishes me to write this book, then He will bless me with highest talent to understand the basics. I don't want to seek anybody's help in this matter henceforth". Dada Maharaj did not understand what Dasganu actually meant but he prayed to Lord Baba to help and bless Dasganu.

After sometime, Dada Maharaj and Dasganu met again. At that time he had completed two chapters of the commentary. When Dada Maharaj enquired Dasganu about his progress in the task, the later read out chapters to him. Dada Maharaj was very much impressed with great work done by Dasganu and appreciated him a lot. He was also convinced that it was blessing of Lord Baba only that Dasganu was able to accomplish such a task of difficult nature.

Shri Daje Vaaman Chidambar was transferred to Shirdi as a school headmaster. We (Kakasaheb Dixit and party) came in his contact after some time. He was unhappy with the position he was offered in Shirdi because his name was spoiled due to students. He added that they did not study regularly properly. When they are scolded for their poor performance, they said that they will ask for Udi from Lord Baba and that will help them to clear their exams. He thought that Lord Baba was spoiling them.

After 5/6 months, exams were conducted and all students passed out good results. Now he had no complains with students and Lord Baba as well.

Chapter 8 - Kakasaheb Dixit Diary



While, once I (Kakasaheb Dixit) was in Shirdi, I received letter from my brother that Balu Kaka and Nanasaheb Karamvelkar's wife were seriously ill. This matter was made known to Lord Sai Baba. On being asked about Balu Kaka's future, Lord Baba said, "He will get cured soon." When the case about Karamvelkar's wife was made asked, Lord Baba exclaimed, "Hasn't she come yet?" I told Him that she has not come to Shirdi and whether a message can be sent to call her here. Lord Baba replied in affirmative. After some time news came that Balu Kaka got cured completely and the lady (Nanasaheb Karamvelkar's wife) had passed away.

Krishnaji Narayan alias Chhotu Bhaiyya working as a Magistrate at Harda, had written a letter on February 11, 1924 which is as follows:

I suffered from a very peculiar type of disease since long and whenever I had food, it would come out by vomiting. Many physicians and ayurvedic specialists were consulted, but to no effect. The problem still persisted giving me much trouble. My father's friend Shri. Sadashiv Ramchandra Patvardhan sent me a good doctor from Nagpur with a request to start treatment for my ailment through him.

The doctor was old. He prepared medicine and carried it to Harda. At first he gave me three packets of the medicine. I partook one packet in the morning and another one in the afternoon. Due to these dosages of the above medicine I started suffering from Diarrhea. I had to pass motions many times still it was 8 PM. I got so much weak so that I had no strength left to get up from bed. Seeing my deteriorating condition, the doctor and my family members expressed sense of fear. They went to pooja room and prayed for me. I was then given medicine to stop motion. Even then the motions did not stop till 11 PM. Then the doctor advised my father to stop every treatment for my disease and continued that only the grace of Sadguru Lord Sai Baba will help to cure me completely.

After about 5-6 years I went to Shirdi for Lord Baba's Darshan with my friend. Neither of us told Lord Baba about my suffering. Lord Baba did not talk about it as well. The following year I, with my brother Narayanrao and few of my friends again went to Shirdi on the occasion of Guru Purnima. We all went to Dwarkamai and sat near Lord Baba. Soon then Mausibai came and Lord Baba asked her, "Mausibai why so late?" She replied that she was suffering from continuous vomits and that's why she was late. Lord Baba smiled and said, "You always eat raw food and hence this problem occurs." Immediately Mausibai threw herself into the Feet of Lord Baba and requested Him to cure her. She was blessed within no time.

Lord Baba then kept silent for a moment and then pointing towards me said to Mausibai, "Even this person is suffering from the same kind of illness like you from quite a long time. Although he consulted many, he has not recovered." Lord Baba then advised me to stop all medications and assured me that henceforth I am relieved from continuous vomits. It has been eight years now and the disease has not reoccurred. I took medicine for about 10-12 years but Lord Baba's words removed the ailment from its root.

Chapter 9 - Kakasaheb Dixit Diary



Laxman Bhatt hailed from Shirdi. He was a Brahmin. I (Kakasaheb Dixit) wanted to buy a piece of land from him. While we were dealing, Laxman Bhatt offered the land for Rs.200. I bargained and told that the land would not cost even a single penny more than Rs.150. That day, the deal could not be settled.

Then Laxman Bhatt went to Masjid. Lord Sai Baba asked Bhatt regarding the settlement of land dealing. He advised him to settle the deal by taking an average price of Rs.175. He added, "Do not agree below this price". Bhatt did not discuss about Lord Baba's advice to anyone.

After some time, the deal was finally settled for Rs.150 as bargained by me. When we went to the registrar office I paid Rs.150 in full settlement. Wonder of wonders! When Laxman Bhatt reached home, the amount came exactly to Rs.175 which was uttered by Lord Baba.

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Shri. Ganapati once shared his extra ordinary experience with me (Kakasaheb Dixit) as follows:

In 1914, I and my wife started for Shirdi for Lord Sai Baba's Darshan. While we were nearing Nashik , a group of 15-20 people rushed into our compartment. They had dark complexion and were looking fearful. There was no one in the compartment except me, my wife and daughter. I was reading Bhakti Maarg Pradeepika written by Shri. Laxman Ramchandra Paangarkar. The newly boarded people came and sat near me. I thought they did so because they were interested in my reading. So I started to read it aloud. Suddenly after five minutes, they jumped out of the running train. It was then that I realized that they were dacoits and no passengers. I saw them running away from the door. When I returned, I saw an old Fakir sitting near our seat. It was utter surprise to me that how this Fakir can board running train. He suddenly disappeared then. I was not able to comprehend what was going on.

Later on when we reached Shirdi, as soon as we stepped in Dwarkamai, Lord Baba asked our well being and how safely we reached. Now it came to our understanding that those people had come to rob us and due to the presence of divine Fakir, they left. If Lord Baba's protective shield had not covered us, we would have been robbed away. The mystery had now been resolved. This whole incident made a great impression on my mind and it was enough for us to remain His devotees forever. It also shows that Lord Baba runs to His devotees when they are in danger, to save them.

Chapter 10 - Kakasaheb Dixit Diary



My friend's daughter who was an insane was pregnant. She used to shout all the time and throw things out of window. She was due to deliver but doctors had already hinted that the delivery may be a tough one. This made everyone worried. A good nurse was appointed to take care of her. But Lord Baba had blessed her and all problems got solved.

One day, early morning she got labor pain. A person was sent to call doctor. Another was sent to fetch her elder sister. The elder sister came running to her. As soon as she reached near the lady, she delivered a baby boy without any trouble.

Venkat Rao is a resident of Mulki village, South Canara. In 1916, he received Lord Sai Baba's picture and Udi on Christmas Day. His son-in-law was a lawyer in High Court and he was missing. There were rumours that he might have been died. His friend suggested Venkat Rao to visit Shirdi and have darshan of Lord Sai Baba Who will definitely help him. But it was not possible for him to go to Shirdi at that time.

Since he had Lord Baba's Photo and Udi, we did arti and applied Udi on his forehead. This incident happened in Bombay. At the same time, his daughter who was at Mulki village got a vision. She wrote to her father inquiring whether he got Lord Baba's photo and if yes, did he do arti at so and so date and time. On receiving the letter, Venkat Rao was surprised to know that the date and time when he did arti tallied exactly with her daughter's vision. This incident increased Venkat's faith in Lord Baba many folds. He could not find out even a single trace of his son-in-law.

Still his faith in Lord Baba did not tremble. He was saved from many diseases by intake of Udi with utter devotion to Lord Baba. Once he was unconscious due to pain in chest and fell down. He had Lord Baba's vision. He saw that Lord Baba had two attendants. They tried to give relief to Venkat Rao by rubbing his feet though this was denied by him. In 1918, during Easter holidays he went to Shirdi and was surprised to see same attendants sitting near Lord Baba which he saw in vision.

Venkat's elder soon was an atheist. Earlier he used to make fun of his father's religious beliefs. After experiencing miracles of Lord Baba he also started believing Him and became His ardent devotee. Whenever he had any kind of problem, he used to write letters to Shirdi.

Govindrao Gaddhe resides in Nagpur. Once his sister's son suffered from a very serious disease. There was no improvement in his condition even after different medications. So Govind Rao prayed and vowed that if this boy is cured, he will come to Shirdi for Lord Sai Baba's darshan. Next day onwards the boy's condition started improving and after some time he was completely alright.

Later Govindrao forgot his vow and it remained unfulfilled. He suffered few health issues which did not cure by any means. In the meantime on one Thursday while performing bhajans he was reminded of his vow. He again prayed to Lord Baba that if he recovers completely, he will come to Shirdi along with his nephew. Time again he was cured within two days and he went to Shirdi for darshan of Lord Baba.