

INFORMATION BOOK

**SHRI SAIBABA SANSTHAN TRUST, SHIRDI**



## SHIRDI ... A PLACE OF FAITH AND WORSHIP

Shirdi, a small rural town in the Rahata taluka of Ahmednagar district in the Indian state of Maharashtra, is a secular place where all religions are treated as one & a belief in the power of Faith & Patience is foremost. A place where all heads bow down in prayer, where faith prevails, where hopes are built, where patience pays, and where infinite joy and everlasting contentment abound. Such is the glory of the place which belongs to the Holy Saint, a true repository of wisdom, who pleased all with pious equality and gifted mankind ornaments of humanity and peace by saying "SABKA MALIK EK".

The footprints of Saibaba have made this town a holy place. Millions of devotees continuously flock here from all over India and abroad. Situated on the Ahmednagar-Manmad highway, Shirdi can be reached from the new railway station at Sainagar; Manmad-Junction, Kopergaon and Nagarsul are other nearby railway stations on the Central Railway.

Shirdi is where the holy soul of Shri Satchidanand Sadguru Sainath Maharaj - affectionately known as "Saibaba" rests today.

Shri Saibaba appeared at Shirdi in his human incarnation. For 60 years Baba served mankind and preached his precious teachings to the world from here, and then went for contemplation (Samadhi) in Shirdi itself. The footprints and the deeds of Saibaba have turned this small town into a unique holy place for people of all castes, creeds and religions.

Saibaba delivered the universal slogan of "Shraddha - Saburi", i.e. Faith and Patience for everyone, from here itself. The place of his 'Samadhi' has become a centre-point for innumerable devotees, infusing them with the joy of life. While visiting Shirdi, one experiences complete peace of mind, a strong self-confidence, and a great sense of purpose.

During his contemplation (Samadhi) services, Shri Saibaba had consoled his devotees with these words - "After I take Samadhi, my bones will speak from the grave, and people will throng here." His message is being experienced till today. Shirdi is a convenient place to visit throughout the year, during all seasons.

Baba's Shirdi is one place where even today all his devotees come with empty hands but filled with Hope, and go back "Blessed with Contentment with an Everlasting Smile on their faces".

## HOLY PLACES IN THE SHRI SAI MANDIR PREMISES

### SAI BABA'S SAMADHI MANDIR

Baba's Sacred Body has been laid to eternal rest (Samadhi) here. The edifice of this main Mandir (Temple) was constructed by an ardent devotee Shri Gopalrao Butti of Nagpur with Baba's blessings. It is therefore also known as "Butti Wada". Baba's beautiful life-size idol is installed near His Samadhi in this shrine. All rituals, comprising of Pooja, Abhishek and the four daily Aartis, are performed here. The set of Baba's original 'Padukas' and 'Satka' are kept in the Samadhi Mandir which are used for Thursday Palkhi Procession.



Shri Sai Samadhi Mandir Full View



Shri Sai Paduka



Shri Sai Samadhi

### The Daily Program in the Saibaba Samadhi Mandir

Program	Time
Bhoopali	04.15am
Morning Aarti (Kakad Aarti)	04.30 am
Holy Bath	05.05 am
Darshan Starts	05.40 am onwards
Madyan Aarti	12.00 noon
Dhoop Aarti	Sunset
Night Aarti (Shej Aarti)	10.30 pm
Abhishek Pooja	07.00 am & 09.00 am (Abhishek Hall)
Satyanarayan Pooja	07.00 am, 9.00 am, 11.00 am & 01.00 pm

## HOLY PLACES IN THE SHRI SAI MANDIR PREMISES

### Dwarkamai (Masjid)

This was Baba's abode (located within the Samadhi Mandir Complex) continuously for sixty years till He took Samadhi. Baba blessed innumerable devotees here. The Sheela (Stone), on which Baba used to sit, is located in Dwarkamai. The sacred Fire (Dhuni) lit by Baba is also eternally burning here. Baba used to give Sacred Udi (Ash) from this Dhuni to His devotees to fulfill their wishes. Even now, Udi distributed to devotees is from this Dhuni. ('Grinding Wheel' and 'Chul' on which Baba used to cook food here and distribute it amongst his devotees. is also kept here for darshan)



Dwarkamai (Masjid)

### Chavadi

The Chavadi is located close to the Samadhi Mandir Complex on the eastern side. On every alternate day, Baba used to proceed in a procession from Dwarkamai to Chavadi at night and sleep there. Even now, on every Thursday between 9.15 and 10.00 p.m., Baba's Photo, Holy Padukas (footwear) and Satka (baton) are taken in a palaquin procession to the Chavadi.



Chavadi



Gurusthan

### Gurusthan

Baba was first spotted here (behind the Samadhi Mandir) when He was a lad of sixteen. Baba used to refer to this spot as His Guru's (Mentor's) location and hence known as 'Gurusthan'. The famous Margosa (Neem) tree referred to in the Shri Sai Satcharitra stands here. Devotees believe that if they burn incense here on Thursdays and Fridays all their ailments get cured.

## HOLY PLACES IN THE SHRI SAI MANDIR PREMISES



Lendi Baug



Museum



Khandoba Mandir

### Lendi Baug

Baba used to go for a stroll in this Baug (Garden) located within the Samadhi Mandir Complex. Nanda-Deep (Sacred Oil Lamp) is continuously kept burning near the Peepal tree planted by Baba Himself in this Garden. A small Datta Mandir is also situated here. Baba's beloved horse Shyamsunder was laid to eternal rest here. There is also a well, called "Baba's Shivadi", in this garden.

### Museum Hall

Personal items used by Baba during his lifetime like his drinking vessel (Tumbler), Padukas (footwear), Satka (Baton), Grinder, Gramophones, a Bowl of Hukka, Horse Bridle, the Kaphani and Sandals worn by Baba and the original photographs of Baba are all kept in the Museum Hall for all Sai devotees.

### Khandoba Mandir

This Temple is located near the Shri Saibaba Hospital on the Nagar-Manmad Road. The story goes that the marriage party of Chand Patil's wife's nephew came to Shirdi and took shelter under the banyan tree located near this temple. When Shri Saibaba, who had accompanied this marriage party, alighted with others in the open ground of this temple, the Pujari (Priest) of the temple welcomed this Young Ascetic with the words "Aao Sai" ("Come Sai").

## IMPORTANT FESTIVALS CELEBRATED BY SANSTHAN

### SHRI RAMNAVAMI FESTIVAL

Shri Ramnavami festival is being celebrated from the life time of Shri Saibaba. Lakhs of devotees, not only from Maharashtra but also from all corners of the country come to Shirdi by walk along with the palanquin procession and throng to Shirdi to mark this festival. As per the tradition, the devotees bring the water by Kawad (Holy Pot) from Ganga for the holy bath of Shri Saibaba. On the first day of this festival, the procession of Saibaba's holy book, Veena and Portrait is taken out from Samadhi temple to Dwarkamai temple. Later on, Akhand Parayan (continuous reading) of the holy book Shri Saisatcharitra is done in Dwarkamai. There is a tradition to replace old wheat bag by new one by performing the ritual pooja in Dwarkamai on this day. The sacred flags brought by Shri Rasane and Shri Nimonkar families are hoisted with procession and by performing pooja. The old flags are replaced. Dwarkamai temple is kept open throughout the night for Akhand Parayan. The chariot procession is taken out through the town on this festival day. In addition to this, the main Samadhi temple is also kept open throughout the night. So, Shejarti on the main day of festival and Kakad Aarti on the concluding day are not sung. Rudrabhishek is performed on the third i.e. on concluding day of the festival in Gurusthan temple. Later on Kalya's Kirtan is delivered at 12 noon and Dahihandi is broken after which the festival is concluded.



Ramnavami



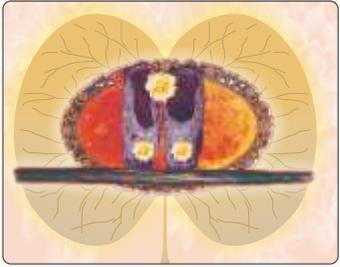
Gurupournima

### SHRI GURUPOURNIMA FESTIVAL

Guru-Shishya (Teacher-Student) tradition has an ancient history. To pay the respect and gratitude towards our teachers, Ashadhi Pournima is celebrated as "Gurupournima". It was celebrated in Shirdi during life time of Shri Saibaba. So, this day has a special importance. The devotees having faith in Shri Saibaba used to come to Shirdi on this day to pay their obeisance and take Samadhi's darshan. Lakhs of devotees also come by walk along with the palanquin procession to mark this day in Shirdi. The procession including the holy book, Veena and Saibaba's

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portrait is taken out from Samadhi temple to Dwarkamai temple on the first day of the festival. Soon after, the Akhand Parayan (Continuous reading) the holy book Shri Saisatcharitra is started in Dwarkamai. On the main day of the festival, the procession of Shri Saibaba's Chariot is taken out through the town. Dwarkamai is kept open throughout the night for Akhand Parayan on the first day. Palanquin procession is taken out in the night. Samadhi temple is kept open on the main day of the festival for darshan to the devotees. So Shejarati and Kakad Aartis are not sung on the main day of the festival. Rudrabhishek is performed on the third day in Gurusthan temple. Later on Kalya's Kirtan is delivered at 12 noon and Dahihandi is broken after which the festival is concluded.



Shri Punyatithi



Dahihandi

### SHRI PUNYATITHI FESTIVAL

Vijayadashmi (Dussehara) is the day of Saibaba's Punyatithi celebration. Punyatithi is the day to remember that great saints merged into divine self. Dussehara is also one of the days of three and a half auspicious moments. Simmolanghan is done on the same day. So, Shri Saibaba liked this day the most. (So, he selected this day for his merger in self) Aradhana Programme of Shri Saibaba is done on this day as per tradition. The procession of Bhiksha Zoli is taken out through the town on this day. Lakhs of devotees from all corners of the country come to Shirdi to mark this festival. The procession of Saibaba's Veena, holy book and portrait is taken out from Samadhi temple to Dwarkamai temple on the first day of the festival. On the main day of the festival, the Simmolanghan procession is taken out from Samadhi temple to the Khandoba temple at 5 pm. Dwarkamai is kept open throughout the night on the first day for Akhand Parayan. Palanquin procession is taken out in the night. Samadhi temple is kept open throughout the night on the main day for darshan. So, Shejarti and Kakad Aartis are not sung on the main day of the festival. Rudrabhishek is performed on the third day in Gurushtan temple. Later on Kalya's Kirtan is delivered at 12 noon and Dahihandi is broken after which the festival is concluded.

## SANSTHAN PUBLICATIONS

The holy book on Shri Saibaba 'Shri Sai Satcharitra', a Marathi publication, is much in demand by a large number of devotees. Written by Late Shri Govind Raghunath alias Annasaheb Dabholkar (Hemadpant) this volume cites the "Mercy of Saibaba" in 53 Chapters and 9309 couplets. Currently the 29th edition is available for devotees. Late Shri Govindrao had presented a unique collection of Saibaba's miracles as well as his religious discourses in this book. For Sai devotees it is as good as the Geeta-Dyaneshwari. Shri Saibaba Sansthan has also translated this book into 13 other languages, which are English, Hindi, Marathi, Tamil, Telugu, Kannada, Bengali, Gujrathi, Sindhi, Oriya, Punjabi, Urdu, Nepali, Malayalam etc.

Apart from the 'Shri Sai Satcharitra' more than 100 types of publications like books, photos, audio-video cassettes, etc. are also available for sale at the Sansthan.

The Shri Saibaba Sansthan Trust has prepared audio CDs of the 'Shri Sai Satcharitra' as well as of the Hindi distics written by Late Govind Raghunath Dabholkar. These CDs are available in four parts enabling the non-Marathi-speaking devotees to understand the Shri Sai Satcharitra. Hindi distics are also recorded in three parts.

### Shri Saileela Magazine (Bi-Monthly)

'Shri Saileela' is Sansthan's bi-monthly magazine which is published in Marathi and Hindi/English-combination. Subscription to this bi-monthly is available at the following rates:

1. Marathi Edition Annual Membership - Rs. 50/- (in India),  
Rs. 1000/- (for Overseas)
2. Hindi/English-combined Edition - Rs. 50/- (in India)  
Annual Membership - Rs. 1000/- (for Overseas)
3. Marathi Edition Lifetime Membership - Rs. 1000/- (in India)



Shri Sai Satcharitra



Shri Saileela Magazine

## FACILITIES PROVIDED BY SANSTHAN

### Accommodation

Considering the heavy influx of devotees from all over the country and the world, the Sansthan Trust gives utmost priority to the accommodation of the Sai devotees. At present Sansthan has 3 accommodation complexes named Saiprasad, Saibaba Bhaktaniwas and Dwarawati Bhaktaniwas with a total of 1100 rooms. Approximately 15000 devotees can be accommodated here at a time. For the convenience of devotees, the Sansthan Trust also provides 300 Lockers in these complexes.



Saibaba Bhaktaniwas (500 Rooms)



Dwarawati Bhaktaniwas

- **Saibaba Bhaktaniwas**  
The Saibaba Bhaktaniwas has 500 rooms and is located on the Nagar-Manmad state highway, at a distance half a kilometer from the Samadhi temple towards Ahmednagar. Free bus service is provided by the Sansthan Trust from the Bhaktaniwas to the temple.
- **Saiprasad Bhaktaniwas**  
The Saiprasad Bhaktaniwas is located close to the Samadhi Temple complex on the northern side. It has 165 rooms and lockers available for the devotees.
- **Dwaravati Bhaktaniwas (300 mtrs from the temple)**  
Since the available accommodation of the Sansthan was proving to be insufficient, the new Dwaravati Bhaktaniwas was constructed. The four-storied building has 320 rooms with 80 air-conditioned rooms on the fourth floor. Parking arrangements for vehicles, a pollution-free atmosphere and the scenic campus are the highlights of this new building.

## FACILITIES PROVIDED BY SANSTHAN

- **Sai Ashram (Project - 1 & 2 [under construction])**  
Shirdi Sai Trust, Chennai is constructing and donating this huge accommodation complex worth Rs. 105 crores on 20 acres provided by the Sansthan. It will be handed over to the Sansthan on completion. This trust is donating the highest amount in the history of the Sansthan. The Sai Ashram has a total built-up area of 10 lakh sq. feet. containing 1536 Room & 192 Dormitory Halls that will accommodate approx. 15,000 devotees at a time.

### Toilets & Bathrooms Facilities

Many Sai devotees come to Shirdi only for 'darshan' and return home immediately afterwards. They, however, need to use the toilet facilities and freshen-up/bathe, as well as find a place to keep their belongings safely while visiting the temple. With these requirements in mind Sansthan has made 120 toilets and 108 bathrooms available round-the-clock for Sai devotees along with several other facilities. This complex is located behind the Saiprasad Bhaktaniwas and is run by Sulabh International.

### Prasadalaya for Sai Devotees

It is said that the life of a man consists not in seeing visions and in dreaming dreams, but in active charity and in willing service. Saibaba's journey through life was all about helping the needy and guiding mankind. Baba once said that Annadaan Seva, i.e. offering food to a hungry person, is the highest level of a "Good Deed". Shri Saibaba Sansthan still carries on the pious work of Annadaan started by Baba. The Prasadalaya is a great attraction for millions of devotees who benefit from this provision of Prasad meals at nominal rates. Sansthan spends over Rs. 50 crores every year on the Prasadalaya.



Sai Ashram Bhaktaniwas



Toilet & Bathroom



Shri Sai Prasadalaya

## FACILITIES PROVIDED BY SANSTHAN



Prasad Bhojan Kaksha



Canteen

Shri Saibaba Sansthan's Prasadalaya is a place of faith for Sai devotees. They can relish the food / Prasad at a very nominal cost of Rs. 10/- per person and Rs. 5/- per child (up to 10 years of age) from 10.00 a.m. to 10.00 p.m. This Prasad is partaken by about 30,000-35,000 Sai devotees on a normal day, and by 70,000-80,000 during festivals / vacations. The Prasadalaya, with a big hall accommodating 3500 devotees at a time for food, serves a meal of rice, roti, dal, two vegetables, and barfi-sweet etc. This meal is not just food but 'Prasad' served with good faith by the Saibaba Sansthan at very low cost to the Sai devotees. Approx. 1 crore Sai devotees take the prasad-bhojan every year.

It has been certified as ISO 9001:2009. One of the biggest spiritual centers, the Shri Saibaba Sansthan Trust is also known to use technology to help the environment. To promote the use of non-conventional energy sources, Sansthan has installed the Solar Heating Cooking System in this Prasadalaya. As per Ministry of Non-Conventional Energy Sources, New Delhi, this has been identified as the world's largest solar heating cooking system.

### *Scheme for providing free Prasad meal to Sai Devotees at Prasadalaya:*

Donations are accepted for providing free meal (Prasad Bhojan) for a day to Sai Devotees. Name of the donor will be displayed at Prasadalaya on particular day. Amount will be accepted at Sai Prasadalaya Office / Sansthan Accounts Office at Shirdi and Sansthan's Mumbai office by Cash / D.D. only and online through internet. The amount of Donation is as follows for a particular day :

No.	Free Prasad Meal donation Scheme	Amount (Rs.)
1.	During Festival Days	3,00,000/-
2.	For Other Days	2,00,000/-

### **Canteen**

The Sansthan Trust also runs its Canteen Services in Saiprasad, Saibhaktaniwas, Dwarawati Bhaktniwas complexes. This canteen is open 24 hours-a-day and sells tea, milk, coffee, laddu prasad & break-fast packets etc. to Sai devotees.

## FACILITIES PROVIDED BY SANSTHAN

### Hospital Services & Relief Work

Shri Saibaba used to give "UDI" to cure ailing patients. The noble task of treating the sick is being continued by Sansthan's Board of Trustees through the medium of the Shri Saibaba Super Speciality Hospital and the Shri Sainath Hospital.

- **Shri Sainath Hospital**

Following the tradition of serving the sick started by Shri Saibaba, the Saibaba Sansthan established the Sainath Hospital in Shirdi. This has become a life-support to the needy patients of the surrounding areas. The hospital serves nearly 1000 out-patients a day and accommodates nearly 200 in-patients. All services and medicines for various ailments are provided at very economical rates. The hospital is constantly modernized in terms of equipments & machines and has specialist doctors from various streams of medicine. The hospital has modern equipments like two artificial respirators, a lie-cure system for dentistry, an ultrasonic scale, a pediatric radiant heat-warmer, a photo-therapy unit, a baby incubator, etc. as well as advanced specialist departments such as ICCU, X-ray, Eye, Nose, Ear, Throat, Gynecology, Orthopedics, Dentistry, Pediatrics, Sonography, Laboratory, Ayurved, Homoeopathy, etc. to serve the patients adequately.



Shri Sainath Hospital

## FACILITIES PROVIDED BY SANSTHAN

- **Shri Saibaba Hospital (Super Speciality Facility)**

Keeping the needs of people in the rural areas around Shirdi in mind, the Shri Saibaba Sansthan Trust spent Rs. 40 crores to start this hospital with 206 beds and super-speciality facilities. It has almost all the latest modern medical equipments & facilities like Cardiology, Cardio-therapy surgery, Dialysis for kidney-related ailments as well as additional facilities for Orthopedics, Physiotherapy, Neuro-Surgery, C.T. Scan, latest sonographic tests like Color Doppler, Stress Test, Auto Analyzer, etc.

The hospital also has a machine for M.R.I. testing and C.T. Scan available only in a few hospitals in India. The Public Health Department of Maharashtra has accorded this hospital the Grade of a Life-Saving Unit. Patients from the low income group (Below Poverty Line) get concessions for all heart operations. The Sansthan is also having a 'Blood Bank' to serve poor patients.

### Financial Aid

Sansthan provides financial aid to the needy and low-income patients for costly treatments and operations like heart surgery, neuro-surgery, cancer treatment, kidney treatment & transplant, etc. These patients could even be from Government/Semi Government/Trust hospitals. Sansthan receives a large number of requests for such aid. Rs. 20,000/- or 15% of the expenditure, whichever is less, is granted by Sansthan to the patient for treatment/surgery.



Shri Saibaba Hospital

## FACILITIES PROVIDED BY SANSTHAN

### Sansthan's Education Services

*"A good teacher is like a candle - he consumes himself to light the way for others."*

Baba taught and preached the golden rules of leading a happy life. Keeping these teachings and passion of Sainath Maharaj in mind, Sansthan started the *Industrial Training Institute* in 1984 to impart job-oriented professional training to poor students from areas in and around Shirdi, so that they could earn and support their families.

Currently the Institute has classes in two shifts with a total strength of 400 students. The staff is well-trained and experienced, and the laboratories and workshops, etc. are well-equipped. The State Government has rated this institute as 'A Grade' and it is ranked 1st in the State. The students of the Institute are also provided with meals at subsidized rates at Sai Prasadalya.

Shri Saibaba Sansthan established the *Shri Saibaba English Medium School* in 1990 and the *Shri Saibaba (Marathi) Kanya Vidya Mandir* in 1993. The Shri Saibaba English Medium School currently imparts education to more than 1500 students (boys/girls) with an emphasis on the knowledge of English language for rural groups. The *Shri Saibaba (Marathi) Kanya Vidya Mandir* imparts education to more than 600 girl-students with an emphasis on their mother tongue Marathi. A *Junior College* unit for Science, Commerce and Arts streams was started in 2000 and now has more than 900 students.

### Website Facility ([www.sai.org.in](http://www.sai.org.in))

Shri Saibaba Sansthan Trust has also developed its website in Marathi, Hindi and English. Shri Sai Satcharita in 10 languages, Saileela magazine from 1923 etc are available here for Sai devotees.



English Medium School



Junior College



Kanya Vidyalaya



School Bus

## FACILITIES PROVIDED BY SANSTHAN



Sai Devotees Insurance



Railway Booking Office



Sainagar Railway Station



Airport

### Sai Devotees' Security Insurance

The Saibaba Sansthan Trust has started the 'Shri Sai Sampurna Suraksha Kavach Apaghat Vima Sanrakshan' for the security of devotees coming to Shirdi for Baba's 'Darshan'. In case of an unfortunate incident resulting in injury or death within the temple premises, Darshan queue, Prasadalya, Sainiwas Guest house, Caravanserai, new Bhaktaniwas, and on the road along the temple, devotees will get compensation under this policy.

### Railway Booking Office

A computerized Railway Booking Office is in operation by the Railway Department near the Parayan Hall. Sai devotees can book tickets to travel anywhere in India. They can also check the reservation status of tickets already booked. This reservation counter is open from 08.00 a.m. to 08.00 p.m.

### Railway Station

The new Sainagar Railway Station facility for Shirdi is now operational. Up and Down services for Shirdi from Mumbai, Visakhapatnam, Hyderabad and Chennai have already been started. Many of the Express Trains have also extended their routes from Manmad to Shirdi. Some of the other Railway Stations near Shirdi are:

- |              |   |         |               |   |         |
|--------------|---|---------|---------------|---|---------|
| 1) Kopargaon | - | 16 Kms. | 2) Shrirampur | - | 39 Kms. |
| 3) Nagarsul  | - | 55 Kms. | 4) Manmad     | - | 60 Kms. |

There are regular buses to Shirdi from all these railway stations.

### Airport

The airport at Aurangabad, 100 kms from Shirdi, has flights for Delhi and Mumbai. Flights can also be taken to Pune (200 kms away) and Mumbai (290 kms away) to visit Shirdi.

The Airport Authority of the Maharashtra Government has also taken an initiative to establish an international-level airport at Saibaba's Shirdi. The work on this Rs. 300 crores project has already been started at Kakadi village, 8 kms from Shirdi, on an area of over 600 acres.

## FACILITIES PROVIDED BY SANSTHAN

### SAI TECH PROJECT (Sansthan's Information & Technology Department)

#### Objectives

- To Deliver High quality services to Sai-Devotees, in India and abroad.
- To Efficiently manage needs for growing number of Sai-Devotees.
- To increase transparency in Sansthan Management and Administration.
- To enhance decision making by use of Information Technology.

#### Strategy

- The strategy is to implement Turnkey IT project including ongoing 24 x7 maintenance and support for 5 years through a world-known IT services provider.
- The project consists of
  - a. Total 36 Applications to be delivered in 6 phases for 32 services.
  - b. Total Cost of Rs. 25 crores (22 Crore for IT solution, 3 crore for Infrastructure development).

#### Benefits

- To deliver devotee focused services under one roof in Shirdi and at Remote Information Centres.
- Availability of Devotee Centric Internet based services like accommodation booking, Aarti and Darshan slot booking and donation at every corner of the world.
- Availability of books and literature online will propagate Baba's teachings.
- Reduced waiting period for devotees for Darshan & accommodation.
- Serve devotees better via collection of devotee information.
- Optimization of workflow to better serve employees, devotees and suppliers.
- Increased use of data for on-time decision making.
- Progress towards paperless office resulting in improved Carbon Footprint.
- Implementation - The 1st Phase applications have been implemented on 15th July 2011 Gurupournima Day
- Now the Sai devotees can make online booking of Darshan, Aarati, Donation, Annadan, Accommodation etc. through the website - [www.online.sai.org.in](http://www.online.sai.org.in)

## FACILITIES PROVIDED BY SANSTHAN



Shri Sai Publications



Audio/Video Publications



Kiosk Facility



Live Darshan on TV

### All Publications are available on the Website

After digitalization, all the published material is now available online in all the languages. Shri Sai Satcharita is available in 10 languages. The issues of bi-monthly magazine Shri Saileela from 1923 onwards have been uploaded on the website. Live darshan of Saibaba is also available from Sansthan web site.

### Kiosk (Touch Screen) Facility

To facilitate dissemination of more information on Shri Saibaba and the Sansthan, two Touch Screen Machines have been installed in the Temple premises. Devotees can get information about Bhaktaniwas complexes, Publications, Bus & Train timetables etc. with the help of these kiosks which are open from 06.00 a.m. to 10.00 p.m.

### Darshan of Shri Saibaba on TV

Devotees can now get Darshan of Shri Saibaba from their homes. Devotees throughout the country can now view the direct telecast from Shri Saibaba's Samadhi Temple daily from 5.00 a.m. to 10.30 p.m. through the Tata Sky DTH connection.

## DONATION SCHEMES

### CHARITABLE / DEVELOPMENT DONATIONS FOR DIFFERENT FUNDS

**General Fund** : towards the trust corpus fund which is utilized to provide facilities for devotees.

**Building Fund** : utilized for construction of buildings for various purposes for the benefit of the Sansthan as well as Sai devotees.

**Medical Fund** : used to provide modern and up-to-date medical facilities at affordable rates to needy patients of Shirdi and surrounding areas.

**Annadaan Fund** : provides free meals (Prasad Bhojan) to the poor and at subsidized rates to other Sai devotees at the Shri Sai Prasadalya at Shirdi.

**Education Fund** : for the development and management of various educational institutions started by the Sansthan Trust to provide quality educational facilities to students from rural areas around Shirdi.

**Nitya Prasadalya Annadaan Scheme** : Funds are collected in collaboration with Andhra Bank and deposited in the bank. The interest is then used for the Nitya Prasadalya Annadaan Scheme.

*(Note: The entire amount donated to the above funds is eligible for Income Tax deduction under section 80-G of the Income Tax Act, 1961.)*

### RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES FUNDS

**Abhishek Fund** : Daily Abhishek Pooja of Shri Saibaba is done by Sansthan on behalf of Sai devotees. Donations are accepted for this pooja. Group Abhishek Poojas are also performed in the Abhishek Hall by the devotees. For this pooja Rs. 101/- per couple (husband-wife) is charged. The pooja material is supplied by Sansthan.

**Naivedya Fund** : This fund is utilized for the Nitya Naivedya offered to Shri Saibaba at the temple. Donations are accepted for this purpose.

**Festival Fund** : Shri Ramnavami, Shri Gurupournima and Shri Saibaba Punyatithi on Vijayadashmi are celebrated by Sansthan in Shirdi every year. Donations are accepted in this fund for these celebrations.

**Kothi (Dhoop-Deep) Fund** : Daily Pooja is performed in the Samadhi Temple, Dwarkamai, Gurusthan and Chavadi. This fund is used for the pooja material used here.

**Shri Sai Satyavrat (Satyanarayan) Fund**: The Sansthan arranges the Shri Sai Satyavrat Pooja every morning from 8.00 a.m. to 9.00 a.m. and 10.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. Rs. 100/- are charged for a couple (husband-wife) and all the pooja material is supplied by Sansthan. Donations are also accepted for this purpose.

*(Note: Income Tax deduction under section 80-G is not applicable for the amount of donation to these religious funds.)*

## DONATION SCHEMES

Donations are accepted in the following ways -

### Cash Donations:

Cash donations are accepted in Indian and foreign currencies at the Sansthan Trust's following offices -

- 1) Computerized Donation Offices in the Temple complex at Shirdi
- 2) Sansthan Trust office at 'Sainiketan', Dadar, Mumbai

*A computerized receipt is issued immediately after receiving the donation.*



Cash Donation



Cheque/DD Donation



Credit/Debit Card



e-donation

**Donations by Cheques / DDs / Travellers' Cheques:** are also accepted at the above-mentioned offices. An acknowledgement receipt is issued immediately and the final receipt is issued after realization of the Cheques / DDs / Travellers' Cheques etc.

**Postal Donations:** Donations by Cheques, DDs, M.O.s, B.P.O.s, Travellers' Cheques etc. in Indian Rupees or foreign currency drawn in the name of 'Shri Saibaba Sansthan Trust, Shirdi' can also be sent by post.

**Direct Donations through Bank ATMs:** This facility is in collaboration with State Bank of India and Andhra Bank. Donations are accepted through any ATM of these banks.

**Donations through Debit/Credit Cards:** Donations are also accepted through any Debit / Credit Card at the donation office in the Temple complex at Shirdi.

**e-Donations:** This facility is available on the following websites-

1. [www.sai.org.in](http://www.sai.org.in)
2. [www.onlinesbi.com](http://www.onlinesbi.com)
3. [www.hdfcbank.com](http://www.hdfcbank.com)
4. [www.axisbank.com](http://www.axisbank.com)
5. [www.unionbankofindia.com](http://www.unionbankofindia.com)
6. [www.bankofbaroda.com](http://www.bankofbaroda.com)
7. [www.online.sai.org.in](http://www.online.sai.org.in)

*Note: The receipts for donations by Cheques, DDs, MOs, through Banks and e-donations are sent along with the holy Udi-Prasad to the donor at his correspondence address by Sansthan.*

## DONATION SCHEMES

### Proposed Bhaktaniwas Project Fund

Shri Saibaba Sansthan Trust is in the process of implementing a Bhaktaniwas project in the Sansthan area to provide more accommodation for the devotees. Under this project specific donations of minimum Rs. 1 lakh are accepted on a waiting basis. The project fund for each room is approx. Rs. 5 lakhs.

Main Features of the proposed Bhaktaniwas Project:

1. Rooms with attached toilet & bathroom
2. Allotment of rooms on a first-come-first-served basis
3. Modern facilities for all rooms as well as spacious parking
4. Project Fund - Rs. Five lakhs per room
5. Donations of minimum Rs. 1 lakh are accepted on a waiting basis
6. Donors will be entitled to free stay as per the Trust's policy

Donations for this project are accepted in the form of cash at the Sansthan donation office in Shirdi only or by Cheques / Demand Drafts drawn in the name of 'Executive Officer, Shri Saibaba Sansthan Trust, Shirdi'.

### Project for Development of Integrated Socio-Economic Health, Education and Essential facilities

This project started by the Shri Saibaba Sansthan Trust, Shirdi has been approved by the National Committee for Promotion of Social and Economic Welfare, Department of Revenue, Ministry of Finance, Govt. of India, North Block, New Delhi - 110011.

for tax exemption under Section 35AC of the Income Tax Act vide Notification No. S.O. 1473 (E) dated 17th June, 2008.

## DONATION SCHEMES

### Donation Form

To  
The Executive Officer  
Shri Saibaba Sansthan Trust  
Shirdi

Date:

Subject : Direction for Specific Donation

Sir  
I, Shri / Smt. \_\_\_\_\_, residing at (address) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_, Date of Birth : / / \_\_\_\_\_, would like to donate a  
sum of Rs. \_\_\_\_\_ /-{ (in words) \_\_\_\_\_} by Cash / Cheque / DD  
No. \_\_\_\_\_ dated / / \_\_\_\_\_. Please credit this amount to the General / Annadaan / Medical / Festival / Building /  
Satyanarayan / Abhishek / Education Fund.  
Please accept this donation from me.  
Thanks and regards,

Devotee's Signature

### OnLine Donation System

Sai devotees in India and abroad can also send their donations through the Netbanking facilities of State Bank of India, Union Bank Of India, HDFC Bank and Axis Bank. Sansthan also accepts donations through the Online Payment Gateway system available on its website [www.sai.org.in](http://www.sai.org.in). Various modes of payments for online donations are mentioned on the home page of this website.

The entire amount received as online donations is deposited in the Sansthan's account with the State Bank of India, Shirdi branch. The holy ash (Udi) and Prasad along with the receipt are sent to the donors by post. All donations are converted to Indian Rupees and the receipt is also in Indian Rupees. The devotees can send their donations from anywhere in the world using Debit/ Credit cards (MasterCard, Visa, American Express Card).

## VARIOUS PROJECTS (COMPLETED/IMPLEMENTED) BY SANSTHAN

*Do your duty and a little more, and the future will take care of itself.*

Keeping this same thought in mind the Sansthan Trust has undertaken many commendable development projects for the welfare of local residents and devotees.

*As they say, "The Smallest Deed is better than the Greatest Intention".*

### Non-Conventional Windmill Energy Project

Shri Saibaba Sansthan Trust, Shirdi has developed the Windmill Energy Project worth Rs. 15 crores at Bhoyare Pathar in Ahmednagar district which a capacity of 2.5 MegaWatts. Apart from Tirupati, Shirdi is the only pilgrim centre in the country which produces electricity for its own consumption. According to the Maharashtra Energy Development Agency, Pune (MEDA), a total of 52 lakh units of energy is produced under this project annually.

This project is environment-friendly and highly appreciable for its use of a non-conventional energy source in today's times of energy crisis. Saibaba Sansthan Trust has got international recognition as well as carbon credit for this. The capital cost of developing and implementing this windmill project will be recovered within seven years.

### Shirdi Bus Stand

Many Sai devotees come to Shirdi by state transport buses. The existing bus stand is insufficient for the constantly increasing number of devotees. Sansthan Trust has taken it upon itself to develop the Bus Stand at Shirdi and to provide all modern amenities to the devotees. Sansthan will spend Rs. 8 crores on this new Bus Stand which will have 14 Platforms, an Information Center, a Dormitory Hall, a Canteen, sufficient Toilet blocks, Shops, rest-rooms for Drivers/ Conductors etc.

## VARIOUS PROJECTS (COMPLETED/IMPLEMENTED) BY SANSTHAN

### Completed Projects

	(Rs. In Crores)
1. Dwarawati Bhaktaniwas	19.40
2. Shri Saibaba Prasadalya	45.26
3. Shri Saibaba Hospital	38.70
4. Roads in Shirdi Town	08.14
5. Garbage Processing Plant	00.33
6. Renovation of Maruti Temple	00.20
7. Construction of Sainath Chhaya Building	00.30
8. Palanquin Stops (Pandhurli, Sinnar, Yesgaon)	01.13
9. Information Centres (Chennai, Bengaluru and Secunderabad)	00.60
10. Helipad	00.23
11. Polycarbonate shades for the Darshan Queue & the Main Gate	01.00
12. Central Store Building	00.62
13. New Zilla Parishad (District) Primary School	02.06
14. Modernisation of Security System	05.00
15. Solar Steam Cooking System	01.33
16. Traffic Signal	00.27

### Projects in Progress

	(Rs. In Crores)
1. Sai Ashram Bhaktaniwas	105.00
2. Bus Stand with Accommodation for Devotees	008.00
3. Saitech Project	025.00
4. Renovation of Shri Saibaba Bhaktaniwas	002.90
5. Shirdi Town Integrated Road Development Scheme	088.00
6. Shirdi City Underground Gutter Project	002.18
7. Shri Sai Ganesh Dams (for storage of overflow water)	000.34

### Proposed Projects

	(Rs. In Crores)
1. Sai Garden Theme Park with Laservision Show in its first stage a theme park will be set up in an area of approximately 20 acres owned by Sansthan at Nimgaon-Korhale Village near Shirdi.	100.00
2. Temple Premises Development Redevelopment of Shri Saibaba Temple Complex and Queue arrangements	100.00
3. New Super Speciality Hospital Construction of modern and well-equipped super-speciality hospital with a capacity of 600 beds at Nandurkhi near Shirdi	300.00
4. Educational Complex	050.00
5. Sansthan Water Supply Scheme	028.35
6. Under-Pass on Nagar-Manmad Higways	018.23

## SUGGESTIONS FOR SAI DEVOTEES

- On getting accommodation in the general premises, please take care of your luggage or deposit them in the lockers available.
- Please ask the Person-in-charge at the accommodation complex office for lockers to keep your cash & ornaments safely.
- It is advisable to finalize the prices for worship-materials etc. before purchasing them from the shops.
- Do not entertain any person for donations towards oil for Nanda-Deep or fuel-stick for Dwarkamai's 'Dhuni'. Please make the donation only at the Sansthan donation counter. The Public Relation Officer may be contacted for further information.
- As per the rules of the temple, there is no other program in the temple complex after the Shej-Aarti at night. The Temple then opens the next day morning at 04.00 a.m.
- Do not give donations to any person, except at the concerned offices. For all donations, money, material etc. that you wish to gift, please insist on official receipts.
- For secret donations, donation boxes/'hundis' are placed at various places in the temple premises.
- Contact only the Sansthan office for getting correct information about Shri Saibaba.
- Please drop all written complaints/suggestions in the suggestion-box, mentioning your name & address.
- Sansthan provides meals at subsidized rates through its 'Prasadalya'. Please take advantage of the same.
- Sansthan runs a separate free centre called 'Annadaan Kaksha' for beggars. You can donate for such 'Annadaan' by remitting the amount to the Accounts office / 'Prasadalya'.
- No representative is appointed by Sansthan to collect donations. Please do not pay any donation amount to strangers as you may be a victim of fraud. Make all donations only in the Sansthan office.
- If the donation amount is to be sent through post, the M.O. / D.D. / Crossed Cheque / Postal Order should be drawn in favor of and sent to 'The Executive Officer, Shri Saibaba Sansthan Trust, Shirdi, Tal. Rahata, Dist. Ahmednagar (Maharashtra).
- Shri Saibaba's original 'Padukas' are in the Samadhi Mandir at Shirdi only.
- There is no disciple/heir/mediator of Shri Saibaba. Do not trust anyone dressed in a costume like him.

### Important Phone Numbers

- |                                          |                      |                           |                |
|------------------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|----------------|
| • Police Station, Shirdi                 | (02423) 100 / 255133 | • Bus Depot, Shirdi       | (02423) 255222 |
| • Central Railway Booking Office, Shirdi | (02423) 258106       | • Railway Enquiry, Manmad | (02591) 222345 |

## INFORMATION CENTERS

Shri Saibaba Sansthan's Information Centres within India -

Location	Address	Contact Person
MUMBAI	Shri Saibaba Sansthan Trust Sai Niketan, 803-13 DR. Ambedkar Road Dadar, Mumbai-400 014	Phone No: 022-24166556 Fax : 022 - 24150978 E-mail Add: saidadar@sai.org.in
CHENNAI	108, Krishnan Karanai Pattipulam (Post). Chennai, Tamilnadu-603 104	Shri. V. Kannan Ph : 044 - 27444093 Mob. : 09940514988
BANGALORE	14th Cross Sampige Road Malleswaram, Bangalore - 560 003.	Shri. S. Krishnamurthy Mob. : 09449214114
SECUNDERABAD	Unit No. 110, Ground Floor, Deepti House, Y.M.C-A Complex, Sardar Patel Road, Secunderabad -500 003	Shri. Chandrakant Surana Ph : 040 - 27808845 Mob. : 09030297005

Note :- All devotees can reserve for darshan, accommondation and other services from the Sansthans Information Centers.

# Shirdi Location Map

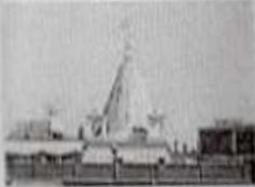


  
Sai Nivas  
(VIP Guest House)

Enquiry Office

Canteen

Samadhi Mandir



Darshan Queue

PRO Temple Premises

Enirance

  
Sai Ashram - Phase I  
(1500 Rooms)

Towards Ahmednagar →

  
ST Stand

  
Sai Bhakta Nivas  
(500 Rooms)

  
Kanya  
Vidya Mandir

Police Station

Nagar Manmad Highway

  
Saibaba  
Hospital

← Towards Manmad

  
New Prasadalya

  
Dwaravati  
Bhakta Nivas



  
Sai Ashram  
Phase 2

  
Sainath  
Hospital

## SHRI SAIBABA

अनंतकोटी ब्रह्मांडनाथक राजाधिराज योगीराज परब्रह्म सच्चिदानंद सद्गुरु  
श्री साईनाथ महाराजाय नमः



शिर्डी में पडते हैं जिनके पैर । उनकी है सारी विपत्ति टलती ॥  
मेरी समाधि की चढेगा जो सीढी । मिलेगी उसे सर्व दुखों से मुक्ति ॥



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