
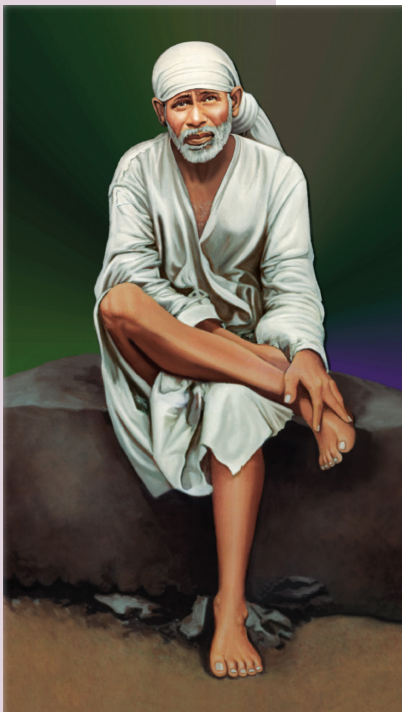


9 Vighrahapratishthas  
by Sri Babuji



A large, hand-painted purple circle with visible brushstrokes, centered on a white background. Inside the circle, the text "Dedicated to Guruji's infinite love" is written in a white, handwritten-style font.

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## Sri Sai Baba

It wouldn't be an exaggeration to say that it is rare to find a house without the photograph of Sri Sai Baba and, a town without a Sai Baba temple in South India, and especially in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana. Today, Sai Baba has become the beloved Sadguru and chosen deity for lakhs of people around the globe. It is unique in the spiritual history of the world that a saint's glory and message has taken root so firmly in the hearts of the people in such a short time. So what then could be the reason for this amazing, exponential growth in Sai devotion which is not limited by language, religion or caste? A moment of reflection will reveal that it is the power of Sri Sai Baba, which is as wonderfully evident today as ever. How Sri Sai Baba solves the problems and responds to the needs of devotees is unique to him. He does not merely fulfil our desires but he does so in a way that brings about a positive change in our nature. When we come to realise that it is his grace that guides and protects us, we are enthralled by his love, kindness, omniscience and omnipotence. He responds to each person individually, based on their worldly needs and spiritual aspirations.

## Sai Mandirs



When asked how a Sai Baba temple ought to be, Sri Babuji replied, "There should be no barriers or persons between the devotee and Baba. There should be no superstitions, rituals or ostentations - the only thing present should be love for Sai Baba." It is essential that before a temple is built, devotees gather over many years at the proposed site for prayer, worship and contemplation of Baba's life and teachings, as well as for deep reflection on the history of sages and the study of the holy books of spirituality. In this way, over time, the devotees' love and dedication organically grow and take the form of a physical temple. "The temple we wish to build on the ground should reflect this temple in our hearts.", says Sri Babuji.

Under the guidance of Sri Babuji, the Sri Sainathuni Dhyana Mandiram at Haritachala, Tiruvannamalai and the Sri Sainathuni Dhyana Mandiram at Saibaba Central School, Ongole also began as satsangs and later developed into Sai Baba temples.

## Tenali, Andhra Pradesh

30 MAY 1993

The cool breeze of Sai devotion was blowing in the scorching heat of Tenali in May of 1993. Sri Sainathuni Sarath Babuji had arrived to inaugurate the newly constructed Sai Baba temple at Morris Pet. This was special because it was the first arati to the statue of Sri Sai Baba offered by Sri Babuji (Vigrahapratishtha). It was the love and devotion of the local devotees who, for years had been gathering for ardent worship, satsang and namam, which moved Guruji to come to Tenali.

Through thousands of years, Tenali has always been blessed with innumerable poets, writers and musicians. Sri Babuji's arrival fanned the spiritual fervour and devotion to Sri Sai Baba. Though his time there was brief, his powerful presence lives on in the hearts of many Sai devotees.



## Lalaguda, Hyderabad

12 APRIL 1998



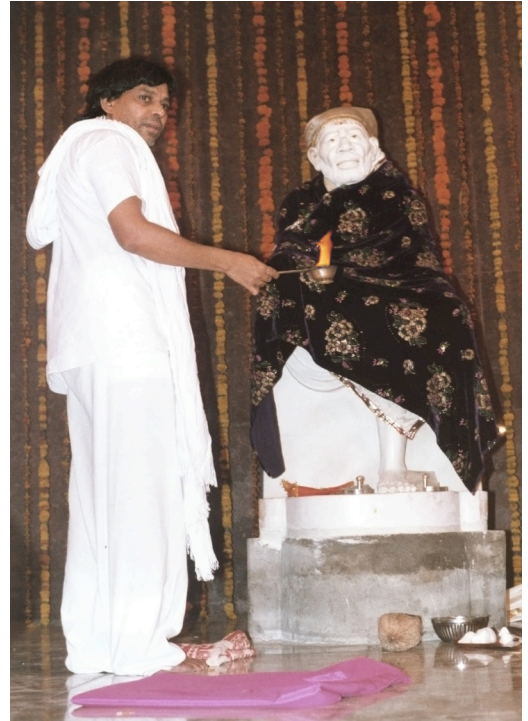
The Sai Baba temple in the APSRTC complex at Lalaguda was decorated and prepared for the consecration of Sri Sai Baba's statue by Sri Babuji. The thousands of devotees who had gathered were ecstatic that the first worship of Sri Sai Baba was going to be offered by their beloved Guruji. Sri Babuji worshipped Baba giving the first arati, the crowds of the crowds of devotees were blessed with Sri Babuji's divine darshan and experienced happiness and peace beyond measure. This surely is a testament to the powerful presence of a mahatma like Sri Babuji!

## Hayath Nagar, Hyderabad

25 MAY 1999

At the APSRTC colony in Hayath Nagar, Hyderabad, the devotees used to gather for weekly Sai Baba satsang. After some time, they had the desire to build a Sai Baba temple in their colony. They requested their beloved Sadguru Sri Sainathuni Sarath Babuji to offer the first arati to the statue of Sri Sai Baba and thereby consecrate the temple.

Before this, the devotees had been blessed with Sri Babuji's darshan at Shirdi, but to receive his graceful darshan in their colony and at their temple was one of the most precious and unforgettable experiences of their life.







## Sarpadoh, Maharashtra

3 JANUARY 2000

Sarpadoh is a peaceful little village in Karmala taluka of Solapur District, Maharashtra - the state where Baba lived all his life. The local devotees had constructed a temple to Sri Sai Baba and invited Sri Babuji to consecrate it and bless them with his holy presence. Hundreds of people from surrounding villages thronged the mandir on the auspicious day, eagerly awaiting Sri Babuji's arrival. The mandir was beautifully built and the statue of Baba seemed to shower abundant blessings upon all. The consecration was a glorious experience for the villagers of Sarpadoh.



## Bodhan, Telangana

15 JANUARY 2000

It was the day of the Sankranthi festival. Sai namam had been going on with fervour for 24 hours since the previous day. It was the day Sri Babuji had started from Shirdi to Bodhan to offer the first worship to Sri Sai Baba's statue in the new temple. The Sai devotees were ecstatic with happiness! It suddenly became slightly warmer, and the cold which had enveloped Bodhan until then was no more. The devotees felt that nature itself had turned milder to welcome their Sadguru.

Another special blessing during this event was that we all had the great fortune to receive Sri Babuji's darshan three times after the consecration: first in the temple, then in the adjacent satsang hall and finally from the dais outside the temple. The devotees felt thoroughly blessed and fulfilled by these darshans.



## Palsood, Madhya Pradesh

8 JULY 2001



Palsood is a beautiful, small village in the Barwani district of Madhya Pradesh. It is set amidst hills, streams and green fields. For many years, the villagers of Palsood had been gathering for regular satsang. Gradually they felt the need to have a temple to Sri Sai Baba. By the infinite grace of Sai Baba, the villagers got together and built a beautiful temple. When they invited Sri Babuji to offer the first worship of Baba, he graciously agreed. The villagers of Palsood were very happy.

Earlier they had purchased a beautiful statue of Sri Sai Baba and kept it in the Satsang hall, at Saiyana, Shirdi. It remained in that sacred atmosphere for over a year. Eventually, it was taken to Palsood and, after taking it in a grand procession through the village, it was placed in the temple.

On 8 July 2001, the whole village welcomed Sri Babuji with devotional fervour as he arrived to offer the first worship of Sri Sai Baba. Later, after the consecration, Sri Babuji gave darshan to the thousands of devotees present there from a dais constructed outside the temple.

# Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh

9 DECEMBER 2001

Tirupati, the temple town and holy abode of Lord Venkateswara in Andhra Pradesh is always vibrant with devotees from all over the world. But that day was special. Sri Sainathuni Sarath Babuji was coming to consecrate the Sai Baba temple at Konka Street. Thousands of devotees came for his darshan not only from Andhra Pradesh but also from Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and even from abroad. Everyone was chanting the holy name of Sai Baba with much fervour.



Sri Babuji did the first worship of Sri Sai Baba and then graced the large crowd with his darshan. Many people vividly remember the powerful presence emanating from Guruji during that unforgettable darshan. The devotees were ecstatic with happiness. The weather had been very hot until then, but amazingly, the moment Sri Babuji sat on the stage, it clouded over and the weather turned cooler. This was such a sudden unusual change that it was reported the next day in 'The Hindu' newspaper.



## Jeedimetla, Hyderabad

14 JANUARY 2004

The devotees had been gathering for satsang for many years in the premises of BIAC at Hyderabad. The management of BIAC decided to build a small temple to Sri Sai Baba and soon after its construction a beautiful statue of Baba was sculpted and made ready. Sri Sainathuni Sarath Babuji had graciously accepted the request to offer the first worship to Sai Baba. He arrived at the beautiful temple on 14 January, and after giving the first arati, he sat on the dais behind the temple where thousands of people had the blessed opportunity to receive his glorious darshan. Jeedimetla, an industrial area of the city, got a taste of powerful spiritual presence with Sri Babuji's visit.

# Parakala, Telangana

15 JANUARY 2004

Parakala is a small village in Warangal district of Telangana. The villagers built a temple to Sri Sai Baba and invited Sri Babuji to offer the first worship. The temple was beautiful with a large statue of Sri Sai Baba and had a lovely garden.

On the day of consecration, devotees from the village and many other satsangs of other areas thronged the temple and were doing Sai Namam with great fervour. Sri Babuji gracefully offered the first worship to Sri Sai Baba, giving arati. All felt blessed by the palpable presence of this great mahatma and prayed that he should come again and grant them his holy darshan.

