

Shri Shirdi Sai Baba

Guruji Shri C. B. Satpathy Message on the occasion of

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Sri Sainath is known by many names, one of them is 'Sairam'. Hinduism or for that matter the Indian Society accepts Sri Ram as the '*Maryada Purusha*'- the epitome of noble values. Sri Rama sacrificed everything to uphold the honour of his dynasty and race, to fulfil the promise of his father Dashrath, and devoted heart and soul for the welfare of kingdom and it's subject.

Sri Sainath could be compared with Sri Ramachandra in all these qualities. He was an epitome of compassion and kindness. His main concern of life was His devotees. On the one hand, He used to bless them and cure their material, mental and spiritual afflictions; on the other hand, like a concerned mother He used to cook food and serve to all the devotees and animals present there. At times He would be found singing *bhajans* with them or even playing with children like a young boy. He used to address His horse as His son. That is why Sainath is also worshipped as Sai Mother, though He was in the State of '*Poorna Bramha*'. He had taken Avtaric form, and often used to say that He would be born again and again till all His devotees get liberated. For these reasons only He has been aptly hailed as 'Sairam'. Many devotees have seen Him in the graceful form of Sri Ramchandra at Shirdi.

There is no definite information about the date of birth, place of birth and early childhood of Sri Sainath. Sai Baba never disclosed anything about His place and date of birth as He Himself had only said that He was born out of *Brahma* and *Maya*. Therefore, on the holy Ramnavami Day, Sai Baba's Birthday is celebrated at Shirdi and elsewhere, with great devotion and fervour. And the devotees chant with lot of emotion and devotion –

***'Sai Raham Nazar Karanaa
Bachchon ka Paalan Karanaa'***

Which means – 'Sai, please cast your merciful glances

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at your children and take care of them'. It is the duty of all of us, the children of Lord Sai, to keep up the noble values Sai Baba stood for. They are mutual co-existence, amity with all religion, love and compassion for all living and non-living beings so as to realize *Sai-Chit-Anand*.

Om Shri Sai

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