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## I Saw My Death

I would like to narrate an incident when Baba's udi saved my life. It was Sunday the 3rd August 2008. I, Himanshu Mehta with my wife Nidhi, son Suryansh, mother Smt. Veena & my father Sh. Gulshan Mehta had gone to attend a Sai Bhajan Program at Durga Mandir on Ridge Road, New Rajinder Nagar. We all were very happy to see the newly built temple.

My father was suffering from fever since last 8 days. Due to his diabetes he was feeling very weak because of the reaction of antibiotics tablets, which resulted in formation of blisters in his food pipe. I took him to temple thinking that it will be a good change for him & he will forget his pain when he meets all other Sai devotees.

It was around 2:00 pm, we were sitting in the temple praising Sai Baba & congratulating all the devotees who gave their contribution to make this temple. When we were

sitting there one of our uncles came and said lets have Lunger Prasad (lunch). We were ready to go for food with him but I realized that my father can't take food because of his blisters, so leaving our 7 month old son with him we left for Prasad.

We sat down on a table. It was very hot due to bright sun. I told everyone that I

would move the direction of the pedestal fan towards our table. I got up and moved the direction of first fan & when I was trying to move the other pedestal fan, unfortunately I got stuck to that fan due to severe electric shock. When my mom & my wife saw they started screaming, they even tried to save me but they were thrown back due to effect of shock. When I tried to pull my hand back, I fell down on the ground and the same fan fell on my chest & current started flowing throughout my body. My mother & my wife were screaming hysterically for help from Baba & people to

save my life. There were more than 150 people around me but no one dared to touch me because of scare of the electric shock. My whole body was shaking badly due to current. I could see that it was last moments of my life, I could feel that I was going to leave my wife, my seven months old ailing son & my old father mother without fulfilling my responsibilities towards them and I became unconscious. My mom ran back to mandir in front of Baba murti begging Baba to save my life. She was screaming with tears in her eyes before every devotee of Baba to kindly tell Baba to give back the life of my son.

It was the time when 5-7 people came forward. Mr. contd. at page 2.....



## Sai Bhajans by Bhajan Samrat Saxena Bandhu

On 21st October Sai bhajan recital was organised by Anand family in VIKASPURI at Abhinav Banquet hall. A soulful recital of Sai Bhajans was performed by bhajan samrat Saxena Bandhus, Shri Surendra Saxena and Shri Amit Saxena. Amit



ji started bhajans with Ganpati vandana and presented many bhajans. Thereafter Shri Surendra Saxena presented many soulful bhajans. every one was engrossed in his bhajans. Shri Srivastava from Bokaro also attended the program. After aarti

bhandara prasad was served. -Meenu Saluja

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## Trip to Shirdi by SOS

In the month of October, Servants of Shirdi Sai organized a trip to Shirdi. A group of 210 devotees started for Shirdi on 8th October, 2008 and reached Shirdi on 9th October, 2008 which happened to be Mahasamadhi Divas of Lord Sainath of Shirdi. The group stayed at Shirdi upto 11th October, 2008 and after seeking blessings left for Delhi. The group reached Delhi on 12 October, 2008. Lodging boarding and all travel arrangements were made by SOS. Every year SOS organizes trip to Shirdi around Baba's Mahasamadhi Diwas.

-Premendra Ojha



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## Baba's Leelas before 1918

In 1910, Ramachandra V. Pathankar, a Retd. Clerk of Alibaugh was in distress. His monthly earnings of Rs.30/- was not sufficient to meet his family expenses. There was a certain photograph of Akkalkot Swami at Balkrishna Buva's Mutt, Dadar that attracted him. He visited that Mutt often, as he was devoted to Swami Samarth.

One day Ghansham Gupta, a close friend of his, asked Pathankar to accompany him to Shirdi. Although he attended Das Ganu's Kirtan and Pravachan but he did not have faith in Baba. He thought that Baba was a Muslim. Insisting him to come Ghansham assured Pathankar that all his expenses for the trip would be borne by him. Pathankar was reluctant at first, and then he agreed to accompany Ghansham, on the condition that he wouldn't give any Dakshina to Baba. If he did, it would be no more than one rupee. Ghansham agreed to this and both of them went to Shirdi.

At that time, there was only one hotel in Shirdi. Unfortunately, Pathankar found a few worms in the dal when he was having lunch. He started shouting at the top of his voice. "Did I come all the way to Shirdi to eat

worms?" he said. Then, both the friends went for Baba's darshan. Baba, on seeing Pathankar, flew into a rage and drove him away. Pathankar was upset and decided to leave Shirdi, without Baba's consent. The other devotees consoled him and asked him not to do so.

Later both the friends went for Baba's darshan again. Baba had calmed down and looking at Pathankar, He said, "Do people come here to eat worms?" On hearing this vital question, Pathankar fell at Baba's feet. He realized that Baba was omnipresent. Then, Baba gave him darshan as Akkalkot Swamy, the very same form that he worshipped at Balkrishna Buva's Mutt.

Pathankar was over whelmed and realized that Baba was not different from Swami Samarth. He gave Baba one rupee Dakshina. But Baba asked for Dakshina again. He gladly gave another rupee. Then Baba gave him permission to leave. Upon returning home, he got another job, which gave him a better salary, and he could live comfortably.

Baba took two rupees Dakshina and gave back a hundred. Courtesy-

Ambrosia in Shirdi

## Baba Settled Things For Me

My manager and I were not in very good terms, let alone appreciating my work he was very critical about it. This used to disturb me a lot. When all this was going on and everybody at home kept praying that things should turn out for better. I used to wear a silver pendant of Sainath and it was very dear to me. I lost it last Thursday. I did not find it when I woke up on Thursday and my mother had put the bed spread for washing before I got a chance to look for it. I was very disturbed as already things were not in good shape and then losing that pendant made me feel very bad. My parents realized this and they decided to buy me

a gold pendant. And guess what on Friday I had the pendant of Sri Sainath beautifully carved on gold. I was very happy and wore it in my chain. On Monday when I went to office, I had a couple of mails from my manager with instructions to be fulfilled. I started with my work and miracles of miracle my manager liked it and sent out an appreciation mail to me keeping his manager in copy. I could not believe it. Now my manager shows faith in my work and he gave me back my project, which he had earlier assigned to somebody else. I am so grateful to Baba, Thanks Baba.

-Shwetha Rao

NEVER CRY FOR ANY RELATION IN LIFE  
BECAUSE FOR THE ONE WHOM YOU CRY DOES NOT DESERVE YOUR TEARS  
AND THE ONE WHO DESERVES WILL NEVER LET YOU CRY.  
TREAT EVERYONE WITH POLITENESS  
EVEN THOSE WHO ARE RUDE TO YOU,  
NOT BECAUSE THEY ARE NOT NICE BUT BECAUSE YOU ARE NICE.  
NEVER SEARCH YOUR HAPPINESS IN OTHERS WHICH WILL MAKE YOU FEEL ALONE,  
RATHER SEARCH IT IN YOURSELF  
YOU WILL FEEL HAPPY EVEN IF YOU ARE LEFT ALONE.  
ALWAYS HAVE A POSITIVE ATTITUDE IN LIFE.  
THERE IS SOMETHING POSITIVE IN EVERY PERSON. HAPPINESS ALWAYS LOOKS SMALL WHEN WE HOLD IT IN OUR HANDS. BUT WHEN WE LEARN TO SHARE IT, WE REALIZE HOW BIG AND PRECIOUS IT IS!

## I SAW MY DEATH.....

contd. from page 1.....

Ramu, an artist of Saxena Bandhu, who plays Tabla, and Mr. Anil Sudan, Mr. Bhim, Mrs. & Mr Chhabra they pulled all the electric wires of the pedestal fan from a generator kept outside the mandir. After that with grace of Baba the current stopped hitting me & they removed the pedestal fan from my chest. People were shocked to notice that there was no breath left in my body & my eyes were point blank. One person in the crowd tried to give me artificial respiration but in vain. It was the moment when my wife felt that she lost her husband & nothing has left in her life now & she was crying uncontrollably. She was praying to Baba to return her suhag. One of the devotees Mrs. Rashmi Sudan had Baba's Udi with her, she gave it to Saxena Bandhu Shri Surendra Saxena and he put UDI in my mouth. He had to force open my mouth to put udi inside my mouth. Suddenly the waste moved out of my mouth at once & I start breathing slowly. But I remained unconscious; it was all in front of my wife. Almost everyone there had tears in their eyes. Everyone started praying to Baba for

my recovery. My dad felt totally helpless & was asking Baba to take his life instead of mine.

I was picked by some people to be taken to Hospital. As people reached the main gate of the temple suddenly a Police Van arrived in front temple as if it was directed by Baba. I was taken in that Police Van to Ganga Ram Hospital & first aid was given. I was admitted in I.C.U. The doctor in emergency said that there is no bed available. My mother ran back from hospital to the temple to take help. All the people known to us and even the people to whom we did not know in temple made calls to their relatives and friends so that I may get a bed in the same hospital and I got the bed in the hospital with grace of God.

When I regained my consciousness after four hours, I came to know everything from my Wife & Mother that how Baba saved my life. I want to share all this with all of you to tell, there is God who always takes care of his children. I can feel the presence of my Satguru in my each breath. I pray to Baba to bless everyone.

Himanshu Mehta

## Have Faith In Sai

Om Sri Sairam. My husband was out of IT field since we got married and I was so worried about him. I prayed to Sai to give us a good life by giving a nice job to my husband. He started applying for jobs yet he couldn't get any. I cried so many times and my little one was also suffering on this account. Someone told me that I have a Shani

dosham and that's why I could not be successful in anything. Buy I trusted Sai and my belief towards Sai is increasing day by day though my husband was failing in the job interviews. I did Sai Satcharitra parayana 3 times yet my days were too horrible. I believed in one saying which I learnt from my parents, that if you want some thing and you get it that's good for you. If you don't get it, it's better for you. I always remembered these words and was praying for his divine blessings. I started parayana again with more Shradha and Saburi. On that week my husband attended one interview with an Indian company but we did not have any hopes to get that job. My husband had also lost his confidence and it was the time to whyen we had started using our saving money. I was on maternity leave for a year and my husband was on EI.

So we both were getting money from govt only. But on the last day of my parayana of Shri Sai Satcharitra, they selected my husband and there was no limit to my happiness. On Thursday his office HRM sent him an offer letter. I had no words to thank enough to Sai. With Sai's blessings my dreams came true. That job was a contract position yet they liked my husband and offered a full time position with good salary. When I was doing parayana I prayed to Sai that I am going to leave one of my favourite food until me & my family visit Shirdi to get Sai's Darshan and I left my favourite food Junnu. I would like to suggest to all Sai devotees never loose your hope and have faith in Sai. He will definitely take care of his children.

Sai Devotee

Courtesy-Sai Vichaar

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## Faith & Patience

I, Sanjeev Jaggi, became a humble devotee of Lord Sainath sometimes in June 2004 when near my home a Sai Temple was being established by a builder.

I had gone to the market with my friend for some work and there I felt forced to visit and pay my obeisance to Sai Baba.

Ever since I became devotee of Sai, in my heart and soul I feel very peaceful and I started observing life with a new dimension.

The latest miracle which Saibaba showed me with his strong presence was as follows:

I work for a company where I get late in the night, the other day while lighting a lamp after my morning chores I told Baba "If this lamp burns out till I return I will feel that you regularly visit my room."

And I went to office and forgot about the so called "Challenge" I had given to Lord Sainath. When I returned home late at night and went to bed (not knowing about my vow in the

morning) I could see some light coming from Sai Temple adjacent to my room. I was wonder struck at His presence, I may mention here that the lamp which I lighted is of medium stature with small flick which normally does not burn more than 4-5 hours. Also when I went to bed after paying my obeisance to Sai, after about 1 minute or so the lamp went off...as if it was burning just to make me remind of my faith in Lord Sainath.

There have been numerous instances when I saw him laughing at my foolishness and stubborn attitude in life. At other times I have felt His strong presence in my room by means of fragrance.

Baba I know I fail to fulfill the promises I make to you. Please give me strength to fulfill my commitments with you and become spiritually strong person with full faith and patience with you, the gems which you propagated all through your life.

-Sanjeev Jaggi

## Baba Blessed Us

I have been married for about 9 years. About 3 or 4 years back we started thinking about having a kid. We went to the doctor and got ourselves tested as a routine check up and found out that my wife has a PCOS, due to which it was difficult to conceive. The fertility treatment started and we tried all possible remedies including puncturing ovaries, dieting, Clomid, IUI and were finally referred to fertility specialist. The specialist said everything was fine with us but was not really sure why she was not able to conceive. After 3 months, we went back to the Specialist and she briefed us with the IVF (in-vitro fertilization) process. We took all the instructions and we have been praying to Baba all this while. At times we have even questioned about our faith and his blessings for us. I was so mad about praying everyday to Baba and asking him about the same thing again and again. I finally said

that if he doesn't bless us, I am never going to pray him any more. It had to happen as per Baba's blessings and wish. My wife was 2 weeks past due and asked me if I can get her a home pregnancy test. I asked her to take the test on Thursday. On my way back from work, I was praying to Baba that I shall pay Rs 1 Lakh as dakshina if the test report is positive and if test comes negative, I will stop praying to Him. When humans are taken over emotionally, it is difficult to control words and thoughts, even though you realize later. On Thursday evening my wife took the home pregnancy test and it was positive. We just couldn't believe it. Baba has been kind to us. He fulfilled our wishes. -JP

Courtesy-Sai Vichaar

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## Baba Saved My Kid

Jai Sairam, My two year old son was having high temperature and we took him to the doctor. The doctor checked him and advised for some blood tests. On that evening the doctor called us and said that he was concerned to see his blood test results a little abnormal and prescribed an antibiotic and told us that if he doesn't get better with that he suspects something very serious. After three days my son's fever subsided and the doctor called us back for another blood test. We got the blood test done and that evening the doctor called us and said that the blood reports were still not normal and we should immediately take our kid to the hospital for further tests and he made all the necessary appointments for us. Upon pressuring a lot he told us that he was suspecting some kind of leukemia. Hearing that we were heart broken and we cried a lot. That whole night we were only praying to Baba to save our kid and bless him with good health. I applied Baba's Udi on my sons forehead and somehow felt confident that we will come home with smiles. We went to the hospital the next day (which happened to be a thursday) and they did all the tests and they told us that my son was anemic and he just needs iron supplements. Thank you so much Baba for taking care of my little one and being with us. We will never forget the blessings Baba showered on us. Be with us and bless us all the time Baba.

Courtesy-Sai Vichaar

### To Get Best Out of Life

Look back & thank God,  
Look forward & trust God,  
Look around & serve God,  
Look within & find God  
Face your past Without regret,  
Handle your present With confidence,  
Prepare for the future Without fear.  
Life is short so Forgive quickly  
Believe firmly,  
Love truly,  
and have a wonderful journey.

-Anibha Singh  
Australia

## Baba Saved My Daughter

I want to share with all of Baba devotees a miracle that affected the lives of my family and myself.

I have been Shri Shirdi Sai Baba's devotee since about 6 years. During this time Baba has been giving me darshans in my dreams, performing miracles in mine and my family's everyday lives. I read Baba's Sai Satcharitra daily. I want to share a recent miracle by Shri Sai Baba, which happened on 24th Sept 2008. On this day, my eldest daughter had a medical crisis, while she was alone in the house. As she was getting ready for work, around 1.45 pm, she felt as though she was struck by a lead ball on her head, sweating profusely at the same time. She tried calling her daughter who was at work, she tried calling myself who was visiting my second daughter at Minnisota and she tried calling her siblings who were also at work. When she could not get through to anyone she decided to call 911, and looking back now, this seems to be the best and wisest thing to have done and which I feel is due to Baba's Grace and Love. 911 responded immediately, took my daughter to the nearest Hospital, but as this hospital did not have the necessary expertise, she was flown by helicopter- Lifestar to Yale New Haven Hospital, in New Haven, immediately. Enroute to Yale, she was intubated and put on the ventilator. The doctors at Yale-New Haven

diagnosed her as having had a sub-arachnoid hemorrhage — a bleed very close to her brain stem that was life-threatening. They gave my daughter a less than 5% chance of survival and asked my grand-daughter to call the family and began talking about end-of-life care. At first, they began considering brain surgery but with Baba's blessings, this was avoided.

During my stay with my daughter in the Neuro-ICU, I was constantly praying to Baba and reading Baba's books and miracles at my daughter's bedside. They performed many tests on my daughter and found that she had other clots in her arms. I was very scared and prayed fervently to Babagaru for His help and kindness to help my daughter's condition.

My daughter started recovering slowly. Further ultrasounds revealed no blood clots, in fact, the blood clots she had had in her arms had disappeared. Two weeks later, my daughter was discharged from hospital. The neurosurgeon that took care of my daughter told her that she was very lucky and had been given a second birth. I cannot thank Baba enough for helping my daughter to recover a 100%. Thank you so much Babagaru in giving my daughter a second life. I will be eternally grateful to you for all that you continue to do for my family and me.

SUBMITTED BY  
INDIRA CHIVUKULA, USA

## Baba Changed My Life

Om Sai ram, I wanted to share my experiences with you all. Baba is such a wonderful God that He saved my life many times. We were very poor, we even depended on my parents for my infant son's milk, back in India. Baba has given a lift in our life and now we are able to afford my childrens' fees in international school, which are about 3.5 to 4 lakhs per

year. In 2001, I underwent a surgery for my thyroid gland, and in the biopsy reports the tumor taken out from my thyroid revealed cancer cells. I was 25 at that time, and my son was just 1 and half year old. I cried and cried, prayed to Baba, asked Him to cure me. I did saphaha and did two aaratis throughout 7 days. I was asked to undergo nuclear scan within one week to know further, and do you know what the result was. Certainly all Sai devotees must know this that my test reports were negative. From 2001 till date. I have been undergoing the scanning and blood tests after every 6 months. And till date Baba's mercy is showering on me continuously. We are blessed with another baby girl too. Thanks to almighty Baba for his miracles in my life.

Vijayadurga  
Courtesy-Sai Vichaar

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## BESTOWING GRACE

It was Baba's 90th MAHASAMADHI DAY on 9th, October, 2008 i.e. VIJAYADASHMI DAY. The figure 90 ( ninety) is very important and effective : (9) means, Nava Vidhi Bhakthi. Nine Types of Devotion which Sai Baba always advocated to His Bhaktas (Devotees) to resort at least to one of these Nava Vidhi Bhakthi. And (0) zero means Shanti/Silence. Brahma is Silence.

Shri Sai Baba gave Rs. 9/- only to Mrs. Laxmibai. HE first gave her Rs. 5/- and afterwards HE gave her Rs. 4/- totaling to Rs.9/-. The figure 9 is indicative of the nine types of devotion and Shri Sai is giving a reminder of the nine good qualities required of a disciple as told by SHRI KRISHNA to UDDHAVA of the Shrimad Bhagvat, in the eleventh Skanda, tenth chapter and sixth verse. There is marvelous description of how the disciple should behave to acquire spiritual progress. Earlier, in the first, half, five qualities are described and in the next

half, only four. Sai Baba also followed this pattern, and that is what we think so.

Since I have been blessed by Samarth Shri Sachchidanand Sadguru Sai Nath Maharaj, not only once, but on many occasions ( by riding the motor cycle as pillion rider with me on 7 times and disappearing after asking only Rs.3/- as MY dakshina / by asking a cup of tea at Shirdi and after wards disappearing/ and again appearing in original form in the month of November,2003 and asking Rs. 5/- as MY dakshina and disappearing / and again on many times, coming to my house on many times and once talking with my wife (late-now). I am doing a Charitable service of HEALING TOUCH to all, irrespective of cast/creed/ religion etc. at any place, any city, any country, face to face or over the telephone, and this service is FREE. During my free service of the healing touch, I ask the devotee/person, to chant Om Sai Rama- these 9 letters only, and, that too only

9 times. And what a Miracle ! The God Sai cures the devotee/person instantly. Now, what is secret behind this figure-9 ! I feel, that, there is a strong devotion to worship to the God. And there are 9 types of the devotions to worship the God. Without devotion one can not have a union with God and knowledge will not be acquired.

The nine ways of devotions are : (1) Listening (2) Singing the Lords praises aloud (3) Remembering Lord Vishnu (4) Serving at HIS feet (5) Offering Prayers (6) Bowing down before HIM (7) Being Humble (8) Developing affection and (9) Surrendering the Atma. With full faith, even, if, one of these ways of devotion is practiced, Shri HARI, who longs for devotion will appear in the home of the devotee.

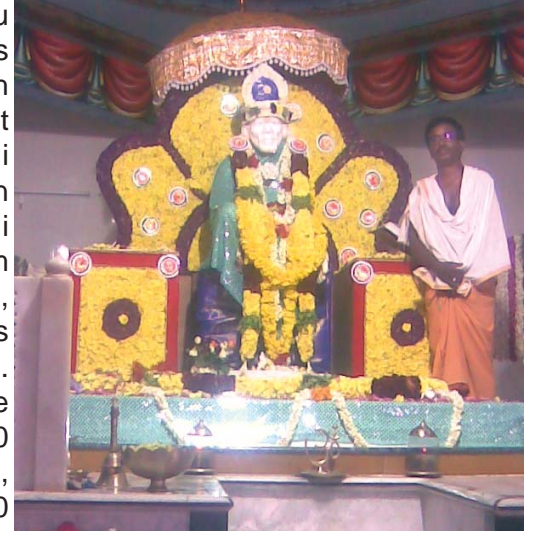
We can not reach or we can not have union with God by just practice of austerities, keeping of vows, practicing yoga, learning of Vedas and Upnishads, abundance of metaphysical knowledge and its various explanations. There is no need to be well versed in Vedas nor any need to be famous as a scholar. It is neither necessary to sing the praises of God without feeling. Only the loving sentiment of devotion is essential. So, a devotee can have one of the ways, as referred above, towards devotion which is practiced and see that, Shri Sai will be coming to the devotees soul.

OM SAI RAMA- Please chant these 9 letters 9 times daily and see the MIRACLES.

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## Samadhi Day Celebrated In Kishnankaranai Village

Sri Mahameru Devi Puja day was celebrated on 8th October 2008 at Shirdi Sai Complex in Krishnankaranai Village. Apart from the regular Aartis, Puja and Bhajans were organised. Aartis were performed at 6.00 a.m, 12.00 noon, 6.00 p.m and 9.00 p.m. There was a violin concert by Ms. Usha Nadaswaram Concert by Shri Adyar Padmanabhan. Prasad was distributed after Aarti. On both days, the Temple was open from 6.00 a.m to 9.30 p.m.



On 9th October 2008, Shirdi Saibaba's Mahasamadhi Day function was held. There was Sai Namajapa between 1.00 p.m and 4.00 p.m and Sai Bhajans were recited from 4.00 p.m to 6.00 p.m. Thereafter there was

Nadaswaram Concert by Shri Adyar Padmanabhan.

Prasad was distributed after Aarti. On both days, the Temple was open from 6.00 a.m to 9.30 p.m.

Many devotees attended the function and obtained the blessings of Shri Shirdi Saibaba. The program was organised by Shirdi Sai Trust Team. **-Aanchal Marwaha**

## Soulful Rendition of Sai Bhajans by SOS

A soulful rendition of Sai Bhajans was performed by 2nd November, 2008 at the residence of Nandita,



the members of Servants of Shirdi Sai under the leadership of Smt. Jolly Pruthi on

publicity incharge of SOS, at Dwarka. All present in the programme were mesmerized by the bhajans sung by Smt. Jolly

ji and other members of SOS. **- Premendra Ojha**

## A Beautiful Experience

I am a small and humble devotee of Baba for last 22 years. I have had the fortune of visiting Shirdi every year since 1990 and visited at least 25 different Sai temples across India. My nature of work is such that I am in different parts of Delhi / NCR every evening and whenever I get the opportunity, I try my best to attend the arti at the nearest Sai temple.

On the 22nd of October 2008, I was at Sai temple sector 40, Noida, for evening arti. Just before the arti, a big dark brown butterfly came and sat near me and then while the arti was on, it sat near Baba. It disappeared into thin air after the arti.

On the 24th of Oct, I was

at Sai temple Lodi Road, New Delhi, for evening arti. Just before the arti, a big dark brown butterfly came and sat near me and then while the arti was on, it sat near Baba. It disappeared into thin air after the arti.

On the 25th of October, I was at Sai temple Chattarpur, New Delhi for evening arti. Just before the arti, a big dark brown butterfly came and sat near me and then while the arti was on, it sat near Baba. It disappeared into thin air after the arti. It will be incorrect to call it a mere coincidence. At the same time, I am not able to say what to call it, a blessing? a presence of Baba? A darshan? A silent communication? whatever it was, it was simple and nice!

**-Aushutosh Jaiswal**

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