

Shirdi Guide : Khandobha Temple

What is the two-fold importance of Khandobha temple in baba's life history?

The spot where Sri Saibaba halted on his entry into Shirdi with the wedding party of chandbhai patil, and secondly as the place where he acquired his name

What does 'Sai' mean in Persian?

Saint or Holy

Names of Khandobha's wives?

Banai, who came from Shepard family[form of ganga]. Mahalsa representing business family[form of parvathi]

What can we find now under the Banyan tree where bullock cart halted?

Small shrines and padukas

Who sponsored the renovation of temple and when?

Upasani Maharaj in 1920

Did baba ever visited the Khandobha temple while he was living in Shirdi? If so when?

Baba used stop by Khandoba temple on his way back from Rahatha [village 5 km from Shirdi]

Gurusthan/Padukas Installation :

Verse inscribed on paduka's

Sada Nimbhavrikshasya mooladiwasat
Sudhasravnam Tiktamapya priyamtam
Tarum Kalpavrikshdikam sadhayantam
Namameeshwaram Sadgurum Sai Namtham

In which year did paduka installation took place ?

15th August, 1912.

On whose head were the paduka □s carried during procession?

Govind Kamalakar Dixit

What was the route for paduka procession?

Khandoba Templeà Dwarakamai-[Masjid] Neem tree

What was the total expenditure for paduka installation?

Sum of Rs 100 = Rs25 from pastha set of Bombay + Rs75 as subscriptions

Who performed the worships to the paduka's during first five years and who did it after that?

G.K.Dixt for first five years followed by Laxman Kacheswar Jakadi

Who sent the railing round for the paduka's and how much did it cost in bringing from the station to Shirdi?

Dr. Kothare sent the railing and cost Rs.7-8-0 (presently Rs7.50p)

Who paid for the roofing?

Sagun Meru Naik

Who is called as Nana Pujari?

Laxman Kacheswar Jakadi

What is the story behind lingam that we see inside the gurusthan?

This is the same lingam that was given to Megashyama by baba. And it was with baba's permission put up in the Gurusthan

What is 'Takiya'? And where it used to be?

It was a place where visiting fakirs used to stay in baba's time and this is the place baba used to dance. Currently this place has an open-air theater and it is by gurusthan

What happened to the padukas that were installed in gurusthan and where are the real ones now?

Some lunatic damaged original padukas and were replaced and currently they are said to be underneath the pedestal

Who carved the statue that is in gurusthan and was donated by whom? which year it was installed?

Carved by grandson of the sculptor of the Samadhi mandir murthi and donated by Y.D.Dave and installed in 1974.

Akkalkot Maharaj appeared in the vision (dream) and said to him - "Now Shirdi is my resting place, go there and offer your Worship." Whose dream was referred here?

Bhai Krishnaji alibagkar

Who used to perform arathi at gurusthan?

G.K.Dixt

Who used to perform arathi at Sathe Wada?

Mr.d Jog

Full name of G.K.Dixt

Govind Kamalakar Dixit

Give the names of devotees involved in installing the padukas?

People involved: Dr.Ramarao Kothare, Sagun Meru Naik, Upasani Baba, Compounder, Bhai Krishnaji Alibaghkar and G.K. Dixit

What all do we see in current gurusthan premises?

Marble padukas on pedestal, a Shiva lingam, and a statue of baba

Shirdi Guide : Dwarakamai

Significance of padukas near Dhuni in the Dwarakamai?

Spot where baba used to sit in by the Duni.

Give the names of the houses baba used to visit daily?

(1) Vaman Gondkar, (2) Vaman Sakharam Shelke, (3) Bayajabai and Ganapat Kote patil, (4) Bayaji Appa Kote Patil and (5) Nadaram Marwadi

Baba used sleep with his head pointing to -----?

Nimbar

Give the names of devotees, who are responsible for the origin of keeping a bag of wheat in Dwarakamai?

A devotee Balaji Patil Nevaskar and his landowner came to baba for arbitration (settlement). After which Nevaskar started sending whole of his crop to baba, keeping none to him. This eventually became a tradition where the bag of wheat is replaced on the day of Sriram Navami of each year.

Under whose commission is the portrait inside the Dwarakamai Masjid has been painted?

M.W. Pradhan

Padukas in Dwarakamai:

- Padukas in front of baba's portrait inside the Masjid
- Padukas at the bottom of puja pillar where baba used to sit
- Padukas at the bottom of the baba's picture on the stone in front of Masjid
- Padukas by the cooking area, where baba used to stand
- Padukas by the cooking area on the wall, where baba used to lean

There was only one instance when baba placed the padukas on his feet and gave them to a devotee as a blessing, who is that lucky devotee?

Mrs. Pradhan (ESS 47)

Who was the original owner of the baba sitting on the stone picture?

D.D.Neroy from Bombay and has given it to his guru Kammu Baba

Who took the initiative and built the shed for the palanquin?

R.B.Purandhare

"No baba, if I do that you'll simply pull it down the moment I'm gone" In what context and who said this to baba?

When baba wanted Purandhare to have his food and come, Purandhare was trying to make sure that baba is not going to pull down the shed that he prepared for palanquin.

Significance of bell in the Dwarakamai?

This bell is setup during baba's time, which would rang at 4:30am, 11:30am, 8:30pm to signal the villagers for arathi.

Significance of tortoise in Dwarakamai?

This the place where Sham sunder used to bow, and the original location of the stone on which Baba sat, which was moved when the mosque was extended after Baba's mahasamadhi. Tortoise traditionally is associated with the qualities of protection. (Mother tortoise protecting its children with its vision)

Which arathi was performed in Dwarakamai during baba's time?

Only the noon arathi

What are the different items that we see in Dwarkamayi?

Padukas, grinding stone and wheat bag, Kolamba, Nimbar, water pot, dhuni, bathing stone, 5 sets of padukas, puja pillar, animal statues, tortoise tile, cooking hearth and wooden post, bell.

Building materials sent by Mr. Gopal rao Gund in mid-1890 were used for the purpose of ?

Restoration of local temples as per baba's instructions

Give the names of the devotees, who were determined to do some reconstruction of mosque?

Nana Chandorkar, Nana Nimonkar

On whose intervention did baba gave the permission for repairing the mosque?

Mahalsapathi

Approximately in which year did the mosque renovation was complete?

1912

What is panathi?

Small earthenware pots with cotton wicks and oil

The famous leela of lighting lamps with water said to have taken place in the year of ____?

1892

What is the meaning of Dwaraka given by N.V.Gunaji?

a place open to all four castes of people

Dwarkamai also means _____?

Many-gated mother

What was the guruji's explanation to the meaning of Dwarkamai?

Dwar-ka-mai: the mother(mai) waiting at the door(dwarak) to nourish her child. Just as a loving mother will allow her child to continue playing happily until he or she gets weary or hungry, and will then offer whatever her child needs, so our motherly Sai Baba is waiting to receive us.

It is reported that Baba would spend hours sitting in contemplation by the dhuni., facing _____, especially early in the morning after getting up and again at sunset.

South

Who reported, "Baba would wave his arms and fingers about, making gestures which conveyed no meaning to the onlookers and saying 'Haq' which means God." During early mornings and sunset?

Mrs.Tarkhad

It is recorded in charters and sayings that baba made an intriguing comment about spot where dhuni is, saying that it was the burial place of _____ a well to do land owner, with whom baba once lived and cooked for him?

Muzafar Shah

In which year did the Dhuni pit rebuilt?

1998

What did guruji say when a westerner questioned him about custom of udi giving?

Sri Babuji replied that because the udi is from the fire that was lit and touched by Baba, the ashes are a connection to Baba and to his touch- and thus no ordinary ash. Putting the udi on the forehead, says Sri Babuji, "always gives me the experience of the touch of my Beloved Baba and the udi is a symbol of his grace"

To whom did baba say "Don't you remember that today is guru purnima? "

Dada Kelkar

What is Kolamba?

Earthenware dish where baba use to empty all the begged food

During midday meal,Baba used to sit with his back to the _____?

Nimbar or niche on the western wall

Baba used sleep his head pointing towards the _____?

Nimbar or niche on the western wall

Who mentioned that "was very gracious and repeatedly gave me smoke out of the pipe. It solved many of my doubts and I felt delighted"

Mr.Kaparde

Baba said "This picture will live after me", which picture was baba referring to?

A large portrait of baba sitting with his arm leaning on a little wooden balustrade inside the mosque.

Above mentioned picture was painted by _____ under the commission of _____?

S.R.Jaikar under commission of M.W.Pradhan

How many pictures were painted by Jaikar and how many of them were touched by baba?

Four of them were painted and only of them was touched by Baba.

Meaning of namaskar?

Term is said to be a compound of three root words: na (=no) + mama (=I) + aaskaara (=Scope) = no scope for the "I". It is a state of mind in which the self is effected by an expressive recognition of the divine magnitude.

Mother, I had been to your house in Bandra, with a view to having something to eat. I found the door locked. I somehow got an entrance inside and found to My regret, that Bhau _____ had left nothing for Me to eat. so I

have returned from there without eating anything." Who is referred as Bhau in the above context and brief out this leela?

Mr. Tarkad

It is recorded that until around _____, Baba almost never asked for dakshina?

1909

Who donated the bathing stone?

Rambaji, a devotee from Nasik who at first was mentally ill.

Tulsi Brindavan was put up in Dwarkamayi during the renovation of mosque from year ____ to year_____?

1909-1912

When _____ came to see baba for the first time, baba said that he had known him for four years. Then he remembered that he had prostrated to a picture of baba in Bombay.

Balabua satar[Known as Navayuga Tukaram]

In which year did Balabua satar came to Shirdi for the first time?

1917

How many rupees did baba gave to the dervishes after tigers death?

150

Where was Tiger buried?

near by Mahadev temple

When was the statue of the tiger erected? And by whom?

12 November 1969, Trayambaka Rao of Ojar Villag

Who donated the horse to baba? And in which year?

Kasam in 1909

Meaning of Shyam Karni?

black ears

Where is Samadhi of Shyam Karni?

In Lendi gardens

Baba once advised a devotee suffering from severe pain in his knee to touch the three-foot tall wooden post and then do pradakshana around it. Give the name of this devotee?

Sai Sharanand, then Vaman Patel

Who presented the Chariot to baba? And in which year?

M.B.Rege and Avasthi during Guru Purnima of 1918

Who donated the Silver Palanquin?

Sadhu Bhaiya Naik from Harda and his two brothers

In which year did the shed for palanquin built?

1912

Building where Shyam sunder used to stay was built by the donation of 500 rupees sent by whom?

Sakharam Aurangabadkar from Sholapur, whose wife had given birth to first child after twenty-seven years of marriage

Shirdi Guide : Chavadi and Lendi:

Out of the four arati's which of the two were performed in Chavadi?

Shej Arathi started as baba comes to Chavadi in procession and then Kakad Arathi in the morning of following day

Baba would leave the mosque for Lendi around what time?

Around 9a.m

What made baba started to sleep in Chavadi on alternate days?

Once there was heavy rain in Shirdi and villagers forced baba not to sleep in Mosque that night and instead sleep in Chavadi. Unique thing about baba was that he used to put everything into a routine.

Mention any two routines that baba strictly followed?

- Baba always followed same route to Lendi
- Baba had his hand dressed by Bhagoji shinde, despite the wound was cured

Nanda deep is in between these two trees?

Neem and Bodhi

Give the names of all the persons standing from Left to Right in the very famous baba lendi photograph?

Nana Nimonker, Bhagoji Shinde, Saibaba, G. Booty, and Nana Chopdar

Significance of the padukas by the small vital temple?

This is the place where baba used to stand facing this temple on his Lendi route

It is said that baba used to linger by this temple as he walks to Lendi and it is also known as one of the oldest temple. Which temple is this?

Kanifnath temple

Shirdi Guide : Samadhi Mandir

With whom Mr.Booty came Shirdi and When?

A. S.B.Dhumal in 1908

When Samadhi Mandir Construction Started?

approximately 1915.

Why Samadhi Mandir is called as "Dagdi Wada"?

Because it is constructed with stones.

Who take care of the Samadhi Mandir Construction ?

Shyama and Jog

Baba's Mahasamadhi day and date?

Tuesday, 15th October, 1918

Who opposed to keep Baba's body in Booty Wada?

Kushalchand, Amir Shakhar and Bade Baba. (Shyama Supported them)

Two months Previously Baba sent a message to -----saying that " On the ninth day, of the ninth month , Allah is taking away the lamp he lit".

Banne Mia fakir.

Baba sent some offerings to the fakir ----- and requested to do moulu and Qawalis(both are types of devotional singing) and nyas.(feeding of the poor).

Shamsuddin Mia.

What did devotees find in the cloth bag, after baba's mahasamadhi?

A green kufni stitched and given by Kasinath Shimpi.

When the Marble Statue installed in Samadhi Mandir and who installed the statue?

October 7th, 1954. Installed by Swamy Saranananda (vaman patel)

The first Silver throne's weight ?

60.82 kgs.

The recent throne's weight and when it was installed?

205kgs, Ramanavami 2002.

Who is the sculpture of Baba's marble statue?

Balaji Vasant Talim.

What are the articles used by baba, that we can see in Samadhi Mandir now ?

Three pairs of Sandals , Baba's clothes, several chillims, cooking pots, Baba's satka.(and ornaments for shyam sunder the horse and silver palanquin).

Shirdi Guide : Other Temples and Shrines

When did the Jawahar Ali's leela happened ?

Early 1890s.

How many days Baba stayed with Jawahar Ali in Rahata?

about 8 weeks

Where debate take place between Devidas and Jawahar Ali?

In Maruti Mandir.

What are three temples near Samadhi mandir ?

Mahadev, Ganesh and Shani temples

When Abdul baba came to Shirdi ?

1889 or 1890

What Baba said when Abdul baba come to shirdi ?

My crow has come.

When Abdul Baba died?

1954

Who called himself "General of Sai Baba's army"?

Nanavali

When Baba arrived with Marriage party what Nanavali greeted ?

"Oh,Uncle you have come".

How many days later Baba's Samadhi Nanavali died ?

13th day

When Bhau Maharaj Kumbhar came to shirdi?

last two or three years of Baba's life.

When Bhau Maharaj Kumbhar died ?

1928

When tatya died ?

1945

Who is V.P..Iyer?

Manager of sugar factory in Kopergoan. He gave much service to the sansthan.

Why V.P .Iyer's tomb was in Shirdi ?

He died holding Baba's picture and saying Baba's name and his desire to be Buried here.

Shirdi Guide : Houses of Sai Devotees:

Name the Wada's in Order ?

Sathe Wada (1908) , Dixit wada (late1910) and Booty Wada (approximately 1915)

Who constructed the Sathe Wada ?

Hari Vinayak Sathe.

Who bought the Sathe Wada later and when?

R.S.Navalkar in 1924..

When R.S.Navalkar gave this wada to Sansthan ?

1939

When Sathe Wada added into Samadhi mandir

in 1998 reconstuction.

Who constructed Dixit Wada?

Hari Sitaram Dixit (Kakasaheb Dixit)

When Kakasaheb Dixit came to Shirdi?

1909

When Dixit died ?

1926

Where Dixit wada is located?

Just opposite to Gurustan.

Now how sansthan is using Dixit Wada?

As Museum and small part of it as reading room.

Where Abdul Baba's Cottage located?

Just opposite the Chavadi next to couple of tea stalls.

What Baba have given to Abdul Baba ?

Two chimta.

Who was allowed in the mosque when the curtain was down?

Lakshmibai Shinde

What duties Bhagoji Shinde is doing in the Masjid ?

He was a sort of attendant of Baba. He enters the Masjid first in the morning and used to message first Baba's right arm and his body.

When baba is going to Lendi, Who has previlage to carry the umbrella?

Bhagoji Shinde

Bhagoji is suffering from which disease ?

Leprosy

What Bhagoji's house is called as _____? Where it is located.

Shinde Wada. It is located just behind the Lashmibai Shinde's house.

In which year Baba was in Samadhi for 72 hours ?

1886

Whose samadhi's located their houses or beside Narasimha Temple?

Sakharam's son, daughter-in-law and Ramgiribua.

What leela is related to vaman Gondkar's house ?

When Radhakrishnamai is suffering from malaria. Baba asked some one to bring ladder and lean it against the wall of Gondkar's house and walked over the roof and climbed down to Radhakrishnamai's house to cure her illness.

What the houses Baba next went for Bhiksha?

Bayajabai (Tatya's house) and Bayaji Appa kote Patil.

Whose house is last house Baba is going for Bhiksha?

Nandaram Marwadi.

When the Baba's Bhiksha routine is re-enacted by devotees ?

On Vijayadasami day.

Baba once told shama that they had been together for _____ generations?

A. 72 generations

Where is shama's school located ?

Next door to Masjid.

The first two houses Baba used to go to were those of _____ and _____ ?

Vaman Gondkar and Vaman Sakharam Shelke

Where these two houses located ?

Beside the Chavadi. The two houses are demolished in 2001.

Shirdi Guide : More Festivals

What are the three main festivals celebrated in Shirdi ?

Ramanavami (march/April), Gurupurnima(July), Vijayadasami(September/October).

Two locally historic rituals are carried out during the festival Ramanavami are _____ and _____

The sack of wheat in Dwarakamai is changed and the old one is taken to Prasadalya and second one is the Flags are replaced.

The Flags procession begins from _____ ?

A. Three carpenters houses (Tukaram, Gabaji and Kondaji) the first of whom personally served Baba for several years. They did bulk of repair work on the masjid.

Now who is performing the "Sandal procession" ?

Abdul Baba's descendants.

Baba called Dada Kelkar and said "Don't you remember that this is _____ Come on, go and worship that post there".

Guru Purnima.

Why Sai devotees celebrating Vijayadasami?

Its Baba's Punyatithi