

Tues. 1st Sept. '25.

Baba and the mandali dined today at Mr Shah's place. ~~In the~~ The schools were closed in the afternoon on account of 'Anant-Chaloo Dishi'. ~~Some debates were held~~ The boys were made to debate for sometime and for 3 to 5 they recited Bhajans. After that the Ganpati was started in a ~~process~~ procession with a very noisy ~~music~~ but variety of village music and finally immersed amidst great enthusiasm and water burst in the well behind the hospital. Baba watched all the fun and frivolity while sitting under a tree by himself.

After supper the game of Pata-Patas was played by all till 10.30. when all were served with light tea without milk and then retired for sleep.

~~Tues.~~ Fri. 4.9.'25

### 'Makane-Khas'

The special premises for the mandali's stay, a C.I. Sheet shed of nearly 30'x30' which was under construction of late got ready today. Due opening ceremonies were made this evening when all were treated with Ice & Bhajiyas. The new premises was christened by Shri as Makane-Khas and every one of the party was allotted a fixed space for his stay in two regular rows leaving a passage in the middle. A space in the central position was also set aside for Baba's own seat.

Those of the untouchable, <sup>male & female</sup> villagers that had taken the oath of avoiding fish flesh & eggs seriously were distributed the promised Sholats & Suris, <sup>respectively</sup> as a reminder of their oath by Baba. Besides ~~any~~ every boy in the school was given a Mar Sholat and a Kheski coal to each of them.

## Tamasha To Bhajan

Tue 8.9.25

Shri came to know that some of the Arungaon people were going to have a 'Tamasha' in the village tonight and hence with a few of the party, <sup>he</sup> personally went there this afternoon. The 'leaders' of this vulgar movement were patiently lectured to and explained the disastrous result <sup>that</sup> such so called amusements and Tamashes bring about in the morality of the young boys and their women-folk by Baba who also made them be paid Rs. 10/- as a compensation for the expenses that they had already incurred in this matter. Besides this Shri also arranged for the young-folk of this village to be paid Rs. 130/- to enable them to have ~~small~~ ~~place~~ a shelter built there for them to have daily Bhajans there and thus a handsome inducement was offered them to make them attentive towards religious Bhajans instead of spoiling themselves with cheap & vulgar amusements.

Wed. 9.9.25

## The Bholaram!

The Parsi Papatli holiday was duly observed here today. All were treated to Tea and Bhajans and extra cricket play in which Baba took a personal share.

Some of the villagers that were paid 10/- Rupees yesterday and asked not to hold a Tamasha were reported, that in spite of it all some of them ~~do~~ did take part in such vulgar show in another village nearby. Shri seemed very angry at this but said that for the sake of a few bad ones the whole ~~the~~ village should not be punished but he added that those who committed this breach of ~~the~~ trust would meet with a great calamity, and a couple of these residents of the colony who were suspected of having an ~~the~~ underhand in this affair were immediately dismissed.



In the evening a Guerathi boy of 22 or 23 years of age named Rama Bhoja came to Shri and requested to be taken in, in the school. When cross questioned it transpired that he was a resident of Karanje near Kopergaon and upon his requesting to his father to allow him to learn sufficiently to read Rameshawari he was refused on the plea that he was sufficiently grown up to do the hereditary work of agriculture. At this the young man got dissatisfied and left the parental roof on foot to Pandharpur. He was found to have a few annas on his person and a little quantity of 'Phutane' baked rice & gram. His clothes were also found to be in rags. Shri admitted him forthwith in the colony and renamed him Bholaram. After the usual evening Bhajans Baba personally taught this Bholaram through signs the 'A.B.C.' of Guerathi and declared that "since coming to Arunpura he is the first to get tuition directly from me and hence whether he sticks to this place or not he will make a good progress in education inspite of his advanced age."

With the usual night discussions the day came to an end.

Mon. 14.9.25.

In celebrations of Asha Zoroaster's birthday the school, dispensary etc were all closed today.

In the afternoon, poems in praise of Zarthost Incharaj were jointly sung by all after which Jalebis Bhajyas and tea was liberally distributed to all.

During this celebrations Shri wrote a few words on slate in eulogy of Zoroaster as follows:

'The reason of the holiday is the birthday today of Zoroaster who was a great Spiritual Master like

Inhomed and Christ' this was read by Vishnu to all those who were present when with a tremendous cheering of garthot Insharaj - ki - jai - the party began to enjoy the treat. Thereafter an interesting and exciting cricket play took place. In the evening after supper Shri seemed to be in a excited mood and while he was writing upon a slate for the two new arrivals Yeshwantrao & Sadashuwair from Sapori & Poone respectively he was apparently very angry at the disturbance caused by the 'general superintendent' having talked in a loud tone. Suddenly Baba turned in the latter direction and drew out a swift blow on his head with ~~his~~ <sup>the bare</sup> hand. In spite of his very heavy constitution in comparison to Baba's frail body the Superintendent came down with that single blow with a great thud. For sometime quite a alarm reigned the atmosphere, turning the usually ~~buzzing~~ buzzing meeting into a silent grave yard!

However just as suddenly the storm had begun it subsided & all were talking on merrily, while the gramophone was also started under Shri's instruction.

Explaining the recent excitement Baba said the foresters' birth moment was the same that ~~the~~ the Superintendent got the blow & came down!

The gramophone playing was continued upto 11 o'clock during which time Shri also had some talk with the two new ~~some~~ guests.