

Zi. 19. 2. 26.

"Sat-Samagam" 99

As soon as Baba came out at 6.30. this morning that again people began to pay him respects. A large number of visitors still remained in the Sai-Darbar which was closely packed with them, since those belonging to distant villages could not return back to their places in the dead of the ^{last} night when the celebrations of the day had terminated. Consequently Baba had to remain in one place till 11 o'clock interviewing them without even attending the daily necessities. The 'Sat Samagam' booklets written by Gur Gorma Ganesh containing a short history of Baba and Tucherabad were freely distributed to all by Baba himself as well as the mandali amongst the eager crowds, which

considerably thinned down in the evening. Many of the outstation visitors including Baba's father who had also come for the occasion, departed by the evening train. Early at 9.30. all retired for the night.

Sat. 20. 2. 26.

At 6.30. Baba came out and after his usual bath began the daily routine. Some of the party who on account of over exertions ~~were~~ had gone out of work were particularly enquired of their health. The enginee inspections and supervision over ^{about} the various departments were gone through with a great precision and thoroughness.

Sadashiv Patel was allowed by Baba to stand a tea party to the mandali, which function came off successfully in the Sai Darbar. Some more guests departed today for their respective destinations after a touching farewell meeting with Shri.

Sun. 21. 2. 26. The Marriages!

The day again witnessed ^{an} unusual animation in ~~of~~ Suran ~~was~~ Nuherbabad. After the Angals' Puranic expositions in the morning the trouble began at ~~the~~ when Baba discovered that the rice cooked for the dinner were not ~~properly~~ prepared thoroughly. He immediately ~~himself~~ walked away a couple of miles along the Kugar road and took his seat under a tree. Almost the whole mandali followed him and after great pleadings and entreaties succeeded in bringing ^{the} rice back with them to Nuherbabad. Immediately upon his return Baba distributed ~~the~~ sweets, 'kajos' and 'pedas' broadcast amongst all. Savaram Bhaoji's sweet musical bhajans were listened to in the afternoon.

consequent to the recent ~~bettahars~~ betrothals

In the evening, the marriage ceremonies of 2 Guangs and 4 Guahars boys of the school were performed at Gachherabad. The ceremonies were conducted by a Brahmin priest strictly according to Hindus rites and with the concurrence of all the parents of both the brides and bridegrooms who were all present with their respective relations in full strength. After the actual marriage ceremony every couple was brought before Baba who blessed them when the parties paid their respects to Him.

There was a great crowd of villagers from all sides donned in their best 'Sunday suits' of different hues and colors to participate in the celebration.

A variety of village music lent additional mirth and excitement to the scene of great enthusiasm.

After the ceremonies Baba had also arranged for a marriage feast consisting of Dhal Rice vegetables and - the much coveted amongst these classes - laddoos or sweet balls. ~~About~~ In all about one thousand persons ~~were~~ dined on the occasion including the friends and relatives of the married couples.

The recent ~~bettahars~~ betrothals were not without a peculiar incident. Although Baba asked and arranged the respective parents to look out for suitable matches for their wards and promised the rest of the facilities the actual selection was left to their own choice. Consequently the only girl who was engaged in the lot was under misunderstanding given over to a boy of a different creed. The Guahar parents ~~were~~ selected a boy for their girl and in their wild enthusiasm did not make proper enquiries as to what caste and creed the boy belonged to, and asked for Babas approval who after looking up the two gave

his consent. However later on it was found out that the boy was ~~a~~ native Christian by religion!

A dispute arose between the parents of the bride & the bridegroom which was finally decided between themselves and the marriage finally took place on the 17th vol according to Christian rites. ~~After~~ The bride's parents however repeatedly asked Baba today to ~~for~~ 'remarry' that couple again according to Hindu rites along with the other six boys which was definitely refused by Baba.

Tue. 23. 2. 26.

The schools were reopened from today. Owing to Schadachi the crowd of visitors was again considerable. There was Ramayan Puran and Kirtan in the night. Yashwantrao from Sakori was one of the initiation visitors to Baba.

Wed. 24. 2. 26.

The boys were given a good bath by Baba and the mandali in the afternoon. Besides the Puran, again a drama rehearsal was gone through in the night.

Thur. 25. 2. 26.

The Drama!

The mandali was stopped from fasting on Thursdays today. The usual tea party and Bhajan took place in the afternoon. The 'Shah Shiwaji' play was held in the night in full splendour. It proved highly successful. Besides the inhabitants of Meherabad a large number of villagers were greatly entertained till 2 in the morning.