

7th August '26 Under the excuse that <sup>the</sup> spices were very freely used Baba ordered that from today the Shall was to be prepared spice-less! And thus the remaining "sauce" in the daily ration was also taken away ~~making the Mandali food hardly suitable~~ ~~by~~ leaving the food to be equal to that of a jail! and even worse than that.

8th August '26

Mr Satha who comes to see Baba every Sunday, got his cycle out of order after arriving here today and so while returning back in the evening Baba personally accompanied him back with four others from the mandali and saw him safely reach the Ry station! Baba and party came back to Deherghat at 10 P.M. in hired tongas. In their absence a serpent was found near the Ladies' Quarters and was killed by some of the mandali. Upon Baba's return the same was ~~shown~~ shown to Him and while doing so Kaikhasro lifted it up in his hand but Baba immediately asked him through signs to drop it down and wash his hands 24 times!!!

Baba found out that 8 glasses and plates were found missing from the school and so ordered eight of the school authorities to observe fasts tomorrow as a punishment for the disappearance of the things which he "said" was due to their negligence. ~~of the~~ About a couple of days ago Madharoo had brought in a dog for Baba as a present. The animal belonged to his -

Madhavarao - uncle a post-master at Ahmednagar who has been transferred to Poona. But before retiring for the night today Baba suddenly ordered Anna to take the dog back to its owner tomorrow without assigning any reason for returning the same.

The order ~~to~~ for all to sleep at 10 o'clock was again found to have been broken by some one and hence it was finally cancelled until further notice.

9th August '26.      The Great Insight.

The punishment awarded to ~~eight~~ eight members of the school staff to keep fasts was however withdrawn today. When Anna delivered the dog back to its owner as per the order overnight he came to learn the real reason ~~of Baba~~ as to why Baba asked him to do so. Madhavarao before going away to Ahmednagar on a short-leave received two letters from his uncle. One was addressed to Baba ~~saying~~ requesting that the dog be returned up and the other to himself in which his uncle said that his wife missed the animal very much and so to bring it back. Finding in an embarrassing position Madhavarao did not show these letters to Baba and concealing them walked away from Maheraod. But in spite of it the fact was not concealed from Baba? As has already been said without any hints from any one Baba ordered the

same to be returned today!

It began to rain heavily from 4 P.M. this evening. Rustuji & Kaka left for Tekli to give evidence in the case of Raghunath who is under trial there on a charge of theft.

10th August '26

Kadmi Papeti.

The Zoroastrian New Year Day was duly observed today. All got up at 5 in the morning & took cold baths. Baba was also given a ceremonial bath by the ladies. When all paid their respects to Shree at 7:00'clock "Attar" was applied by Him to each of the mandali members. After these formalities fine big grapes and milk-ten was then served to the whole of the Tucherabad.

~~However the dinner remained the same today as usual, that is the Dhal & Rice only.~~

Although a programme of quite a feasting with Pulav for dinner and Bhagwan Stew at supper was drawn up only a few days ago after a very <sup>noisy</sup> meeting bubbling with proposals & counter proposals, it all fizzled out in the end and for one reason or the other the "feasting" <sup>side</sup> of it was all cancelled only the other day. And thus the mandali had to remain contented with the usual Dhal & Rice on this New Year day. In the afternoon exciting games of cricket were played between two rivals team selected amongst themselves with Baba leading one of the parties. At the interval at 3:0'clock the mandali and the school boys were again provided with milk

tea and sweets. The school was of course closed for the day. The evening was also passed very interestingly by the mandali as Baba freely "talked" with them through signs and writings on very many subjects.

12th August '26.

The School-Director Arjuna Rao was absent on duty owing to ill-health today.

Baba personally took charge of his-Arjuna's-post and looked after the boys' clothing feeding bathing etc throughout the day. At 3 P.M. the usual Thursday tea party was held at Keka's place when the latter also brought some "Divel" (offering of eatables) for Baba. Baba ~~had~~ did not take the food but drew a lottery amongst the mandali with folded chhitis all blank save one with a figure of the cock on it! Vishnu was eventually lucky to draw in the prize-ticket and so was given the tempting "Divel".

13th August '26.

The Nagapanchami was duly observed today. The school was closed for half a day.

In the afternoon Baba gave tea and sweets to all the mandali and the boys after which music and singing was continued for some time.