

16<sup>th</sup> September '26

Baba declared it before all ~~that~~ today, that from tomorrow he was going to leave off eating any thing solid for a period of 5 or 6 months! The mandali were asked to prepare different dishes of eatables with their own hands to make his last-dinner.

Accordingly all took to the task of playing the amateur cooks and quite a hustle bustle was witnessed about Inchehabad.

The cooking was completed by 12 o'clock in the noon. Baba tasted a little from every one of the dishes and distributed the remains amongst the mandali as "Parasad". In the afternoon tea and "galebis" was given to all including the boys.

The milkman, as a result of disobeying Baba's instructions frequently, has got his health all ruined. Whenever he left Inchehabad without permission he used to fall ill! Once when even he <sup>had</sup> hardly left the boundary of Inchehabad he got an attack of fever and so today he pleaded for a pardon from Baba. Baba forgave him for all the past slips but warned him never to leave Inchehabad hereafter under any circumstances ~~if~~ and remain stuck at

Inchhabad to the end. The case of Gandooing and party was also referred to him as to how following their absence from Inchhabad for a week they sustained a humiliating defeat in a recent wrestling match!

2nd September '26.

Baba has begun to keep on on liquids only and consequently only took a little milk tea at the appointed hour today.

At the usual Thursday- tea-party at Kaka's place ~~but~~ Baba did not give the usual explanations but as soon as the mandali had finished taking tea He came away towards the Dahan. Most of the mandali were thereafter ordered to spread cow-dung throughout the school-premises ground and which they did for about a couple of hours. Bar-Soap left for Poona this afternoon with Baba's permission probably for food!

5th September '26

The usual Sunday programme of a Puran reading was duly carried out by our Angal pleader for two hours between 9 & 11 o'clocks in the morning. Adis' birthday was celebrated today with a tea party to all when Mr. Shree-Phelkar also gave a jalebi party to all. When all had finished enjoying the treat, Baba asked one of the party to ~~the~~ give a short lecture suitable to the occasion.

In the course of that lecture Dhohephalser was thanked on behalf of the mandali for the Jabis and Aeli was also wished a long life and a happy and prosperous year.

8th September '26

Suggestions were invited by Baba from the mandali as to how to enjoy the Papeti Holiday that befalls tomorrow. After some discussion a triangular cricket match was arranged amongst the mandali since preparations are going on for the usual Quadrangular - Cricket matches of the B'bes presidency. The three teams were decided to be captained by Shree, Rustonji and 'Chanji respectively and four prizes were also declared for the following: 1 prize for the winning team 2 prize for the Captain of the winners 3 prize for one who makes a ~~century~~ century & 4th prize for one whose bowling average is the best !!

9th September '26

It being Thursday today, the <sup>usual</sup> ~~usual~~ <sup>crowding</sup> spreading in the Mekan was carried out by the mandali in spite of it also being the Papeti Holiday. The schools were however closed in for the day and the cricket matches were begun from the early hours of 7.30 in the morning. As a result of previous drawing of 'Chanji's team was declared to play with the first winning team, & hence the first contest lay between Babis and Rustonji's team. By

10.30.10'clock in the morning the first match was finished with and Rustonji's team won the first game. Again in the afternoon after the usual tea party at Kaki's place the play was resumed between Rustonji's and Chanji's teams.

The second match proved a draw as both parties were almost on equal level by sunset.

Idli's show was the best in all the games of the day. After the mandali had had their supper a music party was arranged amongst themselves and the singing was continued upto 9 o'clock in the night when Baba suddenly declared his desire to take food to the great amazement of all since all believed him to keep fasts for months together! And there were certain conditions laid down by Baba on which he declared he would take food. The first was that only certain kinds of dishes must be procured or made and the second was that the dinner must be ready within 17 minutes!! Ofcourse the mandali at once set upon the task with will and vim. A great hustle bustle took place for those few minutes. Some ran into the village and begged here & there for certain dishes while others got busy in preparing those which could not be had through begging or even purchase. Somehow the mandali succeeded in getting ready the dinner within the fixed time. Baba was greatly pleased with it and after taking a few morsels he mixed up the assorted dishes all into one and

then distributed the rest as "Parasad"  
amongst all of the mandali. ~~At~~

Following this peculiar dinner Babu  
conveyed through signs and writing some  
interesting explanations on divine subjects  
for an hour and then retired for the  
night to his cabin.