

Chapter 5 - Kakasaheb Dixit Diary

Shri. S.B.Naachne was working as a treasury master at Dahanu in the year 1914. Shri. Fanse was an employee at his work place who was suffering from mental disorder. Once Shri. Naachne was praying to Lord Sai Baba in his shrine which was in kitchen, suddenly he heard a loud noise. He saw Fanse standing there. Forcibly he came near Naachne and squeezed his neck. Further he advanced towards him to suck blood from his neck and tried to eat it. Naachne somehow took spoon which he used to offer water and thrust it in Fanse's mouth. Fanse immediately closed his mouth and started eating his fingers. Since Fanse had pressed Naachne's neck with great pressure, his nails were pierced causing intense bleeding in the neck. Due to this attack, Naachne fell down unconsciousness. When he regained consciousness, he saw his mother, younger brother and doctor around him. he came to know that his mother and brother came and saved him from this insane person at the nick of time. After few days, he went to Shirdi. When he went to Dwarkamai in the afternoon, Lord Sai Baba, pointing towards Naachne, said to Anna Chinchankar, who was seated nearby Him, "If I had delayed a single minute that person would have killed this person. When his neck was being pressed tightly, I went and rescued him and thus averted his death. If I don't save My children who else will".

One of my neighbor Anandrao Krishna Choubal was staying with her mother. He and his mother once accompanied me to Shirdi. His mother was a very learned and knowledgeable person. She had decided to offer eight annas as dakshina to Lord Sai Baba. For this reason she asked her son to bring change of Re. 1. In the change, she received one 50 paise coin and two 25 paise coins. When she went to have Lord Baba's darshan, she offered only one 25 paise coin and was about to leave. Lord Baba called her back and asked her to give another 25 paise coin as per her decision and asked, "Why did not you give me My other four annas and cheated this poor Brahmin." Hearing this she felt ashamed on her act and offered the remaining dakshina.

Shankar Rao's mother once planned to visit Shirdi and from there they wanted to proceed to Pandharpur and few other places of pilgrimage. As per her plan she first went to Shirdi. When she went to take Lord Baba's darshan, she was asked to return home and give Udi. Thus she cancelled her trip to Pandharpur and other pilgrimages. She had to consider Shirdi as her Pandharpur. After reaching home, when she unpacked her luggage to give Udi to all others, she did not find Udi in it. Instead of Udi, Bukka (fragrant powder formed of various ingredients) which one gets on visiting Pandharpur shrine, was present. She was surprised at this change, but then she was convinced that since she considered Shirdi as Pandharpur, she was given Prasad of Pandharpur only.

In the year 1915, I, my wife, brother-in-law and Shankar Rao started for Shirdi. On our way, we met Vasudev Sitaram Saamant who was working as Veterinary and Sanitary officer at Basin. On his knowing that we were bound to Shirdi, he gave me two annas and also asked me to buy coconut, incense sticks and camphor to offer to Lord Sai Baba on his behalf. I took this responsibility and money and proceeded with our journey. After having pleasant darshan, we asked for Lord Baba's permission to leave. He granted us permission but asked for two annas, coconut, incense sticks and camphor. He exclaimed that we have cheated poor Brahmin. I quickly went and fetched those things and offered them to Lord Baba. He said, "When you decide to take up any task, do it with utmost care or else don't accept it."