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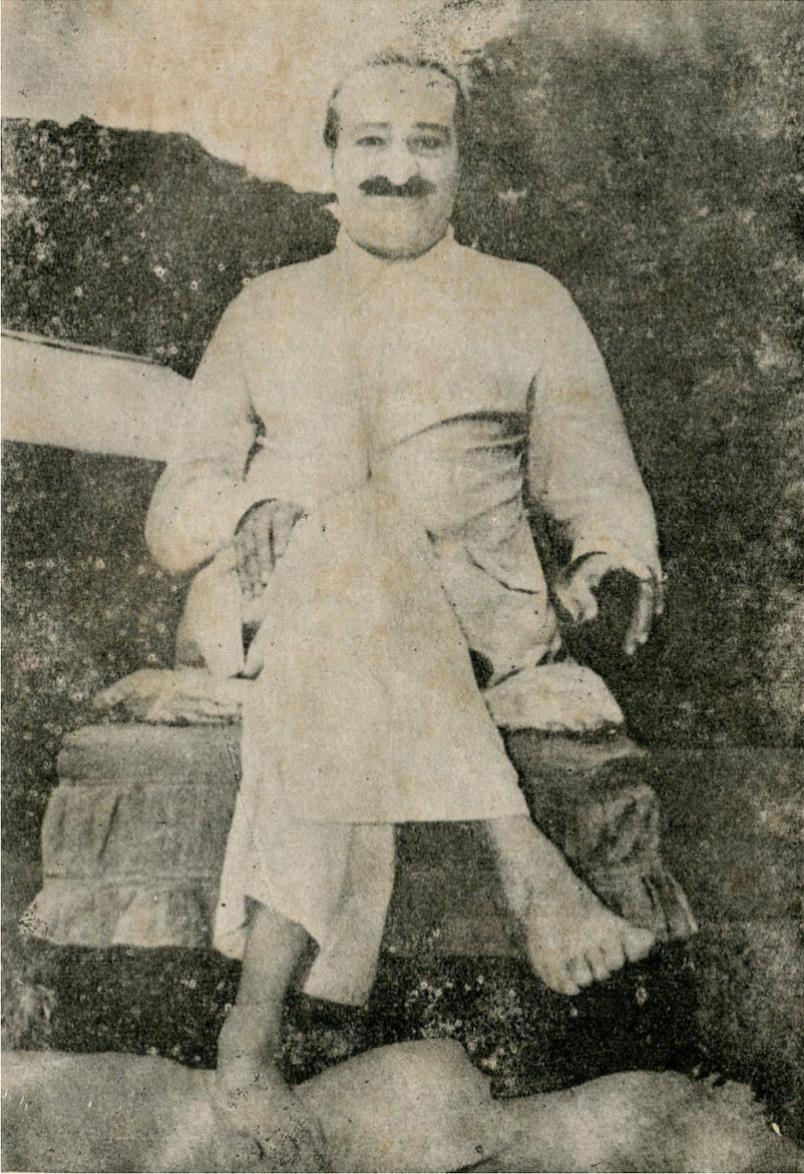
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AVATAR MEHER BABA

Message to reporters in Holly-
wood (California)
on 29-5-1932

By MEHER BABA

So much has been said and written about the "Highest Consciousness" and God-realization that people are bewildered as to the right process and immediate possibility of attainment. The philosophical mind wading laboriously through such literature only ends by learning a few intellectual gymnastics. The Highest State of Consciousness is latent in all. The Son of God is in every man, but requires to be manifested. The method of attaining this great Consciousness must be very practical and must be adapted to the existing mental and material conditions of the world.

Rituals and ceremonies instituted by the priest-ridden churches have made the process of attainment too dry; and that accounts for the lack of interest felt all over the world towards religious things in general. India, in spite of its high state of spirituality, at the present moment is very caste-ridden because of the enforcement by various cults of a plethora of rituals and ceremonies which maintain the form but kill the spirit. Forms and ceremonies, instead of diminishing the ego, strengthen it. The stronger the ego, the more aggressive it becomes. In the anxiety to become conscious of a separate self through thinking thoughts such as "I am in the right", "I am the favoured one", "I only have the right to live", one becomes destructive. The furious race for armaments by the Christian world, evincing an utter disregard for the Commandment

of Jesus that if one cheek is smitten, the other should be offered, shows clearly what I mean by the ego. In the evolutionary ascent from the mineral, vegetable and animal life, the latent mind gradually expands and develops till full consciousness is reached in the human form. To create this very consciousness, the universe emanated from the Infinite Ocean of Knowledge and Bliss, i.e. God the Absolute. In the human form, however, a difficulty is confronted, to remove which, prophets and spiritual Masters have periodically visited this earthly plane. Besides full consciousness in the human form, as a result of previous conditions of life, the ego, the 'I', is evolved.

The ego is composed of fulfilled and unfulfilled desires and creates the illusion of feeling finite, weak and unhappy. Henceforth, the soul can only progress through the gradual suppression of this finite ego and its transformation into the Divine Ego, the One Infinite Self, but retaining in full the consciousness of the human form. When man realises this state of Divine Consciousness, he finds himself in everyone and sees all phenomenon as forms of this own Real Self. The best and also the easiest process of overcoming the ego and attaining the Divine Consciousness is to develop love and render selfless service to humanity in whatever circumstances we are placed. All ethics and religious practices ultimately lead to this. The more we live for others and less for ourselves, the more the low desires are eliminated, and this, in turn, reacts upon the ego, suppressing and transforming it proportionately. The ego persists to the last. Not till all the six, out of the seven, principal stages on the Path, culminating into one God-conscious state, are traversed, is the ego completely eliminated to re-appear on the seventh plane as the Divine "I", the state of Christ Consciousness to which Jesus referred when he said "I and my Father are one" and which corresponds to the state of living in the Infinite and finite at one and the same time.

The above is the normal procedure for one who works on his own initiative without having to come across a living Master. With the help of a Perfect Master, the whole affair, however, is greatly simplified.

Complete surrender to the Divine Will of the Perfect One, and unflinching readiness to carry out his orders, rapidly achieve a result not possible even by rigidly practising all the ethics of the world for a thousand years. The extraordinary results achieved by a Perfect Master are due to the fact that being one with the Universal Mind, he is present in the mind of every human being and can therefore give just the particular help needed to awaken the Highest Consciousness latent in every individual. Perfection, however, in order to achieve the greatest result on the material plane, must possess a human touch and a keen sense of humour.

I eternally enjoy the Christ State of Consciousness, and when I speak, which I intend doing in the near future, I shall manifest my true self.

Besides giving a general spiritual push to the whole world, I shall lead all those who come to me towards Light and Truth. This, in short, is my mission in the world.

The ability to perform miracles does not necessarily connote high spirituality. Anyone who has reached the Christ Consciousness can perform them. People must not come to me merely for help in their physical infirmities or for material purposes. I shall perform miracles when the time and situation demand, and not to satisfy men's idle curiosity. Spiritual healing is by far the greatest healing, and this is what I intend to give. The Highest is latent in everyone, but is to be manifested.

* "We are as unconscious of god as of
our own Breathing"

By Meher Baba

While one lover was singing a Telugu song, Baba said.

"This reminds Me of one thing. It is important. I have not told this to anyone or anywhere till now—not even to Mandali and not even in the book "God Speaks".

We breathe and when breathing stops, we say the body is dead. While we breathe, it is automatic. Even if we are unconscious, breathing goes on so very naturally and automatically. We never concentrate on or think of our breathing, Even when we go to sleep, breathing continues without our knowledge. Breathing is so very closely associated with our form that no sooner breathing stops, we say that man is dead.

Similarly God is so intimately associated with our own being that we are not conscious of God just as in the case of breathing. But we become conscious of breathing when we exert to breathe (for example, when we run fast). Similarly, when THROUGH LOVE WE EXERT FOR GOD, WE BECOME CONSCIOUS OF GOD."

* Given at 1958 Sahavas.

Thoughts on Meherabad Hill

31st January 1970

BY

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The symbols of four Great World religions—Temple, Fire, Cross, Wheel of Dhamman—on the *Samadhi* (shrine) of the eternal Avatar really represent not merely four but all the religions of the world. Meher Baba says:—"All religions are mine, I belong to no religions". How can God have a religion? He is God—the Truth.

The Trust which He has reposed in each one of us is the spiritual trust and is primarily in regard to His work for humanity. The Torch of His Truth has to be kept burning for posterity. The Deed of Avatar Meher Baba Trust has come into existence only for specific objects mentioned by Him and it has its own important role to play. His internal spiritual work has no limitations of any kind.

Here are all pulsating with the fresh dispensation of Life Eternal, being showered on us all by our Beloved Avatar Meher Baba, the Highest of the High and the Ancient One. His eternal ever-renewing and life-giving Love and endless redeeming Grace is and always will be with us all. His Divine Presence is now here with us, always sustaining and never failing. There is naturally here a spontaneous gathering of His fortunate Lovers from East and West and all parts of India and Pakistan to pay deep homage of devotion at His Feet at this Immortal Shrine of Meherabad. But there is no doubt that even

many other Lovers—and they are countless—who could not come are equally sharing the ever-descending Grace of the Eternal and omnipresent Avatar.

The Beloved Supreme is so affirmatively present in our midst that I will now take the freedom not to refer to Him in the third person. As God and the Avatar, He is not only one of us but the One in us all—the one Supreme Infinite soul of souls. He declares, "*You and I are not we but one*". Here and Now, as Everywhere and for Ever, our Supreme Baba is God—The Beloved, an eternal I AM. We, one and all, pour out to *You*, Baba! our gushing love and adoration, like tributary rivers making their offerings of waters into the vast Ocean.

You have come to us to *awaken*, awaken us to the only one indivisible Divine illimitable Truth and you have come as the world-Teacher and as the Incarnation of infinite Love, Wisdom, Power and Bliss. Give us the courage and the humility to inherit this vast Truth and unstintingly impart it to the generations to come. Your sacred and sweet Name—MEHER, your divine love, and your illimitable Truth are the redeeming Daaman not only for us but for each and all. Like the previous Avatars, you too have given us enough inspiring Teachings. A number of Spiritual Academies, like the one that this humble slave of thine has started at Nagpur and even Universities and other similar enterprises would not be too many for the purpose of preserving the Torch of your Light for the posterity. Every word of yours is to us a scripture. But We need YOU as much as your Teachings. We pray that you please always be with each one of us and each form of life on this and all planes, by our side and in our hearts We welcome your descent in us with rejoicing and receive your blessings as the precious gifts of the unwaning Grace of the Most High.

The immortal lines of Keats tell us:

"Truth is Beauty; Beauty Truth
That is all, that you know on earth ,
And all you need to know"

as also –

"A Thing of Beauty is a Joy for Ever".

Our Beloved Baba, as an Incarnation of Divine Beauty and Divine Truth, is, above every other thing, a JOY for ever to all His lovers—all over the world. But surely He is far more than any work of Art or an indelible fresh exquisite picture in our mind and heart. He is not only an object of eternal joy, but an ever living giver of Joy of which He is an Incarnation. The mortal coils that so perfectly incarnated the spiritually self-complete Beatitude and Fullness of the eternal Avatar are lovingly enshrined at Meherabad by His own Will and the Shrine will undoubtedly be a source of divine inspiration, solace and strength to millions of unseen faces, which will in generations to come, be drawn here by their good luck. But let us all be fully aware of His own divinely conscious imperishable Avatic Truth. He told to our Dear Bhau Kalchuri, on the very eve of His dropping the physical body, "I am NOT this physical body". As during the earthly tenure of incomprehensible Leela, so also in the very moment of winding it up, the Avatar has played His fundamental Role of the A W A K E N E R. Meher Baba is GOD, untouched by death or illusion. He declares, 'you all *also* are one with me', The declaration will go down the corridors of Posterity as the safe-guard that will prevent the awakened ones from going back to the inertia of stupor. May we all learn to see our Beloved Avatar and love Him in everyone and everything! And may we, who feel that we are somehow one with Him also realise that we are also one with each other!

Each Lover will have to search deeply within, for his own answer to his place and duty in Avatic working for the future. He has to hearken to His eternal WORD in the unruffled tranquility of his own heart, I for myself,

believe that I am voicing the uppermost feeling in most of us when I pray to Beloved Baba on behalf of myself and all in the immortal words of Cardinal Newman—

"Lead Kindly Light!
I do NOT want to see the distant scene,
One step enough for me."

Mehera Mai's Message
For
Beloved Baba's 76th Birth day

Extracts from Bro. ERUCH'S reply d/ 22-2-'70 to Bro. K. V. Suryanarayana, M.A., B.Ed., Salur, Srikakulam District, Andhra Pradesh, INDIA.

"..... Mehera wants me to let you know that you and all Baba-lovers should always crave for blessings of our ONE BELOVED—Avatar Meher Baba. Mehera sends her wishes for beloved Baba's Love-Blessings on you and on all gathered in Salur on the occasion of the Birth Anniversary of the Ancient One.

Mehera says that the best Birth Day Message is the message directly and personally given by beloved Baba Himself—message issued on 26th January, '69. However, as you have so lovingly requested in your letter I quote below what Mehera wishes for all Baba-lovers every where:—

A Happy Baba Birth Day to you all Beloved Baba's dear children.

Baba Is and He always Will BE. His sweetness surrounds us and His compassion sustains us. May He our Divine Beloved be ever adored for He is Love itself. May He always be in our thoughts and His name be on our lips for He is our strength. May His light shine in all corners of the world that none be in darkness. And surely it will be for He is Meher—the Awakener,

His mercy is His Daman which He has given us to hold forever.

Our love to you each Beloved Baba's dear ones in His Infinite Ocean of Love.

Avatar Meher Baba ki Jai !!!

A day of Darshan and Sahavas at Bombay

Part II *

By BAL NATU

A fortnight after 'A Day of Sahavas and Darshan at Poona' on 8th December, 1957, the feast of Divine Presence in human form was spread for Baba-lovers in Bombay. The day fixed for this occasion was 22nd December, 1957. In Poona, Beloved Baba gave His Sahavas in the morning and Darshan in the evening, both at one place in Guru Prasad, Poona. In Bombay, Baba chose to give Darshan in the morning in Sundarbai Hall near Churchgate and Sahavas at 4 p.m. in Hasman Hall at Breach Candy. With Baba there is no routine, no repetition. Every programme has its own significance and beauty. His every moment expresses the freedom of Divine Life.

Baba-lovers and those interested in Him gathered in Sunderbai Hall. It was 8 a.m. and the following 'bhajan' was being sung: 'Avatar has come, He has come once again in our midst.' Coincidentally at this very moment Baba arrived on the stage. He looked very tender but radiant. Because of the recent auto-accident at Udtara (Dist. Satara) on 2nd December, 1956, Baba had to be assisted by the mandali in getting to the seat specially prepared for him. The second 'bhajan' continued: 'O dear friend, be alert. The real 'sadhana' lies in having an open mind'; and it was felt that Baba-lovers inwardly invoked Beloved Baba to fling open the gates of their hearts to receive Him. After a while, all stood up and the 'Parvardigar Prayer' was read aloud in Gujarati.

* Part I published in Divya Vani February, 1970.

Now Darshan commenced. The Hall was full and surcharged with Baba-love and all appeared to be in a very happy and devotional mood. As is the custom in India, Darshan commenced with 'ladies first' followed by men. Some had white jasmine garlands and some rose garlands. The scent was mild and pleasing. Some were having small boxes of sweets while others in the rank had a fruit or two in hands. Few had coconuts too. All looked eager to place these offerings at Beloved Baba's feet. Bombay people represented many walks of life, educated, backward, rich-poor, men and women. They had such a kind of Darshan after years. So this tempts me to quote a part from Beloved Baba's message 'Real Darshan' given at the first public Darshan at Dehra Dun (U. P.) on 1st November, 1953.

"I am happy to be in your midst..... ..
But to have My Real Darshan is not easy.

To see Me at close quarters, to do obeisance to me, to offer me fruits and flowers, to bow down to me and then to return to your homes can never mean that you have had my darshan,

"Having seen me with your eyes you have still not seen me as I am. You have not had even a glimpse of my true being in spite of your having gone through the convention of so-called 'darshan'.

"To have my Real Darshan is to find me.
The way to find me is to find your abode in me.
And the only one and sure way to find your abode in me is to love me"

The physical presence of the Avatar-God-Man has a unique potency of awakening slumbering hearts. Many a Baba-Lover has experienced this fact; and such opportunities of 'darshans' have enthused Baba-lovers to aspire for Real Darshan,

Rangnath Jadhav who had entertained Baba at Satara was by the stage to sing ghazals, The selection was befitting the occasion—lovers meeting the Beloved. Free rendering of some of the lines in Urdu is as follows:

(1) Love has only a beginning; end if any, is in the hands of the Beloved.

(2.) The Beloved may look in any direction but His glance darts as an arrow in my heart.

(3) The learned and the religious depend for heavenly reward on their rituals and ceremonies, but we—the 'rind' i.e. intoxicated with the wine of love—always rest in the Beloved's compassion which we have in abundance.'

The queue would not move ahead till each ghazal was over. Some as they reached Baba were so overpowered with emotions that tears rolled down their cheeks and they had to be helped to return to their seats.

Two songs were sung by Shri Devendraji a famous singer from Bombay. Then 'bhajans' by Meher Bhajan Party of Poona followed. Some Baba-lovers from Andhra and a score from West Bengal had specially come for this programme. As they approached Baba, He lovingly gestured, "It is a meeting after many many days! Come near, come close." This simple remark was enough to bring the tears of intimacy, and it was a sight to witness such long-awaited meetings. About 3 thousand people from Bombay had this rare chance of contacting God in human form, Meher Baba. By 12 noon there was 'arti' and Baba left the Hall for 'Ashiana', the residence of his near and dear Nariman Dadachanjee.

By 4 p.m. we all gathered in Hasman (Bhulabhai Desai) Hall in Breach Candy area. It is a well-kept place. not very big for a public programme but enough for this Baba-family gathering. Some occupied their seats in

advance near Baba's seat while the older ones reclined by the walls.

At the stroke of 4 Beloved Baba was present in the Hall and he looked specially delighted to see this intimate group of his lovers—men, women and children. As some one approached Baba with a garland, He stopped him and said "No garlanding, no bowing down; that was all for the morning Darshan programme. Now we are here as a Family and you are here for my sahavas. So, be at home.' With a smile He added. "As you have come closer, at the most you can occupy a seat near My chair. Forget all about flowers and fruits, forget your worries and be absorbed in My Presence. Isn't it better than garlanding me ?"

When all were comfortably seated, Sorabji Sigantoria and a few others introduced the families to Baba, the Ancient Father. Baba asked the chief workers whether only the intimate ones were called. They replied that they were. Hearing this Baba remarked, "Do you know who is the most intimate One? Who else can he be except God! He is closer, far closer to you than your very breath and being. He is the infinitely intimate One. But to form friendship with Him needs great courage. For His friendship you have to keep yourself ready to be pulverized from head to foot and become dust in love for God. I am God the enformed and the formless. Whosoever forms friendship with me loses everything including his very self. Are you prepared for such intimate relationship? If so, be brave and keep your hearts open." Perhaps Baba meant the 'openness of heart' as a gateway to real introduction.

The above remark reminded me of the following lines in Persian that Baba had quoted decades ago:

Ya makun ha peel-banam dosti;
Ya bina kun khana-e-dar khurde peel.

(Either do not form friendship with the elephant driver; or be ready to receive his elephant as well.),

Beloved Baba has a unique way of brining out the depths of the spiritual facts in a natural way keeping the atmosphere lively. Anyway all felt very homely during the short programme of introduction. Baba was conversing with the hearts of all through the language of love that was at times visible in His sparkling eyes and even audible through His loving pats, to some of His lovers.

A kavval from Aurangabad was ready with his instruments to offer his services to Beloved Baba. He had a good voice. After some ghazals Baba asked His lovers, "Do you all understand what the kavval sings? It is in Urdu and Persian I know, only few of you understand these languages. And even if all of you were to understand the words it would not have made much difference. The ghazals are about 'love for God'. Love is beyond thoughts, sensations. Unless you have a stilled mind, just verbal understanding can be as futile as no understanding at all."

To the kavval Baba said, "Many do not understand the language of your song. However, try to sing in that skilful way that will move the hearts of the listeners." The kavval did his best and the audience appeared very pleased. Perhaps this was due to Beloved Baba's presence. Any programme in His Divine company is a joy unforgettable.

Beloved Baba's book 'God Speaks' was recently published. Baba asked His lovers, "Have you read 'God Speaks'?" Only some had read it. At this He remarked, "Don't worry if you haven't. Here is God 'speaking' to you. Remember one thing. *God is infinite honesty and compassion.* As God I forgive anything but hypocrisy. Don't pose what you are not. What is expected of a lover? Love. Whole-hearted love. If you have it what else you need? If you haven't that, all the rest is a vain burden!"

At this statement some one clapped. Baba did not appreciate it. He continued, "I am not lecturing, Don't

go by words. Just listen and understand in the silence of your heart. You all are here for My sahas— a heart to heart communion."

The kavval sang a couplet meaning:

'In the state of my astonished absorption in you O, Beloved, even though I am physically asleep my mind keeps awake.' Hearing this Baba remarked, "It would have been better if the mind also had slept." Perhaps Baba meant this in reference to 'the spiritual experiences' . Later He continued, "The whole universe that you see is a dream, and at present you all are dreaming, Now let us take the example of a dream as you know it. If I were to appear in your dream and tell your pleasures and pains is nothing but a vacant dream, would you believe that unless you return to your present wakefulness? In the same way what I tell you will be understood in its true nature when you are awakened from this 'awake-dream state' to the Real Awake State."

In a kavvali programme the words and the rhythm have a strange effect on some persons. They begin to nod or swing their heads or at times go in 'haal' a state of high emotions. This state is not to be confused with the 'masti' of the 'masts'. Baba explained, "On the spiritual Path some have no consciousness of the physical world, they are the 'masts'. A 'mast' eats and drinks but is not conscious of eating and drinking as you are. When 'masti' is boundless, he becomes a Majzoob of the seventh plane; for him the three worlds do not exist. He is his own God."

About those who get overpowered with insurgent emotions, Beloved Baba had a reminiscence of decades ago. There was a clerk in Munshiji's (one of Baba's disciples) once. During one kavvali programme this young man, Alimuddin was in the state of 'haal'. He got lifted up and fell down on the ground many times. When the programme was over Alimuddin was his old self. Baba remarked,

"This is not love as sung in the ghazals. Real love like deep waters ever remains tranquil on the surface. Love burns the lover to the last trace of his 'self', and this burning is not visible... Real love is devoid of any show." Baba further remarked, "When you lose everything, you gain everything; I lost everything and 'gained' God and everlastingly I am God."

There was a short interval. When We gathered again it was about 6 p.m. Baba asked the kavval to sing few selected ghazals, He asked some of his men to close the outer doors of the Hall and it became uncomfortably warm inside. Some one switched on the ceiling fan but Baba asked him to switch off and He further said, "The doors are closed; the fans are off; and some are perspiring." Pointing to one of His fat lovers He joked, "In a way it is good thing for you. You will get a bit slim. It's good for Me also, because had it been nice and cool inside the Hall, you would have requested me, 'Baba, let the programme be continued for a longer time.' Now you would be praying, 'Baba end the programme, and sooner the better'." All laughed heartily.

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The kavval continued to sing—The meaning of one of the couplets was as follows:

"The one who hovers like a moth around the Divine Flame (Master) is regarded as a 'fool' but only by the fools.' And the 'fools' gathered in the Hall looked proud about this blessed 'foolishness'. The kavval was indeed making his best to please Baba.

At the end of the programme Baba said, "I am in you all. It is not a tall talk. This is the statement of fact of what I actually and consciously am." Thereafter Baba repeated the discourse on Obedience, the one that was explained a fortnight ago at Poona. After explaining 'the four types of obedience', Baba added, "now I am going to test your obedience." All of us became very attentive

and serious too, to hear Baba's order. After a little pause Baba conveyed through Eruch, who all the time interpreted His gestures, "Now don't come near me for an embrace, darshan or with any other excuse. Disperse within five minutes. That's all." All laughed heartily though it appeared that some faces showed a tinge of reluctance for this quick dispersing. Baba asked some one to declare aloud, "One minute, ... two, ... three, ... four, ..." and I was not in the Hall to write what happened next.

**The First Anniversary of Avatar Meher Baba
Darshan on Meherabad Hill**

We are glad to supplement the report published in February 1970 issue of Divya Vani by mentioning that respected Mehera Mai's Jai Baba message was read out in Marathi by Mrs. Indumati Deshmukh on 31st Jan and Mrs. Indumati Deshmukh's Marathi Baba-Drama was among the Publications inaugurated at the hands of respected Mehera Mai on 1-2-70.

***Love That Redeems**

By K. K. RAMAKRISHNAN

The sun rises in the East every morning and sets in the West every evening. The beauty and the glory of this every day event few in the modern society watch and experience the joy this event imparts to living beings in the world. But when we read a poem on the rising sun or on Sun-set, we forget ourselves in our appreciation of the beauty and glory of this every day occurrence around us. Why? Because the poet expresses his experience exquisitely enabling us to see and experience through our imagination, what he experiences actually. Beloved Baba told us that the every-day rising and setting sun is the seventh shadow of Reality – God, And this God resides within the heart of every man and woman. Love is the beauty and glory of God expressed and experienced in the every day life of mankind. But average man engrossed in his self-centred pursuits of life is not aware of love the source of all joy and peace, love that solves his problems. God-Man has to come to awaken us to the awareness of this truth. He is the personification of the poetry of life in its wholeness.

Meher Baba made us aware of the ever living truth, "Love does exist in all phases of life, but it is latent or is limited and poisoned by personal ambitions, racial pride, narrow loyalties and rivalries and attachment to sex, nationality, sect, caste, or religion." He further pointed out, "Love is the greatest law of God, which holds the key to all problems." But, this love, He said, can come to man only through love. Love begets love. Love cannot

*A talk given in Avatar Maher Baba Poona Centre at the Weekly Monday meeting.

be wakened by any mechanical means. Love cannot be born of determination. Through one's struggle and effort, one may succeed in assuring that one's external action is in conformity with one's concept of what is right, but such action is spiritually barren, because it lacks the inward beauty of spontaneous love. Love has to spring spontaneously from within. Thus Meher Baba makes us see that all efforts man makes for his redemption are futile, All rituals, rites and ceremonies, enunciated by every religion, jap, tap and mantras or tantras practised by followers of various cults, meditations and concentrations imposed to discipline the mind, do not necessarily lead man to spiritual freedom. "Be what you are and do what you feel best in My Love," said Meher Baba. Life is~ because My (God's) Love is. Love is an expression of life in its extreme purity, in its nakedness. It is spontaneous and contagious. Love knows not distinctions and differences natural to human life in various levels of social existence. Love does not question. Love does not calculate. Love does not suspect. Love is oneness of being. Love embraces all. Such a love is a gift from God to mankind. Tidal waves of such love rise in human society during the Avataric periods. When love is released in the love for God, there is an ineffable joy in life on this earth. It infects and exalts every life with joy and it transforms life.

"True love," Beloved Baba said, "is unconquerable and irresistible; and it goes on gathering power and spreading itself until eventually it transforms everyone whom it touches."

An incident from Bhagwan Krishna's life. Kamsa, 'the tyrant uncle of Krishna sensed danger and he commissioned Putana to kill Krishna. Krishna was then two years old and was known as the son of the Shoora Chief of Gokul, Nanda.

Putana goes there on a day of rejoicing in Gokul, At the full-moon of the month of Aswin, Gokul used to hold

a festival in honour of its guardian deity, Gopanath Mahadeva. On this occasion, the Shooras, undertaking even if they had to travel by bullock cart for two days, would come with their families to join in the festivities. It was similar to the Jewish festival of Pass Over in Jerusalem during the time of Jesus, when the Israelites gather at the holy temple, even if they had to travel nineteen [days]. On this auspicious day, in Gokul, everyone would go for a ritual bath in the river Yamuna in the morning, have a darshan of Mahadeva, make an offering of bilva leaves and partake of a sumptuous feast. The moonlit night that followed was the most auspicious and the loveliest in the year; then the good Soma—the Moon—showered nectar on earth from his rays. Every man, woman and child would, as the moon rose that night, go to the sands on the banks of the Yamuna. They would carry with them pots full of milk mixed with parched rice, for, when exposed to the rays of the moon on this night of all nights, it was believed, that milk and parched rice gave long life and brought luck.

After the Shooras had made a meal of milk and parched rice, thus vitalised by the beams of the autumn moon, festivities would begin. Young women would sing and dance and laugh. Joyful young men would aid the dance beating time with a drum or their palms or two small sticks. Children would run and jump or race one another. The festivities would conclude in the early hours of the morning, when all people would return to the village, intoxicated with joy and the sense of that well-being which the rays of the full-moon of Aswin alone can bring.

It was on such a day of rejoicing in Gokul, that Putana entered it with the intention of extinguishing the source of all joy Krishna. Villagers are always hospitable; the Yadavas, even in those days of cordial generosity, were well-known for their effusive welcome to their guests. And it was a point of honour with Nanda that every visitor to

Gokul, high and low, rich and poor, was to be his honoured guest. Added to all these is the annual festival in honour of their guardian deity. And Putana came in the guise of a Brahmin lady from the court of Madhura. She came in fulfillment of her vow to take the ritual bath in the Yamuna and to have darshan of Mahadeva and offer her prayers. When Yashoda, Nanda's wife, the foster mother of Krishna heard about the arrival of the distinguished visitor, she sent two young men with some servants to make their way to the outskirts of the village in order to receive her with honour. They were asked to invite the guest home and to request her to join them on the sands at the festive meal and take part in the rejoicings that were to follow, after she had taken the ceremonial bath, worshipped the deity and fulfilled her vow.

Putana was a dreaded woman in Madhura. She was the favourite spy in the service of Kamsa, the tyrant. As it was prophesied that Kamsa would meet his end at the hands of the eighth son of Devaki—Vasudeva he killed all their children one by one at the time of their birth. Not content with this, not to take any risk to his life, he employed Putana to kill all children who were born in the month of Aswin. And when he heard that there was a child born to Nanda during that month, he gave her the command to kill that child. She was called Putana masi in Madhura and she was not only dreaded by women and children, but it was even believed that to look at her was to invite bad luck. Women closed their doors when she passed through the streets. Because of her evil deeds she was a social outcast.

In the natural love spontaneously flowed from the life of the innocent folks of Gokul, surcharged by the auspicious occasion of the festival of honouring their deity Maha Deva, the Great God, there was no room for suspicion, there was no thought of enquiring about the true identity of the guest and her character, as to whether she

was really a brahmin lady from the court of Madhura, whether she was a real devotee of Mahadeva, the great God. In love mind ceases to function. In love thought ceases to operate. Love expands and engulf all life, good and bad, virtuous and vicious, high and low. One may think that such unguarded expression of love and hospitality is dangerous. It seems true. But love redeems and reclaims.

The loving welcome accorded to her at the outskirts of Gokul by Yeshoda's men and the general rejoicing of a free and loving people had an impact on her and she was gradually awakening to love. So much so that when she entered the inner shrine of the temple, in her assumed piety, she really and literally prayed, "God! God! You give happiness to everyone. Why have You denied it to me? Why have you made me the partner of Yama, god of death—yes, even more cruel than Yama, destroying only beautiful, innocent lives? Putana raised her head and then again let it fall on the ground, and prayed again, "This is the last, yes, the last child I shall kill, Forgive me, Lord. I will never walk the path of the wicked again."

Yeshoda smiled her welcome and made her sit close to her on the sand, Putana appreciated the cordial welcome which Yeshoda extended to her and again felt how accursed she was. She had come to destroy the life of this smiling happy looking and good-natured mother. She saw the little, bluish body and the shapely limbs of the boy stood on her right, his head hidden by her sari sucking for all he was worth, This was the boy Kamsa had mentioned. There was no doubt about it. The atmosphere of love and the joy all around had their effect on Putana. She was inclined to give up her mission. When Krishna, climbed over the lap of Yeshoda and walked into the arms of Putana, there was in her a sudden rush of maternal ins-

tinct surged up in her and she hugged Krishna to her heart. She felt as if she was hugging her own child, No, she had never hugged a child with greater abundance. Krishna was Infinite Love embodied. And he was awakening love latent within her heart. Putana found her heart bounding in joy. In a transport of ecstasy, she hugged Krishna again. Her repressed maternal instinct burst out, as if it was a roaring flood. And she felt that her skin had become wet. Milk—in that moment of sudden transport—had oozed out her generous breasts. Her body was drenched. Her body and mind and soul were now craving for this child. There was a conflict of thoughts and consequent confusion, Her soul craving for communion with love enformed as the child Krishna, her mission of killing the child to save herself and her family. Putana was elated with a rare joy, and lived a tense moment of inexpressible happiness. Her soul was crying out and she was experiencing a joy she never had in her life. She felt as if her mind was stopping, Watch the transformation that was taking place in a soul by the mere contact of the God-Man child. Was she swooned with delight? Yes, all she wanted was that Krishna, Yeshoda's son should suck the milk from her breast, her life, her hope and her all, if he so chooses. Yes, she said, 'give you all, my beloved child! The thought flashed across her mind, I am yours.' True love transforms. True love redeems, reclaims the soul.

It is a puranic story. Had Yeshoda known who Putana was, her character and reputation in Madhura, would she have welcomed her as she did; would she have treated her with such love and allowed her child to be fed on her breast, which was painted with arsenic poison to kill the child? No. But the love showered on her was not a waste. Their love and their joy touched her heart and she was responding to their love and their joy; she was awakening to a new form of love in her life and the touch of the God-Man child, transformed her and freed her. Jai Baba!

Avataric work of redeeming the souls starts the moment of his advent on the earth and continues even after he leaves the earth. Now, in our love for Baba, the Enformed Love, we too have lost the sense of suspicion of strangers, and we do not differentiate man from man in name of caste, creed, colour or community, race, religion or nationality. We are not concerned with the ranks and position of personalities. In that magic mantra of his sacred name 'Jai Baba! we forget even to ask the name of the stranger before we embrace and admit him into our fold. Mr. X came from London. He came for Baba, he said, He came hitch-hiking all the way from London to Poona. He said Jai Baba! He mentioned the name of Delia De Leon, the lady who runs the Baba Centre in London. He came during the time we celebrated Beloved Baba's 76th Birthday in Poona. We did not enquire about his identity as to whether he was really a Baba lover from London. We did not seek his references. In his Jai Baba! in his coming for Beloved Baba, all the way from London and in his expressed wish to participate fully the eight days celebrations in Poona we rejoiced. Our mind never functions in Jai Baba! Our thoughts cease to operate in his Love, in His Name.

But such a love, some might say, is foolish, impractical and dangerous. It seems true. But not true. Love touches the heart of man. Love elevates. Love transforms. Love redeems. We open our doors to a stranger. We make bed for him. We feed him and we look after his needs. We do all these in His Love. We have no other intention, no other motive. In fact it is He that makes us do. It is His Love functioning through us reclaiming lost souls, redeeming those who have lost their way.

Mr. X began thinking. Thave never seen such love. I have never seen such joy in service. I have never seen people labouring for a cause like this; they work day and night. I have never listened to my mother, nor obeyed her

in my life. These people in obedience to their master, serve him so selflessly! Not only they obey Him, but they obey each other in their love for Him. I have never worked in my life. Whereas I have gambled to get quick rich, these people earn their living by hard work and then labour all their leisure for him and spend their money too. Whereas I have been taking L.S.D's, drugs and drinks to get high, these people are always high, in His Love and work. They are very honest and I have been true only here in my life. I have never seen such happy people anywhere. I have been a black sheep; stolen and have been jailed. What an accursed life I have led. Meher Baba! I am grateful to Him, He has changed me. He is changing me. I will stop smoking ganja when I get back to London. I will never go back to my old life. Such thoughts possessed the mind of Mr. X during his eight days stay here.

This is Meher love working through His dear ones, reclaiming and redeeming mankind: It is through our spontaneous, unquestioning, unsuspecting love and care that a person who has had a past felt elevated, and transformed in His Name. Every man is working out his karma. Every man is God encased within a cage enforced by the accumulated impression and life is an effort to open the cage of illusion. Every man is suffering in one form or other. Every man longs for freedom from suffering, freedom from illusion. Love is the remedy. Love alone can save us from our own selves. Hence we should not Judge, we should not condemn. Love everyone in His Name and in his love. Meher Baba alone is in everyone and in everything. Hence may we all love Him in everyone and serve Him in each other. This is true worship of Meher Baba.

Jai Baba!

TIME IS NOW

BY DOROTHY L, LEVY

Time is now—and will forever be
When living the now—in Baba love for all eternity!
What does man hope to discover out in space
Now having landed on the Moon ... have we more faith?
God IS All-Everything-Everywhere ...
Sun, Moon, Stars. Earth—our every breath of air ...
Dictionaries are filled with the definition of words ...
God is found in each heart ... if we listen His voice is
heard ...
King Solomon has said, "there is nothing new under the Sun"
When understanding oneness .. God IS one ...
The Ancient One is ever the same ...
Avatar Meher Baba—comes back to earth again and again ...
Bringing the Message,—love to be lived by all—men.
Nation, against nation; man killing his brother in hope of peace
Seeking power with violence—creating confusion in emotional
release
Peace comes from within (conscience) making God your friend...
Brotherhood leads to Godhood ... Love the Victory to win ...
The world caught up in illusion—the .evolution game ...

Maya having her flying with figures, and forms we call by
name.

Yesterday is gone; tomorrow can be better—

If living the now of each day in loving kindness together ...

Through our ignorance we suffer; fate is not escape

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News in Brief

76th Birth Day Celebrations of Avatar Meher Baba

I AT DELHI – The Capital of India

By
W. D. KAIN

"I AM THE ONE SO MANY SEEK AND SO FEW FIND"

Avatar Meher Baba made the above declaration several years back, when He remained mostly in seclusion, travelled "incognito" in connection with his sojourn with the Masts and granted His Darshan to his ardent devotees on a very few occasions. It is only now—one year after He had dropped His physical body that the world has come to understand the real meaning of the Avatar's saying. How many people, devotees, seekers and lovers of God now offer devotional music, prayers and tributes to Him day in and day out was evidenced in the Capital City of Delhi, where several days' Programme for the Celebrations of Avatar Meher Baba's 76 Birthday was presented in different parts of the City, both in Public and Private meetings. The Programme was inaugurated on the morning of Sunday at the President's Estate, where Baba lovers offered their devotional prayers to the Avatar of the Age, followed by a programme of Qawaalis by Aman Gopal and party. And the same day in the evening a get-together of Baba lovers was held at Basti Nizam-ud-Din, where devotional music and prayers unto the Lord were the main features of the programme.

The following week the programme, as set out below was observed at different localities, where devotional music, by the Meher Singing Group, Qawaalis and tributes were offered:

23-2-70 171 Greater Kailash, New Delhi 5 to 8 P.M.

24-2-70 T.29-CH Baljit Nagar " "

- 25-2-70 Lajpat Bhavan, New Delhi 5 to 8-30 P.M.
 26-2-70 Badi Dharamshala, Churi Walan, Delhi 5 to 8 P.M.
 27-2-70 D-425 Sarojini Nagar New Delhi "
 28-2-70 A-315 " " "
 1-3-70 B-169 Greater Kailash " "

On the night of the 24th a 'night-long vigil' was observed at D-425 Sarojini Nagar, New Delhi. And as the day dawned Baba bhajans were heard in different localities of the Capital, where prayers were offered to the Avatar at 5 A.M. on 25th February 1970. In the Public Meeting held at Lajpat Bhavan, New Delhi, under the Presidentship of Shri M. Thirumala Rao, M.P., Chairman of the Estimates Committee, and a great lover of Baba, unusual enthusiasm was witnessed amongst Baba lovers who gathered in large numbers with their friends and relatives to share in the Festival. The programme started with the Universal Prayer by Shri W. D. Kain, who also read out the Messages of good wishes received from the Chairman of the Avatar Meher Baba Trust, The Vice-President of India and Ministers of the Central Government.

Inaugurating the Meeting, Shri M. Thirumala Rao stated that "the world in its present predicament needs Meher Baba." Referring to all the dissension and discord in the Country, the learned Speaker said "The remedy is Love, as dictated by Baba. So many countries in the world are faced with several problems—economic or political—and the 'Solution is Meher Baba'". The Hall thundered with cheers of applause as he concluded his inaugural speech. Just then came Baron F. von Blomberg, Co-President of the World Fellowship of Religions, to offer a garland of flowers at the lotus feet of the Avatar's life-size picture on the stage. Paying tribute to Baba, the Distinguished Guest said "Today is the 76th Birthday Anniversary of Meher Baba. I had gone out; but Baba wanted me to be

here and here I am. Baba gives us Love and understanding and appreciation of all Religions, guiding us to work hand-in-hand for the welfare of the World. That there are so many disciples of Meher Baba all over the world and they are so full of devotion has impressed me much about Meher Baba. Although Baba has left his body yet the Spirit of Baba is with us always". He concluded by saying "Your prayer unto Baba is very essential for us."

Devotional Music by Smt. Maugha Kaur for over 20 minutes was followed by the much awaited speech by Dr. G. S. N. Moorthy, the theme of whose talk for the day was "How can one realize the greatness of Baba." He quoted chapter and verse from the teachings of Avatar Meher Baba. To bring home his point of view he referred to Baba's saying "He who comes in my contact—he gets My Grace. Even the one who cannot come in contact with Me to him also I give My Love." He emphasised that "Although Baba is not in the physical body, yet His spirit was everywhere. Baba had come to sow the seed of love in all hearts. He had come to revitalize all Religions. This He has done through His Universal Work, for Baba had said—although I am with you in this body yet I am simultaneously working in all planes of consciousness and all levels of existence."

The Meher Singing Group, headed by Smt. Kusum and assisted by Ram Avatar on the harmonium then presented a highly devotional programme of music and Qawaalis and the function came to a close after the Arti and distribution of Prashad. Hail Avatar Meher Baba!

Scenes of unusual gaiety and devotion were noticed at the meetings that followed at Chudiwala, Delhi, Sarojini Nagar and Greater Kailash, where S. Amar Singh Saigal, M.P., Shri W. D. Kain and Dr. G. S. N. Moorthy spoke on the role of Meher Baba as the Avatar of the Age. How superbly Baba had made several of his lovers to transcend the

Valley of Ignorance and cross the abyss of Illusion—only posterity will judge. His loving embrace and Nazar imparted that Peace of mind, which so many seek in so many ways and yet find not. The out-pouring of Baba's benediction on suffering humanity was witnessed by numerous souls when He did His Universal Work!

The celebrations were extended for over a fortnight at the express desire of Baba lovers residing in different colonies of Delhi. The most interesting aspect of these extended programmes was the devotion displayed by new Baba lovers, (who did not have the opportunity to have Baba's Darshan during the physical Presence of the Avatar) at the following places:

6/26 West Patel Nagar, New Delhi	on 6-3-70
C/48 H. I. L. Colony, New Delhi	8-3-70
169 North Avenue, New Delhi	14-3-70
C-66 Baird Road, New Delhi	19-3-70

At 169 North Avenue, where a big Pandal had been erected in the spacious lawns of M= P= Flats, the programme started with Shabd Kirtan by Ladies Sangeet Association of Karol Bagh, Delhi, and Master's Prayer by Shri B. D. Dikshit. Smt. Kusum, Prabha, Pushpa, and' Vijaya presented a programme of devotional music and Qawaalis. Several Members of Parliament, including Shri Viswanathan, paid tributes in glowing terms to Avatar Meher Baba. Shri C. L. Bhatia spoke on the life & teachings of Baba. Messages received from Central Ministers, Shri Triguna Sen and L. N. Mishra, Shri T. S. Kutumba Sastri, Chairman – Avatar Meher Baba Trust, Swami Satya Prakash Udaseen, Shri N. Dharma Rao of The Meher Vihar Trust, and several others for the success of the function were read out by Shri W. D. Kain. After the Arti and the distribution of Prashad, "Langar" was served to mark the close of the year's birthday celebrations.

But the Epilogue was to be noticed at C-66 Baird Road, on 19 March 1970 where the Thakur Family in their great zeal hurriedly arranged for a public meeting to be held in the spacious lawns opposite Kali Temple on Baird Road to chant the Name of Avatar Meher Baba. Undeterred by the rumbling of the clouds, thunder and the lightning, they put up the Shamianas for the evening meeting praying to Baba to chase away the thunder and clouds. Their Prayer was heard and the programme was carried out in evening with great enthusiasm. Smt. Krishna spoke on the universal message of Baba. S. Amar Singh Saigal impressed on the audience the need for remembering Baba's Name. Ram Avatar and the Meher Singing Group chanted Baba's 'favourites'.

One unforgettable feature of this year's celebrations was the unusual number of new faces seen at the meetings, the serving of meals/refreshments invariably at the close of the functions and the presentation of newly composed songs e.g. Shri K.C. Mathur's Love Lyrics—HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU MEHERVAN—and SAB PREMI PHUL BARSAVO. At times the lovers were so much engrossed in singing that they lost count of time: as they did at A-315 Sarojini Nagar and the H.I.L. Colony on 28 Feb and 8 Mar 1970. As they shower rose petals on Baba's picture and sing, asking all lovers to shower flowers on Baba, their hearts almost cry "Baba! Baba! is here".

P.S. As this goes to the Press another meeting in connection with the Birthday Celebrations is being arranged at I. D. 97 Lajpat Nagar, New Delhi on 28 Mar. 70 in the evening.

1 (A) BILASPUR CENTRE:-

UNIQUE:—Wonderful are His ways? Can anyone eulogize Baba?

1. This year we have celebrated Beloved's birth-day in the North-East Institute South-Eastern Railway on 25-2-70 by having a public meeting at 7 P.M.

2. The function was presided over by Sri Ram Nath Singh Commissioner Bilaspur. Sri P. K. Mukherjee Engineer-in-chief was the chief guest. The function began with the Master's prayer in Hindi by Sri Mukherjee, Vigilance Inspector. Then prayer Songs, Bhajans were sung by Miss Beena Roy accompanied by Geetha Roy. Some poems were recited by Sri Shukla in praise of God-Man. Then Sri Ram Nath Singh spoke eloquently on the life and teachings of Avatar Meher Baba. He said he is enamoured by Meher Baba because of Baba's universality of all religions and in Baba's teachings you will find sumum bonum of human spirit. Baba's teachings are not religious they are spiritual Search for God. The reality should be the aim and object of every individual. You Yourself (your own Real Self) are God. I wish, today the day of His birth—more people should know of Him and more and more people to come forward to question about Him and in spite of His physical absence he (means the seeker) will get enlightenment and march ahead towards truth. Sri Ram Nath Singh paid his respect and salutations to Baba and concluded the speech.

3. Next speaker, the chief guest, Mr. Mukherjee narrated from the life of Swami Vivekananda who questions His Master Rama Krishna Paramhansa—"Have you seen God?" Rama Krishna replied smilingly in affirmation and makes him feel the presence of divinity. Sir Mukherjee continued "Divine love cannot be awakened except by contact with the incarnation of love Meher Baba." This

saying is displayed conspicuously, here in this decorative hall. In spite of Sardar Haim Singh requesting many a time I had not the good fortune to see Meher Baba physically but I read many of His books and feel the greatness of the God-Man. Whatever I understood I tell you that Meher Baba, Greatest of the Great, observing silence for more than four decades made people feel the love and longing for God. Travelling all over the length and breadth not only of India but of all the western countries, He preached the gospel of Love and Service and awakened many to unity of God, diversities of men. I pray Baba to give Shakti and Bhakti, to bless us to love and feel His divine presence. I pray Him to give Vivek and Vairagya, I most humbly bow down my head at His lotus feet and request you all to really try and feel His presence which is always there.

4. Sri Shamin Khan recited some Urdu and Hindustani Gazals and depicting His life and teachings. Mr. Thrope and his party gave western music on their Orchestra.

5. The telegraphic message of Shri Kutumba Shastry received for the occasion was read over to the lover's assembly.

6. Sardar Ganesh Singh said vote of thanks and with arati the function concluded. It was a sweet and short and memorable function.

2. KHAMMAM CENTRE:-

The Celebrations were commenced with the hoisting of the Seven Coloured Flag of Baba and the prayer followed by Bhajan and Aarati at the centre from 5-00 A.M.

In the after-noon nearly 400 Poor People including the blind, lame and lepers were fed in the Ramachandrula Guravaiah Choultry near the Centre.

In the evening a public meeting was held in the pavilion grounds, Mamillagudem under the presidentship of Sri B. Sundarlal, B. A. B. L., *Munsif Magistrate*, Khammam.

At the outset, *new clothes were distributed to 76 men and women who were lepers, blind and lame.*

With the prayer recited by Sri Y. Srinivasa Chary in English and by Sri J. Sudarshanam in Telugu, the meeting was commenced. Sri Gella Kesava Rao, a prominent local merchant, Sri J. Sudarshanam, Manager, Zilla Parishad and Sri *M. B. I. Sharma, Lecturer in Hindi* spoke eulogizing the importance of the advent of Sri Meher Baba to suit the present age.

At length Sri Sunderlal narrated his experiences with Baba and exhorted the audience to put into practice the precepts given by Baba in the repentance-prayer.

With the vote of thanks proposed by Sri K. Sambamurthy, B.Sc. B.Ed., (L. I. C.) the function came to a close.

Sri Y. Srinivasa Chary, B.A. (L. I. C.), Srimathi K. Sudila Murthi, Kumaris J. Nirmala and Vijayalaxmi, Smt. C. Umadevi, Smt. M. S. Laxmi and Smt. A. V. Annapurna took part in singing Bhajans melodiously. They deserve the blessings of Baba.

M. B. I. Sharma

3. ANAKAPALLI CENTRE:-

On 25-2-1970, many lovers assembled in The Avatar Meher Baba Centre, Anakapalle, much earlier than the scheduled time. The centre is well decorated and is bright with lights and festoons. The function started at 4-00 A.M., with Nadaswaram played by expert musicians M/s Narayanarao & Party, rending in the air as if inviting the lovers.

76 Jyothis were lighted in the Centre before Baba's Portrait while one lover has lit 76 candles also and placed at several places in the Centre. From 4-55 A.M., the lovers observed silence for five minutes and Arati was offered to Baba exactly at 5-00 A.M. Parvardigar Prayer was recited, Pooja and Sankeerthan was performed and Tirth Prasadam were distributed. From 7 A.M. lovers performed Akhanda Nama Sankeerthan for 76 minutes with devotion infused with tears of love. Then tea was served to all the lovers.

A special feature this year is the celebration at Bala Vihar. At 9-00 A.M., all the lovers proceeded to Meher Bala Vihar situated close to the Centre. The Bala Vihar Centre was well decorated and Baba's Portrait was seated on a specially decorated Pitham (Platform). The young lovers, aged between five and twelve, performed four dance prayers while singing with their love and devotion. Bala Vihar Sankeerthan was then performed followed by Arathi and distribution of Tirth Prasadam.

From 12-00 Noon to 4-00 P.M., Poor feeding was done in the Centre and about 1,000 people were fed that day. Orphans from Prema Samajam were specially invited and they also had their sumptuous meals as Baba's Prasadam.

At 5-00 P.M., a grand procession was arranged with Band. Full size bust portrait of Beloved Baba was seated in a well decorated Hamsa Vahanam. Another cutout (Chinmudra Portrait) was decorated and seated in a separate rickshaw with the music party playing music in front of the vehicles carrying Baba's portraits. The lovers, men, women and children, played slogans and Sankeerthan throughout, resounding in the air, thus spreading the name of Baba. Lovers offered Arati enroute and received prasadam distributed by Bro. Venkatasam who was busy in this work. After passing through many

important streets of the town, the procession reached the centre at about 9-00 P.M. Repentance prayer was sung by all the lovers and arati was given. Tirth Prasadam were again distributed. All the lovers expressed their love with slogans "AVATAR MEHER BABA KI JAI".

Food arrangements were also made in the centre for all those participated in the function and the lovers enjoyed the meals as Baba's Prasadam. Thus the celebrations ended by about 10-30 P.M.

(B. Dayakaram.)
Secretary,

4. DOWLAI SWARAM CENTRE:-

As usual, Beloved Meher Baba's 76th Birthday was celebrated for 76 days commencing from 12th Dec, 1969 with great Love and enthusiasm by Dowlaiswaram lovers. On 23rd Feb. Shri Swamy Satya Prakash Udaseen addressed a public meeting held at 7-30 P.M. On 24th Ladies' special programme was arranged from 3 P.M. in which Kum. M. Bhaga Devi of Srikakulam, a great devotee of Meher Baba sung devotional songs which were full of Baba's teachings and moved the hearts of the audience, not only on 24th but also on 23rd and 25th. In a public meeting held at 7-30 P.M. Shri Swamy Satyaprakash Udaseen spoke on various phases of Baba's life and His work etc. Shri M. V. Ramana Murthy also spoke on this occasion. Besides the usual prayers, songs and Aarathi in the early hours of 25th, Beloved Baba's Seven coloured Flag was hoisted at 6-15 a.m. by Shri A. Somaiah and Shri M. V. R. Murthy has explained its importance. Later there was a poor feeding to more than 400 people. In a public meeting held under the presidentship of Shri A. Somaiah, Shri Bala Gopala Bhaskara Raju of Tadepalligudem spoke on Love and obedience, and also compared Baba's Avatarhood with that of past Avatars.

On the occasion of the visit of Dr. C. D. Deshmukh to Andhra a special meeting was arranged on 27th under the presidentship of Shri A. Somaiah. Dr. Deshmukh narrated in Hindi his experiences with Baba during His Andhra tours, brief account of 1958 Sahavas programme and also gave a detailed lecture on Baba's dropping His physical body and the utterance of the word.

In a meeting held on 1st March, 1970, the following members have been nominated for the year 1970-71: Shri B. Venkata Ratnam as President, Shri M. V. Ramana Murthy as Vice-President, Shri Y. Subrahmanyeswara Rao as Secretary, Shri A. Ankala Rao as Joint Secretary; and Shri A. Somaiah. B.A, Superintending Engineer's Office (P. W. D.), Dowlaiswaram (P. O.), E.G. Dt. (A. P.) as correspondent. Please note that the correspondence may be made hereafter in the name of Shri A. Somaiah.

Y. Subrahmanyeswara Rao
Secretary.

5. A. M. B. CENTRE PATHARDI (Ahmadnagar):-

The programme started from 10 P.M. of 24th Feb. 1970 by Bhajan which was continuous till 5 A.M. of 25th Feb. 1970. Exactly at 5 A.M. Avatar Meher Baba ki Jai was shouted 7 times and thereafter prayers in Marathi (Master's prayer and Repentance prayer) were recited. 76 crackers were ignited. Arati was sung and immediately prasad was distributed.

At 9-45 P.M. Kirtan started. Mr. Krishnakumar of Alandi Devachi was specially invited along with his companions. About 5,000 to 6,000 people attended it & till one A.M. Complete pin-drop silence prevailed during kirtan. At the end Arati was sung and again Prasad was distributed.

Never before I had such satisfaction of the success of the function. I always felt His hand at my back during the programme.

6. CHALLAPALLI CENTRE:-

This year's Celebrations were held in a specially erected and electrified pandal near our Centre hall from 22nd to 25th February as in previous years before Baba's portrait in a gaily decorated Mandir.

At 5 A.M. on the opening day 22-2-1970, Meher Jyothi was lighted by Sri Kamli Baba of Kondapalli with his prayers and a short speech on the significance of this Jyothi. About 400 people from Challapalli and the surrounding villages witnessed the sacred function. This was followed by Nagar Sankeertan with Band Music and Bhajan, taking a portrait of Baba in a procession. At 8 A.M., Baba's 7 coloured flag was hoisted by one of our Vice-Presidents, Sri Bh. V. Ramana Rao.

On the first three days 22nd, 23rd and 24th Feb. 1970 the following programmes were gone through.

5 to 7 P.M. : Devotional music.

7 to 9 P.M.: Speeches on Beloved Baba's life and his messages of love and truth by Sri G. V. Subba Rao, and Sri Bh. V. Ramana Rao.

On 23rd evening at about 6-30 P.M. Dr. C. D. Deshmukh, M.A., Ph.D. (London) was kind enough to visit this Centre also and deliver a short speech on the Spiritual Academy of which he is the Director.

On 24th from 9 to 10 P.M. a scene from 'Gayopakhyanam' (dialogue between Lord Krishna and Arjuna) was put on boards ably by two local actors (Sri Kutumba Rao & Party).

The story teaches us that Nara (Man) and Narayana (God) are one in essence. Without Narayana (God), Man can do nothing.

On 25th Feb. at 5-10 A.M., the time of Baba's birth, 'Arathi' was offered to Beloved Baba in all love and devotion after devotional songs. This was followed by poor-feeding for about 800 people. At 4 P.M in the evening, Perantam by all the women of these parts was celebrated on a very grand scale. About 500 women attended and enjoyed the function.

At 9 P.M. there was a grand procession with Baba's portrait on a throne with seven steps in a gaily decorated Mandir accompanied by Band music and Bhajan by women.

May Avatar Meher Baba shower his love-blessings on us all.

N. Nagabhushanam
Secretary

7. RAJAHMUNDRY CENTRE:-

At 4-30 A.M. on 25-2-70 Baba lovers numbering about 70 persons gathered at the Meher Vihar Trust Prayer Hall in Danavaipet and bhajans were carried on till 4-55 A.M. After observing silence, at 5 A.M. "Avatar Meher Baba Ki Jai" was uttered loudly by one and all, followed by the Master's Prayer and the prayer for repentance and Forgiveness. Then Pooja was carried on individually one after another to the two pairs of Baba Padukalu, with saffron, Kumkhum, Gandham and flowers till 6-30 A.M. to the accompaniment of Baba Sankeerthan by M/s C. Sambasiva Rao, P. Ramakrishna, Sarma etc. Baba Prasadam provided by Bro. T. V. Rama Rao was served to one and all, followed by Breakfast and coffee. With Arati the morning function ended at 8 A.M. At 12 noon all the 70 inmates of the

Lepor Home at Rajahmundry managed by the Jeeva-karunya Sangam were feasted solely with the donation provided by Bro. N. Kameswarao. From 4 P.M to 6 P.M. Procession with three Big photos of Baba nicely decorated, on a Jeep and with Band was conducted through the main streets of Rajahmundry commencing at the Meher Vihar Trust office and ending at the N. G. O.'s. Home, where the public meeting was held at 6-30 P.M. Through out the procession devotional Baba Songs were sung by Kum. M. Baghadevi and Bro. C. Sambasiva Rao and the same were broadcast through loudspeakers. The successful completion of the procession is due to the untiring efforts of Bro. T. V. Rama Rao. Under the Presidentship of Bro. Jupudi Venkateswarao the public meeting was commenced. Swami Satya Prakash Udaseen explained clearly the need for every one to hold on to Baba's daaman at this critical period in the world's history. Dr. C. D. Deshmukh of Nagpur, our chief guest, explained at length the significance of Baba's 44 Years' silence and its impact on the entire humanity at large. The meeting ended with Arthi to Beloved Baba's Photos tastefully decorated on the stage with flood lighting.

MESSAGES RECEIVED:—

(i) From Eruch:

Meherazad Mandali send salutations and Jai Baba to all Meher lovers on Baba Birth Anniversary Avatar Meher Baba Ki Jai.

(ii) From T. S. Kutumbasastri:

Trustees Avatar Meher Baba Trust wish for Beloved love Blessings on all participating in Birthday celebrations.

N. Dharma Rao

8. AT MEHER HOUSE, SAMBALPUR (Orissa):-

The 76th Birthday Anniversary of Avatar Shri Meher Baba was celebrated with great joy and enthusiasm by the members of the Meher House at Sambalpur on the 25th, February, 1970.

On the night of the 24th February. Bhajans and songs were sung in praise of the Beloved for two hours. Just at 4-30 A.M. Bhajans in praise of Beloved Baba were started and exactly at 5 A.M. Beloved Baba's Arati was performed with "Jaha Kalpana" sung in a chorus and Tea and Bhog was offered to beloved Baba. Then with cries of Avatar Meher Baba Ki Jai, for 76 times to mark the 76th Birthday, the Puja went on. The Master's Parvardigar Prayer and the Repentance Prayer were recited and Bhajans in praise of the Lord were sung by the members of the Meher House for one hour. The function came to a close at 6 A.M. with Avatar Meher Baba Ki Jai and the members got busy in their daily round of duties.

9. AT TILAKWADI BELGAUM:-

Avatar Meher Baba's 76th Birthday celebrations were held at 134, Tilakwadi, Belgaum on 25th .February, 1970. It was a solemn occasion attended by a number of local residents and Air Force Officers with their families. The programme started with the recital of the Parvardigar prayer and invocation by Shri Gore. Then the local 'bhajan' mandali gave a number of devotional songs and abhangs. Gp. Capt. Sakhare gave a short talk on Avatar Meher Baba's message of love and Universal Brotherhood & conveyed the greetings sent by the Avatar Meher Baba Trust. The celebrations concluded with the recital of the Repentance prayer, singing of Arti and distribution of Prasad.

M. M. Sakhare

10. SRIKAKULAM CENTRE:-

The 76th Birthday Celebrations of Sri Avatar Meher Baba were observed for 40 days at different places of the town.

On 25th February '70 the Programme started at 5 A.M. in the centre and Meher Sankirtan took place till 8 O'clock, with songs and Bhajans in praise of the Beloved,

The elite of the town took place in it. A Procession was started led by a jeep car with Baba's portrait mounted. It wended its way through the important streets of the town.

Poor-feeding was arranged by Sri A. V. K. Hanumantha Rao President of Avatar Meher Baba Srikakulam Centre and clothes were distributed to the poor.

In the Evening Programme in 'MEHER DURBAR' Smt. P. Ramadevi Ramachandran (Vocal), Smt, C. Bharathimani (Violin) Sri M. K. R. Prasad (Mridangam) entertained audience with devotional songs.

A meeting was held in the evening at 7 P.M. under the President-ship of Smt. Prabhavathi Yugandhar M.A., Dr. P. Ramachandran, Sri S. L. Narasimha Rao Local Deputy Secretary Zilla Parishad, Srikakulam, Local Munsif Magistrate Sri E. L. Bhagirathi Rao, Sri V.V.V.L.N. Prasada Rao spoke on the glossary of the messages of Love and Truth conveyed in teachings and life, and the significances of the ADVENT of Such GOD-MAN in the present age.

The programme came to an end with 'Arathi' and prasad distribution.

Correspondent

11. HYDERABAD & SECUNDERABAD CENTRES:-

Akhand Baba Nam Jap was commenced at Meher Vihar, Hyderabad at 1 a.m. on 22-2-70 and was continued unbroken for 76 hours till 5 a.m. on 25-2-70 when it was terminated with the hailing of "Avatar Meher Baba ki Jai".

From 4 a.m. on 25th Feb, 70 Baba lovers began to gather at Meher Vihar, Hyderabad. Nadaswaram music was played till 4.55 a.m. Complete silence was observed for 5 minutes and with Jai Jaikar the silence was broken at 5 a.m. Parvardigar prayers were read by me. Harathi was given to Baba. Baba lovers' families performed Pada Pooja to Baba one after another. Nadaswaram music went on till 6-30 a.m.

At 7 a.m. Baba's seven colour flag was hoisted by Bro. M. V. Subbarao, B.A. B.L., Advocate. After breakfast Sankirthan continued till 9-30 a.m.

In the evening a public meeting was held at the Welfare centre Hall, Chilakalaguda, Secunderabad under the joint auspices of Meher Vihar and Avatar Meher Baba Prem Mandali. Sri M. P. Ananth Buchanna, Ex-Mayor of Secunderabad presided. After prayers by Bro. C. K. Prasada-rao, Bro. K. R. Bhaskararao welcomed the gathering. Bros. M. B. G. Sastri, B.E., Executive Engineer P.W.D., N. Bhimasankaram, President, Meher Vihar and the President of the evening spoke on Avatar Meher Baba, His great Silence and His Message of Love. Bro. Swami Krishnanda also spoke that Baba was Now in His Yoga Nidra and will shortly come out to fulfil His Mission;

Bro. M. B. G. Sastri released the New Telugu Book of Sri N. Bhimasankaram—"Avatar Meher Baba Prema Leelalu" (160 pages—price per copy Rs.2/-) in Telugu.

At the end Harathi was given to Beloved Baba and Prasad was distributed.

N. Bhimasankaram

12. BHOPAL CENTRE

A five day, from the 24th to 28th February 1970, programme of 76th Birthday of Avatar Meher Baba was organized at Bhopal, the Capital City of Madhya Pradesh by the Avatar Meher Baba Bhopal Centre, 40/1 South Tatya Tope Nagar, Bhopal.

The programme was arranged at the beautifully decorated Stadium Hall at the South Tatya Tope Nagar, Bhopal from the 24th to 27th and at Heavy Electricals (Ltd.) Piplani, Bhopal on the 28th Feby. It consisted of singing devotional songs and lectures on teachings of Beloved Baba. On 25th Morning at 5-00 A.M. Arti was sung by Shri Madhusudan and Party of Poona in their usual melodious voice. In the after noon food packets were distributed to about 50 poor people. At night, Bhajans were sung and dance drama, singing Beloved Baba's life, was performed by Ch. Mira and Mehernad, children of Shri Madhusudan of Poona. On 26th and 28th Brother Rajnikant Upadhaya of Jabalpure gave a talk on Baba; Br. Rajnikant Upadhyaya also gave a talk to the Students of Govt. Yoga School, Bhopal on the 27th Feby.

During the whole programme Beloved Baba's presence was felt warmly by all participants.

The telegraphic message wishing Baba's Love to all, given by the Chairman Meher Baba Trust, Ahmednagar was read out in all the programmes. Jai Baba.

T. R. Shambhulingam,
Secretary.

13. AT SALUR (Srikakulam Dt.)

Beloved Baba's 76th Birth Day was celebrated at Salur, Srikakulam District with great enthusiasm though for the first time.

The function commenced at 4 A.M. sharp in the main hall of the local Oriental High School with Sankirthan by the Meher Singing group led by Sri N. V. Ramana, M.A., B.Ed., Junior Lecturer in Economics, on the harmonium. Silence was observed from 4-55 to 5 A.M., when three cheers to Baba were said by all present followed by aarati, Master's Prayer was then recited in English by Sri N. Janakiram, M.A., B.Ed., Jr. Lecturer in English, in Telugu by Sri A. Satyam, a noted actor and in Hindi by Smt. A. Seshamma, Hindi Pandit, Govt. Girls' High School. Sri K. V. Suryanarayana, M.A., B.Ed., read out the prayer given by Baba to the Mandali, and all the lovers. "Meher Baba's call" and His "Universal Message" were read out in Telugu by Sri K. V. Suryanarayana and Sri Ch. Krishnamurti B.A., B.Ed., a noted poet respectively. Sri N. Venkataramaiah, M.A., B.Ed., a noted actor rendered "Meherashtakam" in Sanskrit by Sri Panduranga Goswami followed by devotional songs by Sri V. Narayana Murthi young Telugu poet, Smt. Santhi Janakiram, B.A., B.Ed., Sri K.S. Patrudu and Smt. Kandarpa Ramanamma, a noted Scholar. After repentance prayer in all the three languages and aarati Prasad was distributed along with Baba-Pictures and Prayers in Telugu. All those present took darshan of Beloved Baba's holy relic, His hair. Dr. K. Venkata Rao, M.B.B.S., an ardent Baba lover from the neighboring town Bobbili attended the function. There were about two hundred at the function.

In the evening the public meeting started at 6 P.M., with Sankirtan and Master's Prayer in English, Telugu and Hindi by Sri N. Janakiram, Sri Allu Satyam, and Smt A. Seshamma respectively. Sri D. L. Nivasarao M.A., B.Ed., Jr. Lecturer in Mathematics extended a hearty welcome on behalf of the organisers and presented the chief guest Dr.

K. Venkatarao who garlanded Beloved Baba's picture, narrated his experiences and read out "My Wish". Telegram from the chairman, Avatar Meher Baba Trust and the 75th Birth Day message given by Baba were read out by Sri N. V. Ramana. "Universal Message" was read out in Telugu by Sri Ch. Krishnamurti, B.A., B.Ed., who later spoke on Baba and His life. K. V. Madhavarao (14) read out a verse in Telugu on Baba's Birth Day written by Dr. Sankara Sriramarao. K. V. R. Janardhana Rao (12) spoke on his experiences of Baba's darshan in 1965. Sri V. Satyanarayana Sarma, Gr I Sanskrit Pandit, and Sri A. Hayagriva Sastri, upgraded Tel. Pandit of the local Higher Sec. School spoke on Avatarhood, devotion and Baba after which Sri K. V. Suryanarayana gave a talk in general on Baba's teachings. Sri N. V. Ramayya, M.A., B.Ed., then rendered poems in Telugu. Smt. A. Seshamma spoke on "Baba, the Divine Fisherman" based on her own life.

After repentance prayer in all the three languages, the meeting came to a close with aarati and loud cheers of Avatar Meher Baba ki Jai.

Sri S. Prayaga Rao, M.A., B.Ed., Jr. Lecturer in commerce acted as announcer at both the functions of the day. The attendance in the evening was quite large.

Besides all the aforesaid good selves, mention may be made of Sri N. Sankar Rao, Jr. Lecturer in physical sciences, Sri Dhananjayaram, Sri Sankararam, Sri S. Srinivasaram, formerly of the Panchayat Samiti, Pachipenta and now Divisional Accountant, P. W. D. Chittoor and a host of others, but for whose willing co-operation and our Beloved's grace the celebration would not have been a success.

Mehera Mai's message for Baba's 76th Birth Day and her loving wishes for the success of the function at Salur reached only on 26th by post and the extracts are brought out in the form of a pamphlet in English.

K. V. Suryanarayana,
Salur,

14. AT BOMBAY CENTRE

On Wednesday, 25, February 1970, "Meher Hall" was packed with Baba lovers by 5 a.m. to celebrate the Birthday of Beloved Baba. The Birthday celebrations commenced at 5 A.M. with loud cheers of AVATAR MEHER BABA KI JAI followed by the Arti. After a few bhajans and gazals by the Centre's Bhajan Mandali, a special rehearsal programme of English Hymn, Arti and other English Baba songs was put up by a group of young Baba lovers. President Shri Sorabji R. Siganporia then requested Shri Zal K. Govevala to unfurl Baba's flag of Seven Colours representing Seven Steps to Reality. The Birthday Cake was then cut and Happy Birthday was sung by all present.

In his brief speech, the President reminded the Bombay Baba lovers that although Beloved Baba is not there in His physical body as He has left for his Heavenly Abode on 31st January 1969 and many of us have not yet been able to fully recover from the resultant shock, they have not been deterred from remembering and loving Baba more and more because they believe in their heart of hearts that Baba is not dead. God never dies because He is eternal. Baba himself has said, "I am always with you and I am not away from you. I was, I am, and I will remain eternally with you and it is for promoting this realization that I sever at times My external contact. In fact it is on account of this understanding of Baba lovers that we find today not the least abatement of their love for the Beloved. On the contrary their love seems to have greatly increased as can be seen from their activities and attendance at the Poona Darshan Programme soon after Baba dropped His body.

He then stated that the day coincides with the 8th Anniversary of "Meher Hall", the inaugural ceremony of which was performed by Maharani Shantadevi Gaekwar of Baroda, herself a great devotee of Avatar Meher Baba, on 25th February 1962.

Thereafter Shri Dara Katrak, Shri Minoo Desai, Shri Eruch Patel and Shri Naosherwan Nalavala addressed the gathering. The morning meeting then terminated after the Arti and all Baba lovers in joyful spirit and sharing their love with one another dispersed taking Birthday cake prasad amidst the chanting of Baba song—Gate Chalo, Gate Chalo, Meher Meher Gate Chalo.

In the evening, a public programme was held at the Sunderbai Hall from 5-30 p.m. Sardar Amar Singh Saigal, a Baba lover from Delhi had specially come down to Bombay to preside over the Birthday Celebration programme with his friend Thakur Yash Pal Singh who acted as Chief Guest. Bhajans by the Centre's Bhajan Mandali and the English programme by the group of young Baba lovers were greatly appreciated and well applauded by the audience.

The President, Shri Siganporia in his welcome speech introduced the President and the Chief Guest and said that Sardar Amar Singh Saigal is a great devotee of Avatar Meher Baba besides being a Member of Parliament. He is the one who is openly and boldly espousing the cause of Beloved Baba, and it is due to him that many members of Parliament and successive Prime Ministers and Presidents of India have learnt about Avatar Meher Baba being the Ancient One and Avatar of the Age.

Thakur Yash Pal Singh, before commencing his speech as Chief Guest, garlanded Baba's photograph and said that although he was not fortunate enough in having Baba's Darshan in His life time, he had begun to love Baba and respect Him as the Avatar, from what he learnt from his colleague Sardar Amar Singh Saigal and from what he read in books on and by Meher Baba. The fact that he accepted our invitation through Sardar Amar Singh Saigal to be the Chief Guest and Speaker for this programme, and came to Bombay in spite of the Parliament in session, amply proves his love and affection for Baba. Both of

them spoke on the Avatarhood of Meher Baba quoting from Gita and other Shastras, emphasizing on Beloved Baba's Unique Silence and His Message of LOVE and TRUTH.

After the Arti, two short films of Baba's Darshan Programmes at Poona and at Meherabad were screened.

In honour of the visiting guests, Sardar Amar Singh Saigal and Thakur Yash Pal Singh who were to return to Delhi the next morning, a Dinner party was arranged at which a few Baba lovers joined. Amongst the chanting of song BABA BHAGWAN and with cheers of AVATAR MEHER BABA KI JAI, the dinner was taken. After that the Baba lovers present at the Dinner were introduced to them, and all parted at about 10-30 p.m.

A telegraphic message was received from the Avatar Meher Baba Trust as follows:

"TRUSTEES, AVATAR MEHER BABA TRUST, WISH FOR BELOVED BABA'S LOVE, BLESSINGS ON ALL PARTICIPATING BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION. KUTUMBA SASTRI—CHAIRMAN"

MEHER SPIRITUAL ACADEMY TOUR:

The Director—Dr. C. D. Deshmukh gave lectures and talks during Andhra Meher Jayanti Celebrations (Feb. 20-March 8, 1970) visiting Ramanagar (of Principal Ramakrishna), Chalapalli, Machalipatnam, Mandapeta, Almora, Waltair (University and AMBC), Dhawaleshwaram (of Y. S. Rao), Rajahmundry Meher Vihar Trust (of Dharma Rao and Swami Satya Prakash, Kovvur Mehersthan Anniversary Address; Kakinada T. S. Lodge & AMBC & house visits arranged by & Smt. Jagadamba, Babji Mehersthan Palakol (AMBC & college sports Day), and Vijayawada (of Majety Ram Mohan Rao, Chinta Sarva Rao, Y. Manikyala

Raghavalu). He covered diverse topics like The Avatar's first contact with him in England on the inner mental plane and the showering of His Divine Love-Grace, God-realisation, the Truth of his own realisation, the Baba-Daaman as Baba Truth, The Path and The Goal, The planes, The secret of Yoga, (at times giving demonstrations of chains of yogic practices), The WORD released by Meher Avatar. He explained that the Meher Spiritual Academy under his direction does not aspire to be any domineering rigid world organisation but is essentially a creative *movement* or an *activity* including individual and cooperative research, calling upon each and all to remain fully awake to the Baba-Truth and keep its torch burning for posterity, by understanding, preserving and spreading his universal unparalleled life-giving Teachings in *all* possible ways. He brought home in many ways how, *though Beloved Meher Baba was silent His Silence was not silent*, and how, *in every sense, he is a WORLD TEACHER and also the greatest AVATAR* in the sense of one who, though, highest of the High, actually exercised his infinite capacity to descend in redemptive succour of the host lowly out of an unfathomable LOVE that surpasses all human understanding. On return to Nagpur, Dr. Deshmukh addressed several Mehera Jayanti meetings there closing with the last function at the sadar-residence of Panditrao Deshpande.

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greatese	greatest	5	5	7
it	is	5	5	8
tributory	tributary	8	2	9
unstingingly	unstintingly	8	3	5
ghazzals	ghazals	13	1	2
begining	beginning	13	2	1
insergent	insurgent	16	4	1
thie	this	19	1	2
occurance	occurrence	19	1	7
my	may	20	1	2
furtile	futile	20	1	8
contageous	contagious	20	1	16
Israelties	Israelites	21	1	6
thier	their	22	1	3
like	life	22	2	6
destory	destroy	23	3	4
trasport	transport	24	1	6
bodies	body	24	1	10
choses	chooses	24	1	22
hyking	hiking	25	1	11
seams	seems	25	2	2
spent	spend	26	1	5
lead	led	26	1	10
supper	suffer	28	1	4
emphasied	emphasised	31	2	9
trascend	transcend	31	4	6
unforgetable	unforgettable	33	2	1
affirmity	affirmation	34	4	4

teel	tell	35	1	5
fell	feel	35	1	11
leppers	lepers	35	6	2
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comemenced	commenced	36	3	3
renting	rending	36	7	6
was	were	40	4	2
glosary	glossary	44	6	6
presnece	presence	46	3	1
Devine	Divine	48	1	16
greately	greatly	49	2	15
Universitiy	University	51	6	5
unparalled	unparalleled	52	1	14