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AVATAR MEHER BABA PERPETUAL PUBLIC CHARITABLE TRUST

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AHMEDNAGAR, (M.S.) 414 001.

FRAMROZE J. MISTRY
CHAIRMAN

22nd October 2022

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Beloved Avatar Meher Baba,

The Fifty-Fourth Amartithi of Beloved Avatar Meher Baba falls on Tuesday, 31st January 2023. The observance of the Fifty-Fourth Amartithi (Anniversary of Avatar Meher Baba's Darshan) will be for two days, i.e., from 12 noon on 30th January to 12 noon on 1st February 2023. The main function, as usual, will be on 31st January 2023.

ALL ARE HEARTILY WELCOME TO ATTEND AVATAR MEHER BABA'S FIFTY-FOURTH AMARTITHI FUNCTION AT MEHERABAD, ARANGAON, AHMEDNAGAR (M.S.)

During Amartithi, from 6 a.m. on 30th January until 12 noon on 1st February 2023, a wooden railing will be placed in front of the sacred marble at Baba's Samadhi. Instead of bowing down, pilgrims may enter the Samadhi and take Darshan by reaching over the railing and touching the marble.

A) REGARDING LODGING ARRANGEMENTS

Every year, around 18,000 pilgrims from India are accommodated in the various facilities at Lower Meherabad, New Site and Pilgrim Education Site. Since we are celebrating the Amartithi after a gap of two years, we expect many more pilgrims to participate. To know the additional numbers and make arrangements for their stay, we request **Baba lovers to positively send their request for accommodation by 7th January 2023.**

- 1) Pilgrims who wish to be accommodated at Meherabad must send an amount of **Rs. 50/-** per person for lodging arrangements directly to the Trust. **Children above 7 years will be charged for lodging, while those below 7 years will be accommodated free.** Such amounts are called "AMARTITHI DONATIONS," and they must be sent to the Trust. Amartithi Registration donations can be sent by money order as follows:

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AMARTITHI DONATIONS
Avatar Meher Baba P. P. C. Trust
King's Road, Post Bag No.31,
Ahmednagar, M. S. 414 001.

Nowadays, the post office sends money orders electronically; hence, we do not receive the message portion that mentions the number of men and women (including children above 7 years). So please include this information in the sender's name on the money order form like-

Sender's Name-X X X X (----Men + --- Women)

Address -----

Mobile No. -----

2. Amartithi Registration donations can be paid using any of the following methods :

Amartithi Registration donations can be paid online through the AMBPPCT app. The app can be downloaded from Google playstore or accessed via browser using <https://meherbabaapp.com>. If you have already installed this app on your mobile phone, you should uninstall it and reinstall the latest version. Open the app, navigate to 'Amartithi 2023 donations' and login using Facebook, Google or your Personal Email Account. Payment can be made by using your Credit/Debit card or any other online account. On completing the registration process, you will receive a text confirmation and token number on your registered mobile number. You will also be able to print a soft copy of the donation receipt. On arrival at Meherabad for Amartithi, you can show this text message or a printed soft copy to get Amartithi Tokens. It will be possible to change the number of Men and Women in the group through this app up to 10th January 2023.

Online payment will be accepted only up to 10th January 2023.

For any issue related to online payment, please send an SMS or Whatsapp message to 9000837222.

A Bank Draft (D.D.) to Avatar Meher Baba P.P.C Trust can be accepted provided a separate letter is sent along with it, clearly giving the details of the number of men, women and children, and the letter must mention the purpose as "AMARTITHI DONATIONS". The sender should also provide his Mobile number and address.

IMPORTANT:

These lodging requests have to be earmarked as "**AMARTITHI DONATIONS**"; otherwise, such amounts will be considered donations to the Trust, and the sender will NOT have lodging accommodations at Meherabad.

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- 3) Pilgrims are requested to be very particular in giving their full names, addresses and Mobile Number in BLOCK LETTERS on the Money Order Forms. They must also REMEMBER to bring to Meherabad the Money Order Acknowledgement Receipt or M.O. receipt. This will entitle them to receive ENTRY TOKENS for their lodging from the Trust at the Enquiry Office or Sub-Enquiry Office upon their arrival at Meherabad on 30th January 2023.

Please note that those who register at the Enquiry Office on the 30th or 31st, and not before, will have to pay Rs. 50/- extra towards Amartithi Donations. (Total Rs. 100/-)

- 4) KITCHEN FACILITY: Groups of pilgrims who wish to cook their food will be accommodated and provided kitchen facilities at the NEW SITE. Therefore, groups who want to cook their food in the kitchens must inform Shri Jal P. Dastoor, c/o Avatar Meher Baba P.P.C. Trust, King's Road, Post Bag No.31, Ahmednagar (M.S.) 414 001 through letters which Jal must receive by the last week of December 2022. Also, when these kitchen groups of pilgrims send their money to the Trust for their lodging, they must make special mention that they wish to lodge at the New Site. Special Entry Tokens will be prepared for such pilgrims. Upon their arrival at Meherabad, they will have to collect Special Entry Tokens and Kitchen Numbers only from the Sub-Enquiry Office at the New Site.
- 5) The mattress Contractor will supply the mattresses on the 30th January morning and take back the same on the 1st February by 1.00 p.m. **There is no need to send the money in advance.**
- A deposit of Rs.100/- and hire charges of Rs. 80/- will be collected while giving the mattress, and the deposit of Rs.100/-will be refunded when the mattress is returned.
- 6) As usual, there will be separate lodging arrangements for men and women at Meherabad. So to avoid confusion, it is advised that men and women of the same family pack individual bags and bundle their bedding rolls separately BEFORE they arrive at Meherabad. Pilgrims should lovingly cooperate with the Management in this matter, and the Management reserves the right to caution any pilgrim who fails to abide by Beloved Baba's wishes.
- 7) Pilgrims are reminded that they should continue to abide by Beloved Baba's wishes, as expressed by Him in the 1958 Sahavas, that men and women pilgrims should stay in their own quarters and not visit, enter, or rest in each other's quarters.

B) REGARDING ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE

- 1) Pilgrims should not arrive at Meherabad before 6:00 a.m. on 30th January 2023 and should leave Meherabad around 12 noon on

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1st February 2023.

- 2) Pilgrims arriving from outstations by special buses, private cars, or hired taxis are requested to park only in the parking zones at the New Site, Lower Meherabad or Pilgrim Education Site. **Vehicles should not be taken up Meherabad Hill because that is restricted parking for Trust vehicles only.**
- 3) Pilgrims arriving from outstations by Public Transport or Railway are requested to note the below schedule for arrival and departure of Meherabad.
- C) REGARDING TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS**
- 1) State Transport authorities will be requested to ply their buses from Ahmednagar Railway Station, and City S.T. Bus Stand to and from Meherabad at fixed hours on 30th and 31st January 2023 and 1st February 2023.
- 2) Volunteers wearing Baba badges will be at the Railway Station and Bus Stand to guide pilgrims visiting Meherabad.
- 3) There is a second S.T. Bus Stand in the Tarakpur area of Ahmednagar. However, pilgrims should alight at City Bus Stand.

On Monday, 30TH JANUARY, 2023:

According to train timings, State Transport Buses from Ahmednagar Railway Station to Meherabad from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

State Transport Buses from S.T. Bus Stand to Meherabad from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

On Tuesday, 31ST JANUARY, 2023:

State Transport buses from S.T. Bus Stand via Ahmednagar Railway Station to Meherabad from 6:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

State Transport buses from Meherabad to Ahmednagar Railway Station and S.T. Bus Stand from 12:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

On Wednesday, 1ST FEBRUARY, 2023:

State Transport buses from Meherabad to Ahmednagar (Railway Station and S.T. Bus Stand) from 5:30 a.m. onwards.

D) QUEUE TOKEN SYSTEM

For 31st January 2023 Amartithi Darshan, we are continuing with our Queue Token System.

1. THE PILGRIMS SHOULD JOIN THE QUEUE WHEN THEIR TOKEN NUMBER IS DISPLAYED.

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2. Darshan of Beloved Avatar Meher Baba will be available inside the Tomb-Shrine through a regulated queue designated specifically for this occasion. However, due to the influx of pilgrims during Amartithi, it is requested for the benefit of all pilgrims to take the least time possible for Darshan and to take Darshan only once on 31st January 2023.

E) **PROGRAMME - REQUESTING A PERFORMANCE SLOT IN AMARTITHI PROGRAMME**

Place- The Holy Tomb-Shrine of Avatar Meher Baba on Meherabad Hill, Ahmednagar (M.S.) India - Amphitheatre.

Meher Baba's lovers and Meher Baba Centres from India and around the world who wish to offer Beloved Baba a song, classical dance, or play/drama/skit on the 54th Amartithi occasion, **kindly register online.** (Please note this is a LIVE-IN PERSON programme, not virtual as in 2021 and 2022, so videos are not to be submitted.)

- 1) Click on this link for 54TH Amartithi 2023 Programme Performance Slot Request <https://forms.gle/cWW3p9uRmyQSBnzT8>
- 2) OR kindly open the Trust website, avatarmeherbabatrust.org/Events and find the link provided.
- 3) The link will open a form requesting name, performance item details, contact information etc. Please fill up the form and press **SUBMIT**. After submission, you will receive an acknowledgement email from Mehernath Kalchuri, Trustee and Amartithi Programme Coordinator.
- 4) If you need help with the form, kindly contact amartithihelpdesk@gmail.com or phone +91 74477 66580 or +91 74477 66585.
- 5) If you are unable to complete the form, kindly send details by email to mkamartithi@gmail.com or via letter to Trustee Shri Mehernath B. Kalchuri, Avatar Meher Baba P.P.C. Trust, King's Road, Post Bag 31, Ahmednagar 414001 (M.S.).
- 6) **Deadline for submitting requests: 31st December 2022.** The requests will be accommodated, time permitting, within the programme schedule. We lovingly request all participants to accept their allotted timings, as no changes will be accepted. It will not be possible to accept late requests on arrival. Please confirm your programme slot/time using the AMBPPC Trust website: <https://www.avatarmeherbabatrust.org> before Amartithi or at the Amartithi site on notice boards. **PLEASE NOTE THAT THE DETAILED PROGRAMME SCHEDULE WILL BE**

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DISPLAYED AT VARIOUS PLACES IN MEHERABAD.

F) **DISTRIBUTION OF PRASAD AT SAMADHI ON 31ST JANUARY**

No cooked Prasad BUT ONLY WRAPPED DRY PRASAD WILL BE ALLOWED to be distributed near the Samadhi. All centres and individuals desirous of the distribution of Prasad will have to apply in advance to Trustee Ramesh Jangale advising what kind of dry Prasad they wish to distribute. Trustee Ramesh Jangale will advise the time slot to distribute Prasad so that the Prasad is evenly distributed throughout the day. **PLEASE NOTE THAT LAST-MINUTE REQUESTS ON THE AMARTITHI DAY WILL NOT BE ENTERTAINED.**

G) **OBSERVANCE OF SILENCE**

Observing Silence from 12 noon to 12:15 p.m. on 31st January at Beloved Avatar Meher Baba's Samadhi is the most significant event during Amartithi. It has been observed that some pilgrims, who may be new to Beloved Baba, are not aware of this and instead visit different places at Meherabad during this time. It is, therefore important that all Centers impress upon Baba lovers the importance of the Silence period so that they will be in attendance at the Samadhi during the observance of Silence.

H) **OTHER**

- 1) Meherabad Management requests all the pilgrims to use water very sparingly. Hot water for bathing will be provided from 11:00 p.m. 30th January to 7:00 a.m. 31st January.
- 2) Pilgrims in the close vicinity of the Samadhi are requested to do their utmost to maintain the sanctity of the Tomb-Shrine.
- 3) Pilgrims are requested that before they leave their Tents/Hostels for the programme on the Hill on 1st February morning, they must, without fail, deposit their luggage at Hostel B for Lower Meherabad pilgrims and Tent F for New Site pilgrims and collect the same before their departure.
- 4) During Amartithi, despite police and security arrangements, some thefts do occur. Therefore, pilgrims are cautioned to be very careful with their valuables, especially their purses, pouches, gold ornaments, mobiles, cameras and other items carried by hand.
- 5) For their safety, pilgrims are asked to wear their Entry Tokens at all times and volunteers are deputed to inquire of anyone seen without a token.
- 6) There will be stalls selling light refreshments and meals at Lower Meherabad, New Site, Pilgrim Education Site and Upper Meherabad

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till early afternoon on 1st February 2023.

- 7) MEHERAZAD WILL BE CLOSED FROM 28TH JANUARY THROUGH 4TH FEBRUARY. THIS INCLUDES ALLAMARTITHI DAYS (30th January through 1st February). Hence pilgrims should NOT visit Meherazad during these days for any purpose whatsoever, whether by public bus, private bus, car or rickshaw. Meherazad will be open for pilgrims on Sunday, 5th February 2023.
- 8) We do not know what the Corona situation will be in 3 months' time. Keep in mind that the pandemic is not finished. Remember that Avatar Meher Baba wanted us to be practical in health related matters. We advise all to wear masks, as being in a crowd means a risk of getting infected by Covid.

Please pass on the above information about the Amartithi programme to all the lovers of Avatar Meher Baba in your area.

AVATAR MEHER BABA KI JAI!!!

In the Love and Service of Avatar Meher Baba,



(FRAMROZE. J. MISTRY)
CHAIRMAN

NOTE : There is no need for any correspondence with the Trust Office on the Amartithi programme and arrangements.

**FROM: AVATAR MEHER BABA
PERPETUAL PUBLIC CHARITABLE TRUST
King's Road, Post Bag 31, Ahmednagar 414 001
(Maharashtra State) India.**

BOOK POST [PRINTED BOOKLET] 54th Amartithi.

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**PLEASE WRITE THE TRUST WITH ANY
CHANGES TO BE MADE IN YOUR ADDRESS**