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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Beloved Avatar Meher Baba,

The Fifty-Seventh Amartithi of Beloved Avatar Meher Baba falls on Saturday, 31st January 2026. The observance of the Fifty-Seventh Amartithi (Anniversary of Avatar Meher Baba's Darshan) will be for two days, i.e., from 10:30 a.m. on 30th January to 1:00 p.m. on 1st February 2026. The main function, as usual, will be on 31st January 2026.

ALL ARE HEARTILY WELCOME TO ATTEND AVATAR MEHER BABA'S FIFTY-SEVENTH AMARTITHI GATHERING AT MEHERABAD, ARANGAON, AHILYANAGAR (M.S.).

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 Centres 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.

A) DARSHAN

- 1) During Amartithi, from 6 a.m. on 30th January until 1 p.m. on 1st February, 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.
- 2) **QUEUE TOKEN SYSTEM**: The Queue Token System for Darshan on Amartithi day starts from midnight on 30th January. Registered pilgrims will be issued a Darshan Token Number along with their Registration Badge at the Enquiry Offices located at Lower Meherabad, New Site, and Pilgrim Education Site. Tokens will be distributed upon arrival, on a first-come, first-served basis. For pilgrims who do not wish to register, Darshan tokens (ONE PER PERSON) will be available on Meherabad Hill — along the path from New Site to Baba's Samadhi — starting at 10 p.m. on 30th January and continuing throughout 31st January.

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

Darshan of Beloved Avatar Meher Baba will be available inside the Tomb-Shrine through a regulated queue designated specifically for this occasion. 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.

B) AMARTITHI REGISTRATION AND LODGING ARRANGEMENTS

- 1) **We request Baba lovers to definitely send their Amartithi Registration requests by 7th January 2026, to help the Trust plan and make necessary arrangements. For registration, pilgrims should send Rs. 100/- per person as AMARTITHI DONATION towards the arrangements. Registration is required for children above 7 years of age, while those below 7 years do not need to be registered.** Pilgrims registered for Amartithi will be issued a Registration badge along with the Darshan Token Number upon arrival. They are expected to wear this badge at all times during their Amartithi stay. Registered Pilgrims are provided accommodation in the various facilities at Lower Meherabad, New Site and Pilgrim Education Site. **The Trust provides a mattress for sleeping to those who register on time. Pilgrims have to carry their own pillow, sheets and blankets.**

PLEASE NOTE:

- Pilgrims who wish to register for Amartithi but do not need accommodation should specify this while sending their Amartithi Donation using the AMBPPCT App, Money Order, or Demand Draft.
- Pilgrims who register late may not be provided with mattresses.

- 2) Amartithi Registration donations can be sent using any of the following methods:

a) Online through the AMBPPCT app: The app can be downloaded from the Google Playstore or accessed via browser using <https://meherbabaapp.com>. **The app will be available for use from 28th October 2025 to 7th January 2026.**

Open the app, navigate to '**Amartithi 2026 Donations**' and login using your Google Account. Payment can be made using UPI or your Credit/Debit card. On completing the registration process, you will receive an SMS confirmation and registration number on your registered mobile number. You will also be able to print a soft copy of the donation receipt. Upon arrival at Meherabad for Amartithi, please show the text message or a soft copy of the receipt to receive Amartithi Registration Badges. It will be possible to change the number of Men and Women in the group through this app up to 7th January 2026.

For any issue related to online payment, please send an SMS or WhatsApp message to 9000001527.

b) Money Order: Amartithi Registration donations can be sent by money order to the following address:

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

These days, 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.

Pilgrims are requested to be very particular in giving their full names, addresses and mobile numbers in BLOCK LETTERS on the Money Order Forms. They must also remember to bring the **Money Order Acknowledgement Receipt** or M.O. receipt to Meherabad. This will entitle them to receive Amartithi Registration Badges from the Trust at the Enquiry Offices upon their arrival at Meherabad on 30th January 2026.

c) A Bank Demand Draft (D.D.) to Avatar Meher Baba P.P.C Trust can be accepted, provided a separate letter is sent along with it to the address mentioned above, clearly giving the details of the number of men, women and children, and the sender's mobile number and address. The letter must mention the purpose as "AMARTITHI DONATIONS".

IMPORTANT:

These requests must be earmarked as "**AMARTITHI DONATIONS**"; otherwise, such amounts will be considered general donations to the Trust, and the sender will NOT be registered for Amartithi.

3) **KITCHEN FACILITY:** Groups of pilgrims who wish to cook their food will be accommodated and provided with kitchen facilities at the NEW SITE and PILGRIM EDUCATION SITE. Therefore, groups who want to cook their food in the kitchens must inform Trustee Shri. Ramesh Jangale, c/o Avatar Meher Baba P.P.C. Trust, King's Road, Post Bag No.31, Ahilyanagar (M.S.) 414 001 through letters which he must receive by the last week of December 2025. Additionally, when these groups of pilgrims requiring kitchen facilities submit their payment to the Trust for Amartithi Registration, they must specifically indicate their preference to **lodge at the New Site/Pilgrim Education Site**. Upon their arrival at Meherabad, they will have to collect their Registration Badges and Kitchen Numbers only from the New Site Enquiry Office.

4) 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. 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.

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 bedding rolls separately BEFORE they arrive at Meherabad.

C) REGARDING ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE

- 1) Pilgrims are expected to arrive at Meherabad from 6 a.m. onwards on 30th January and depart around 1 p.m. on 1st February. However, some long-distance trains and buses reach Ahilyanagar as early as 4 a.m., and pilgrims arriving by these routes often proceed directly to Meherabad. To accommodate these early arrivals, Registration Badges will be issued immediately upon reaching Meherabad.
- 2) Pilgrims arriving from outstations by special buses, private cars, or hired taxis are requested to park only in the parking zones at Lower Meherabad, New Site or Pilgrim Education Site. **Vehicles are not permitted on Meherabad Hill as parking on the Hill is restricted to Trust vehicles only.**
- 3) Pilgrims arriving from outstations by public transport or railway are requested to note the schedule below for arrival and departure in Meherabad.

D) REGARDING TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS

- 1) State Transport authorities will be requested to ply their buses from Ahilyanagar Railway Station and City S.T. Bus Stand to and from Meherabad at fixed hours on 30th and 31st January 2026 and 1st February 2026.
- 2) Volunteers wearing Baba badges will be at the Railway Station and City Bus Stand to guide pilgrims visiting Meherabad.
- 3) There is a second S.T. Bus Stand in the Tarakpur area of Ahilyanagar. However, pilgrims should alight at the **City Bus Stand**.

On Friday, 30th January 2026:

- According to train timings, State Transport Buses from Ahilyanagar Railway Station to Meherabad run from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- State Transport Buses from S.T. Bus Stand to Meherabad run from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

On Saturday, 31st January 2026:

- State Transport buses from S.T. Bus Stand via Ahilyanagar Railway Station to Meherabad run from 6:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
- State Transport buses from Meherabad to Ahilyanagar Railway Station and S.T. Bus Stand run from 12:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

On Sunday, 1st February 2026:

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

E) PROGRAMME – REQUESTING A PERFORMANCE SLOT IN AMARTITHI PROGRAMME

Place: The Holy Tomb-Shrine of Avatar Meher Baba on Meherabad Hill,
Ahilyanagar (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 devotional/spiritual song, dance, instrumental music or play/drama/skit on the 57th Amartithi occasion, **kindly register online following the instructions below.** Kindly note that, due to the limitations of time, **preference will be given to group songs and dances, rather than individual performances.** Your loving cooperation in submitting a group song or dance request will be deeply appreciated. Also, please ensure that your song, dance or instrumental performance is under 5 minutes. Play, skit, or drama should be between 10 to 15 minutes in duration.

Please note this is a LIVE, IN-PERSON programme, so please do not submit videos.

- 1) Click on the link [Amartithi 2026 Programme Participation Form](https://avatarmeherbabatrust.org/events/) for the 57th Amartithi Programme Performance Slot Request. The link is also available on the Trust website: <https://avatarmeherbabatrust.org/events/>.
- 2) The link will open a form requesting your name, performance item details, contact information, etc. Please fill out the form and press **SUBMIT**. After submission, you will receive an acknowledgement email immediately from Shri. Mehernath Kalchuri, Trustee and Amartithi Programme Coordinator.
- 3) If you need help with the form, kindly contact amartithihelpdesk@gmail.com or call +91 74477 66580 or +91 74477 66585.
- 4) If you are still 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, Ahilyanagar 414001 (M.S.).
- 5) **The last date for submitting requests is 20th December 2025.** The requests will be included, time permitting, within the programme schedule. We lovingly ask all participants to adhere to their allotted timings, as changes cannot be accommodated. It will not be possible to accept late requests on arrival.

Please check your programme slot/time on the AMBPPC Trust website:

<https://avatarmeherbabatrust.org/> before Amartithi or at the Amartithi site on the notice boards. PLEASE NOTE THAT THE DETAILED PROGRAMME SCHEDULE WILL BE 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 wishing to distribute Prasad must apply in advance to Trustee Shri. Ramesh Jangale, specifying the type of dry Prasad they intend to distribute. Trustee Ramesh Jangale will provide a designated time slot for the distribution of Prasad to ensure it is evenly distributed throughout the day. **PLEASE NOTE THAT LAST-MINUTE REQUESTS ON AMARTITHI DAY WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

G) OTHER

- 1) Pilgrims in the close vicinity of the Samadhi are requested to do their utmost to maintain the sanctity of the Tomb-Shrine.
- 2) 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.
- 3) Before leaving their tents or hostels for the programme on Meherabad Hill on the morning of 1st February, pilgrims are requested to deposit their luggage at Hostel B (for Lower Meherabad pilgrims), Tent F (for New Site pilgrims) and the designated area at the Pilgrim Education Site. They must collect their luggage before departing.
- 4) Despite police and security arrangements, some thefts do occur during Amartithi. 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 Amartithi Registration Badges at all times, and volunteers are deputed to inquire of anyone seen without the Registration Badge.
- 6) There will be stalls selling light refreshments and meals at Lower Meherabad, New Site, Pilgrim Education Site and Upper Meherabad till early afternoon on 1st February.
- 7) MEHERAZAD WILL BE CLOSED FROM 28th JANUARY THROUGH 4th FEBRUARY. THIS INCLUDES ALL AMARTITHI DAYS (30th January through 1st February). Hence, pilgrims should NOT visit Meherazad during these days for any purpose whatsoever. Meherazad will re-open for pilgrims on Thursday, 5th February 2026.

Please share the above information about the 57th Amartithi 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. However, do not hesitate to get in touch with Trustee Gopala Krishna Meher, Manager, Sahavas Organising Department, at 9885071780 for any concerns or important matters.