

THE LEGACY OF CHILDREN'S DAY AT MEHERAZAD

Throughout Baba's lifetime, the mandali experienced first-hand Baba's love for children, and His work to uplift them in all ways possible. After Baba dropped His physical form, the Meherazad mandali decided to initiate a program for the nearby village children, feeling that it would be an opportunity for these boys and girls to draw closer to the Avatar of the Age.

Pendu, whom Baba had put in charge of organizing His Sahavas programs at Meherabad, now took the lead in initiating what we still call today, Children's Day. Although the mandali are gone, this tradition continues at Meherazad. Every year, as Baba's birthday approaches, Meherazad holds a special event for the boys and girls attending school in the nearby village of Pimpalgaon-Malvi. With their teachers leading the way, the children, big and small, excitedly walk from the village to Meherazad for a much-anticipated and fun-filled morning of entertainment for the Lord, culminating in darshan at Baba's seat in Mandali Hall, and His prasad of sweets to take home with them.

For weeks ahead of time, the children practice their dances and songs, create the skits they are planning to perform, and relish the idea of a special day outside the classroom, under the big shade cloth that is set up for the program at Meherazad. For the children who are blessed to come, there is an abundance of laughter and awe permeating the atmosphere, including a magic show with participation from the children, who become the stars of the show!

The fun of seeing their own classmates dressed up in costumes and acting in skits before them brings out the innocent joy of childhood, opening their hearts to receive His love—whether they are consciously aware of it or not, in the sanctified atmosphere of Meherazad.

Whatever be the destiny for these children blessed to live in the neighborhood of the Avatar's residence, His love and ever-living presence will be carried home with them and the seeds of His love in their hearts will blossom in His perfect timing.

School boys eagerly waiting for the program to begin



WHAT IS THE AVATAR MEHER BABA TRUST?

CREATED IN 1959 under Meher Baba's direction, the Avatar Meher Baba Trust has the purpose of fulfilling the objectives in the Trust Deed set out by Baba and the Trustees He appointed. The Trust Deed calls for the maintenance of Avatar Meher Baba's Tomb; for the creation of pilgrim facilities; for educational, medical, and other charitable services; for estate development and procurement of sources of water; for the advancement of Avatar Meher Baba's love-message through melas, museums, lectures, publications, and the arts; and for spiritual training.

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Support:

The Trust is supported entirely by love-gifts from Meher Baba's lovers around the world. In truth, it is Baba Himself who gives, through your hands, and it is Baba Himself who brings the objects to completion which He laid down in the Trust Deed.

How To Donate:

Please see the instructions on the AMBT website, <https://avatarmeherbabatrust.org/where-to-contribute/>. Residents of the USA and UK can also make tax-

deductible donations through certain organizations which are set up to transfer those donations to the Trust. Information on those organizations is included on the webpage noted.

Another way to support the Trust is to list it as a beneficiary in your personal Legacy. (See "LEGACIES, www.ambppct.org/legacies/).

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After taking Baba's darshan in Mandali Hall, each child received their prasad with both hands

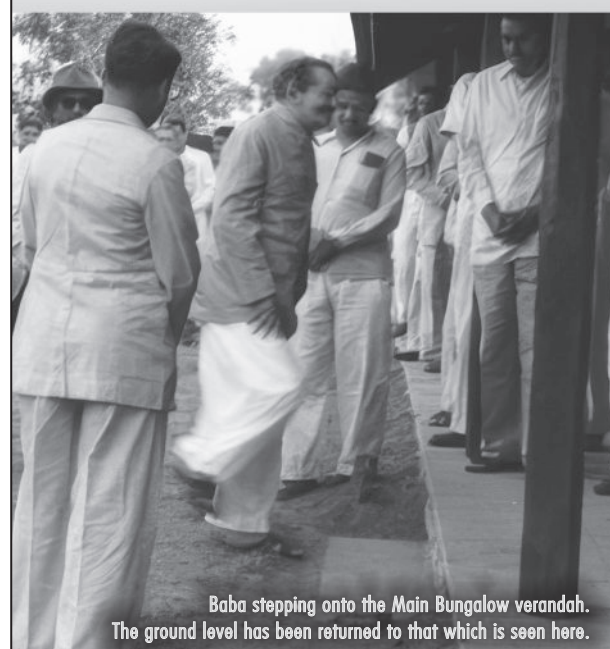


An unforgettable dance performance

Lower Meherabad Ground Leveling

Several inches of earth materials were removed in the levelling/grading work

The lower Meherabad area in front of the Main Bungalow has undergone extensive ground leveling and grading, as well as measures to restore the original look and to protect the trees there. Since Baba's time, the ground level had become built up, which was detrimental to the drainage of water away from the building. Much earth material has now been removed and the whole area graded and cleaned. One of the original neem trees from Baba's arrival at Meherabad in 1923 had three feet of soil accumulated around its trunk. The removal of this soil and overgrown weeds by the environmental team has saved the life of this tree.



Baba stepping onto the Main Bungalow verandah. The ground level has been returned to that which is seen here.



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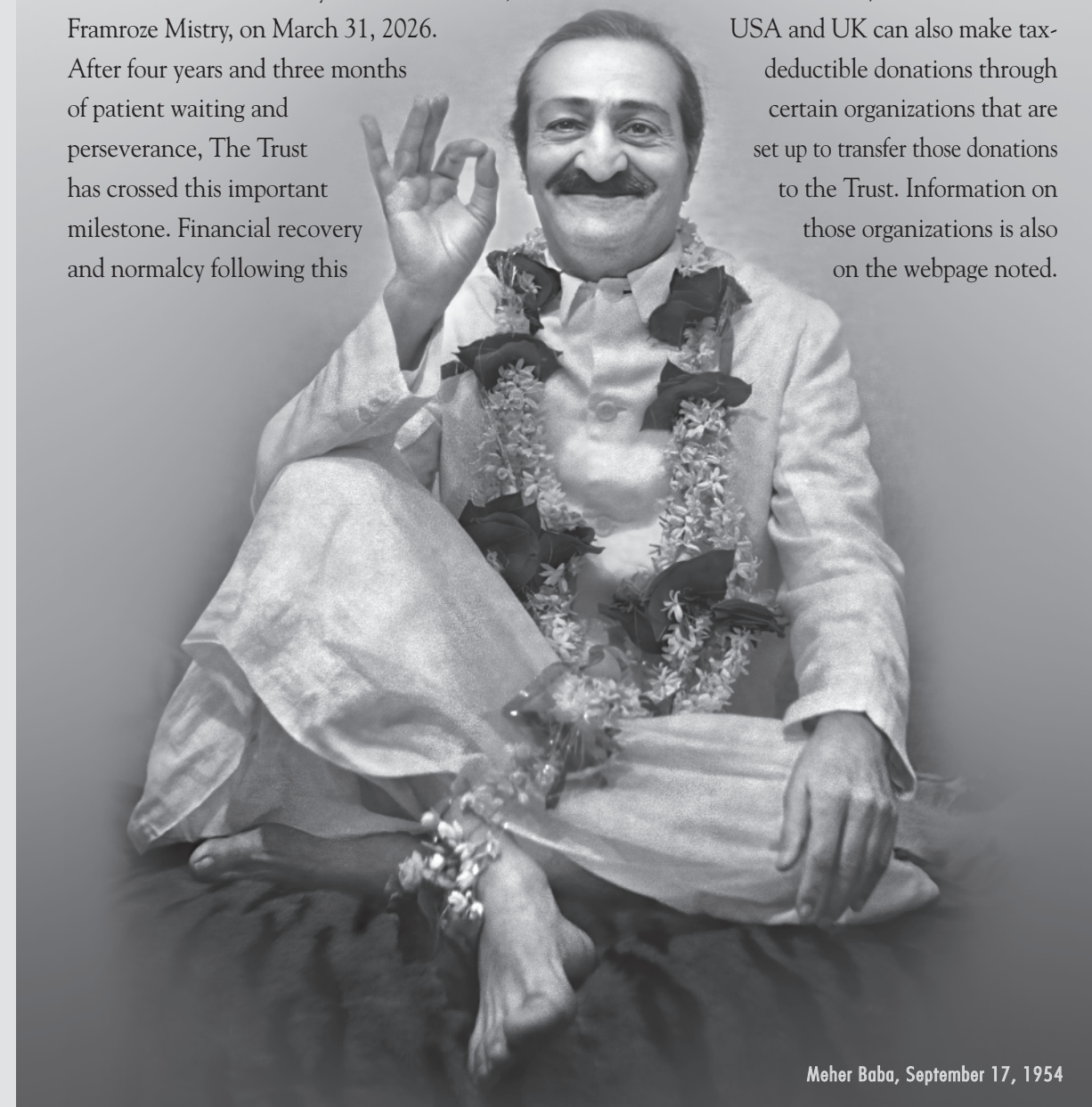
A NEWSLETTER FROM MEHERABAD

AMBPPCT RECEIVES FCRA REGISTRATION APPROVAL

By the grace of Avatar Meher Baba, we are happy to share the good news that the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act (FCRA) Registration approval has been received by the Trust. This opens the door for the Trust to receive contributions from Baba lovers worldwide once again. This long-awaited and uplifting news was announced to the Baba world by our Chairman, Framroze Mistry, on March 31, 2026. After four years and three months of patient waiting and perseverance, The Trust has crossed this important milestone. Financial recovery and normalcy following this

long gap will take time. Baba will provide and take us through as He always has.

Thorough instructions for how to donate to the Trust can be found on the Trust website, <https://avatarmeherbabatrust.org/>. The specific page is found under menu item "Donate," URL: <https://avatarmeherbabatrust.org/where-to-contribute/>. Residents of the USA and UK can also make tax-deductible donations through certain organizations that are set up to transfer those donations to the Trust. Information on those organizations is also on the webpage noted.



Meher Baba, September 17, 1954

"Under many a life's complicated problems are hidden some of the simplest truths, which the veil of ignorance obscures from human vision. Keep your faces turned towards the Sun and your shadow of individualized Maya will lie behind you and, though still existent, will have no power over you."

MEHER BABA

LOWER MEHERABAD RESTRICTIONS

Government restrictions on Lower Meherabad and its immediate surroundings have not yet been lifted. Non-Indian nationals are allowed to visit the restricted area only in two small windows of time during each week. In the months ahead, the Trust will continue its efforts to ease the limited access currently in place.

We trust that, in Beloved Baba's time, these restrictions will be removed, for as Meher Baba has said, "Meherabad will become the greatest place of pilgrimage in the world, where seekers of Truth from all over the world will come, and people will find solace here." Your continued understanding and loving cooperation in observing the current restrictions will greatly support the Trust's ongoing efforts to remove them.



Eye clinic patient waiting area

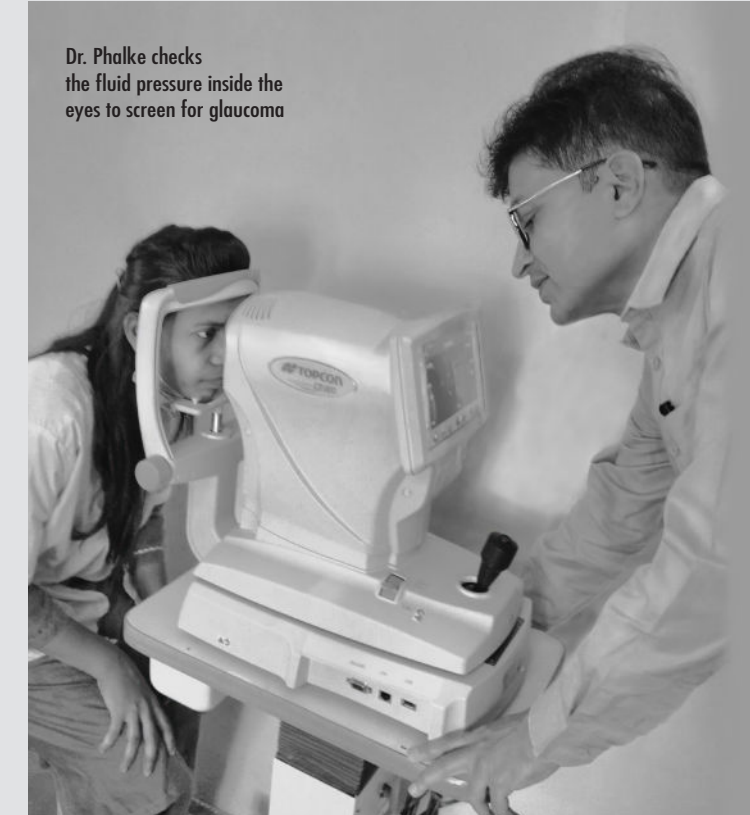
THE UPGRADED OPHTHALMOLOGY WING IN MEHER HEALTH CENTRE

The Trust's Meher Health Centre, located in Arangaon on the site of the old Family Quarters from Baba's time, has an ophthalmology wing that has developed into a top-notch facility for diagnosis and treatment of eye disease. The patients are low-income villagers hailing mainly from Arangaon, but also from outlying areas. Here they can receive treatments and surgeries for their eye disease, at no cost, which would otherwise be out of reach for them.

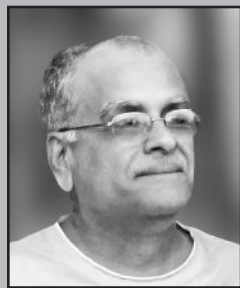
Thanks to donations from Baba lovers, doctors, and hospitals, this section of the Health Centre has seen many upgrades in equipment used in recent years, so that now it is fully equipped to diagnose all eye ailments and to treat almost all of them. The eye clinic is run by Dr. Phalke, ophthalmologist and surgeon of Ahmednagar.

The most common problem treated here is cataracts. The surgeries to remove cataracts and to implant intraocular lenses are conducted in monthly camps at Meherabad Hospital's Operating Theatre. A phacoemulsification machine is used to conduct the cataract removal. This is an advanced ophthalmic surgical system using ultrasonic power to break up the clouded lens. The surgery is done with local anesthesia and the patients are discharged the same day. Approximately 8 to 10 patients are admitted to each camp monthly.

Several other advanced machines complete the outfitting of the clinic. In addition to cataracts, the clinic sees patients for a variety of other eye abnormalities, such as infections, allergic conditions, corneal problems, and optic nerve disease.



Dr. Phalke checks the fluid pressure inside the eyes to screen for glaucoma



MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

“YOUR DUTY IS TO KEEP ME CONSTANTLY WITH YOU THROUGHOUT YOUR THOUGHTS, SPEECH AND ACTIONS. THEY DO THEIR DUTY WHO, SINCERE IN THEIR FAITH AND LOVE, SURRENDER TO ME, GUIDED BY THE IMPLICIT BELIEF IN MY DIVINITY AS BABA.”

MEHER BABA

SERVING MEHER BABA THROUGH HIS TRUST

Our Dear Baba Family,

Jai Meher Baba!

Just as parents care for us throughout our lives and stand by us unconditionally, how much more does Meher Baba, who is God—the Father and Mother in One—hold us evermore in His boundless love? He assures us, “I am nearer to you than your very breath.” What more can we ask than this companionship with the Beloved and Friend?

With the laying aside of the physical form, Baba continues to enfold us in His Eternal Presence. “As the fragrance is hidden in the rose, in the same way My presence is hidden in every heart—unseen and imperceptible.” He revealed His Truth through His words, messages, and discourses; and in His life as God-Man He gave us a standard and an example. Baba’s beautiful Person has also been preserved in photographs and films—a rare gift of this Advent—allowing humanity to look upon His form and feel a direct connection with Him. In loving Him, we

glimpse not only His divinity, but also the grace of His Man-form, His humour, and the way He showed how life may be lived at its best.

He left His footprints in the places He established and visited, where we may reconnect with Baba. In His mandali, in His lovers, and in the many places and objects that came in contact with Him, we find reminders of His presence. There is also the treasure of personal accounts from those He drew to Himself, each bearing witness to His love. In our daily lives, too, we find reminders of Him.

In this living connection with Baba, He has also given us His Trust—Avatar Meher Baba Perpetual Public Charitable Trust—placing it in our hands as a way to serve Him. In forming it, He entrusted us with carrying forward the objectives He laid down. Within the vast expanse of the cosmos He has brought into being, the Trust stands as an expression of His will in the Deed He signed in 1959 establishing it. Its significance rests in the fact that He Himself created it for His Cause and to protect His

Tomb-Shrine, affirming that “this hill will become an important place of pilgrimage for the whole world.” For His followers, the Trust is something entrusted to us, to be protected and maintained with loving care.

His Advent as the Avatar is for the good of all creation. Our part is to love Beloved Baba sincerely and honestly. Among the many ways in which that love may find expression, caring for His Trust is one such way. In the midst of our daily responsibilities, that love can take practical form—offering our time, our effort, and the resources we are able to spare in its service. In doing so, we are not merely supporting the Trust; we are responding to His call and sharing, in our small way, in the work He began.

Avatar Meher Baba ki Jai!

In Baba’s Love and Service,

Framroze J. Mistry

Chairman, Avatar Meher Baba
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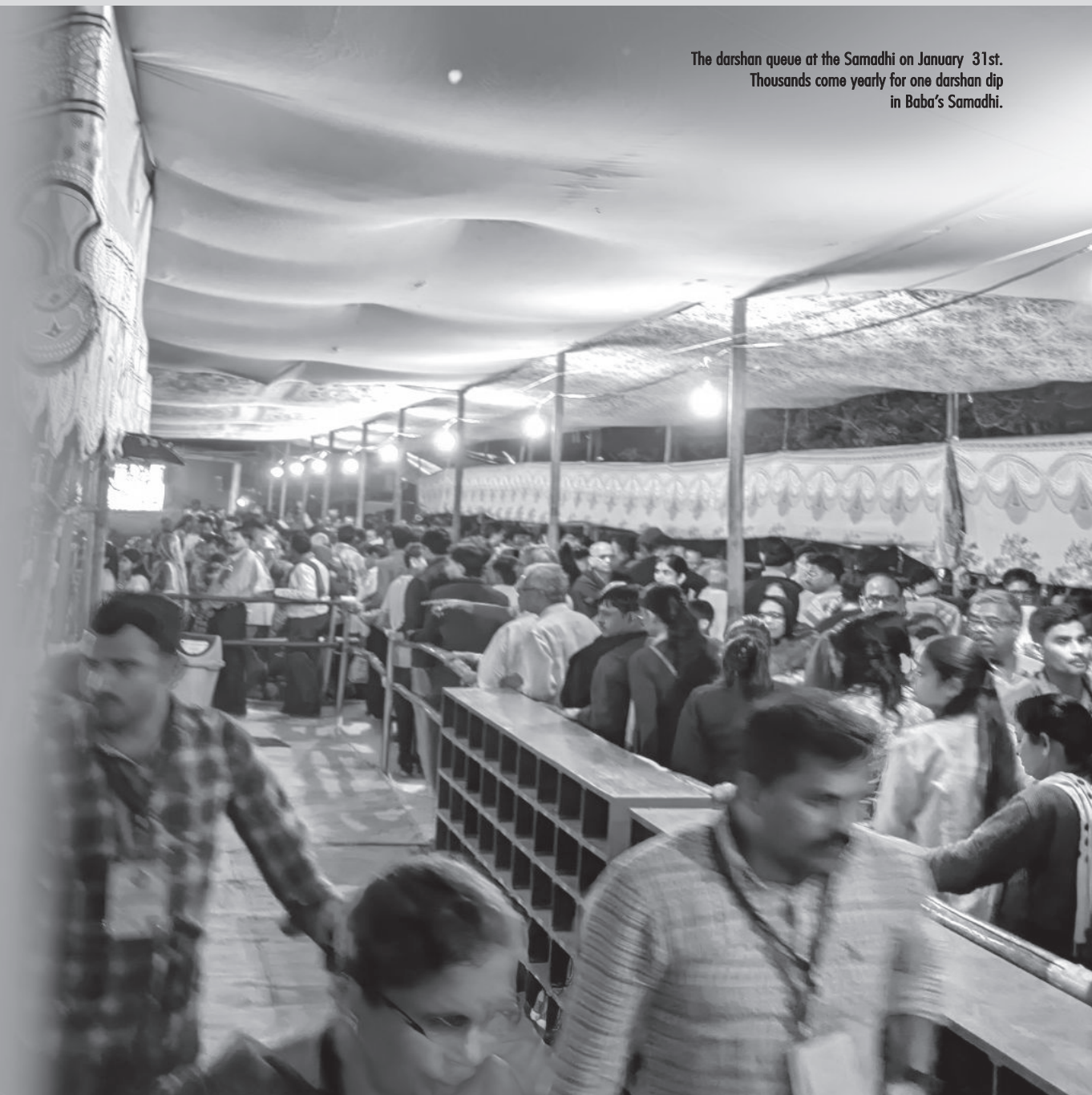
THE 57TH AMARTITHI

A SACRED GATHERING AT MEHERABAD

The observance of the 2026 Amartithi of Beloved Avatar Meher Baba was held at Meherabad from 10:30 a.m. on January 30th to 1:00 p.m. on February 1, 2026. This year marked the 57th anniversary of the day the Avatar dropped His physical form in 1969 to live eternally in the hearts of His lovers. Thousands of pilgrims from across India and around the world journeyed to the Hill to immerse themselves in His Divine Love and Remembrance.

The spiritual highlight of the program occurred on January 31st. As is the tradition, the massive assembly of approximately 30,000 visitors—including nearly 15,000 pilgrims residing in temporary accommodations in Meherabad—gathered around the Samadhi. From 12:00 noon to 12:15 p.m., a profound, collective silence was observed, honoring the Master’s own 44 years of silence. The atmosphere was charged with devotion as the silence concluded with the resounding cry of “Avatar Meher Baba Ki Jai,” followed by the Master’s Prayer and Arti.

Throughout the three-day event, the Meherabad amphitheater served as a stage for “love-offerings,” including a variety of devotional songs, instrumental music, and dramatic skits performed by His lovers. Despite the significant logistical requirements, the gathering was characterized by a spirit of selfless service. Volunteers worked tirelessly to manage the queue for darshan, distribute prasada, and provide essential services, ensuring that all who came could focus on their personal connection with the Beloved.



The darshan queue at the Samadhi on January 31st. Thousands come yearly for one darshan dip in Baba’s Samadhi.

News UGGETS

TRUST EVENTS INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

MPC ROOF REPAIRS

Continuing the ongoing roof repair work on the Meher Pilgrim Centre (MPC), this summer the front wing of the building has had the tiles and ceiling mats removed. The Teak beams and rafters were repaired or replaced, new woven bamboo plywood ceilings installed, and all the terracotta tiles cleaned of dirt and mold and replaced. The MPC roofing had no damage from termites, but there was deterioration from age and the effects of water collection.



Front wing of MPC with roof open for repairs

AVATARIC TREASURE PROGRAM

The sixteenth annual Avataric Treasure Program was held at Meherabad February 6 and 7, 2026. These programs offer two days of presentations on topics related to Baba’s life and work. This year the time period being presented was 1965–1969. Talks and films were given over the two-day period by various presenters from East and West. Topics included Baba’s Long Seclusion, the Great Darshan, the last month of Baba’s life, the growth and future of the Meher Baba movement, and a film by Robert Fredericks, “This Empty Chair is Filling Their Hearts.”

RENOVATIONS TO AVATAR MEHER BABA/ UPASNI MAHARAJ ROOM

The sacred room in the Meher Nazar Trust Compound, which was once Gulmai Irani’s prayer room, had some needed repairs and renovations this summer. The roof and ceiling had damaged materials that were replaced, followed by wall preparations and painting, and electrical wiring upgrades. All furnishings, photos, and the plaster bust of Baba were cleaned and replaced. Gulmai had dedicated her prayer room to Meher Baba and to Upasni Maharaj. Baba used the room to rest and to meet Baba lovers. Upasni stopped on several occasions and rested in the room. On the occasion of Baba’s birthday in 1937, Upasni Maharaj arrived and said his own prayer and arti to Meher Baba in this room.



Meher Baba and Upasni Maharaj room

UPDATE ON SAMADHI PRESERVATION

For the second consecutive summer, preservation work has been done on Baba’s Samadhi by a team of dedicated Baba lovers, Trust employees, and volunteer helpers. The interior repairs to the walls have been completed, restoring the damaged murals. The framed painting of Baba, which resides in the back window, was meticulously

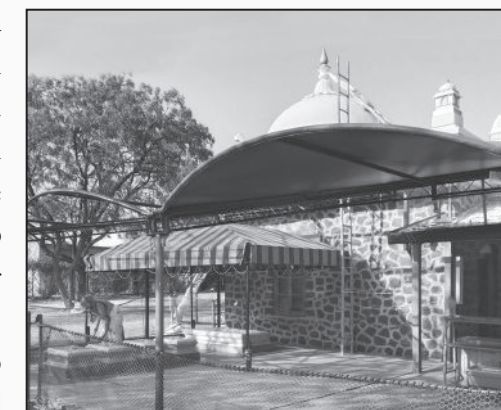


Working on the spire atop the dome

restored, the yellowed varnish removed, and a new surface treatment applied. On the Samadhi exterior, the stone walls and upper plaster band areas were repaired the first summer, and this year the dome, religious symbols, and the finial at the top were repaired and repainted in the color scheme adopted under Mani’s direction in 1991. The final touch was the gold leaf application on the finial.

SHELTER OVER MEHERA’S SHRINE

During the preservation work on Baba’s Samadhi, it was determined that the side of the Samadhi where Mehera’s shrine is located was susceptible to more moisture damage than other areas due to the splashing effect of rainwater falling on the canopy there. Drainage pipes were installed to alleviate some of the effect, and this year a new overhead shelter extension was built over Mehera’s shrine and the other women mandali graves on that side of the Samadhi. The shelter is an extension of the existing one that arches above the darshan line area. The new extension also further shelters the darshan area. A great deal of care went into the planning and design of the shelter, because the original canopy approved by Mani for Mehera’s shrine would have to be removed. Trustees and senior residents agreed that the protection of Baba’s Samadhi was paramount, and that it should be designed with the sense of honor afforded to Baba’s beloved Mehera.



Front wing of MPC with roof open for repairs

BABA’S KITCHEN BUILDING ROOF RESTORATION

The building on the Hill that housed Baba’s and Mehera’s kitchens, Baba’s bedroom, and the Caretaker’s room has undergone major repairs to its damaged roof. Termites and moisture, as we have seen elsewhere in Meherabad, had taken their toll. Tile removal, new teak beams to replace the old, as well as repairs to the back side of the building for drainage to direct water away were completed.



The kitchen building, roof under repair

NEW AMBULANCE

We have received a new ambulance for Meherabad, donated to the Trust by the Baba lovers of Bombay (Mumbai).

HEALTH CHECKS AT MEHER PILGRIM RETREAT

Every Saturday morning a visiting doctor and nurse offer consultations for pilgrims and Trust staff at Meher Pilgrim Retreat.

MEHER’S NECKLACE A DRAMA FOR BELOVED BABA

In celebration of Baba’s Birthday, a colorful and heartfelt drama was presented in the Meherabad Music and Arts Centre February 25, 2026.

Meher’s Necklace is an allegorical play that explores the universal human quest to find and worship God. Guided by two witty angelic narrators, the story traces the evolution of devotion from its primal origins—where early souls identify God through natural elements like earth, fire, tree, and water—to the complex world of organized religion.



The cast of *Meher’s Necklace* taking a curtain call

The play humorously highlights how different religious groups can become lost in their own dogma, with each claiming their path as the “only way,” until, as the play resolves, characters from all the religions are drawn to recognize their specific Beloved in the single radiant figure of Meher Baba. Like beads on one string, they are unified by the same underlying thread of Divine Love. Together the players and audience concluded the performance with a resounding “Avatar Meher Baba ki Jai!”