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# WHO IS SATGURU SHARAVANA BABA?

(aka MURALI KRISHNA SWAMIGAL)

Sri Murali Krishna Swamiji, fondly addressed as Sri Sharavana Baba is widely believed to be the living incarnation or Avatar of Lord Muruga (Karthikeya). Born in October, 1979 in a village called Sreekrishnapuram in Ottappalam taluka of Palakkad district in Kerala to Smt Lakshmi Ammal and the late Sri Krishnankutty Gupthan, He is the eighth son of the blessed couple. He suffered many privations in his early childhood. Born into a poor family, he worked very hard to maintain his family. He exhibited several unquestionable signs of His divinity from the very early years.

Satguru Sri Sharavana Baba is a World Preceptor. Babaji says that His mission lies in spreading love and understanding among humankind. His love has no barriers of race, caste, gender, nationality, religion or community. His reach is local and universal. As He once said: "There is only one religion, the religion of love and there is only one language, the language of the heart."

Sharavana Baba is a Satguru, (a living self-realised master) or World Preceptor. In the hallowed traditions of **Sanatana Dharma**, (the Eternal Religion), the Satguru is none other than the Supreme Self in human form! Ever established in communion with the Supreme Self, such a Master takes human birth to guide humankind to understand and overcome the nature of its own creation. They take human birth out of their infinite love and compassion to deliver humanity from bondage. Their utterances and actions are completely selfless. They have nothing to gain; on the contrary, they have everything to give! If our hearts are open, we cannot but receive their Grace! This is because they permanently reside in the Universal Spirit!

Since 1997 Babaji has been providing darshan (spiritual audience) in various bhavas (divine moods or states of consciousness). Babaji has irreversibly changed the lives hundreds of thousands of his devotees who come to seek His blessings. Their numbers grow exponentially with every passing day! None leaves disappointed.

In a beautiful satsang Swamiji once said: "The Grace of the Satguru is infinite and has no limit. When a seeker is with the Satguru, it is important to understand that both positive and negative experiences are a sign of divine Grace." There is profound beauty in these words! This means that it is important to understand that everything that happens to us happens for the good or to put the matter differently, we are meant to be where we are. The workings of the law of karma are deep. When we seek refuge at the feet of the Satguru, the Satguru bears our karmas because unless those karmas are borne by somebody, they cannot be neutralized. It is the Satguru who bears all these karmas. What would otherwise take the seeker ten years to complete, the Satguru accomplishes in ten minutes.

But there is still a deeper meaning to these utterances. Our minds are conditioned to receive certain experiences as positive and certain experiences as negative. Satguru Sharavana Baba advises us to keep in mind that both good and bad experiences are a reflection of God's grace because both are meant to elevate the disciple and deepen his or her spiritual journey. Sri Ramana Maharishi once said that evil, by its very existence, warns us to keep away, while good by its very nature, compels us to emulate its example. In other words, both experiences have a purpose.

As Babaji expresses it: "The mantra 'Aum' is like a bow. Our words are like arrows. When it is aimed carefully with love, it results in goodness. If it is not aimed properly, it results in evil. We can perform good and bad deeds even with our words. Surrendering to God is the only way to rid ourselves of mental and physical ailments."

In our ignorance, we often believe that it is we who go to receive the blessings of a Satguru but this is not true. It is actually the Satguru who pulls the seeker to his or her presence. In fact, it is not possible to come in the presence of a Mahatma without the Mahatma willing such an encounter.

Swami Vivekananda once said: "Obedience to the Guru without any question and strict adherence to the Guru's words is the secret of success." In the time that we have known him, Satguru Sharavana Baba has taught all of us the priceless value of faith, devotion and surrender. The more we try to pattern our lives according to our individual wills, the more resistance we discover, but the more we try to tune ourselves to his wishes, the more harmony we experience. The most valuable lesson we have learnt from our beloved Satguru is the value of faith, devotion and surrender.

Babaji emphasises the need to perform selfless actions that are in harmony with our temperament, our ability to help our fellow beings and our real nature because "this will result in wealth, grace and happiness, but like butter separating itself from milk, this is a gradual process." If love is the central force of His mission, selfless charity is its vehicle. This includes distributing free food; clothing; medicines and books to the poor and needy.

# Om Sharavana Baba Seva Trust



Babaji has established six Ashrams. At present these Ashrams and/or representatives are based in SreeKrishnapuram (Kerala), Calicut, Bangalore, Chennai, Palani, Connoor, Pollachi, Mumbai, Delhi, Dubai, Sharjah and London. His first Ashram was established in Kozhikode and later in Srikrishnapuram in Palakkad district in the state of Kerala. Yet another branch of his mission was established in Bangalore in July 2007 and many more are likely to be established in the coming years.

All the Ashrams of the Om Sharavana Baba Seva Trust are engaged in four essential tasks that are critical to the pursuit of Babaji's mission. These include the provision of food for the needy, medicines to the poor, clothes to the destitute and educational material to under-

privileged.

Sri Sharavana Baba established Om Sharavanababa Seva Trust to bring prosperity and welfare to the under-privileged sections of the society and to create harmony. Through this, many individuals and families have improved their living conditions. The Trust constantly engages in charitable activities like donation of food and clothing to the needy, distribution of educational materials to rural schools, healthcare programs for tribal folks, distribution of sewing machines for women, crutches, wheelchairs and artificial limbs for the physically challenged, uniforms for blind school children, spectacles and learning aids for the old-age homes and orphanages, respectively.



## Annadaan (Charitable Donation of Food)

Babaji always insists that Annadaan is the greatest seva (selfless service) of all, and that it should be conducted with dedication and compassion. About 2000 families benefit from Babaji's generous distribution of groceries, conducted in various rural areas of Palakkad and Kozhikode around 5 times in a year. Babaji encourages devotees to conduct similar programs in their respective societies, to create balance and harmony, in addition to serving the needy.

## Gau (Cow) Seva

Kamadhenu or the Divine Cow is the creator and sustainer of life, the divine being created to provide health and prosperity to humanity. Babaji's Gau Seva projects aim at protection of Cows and donation of Cows to the needy, such that they can not only make a living but also protect the Cows. Babaji's Sharavana Gokulam Gohshala provides shelter and care for the rarest breeds of Cows, with plans to scale the infrastructure to accommodate hundreds more, and to replicate the same in all the ashrams/centres all over the world.



## Arogya Seva - (Healthcare)

Babaji's words of wisdom - healthy mind, healthy body, thereby a healthy and harmonious society, have initiated the Arogya Seva project that provides healthcare through medical outreach programs and donations to people in dire conditions to foot their medical bills. Every year around 200 families benefit from medical welfare programs conducted five times in a year. A visit to a remote tribal area received an overwhelming response from the locals - more than 10,000 people came to take the aid provided to them. Thus the Trust has taken this response as a source of inspiration to develop further similar rural development programs.



## Vidyadaan (Educational Material Distribution)

The Trust regularly supports education, which is the foundation of a meaningful life and a better society for tomorrow. Through many schools, the Trust has reached out to the needy and deserving students to provide them with the essentials for good education. At every charitable event, more than 10,000 notebooks, pens and pencils are distributed for the benefit of these students. Other schools performing such noble work are also supported and encouraged so that the advantages of education can be extended to deserving children.

## Vastradaan (Clothes Distribution)

Babaji says that modest clothing is one of the basic necessities of human life and that the individuals from the most under-privileged sections of the society are the ones who need it the most. Hence, many events have been organised so that the needy receive adequate clothing for all seasons. During the holy festivals, clothes are donated to the poor; thus they receive not only clothing but also love and attention. In this way the festival becomes a happy memory to the receiver and the giver!



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