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Bhagavan to His Sister Venkamma



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PART II

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Bhagavan to M. Senkara Raju



M.Senkara Raju (Senkarappa)

PART III

Photographs



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Rutland Gate, Vijay Sai Vihar 10-12-1953

Venkamma

We reached Madras at 10 pm yesterday night.

We arrived in bliss without any difficulties. In the middle of the journey we had our lunch and later stopped for coffee at Madanapalle.

We are all fine and happy. How is Vijaya? Are all the devotees doing well? I suppose all are happy and comfortable there? Take good care of the temple. Is Krishtappa there? Has his sister-in-law gone to her native place? She said that she would be going. I told them to start the work in the village.

Give ten rupees to each of them for their meals (workers). Take vouchers for everything. As soon as the money is all spent, write a letter to me and I will send you more.

Work should start in Bukkapatnam too. Tell them I enquired about them and sent my blessings to all of them; Grandmother and her grandchildren, Savithamma, Sharadamma, Kishtamma, Konamma and Kamalamma, Parvathamma, Ramiah, Kishtappa, Seshagiri Rao and the Gurkha (security guard). Give my Blessings to all of them.

Get the work done in the village quickly.

I am fine and well. Tell them to take care of the cattle. Tell them to pour water in the places where the trees have been axed. Put some manure around the plants.

Revered Baba

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So, inform Krishtappa and ask someone else to come. Or if they want to, then they can only come. You will not know if they ask for money. Tell them that it can be discussed once Swami arrives. And do not talk about any other debts. We can discuss that after the work is completed. If they say that they are not going to come anymore then ask them to pay money for the food and the past debt with Nanjappa's money. Some people, either from that town or other, will come for cheaper rate. Send Krishtappa by giving him bus fare and get the work started.

I am fine here. That's all. Convey my regards to everyone.

Janaki Ramaiah is fine. He's here only. (These are the sentences written on the top diagonally.)

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So, it is good to arrange the marriage in the month of May itself.

We have a lot of Swami's mercy.

Swami Sharanam, Shravana and Ratnakars will attend from here.

I will send money with them. Will also send the rest of the things.

That's all.

Blessings!

Baba

Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba
Camp: Brindavan, Kadugodi P.O., Bangalore Dist., Mysore State

Venkamma! Receive my blessings.

I received your letter and have noted the contents in detail. The day you went, Senkarappa came home. He is still applying balms on himself all over but seems to be getting alright and moving around. He is doing work in the compound here and there. Do not worry and think unnecessarily about it.

The little child is sick with Jaundice. Take care of her food habits carefully. It is because of very unhealthy food she has got this. Give her a liquid diet and keep her away from oily preparations.

Subbu and Shekar can be sent to the school in the Mandir itself. It will be good for them. Otherwise they will be up to a lot of mischief if they are at home. They will recover their health too very soon.

Here, I have made arrangements for Senkarappa once again. He is taking good food and is in Bangalore itself. You do not worry about anything. There will be some difficulties with the children. You stay in the Mandir for some time and send the children to the Mandir School.

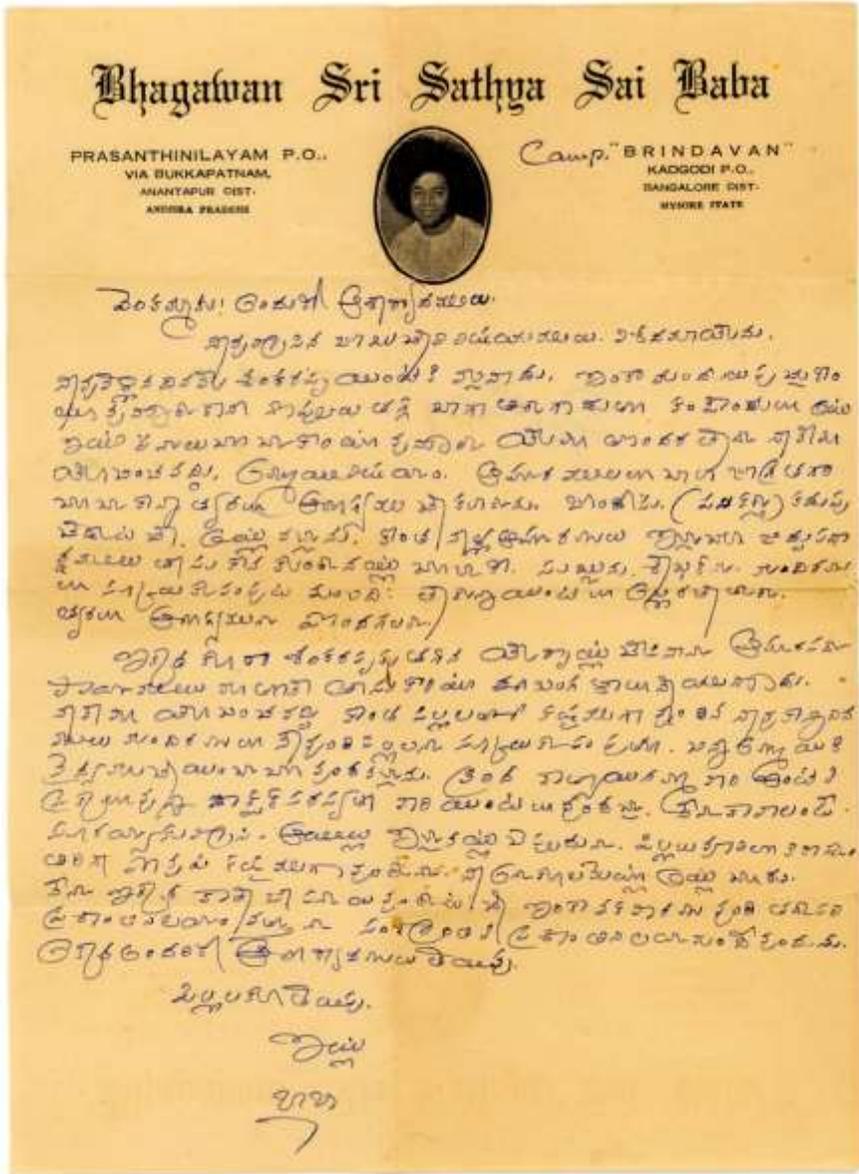
Let the little girl get an education too. You can stay in Dr. Saraswathi's house. He is living downstairs next to Katyayamma. If you want I will write to Surayya and ask him to give that house to you. The children coming and going from the village to the school will be difficult. You do what is best for yourself.

Here, I have work regarding the college construction and it will take me one more week to come to Prasanthi Nilayam.

I will be in Prasanthi Nilayam for Shankranthi.

Blessings and good health to everyone. Convey to the children too.

Yours,
Baba



9 Rutland Gate, Vijaya Sai Vihar, Nungambakam, Madras.

Venkamma

The letter that I wrote yesterday to Seshagiri Rao might have reached you by now. You might have been aware of all the news. We are doing well. Venkatagiri people's car has broken down. So we left it in the middle of the forest. We have asked Nagi Reddy to repair it and send it back to us. Janaki Ramaiah has got to know about this. Today Nagi Reddy has repaired it.

Janaki Ramaiah has come to Madras by that car today. He is fine. He is happy and is healthy too. Inform this to everyone.

Take good care of the house construction work. If you keep soil and plaster ready, then it will be easier for the workers when they come. You personally take care of this. It will be better if it gets finished fast.

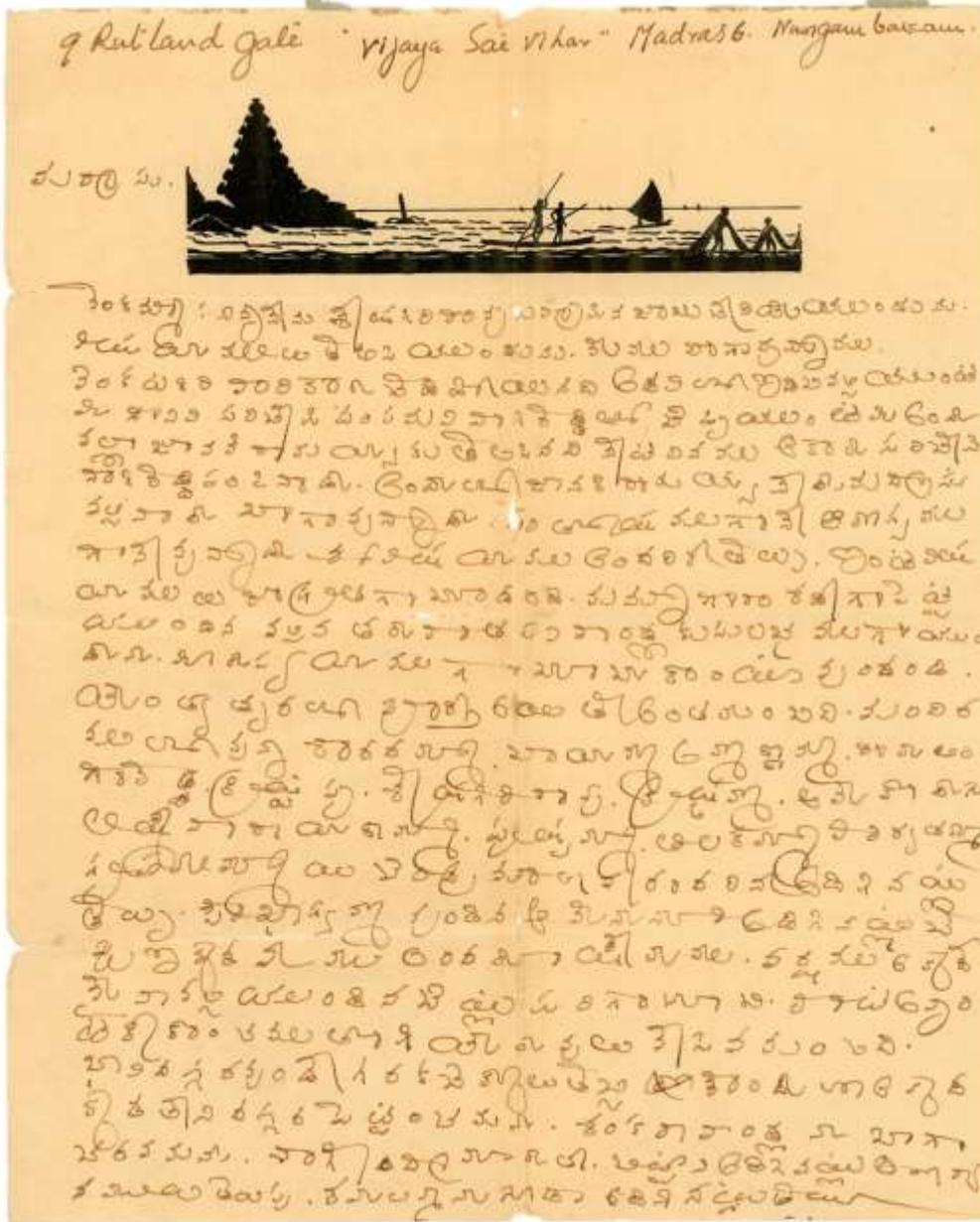
Convey my regards to everyone in the Mandir; Saradamma, Chayamma, Ammannamma, Ramalinga Reddy, Krishtappa, Seshagiri Rao, Krishnamma and her son, Lakshmi Narayanamma, Pushpamma, Tilakamma, Parvathamma, Chandramala. Convey my regards to Soubhagyamma, if she is there.

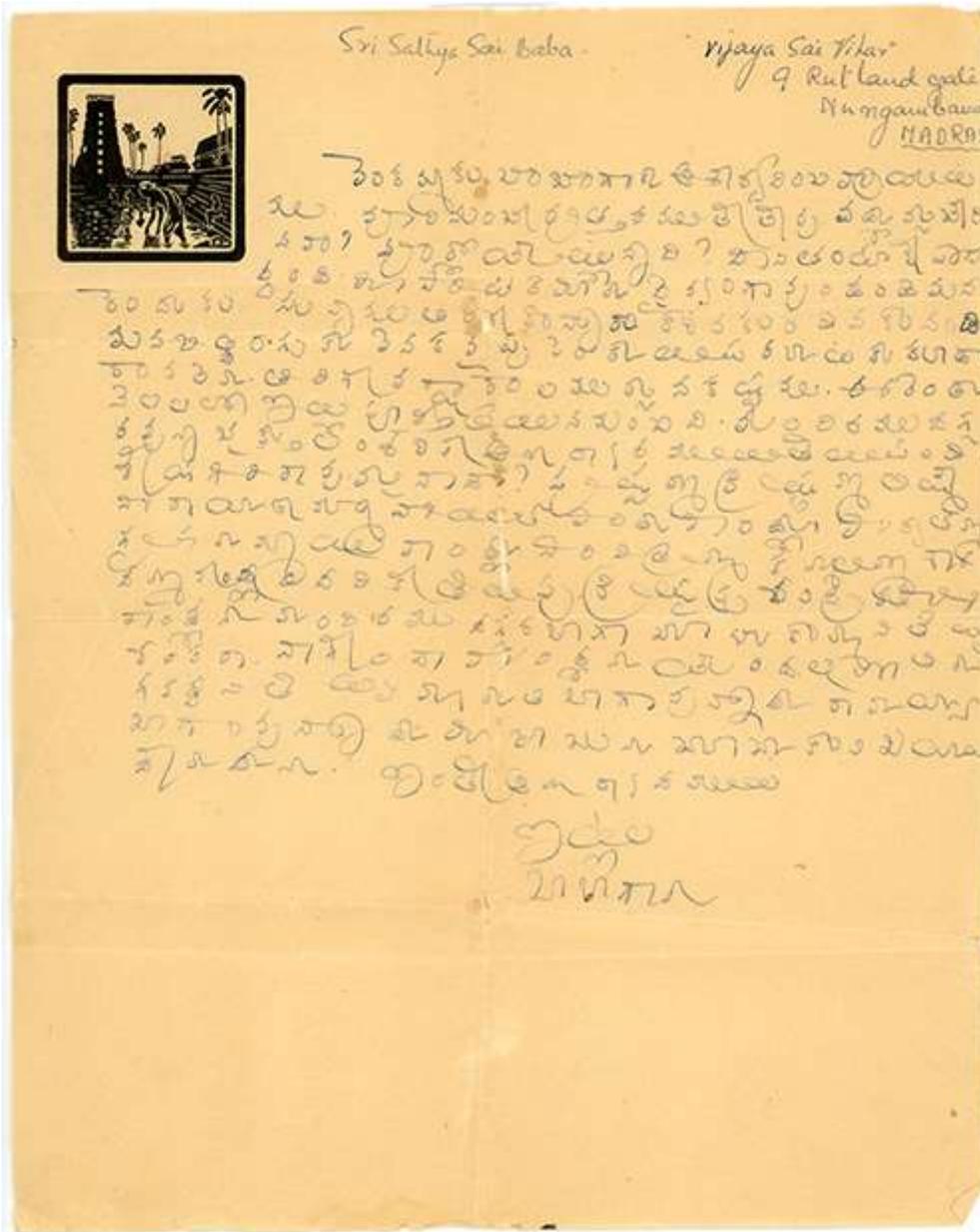
We all are doing well here. If it has rained there, then take care of the trees. It will be better if you use fertilizers on them. Get Cypress trees from near the well and plant them here and there, where there is space.

Tell Senkarappa and others to study well.

Convey my blessings to Nagendra, Maruthi and Chitti.

Convey my regards to Kamalamma as well.





Sri SathyaSai Baba

Vijaya Sai Vihar
9 Rutland Gate
Nungumbakkam
Madras

Venkamma

Babagaru writes with blessings.

No letters at all from town. Have the rice grains reached?
How is everything going in town?

Do not bother about that. Just be brave and live by yourself.
Why should we bother?

Did you buy lime (limestone powder) again? If not, then buy now. We also need tiles for the backside of our building. It will be difficult when the rainy season starts. It will be good if the house construction gets finished in two months.

Convey my blessings to all the devotees in Mandir.
Has Seshagiri Rao come?

Convey to Pushpamma, Krishnamma, Lakshmi Narayanamma, Vayalpadu members, Parvathamma, Gruhamamma and others, Savitramma, Kamalamma, Saradamma and others.

Ask Krishtappa, Chandra Mouli and others to take care of the Mandir. Ask Sankara, Nagendra and others not to roam under the sun.

Maruthi is fine. Ramaiah is fine.
I will start after receiving your letter.
That's all.

Yours.
Babagaru

Sri Sathya Sai Baba

VijayaSaiVihar
9 Rutland gate
Nungumbakkam
MADRAS 6

Venkamma

Babagaru writes with blessings.

I feel my letter has reached you. You might have known all the news by now. I am starting right away. But it is not good to keep the car here, after I leave. It is better to get it immediately. Luggage has come from Bombay.

But as it is Tamil New Year yesterday and today, all the shops were closed. So the luggage has not reached us yet. Once we get the luggage, I can get it loaded into the car and start immediately. We are getting delayed only because of the car.

Convey to all the devotees in Mandir, I mean to Vayalpadu devotees and others, Krishnamma, Kamalamma, Narasanna, Krishtappa, Parvathamma, Gruhamammaayi, ChandraMouli and to all others.

Maruthi and Ramaiah are fine. Will bring them soon.

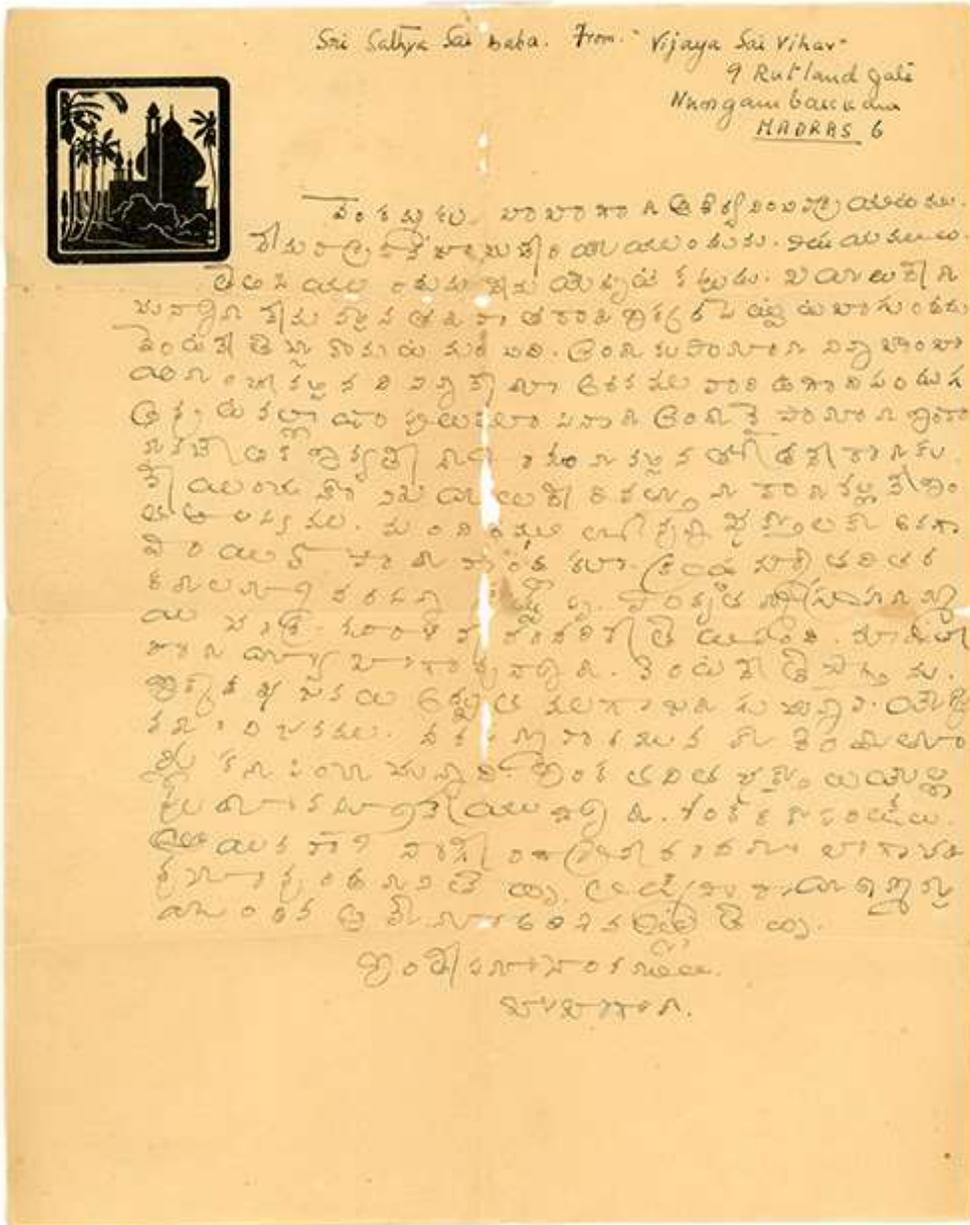
Here bhajans are happening wonderfully. A lot of people. Narasamma is coming twice in a week. And all the time, a lot of devotees are coming.

Have Senkara's examinations finished? Tell Nagendra and others to study well.

Convey my regards to Lakshmi Narayanamma, if she is there.

That's all.

Babagaru.





Sri Sathya Sai Baba
 "Vijaya Sai Vihar"
 9 Rutland Gate
 MADRAS 6

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Sri Sathya Sai Baba Vijaya Sai Vihar

9 Rutland Gate
 MADRAS 6

Venkamma

I had come to Madras last Monday. Here everyone is doing well. Ramaiah also is healthy and happy. Seshagiri Rao and Krishtappa from Venkatagiri might have come and told you all the news.

Look after the Mandir, there.

How is Senkarappa's health? Did he go and join in Bukkapatnam?

Have sent Maruthi today. He may reach by evening.

Convey my blessings to Chandra Mouliand others, Saradamma, old lady of Vayalpadu members, Ammannamma, Savithramma, Pushpamma, Krishnamma, Gruhamammaayi and Parvathamma.

Convey to Kamalamma also.

I will write when I will come in my next letter.

If lime (limestone powder form) comes, take it. Get the plants watered by Chennappa's son and pay him three rupees per week. I will send.

We are happy here.

That's all.

Blessings!

Baba

23.03.1953

Bhagawan
Sri Sathya Sai Baba
Prasanthi Nilayam
PUTTAPARTHI POST
(PENUKONDA TALUK—ANANTAPUR DIST.) 23.3.53 Dali

వంశస్థుల బాబాగారు ఆశీర్వాదం వ్రాయడం ము.
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Venkamma

Babagaru writes with blessings.

We all have reached safely at around eight at night. It got delayed as we had food and rested for some time, on the way.

Ramaiah and everyone are fine. Sri Rama Navami celebrations are happening. I have just washed my hair and will go for bhajan now.

Convey my blessings to all the devotees there. Savithamma, Saradamma, Ammanamma and another lady are suffering from vomiting.

Inform the lady's family members, Krishnamma, Parvathamma, Chandra Mouli's family members, Sankara, Nagendra and Chitti and Gruhamammaayi that Ramaiah is fine.

I will write again when I have some free time.

That's all. Blessings.

Convey to Kamalamma, Pushpamma and others also.

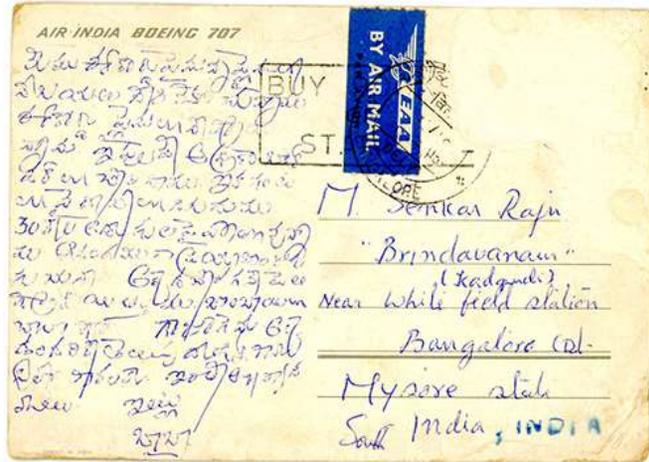
Singers Ramu Lakshmana, Revathi, Dhamila Mistress Chandra, Lakshmi (doctor), Indiramma and others have come.

That's all. Blessings.

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PART II

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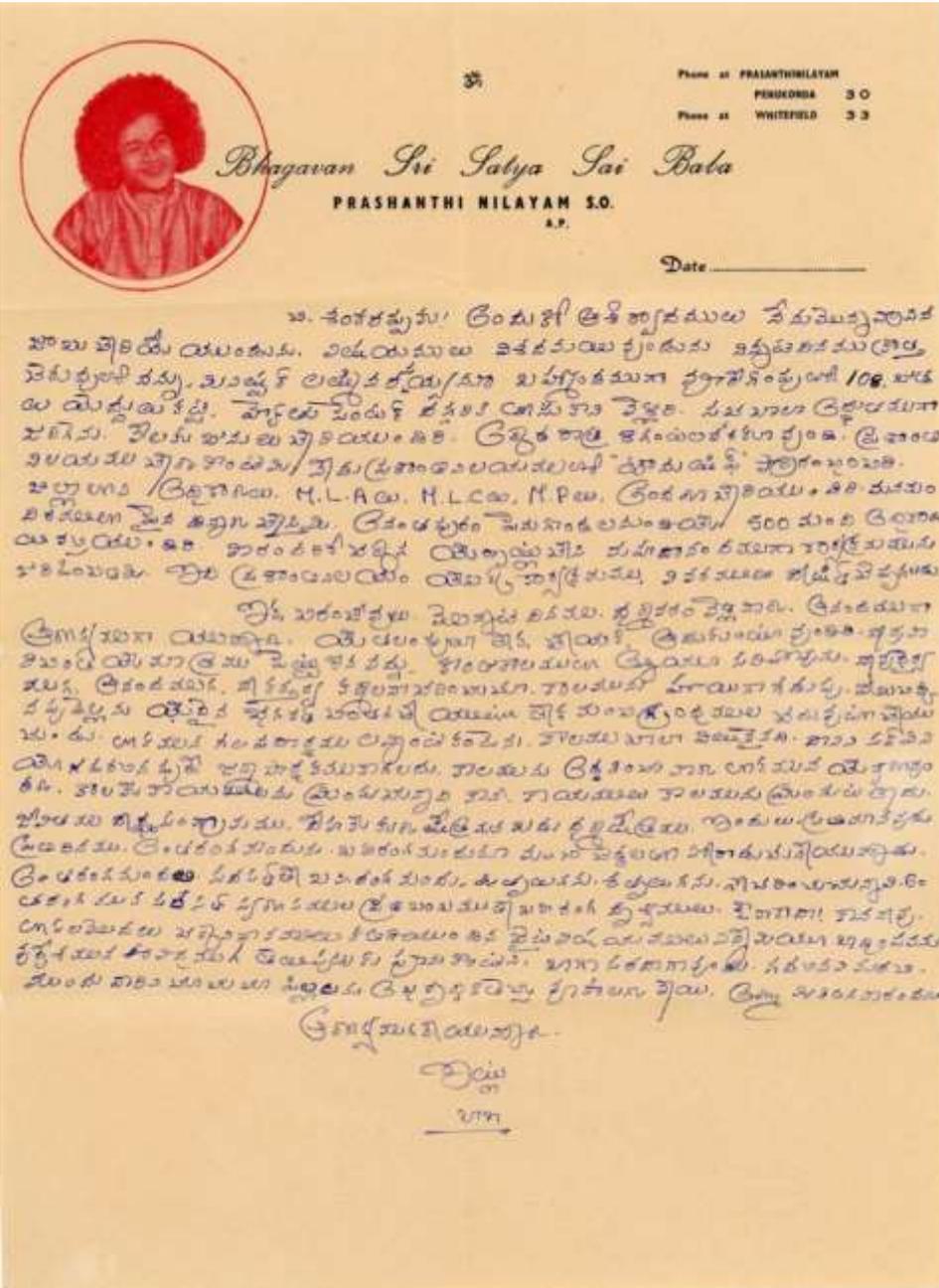


Krishnama Raju, Janaki Ramayya, Senkara Raju (Senkarappa), Swami, Meenamma, Venkamma, Parvatamma

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We are on our way to Africa. Bombay was very good. We are travelling at 30,000 feet and I am writing this post card on the plane the same as you can see on this post card. We are near African border and will be reaching Nairobi in the next one hour. The travel is good. Tell Rama Brahmam and every one. Blessings to all. Yours, Baba





To Chi. Senkarappa. Take my blessings.
 (Chi. = Chiranjeevi; used to address young people by elders),

I think you must have got my letter which I wrote earlier. You must have got to know all the news. Yesterday at Kothacheruvu, Minister Lakshmi Narasaiah and I were taken to a health center in a grand procession carried by 108 bullock carts. The congregation went marvelously. Thousands of people gathered there. We were there up to 8 pm and then reached Prasanthi Nilayam. The Township at Prasanthi Nilayam is started today. District officials, the Members of the Legislative Assembly, the Members of the Legislative Council, the Members of Parliament; all were gathered here. We had dinner on the top of the Mandir. 500 officials have arrived from Anantapur and Penukonda itself. We made good arrangements for them and we did the programme in an excellent manner. This is a programme of Prasanthi Nilayam. Deekshit can tell you the details.

The children went to Dharmavaram day before yesterday. They are happy and healthy. They are playing without any worries. You don't worry about them. Everything will be fine, soon. You just be brave and spend the time happily by performing your responsibilities. Whenever you find time, do Bhagavat Chintana (thinking of God, through meditation or bhajan) or read a good book. Time is the most valuable thing in this world. Your life will be meaningful only when you can utilize it properly. No one can stop the time in this world. Time consumes the body but the body cannot consume the time. Life is a long struggle. The body is a holy place, which is called Kurukshetra (a field where the Mahabharata war took place). In this (body), every man fights daily with good and bad, inward (inmost heart) and outward. Our inmost feelings appear to be our friends and enemies outside. Whatever we see outside are nothing but the reflections of our inmost feelings. Is it right or not? So if you have good thoughts inside, then outside events will not bother you. I took it up to inform you these, personally. Be delightful. Forget about the past and think of how to improve the children's future. Mother and others are all healthy.

With regards,
 Baba



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Phone at PRASANTHINILAYAM
PENUKONDA 30
Phone at WHITEFIELD 33

Bhagavan Sri Satya Sai Baba

PRASHANTHI NILAYAM S.O.
A.P.

Date

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Bhagavan Sri Satya Sai Baba

Prasanthi Nilayam S.O., A.P

Senkarappa!

Receive my blessings.

The children are very happy and playing around. The devotees are there in large numbers. Time is not enough to send them to their homes.

Take care of everything there properly. Spend your time bravely and happily.

Swami's grace will be there with you always.

I am finishing this letter due to absence of time.

Baba

The Dasara festival of 9 nights was happily celebrated.

Bhagwan Sri Satya Sai Baba
PRASANTHI NILAYAM
PUTTAPARTHY
(Anantapur Dist.)



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శంకరప్రభులు! గొడుగో ఆశీర్వాదములు.

వెంకటేశ్వరస్వామి అలా బాధపడకుండా ఉండాలని కోరుకుంటున్నాను. గ్రేడ్ లో ఉన్న వారిని బాధపడకుండా ఉండాలి. శ్రీ లక్ష్మణులకు కూడా దేవుని గ్రేడ్ లో ఉంచుకోవడం వల్ల వారికి బాధ ఉంటుంది. కొంతసేపయితే వారికి ఉద్యోగం ఉండాలి అని కోరుకుంటున్నాను. వారికి ఉద్యోగం ఉంటే వారికి బాధ ఉండదు. వారికి ఉద్యోగం ఉంటే వారికి బాధ ఉండదు. వారికి ఉద్యోగం ఉంటే వారికి బాధ ఉండదు.

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Devi
Baba

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Senkarappa!

Receive my blessings.

So sorry, these people are living in a pathetic condition. I am sending them to Brindavanam.

If Jeeva comes, accommodate him with a job in any position. For some time, you both cook for yourself. Make some other arrangements later for him otherwise if you bring him some materials he can make his own arrangements.

Narayana Raju's son and Venkatsubbaraju's son may be accommodated there. Let Jeeva know that I wrote about these matters.

There are no further issues other than this for the present. The daily routines are continuing nonstop for me and I have no rest.

Since I was not here for many days, a lot of devotees are coming now.

The children are very good.

Baba.

Blessings to Rama Brahmam, Deekshith, Govinda Reddy and the old woman.

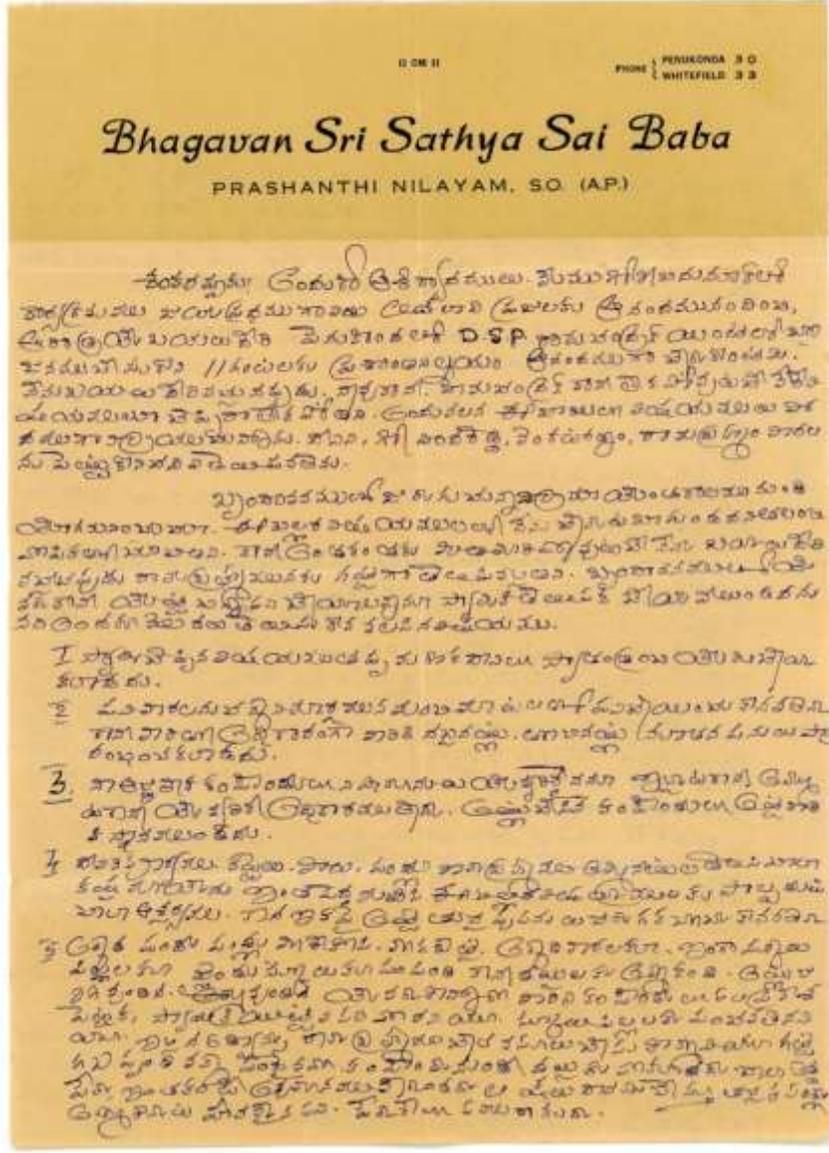
Senkarappa

Receive my blessings

We finished our program successfully at Gauribidnur and there were lakhs of people who were very happy and blessed. We started on that very night, went to Penukonda and had dinner at the D.S.P. Mr. Rama Krishna's house and reached Prasanthi Nilayam happily. I didn't see you or Hema Chandran so I could not tell you about many matters and works. Now I am writing a letter in detail. Read the letter along with Govinda Reddy, Venkataratnam and Rama Brahman.

I am writing about the drama which is going on in Brindavanam. I just had been patient as I didn't like to interfere in such trivial issues. The matters have come to a boil. I gave a hard hearing to Rama Chandran before I left. Even for a small work in Brindavan, Swami should be informed before doing it. This is the first step.

1. No other work should be undertaken freely without the consent of Swami.
2. The workers should be taken into confidence and get the work done in a kind manner. But you should not fall to their whims and fancies and start any other new work.
3. No materials of any kind should be removed from our compound without my permission. If done, there will not be any place for such people in our compound.
4. I felt very sad after I came to know that Rama Brahman was selling wood, milk and fruits. It is very surprising that such a gentleman has done such cheap acts. Very surprising. At least now we must see that these types of activities do not happen again.
5. The fruits that are available there should be taken care of by you and distributed amongst the school children, and the children at the blind school. No money should be collected from anybody. It seems Rama Brahman has taken money in advance too from someone. Recover the money from him immediately. We will get a bad name. There is nothing more shameful than this. He has donated lakhs of rupees and now he is selling fruits; what an unworthy act. This ruins the name.



సకలముగా వ్రేవూరు గొంతును. చూచు బిలు బువ్రును. పకపకం
 కు సంవత్సరము లయిన పిల్లలను సుగ్రులు బువ్రులను బాగా చదివ
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(Reverse page)

You can also send them to a school in Bangalore
 with a hostel facility and you and your mother can
 visit them frequently. Even in a town this can be
 done. But do not think about these matters now.
 In a short space of time all the matters will be
 settled peacefully and safely.

Try and come for Dasara if you can. May be
 Rama Brahman would have come by then.

Before Dasara I will send clothes to Nageshwar
 Rao, his wife, children, Venkat Rao, Deekshit
 family and the Gurkha.

Like this
 Yours
 Baba



శంకర పుక్కు! నేనుకీ ఆశీర్వాదములు నీ బాబు పోరెను, ఇంకయుములు
 వికసనములును. నీ కెల్లయుజ్జ్వలములు వెలుగులు. నీ కుటుంబమునందును నాకు నూనె
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 కుంబులుగా.

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21/9/77

Senkarappa!

Receive my blessings.

I received your letter and noted all the contents in detail. You do whatever you think is best. I will be happy and you also will be happy.

But do not be idle and laze around without any work. Fix a job for yourself somewhere. If you are in Puttaparthi, you will be good for nothing as there is no work there. The people in Puttaparthi will also not live happily and will not let others to live too. If someone is happy and doing well, they will not accept the facts. Think about it when you are away from here, do what you can there itself and resist coming here.

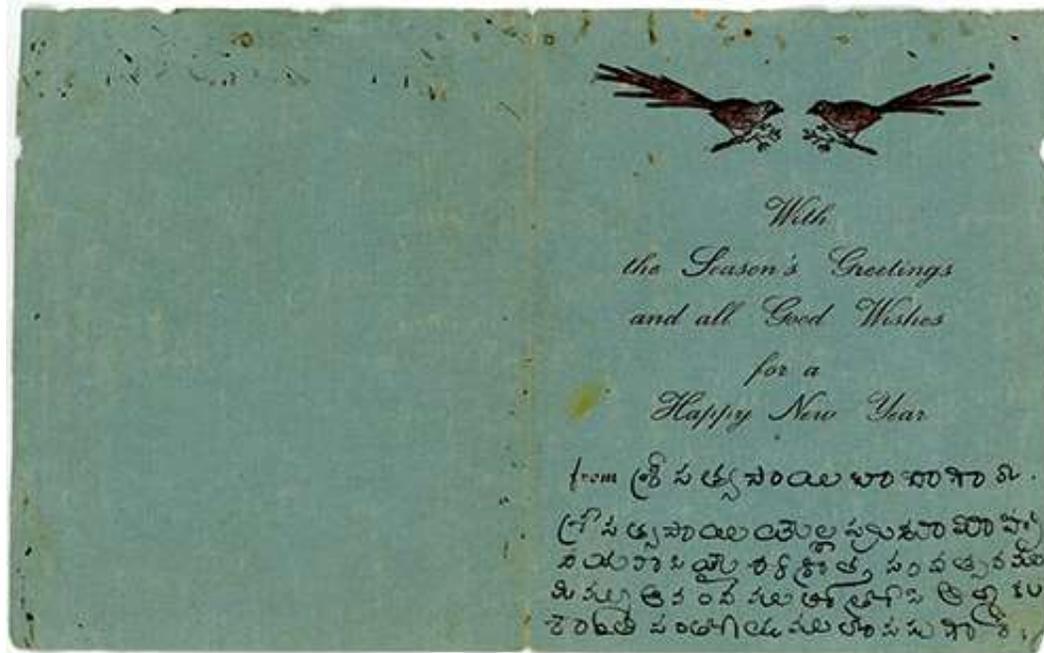
Here everyone is fine and doing well and happy.

I am sending Muddukrishna. In my room there is a Godrej Almirah. Either in the second drawer or the first drawer there are two bottles of shaving lotion. Lock the Almirah again and send the keys and the shaving lotions and send it through Muddukrishna.

Govind Reddy is coming now. There is a lot of work there. His wife is coming too. You can send them in that car too.

That's all the news.

Like this
Yours
Baba



With the Season's greetings
and all good wishes for a Happy New Year
from the Revered Sri Sathya Sai Baba.
Blessings to all on this New Year Day
from the bottom of my heart
so that you all may live happily and in peace,
bliss and prosperity.
Baba

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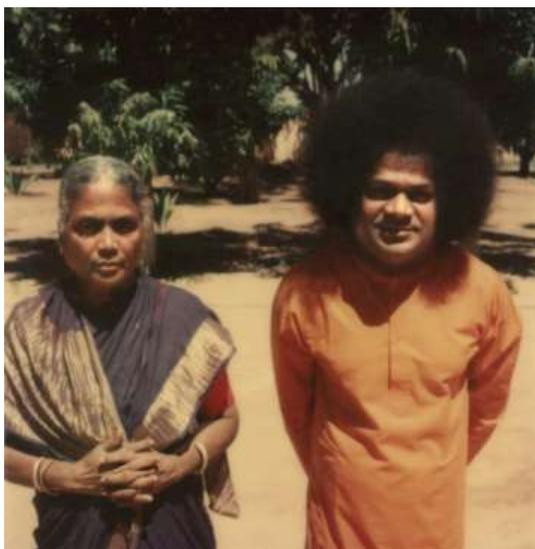
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Pedda Narasanna, Venkamma, Kondama Raju, Lakshamma, Narasamma, Parvatamma



Krishnama Raju, Janaki Ramayya, Senkara Raju (Senkarappa), Swami, Meenamamma, Venkamma, Parvatamma



Venkamma and Swami



Venkamma



Venkamma



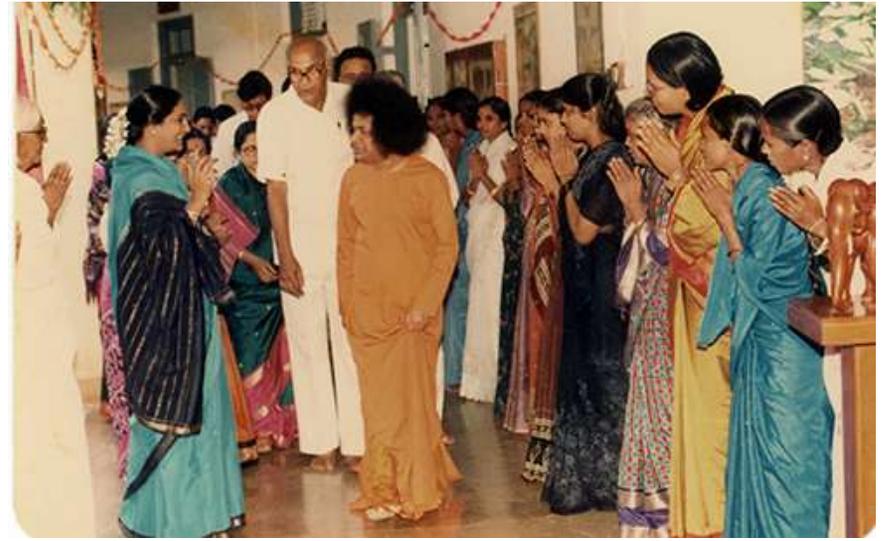
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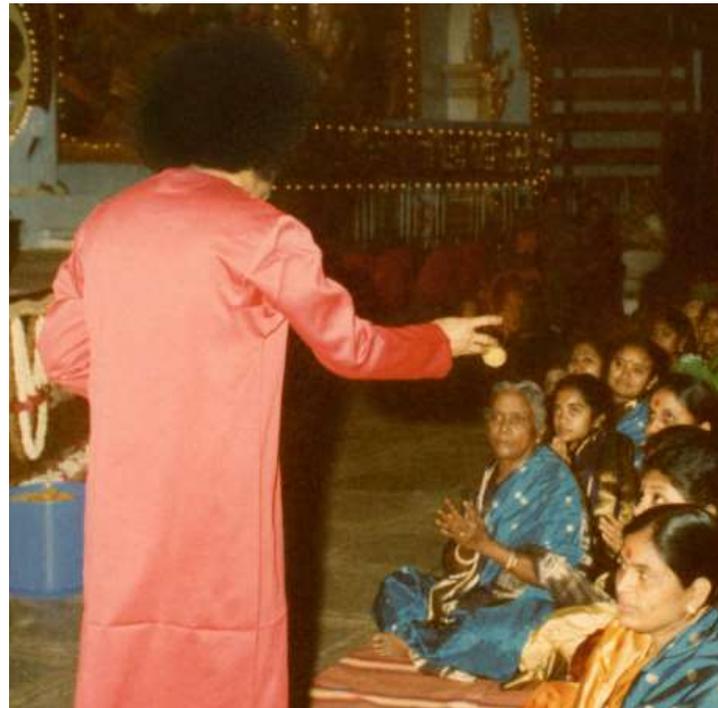
Swami and Venkamma, Neeraja and Children



Venkamma and Swami on Dasara



Festival Swami and students in the 1980s at Anantapur College
Venkamma 4th from right.



Swami distributing Laddu Prasadam, Venkamma and Family Members



1. Row: Vidyullata, Venkamma, Neeraja, Gitalata
2. Row: Vanaja, Meenamma
3. Row: Leelamma, Sailaja, Suseelamma



Lakshmi, Vidyullata, Pushpitha, The Three Grand Daughters and Great Grandson of Venkamma and Daughter In-law Prameela



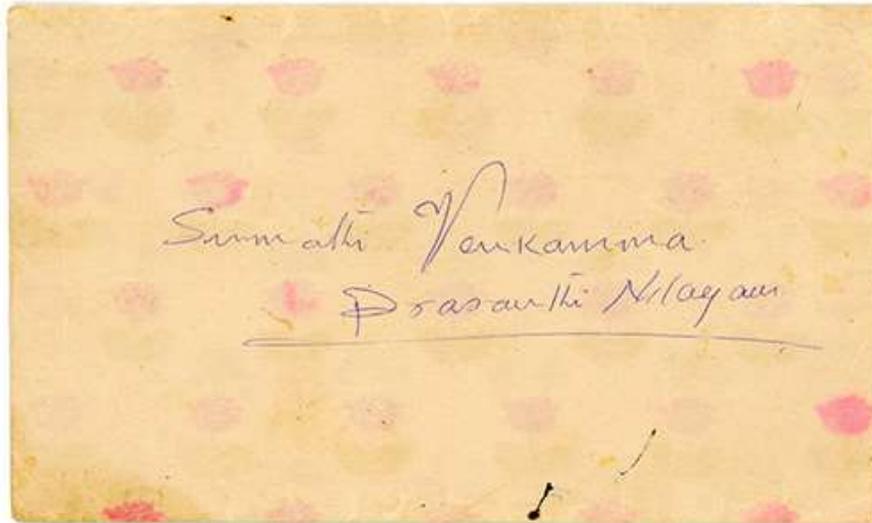
Venkamma and Grand Son Soma Shekar



Venkamma, Devotees



Venkamma, Devotee at the Chitravathi River



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