

AMARTITHI 2008

V.S. KALCHURI CHAIRMAN - 30th OCTOBER 2007

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Beloved Avatar Meher Baba,

The thirty-ninth Amartithi of Beloved Avatar Meher Baba falls on Thursday, 31st January, 2008. For this sacred occasion it is expected that pilgrims from all over India and around the world will be visiting the Tomb-Shrine of Avatar Meher Baba at Meherabad Hill, Ahmednagar (M.S.) India to take part in the Educational Gathering.

The observance of the thirty-ninth Amartithi (Anniversary of Avatar Meher Baba's Darshan) will be for two days, i.e. 30th January morning to noon of 1st February, 2008. The main function, as usual, will be on 31st January, 2008.

By Beloved Baba's grace, it will be made possible for pilgrims visiting the Tomb-Shrine of Beloved Avatar Meher Baba, for the thirty-ninth Amartithi, to stay at the Meherabad Estate from 8:00 a.m. of 30th January to 12 noon of 1st February, 2008.

ATTENTION

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 that pilgrims take the least time possible for darshan and to take darshan only once on 31st January, 2008.

QUEUE TOKEN SYSTEM

This year we are continuing our Queue Token System. After collecting a single token with a number on it, each Pilgrim will be free to move about until the number on his/her token is announced and displayed on the signboards. **THE PILGRIMS SHOULD JOIN**

THE QUEUE WHEN THEIR NUMBER IS DISPLAYED. Please be alert because if your number has passed through the Darshan line and the next higher number has also passed, you will miss your turn and will require a new token.

A) REGARDING ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE:

Please note:

- 1) Pilgrims should not arrive at Meherabad before 8:00 a.m., on 30th January, 2008, and should leave Meherabad by 12 noon, on 1st February, 2008.
- 2) There will be stalls selling light refreshment and meals at Lower Meherabad, New Site and Upper Meherabad till early afternoon on 1st February, 2008.
- 3) There will be separate lodging arrangements for men and for women at Meherabad as usual. 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 others 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 mentioned above.
- 4) Pilgrims are requested to bring warm clothes, blankets, bedding with mattress, and flashlights (torch). The quarters for men and women are separate; so to avoid confusion it is advised that men and women of the same family pack separate bags, and bundle their bedding rolls separately BEFORE their arrival at Meherabad.
- 5) Meherabad Management requests 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.
- 6) Pilgrims in the close vicinity of the Samadhi are requested to do their utmost to maintain the sanctity of the Tomb-Shrine

PROGRAMME

PLACE: The holy Tomb-Shrine of Avatar Meher Baba on Meherabad Hill, Ahmednagar (M.S.) India.

Wednesday 30th January, 2008 8:00 a.m. onwards Arrival of Meher Pilgrims at Lower Meherabad; Darshan and Prasad at Tomb.

2:00 p.m. onwards Prem-Meelan on Hill.

4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Bhajans, dance and drama.

7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Film of Avatar Meher Baba, or special programme on the Hill.

8:00 p.m. RECESS for meals down the Hill.

10:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Sahavas on the Hill.

Jai Baba!

Thursday 31st January, 2008

7:00 a.m. Lighting of the Dhuni.

8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. All pilgrims assemble on the Hill. Prem-Meelan of pilgrims and singing by bhajan mandali of different Meher Centers.

11:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Welcome address and talk about the Trust activities.

11:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. Announcements

11:45 a.m. to 12 noon Meher Dhoon

11:55 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Darshan at the Tomb stopped.

12 noon to 12:15 p.m. All present to observe complete silence.

12:15 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. The Master's and Repentance Prayers in different languages followed by Arti. Darshan resumes from 12:15 p.m.

1:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Songs and bhajans on the Hill.

1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. RECESS for meals down the Hill.

4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Baba programme on the Hill.

7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Film of Avatar Meher Baba.

8:00 p.m. RECESS for meals down the Hill.

10:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Sahavas on the Hill. Additional programmes on the Hill.

Jai Baba !

Friday 1st February, 2008.

7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Bhajans on the Hill. Darshan continues.

10:00 a.m. Programme ends with Arti. Prepare for departure.

B) DISTRIBUTION OF PRASAD AT SAMADHI ON 31ST JANUARY

On 31st January Samadhi management faces acute problem of distribution of cooked Prasad such as lemon rice, sheera (sweet rava) and other cooked items. Hence no cooked Prasad BUT ONLY WRAPPED DRY PRASAD WILL BE ALLOWED to be distributed near the Samadhi.

All centers and individual desirous of distribution of Prasad will have to apply in advance to brother Shridhar Kelkar advising what kind of dry Prasad they wish to distribute, brother Shridhar Kelkar will advise time slot for distribution of Prasad so that the Prasad is evenly distributed during the entire day. PLEASE NOTE THAT LAST MINUTE REQUESTS ON THE AMARTITHI DAY WILL NOT BE ENTERTAINED.

Jai Baba !

NOTE: Bhajan mandali of different Meher Centres and Western pilgrims having singing and other programmes to present for the thirty-ninth Amartithi occasion should write only to Shri. Mehernath B. Kalchuri, Trustee, c/o Avatar Meher Baba P.P.C. Trust, King's Road, Post Bag 31, Ahmednagar

(M.S.) 414 001. India by 31st December, 2007. The requests will be accommodated time permitting, within the hours allotted for

programmes. It will not be possible to accede to late requests on arrival. Please confirm your programme with Shri. Mehernath B. Kalchuri upon your arrival at Meherabad.

ALL ARE HEARTILY WELCOME TO ATTEND

**AVATAR MEHER BABA'S THIRTY-NINTH AMARTITHI
FUNCTION ON MEHERABAD HILL.**

Please pass on the above information of the Amartithi programme to all the lovers of Avatar Meher Baba in your area. JAI AVATAR MEHER BABA !!!

IN AVATAR MEHER BABA'S SERVICE,

(V.S. KALCHURI)

CHAIRMAN

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