

Shree Nisargadatta Samadhi Mandir, Banganga

Sincere Gratitude

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A great spiritual saint of the Hinchgiri sect, Shri Sadguru Siddharameshwar Maharaj, passed away in Mumbai in 1936. 14 years after his Mahanirvana, his Samadhi temple was built in Banganga, Walkeshwar, Mumbai in the year 1950. Many disciples of Shri Sadguru Shri Siddharameshwar Maharaj viz. Shri Sadguru Nisargadatta Maharaj, Shri Sadguru Kadsiddheshwar Swami, Shri Sadguru Ranjit Maharaj based in Mumbai, who themselves later attained the status of Sadguru, used to visit that holy place for many years and performed bhajans, pujas and aartis there out of their devotion and love for the Sadguru.

It has been almost 75 years since the Shri Siddharameshwar Samadhi Temple was built. During this long period, this sacred area has been available to the faithful disciples, devotees and devotees of the past, present and future generations. The official website of Shri Nisargadatta Samadhi Charitable Trust has provided some more information in this regard for the readers. But while providing that information, it was always felt that no other details about the Samadhi are available.

Shri Nisargadatta Maharaj attained Mahanirvana in September 1981. But his Samadhi temple could be built in Banganga only after 40 years in the year 2022. Shri Ramakant Sawant, a disciple of Sadguru Shri Nisargadatta Maharaj, later attained the status of Sadguru and established Ranjitashram in Nashik. In 2018, Sadguru Shri Ramakant Maharaj attained Mahanirvana and was cremated at Banganga Dahanbhoomi. At that time, a few disciples of Shri Nisargadatta Maharaj present at the Banganga Cremation place, amongst them (Hon. Secretary, Nisargadatta Adhyatma Kendra, Dahisar) Shri Vijay Sawant, Sujan Shete, Suparnaraj Dhotre etc. who expressed their feelings about inability to construct a suitable Samadhi Mandir of Sadguru Shri Nisargadatta Maharaj even after four decades. But the discussion could not gather further momentum due the problems to get permission from the crematorium committee etc. At the end of 2021, some disciples like Lalita Belwalkar, Sujan Shete, Suparna Dhotre, Anil Chube who took onestep forward by creating a WhatsApp group and started exploring possibilities of going ahead with the execution to build the Samadhi Mandir of Sadguru

Nisargadatta Maharaj. The main task was to collect the funds required for this work, collect holy ashes from disciples, obtain permission from Banganga Trust and so on. To begin with the disciples/ gurubandhu-bhagini were appealed to donate. In response undernoted disciples donated generously. Due to their substantial financial support, the dream of building this Samadhi Mandir at Banganga was fulfilled. And that is why it is necessary to acknowledge their gratitude here. Many more disciples wanted to donate but as the target amount was reached within no time, they were told to become Members of the proposed Samadhi Trust to fulfil their desire of participating in this *seva*.

1	Vijay Asarani	1,00,000.00	21	Gurubandhu	20,000.00
2	Kamlaben Lund	51,000.00	22	Rajani Chachad	10,000.00
3	Ms. Kamlaben Lund	50,000.00	23	Dinkar Kshirsagar	10,000.00
4	Dhotre family	50,000.00	24	Abhi Waravadekar	10,000.00
5	Vaneja Madam	42,011.00	25	Medha Chube	5,000.00
6	Vaneja Madam	30,000.00	26	Sangam Gupta	3,302.00
7	Dr. Rekha Gore	25,000.00	27	Jai Kesarkar	2,000.00
8	Ramchandra Jadhav	25,000.00	28	Satam Maharaj	1,001.00
9	Ramchandra Jadhav	25,000.00	29	Tarang Chachad	1,000.00
10	Aparna Chube:	25,000.00	30	Dr.Uday Puranik	1,000.00
11	Shobha Gothiwarekar	25,000.00	31	Dhir Sachdev	1,000.00
12	Purushottam Mudras	25,000.00	32	Prasanna Sabnis	501.00
13	Subhash Dhotre	25,000.00	33	Priya Sabnis	501.00
14	Jyoti Dandekar	25,000.00	34	Jayant Ghuge	501.00
15	Sandhya Suchdev	25,000.00	35	Chandrshekhar Sugat	101.00
16	Suparna Dhotre	25,000.00	36	Sudha Rane	100.00
17	Sujan Shete	25,000.00	37		
18	Chandrashekhar Gogte	25,000.00	38		
19	Usha Kamat-Dhotre	21,000.00	39	-	-
20	Anvita Sawant	20,000.00	40	-	-

Many Many T H A N K S

As the Samadhi Trust formation process was then in formative stage, we could not open Bank account in the name of the Samadhi Trust. Therefore following Gurubandhu-Bhagini offered their cash contributions for Banganga Samadhi Festival:

Year 2023 1st anniversary)

1	Sujata Chavan	1,00,000.00	9	Jyoti Awhad	5,000.00
2	Lund Madam	50,000.00	10	Satam Maharaj	1,001.00
3	Gajanan Netravali	10,000.00	11	Dr. Rekha Gore	1,001.00
4	Suparanraj Dhotre	10,000.00	12	Alka Mishal	1,000.00
5	Subhash Dhotre	10,000.00	13	Shri Kerkar	1,000.00
6	Siddhi Sujan Shete	5,001.00	14	Anant Shete	1,000.00
7	Bhikamchand Jain	5,000.00	15	Ravi Vichare	500.00
8	Vanaja Madam	5,000.00	16	Vijay Rane	500.00

2024 2nd Anniversary festival contributions

1	Kamala Lund	50,000.00	11	Vanaja Madam	5,000.00
2	Nilesh Kumar	25,000.00	12	Sujan Shete	5,000.00
3	Rajani Chachad	25,000.00	13	Dr. Rekha Gore	2,000.00
4	Sandhya Sachdeva	25,000.00	14	Priya Sabnis	2,000.00
5	Usha Kamat Dhotre	25,000.00	15	Anant Shete	1,500.00
6	Suparnaraj Dhotre	15,000.00	16	Anvita Sawant	2,000.00
7	Subhash Dhotre	10,000.00	17	Vijay Rane	1,000.00
8	Jyoti Dandekar	10,000.00	18	Rashmi Chavan	500.00
9	Gajanan Netravali	10,000.00	19	Gurubhagini Nashik	500.00
10	Sneha Dhotre	5,000.00	20		

2025: 3rd Anniversary contributions

1	Abhishek Warawdekar	100001.00	9	Sangam Gupta	1,001.00
2	Deepa V.Asarani	100001.00	10	Vijay Rane	1,000.00
3	Kamala ben Lund	100000.00	11	Sahajdatta Maharaj	1,000.00
4.	Anagha Dhotre Kamat.	51000/-	12	Babaji Sawant	1,101.00
5	Sujan Shete	5,000.00	13	Shri Ginde	500.00
6	Priya Sabnis	2,000.00			
7	Vanaja Madam	2,001.00			
8	Anant Shete	1,500.00			0