

BABA's WORK in HYDERABAD

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Baba on Hyderabad

Baba once said:

"I like Hyderabad best. It is a very great place both spiritually and materially. Its spiritual importance stems from ages past."

One of the prime reasons Baba loved Hyderabad so much was because of the presence of so many masts there.



Baba with a mast in Hyderabad in 1945

Hyderabad

Hyderabad is a metropolitan city spread across 650 Sq. KMs with a population of about eleven millions speaking various languages and belonging to all religious faiths.



Charminar



IT Industry



Buddha Statue



Baba's visits to Hyderabad

Baba visited Hyderabad eleven times and stayed for 378 days in total.

With Hyderabad as base station, He toured to extreme south for contacting masts.

Hyderabad geographically is like a threshold between north and south.



Baba in Hyderabad, 1951

Baba's visits to Hyderabad (Contd.)

The Two long stays:

Baba stayed in Hyderabad for longer periods of 5 to 6 months twice.

- Once during 1945 from 22 February 1945 to 6 September 1945, He made Hyderabad His base station and from there toured several places around it, sometimes going to the extreme south, for mast work.



Baba with a mast in Hyderabad

Baba's visits to Hyderabad (Contd.)

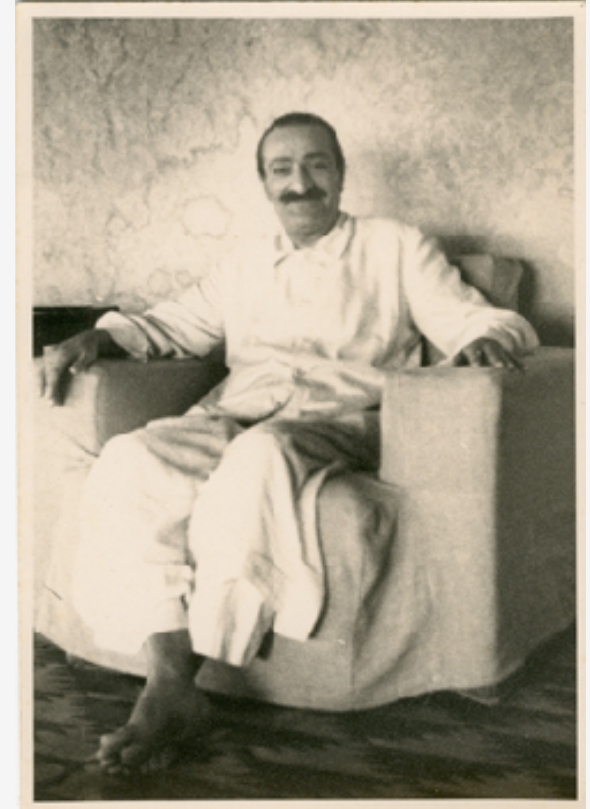
Baba stayed in Rock Castle hotel for three days in 1945 when He came to select a suitable bungalow for His stay,



Rock Castle hotel
(Photos taken in 2010)

Baba's two long stays in Hyderabad (contd.)

- Second time during 1951 from 27th May 1951 to 24th October 1951 during Manonash phase of New Life.



Baba in Hyderabad
During 'The Hyderabad Meeting' -
1951

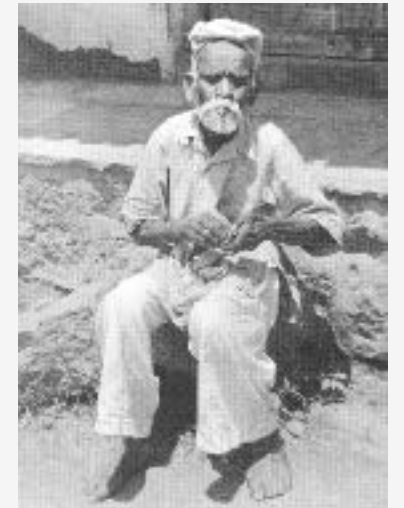
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Mast work in Hyderabad



Mastani Mai

- Meher Baba's work with masts in Hyderabad was extremely significant.
- Indeed, in no other city in India did he work with as many masts as he did in Hyderabad — almost 70 in all!*
- This might be a reason why Baba liked Hyderabad so much.



Mama Mast

Mast work in Hyderabad (contd.)

- Perhaps Baba's contacts with so many masts at this time had to do with bringing an end to World War II (www.lordmeher.org, Bhau Kalchuri, p2465).
- From 6 to 9th August, Baba worked with the mast Sayyed Mu'inuddin, who is the chargeman of Hyderabad, and other masts by name Rajiah and Nooruddin.
- These contacts were particularly significant in light of the fact that during this period America dropped atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki and Japan surrendered.



Baba with an unidentified mast
in Hyderabad

Mast work in Hyderabad (contd.)

Baba indicated that his intensive work with the masts during these years was connected with overseeing the war; but it would be foolish to presuppose that this was all that Baba was doing. The Avatar's work is universal by nature and unimaginable in scope. No doubt Baba's movements coincided with developments in the war, but moreover his fasts, journeys, and working with the masts all had unseen and unknown consequences, primarily dealing with raising the consciousness of humanity and turning the world toward God. (www.lordmeher.org, p2488)

Manonash phase of New Life At Hyderabad

- During Manonash phase of New Life Baba stayed in Hyderabad from 27th May to 24th October 1951.
- He stayed in the bungalow of Nawab Ali Nawaz Jung, House # 6-2-591, Road No. 10, Banjara Hills
- 28 June 1951 – Baba held an important meeting called “The Hyderabad meeting” calling close disciples from various parts of India for the declaration of “the God-determined Step” of Manonash (annihilation of mind).



Bungalow of Nawab Ali Nawaz Jung

Manonash phase of New Life At Hyderabad (contd.)

- 70 people attended it. They stayed for 7 days. Baba said that these 7 days they spent with Him were as good as spending 700 years of their lives with Him.



The Hyderabad Meeting, 1951

- About the intensity of the task, Baba also stated that:

“... what could be achieved in four crores [40 million] of lives is to be achieved in four months!”

Manonash phase of New Life At Hyderabad (contd.)

The 'Manonash cave':

Baba's conditions for selecting the place for His

Manonash work:

- Away but not far off from Hyderabad city
- Should be on a hill or close to sea
- There should be a small village nearby
- It should have a spiritual history
- Should have a vast expanse on at least one side so that He may move about freely without disturbance

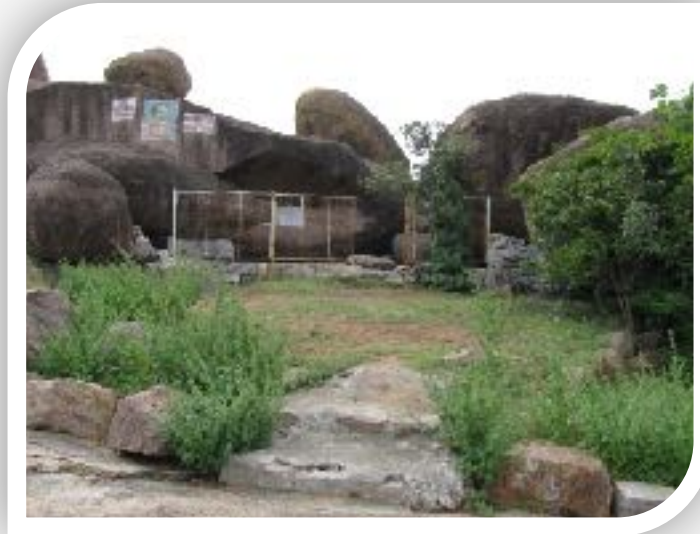


The Manonash Cave, Hyderabad

Manonash phase of New Life At Hyderabad (contd.)



The way up the hill



The Manonash Cave, Hyderabad



The pond of water used for cooking

Manonash phase of New Life At Hyderabad (contd.)

- Eruch with the help of one local devotee Kasturi Lingaiah selected a cave on a hill near Khajaguda village, 8 km away from Hyderabad
- The place fulfilled all the conditions and Baba approved it
- There is a dargah of Hazrat Baba Fakruddin, a Muslim saint on one side of the cave
- And a Hindu temple of Anantha Padmanabha Swamy (Lord Vishnu) on the other side

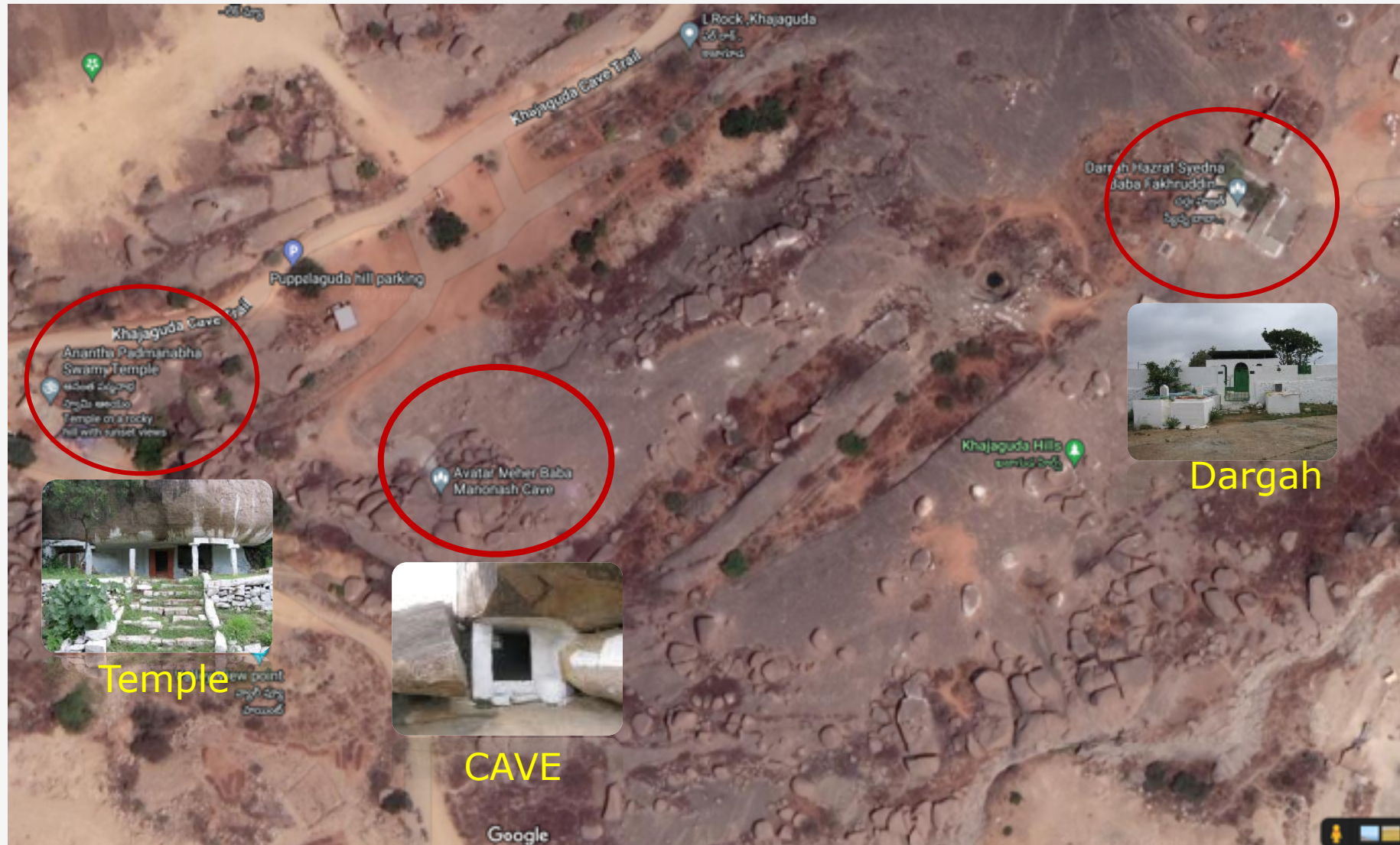


Dargah



Temple

Manonash phase of New Life At Hyderabad (contd.) Aerial view of the place



Manonash phase of New Life At Hyderabad (contd.)

- Baba stayed in the cave for 8 days from 16th to 24th October 1951, fasting on liquids
- Baba worked with the religious models of Hindu temple, Buddhist pagoda, Church, Mosque and Fire temple. They were made of Alabaster in Agra.



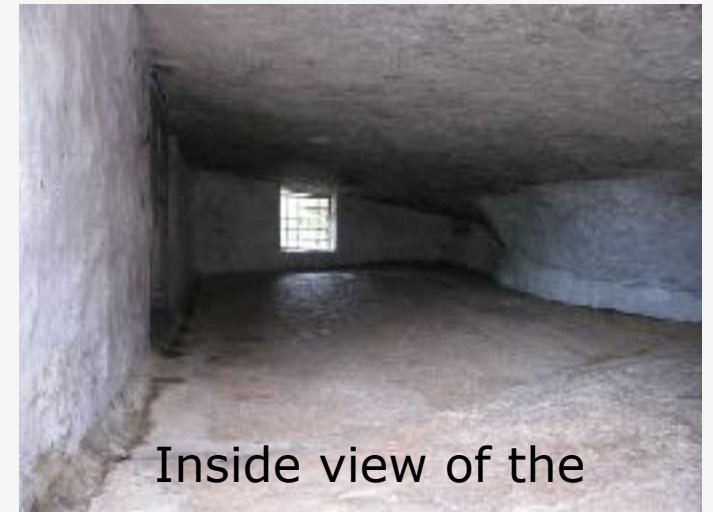
The five Religious models

Manonash phase of New Life At Hyderabad (contd.)

- Baba had special prayers recited in 5 important religious places in India and in Hyderabad. He spent one day in dargah and one day in temple. He also contacted a mast by name Ghulam Hussein.
- On 24th October 1951, Baba sent a message to the men and women at Kohinoor bungalow: "I am well and **my work in the cave has been 100 percent successful**. Today I will start on a foot journey to Meherazad via Aurangabad."
- Thus ended the Hyderabad part of the Manonash work



Outside view of the cave



Inside view of the cave

Manonash phase of New Life At Hyderabad (contd.)

In memory of Baba's Manonash work at the cave, we hold every year a Sahavas Programme.

65TH ANNIVERSARY

"Now is the Time
for all to know that
I am God in
Human Form".

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and the sla
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Love



Avatar Meher Baba Centres in Hyderabad

In Hyderabad there are three centres where weekly gatherings are held:

- a. Avatar Meher Baba Koti Center – Saturday evening
- b. Avatar Meher Baba Jubilee Hills Center – Sunday morning
- c. Avatar Meher Baba Malkajgiri Center – Monday evening



Avatar Meher Baba Koti Center
(Inaugurated on 18 July 1973)



Avatar Meher Baba Jubilee Hills Center
(Inaugurated on 14 November 1986)



Avatar Meher Baba Malkajgiri Center
(Inaugurated on 19 October 2015)

Avatar Meher Baba Centres in Hyderabad

- Main centre is the Jubilee Hills centre, inaugurated by Aloba on 14 November 1986
- The land was donated by Kavuri Kutumba Rao, who was an atheist. After the centre was built, the area became an important hub for software industry. It is now a very premium posh locality in Hyderabad.



Avatar Meher Baba Jubilee Hills Center

Avatar Meher Baba Hyderabad Centre, Jubilee Hills (Contd.)

For developing garden, for rain water harvesting, Baba lovers, mostly software professionals work as labourers doing hard labour work which reminds us of the 'Gamela yoga' – hard labour work done by the men mandali in the early years at Meherabad







Avatar Meher Baba Ki Jai!