

## Guidelines to offer the Robes for BABA at Shirdi Sai Center

Sairam Devotee,

To offer robes for BABA, please reserve a date and make sure the robes are stitched as **per measurements provided below**. Please follow the instructions given below:

### Schedule the Date:

Send an email to [ssprobes@shirdisaiparivaar.org](mailto:ssprobes@shirdisaiparivaar.org) with the “Devotee details” (see other side of the form);

### Date Confirmation:

SSP volunteer will contact you and confirm the date (by email).

### Measurement Guideline for Robes :

You can bring robes for any of the Babas. Please make sure the measurements of the robes match the information provided below and that the **edges are stitched or hemmed** neatly.

	In Inches	In Centimeters	TIP
<b>Main Baba</b>			You can use single piece of Cloth or Saree or Dhoti and can make Robe and Head Scarf for all 3 Baba with the following (approximate) measurements;  5.6 yards (200 inches) X 44 Inches (or) 512 cm X 112 cm
ROBE	100 X 43	254 X 110	
HEAD SCARF	44 X 23	112 X 59	
<b>Chavadi Baba</b>			
ROBE	60 X 24	153 X 61	
HEAD SCARF	40 X 12	102 X 31	
<b>Utsava Baba</b>			
ROBE	16.5 X 10	42 X 26	
HEAD SCARF	16 X 3	41 X 8	

**SHAWL:** Shawl is optional. **If you would like to procure shawl for Kakad Aarti**, following are the suggested measurements:

	Main Baba	Chavadi Baba	Utsava Baba
Inches	73 X 36	60 X 12	20 X 4
Centimeters	186 X 92	153 X 31	51 X 11

*Note: For Shej Aarti we accept only plain 100% cotton light colored robes and without border. Typically, shawl is not required for Shej aarti. However, during winter, volunteers may put a shawl made out of Crochet material. If you would like to offer this, the dimensions for the shawl have to be:*

	Main Baba	Chavadi Baba	
Inches	58 X 31	35 X 18	
Centimeters	145 X 77	87 X 45	

### Drop the robes at temple :

We request you to drop the robes **15 days before** the scheduled date. **Please drop the robes in the robe drop box provided in the Main hall. If the robes are not provided 15 days before the scheduled date, we will request you to reschedule the date.** Exception will be provided only under excruciating circumstances.

### To witness the Alankaram process or putting of robes on BABA please see instructions below :

*During Kakad Aarti, the alankaram process starts around 7:10 A.M. Baba will wears the robe till 7.30 PM (approx)*

**Robe change for Shej Aarti occurs around 7:30 P.M.** Baba wears the robes that are offered for Shej arati till 6.55 AM **next day**.

**Please fill the Devotee Details (other side of this form)**

<b>Devotee details</b>	
<b>Contact details</b>	<b>Name</b> _____ <b>Address</b> _____ _____ <b>Phone No</b> _____ <b>Email</b> _____
<b>Date of offering</b>	(Please provide few alternative dates ) <b>Date of your choice</b> _____ <b>Alternative dates</b> _____
<b>Aarti</b>	Check the Aarti to offer the robes <input type="radio"/> Kakad Aarti <input type="radio"/> Shej Aarti
<b>Approx. value of Robe</b>	\$ _____
<b>Robes offering for</b>	<b>Main Baba</b> No. of Pieces in the set _____ <b>Chavadi Baba</b> No of Pieces in the set _____ <b>Utsava Baba</b> No of Pieces in the set _____
<b>If the robe offered is a sari or a dhoti, please select of the following options. Please let us know if you need help stitching the sari or dhoti.</b>	
<input type="radio"/> Offer Sari/Dhoti (without cutting and without fall stitched) and blouse piece (as head scarf) to only Main Baba and use any existing robes for Chavadi and Utsav Baba	
<input type="radio"/> Offer Sari/Dhoti (after cutting, stitching and hemmed) to all 3 Babas	
If you wish to take the offered robes as BABA's Prasad, please collect them at the time specified below. <b>1. Kakad Aarti Robes : Same day before or after Shej Aarti</b> <b>2. Shej Aarti Robes : Next day after Kakad Aarti.</b>	
<small>Beyond the time mentioned above, SSP will not be able to ensure returning of your robes due to existing logistics issues. However, an effort to keep them in an open "to be returned robes" bin for 2 days will be done, from where they might be collected.</small>	

**NOTE:**

We request you to understand that we cannot offer your robes as scheduled, in case of the following situations

- a. If you are unable to provide the robes 15 days before the scheduled date
- b. **If the robes are not stitched as per the instructions provided in this form and the edges have not been hemmed neatly.**
- c. **For any further clarification, please call : 408-384-9710**
- d. Please note that our volunteers will do their best to put the robe, in the best possible way on Baba. However, sometimes they encounter last minute issues which may prevent them from following the normal process. Between 8:00 A.M. and 7:30 P.M., other devotees may approach our volunteers to place shawl on Baba. Our volunteers have been requested to oblige to this request and to remove the same after a short period (15-30 mins). Additionally, during winter months, volunteers may place a Crochet type material on Baba for Shej aarti. Please take these things into consideration.