

THE CHARACTERS IN THE DRAMA OF SAI SAHEB

There were so many characters who played the role in the drama of Shirdi Jagannataka Sutradhari. Let us have a glance at their role in this article. All the information is based on Shirdi Sai Sansthan publications, Devotees' experiences, by late Sri B. V. Narasimha Swamy, Literature of late Acharya Ekkirala Bharadwaja on Sai, Ambrosia in Shirdi, by Sri Ramalinga Swami

SAHEBS

1. Annasaheb Dabholkar
2. Annasaheb Gadgil
3. Annasaheb Mahajani
4. Annasaheb Mutalik
5. Appasaheb Kulkarni
6. Appasaheb (Magistrate of Kopergaon)
7. Babasaheb Khaparde
8. Babasaheb Dengele
9. Babasaheb Tarkhad
10. Babasaheb Sahasrabuddhe
11. Babasaheb Ganesh
12. Babasaheb Sakharam Bable
13. Bapusaheb Booty
14. Bapusaheb Chandorkar
15. Bapusaheb Jog
16. Bapusaheb (Abkari Inspector)
17. Bapusaheb (Khaparde's father)
18. Balasaheb Bhate
19. Balasaheb Mirikar
20. Balasaheb (Mamlatdar)
21. Balasaheb Rege
22. Balasaheb Sulthe
23. Balasaheb Binnewale
24. Bhausahaheb Dhumal
25. Bhausahaheb Pradhan
26. Chottubhayya saheb Parulkar
27. Dadasahaheb Karandikar
28. Dadasahaheb Khaparde
29. Hazisaheb or Durveshsahaheb Siddik Falke
30. Kakasaheb Dixit
31. Kakasaheb Mirikar
32. Mayisaheb (Brahmananda Bai)

33. Nanasaheb Chandorkar
34. Nanasaheb Rasne
35. Nanasaheb Dengle (Astrologer)
36. Nanasaheb Dengle (who gave wooden plank to Baba)
37. Nanasaheb Nimonkar
38. Nanasaheb Panse
39. Nanasaheb Behare
40. Raosaheb Narottam Shetli
41. Tatyasaheb Noolkar

PATILS

1. Chand Patil
2. Taty Kote Patil
3. Dada Kote Patil
4. Ganpat Kote Patil
5. Bhimaji Patil
6. Balaji Patil
7. Raghu Patil
8. Ramchandra Dada Patil
9. Nigoji Patil
10. Appaji Patil
11. Tatyaji Ganpatrao Kote Patil
12. Appa Kote Patil
13. Chidambarrao Keshav Ghadge patil
14. Kavji patil
15. Nivritti Patil
16. Jahangir Patil (Parsi criticizer)
17. Srikrishna Patil
18. Vamanrao Patil
19. Shinde Patil (H/o. Lakshmibai Shinde)
20. Bala Patil
21. Bayaji Appaji Patil
22. Bayaji Patil (Kote) (H/o. Bhikoobai)
23. Dandulgaon Patil (wrestler)

SHASTRIES

1. Upasani Shastry
2. Balkrishna Govind Upasani Shastry
3. Shivanand Shastry
4. Moolay Shastry

5. Lele Shastry (Mukund Shastry Lele)
6. Kunte Shastry
7. Krishna Shastry (Bhishma)

DIXITS

1. Kakasaheb Dixit
2. Haribhau Dixit
3. Sadashivrao Dixit
4. Govind Kamlakar Dixit
5. Raobahadur Rajarampant Dixit

SHINDES •

1. Bhagoji Shinde
2. Lakshmibai Shinde
3. Appa Shinde
4. Shankarrao Shinde
5. Raghuji Ganpat Shinde
6. Narayan Govind Shinde (ofHarda)

DENGLES

1. Tryambakji Denge
2. Babasaheb Denge
3. Sitaram Denge
4. Nanasaheb Denge (Astrologer)
5. Nanasaheb Denge (who gave wooden plank to Baba)

DAS

1. Devidas
2. Janakidas
3. Ganudas (Dasganu)

LAKSHMI BAIS

1. Lakshmibai - Wife of G. S. Khaparde
2. Lakshmibai - Wife of Anna Chinchnikar
3. Lakshmibai (Shinde) -Received nine rupees by Baba
4. Lakshmibai (Kaujalgi) -Mousibai

WADAS

1. Sathe or Navalkar Wada
2. Dixit Wada
3. Booty Wada (Samadhi Mandir)

To overcome the confusion in the names

1. Bayja (Bayjabai)-Mother of Taty Patil
2. Bayaji (Bayaji Appaji Patil) - In whose lap Baba left His mortal coil.

HOW BABA CALLED SOME OF THE DEVOTEES

1. Shama or Shyama -Madhavrao Deshpande
2. Bhagat - Mhalsapati
3. Mera Cowa (crow) or Halalkhor (scavenger) -Abdul
4. Ramkrishna or Ramkrishni -Radhakrisnaayi
5. Ganu - Dasganu Maharaj
6. Rambhau - R. B. Purandare
7. Bapugir Buva - Ramgir Buva
8. Bademia - Bade Baba
9. Damya - D. S. Rasane
10. Somya - Somnath

Shankar Deshpande (S/o. Nanasaheb Nimonkar)

11. Mother - Mousibai
12. Dadasaheb - G. S. Khaparde

Now let us know the magic in the names

1. Hemadpant - Sri Govindrao Raghunath Dabholkar alias Annasaheb Dabholkar
2. Shama or Shyama -Madhavrao Balwant Deshpande
3. Nanumama pujari or Nanubhat pujari -Lakshman Kacheshwar Jakhadi
4. Babasaheb Tarkhad -Ramchandra Atmaram
5. Upasani Baba- Kashinath Govind Upasani Shastry
6. Dada Kelkar - Ganesh Damodar
7. Kaka Puranik - Raghunath Maharaj of Dhopeswar
8. Bade Baba or Bademia -Malegaon Fakir Peer Mohammad or Fakir Baba
9. Anna Chinchnikar -Damodar Ghanshyam Babare
10. Mausibai - Lakshmibai Kaujalgi
11. Damooanna Kasar or Damusheth Kasar -Damodar Savlaram Rasane
12. Bapugir Buva (called by Baba) - Ramgir Buva
13. Bapusaheb Jog -Sakharam Hari
14. Kakasaheb Dixit or Bhausahab Dixit - Hari Sitaram
15. Tembe Swamy - Sri Vasudevanand Saraswaty Swamy
16. Kaka Mahajani -Lakshmanrao
17. Dasganu Maharaj -Ganpatrao Dattatreya Sahasrabuddhe
18. Annasaheb Gadgil -Chidambar Keshav
19. Balabhau or Balabhat -Ramchandra Sitaram Dev
20. Bapusaheb Booty - Gopal Mukund
21. D. V. Sambhare-Mr. Kolambo
22. Mama Dube - Kashinath Dube
23. Kushabhau - Krishnaji Kashinath Joshi

24. Nanavalli – Shankar Narayan Vaidya
25. Nanasaheb Nimonkar - Shankarrao Raghunath Deshpande
26. Dadasaheb - G. S-. Khaparde
27. Mrs. Manager- Mrs. Tarabai Sadashiv Tarkhad
28. Radhakrisnnaayi -Sundaribai Kshirsagar
29. Saisharananand – Vamanrao Prangovind Patel
30. Dev Mamledar (Satara) -Yeshwantrao Bhaskar
31. Bhishma - Krishnashastry Jageshwar Bhishma
32. Mr. B. V. - Balasaheb Dev
33. Nanasaheb Chandorkar -Narayan Govind
34. Appa Kulkarni - Keshav Anant
35. Smt. Sai Mai - Mrs. Janakibai Tambe
36. Balasaheb Bhate -Purushottam Sakharam
37. Tatyasaheb Noolkar-Lakshman Krishnaji
38. Babu - Mahadev (younger son of Nanasaheb Chandorkar)
39. Damya - Damodar Savlaram Rasane
40. Hamsa or Swamy -Natekar
41. Balkrishna- Babasaheb Khaparde (eldest son of G. S. Khaparde)
42. Hazisaheb or Durveshsaheb or Hazrat -Hazi Mohammad Siddik of Kalyan
43. Maruti - Tryambakrao
44. Bapusaheb - Srikrishna Narhar (father of G. S. Khaparde)
45. Manutai - Lakshmibai (wife of G. S. Khaparde)
46. Haribhau Phanse -Janardan Moreshwar Phanse
47. Uddhavesb - Shyamdas
48. Sainath - Harihar or. Hareshwar (S. B. Nachne's younger son)
49. Chottubhayya - Krishnaji Narayan
50. Bhausahcb Pradhan -Lakshmanrao (Sub-Registrar)
51. Ganesh Sridhar-Kashinath (younger brother of Shama)
52. Somya – Somnath Shankar Deshpande (S/o. Nanasaheb Nimonkar)
53. Rambhau - R. B. Purandare
54. M. B. Rege - Chinna Kistna Rajasaheb Bahadur
55. Shankarrao - Balkrishna Vaidya
56. Nanumaharaj - Sripad Narsoba Panchlegaonkar
57. Thoser- Sri Narayan Ashram
58. Dada Kelkar - Damodar Kelkar (father-in-law of Sathe)
59. Daulat Shah - Dattatreya Damodar Rasane or Nanasaheb Rasane
60. Anna Rasane - Damodar Savlaram Rasane Kasar
61. Shirdi- Shiladhi

62. Sai Baba - The Lord God of Shirdi alone knows

Available full names of some of the Devotees

1. R. B. H. V. Sathe -Raobahadur Hari Vinayak Sathe
2. R. B. Purandare -Raghuvir Bhaskar Purandare "" - /-!>
3. N. G. Chandorkar -Narayan Govind Chandorkar (Nanasaheb Chandorkar)
4. G. S. Khaparde - Ganesh Srikrishna Khaparde
5. D. S. Rasane – Damodar Savlaram Rasane
6. R. A. Tarkhad-Ramchandra Atmaram Tarkhad
7. Saptnekar - Mahadev Vaman Saptnekar
8. Y. J. Galvankar-Yeshwantrao Janardan Galvankar
9. S. B. Nachne -Shantaram Balwant Nachne Dahanukar
10. Minatai - Minatai Ganesh Kuvalekar (D/o. Nanasaheb Chandorkar)
11. M. W. Pradhan- Moreshwar Wishwanath Pradhan
12. G. G. Narke - G. Ganesh Narke

Baba always called Hari Sitaram Dixit as Kaka or Kaka Bixit. Hence he is noted as Kaka Dixit. Nanasaheb Nimonkar and D, S. Rasane were also called as Kaka. H. V. Sathe and Mirikar were called as Saheb. Shama always addressed Baba as Deva. Radhakrishnaayi's house was called as Shala (i.e. Pathashala, means school) by Baba. Baba always called Mousibai as Mother. Once Baba called her as his mother-in-law and made a joke about her saluting Him (i.e. Baba had accepted her as a disciple as per G. S. Khaparde's diary.)

I humbly prostrate before Sai Saheb of Shirdi to bless us all.

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