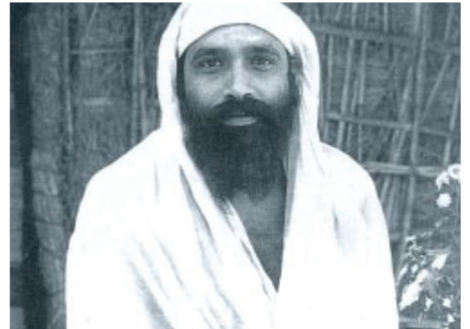


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Priced at Rs.3000, the book will be launched at the Sathabhishekam of Pujya Swamiji on July 21, 2011.

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Sheela Balaji is a post graduate in History of Art, with a deep interest and expertise in natural dyes for textiles. A chance meeting with Swami Dayananda Saraswati sparked her interest in Vedanta. What followed was a guru shishya relationship leading to her taking up the stewardship of AIM for Seva, the NGO founded by Swamiji, as the Managing Trustee.

She made the transition effortlessly, from a business environment to a charity organization, bringing in professionalism and high degree of accountability into service, and inspiring many others to follow suit. And still does.

Under her visionary leadership, the organization has scaled many milestones. AIM for Seva touches the lives of 35,000 students through its 122 projects spread across 15 states. This includes 82 Student homes and 17 educational institutions, transforming the lives of 10 million Indians every day through their Education and Healthcare initiatives.

An articulate writer Sheela Balaji has authored two books - "Without a second - Fundamentals of Vedanta" and "Salutations to Rudra", based on Swamiji's teaching of Sri Rudram.

Her close association with Swamiji gave her the opportunity to observe, interact and learn from him. These experiences have been translated into a book tracing the transformation of Swamiji as a Vedanta student to a much loved, revered teacher and social entrepreneur.

The book is a tribute to him on the occasion of his Sathabhishekam.