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"Bhaja Govindam: Be devoted to Lord Govinda – a lesson in Grammar will not save you when the death is at hand." This gave him the impetus to make a thorough study of Indian philosophy and mysticism as taught by the saints of India. He wrote meticulous books on Indian mystics and their philosophy with informative comparisons to the great mystic traditions. He articulated the teachings of Jnanadev, Nivrittinath, Eknath and Muktabai, as well as the teachings of Tukaram. His monumental work is 'A constructive survey of Upanishadic philosophy' in 1926. He wrote 'Pathways to God' in Marathi and Hindi. He practiced teachings of Shirdi Sai Baba.

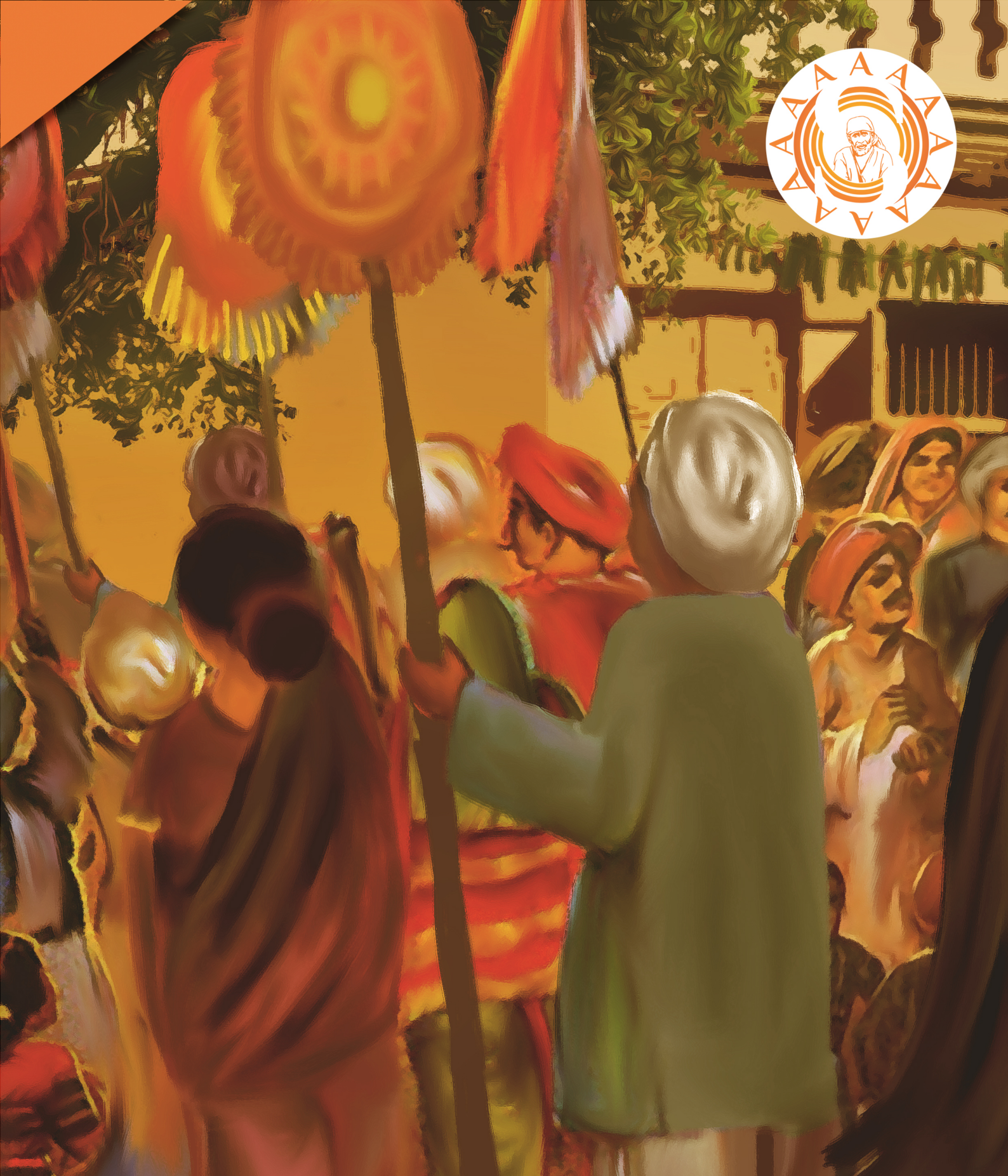
Sri Narasimha Swamiji's biography on Ramana Bhagwan directed Gurudev Ranade to Tiruvannamalai to meet Ramana. Both Ramana Bhagwan and Nisargadatta Maharaj influenced his spiritual thinking. He also met Annie Besant who recognized his high caliber, but he declined to join the world-wide Theosophical Society Movement. Instead, he created 'Adhyatma Vidyapeeta' for Comparative Philosophy and Religion' in Belgaum.

Ranade had his share of troubles in life, the loss of a child, his wife and his mother. Even then, he prayed to God, "You and I shall now live together." He also struggled with health problems for much of his life, but he cared for and struggled for the highest good of all those who approached him. He developed great dispassion and renunciation right after his Guru's initiation.

In 1921, Ranade was looking for a place near his Guru's Samadhi. He had a vision of a tall person standing before him who said 'Nimbargi Maharaj has gone to Nimb'al.' The vision ended and the next day Ranade could buy 48 acres of land near Nimb'al Railway station. He built an ashram there and lived there after his retirement. He had the vision of God in every nook and corner of that ashram.

He cast off his mortal coil on the 6th of June 1957. A living tradition continues in Maharashtra due to the devotees of Guru Ranade, with centers and temples which actively function with a rich tradition of Guru Bhakti, meditation and Nama yoga.





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