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## Sai Baba temple erected on Bombay-Pune Highway

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The Radha Kaliandas Daryanani Charitable Trust has built a *Sai Baba* temple, one of the biggest in the country at Kanhe Phata, on the Bombay-Pune highway.

An idol of *Sai Baba* was formally installed on December 9. The temple is elevated and can be seen by

and a *deep stumbha* with lighting holes to the right.

The trust also has an integrated rural development project, *Sai Baba Seva Dham*, housing nine social and welfare organisations.



devotees, passing on the highway.

The 4.6-foot tall idol made of pure marble, at the *Saysh Murti Kala Kendra* at Jaipur, by *Ramaswarup Bharadwaj* and his son *Mahesh*, was installed in a 14x14-foot shrine.

The temple with its floor, shrine and *dado* made of pure marble has a 28x68-foot hall, a *ghabara* (shrine) of 14x14-feet and *Nandi Portico* (porch) of 8x8-feet.

The roof resting on specially made steel trusses is made of *Shahabad* tiles. A traditional effect is created by constructing a *Tulsi Vrindavan* to the left of the temple entrance on a 12-sided platform, depicting the 12 zodiac signs through picture tiles