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*Identifying one's self with 'Brahman' (Eternal Transcendental Reality),
distinct from the three bodies (Gross, Subtle and Causal),
one should always worship Lord Krishna.*

Shikshapatri, 116



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*Gurātit
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'SWASTIK'¹, 'WATER'², from which comes up a 'LOTUS'³, on it is a 'LAMP'⁴, with its 'FLAME'⁵ (lighted wick) radiating 'LIGHT'⁶ in all the directions. These six have been integrated to form the emblem of the 'Gunātit Samāj'. For centuries, the four-winged 'Swastik' has been considered an auspicious symbol in our culture. Four wings of the emblem symbolise four sections of Gunātit Samāj - Initiated saints, Dedicated youths, *Sādhvis* and Devout families.

230 years ago on *Rāmnavmi* in 1837, Lord Swāminārāyan, out of His infinite grace, compassion & love for humanity, descended on earth to liberate the souls from the bondage of ignorance & illusions and bestow ultimate redemption. Thereafter, manifested The Eternal Transcendental Reality – Gunātitānandswāmi, who lived incessantly in permanent union with Lord Swāminārāyan & expounded the supremacy of Lord Swāminārāyan. He opened the *Archimārg* to identify one's self with *Brahman*, distinct from the three bodies – gross, subtle & causal, and worship God. This remained as an ever continuous process thro' His hierarchy of *Brahmswaroop* Saints or Supremely Realised Souls.

The 'Lotus' symbolises these Divine Saints. They, though remain in the world - signified by 'Water' – are entirely unblemished by its darkness and the sensual pleasures & worldly attachments, without getting entangled in them. Recognising such a saint, if a soul, seeking His shelter starts living a life, keeping God and the Saint in its centre, then as per *Vachnāmrīt Vadtāl* 19, he acquires the status of 'Devotee' and the will of the Saint prevails which shapes his future. The laws of time, past deeds and illusion (*Kāl, Karm & Māyā*) do not hold good for him. He is controlled solely by 'The Divine'. Whatsoever section he may belong to - an initiated saint, a dedicated youth, a *sādhvi* or a devout family; God so arranges his spiritual ascension, that souls in his association begin journey for their ultimate redemption. This is so, because such 'Devotees' are made to act solely as an instrument for the spiritual uplift of the associated souls. Their 'Divine wish' is symbolised by the 'Lamp'. God's grace, i.e His Supramental Power kindles the 'Flame' of *Brāhmic* consciousness in the soul, which spreads the 'Light' of co-operative existence and creative brotherhood. Subsequently, everywhere in the entire Gunātit Samāj, love-intimacy and collective brotherhood are experienced and one lamp kindles the other.

Those driven by instinct only are considered 'animals' and the most superior amongst them, controlled by intellect are 'human beings'. *Gunātit Saints*, during a span of 200 years, have carved out a novel creation of 'Superhumans' from 'Humans'. 'Superhuman' is governed solely by *Brahman*, which is beyond the realms of mental & intellectual interpretations and even illuminated consciousness of supernatural powers. Thus, a community of emancipated souls - superhumans came into existence as 'Gunātit Samāj'. It has become a source of unfoldment of the soul or true being or self for ultimate salvation, higher consciousness and supreme realisation to become a divine embodiment fully enjoying the perfect & complete Bliss - Consciousness here & now.

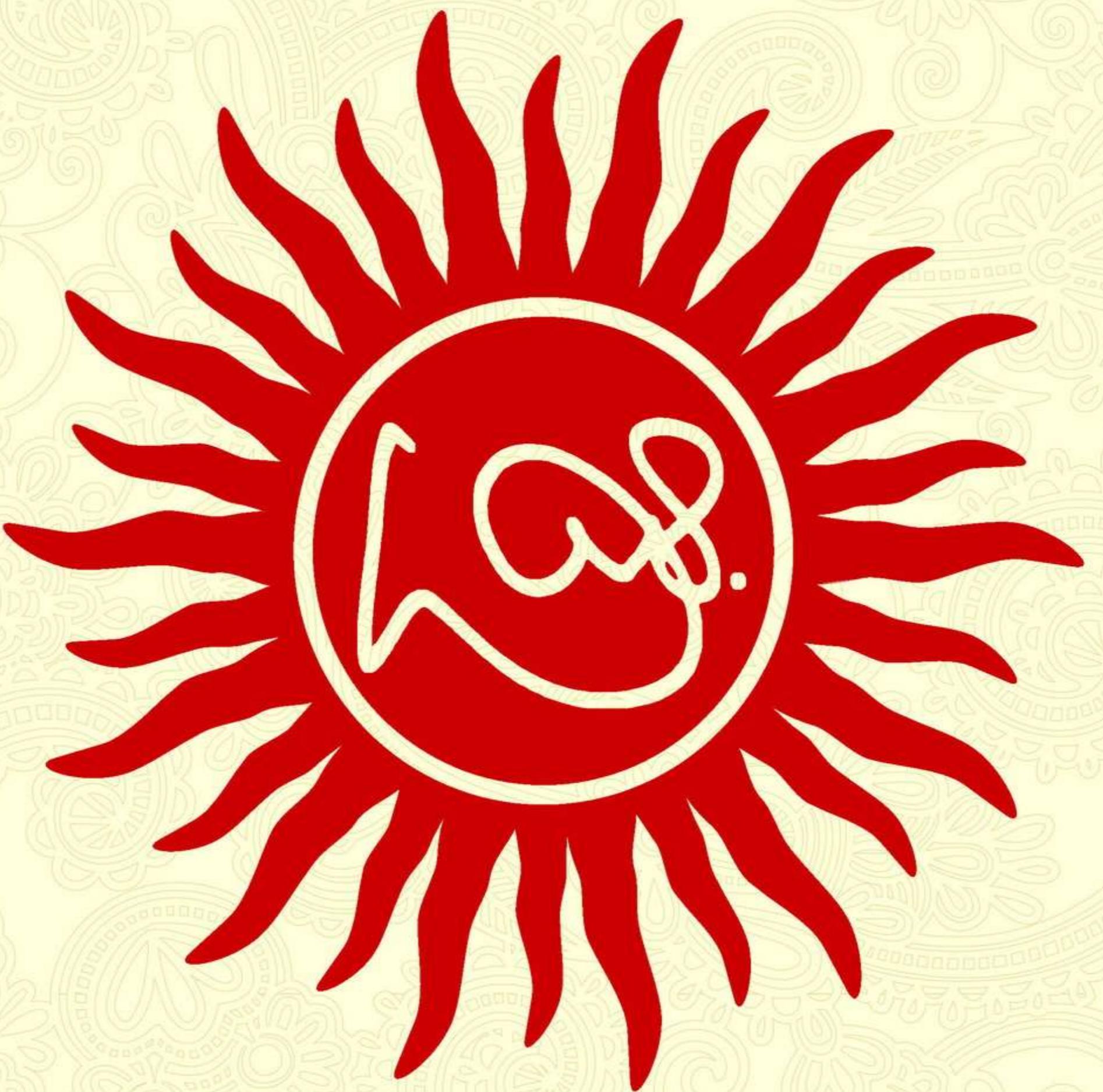
God has granted a boon that He will redeem all those associated with this group, even in a small measure. May it be to the extent that if a member of this group sit under a tree or drink cow's milk or drink water offered by someone or give water to someone to drink, all of them will be redeemed by His mere grace. What a magnanimity of the Supreme!

The ultimate goal of the emancipated souls of this group is *nijātmānam brahmaroopam...* as per *Shikshāpatri* verse 116. Thus, let us hail the community of such emancipated souls, i.e. Gunātit Samāj and dedicate ourselves to this novel path according to the popular lines of the devotional song –
jogi-e sthāpyo brahmasamāj, enā sabhya banee jai-e;

(Yogi Bāpā founded a divine fellowship - let us become its members)

brahmaroop rahi parabrahmani āje, sevā karavā sharana lai-e.

(Realising one's self as *Brahman* - distinct from three bodies, to worship Lord, let us take His shelter)



[During His very first & introductory talk with P.P. Guruji, H.D. Kākāji made a mention of the 'Sun'...

On 25th January 1986, H.D. Kākāji concluded His conversation with His blessings referring to the Sun. **What an amazing coherence in the way of His working!**

In 1953, at Sundarbāi Hall in Mumbai, P.P. Guruji had *Darshan* of H.D. Yogi Bāpā and H.D. Kākāji for the first time and he requested H.D. Yogi Bāpā to give him His *moorti*.

H.D. Bāpā directed him to H.D. Kākāji saying – 'Meet Dādubhāi. You will get it from Him.' This gesture of H.D. Bāpā was purposeful and indicative of the fact that H.D. Kākāji would be the guide of his soul.

After a couple of days, P.P. Guruji went to tād-dev and requested H.D. Kākāji to give him the *moorti* of H.D. Bāpā. At H.D. Kākāji's bidding to take the *moorti* from His office, P.P. Guruji went to H.D. Kākāji's office.

H.D. Kākāji gave him the *moorti* and unravelled during their conversation –

'Yogiji Mahārāj is a Sun. If the Sun doesn't appear, the darkness is not dispelled.'

In the same way, God should manifest Himself in Human form and this is an unparalleled boon granted by Lord Swāminārāyan.'

Then placing His hand on His own chest, H.D. Kākāji said – 'Bāpā is definitely a Sun and by His grace, I am also a Sun!'

It is quite amazing that H.D. Kākāji revealed this secret to P.P. Guruji in their very first meeting!

Thus, referring to the Sun, H.D. Kākāji blessed P.P. Guruji with His relationship in 1953 and on January 25, 1986, when He met P.P. Guruji for the last time, again referring to the Sun, He showered His unique blessings –

'There is a Sun in the sky, I am also a Sun and there is a Sun in your heart; from today, all the three are in transcendental unity!'

In the words of H.D. Pappāji – *'This was the transmission of His supramental powers and attributes by a guru to His disciple.'* And... it is the pinnacle of achievement for a saint.]

Since time immemorial, the Sun has been considered the sustainer of all creation. The Sun is the centre of the galaxy and the planets orbit around it.

The Sun gives us light and dispels darkness. Each day of our life begins with the Sun. The Sun is a source of light & warmth for us. It gives us energy.

The light of the Sun germinates the seeds. Thus, Sun is the symbol of Life and Vitality, Stability and Eternity.

Earth's rotation on its axis gives us an illusion of Sun-rise and Sun-set; actually it neither rises nor sets.

The Sun is a symbol of 'no expectations'. It gives us selflessly without expecting anything in return.

Actually, it is so far above and beyond us that let alone giving, we cannot even reach close to it.

The Sun is a symbol of continuity. It has been shining with the same intensity for millions of years.

The Sun is a symbol of generosity. It burns & endures hardships to provide us warmth, energy and light. It gives us pleasant cool too.

The pleasant and refreshingly cool light of the moon is actually the light reflected from the Sun.

The Sun is also known as a purifier as its heat cleanses and sanitises the environment, sterilises and purifies the air.

Due to such innumerable qualities of the Sun, **Supremely Realised Saint – *Gunātit* Saint has been compared to the Sun.**

Sun, in the form of the *Gunātit* Saint, dispels our inner utter darkness by giving us light of Transcendental knowledge and vitalises us with renewed divine energy.

Of the five deities that Lord Swāminārāyan has recognised, Sun is one.

Comparing a *Gunātit* Saint to the Sun, H.D. Kākāji used to say – ***'Like the rays of the Sun – the grace of the Saint falls on all alike ceaselessly.'***

H.D. Kākāji urged upon everyone to reach such a spiritually elevated status that –

The Sun in the sky, the Sun in the form of the Saint and the Sun residing in our souls – enjoy Transcendental Unity!

And... as said earlier, only by His infinite grace, He transmitted His supramental power & attributes to His chosen beloved disciples!

H.D. Kākāji Himself was a *Gunātit* Saint like the Sun. His personality and entire life overflowed with divine radiant qualities.

That's why P.P. Guruji placed H.D. Kākāji's initials in the Sun and propelled it as His symbol, acknowledging –

What a unique, incomparable Divine Saint we have as our caring mother! The pride and gratitude we feel for it is depicted by this emblem.

What reverence can we offer to H.D. Kākāji, except praying – **O! Kākāji, remain eternal, reside in our hearts forever...**



There is a well known couplet in Gujarāti:

**'Apparently engrossed in the worldly activities, but lives in the consciousness of God,
Unaffected by worldly pleasures, take him for the servant of The Lord.'**

In 1977, on the auspicious occasion of '*Padma-Mārg Shibir*' (Lotus Path Seminar) H.D. Pappāji propelled this symbol.

With the passage of time, it gained recognition as the **symbol of H.D. Pappāji** Himself!

It depicts the highest level of devotion and sanctity.

'*Padma*' i.e. lotus grows in muddy waters; so, it is also known as *Pankaj*, meaning – 'born in mud'.

Despite being in mud, it remains unaffected by its filth and stench.

In this emblem – lotus growing in muddy waters, far above the filth, symbolises

'A devotee' living in polluted environments but not enticed by the sensual pleasures of the world.

With entire focus on the Sun, the lotus imbibes its energy. Hence it is neither stained by the mud nor adopts its stink.

On the contrary, it gives out an extremely delightful fragrance.

In the same way, regardless of how a person is living abundantly with all multifarious activities & aspects,

if God and His Saint are at the centre of his life, then he cannot be entangled in the sensuous world. He remains unaffected by it.

In the emblem, by '**Finger**' symbolising the Personified Godhead, it has been indicated that –

The Supremely Realised Saint always keeps such a soul ceaselessly in God's consciousness

& by establishing his relationship totally with the 'Sun' i.e. The Supreme Being – The Absolute Divine Personality,

transcends him to attain illuminated divine aura by elevating him to supramental consciousness to enjoy eternal bliss in abundance and feel blessed.

If the lotus does not part from its stem, it will keep floating on the surface of water without falling into the mud or sinking in water.

Similarly, if a devotee having firm conviction in 'The Living Personal God' and obeying Him, serves-performs his duties in accordance with the will of the Saint, then all his actions are beyond *Sattva, Rajas & Tamas*, subsequently beyond time, space, causation & illusions.

There is a term, ***jal-kamal-vat*** which means – like a lotus, though growing in mud, one is not blemished by it.

Likewise, the devotee living ceaselessly in supramental consciousness beyond body consciousness or lower consciousness of inner being, acquires light from *Sahjānand* – 'Sun'.

It purifies his innerself and transforms him into a divine being and he enjoys perfect bliss, spreading his divine fragrance to all.

This ***Santmārg***, actually is the way for '**instant redemption**'. Mul Akshar Moorti Gunātitānandswāmi has termed it as ***Archimārg***.

H.D. Kākāji has applauded it, describing it as a spiritual expressway, free from any confusion, hardships or obstacles/disturbances.



*Just as Almighty has been giving duty of a guard at the gate of King Bali's residence till date,
likewise, Shiastriji Maharaj is committed to Dādubhāī!*

– H.D. Yogiji Maharaj

You have sacrificed entirety exclusively for 'Jogi'...
You are the foundation, on which stands the Grand Palace.

- ◆ *By the grace of God, Satsang in Delhi will do us proud...
You will get devout followers and Delhi satsang will be applauded – I earnestly pray for it.* (19.9.74)
- ◆ *At will of Shāstriji Mahārāj, satsang in the capital will flourish a lot, for which, you have to be instrumental.
I am pleased with you from the inner core of my heart. Hence, work fearlessly without the slightest hesitation.
In our entire sect, 'Delhi centre' is going to be unique and you have to be a means for it.* (1975)
- ◆ *You have kept total faith in a mysterious Master like me, so you will be benefitted immensely.* (11.9.76)
- ◆ ***O! Ānandswāmiji –***
Now please save-save Haryānā and Punjāb. It's now high time. (7.11.77)
*In difficulties, Kākā is always there for you and remaining as your own, will always support you.
Delhi is the capital, so it has significant prominence. There will be plentiful progress...
Wherever you feel any shortfall, Kākāji is readily available always.
Do not differentiate amongst three of us.
Since you observe no distinction, I am very much at peace.
In future, outstanding work will be carried out
and...
entire satsang will witness and applaud – 'Wow! Mukundji has done astounding work!!'
We belong to the Gunātit doctrine of Aksharpurushottam philosophy & it has become universal religion.
Since you work with universal harmonious understanding, gradually the outcome will be great !* (31.7.78)
- ◆ *I am keen that you complete your spiritual ascension and be an instrument of the Lord.
Even at midnight I shall be at your beck and call. Then, why worry ?* (18.6.79)
- ◆ *You are my favoured one. So, God will surely accomplish His work.
Do not worry. Let Him & only Him work.
You ceaselessly remain in His consciousness and pray – O! Lord, You only lead me.* (18.6.79)

- ◆ *Congratulations for your understanding. God shall surely get wonderful and supramental works done through you.
Do not worry at all... Great works are to be accomplished through you.* (23.4.80)
- ◆ *I too will openly support you... Even your determination and prayers possess unfailing power.* (1980)
- ◆ *The group there shall support you a lot.* (16.11.82)
- ◆ *Your determination bears immense power.* (12.1.83)
- ◆ *What blessings be given to a personal one – to a son?
With erection of the temple, eternal supramental working
i.e. efforts to ceaselessly remain only in Divine consciousness – Brāhmic consciousness shall surely begin in Delhi
and
messages of Transcendental knowledge shall pervade in the universe from Delhi as well. These are my blessings.
The only condition is –
Maintain goodwill and friendliness. Work in pair harmoniously with fellow-brother.
...The devotees of Delhi have made me proud.
As a result, at will of H.D. Shāstriji Mahārāj and H.D. Yogiji Mahārāj
now a superb splendid temple will be built in no time.
Lord shall complete the temple expeditiously by your volition and prayers
and
Everyone will get the opportunity to serve.
Be assured, God will surely return **twice** as much.
...Do not find the least bit of faults/shortcomings in anyone at all.
Only introspect and pray as per 16th Vachnāmrit of chapter one.
See, what a miracle happens!
Victory will be appreciated & applauded by all.* (11.3.83)
- ◆ *Be assured, as per Divine will of H.D. Yogi Bāpā –
'Flags of 84 ports (entire satsang) will flutter in Delhi' – it being a populous, prosperous and cosmopolitan capital of India.* (22.6.83)

◆ You are a sharp scrutiniser, intelligent and extraordinarily attached to me.
I am well aware of this fact and believe in it firmly.
Developing & Nurturing a group in Delhi
with supreme understanding of love – intimacy, i.e. understanding of Sitāji
as per Vachnāmrit 11th of Gadhadā last chapter
would be the true Bicentennial Celebration (of M.A.M. Gunātitānandswāmiji).
Now a magnificent temple will be built; Gods & Goddesses will come on their own and do it.
But, you keep performing all activities remaining in Brāhmīc consciousness.

(10.12.85)

H.D. Kākāji Mahārāj

Such oft – repeated incessant blessings, showered by H.D. Kākāji Mahārāj on P.P. Guruji and Delhi temple, seem to have materialised today.

Besides, it is also a testimony of Guruji's devotion to his Master.

While publishing this book, giving a glimpse of '**Taad-dev Temple – Our Temple**', we pray to Shree Aksharpurushottam Mahārāj and all Supremely Realised Saints that **whosoever visits this temple, must feel that it is his own temple**.

And for this... just as P. P. Guruji has submitted his entirety to H.D. Kākāji, we too, by his association and strength derived from him, submit ourselves entirely to H.D. Kākāji & P.P. Guruji...

Come, to perpetuate the memories of the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations of H.D. Kākāji's Supreme Realisation and 75th birthday of Our Dear Guruji,

let us enjoy the fragrance of his all – endearing devotion permeating from each and every nook & corner of Taad-dev complex!

Hail Yogi Parivār Hirak Ānandotsav – Hail! Hail! Hail!

Heartiest Jay Swāminārāyan with folded hands by Rākesh Shāh

9th March 2013, Saturday, P. P. Guruji's 76th Birthday Celebration

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'It's not I who is sending you; it is H.D. Yogi Bāpā's wish & you have to go...'

—H.D. Kākāji

1967



IPSR building
Where P. P. Guruji stayed
when he came to Delhi for the first time.

1969



The building of Bhārat Sādhu Samāj
Where P. P. Guruji used to stay afterwards.

1974



House no. A-116 in Ashok Vihār-III
Where, in 1974, H.D. Kākāji told P. P. Guruji
to be on permanent basis in Delhi.

1975



1976



1985



House no. A-54 in Ashok Vihār-III

Staying here for nine months, carried out satsang activities.

House no. A-103 in Ashok Vihār-III

Where, living for 17 years and 7 months, created a divine family.

H.D. Kākāji sanctifying the land allotted for Delhi Temple...

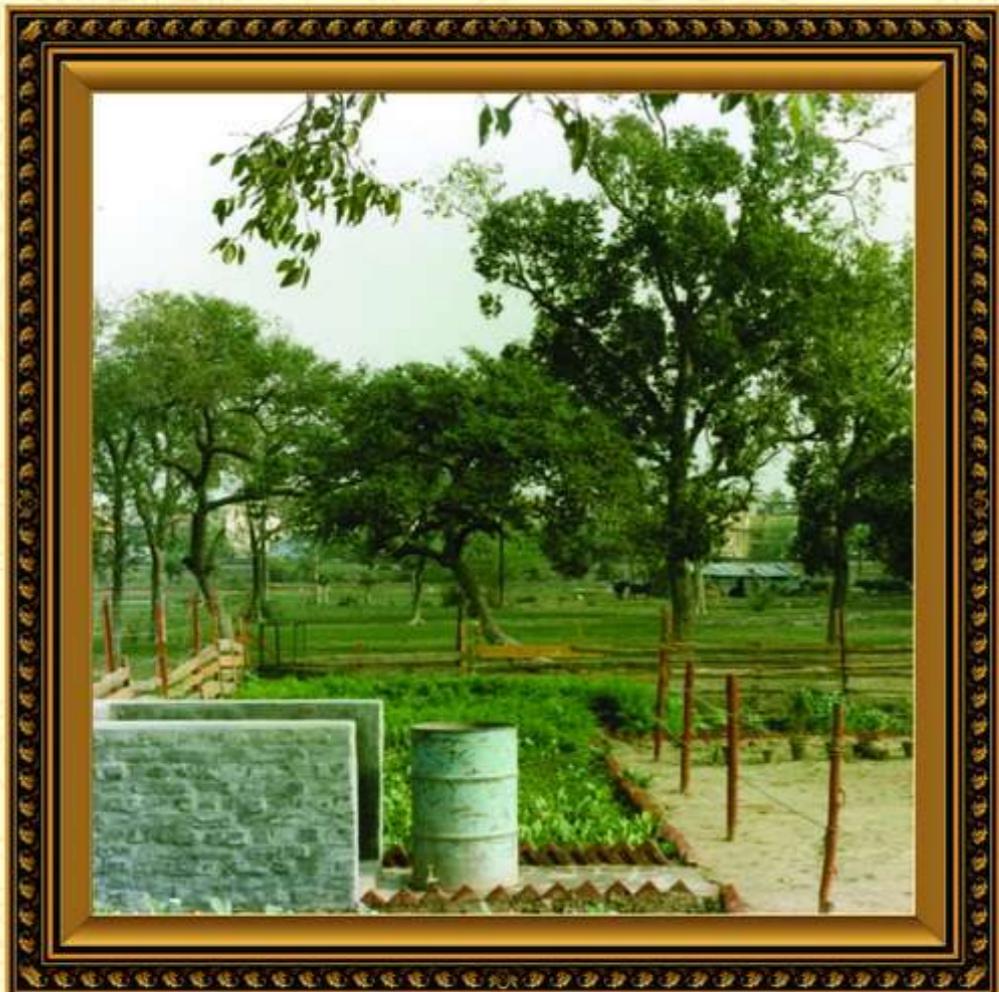
*Nandāji has made all the necessary arrangements for your stay in New Delhi
in the elegant magnificent buildings of 'IPSR' and 'Bhārat Sādhu Samāj'.*

Everything is happening by the grace & will of H.D. Bāpā; else, how could you get everything ready ?

Sharmāji will also come there specially for your sake...

- H.D. Kākāji

Voluntary service by devotees for levelling temple site...



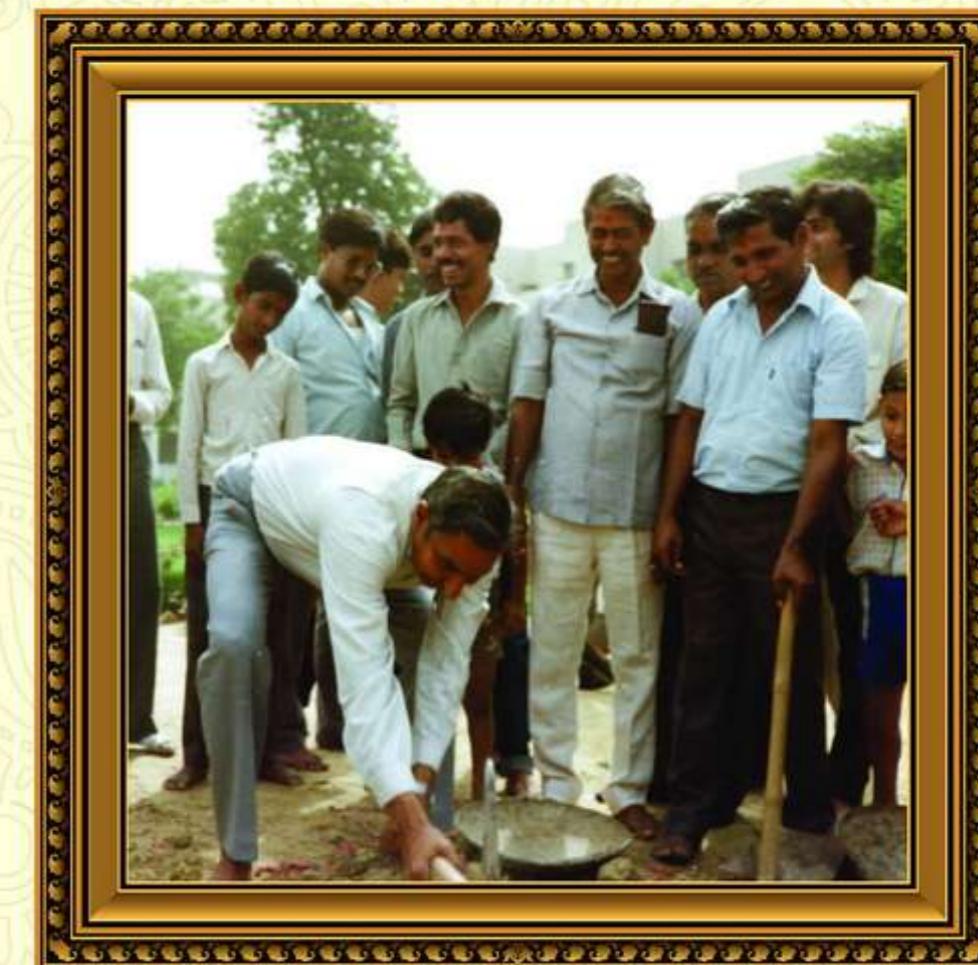
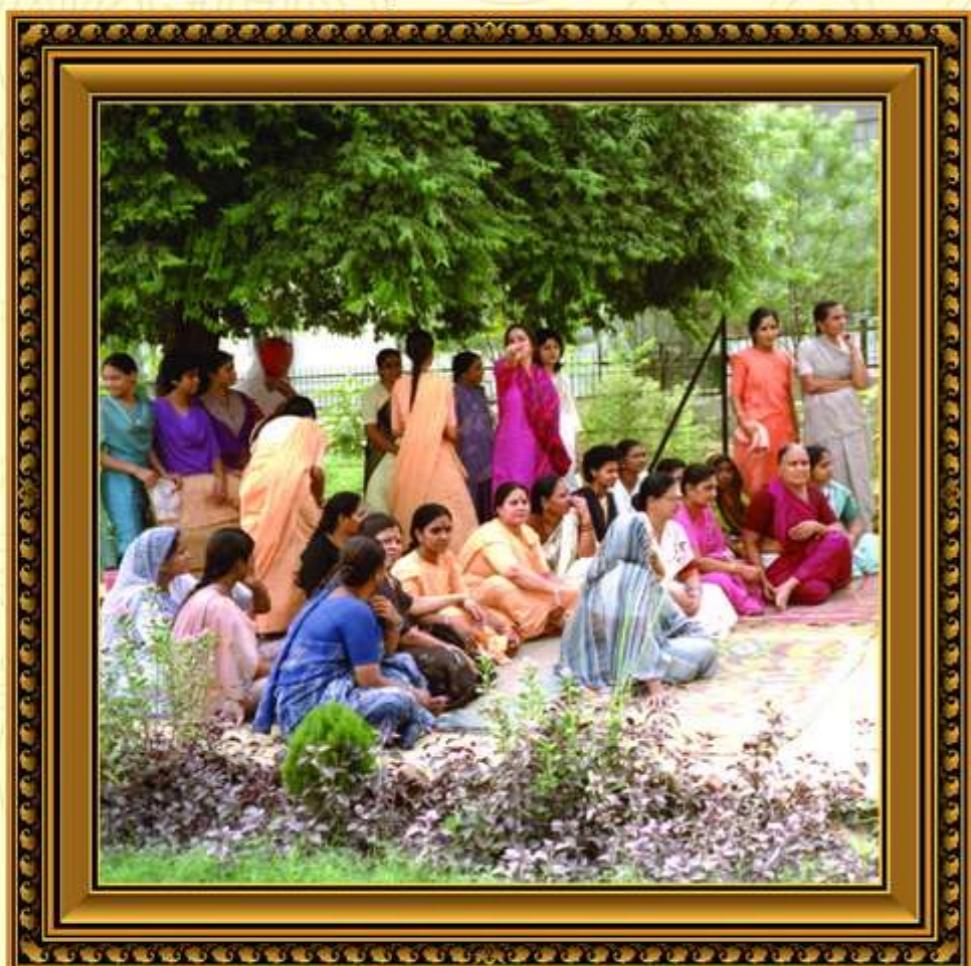
*A new era shall dawn...
May you glorify H.D. Bāpā's work!
- H.D. Kākāji*



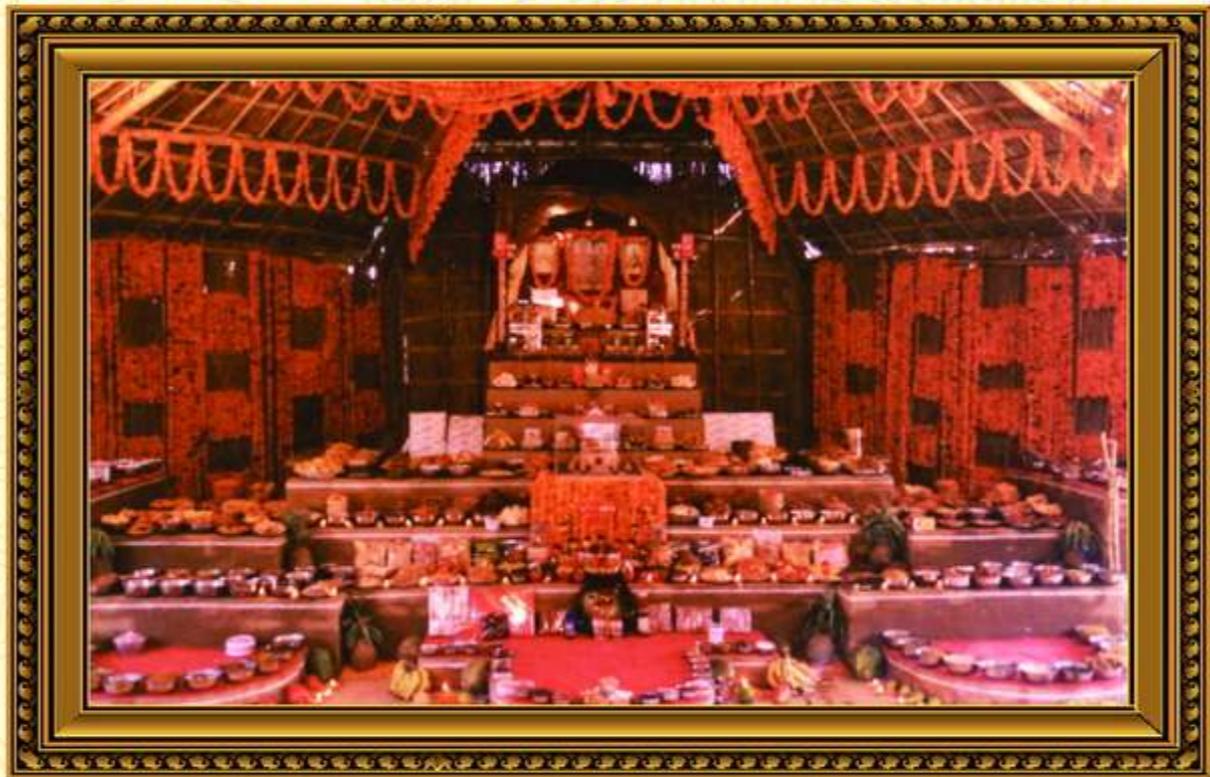
*Everyone will get the opportunity to render service.
God will surely return twice as much...
- H.D. Kākāji*

Serve the Temple, Lord and Guruji with loyalty to Him & Him only.

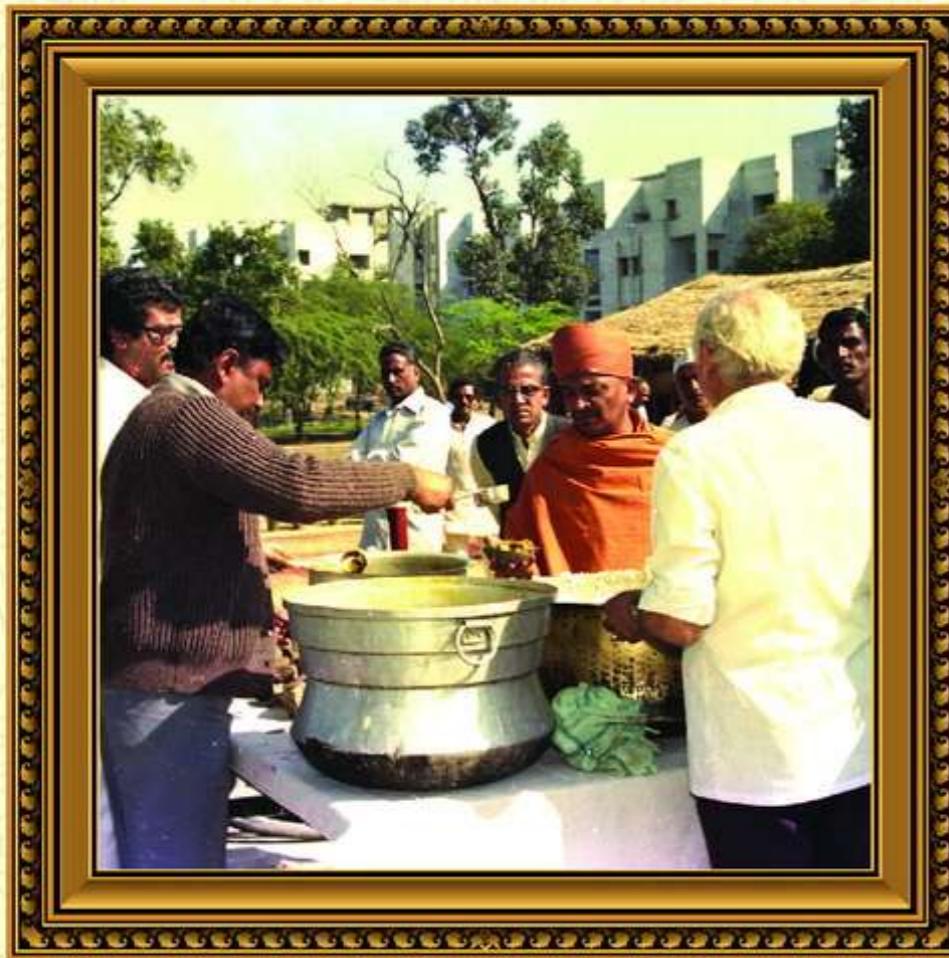
I will be much pleased from the core of my heart; God will lessen your burden and make your works easy & fruitful... - H.D. Kākāji



Annakut festival in the huts built by
P. Amrut Patel Sāheb and other devotees of Dhoondāheda and Itedā Villages prior to the construction of the temple...



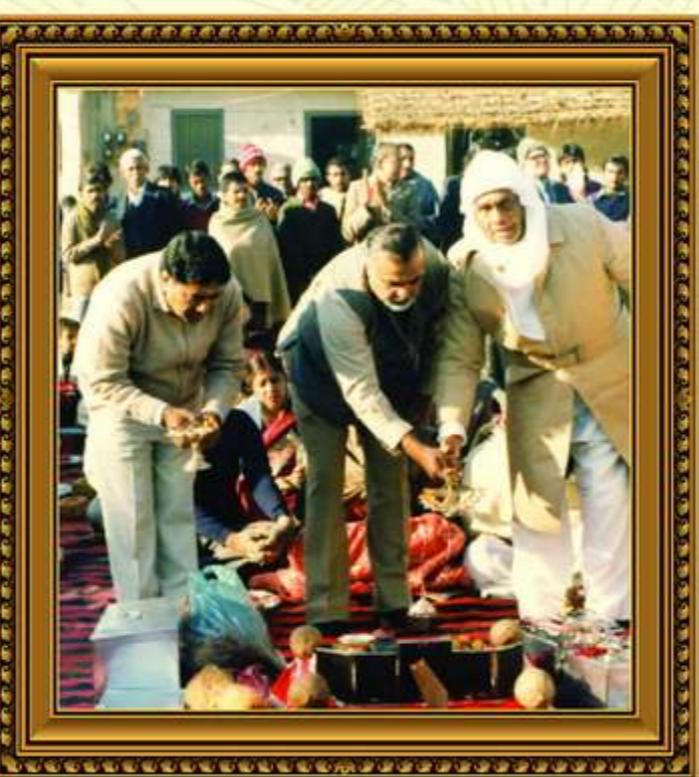
*You have built these huts,
Lord Swāminārāyan shall make your palaces.*
- H.D. Kākāji



The Foundation-stone laying Ceremony of The Delhi Temple
under the umbrella of Supremely Realised Saints – February 3, 1988



At will of H.D. Shāstriji Mahārāj and Yogiji Mahārāj, a superb beautiful temple shall be built in no time.
– H.D. Kākāji



The Foundation - stone laying Ceremony of The Delsi Temple – February 3, 1988



By your volition and prayers



*Lord shall complete the temple expeditiously.
- H.D. Kākāji*



Inauguration of 'Swāminārāyan Mārg' – February 24, 1990

Hindu, Muslim, Jain, Christian - whosoever passing through this road, even if he will inquire regarding 'Swāminārāyan Mārg' and 'Kākāji Lane'; for his mere curiosity, Lord shall put him on the path of salvation.

– H.D. Pappāji



This path is not merely a public passage or a road; it has become a path of salvation, an Eternal path of redemption – The Divine path.

– H.D. Hariprasādswāmiji

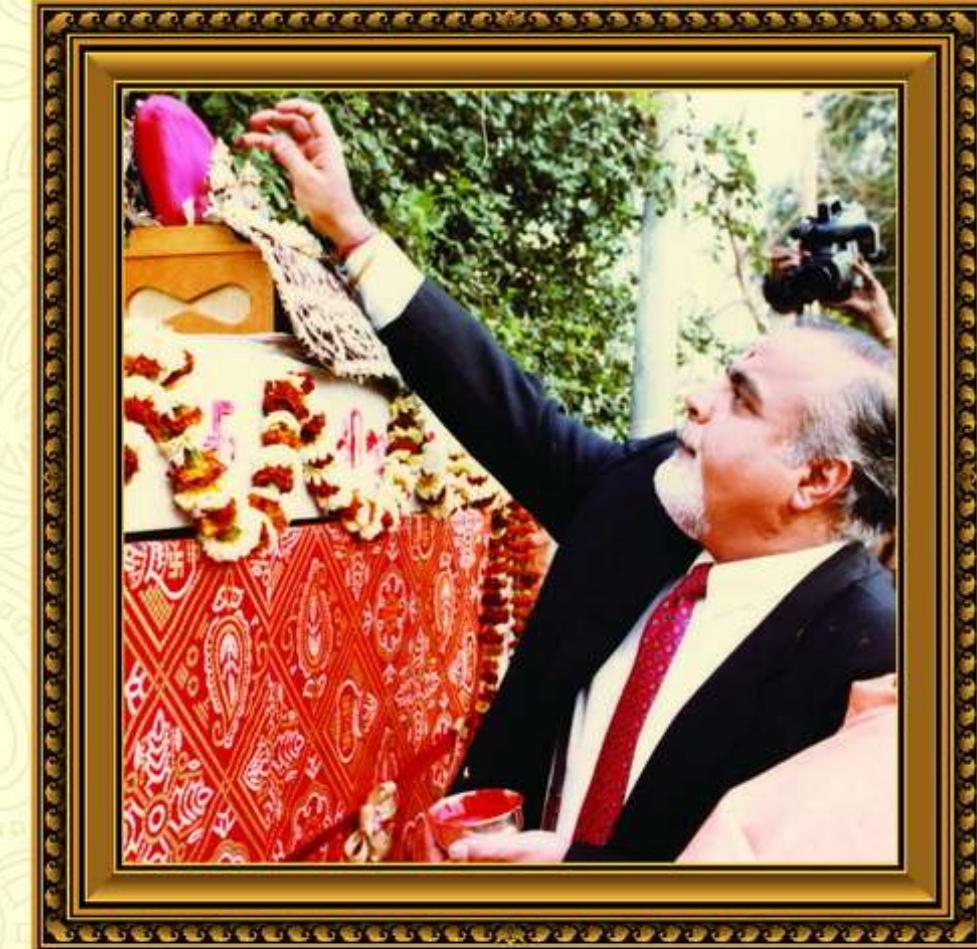
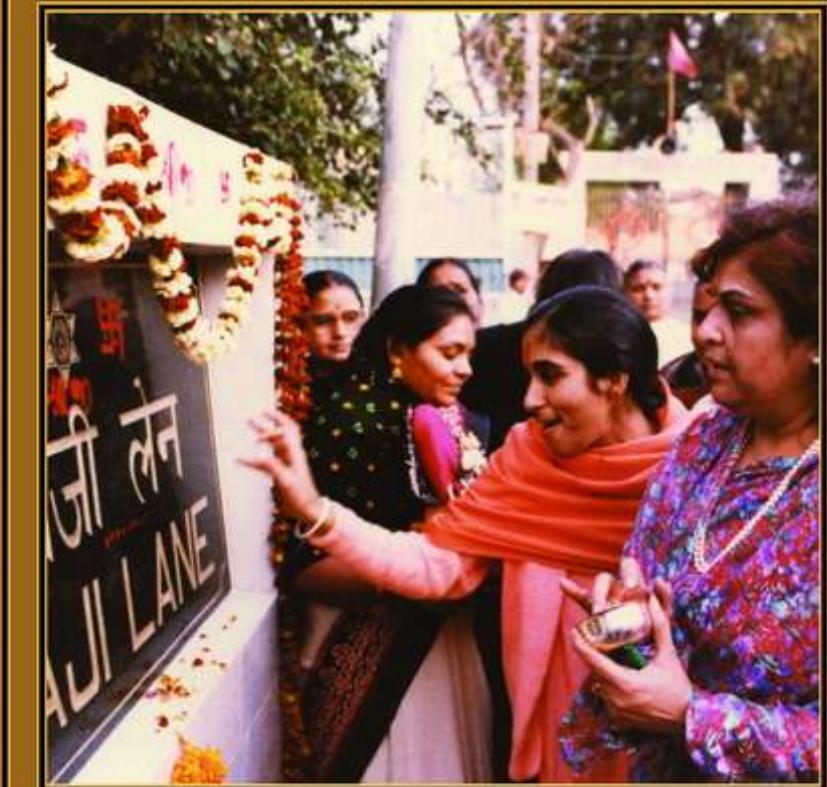


Inauguration of 'Kākāji Lane' – February 24, 1990



Lord Swāminārāyan and Gunātitānandswāmiji have solemnly proclaimed that if one utters 'Swāminārāyan' even once, he shall attain salvation. Hence, whosoever passes by this road, shall read the name; subsequently, all of them shall attain salvation. And... coming on 'Kākāji Lane', one will inquire of 'Kākāji'; so, he will be directed to Guruji. He will approach Guruji... His soul shall attain ultimate redemption.

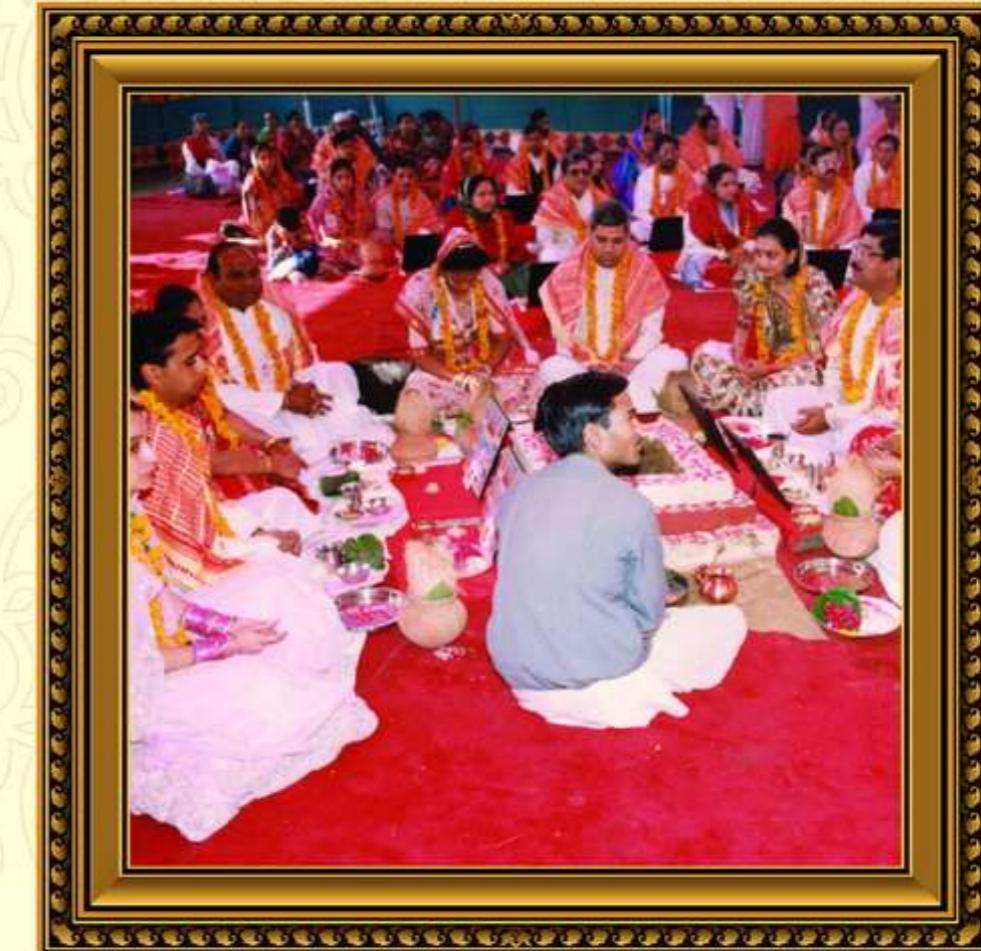
—H.D. Sāheb



In future, may we never forget that everything here owes to Him. For this very purpose the lane has been named after Him.

—P.P. Guruji

Consecration of Shree Aksharpurushottam Maiārāj and Gunātit Swaroops in Delhi for the first time – February 3, 1994



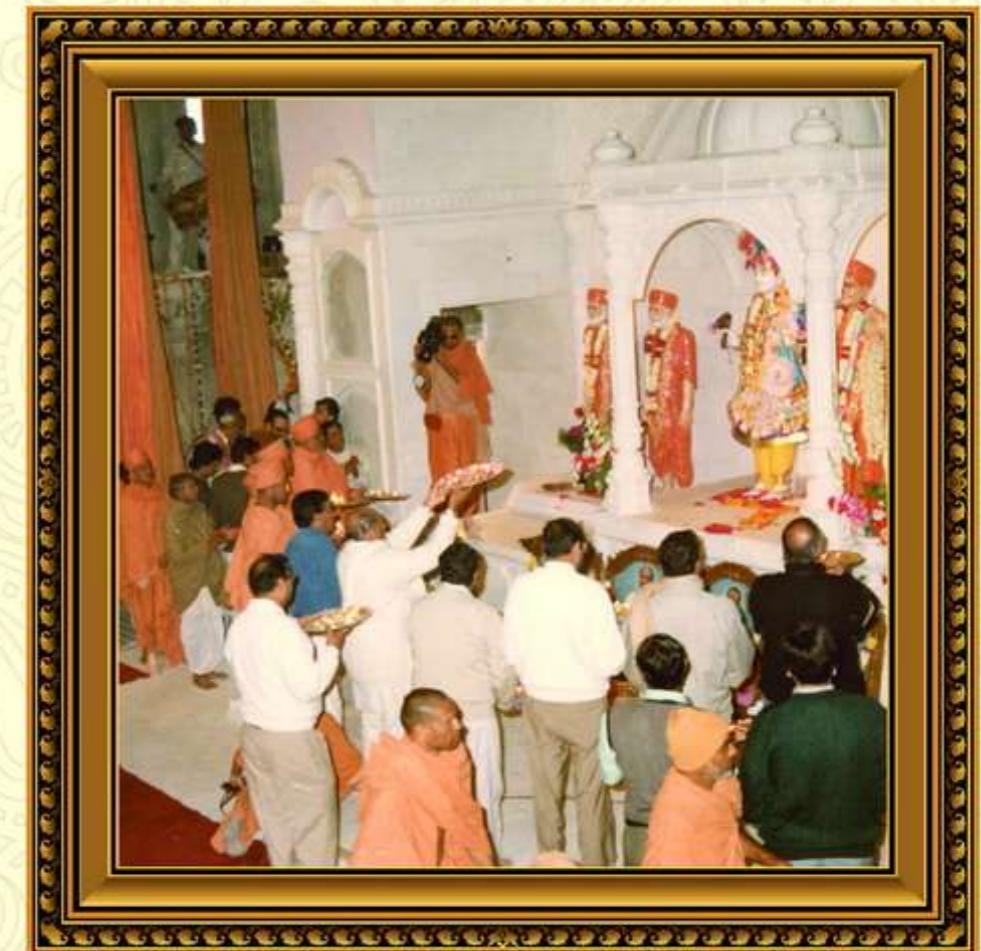
Messages of Transcendental knowledge shall pervade in the universe from Delhi as well. These are my blessings. – H.D. Kākāji

Consecration of Shree Aksharpurushottam Mahārāj – February 3, 1994



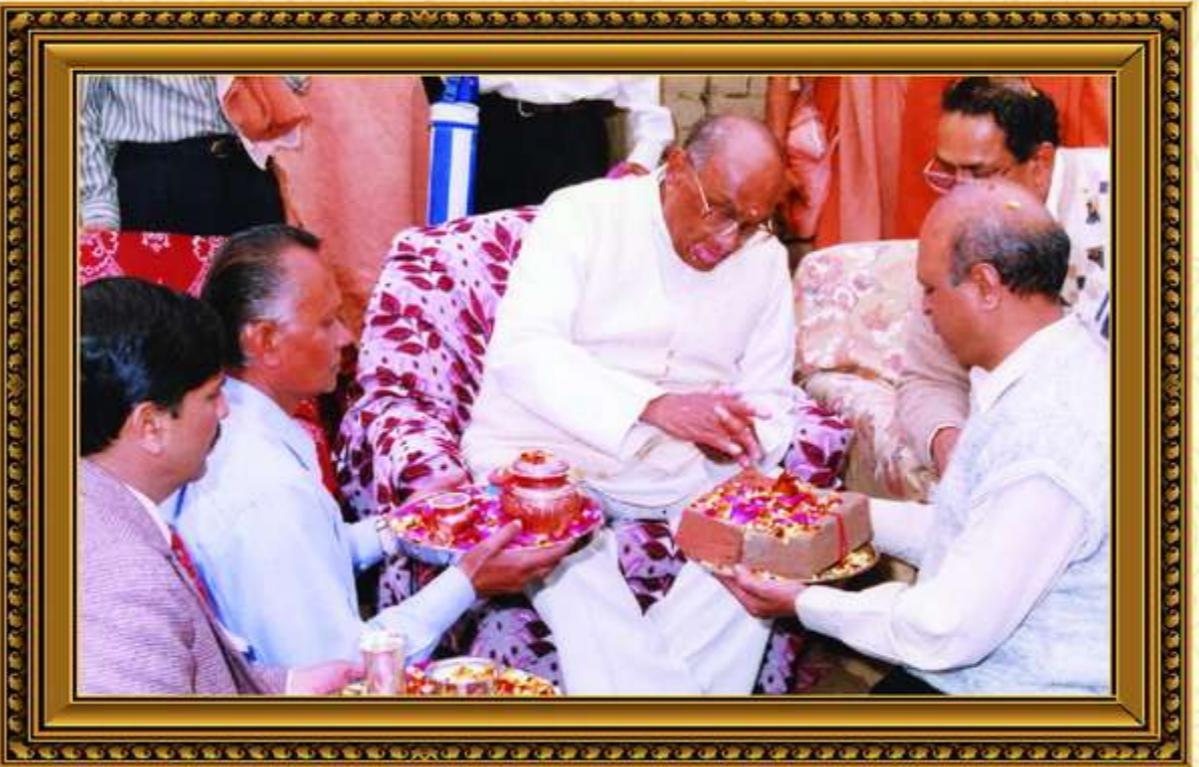
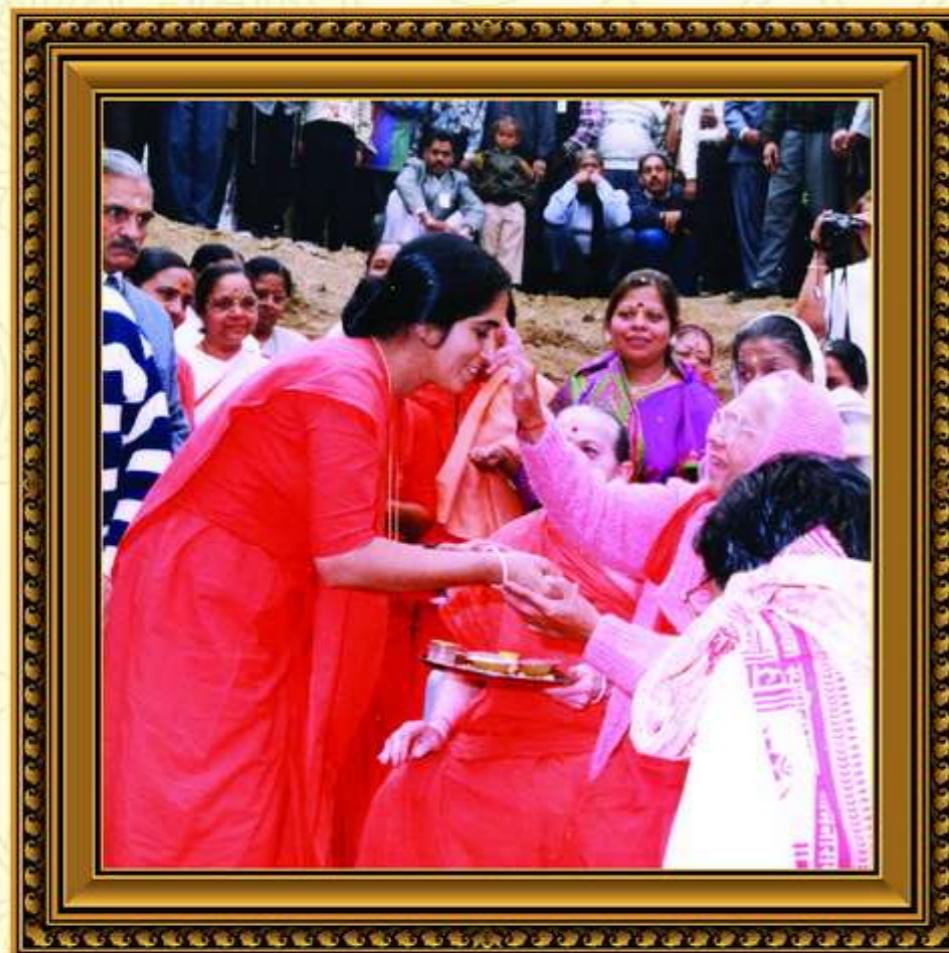
*I am pleased with you from the inner core of my heart.
Hence, work fearlessly without the slightest hesitation.*

– H.D. Kākāji



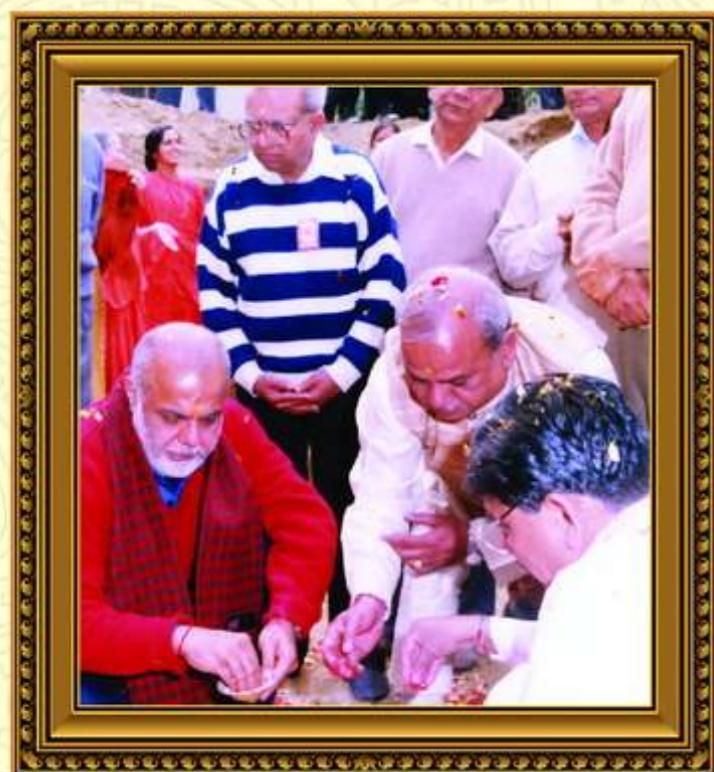
In our entire sect 'Delhi Centre' is going to be unique and you have to be a means for it. – H.D. Kākāji

The Foundation - stone laying Ceremony of 'Aksharjyoti' – February 3, 1997

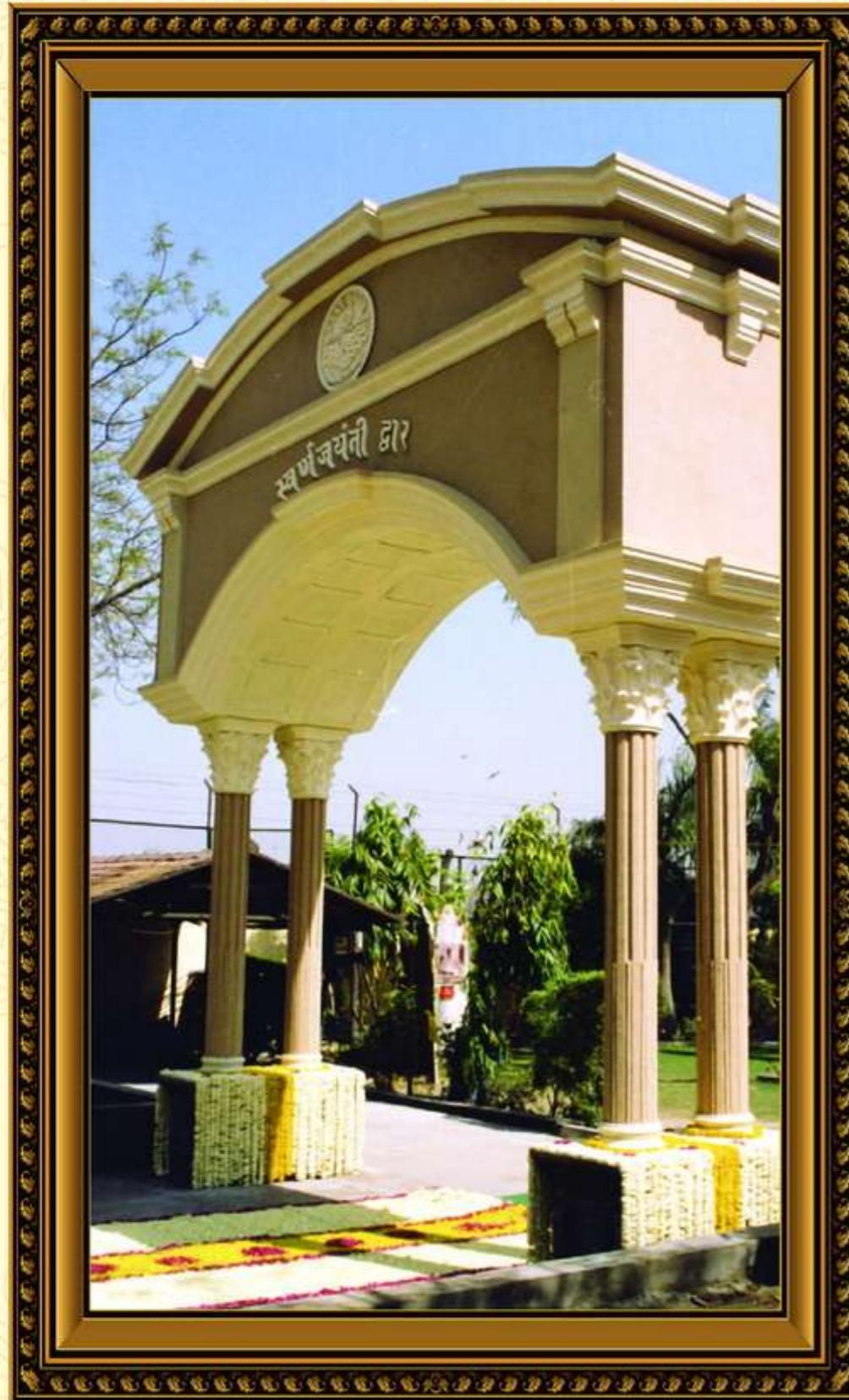


May the fragrance of your realised soul, like that of a rose, pervade everywhere for Guruji and the Almighty.

– H.D. Kākāji



**'Golden Jubilee Gate' commemorating the celebration of
the Golden Jubilee of 'Supreme Realisation' of H.D. Kākāji Masiārāj – March 29, 2002**



Mine is the Supreme & Final Realisation of transcendental enlightenment, beyond the pure contentless consciousness after which nothing remains for further realisation. Here, in 'Supreme Realisation', inner instruments are totally divinised & the soul becomes Brahmaswaroop—not Brahmaroop, complete & perfect and at the same time fully remains in permanent communion with Para-Brahman, i.e. Supreme Transcendental Reality.

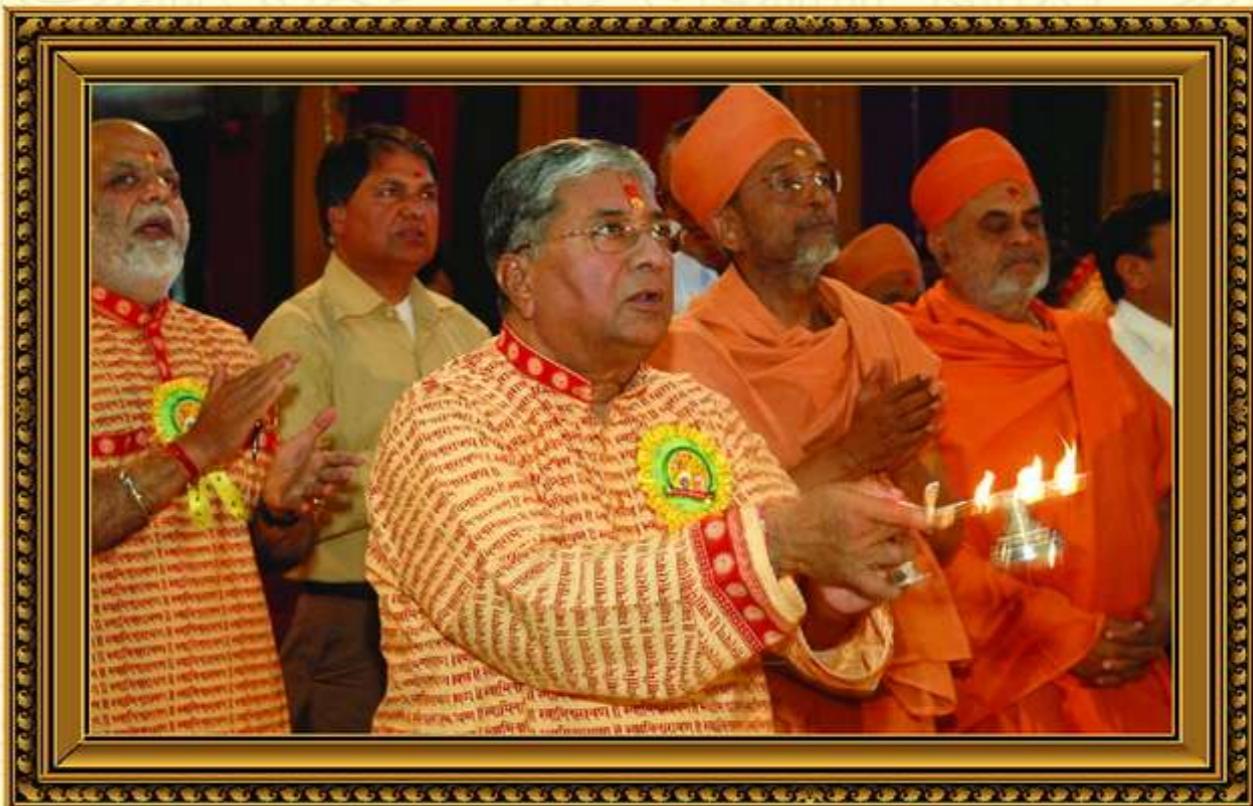
—H.D. Kākāji

Consecration of the idol of His Divinity Pappāji Mahārāj – March 25, 2007



Congratulations for your understanding. God shall surely get wonderful and supramental works done through you.

– H.D. Kākāji





'Kalpvruksha' Prayer Hall of 'Taad-dev' Temple – 'Never before, never again !'

At will of H.D. Yogiji Mahārāj and at the behest of H.D. Kākāji, P.P. Guruji started visiting Delhi from 1967 onwards to spread the message of Lord Swāminārāyan. Having stayed at Bhārat Sādhu Samāj in Chānakyapuri and in rented houses in Ashok Vihār for about 25 years, in 1993, P.P. Guruji moved into the semi-finished Taad-dev temple. In the auspicious year of **H.D. Kākāji Mahārāj's Amritparv** (75th birthday celebrations), on **February 3, 1994**, idols of Shree Aksharpurushottam Mahārāj and manifest *Gunātit* Saints were consecrated in its semi-finished prayer hall. **16 years later, on July 25, 2010**—the auspicious day of **Gurupurnimā**, this memorable and amazing **Kalpvruksha** prayer hall became an eternal witness of the veritable history of the **Gunātit Samāj**.

In Junāgadh Temple, M.A.M. Gunātitānandswāmiji got a residential unit constructed for saints. It had tall wooden pillars with such beautiful carvings that even non - *satsangis* would specially visit it and... On seeing it, they were so awestruck that they kept looking at it with their eyes wide open in amazement and admiration. Quite often, Swāmishri would smilingly say –

'Everyone admires these pillars, but none beholds this saint.'

Fully understanding this tendency of common men, P.P. Guruji personally took care and got constructed such a fascinating prayer hall in his own supervision that one is spellbound and finds it difficult to turn his eyes away from it. The intention behind it is –

On hearing about its elegance from others, people would come merely with the purpose of seeing the hall; but having come inside, they would look at the idols of *Gunātit* Saints, H.D. Kākāji & H.D. Pappāji and, reading the inscriptions below the pictures, they will certainly realise –

Oh! behind the foundation of the 'Gunātit Samāj' and the creation of each of its centre, there was – KĀKĀJI! Not only this, even in the development of Shree Aksharpurushottam Institution, H.D. Kākāji's contribution is unparalleled. Thus, all will have a true 'picture' of H.D. Kākāji.

And... truly, seeing the portrayal in the hall, the following line of a devotional song by **P. Dāss swāmiji**, describing the glory of H.D. Kākāji, spontaneously echoes in our ears –

'You are in the foundation, on which stands this grand palace (i.e. *Gunātit samāj*)...'

So, come! Let us witness the untiring hard-work of P.P. Guruji for us and pray to H.D. Kākāji on this auspicious occasion from the bottom of our hearts –

'The temple is built & you reside in it, what worship can we offer thee ?

Reside forever in our hearts - as in the temple; this is the prayer from us – your children...'



प्रगत्यस्वरूप श्रीप्रसादस्वामिजी

प्रगत्यस्वरूप श्रीविहारिस्वामिजी

प्रगत्यस्वरूप शास्त्रीजी महाराज – प्रगत्यस्वरूप चोगीजी महाराज

भगवान श्री स्वामिनारायण-मूल अक्षरमूर्ति गुणातीतानंदस्वामिजी

प्रगत्यस्वरूप काकाजी महाराज – प्रगत्यस्वरूप पव्याजी महाराज

प्रगत्यस्वरूप श्रीप्रसादस्वामिजी

प्रगत्यस्वरूप श्रीकरभाई

Shree Aksharpurushtottam Mahārāj



Lord Swaminarayan – Mul Aksharmoorti Gunatitanandswāmiji

The pioneers & promoters of Aksharpurushottam doctrine



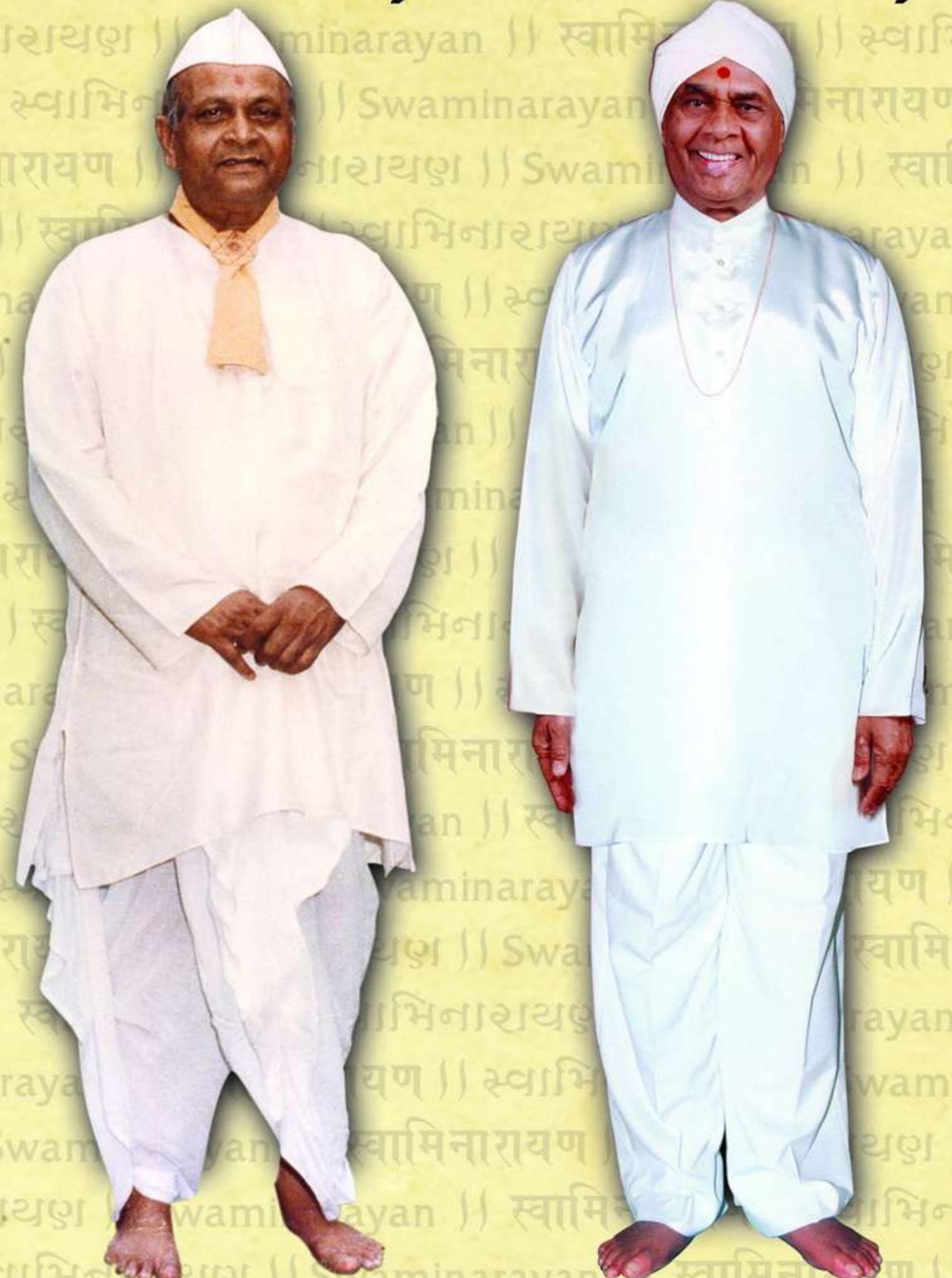
H.D. Shastriji Maharaj



H.D. Yogiji Maharaj

The architects of the *Gunātit Samāj*

H.D. Kākāji Māhārāj H.D. Pappāji Māhārāj





H.D. Hariprasadswami ji



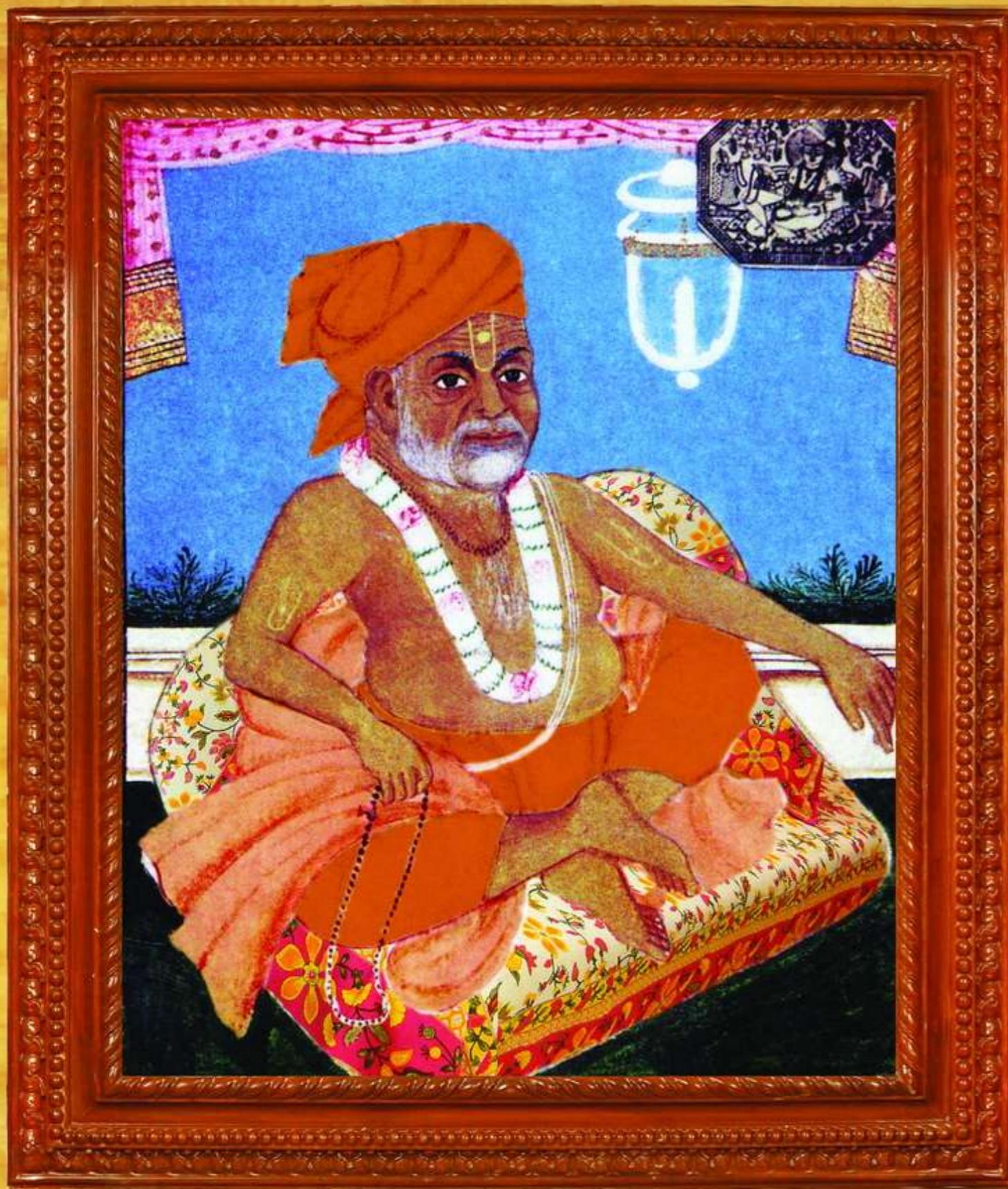
H.D. Aksharvisharidhwami ji



H.D. Jashibhai Sahib



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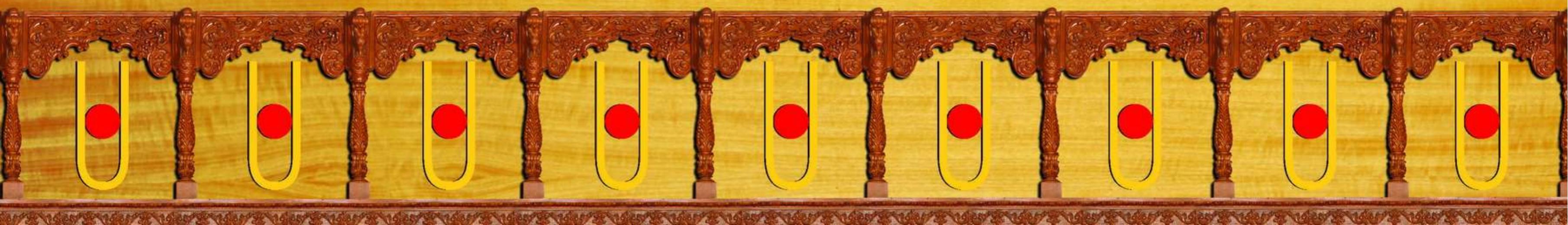
Bhagatji, Jāgāswāmi and Adāshri – all the three were Supremely Realised Saints.

We want to transcend the intellectual belief of mono - manifestation of the Lord in human form at a time thro' one and only one *swaroop* (Godhead) and

enter into transcendental universal wisdom of His contemporary poly – manifestations, on the principle of *Akshar Brahman* as 'one and infinite'.

We want to master borderless vision and non- confronting cosmopolitan attitude.

– H.D. Kākāji





First Achāryashīri of Amdāvād territory
Ayodhyāprasādji Mahārāj

Presently, the inhabitants of Ayodhyā abide by my will so much, that even the *Paramhansas*, *Sāṅkhya Yogi* and *Karma Yogi* devotees do not behave to that extent...

These Ayodhyā residents are extremely trusting. Hence, if they wish to commence any work, let them do it only after consultation with senior *Paramhansas* and senior devout householders, but let them not do it, on the word of any single one.

— Lord Swāminārāyan

Mahārāj had once told me, 'In Dharmakul, there is none else like Raghuvirji Mahārāj.'

His lifestyle and spiritual height was unique. His renunciatory behaviour for worldly pleasures was similar to that of Mahārāj.

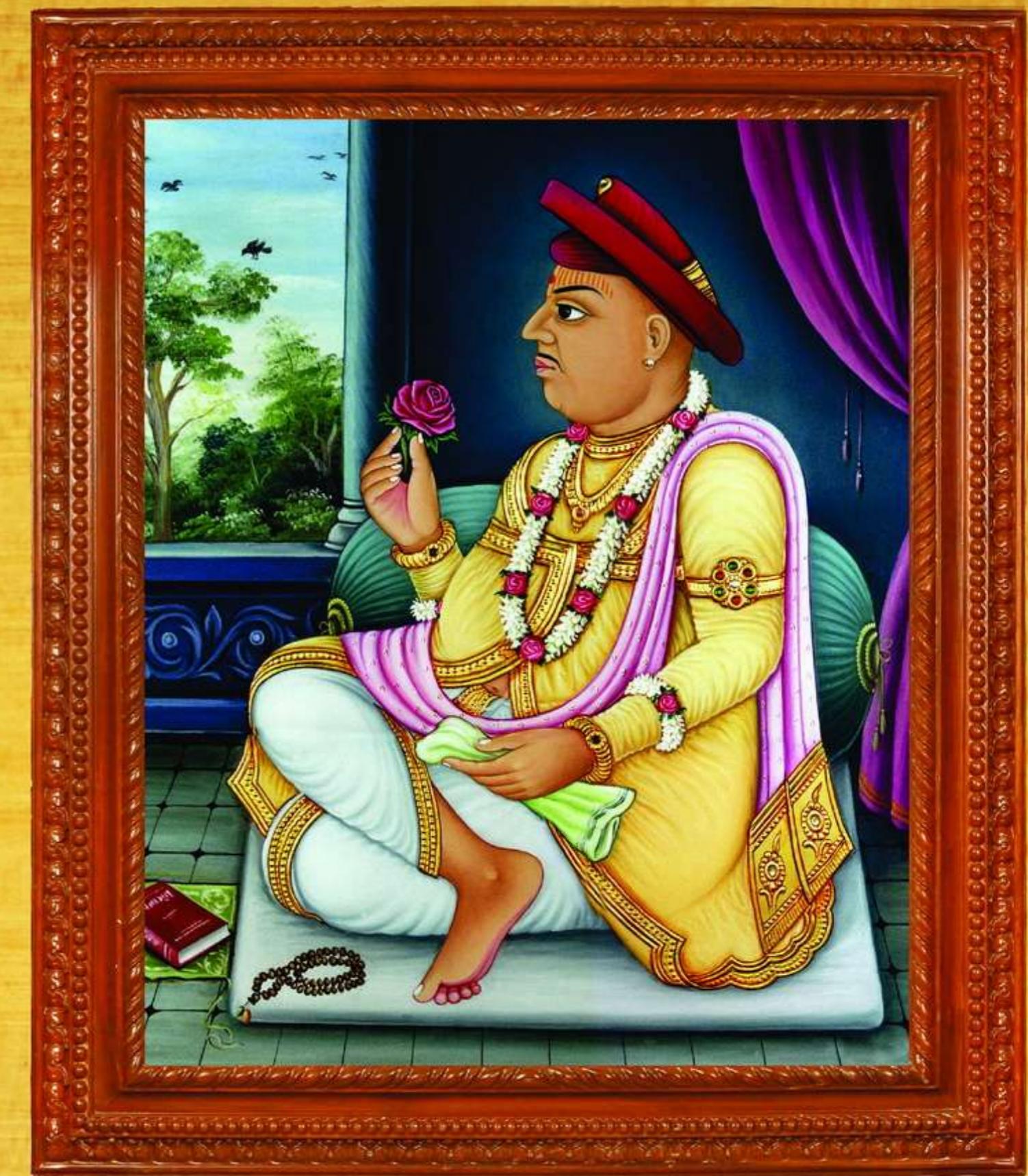
Raghuvirji Mahārāj's faith in Mahārāj was firm, hence Mahārāj used to be very considerate to him.

As long as Raghuvirji Mahārāj lived, social-pecuniary welfare of the fellow-*satsangis* remained well – favourable.

It's my prayer to Mahārāj to bestow on us a king like 'Gaya' and two Āchāryas like Raghuvirji Mahārāj; so that conditions conducive to worship God may prevail.

Amongst all in Vadtāl, only Raghuvirji Mahārāj has realised me.

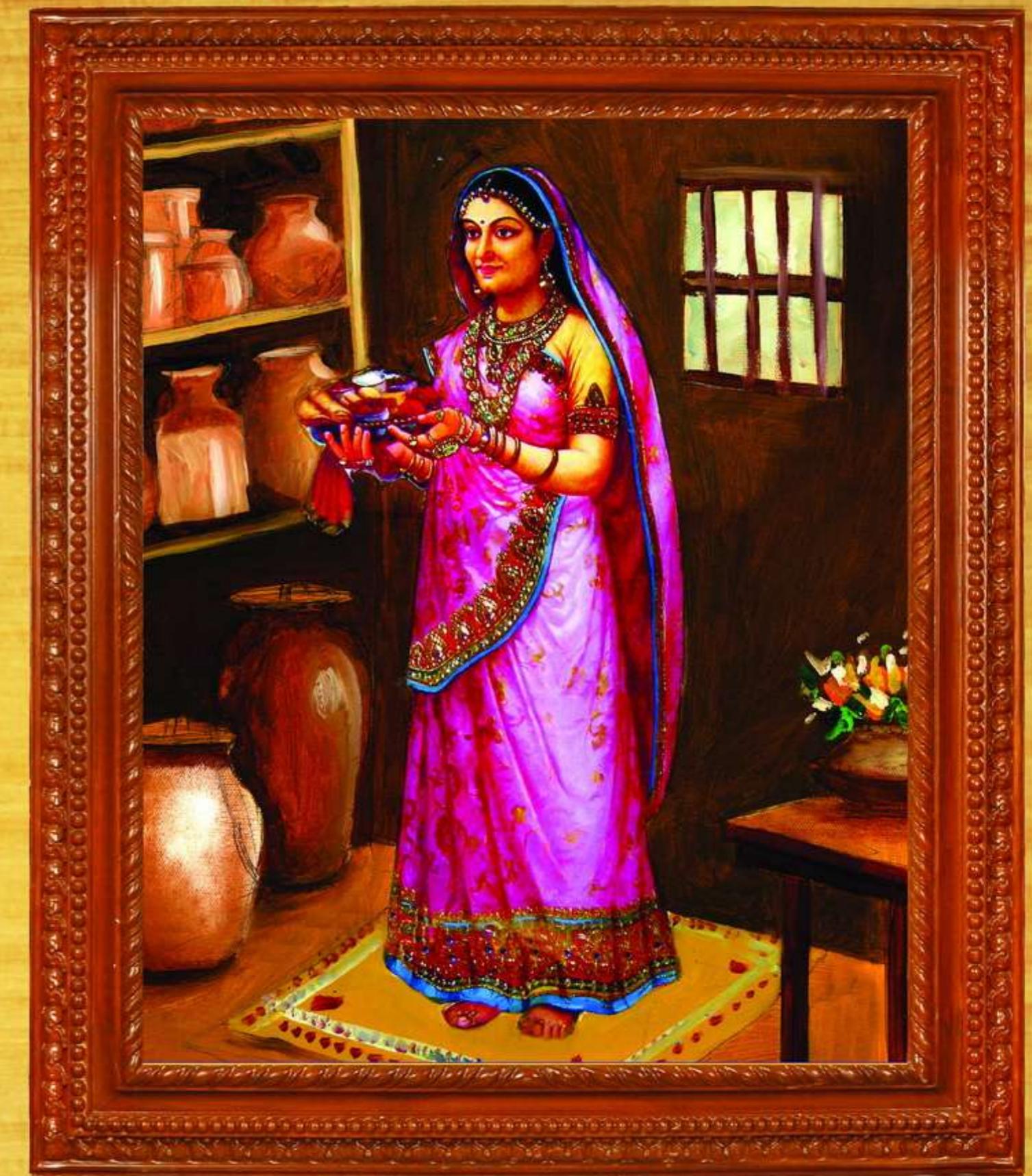
— M.A.M. Gunātitānandswāmiji



First Āchāryashri of Vadtāl territory
Raghuvirji Mahārāj



Dharmdev



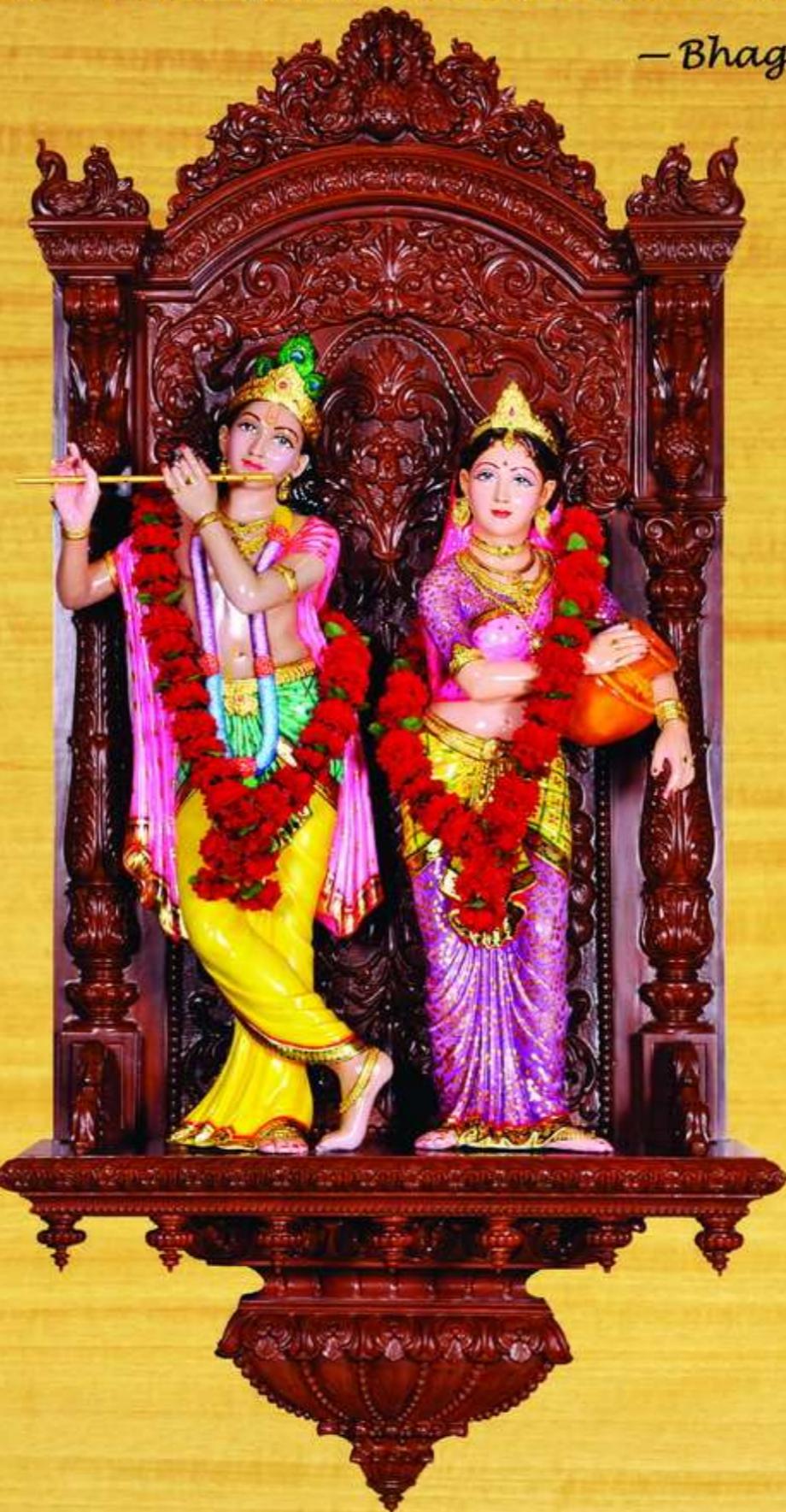
Bhaktimātā

One, who can give up all his initiatives/commencements,
is a Personified 'Transcendental Reality' (Gunātit).

— Bhagwad Gītā : 14 - 25



Shiv-Pārvati



Rādhā-Krishna



Sitā-Rām



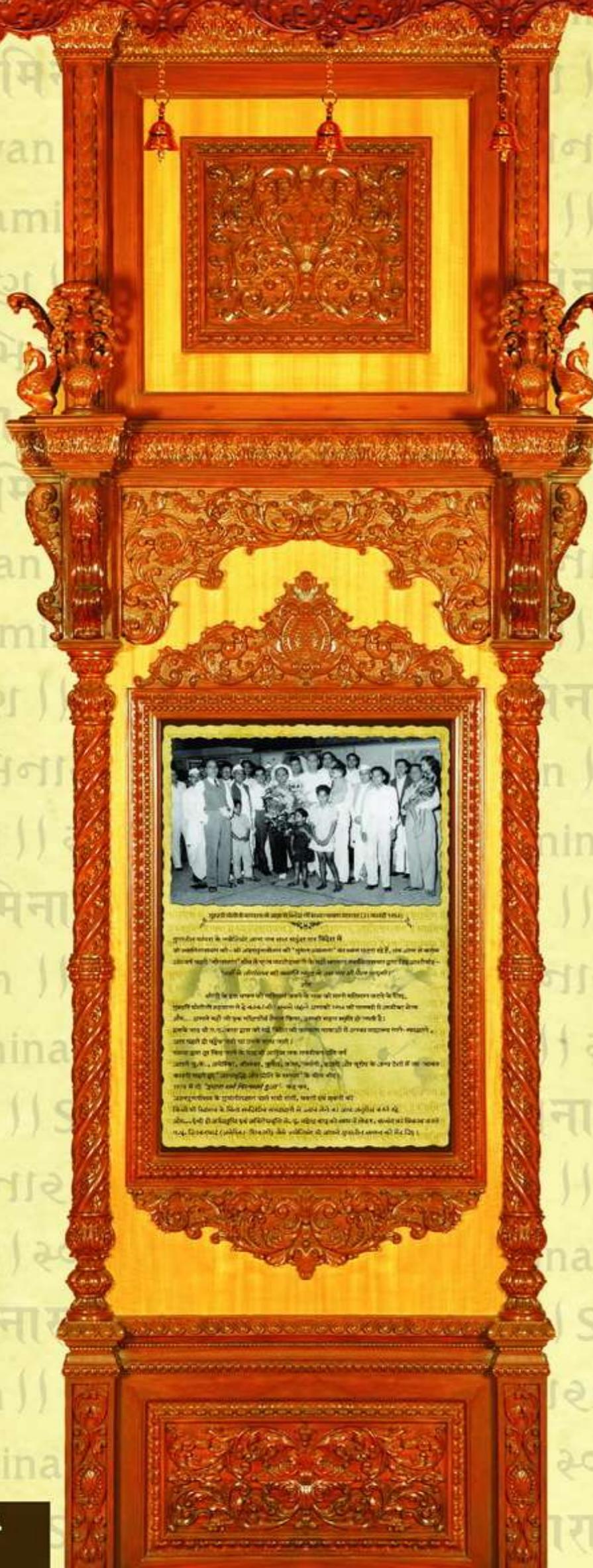
H.D. Pramukhswāmiji Mahārāj



H.D. Mahantswāmiji



The saint in whom God dwells round the clock, Government commemorates Him with 'stamp'.



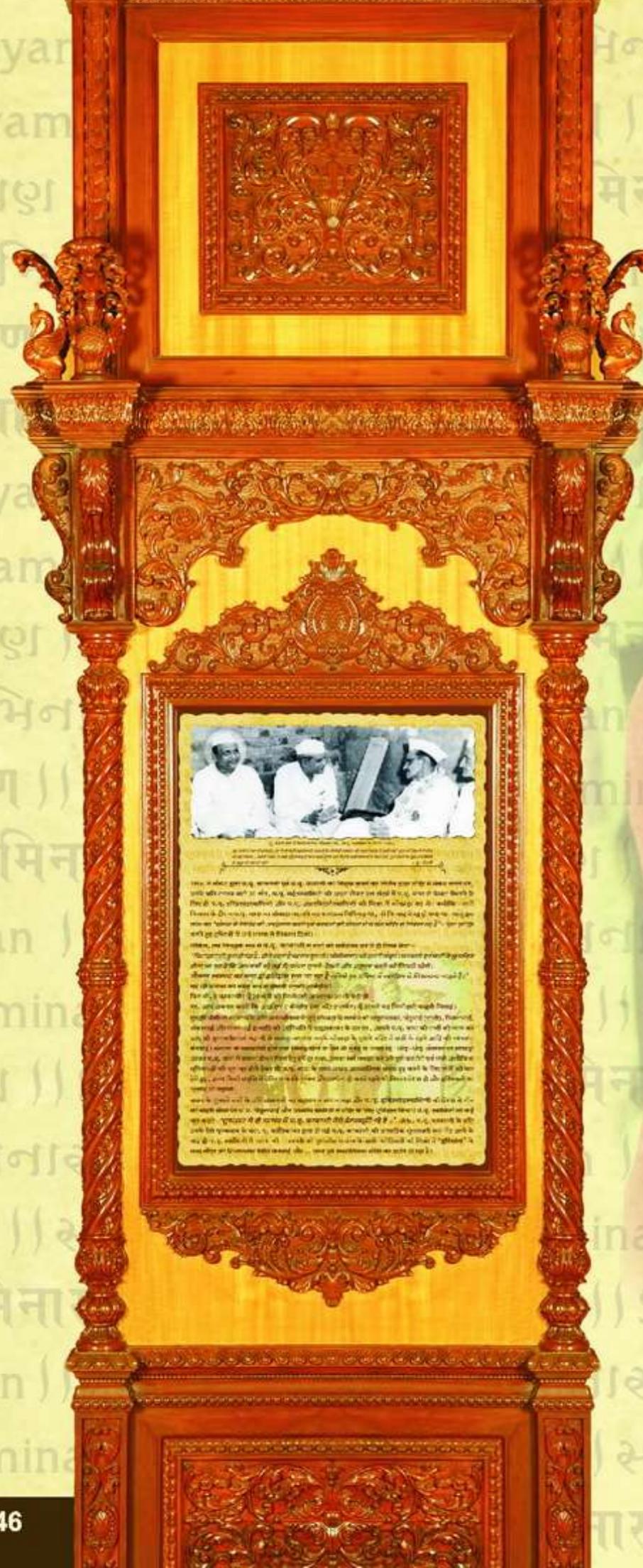
Today, while the living Spiritual Masters of the *Gunātit* Lineage hoist the flags of Aksharpurushottam doctrine throughout the **world**, let us recall the following blessing of Lord Swāminārāyan given about 225 years ago at the residence of a devotee – Kāshidāss Motā in 'Bochāsan' village : ***'The fame of this pilgrimage place will spread even across the oceans.'***

To gear up motion for accomplishing this boon
Oh! Kākāji, You were the first,
whom Guruhari Yogiji Mahārāj sent to Africa in January, 1954;
and... one naturally remembers the platform you developed there.
Even afterwards, whenever H.D. Bāpā undertook foreign spiritual tours,
He either sent you in advance or took you along with Him to profess the glory of *satsang* &
even after excommunication by the *SANSTHĀ*, almost every year – till 1985,
You travelled to U.K., Sri Lankā, U.S.A, Kuwait, France, Germany, Italy and other European countries bearing discomforts and hardships and sowed the seeds of *satsang*, based on harmony and love-intimacy.
In 1978, you announced, '***Our religion has now become world religion'*** and advocated all the saints and devout followers of our Aksharpurushottam *Gunātit* doctrine to develop a universal cosmopolitan attitude without any sense of separateness.
And... You gifted a torch-bearer like H.D. Dinkarbhāi (Chicago, America) to *Gunātit Samāj* who, taking P. Mahendra Bāpu along, is furthering *satsang* with such a borderless vision and non-confronting attitude.



H.D. Kākāji embarking for His first spiritual foreign tour at H.D. Yogi Bāpā's command (January 21, 1954)

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In 1966, when the Dādar temple was notified of the decision of *Sansthā* to excommunicate H.D. Kākāji and H.D. Pappāji, with the permission of H.D. Mahantswāmiji, 39 saints went to Sokhadā to meet H.D. Yogi Bāpā under the leadership of H.D. Hariprasādswāmiji and H.D. Aksharvihāriswāmiji; because, as per His itinerary H.D. Yogi Bāpā was scheduled to visit Sokhadā, but His visit was somehow cancelled. The trustees excommunicated the saints under the pretence of disobedience shown by the saints and their intent of inducing protest against the decision of the *Sansthā*.

But, at this juncture, **in His very first letter, H.D. Kākāji boldly wrote to the saints –**

'Whatever is happening now & will follow is entirely in the know and as per the Divine plan of Our Master Yogiji Mahārāj...

and... a new series of absolute surprises will be heard, seen and experienced.

A new history of Spiritual Technicians is being shaped,

Which our Master wants to be written in golden letters in the future.'

Such was the clear foresight of this visionary!

Yet, **oh! Kākāji**, the responsibility of 39 saints fell suddenly on you.

But as you always said – ***'I am a candid and not a shirker'***, you totally shouldered the responsibility.

At the residence of P. Dāhyākākā (The head of Sokhadā village), after detailed deliberations, in the presence of devout followers having firm conviction in H.D. Yogi Bāpā, viz. P. Dāhyākākā, Chandubhāi (Dāji), Chimanbhāi, Shankarbhāi, Maganbhāi etc., with P. Nandāji, who had come there understanding the will of H.D. Yogiji Mahārāj, you arranged for the stay of the saints in the old Sokhadā temple.

You kept sending money from Mumbai to the saints for their daily expenses, till they became self sufficient. Visiting Sokhadā at short intervals, you also explained the secret why H.D. Yogi Bāpā had willingly kept the saints at a distance from Himself. You urged the saints to fulfil the mission of H.D. Yogiji Mahārāj by strengthening spiritual

bond with Him, breaking completely all their attachments with worldly things and all other supernatural powers and inspired them to indulge in no other activity, but chantings and prayer. You were a source of inspiration and encouragement for the devotees as well.

With the passage of time, the villagers developed goodwill, love and affection for the saints. As a result of the inspiration of **H.D. Hariprasādswāmiji**, Vitthalbhāi and others, they donated a land for

temple at the outskirts of Sokhadā.

H.D. Swāmiji often used to say –



When P. Nandāji came to Sokhadā to meet the saints at P. Dāftyākākā's Residence (1966)

'My association with these saints is because of H.D. Yogiji Mahārāj. Displeasing Yogiji Mahārāj, I would not even think of going anywhere or doing anything. H.D. Swāmi (Bāpā) Himself has told me that He wants me to make some arrangements for these saints. Hence, in this context, I do not need endorsement/witness from anyone.'

— P. Nandāji

'From the very beginning, H.D. Kākāji has been the source of inspiration for me in the entire satsang.'

Hence, out of His reverence for H.D. Kākāji, only after receiving ceremonial gift from P. Kāntikākā as a blessing from H.D. Kākāji, H.D. Swāmiji laid the foundation stone of the temple in '**Haridhām**' on February 1, 1974, in the gracious presence of all the torch-bearers of Gunātit Samāj and today... we behold this majestic temple.



As the road between Chhāni and Sokhadā was unpaved earlier, during the monsoon, buses could not ply on the muddy road. So, the tutor (*Shāstriji*), for the saints learning sanskrit, could not come to Sokhadā from Vadodarā.

Sānkardā is a village on the old highway sanctified by Lord Swāminārāyan. He had spent a night there along with both the *Āchāryas* and 500 *Paramhansas*. In addition, this village was like H.D. Shāstriji Mahārāj's 'Khyber Pass' and was one of the seven villages that He had gifted to H.D. Yogiji Mahārāj. H.D. Yogi Bāpā used to stay there for six months at times! In early days, the devotees of this blessed holy village, disregarding their own social relations & even obligations, had openly sided with H.D. Shāstriji Mahārāj and H.D. Yogiji Mahārāj. Likewise, **listening to H.D. Kākāji's powerful vibrant discourses unfurling the glory of Godhead & being influenced by His devotion to H.D. Yogiji Mahārāj**, these dedicated courageous devotees rendered their full co-operation and arranged an accommodation for saints in the old temple. Thus, unflagging devotion of these devotees of Shāstriji Mahārāj to see '**Divinity in all**' was experienced.

On witnessing the sanctity, saintliness and indomitable faith of these saints in H.D. Yogiji Mahārāj, the villagers, within a short period, developed great respect and affection for them and lovingly donated a large piece of land, sanctified by the Lord, at the outskirts of the village.

H.D. Kākāji brought **P. Nandāji** to Sānkardā to show the land & meet saints and devotees of the village. Addressing the assembly there, P. Nandāji had said –

*'One is the Sansthā and another is Swāmi (Yogiji Mahārāj). I believe, they differ from each other. I do meet Dādubhāi and keep my association with Him. **Sansthā may or may not like it; it is their outlook.** I had personally asked H.D. Swāmiji two to three times, 'What do you wish regarding the arrangements for these saints?' H.D. Swāmiji had replied that He wished that arrangements be made for them and He happily showered His blessings. Had He not wished so, despite my strong desire, I would have not been able to come here. In taking care of these saints and making arrangements for them, I believe, you are rendering a great service to H.D. Yogiji Mahārāj Himself.'*



Even in the political sphere, P. Nandāji had never uttered a lie. Hearing him say so, the misunderstandings & doubts of the people were dispelled. H.D. Kākāji, with His extra-ordinary dexterity and skill, resolved all the matters related to the transfer of ownership of the land and then with the help of the devoted volunteers initiated preparations for laying the foundation stone. P. Nandāji visited Sānkardā again for the foundation stone laying ceremony. Under the guidance of **H.D. Aksharvihāriswāmiji**, saints and youths worked day and night to complete the construction of the temple.

H.D. Kākāji used to say –

'The Goddess of Wealth (Luxmiji) serves Saints.'

He visited Sānkardā frequently and brought funds. Moreover, He established eternal love-intimacy with everyone who contributed even in the smallest measure. And... on **May 22, 1968, on the auspicious occasion of the 77th birthday of H.D. Yogiji Mahārāj**, the idols were installed in the temple in the presence of P. Nandāji and the then Hon'ble Governor of Gujarat!

These saints, their way of life, simplicity, austerity, discipline and service are reminiscent of the saints of Junāgadh. Even today they recall these incidents saying – ***'This temple has been built for us by H.D. Kākāji!'***



Returning to the outskirts from Sānkardā village after showing the site for the temple to P. Nandāji

(August 22, 1967)



H.D. Yogi Mahārāj visiting the under-construction building of 'Gunātit Jyot' (January 25, 1966)
when He asked, 'Won't this kitchen be too small?'



O! Kākāji, You took the initiative to open the way for women to devote themselves to the Lord and... 'Gunātit Jyot' came into existence.

Moreover, you shielded 'Jyot' from the blows of the orthodox society, and... the sisters progressed on the spiritual path under the umbrella of H.D. Pappāji. Illusive misleading elements continued to disturb, but God played His part as well.

Strong opposition continued, but nothing could deter the Divine plan.

And... we can now witness the gracious activities of the divine sisters.

But for capable *Gunātit* Saints, none else could have accomplished this mission.

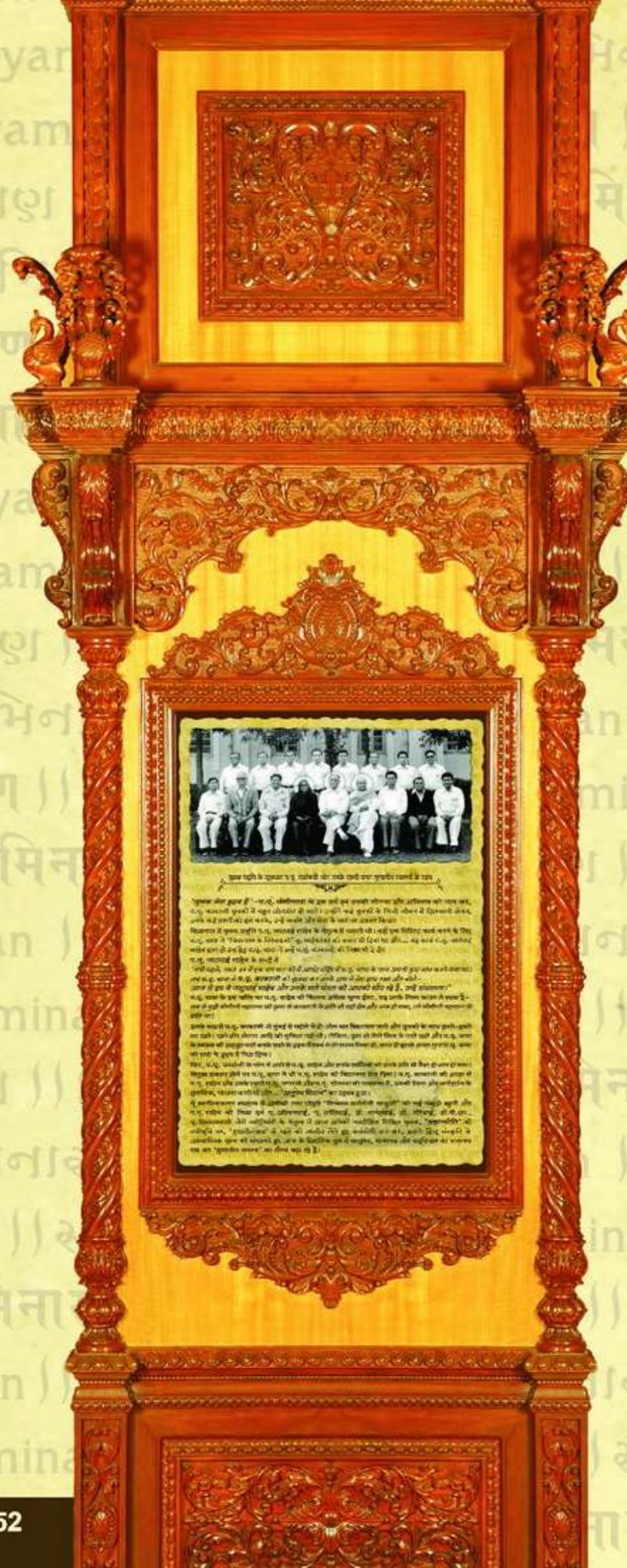
Even if someone else attempts to do so, he would not remain completely untouched.

So, **H.D. Yogi Bāpā** Himself had said,

'What harm is there if the sisters listen to the discourses of Dādubhāi?'



Foundation-stone laying Ceremony of
'Gunātit Jyot' in Vallabhī Vidyānagar by
H.D. Yogiji Mahārāj in the presence of
H.D. Pramukhī Swāmiji Mahārāj (June 21, 1965)
When H.D. Yogi Bāpā showered blessings,
**'From here the messages of Transcendental
Knowledge will spread throughout the world.'**



'Youths are my heart' – realising the importance & essence of these words of H.D. Yogi Bāpā from the core of His heart, His divine plan & innate desire, H.D. Kākāji used to mingle with the youth. He initiated many youths to *satsang* and selfless service by taking interest in their personal lives & solving their multifarious problems.

Youth activities in Vidyānagar were fostering under the leadership of H.D. Jashbhāi Sāheb. H.D. Yogi Bāpā had promised P. Bhāikākā – the 'Architect of Vidyānagar' to carry out an outstanding work over there. H.D. Bāpā so arranged the circumstances that H.D. Jashbhāi becomes instrumental for this assignment under the umbrella and guidance of H.D. Kākāji.

In H.D. Jashbhāi Sāheb's words –

Years ago, around 1963-64, one night, I went to see H.D. Yogi Bāpā at the temple in Ānand to discuss some personal matters, when Yogi Bāpā called H.D. Kākāji and putting my hands in His, said to Him –

'From today, I am assigning you the responsibility of Jashubhāi Sāheb and his whole group; you take care of them.'

What value/gravity H.D. Sāheb must have had for this gesture of H.D. Bāpā that he says –

'By the grace of Yogi Mahārāj, I developed the same love - intimacy and feeling of Divinity & reverence for Kākāji which I had for Yogi Mahārāj!'

Thereafter, H.D. Kākāji would visit Vidyānagar from Mumbai two to three times a month to stay with the youth. He would stay for a week at a time. Although there were no adequate arrangements for the stay or food etc., but disregarding them all, H.D. Kākāji incessantly came and talked about the glory & divinity of H.D. Bāpā to the youth and thereby not only gained a place in their heart, but a million times more, He instilled H.D. Bāpā in their hearts!

When H.D. Sāheb and his fellow brothers came in contact with H.D. Pappāji, they developed the same divine relationship with Him. At the time of excommunication chapter, H.D. Bāpā sent H.D. Sāheb to Vidyānagar. As per H.D. Kākāji's instruction, H.D. Sāheb and his companions continued their spiritual progress under the inspiration and guidance of H.D. Pappāji and Sonābā and... **'Anoopam Mission'** came into existence.

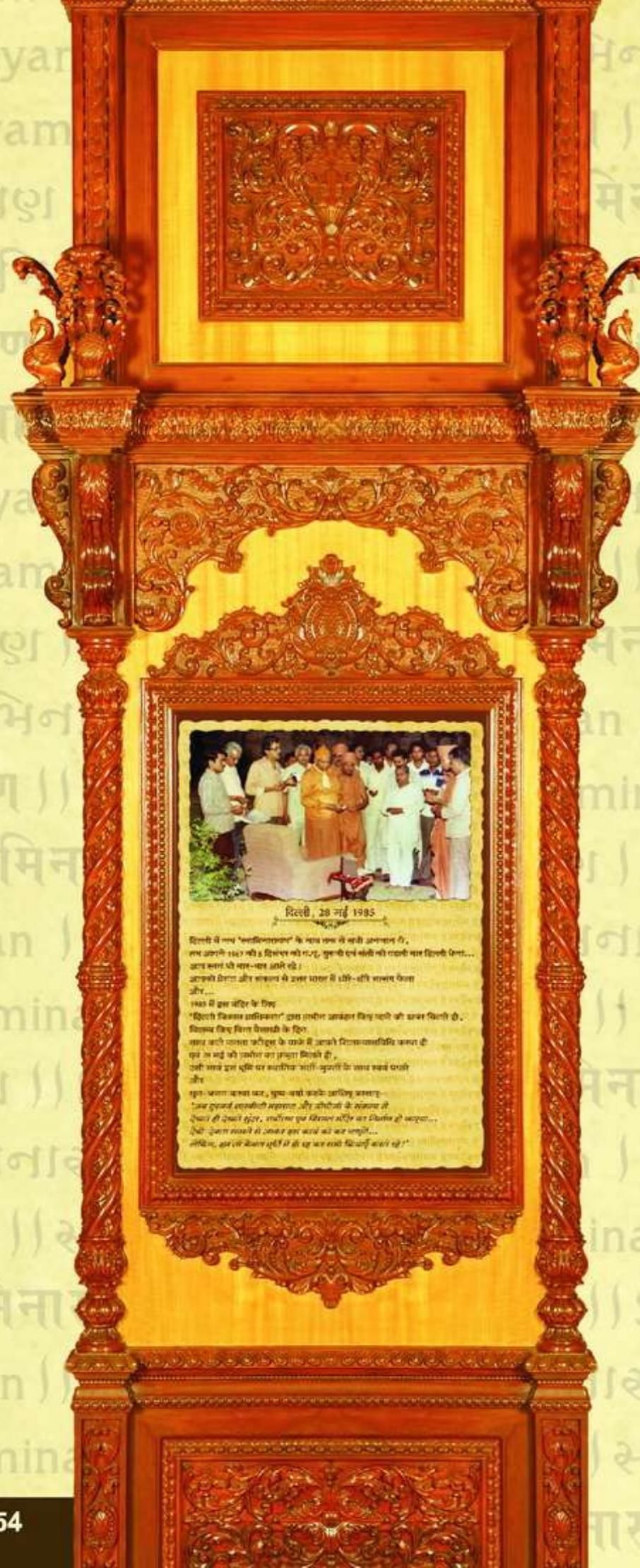
In this way, a new wing of dedicated, dutiful saints that work selflessly for the society opened up in Swāminārāyan faith. Today, under the shelter of H.D. Sāheb and able leadership of torch-bearers like P. Ashwinbhāi, P. Shāntibhāi,



Pioneer of The Youth Activities : H. D. Sāheb with His fellow brothers & Living Masters

Dr. Sanadbhāi, Dr. Ratibhāi, Dr. V.S., P. Himmatswāmi, numerous educated youths are initiated to stay together at 'Brahmjyoti' and practise to live in the Divine consciousness. Retaining the spiritual values of Hindu culture in today's modern scientific age and blending the cardinal principles of Realised Saints, Scriptures and Positive Thinking, these youths are furthering the glory of 'Gunātit Samāj'.





When no one in Delhi was even aware of the name of 'Swāminārāyan',
on December 5, 1967, You sent **P. P. Guruji** and saints to Delhi for the first time
& thereafter,

You also visited Delhi repeatedly.

Your inspiration & will worked wonders and gradually *Satsang* flourished in north India
and...

In 1985, no sooner did You know of the allotment of land for the temple in Delhi by D.D.A.,
hurriedly, on the day of *Baisākhi*, You got accomplished the foundation stone laying ceremony
in the park adjoining Jantā flats;

and... immediately after getting possession of the land on the 28th of May,
the same evening, You visited this plot along with local devotees and saints,
and

chanting Swāminārāyan mantra and sprinkling flowers, You offered prayers
and showered the following blessings –

'Now, as determined by The Divine Spiritual Masters –

Shāstriji Mahārāj and Yogiji Mahārāj –

a beautiful, marvellous and majestic temple will be built here in no time...

Gods and Goddesses will come on their own and get the work accomplished...

But you perform all activities living in Brāhmic-Consciousness.'



Delhi - May 28, 1985

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Like a protestant, openly coming out of Vadtāl institution, H.D. Shāstriji Mahārāj expounded the real identity of Gunātitānandswāmi – the living embodiment of Eternal Transcendental Reality. He built new huge & elegant temples and introduced the principle of ***Yugal Upāsanā*** of the Supreme Being – Lord Swāminārāyan and *Akshar Brahman* Gunātitānandswāmi in Whom He ever lived with full identification & equivalence in divine attributes & infinite powers. Thro' Him the existence of Lord Swāminārāyan has remained constant & continuous in the form of personified Supremely Realised Saints - Souls or Visionary *jivanmuktas* as per *Vachnāmrit Vadtāl* 19. Thus, He propagated the feature and phenomenon of worshipping Living Godhead (*Gunātit* Doctrine) and opened doors to supramental realisation within the reach of even the most common man.

Many of the new members of the fellowship would not know that after H.D. Shāstriji Mahārāj left for His abode, the credit for spreading the *Gunātit* Doctrine of worshipping the Personified Godhead, goes to **H.D. Kākāji**. He, along with H.D. Pappāji, with the support of P. Kāntikākā's family, revealed the real identity of **H.D. Yogiji Mahārāj** as Personified Transcendental Eternal Reality and from tād-dev flowed love-intimacy and divinity amongst the fellow-brothers. Prior to this, the holy fellowship in Mumbai comprised of devotees who would enter and leave the fellowship on mere mental & intellectual considerations.

That is why, in 1945, after H.D. Kākāji had completed his studies, H.D. Shāstriji Mahārāj took him to Sārangpur Temple and asked Him to give up his plans to go to London for a job, but to stay in India & get involved in *satsang*!

Thus, 'the development of *satsang* of the *Gunātit* Doctrine in Mumbai' and 'H.D. Kākāji' – can never be isolated. **H.D. Yogiji Mahārāj** Himself had proclaimed – '**Tād-dev means, the Throne of Akshardhām!**'

Kākāji was the first & foremost who started leading a life considering God, His Saint and His devotees as the real intimate relatives of the soul. With this very invaluable kinship, solely to please H.D. Yogiji Mahārāj, under the umbrella and guidance of H.D. Kākāji and H.D. Pappāji, the entire tād-dev group, yet known as '**Belonging to Dādubhāi**' has served them all.

All the devotees of the entire ***Aksharpurushottam sansthā*** from India & abroad, took tād-dev for their own home. Everyone used to come and stay there. Devotees from Africa coming to or going from India and those coming to Mumbai from villages for weddings or business purpose – all would stay at tād-dev. Today's torch-bearers of *Gunātit* Doctrine – **H.D. Hariprasādswāmiji, H.D. Mahantswāmiji, H.D. Doctorswāmiji** – when they were youths, H.D. Yogi Bāpā would send them to Mumbai to benefit from Kākāji's *satsang*. Each & everyone was attended there and served with love & care. For the ailing devotees, it was sort of a nursing home. The ill devotees and saints of the *sansthā* were treated and served with celestial devotion. The stream of superb devotion has flowed continuously, all twenty four hours of the day from the steps of tād-dev. That's why **H.D. Yogi Bāpā** once said – '*Just as Almighty has been giving duty of a guard at the gate of King Bali's residence till date, likewise, Shāstriji Mahārāj is committed to Dādubhāi!*'

From the beginning, Shāstriji Mahārāj took Kāntikākā's residence for His own home and claimed a special right on it. Right from the *Sākshātkār* in 1952, until H.D. Kākāji was excommunicated by the *sansthā*, there was not even a single activity of the *sansthā* for which H.D. Kākāji was not asked to initiate or in which He was not kept at the forefront. He was the centre of administration of almost all the activities of ***Aksharpurushottam sansthā***!

* To keep the word given to H.D. Pramukhswāmiji by H.D. Shāstriji Mahārāj, in 1953, H.D. Yogiji Mahārāj organized a pilgrimage—known as **Yātrā Pravās** by a special train. Its administrative office was in **H.D. Kākāji's 'Agri-Orient Industries'**!

* Seeing the unique relationship of H.D. Yogi Bāpā and H.D. Kākāji, considered senior devotees like P. Chhaganbhāi, P. Manibhāi Salādvālā used to call Kākāji **Chhote (Junior) Jogi**.

* In 1955, when H.D. Yogi Bāpā left for Africa, He instructed H.D. Kākāji to write post-cards every week to each & every *satsang* centre and after his return from the trip also, He directed H.D. Kākāji to continue this service. This service was so continued & later rendered in the form of publication of **Swāminārāyan Satsang Patrikā** from tād-dev until the saints at Dadar Temple took it over.

* From 1954 to 1961, H.D. Kākāji used to regularly visit suburbs of Mumbai in the evenings to hold *satsang* meetings and developed craving for **true satsang** amongst all. So, in 1959, appreciating the efforts of H.D. Kākāji, **H.D. Yogi Bāpā** Himself wrote in a letter—
'Satsang in Mumbai has a different colour, which prevails over persons coming in contact there. This is so, because, Dādubhāi, you incessantly live in Swāmi's (H.D. Shāstriji Mahārāj) consciousness.'

In another letter, He wrote—

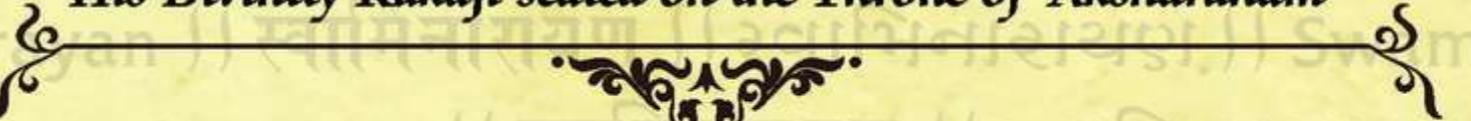
'Mumbai had difficult circumstances. But you raised the spire of harmony, unity and oneness – that has gladdened my heart. You have endured many hardships, which has pleased Swāmi (H.D. Shāstriji Mahārāj).'

Thus, H.D. Kākāji was personified implementation of H.D. Yogi Bāpā's will!

Even after excommunication by *Sansthā* in 1966, H.D. Kākāji continued nurturing the 'Yogi Family' following the principles of 'Love-intimacy' & 'Divine Consciousness' and created a group of dedicated youths at tād-dev. After H.D. Kākāji left for His abode in 1986, these dedicated aspirants built **Akshardhām** on the sanctified land of Powai and today, guided by **H.D. Dinkarbhāi** and under the leadership of **P. Bharatbhāi & P. Vashibhāi**, following H.D. Kākāji's footprints, they are maintaining & furthering the *satsang* vibrant & verdant in Mumbai.



His Divinity Kākāji seated on the Throne of 'Akshardhām'





On the very auspicious day of 28th May, 1985,

H.D. Kākāji placed a saffron mark on the 'Jamun' (Black plum) tree in the temple premises and showered the following blessings on **P.P. Guruji** –

'The group here will support you a lot ...'

'The messages of Transcendental Knowledge will prevail all over the entire world from Delhi also.'

'The only prerequisites are –'

'Maintain goodwill and friendliness. Work in pair harmoniously with fellow-brother.'

Also, reminded **P.P. Guruji** of the following blessings showered on him in 1980 –

'I now give you freedom to take decisions and act independently;'

'Do not ask or consult even me.'

'God is within your heart - always... you deserve it – are eligible for it...'

'Whatever respect/honour/admiration you receive,

remember, it all belongs to H.D. Bāpā; it is only because of His resolution.'

'With this awareness,

'Keeping H.D. Hariprasād Swāmiji, H.D. Pappāji and Kākāji ahead of you –'

'Whenever you will pray, God will listen to you as well.'

'Henceforth, you also work independently – amicably with all...'





Supreme Realisation to H.D. Kākāji – February 3, 1952 at Shri Akshar Mandir in Gondal

...Chhaganbhāi, Dādubhāi, the devotees from Rājkot - all were offering prayers in Aksharderi. Dādubhāi got engrossed in the idol of Ghanshyām Mahārāj and The Lord blessed Him. By the grace of H.D. Shāstriji Mahārāj, Dādubhāi had the divine realisation of Mahārāj Himself for three days at Aksharderi!

At night, after the *ārti*, Dādubhāi kept looking single mindedly at the idol of Ghanshyām Mahārāj continuously for half an hour and got lost in it. His eyes got fixed and were locked onto the idol and He became totally still like a statue. We were all there closeby. His body stiffened like wood. He was having Divine vision of *Akshardhām*. Later He was laid down in the assembly hall, but He did not wake up. The following morning, He was bathed but His eyes were still focussed on the idol. This trance lasted for two days. Neither did He eat nor drink. His entire conscious was captivated. After two days, when Mahārāj awakened Him, He regained normal consciousness.

In this way, Ghanshyām Mahārāj took Him to *Akshardhām*, kept Him there for two days to enjoy His bliss. As a result, Dādubhāi's life got filled with eternal peace. Attachments to the world shed and His interest in worldly affairs receded. He was charged with Divine knowledge...

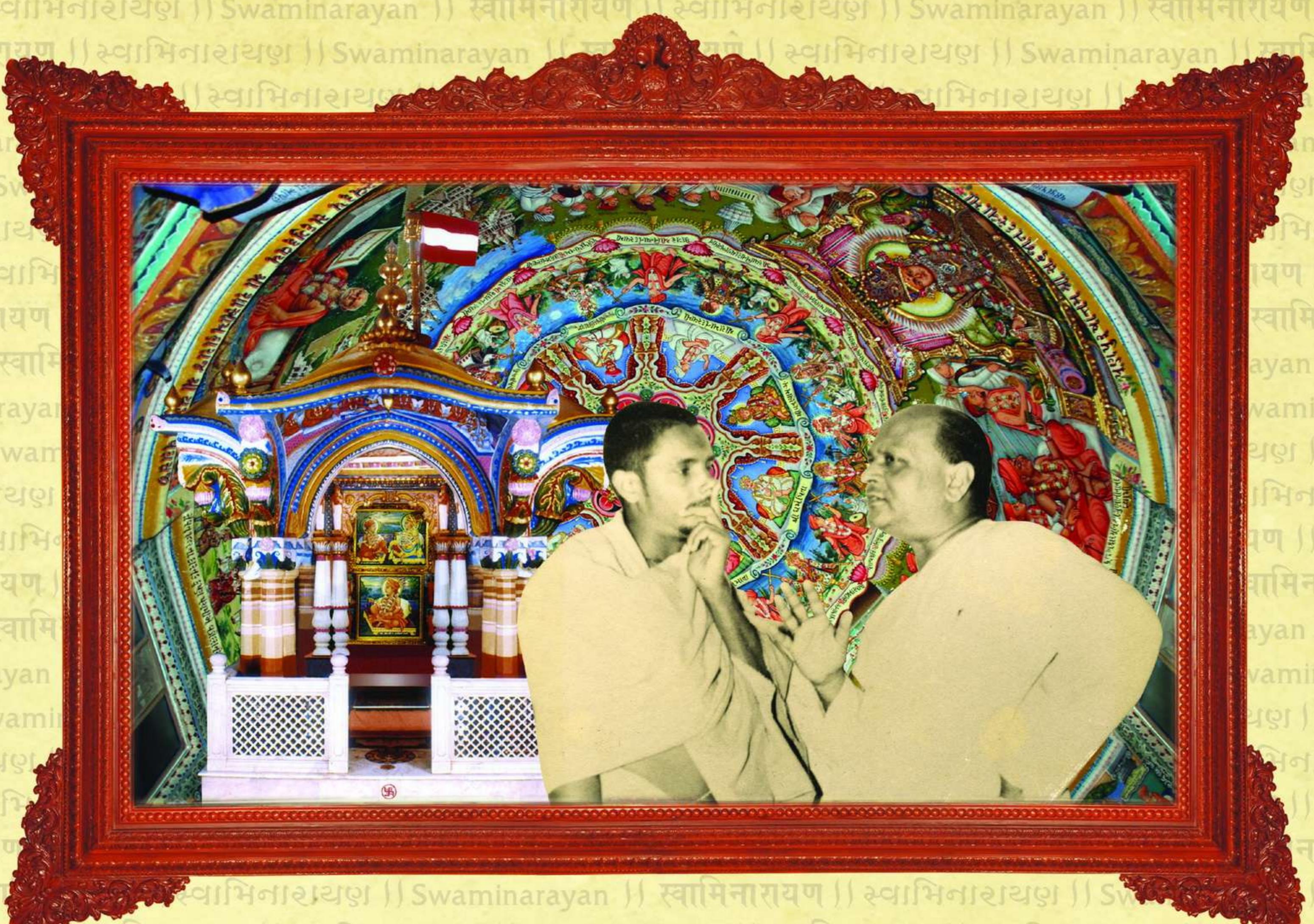
— H.D. Yogiji Mahārāj (*Shree Akshartirtha*, First Edition, Pgs. 122 – 123)

After His Supreme Realisation, Kākāji vehemently and authoritatively proclaimed –

'Yogiji Mahārāj is the manifest form of God; The Supreme Transcendental Reality we aim to realise after undergoing innumerable penances and offerings, we already have in the form of this Yogiji Mahārāj.'

And consequently... there was a turmoil in the holy fellowship. '***Yogiji Mahārāj is a pious and true saint***' – this was an opinion that everyone had. But, Kākāji's pronouncement was totally a new phenomenon. Thus, **H.D. Kākāji brought to light the true identity and status of H.D. Yogiji Mahārāj and... thereby dawned a new era in the holy fellowship!**





...After initiation into sainthood in Gondal on *Sharadpurnimā* in 1965, H.D. Hariprasādswāmiji stayed there till *Annakut* festival.

During this period, O! Kākāji, You revealed the essence of true *Gunātit* way, pattern and status by the following advice You gave him –

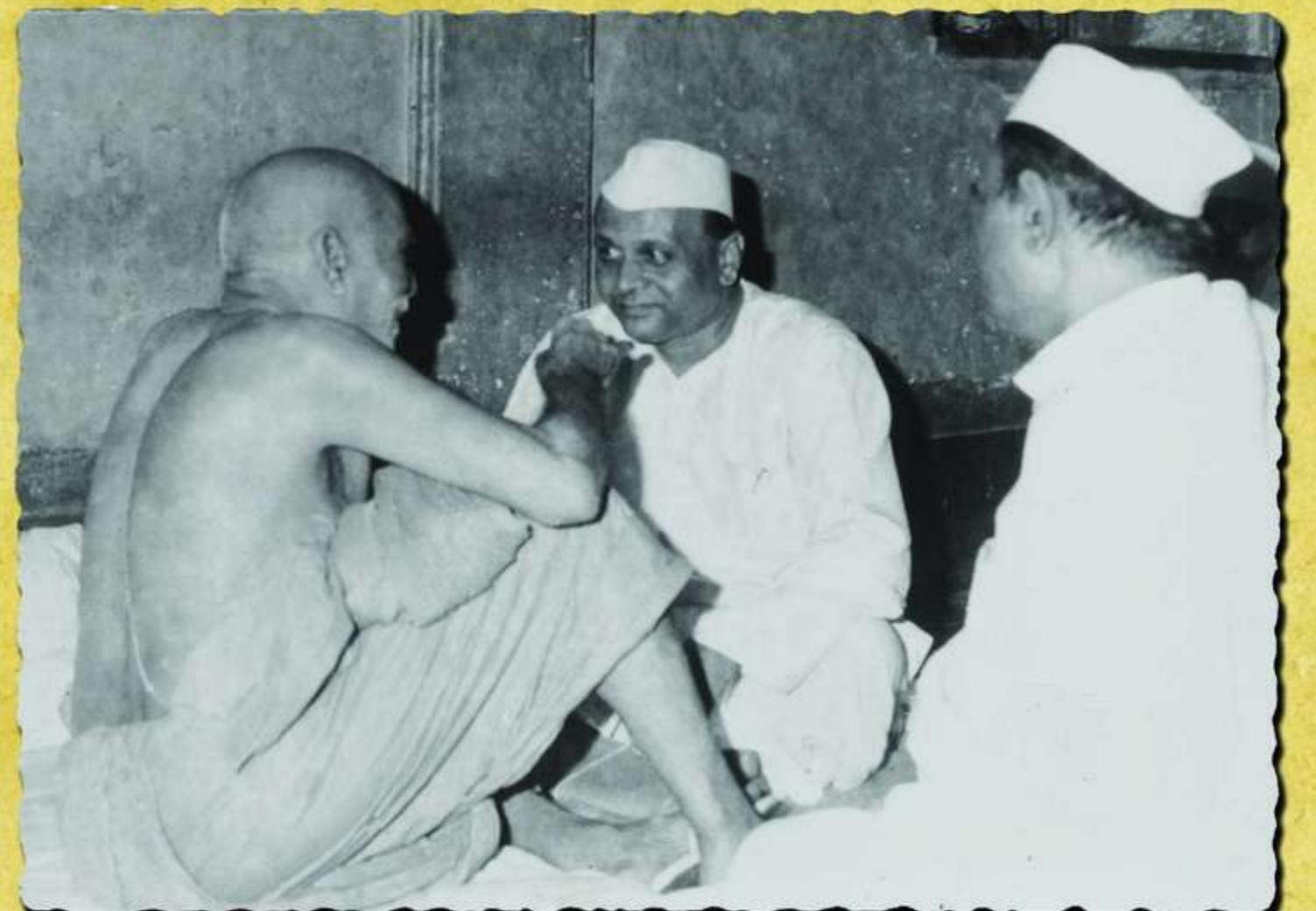
'Now you will go to Mumbai. The group over there is attached to us with love – intimacy. They will try to keep you in the forefront, but you do keep H.D. Mahantswāmi ahead of you and... always remain at number 2.'



Mumbai, Suryanārāyan 'Vādi' – August 22, 1949

Seeking inspiration from personified veritable Spiritual force – H.D. Sonābā, H.D. Kākāji and P. Kāntikākā seized the timely opportunity to sponsor the *Pārāyan* (Reading & elucidation) of *Swāmini Vāto*. Pleased by their devotion/ dedication and presaging the intense desire of P.P. Sonābā, H.D. Shāstriji Mahärāj put their heads together and assuming transcendental stance said – 'From today onwards, both of you live like brothers. Whatsoever may the circumstances be, never let togetherness break... Go! you will rock the universe.' Reminding of this blessing, **H.D. Kākāji** often said –

'At the command of H.D. Shāstriji Mahärāj, for more than 35 years, Kāntibhāi and I have lived together with such a love-intimacy, which would perhaps overshadow the brotherhood of Rām & Lakshman.'



'Just like menfolk, women may also take a vow of lifelong celibacy and independently dedicate themselves to the worship of God.'

It was, as if to gear up this revolutionary idea that H.D. Yogiji Mahārāj had specially brought H.D. Kākāji & H.D. Pappāji from *Akshardhām*. Wholehearted efforts of these two brothers, to execute this epochmaking herculean task, resulted in increasing their respect and recognition in the holy fellowship. Subsequently, there was a growing resentment amongst some of the old leading members of the institution, who felt outshined due to this epic work of the brothers. For them, the achievement of the two brothers was beyond their tolerance. To hint this, in March 1965, at Kapolewādi in Mumbai, **H.D. Yogi Bāpā** advised these two brothers –

'Henceforth whatever you two do in unison, consider it my will/ it has got my sanction. Do not come to ask me. Go! start the work & be victorious.'

In 1967, for the first time, it was decided that I would go to Delhi. Since then, whenever H.D. Kākāji met me at the residence of late Bhikhākākā, He would tell me :

'...I am sending you to Delhi not on my own. It is Bāpā's will to develop satsang there - the message of Swāminārāyan be propagated in the North. Hence, taking it as a devotional service to Bāpā, I am sending you to Delhi.'

And... for the growth of satsang, He gave me the following guidelines :

❖ *Ours is the worship of Living Godhead of Aksharpurushottam doctrine. H.D. Shāstriji Mahārāj left Vadtāl for this very purpose, i.e. to expound it and we have to disseminate it. So, do not keep talking about 'Kākāji-Kākāji'. At present, Yogi Mahārāj is the manifest form of Akshar and Purushottam - Swāmi and Mahārāj. He is our idol of worship. Keeping Him at the focal point, develop the satsang there. In the worship of 'Living Godhead', never to sideline Mahārāj and Swāmi, is also an inevitable feature.*

❖ *Co-operative existence & collective brotherhood is our foundation. For no reason, should the friendliness with fellow saints and devotees be impaired.*

❖ *Always abide by your personal disciplines and injunctions. You are an 'ascetic', so, under any circumstances, do maintain the vows of eschewing women and wealth.*

❖ *Never ask there anyone for anything. You are the son of God! Why should you have to beg? All the necessities for the growth of satsang will be provided by Mahārāj and Yogi Bāpā*



BHĀRAT SĀDHU SAMĀJ
Delhi, Oct. 1972

and yet... if you feel any shortage - 'Kākā' is always there!

❖ *Never be formal with those who come in your contact and are attached to you with love-intimacy. Do not have any reservations with them.*

We want to foster satsang based on love-intimacy. Development of such a kind of satsang is its real growth. Keep this as your motto.

❖ *Bear in your mind one more aspect: Ladies are usually emotional & more sentimental. So, if a married woman makes any offerings to you, ask her to seek husband's permission first for doing so. If she is unmarried, she must seek her parent's permission and if parents are not alive, she should make the contributions asking her elder brother or guardian. But, if she clandestinely brings it and says - 'My husband will not like this, but I need not tell him as this is exclusively mine or gifted to me by my parents etc.', never accept such offerings.*

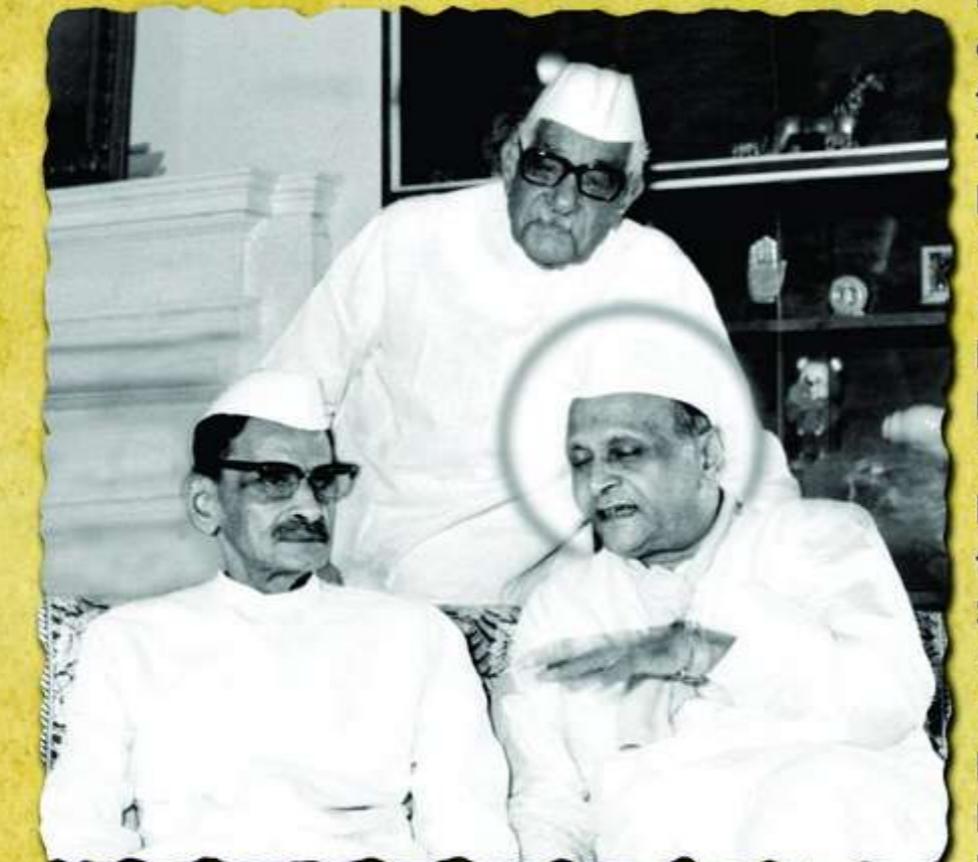
Adhere to these guidelines and... you will attain such saintliness that satsang will naturally bloom around you. Yogi Bāpā shall elevate you to such a lofty status that whosoever comes in your contact, shall enjoy perfect bliss, peace, contentment and love.

Moreover... on the night of May 28, 1985, He gave me two more instructions in the same context, viz.

❖ *Never initiate any activity with a commercial attitude.*

❖ *Always keep yourself in a low profile.*

- P. P. Guruji



1966, In discussion with Hon'ble Nandāji at his residence
(5, Tuglak Road, New Delhi)

Late Hon'ble Nandāji was extremely worried on learning about the excommunication of 39 saints by the *sansthā* in 1966, merely because of their reverence and love-intimacy with H.D. Kākāji and H.D. Pappāji.

To understand the facts behind this episode, he called H.D. Kākāji to Delhi. During the discussion, Mr. Sharmā strategically suggested –

'Lālāji, this is only because of psychic jealousy of two or three persons. Get them arrested under DIR; the entire matter will be resolved.'

P. Nandāji was then the Home Minister of India!

He pondered for a while and said,

'If Dādubhāiji agrees to it, I shall get it done!'

But, H.D. Kākāji was a pure spiritual entity! He knew of H.D. Bāpā's divine plan to segregate the elevated advanced group of devout followers.

So, hearing this, H.D. Kākāji immediately said –

'Lālāji, our fight is with God. To fight Him, our weapons must be pure. We will defend by praying!'

P. Nandāji was a conscientious person; hence, his agreeing to Mr. Sharmā's suggestion was not palatable to my mind. Even in politics, he would never take a wrong step.

Then, how would he agree to act in such an outrageous manner in this case?

Later, when I came to Delhi, quite often I used to meet P. Nandāji.

Once, getting an opportunity, I asked him, '*Nandā Sāheb, did you say so?*'

P. Nandāji replied to it, '*Yes, such a talk had taken place.*'

So, I immediately asked in amazement, '*Would it not be a misuse of power? How did you agree?*'

P. Nandāji answered, '*Firstly, H.D. Shāstriji Mahārāj had told me to be always by the side of Dādubhāi and secondly, I was fully confident that Dādubhāi would never agree to such an immoral step!*'

- P.P. Gurūji



The way in which thumb and four fingers of a palm work together in oneness, likewise I want to fully train you – five saints (snehal group)*.

All of you do co-operate in this most important task.

We have to ceaselessly remain in Brāhmic Consciousness. Whoever will keep an iota of feeling of separateness will ultimately suffer.

– H.D. Kākāji

(* From left to right: P. Dāss Swāmi, P. Shāstri Swāmi, P. Kothāri Swāmi, P. Guruji & P. Prem Swāmi)

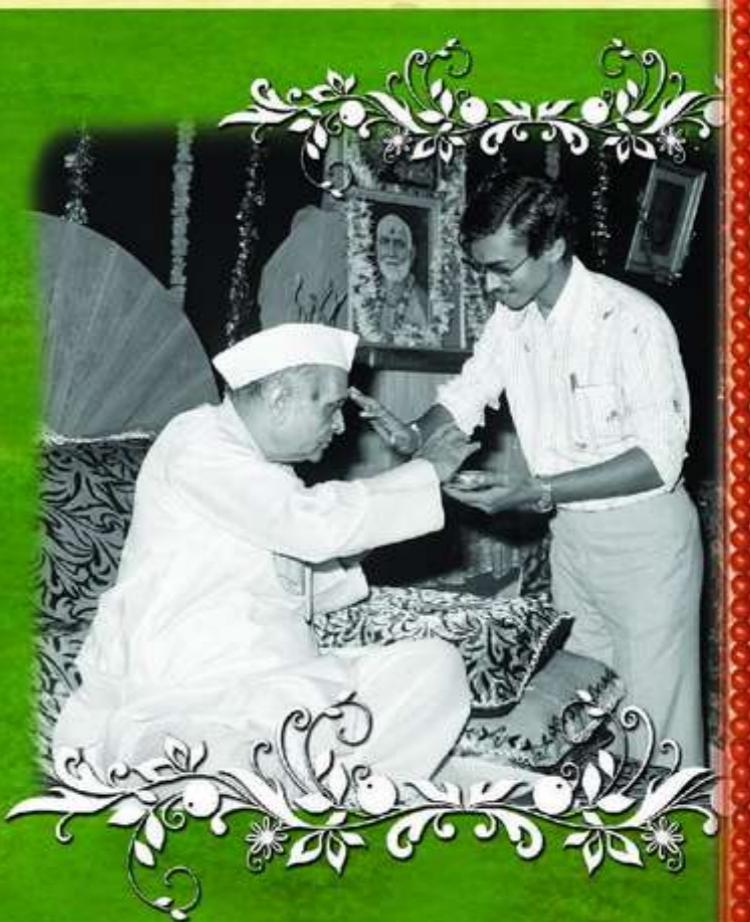
Where will you find such a friendly Master?



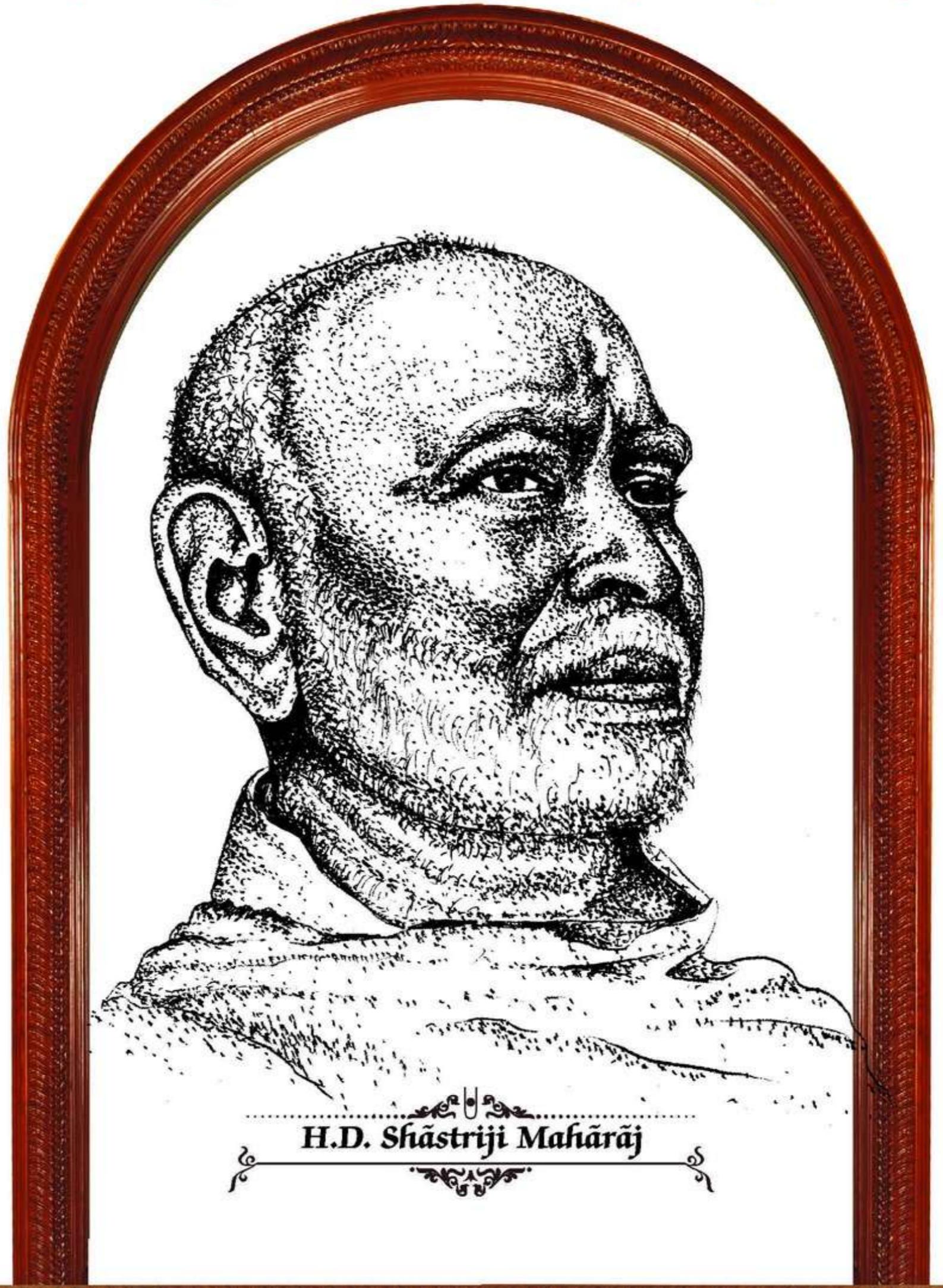
The four happiest days of my Life –

1. 6th April, 1950 – Expressing His immense joy on our exceptional service of Rupees Fifty one thousand for the construction of Marble Temple on top of the hillock in Gadhādā, H.D. Shāstriji Mahārāj, His body smeared with Sandalwood paste, embraced us (Kāntibhāi, Chhaganbhāi and myself) at P. Nandāji's residence in Mumbai, in the very same way as H.D. Bhagatji Mahārāj had done. Acknowledging the overall significance of this incident, P. Harshadrāi T. Dave has praised this act in the biography of H.D. Shāstriji Mahārāj in the following words:
'...Gadhādā is the most chosen place of Shriji Mahārāj. Blessed are those who get the opportunity to render this sort of supreme service – an opportunity which can be earned only by the boundless grace of Shāstriji Mahārāj. Today, Shāstriji Mahārāj wanted to grant this opportunity to Muktarāj Dādubhāi, Kāntibhāi and Chhaganbhāi... Shāstriji Mahārāj has thus bestowed His unique blessings on these three devotees, as a result of their unprecedented service for the Gadhādā temple. In the history of holy fellowship, the unique incident of these singularly devoted disciples' extraordinary dedication to their Spiritual Master will forever be remembered as inspirational in the chapter of loving devotion!' (1st Edition, Part 2, Pgs. 347-349)
2. 3rd February, 1952 – At the behest of H.D. Yogi Bāpā, I became instrumental for the victory of P. Nandāji in the elections. Keeping aside my lucrative business, I left the office & involved all my near & dear ones in the campaign. Being pleased with this gesture of mine, H.D. Yogi Bāpā, in Akshar Mandir-Gondal, blessed me with the Supreme Realisation for 72 hours and showed me the ultimate Divine Abode – Akshardhām. He carried my soul thro' Golok, Vaikunth, Badrikāshram, Shwetdeep to the Supreme Transcendental State and instilled in me the firm conviction of constant & continuous manifestation of Supreme Transcendental Reality – *Gunātīt* Doctrine in human form.
3. January 31, 1954 – Bharat's birthday (i.e. P. Bharatbhāi, Powai Mandir)
4. May 28, 1966 – When we were excommunicated by the *sansthā*. What an unwavering and deep rooted trust did Bāpā have in us!

* Dinkarbhāi is 7,000 miles away from me, yet he is near to me & you are right next to me, yet far away!
* Even if five come up like Dinkarbhāi, I shall believe that the whole America has been initiated into our Divine fellowship.



– H.D. Kākāji



H.D. Shastriji Maharaj





H.D. Yogi Ji Maharaj



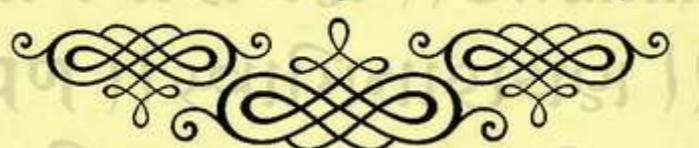
Lord Ganesh



Rāmbhakta Hanumān



Bell (Ghant)

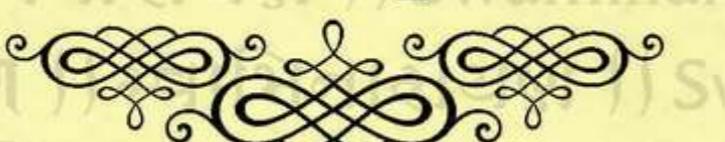


Sudershan Chakra





Lamp



Thousand-petalled lotus





Sun & Moon

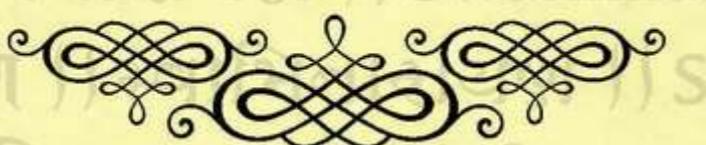


Kāndshenu (cow)

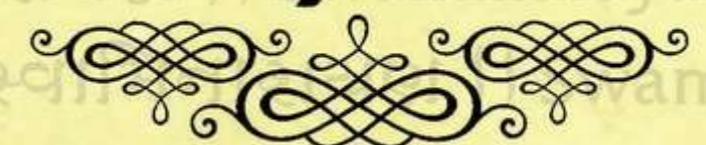




Swastik



Shriyantra



Kālchakra (wheel of time)

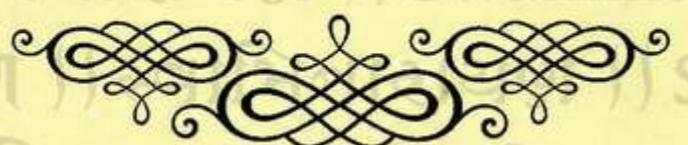


Trident





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Peacock
(National Bird of India)

Lotus Feet of the Lord

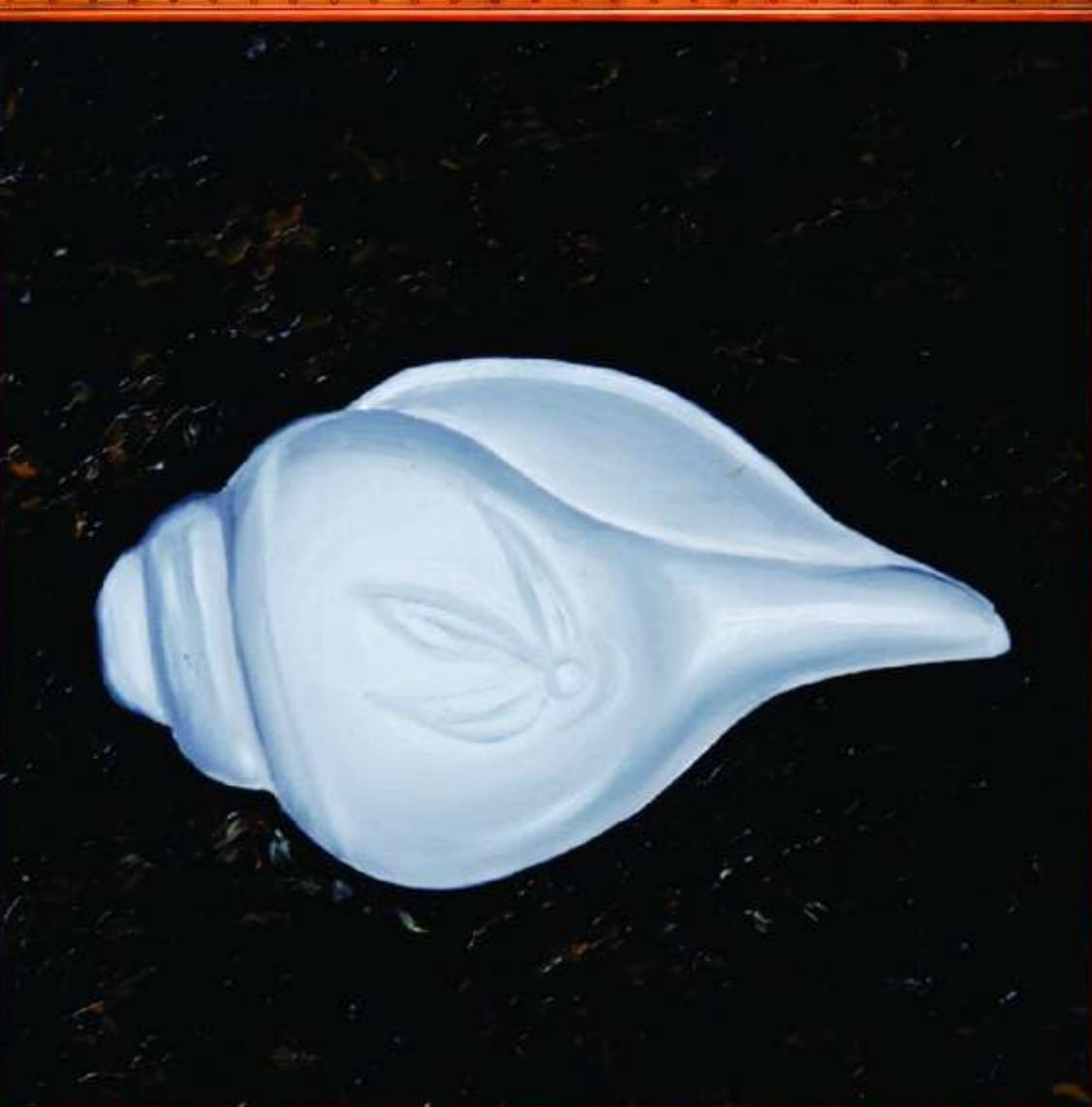




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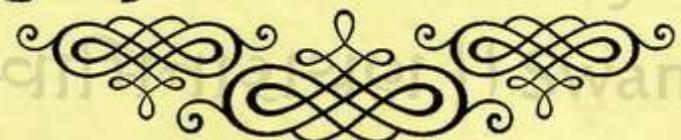
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Flag of Gunātit Samāj





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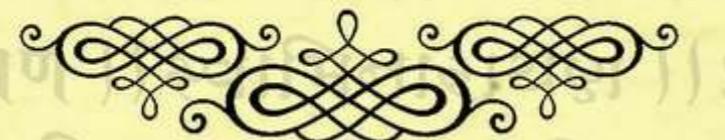


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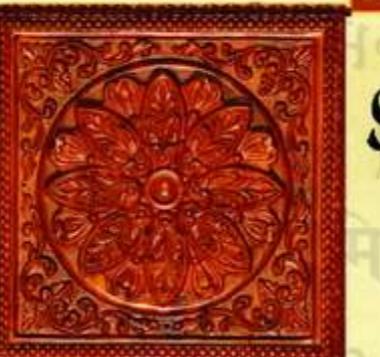
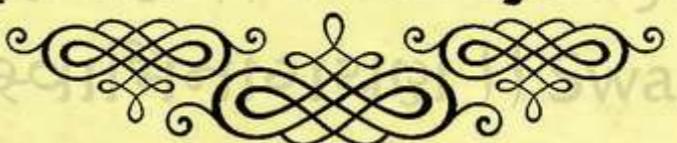




Anoopam Mission



Shree Aksharpurushottam Satsang Kendra, Sāṅkardā



Your coming here itself is enough for your worthiness.

Now, you stop worrying.



In difficulties, Stop your engine. Wait and pray. Let Him work.

***Bhajan, i.e. ceaseless chanting of
Swaminārāyan Mantra will solve all the riddles.***

**Do not consider the facts as they are,
go according to your inner conviction.**



Our conviction is :

'God is living & personified, supreme, benign and auspicious.

**He can do anything He wants within a fraction of a second
& He is ours.**

So, He shall never let anything go wrong for us.

Akshartirth

'Wherever my eyes rest, every spot is replete with your memories.'

We are reminded of the above words of the great poet 'Kalāpi', when we see how P.P. Guruji - who always remains in Kākāji - consciousness, has directed all his efforts to keep everything brimming with the memories of H.D. Kākāji. On **October 26, 1992** - the auspicious occasion of *Annakut* - **P.P. Guruji** got the urn containing **divine remains of H.D. Kākāji Mahārāj** placed in the memorial shrine 'Akshartirth', built in the rear of the temple, **at the hands of H.D. Pappāji** bears a testimony to above couplet of 'Kalāpi'. H.D. Pappaji Mahārāj, in His blessings, had then proclaimed –

'H.D. Kākāji, the originator, pioneer and vital force of the Gunātit Samāj rests here.'

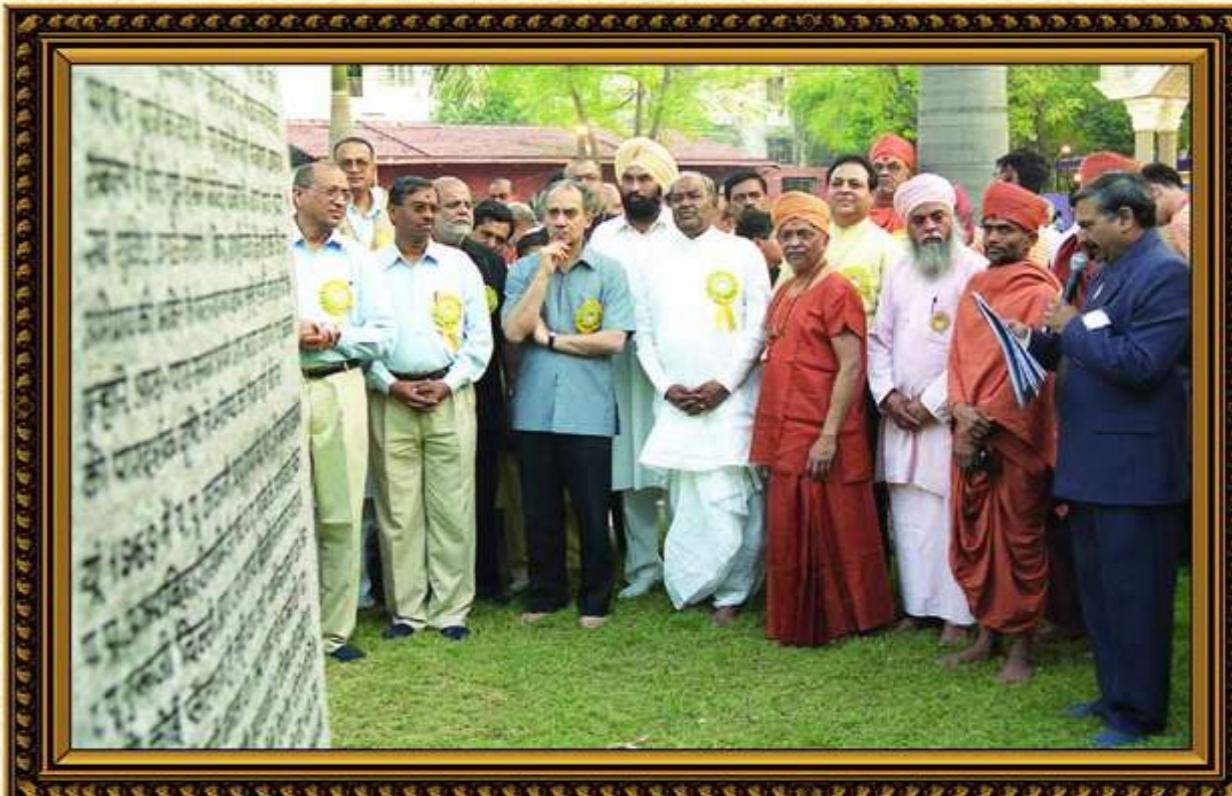
The words of such a Saint – Godhead are always true. H.D. Kākāji Mahārāj is ever present here for the devotees (*muktas*) of North India. Here, all the wishes of the devotess (*muktas*) are realised. **Yogi Bāpā** had declared the 'memorial shrine' in Mānāvadar equivalent to 'Aksharderi'; Likewise, **H.D. Jyotiben** has glorified this memorial shrine by declaring – **"This is 'Aksharderi' here for us."**

After **H.D. Sonābā** passed away on **January 21, 1995**, P.P. Guruji also got the urn containing Her divine remains placed here. Even after **H.D. Pappāji** Mahārāj left for His Divine abode, **P.P. Guruji placed the urn of His Divine remains in this holy shrine on July 11, 2006** – the auspicious day of *Gurupurnimā*, expressing his innermost feelings:

Just as the pioneers & promoters of Aksharpurushottam doctrine – H.D. Shāstriji Mahārāj and H.D. Yogiji Mahārāj can never be forgotten; in the same way, we shall never forget 'the architects of Gunātit Samāj'- H.D. Kākāji Mahārāj and H.D. Pappāji Mahārāj.

In fact, P.P. Guruji, has always wished from the core of his heart that we should never undermine the founding originators of our Divine fellowship. For the very same reason, on **March 30, 2003**, on the occasion of the release of a commemorative postal stamp of H.D. Kākāji Mahārāj, P.P. Guruji had a stone -inscription* installed at 'Akshartirth'. The inscription explains in detail how and when the temple came up. P.P. Guruji's intention in all these endeavours is that none in future, should ever think of forgetting or try to mislead others to forget these creators of 'Gunātit Samāj', lest we should forget that today, **we owe our entire existence to 'THEM'**.

* See page 90 for the history of the Delhi Temple, inscribed on the rock.



An awe-inspiring architect of the entire Gunātit Samāj... His Divinity Kākāji



★ O! Kākāji, may you prevail till eternity!

In 1948, at Dābholkar Road, Mumbai, when our fellow brother **P. Gulzārilāl Nandāji** was leaving for Delhi, H.D. Shāstriji Mahārāj and Our Spiritual Master H.D. Yogiji Mahārāj made him sit in between them and H.D. Shāstriji Mahārāj showered His heartfelt blessings on him:

'Go to Delhi and propagate the message of Swāminārāyan.'

Due to your close association with this saint, Mahārāj (God) shall definitely listen to your prayers the way He listens to me...'

In this way, P. Nandāji was sent to Delhi, expecting that the message of Lord Swāminārāyan would spread all around in Delhi & Punjāb through him and not only he himself would steadfastly follow this *satsang*, but induce others also to join. However, the process was delayed due to certain unforeseen circumstances; so on December 5, 1967, H.D. Kākāji sent P.P. Guruji and saints to Delhi for the first time to fulfil the long cherished will of these Divine Saints.

Before P.P. Guruji left for Delhi, at P. Bhikhākākā's residence in Vadodarā, H.D. Kākāji told him –

'It's not I, who is sending you; it is Bāpā's wish and you have to be instrumental in fructifying it. Bāpā Himself will set up everything in advance.'

And... in Nov. 1969, in Gondal, H.D. Yogiji Mahārāj continuously reiterated for ten days about building a temple in Delhi!

❖ *'It would be nice to have there a temple with spires... If Yamunāji wants to have the service, it will happen...*

flags of 84 countries flutter in Delhi; our temple there will do us proud.'

Nov. 17, 1969

❖ *'We do want our temple in Delhi & install the idol of Shāstriji Mahārāj therein. It is my earnest desire; rest is up to you all.'*

Nov. 20, 1969

❖ *'Get the temple built in Delhi as early as possible, we have to consecrate Shāstriji Mahārāj there...'*

Nov. 23, 1969

– H.D. Yogiji Mahārāj – (Yogi Charitam – Pg. 173)

What a transcendental intimacy and oneness between H.D. Yogiji Mahārāj and H.D. Kākāji Mahārāj!

While P.P. Guruji was leaving for Delhi, H.D. Kākāji blessed him saying :

'As a return love-gift for your dedication to Bāpā's divine mission, He will bestow upon you such saintliness, that a devout group of followers will naturally flourish around you.'

Really, H.D. Kākāji could foresee and predict the future!

Thus, in 1967, with the blessings of H.D. Kākāji, H.D. Pappāji, H.D. Hariprasādswāmiji, H.D. Aksharvihāriswāmiji and H.D. Sāheb, P.P. Guruji came to Delhi. At that time, there was no platform in Delhi for propagating *satsang*. No one even knew the name of 'Swāminārāyan'. In all ways, there were hardships. But being encouraged by H.D. Kākāji's forceful, energetic & powerful words and seeing His tireless efforts, P.P. Guruji continued coming to Delhi every year, ignoring all the hardships, gossips and adverse circumstances. On the recommendation of the then Hon'ble Home Minister Bhārat Ratna P. Gulzārilal Nandāji – a beloved follower of H.D. Shāstriji Mahārāj & a friendly colleague of H.D. Kākāji, P.P. Guruji stayed at 'Bhārat Sādhu Samāj' till 1974 and continued his endeavours for spiritual progress alongwith propagation of *satsang* from there. In 1974, at the behest of H.D. Kākāji, saints started living in a rented house in Ashok Vihar- III and in 1978, they established a permanent centre.

H.D. Kākāji often visited to give benefit of His *Darshan*, service and association to the devotees of Delhi-Haryānā-Punjāb and to bring joy in their lives. Propagating *satsang* in Delhi was a formidable task like sailing a boat in the desert. But, regardless of cold or heat, unmindful of time – whether it was day or night, toiling hard H.D. Kākāji and P.P. Guruji worked with a missionary zeal. In the scorching heat of summer, they travelled even by cycle rickshaw, three-wheeler or bus in Delhi; whereas for Haryānā & Punjāb, they would leave early morning in an open jeep in chilling winds of December-January. Nothing could deter them.

After inexhaustible efforts, in 1985, on the recommendation of Hon'ble H.K.L.Bhagat – the then Central Minister, who was attached to H.D. Kākāji with incredible affection, D.D.A. allotted us land for the construction of the temple.

And... on Saturday, April 13, 1985, on the auspicious day of *Baisākhi*, with the inspiration of P. Kāntikākā (the then President of the extensive *Gunātit Samāj*) and in the divine presence of spiritual heirs of H.D. Yogi Mahārāj – H.D. Kākāji and all *Gunātit* Saints, Sardar Harcharansingh Nāg performed the foundation stone laying ceremony of 'Shree Aksharpurushottam Swāminārāyan Temple and Spiritual Research Centre.'

Physically, H.D. Kākāji visited this site of temple only three times and... determined there to develop both – a grand & majestic temple of bricks & cement, and a living temple in flesh & blood in the form of a Realised Saint. But, on Friday, March 7, 1986, that Transcendental Mystic Personality suddenly departed from our midst! His sudden departure was a bolt from the blue for all of us. The tragedy left everyone stunned and paralysed. His departure left a vacuum. It took 1 ½ years for us to recover from this trauma.

But, H.D. Kākāji had departed only physically! In His divine form, every moment, He is ceaselessly with His devout followers, fostering them, taking care of their spiritual enhancement & elevation as well as their well being, more than ever before. Moreover, He has also blessed us with invaluable gifts in the form of P.P. Guruji, P.P. Dinkarbhāi and P.P. Bharatbhāi.

In the words of H.D. Pappāji –

'P.P. Guruji, P.P. Dinkarbhāi and the fellow brothers of Tād-dev have immortalised and perpetuated Kākāji!'

P.P. Guruji has never let us feel the absence of H.D. Kākāji. Everyone has experienced His presence in the form of P.P. Guruji.

As H.D. Kākāji had predicted, P. Malkāni Uncle came in contact with P.P. Guruji and with immense intimacy, rendered him a great support by shouldering the responsibility of construction of the temple and... on the auspicious day of February 3, 1988, in the divine presence of all Living *Gunātit* Saints, the foundation of the temple was laid!

On June 28, 1988, dedicated sisters of Delhi attached to H.D. Kākāji, took the initiation of sainthood and 'Aksharjyoti Mahilā Kendra' came into existence.

From 1988 to 1993, the construction work of the temple went on. P.P. Guruji had to bear tremendous hardships in getting the temple constructed. He had to monitor the construction work alongwith frequent visits to Jaipur to supervise the sculpturing of idols, which were to be consecrated in the temple.

Years ago, H.D. Kākāji had blessed P.P. Guruji saying :

'In Delhi, through you, incredibly supramental works will be accomplished and International Spiritual Research Centre shall be developed.'

These blessings of the Manifest Divinity were fructifying ! On February 24, 1990, owing to P.P. Guruji's efforts and persuasion, the arterial road of Ashok Vihār was given the name of 'Swāminārāyan Mārg' and the by-lane entering Ashok Vihār - III from that road, as 'Kākāji Lane' by Delhi Government.

On February 3, 1994 – on the auspices of H.D. Kākāji's Platinum Jubilee – in the gracious presence of all *Gunātit* Saints, the idols were installed and consecrated in the temple. Thus, the cherished will of H.D. Yogiji Mahārāj to consecrate *Prasannavadan Karunānidhān* Shree Aksharpurushottam Mahārāj and His absolute divine lineage of Saints, at the bank of the river Yamuna, i.e. in Delhi, was realised.

Thus our sect well known from Bhuj to Surat and our supreme spiritual doctrine, which till then was not spread outside Gujarāt due to our own narrow mindedness, emanated from our centre in Delhi and proliferated to Haryānā, Punjāb and U.P. in Northern India at the will of the Living Supremely Realised Saints.

The living eternal *Gunātit* knowledge of *Aksharpurushottam* –

- ❖ To become *brahmaroop* and dedicate oneself to God
- ❖ To have conviction of Living God and persuade others for the same
- ❖ To get ultimate redemption
- ❖ To attain liberation in this very life

such herculean spiritual tasks were initiated from here.

As a result, in Northern India, a 'Novel *Gunātit Samāj*' – a divine family, attached with love - intimacy as described in *Gadhadā* last 21 of *Vachnāmrīt* – living solely for God, belonging to God, with the strength of God and relying only on God – came into existence.

The spiritual & moral values, refined feelings of love - intimacy, friendliness, oneness with fellow beings, harmonious relationship with all – such qualities, which cannot be purchased by wealth, are being cultivated & fostered here. Here, everyone experiences peace, sense of belonging and the presence of God. H.D. Kākāji had announced many times: '*Delhi belongs to me and I belong to Delhi.*' These words of H.D. Kākāji impart unique peace and strength to all those who come to this temple and are associated with P.P. Guruji. In P. Malkāni Uncle's words –

'Erection of this temple in Delhi is in itself a unique, matchless historic example of how an able, competent and Supremely Realised Guru, even when not present physically, works ceaselessly to take care of both – the social and spiritual development of His devout followers.'

On the other hand, H.D. Yogiji Mahārāj used to say: '*Tād-dev is the Throne of Akshardhām!*' H.D. Hariprasādswāmiji also exalted it as '*the Gangotri (the origin of river Ganges) of Gunātit Samāj*', which evolved from '*Tād-dev*'. P.P. Guruji has a special fascination for '*Tād-dev*' in his heart. With all the activities of *satsang*, now being carried out from *Akshardhām* temple in Powai – Mumbai, the glory of '*Tād-dev*' may fade with the passage of time; apprehending this, P.P. Guruji, with everyone's consensus, changed the name of Delhi temple complex from *Anirdesh* to '*Taad-dev*'! Thus, the name of place from where *Gunātit Samāj* originated will remain alive forever in everyone's heart, lest we forget it.

Two years later, in 2002, on the auspicious occasion of the Golden Jubilee of H.D. Kākāji's Realisation Day, it came to P.P. Guruji's mind that –

*'In order to spread the message of Lord Swāminārāyan and to sow the seeds of Transcendental Knowledge of Absolute Divine Reality of Godhead in India and abroad, H.D. Kākāji virtually sacrificed Himself. He always thought of the well-being and happiness of others. Despite being the inspiration and architect of each & every centre of *Gunātit Samāj*, He kept the head of that centre in the forefront, sidelining Himself. Thus, He paved the way for inculcating *Suhradbhāv*, i.e. universal harmony in us. Hence, to give His true introduction to the society, why should a Postal Stamp not be released to honour Him?'*

Therefore, P.P. Guruji sent a request letter to the Government of India in this regard. With the unforgettable support and co-operation of our intimate fellow brother Late P. Kāshirāmbhāi Rānā, the then Textile Minister in centre, P.P. Guruji's innermost desire was fulfilled. On March 30, 2003, on the occasion of celebration of P.P. Guruji's birthday, in the presence of all Supremely Realised Saints of the Gunātit Samāj, a Postal Stamp commemorating the contribution of H.D. Kākāji to the nation, was released by Hon'ble Mr. Arun Shourie, the then Broadcasting and Telecommunication Minister of India. This achievement has glorified not only the Gunātit Samāj; but has also earned glory and fame for all the followers of the Swāminārāyan faith and even for the people of Gujarāt. On May 28, 2006, H.D. Pappāji left for His abode in *Akshardhām*. Yet, keeping His word, He came and resided permanently at Delhi temple; when on March 25, 2007, P.P. Guruji got a life-size marble idol of H.D. Pappāji installed, adjacent to H.D. Kākāji's idol and was consecrated by Living Gunātit Saints. In this way, 'The Founders of the Gunātit Samāj' – the brother duo were seated together on the same platform in Delhi temple, to bless all by Their *Darshan*. On the recommendation of Late Mr. H.K.L. Bhagat, the then Lieutenant Governor of Delhi - Mr. Ramesh Bhandāri facilitated allotment of a plot from D.D.A. for dedicated sisters. It took ten long years to complete construction on it and on October 25, 2007 – *Sharadpurnimā*, 'Aksharjyoti' was inaugurated* by H.D. Hariprasādswāmiji.

Pleased with P.P. Guruji for his all embracing attitude & universal vision, as a gesture of expressing His happiness, H.D. Kākāji got the barren land, adjacent to the temple and lying vacant for many years, handed over to the temple by D.D.A. for development of a neighbourhood park. Years ago, pointing His hand in the direction of this plot of land, H.D. Kākāji had prophesied P.P. Guruji, '*Why do you worry about land? Here you will get as much land as you need.*' P.P. Guruji also toiled hard day and night to take care of this invaluable gift, allowing no deficiency and completely transformed this badly stinking land into a lush green park, in the short span of a year!

H.D. Pappāji often said –

'February 3, 1952, the day of Kākāji's Supreme Realisation (Sākshātkār) marks the creation of the Gunātit Samāj.'

To reveal this truth, P.P. Guruji got the park named as 'Teen Fervari Park' by the Government of Delhi and on March 13, 2009, it was inaugurated by the blessed hands of P.P. Vashibhāi and immortalised H.D. Kākāji and His Supreme Realisation Day!

H.D. Kākāji always used to say –

'This powerhouse is constant & continuous and will remain so forever.'

Revealing the Spiritual fundamentals of *Shree Aksharpurushottam* doctrine and as an ideal of firm conviction in and devotion to the Spiritual Master, this temple shall keep the identity of H.D. Kākāji alive and vibrant for eons.

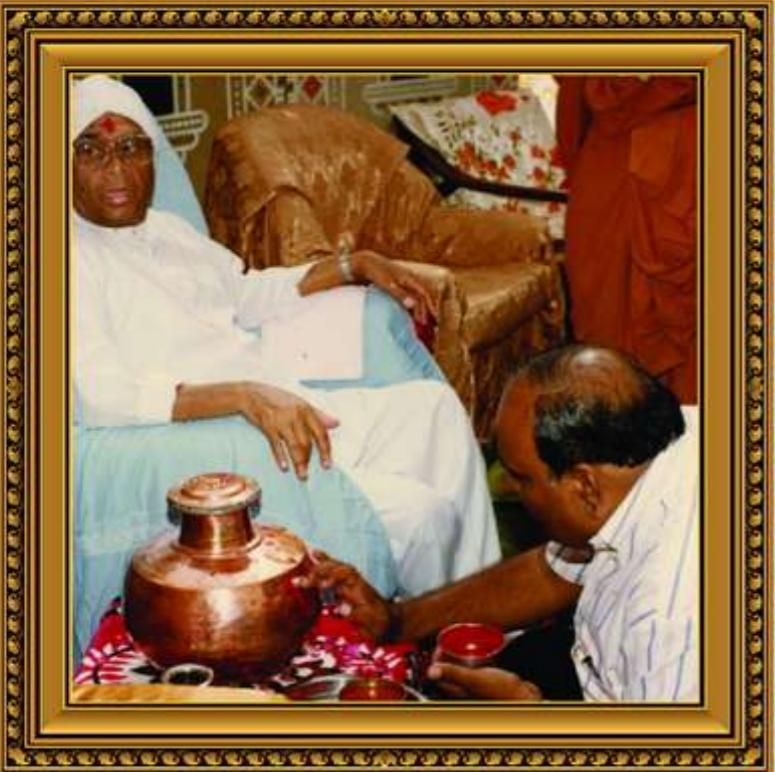
Hail Gunātit Samāj! Hail!Hail!Hail!

May you all flourish & prosper!

Saturday, June 12, 2010

* Read blessings by P.P. Guruji on the inauguration of 'Aksharjyoti' on page 97

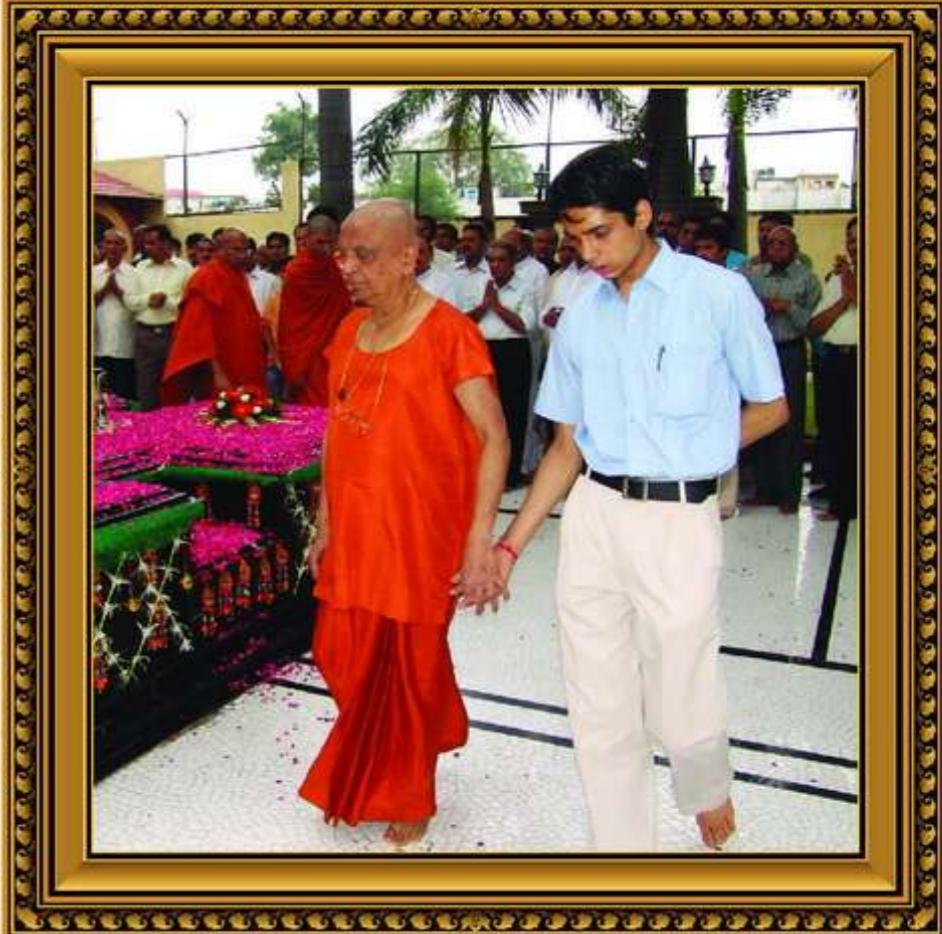
Installation of the urn containing divine remains of H.D. Kākāji Māhārāj at 'Akshartirthi' – October 26, 1992, Annakut



P.P. Guruji has immortalised H.D. Kākāji... – H.D. Pappāji

This is 'Aksharderi' for us. – H.D. Jyotiben

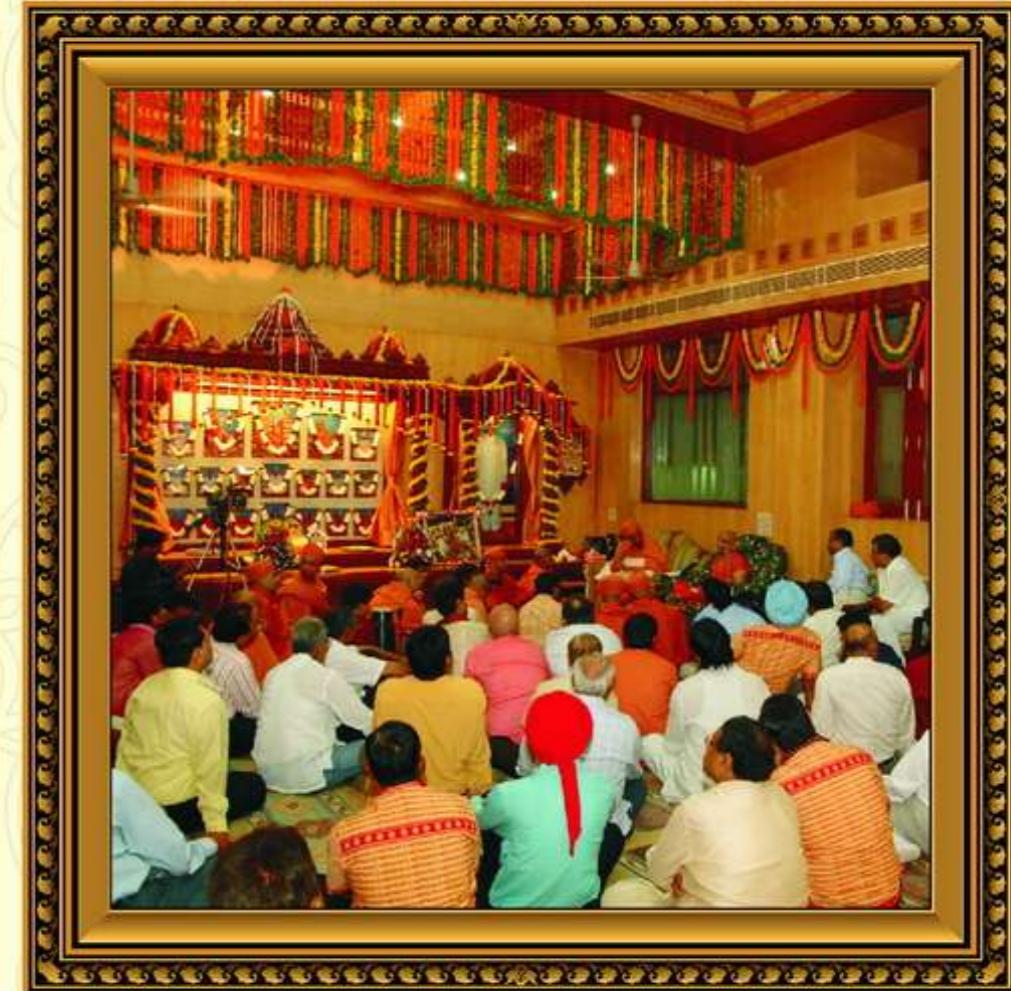
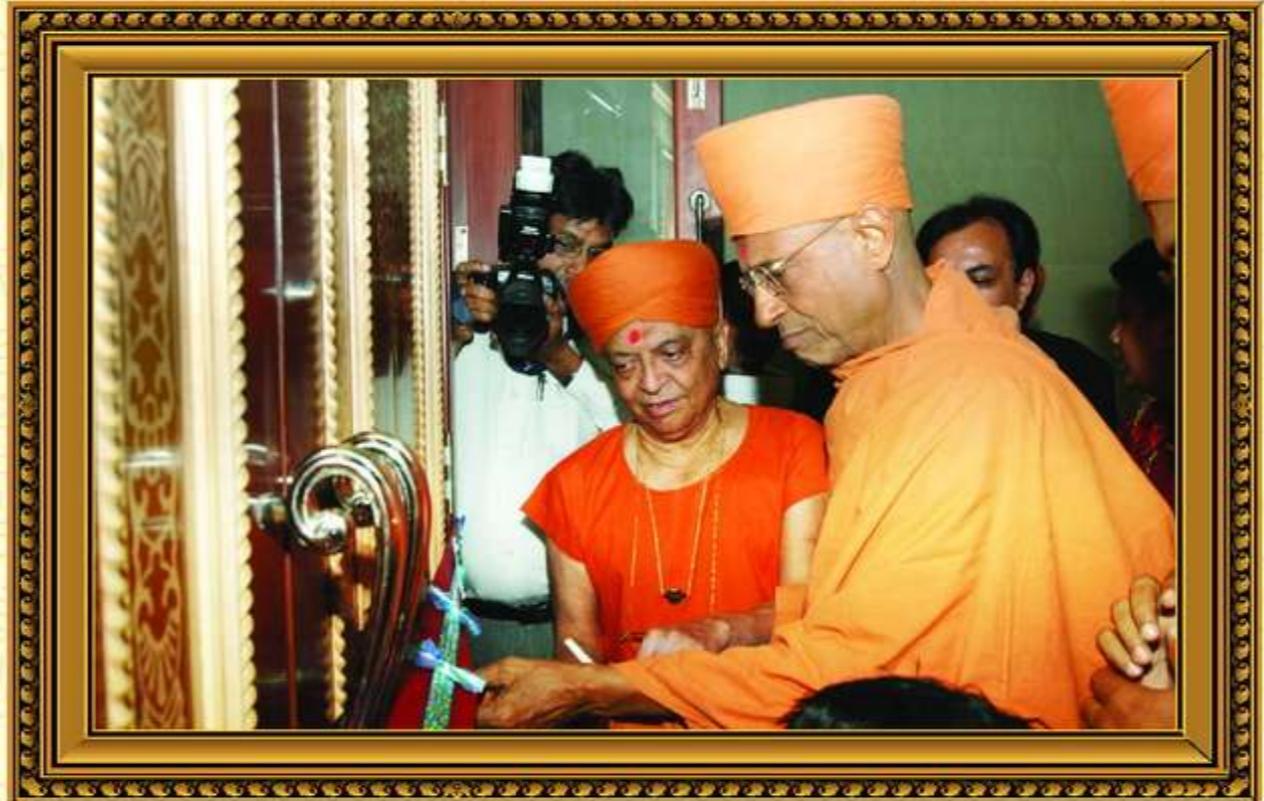
Installation of the urn containing divine remains of H.D. Pappāji Mahārāj at 'Akshartirthi' - July 11, 2006, Gurupurnimā



*The originators, pioneers
and
vital forces of Gunātit Samāj,
H.D. Kākājī & H.D. Pappāji,
rest here.*

- P.P. Guruji

Inauguration of 'Aksharjyoti' by H.D. Hariprasādswāmiji – October 25, 2007, Sharadpurnimā



I came to 'Aksharjyoti' with Guruji; on entering the building I felt - What a marvellous arrangement Guruji has made for the dedicated sisters! In every nook & corner of this temple, I experienced the unique devotion & love - intimacy of Guruji... The temple where Guruji stays is yet incomplete! Amazing facility has been provided to the dedicated sisters. A perfect building for those who have taken refuge in God... 'Daughters need not get any sort of discomfort' – is His only concern!

– H.D. Hariprasādswāmiji

* Blessings by P.P. Guruji on the inauguration of 'Aksharjyoti'

To the intrepid women of Gunātit Samāj who, under the shelter & protection of the most competent Divine personality – H.D. Kākāji, started battle against *Māyā* to realise *Brahman* –

H.D. Kākāji was the first, who at the behest of H.D. Yogi Mahārāj, took a revolutionary step in Swāminārāyan sect, to initiate women to dedicate themselves like men for worshipping God independently and... He bore innumerable insults - abuses and was eventually excommunicated by *Sansthā* like Bhagatji Mahārāj. Millions thanks and salutes to H.D. Kākāji, who, using me as His instrument, blessed me with an opportunity to serve here such **initiated sisters** known as '**belonging to Dādukākā**'.

Oh! What a deep love H.D. Kākāji had for me that He granted me this great favour! And... pondering over this, I am naturally reminded of H.D. Pappāji. We used to hold *Poshi Punam Shibir*s in the Rāmkrishna Mission hall at Vidyānagar. Once, showing me a picture of Bharatji and a deer, H.D. Pappāji said – *These are Kākā and Mukund!* Today, realising the truth and essence of His statement, my heart is overwhelmed with tears, thinking how much these *Gunātit* Saints love us? Regardless of our worthiness, they went on showering blessings on us and simultaneously, moulded us. Once, while talking to H.D. Kākāji, I disclosed my shortcomings, but He interrupted me saying:

'Your entire – sole responsibility is mine. Colossal Supramental works are to be accomplished through you and... in its torrent, You will not even know when, all your flaws are wiped off.'

Today is *Sharadpurnimā*! The day of manifestation of *Akshar Brahman* in the form of H.D. Gunātitānandswāmiji and the Initiation Day of our H.D. Hariprasādswāmiji! Today, H.D. Hariprasādswāmiji has made my day by inaugurating *Naimishāranya* and performing *ārti* of the idols. His gracious visit has given me unfathomable gratification and immense joy.

'Aksharjyoti' means '*Ānandi*'! Years ago, once I had sent her a picture of rose, as a small souvenir entitled –

'A single rose can be my garden.'

Today, it can be said that *Ānandi* Didi has fulfilled my wish and thirteen sisters have been initiated here to dedicate themselves to God.

Narrative of *Ānandi*'s life is a tale of courageous fortitude. '***She is a nightingale of love and affection.***' Everyone has experienced it. Whenever anyone would have met her, found her with a smiling face. If I say more in her context, it would be improper; since there is a saying in Gujarāti – 'Who would praise the groom? The groom's mother!' So, it would be interpreted that way. Hence, I refrain from further eloquence. Even otherwise, all know that *Ānandi* means – 'Guruji's sepoy'! I too say: 'Didi means – My tape recording!' But forget not, like me, Didi also has a temperament of her own.

When *Ānandi* decided to devote her life to God, she had to face tremendous resistance from her family. So, how and where to accommodate her in Delhi was a glaring problem. But, at that time H.D. Kākāji was physically present amongst us. And... at His behest, she stayed at the residence of Gaurāng & then with Vanalatā in Mumbai; thereafter she stayed at Rādha Akkā's āshram in Pandharpur and then at R.K. Agarwāl's house in Sāhibābād .

Finally, after remaining 'underground' for six months at Late Dharampāl's house in Sowaddi Kalān - Punjāb, she returned to Delhi and stayed at our Vijaybābu's house 'as his sister' and started her *sādhanā*. Truly, I offer my heartfelt gratitude to Vijaybābu, who at that critical juncture, gave shelter to an unknown young girl in his house without bothering of the critics. Thereafter, Smitā, Gauri, Swāti and Nishthā also joined her and this small group continued pursuing their worship, staying at 1-B Janta Flats, opposite to the temple at A-103. But then, all of a sudden, H.D. Kākāji left for His abode – *Akshardhām*!

However, gradually Didi mingled with sisters and ladies of the *satsang* in Delhi and... took over the responsibility of ladies' activities in *satsang*. As the number of dedicated sisters and correspondingly their activities increased, they shifted to 'Shakti Apartments'.

Late Mr. H.K.L. Bhagat Sāheb had special affection for H.D. Kākāji. Hence, with a sentiment to contribute in the arrangement for accommodation of these sisters, he went out of the way to get land allotted by D.D.A. near the temple in 1989. After a long time, in the year 1997, the Foundation Stone Laying Ceremony was performed at the hands of H.D. Pappāji and today... after nearly ten years, this building is ready for the sisters. However, ten years' time is quite a very long duration for the construction of this building. But, during this period many incidents took place – viz. Didi's heart operation, my bypass surgery, Parchhāi's kidney transplant – due to which the construction was prolonged.

I am also thankful to the devotees here, who stood by me not only during all these incidents, but were equally concerned about 'Aksharjyoti' in a way as if a work of their own – the work of their real sisters was kept pending. Mahendra Jaiswāl, a devotee from Jagrāon in Punjāb, has come here today. In 2001, he bought a plot for his house. But he did not start any work over there. Whenever I asked him – When are you starting construction; he would reply, 'Guruji! let Aksharjyoti's work be finished, I will begin after that.' Moreover... he regularly sent his contribution in his capacity for this cause. Our Nishi's Anilji pursued a course in architecture exclusively to offer his services to the Aksharjyoti project and took over the responsibility of the construction work of Aksharjyoti, keeping his job with D.D.A. in doldrums. Many such names can be enumerated.

Those who could not contribute financially, such young children, youngsters, daughters and ladies joined our waste collection campaign. When people saw women from well-to-do families going door to door, seeking charity for this benevolent cause, they were astonished and contributed enthusiastically.

Our Puri Sāheb has recently retired from the bank. He has deep affection for us. Due to his sincerity and competence, he was not only offered but also persuaded by the bank to accept an advisory job of 25-30 thousand Rupees salary; but, without giving even a single thought, he turned down the offer, as he knew well that Guruji needed an educated, experienced and responsible helping hand. This is the family spirit fostered and nourished here by H.D. Kākāji.

Our Āshish too, forgetting even his Nakshu, without any consideration of night or day, dived into this work and took it up on 'War footing'. And... finally we accomplished. Today, the delight is not for the work being completed, but because the work has been accomplished, as Bāpā used to say, in a family spirit – with synergy of everyone coming together. It has brought the joy.

However... now the sisters, be very alert. You have entered the public domain. Hence, your responsibilities have multiplied manifold. Forget not that we have chosen this path '**exclusively to worship God**'. So, do not indulge in any activity or enterprise other than that. Mahārāj will get **socially virtuous activities** done through the tycoons like Tata-Birla-Ambani family-Mittal-Bill Gates etc. **It's not our field – our sphere at all.** This is my personal belief.

We are here only to worship – to realise God – The Supreme Reality & to share the knowledge of God with those who come in our contact so that they too may enjoy peace, happiness, contentment and joy in all aspects of life. Do nothing else besides this. If you have this **clarity of goal** in your mind, attainment will be easier for you.

H.D. Kākāji used to say – **'According to the principle of Aksharpurushottam doctrine, worship of God begins with the worship of The Supreme Being – The Absolute Divine Personality of Godhead, His Eternal Divine Personal Entity – Akshar Brahman & His living emancipated devout followers.'** Meaning thereby – that for us, other than them, nothing else is real. So, with a firm conviction in the divine existence & supremacy of Living Personified God, thro' His Spiritual Heir from original disciplic succession, develop and inspire mutual love-intimacy like kith & kin amongst fellow *satsangis* of the holy fellowship. As much this consciousness proliferates, as many such devotees are primed; consider the *satsang* having grown proportionately. Indulge in this activity only.

Let us not forget – H.D. Kākāji and H.D. Pappāji had a clear vision of *satsang*.

If one remembers, H.D. Kākāji used to say – **'All these years, we have kept running Bāpā's shop.'**

By saying this, He was neither projecting Himself, nor blowing His own trumpet. He wanted us also to continue *satsang* in the very same pattern. So, develop *satsang* based on love-intimacy of family concept. Do not get distracted to any other path. It is said in H.D. Gunātitānandswāmi's gospels –

'A big landlord will buy and gather land; a tycoon will aspire for wealth & earn a lot of money; a big Brāhmin will collect & preserve books and a big shepherd would like to have a flock of cows-buffaloes-goats, but has anyone gathered the herds of single-minded devout followers? All other things are worthless. So, one should, in association and following guidance of a Realised Saint, become a true sādhu...'

M.A.M. Gunātitānandswāmiji has said this in His own context. He, being the majestic manifestation of God, gathered groups of single-minded devout followers only. We too claim that we have been blessed with such a majestic manifest form of God. Then why, doing anything else, should we bring disgrace to our reverent Guru? Hence, transcending male-female consciousness, yet remaining within our disciplines and following the dictum – **'Unity itself is Supramental Consciousness'**, let us become '**a devout follower**' and lead others also to follow this path.

H.D. Kākāji said the same in a different way – **Becoming spiritual technicians prepare similarly others.**

So, with this exclusive goal, march forward on this path of **Absolute satsang** only. I pray to Lord Swāminārāyan, Swāmi, all *Gunātit* Saints and H.D. Kākāji to shower Their blessings for it. In the end,

H.D. Swāmiji has today performed *ārti* and invoked God in these idols. Hence, from today onward, may these sisters always enjoy sound health and remain free of illness. May everyone, who comes here, experience peace, as the name **Naimishāranya** of the prayer hall means. May everyone, praying in this hall, be captivated by it, to keep on sitting here and get solution to their every problem by the power of prayer.

With these prayers at the feet of Lord Swāminārāyan, Swāmi, all *Gunātit* Saints and H.D. Kākāji,

Your Guruji's Jay Swāminārāyan.

October 25, '07 Sharadpurnimā.

Inauguration of 'Teen Fervari Park' by P.P. Vashibhai (Powai - Mumbai) – March 13, 2009, Birthday of P.P. Guruji



3rd February 1952 means, Foundation Day – the Victory day of Gunātit Samāj! – H.D. Pappāji

Teen Fervari Park...

As you enter Ashok Vihār area in the NCT of Delhi, you come on an arterial road – '**SWĀMINĀRĀYAN MĀRG**'! From this road, the lane entering Ashok Vihār Phase-III is – '**Kākāji Lane**'!! And... on this lane, adjacent to '**Shree Aksharpurushottam Swāminārāyan Temple**', we have the '**Teen Fervari Park**'!!! An unknown person will naturally be curious to know – Who is 'Kākāji' & why is the park called 'Teen Fervari Park'; but a member of '**Gunātit Samāj**' will never make such queries. Instead, for him, it is something to be highly proud of because H.D. Pappāji Mahārāj said – '**3rd February** is '**the day Gunātit Samāj was founded**'! On this day, by the grace of H.D. Yogiji Mahārāj, H.D. Kākāji Mahārāj had the Supreme Realisation. Thereafter, H.D. Kākāji Mahārāj revealed to everyone that 'God personified' is present on the earth as Our Master Yogiji Mahārāj and... He initiated the concept of extended divine family of love – intimacy with all those who were associated with Yogiji Mahārāj. This '**Yogi Parivār**' flourished as '**Gunātit Samāj**'. **We are blessed & fortunate to be a member of this Divine Family!**

Once, a discussion about more land for Delhi temple was going on in the presence of H.D. Kākāji Mahārāj. Standing on this very site of temple, H.D. Kākāji Mahārāj, gesturing with His hand, blessed Guruji –

'Rājā! You will get as much land as you need here.'

On **May 28, 1985**, '**Delhi Development Authority**' had allotted this land for the temple, but for the last 30 years, the filth in the vacant adjacent land, earmarked for 'neighbourhood park', was polluting the environment. P.P. Guruji had requested D.D.A. many a times to get it cleaned, but...

On **May 28, 2006**, H.D. Pappāji Mahārāj left for His Divine abode. With the consent of everyone, in a very short time, P.P. Guruji initiated carving of a life-size marble idol of H.D. Pappāji Mahārāj and... on the auspicious day of **March 25, 2007**, the idol of H.D. Pappāji Mahārāj was consecrated in the hall **Kalpavruksha** by the auspicious hands of H.D. Hariprasādswāmiji, H.D. Aksharvihāriswāmiji, H.D. Sāhebji, P.P. Guruji, P.P. Dinkarbhāi and P.P. Bharatbhāi. The very next month, i.e. in April, the adjoining land was handed over to the temple by D.D.A. for developing it into a park!

Thus, one of the radical principles of Gunātit Samāj – '**Universal Vision**' was illustrated by P.P. Guruji through consecration of the idol of H.D. Pappāji Mahārāj and... as if to express His pleasure for this gesture of His dear 'Mukund', H.D. Kākāji Mahārāj gifted him this land ex-gratia! P.P. Guruji also did not fail to serve his Master! With the support of devotees who are attached to him with love-intimacy, he transformed this filthy land into a beautiful garden within a short span of a year! And... getting it named '**Teen Fervari Park**' by Delhi government, he immortalised the Supreme Realisation Day of H.D. Kākāji Mahārāj in the annals of history!







ABBREVIATIONS & GLOSSARY

D.D.A.	– Delhi Development Authority	Brāhmīc	– Of, or pertaining to, Brahman.	Parivār	– Family.
e.g.	– <i>Exempli gratia</i> (for example)	Brahman	– Same as Akshar Brahman.	Prasannavadan	– The Lord in graciously joyous & merciful disposition.
etc.	– <i>Et cetera</i> (and the rest)	Brahmaroop	– Oneness or identification with eternal Brahman.	Karunānidhān	
H.D.	– His Divinity/ Her Divinity	Brahmaswaroop	– Divine embodiment that has attained full identification and equivalence in Divine qualities & infinite powers with Brahman.	Rāmnavmi	– Incarnation Day of Lord Rām according to Hindu calendar.
i.e.	– <i>Id est</i> (that is)	Darshan	– Seeing an idol or the living form of God or His saint or a deity with devotion and reverence; vision.	Sādhanā	– Practices undertaken for one's spiritual ascension.
M.A.M.	– <i>Mul Akshar Moorti</i> (Eternal Transcendental Entity)	Dharamkul	– Lord Swāminārāyan's dynasty/Lord Swāminārāyan's Original spiritual disciplic succession.	Sādhvi	– Female renunciant who is singularly dedicated to The Lord and The Master.
P.	– <i>Pujya</i> (Reverend)	Gunātit	– Transcendental eternal state of consciousness which is beyond the three modes of nature.	Sākshātkār	– Supreme & Final Realisation, in which H.D. Kākāji realised true identity of His Master Yogiji Mahārāj and... His soul instantly became BrahmaSwaroop, fully remaining in permanent communion with The Supreme Being.
P.P.	– <i>Param Pujya</i> (Most Reverend)	Gunātit Samāj	– Divine family founded by H.D. Kākāji & H.D. Pappāji based on the principle of co-operative existence and collective brotherhood.	Sāṅkhya Yogi	– Devotee who has renounced all worldly activities.
Pg.	– Page	Guruhari	– Lord's manifestation in the form of the Guru.	Sadguru	– Senior Saint.
viz.	– Namely	Gurupurnimā	– Festival celebrated by disciples for veneration of the Guru.	Sahjānand	– One who imparts spontaneous bliss (also used to address Lord Swāminārāyan).
Āchārya	– Religious head of a faith/community.	Kalpvruksha	– Magical tree that grants all desires of anyone who sits under it.	Sansthā	– Institution/ BAPS.
Ārti	– Hindu ritual of reverently waving lighted wicks before the idol of God or deity or reverend saint as an act of worship.	Karma Yogi	– A devotee, who has not renounced worldly activities but performs all activities with singular dedication to his Master and The Lord.	Satsang	– Holy fellowship/Association with a Divine Saint.
Āshram	– Place for residence and carrying out activities of a religious community.	Māyā	– Illusion; Instrument or power of God used as the fundamental element of creation.	Satsangi	– Member of holy fellowship.
Akshar Brahman	– Eternal Transcendental Reality.	Mandir	– Temple.	Sattva, Rajas & Tamas	– Three modes of nature, viz. righteousness, passion-desires & darkness-inertia respectively.
Akshardhām	– Divine abode of Lord Swāminārāyan.	Mantra	– Any sacred word or syllable used as an object of concentration and embodying some aspect of spiritual power.	Sharadpurnimā	– Full moon day of the Hindu lunar month of <i>Ashwin</i> , traditionally celebrating the harvest; Incarnation Day of M.A.M. Gunātitānandswāmiji & Initiation Day of H.D. Hariprasādswāmiji.
Aksharpurushottam	– The Supreme Being–The Absolute Divine Personality of Godhead alongwith His Eternal Divine Personal Entity–His most ideal devotee of all.	Moorti	– Sacred idol, picture/ photograph of God or deity or Living Godhead.	Shikshāpatri	– Fundamental code of conduct for His followers written by Lord Swāminārāyan.
Aksharderi	– Edifice built on the crematorial place of M.A.M. Gunātitānandswāmiji in Gondal, Gujarāt.	Naimishāranya	– Place where all thoughts and desires cease to exist and one experiences peace & divine bliss.	Snehal	– One who is bound & bonds with love-intimacy to fellow-brothers.
Anirdesh	– Divine abode of Lord Swāminārāyan.	Para-brahman	– Supreme Being/Supreme Transcendental Eternal Reality, i.e. Purushottam Lord Swāminārāyan.	Swamini Vāto	– Gospels of M.A.M. Gunātitānandswāmiji.
Annakut	– Offering of varieties of food items to God on first day of Hindu New Year with a sentiment that whatever we eat during the year, let it be first offered to The Lord at the beginning of the year.	Paramhansas	– Saints of the Highest order.	Vachnāmrīt	– Holy text of spiritual discourses delivered by Lord Swāminārāyan and documented by His saints.
Badrikāshram, Golok, Shwetdeep, Vaikunth	– Celestial abodes of Nar-Nārāyan, Lord Krishnā, Luxmi-Nārāyan & Lord Vishnu, respectively.			Yugal Upāsanā	– Dual worship, in context of <i>Aksharpurushottam</i> Doctrine.
Baisākhi	– Traditional festival of Northern India to celebrate new harvest, celebrated annually on 13 th of April.				
Bharatji	– A kind king who, having abdicated his crown, went to forest for self-realisation and later, nursed a wounded deer and fostered its growth.				



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