

# Chapter 8

## “Understand the Greatness of Such a Sadhu”

The Sarangpur mandir construction was proceeding rapidly. Shastriji Maharaj personally oversaw the construction work, as many sadhus and devotees, young and old, joined in this *seva*. Most of Yogi Maharaj’s time went into preparing meals for everyone. Still, whenever he got a chance, he would join in the construction work by transporting large vessels of sand, mortar, and other construction material.

Once, Kothari Bhaktivallabhdas Swami was filling the large vessels to the brim with construction material. Yogi Maharaj’s slim body would be bent double lifting these heavy vessels. Moreover, when he hoisted the vessel onto his head, his neck would wobble from the strain.

Shastriji Maharaj told Bhaktivallabhdas Swami, “Don’t fill Jogi’s vessels to the brim. You will kill him! Understand the greatness of such a sadhu. You should fill his vessels with just two shovelfuls of material. That is plenty for him.”

Bhaktivallabhdas Swami replied, “Only after you revealed his greatness could I realize it! Otherwise, I would have continued filling his vessels to the brim just like everyone else’s.”

Not only would Shastriji Maharaj take great care of Yogi Maharaj, but he would also inform the other sadhus about Yogi Maharaj’s greatness to ensure that they took care of him, too. Who could perceive the unparalleled divinity in this slender-bodied Jogi better than Shastriji Maharaj?