

Chapter 19

Plans to Increase Satsang in Ahmedabad

Pramukh Swami had organized a *parayan* in Ahmedabad on the *Satsangijivan* for the leap month of V.S. 2009.2 Swamishri also delivered discourses in the *parayan*. The spiritual assemblies would last until midnight. For about three days, Swamishri had arranged for the sadhus and devotees to walk to Narayan Ghat on the banks of the Sabarmati River to bathe in its sanctified waters. The *parayan* concluded on 23 April 1953. On this occasion, Swamishri instituted a special plan for increasing Satsang in Ahmedabad. He divided the city into zones and organized satsang programs in each zone. Swamishri expressed his immense pleasure and gave blessings for the success of this activity.

Swamishri was ever enthusiastic about the growth of Satsang, which allowed new spiritual

aspirants to connect with the Satpurush and the Satsang community and understand the greatness of Akshar Purushottam *upasana*. He continually guided devotees to help in this endeavor. Seeing Swamishri's special plans for the growth of Satsang in such large cities, one realizes Swamishri's immense foresight and his extraordinary organizational capacity to move forward in step with the times! He had an exceptional ability to take the pulse of the times and expand activities accordingly! Countless such steps taken by Swamishri were proof that despite his simple appearance in the guise of a sadhu, he possessed a tremendous talent for organization and execution. He knew of countless devotional paths through which he connected souls to God.

² A leap month, called Adhik Mas or Purushottam Mas, is added in the Hindu calendar to synchronize the lunar and solar calendar systems.