

Chapter 25

Rath Yatra Festival

On 21 June 1955, the Rath Yatra Festival was celebrated at the cremation site of Bhaktaraj Maganbhai. After *pradakshina*, *arti*, and *thal*, Swamishri led everyone in the chanting of *dhun* while making many auspicious wishes:

“1) As the *satsangis* here have donated to the Gadhada mandir, may their businesses flourish, and may they attain great joy. 2) May they earn good profits. 3) Let us chant God’s name that they most certainly may not expel anyone from the African continent. 4) May all of Africa become *satsangi*! 5) May a mandir be built in Tororo. 6) May a mandir be built in Kampala. 7) May the Gadhpur mandir be quickly completed. 8) May Satsang increase in Africa. 9) May a factory be built in our Shrijipara. 10) May the rains fall and may everyone prosper back in India. 11) May all of these wishes come true.”

In this way, at the cremation site, Swamishri did *dhun* for these eleven wishes. The devotees of Tororo and the surrounding villages thus enjoyed fifteen days of Swamishri's company, and everyone offered their services physically, mentally, and financially.