

# Chapter 22

## The Magic of His Talks

The Swamini Vato was Swamishri's unerring weapon and an unparalleled scripture. Just as a scholar might make arguments according to his intellect using support from the Gita, the Bhagvat, or references from other shastras, Swamishri would routinely recite Swamini Vato from memory and use that as a base for his talks. Whether he was speaking in front of a handful of people or an assembly of thousands, whether to rustic villagers, scholars, or the most powerful political leaders—before everyone, Swamishri would recite and explain the Swamini Vato. The astonishing thing was that he would not consider the occasion and decide the topic of his talks beforehand. Instead, the Swamini Vato, along with kirtans and vivid examples, would just flow spontaneously from his mouth. Yet, his words possessed the power to penetrate the hearts of

everyone who heard them. So great was the effect of his words that everyone could not help but agree with them in their innermost being. This was because his talks came from deep within, leaving his audiences spellbound. His words rang out as beneficent and liberative for every living being. Absolutely devoid of any desire for personal glory or greatness, the words of the Gunatit Sant possessed the power of his divine, *sachidanand* light. Just as Gunatitanand Swami had said, “These talks are as sharp as British steel. Slicing at the slightest touch, they would excise all shadows of samsara...” Such was the magic of Swamishri’s talks.