

Chapter 13

The Goddess of Food Becomes a Servant

After celebrating the festival of Uttarayan in Rajkot on 14 January 1944, Yogi Maharaj traveled to Vadodara. From here, Yogi Maharaj planned to travel with Shastriji Maharaj through Ahmedabad to Sarangpur. Thus he wrote a letter to Hargovindbhai, the stationmaster of Jalila, stating, “Don’t prepare a meal for us. Just keep some hot, spiced milk ready. Swami is traveling to Sarangpur. There will be many devotees with him.”

When Shastriji Maharaj and the sadhus and devotees arrived at Jalila Road in the afternoon, Hargovindbhai said, “Swami, lunch is ready.”

Shastriji Maharaj replied, “Can’t you understand the situation? We have so many people with us!” Then, he absolutely refused to stay for lunch.

Seeing Hargovindbhai despondent, the tenderhearted Yogi Maharaj humbly requested Shastriji Maharaj, “Swami, Hargovindbhai really wishes for you to eat. Moreover, the food is ready. So, we can offer *thal* to Thakorji, and distribute a little bit to everyone as prasad.”

Seeing Yogi Maharaj’s love for the devotees brought joy to Shastriji Maharaj’s heart. He assented to the request of this great sadhu who had nurtured thousands of such devotees by fulfilling their wishes and granting them the bliss of Brahmanand.

Yogi Maharaj offered *thal* to Thakorji and fed everyone, and still, there was food left over. Shastriji Maharaj said, “Yogi Maharaj is a great sadhu. Thus, the goddess of food stands before him with folded hands ready to serve.”

Hargovindbhai Master and his entire family were overjoyed that they had been able to serve such great sadhus like Shastriji Maharaj and Yogi Maharaj together with senior devotees.