

Chapter 15

Knower of Shastriji Maharaj's Inner Wishes

After Vasant Panchami, Yogi Maharaj stayed in the mandir for a few days before traveling to Mumbai at Shastriji Maharaj's behest. However, the changing news of Shastriji Maharaj's health left him and the other sadhus and devotees constantly on tenterhooks.

After spending a few days in Mumbai, Yogi Maharaj, his accompanying sadhus, Hakabhai, and other devotees traveled directly from Mumbai to Atladara. Upon seeing Yogi Maharaj, Swamishri began to cry. Deep despair permeated the entire atmosphere. Everyone was disconsolate.

Yogi Maharaj folded his hands and prayed, "O embodiment of compassion, we will do whatever makes you happy. If you want to go to Sarangpur, we will make arrangements accordingly."

As soon as he heard these words, Shastriji Maharaj instantly stopped crying. He said, “Yes, I want to go to Sarangpur. That is where I want to go.”

Shastriji Maharaj continued, “But how will I be able to go there? How will everyone travel there? What if someone gets left behind?”

Yogi Maharaj had brought about a resolution to these extraordinary and esoteric exploits of Shastriji Maharaj by making a decision to take him to Sarangpur. Everyone became convinced that the only person who truly understood Shastriji Maharaj’s inner wishes was Yogi Maharaj. Everyone marveled at Yogi Maharaj’s constant immersion in *divyabhav* and his profound understanding of *nirdosh buddhi*.

With heavy hearts and loud hails of “Jay!” a massive crowd of devotees packed the Vadodara train station to see Swamishri off to Sarangpur. Everyone was praying to stave off any calamitous event.

The Ahmedabad station was also jam-packed with devotees anxious for Shastriji Maharaj's darshan. Together with these devotees was Gulzarilal Nanda.

Swamishri was going to change trains at Ahmedabad Station. M.J. Pandya, the general manager of Saurashtra Railways had prepared his personal saloon, a luxury railway carriage, for Swamishri's use. Sidibhai had also come from Gondal to help with the arrangements. From Ahmedabad, Champakbhai Bunker joined Swamishri's entourage. Nandaji became extremely emotional upon seeing Swamishri's failing health. He realized that Shastriji Maharaj might not stay on this Earth for much longer. He tearfully asked, "Swami, what will become of me now?"

Swamishri placed a consoling hand on Nandaji's head and said, "Yogi Maharaj is here, isn't he! Now, I am passing along your hand to Yogi Maharaj."

Entrusting the leadership of the entire Satsang fellowship to Yogi Maharaj, Swamishri

said, “There is not an iota of difference between Jogi and me.” So saying, Shastriji Maharaj, as he often did, affirmed his spiritual oneness with Yogiraj and thus lent strength to the entire Satsang community during this difficult time.

Then, Yogi Maharaj and Pramukh Swami traveled to Bochasan for the Chaitra Punam festival, following which Pramukh Swami went to Sarangpur.