

# Chapter 14

## Harikrishna Maharaj’s Refuge in All Activities

During their travels, Shastriji Maharaj received an invitation to grace a *parayan* in Bhavnagar. Thus, Shastriji Maharaj went to Bochasan and Ahmedabad before arriving in Bhavnagar. As the devotees were ever eager to enjoy the wisdom flowing from Yogi Maharaj’s elevated spiritual state, Shastriji Maharaj would command him to deliver discourses.

Harshadbhai, the son of Hargovinddas, the stationmaster of Jalila, was studying in Bhavnagar. He had developed a deep affection for Yogi Maharaj. The love of a true sadhu always extricates the soul from *maya* and allows it to experience the bliss of Paramatma. Harshadbhai would often write letters to Yogiji Maharaj, addressing him as, “My beloved Jogiya,” while Yogi Maharaj would reply to

those letters addressing Harshadbhai as, “My good friend.”

Harshadbhai was studying for his Bachelor of Arts degree. However, just around the time of his final exams, he fell seriously ill. As his health worsened, Harshadbhai began to worry about what would happen if he were too ill to take his exams, which looked like a real possibility. He shared his concerns with Shastriji Maharaj. Shastriji Maharaj blessed him, “Give your exam. You will pass.”

Then, Shastriji Maharaj instructed Yogi Maharaj, “Stay in Bhavnagar until Harshad’s exams are complete.”

Yogi Maharaj happily assented. During his exams from 9 March 1949 to 13 March 1949, Harshadbhai would go every morning at 10 a.m. for Yogi Maharaj’s darshan at Prabhudas Sheth’s house, where he was staying. Yogi Maharaj would take the *murti* of Harikrishna Maharaj he worshiped, place it on Harshadbhai’s head and say, “Maharaj will bless you and inspire your intellect. You will

pass.” Then Yogi Maharaj would walk Harshadbhai to the stairs to see him off and remind him to remember Shastriji Maharaj before taking his exam.

By Shastriji Maharaj and Yogi Maharaj’s grace, Harshadbhai passed his exams. He developed a profound reverence for Shastriji Maharaj and Yogi Maharaj, realizing that Shriji Maharaj does as these sadhus say.