

Chapter 14

Guruhari's Silver Tula Ceremony

The glory of Akshar Purushottam was spreading across the land as the Gunatit *jnan* reverberated in all directions. At the age of 84, with the strength of “Gnan” and “Nirgun,” Shastriji Maharaj was expanding Satsang by leaps and bounds with a devotional zeal that would put to shame a young man in his prime.

The Satsang community was eager to celebrate his 84th birthday with a grand silver *tula* ceremony. The entire Satsang community gathered in Atladara to prepare for the grand event. Mathurbhai, Atladara’s leading devotee, was gratified to see the fulfillment of his long-standing wish to honor his guru. Innumerable dignitaries and scholars offered their devotional homage to Shastriji Maharaj. The devotional community celebrated this festival with unparalleled enthusiasm.

On this occasion, Yogi Maharaj shared his devotional sentiments for his guru with the following public address: “According to Shriji Maharaj’s words, the Satpurush whose association opens the gateway to liberation is who we have attained through Maharaj’s grace. It is our supreme great fortune that we have recognized him as such. We should connect with such a sadhu through thought, word, and deed. Connecting our soul with such a sadhu eradicates the infinite misery of the cycle of births and deaths. Without this connection, there is no end to this misery. Through contemplation of the ephemeral nature of this world together with service and association with such a guru, all our spiritual desires will be fulfilled!”

In this way, Yogi Maharaj shared Shastriji Maharaj’s inconceivable glory with the assembled audience. The silver *tula* ceremony also concluded with great devotion. Shastriji Maharaj’s 84th birthday celebrations concluded with great enthusiasm, and everyone

dispersed singing the praises of Guruhari Shastriji Maharaj.

After this, Yogi Maharaj traveled to Rajkot. Then, he accompanied Shastriji Maharaj to Ramod, Devchadi, Gondal, and Rajkot before arriving in Jamnagar. In Jamnagar, they met one of the Sampradaya's preeminent scriptural scholars, Krishnavallabhacharya, who spoke about the glory of *Gunatit jnan*.

Thereafter, everyone traveled to Dangara, Botad, and Sarangpur before arriving in Ahmedabad. Shastriji Maharaj stayed in Ahmedabad, while Yogi Maharaj traveled to Anand and Nenpur.