

Chapter 15

“I Entrust This Narandas to You”

After two days, Yogi Maharaj requested Shastriji Maharaj’s leave to go to Gondal. As he did *dandvats* to Shastriji Maharaj and came close to touch his feet, Shastriji Maharaj folded his hands and told Yogi Maharaj, “As you are going to Swami’s memorial place, please pray on my behalf to Swami, Bhagatji Maharaj, and Jaga Bhakta Swami and cast your compassionate gaze upon me.”

He continued, “Soon, Maharaj will take me to Akshardham... So I entrust this Narayandas to you and all the mandirs to you. So, take care of them.”

Yogi Maharaj became emotional. He couldn’t bear to leave Shastriji Maharaj, but Shastriji Maharaj had himself entrusted him with the responsibility of Akshar Mandir, so he had to go. He left that night for Gondal.

The next day, remembering Yogi Maharaj, Shastriji Maharaj said, “Oh! In infinite universes, there is no sadhu like Jogi.” Then he called Pramukh Swami to him and said, “Always follow Jogi Maharaj’s commands.”

He continued, “When we tell others to leave the room, they go from here to there, but Yogi Maharaj would understand my wish through a gesture and instantly leave. He has followed my every wish for the last forty years. He fully understands my inner wishes.”

For the festival of Ashadhi Punam, various groups of sadhus gathered in Ahmedabad. Yogi Maharaj was also present there.

Heavy rains lashed the city from the morning, but the devotees ignored these difficulties and relished the opportunity to listen to spiritual discourses and perform puja of their guru. On behalf of the Africa and Ahmedabad Satsang community, Rasikbhai requested Yogi Maharaj to perform the puja and *arti* of Shastriji Maharaj as he holds Thakorji. Shastriji Maharaj happily gave

everyone his blessings. Pramukh Swami and Narayanji Maharaj were also present on this occasion.