

Chapter 15

“There Is Not an Iota of Difference between Yogi Maharaj and Me.”

The Janmashtami festival was celebrated with great festivity in Atladara. Even after the devotees dispersed, Shastriji Maharaj remained in Atladara from 3 September 1950 to 17 September 1950.

In the morning discourses, Shastriji Maharaj elaborated upon the shloka, “*Sahasā vidadhita na kriyām...*” from the *Kirātārjuniyam*. Then he recited the shloka, “*Abdhau vidhau vadhumukhe...*” and said, “The immortalizing nectar resides in the speech of the Satpurush.”

Then he continued, “There is not an iota of difference between Jogi Maharaj and me. I am Jogi and Jogi is me. So, make sure you serve him and please him.”

Every morning, Pramukh Swami would sing the verses of the Harililamrut in his melodious

voice. After the *parayan*’s conclusion, Yogi Maharaj and Pramukh Swami were scheduled to go to Gondal and Sarangpur, respectively. Thus, Shastriji Maharaj blessed them and gave them leave to go.

Yogi Maharaj wanted to go to Vartal for darshan before going to Gondal. Learning of this, Shastriji Maharaj was pleased and said, “You should definitely do darshan in Vartal before you go.”

Then, he told Pramukh Swami, “You should also go with Yogi Maharaj for darshan in Vartal before going to Sarangpur.”

Shastriji Maharaj was aware of the depth of Yogi Maharaj’s veneration for Shriji Maharaj’s sanctified places. Moreover, on every occasion, Yogi Maharaj would first seek Shastriji Maharaj’s permission and then act accordingly.

After celebrating Sharad Punam, Diwali, and Annakut in Gondal, since Shastriji Maharaj was in Atladara, Yogi Maharaj traveled to Ahmedabad to celebrate Prabodhini Ekadashi

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in his stead. Then Yogi Maharaj celebrated the Kartik Punam festival with great festivity in Bochasan. Then, on 25 November 1950 (Kartik *vad* 1, V.S. 2007), Yogi Maharaj arrived in Atladara.