

Chapter 8

The Pride of His Family in Kunkavav

As they continued their travels through the villages of Saurashtra, Shastriji Maharaj, Yogi Maharaj, and other sadhus arrived in Kunkavav in 1914. They were staying in the cotton gin of Sunderji Gila, the elder brother of Yogi Maharaj's *fua*, Jadavjibhai.

Acharya Shripatiprasadji Maharaj happened to be visiting Kunkavav during this time, and many devotees from surrounding villages had come for his darshan. However, as Kunkavav's devotees were not financially well-off, they worried about their ability to feed all the visiting devotees. Shamalabapa Soni, Dharamshi Gopal, and other senior devotees of Kunkavav who had affection for Shastriji Maharaj came to him to share their concern. Shastriji Maharaj said, "Don't worry. Install the

murti of Shriji Maharaj next to the prepared food. Everything will turn out fine.”

Although Jadavji Damodar, Govind Limba Devani, and Dharamshi Gopal Dobariya pooled their funds to sponsor the food, their collective efforts provided enough for only fifty devotees. However, as Shastriji Maharaj had commanded, they placed the *murti* of Maharaj near the covered food and lit a *diva* of ghee in front of it. Then, they signaled that lunch was ready with a loud shout of “*Vasudev Hare!*” The visiting devotees were seated in the cotton gin, and Yogi Maharaj began to serve lunch. Yogi Maharaj fed everyone a great deal, yet there was no shortage. Then, they fed all of Kunkavav’s devotees, and still there were leftovers. The entire village was astonished by this miracle.

Yogi Maharaj’s former paternal aunt, Manekba, was more pleased than anyone since her dream that her beloved “Jhino” would become a sadhu and bring pride to his family had come true before her very eyes!