

# Chapter 9

## Intense Vairagya

As per the command of guru Shastriji Maharaj, Vignandas Swami's group of sadhus regularly visited Rajkot, Dangara, Sarangpur, Limbdi, Mojidad, Kanthariya, Chachana, Navagam, Adval, Bhavnagar, Sokhada, Sankarda, Anjesar, Mirsapura, Chansad, and many other villages.

Once, Vignandas Swami, Yogi Maharaj, and the other sadhus were in Bhavnagar.

Kuberbhai, one of the leading devotees of Bhavnagar, always took a keen interest in spiritual discourses delivered by sadhus. During these discourses, he had a habit of asking a series of questions to display his intelligence to everyone. With his analytical intellect, Kuberbhai could ask questions that would trip up even learned scholars and leave them grasping for answers. Kuberbhai had intense affection for Yogi Maharaj. Yogi

Maharaj would often lovingly serve him piping hot *rotlis*. Yogiraj preferred to eat simple foods like roasted grams and radishes. Thus, Kuberbhai would specially order these foods and lovingly offer them to Yogi Maharaj.

On this occasion, a wedding ceremony was taking place in the royal family of Bhavnagar. The groom's procession was passing through the town's main road. The entire town had lined up along the procession's route to catch a glimpse. Yogi Maharaj was sitting in the mandir reading the Swamini Vato. Suddenly, a devotee entered and said, "Come on, what are you doing sitting here? A marriage procession of one of the princes of Bhavnagar is going on. Don't you want to come to see it?"

Yogi Maharaj replied, "Of what consequence is it for us sadhus? Having renounced something once already, why let it reenter our heart?"

Kuberbhai was present on this occasion, and hearing the conversation, his heart bowed low to this young sadhu. His sharp intellect

discerned the presence of Brahman within this Yogi.

It is said, “*Rupaudāryagunaihi punsām drushtichittāpahārinam...*” That is, God captivates the mind and vision of devotees through the divine beauty of his form and the divine virtues of his life. On that occasion, Kuberbhai became convinced that Yogi Maharaj was in constant communion with God, and thus devotees were naturally attracted to him.