

# Chapter 9

## The Bliss of Brahman through Holy Discourses

The devotees of Gana, Shanabhai Lalaji, Shanabhai Jivabhai, Bakordas, and Somabhai, decided to invite Shastriji Maharaj to Gana in the month of Jeth (June–July) for a grand “Mango Festival” to be attended by many devotees. They sent a letter of invitation to Shastriji Maharaj, lovingly insisting that he grace this event along with Vignandas Swami, Yogi Maharaj, and the other sadhus. Thus, Shastriji Maharaj sent a letter instructing the *sant mandal* to come to Anand. When they arrived in Anand, Keshavlal Pragji arranged for the sadhus to stay at his house, and he served them all the mangos they could eat.

Then, Shastriji Maharaj traveled to Gana with all the sadhus and devotees. As the bliss of the recent *murti-pratishtha* in Sarangpur had not yet worn off, news of another festival

allowing them to spend more time with Shastriji Maharaj raised everyone's spirits even further. The occasion saw a holy confluence of the sweetness of the mango festival with the sweetness of the spiritual discourses delivered by Shastriji Maharaj and his sadhus. The devotees never grew weary of enjoying this spiritual bliss of Akshardham.

After the discourses concluded, the cry of “Vasudev Hare!” rang out, summoning everyone to lunch. Yogi Maharaj had offered Thakorji a plate full of sweets and mango pulp while singing “*Avināshi āvo re, jamvā Krushna Hari...*”

Anyone who witnessed Yogi Maharaj's actions experienced a torrent of love overflowing through his sight, his speech, and his devotional offerings—as if he were the very embodiment of pure love! Seeing his love, Maharaj himself would have to come to partake of his *thal*. Yogi Maharaj was just as intensely attached to Shastriji Maharaj, to the extent that he had become like a part of him. He was

always enthusiastic to serve. However, when no such opportunity presented itself, he would sit in the spiritual discourses, tranquil in body and mind, doing Swamishri's darshan. This sadhu, bound by the highest bonds of love to God and guru, was an invaluable gem of the Satsang community.

During the mango festival, Shastriji Maharaj himself served everyone mango pulp to their fill. For two days, Shastriji Maharaj satisfied everyone by serving them with the nectar of spiritual knowledge and the nectar of mangos. Everyone experienced divine bliss.