

Chapter 25

Shastriji Maharaj's Prophecy

1951 marked the first time a large group of devotees from the East Africa Satsang Mandal traveled together by steamer to India. Shastriji Maharaj had summoned everyone to his presence and granted everyone ample opportunities for darshan, *seva*, and *samagam*.

One morning, Shastriji Maharaj was reclining on a cot under the sanctified neem tree in the mandir courtyard. All the devotees from Africa were seated before him. Suddenly, Shastriji Maharaj raised his right hand and told everyone, “Look, across the ocean, first comes Mombasa. So, a mandir for Akshar Purushottam Maharaj will be constructed there. In Uganda, a mandir will also be constructed in Kampala. You have our blessings. Work to achieve this.” Inspired by these blessings, efforts commenced first for the construction of the Mombasa mandir.

For the propagation of the true *upasana* of becoming Aksharrup and worshiping Purushottam, a large festival was organized in Mbale, Uganda, and the Shri Swaminarayan Satsang Mandal was established with a large number of registered members. It was decided to construct a mandir in Mombasa. Thereafter, the sudden passing of Maganbhai left a great void in the Africa Satsang Mandal. Everyone felt a great loss, but continued to work for the progress of Satsang.