

Chapter 11

Thakorji Personally Accepts Our Offering

The Bhavnagar Satsang Mandal was present at the Jal-Jhilani festival in Sarangpur. After the festival, everyone wished to invite Shastriji Maharaj to Bhavnagar. So, when the festival finished, the great devotee, Kuberbhai, told Shastriji Maharaj, “O compassionate one, please come to Bhavnagar and grace us with the opportunity of doing satsang in your company.”

Swamishri smiled and said, “I am unwell. So instead of me, take Yogi Maharaj to Bhavnagar, and understand that I have come through him.”

The *satsang mandal* in Bhavnagar derived their joy from following Swamishri’s commands and wishes. Moreover, they harbored extraordinary love for a Gunatit sadhu like Yogi Maharaj. So, everyone was pleased with Shastriji Maharaj’s suggestion.

According to Swamishri's command, Yogi Maharaj went to Bhavnagar with two other sadhus, and the Bhavnagar *mandal* began to experience the extraordinary bliss of satsang.

On Bhadarva *vad* 14, lunch for Yogi Maharaj, the sadhus, and the devotees had been arranged at the house of Prabhudas Sheth's nephew, Jayantilal Chhotalal Patel, on the occasion of his father's *shradh*. Jayantilal's mother, Kasturba, was overjoyed to have Yogi Maharaj's presence in their home on this special occasion. Prabhudasbhai Sheth, Jayantibhai Sheth, and Kuberbhai told Yogi Maharaj with folded hands, "Maharaj and Swami are beholden to you. So, please pray that Shriji Maharaj and Swami eat from the *thal* we offer them today."

Yogi Maharaj laughed and said, "Let us all pray. Maharaj and Swami will come themselves to accept our *thal*." With this, Yogi Maharaj placed before the *murtis* in the *ghar mandir* a dish of food, including dal, rice, vegetables, ten laddus made with sugar, and other items along

with two large silver glasses of water. Then, Yogi Maharaj drew the curtain closed, sat down, and began singing the *thal*, “*Avināshi āvo re...*” Yogi Maharaj sang five *thals*, and after half an hour, drew back the curtain to offer the food to Maharaj. To the devotees’ amazement, the amount of laddus, dal, rice, vegetables, and all other items in the dish had decreased! The level of water from both glasses had also gone down. Seeing this extraordinary sight, everyone realized the matchless devotion of Yogi Maharaj. With his consciousness wholly and forever immersed in the form of God, God was forever beholden to him—a *param ekantik bhakta* of Shriji Maharaj. Moreover, such devotion to God blossomed in all who came into his contact.

From Bhavnagar, Yogi Maharaj went to Gondal for the upcoming Sharad Purnima festival.