

# Chapter 16

## Curing Mohan's Mental Illness

A Khoja *satsangi* named Purushottambhai Laljibhai Thakkar resided in Ahmedabad. His son, Mohanbhai, had a severe mental illness that left him unable to perform basic life functions. Purushottamdas was a devotee of Bhagwan Swaminarayan, and he had affection for Swamishri. He lived near the Nar-Narayan Dev mandir in Kalupur. Whenever Swamishri came to Ahmedabad and went to the Nar-Narayan Dev mandir for darshan, if Purushottambhai was at home, Swamishri would climb two flights of stairs to visit him.

It was one of Swamishri's distinctive qualities to visit devotees' homes of his own accord and take a deep personal interest in strengthening their faith. Purushottambhai had tried all kinds of medical treatments for his son, but ultimately, the doctors had given up

and advised him to commit Mohanbhai to a mental institution.

Purushottambhai wrote Swamishri a letter explaining the situation. Swamishri replied, “Mohan will recover completely. You should sponsor a *mahapuja* at the Akshar Deri in Gondal.”

Purushottambhai immediately sent a donation sponsoring a *mahapuja* in Gondal and then waited for Swamishri to visit Ahmedabad.

When Swamishri next arrived in Ahmedabad, Purushottambhai asked Swamishri to visit his home. When Swamishri arrived, Purushottambhai performed Swamishri's puja and placed a flower garland around his neck. Swamishri took some kumkum in his hand and said, “Mohan! Come here. Apply a *chandlo* to my forehead.”

The severely mentally challenged Mohan immediately stood up and applied a *chandlo* to Swamishri's forehead as if he had no mental

health issues at all. Swamishri then applied a *chandlo* to his forehead. As if Swamishri's divine touch had transformed his destiny, from that moment onwards, Mohan's mental illness disappeared, and he became completely normal.

Purushottamdas and his family were ecstatic. Everyone's eyes were filled with tears of joy. As Swamishri took his leave, he remarked, "Bhagat! Continue sponsoring *mahapujas* in Gondal."

Mohan's life had undergone a radical transformation as if he had been born anew! Swamishri's blessings could instantly remove devotees' miseries. Day by day, everyone's awe for Swamishri continued to increase.

From here, Swamishri went to Nenpur and then to Atladara for the Janmashtami festival.