

Chapter 12

“Jogi Is a Sadhu Worthy of Looting”

After celebrating the *patotsav* of Gondal mandir in the month of Vaishakh, Yogi Maharaj traveled from Ningala to Gadhada before arriving in Bhavnagar. Shastriji Maharaj told the Bhavnagar devotees visiting Sarangpur, “Jogi has remained in Bhavnagar. He will grant you as much bliss as me. So, take the benefit of his company. Jogi is a sadhu worth looting.”

Yogi Maharaj stayed at Prabhudas Sheth’s house in Bhavnagar for seven days and granted everyone the benefit of his spiritual discourses before returning to Gondal.

After concluding the *parayan* in Gondal in June 1942, Yogi Maharaj traveled to Ahmedabad, where he sanctified Guzarilal Nanda’s office for the Indian Labor Welfare Organization. Then, Yogi Maharaj traveled to Atladara and Surat before arriving in Mumbai

on 25 June 1942. Here, he delighted everyone with his spiritual discourses at Nemani Vadi.

From Mumbai, Yogi Maharaj went to Safala and Valsad before arriving in Zadeshwar on 10 July 1942 (second Jeth *vad* 12, V.S. 1998). Shastriji Maharaj and Naranji Maharaj of Veersad had both traveled here extensively and nurtured the growth of Satsang.

On this visit, Yogi Maharaj established the Zadeshwar Bal Mandal on 11 July 1942. He appointed Madhav Bhagat’s eldest son, Naranbhai, as president of the *bal mandal*. Many children, including Ramjibhai, who was ten, enthusiastically joined the *bal mandal* activities.

Yogi Maharaj would encourage the children to memorize Swami Vato and kirtans. He would take the children to bathe in the river and tell them to swim. He would anoint their heads with water and chant *dhun* so that they may practice satsang regularly. At the time, how could these children know that this Satpurush

was simultaneously teaching them how to traverse the ocean of life!

After celebrating the Shravan Punam festival in Bochasan, Yogi Maharaj visited Bhadran on 27 August 1942. In Bhadran, Hirabhai Chaturbhai was mourning the sudden death of his son Parshurambhai, who had been working in Mumbai. The entire family was heartbroken.

Yogi Maharaj and Nirgundas Swami visited their home. The entire family was overwhelmed with gratitude that these two great souls had come to stand with them in their time of need. Yogi Maharaj tenderly consoled everyone and gave them courage: “Maharaj will ensure that everything turns out okay.” With such words, Yogi Maharaj led everyone in the chanting of *dhun*. Yogi Maharaj’s chanting of *dhun* had a special impact, and everyone experienced peace.