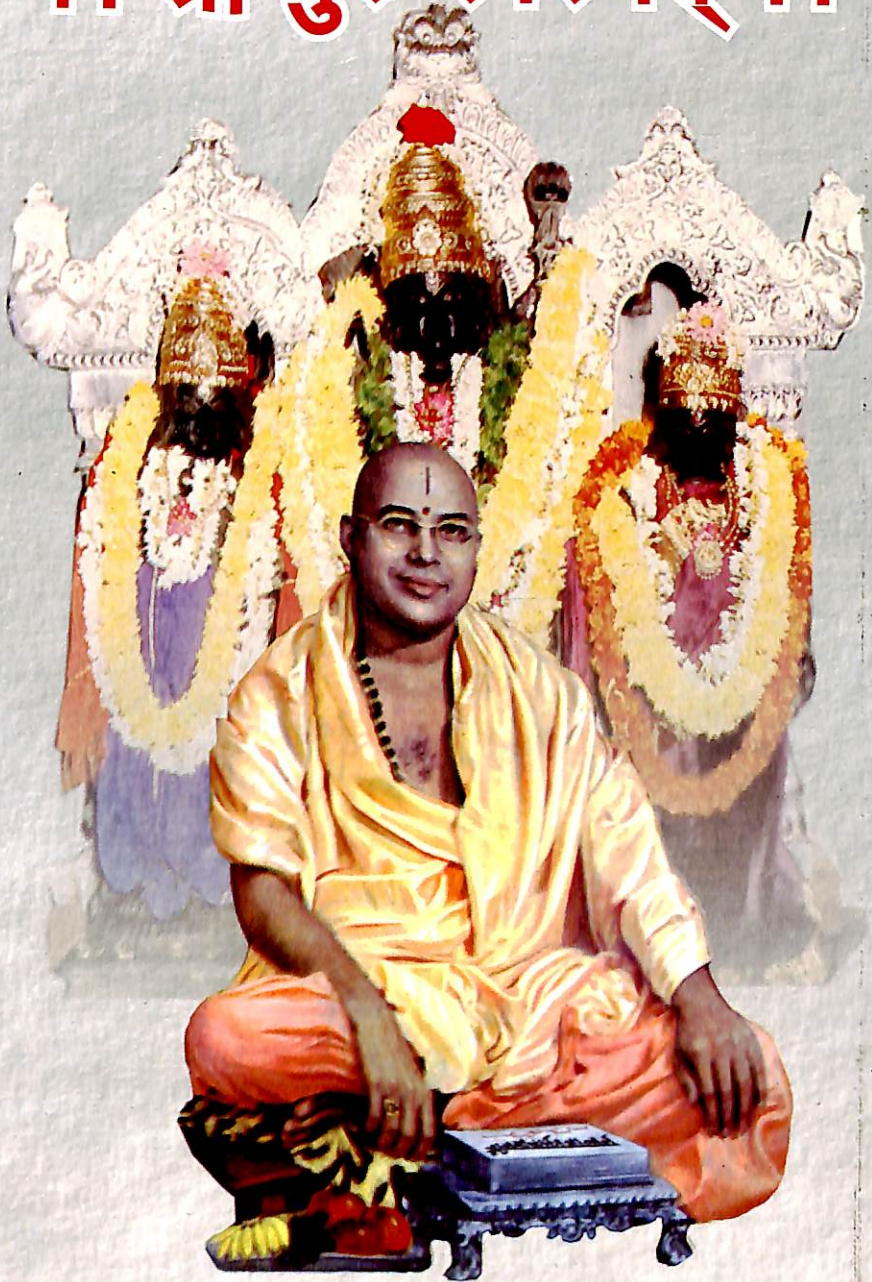
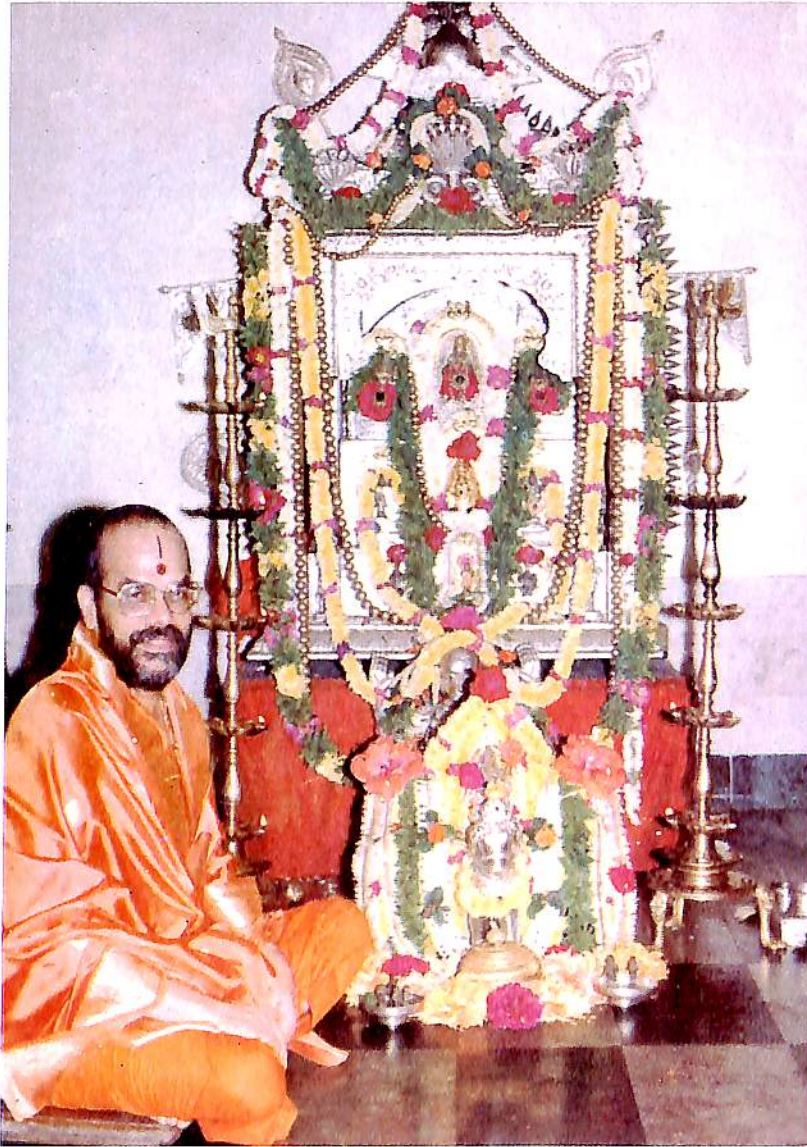


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With prayers at the feet of Shree Veer Vitthal for your perpetual wellbeing. We are sending *Mantrakshata* as a token of our blessings.

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ALL ABOUT THIS BOOK

In Shreemad Bhagwat Gita it is stated that if one has the grace of God, he will be able to become an orator even if he is dumb and that he would be able to jump over the peak of mountain even if he is lame. Mine is a case akin to this and I would definitely state that it is Guru that guides and opens the doorway to God and so Guru's blessings and guidance is absolutely necessary for a person to prosper and progress in the life.

Let me recount my story:

I was born on 15th May, 1931, in Kateel, the famous pilgrimage centre of Dakshina Kannada, in Karnataka State. I am the eldest of four children, one girl-child and three male children.

When I was eight, I lost my mother.

When I was eleven, my father, Devaraya Pai left for his heavenly abode. And, to our misfortune, when I was fourteen years old my grandfather, Shreenivas Vaikuntha Pai at the age of 85 also died. Were we then orphans? No, not at all as my father's elder sister Pommani Amma gave us all love, care and protection till her demise in 1958.

When I was three, my maternal grandmother took me to Padubidri and I was there till I was in the 6th Std. But, my maternal uncle Padubidri Devaraya Shenoy, one day thought it fit to send me back to Kateel and thus my stay and education abruptly ended in Padubidri. However, twenty years later I helped his 2nd son with financial help to come to Mumbai and got him a job in Bharat Bijlee - Mumbai.

Although my education abruptly ended when I was in the 6th Standard, still with a lot of hopes and urge to come up in life I thought of going over to Bombay where one could learn and earn and with that objective, I worked hard to learn Hindi under the able guidance and instruction of Kudettur Anant Padmanabha Udupa, Editor Yugapurusha, Kinnigoli. And I passed "Rashtra

Bhasha" Examination in Hindi and with that qualification, as against the usual Matriculation, I arrived in Bombay in the year 1952 to seek my fate and fortune.

Before leaving for Bombay I had visited Mother Goddess Durgaparameshwari Temple at Kateel my native place, sought the blessings of the Chief Priest, Shree Gopalkrishna Asranna and touched the feet of my father's eldest sister, Pommanni Amma who had looked after us after the demise of my parents. With tears in her eyes she had whispered a blessing stating, "Just like your grandfather who had donated a silver palanquin to Kateel Temple as an offering for protecting him in the times of difficulties, one day you too will reach great heights as a donor and a successful person!"

With these blessings and encouraging words I reached Bombay and landed at the residence of my elder sister at Kurla. My brother-in-law Shree Kilenjoor Devaraya Mallya welcomed me wholeheartedly. After spending a year by doing petty jobs I took on lease rent, a dry fruit shop in Matunga near Ruia College. The name of the shop was Mangalore Dry Fruit Store. Almost at the same time in Wadala, the foundation stone was laid for the construction of the Math premises in 1950 and Shreemat Dwarakanath Teerth Swamiji used to visit the site often. As our family owe allegiance to Shri Gokarn Partagali Math, naturally I was attracted towards Shree Swamiji and the upcoming project, and ultimately I thought of actively involving myself with the affairs of the Math volunteering my services during the spare time as my shop was barely one kilo-meter away from the proposed Wadala Math.

The Math was inaugurated in 1955 in the divine presence of Shreemat Dwarakanath Teerth Swamiji of Shree Gokarn Math and Shreemat Sudhindra Teerth Swamiji of Shree Kashi Math and I was a witness to the grand celebrations. I still remember how happy we were all to see them arrive together from Walkeshwar and declare the Math open and later Shree Kashi

Math Swamiji declaring the name of the Math as "Dwarakanath Bhavan."

It may read like a miracle now if I state that with the blessings of the His Holiness, in May 1955 itself, I got a job in Wallace Mill Canteen and with that I gave up my petty business and to advance my career, I joined the night High School in June 1955. To amply further, Dwarakanath Bhavan was inaugurated on 2nd Feb.1955 and within next 3 months (from 2-5-1955) I got the job in Wallace Mill Canteen and passed S.S.C. in March 1959 - really a very good lift in my life by any count.

In 1962 Shree Swamiji observed Chaturmas in Wadala and at that time I served as a volunteer.

In 1965 when Shree Ram Mandir was inaugurated in the Math premises, I took 8 days leave (by then I had joined Bharat Bijlee and was serving) and served as a volunteer. Every time Shree Swamiji saw me even at a distance he would call me near and was enquiring after my progress and welfare and that rare gesture of cordiality was acting as a booster to make further progress in my life.

At that time in the Math administration there were following three committees:

1. Wadala Hall Committee
2. Wadala Building Committee, and
3. Shree Ram Mandir Committee

They were formed for different purposes and objectives and as soon as the objectives were fulfilled they were dissolved and instead only one committee called Gokarn Partagali Jeevottam Math Mumbai Committee was formed with Shree G.M.Pai as the Chairman and I was nominated as one of the Members which I considered as a rare honour as I was only 34 year old and serving only as a clerk in a company while others were well-to-do people. More than that the committee nominated me as one of the three secretaries along with Shree H.Ram Shenoy and Shree M.S.Prabhu.

That was only a beginning and subsequently I was nominated as the Trustee of Swami Dwarakanath Charitable Trust; Trustee, GSB Sarvajanic Ganeshtosv Samiti Wadala; Secretary, H.H.Shishya Sweekar Samiti, Wadala; Treasurer of Varanasi Math Committee, Secretary of Gayatri Upasak Sangh and Vice-President of GSB Seva Mandal(1969 to 1971) and all this was possible only on account of Shree Swamiji's blessings and grace of Shree Ramdev.

Now going back to my early days in Bombay, I came here after completing my Primary Education of 5th standard only and I came to know that unless I strengthen my academic background it was difficult to come up in life. But I was not lucky to spend full time on education and I had to earn and learn only during night-time. I worked in canteen and with railways also on daily wages as Khalasi, the labourer. I am not ashamed to tell all my struggles till one day I got a chance to run the dry fruit shop. By attending to night classes in the Jawahar Night High School at Dhobi Talao I passed my SSC in the year 1959. In the year 1958 I married Kum. Kasturi Mallya. In the year 1959 I joined catering college to continue the higher education but I could not afford to pay the fees and so had to abandon the studies. By the grace of God and H.H.Shree Swamiji, I got the clerical job in Bharat Bijlee Ltd.

Let me now tell something about the silver palanquin donated by my grand father Shree Shrinivas Pai. He was a rice merchant in Kateel and he used to send to Mangalore cartloads of rice procuring from the nearby villages. Once it so happened that as the caravan of bullock carts was on the way to Mangalore untimely torrential rains fell and the bullock carts did not have any cover. All that he could do was to pray to Mother Goddess Durgaparameshwari to protect the consignment from the rains. And miraculously his prayers were answered and no damage was caused to his cargo. In gratitude he donated a silver palanquin to the temple and interestingly enough till then the temple did not have any ornaments gold or silver! And the temple authorities in acknowledgement used to invite my grand father during the

annual Dhwajrohana day and honour him with a garland and prasadam.

In 1945 my grandfather died. And by a sheer co-incident the Dhwajrohan day fell on the 13th day of his demise. The temple authorities not failing in their duties invited me a 14 years old to receive the honour and prasadam! And Shree Gopalkrishna Asranna, the Chief Priest garlanded me and applied Shri Gandha on my forehead and heartily blessed that I will attain one day the name and fame equal to that of my grand father. At that time I was serving as a hotel-boy and while returning home from the temple I resolved that I, hailing from a family that could donate a silver palanquin to the temple, would not continue as a hotel boy and struggle to come up in life. And that resolve took me in a different direction.

The life was not simple especially to the eldest member of the family. I had responsibilities towards my brothers, sister and on the side of my wife also. But God granted me the strength and Guru gave me the blessings to withstand everything. To meet the mounting expenses I started, "Kateel Roadways" a transport company with 100% Bank Loan. I got a Govt.Milk Transport Contract and was able to meet my social obligations and also of supporting my sister's family after the demise in 1960 of my brother in law. When I was 63, in the year 1994 my health deteriorated, as I became a victim of diabetes and heart problems and by then I had lost of my younger brother, Ramanath Pai, elder sister Sulochana Mallya and later Gokuldas Pai.

My daughter Jyoti alias Rakhee and my son-in-law Shree Raghuram Prabhu invited my wife and me to join them in the US for medical treatment. In 1994, tendering resignation to all my positions in Wadala Math, I sought blessings from Shree Swamiji who sent me blessings by way of a 'Rayaspatram' that gave me abundant strength (This rayaspatram is printed elsewhere in this book) After having darshan of Shree Ramdev and Shree Ganapati, I went to the air-port to fly to the U.S. We reached the

US on 10th Sept 1994 and I could get best medical treatment in the world. My health has improved and to-day I am here to participate in the Golden Jubilee Celebrations. God is kind and Guru's blessings are always with me.

At this juncture I have to remember two great lessons I had learnt. While studying in the 4th standard we had a story of Maharshi Vedavyasa in which the great sage says in reply to a question, "Helping others alone is Punya and troubling others is Papa or sin. This is the sum and substance of all the eighteen puranas I have composed." This saying has an impact on me even today. Then that famous saying of Swami Vivekanand: "You are the sculptor of your life. Your life is in your hands. You can make it or mar it!" This is my philosophy and for both these sayings I am the living example in my own modest and humble way...

Finally I thank Sarvashree Chandrakant Keni, Ravindra Chandrahas Pai, Girish Ramdas Nayak and K.G.Mallya for rendering me valuable assistance in compiling and publishing this book.

Ever in service of Hari & Guru,

R.D.Pai,

Mumbai.

English Version of Shree Swamiji's 'Rayaspatram' to R.D. Pai :

"Received your letter dated 16th June, 1994 requesting us to relieve you from the trusteeship of GSB Sarvajanik Ganeshotsav Samiti on account of your ill-health. Accordingly we have relieved you and V.R.Kamath has been nominated in your place. We have great satisfaction that for a long time you have served Shri Math in Wadala with dedication and devotion. Whenever in Bombay please extend your co-operation and guidance out of your experience. Shrimudi Gandhaprasad and Akshate is sent herewith after praying at the lotus feet of Shri Ramdev Veervittal for the speedy improvement in your health and also for longevity, health and happiness and welfare of all the members of the family for ever."

PART ONE

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1. SHREE GOKARN PARTAGALI JEEVOTTAM MATH

- Shree Guru Parampara of Shree Gokarn Partagali Jeevottam Math, Partagal (popularly known as Shree Gokarn Math) was started in 1475AD by Parampoojya Shreemat Narayan Teerth Swamiji with Shree Ramdev as the presiding deity. Although Shree Swamiji constructed a Math on the Panchaganga Ghat of the River Bhagirathi (Ganga), the Math had its Headquarters in Bhatkal, North Kanara District. Subsequently the Math made Gokarn as the centre of activities. Thus the Math was known as Shree Gokarn Math.
- About the Math in Varanasi it is stated as follows: Shree Narayan Teertha, after His initiation at Badrinath, while on His return pilgrimage to Varanasi, camped near the Panchaganga Ghat. This bathing ghat was meant for the royal family. One day the princess had gone there to bathe. She kept the ornaments on the ghat and after finishing the bath she noticed that the ornaments were missing. Her guards could not trace and on the contrary they doubted a sanyasi in deep meditation seated in a corner of the ghat. They shook him out of his meditation and interrogated. The sanyasi pleaded innocence and later it was found that the jewels had fallen into the river. The holy man was none other than Shree Narayan Teerth. Repenting over the unnecessary harassment to a sanyasi, the king begged for pardon and offered to give whatever asked for. Shree Swamiji thought of having a Math on the spot for the benefit of the students and disciples visiting Kashi. The king agreed and thus the Math got its unit Branch in Varanasi on the Panchaganga Ghat (in 1475 AD).
- At one stage a coterie of vested elements, descendents of archaks, claiming ownership of the Mutt, took up the matter in the court of a Muslim ruler. H.H. Shree Raghuchandra Teerth (8th), the then pontiff produced all documents and traced the history and the Swamiji's claim was upheld by the court.
- Later Shree Vidyadhiraj Teerth Swamiji took steps to rebuild

and renovate the Mutt and the inauguration incidentally coincided with the 500th anniversary of the establishment of the Mutt 1975 AD. (1475-1975 AD).

- Shreemat Jeevottam Teerth, the 3rd in Guruparampara became famous for his spiritual attainments and so the Math also came to be known as Shree Jeevottam Math. While he was on a pilgrimage to Damodar Kund in Himalayas 20,000 feet above sea level, he got three idols of Lord Vittal. He named them, first one Shree Bhoovijay Vittal and installed in the Math at Gokarn. The second one was named Shree Digvijay Vittal and installed in Basrur. The third one was named Shree Veervittal but retained as one of the presiding deities as a companion to Shree Ramdev. Since then the Math has two presiding deities Shree Ramdev & Veervittal. His reign was pretty long from 1518 to 1588 AD.
- During the reign of Shree Ramachandra Teerth, the 6th Swamiji in the pontifical lineage, in the backyard of Math in Gokarn four idols, Shree Ram, Laxman, Sita and Hanuman were found. When Shree Swamiji was in search of a suitable place for installation, he had a vision that a cow would lead the way. Accordingly with the idols Shree Swamiji reached Partagali a tiny hamlet on the banks of the River Kushavati at a very auspicious and vantage point. A temple was constructed for Lord Ram there but, attracted by the sylvan surroundings Shree Swamiji shifted the Headquarters of the Math from Gokarn to Partagali. Since then Partagali is continuing as the Headquarters of the Math.
- Even today, Partagali situated in Goa is in a remote place without even a post office. It is a place meant exclusively for study and meditation. There is a huge banyan tree - where famous 'Paingini Maharshi' did his 'Tapasya', may be 2500 years old now, spreading across vast stretches of land indicating ancient glory of our cultural heritage.
- Thus the Math got the name of Partagali Math also. Adding all the three names, it became Gokarn Partagali Jeevottam Math.

- Shreemad Dwarakanath Teerth Swamiji was the 22nd pontiff in the pontifical lineage(1943 to 1973 AD) who had constructed Wadala Math in Mumbai.

- His pattashishya, Shreemat Vidyadhiraj Teerth Swamiji, the reigning pontiff is the 23rd in the unbroken lineage - 'Akhandha Gurupeetha', who gave a good face-lift to the Headquarters in Partagali. Under his leadership quite a few celebrations took place, attracting thousands of devotees from all over the country and to provide accommodation and other amenities vast expansion took place. Now the Math premises look like a university building. But everything here is continuing to be eco-friendly as in the past.

- The chariot festival on Shree Ram Navami day is an annual event in the Math when people participate in hundreds.

- On other days one could hear clear vedic chants of young pupils studying in the Pathashala run by the Math. The whole atmosphere is looking like a gurukul of ancient times.

- In 1975, Math celebrated 500th year of its establishment and in 2000 AD, 525th year, in a befitting manner in Partagali, Goa which has now become a centre of a host of educational, religious and spiritual activities under the leadership of Shreemad Vidyadhiraj Teerth Swamiji. And to commemorate the event, a prestigious annual award called Shree Vidyadhiraj Puraskar was instituted to be given away to a leading Saraswat personality. The Award Presentation Ceremony is a good annual event.



H H Shreemat Sudhindra Teerth Swamiji of Shri Kashi Math
& H H Shreemat Dwarakanath Teerth Swamiji
at the inauguration of Dwarakanath Bhavan on 2.5.1955



Shreemat Dwarakanath Teerth Swamiji
with Shree Pejaware Math Swamiji



Shreemat Dwarakanath Teerth Swamiji and idol of Lord Ganesh during Ganeshotsava celebrations at Dwarakanath Bhavan.



Dr. Rajendra Prasad receiving blessings from Shreemat Swamiji



Shishya Sweekar Samiti 1967

2. PARAMAPOOJYA SHREEMAT DWARAKANATH TEERTH SWAMIJI

Shreemat Dwarakanath Teerth Swamiji was the 22nd pontiff of Shree Gokarn Math. He hailed from the famous Acharya family noted for learning and propagating Indian scriptures. Shree Swamiji's poorvashram name was Shree Govind Acharya, who was taught Sanskrit at a very young age. He learnt English and Kannada in the local school but after the primary school education his attention was drawn to the education in Sanskrit and so he joined Shree Bhuvanendra Sanskrit Maha Vidyalaya, at Karkala where he learnt Sanskrit Kavya and Vyakarana. After that he proceeded to Partagali for higher education in Sanskrit where the reigning pontiff of Shree Gokarn Math, Shreemat Indirakant Teerth with his disciple Shreemat Kamalanath Teerth Swamiji was personally guiding the students. Here Govind Acharya with very sharp grasping power mastered the subjects like Veda, Vedanga, Mimansa and Darshans and drew the attention of Shree Swamijis. Shreemat Indirakanat Swamiji had a very good knack of assessing the pupils and he saw a bright future for Govind Acharya. He confided with his Patta Shishya and decided to have Govind Acharya as a successor to the peetha of Shree Gokarn Math. Thus on 7th May, 1942 he was initiated into sanyas, and came to be called this Shreemat Dwarakanath Teerth Swamiji. In 1943 when Shreemat Dwarakanath Teerth ascended the guru peeth, India was under the British Rule while Goa was under the Portuguese. In 1947 India became free but Goa remained under the foreign rule. That perpetuated the barrier between two sections of the followers. Once Goa was liberated, the process of integration started.

Like his predecessors, he undertook the work of renovating math branches, propagating the study of Sanskrit and publication and printing of books and literature and preaching and spreading the message of Dharma wherever he travelled.

On account of many of his personal traits, qualities and farsightedness Shree Swamiji was quite popular. He was the friend of all and the foe of none. The followers, the faithful and the believers in the Almighty, used to flock to him as he was regarded as a Master in spiritual knowledge and wisdom.

The Math belonged to Vaishnava Sampradaya with Madhwa philosophy, dedicated to Bhakti Marg. Having mastered the scriptures, Shri Swamiji could speak authoritatively on any spiritual and religious matters.

Shree Swamiji represented Gowd Saraswat Samaj in quite a few forums. One among them was the World Religious Forum (Sarva Dharma Parishad) held in Mumbai on 6th and 7th November, 1954 organised by Jain Muni Shri Sushil Kumarji Bhaskara. Shree Morarji Desai, the then Chief Minister of Bombay Presidency inaugurated the Forum and speakers were drawn from all religions. Shri Swamiji representing Vaishnava Sampradaya emphasized the need for the Dharma combined with Shastra, the moral code of conduct in every human activity.

He also pronounced that Shreemad Bhagwat Gita is an adarsha grantha to all the mankind.

Shree Swamiji also participated in a Parishad held in Udupi in 1966 where Madhwa Philosophy was discussed. He also attended a similar Parishad in Coimbatore where he delivered discourses both in chaste Kannada and Sanskrit known as "Ashayadhara". While addressing the followers he always used Konkani language very extensively.

Swamiji had an acute back pain that did not have any cure nor could it be reduced with modern medicines. It was his will-power that made him active and normal. He had tremendous patience in listening to the woes of people calling on him seeking solutions and blessings. He acted as a mediator in a good number

of cases when both the sides were respecting his views in an amicable settlement.

Once it so happened that during his camp in Mulki, while proceeding to Katapadi near Udupi two groups disliking each other had kept before Shree Swamiji two cars fully decorated and each group requested Shree Swamiji to travel by their car. Not willing to displease both, Shree Swamiji solved the problem by keeping the caskets containing deities of daily pooja, Shree Ramdev Veer Vittal, in one car and he travelled by the other.

During his pilgrimage to Pandharpur there was an agitation going on about the entry of the down trodden into the temple. There were two groups fighting for and against—the orthodox and the modern. The warring groups requested Shree Swamiji not to visit the temple and boycott. But Shree Swamiji convinced both the groups that Lord Vithal belongs to all, both the low and the high as He is "swayambhoo" (created by self) according to a popular belief.

The most interesting and fascinating facet of Shree Swamiji's personality was his adaptation to modern times by making use of modern means of communication like telephone & telegrams. He never hesitated to talk to his disciples on the phone retaining usual distance and dignity.

Incidentally Shree Gokarn Math did not have a Branch in Mumbai. Why Branch not a foot-hold though there was a large following in the financial capital of India. Treating it to be a deficiency Shri Swamiji took it to heart and embarked upon a project to have a Math in Mumbai pooling all the resources. The spirit with which Shree Swamiji had worked, deserves to be recorded in golden letters. As the city of Bombay was moving northwards Shree Swamiji felt that the proposed Math should be centrally located and so there was a search for an ideal location. Shree Swamiji personally inspected all the sites and ultimately selected the one where the Math stands to-day.

More than that he was overjoyed when he saw Shree Hanuman Mandir just in front of the proposed site to house Shri Ram Mandir.

On 22nd December, 1950 Shree Swamiji laid the foundation stone and on 2nd Feb. 1955 H.H.Shreemat Sudhindra Teerth Swamiji declared this Math open, naming Shree Dwarakanath Bhavan. At the request of G.S.B. Samaj bandhavas of Mumbai, collectively the first ever G.S.B. Sarvajanik Ganeshotsav was celebrated at Dwarakanath Bhavan Wadala for the first time in 1955, the year of inauguration of the Dwarakanath Bhavan Hall, Wadala. For the last five decades the Math is acting as a centre for social, religious and spiritual activities. It is here on 26th February 1967 that Shree Swamiji gave deeksha to his successor and the reigning pontiff Shreemat Vidyadhiraj Teerth Swamiji in a grand celebration which became a historical event in Mumbapuri, the city of Mother Goddess Mumbadevi.

A word about the cordial relationship subsisting between Shree Gokarn and Shree Kashi Maths. Both of them belong to Vaishnava Sampradaya with Madhwa Philosophy taking Shriman Madhwacharya as a Great Preceptor. The samadhis of both the Adigurus, Shreemat Narayan Teerth of Gokarn Math and Shreemat Yadavendra Teerth of Shree Kashi Mutt are standing close to each other on the banks of the River Gopi in Bhatkal. During the reign of Shreemat Bhuvanendra Teerth Swamiji of Shree Kashi Math who observed one of his Chaturmaasa at Gokarna Math, Mangalore near Sri Venkatraman Temple, Car Street, Mangalore and also during the reign of Shrimad Indirakant Teerth Swamiji, it is stated that Shree Sukriteendra Swamiji had even participated as a Guest of Honour at one of the Rama Navami festival in Partagali.

Well, after Mumbai Wadala Math, Shree Swamiji built two more Maths. Bangalore Basavanagudi on Krishna Rajendra Road and Vasco in Goa. He also took up renovation of Partagali Math

and Shri Ram Mandir with copper sheet roof and a golden kalasha at the "shikara". The reinstallation ceremony of the idols took place on 5th February, 1966.

Shree Swamiji had a rare quality of recognising talents, nobility and good qualities in every person that could win him friends and followers all round. He was easily accessible to everyone without any protocol. And the society and people in the society, high or low reciprocated as illustrated in the few examples and incidents given here below:

On 19th November, 1957 when Shree Swamiji was in Vengurla in Konkan to deliver religious discourses, Vengurla Nagarpalika organised a reception in honour of Shree Swamiji appreciating him as "Yativarya who is propagating significance of Dharma and Adhyatma in the modern age of Science & Technology." Thereafter Shree Swamiji was honoured by other Municipalities in Haliyal, Sirsi, Kundapur, Sirsi and Siddhapur. He was also honoured by Saraswat Sabha at Varanasi on 1st Nov. 1968.

During the Portuguese Rule Shree Swamiji visited Panjim and he was received with all honour by the Gramasthas of Panjim. Long time ago Shreemat Indirakant Teerth Swamiji had visited Panjim. In 1953, the then Portuguese Civil Minister Mr. Manual Sametu Rudrighish during his visit to Goa had called on Shri Swamiji at Partgali to pay respects. After his return to Portugal he sent a "Dikret" wherein it was mentioned that Kavale & Gokarn Math Swamijis represented their Dharmik Mathas and all taxes on import of any goods for their pooja and archana are exempt. On 10th November, 1960 Portuguese Chief of Police announced that all the facilities should be given to both the Samsthan Swamijis while entering the territory of Goa. Similarly on 27th November, 1960, the Portuguese Governor General announced that no serums should be injected to both Swamijis while entering or during their stay in Goa.

Then came the appreciation of the first citizen of India, the President Babu Rajendra Prasad who made it a point to call on Shri Swamiji and receive blessings, after hearing the name and fame of Shri Swamiji. It was a great day in the history of not only Shree Gokarn Math but also the whole of GSB community that is preserving the ancient most culture of India.

Shree Swamiji maintained very good relations with other yatis and mathadhipatis especially belonging to Madhwa Philosophy and more so in the case of Saraswat Gurupeethas. In fact the process had already started from the times of his preceptors and he gave good push and boost to the relations. The very fact that H.H.Shreemat Sudhindra Teerth Swamiji came down to Mumbai and inaugurated Wadala Math itself is a testimony for the bonds between two religious institutions of GSBs that belong to Vaishnava Cult and Madhwa philosophy. Chaturmas of three Maths took place in Karkal, Dakshina Kannada and thereafter there were many occasions when they had met. In December, 1972, during the inaugural of All India Saraswat Cultural Organisation in Shivaji Park, Mumbai there were four Swamijis including Chitrapur Math in a unique example of solidarity. Shree Swamiji maintained very good relations with Udupi Shree Krishna Temple and the 8 peethadhipatis there.

In March 1973 Shree Swamiji visited Dharmasthala to attend Bahubali Prasthan Ceremony and came to Ankola for the night stay in the Math on way back to Partagali. On 25th March, 1973 after performing the pooja and taking 'bhiksha' Shree Swamiji got ready to start the journey but before going to the car he became unconscious and collapsed suddenly. Doctors were called in and in spite of the medical treatment the body never responded as the soul had already departed for its heavenly abode.

Like a wild fire, the news spread and thousands of devotees gathered at Ankola to pay last respects to the most popular

Dharma Guru of our times. Shishya Swamiji Shreemat Vidyadhira Teerth immediately rushed to Ankola. The mortal body of Shree Swamiji was kept in Kamalasan position and kept in the open jeep and the last journey started for Partagali with the chanting of Shree Ram Naam. On the way from Ankola to Partagali people in thousands, with tears in eyes thronged to have the final darshan of the great yati who had dedicated his whole life in service of people and God. And this was a unique homage to any departed soul, going by the longest ever procession from Ankola to Partagali. It was 10.45 P.M. when the unprecedented procession reached the destination.

When the sad news reached Legislative Assembly of the Union Territory of Goa, Daman & Diu, the members paid very rich and glorious homage to the departed soul of Shree Swamiji.

Shree Swamiji is no longer with us but his memory and the gift that he made to the City of Mumbai in the form of Shree Dwarakanath Bhavan, holding high the flag of GSBs in Mumbai will remain for ever as a great memorial.

(Collected from various sources)

3. INAUGURATION OF DWARAKANATH BHAVAN

Wadala Branch of Shree Gokarn Math was declared open by H.H.Shreemat Sudhindra Teerth Swamiji of Shree Kashi Math Samsthan on 2nd Feb 1955 at 9.27 A.M. on Wednesday, in the month of Magha of the lunar calendar on Dashami of the bright half of the month. It was a great occasion and both in the morning and evening there was a crowd of over 5,000 devotees from all over the country.

Much earlier to the programme H.H.Shreemat Dwarakanath Tirth Swamiji had arrived in Bombay. Shri Swamiji had sailed by steamship from Karwar boarding on 13th Oct. 1954 and landing

on 15th Oct 1954 when followers gathered in a large number on the docks to receive Shri Swamiji with a hearty welcome. Shri Swamiji thereafter went to Shri Walkeshwar Kashi Math where he stayed till the inauguration.

For the specific purpose of inauguration Shree Kashi Math Swamiji arrived in Bombay on 31st Jan. 1955 and on his arrival at Walkeshwar he was accorded a warm welcome. Soon thereafter both Shree Swamijis met each other there.

Here in Wadala, in the new Math premises on Magha Shudda Navami & Dashami in the forenoon, all the religious rituals of warming took place with the participation of learned vaidik from other parts of the country.

On Wednesday, Magha Shuddha Dashami, both Shree Swamijis after attending to their morning chores, duties and puja reached the five gardens locality of Parsi Colony in Dadar around 7.00 a.m. and from there proceeded to the venue in a grand procession with hundreds of followers participating. A colourful shamiana was erected befitting the occasion and Shri Swamijis were ushered in there on the high seats.

The formal programme started with Welcome Song, Veda Ghosh, Pada Pooja to both Shree Swamijis, Welcome Address, Ashirvachan by both Shree Swamijis, Dwar Pooja and inauguration. Exactly at 9.27 A.M. at the auspicious moment H.H. Shree Kashi Math Swamiji declared the premises open and named it "Shree Dwarakanath Bhavan".

In his benedictory address H.H. Shree Gokarn Math Swamiji recalled with happiness the efforts made by the followers in erecting a grand edifice after the laying of foundation stone four years ago on Margasheersha Shudda 13 in the Shaka year 1872. He also complimented Shree Kashi Math Swamiji for coming down to inaugurate the Math in Mumbai, declaring that Shree Swamiji was always close to Shree Gokarn Math. Shri Swamiji

stated that though the new Branch was going to be a centre for many cultural and religious activities it would give much importance for imparting education in Sanskrit.

Shree Kashi Math Swamiji expressed that the city of Bombay has been a strong source of shelter to our people and our population is on the increase. On account of love and affection of our people Shree Kashi Math in Walkeshwar was renovated last year and similarly now Shree Gokarn Math has come up. It is heartening to note that our another Math Shree Kaivalya Math, Walkeshwar, we learn, is embarking upon renovation. We also learn that Shree Gokarn Math is going to have many activities relating not only to their Math but also beneficial to the society as a whole. Propagating Sanskrit by starting a "pathashala" in the city of Bombay is really a great and noble project. We wish everyone would take advantage. With blessings to all of you."

4. SHREE RAM MANDIR, WADALA MUMBAI

Shree Ram Mandir Wadala attached to Wadala Math is a prominent GSB shrine in the Central Mumbai. The Mandir was consecrated by H.H. Shrimat Dwarakanath Teerth Swamiji on 7th February, 1965. The presiding deity is Lord Ram with Lakshman and Sita and just in front, across the road is a temple dedicated to Shree Hanuman. Shree Ram Mandir has many religious activities and festivals round the year, prominent among them Shree Ganeshotsav concluding on the day of Shree Anant Chaturdasi and then Shree Ram Navami festival for 9 days. It starts from the day of Gudi Padva and concludes on Ram Navami Day. This is called Navami when, on all the 9 days, round the clock, without any break, there will be a chanting of Shree Ram Nama- "Shree Ram Jaya Ram Jaya Jaya Ram," by devotees.

On the concluding day there will be a cradling ceremony for the infant Lord Ram exactly at the noon, when his idol will be

placed in a cradle and this will be rocked by the ladies who assemble for the occasion in the presence of thousands. The Mandir as stated earlier, was consecrated by H.H.Shreemat Dwarakanath Teerth Swamiji, the preceptor of the present pontiff, H.H.Shreemat Vidyadhiraj Teerth Swamiji, who incidentally was initiated into sanyas on 26th Feb.,1967.

Over years Mandir has developed and built quite a few smaller shrines around it. Thus there are shrines dedicated to Navagrahas and Nagas or serpent gods. There is also a memorial to commemorate the historical Shree Ram Nam Japa Yajna Yaga of 1997. The main door of the sanctum sanctorum and also the wall around it has beautiful carvings in silver depicting important scenes of Ramayan. The temple observes fasts and festivals according to the lunar calendar and is a hub of religious activities. It is regarded as a Mini-Ayodhya in Mumbai, especially during Shree Ram Navami festival.

During the last Ram Navami (11th April, 2003) the temple became the second GSB temple in Mumbai, the first being Vile Parle Shree Ram Mandir to have a chariot and the chariot festival. On this happy occasion the Mandir also honoured Shree M.V.Kamath, Chairman Prasar Bharati Board, Padmabhushan Shree T.V.R.Shenoy and Shree Gurudas Kamat, President, Mumbai Pradesh Congress Committee.

Thus in Wadala, first came Hanuman, the faithful servant of Lord Ram and then came the Lord with his consort Sita and brother Laxman and this is a miracle by itself as the presiding deity of Shree Gokarn Math is Shree Ram Dev along with Shree Vithal.



Swamiji performing Sheela Nyaas of Dwarakanath Bhavan on 22nd December, 1950.



Shree Ram Dev's Pranpratishtha at Wadala 1965



Smt. Sulochanadevi &
Shri H. Subraya Shenoy
Parents of Shri H. K. Shenoy
receiving prasadam at the
august hands of revered
Shreemat Dwarakanath
Teerth Swamiji



Smt. Kasturi & Shri R. D. Pai receiving blessings from
H. H. Shreemat Dwarakanth Teerth Swamiji

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H. H. SHREEMAT VIDYADHIRAJ TEERTH SWAMIJI

1. PARAMAPOOJYA SHREEMAT VIDYADHIRAJ TEERTH SWAMIJI

Shreemat Vidyadhiraj Teerth Swamiji (Poorvashram Name: Shree Raghavendra Acharya, Native Place: Gangoli, in the present Udipi District), 23rd in the pontifical lineage was given Sanyas Deeksha on 26th Feb., 1967 in Shree Ram Mandir Wadala, Mumbai by his illustrious preceptor, Shreemat Dwarakanath Teerth Swamiji, who brought Shree Gokarn Math to Mumbai as earlier there was no branch of the math in the city. Shree Swamiji ascended to Gurupeetha on 5th April, 1973 and thereafter is tirelessly working for the spiritual uplift of the followers, the prime duty cast on the maths. Under his leadership quite a few old temples and math branches were renovated and rebuilt and Shri Swamiji revived in a big way the ancient-most mode of worship by yagas and yajnas and also by undertaking pilgrimages to holy places, including the ones in the remote part of the Himalayas.

In 1997, during Dasara in Shree Ram Mandir, Mumbai, in the year of Golden Jubilee of India's Independence, for the welfare of the Indian nation in particular and humanity in general, Shree Swamiji organised a series of Maha Yajnas when thousands from all over the country participated (Now it is scientifically proved that the yajnas have a great purifying effect on the atmosphere as reported in the Economic Times, Mumbai issue dated 5th June, 2000)

Interestingly though a particular yajna is performed in a particular place, Shri Swamiji organises in such a way that the young and the school going tiny tots as well as the old can participate sitting in their own home. For instance, in 1997, for "Koti" (one crore) likhita (written) Shree Rama Nama Japa Yajna, hundreds of note books in which thousands have chanted and written in their own handwriting the mantra, "Shree Rama Jaya Rama Jaya Jaya Rama," arrived at the venue.

The enthusiasm of the devotees was so great that as against

the targeted one crore, 23 crore mantras arrived at the scene! In April, 2000 for the mammoth Shatakoti (one hundred crores - one billion) Shree Rama Nama Japa Yajna, organised in commemoration of the 525th Foundation Day of the Samsthan and Shree Swamiji's Silver Jubilee of ascending the gurupeetha, a devotee could chant any number at home, keep a daily record in a card supplied by the math and send it over to Partagali where the yajna took place. "Among all the yajnas, japa yajna is the greatest," so declares Gita and Shree Swamiji actually propagates it by word and spirit.

Among many pilgrimages Shree Swamiji has undertaken, the most difficult one was virtually an expedition to Shree Damodar Kund, Shree Shaligram Kshetra in the River Gandaki in the Himalayas about 20,000 feet above the sea level. Some 500 years ago Shreemat Jeevottam Teerth Swamiji, third in the pontifical lineage, by whose name the math is called on account of his great many feats, had gone on a pilgrimage and Shreemat Vidyadhiraj is the second one to repeat this in the year 1998 traversing and climbing the snow clad peaks. The followers, deeply impressed by this accomplishment of their beloved guru gave him the title of Abhinav (new) Jeevottam Swamiji!

The Math, in 1977 instituted an annual award called Shree Vidyadhiraj Puraskar to be given away annually to a GSB of outstanding performance in any field of human endeavour. So far quite a few celebrities have been honoured including Hon. Shri Suresh Prabhu, Minister for Chemicals and Fertilisers, Govt. of India. The award was instituted to perpetuate the commemoration of 500th year of the founding of Shree Gokarn Math.

The Math runs Shree Jeevottam Vaidik Sanskrit Pathashala and the admissions are open to all the pupils of the Samaj.

Shree Swamiji is an accomplished Sanskrit scholar and all the GSBs can be proud of his achievements. He has mastered all the books on Madhwa Philosophy, Kavyas like Raghuvamsh,

Kumar Sambhav, Kirartarjuneey and Nasishadh and also Jyotishya, Agama and Dhramashastras, besides Nyayasudha. He likes self-study and is fond of linking auspicious moments and stars to all his religious programmes. He is a lover of GSB History and Culture and always states that Gowd Saraswats are generous leaders with the spirit of service to all. Shree Swamiji has maintained a good two-way communication with shishya varga and also friendly ties with other mathadhipatis. His greatest success is in making Shree Gokarn Math a vibrant and dynamic religious institution answering to the religious needs of the modern society especially popularising that great mantra of mantras, Shree Ram Nama, taking it to every home and heart. What more do we need in the modern world?

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2. CENTRE FOR ACTIVITIES

From the beginning Shree Dwarakanath Bhavan acted as a centre for various activities. The following institutions and organisations were/are operating from Shree Dwarakanath Bhavan:

Part I

1. GSB Seva Mandal (in the initial years)
2. GSB Scholarship League
3. Samskrit Shikshan Prasarak Sangha
4. Gayatri Upasak Sangh
5. GSB Sarvajanik Ganeshotsav Samiti
6. GSBS Medical Trust
7. NKGSB Welfare Association
8. Shree Ram Sevak Sangh
9. Vaidik Sangh
10. Dwarakanath Charitable Trust

11. Vidyadhiraj Charitable Trust,
12. Shanti Seva Pratishthan(Peace & Service Foundation)
13. Marriage Assistance Bureau
14. Yoga Kendra
15. Employment Assistance Bureau
16. Auditorium and Sabhagruha facilities for social and religious programmes available. Many of the Kuladevata Kulavees' Meetings take place here.

Part II

Shantikunj Sevashram

This is a philanthropic, spiritual and cultural centre launched by Vidyadhiraj Charitable Trust on Wednesday the 18th Nov 1998, with laying the foundation stone by H.H.Shrimad Vidyadhiraj Tirth Swamiji. The project is going to cover an area of 15 acres of land when completed, with beautiful surroundings in Harigram, Morba P.O. Panvel. Phase one of the project has become functional with a temple, home for the elderly people and medical facilities. All the four Swamijis of Saraswat Gurupeethas have visited, blessed and laid foundation stones one by one for various units of the project here, before any construction work could be commenced. The centre is undertaking social service activities regularly in and around Harigram. In brief, while becoming fully operational, the Sevashram will have three wings as follows:

1. Sevashram Relief Foundation to carry out Human Relief Activities (includes Home of the Aged).
2. Jeevottam Medical Foundation for Medical Relief Activities
3. Saraswati Educational Foundation to help the youth and the young for Educational Advancement

3. DWARAKANATH BHAVAN BECOMES GOLDEN

In a number of ways it was a unique programme. The occasion was the launching of the golden jubilee celebrations of founding of Shree Dwarakanath Bhavan, a branch of Shree Gokarn Math in 1955 and till then Shree Math did not have a foothold in Mumbai. The ideal location in Dadar—Wadala has made this place a unique one to grow as a socio, religious and spiritual centre of the Saraswats. It has acted as a venue for many historical meets and meetings. With the advent of Shree Rama Mandir in 1965, the place is acclaimed to be Mini Ayodhya of Mumbai with a ten day Shree Ram Navami programme besides Sarvajanic Ganeshotsav. So with the spirit of oneness of Saraswats, the launching ceremony took shape of a mini-Saraswat Sammelan with many a prominent Saraswat in attendance chanting the hymn of solidarity and unity. In his welcome address, Shree V.R.Kamath, Secretary General of the Math set the tone by calling for Saraswat Unity by making references to Maharshi Dadhichi, Pandit Motilal Nehru and others. Mention has been made recognising the efforts of all the Swamijis and also by honouring Sarvashree Suresh P. Prabhu, M.P.; M. V. Kamath, Digambar Kamat, K. V. Kamth, V. Leeladhar, Ashok Kini, P. S. Shenoy, D. M. Sukthankar, T. N. Shanbhag, P. P. Prabhu, Ashok Chandavarkar, Vivek Kudwa and S.V.Pikale, President Emeritus of AISCO and recognising publicly the AISCO President Shri N.V.Gunjikar. Persons like Shree M.V.Kamath spoke about the greatness of Saraswats and Hon.Shree Digambar Kamat, Minister for Power, Govt. of Goa wholeheartedly praised the contribution made by the reigning pontiff as well as Shree Dwarakanath Swamiji in building the Samaj. After touching upon various facets of Saraswats, H.H.Shreemat Vidyadhiraj Teerth Swamiji made a pointed reference to the need for patriotism and the benedictory address by Shree Swamiji was really classic. Here are the excerpts of Shree Swamiji's address:

"Since times immemorial the contribution of Saraswats for the

growth and progress of the city of Bombay is significantly great. We learn that the Tansa and Vihar lakes, were constructed by the Saraswats of the yore and today they are the sources of water to the city. During the rule of the East India Company in Mumbai they relied heavily on a great Saraswat called Rama Kamati, who had lent his name and fame to the English being in charge of their mint and currency to infuse confidence in the people when there was a fraud in currency. For a long time, people used to call the treasury as Rama Kamati's. For the sake of continuity of the goodwill, the English had appointed even his brother, Lolla Kamati in his place when he ceased to be the head of the treasury..."

Taking up the subject of patriotism, Shree Swamiji said, "We should take the example of the Japanese. Since no gold is mined in Japan, Japanese ladies never crave for gold ornaments. Then to give another example of Japanese spirit of enterprise and competition, once it so happened that a British bicycle manufacturer introduced in Japan, a new bicycle with good many new features. The cycle was kept in a show room for display with the aim of capturing the Japanese market. But soon it was stolen and a police complaint was lodged. A reward was also announced if anybody could give within 30 days the information about the stolen bicycle.

On 29th day, a gentleman appeared in the Police Station and confessed that he had stolen. When the police asked for the bicycle he requested them to follow. They reached a place where there was a big hall in which the bicycle was seen in a dismantled state with all its parts lying scattered all over. Then he took the police to another hall that looked like an assembly line and in the next hall could be seen branch new bicycles lined up in rows. The bicycles were identical to the one that was stolen. The gentleman, i.e. the thief revealed, " I had stolen the bicycle to produce the similar cycle in our own country. I did not want that our country should be flooded with foreign bicycles. I am willing for any punishment..." Theft yes, but the purpose of the theft? After

narrating the story Shri Swamiji stated that he did not visit Japan but had read both the anecdotes somewhere and thought it fit to narrate.

The Mahasabha programme had commenced with a veda ghosh and ended with a vote of thanks by Shree S.A. Shanbhag, the President of the Math Committee. The programme started at 6.30 P.M. and concluded at 8.30 P.M as scheduled. The venue was the main road, closed for vehicular traffic, in front of Shree Ram Mandir with a decorated dais and there was a good crowd. As requested the guests stuck to the timings of three minutes each and the addresses never became unwieldy. Before the programme there were light refreshments and after, there was night food too.

Shree Swamiji also broke the news that the Math is going to acquire the adjoining plot of land thereby more space will be available for the activities.

Earlier quite a few Saraswat celebrities and achievers holding high position in Banks and Public Administration were felicitated and honoured by Shree Swamiji as a part of the celebrations.

In fact the Math had organised a festival-like 9 day special event from 25th Jan to 3rd Feb 2004 when Shree Swamiji camped in Mumbai. During this period there was another major celebration, the Annual Pratihtha Vardhanti Mahotsav of Shree Ram Mandir on Tuesday the 27th Jan 04 when thousands of devotees participated. There were special programmes like Shata Kalash Abhishek to Shree Ramdev besides Nagarotsav in the temple palanquin. The great and memorable event started with the arrival of Shree Swamiji in the evening of 25th Jan and concluded in the morning of 3rd Feb 04 with the departure of Shree Swamiji to Dharwad. Thus a good beginning has been made heralding the Golden Jubilee of an important Saraswat institution in Mumbai.

(Report by Shri K.G.Mallya, Editor in Samyukta Saraswat AISCO Quarterly Bulletin)

4. SELECTED SAYINGS OF H.H.SHREEMAT VIDYADHIRAJ TEERTH SWAMIJI

- ❖ Whenever we experience difficulties we must face them boldly as they reduce our accumulated sins.
- ❖ By forsaking the desire, one will get peace.
- ❖ By hatredness and anger, peace of mind will be disturbed.
- ❖ A person will never become happy by anger and animosity.
- ❖ An arrogant and selfish person can never serve the society.
- ❖ Bhakti leads us to the path of knowledge and action.
- ❖ Maya or the illusion imprisons a man.
- ❖ Soul is an infinite source of power. By it, you can reach any height.
- ❖ By maturity of mind, efficiency in duties will increase.
- ❖ Only by thinking right, speaking right and doing right, prosperity comes to us.
- ❖ We must always speak about good acts and actions.
- ❖ We must listen to good things whereby our wisdom will attain perfection.
- ❖ We must involve ourselves in good actions whereby we will be getting on this earth, the heavenly bliss.
- ❖ Work teaches us how to do it.
- ❖ Good thoughts and good company will induce us to do good things.
- ❖ One must be humble if he desires to gain knowledge.
- ❖ One must guide properly the next generation.
- ❖ If a person utilises his wealth and time for getting spiritual

knowledge, he will get honour and the grace of Goddess Laxmi.

- ❖ It is always safe to tread on the track shown by our elders.
- ❖ One must cultivate good qualities to win the grace of Guru & God.
- ❖ If we want to attain something in life, it is possible only through God's grace.
- ❖ And, we will get His grace only through His grace.
- ❖ Win His grace and not the wrath. His wrath will not only destroy our home but also our family completely.
- ❖ By thinking about God, our spiritual wealth increases.
- ❖ God hath granted us this life. We must utilise it for good work and deeds.

(Courtesy: Shri K.G.Mallya, from his collection)



H H Shreemat Sudhindra Teerth Swamiji
& H H Shreemat Vidyadhiraj Teerth Swamiji



After Shreemat Dwarakanath Teerth Swamiji, Shreemat Vidyadhiraj Teerth Swamiji has bestowed upon R. D. Pai, the same or perhaps even more blessings & guidance from time to time. This time being on the occasion of 'Dwarakanath Bhavan' Golden Jubilee function

