



WELCOME & JAI SWAMINARAYAN

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Prominent Satsangis



- Dada Khachar

Dada Khachar- VS Posh Sud 6th 1857 - 1909



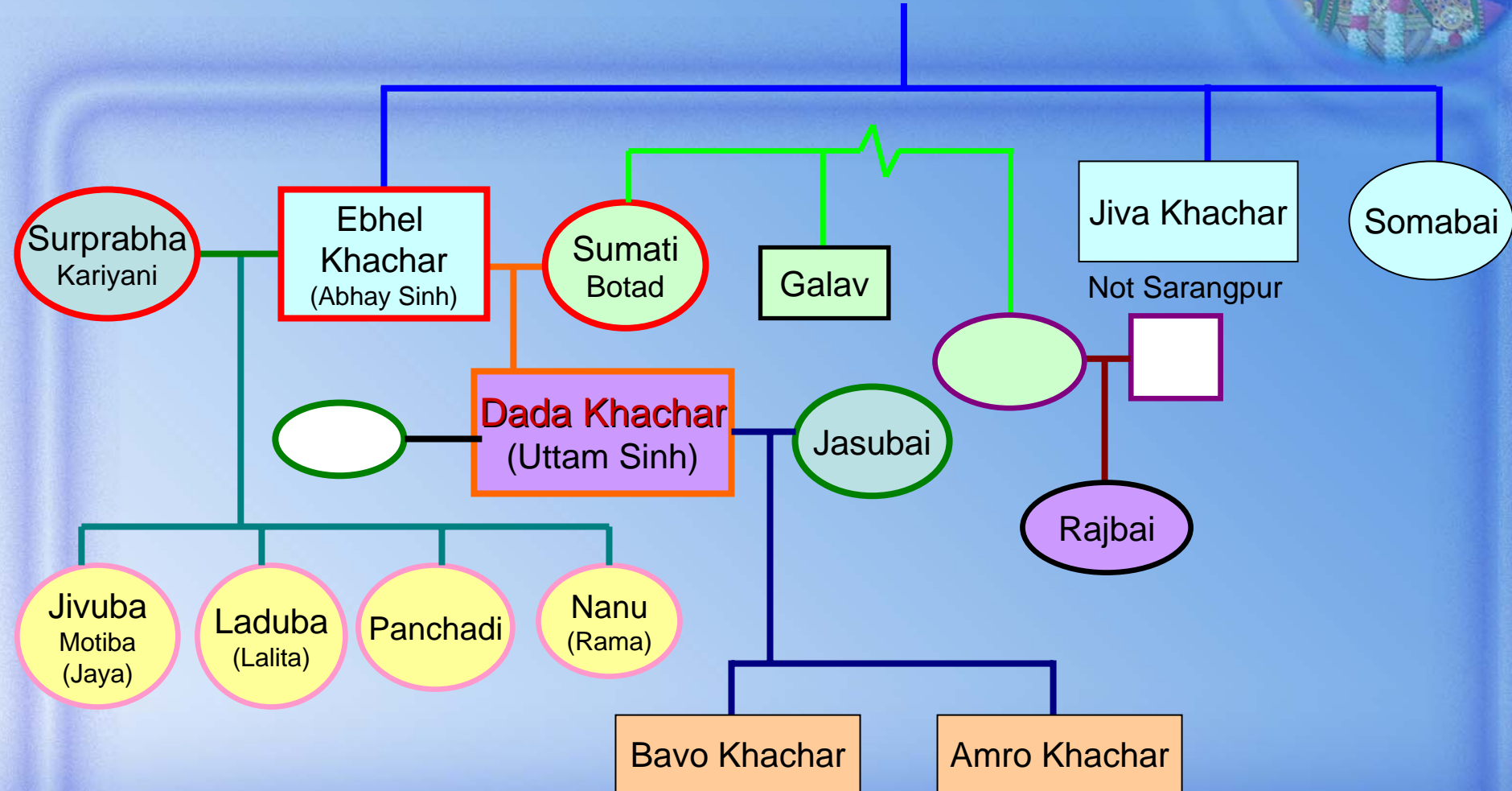
- Probably the best known satsangi with utmost single-minded devotion to Lord Swaminarayan
- ...but how did his family become satsangis in the first place

First Darshan



- Ebhel Sinh was a devout satsangi of Lord Krishna
- Mancha Khachar a close friend of Ebhel, knew Lord as Almighty God and when they met in Sardhar he invited Him to come to Kariyani
- Mancha bhagat told Ebhel of the Lord's presence on earth and invited Ebhel's family to Kariyani for darshan
- Ebhel duly recognised Lord's greatness and invited Him to Gadhada
- Lord first came to Gadhada on vs Magsar sud 11th 1861
- Ebhel henceforth asked the Lord to remain at Gadhada

Dada Khachar's Family



Dada takes the reign

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- Ebhel bapa falls ill. Due to strong affection between the Lord and Ebhel, Lord insists that Ebhel makes a last request. Ebhel asks Lord to look after Dada as his own.
- Ebhel passes away on vs Kartik vad 5th 1870. Dada is only 12 years old.
- Lord wants to test Dada's love for him. On the day of the funeral He calls Dada, Jivuba & Laduba. He announces that He is leaving since Ebhel has passed away.
- Dada pleads for the Lord to stay. Lord says He will only stay if Dada signs over the whole estate to Him !!!

Dada's test

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- Dada without hesitation calls for paper and signs over the whole kingdom.
- Lord says 'now that Gadhada is mine, I request your family to leave before sunrise tomorrow and go to a place where Swaminarayan is not known'. Dada replies 'as you please Maharaj'.
- Next day, before sunrise Lord shows His impatience and taunts Dada. 'What are you waiting for? Why don't you say you want to stay here and that it was a mistake to sign over the deeds !!' 'No Maharaj', replies Dada, 'we are leaving'.

Dada's test

3



- At the outskirts of Gadhada, they rested and bathed at Radha vav (well).
- By now (day after funeral) news of Ebhel's death reached surrounding towns and villages. People come to Gadhpur to pay respect.
- Sura Khachar (Loya) arrives and learns that Lord has evicted Ebhel's family. Sura Khachar is very distraught. Lord asks 'why?'
- Sura replies 'it is not because Ebhel has died but I am very concerned after young Dada's welfare, and where will all the ladies take shelter?'

Dada's test

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- Sura Khachar adds 'I am not asking you to give back the kingdom, but at least keep them as servants'.
- Lord promptly asks Ladha Thakkar to fetch Dada...
- Lord tells Dada 'I have not asked you to return to give back your kingdom, but to say that if you want your kingdom ask for it, or make out a permanent deed on copper plate since paper is easily torn'.
- Dada replies 'how can you doubt that that I will not do as you ask, Maharaj?'
- Lord runs to Dada and picks him up and hugs him lovingly

Listen to an extract of this katha



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Many many stories ...



- There are many such examples of devotion by Dada Khachar and his sisters Jivuba and Laduba
- Lord drinking milk from Jivuba during that offering to Murti of Lord. (Jivuba was incarnation of Laxmi)
- Laduba was incarnation of Radhikaji
- Such was the Lord's affection that He went on Dada's wedding procession (jaan) along with all the santos for the marriage to Jasubai...

Listen to parts of songs depicting this....



- ___ "Shreeji Maharaj parnlavo..."
- Jasubai is asked by the Lord to ask for something... she makes the most of it... and bursts into song...
- ___ "Mari avichad chunkane rakhjo..."
- ... may santos remain for ever at Dada's Darbar
- ... may all our wealth be used for your purposes
- ... may we forever keep your image in our hearts
- ... may you build a large Temple here and install your murti
- ... bless me with two sons, keep Dada happy and retain parivar
- ... take me to Akshardham before Dada



- Of course, one must not forget the numerous Vachnamrut sabhas held in Dada Khachar's Darbar



Questions?

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