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Prominent Satsangis



- Dada Khachar
- Jinabhai
- Joban Pagi
- Parvatbhai
- Sundarji Suthar
- Ladhiba
- Jivuba
- Laduba

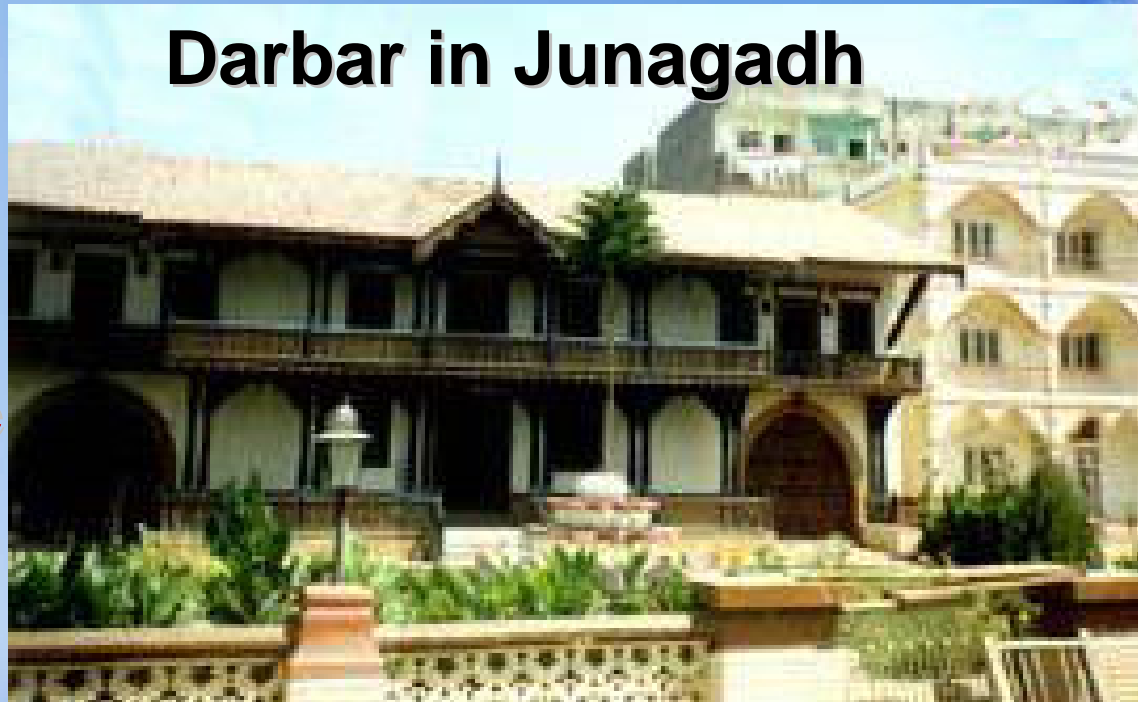
Jinabhai - VS 1848 – Maha Vad 10th 1883



In Brief

- Deeply attached to Lord Swaminarayan. Excellent organiser, Lord often asked him to manage large functions (yagnas, congregations etc).
- Family was also devoted to Lord ...

Darbar in Junagadh

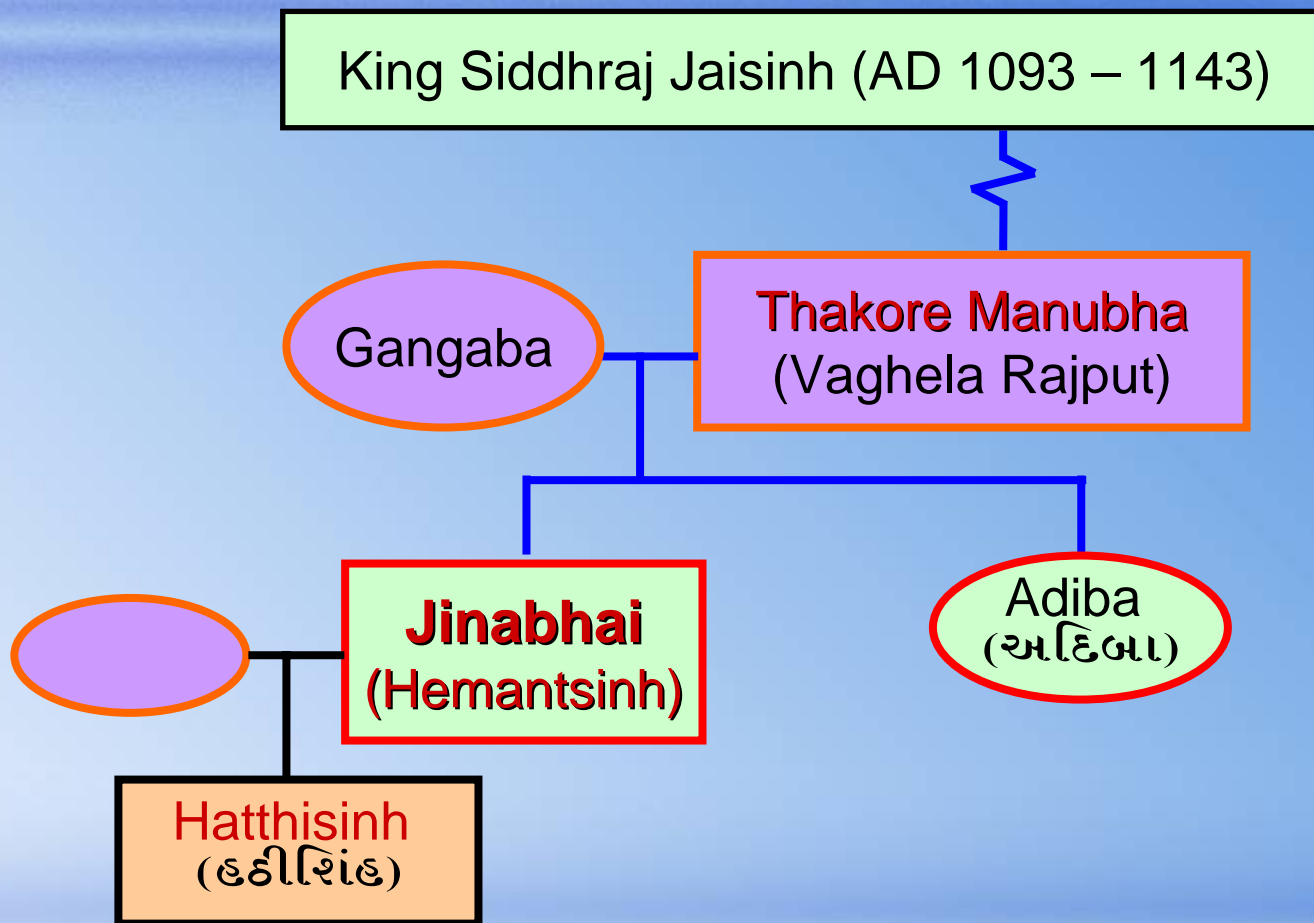


Jinabhai, Darbar of Panchala



- His father was a disciple of Ramanand Swami
- Born in Panchala vs 1848
- First met Lord at age of 10 when Ramanand Swami and Nilkanth Varni visted Panchala in vs 1858
- Devotion to Lord also grows for mother Gangaba and sister Adiba
- Jinabhai often stayed with Lord to get closer. He also invited bhaktos, santos and Lord to Panchala every year
- Jinabhai very strictly observed Bhagwan's agna

Jinabhai's Family



Panchala Grand Celebrations



- Once Maharaj was so pleased with Jinabhai that He celebrated Fuldol Utsav (holi) in vs 1879 at Panchala in grand style with thousands of santos and haribhaktos.
- Maharaj adorned rich golden clothes and played raas forming nine circles.
- Santos in inner circles then parshads and haribhaktos
- Maharaj took multiple forms giving everybody equal pleasure
- A wonderful sight!

Panchala Grand Celebrations



- It was during this occasion that Brahmanand swami recited the famous kirtan 'sakhi gokul gaam na choka ma re...'



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Panchala Grand Celebrations



- Next day they play **again**, sprinkling colour
- Maharaj threw gulal and squirted coloured water from huge storage tanks
- Afterwards they all went to the river to bathe.



Place in Panchala where Maharaj played Holi



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Panchala Celebrations



- Maharaj served everybody rich delicious foods
- It was here that Maharaj re-established the keeping of a small tuft of hair (chotli) and
- Lord also re-stated the urdvapundra tilak as a key symbol of the Swaminarayan Sampraday

Jinabhai stories 1



- Uncared for sick devotee Kamalshi Vanza of Mangrol
- Jinabhai gets permission to look after him and takes him on his bed back to Panchala.
- Jinabhai personally takes one corner of the bed
- In Panchala he served him and tendered to his needs till the end.

Jinabhai stories 1

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- Jinabhai was upset with his sister for not providing medicine for the sick man. He stopped speaking with her
- Lord heartily hugs Jinabhai because of his deed towards Kamalshibhai

Departure



- Jinabhai fell seriously ill and Lord without hesitation goes to Junagadh in the middle of the night to look after him
- Jinabhai overjoyed to see Maharaj
- Jinabhai requests Lord to build Junagadh temple and donates the land

Departure

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- Lord asked which heaven he wanted to go to. Jinabhai only wanted to be in the service of Lord Swaminarayan
- Lord didn't want to upset Gangaba
- He explained increased levels of happiness from Panchala Darbar, Raja of Bhavnagar, Chakravati Raja, Dev Lok, Indra Lok, Maha Dev, Kailash, Vaikunta, Swetdeep, Badrikashram and finally to Akshardham.
- Gangaba understood

Departure

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- Jinabhai passed away on Maha sud 10th vs 1883 only 35years old
- Swaminarayan Bhagwan personally lifted his dead body onto the funeral pyre (same distance as Jinabhai carried Kamalshibhai's bed)
- Lord says 'Jinabhai has served My devotee and now I have the chance to serve him'



Questions?

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Tulsi Vivah



- Tulsi Vivah this weekend ...
- What is this all about?
- What is the original story...

Tulsi Vivah – the Story



- King KushDhvaj had two daughters, Vrunda and Vedavanti
- Totally devoted to God and began meditation and penance in order to please God
- God pleased and appears to fulfil their wishes
- Vedavanti granted her wish to devote her life to God
- But Vrunda already had a curse on her to marry demon Jalandhar (Ocean's son) by Ganapati

Tulsi Vivah – the Story



- Jalandhar was very strong and powerful
- Vrunda through pattivratta faith increased Jalandhar's power aiding him to defeat all foes, including Indra and Shiva's army.
- Shiva battles with Jalandhar.
- Jalandhar took up the form of Shiva to cheat Parvati.
- Parvati not fooled and becomes invisible to protect herself.

Tulsi Vivah – the Story



- Parvati prayed to God to save her
- Jalandhar can only be defeated by breaking the pativratta bond with Vrunda
- Bhagwan prepared cunning plan to achieve this
- God took the form of a sanyasi and went to the forest to start meditation.
- He makes Vrunda have a nightmare, she becomes confused and frightened

Tulsi Vivah – the Story



- Vrunda chased by two ferocious demons
- Rescued by the meditating sanyasi (God)
- Vrunda asks the sanyasi if her husband (Jalandhar) is dead or alive.
- Two monkeys come carrying 'Jalandhar's' head and body. Vrunda fainted.
- Vrunda asks the sanyasi to bring 'Jalandhar' back to life
- Bhagwan enters the joined body parts to make it alive.

Tulsi Vivah – the Story



- Vrunda fooled to believe it was really Jalandhar
- God stayed with Vrunda as husband
- Pativratta dharma was broken. This allowed Shiva to kill the demon Jalandhar.
- Vrunda realised that 'Jalandhar' was in fact Bhagwan and she had been cheated
- Vrunda cursed God to become a stone (Shaligram) and stay in the Gandki river.
- God cursed Vrunda to become Tulsi plant

Tulsi Vivah – the Story



- Bhagwan blessed Vrunda that they would always stay together
- Union between Tulsi and Shaligram (Vishnu) re-enacted every year on Prabhodhini Ekadashi
- Also on this day ...
- Dharmadev was born vs 1796
- SuryaNarayan gave darshan to Nilkanth Varni in Pulashram
- Ramanand swami gave diksha to Nilkanth Varni vs 1857
- Lord Swaminarayan throned as leader vs 1858



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Jinabhai stories 2



- Jinabhai had love for God but was sad that Lord had not visited his home. Maharaj was not pleased and implied that the real reason for Jinabhai's sadness was that Lord was staying longer at Dada Khachar's Darbar. (Vach Loya 4, vs 1877)
- However, Muktanand swami convinced Lord to visit Jinabhai. Lord went reluctantly.
- But upon reaching Panchala Lord started behaving unexpectedly (charitra) (to test Jinabhai's love). He began swearing in a meeting etc..

Jinabhai stories 2 ..



- Lord heard a procession going by and asked some devotees what it was. They replied it was a wedding procession.
- Lord said He wanted to get married. At first the devotees thought He was joking but Lord stubbornly insisted that He wanted to get married and asked them to find a suitable bride.
- Staunch devotees, Parvatbhai, Sura Khachar and Bhagubhai said they knew no-one suitable. Lord said He would not eat if He couldn't get married.
- Lord suggested that Adiba, Jinabhai's sister was available.

Jinabhai stories 2

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- Adiba was overjoyed when she heard the proposal but wanted to seek the permission of his brother.
- She asked other elders to speak to her brother (they were still not talking since the Kamalshibhai incident).
- Jinabhai, even though his love for Lord was strong, thought of worldly reasons why the marriage could not take place, eg Adiba was Kshatriya and Lord was Brahmin; how could they marry.
- (At this point Muktanand swami began to understand the difference between Dada Khachar and Jinabhai.)
- Lord ignored Jinabhai and sent word to Adiba to dress for the occasion and meet Him

Jinabhai stories 2

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- But on seeing Adiba Lord started to vomit profusely and asked her to leave.
- For the next few days Lord continued to vomit and didn't eat anything. No medicine seemed to work.
- Townspeople heard of Lords predicament and said when a brahmin from a nearby town suffered in a similar way he had resorted to a strict diet of masculine food eg eat rotlo not rotli etc.
- Following such a diet Lord slowly recovered.



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