

# One Leader Dharmavanshi Acharyas

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## *Satsangi Jeevan Prakaran 4, Adhyay 24*

- “establish My successors in the pavitra Dharmavansh”
- Vadtal – Santo, who do you recommend?
- “**No-one** other than someone from your Dharmakul is worthy of succeeding You”

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# Establishment of Acharyapad

- Sahajanand Swami adopted Ayodhyaprasadji from His elder brother Rampratapji and adopted Raghuvirji from His younger brother Ichcharamji.
- He accepted the two as His own sons and handed the Northern- NarNarayan Dev Desh (diocese) to Ayodhyaprasadji and the Southern- LakshmiNarayan Dev Desh to Raghuvirji in Vadtal on VS 1882 (1826 AD) Kartik Sud Prabodhini Ekadashi (ironically on the very same day He was given the Acharya-pad by Ramanand Swami).
- The NarNarayan Desh is based in Amdavad and LakshmiNarayan Desh in Vadtal. Though known as NarNarayan Dev and Lakshminarayan Dev Gadi, both are the Swaminarayan Gadis as they are the only authentic gadis established by Lord Swaminarayan Himself.



# Role of the Acharya



- The Acharya's role is to initiate followers into the sampraday with a Samanya Diksha by giving the guru-mantra
- Initiate monks-sadhus by giving them the Maha-Bhagwadi Diksha
- Perform murti-pratishtha, install deities in the temples
- Authenticate scriptures of the Sampraday
- Function as the Guru and leader of the entire sampraday



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- Desh Vibhag no Lekh

- Shastra functioning as the constitution of the Sampraday

“...it is my command to all sadhus, bhamcharis and all satsangies, that for the purpose of your kalyaan (emancipation) you must obey and follow the two Acharyas of Dharmavanshi, and obey their commands by thought, action and speech. If this is compromised and whoever turns elsewhere (*rejecting the Acharyas*) will find that they will never find sukh (happiness) in this world or the worlds beyond and will experience immense distress.....” (Desh Vibhag no Lekh)



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“Those who serve these Acharyas with food, jewellery, vehicles, animals, flowers etc shall be worthy of Akshardham..... I shall emancipate those who serve and respect these Acharyas. Through these Acharyas I shall give kalyaan (give Akshardham) to all souls.....” (Purushottam Prakash Chapter 37, Verse 6-20)



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- “ ...After a lot of thought and consideration I have decided to give the Gadi to them...” (Chapter 39 Verse 8)
- “ Therefore all of you shall obey the Dharamkul and serve them. They are not ordinary beings, they are great Devtas (Gods). As well as being my Sons they are Bhramin and my Bhaktas and by serving them you shall earn immense happiness. All your wishes will be fulfilled, this is my command that is to remain permanently.”



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“ So both householders and sadhus obey their (Acharyas’) commands, and not the fancies of the mind. Do not take any actions without their consent.....do not enter into debates with them even if you are greater in knowledge or wisdom...you shall regard the Acharyas as faultless – you shall obey their commands. ....”



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# Dharmavanshi Acharyas



“If you keep *them* pleased then I will be pleased with you because they are in place of Myself..... I am forever residing in them. I am in them, and they are in Me. I am never far from them and I give darshan (divine sightings) residing in them.....”

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# Dharmavanshi Acharyas



““I am forever residing in the Dharmavanshi Acharyas. After seeing such followers I have decided to remain here (in the satsang), therefore those who worship the Acharyas have worshipped Me.”

(Purushottam Prakash Chapter 40)



# Guru Parampara

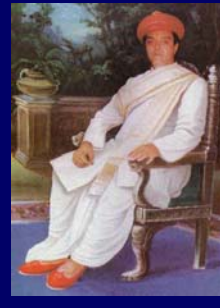
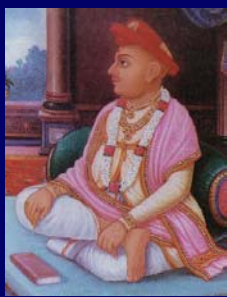
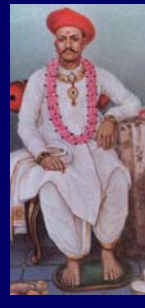


- Ayodhya Prasadji Maharaj
- Keshav Prasadji Maharaj
- Purushottam Prasadji Maharaj
- Vasudev Prasadji Maharaj
- Devendra Prasadji Maharaj
- Tejendra Prasadji Maharaj
- Raghuvir Prasadji Maharaj
- Bhagwat Prasadji Maharaj
- Viharilalji Prasadji Maharaj
- Lakshmi Prasadji Maharaj
- Shreepati Prasadji Maharaj
- Anand Prasadji Maharaj
- Narendra Prasadji Maharaj
- Ajendra Prasadji Maharaj
- Rakesh Prasadji Maharaj

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# Guru Parampara



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# Being a follower of the One Leader



- Initiation
  - Gadhada Pratham Prakaran 1
  - “one who sought refuge in the Dharmakul.....assumes a brahm-may body (divine body)”
- Our passport to Akshardham
- Accepting Maharajshree as our Guru, one who will lead us to Akshardham
  - We become His aashrit
- Without the diksha (guru mantra) we are merely potential satsangi – not an official satsangi

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# Our Gurus



Gurur Brahma Gurur Vishnu  
Gurur Devo Maheshvarah,  
Guruh Saakshat Parabrahma  
Tasmai Shree Guru Ve Namah

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