



## KALKACHARYA (death, Vir S. 466 death)

The Prince Kalka and his sister Sarasvati loved each other dearly. One day while they were out on horseback, they stopped to hear the sermon of a Jain acharya and felt urged toward renunciation and took diksha. Kalka later became a muni acharya and on one journey he and his disciples

reached the city of Ujjain where the king, Gardhabhill, kidnapped the beautiful sadhviji Sarasvati. The muni tried to talk to the lust-driven king, but to no avail. The suriji then influenced the Shak people to become his devotees and had them attack Ujjain. Gardhabhill had a special gift of which he was very proud and which made him confident, the ability to change himself into a donkey and by braying, putting the enemy to sleep. But the suriji knew of this gift and so when the king was on the roof of the palace trying it out, the suriji gestured to



the archers who shot arrows in to his mouth, filling it up and rendering his ability useless. The suriji rescued the sadhviji and taught the king a lesson. Then with the help of his disciples he led the Shak people away and thus prevented a battle. Muni Kalkacharya is responsible for having Samvatsari day changed from maha sud pancham to maha sud chauth which is when it is observed till date.