



## MANDEVSVURI (death, Vir Samvat 761)

**Dhaneshwar**, the son of Dharni of Nadola, became a sadhu after hearing a preaching of Pradyotansuriji. Because of his knowledge and capability with the scriptures, he was made an acharya. In the ceremony in which he was made an acharya, the guruji saw Lakshmidivi and Sarasvati on each of Mandevsuri's shoulders. With his penances and deep knowledge, the goddesses Jaya, Vijaya, Aparajita, and Jayata often came to venerate him. There was once an epidemic in Takshashila in which the citizens prayed to the *shaasan* goddess. The goddess explained that a vyantar's annoyance was the cause of the epidemics. She said to them that the solution was miraculous water from Mandevsuri, which would get rid of the vyantar. Once a shravak of the sangh, Virchand came to the suriji but was not respectful and sat near some women, leering at them. The goddesses turned him into a statue in punishment for his disrespectful behavior but let him at the suriji's request. The suriji formed the miraculous "Shantistavan" ("Nani Shanti") and water blessed with it had the power to appease the vyantar. Suriji also wrote "Tijaypahutt" stotra to subside the vyantar's annoyance and spread Jainism. The above creations are considered miraculous even today.

