

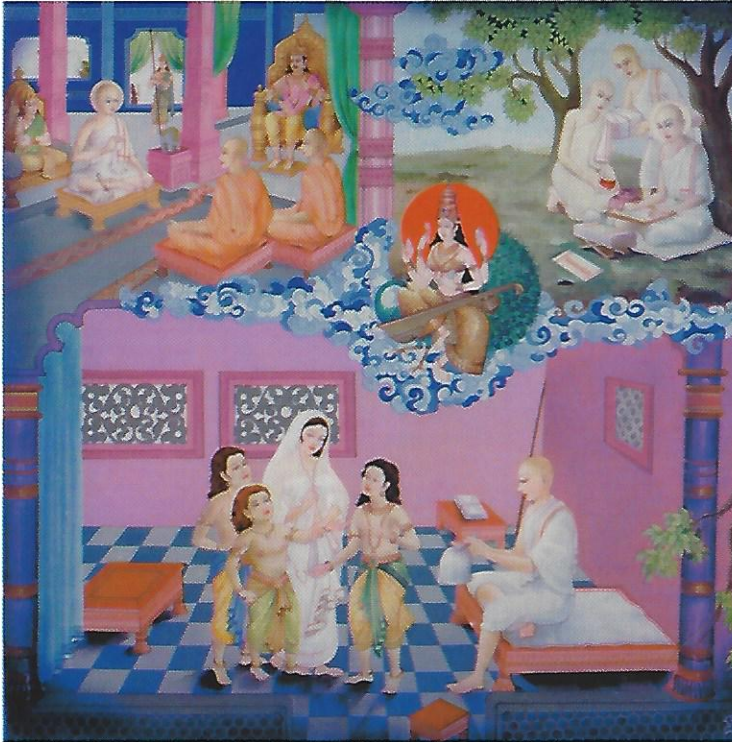


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Stories Of The Sadhu

MALLVADISURI (death V.S. 884)



Durlabhdevi

of Vallabhipur took diksha with her three sons under her brother Jain acharya Jinandsuriji. The youngest Mallamuni was very intelligent. He was extremely disappointed upon hearing that his guruji Jinanadsuriji had lost against a group of Buddhists in debates over "shastra" in Bharuch. Sarasvatidevi was pleased with his extreme penances and with her blessings, Mallamuni wrote "New Dwadsharanaychakra" of ten thousand verses. Shri

Sangh bestowed him the title of acharya. It was after this that the Surijs went to Bharuch where the Buddhist monk ignored him, saying "What could this child possibly debate with me on the shastra?" But Mallasuriji defeated the Buddhist saint after continuously discussing "Naychakrashastr" for six months. The king then bestowed him with the title of "Vadi", the great debator. Mallvadisuriji wrote "Padamcharita" of 24,000 verses and also wrote a critique of Sanmati Tark. Today these granthas are not available but there is a mention of them in the literature. Thus we can see the influence of Sarasvatidevi's blessings on the whole life of Mallvadisuriji.