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DADAGURU JINDATTSURI (V.S. 1132-1211) scripture yugpradhan jindatt suri

Stories Of The Sadhu



“Your pious son with his extraordinary religious qualities will help in the prosperity of Jainism and so let him be dedicated to Jainism.” Hearing the sadhviji’s solemn words, Dholka’s Bahaddevi consented to do so. After diksha the child became Somchandra Muni and later on became famous as the “world leader Jinduttsuri.” The suriji’s intelligence, personality, fearlessness, sacredness, and generosity shines over Jainism like the sun. He

enforced stricter norms of ascetic life for the sake of those sadhus who were not following them. In Vikrampur, 500 men and 700 women accepted diksha and hundreds of thousands accepted Jainism as their religion, influenced by his teachings. Several angels were constantly in the suriji’s attendance. Ambika devi, overjoyed with Nagdev’s penances had written a name on his hands telling him that the one who would decipher these letters would be the “man of the era”, the “yugpradhan” The suriji deciphered the letters with the help pf his vaskhep. In Ajmer, once when lightning fell during pratikraman, the suriji grounded it in his wooden bowl. He possessed the ability to enter another’s body. Jainism will forever be grateful to suriji.