



DHARMAGHOSHURI (S. 1357)

Vir Dhaval who was soon to get married, was inspired by Devendrasuriji to take diksha and he did so in his wedding clothes. Bhimdev, his brother also took diksha along with him. When the degrees of *panyas* and *upadhaya* were awarded to him there was sprinkling of saffron from the sky and so he was called Dharmaghoshsuri after he was made an acharya. Being inspired by the Jain community he wrote "Samudrasutra" near the sea-shore of Patan in Saurashtra, which brought in the tide of the ocean and a sprinkling of precious jewels over his feet. Once suriji's meditation was so intense that a Kapardiyaksha appeared and at suriji's admonition, acquired the vision of the right path. Pethadshravak took the twelve vows from him. The suriji made some women who were interfering with his lectures into statues but let them go after they asked for forgiveness. He saved the Jains of Ujjain from the disturbance of a yogi. He also froze Shakinis, some devis, who were disturbing the sahdus of Godhra. Once when the Suriji had a snakebite he told his disciples that at dawn there would be a man with a wood stack in which there would be an antidote bush. When this was rubbed on him along with ginger, it worked. The suriji also wrote several books and sutras and opened some libraries.

