

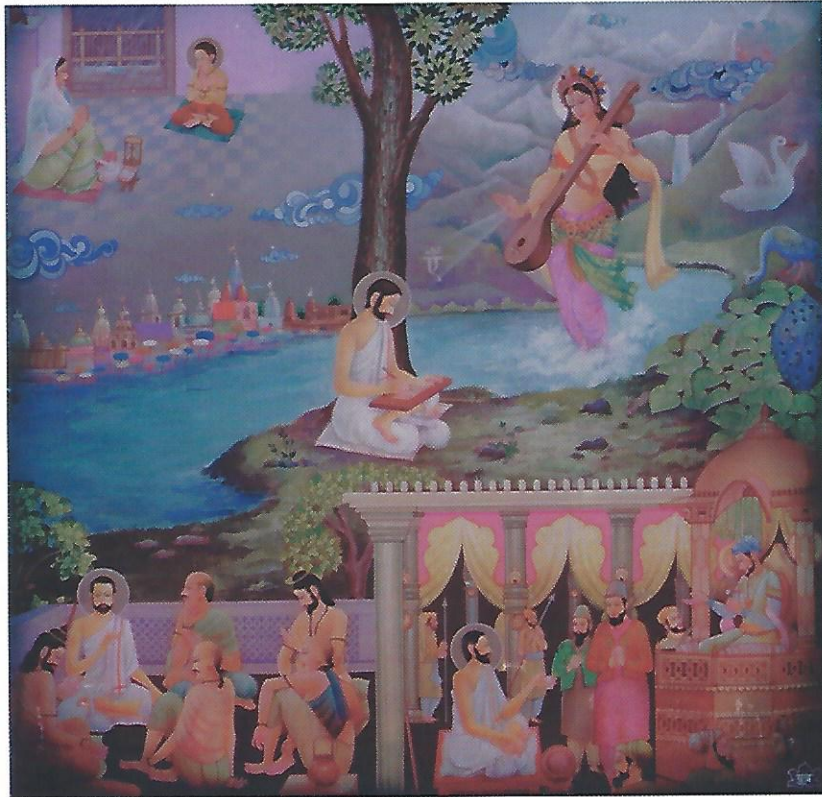


UPADHYAY YASHOVIJAYJI

(V.S. 1743- death)
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Narayan shravak's wife Saubhagyadevi of Kanoda had taken the vow of not putting anything in the mouth, not even water, every day, without having heard the "Bhaktamar Sutra". Once, because of storms and heavy rain, she was unable to go to the upashraya and had to fast for 3 days.

Her son Jasvant went to the upashraya, heard the Bhaktamar just once, and went home and recited Bhaktamar for her so that she could break her fast. Acting on mother's wishes, he did *pratikraman* with an acharyaguru and memorized it after hearing it once. Since he had a sharp memory, the guru asked him to take diksha which he took from Vijaydevsuriji and became the disciple of Nayvijayji. He was given many titles and became Nyaayvisharad, Shat Darshanveta Mahavaiyakarni, Tarkikshirmani



Mahapodhyay Yashovijayji. Deity Sarasvati was pleased with him and blessed him that in debates and in writing of scriptures and poetry no one, could defeat him. He created "Nyaykhandkhadya", "Pratimashatak", etc. and made Varanasi available to Jains after defeating Kashi Pandits. He did eighteen *avdhaan* in Mohabhatkhan's darbar in Ahmedabad. His personality led him to be known as "Sarasvati with a mustache and beard".