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Stories Of The Sadhu

UDAYRATNA UPADHYAY (V.S. 17)

Upadhyay Shri Udayratnaji, who was the son of Manbai and Vardhman , arrived at Kheda. Inspired by him one shravak took on a pilgrimage to Shankeshvar. At that time



Parshvanathjis statue was with greedy ruler who charged money for *darshan*. The Kheda sangh reached there late and the pujari refused to open the temple. Everyone, including the Upadhyayji had decided not to eat or drink until they had done *darshan*. Everyone stood in front of the door, waiting to go in. Upadhyayji created a stavan for Parshvanathji. Adhishtayk deity was pleased and the doors opened up. A

joyous atmosphere filled the temple and everyone was able to *darshan*. With this miracle the Thakur, the ruler of the area, realized his mistake of charging fees to Jains to do *darshan* and forfeited his rights over the temple, returning it to the Jain community (sangh). He adopted Jainism as his religion. Udayratnaji and was an accomplished poet and several of his creations are famous even today. It is said that the Upadhyaji was capable of magically creating a *samovsaran* of Tirthankars.