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Stories Of The Sadhviji

DEVANANDA (era of Mahavirswami)



Brahmani Devananda was with her husband at Bhagvan Mahavir's samovsaran. While gazing at the Bhagvan with love and affection, milk started flowing from her breasts. Guru Gautamswami (Bhagwan Mahavir's first disciple) asked Lord Mahavir the reason for this. The Bhagwan explained, "In a previous life Trishladevi and Devananda were sisters-in-law. Devananda liked some of Trishla's jewelry so much that she took it and hid it from Trishla for some time before returning it. Because of this, in this life, Deva Haranigameshi on the order of Indradev, removed her fetus and transplanted it in Trishla's womb. That fetus was me and thus Devananda is my first mother. This is the reason of her breast milk flowing, out of love and affection. Having heard this story, Devananda and her husband Rushabhadatt took diksha and eventually attained moksha.