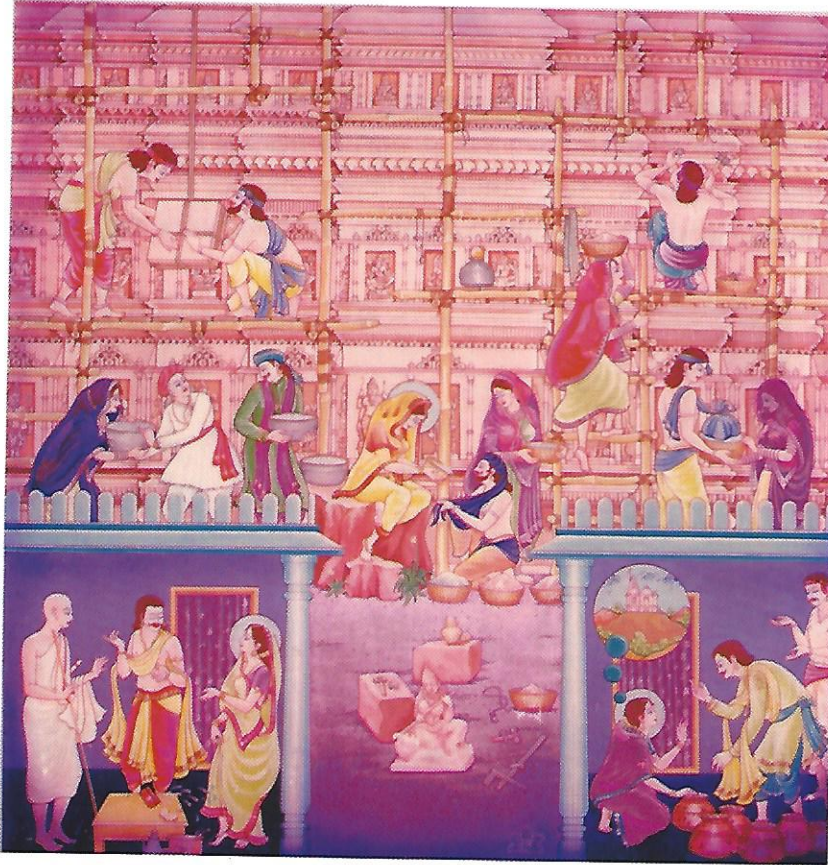




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A bowl fell at the hands of a sadhu and ghee (clarified butter) spilt on Anupamadevi's clothes. Chief minister Tejpal became angry, but Anupama appropriately commented, "If I had been born to a dealer of cooking oil, what would be the plight of my clothes? But I am fortunate that butter fell instead from a guruji's bowl." Upon hearing this, Tejpal was impressed and said, "It is rare to see combi-

nation of the ability to speak sweet words, be compassionate, knowledgeable, forgiving, sacrificing and wealth without any pride." Once after getting married the couple was having a pit dug to hide money but instead they found money that had already been interred in the ground. Anupama advised, "If Lakshmidēvi wishes to surface from the earth, than let us raise her to the top of the mountain." That money was used to build the Lavanyavasahi temple on Mount Abu. It is said that she offered pearls, silver, and gold to worship in lieu of sand dug to make temple. A contemporary poet once said that the goddess of wealth is unsteady, Parvati is angry, Indrani is sorrowful, Ganga is flowing, and Sarasvati has good speech, but Anupama is greater than all.