

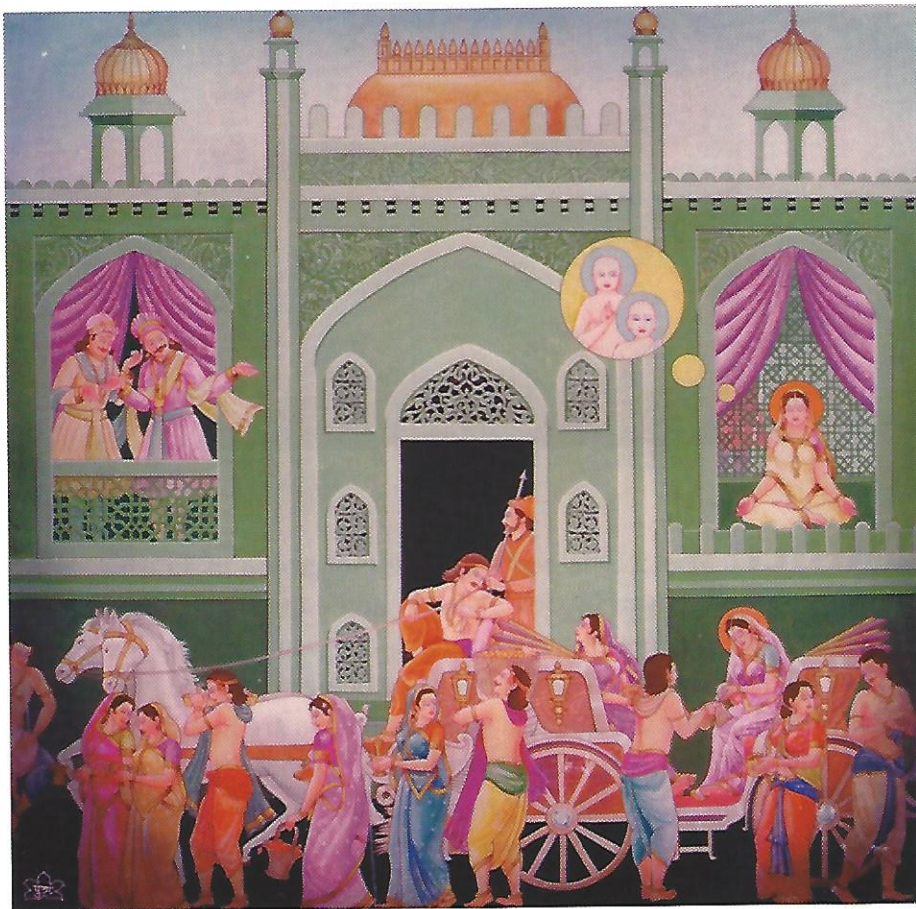
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After Virprabhu, Champa Shravika fasted for six months. During her fast, she would go to the temple everyday in a horse buggy with a band of musicians and donate along her way. Once the Mughal emperor, Akbar, saw all this and inquired about it. He came to know that she intended to fast for six months. Then emperor thought, "It is difficult to keep roja (Muslim fasting) for one day even though there is the freedom to eat at night. How is it possible to fast continuously for so long without eating or drinking at all?" As the emperor was respectful of other religions he sought an answer, and so he called upon Champa shravika for an explanation.

Champa told him that "This is possible only because of Hirsuriji Maharaj's blessings." The disbelieving emperor wished to test the veracity of this and so he kept her imprisoned in which Champa completed a fast very successfully. This



was possible because of Champa's belief in true religion and the blessings of gurudev. The emperor was moved by this turn of events, and invited Acharya Hirsusiji to his palace. This was the beginning of a cordial relationship between Jains and Muslims.

Shravika: Champa

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