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Niyams For All To Follow



Attend ALL Sabhas from the BEGINNING
RESPECT each other as very dear friends
FULFIL YOUR DUTY as per the duty-rota
CLEANLINESS is next to GODLINESS
Treat the camp as YOUR HOME
Consider all food as PRASAD

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God

Existence, Identity & Avtars

- Who/What created CREATION?
 - *Did we really evolve from animals?*
 - *Are we the produce of bacteria?*
- Scriptural References
 - *The Vedas ⇒ The Upanishads ⇒ The Purans*

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God

His Characteristics

- **Heaven**

- *Vaikuntth, Shweta dweep, Golok, Akshardham, Badrikashram*

- Created humans in HIS image

- *Akshar Muktas* in HIS service at all times

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God

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His Characteristics

- **Bharatkhand**
 - Withdraws HIS powers
 - Displays them exceptionally
 - Despite this God remains
 - The Most Powerful
 - Always Present Everywhere
 - All - Knowing



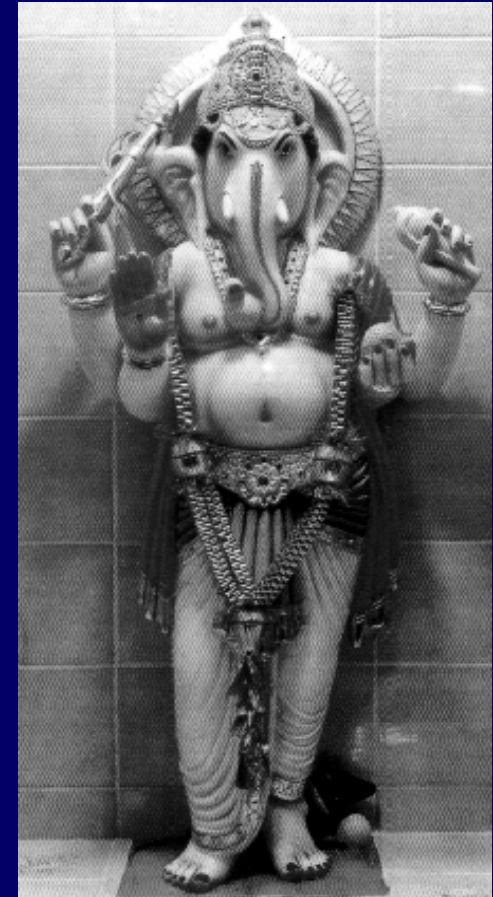
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Celestial Beings



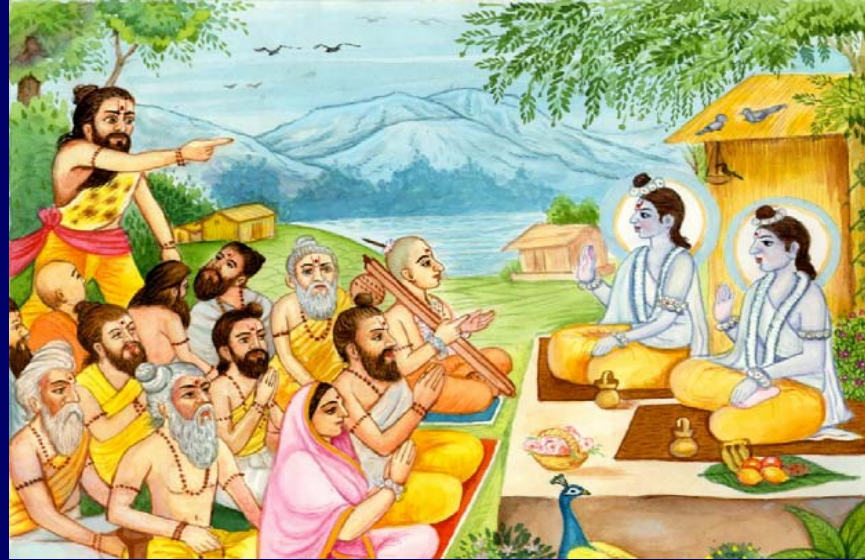
- Empowered by GOD
- Given a job to do
- Hinduism does NOT have many Gods



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The Lord decides to come to Earth



- **Badrikashram** - Nar Narayan Dev's divine abode
- **Durvasa Rushi** - the instrument - Summoned by The Lord
- **Dharma Dev, Murti Devi, Uddhavji** & hundreds of **Rushi Munis**

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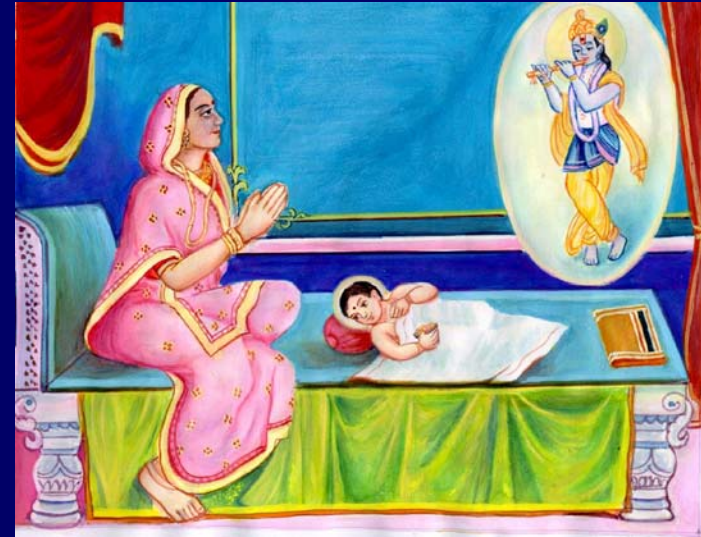
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Ghanshyam Is Born!



- Birth - Chhappaiya
- Chaitra Sud 9 v.s. 1837
– 2nd April 1781



- Parents (Brahmin Family)
 - Dev Sharma (Dharma Dev)
 - Bala (Bhakti Mata)

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Ghanshyam becomes Nilkantth



- Parents are delivered to Akshardham
- Ghanshyam decides to leave home in search of His choicest devotees
- Nilkantth Varni embarks upon a 7-year pilgrimage of India



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The Pilgrim Arrives at Loj



- After 7 long years, Nilkanth Varni arrives in Loj.
- Muktanand Swami answers Varni's 5 fundamental questions concerning; *Jiva, Ishvar, Maya, Brahm & Parbrahm*
- Varni stays & awaits Ramanand Swami
- They meet at Piplana



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Sahajanand Swami - The Guru



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*Sahajanand Swami
becomes
Swaminarayan Bhagwan*



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Sampraday's Temples



- Shreeji Maharaj authorised the creation of His images (murtis)
- As & when temples came into being, idols were installed of various images of God
- Shreeji Maharaj always practiced what He preached



Sampraday's Literature



The source of
true knowledge
of the
Sampradayic
teachings.

