

# Shastras

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# Scriptures



- Two categories of shastras
  - **Paroksha** Shastras and **Pragat** Shastras
- Over 300 sat-shastras of which eight have been endorsed
- Vachanamrut Vadtal 18 and Shikshapatri Shloka 93-95
- You must know these *and* shastras of the Sampraday



# 8 sat-shastras

- 4 Vedas – Rig, Saam, Atharva, Yajur
- Vyas Sutra
- Srimad Bhagwat Puran
- Vishnu Sahasranam (Mahabharat)
- Srimad Bhagwat Geeta
- Vidoor Niti
- Vasudev Mahatmay (Skandh Puran)
- Yagnavalkya Smriti



# Shastras of the Sampraday



- Shikshapatri
  - 212 shlokas written by God Himself
  - Written in Vadatal on Maha Sud 5 (vasant panchami) Samvat 1882
  - The scripture of the Sampraday
  - Means to attaining ultimate happiness
- Vachanamrut (Hari Vakya Sudha Sindhu)
  - 273 Prakarans of discourses delivered in the presence of Maharaj in 9 different towns/villages
  - Documented by Gopalanand, Muktanand, Brahmanand, Nityanand and Shukanand Swami



# Shastras of the Sampraday



- Srimad Satsangi Jeevan
  - 5 Prakran, 360 Adhyay and 19,387 shlokas
  - Written by Shatanand Swami by the instruction of Maharaj
  - Recited by Suvrat Swami to King Pratap Sinh
  - Biography of Maharaj
- Shree Hari Digvijay
  - Accounts of debates Maharaj had with various scholars and pandits
  - Written by Nityanand Swami in Sanskrit



# Shastras of the Sampraday



- **Desh Vibhag Lekh**
  - Constitution of the Sampraday
  - Dictated by Maharaj to Shukanand Swami
- **Srimad Satsangi Bhushan**
  - 5 ansh, 261 adhyay written by Vasudevanand Varni
  - Pass times of Maharaj recited by Vyapkesh Muni to King Jeshtajit and Brahmanand Swami to Shiv Ram Vipra
  - Focusses on bhakti, particularly of the satsangi females



# Shastras of the Sampraday



- Nishkulanand Kavya
  - Collection of 22 scriptures written by Nishkulanand Swami in poetic form
  - Includes Purushottam Prakash, Dheeraj Akhyan, Yamdund, Vachan Vidhi etc.
- Shikshapatri Artha Dipika
  - Commentary on Shikshapatri written by Shatanand Swami

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# Shastras of the Sampraday



- Bhakta Chintamani
- Ghanshyam Leelamrut
- Shree Hari Charitramrut
- Shree Hari Leelamrut
- Nand Santo's Vato