

H.H. Āchārya Shri Avichaldāsji Mahārāj

His Holiness Āchārya Shri Avichaldāsji Mahārāj (Pujya Guruji) was born on September 24th, 1951 and is from the village of Hathipurā. As a young boy, he was clever, active, bright, and obedient. He was always ready and willing to serve others and he was a devotee of Shivāji. At the young age of 17 in March of 1969, he renounced all worldly attachments and relations and went to Sārsāpuri to do sevā and learn about Kartā.

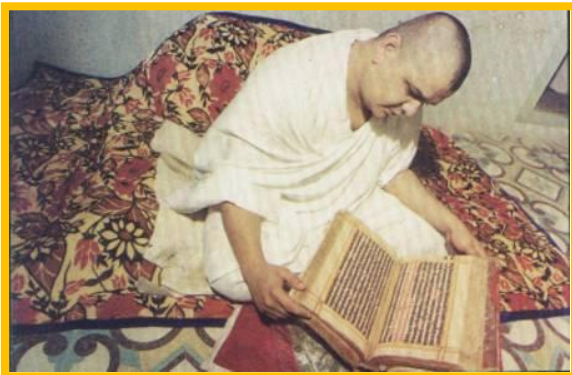
Pujya Shri Shitaldāsji Mahārāj (6th Kuverāchārya) accepted Pujya Guruji as a shishya (student), sent him to Kāshi (Banāras) to study the Sāshtras (religious teachings), and gave him sādhu-dikshā (formal right of passage) on Jeth Sud Purnimā of 1969 (May 31st, 1969). Shri Shitaldāsji Mahārāj had Pujya Guruji learn the Nyāya Sāshtra (ethics and morals scripture). After seeing Pujya Guruji's sincerity, truthfulness, faithfulness, and devotion, Shri Shitaldāsji Mahārāj appointed Pujya Guruji as the Saptam (Seventh) Kuverāchārya of the Sampradāya. January 14th, 1972 (Uttarāyanna) marks Pujya Guruji's 'Gādi Abhishek Din' (the day he became the head of the Sampradāya).



PAVING THE WAY TO AN AMAZING FUTURE!

Since he began his time on the Gādi, Pujya Shri Avichaldāsji Mahārāj has made TREMENDOUS strides and efforts to spread the knowledge of Paramguru.

Our Pujya Guruji has made countless efforts towards selfless service, devotion, knowledge, and detachment. Here are just some examples of his pure and true karma.



1. In 1982, the 210th Paramguru Prāgataya was celebrated with a divine 9 day program, which thousands of devotees attended everyday.
2. He has established a Yuvā Mandal (young adult organization) in Sārsā to mobilize young people in sevā, bhakti, and gnyān.
3. In 1990, he organized the Prān Pratishthā Shatābdi Mahotsav of the Gurugādi Mandir, which was celebrated with a 451 day Akhand Dhoon and Akhand Pārāyan.
4. He started Kaival Bāl Sansakār Kendras in every village to inspire children to become Bāl Nemis.
5. In 1995, he spearheaded a grand Vedic Sanskār Mahotsav in Chicago in conjunction with several other spiritual organizations to raise awareness about and celebrate our Hindu Dharma.
6. Pujya Guruji has made significant efforts to encourage education in rural areas by establishing several schools for children in villages like Sārsā and Bālkuver for kids from all surrounding villages.
7. In 2001, as a part of Pujya Guruji's 50th birthday celebrations, a Suvarna Tulā Mahotsav was arranged to raise funds to establish Sat Kaival Eye Hospital. This Eye

Hospital provides eye care to poverty-stricken people free of charge.

8. In addition to the sevās done for eye health and care, Sat Kaival Eye Hospital provides a freezer box service to poor families who have experienced death in their families and need time to make funeral arrangements.
9. Pujya Guruji has taken a firm stance against dowries and has started a program which allows for girls from poor families to get married without the stress of dowry. For the past 20 years, he has been helping poor families marry their daughters into good homes. For each year, he helps at least as many families as his age in years. This program is called, "Sat Kaival Samuh Lagnotsav".
10. In 2006, Pujya Guruji's divine guidance, vision and inspiration allowed for Kaival Gyān Mandir to be established in Carol Stream, IL (Chicago area). This was the first mandir to be established abroad.
11. In 2010, Pujya Guruji started leading health-spiritual events by organizing bi-annual walk-a-thons with thousands of devotees. In conjunction with the walks, Pujya Guruji organizes awareness programs for social and environmental issues like climate change.
12. To further his eco-friendly efforts, Pujya Guruji has started a greenhouse project so they can create a safe space to grow plants without pesticides. Furthermore, as a part of the 'Vruksha Ropan' program, under the guidance of the National Service Scheme, Pujya Guruji mobilized Sārsā mandir devotees to plant trees for our environment!



13. In 2012, He began organizing 'Guruji Ni Nishrā', a multi-day spiritual camp in the U.S., Canada, and U.K. in an effort to educate more people about Kaival Dharma and Paramguru.
14. With Pujya Guruji's guidance, the first Sat Kaival Youth Shibir was held in 2013. Now, youth across the US, Canada and UK now have the opportunity to participate in yearly youth and young adult Shibir.
15. In 2018, Pujya Guruji launched a full YEAR SATSANG, SEVĀ, BHAKTI efforts in honor of his 50 years as a **Sant**. As a part of this initiative, Pujya Guruji encouraged everyone to write 'Kaival Kaival' mantra, do dhun, and do Māhā Pujā in each and every city where our Kaival devotees live.
16. As soon as the pandemic began in March of 2020, Pujya Guruji launched an initiative in which thousands of grocery kits were distributed to poor families. He also made great public health efforts to help people stay safe by spreading awareness regarding COVID-19, encouraging people to stay safe, socially distance themselves from each other, wear masks and get vaccinated.
17. When the second wave of the COVID-19 pandemic reached its peak in India in May of 2021, Pujya Guruji established a 'COVID Care Center' where infected individuals without access could shelter safely away from their family.
18. During monsoon season, when there is very heavy rainfall, Guruji organizes hot meals and shelter for a few days to those affected.
19. Currently, Pujya Guruji has launched a rainwater collection project in India to help create more sources of clean drinking water for the people in Sārsā and the neighboring villages.
20. Every year during the entire Chatur mās (Fall season), our Pujya Guruji does livestream Satsang every single day to help bhaktos stay sātvik (pure and truthful). He has also made an active effort to increase Sapta Dvip and Guru Mahimā Kathā to help devotees increase their connections with Paramguru's gnyān.

21. The Akhil Bhāratiya Sant Samiti (organization of saints) has selected Pujya Guruji as their President for several consecutive terms because of his tremendous knowledge and inspirational leadership skills. He has continued efforts to lead the saints, sadhus, and mahants in India.
22. He has established over 70 new Kaival Gnyān Mandirs all over Gujarāt. Some notable mandir work: He finished the mandir in Bālkuver. He established a mandir in Fājālpur where the famous Amar Dādham is. He established a grand mandir in Jaipur, outside of Gujarāt.
23. Pujya Guruji has composed an Ashtak for our tirth dhāms - Bālkuver Ashtak, Amar Dādam Ashtak, and Akhand Divya Jyot Ashtak. He has composed the “Paramguru Chālisā” using our “Guru Mahimā” as inspiration! This Chālisā is all encompassing with emotional meanings and knowledge.
24. Pujya Guruji is currently making time to translate Granths in Gujarati language with explanations so all devotees can have greater access to our Kaival Gnyān.
25. Our Pujya Guruji has made efforts to become more aware of his diet and nutrition and has been encouraging our Satsangi and Bhakto to do the same.

H.H. Ācharya Shri Avichaldāsji Mahārāj has done so much it is hard to account for everything. He is truly a divine and spiritual leader who has helped and inspired hundreds of thousands of people. To have a Guru like him is a true blessing.