



Swami Teonram Ji
(1887-1944)

- Whose picture is this ?
- Do you know something about him?
- Let us learn more about Swami Teonram Ji

Swami Teonram Ji was born at the village Khandu, district Hyderabad of Sindhu Pradesh (presently in Pakistan) on 6 July, 1887. His father's name was Chelaram and mother's name was Krishna Devi. They were religious and cultured people. Mother lulled 'Shivoham- Shivoham' to make the child sleep. So, the child Teonram acquired good and religious qualities from his childhood.

He liked and sang devotional songs. Even, he would ask his friends to sing 'Ram Dhuni'. In school, too, he would sing devotional songs. He would serve the seers and sages who visited his home. He would listen to their 'kirtan'.

He performed miracles right from his boyhood. Once he went with his

companions to the bank of the river, sindhu. The companions started bathing in the river. Teoonram didn't bathe. He took care of his companions ' clothes. Suddenly, a companion named Khillu started drowning. All the children started crying. Teoonram, immediately jumped into the river. He brought the child alive out of the river. Teoonram's age was only 12 years at that time.

At the age of 16 he became the disciple of Sufi Sant Aasuram Ji and started preaching 'Satsang' (spiritual discourse). For the propagation of ' Sanatan Dharma' he formed a 'Sant Mandali' (a group of seers). It was named 'Prem Prakash Sampradaya'. The core tenet of this cult was to turn people to god and to maintain religious harmony by propagating Vedic culture. He never criticized any religion.

He had dedication for both 'Bhakti' (devotion) and 'karma' (action). Some of the books composed by him are 'Prem Prakash Granth' 'Bhrahm Darshini', etc. He imparted 16 teachings to his followers.

He left this world on 6 June, 1944 forever. His disciple Swami Sarvanand Ji brought his sacred remains to Jaipur city. 'Amrapura' temple has been built for him and a 'Samadhi' has been constructed in it. His statue has been fixed in this beautiful temple with high minarets and a dome over it.

Annual celebrations in his honour and memory are held here every year in Chaitra month. People from foreign countries also visit this holy place.

Swami Teoonram Ji's Ashrams have been built in various cities such as Haridwar, Ajmer, Poona, Nasik, Indore, Baroda, Delhi, Agara, Lucknow, etc. The Ashramas have been built in foreign countries, too.

Satsang and Kirtan are organised in these Ashramas in the mornings and in the evenings. Grains, clothes and other things are donated to the needy.

Glossary

devotional	:	connected with religious services
miracle	:	wonder
disciple	:	follower
propagation	:	spreading of an idea, a belief or a piece of information among many people
tenet	:	one of the principles that a theory is based on
minarets	:	tall towers forming part of a temple, mosque, etc.

Activity I



A. Tick the correct alternative-

i) Where has Amrapura temple been built?

- a) Jaipur
- b) Udaipur
- c) Bikaner
- d) Jodhpur

ii) When did Swami Teonram leave this world forever?

- a) 1940
- b) 1844
- c) 1944
- d) 1950

B. Complete the following statements-

- 1) The core tenet of this cult was to maintain.....
- 2) He had dedication for both.....
- 3) He imparted 16 teachings.....
- 4) He formed a 'Sant Mandali' named.....
- 5) He performed miracles right from.....

Activity II



A. Fill in the blanks with words from the box.

religious

seers

devotional

foreign

disciple

companion

- i) He liked and sang.....songs.
- ii) He would serve the.....and sages who visited his home.
- iii) A.....named Khillu started drowning .
- iv) He never criticised any.....
- v) Swami Sarvanand Ji was his.....
- vi) People from.....countries also visit Amrapura Temple in jaipur.

Activity III



Read the following sentences carefully-

1. Annual celebrations are held here.
2. Satsang is held in the evening.

- The word 'here' in the first sentence is adverb of place.
- The word 'evening' in the second sentence is adverb of time.
- Adverbs of place indicate places.
- Adverbs of time indicate times.

Now fill in the following blanks by choosing suitable adverb from the brackets given at the end of the sentence-

- i) Religious people usually wake updawn. (before/ after)
- ii) Devotees visit.....to pay their respect.(there/before)
- iii) People from the world around come.....(never/here)
- iv) He left the world for.....in 1944.(ever/nowhere)

Activity IV



The teacher asks the students one by one to express an important episode of the life of Swami Teonram Ji.

Activity V



Write a biography of a person you like most.