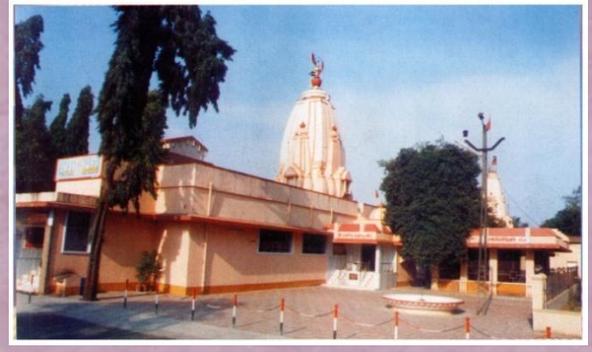
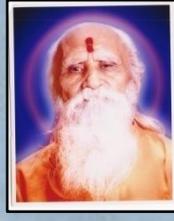


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## HISTORY OF ANCIENT SHRI AGASIMATA DREAM TEMPLE

### 1. LOCATION OF SHRI AGASIMATA DREAM TEMPLE:-

The beautiful “Dream Temple” of goddess Ma Agasi is located in the east of the town Bardoli, On the Surat-Dhulia National highway no.6 just 2 kms from the Bardoli town in western India in the historical state of Gujarat .Bardoli town is just 35 Kms. away from Surat Metropolitan city. People get state transport buses, autorickshaws and private vehicles as conveyance to reach to this beautiful Dream Temple. The postal address of this beautiful place is “Shri Agasimata temple, Dhulia road, Bardoli, Di.-Surat,Gujarat,India-394601.Ph.(02622)220514,224550.  
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### 2. HISTORY OF THE DREAM TEMPLE :-

Shri Agasimata temple, as it is believed, is one of the oldest and miraculous places in and around the Bardoli region with its unique religious importance. *The 'Shrine' is old more than 400 years. The original colloquial name of the temple is the "The temple of Aghanashini". 'Aghan' means Miseries and 'Nashini' means the goddess who driveaway or destroys the miseries of her Devotees.* Over the time, it was mispronounced as temple of 'Ma Agasi'. Since years, the people of the surrounding area put holy earthen pots on the day of 'Dashera', the historical day of the death of 'Ravana', the king of Golden 'Lanka' of the Great epic Ramayana and also the last holy day of 'Aso Navaratri'.

In the sixties, in those days, the ancient place of 'Goddess Ma Agasi' was surrounded by dark jungle where people were afraid to go even in the early evening hours. The ancient place which is now known as 'Adhya Sthanak Mandir' is covered from the top by umbrella of three different trees grown from the one and only one root. It is really an ornament to the place which beautifies its significance.

### **3.How Today's Ancient Shrine became active and present Dream Temple came into existence ? About Pujya Shri Dave Babu- The founder Adhithata of the place.**

Pujya Shri Dave Babu, the present Adhithata and spiritual legend and backbone of the whole Agasimata Temple Organization and its activities, who has become instrumental in the activation and subsequent galloping development and progress of this place. Pujya Shri Dave Babu, popularly known as 'Davesaheb' amongst the old Mai Devotees. He hails from a very pious "Brahmin" family of 'Saurashtra' region which is very famous for generating legendary saints and brave personalities during the last couple of centuries. He was born in a very pious "Brahmin" family of Late Shri Manishanker Ambaram Dave and Late Shrimati Godavriben Manishanker Dave in the village 'Sauka', Ta.Limbdi, Dist.Surendranagar(Saurashtra-Gujarat) on the very auspicious 2<sup>nd</sup> day of 'Maha-Navratri'. He joined Customs Deptt. Of Govt. of India in 1942 as an Inspector and he was transferred for the first time to Bardoli, Dist.Surat, state-Gujarat(India) in 1968. He was born in a very pious "Brahmin" family on the very famous land of "Saurashtra" in the state of Gujarat. 'Saurashtra' the western most part of India is well-known to give very famous saints and brave personalities including the father of the nation " Mahatma Gandhi". Pujya Dave Babu had inherited very pious

preachings from his Parents in his early childhood. As the time passes, his spiritual life Progressed remarkably through the continuous chanting of the “Mahamantra” – “Anand no Garbo”. He was serving in such a govt. department which was full of temptations to grab millions of Rupees by illegal means but the pious inheritance of Good Deeds from the parents, and the pious preachings since his childhood of honesty, truth fullness, simplicity and maintaining the highest purity of the character, he was fortunate to protect himself from any such temptations. On retirement from the government service in 1979, He had not his own house and an account in the bank, even though, he was claiming himself to be the happiest of the lot. After retirement he joined the temple as an Adhithata (The spiritual head of the institution) and spiritual guide of the Organisation with his unique place in the hearts of the thousands of devotees spread all over the world.

#### **4. THE HISTORY OF THE EXISTING DREAM TEMPLE**

The Adhithata and spiritual guide, Pujya Shri Dave Bapu, when frist came in 1968 to Bardoli as an Inspector of Customs & Central Excise, there formed a small group of devotees who mostly happened to be his Lisencees. Dave Bapu was Conducting Pooja and the Chanting of the Sacred Mahamantra “ Anand no Garbo” on every Sunday at his house followed by the spiritual preachings by him. In a very short period, the small group of devotees expanded and spread in the nearby surrounding towns too. People with their utmost faith started chanting of “ Anand no Garbo” every day at their homes and started to experience miracles of it.

As a result of the Continuous chanting of “Anand no Garbo” since his arrival in Bardoli, in 1969, at the late night of “Dhan Teras” (Most holy day during Diwali festival- Which is the Festival of lights in Hindus) and early dawn of “Kali Chaudash” (One of the four ‘Maha Rattris’ of Goddess Durga) i.e. In Bhramaha Muhurta , Pujya Shri Dave Bapu had a very Strange Dream. In the Dream, he saw a teenage girl (The swaroop of NavDurga) aged about 6 to 7 years, dressed up like a Goddess in her young age standing below the Holy Tree.(The combination of three different trees).She pointed out the place and expressed her strong desire to build her

temple there with the pious involvement of Pu.Bapu. There was an emphatic indication not to cut even a single branch of the holy tree.

The facts of the dream was spread amongst the devotees and a meeting of the renowned persons of the Bardoli region was held under the chairmanship of Pujya Bapu and an unanimous decision to build a small temple, was taken. The group of devotees headed by Pujya Bapu started canvassing & conducting religious ceremonies of chanting 'Sacred Maha Mantra' – "Anand no Garbo" to the each & every house of devotees who were interested and started collecting donations. Thus a beautiful **Dream Temple** was completed in 1975 and became the core centre of the deep faith and spiritual upliftment of thousands of people residing in India and abroad.

## **5. THE ORGANISATION**

Shree Agasimata temple, Bardoli has been doing multifarious religious as well as charitable activities under two registered trusts. (1). Shree Agasimata Maimandal Trust – registered with the office of the Assistant charity commissioner, Surat No.- A2081 Dt. 20-5-1971. (2) Shree Agasimata Charitable Trust – registered with the office of the Assistant Charity commissioner, Surat. No. E 2267 Dt. 17-8-1984.

Both the trusts function independently and have their own board of trustees. All the religious activities are conducted under Shri Agasimata Maimandal Trust where as all the charitable activities are conducted under Shri Agasimata Charitable Trust.

### Details of the Board of Trustees.

Pu. Shri Davebapu

Founder Adhithata &

Spiritual guide

Jayeshbhai Maheshbhai Dave

Managing Trustee

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