

## **KG-117A**

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#### Content

New Life stories, prominently the one about the poor old man who accepted a blanket from Baba, as well as a box of matches, at Mooradabad.

Being cold and wet during the New Life, and getting colds as a result.

Mani remembers when she was sick from her could in the New Life, she wanted toast and tea to keep herself warm but she was stuck with plain rice because of the unavailability of various foods and the cooking by Todi Singh, who cooked fancy food, especially with some aromatics with which Mani was unfamiliar (very nice but not so good for a sick person).

Papaya can be cooked when raw. Different taste. New Life caravan backed into a papaya tree and all the papayas fell on Goher. Dr. Ram Ginde thought that Baba bowing down to the sadhus during the New Life was the cause of the liquefaction of his spine.

Prank paid on Goher by Mani who dressed up as a sadhu and approached the women mandali's caravan in violation of Baba's orders. Goher was about to beat Mani up when Mani called off the trick.

8000 sadhus gathered for the mela that Baba attended to bow down to sadhus, but Baba said only 8 were real. "Probably the eight who were real looked like all the rest of the sadhus, or maybe they wore tennis shoes and people would think they were the fakes because they didn't wear the appropriate apparel. So best not to go to them."

Baba's story from Toddy Shop days of a man who was constantly wrecked from ganja or some other intoxicant, who slept standing up. He loved Baba, and he said that Baba would at least pay for his funeral pyre. He was the man who awoke the mullahs so they could chant the call to dawn prayer. He trusted nobody but Merwanji, and took money to him to see to his funeral. The man died, and Baba held the maddest merriest funeral you have ever seen. Grand feast, and music and cymbals, dancing, and the bier -- joy caused a tremendous procession. It seemed like a wedding to some of the onlookers.

When Jamshed died, calling out Baba's name three times. Baba distributed sweets and all the Irani community heard about that, and harassed Shireenmai all the more. Shireenmai was hurt.