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## Vraj Yatra – Part – 2

### (Madhuvan, Taalvan and Kumudvan)

#### **Madhuvan:**

The name of the village in which Madhuvan is located is known as 'Maholi'. Near to this village is one of the 12 Vanas of Vraj known as 'Madhuvan'. In the ancient times, the flow of Shree Yamunaji was nearby today's Madhuvan. Shree Krishna did Gocharan Leela in this van. Shree Krishna also did Uddhaar of demon 'Madhu'. In this van only Shree Krishna gave darshan to Shree Naradji. As lord killed Madhu demon, he came to be known as 'Madhusudana'. Here, there is an ancient Swaroop of Shree Madhuvaniya Thakurji which was installed by Shree Vajranabhji - Great Grand son of Lord Shree Krishna. In this temple, Lord is four armed and fair in color. In addition to this, there is a temple of Bhakt Dhruv who did penance to attain lord Narayana. Bhakt Dhruv did the penance in this place only and got darshan of Lord Narayan in this van. The place where Dhruvji did penance is known as 'Dhruv Tila' and it is nearby the temple of Madhuvaniya Thakurji. Here, there is kund named 'Madhu Kund' or 'Krishna Kund' besides which there is tree of Kadamba. Shree Mahaprabhuji's Bethakji is also nearby this Kadamba Tree near the Madhu Kund. This Bethak is managed by Goswami 108 Shree Dwarkeshlalji Maharajshri's second Son Shree Rasikraiji Maharajshri – Porbandar.



Entrance of Parikrama Marg to Madhuvan



Shree Madhuvan



Dhruv Tila – Madhuvan



Shree Dhruv Narayan with Dhruvji, Naradji, Laxmiji – Madhuvan (Four armed with Shankh – upper left hand, Chakra – upper right arm, Gada – Lower right arm, Padma – Lower Left arm)



Shree Madhuvan

**Shree Mahaprabhuji's Bethak – Madhuvan:**

Shree Mahaprabhuji halted at this place during apshi's Vraj Parikrama. Vasudevdas Chakda, Yadvendradas Kumbhar, Govind Dubey, Madhav Bhatt Kashmiri, Surdasji and Paramananddasji – these 6 sevaks were along with Shree Mahaprabhuji. Apshti did Paraayana of Shreemad Bhagwat Mahapurana at this place nearby Krishna Kund. At that time, Shree Madhuvaniya Thakurji also used to come to listen to apshri.





Shree Mahaprabhuji (White Dhoti) and Shree Gusaiji (Kesari Dhoti) - Madhuvan



Shree Krishna Kund (Madhu Kund) - Madhuvan

**Taalvan:**

Talvan is the second van amongst the 12 Vans of Vraj. During the ancient times, there was a dense forest of 'Taal'. With the name of 'Taal' tree, this van is known as 'Taal Van'. Here, Shree Krishna did Uddhar of Dhenukasura (who was in the form of Donkey). Dhenukasur was killed by Balbhadraji. Here there is a mandir of Shree Baldauji, Shree Krishna and Shree Revitiji.



Taal Vruksh



Baldauji, Krishna and Revitiji – TaalVan

**Kumudvan:**

Kumudvan is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Van amongst the 12 Vanas of Vraj. During the ancient times, there was a dense forest of 'Kumud' plants. Thus this is known as 'Kumudvan'. Here there is a temple of Kapildevji, the place of Jalvihar and besides the Krishna Kund, below Shyam tamal, there is the Bethakji of Shree Mahaprabhuji.

Bethak Charitra: Once Shree Krishnadas Meghan asked Shree Mahaprabhuji about the name of this van. Shree Mahaprabhuji explained to Krishnadas Meghan how this van came to be known as 'Kumudvan'. As per Samveda, once Shree Krishna and Shree Swaminiji came to this Van. At that time, there was full moon and the place was very attractive. Seeing this beautiful place, Shree Swaminiji desired to have the van of Kumuda trees that will blossom with lots of flowers. Shree Krishna came to know about this manorath and immediately ordered two Sakhis named 'Kumuda and Kumudini' to make a beautiful ponds for the vihar. Kumuda and Kumudini made the two kundas and Shree Krishna and Shree Swaminiji became very happy. Thus this van is known as Kumudvan. Shree Mahaprabhuji also gave darshan of Kumuda and Kumudini to all the present vaishnavas.





Shree Mahaprabhuji – Kumudvan



Shree Mahaprabhuji – Kumudvan

At the backyard of Shree Bethakji, there is Kadamba tree known as 'Laal Kadamba'. It is said that Shree Krishna used to do Venunaad on this kadamba. When Shree gopijans use to call Shree Krishna for the Chaak, Shree Krishna used to hide behind this Kadamb. This Leela prasang is mentioned also in one of the kirtanas of Shree Ramdasji as below:

“Kumudvan Bhali Pohonchi Aay  
Sufal Bhayi yah Chaak Tihari, Laal Kadamb Tar Pay”

Coming soon.....Bahulaavana