

## Shikshapatri - Slokh 2

અને વૃતાલય ગામને વિષે રહ્યા એવા સહજાનંદ સ્વામી-જે-અમે-તે અમે, જે તે નાના પ્રકારના જે સર્વદેશ, તેમને વિષે રહ્યા એવા જે અમારા આશ્રિત સર્વ સત્સંગી તે પ્રત્યે શિક્ષાપત્રીને લખીએ છીએ. ( સ્લોક ૨ )

*Slokh 2 - 1, Sahajanand Swami, write this Shikshapatri - Gospel of Life Divine - from Vadtal to all my followers, residing in various countries.*

### Gujarati Terms

Vruttalay – Vadtal (place of good conduct)  
Gaamne – village/ town  
Vishe – within  
Nana prakaar – small types  
Sarve desh – all countries  
Rahya – resides  
Amara aashrit – my/our surrendering followers  
Satsangi – true follower, one who keeps good company  
Pratye – towards/for them  
Shikshapatri – book of teaching, knowledge  
Lakhiye – writing

### Meaning

Swaminarayan Bhagwan is writing this Shikshapatri from Vadtal (a place of good conduct) to all his followers (regardless of caste, creed or origin) in all parts of the world.

### Why was the Slokh written?

1. Bhagwan specifically states the name of the village where he wrote the Shikshapatri, to let us know the kind of place he wrote it in which is a place of good conduct and pure character which is shown through the Shikshapatri.
2. Bhagwan has stated as to who he has written the Shikshapatri for.
3. To let us know who it is for - the Shikshapatri is for true followers, who will follow the right path of dharma.
4. As with all important documents key data is recorded. In this slokh one set of data has been recorded which is the name of the town within which the scripture was written. Further data will be stated towards the end.

### How do we follow this Slokh?

1. It does not matter where a person is in the world as Bhagwan has clearly stated that this Shikshapatri is for his followers in all parts of the world. This means that a person can adhere to the rules wherever they are in the world.
2. Another misconception is clarified which is that followers do not have to be of Indian origin as Bhagwan writes to followers in various countries.
3. We should read the Shikshapatri everyday which is a book of knowledge and a book that teaches us and brings us to the right paths, even if not all rules are followed, progressively reading the slokhs everyday can help us understand them more and realise that the Shikshapatri guides us in all aspects throughout our lives. That progression of understanding can act as a stimulant in following more and more slokhs and the teaching and knowledge that is outlined in them.
4. Bhagwan has written this Shikshapatri in Vadtal with surroundings of pure consciousness and character which shows that if we as individuals are carrying out any meaningful task or a task that is important to us, we should carry it out with pure consciousness and mind.
5. Those who hold Sahajand Swami as their choicest deity must follow this scripture as it has been specifically written for their liberation, however devotees from other sects can also follow it as the general rules apply to all.