

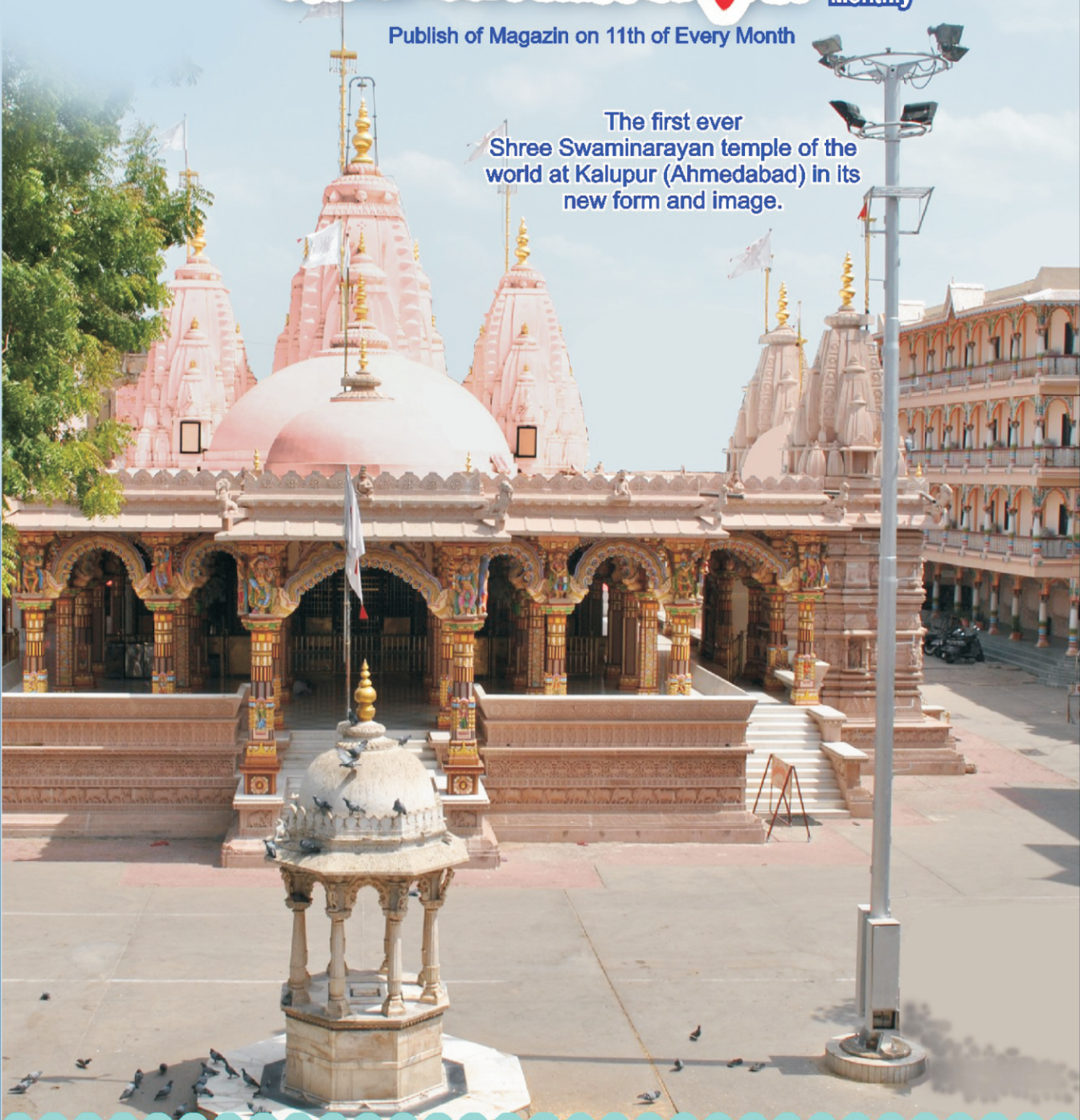
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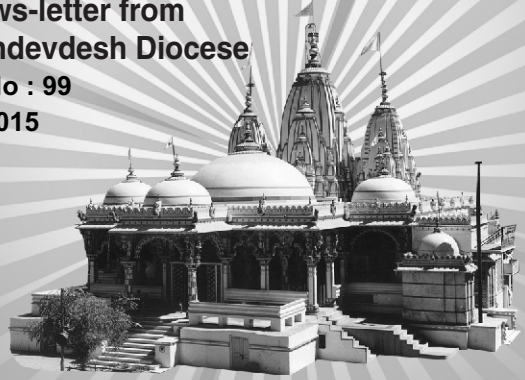
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Our Istadev Sarvopari Purna Purushottam Shree Swaminarayan Bhagwan is very benevolent. Upon commencement of the monsoon, He sent rains. There has been great devastation in Amreli district due to heavy rains causing floods. Many people and the animals like lions residing in forests and cattle have lost their lives and many properties and farms have been damaged beyond any repairs during this natural calamity. However, in some areas there has been decent rains suitable for sowing in the fields. Thus there is mixed feeling of sorrow and happiness.

Pious Purushottam Maas is going on. One should perform more and more Bhajan, Bhakti of Bhagwan during this pious Adhik Maas. While performing Bhakti we need to get rid of all types of affections.

अने कोर्छकने अेवो संशय थाय जे 'अत्यंत निर्वासनिक नछि थर्छअे ने काया ने काया मरी जर्छशुं तो शा डाल थशे?' तो अेवो विचार भगवानना भक्तने करवो नछि अने अेम समजवुं जे, 'मरशे तो देह मरशे पण हुं तो आत्मा हुं अने अजर अमर हुं माटे हुं मरुं नछि.' अेवुं समजने हेंयामां हिंमत राखवी अने परमेश्वर विना सर्वे वासना त्याग करीने अयण मति करवी. अने अेम वासना टाणतां टाणतां जो कांछक थोडी घण्टी वासना रडी गर्छ तो जेवा मोक्षधर्ममां नरक कह्या छे तेवा नरकनी प्राप्ति थशे. ते नरकनी विगति जे भगवाननो भक्त छीय तेने कांछ जगतनी वासना रडे तेने ईन्द्रादिक देवताना जे लोक तेनी प्राप्ति थाय ने ते लोकने विषे जर्छने अप्सराओ तथा विमान तथा मणिमय मडोल अे आदिक जे वैभव ते सर्वे परमेश्वरना धामनी आगण नरक जेवा छे तेने भोगवे छे पण विमुभ जवनी पेटे यमपुरीमां जाय नछि अने योराशीमां पण जाय नछि. माटे जो सवासनिक भगवानना भक्त उशो तोपण घण्टुं थशो तो देवता थवुं पडशे ने देवतामांथी पडशो तो मनुष्य थशो ने मनुष्य थर्छने वणी पाछी भगवाननी भक्ति करीने ने निर्वासनिक थर्छने अंत्ये भगवानना धामने पाभशो, पण विमुभ जवनी पेटे नरक योराशीने नछि भोगवो, अेवुं ज्ञाणीने भगवाननो भक्त छीय तेने वासनानुं भण देणीने हिंमत डारवी नछि ने आनंदमां भगवाननुं भजन कर्था करवुं अने वासना टाण्याना उपायमां रडेवुं अने भगवान ने भगवानना संतना वचनमां देह विश्वास राखवो."

(Vachanamrit- Sarangpur-4)

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Mahant Swami
Shastri Swami Harikrishnadas

Appointment Diary of H.H. Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharajshri

(June-2015)

1. Graced village Soja.
3 to 24. Pilgrimage to Perth (Australia) for nourishment of Satsang and graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Hyustan (America) on the occasion of Patotsav and Satsang Sabha.
26. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple Biliya on the occasion of Katha.
28. Graced Group Mahapooja organized in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Kalupur organized during the pious Adhik Purushottam Maas.
Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Anjali on the occasion of Mahapooja.

Shikshapatri

The Epistle of Precepts

(based on Shatanand's Shikshapatri Arthadipika)

By Pravin S. Varsani

SPECIAL DHARMS OF GRIHASTAS (HOUSEHOLDERS)

Text – 142

They shall keep cows and other cattle only if they are capable of taking care of them with fodder, water etc. otherwise they shall not keep them.

Any animal, be it cattle (cows, bulls, buffalos, horse), parrot, dog etc. should not be kept should you not have the means to look after them with fodder, water, or any other food stuff required by such animals. In similar fashion one should have adequate facilities for keeping such animals – i.e. stables etc. facilities should be such that the animals are comfortable and at peace.

If at any state one is unable to maintain the level of standards for keeping the animals then they should be given away to those with adequate facilities. Parashar explains, 'Prosperity is destroyed where animals sigh through hunger, thirst, punishment, and through staying in a place which is unfit for living (mosquito infested etc.). Punya of a household is destroyed where animals are tied up and thirsty, a woman during her menses resides and where God is left unworshipped at evening time.' One should refer to Parashar Smruti for further information upon this.

Shatanand has clarified that any animal-be it cattle or a pet of some kind must be looked after properly. If one is unable to do this then they should not keep such animals. This really brings about the issue of animal cruelty to light. Questions of keeping a parrot locked up in a small cage for personal amusement when clearly it must be discomfoting for the bird are addressed. Some animals are often tortured. A recent study showed that an overwhelming majority of pets were not given adequate care and a good proportion of which were given 'bad' care. The report concluded that the reasons for this were overwhelmingly the fact that pet owners did not accurately know how to care for such animals.

Text – 143

They shall not undertake any sort of dealings pertaining to land or money even with their sons or friends without a written document duly witnessed.

All transfer of farming land, land, house and wealth such gold should always be done in a proper manner with proper solicited documentation witnessed by other people. In all such business matters, an appropriate document should be written and signed before the property etc. is transferred to others. Yagnavalkya explains a suitable witness to be used for such actions, 'One who performs penance, is charitable, from a reputed family, honest, obeys Dharma, unbiased, who has children and is reasonably wealthy- such a person should be used as a witness. Those who obey the Shruti-Smruti, and live in accordance with their Jata and Varṇa (caste laws) should be accepted as a witness.'

Yagnavalkya further explains the structure of such a document to be used, 'First and foremost the name of the donor should be written. Then the date and details about the beneficiary (name, class, caste, family details, etc.) should be provided. At the end of the document, the recipient should sign the document along with the witnesses to the agreement (beneficiary and witness names should be signed inclusive of father's name).'

'Those who do not possess the necessary skills to write out such a document should have one written out by somebody else.' The body of the document should contain the terms and conditions of the transactions. Lagucharankya explains who should write such a document; 'He who is of good intellect, a good spokesperson, patient, light handed, writes with clarity and who is conversant with legal affairs should be used to write the document.'

Thus those who obey these rules will never face complication in their business affairs. Lord Swaminarayan specifies that even in affairs with one's own son or friend, the proper legal process should be carried out. This is because such business affairs can often lead to arguments. This is evident today when a child may act unscrupulously for self gain against his own father in order to swindle money or wealth out of his father.

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GATHA OF GANGAMA OF JETALPUR

- Sadhu Purushottamprakashdas (Jetalpurdham)

Kunvarbai daughter of Nagar Narsinh Mehta of Junagadh was got married at Una. Her daughter Sharmistha was married in Vadnagar and Bhaktaraj Narsinh Mehta came to the house of granddaughter and passed the later years of his life.

Sharmistha had two daughters namely Tana and Riri whom Narsinh Mehta taught Music. The great singer Tansen sung in Malhar Raag and cooled down the heat of Deepak. And had also one son namely Bhim Mehta who settled in Unava, Unjha, Nardipur, Mansa Kotha, Pethapur, Mahetapur, Paliyad and Veda villages of North Gujarat.

Shyamji Mehta came and settled in

Nardipur and he had one son named Bhudar Mehta. Gangama- Satsang Shiromani and inspirator of Uddhav Sampradaya of Gujarat who brightened the history of Jetalpur and Sampradaya was born in the house of this Bhudar Meht and mother Premkunvarba on the pious day of Jeth Sud-7 Ganga Saptami Vikram Samvat 1807.

Bhudar Mehta had three daughters and two sons namely Gangakunvar (Gangama), Raliyatkunvar, Kashlimkunvar, Nanalal and Joitaram. Gangakunvar (Gangama) was married to Vishvanathan Ravalthe son of Vallabhadas in village Nardipur. And Raliyatkunvarba was married in Unava



(Balva). Kashalkunvar was married in Dave caste in Mahesana and due to difference of opinion among the leading people of her caste, she was placed outside her caste. The son Nanalal went to Karjisan and there he functioned as Gormaharaj of Kadva Patel 42 Samaj. The other son Joitaram stayed in Nardipur.

Since Darbar Pipalaj Thakor Raja Saheb himself had gone to Vaniya Veda village at the time of marriage of the parents of Gangama, for him Gangama was like a niece for him. While accompanying Ramanand Swami for Vicharan Bhudarji had laid down foundation of sampradaya in Nav Gam Gol of Nagar community including Visnagar.

Once Shyamji Mehta- the grandfather of Gangama- had a dream wherein he saw that the idol images of Bhagwan are there beneath the hill of Rabarivas of Nardipur from the time of Mugal Empire. So excavation work was started with the support of Pipalaj Thakor and idol images of Baliyadev, Shree Krishna, Radhaji, Baldevji, Revtiji, Panch Pandav, Kuntaji, Astapatrani were dug out. From these, idol image of Baliyadev was installed at the bank of lake of Lambha village and today this temple is popularly known as Lambha Baliyakaka Dev temple. Idol images of Panch Pandavas and Kuntaji have been installed in a temple of village Aasjol near Bahucharaji.

Later on Vallabhdas Raval came to stay in Lambha. He was very learned and therefore he was established as Gormaharaj of the villagers of Lambha-Aslali-Jetalpur villages. Vallabhdas Raval had one son namely Vishvanath and he was married to Gangakunvar (Gangama) the daughter of Bhudarji Mehta of Nardipur

and accordingly Gangaba came to stay in Jetalpur.

Vallabhdas Raval was a renowned Gormaharaj and he used to perform Yagna-Karma quite often as he was well off. He used to perform poojan-archan of the idol images of Radhakrishna and offer Naivaidya and the idol images of Baldevji Revtiji and Laxmanji were kept in pooja in the house of Bhudarji Mehta- the father of Gangaba.

Once Sadguru Ramanand Swami graced the house of Vishvanath Raval and his wife Gangakunvar became devotee of Uddhav Sampradaya and started Annakshetra under the directions of Swami. Gangaba kept very strict Niyam not to accept the meals without offering it to Atithi.

Once in Chaitra Maas of Samvat 1837, Vishvanath Raval stayed in Vadnagar to perform Shivpoojan of Hatkeshwar Mahadev- Adishthata Dev of Nagar community on the pious day of Hatkeshwar Jayanti. In the crowd of Luneshwar Mahadev temple, the young Vishwanath Mehta passed away at the young age of 32 years.

The young widow Gangaba thought about becoming Sati on the bank of Dev Sarovar. Bhagwan Shree Krishna granted her divine Darshan and blessed her that He would reside as her son and blessed her that like Him all the devotees would call her as 'Maa'. From that day Gangama was brought in the house of Nilkanthvarni at Dev Sarovar. There have been many ardent ladies devotees in our Sampradaya but 'Maa' word is used only for Gangama. She was staying in her old house which is now Chhatri of the temple premises of Jetalpur. Upon construction of the temple,

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AMRUTVANI BY OTHER FORM OF SHREE HARI

- Compilation by Gordhanbhai V. Sitapara
(Hirawadi-Bapunagar)



H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj on 10/05/2015 on the occasion of Pancham Patotsav of Harshad Colony temple (new temple of ladies devotees) : Before many years we used to come to this place and at that time, a few Haribhaktas used to perform Bhajan and Bhakti. It is due to their Bhajan and Bhakti that our Satsang has developed this much today. It is not out of place to say that, this temple is in the base of other temples which have been developed in this area. Generally, we always say 'Yes' to the requests of constructing new temples in any area. We see in the society that new malls and hotels are being constructed at so many places so what is wrong if we construct new temples and develop them. In mall, they have to search for their customers and if they do not get their customers they have to demolish the malls. In our case, situation is quite different. We do not have to search for the devotees. And we have no any selfish motive behind constructing the temples. Moreover, due to advance technology of the modern times, it is not much difficult to construct new temples, what is required is

noble Sankalp!!!

If we do not go to the temple for two three days and if any saint or devotee asks us the reason for the same, we should look at it positively. We have to see Gunas in others and not their Avagunas. While entering the temple, we see many people looking at other devotees instead of Maharaj. They are also concerned about other devotees performing less number of Malas or not performing Dandwat Pranam. But even here we should look at such devotees positively. May be that devotee has done all such things in his previous birth so does not require them in this life. But we need them. This attitude will give us happiness and peace of mind and this will help us in our progress in Satsang.

We do not know the importance of Bhagwan because we have received Him very easily in our life. Earlier Rishi-Munis have performed Tapa-Sadhana for thousands of years to have divine Darshan of Bhagwan and even thereafter there has been Tapo-Bhang in stead of divine Darshan of Bhagwan. People do not understand the value of those things which are received by them very easily. If a farmer gets some money after hard work, he knows its value. But if he gets lots of money

without any work, he would not understand its value.

Nowadays we find people running after money, position and all types of worldly things and pleasures. One may get money but one would not get real happiness and peace of mind as they are at the lotus like feet of Bhagwan. If money was capable of giving everything then why a rich person cannot get sleep despite two A.C. running in his bedroom? On the contrary look at the life of your forefathers. They used to sleep in the noon under a shady tree having his hand as cushion and land as bed and yet they used to have very peaceful nap in the noon. And this is true even today in the villages. We are not against money because vehicles are run by petrol and not by water. But Samskara is very important. If there is money accompanied by Samskara, our car would come to the temple and our money would be used for noble purposes. All of us know that, at which place is the money being used by the people without Samskaras.

Our temples are in the centre and therefore there should be optimum use of our temples, saints and scriptures. Movement of life of any person is from his house to the last destination. Now how many roles are being played by a man during this short period of life which exists between birth and death. So each of us should think as to why have we come? What are we supposed to do? What are we doing? Only Bhagwan is Shaswat and doing good for all. I have not come to preach you anything. Because all of you have rendered beautiful services and even

today all of you have been rendering beautiful services and one can render services only when he has ardent love and affection with Bhagwan.

At the time of Murti Pratistha Mahotsav at Kundanpur (Kachchh):

While gracing the house of the host devotee, we saw an invitation card of Shobhayatra of 22 years ago. After 22 years, Shobhayatra is organized again. But nowadays shobhayatra is organized 22 times in a year. Earlier we used to come once or twice in a year in Kachchh. Now our Satsang has developed so much that, we have to come three four times in one month. In villages like this it may not create any traffic issue, but in cities and in urban areas we have to think about the traffic also. There are many Satsangi young devotees in Surat who have vowed not to organize procession during the marriage functions. Their initiative is praiseworthy. Maharaj has taught us to have Vivek-Budhhi in everything. The time which is saved in Shobhayatra, should be used for Katha. Moreover, Katha-Varta would also help nourish our Sadgunas and Samskaras.

It is necessary that we cherish same enthusiasm and joy while performing Nitya Darshan of Maharaj in our temples as we do during Pratistha-Mahotsav. While addressing the spokesperson of the Katha, Maharaj asked him to take with the help of leading devotees attendance of the devotees who come regularly in Katha. (this sentence is worthy to be considered for obtaining pleasure of Shree Hari).

Though it is the desire of H.H. Shri

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Mota Maharaj that after retirement, none of His Ashirvachan (blessings) may be published yet His Vachans are so inspirational that, we would like to quote one paragraph from one such Ashirvachan:

H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj : ***“How short is our life span can very well be understood through this popular saying that we are born on Monday, we adopt Vartaman on Tuesday, we study on Wednesday, we get job on Thursday, we become old on Friday, we become sick on Saturday and we die on Sunday!!!”***

So only those people are very clever who make their human life meaningful by

performing Satsang-Bhakti in this short span of life.

Some people may have treasure of wealth and if a robber comes and robs him of everything then also he need not be unhappy. But if he is robbed of his Chintamani, it is a matter of concern and unhappiness. Our Bhagwan is our Chintamani. We have got Chintamani in the form of Shree Narnarayandev and we have to be alert that nobody can keep us away from our Chintamani. If we preserve our Chintamani with utmost care and caution, we shall get everything in our life.

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she stayed in the house situated in front of the Eastern gate of the temple premises. On Posh Sud-15 Vikram Samvat 1898, Gangama passed away to Akshardham at the age 97 years. The funeral ritual of Gangama was performed at the same

place where the funeral ritual of her husband was performed on the bank of Dev Sarovar. The name of the mother-in-law of Gangama was Bhavanikunvarb and her maternal house is situated at village Mota Sonela near Lunawada.

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Father was very wise and Vedic Agnihotri Karmkandi Brahmin. Acceptance of Swaminarayan Sampradaya by his son had irked wrath of the father. In anger, the father Dahyabhai dug out the Yagna kunda of the house, left the house permanently and went to Vijayanand Swami on the bank of Saptasangam Ghat at Vautha and obtained Sanyasta Diksha and became Madhavanand Swami. On Shukla Chaturdas of Dhanur Maas of Samvat 1900 Madhavanand Swami passed away to Kaivalya Pada.

Here Dalpatram obtained Panch Vartman and learnt great Mahamantra of his life that Dharma is superior than Poetry. Life of this world is bigger and greater than literature. It is true that poetry and literature move in the field of imagination but Bhakti and Dharma are supreme even in this field of imagination. The driving force of poetry is Sadachar (noble conduct). The poems called 'Hiradnati' and 'Kamallochni' were burnt into ashes by him as he thought it improper to write such poems being Panchvartmandhari.

Thereafter Dalpatram obtained Diksha and his Guru of Dharmadiksha was Nirmani Bhumanand Swami and his Guru of Kavya Diksha was Nirmani saint Devnand Swami. At that time Sadguru Devanand Swami was Mahant of Muli temple and was completing the task of Muli temple entrusted to him by his Guru Brahmanand Swami. Swaroopanand Swami and Lalo Kothari were two Kotharis. And Ghanshyamanandji

was Brahmchari. Dalpatram started living in the temple. Everyday Dalpatram used to come and sit in the sabha Mandap and used to listen to Kirtan of Devnanand Swami. Curious Dalpatram became more interested in these Kirtans. After some time, Dalpatram learnt Pingal Shastra from Devanand Swami.

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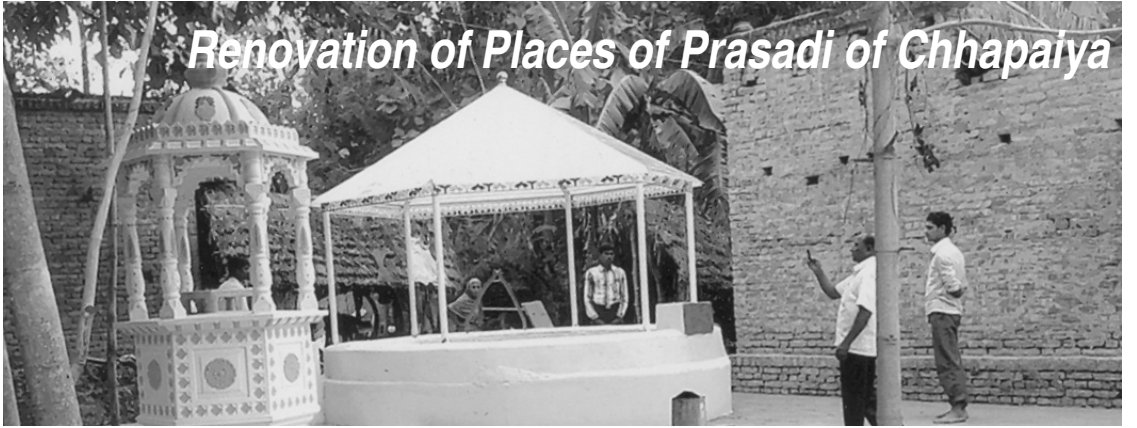


From Samvat 1890 to 1897 Dalpatram learned Kavyashastra from Devanand Swami not continuously but in fragments and became a young devotee. At that time Vrajbhasha was Rajbhasha and it was also the language of temple and language of places of pilgrimage. By taking inspiration from his Guru Devanand Swami, Kavi Dalpatram started creating small kirtans in Gujarati language. With the directions of H.H. Shri A c h a r y a Ayodhyaprasadji Maharaj, he created Shripurotsav (of Ahmedabad temple) and Shakotsav named two kavyas.

Dalpatram was very sharp in his memory and 'Shiksha Patri' was his pious Grantha to which he cherished ardent love and affection. And so he remembered all 212 Shlokas and he could recite these Shlokas in reverse order from 212 to 211 to 210 and so on without any mistake.

On the pious day of Janmastmi of Samvat 1897, Vaishnavanand Swai returned to Muli from Bhuj on completion of his studies. Ayodhyaprasadji

Maharaj from Ahmedabad had also arrived on this occasion. On this occasion, Kavi Dalpatram created kirtans and sung them in front of Acharya Maharaj. Listening these Kirtans, Acharya Maharaj became very much pleased and told Dalpatram that, 'We establish you as Kavi of Satsang'.



Parbrahma Purna Purushottam Sarvavatari Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan chose Chhapaiya for incarnation and performed Bal-Leela. The places where these Bal-Leela were performed were rendered in dilapidated condition. Accordingly with the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and with the inspiration of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj, the devotee Shri Nandubhai Khemchandbhai Patel of Surat took initiative for this work of renovation of these Places of Prasadi and in a very short period of just two-three years, most of the places of Prasadi have been developed. Following are the details of the services rendered by different devotees for this noble task under the guidance of Mahant Brahmchari Swami Vasudevanandji:

(1) Gau-Ghat :

- (1) Devotee Shri Patel Nandubhai Khemchandbhai (Motap) Surat.
- (2) Devotee Shri Parmar Bhagwanjibhai Bhurabhai Jodhani (Dhasa-Ambaradi) Surat.

(2) House of Chandan Masi :

Devotee Shri Janakbhai Gokalbhai Patel (Ahmedabad)

(3) Bhutiyo Kuvo

Devotee Ganga Swaroop Shri Gauriben Amrutbhai patel, Jatinbhai A. Patel and Riteshbhai A. Patel (Ahmedabad)

(4) Kalidait No Moksh

Kaushalendra Garden Zula (Hinchkawala), devotee Shri Patel Amrutbhai Shivabhai, devotee Shri Patel Jayanitbhai Shivabhai (Viharvala) Ahmedabad

(5) Kalyan Sagar Shree Hanumanji temple (new construction) :

Devotee Shri Kaushikbhai C. Joshi, Ghanshyam Engineering Industries, Ahmedabad.

Besides this, renovation work of other places of Prasadi is going on which will be completed very shortly.



Shree Swaminarayan Museum



RASOI (MEALS) OF GANGAMA OF JETALPUR

Gangama of Jetalpur was the disciple of Ramanand Swami. She used to call Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan with great affection and used to offer Him the meals like her son. During Vicharan of Bhagwan in Gujarat, Gangama would always be ready to render her services of preparing meals for Him. During Vicharan of villages by Bhagwan, Gangama used to follow Him taking the hot bowls upon her head and used to offer fresh and hot meals to Bhagwan. How devout was her affection towards Bhagwan!!! The utensils being used by Ganga have still been preserved and are kept in Hall No.4 of our Shree Swaminarayan Museum for divine Darshan.

List of devotees who rendered their services under Shree Swaminarayan Museum Maintenance Bhet Yojna June-2015

Rs.25,000/-	For Moksha of Akshar Nivasi Chhotabhai Ranchhodbhai Patel through Vipulbhai-Ambapur.	Rs.5,001/-	Devotee Shri Rameshbhai Bhaktidas Patel, Rajpurwala-New Ranip onthe occasion of obtaining Visa by Bhavikbhai.
Rs.25,000/-	One Haribhakta-Santrampur on completion of his Sankalp.	Rs.5,001/-	Akshar Nivasi Ratna Jesa and Akshar Nivasi Matushri Kanbai –Fotdi (Kachchh) through Keshrabhai Ratna-Lalbhai.
Rs.18,460/-	Devotee Shri Kiritbhai Amrutbhai Vadnagarwala-Mumbai	Rs.5,000/-	Devotee Shri Kantibhai Patel-New Zealand.
Rs.11,500/-	Devotee Shri Varshaben Ashwinbhai Soni- New Ranip.	Rs.5,000/-	Shree Swaminarayan temple, Ratanpar (Surendranagar) and on the occasion of Akshar Nivasi Narnarayandasji Swami Smruti Mahotsav through Parshad Kalu Bhagat.
Rs.11,000/-	Devotee Shri Dhirajbhai K. Patel-Ahmedabad.	Rs.5,000/-	Devotee Shri Minaben K. Joshi-Bopal.
Rs.7,500/-	Devotee Shri AShokbhai Chhaganbhai Patel, Limbadiya on the occasion of Abhishek during the pious Adhik Maas.	Rs.5,000/-	One Haribhakta-Santrampur.
Rs.5,101/-	For Moksha of Devotee Shri Shankarbhai Haribhai Patel through Ketanbhai Manubhai, Bhaveshbhai Manubhai-Uvarsad.		

List of Host devotees who availed the benefit of Abhishek of Shree Narnarayandev in Shree Swaminarayan Museum July-2015

05/06/2015	Chirag Amrutbhai Kachhadia-Navsari (at present Australia)
06/06/2015	Chaudhary Bheroram Samarpaji-Vali (Rajasthan).
14/06/2015	Jignasaben Virendrakumar Desai-Navrangpura.
17/06/2015	Shree Swaminarayan Mahila Mandal-Harshad Colony.
18/06/2015	(Morning) Devarsh Prahladbhai Patel – Ranip. (Noon) Sankhya Yogi Mota Rambai Fai and Nanbai and Rambai onhte occasion of gracing of the whole Dharmkul-Mankuva (Kachchh)
19/06/2015	Shree Swaminarayan temple Mahila Mandal-Naranpura.
21/06/2015	(Morning) Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal, Shree Swaminarayan temple, Ghatlodiya. (Noon) Shree Narnarayandev Mahila Mandal through Sumanbhai-Sabarmati.
27/06/2015	Mahila Mandal Shree Swaminaryan temple (ladies)-Darbargad Morbi and Halvad through Sankhya Yogi Rajkunvarba and Ushaban, Nitaba.
28/06/2015	(Morning) Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal- Lunawada (Noon) Satsang Samaj, Swaminarayan temple through Udayanbhai Maharaja-Visnagar

Instruction:- On every pious day of Punam, H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj shall perform aarti in the morning at 11.30 hours in Shree Swaminarayan Museum.

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“भोहनवरने मान संग्गाथे वेरजे”

- Shastri Haripriyadasji
(Gandhinagar)

“रसभस छोई रडी रसिया संग,
ज्युं मीसरी पयमांडी लणी”

Once a Jeeva melts itself in the ardent love and affection towards Bhagwan, then nobody can keep him away from Thakorji. But it is very difficult to melt down in the love and affection of Bhagwan. It is equally very difficult to remove pride. One can reduce his body weight at the instance of doctor by following diet control and other medical advice but when any saint or scripture asks us to reduce our pride as it is crossing the danger line how shall we do it? This is possible with the blessings of Bhagwan and satsang of saints and good people in our life and if we live our life as per his guidance.

One person who belonged to Andhra Pradesh of the Southern India was very proud of his divine powers. Though he was learned but was proud. Once he came to the king of Porbandar situated at the Western Coast of Gujarat. He threatened the king and demanded ten thousands rupees otherwise he would create storm in the Arabian sea with the help of his divine powers and cause the whole city of Porbandar sink in the sea. The king was very clever. So he requested not to do this. He also hinted at the divine powers of Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan and asked this Siddha Purush to go and defeat Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan with his powers.

This proud Siddha Purush immediately started his journey towards Mangrol wherein Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan was sitting in a

संतसंग आत्म्यादिज्ञा

SATSANG BALVATIKA

Compiler Shastri Harikesavdasji (Gandhinagar)

Sabha. The proud Siddha Purush rushed in the sabha and challenged Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan. But the divine powers and serene climate of the Sabha had impact upon the mind of this proud Siddha Purush. He immediately left the place and went to his temporary residence and prayed for the goddess whose blessings and powers he was having. When he narrated everything to the goddess about what happened in the Sabha, goddess rebuked him calling him a fool and told him that Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan is Parmatma and is having thousands of such divine powers. So instead of trying to defeat Him, he should go and seek his shelter.

This proud Siddha Purush was very learned. He understood everything. The next day he went to the Sabha and fell at the lotus like feet of Shree Hari and begged his pardon. Maharaj took his test and asked him to shave off his head and allow others to step on his fallen hair. This Siddha Purush did as per the directions. Maharaj took his another test and asked him to carry footwears of all the devotees and saints upon his head in a cotton cloth and perform three pradakshina of the Sabha. Siddha Purusha followed the directions scrupulously. Now Maharaj accepted



him and granted him Diksha and he was known as Advaitanandji but still he was popularly known as Deviwala Magniram.

This little Leela-Charitra of Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan gives us a good message that a proud person cannot connect himself with Parmatma and cannot reach upto Parmatma. So dear devotees! When we have got such a nice Bhajan, Bhakti, Satsang and divine atmosphere, let us remain devout and under the directions of the scriptures rendering our services to our Thakorji then only these words of Brahmanand Swami would be meaningful in our life:

“रसभस छोई रही रसिया संग,
ज्युं भीसरी पयमांडी लणी....”

**REAL BROTHER OF SEVAKRAM
- Narayan B. Jani (Gandhinagar)**

Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan has narrated the katha of Sevakram in 10th Vachanamrit of First Chapter. When Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan was performing Vicharan and was going from Tirupati Balaji towards Setuband Rameshwar, he saw a Vairagi suffering from some unknown disease. Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan was very benevolent and so started serving him. After services of one month by Shree Hari, this Vairagi was cured of his disease. Gradually he became stronger and was able to digest Ghee and other heavy meals. This Vairagi thought that he has got a disciple in the form of Shree Hari and so he started asking him to do whatever he wanted. He also asked to carry his heavy luggage. He did not realize that Shreeji Maharaj had brought him back from the Mouth of Death. Whatever was being brought from Bhiksha, everything was being devoured by this Vairagi and nothing was left for Shreeji Maharaj.

This was a talk about Sevakram.

But do you know anything about real brother of Sevakram? Bhagwan has given us everything. Hands and legs to do things and to walk, eyes to see everything in the world, nose to smell – it is a unique laboratory which distinguishes foul smell and sweet odour, and tongue to relish all types of tastes. Besides this, eyes, lungs, ears, kidney are given in pairs.

Bhagwan has also granted us sweet drinkable water of river and well and natural lakes. He has given us beautiful rains, nature, vegetation, forests, flowers and trees and a beautiful climate to live a happy life. There is also arrangement of natural light by Sun and at night light of the Moon. There is breezing wind to relax us. All these things are available free of cost. We do not receive any bill for it.

If we start thinking like this, the whole book would not be able to describe everything that we have got in our life from our Parmatma. Many facilities and sources of joy and pleasure have been granted by Shree Hari.

Therefore we should always render our devout services to our Parmatma and should ever remain His ardent devotees.

**Publication of Vachanamrit
Gutko (273) in English by Kalupur
temple**

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and with the inspiration of Mahant Sadguru Shatri Swami Harikrishnadasji, our one devotee has rendered beautiful services for publication of Vachanamrit Gutko (273) in English and it was released on the pious day by Adhik Ashadh Sud-11 Ekadashi by H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj. A copy of this Gutko will be sent at gift to each of our temples situated in abroad.

decision to take on the journey of this path.

While performing ardent Bhakti we have to watch ourselves very carefully and we have to remove all infirmities and inner weaknesses from us.

IMPORTANCE OF SEWA

- Sankhya Yogi Kokilaba
(Surendranagar)

Swaminarayan Sampradaya is a Sampradaya of Seva. Dear devotees! In the pious 'Shiksha Patri' our upasya Istadev Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan has showed us the path of Sarva Jiva Hitavah in Shloka-121 : ***"I believe Mukti (salvation) as being able to serve Lord Krishna as Brahmanrupa, in Goloka Dhaama."***

Shreeji Maharaj has also praised 'Seva' in 28th Chapter of Gadhda Middle Chapter. To render ardent and selfless services to the devotees and Bhagwan is the best way to obtain pleasure of Bhagwan. And to betray a devotee is to make Bhagwan unhappy. (28th Vachanamrit Gadhda Middle Chapter)

Seva has great importance in spiritual life and therefore Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan has narrated the importance of Seva at number of places. A true Sevak is one who is tolerant and who is away from any name or fame. Seva is a bridge which connects a Bhakta with his Bhagwan. Seva comes from willingness to give something selflessly. Seva is a yardstick of progress and success in spiritual life. Right and Duty are two sides of a coin. Samagam and Seva are two inseparable things.

In our Indian scriptures there are many means of Moksha such as Vrata, Tapa, Daan, Yagna, Seva, Bhakti etc. And the best means among all these is Seva. One obtains very rare thing through Seva.

JALA OF PRASADI

- Patel Labhuben Manubhai (Kundal
Tal. Kadi)

Kathlal village is situated in Kheda District of Gujarat. One Brahmin lady devotee was residing in the village. She was the only devotee in the whole village. She was an ardent devotee of Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan. One day she was taking out water from the well situated at the outskirts of the village, Shreeji Maharaj was passing by the village with saint-mandal. The ardent lady devotee ran at Maharaj and performed divine Darshan with tears of pleasure in her eyes. She ardently requested Maharaj to grace her village. But as Shreeji Maharaj was in hurry to go to Vadtal, Maharaj promised her to grace the village next time.

At this the lady devotee asked Maharaj to bless the pot of water by putting the finger into it. Maharaj took out the footwear and dipped the toe into the water. The lady devotee poured this water of Prasadi into the well and by drinking this Jala of Prasadi all the villagers of the village would become devotee. As a result of the sincere efforts of this ardent devotee, all the villagers of this area of the village who drank the water from the well have become ardent devotees and their successors are also devotees even today. In this way, Shreeji Maharaj used to bless all the devotees and to fulfil their desires.

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Akhand Sabha on every Poonam in Vijapur in memory of Vajiba

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and with the inspiration of the saints, Akhand Sabha is being organized on every Poonam in Vijapur in the memory of Vajiba.

Accordingly on 04/05/2015, beautiful Satsang Sabha was organized in new grand temple whose Padyatra is being performed by the devotees from the villages like Vajapur, Sankapura, Bhimpura, Ranchhodpura, Bhanpu, dhanpura, Ganeshpura, Hirapura, Jepur, Hathipura, Khanusa, Pilvai, Veda, Manekpura, Badpura nad Ishwarpura. In the Satsang Sabha, our saints narrate Katha-Varta. In the Sabha organized on this time, Shastri Kunjvihari Swami had narrated beautiful Katha. At last all devotees availed the benefit of Prasad. (Shastri Swami Chaitanyaswaroopdasji)

Dwishatabdi Mahotsav in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Mahadevnagar

With the directions and with blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and with the inspiration of Shri Dev Swami (Mahant of Dev Swami) and Shastri P.P. Swami (Mahant of Gandhinagar) Dwishatabdi Mahotsv of our Shree Swaminaryana temple, Mahadevnagar was celebrated with great fervor and enthusiasm from 15/05/2015 to 20/05/2015. All satsangi devotees had rendered their beautiful services during this Mahotsav.

On this occasion, Shrimad Satsangibhusan Panchanh Ratri Parayan was organized with Sadguru Shastri Swami Ramkrishnadasji (Koteshwar) as spokesperson. Simultaneously, ritual of reinvocation of Shree Hanumanji Maharaj and Shree Ganpatiji Maharaj, Maruti Yagna, 12 hour Mahamantra Dhoon etc. programmes were also organized. The concluding ritual of Katha was performed by Mahant Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji

(Mahant of Kalupur temple).

On 20/05/2015 H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj graced the concluding ritual and had performed Annakut Aarti of Thakorji and aarti of reinvocatio of Shree Hanumanji and Shree Ganpatiji Maharaj and had blessed the sabha organized on the occasion. During the whole Mahotsav, Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal and Mahila Mandal had rendered beautiful services and the whole Mahotsav was conducted by Sadguru Shastri Swami Chaitanyaswaroopdasji. (Kothari, Mahadevnagar)

54th Varshik Patotsav of Shree Ghanshyam Maharaj, Vadnagar

With the direction and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj, 54th Varshik Patotsav of Shree Ghansyam Maharaj of our Shree Swaminarayan temple, Vadnagar was celebrated with great fervor and enthusiasm on 31/05/2015 in the pious company of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj. Devotee Shri Kiritbhai Amrutlal Bhavsar family (Vadnagar, at present Mumbai) had rendered the services as the host of Patotsav. On this occasion Shodasopchar Mahabhishek of Shree Ghanshyam Maharaj, Maha Aarti and Annkutotsav were organized. On this occasion Mahant Sadguru Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji of Ahmedabda temple, Mahant Sadguru Shastri Swami Narayanvallabhdasji of Vadnagar and Kothari Shastri Swami Vishaprasakhdasji, Mahant Shastri Chandraprasakhdasji of Siddhpur, Mahant Shastri Swami Siddheswhardasji (Mansa), Kothari Shastri Swami Narayanmunidasji (Ahmedabad) and Shastri Swami Ajayprasaddasji etc. saits and Mahants had delivered their inspirational speeches. Poojari Swami Dharmkishordasji Guru Shastri Swami Narayanvallabhdasji was offered garland by H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj.

Atlast H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj had blessed the host family and all the saints and

devotees in the Sabha organized on the occasion. The sabha was conducted by Sadguru Mahant Shastri Swami Narayanvallabhdasji. (Navinchandra M. Modi, Vadnagar)

Ekadashi Satsang Sabha at village Bhabhar (Banaskantha)

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and with the inspiration of Mahant Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji of Ahmedabad temple, grand Satsang Sabha of Ekadashi was organized on the pious day of Jeth Vad-11 12/05/2015 in Jalaram temple.

On this occasion, Kothari Shastri Swami Narayanmunidasji of Ahmedabad Kalupur Swaminarayan temple, Shastri Swami Kunjviharidasji, Sadguru Shastri Swami Chaitanyaswaroopdasji (Gandhinagar) had narrated importance of Dharmkul, deities established by Dharmkul. Large number of devotees availed the benefit of this divine occasion. Akshar Nivasi devotee Narbherambhai Motirambhai Kanabar was remembered and Mahamantra Dhoonwas also performed.

Shree Narnarayan Swaminarayan Satsang, Bhabhar Mandal organizes Satsang Sabha on every Ekadashi whose benefit is being availed by many devotees and Haribhaktas. (Rameshbhai N. Kanabar)

Pratistha of Annapurneshwar Mahadev, Kaliyana

Sarvopari Shreeji Maharaj has graced the village Kaliyana during His Vicharan from Kundal, Kadi, Rampura, Bhankoda etc. villages and has made it a place of pilgrimage. As the oldest temple of Annapurneshwar Mahadev of the time of Shree Hari was in dilapidated condition, with the support of the villagers and devotees and Haribhaktas residing in the village, the temple was completely renovated and on Jeth Sud-07 H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj had performed ritual of Pran-Pratistha of the temple. In the Sabha organized on the occasion devotees Shri Dahyabhai Butiya and devotee Shri Bhikhabhai Kothari had obtained the blessings by accepting garlands from H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj. All the devotees of the village were blessed by H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj. (Arjanbhai G. Mori)

Shree Swaminarayan temple, Mansa

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj, Shastri Swami Madhavpriyadasji had narrated Katha-Varta under the guidance of Mahant Shastri Siddheshwardasji on the occasion of Jeth Sud-10 Shree Hari Antardhan Tithi in our Shree Swaminarayan temple, Mansa, whose benefit was availed by large number of devotees and Haribhaktas. (Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal, Mansa)

Satsang Sabha in village Bore

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj, Shastri Madhavpriyadas had narrated Katha-Varta in front of Haribhaktas at village Bore on 16/06/2015. Yuvak Mandal had performed Dhoon-Bhajan-Kirtan on this occasion. (Yuvak Mandal-Bore)

Harshad Colony temple

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Laxmiswaroop Gadiwala, Akhand Mahamantra Dhoon was performed by the ladies devotees from 7.00 hours in the morning till 7.00 hours in the evening in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Harshad Colony on the occasion of Jeth Sud-10 Shree Hari Antardhan Tithi. Dhoon-Bhajan-Kirtan were also performed for 2 hours in Approach temple. (Gordhanbhai Sitapara)

Re-invocation of idol images in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Jarvala

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and with the inspiration and guidance of Sadguru Mahant Shastri Swami Atmaprakashdasji and Shastri P.P. Swami (Jetalpurdham) Murti Pratistha was performed by H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj in Vedic tradition on 15/05/2015. On this occasion Shastri Swami Devswaroopdasji (Mahant of Jaipur) had narrated Katha of Shrimad Satsangjivan. All the devotees of the village had rendered their services of mind, body and money on this divine occasion.

On this occasion, Mahant K.P. Swami of Jetalpur temple, Mahant V.P. Swami of Vasna Anjali temple, Shyam Swami, Sadguru Shastri Bhakti Swami had made all other necessary arrangements. (Butiya Dahyabhai, Kaliyana)

Satsang Sabha in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Himatnagar

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj, beautiful Satsang Sabha was organized on 14/06/2015 in our Shree Swaminarayan temple, Himatnagar. Mahant Swami Premprakashdasji and Swami Krishnaprakashdasji had narrated the importance of Bhagwan. Devotee Shri Ramabhai Dahyabhai Patel (Prempura) had made arrangements of meals and Prasad. (R.B.Patel, Himatnagar)

Satsang Sabha in Patan

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj, beautiful Satsang Sabha was organized on 12/06/2015 on the pious occasion of Yogini Ekadashi in our Shree Swaminarayan temple, Patan.

On this occasion Mahant Shastri Premprakashdasji of Himatnagar temple and Saint Mandal had narrated the importance of Ekadashi, Shreeji Maharaj and Dharmkul. (Prakashbhai Soni, Patan)

Acquisition of land at village Solaiya (Tal. Mansa Dist. Gandhinagar) for construction of temple

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj, H.H. Shri Laxmiswaroop Gadiwala, Satsang Sabha is being performed by Sankhya Yogi ladies devotees in the village Solaiya for the last three years. As a result of such systematic sustained efforts and with the demand of the devotees of the village Solaiya, the land was acquired for the purpose of construction of temple under the guidance of Sadguru Shastri Swami Purushottamprakashdasji (Jetalpur) and with the support of the devotees Chaudhary Popatbhai, Pithubhai, Govindbhai, Nagjibhai, Maabhai, Prahladbhai. Services of Kothari of Balva temple and Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal was very inspirational on this occasion. (Satsang Samaj, Solaiya)

Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Idar

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and the whole Dharmkul and with the inspiration of Mahant

Swami Jagdishprasaddasji and Sadguru Shastri Swami Ghanshyamjivandasji (Laloda), Patotsav of Shree Gopinathji Harikrishna Maharaj of the temple was celebrated with great fervor and enthusiasm on 30/05/2015. Saints had performed Shodasopchar Abhishek of Thakorji and H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj had performed Annakut Aarti.

In the Sabha organized on the occasion, saints from Ahmedabad, Idar, Laloda, Torda, Vadnagar, Sapawada, Himatnagar, Pethapur, Mansa and Sokli and Sadguru Shastri Swami Raghuvircharandasji, Shastri Swami Harijivandasji, Shastri Swami Dharmapravartakdasji, Sadguru Shastri Swami Narayanvallabhdasji had delivered their inspirational speeches. At last H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj blessed the whole Sabha. Kothari S.S. Swami had made beautiful arrangements. The devotee Shri Revabhai Jethabhai and devotee Shri Nareshbhai Revabhai and devotee Shri Kamleshbhai Revabhai Patel family had rendered the services as the host of this Patotsav and they had performed poojan-arhan-aarti and obtained the blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj. The Sabha was conducted by Shastri Kunjviharidasji. Services of Saint-Parshad Mandal was very inspirational. (Poojari Ajayprakashdasji, Poojari Kapilmunidas)

MULI DESH

Akhand Dhoon in villages of Muli Desh as a part of future Dasabdi Mahotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Surendranagar

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and the whole Dharmkul and with the noble concept of Mahant Swami of Surendranagar temple, various programs are being organized as a part of future Dasabdi Mahotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Surendranagar. Accordingly as a part of 12 hour Shree Swaminarayan Mahamantra Akhand Dhoon was to be organized in 125 villages of Muli Desh, Dhoon was organized in the following villages.

Chuda, Halvad, Ghatila, Khakrechi,

Barada and in Khakhariya Desh Dharampur, Meda, Kalyanpura villages 12 hour Akhand Shree Swaminaryana Mahamantra Dhooon and Satsang Sabha were organized wherein Kothari Swami Krishnavallabhdasji, Shastri Swami Premvallabhdasji, Poojari Swami Nityaprakashdasji, Parshad Ravi Bhagat etc, saint mandal narrated Katha of importance of Dev-Gadi-Sthan and Bhagwan whose benefit was availed by large number of devotees and Haribhaktas.

Akhand Dhooon in Sarvopari

Chhapaiya Dham and Ayodhya temple

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and the whole Dharmkul and as a part of future Dasabdi Mahotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Surendranagar, 12 hour Akhand Shree Swaminarayan Mahamantra Dhooon was organized in Prakatyabhumi Chhapaiya of Sarvopari Shree Ghanshyam Maharaj and in our Shree Swaminarayan temple, Ayodhya.

H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj had especially graced this occasion. Mahant Brahmchari Swami Vasudevanandji, P.P. Swami of Jetalpur and Mahant Dev Swami of Ayodhya temple, Kothari Krishnavallabhdasji, Bhaktihari Swami and Jishnu Swami etc. saints Haribhaktas had performed Akhand Mahamantra Dhooon in the pious presence of Other Form of Shree Hari. (Shailendrasinh Zala)

Mahamantra Dhooon in Shree

Swaminarayan temple, Charadava in memory of Akshar Nivasi H.H. Shri Mota Ben

With the inspiration of Mahant Swami and the saints, Shree Swaminaryana Mahamantra Akhand Dhooon was organized on Jeth Vad Ekadashi to offer Shraddhanjali to Akshar Nivasi H.H. Shri Mota Ben (sister of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj)

On Jeth Sud-10 Akhand Dhooon was organized on the occasion of Antardhan Titi of Shree Hari. As a part of 43rd Prakatyotsav of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj, Shastri Swami Nirgundasji and Mahant Swami and saint mandal had narrated Katha-Varta in the villages Ghanshyamnagar and Bhaktinagar. (Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal, Charadava)

OVERSEAS SATSANG NEWS

Shrimad Bhagwat Panchanh Parayan in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Perth (Australia)

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj, H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj, Shrimad Bhagwat Panchanh Parayan Utsav was celebrated with great fervor and enthusiasm from 03/06/2015 to 07/06/2015 in our Shree Swaminarayan temple, Perth (Australia). Devotee Shri Ravjibhai Gangji Halai family, (village Kundanpur), devotee Shri Dhanjibhai Nanji Halai family (village Madhapar) and devotee Shri Jagdishbhai Ravji Jesani family (village Baladiya) had rendered the services as the hosts of Parayan in the memory of Moksha of their Pitru and thereby using the money for noble purpose, they had obtained the pleasure of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj.

H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj had graced this occasion and granted the benefit of blessings and divine Darshan for four continuous days. On this occasion Shastri Swami P.P. Swami and Shastri Swami Ramkrishnadasji, Shastri Swami Balswaroopdasji and Shastri Swami Gopaljivandasji from Shree Swaminarayan Kalupur temple Ahmedabad had arrived. Shastri Swami Ramkrishnadasji was the spokesperson of the Parayan. On Tuesday 02/06/2015, saints and devotees had organized Pothiyatra with musical band in the temple premises and Swagat-Samaiyu of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj was performed on Saturday 06/06/2015. During Parayan Shree Krishna Janma, Bal Leela Charitra, Bharatji Akhyan, Shivparvati Katha-Daksha Yagna etc. were narrated very beautifully. Beautiful arrangements for Shangar, Prasad, Bhojan, decoration etc. were made during the Parayan in the temple premises with the support and co-operation of the devotees and Haribhaktas. (Mantri Shri Jayendrabhai Soni)

Assistance of our I.S.S.O. SEWA organization to Nepal Earthquake affected people

ISSO & ISSO SEVA commit \$25,000 in

emergency relief to Nepal's Earthquake disaster. Chairman of the Board, H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and the Executive Board of Directors called on all satsangies to immediately assist and mobilize with humanitarian aid.

ISSO Seva will unite with Direct Relief in allocating emergency relief to the earthquake region. Direct Relief has quickly mobilized critical supplies in coordination with Ministry of Health (MOH) in Nepal. All ISSO centers will accept designated humanitarian donations and 100% of the funds will be solely utilized for Nepal's disaster relief.

Additionally, FedEx has commitment to provide a MD11 cargo plane to airlift, free-of-charge, approximately up to 100 tons of medical materials. Direct Relief will supply 60 pallets of Baxter IV fluids and almost 80 pallets of medicines and assorted supplies to aid the response effort.

"In response to the enormous human tragedy in Nepal, Direct Relief is providing emergency medical aid to the country's Ministry of Health and local partners to ensure that more lives are not put at risk or lost," said Thomas Tighe, president and CEO of Direct Relief. "ISSO Seva's generous support will greatly assist the humanitarian efforts now underway."

ISSO-Seva is an international non-profit, humanitarian organization. Our principle aim is to help individuals that are less fortunate with regards to healthcare and illness, due to either a lack of available medical expertise or a result of ill-fated events such as natural disasters or distressed circumstances. ISSO-Seva is expanding its humanitarian services in conjunction with our local communities. In doing so, we will create an environment where the sick, needy, and underprivileged can receive resources in times of crisis.

International Swaminarayan Satsang Organisation is an international non-profit organization of the Swaminarayan Sampraday. ISSO was established in 1978 and ISSO has over 50 centers outside of India. ISSO has local presence on each continent and over 25 chapters are within the United States of America. ISSO is registered as a NON-PROFIT organization in all

locations. ISSO operates centres located in New Jersey, Massachusetts, Florida, Ohio, Michigan, Illinois, Georgia, California, Virginia, and Texas in addition to many local chapters throughout the country.

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Shree Swaminarayan temple, Colonia

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj, Mahant Shastri Swami Dharmkishordasji and Haribhaktas had performed Dhoon-Bhajan and Kirtan on the occasion of Yogini Ekadashi. Swamiji had narrated the importance of Ekadashi and the hosts devotees were honoured with garlands. Dhoon was also performed for offering Shradhanjali to Akshar Nivasi H.H. Shri Mota Ben (sister of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj) -Pravin Shah

28th Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Weehawken

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj, 28th Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Weehawken was celebrated with great fervor and enthusiasm on 16th May Saturday from 9.00 hours in the morning till 3.00 hours in the noon in the presence of Mahant Sadguru Shastri Swami Atmaprakashdasji (Jetalpur), Sadguru Shastri Swami Bhaktinandandasji (Jetalpur), Shastri Swami Yagnaprakashdasji (Kankaria), Shastri Swami Narnarayandasji, Shreeji Swami, Mahant Shastri Satsangbhushandasji, Brahm Swami, Shastri Dharmkishor Swami etc. saints. In the morning at 9.00 hours Shodasopchar Abhishek of Thakorji was performed by Shastri Swami Atmaprakashdasji and other saints. In the Sabha organized on the occasion Dhoon-Kirtan were performed and all Haribhaktas had performed poojan of the saints. Other dignitaries were welcomed by President Bhaktibhai, devotee Pankajbhai and other members of the Committee. The hosts devotees were also honoured with garlands. Many devotees had availed the

benefit of divine Group Mahapooja. Grand Annakut Darshan was performed at 2.00 hours in the noon.

Mahant Shastri Swami Atmaprakashdasji (Jetalpur) and Saint-Mandal had blessed all the devotees in the Sabha organized on the occasion. (Pravin Shah)

Chhapaiyadham Murti Pran-pratistha in Parsipenny, America

With a noble view of nourishment of our Satsang and new temples be constructed in

America, H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj had established International Swaminarayan Satsang Organization (I.S.S.O.). And temples have started being constructed in America, New Zealand, Australia, Europe and Canada and gradually our Satsang has also developed and progressed in all these countries. For the same purpose our H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj has been performing vicharan constantly in these countries and new temples are being constructed. At present

'Hall of Fame' Award to our devotee Dr. Kantibhai Patel

2 June 2015. Manukau GP, businessman and community stalwart Dr Kantilal Patel is the latest inductee into the Indian Hall of Fame. Prime Minister John Key inducted Dr Patel into the hall of fame at last week's award ceremony held in Auckland at the Langham Hotel. The event also attracted several other high profile politicians: Sam Lotu-liga, Jami-Lee Ross, Winston Peters, Phil Goff and David Shearer.

Dr Patel is founding director of Nirvana Health Group, which began as a solo GP practice in Otara in 1977 and is now the largest private, clinician-owned network of general practices in New Zealand.

A Distinguished Fellow of the Royal New Zealand College of General Practitioners, a founding member of the WONCA (World Organisation of National Colleges, Academies and Academic Associations of Family Physicians), a Queen's Service Medal recipient for services to medicine and the Indian Community, Dr Patel is also a founding trustee of New Zealand's first mainstream Primary Health Organisation: Total Healthcare Charitable Trust.

To his credit, Nirvana and its medical providers like East Tamaki Healthcare have a string of business, innovation and strategy awards as well as recognition from the Equal Employment Opportunities Trust as an organisation which embraces diversity.

A founding trustee of the BharitiyaMandir temple in Balmoral, chair of the International Swaminarayan Satsang Organisation, Dr Patel also built the Hindu Temple in Papatoetoe.

Despite the long list of accolades, awards and achievements, Dr Patel is humbled by his induction into the Indian Hall of Fame.

"For me, having recognition for this award is extremely gratifying. Our profession is extremely tough, and I would not be here without my patients, my partners and my clinical leaders. These people, for whom I am so deeply grateful for their trust, hard work and more so their commitment to service, are the true heroes," Dr Patel says.

"But actually I thought this award is most deserved for my wife Ranjna. We had completely different upbringing. We spoke different, sounded different, but not once in the 42 years of marriage has she made me feel different as she worked with my strengths and weaknesses. What Ranjna has achieved as an individual is impressive. She is a true rock to me, my family and Nirvana.

"I am very proud to be associated with many Indian New Zealanders who are working in the community. I am grateful to this beautiful country for having provided me and my family a safe, rewarding and enriching life. I will continue to do whatever I can to serve those of need, and bring whatever skills I can to the development of a better community."

The Indian Hall of fame is designed to honour members of the Indian community who have made significant achievements in New Zealand, and as such have contributed positively towards the progress of this nation. The event is run by the *Indian Weekender*.

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every year 2-3 new temples are being constructed in America.

Accordingly on completion of construction of grand temple in Parsipenny of New Jersey in America grant Murti Pratistha Mahotsav was organized from 17th to 24th May 2015. On this occasion Shrimad Bhagwat Katha was organized. On the first day on Sunday grand Pothiyatra was organized in the pious presence of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj, H.H. Shri Binduraja, Shri Saumya Kumar, Shri Suvrut Kumar, and Dharmkul and among the sains Shastri Swami Atmaprakashdasji (Jetalpur) and saints and Mahant of our I.S.S.O. Chapters and spokesperson Shri Yogendrabhai Bhatt and the host family. A grand gold and silver studded throne was offered in front of Vyaspith. Aarti was performed by the host families. Thousands of devotees used to avail the benefit of Katha in the pious presence of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and

the saints. In Tridinatmak Mahavishnu Yaag, the host devotees had availed the benefit of aarti in the pious presence of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj.

On Sunday 24th May 2015 H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj performed Shodasopchar Abishek of Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan and other deities and had also performed Pran-Pratistha aarti whose divine Darshan was performed by thousands of Haribhaktas.

On this occasion beautiful Raas-Garba were organized. In the Sabha organized on the occasion, the Mayor, Councillor and other dignitaries as well as host devotees were honoured. New book and CD were also launched by H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj on this divine occasion. At last all the devotees and Haribhaktas obtained the blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj, performed divine Darshan of Annakut Darshan and availed the benefit of Mahaprasad. (Pravin Shah)

For whole Satsang Samaj

With great pleasure it is informed to the whole Satsang Samaj that Sadhu Sadgundasji Guru Sadguru Dhyani Swami Hariswaroopdaji, Sadhu Dharmasutpriyadasji Gru Sadguru Dhyani Swami Hariswaroopdaji and Sadhu Paropkardasji Guru Sadguru Dhyani Swami Hariswaroopdaji- all the three saints who were residing in Vadtal Shree Laxminarayandev Desh have now become the citizen of Shree Narnarayandev Desh as now they have settled in Ahmedabad Shree Narnarayandev Desh.

AKSHARVAAS

Aksharvaas of H.H. Shri Mota Bahen– Rajendrakumari Ratnakar Mishra (H.H. Shri Mota Bahen, and Sister of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and faiba (aunty) of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj) has passed away to Akshardham on Jeth Vad-09 (11/06/2015) while chanting the name of Shree Hari.

Gozaria (Meuvala)– Devotee Shri Ghanshyambhai RAsilal Bhavsar (Administrator of Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal, Gozaria) passed away to Akshardham on 04/06/2015 while chanting the name of Shree Hari.

Bhabhar (Banaskantha) - Devotee Shri Narbherambhai Motirambhai (Dev Kapdivala) (father of the devotee Shri Rameshbhai Kanabar) passed away to Divine Abode of God on 09/02/2015 while chanting the name of Shreeji Maharaj.

Kalol (native Mokhasan)– Devotee Shri Pravinbhai Shankarbhai Patel (active member of Kalol (Panchvati) temple and 42 Gol Samaj) has passed away to Akshardham on 09/04/2015 while chanting the name of Shri Hari during Padyatra to Shree Prabha Hanumanji Maharaj of Jamiyatpura.

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(1) H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj blessing the saints and devotees and spokesperson of Parayan Sadguru Shastri Swami Ramkrishnadaji and Shastri Gopaljivandasji on the occasion of Shrimad Bhagwat Panchanh Parayan in Shree Saminarayan temple, Perth-Australia. (2) Kothari Shastri Swami Narayanmunidasji, Shastri Swami Chaitanyswaroopdasji and Shastri Swami Kunjviharidasji performing Satsang in the Sabha of Ekadashi at village Bhabhar.

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लेवानो आग्रह राजवो.**



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(1) Help of cheque of \$ 25000 as provided y I.S.S.O. America to the persons affected by Nepal earthquake.
(2) Hon'ble Prime Minister of New Zealand Shri John Key offering the award of 'Hall of Fame' of the field of Medical to our Dr. Kantibhai Patel.



गुरुपूजा



Ashadh Sud-15 Date: 31-07-2015 Friday

Guru-poojan archan of
H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj
by the saints and haribhktas in the morning at 8.30 hours in
Shree Swaminarayan temple, Kalupur, Ahmedabad.

Guru-poojan archan of
H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj by saints and haribhktas in the
morning at 8.30 hours in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Muli.



Prakatyotsav of our Future
Acharya H.H. Shri Vrajendraprasadji Maharaj
On Ashadh Vad-10, 09/08/2015 Sunday in the morning at 8.30
hours in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Kalupur, Ahmedabad.