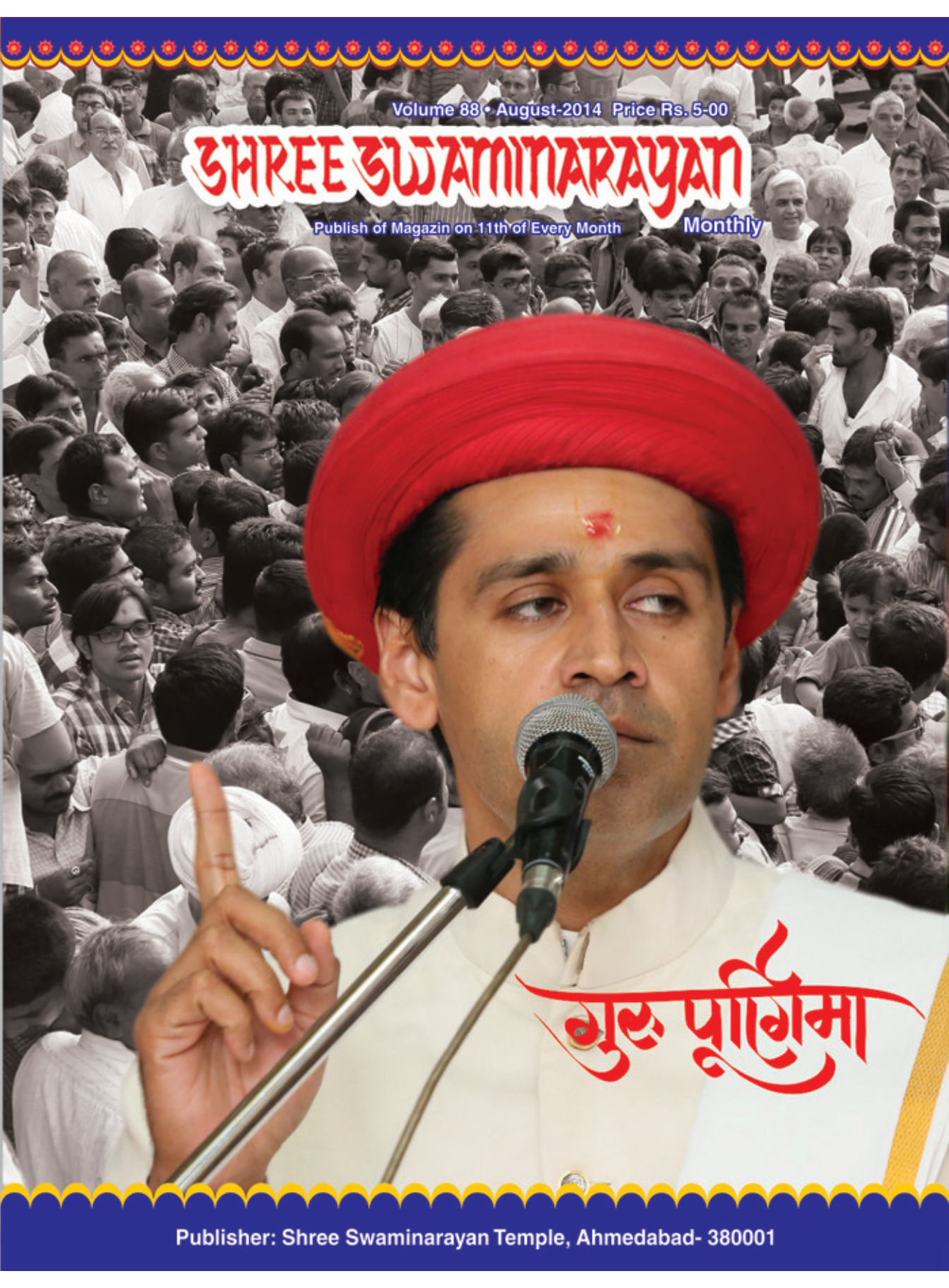


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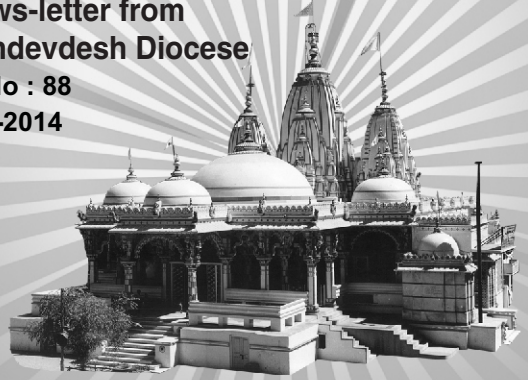




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॥ अस्मदीयम् ॥

“Whether the devotees desirous to perform Dhyān of idol image of Bhagwan should understand the Form of Bhagwan with five elements or without five elements?” This question has been answered by Shreeji Maharaj in these words: “A person who understands the Form of Bhagwan with elements is a sinner and the one who does without elements is also a sinner. A real devotee never gets messed up in such frivolous issues and questions. For him, “Bhagwan is Bhagwan who is Atma of Anant Brahmānd. That’s all.” Such a devotee is said to be cherishing Nirvikalp Sthiti (stability of belief) and such a devotee is also known as Sthitpragnya. A person with such a staunch and ardent faith is absolved of all sins by the blessings of Bhagwan.

Dear devotees it is a matter of divine pleasure for all of us because all of us have got Shree Hari in our life, Who is Adhipati of Anant Koti Brahmānd and Incarnation of all incarnations. He is the Cause of all actions. This simple but vital understanding should be imbibed in our soul and life as it will certainly ensure our emancipation.

Editor
Mahant Swami
Shastri Swami Harikrishnadas

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

(JULY- 2014)



12. Celebrated Guru Poojan Mahotsav by the saints and Haribhaktas on the pious day of Guru-Purnima in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Kalupur.
- 13-14. Graced Satsang Sabha organize in villages of Vali (Rajasthan) Desh.
21. Celebration of 17th Prakatyotsav of H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj 108 Shri Vrajendraprasadji Maharaj in the company of the saints and devotees.
25. Graced the house of the devotee Shri Vitthalbhai of Kachchh at Nadiad.
27. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Dangarava on the occasion of Parayan.
- 31st July to 20th August 2014. Graced the occasions of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Leicester (U.K.) Dasabdi Mahotsav, Shree Swaminarayan temple, Detroit (America) Dasabdi Mahotsav and graced Murti Pratistha Mahotsav in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Lois Ville, America.

For saints and devotees sending Photographs for publication in Satsang Samachar

Satsang Samachar, photographs for publication in 'Shree Swaminarayan' magazine may be sent only by e-mail address of the magazine. Name of place and occasion must be written upo the photograph. Samachar and photographs received on or before 20th of each month will only be published in the issue of the magazine, which may please be noted. Samachar should be short, point-wise and it shold be written in legible good handwriting.

-Editor

Shikshapatri

The Epistle of Precepts

(based on Shatanand's Shikshapatri
Arthadipika)

By Pravin S. Varsani

Text – 123

The Acharyas, sons of My elder and Younger brothers and their successors, shall never initiate or preach to females who are not closely related to them.

The Lord first and foremost gives the special duties applicable to his *Acharyas* (spiritual heads of the sect) who have been given the seat of spiritual Leaders of the **Swaminarayana-Uddhavi Sampradai**. Lord Swaminarayan towards the end of his life decided that somebody should be selected, to be initiated as Leader to continue the work that he had begun. Discussing it with leading saints and devotees, it was decided that somebody from his own family (*Dharma Kula*) should be selected. Thus it was decided that two Acharya *Gadis* (seats) should be established governing the Northern and Southern region of India.

Ayodhyaprasada, the son of elder brother **Ramapratapa** and **Raghuvira** the son of younger brother **Icharama** were selected. In an assembly at Vadatal, lots were drawn to decide who would be established as Acharaya of the two regions. Ayodhyaprasada was thus given the Northern region, with **Ahmedabad** as the center and so was crowned Acharya of **Nar-Narayana Deva Gadi** (after the presiding deities at Ahmedabad temple). Similarly Raghuvira was given the

Southern region, with **Vadtal** as the center and so was crowned as the Acharya of **Laxmi-Narayana Deva Gadi** (after the presiding deities at Vadatal temple).

The **Desh - Vibhag- Lekh** was written and signed and witnessed by the two Acharaya and prominent saints. This leka outlines the duties of the Acharays as well as providing proof, in living testament, that the Acharayas of Dharma Kula are the true heads of the Swaminarayana - Uddhavi Sampradai.

Over the years, the Acharya lineage has continued with the Ahmedabad Gadi being passed from Ayodhyaprasada to Keshavaparasada, P u r u s h o t t a m a p a r a s a d a , Vasudevaparasada, Devenraparasada, Tejendraprasada and onto the Present day Acharaya Koshalendraprasada Pande.

Similarly the Vadatal Gadi has continued on from Raghuvira to Bhagwataprasada, Viharilal, Laxmiparasada, Shripatiparasada, Anandaprasada, Narendraprasada, Ajendraparasada and onto the present day Acharya Rakeshprasad Pande.

Lord Swaminayan commands that his Acharayas should not initiate (Give Diksha) to women who are not their '*Pasa Sambandha*' or close relation Pasa Sambandha is such person, on whose death, one has to observe *Sutaka* (period of prohibited rites after a death).

Thus the Acharayas should not directly preach to women who are not their close relation. The Acharaya should have his own wife, preach and initiate other women into the fellowship. The reason

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SECOND BADRIKASHRAM

- Sadhu Purushottamprakashdas
(Jetalpurdham)

In Vachanamrit Vadtal-10 and Gadhda Antya-77, Shreeji Maharaj has stated about 30 characteristics of Sadhu and in Gadhda Antya-35, 06 characteristics of Sadhu have been described. In Puranas like Shrimad Bhagwat, 30 characteristics have been described since long. But Shreeji Maharaj has explained 06 more characteristics and thus 36 characteristics have been described. Bhagwan inreside in the saint in whom these 36 characteristics are present. Offering services to such saint, is like offering services to Bhagwan and committing Droha of such saint is like committing Droha of Bhagwan. These 36 characteristics are as under:

(1) **Dayalu** : Having compassion upon all living things, being unhappy at the unhappiness of others and performing such Daya as may not cause Bandhan to himself.

(2) **Kshamashil** : Forgiving even the greatest sinner. Being benevolent even to those who are harmful.

(3) **Titiksha** : Tolerating the happiness and unhappiness of this body.

(4) **Anasuya** : Not finding Doshas in the qualities of others.

(5) **Anirshyu** : Being tolerant with Utkarsh of others and Not being jealous.

(6) **Nirver** : Cherishing same feeling upon friends and foes.

(7) **Nirman**: Without any pride of knowledge and tolerant of his unselfish dishonour.

(8) **Nirmatsar** : Tolerating Samutkarsh of all and being happy in that.

(9) **Manad** : Honouring others without any selfish motif.

(10) **Nirdambh** : Having no difference in action and words. Not cheating others through hypocrisy.

(11) **Suchi** : Keeping mind and body clean and pure.

(12) **Dant** : Keeping five senses under control and regulating Karmendriyas.

(13) **Ruju** : Having absolute unity of mind, body and Vani (words), and without Doshas of difference among the three.

(14) **Jitendriya** : Winning over five senses by regulating them.

(15) **Nirdwand** : Having patience in odd times during cold-hot climate, Sukh-Dukh, Maan-Apamaan, Shatru-Mitra, Harsha-Shoka.

(16) **Udar** : Preaching emancipation of soul to all deserving and undeserving without any selfish motif.

(17) **Aastik** : Cherishing ardent faith and trust in the mens of obtaining Atma-Parmatma.

(18) **Dradh Vratvan** : Cherishing ardent faith in following the directions of Bhagwan appropriately with stability of mind.

(19) **Kshamavan** : Keeping mum with smiling face despite hearing vachan of hatred directly or indirectly.

(20) **Nidrajit** : Not sleeping for more than Dodh Prahar (four and half hours).

(21) **Aaharjit** : Taking meals only once by taking meals in wooden utensil and mixing water in it.

(22) **Aasanjit** : Remaining in posture of Aasan for longer period of time by winning paripurna Aasan through Yogopakaran.

(23) **Tapa** : Withdrawing affection and attention from five senses by observing Krushta Chandrayan Vrat-Upavaas.

(24) **Satya** : Speaking non-violent true words with all humility.

(25) **Santosh**: Cherishing absolute satisfaction in whatever is received.

(26) **Shrut** : Knowing the proper meaning of all scriptures, addicted to study of the scriptures and abstaining from Gramya-Varta.

(27) **Shadripujit** : Winning over six enemies viz. Kaam, Kroadh, Lobh, Moh, Man,

Swad and never being defeated by them.

(28) Vyasarahit : Abandoning any type of addictive eatables.

(29) Himsarahit : Not committing Droh of any living being through Man, Karm and Vachan.

(30) Kriya : Not spoiling any time meaninglessly without Katha, Kirtan, Varta, Nam Smaran, Dhyan, Dharana etc. Kriya of Bhagwan.

In this way 30 characteristics of Saint have been described in 11th Skanda of Shrimad Bhagwat Puran. in Gadhda Antya-35 while answering the question of ShukMuni, Shreeji Maharaj has stated the characteristics of Sadhu, in whose heart Bhagwan resides. 1) Understands and believes in Sakar Form of Bhagwan even while listening to scriptures of Nirakar. And his understanding, that Karta of Utpati, Sthiti and Laya of Brahmand is Maharaj residing in Akshardham, never shakes. 2) He himself performs Ekantik Bhakti of Bhagwan and becomes very happy while witnessing others performing it. 3) If any idiosyncrocy of human nature and temperament comes in the way of performing Sang of Bhakta of Bhagwan, nature is left but Sang of Bhakta of Bhagwan is

not left. 4) Becomes happy by offering good quality cloth, meals, water, things to Bhakta of Bhagwan 5) He is to the world as he is to himself (without any hypocrisy) 6) Very calm and not liking the company of Kusangi. He gets disturbed in company of Kusangi. Bhagwan resides in the heart of Sadhu who is having all these six characteristics. In Gadhda Pratham-77, Shreeji Maharaj has stated, "One who has Nishchay about Form of Bhagwan and one who has thirty characteristics of as narrated in Ekadash Skanda is not considered as Sadhu but when qualities of Bhagwan are imbibed in saint, such Sadhu is considered all thirty characteristics."

Here Shreeji Maharaj has differentiated the definition of Saint and Sadhu. That menas a peson who does not have all thirty characteristics of saint is not complete Sadhu . that means, all characteristics of Saint should be there in Sadhu. Sadhu is Ashram. Saint has no any ashram. A person who has 30 characteristics is saint to be Saint, he may be in any Ashram. Sadhu is known and recognized by his uniform and saint is known by his qualities.

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being – 'A woman initiated by a Guru may be overcome by his qualities and so develop lustful feelings which will send both the Guru and the women to hell called *Taptasurmi*'.

Text – 124

They shall never touch or talk to females who are not closely related to them. They shall not be cruel to any living being nor accept any deposits from anyone.

The Acharayas should not touch any woman except those who are closely related to them. Similarly they should not talk with such women. He should avoid all

situations or places where such a confrontation is unavoidable. Vishnudharmotara explains, 'Gurus, even though they are considered great, can face destruction swiftly in the company of women, by not controlling their senses and though selfishness of wealth.'

They should also never be cruel to anybody - **Gurvo Hi Dayalavaha** - A Guru is always compassionate,' explains **Smruti**. Furthermore, they should not accept any deposits (hold money for anybody else). Shatanand explains yhat such an act can lead to unnecessary arguments and fall-outs.

AACHMAN OF LETTERS OF PRASADI

- Prof. Hitendrabhai Naranbhai Patel (Ahmedabad)

મૂળ પત્ર : લિખાવિતં પાંડે શ્રી અયોધ્યાપ્રસાદજી મહારાજ જત સદ્ગુરુ શ્રી બ્રહ્માનંદ સ્વામિ આદિ અધિકારી સમસ્ત નારાયણ વાયજ્યો.

બીજું લખવા કારણ એમ છે જે સ્વામી શ્રી સહજાનંદજી મહારાજની આપણને એમ આજ્ઞા છે જે આપણે કોઈનું કરજ ન કરવું તથા થાપણ ન રાખવી તથા પોતાના સેવક સત્સંગી બાઈભાઈ હોય તેમને વ્યાજે રૂપેયા ન દેવા અને મુહોબતને પેટે જો દેવા પડે તો ઊંઘીના કરીને દેવા પણ પાછી તેની પાસે ઉઘરાણી ન કરવી ને પોતાને જાણે આવે તો જ લેવા ને કુસંગીને વ્યાજે રૂપેયા દેવા હોય તો તેનું ઘરેણું રાખી ને દેવા અને સત્સંગીને તો ઘરેણું રાખીને પણ ન દેવા અને બીજી જે વરત્યાની રીત તે તો શિક્ષાપત્રીમાં મહારાજે લખી છે તે પ્રમાણે વરતવું.

અને આ લખ્યા પ્રમાણે શ્રીજી મહારાજની આજ્ઞા જે નહી માને તે અમારો સેવક નહિ ને તે વચનદ્રોહી ને ગુરુદ્રોહિ છે ॥ સંવત ૧૮૮૫ ના પોષ સુદી ૧૨ ॥

Another reason for writing is that, Swami Shree Sahjanandji Maharaj has given us directions that we should not incur any type of debt from any person and should not keep money of others with us. Money should not be given on interest to satsangi Haribhaktas or ladies devotees. Money can be lent out of love and affection but then such a person should not be called on to return it. If money is to be given on interest to any Kusangi, it can be given by keeping the ornaments as security but in case of Satsangi, money should not be given on interest even with the ornaments as security. As regards other things, directions written by Shreeji Maharaj in 'Shiksha Patri' should be followed.

One does not follow the directions of Shreeji Maharaj, as narrated above, is not our Sevak and such a person is Vachandrohi and Gurudrohi|| Samvat 1885 Posh Sud-12.

Commentary : The biggest hurdle in securing emancipation for the soul is greed for money and wealth. This one evil entails many other bad qualities. Major part of our life is spent in collecting money and in getting involved in such monetary transactions. We lose our precious time of worshipping Bhagwan behind obtaining money which is frivolous in nature. Shree Hari established Dharmvanshi Acharya

as Guru of the whole Satsang and also entrusted with him the responsibility of granting emancipation to souls. With a noble view that, the devotee is not unhappy economically and in earning livelihood, Aadi Acharya H.H. 1008 Shri Ayodhyaprasadji maharaj of Shree Narnarayadev Desh has dictated the above letter.

Shreeji Maharaj has given directions in 'Shiksha Patri' that, we should not expend more than we earn otherwise it would create great misery. Therefore, all Haribhaktas should cherish the understanding that, this human body is to be used for securing emancipation by performing Haribhajan. Earning livelihood should be ethical only for the limited purpose of securing smoothness in worldly life. After earning livelihood, one should take out 1/10th or 1/20th portion of earning towards Dharmado and Namvero and the rest of the earning should be used judiciously for worldly affairs and also for benevolent purposes. If this is ensured, there would not be any difficulties or hurdles in earning livelihood.

The reason for the present day hectic daily schedule is that everybody- man-woman, poor-rich, educated-illiterate, ruler-ruled – all are busy in earning money. Despite the body is rendered weak due to age or illness, a person goes out of his house for earning money in stead of going to the temple. But Shree Hari grants a person only as much as he is actually in need of and that also only when he requires genuinely. It is never more than required and before its right time. If you worship Narayan, Laxmiji will invariably follow. So Grihastha and Tyagi administrator should never incur debt. Golden words should be remembered which say, "A person, who is in debt, never sleeps happily. And he can never perform Bhajan of Bhagwan peacefully." But there are people who incur debt and sleep peacefully thinking that they are not going to return the borrowed money. But as per the Principle of Karma, one has to repay such Runa (debt) either in this life or in the next life. There is Justice in the Court of God, which is always true and pure. So real thing in this life is not to expect anything free of cost from anybody and that is real Dharma.

Moreover, Acharyashri has dictated that, one should not keep any money from anybody because one day in future same is to be returned. There is no point, no benefit or unhappiness in keeping the things which are not ours and its ownership is of others. There have been umpteen number of examples of greedy people who have turned into Bhut-Pret after their death in protecting the preserved unused wealth.

Satsangi devotees should not be lent money on interest. In English, there is saying, "Lend your money and lose your friend." There is no prohibition in lending the money to Sevaks, but to get interest thereon from them is strictly prohibited. Persons, who have been rendering their services to us, should invariably give money with a noble view of assistance but interest cannot be received from them. Moreover, even the method of receiving such money is described. One should not ask the person to return the money. This will ensure good relations between the borrower and lender. Bhagwan is residing in every human heart, so He cannot be made unhappy for such a trivial worldly affair. According to 'Shiksha Patri' all transactions of worldly things including money should be made in writing. But at the time of recovering such money, this letter should be cherished.

While lending money to any Kusangi, his ornaments or any immovable property should be mortgaged as security so that there may not be any difficulty in recovering such money. This is found being practised by the banks and other financial institutions, while offering various types of loans to the people. All these Principles of Financial Management were taught by our Aadi Acharya before two hundred years. But unfortunately, due to extreme greed, most of the people cannot understand these basic principles which are perennial.

It has also been taught how to lend money to Satsangi. First of all, no interest should be taken thereon from Satsangi. Secondly, no any property of Satsangi should be mortgaged as security. Thirdly money should not be demanded from him. If we are capable of following these three conditions, we should lend money otherwise our difficulties should be conveyed with utmost humility. If these three conditions are followed, there would not be any difficulty in such transactions with Satsangis, otherwise monetary transactions sometimes spoil good and noble relations.

This does not mean that, money should not

be given to Satsangi. If we are real devotee, and if we cherish ardent faith in our Satsang, in Shree Hari and if we are well-to-do, we should help Satsangi as required, considering him as member of our family. Because we not only help Satsangi merely, but also obtain pleasure of Bhagwan who is residing in his heart. If we find any devotee, leading his life as per the directions contained in our scriptures, and if we become useful and helpful to him in any way due to our social position, designation in office or business, we would obtain the greatest pleasure of Shreeji Maharaj.

As a head of the family of whole Satsang Samaj, our Aadi Acharya has dictated this letter to ensure ardent love and affection and brotherhood among all satsangis, so we should carefully read this letter with such an understanding and should follow the directions contained therein.

In short, for leading a happy life while performing Bhajan of Bhagwan:

- 1) We should never incur debt.
- 2) We should never take interest upon the money lent to Sevak-Satsangi or money should be lent without any interest.
- 3) Money should be given to Satsangi, while cherishing that money is not going to be returned.
- 4) Once money is lent, it should never be asked for. It should be received as and when it comes.
- 5) While giving money to Satsangi, no any of his property should be mortgaged as security.
- 6) While should not be given to Kusangi without mortgaging his property as security.
- 7) Directions contained in Shlokas-141, 143, 144, 145, 146 should be followed invariably in all such matters.

This will help in reducing tension and mental stress and we would be able to perform Bhajan of Bhagwan happily. Acharya Maharaj cannot tolerate the misery of His devotees-Sevaks and therefore, the last words categorically state that, those who do not behave accordingly, are not the real devotees and so naturally there would not be any responsibility of emancipation of such a person.

This original letter, dictated about 190 years ago by Aadi Acharya Shri Ayodhyaprasadji Maharaj of Shree Narnarayandev Desh, has been kept at present in Hall No.9 of our Shree Swaminarayan Museum. All devotees should perform Darshan of this letter of Prasadi.

शुभपुस्तक



Shree Swaminarayan Museum

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This letter of Prasadi of Shree Hari has been kept in Hall No.9 of our Shree Swaminarayan Museum for divine darshan whose benefit be availed by all the devotees and Haribhaktas. Even the darshan of this handwriting is available to noble souls. There are handwriting and signatures of Aadi Acharya Shri Ayodhyaprasadji Maharaj and Sadguru Shri Brahmanand Swami in this letter.

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Ganesh Chaturthi Utsav in Shree Swaminarayan Museum

As Shree Swaminarayan Bhagwan has given directions to worship Panchdev and the idol image of Shree Ganpatiji whose poojan has been performed by Shree Hari has been kept in Hall No1. Like every year, this year poojan of Shree Ganpatiji has been kept on the pious day of Ganesh Chaturthi Bhadarva Sud-4, 29/08/2014 in the morning from 8.00 to 11.00 hours. With a noble view that all the devotees and Haribhaktas may avail the divine benefit of poojan, arrangements have been made that husband and wife devotees can perform poojan together. Devotees desires to avail the benefit of rendering services as the host of Ganapati Poojan, can avail this divine benefit may deposit Rs.1100/- (Rupees Eleven Hundred only) in Shree Swaminarayan Museum and may obtain receipt thereof. Further information in this regard can be availed from the following phone numbers,

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Rs.51,000/-	Nathalal Karshan Halai, Dhanben Nathalal Halai and Kantibhai, Vindobhai and Dr. Kapilbhai with family.
Rs.38,000/-	Amrutbhai Sendhabhai Patel (Kundalwala, Ahmedabad).
Rs.25,000/-	Shree Swaminarayan Academy, Nikol-Ahmedabad.
Rs.11,000/-	H.H. Shri Mota Bahenshri, Ahmedabad.
Rs.11,000/-	Mayurbhai Thakarshibhai Chavda, Balol-Ahmedabad.
Rs.10,000/-	Nileshbhai V. Shah (Hongkongwala- at present Ahmedabad).

Rs.6,000/-	Vishnubhai B. Patel, Vadu.
Rs.5,001/-	Akshar Nivasi Pratulchandra Parshottamdas Bhavar (Meuvala-New Maninagar).
Rs.5,000/-	Shah Bhagwatprasad F. Gandhinagar.
Rs.5,000/-	Soni Jayendrabhai, Ahmedabad.
Rs.5,000/-	Patel Lalbhai Marghabha, Gandhinagar.
Rs.5,000/-	Bhavsar Vasudhaben Nareshchandra Nasik.
Rs.5,000/-	Kamleshbhai H. Shah (National Insurance) Ahmedabad.
Rs.5,000/-	Nitaben Yogeshbhai Parmar (Shree Har Real Estate), Ahmedabad.
Rs.5,000/-	Shree Swaminarayan temple (Talpad) Dangarava on the occasion of Dudh, Dahi Leela Dwishatabdi Utsav.

List of Host devotees who availed the benefit of Abhishek of Shree Narnarayandev in Shree Swaminarayan Museum July-2014

05/07/2014	Shri Swaminarayan temple, Atlanta on the occasion of Patotsav (U.S.A.) with the pleasure of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj.
06/07/2014	(Morning) Shri Bhanuben Sureshbhai Patel (Bapunagar, Janki Flat) (Evening) Shri Ramanbhai Kurjibhai Sodvadiya (Hirawadi-Bapunagar)
13/07/2014	Shri Swaminarayan Satsang Samaj, Ahmedabad- with the pleasure of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj.
14/07/2014	Vidya Bachiben, Ahmedabad Dharmkul, with the pleasure of H.H. Mota Maharaj.
27/07/2014	(Morning) Akshar Nivasi Hargovinddas Tarachand Lakhtariya, Ahmedabad- through Kamleshbhai Shah and Vijay Shah (Evening) Shree Narnarayandev Mahila Mandal, Sabarmati-through Sumanbhai and Naynaben.
29/07/2014	Dilipbhai Thakkar, Diyodar, through Mahant Swami (Kalupur)

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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પ.પૂ. ધ.ધૂ. આચાર્યશ્રી ૧૦૦૮ કોશલેન્દ્રપ્રસાદજી મહારાજશ્રીની આજ્ઞા તથા આશીર્વાદથી
વિશ્વજનું સૌ પ્રથમ શ્રી સ્વામિનારાયણ મંદિર-કાલુપુરમાં બિરાજતા
શ્રી નરનારાયણદેવના જીર્ણોદ્ધારિત મંદિર તથા સુવર્ણ સિંહાસનના ઉદ્ઘાટન પ્રસંગે



તા. ૨૪ થી ૨૮ ડિસેમ્બર-૨૦૧૪

મહોત્સવ સ્થળ

શ્રી નરનારાયણ નગર, તપોવન સર્કલ, મોટેરા ગામ, એસ.પી. રીંગ રોડ, અમદાવાદ.

અધ્યક્ષશ્રી : પ.પૂ. ભાવિ આચાર્યશ્રી ૧૦૮ શ્રી વજેન્દ્રપ્રસાદજી મહારાજશ્રી

આયોજક

મહંત સ્વામી સ.ગુ. શા. સ્વામી શ્રી હરિકૃષ્ણદાસજી તથા સ્કીમ કમિટી
તથા શ્રી નરનારાયણદેવ મહોત્સવ સમિતિ
શ્રી સ્વામિનારાયણ મંદિર કાલુપુર - અમદાવાદ-૧
ફોન. ૦૭૯-૨૨૧૩૨૧૭૦, ૨૨૧૩૬૮૧૮

શ્રી નરનારાયણદેવ મહોત્સવ

તા. ૨૪-૧૨-૨૦૧૪ થી તા. ૨૮-૧૨-૨૦૧૪

સર્વાવતારી ભગવાન શ્રી સ્વામિનારાયણ અનંત જીવોનું કલ્યાણ કરવા અનંતમુક્તોને સાથે લઈ મનુષ્યદેવ ધારણ કરી પૃથ્વીલોક પર પધાર્યા. ૪૯ વર્ષ સુધી પોતાની અપાર દયા અને દિવ્ય ઐશ્વર્ય વડે અનંતજીવોને અક્ષરધામના સુખભોગી બનાવ્યા અને એ પરંપરા અવિરત ચાલ્યા કરે એ માટે દેવ, આચાર્ય, સંત અને સત્શાસ્ત્રની કલ્યાણકારી પરંપરા પ્રવર્તાવી. શ્રીહરિએ કરેલા અનેક અલૌકિક કાર્યો પૈકીનું શિરમોર કાર્ય એટલે મંદિરોનું નિર્માણ. ભગવાન શ્રી સ્વામિનારાયણની આજ્ઞાથી આજથી લગભગ ૧૯૨ વર્ષ પહેલા સ.ગુ. આનંદાનંદ સ્વામીએ ગુજરાતના મુખ્ય નગર અમદાવાદમાં વિશ્વનું સૌ પ્રથમ શ્રી સ્વામિનારાયણ મંદિરનું નિર્માણ કર્યું અને સર્વોપરી શ્રીહરિએ સ્વહસ્તે બાથમાં લઈને સ્વસ્વરૂપ શ્રી નરનારાયણદેવ પધરાવ્યા. શ્રી નરનારાયણદેવના ઉંબરા પર ઊભા રહીને “આ નરનારાયણ દેવનું સ્વરૂપ અને અમારા સ્વરૂપમાં લેશમાત્ર ફેર નથી.” “જે એમ જાણે જે આ નરનારાયણદેવ અને ભગવાન સ્વામિનારાયણ જુદા છે તેણે અમને ઓળખ્યા જ નથી.” “આ નરનારાયણદેવની મૂર્તિ સત્સંગી માત્ર એ પૂજામાં રાખવી.” આવા મહિમા વચનો સ્વમુખે કહ્યાં એવા મહાપ્રતાપી શ્રી નરનારાયણદેવનું મંદિર સમયના ઘસારે ઘસાતા જીર્ણોદ્ધારની જરૂરિયાત ઉભી થઈ. જે તે સમયે પ.પૂ. મોટા મહારાજશ્રીની આજ્ઞાથી તે સમયના મહંત સ.ગુ. પી.પી. સ્વામી (જેતલપુર)એ કાર્યનો આરંભ કર્યો. ત્યારબાદ પૂ. નિર્ગુણ સ્વામી તથા પૂ.નારાયણસ્વરૂપ સ્વામીએ કાર્યને આગળ ધપાવ્યું. પ.પૂ. ધ.ધુ. આચાર્ય મહારાજશ્રીની આજ્ઞાથી વર્તમાન મહંત સ.ગુ. શાસ્ત્રી સ્વામી હરિકૃષ્ણદાસજી તથા અમદાવાદ શ્રી નરનારાયણદેવ સ્કીમ કમિટિએ આ જીર્ણોદ્ધારના કાર્યને પુરજોશમાં વેગ આપ્યો જે હવે પૂર્ણતાને આરે છે. સાથો સાથ દેવોના સુવર્ણ સિંહાસન પર જીર્ણ થતા તે સ્થાને નૂતન સુવર્ણ સિંહાસન બનાવવાનો નિર્ધાર કર્યો જે પણ પૂર્ણ થશે. જીર્ણોદ્ધારિત મંદિર તથા નૂતન સિંહાસનના ઉદ્ઘાટનના પાવન પ્રસંગે પ.પૂ. ધ.ધુ. આચાર્ય મહારાજશ્રીની અધ્યક્ષતામાં સૌ સંતો ભક્તોના સાથ સહકારથી ભવ્યાતિભવ્ય “શ્રી નરનારાયણદેવ મહોત્સવ” તા. ૨૪-૧૨-૨૦૧૪ થી તા. ૨૮-૧૨-૨૦૧૪ પર્યંત ધામધૂમથી ઉજવવાનું નિર્ધારિત છે. તો આવો આપણે સૌ સાથે મળી આપણું તન, મન અને ધન શ્રી નરનારાયણદેવના ચરણોમાં સમર્પિત કરી આ ઉત્સવને ઉમંગથી ઉજવીએ.



(1) H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj blessing the young devotees in Camp organized by Shree Narnarayan Yuvak Mandal in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Byron (U.S.A.). (2) H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj playing with colours with Haribhaktas during Rangotsav in Byron temple. (3) Saints-Haribhaktas performing aarti of H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj on the occasion of Guru Purnima in Byron temple. (Notice 'Strictly under Shree Narnarayandev' displayed on the arm of young devotees attracted the attention of all.)



(1) Sabha organized by Nadiyad Kachchh Swaminarayan Satsang in the pious company of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj on the occasion of 42nd Janmotsav of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj of Shree Narnarayandev Diocese. (2) Padyatra by Haribhaktas of Mahesana on the occasion of 42nd Janmotsav. (3) Satsang Sabha in Patan, Kujad, Narayannagar and Himatnagar and Group Mahapooja in Sitapur organized on the occasion of 42nd Janmotsav. (4) Devotee Shri Prakashbhai Lalbhai Patel (Unava) the host of Keshar Snan of Shree Narnarayandev availing the benefit of puojan in Ahmedabad temple.



(1) H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj blessing the devotees on the occasion of Katha Parayan organized during the pious Shravan Maas in Ahmedabad temple and the host devotee family. (2) Saints granting the benefit during Satsang Sabha organized at village Nandol on the occasion of Shree Narnarayandev Mahotsav. (3) Akhand Dhoon at village Dahegam on the occasion of Shree Narnarayandev Mahotsav. (4) Saints and Haribhaktas in Satsang Sabha organized at Ghamij on the occasion of Shree Narnarayandev Mahotsav. (5) Saints granting the benefit in the Satsang Sabha organized at Amja, Vagosana and Sardhav villages. (6) Satsang Sabha by the saints and 12 hour Akhand Dhoon by ladies devotees at Madhavgad (Talod) organized on the occasion of Shree Narnarayandev Mahotsav.



H.H Shri Mota Maharaj inaugurating Shree Radhakrishnadev Shri Mandavraiiji Entrance Gate in Muli temple and Haribhaktas performing poojan of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj on the occasion of Guru Purnima in Muli temple.



(1) H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj performing Abhishek of Thakorji on the occasion of Patotsav of Atlanta temple. (2) Saints and Haribhaktas performing Guru-poojan on the occasion of Guru Purnima in Chicago temple. (3) Hindola Darshan in Washington D.C. temple. (4) Rathayatra and Guru Purnima Darshan in Detroit temple.

મહોત્સવ દરમિયાનના આયોજનો

- શ્રીમદ્ સત્સંગીભૂષણ અંતર્ગત શ્રી નરનારાયણદેવ માહાત્મ્ય કથા
- એક દિવસીય શ્રી હરિયાગ (યજ્ઞ) ● ૩ દિવસ સમૂહ મહાપૂજા
- મહાઅભિષેક, છપ્પન ભોગ અન્નકૂટ ● શ્રી નરનારાયણદેવની નગર યાત્રા
- પ્રદર્શન ● શ્રી સ્વામિનારાયણ મહામંત્ર અપંડ ધુન
- બ્લડ ડોનેશન કેમ્પ ● સર્વ રોગ નિદાન કેમ્પ
- ૧૧૦૦૦ દિવાઓ વડે કાલુપુર મંદિરની સમુહ આરતી
- શ્રી નરનારાયણદેવ બાલમંડળ તથા બાલિકામંડળ દ્વારા સાંસ્કૃતિક કાર્યક્રમ

મહોત્સવના ઉપલક્ષમાં ધાર્મિક આયોજનો

- ૨૫૧ ગામડે સત્સંગ સભાઓ
- ૧૫૧ મીનીટની ૨૫૧ ગામડે અપંડધૂન
- ૫૧ કરોડ “શ્રી સ્વામિનારાયણ” મહામંત્ર લેખન
- જનમંગલ - ૧,૨૫,૦૦,૦૦૦, વચનામૃત - ૫૧૦૦, ભક્તચિંતામણી - ૫૧૦૦ પાઠ
- પદયાત્રા દ્વારા કાલુપુર શ્રી નરનારાયણદેવ દર્શન
- ૧૧૦૦૦ શ્રી સ્વામિનારાયણ મેગેઝીન સભ્યપદ મુંબેશ

મહોત્સવના ઉપલક્ષમાં સામાજિક આયોજનો

- ૧,૨૫,૦૦૦ વૃક્ષારોપણ
- ૨૧૦૦ બોટલ બ્લડ ડોનેશન તથા સર્વરોગ નિદાન કેમ્પ
- ૧૧૦૦૦ શૈક્ષણિક સાધનોનું વિતરણ
(ગામડાઓના બાળમંડળના વિદ્યાર્થીઓને)
- વ્યસન મુક્તિ અભિયાન
- ૧૫૧ અપંગોને ટ્રાઈસિકલ વિતરણ

આપનો સહયોગ

આ મહોત્સવના ઉપલક્ષમાં આપ આપના પરિવારજનો, મિત્રો સાથે મળી માળા, દંડવત્, પ્રદક્ષિણા, જનમંગલ-વચનામૃત-ભક્તચિંતામણીના પાઠ, મહામંત્રલેખન, પદયાત્રા જેવા નિયમો લઈ અથવા લેવડાવી વિશેષ ભજન કરશો. (જે માટે નોટબુક તથા ફોર્મ આપણા શ્રી સ્વામિનારાયણ મેગેઝીન અથવા તો કાલુપુર મંદિરની ઓફિસમાંથી મળશે.)

આર્થિક રીતે યોગદાન આપી સહભાગી થવા ઈચ્છતા ભક્તો મહોત્સવ દરમિયાન આયોજીત સમૂહ મહાપૂજા-હરિયાગ તથા અન્ય યજમાન પદનો લાભ લઈ શકશે.

- ૧૧,૦૦૦/- તા. ૨૫-૧૨-૨૦૧૪ના રોજ સમૂહ મહાપૂજાનો લાભ મળશે.
૨૧,૦૦૦/- (પ.પૂ. લાલજીમહારાજશ્રીના સાનિધ્યમાં)
- ૩૧,૦૦૦/- તા. ૨૬-૧૨-૨૦૧૪ના રોજ પ.પૂ. આચાર્ય મહારાજશ્રીના
૫૧,૦૦૦/- નિવાસસ્થાને નિત્ય ધર્મકુળ દ્વારા પૂજાતા પ્રસાદીના હરિકૃષ્ણ
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NNDYM Camp 2014 (BYRON - GA)

- Shastri Swami Ramkrishnadasji-Koteshwar

With a noble view that future of the young devotees of our Satsang becomes brighter from social, economic and religious point of view and to implement in action the slogan, "Future of the Nation or the Society is bright when the future of its young people is bright." and with the inspiration of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj, H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj (at that time H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj) established Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal before 25 years and thereby showed the right path to the young devotees residing abroad. Many youngsters joined and as a part of nourishment of Sampradaya and inculcating noble qualities, H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj started organizing Satsang Shibir (camp). This tradition has been continuing for the last 20 years. For 10 years, H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj provided guidance to the participants of this Shibir. Now H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj has been doing it for the last five years. And accordingly, Camp-2014 (Satsang Shibir) of Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal was organized at Byron Georgia.

The punch-line of this camp organized during 06/07/2014 to 12/07/104 was 1. God 1. Vision 1. Leader (One Bhagwan, One Dhyey, One Acharya). About 600 Balak and Balika from America and England participated in this Camp. The day used to begin with Snan-poojavidhi in early morning. 02 hour each Gyan Satra were organized in the morning and evening wherein he learned saints and haribhaktas were imparting real and correct knowledge and information in the pious presence of H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj. On completion of each session, the queries of the participants were being solved by H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj. Various types of competition were being organized every night and day used to conclude with Prabhu Naam-Smaran. Besides Dharma and Samprdaya, much information regarding personality development was provided to the participants.

In the pious company of H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj, Guru Purnima and Rangotsav were celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm whose benefit was availed by all. On the

concluding day of camp, there was divine pleasure in the eyes of participants on obtaining knowledge and satisfaction out of happiness of getting in touch with new friends. All the participants were also cordially invited to participate in the next year Satsang Shibir to be organized at Cleveland (Ohio).

This camp was also special for the ladies devotees in the sense that they had also availed the benefit of blessings and pious company of H.H. Shri Gadiwala, H.H. Shri Raja and Bindu Raja, Saumyabhai and Suvratbhai.

For the first time in the history of Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal, about 600 children participated. All arrangements for stay and meals of all the participants were made by Shree Swaminarayan temple, Byron. Devotees of Byron temple made arrangements of hot and fresh meals five times a day. H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj blessed all the volunteers of Byron temple. Sadguru Shastri Swami Nirgundasji, Shastri Swami Ramkrishnadasji, Shastri Swami Abhayprakashdasji, Shastri Swami Abhishekprasaddasji, Swami Jayvallabhadasji and Swami Brahmswaroopdasji had also remained present to impart knowledge to the participants in the camp.

For Haribhaktas bringing their vehicle to Jetalpurdham on every pious day of Poonam

It is requested to all the devotees and Haribhaktas bringing their vehicle at Jetalpurdham for performing divine Darshan on the pious day of Poojam that, they many not park their vehicles on the road or along the road, as it creates difficulties for others. In stead these vehicles may be parked in Koshalendra Park of the ownership of Jetalur temple, which may please be noted. (Mahant Swami, Jetalpur)

**New Phone Number of
Shree Swaminarayan Temple,
Mathura is : (074175) – 43098**

BHAGWAN DOES NOT ALLOW US TO BE UNHAPPY

- Shastri Hari priyadasji (Gandhinagar)

Shree Hari is Bhaktavatsal. Moreover, it has been stated in Kirtan, "Santona Shyam, Dohyali Velana Daam" and it is absolutely true. Once upon a time, the month of Ashadh began. Maharaj looked above at the sky; no any cloud with water was seen. Maharaj appeared to be worried about the rainy season and simultaneously he would also be worried about the saints and devotees. Therefore, Shree Hari asked the saints, "All of you stay in Gujarat, if there would be lightning in the sky on the day of this Ashadh Sud-5; and if it does not happen, you should go to the eastern parts of the country."

After two three days, on the day of Ashadh Sud-5, the saints remembered the words of Maharaj. In the evening Sandhya aarti was performed. The saints were staring at the sky. The sky was cloudy and there was slight lightning but it was not amidst the cloud. The next day, the saints went to Ramdasbhai via Jetalpur, informed him about the directions of Maharaj and asked for his permission to go to the eastern parts of the country.

But, compassionate Ramdasbhai, as was he!!! did not granted permission willingly. He requested the saints not to hasten to the eastern parts and to return if thee would be rain before they cross the borders of Gujarat. Following the directions of Maharaj scrupulously, the saints started their journey passing through the forest. Three days passed and all the saints were hungry and thirsty. However, staunch in following the directions, while narrating Leela Charitra of Prabhu, the saints continued their arduous journey.

Bhagwan Swaminarayan was worried about the saints and taking the form of a businessman and met the saints in the forest and asked them the question: "Oh saints! Whom do you worship? Your shining and happy faces reveal that, all of you must be performing Bhakti of Pragat (Sakar) Prabhu." The saints replied, "Oh Shresthiwar (noble

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Compiler Shastri Hari kesavdasji (Gandhinagar)

businessman) ! We are the saints of Bhagwan Swaminarayan and we have been worshipping Him and we always remain self-contained." The businessman said, "It is my wish to offer the meals to all of you, if you accept my hearty invitation, we may go to village Dabhoi of Vadodara district. We may collect the raw-material for the meals and ask the Brahmin to prepare the meals for us. The saints accepted the invitation. All the saints enjoyed the meals while remembering Maharaj. After some time, it started raining heavily. The saints remembered the words of Rampratapbhai and returned to Vadodara.

How benevolent is Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan! When the saints placed faith and trust in the words and directions of Mahraj, they were also offered meals and the rain was also brought.

Thus, if we would cherish ardent faith in the words and directions of Bhagwan, Bhagwan would never all us to be unhappy because Bhagwan Himself has stated : "भारत आश्रित ने क्या रेय अन्न-वस्त्रथी दुःभी थवा नहीं दई."

HEART BECOMES PURE

- Sadhu Shrirangdas (Gandhinagar)

Once Shreeji Maharaj graced the village Unjha of North Gujarat. Reached at the outskirts of the village accompanied by Kathi Darbar horse riders. Maharaj asked Kathi Darbars to offer water to the horses from the nearby lake. When Kathi Darbar went to the lake, they found the whole lake covered with

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FROM THE BLESSINGS OF H.H. SHRI
GADIWALA 'MAIN REASON IS
INCOMPLETE KNOWLEDGE

- Compiled by Kotak Varsha Natvarlal
(Ghodasar)

H.H. Shri Laxmiswaroop Gadiwala, who is the only guru of all ladies devotees of our Sampradaya, has been granting the benefit of inspirational lectures and Amrut-Vaani. If these preachings are imbibed in our life and the message conveyed therein is implemented in our day to day life, we are sure to perform divine Darshan of Bhagwan in our life. Compilation of these gems of preachings are presented hereunder which are worthy to be followed scrupulously by all as the same would obtain the pleasure of Maharaj.

The soul, residing in the womb of the mother before taking birth, prays to Paramatma that on taking birth It would remain His servant and would worship Him and ardently requests him to release from the captivity of the womb. On being released from this captivity, the Soul forgets everything and strives a lot to get the worldly things. In this futile pursuit, the life ends and what is perennial and permanent is missed out.

But we do not have to allow this to happen. By granting us Satsang, Maharaj has made everything easier for us. So being alert we need to obtain knowledge through humility. But we cannot remain awakened and the reason for it is our incomplete knowledge. This world is perishable and temporary. Despite knowing all this, we get entrapped by Moha (acute affection). Therefore, it is said to be incomplete knowledge. Hence there is need to think. What is body? What is Atma? What is World? The body is perishable and it is the residence of Atma, who is permanent. It is our Form and it is beyond all actions and it is Gyan-Swaroop. We can see the body but we cannot see Atma. It is like fire hidden under the limestone. It becomes visible only by rubbing the stones. Similarly, when our body is rubbed with Satsang, we get Darshan of this divine Atma. This world is 'Karya-Kshetra'

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(workplace). It is the place of Karma where we have to perform our actions. We have got Satsang in this world. And everything has been made ready by Maharaj for us. We have been graced temples, saints, Acharya, scriptures. Now it is upto us whether we want to reach upto Parmatma through this Satsang or not. Once entered into Satsang, this world is very tough but obtaining place in Akshardham is easier. Satsang is a journey from the darkness to light. In the field, all the seeds are not grown into the crops. But in Satsang every seed is grown. Therefore, all of us should cherish ardent faith in the strength of Satsang.

Due to incomplete knowledge, we believe this body to be ourselves and we forget Atma residing in the body. This is not the reality but an illusion. Person with such an illusion is said to be dominated by Rajo-Guna. When this Rajo-Guna increases, he is surrounded by all the desires and wishes. Even a Sattvik person is sometimes disturbed by Rajo-Guna and Tamo-Guna. Through Satsang, they can be regulated and controlled.

We have got very less time. We do not know what will happen the next moment. We are not going to take anything with us, though we may have obtained so many properties. Maharaj has sent us in Satsang to become pure. Therefore, we should be pure and that comes by obtaining complete knowledge about Satsang.

PIOUS SHRAVAN MAAS
- Patel Labhuben Manubhai (Kundal, Tal.
Kadi)

Can this country survive without Dharma and Bhagwan? Special Path-poojan are performed during the pious Shraavan Maas. Importance of Dharma is increased. Darshan

and Bhajan of Bhagwan is always good for the whole year. And any Mumukshu gets change to perform Darshan in a number of ways. Darshan of Bhagwan can be performed in huge temples with dome or even in small temples which we find along the road.

Besides this, every person performs pooja-path of Bhagwan in his house and performs divine Darshan with utmost faith at home, too. Bhajan-Kirtan are performed and Satsang Sabhas are organized at number of places. Prarthna-Sabha and Ghar-Sabha are also organized at various places and people get satisfaction of performing divine Darshan of Bhagwan. This is essential. It should continued, though in new form. The ways and means may change but the purpose remains the same. To come closer to Bhagwan, to perform divine Darshan of Bhagwan residing in various forms in this world. So whenever a chance comes to perform divine Darshan of Bhagwan in the temple or at any other place, one should perform such Darshan with concentration.

There should be complete concentration while performing Darshan of Bhagwan. It cannot be done while watching Television or reading the headlines of the newspapers in our house. This is not proper because it does not

yield its fruit of performing Darshan. In fact it is not the act of 'performing Darshan' at all.

Our concentration should be like the great Arjuna. In testing of the art of archery of Kauravas and Pandavas, Once Guru Drona asked them to hit the eye of the bird. It was Arjuna who said, he did not see anything except the eye of the bird, though there was everthing, trees, branches, leaves, birds and so on. This is perfect concentration.

So every day prayer should be performed to Bhagwan. It is like Brahmastra. It will bring success in all the works we undertake in our worldly life. So if we allot some time from our daily schedule for performing Dhyan-Bhakti and Darshan of Bhagwan. One day our Bhagwan would certainly respond to our ardent prayer.

For Haribhaktas paying annual subscription of 'Shree Swaminarayan' magazine

It is an humble request to the devotees and Haribhaktas paying annual subscription of 'Shree Swaminarayan' magazine that, while submitting M.O., Cheque or payment in person, they may invariably intimate their membership number. It is noticed that, many members do not intimate membership numbers. Without membership number, renewal subscription will not be accepted. While sending the amount in M.O. Form, details of Bhet/ Subscription etc. may be filled up.

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green water-leaves and therefore water was not seen. The thirsty horses and Kathi Darbar returned back without drinking water. The villagers also complained to Maharaj that, though the lake remained full of water throughout the year, it was of no use due to these green leaves.

At this Maharaj rode Manki horse and started riding towards the lake. The moment hooves of Manki horse touched the water of the lake, the green leaves started disappearing. All the villagers were amazed to witness this miracle. Maharaj continued riding Manki horse deeper and deeper in the lake, and in no time all the green leaves disappeared from the lake.

The water of the whole lake became very clean.

The villagers witnessed this and they cherished the belief that Swaminarayan is Bhagwan and therefore all of them started offering holy fruit at the lotus like feet of Maharaj. Prasad of holy fruit was distributed to all the villagers.

Dear devotees, green leaves lying in the lake render the water of the lake unusable; similarly demerits and infirmities are also lying in our heart; if Parmatma comes and resides in our heart (by performing Dhyan and Bhakti of Bhagwan) all such infirmities and demerits would disappear and our heart would become pure.

Guru Purnima Mahotsav in Shree Narnarayandev temple, Ahmedabad

On arrival of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj from Shree Swaminarayan Baug to Shree Narnarayandev temple, Ahmedabad at 8.00 hours in the morning on the pious day of Ashadh Sud-15 (Guru Purnima) on 12/07/2014, Mahant Sadguru Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji and saints and Haribhaktas performed grand Samaiyu. First of all H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj performed Shangaar Aarti of Shree Narnarayandev and graced the Sabha organized on the occasion. Shri Kamleshbhai, Gor of Swasti temple performed the ritual of Swasti-Vachan. Thereafter, the host of Guru-poojan, the devotee Shri Laljibhai Karshanbhai Kerai family of Rampar Vekra (Kachchh) (at present residing at Gandhidham) performed poojan-archan and aarti and obtained the blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj. Thereafter, the saints and the Members of Shree Narnarayandev Scheme Committee Board performed poojan-archan, offered garlands and obtained the blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj. Sadguru Shastri Swami Narayanvallabhdasji, while conducting the Sabha, delivered the inspirational speech. At last all the Haribhaktas, who had arrived from abroad and many parts of Shree Narnarayandev Desh, availed the benefit of offering Bhet and obtaining the blessings by touching the lotus like feet of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj, this continued upto 12.00 hours.

In the Sabha organized on the occasion, Sadguru Mahant Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji, Sadguru Shastri Swami Narayanvallabhdasji (Vadnagar) and Sadguru Swami Jagatprakashdasji explained to the devotees with beautiful illustrations, the rich tradition of Dharmkul wherein Acharyas of both Gadis of both Desh, established by Shree Hari, are considered as Guru of the whole Sampradaya. At last, H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj blessed the whole Sabha.

Saints and Haribhaktas, arrived from various parts of the country and world, were offered prasad by the temple. During the whole programme Sadguru Haricharan Swami, Brahmchari Swami Rajeshwaranandji, Kothari Swami J.K. Swami, Kothari Shastri Muni Swami, Yogi Swami, Poojari Bhati Swami, Natu Swami and Ram Swami (Bhandari) etc. saints had rendered their beautiful services. (Kothri Shastri Narayanmunidas)

17th Prakatyotsav of H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj, Future Acharya of Shree Narnarayandev Desh

17th Prakatyotsav of H.H. 108 Shri Vrajendraprasadji Maharaj, Future Acharya of Shree Narnarayandev Desh was celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm on the pious day of Ashadh Vad-10 on 21/07/2014 in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Ahmedabad. Children of Asarava Gurukul and Koteswar Gurukul and

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Musical Band performed Swagat-Samaiyu of H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj in the temple premises, which was attended by thousands of devotees and Haribhaktas arrived from various villages.

After Samaiya, 6th, 7th and 8th Form of Shree Hari performed Shangaar Aarti of Shree Narnarayandev and granted the benefit of divine Darshan to all the devotees and then graced beautiful Sabha Mandap of Prasadi. After swasti-Vachan by Shri Kamleshbhai, poojan-archan, offered Bhet and obtained the blessings of H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj was performed by the devotee Shri Dineshbhai Bhudiya, the younger brother and the host of 17th Prakatyotsav Poojan, the devotee Shri Kantibhai Keshara Bhudiya, East London (Fotdi). Thereafter, in the Sabha, students of Koteswar Gurukul and Asarava Gurukul performed Dandia Ras in beautiful costumes of Adivasi and obtained the pleasure of H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj. Thereafter, Mahant Swami of Ahmedabad temple, Jetalpurdham, Naranghat, Asarava Gurukul, Chhapaiyadham, Vadnagar temple and Muli temple and members of Shree Narnarayandev Scheme Committee Board performed aarti of H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj.

On the occasion of Shree Narnarayandev Mahamahotsav, 'Shri Vachanamrit (273)' and 'Shri Bhakta Chintamani' scriptures were published under the directions of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj, these scriptures were released by H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj. The devotee Shri Laxmanbhai Bhimjibhai Raghvani, Akshar Nivasi devotee Kanjibhai Bhimjibhai Raghvani, devotee Shri Premjibhai Kesharabhai Raghvani family had rendered beautiful services for these publications. Similarly, on the occasion of Shasti-purti on completion of the age of 60 years, the devotee Shri Nanjibhai Shamjibhai Bhudhiya (Kachchh-Fotdi, at present London) rendered services for number of copies of these publications for offering them as Bhet to every Hari-temple of Ahmedabad Desh and performed aarti, poojan-aarti and obtained the blessings of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj, H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj. In the Sabha organized on the occasion, Sadguru Mahant Shastri Swami Harikrishandasji, Sadguru Mahant Shastri Swami Atmaprakashdasji, Sadguru Shastri Swami Nirgundasji etc. saints conveyed their best wishes to H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj. In the Sabha, Sadguru Shastri Swami Narayanvallabhdasi (Vadnagar) and Sadguru Shastri Swami Purushottamprakashdasji (Naranghat) had conducted the Sabha.

At last H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj blessed the Sabha and stated with great pleasure that, H.H. Shri

Lalji Maharaj has been preparing the next generation by conducting Satsang Shibir in overseas countries. H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj had also remembered the childhood incidents of H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj and stated that, He would also attend the marriage ceremony of H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj.

(Shastri Narayanmunidasji)

Mahila Satsang Shibir in Chhapaiyadham

With the directions and blessings and in the pious company of H.H. Shri Laxmiswaroop Gadiwala, 3rd Mahila Satsang Shibir was organized from 30/05/2014 to 01/06/2014 at Chhapaiyadham, wherein 1500 ladies devotees from 40 villages of Dandhavya Pradesh participated. On this occasion, 'Shree Ghanshyam Bal Charitra' Katha-Parayan was also organized with Sankhayogi ladies devotees of Haveli of Kalupur, Ahmedabad temple. In the Katha, the benefit of Janmotsav Darshan of Shree Ghanshyam Maharaj was also availed by all the devotees. On this divine occasion, chocolates were distributed to all pilgrim ladies devotees by H.H. Shri Raja. On 31/05/2014, Janmotsav of H.H. Shri Raja was celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm at the birthplace of H.H. Shri Raja.

On 01/06/2014, the divine benefit of blessings and Charan-Sparsh of H.H. Shri Laxmiswaroop Gadiwala was availed by all the ladies devotees. Trupta Mudra (print) was offered to all the ladies devotees by Sankhya Yogi ladies devotees of Ahmedabad.

(Kalupur) temple. (Rupalben, Bapunagar)

Satsang Sabha at villages on the occasion of Shree Narnarayandev Mahamahotsav Shree Swaminarayan temple, Tankia

Devotees of Dangarva, Anandpura, Karjisan etc. villages availed the benefit of Satsang Sabha organized in the morning at 8.30 hours on Sunday 22/06/2014 in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Tankia in the pious company of Shastri P.P. Swami (Nana) and Shastri Madhav Swami. Shree Narnarayandev Bhajan Mandal of Soja vilage had performed beautiful Kirtan of the saints and had also performed Raas.

(Kothari Mahendrasinh Chauhan)

Satsang Sabha at Village Ridrol

On the pious day of Ekadashi of Niyam on Ashadh Sud-11 on 08/07/2014, beautiful Satsang Sabha was organized at night from 8.30 hours to 11.00 hours wherein Shastri P.P. Swami from Naranghat, Shreeji Swami from Kalupur temple had narrated beautiful Katha-Varta. In the Sabha, all the devotees had vowed to come to temple regularly to perform divine Darshan. Devotee Shri Vitthalbhai Patel of the village and residing at Ahmedabad had also arrived on this occasion. (Jayantibhai Poojari)

Vyas Paldi

Beautiful Satsang Sabha was organized at village Vyas Paldi on 19/07/2014 wherein Shastri Swami P.P. Swami (Naranghat), Shastri Abhay Swami etc. saints narrated Katha of Leela Charitra of

Bhagwan and also made announcement about Shree Narnarayandev Mahotsav.

Thereafter, Aarti of Thakorji was performed and all the devotees availed the benefit of Prasad. Shri Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal, Bilodra performed Kirtan-Bhakti.

(Shastri Chaitanyaswaroopdasji, Koteswar)

151 minute Mahamantra Dhoon in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Dahegam

Saints and Haribhaktas performed Shree Swaminarayan Mahamantra Dhoon at night from 7.30 to 10.00 hours on 19/07/2014 in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Dahegam. On this occasion young devotees of Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal, Naroda and other devotees of the village had rendered their beautiful services. In the Sabha organized on the occasion, Shastri Swami Chaitanyaswaroopdasji (Koteswar) Kothri Shastri Muni Swami (Kalupur) etc. saints explained the programmes of upcoming utsav while explaining the importance of Shree Narnarayandev Mahotsav. Services of Mahila Mandal were inspirational.

(Kothari, Dahegam)

Satsang Sabha at village Kashindra

Satsang Sabha was organized by the saints on 18/07/2014 in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Kashindra. Shastri Chaitanya Swami (Koteswar), Shastri Chhapaiyaprasaddasji, Kothari Muni Swami (Kalupur) etc. saints had explained the importance of Shree Narnarayandev and explained the programmes of upcoming utsav. All the devotees of the village had availed the benefit of Satsang Sabha.

(Kothari, Kashindra)

Shree Swaminarayan temple, Ghamij

Grand Satsang Sabha was organized on 20/07/2014 by Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal, Naroda in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Ghamij. All the devotees of the village and many other devotees of the nearby villages availed the benefit of this Sabha. Shastri Chaitanya Swami (Koteswar), Shastri Chhapaiya Swami, Chetan Swami (Vahlal) Nilkanth Swami etc. saints had explained the programmes of upcoming utsav while explaining the importance of Bhagwan. At last aarti of Thakorji was performed and benefit of Prasad was availed.

(Kothari, Ghamij)

Satsang Sabha in Shahibaug, Ahmedabad

Beautiful Satsang Sabha was organized by Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal, Naranghat in Shahibaug area. The devotee Shri Bhagwatiben Pravinbhai (Mansawala) had rendered the services as the host of Sabha organized on the occasion. In the Sabha, Shastri Chaitanya Swami (Koteswar) and saints had explained the programmes of upcoming utsav. Shastri Divya Swami and Balu Swami had narrated the supremacy of Bhagwan. At last aarti of Thakorji was performed and benefit of Prasad was availed. Many devotees availed the benefit of this divine Satsang Sabha. (President,

Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal, Naranghat) **Grand Satsang Sabha at Motera**

Beautiful Satsang Sabha was organized at village Motera with the co-operation of the saints and Haribhaktas. In the Saha, Kirtan-Bhakti were performed by young devotees of Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal and thereafter Shastri P.P. Swami (Naranghat), Shastri Chaitanya Swami, Shastri Kunj Swami and Shreeji Swami had narrated Katha-Varta and explained the programmes of upcoming utsav while explaining the importance of Shree Narnarayandev. About 500 Haribhaktas availed the benefit of Prasad and divine Satsang Sabha.

(Poojari Shree Swaminarayan temple, Motera)

Satsang Sabha in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Aamja (Tal. Kalol)

On 23/06/2014 beautiful Satsang Sabha was organized in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Aamja. Among the siants Shastri P.P. Swami (Mahant of Naranghat) and the siants had narrated Katha. Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal, Balva had performed Kirtan-Bhakti whose benefit was availed by many devotees and Haribhaktas.

(Kothari Chaudhari Amrutbhai J)

Satsang Sabha in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Soja

On 26/06/2014 beautiful Satsang Sabha was organized in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Soja wherein Sadguru Shastri P.P. Swami (Naranghat), Shastri Madhav Swami and Jasu Bhagat ahd explained the Leela Charitra of Shree Hari. Yuvak Mandal had performed Kirtan-Bhakti. About 200 Haribhaktas availed the benefit of Sabha.

(Kothari Shri Motiram Patel)

Jantanagar, Chandkheda

46th Akhand Dhoon of Shree Swaminarayan Mahamantra was organized at nigh from 8.00 to 10.30 hours on 08/06/2014 in the bungalow of Shree Dineshbhai Bhavsar. On tis occasion Yogi Swami, Madhav Swami and Purani Dharmjivan Swami of Kalupur temple had performed concluding aarti of Dhon and had offered garlands to the host family.

(Dineshbhai and Bhikhabhai)

Shree Swaminarayan temple, Lunawada (Kadiyavad)

Beautiful Satsang Sabha was organized in the evening from 6.00 to 8.30 hours on Sunday on 15/06/2014 in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Kadiyavad wherein Shastri Narayanmuni Swami from Ahmedabad, Shastri Chaitanya Swami (Koteswar) and Shastri Madhav Swami and Shastri Kunj Swami etc. saints had explained the importance of Shree Narnarayandev and Dharmkul. Atlast Thaal-Aarti were offered to Thakorji and Sabha was concluding with offering Prasad to all the saints and devotees. (Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal, Lunawada)

Satsang Sabha in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Mahundra

In the Satsang Sabha organized by Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal, Naroda on 13/07/2014 in Shree Swaminaryana temple, Mahundra, Shastri Chaitanya Swami, Shastri Kothari Narayanmuni Swami (Kalupur), Shastri Chhapaiya Sami, Shastri Harijivan Swami and Natu Swami etc. saints explained the importance of Shre Narnarayandev and Dharmkul. Beautiful Satsang Sabhas are being organized in these areas by Naroda Yuvak Mandal. (Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal, Naroda)

Satsang Sabha at Vardhana Muvada village

3rd Satsang Sabha was organized by Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal, Naroda on 11/07/2014 at village Vardhana Muvada of Sadra Dsh. In the Sabha Hariswaroop Swami, Chhapaiyaprasad Swami and Anand Swami explained the upcoming events of the programme of Mahotsav, while explaining the importance of Bhagwan. Haribhaktas of the nearby villages such as Salki also availed the benefit of this Sabha. (Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal, Naroda)

Satsang Sabha in Nandol

Beautiful Satsang Sabha was organized by Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal, Naroda on 05/07/2014 at village Nandol whrein Shastri Chaitanya Swami (Koteswar), Shastri Anand Swami, Kothari Shastri Narayanmuni Swami (Kalupur) etc. saints narrated talks nourishing faith of the devotes in Dev and Acharya. About 200 Haribhaktas availed the benefit of this Sabha. In every Sabha, activities accelerating religious and social programmes of Shree Narnarayandev MahaMahotsav are being undertaken. (Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal, Naroda)

Padyatra from Dangarava to Shree Narnarayandev, Ahmedabad temple

With the blessings of the whole Dharmkul, Shree Narnarayandev Padyatra Sangh performed and completed Padyatra on the pious day of Poonam on 11/07/2014 while performing divine Darshan of Shree Narnarayandev in Ahmedabad temple. Shastri Madhav Swami was the source of inspiration during the whole Padyatra. Devotees Shri Dabhi Rajuji Shivaji (Vanto), Patel Baldevbhai B. Talpad) and Dabhia Anantsinh the co-ordinator of Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal had rendered their beautiful services. (Kothari, Dangarava)

Ratriya Parayan and Padyatra, Shree Swaminarayan temple (R.C. Technical road) Ghatlodiya

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj, Shrimad Bhagwat Panchanh Ratriya Parayan was organized from 16/05/2014 to 19/05/2014 by Shree Swaminarayan temple (R.C. Technical road), near Gokul Dairy, Ghatlodiya with Sadguru Shastri Swami Chaitanyaswaroopdasji

(Koteswar Gurukul) as the spokesperson of the Parayan. Shastri P.P. Swami (Naranghat), who was the source of inspiration for this whole programme, conducted the Sabha organized on the occasion. Saints from Kalupur and Naranpura temple had also arrived on this occasion. Devotee Shri Sureshbhai P. Amin family rendered the services as the host of Parayan. On 19/05/2014, our Future Acharya H.H. 108 Shri Vrajendraprasadji Maharaj graced the concluding ritual of Parayan and blessed all the devotees. H.H. Shri Laxmiswaroop Gadiwala also graced the occasion and blessed all the ladies devotees. On the pious day of Nirjala Ekadashi on Monday 09/06/2014 Padyatra of darshan of Shree Narnarayandev was organized.

(All devotees of Ghatlodiya temple)

53rd Patotsav of Shree Ghanshyam Maharaj of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Vadnagar

53rd Varshik Patotsav of Shree Ghanshyam Maharaj of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Vadnagar was performed by H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj on the pious day of Jeth Vad-12 24/06/2014 wherein Akshar Nivasi Bhavsar Vimlaben Jagjivandas family had rendered the services as the host family.

In the Sabha organized on the occasion, H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj honoured Shro Somabhai Modi, the elder brother of the Honourable Prime Minister of India Shri Narendrabhai Modi, the Mamlatdar, Vadnagar and his father Mahobbatsinh by offering them garlands. On this occasion, devotee Shri Bhagwanbhai J. Bhavsar and Shri Jayantibhai J. Bhavsar the younger brother of the host devotee, performed poojan-archan, aarti and obtained the blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj. In the Sabha organized on the occasion, Sadguru Mahant Shastri Swami Narayanvallabhdasji and Sadguru Mahant Shastri Swami Harikriahnadasji of Ahmedabad temple and Kothari Shastri Swami Vishwaprakashdasji of Vadnagar temple delivered their inspirational speeches and explained the importance of Vadnagar temple.

At last H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj blessed all the devotees and stated to perform Niyam, Nishchay and Paksh with ardent faith. The devotee Shri Navinbhai Modi delivered the vote of thanks.

(Kothari Swami, Vadnagar)

Akhand Dhoon and Satsang Sabha in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Kalol (Panchvati) on the occasion of 42nd Janmotsav

With the blessings of the whole Dharmkul and with the inspiration and guidance of Sadguru Mahant Shastri Swami Atmaprakashdasji and Sadguru Shastri P.P. Swami of Jetalpurdham and Mahant Sadguru Vishwaprakashdasji of the temple, 24 hour Akhand Mahamantra Dhoon was performed on the occasion of 42nd Prakatyotsav and Gadi Dasabdi Mahotsav. Yuvak Mandal, Bal Mandal, Balika Mandal and Mahila Mandal had participated in this

Dhoon. Saints from Jetalpurdham had arrived and had performed concluding aarti of Dhoon.

With the inspiration of Sadguru Shastri P.P. Swami and Mahant Swami Vishwaprakashdasji, Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal and Mahila Mandal had organized 60 Satsang Sabha on this occasion and had explained the importance of Dharmkul and Nishtha to all the devotees. Mandal had also organized 30 Sabhas in the nearby villages. In each sabha saints from Jetalpurdham, Kankaria, Jamiyatpura and Kalol temples had arrived and had narrated Katha-Varta.

(Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal, Kalol)

Mahapooja in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Kaliyana

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and with the inspiration and guidance of Sadguru Mahant Shastri Swami Atmaprakashdasji and Sadguru Shastri P.P. Swami of Jetalpurdham, Group Mahapooja was organized on 15/06/2014 in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Kaliyana on the occasion of 42nd Prakatyotsav. In this Mahapooja, 42 devotees had participated. Shastri Swami Yagnaprakashdasji (Kankaria) and Shastri Bhaktinandan Swami (Jetalpurdham) etc. had explained the ritual of Mahapooja. On 22/06/2014, 42 Haribhaktas performed 42 Group Shiksha Patri Path and 42 hour Akhand Dhoon was performed by Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal.

(Arjanbhai Mori)

Shree Swaminarayan temple, Harshad Colony

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj, everyday one hour Dhoon in Shree Swaminarayan temple of Haribhaktas and 3 hours Dhoon in Shree Swaminarayan temple of ladies devotees was performed on 26/06/2014 with a noble aim of bringing rains for the welfare of the whole universe. On conclusion of Dhon, Prasad was offered to all the devotees. (Gordhanbhai Sitapara)

Satsang Sabha in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Meghaninagar

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and with the co-operation and support of Meghaninagar Satsang Samaj, Satsang Sabha is organized here at night on every Sunday and on every pious day of Agiyaras. On every Thursday, special Sabha is organized by the ladies devotees. In the Sabha of Sunday, devotee Shri Jayantibhai Sutariya (Bapunagar) perform Dhoon, Kirtan and Katha-Varta. In the Sabha of Agiyaras, many saints narrate beautiful Katha-Varta. In the Sabha of Jeth Sud-11, Dharmpravartak Swami from Kalupur temple, Brahmchari Swami Mukundanandji Poojari of Shree Narnarayandev had arrived and had explained Panchvartaman, Aahar Shuddhi (purification of the meals) alongwith the importance of Shree Narnarayandev and Dharmkul with illustrations. Brahmchari Swami had performed Kirtans of Nand Saints with commentary.

(Gordhanbhai Sitapara)

Satsnag Sabha in Alasana by Shree Narnarayanv Satsang Mandal, Bhabhar

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj, video films of 'Yam Danda' and 'Freedom from Addiction' were shown in the Satsant Sabha organized by Shree Narnarayan Satsang Mandal, Bhabhar on 28/06/2014 at Alasana village of Bhabhar Taluka (Dist. Banaskantha). Many people responded to it promptly and immediately abandoned their addiction. Leading persons of the nearby villages also availed the benefit of this Sabha. The devotee Shri Geniben Thakor had rendered the services as the host of this Sabha. Member of Jilla Panchayat Shri Bhuraji Thakore and Sarpanch Shri Mansangji Thakor etc. had made beautiful arrangements. Mandal has been organizing moving Sabha on every pious day of Ekadashi. About more than 500 Haribhaktas availed the benefit of this Sabha. Shri Natubhai Kanabar has been organizing Sabha time and again.

(Rameshbhai Kanabar, Bhabhar)

MULI DESH

Inauguration of Shree Radharkrishna Harikrishna Maharaj Shri Mandavrjai Entrance Gate in Muli

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj, with the pleasure of the whole Dharmkul and with the guidance of Sadguru Mahant Swami Shyamsundardasji of Muli, 'Shree Radharkrishna Harikrishna Maharaj Shri Mandavrjai Entrance Gate' was inaugurated on the pious day of Guru Purnima on 12/07/2014. The pink stones of Bansipahadpur of Rajasthan have been used for this entrance gate. Many local Kshatriya leaders of the various villaes had availed the benefit of this divine occasion.

Thereafter, H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj performed Darshan of Shree Thakorji in the temple and then graced Shri Brahmanand Sabha Mandap. Mahant swami of the temple, the host of Guru Poojan Shri Jayantibhai Patel, Shri Navinbhai Mandaliya and saifns and Haribhaktas of Muli had performed Swagat-poojan. Gor of the temple performed Swasti-Vachan. Saints and the host family had performed Guru Poojan through Group Aarti. In the Sabha organized on the occasion, Mahant Swami and Shastri Chaitanya Swami (Koteswar) and delivered the inspirational speech regarding the importance of Guru. Shastri Swami Suryaprakashdasji had narrated Katha while explaining the importance of Dharmvanshi-Dharmkul. At last, H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj blessed the whole Sabha. Thousands of devotees and Haribhaktas performed Charan-Sparsh and obtained the blessings of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj. The Sabha was conducted by Shri Shailendrasinh Zala. On this occasion Koathri Vraj Swami, Harikrishna Swami, J.K. Swami, Bharat Bhagat and Pravin Bhagat had rendered beautiful services in the kitchen. (Shailendrasinh Zala)

OVERSEAS SATSANG NEWS

1st Patotsav of I.S.S.O. Shree Swaminarayan temple, Washington D.C.

1st Varshik Patotsav of I.S.S.O. Shree Swaminarayan temple, Washington D.C. was organized from 23/06/2014 to 28/06/2014 in the pious company of the whole Dharmkul. With the efforts and co-operation of all the devotees of D.C. this Varshik Patotsav was organized very beautifully. It was the birthday of H.H. Shri Raja on the day of Patotsav, it was also celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm. Mahant Shastri Swami Vrajbhushandsaji and Sadguru Shastri Swami Ramkrishnadasji the whole Utsav was celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm. On this occasion, services being rendered by the devotee Shri Kanubhai Patel for many years as the President has been honoured and inhis place Shri Rajubhai Patel has been entrusted with the responsibility. Continuously for seven days, Katha-Prasad, various Utsav etc. were organized and thus the whole Patotsav became memorable for all.

(Shastri Swami Ramkrishnadasji)

Celebration of 3rd Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Atlanta (G.A.)

With the blessings of Shree Hari and with the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj, H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj, H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj, H.H. Shri Gadiwala and with the inspiration of Mahant Shastri Swami Satyaswaroopdasji and under the guidance of Sadguru Shastri Swami Purushottamprakashdasji of Jetalpurdham, 3rd Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Atlanta (G.A.) was celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm. From 03/07/2014 to 05/07/2014 Katha of Shrimad Satsagijivan 2nd Prakaran was organized with Sadguru Shastri Swami Shreejiprakashdasji as the spokesperson. Balikas also performed beautiful cultural programme.

On 05/07/2014, Shodasopchar Mahabishek of Thakorji was performed in Vedic tradition by H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj. In the Sabha, the host family performed aarti and obtained the blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj. All the saints had also delivered their inspirational speeches. H.H. Shri Gadiwala had blessed all the ladies devotees for nourishment of Satsang. On this occasion, 15 saints from various places, 45 Haribhaktas from U.K. and about more than 700 Haribhaktas had remained present on this occasion. While blessing all the devotees, H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj performed poojan aarti of beautiful Gada of Shree Hanumanji.

Shree Narnarayandev Yuva Mandal had rendered its inspirational speeches. At last H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj performed Annakut Aarti of Thakorji. As per the guidance of President Shri Daksheshbhai Patel and

Secretary Shri Rajubhai, ladies devotees had rendered their beautiful services for preparing the items of Annakut. (Committee- Atlanta temple)

Guru Purnima Utsav in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Colonia

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj, and with the inspiration of Mahant Shastri Dharmkishordasji and Shastri Narnarayandasji, Guru Purnima Utsav was celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm in the evening from 5.00 to 8.00 hours on Saturday on the pious day of Ashadh Sud-15. First of all Mahamantra Dhoon, Kirtan-Bhakti and poojan-archan of photo image of our Guru Dharmvanshi H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendrprasadj Maharaj was performed. The saints had narrated the real meaning and essence of Guru-poojan. (Pravin Shah)

Shree Swaminarayan temple, Louis Ville, Kantaki

With the directions and blessings of H.H Shri Acharya Maharaj and with the inspiration of Shastri Dharmvallabh Swami and Harinandan Swami, saints and Haribhaktas had performed Shree Swaminarayan Mahamantra Dhoon and Kirtan-Bhakti in the week-end of Yogini Ekadashi in Shree Swaminarayan temple Mulidham Louis Ville, Kantaki. Thereafter, on sudden demise of the devotees Shri Devendrabhai Patel his wife the devotee Shri Kokilaben and his sister deotee Shri Anasuyaben and Jayantibhai, all Haribhaktas had performed Dhoon for offering them homage.

(Parvinbhai)

AKSHARVAAS

Shraddhanjali Sabha in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Naranpura on Aksharvaas of devotee Shri Rasikbhai Ambalal Patel –Shraddhanjali Sabha was organized in the evening at 6.00 hours on 13/07/2014 in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Naranpura on Aksharvaas of devotee Shri Rasikbhai Ambalal Patel (the member of Ahmedabad Shri Narnarayandev Scheme Committee Board and ardent devotee of Shree Narnarayandev). In the Sabha, Mahant Swami Shastri Hariomprakashdasji, devotee Shri Natubhai Patel (Fuva), devotee Shri Rameshbhai N. Patel, devotee Shri Rameshbhai Patel (Dudhwala) remembered the noble qualities of the departed soul. Services of his wife Kantaben and of his sons devotees Shri Jayeshbhai and Shri Sanjaybhai were also praised. Services of the family of the departed soul is also found in Shree Swaminarayan Museum. While remembering the noble quality of leading devotee of Mokhasan and Dandhavya Pradesh, Shree Swaminarayan Mahamantra Dhoon was performed. (Patel Ghanshyambhai Uvarsadwala)

Naranpura (Kadi) – Devotee Shri Nathubhai Nandas Patel (age 92 years) has passed away to Divine Abode of God on 08/06/2014.

Madhavgadh (Prantij) – Devotee Shri Jayantibhai Pranlal Patel passed away to Akshardham on 20/06/2014 while chanting the name of Shree Hari.

Ahmedabad (Ghatlodiya) - Devotee Shri Rajnikant Babubhai Patel passed away to Divine Abode of God on 25/06/2014 while chanting the name of Shreeji Maharaj.

Lathidad (at present Botad) – Devotee Shri Nanjibhai Mathurbhai (age 65 years) (elder brother of Purvashram of Parshad Shri Babu Bhagat (Poojari of Shri Hanumanji) passed away to Akshardham on 02/07/2014 while chanting the name of Shri Hari.

Godhavi– Devotee Shri Shantubha Govindsinh Vaghela passed away to Akshardham on 02/07/2014 while chanting the name of Shri Hari.

Samau– Devotee Shri Ramilaben Rohitkumar Darji passed away to Akshardham on 02/07/2014 while chanting the name of Shri Hari.

Khanpur– Devotee Shri Vasantlal Manilal Patel passed away to Akshardham on 06/07/2014 while chanting the name of Shri Hari.

Wankaner – Devotee Shri Manjulaben (age 83 years) (moher of the devotee Shri Vasantbhai Vitthalaldas Patadiya) passed away to Akshardham on 13/07/2014 while chanting the name of Shri Hari.

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**17th Prakatyotsav of
H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj.**



Sabha of Kothari and representatives of Ahmedabad Desh in the pious presence of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj on the occasion of Shree Narnaayandev Mahotsav.



(1) Simplicity and humility of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj witnessed in Byron temple offering Thal to Thakorji while sitting on the floor alongwith saints.

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