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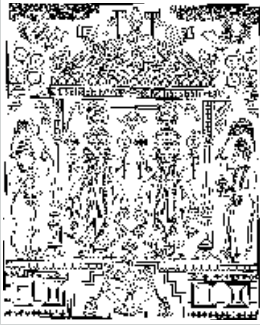
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EDITORIAL

Almighty Lord becomes happy with us when we don't commit any sin which is considered as *Droh* (a sin which offends the Almighty Lord). Bhagwan is Omniscient, Omnipotent and Omnipresent; but if we do not believe in it and when we believe that, *Kaal* (Time), *Maya* or *Karma* are everything in this world then it is *Droh* towards Bhagwan. There is no doubt that, Almighty Lord is complete in all respects and He is present in the idol images too, because He is Omnipresent. So not to accept and acknowledge His Supremacy is in itself *Droh*. Almighty Lord becomes happy with those devotees who acknowledge and believe in His Supremacy (*Vachanamrit-2*). All *Haribhaktas* of Shree Narnarayandev Desh performed *poojan-archan* of our H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj on the pious day of Guru Purnima and celebrated 14th *Prakatyotsav* of our Future Acharya H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj with great fervour and enthusiasm. Let all the devotees and *Haribhaktas* continue to celebrate all our festivals in accordance with our well established tradition. Any *Leela* of any such *Utsav* is reminded at our end-time then we are sure to get emancipation.

Editor
Mahant Swami
Shastri Swami Harikrishnadas

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

(JUNE - 2011)

7. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Sanand on the occasion of *Patotsav*.
Graced the house of the devotee Shri Arvindbhai (Vimalwala), Sanand.
Graced the house of the devotee Shri Amitbhai Dashrathbhai Prahladbhai Patel (Trustee, Shree Ahmedabad temple), Sola road.
10. Graced the house of the devotee Shri Vitthalbhai Ranchhoddas Patel.
15. Saints and *Haribhaktas* performed *Guru-poojan-archan* on the pious day of *Guru-Purnima*.
16. Graced the house of the devotee Shri Dhirubhai Bhgurabhai Patel, Bapunagar.
17. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Lavarpur (Dist.Gandhinagar) on the occasion of *Satsang Sabha*.
19. Graced the house of the devotee Shri Shaileshbhai N. Poojara, Paldi.
25. Celebrated 14th *Prakatyotsav* of future Acharya of Shree Narnarayandev Diocese, H.H. 108 Shri Vrajendraprasadji Maharaj.
28. Pilgrimage to America and U.K. from July to September.
In America Detroit temple, Chicago temple *Patotsav*, invocation of the idol images in new temple in Atlanta, *Patotsav* of Leicester temple, London (U.K.), Celebration of 20th *Patotsav* of Sweden temple, 5th *Patotsav* and *Parayan* in Boston temple, America and *Vicharan* in I.S.S.O. Chapters for nourishment of *Satsang*



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Shikshapatri

The Epistle of Precepts

(based on Shatanand's Shikshapatri
Arthadipika)

By Pravin S. Varsani

Text 51

**Then they shall sit in a clean place, on a
clean and suitable cloth,**

**Untouched by others and facing North
or East shall perform Achaman.**

**Apavishya Tataha Shudha Asane
Suchibhutale** – Thus a pure and cleansed
'Asana', which is placed in a clean
environment, which does not come into
contact with impure things, is to be used. The
Asana is then sat on for purposes of
performing *Pooja*.

**Asanakirna Ashprushyam
Prahmukham Votarmukham** – 'Sankirna'
Asana is explained in **Vishnu Dharmotara**,
'An *Asana* that is in contact with another
Asana, too long, too big, one common *Asana*
for both God's *Murtis* and oneself and a
king's *Asana*.' Therefore the Lord
commands that an '*Asankirna*' *Asana* should
be used which is opposite to that above.
Also, an *Asana* that does not touch anything
impure should be used.

Padma Purana explains what the
Asana should be made from: 'An *Asana* of
wool will attain and fulfil all desires; an *Asana*
of dear skin will derive salvation; an *Asana* of
tiger skin will derive fruits of penance and
wealth; and *Asana* made of grass or leaves
will derive good health'. Therefore only such
materials should be used for an *Asana*.

Ananata Bhatt explains which *Asanas*
should never be used 'An *Asana* of stone will
bring suffering, one of wood (not used for
Yagnas) will bring illness, one of cloth (which
is not washed daily) will bring poverty and not
using an *Asana* at all will never derive any of
the fruits of such penance.'

Vyaas further explains, 'One should sit
on an *Asana* made of either silk, wool, dear
skin, washed cloth, wood, leaf or grass; face
North or East, and then perform *Achman*
'sipping of water'. **Karnav Muni** explains
the *Vidhi* for *Achaman*: 'One should extend
their arms towards the East with their hand
shaped in a form of a cow's ear. With the
thumb and smallest finger touching, they
should perform *Achaman* as they separate
these fingers.' '*Dwijas* should perform
Achaman three times', explains
Yagnavalkya. Enough water should be
used so that an '*Aradha Daal*' will sink.
Achaman should always be performed using
the right hand such that the left hand does
not ever touch the right hand (this is the case
for all acts of eating and drinking- the left
hand should never be used. *Achaman*
should be performed using *Brahmtirtha*- the
thumb is called *Brahmtirtha* as the smallest
finger, the index finger, the root of the thumb
and the front of the hand are *Prajapati*, *Pitru*,
Brahman and *Deva Tirthas* respectively.
Shudras should perform *Achaman* only
once.

Three '*Shuddis*' – purifications are to be
performed daily. The first is *Snaan* – bathing
for purpose of exterior or bodily purification –
'*Shararik Shuddhi*'. The second is *Achman*,
which is for the inner body purification –
'*Antara Shuddhi*', and the third is *Pooja*,
which is for purification of the mind – '*Manas
Shuddhi*'. All devotees of God must perform
these three purifications daily, those who do
not, can never be considered as pure and
clean and hence worthy of being called a
devotee of God.

Achaman is performed to purify the
three bodies – *Sthul*, *Shukshma* and *Karana*
– gross or physical body, subtle (which the
soul resides within) and the causal body.
Achaman is to be performed whilst chanting
the Mantras:

**Ohm Shree Narayanaya Namah
Ohm Shree Vasudevaya Namah
Ohm Shree Vishnavaya Namah**

Chaul Mundan Ritual

- Sadhu Purushottamprakashdas (Jetalpurdham)

Mundan or Chaul Samskara is one of the sixteen *Samskaras* of our Indian culture. The first ritual after the birth of a child is that of *Chaul or Mundan Samskara*. Whereas *Mundan* performed on death of any family members or for any other such purpose is known as *Kshaur Karma*. It is directed in our scriptures to perform each *Karma* at its appropriate time. Neglecting the proper time for performing such prescribed rituals due to laziness results into unhappiness and misery in life.

A child (*Jataka*) who is devoid of these sixteen *Samskaras* as prescribed in the scriptures, remains devoid of the noble qualities and *Samskaras* for the whole of his life. There is a tradition of performing this *Chaul Karma* before *Kuldevi* (goddess of the family). It can be performed in 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 5th year of the birth of the child. Amongst the months, *Maha*, *Fagal*, *Vaishakh* and *Jeth* are the best months. *Shukla Paksha* is the best one. Among *Tithis*, *Bij*, *Trij*, *Panchmi*, *Saptmi*, *Dashmi*, *Trayodashi* are the best ones. Among the days Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday are the best days. Saturday and Tuesday are prohibited for this purpose. Among *Nakshatras* *Ashwini*, *Mrug*, *Punarvasu*, *Pushya*, *Hasta*, *Chitra*, *Swati*, *Jyestha*, *Shravan*, *Dhanishta* are the best ones. *Kritika*, *Anuradha*, *Uttara* may not be chosen for this purpose and *Rohini* and *Magha Nakshatra* are capable of destroying the life. Like a boy there is also a ritual of *Chaul Karma* for a baby child. *Choti* must be kept in *Chaul Karma* as it is very important. Two children of the same mother may not be performed *Chaul Karma* in the same year.

There are also certain restrictions as regards *Naimitik* ritual of *Mundan*. If *Mundan* is performed for eight times in *Rohini Nakshatra*, for six times in *Kritika*, for five times in *Magha* and for four times in *Uttara* then one has to suffer the miseries of life. Similarly *Kshaur Karma* should not be performed on the days of *Ekadashi*, *Chaturdashi*, *Amavasya*, *Purnima*, *Sankranti*, *Vyatipat*, *Vishti*, on the days of *Vrata*, on the days of *Shraddha*, on Tuesday, Saturday and Sunday. According to *Varahi Samhita* and *Garga Muni* life of one month is destroyed if *Kshaur Karma* is performed on Sunday, of seven months if performed on Saturday, of eight months if performed on Tuesday. Similarly if it is performed on Wednesday life of five months increased, of seven months if performed on Monday, of ten months if performed on Thursday, of eleven months if performed on Friday.

While performing pilgrimage, one may perform ritual of *Mundan* on the places of pilgrimage. While entering from one Ashram into another Ashram one may perform ritual of *Mundan* such as at the time of *Yagnopavit*, *Vedarambh*, *Gruhasthashram*, *Sanyashram* etc. While performing the funeral ritual of any family members, one should perform ritual of *Mundan*.

Kshaur Karma has also its connections with hair and nail and in turn *Kshaur* hair and nail have their connection with blood and therefore by cutting them, tremendous energy of the body is destroyed and it is also considered a kind of *Himsa* (violence) and it has its great impact upon our body. And therefore *Rushi Munis* have prescribed proper time for this ritual. Therefore, it is also advisable and beneficial to follow these prescriptions and rules and regulations while performing these rituals in our life.

Divine Light witnessed by Nrisinhanand Swami in the temple

- Prof. Suryakant Bhatt (Bhuj)

Leela of Shree Sahajanand Swami are narrated by the *Nand saints* in their books. The supremacy of the incarnation of Shree Hari is also described well in their books by these saints. Even Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan performed so wonderful and miraculous *Leela* on this earth that it is beyond comprehension of human intelligence. However, all these *Leela* are found well described in detail in the scriptures like '*Vachanamrit*', '*Satsangijivan*', '*Satsangijbhusan*', '*Hari Leela Kalptaru*', '*Bhaktchintamani*', '*Shree Hari Charitra Chintamani*' etc. one such divine incident occurred in the life of Shri Nrisinhanand Swami.

Shri Nrisinhanand Swami had been rendering his services in Jagannathji temple. He had an acute desire to have divine *Darshan* of Bhagwan. One day one *Vairagi* returned from his pilgrimage to Dwarika. He had heard about incarnation of Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan in *Sorath* region. Nrisinhanand Swami overheard this discussion while rendering the services to the deities. On listening the name of Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan, he saw a divine and bright stroke in the sky. Now he determined to perform divine *Darshan* of Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan under any circumstances and started his *Padyatra*. After some days he reached in Gujarat and asked the whereabouts of Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan. He was informed that, Shreeji Maharaj has graced the house of Gangaram Malla in Bhuj, Kachchh.

Nrisinhanand reached Bhuj and performed divine *Darshan* of Shreeji Maharaj and slept into the state of Samadhi (trance). In the state of Samadhi he saw a divine scene wherein all

incarnations were praying with folded hands in front of Shreeji Maharaj. When Nrisinhanand Swami awoke from his Samadhi he asked Shreeji Maharaj, "***Oh Prabhu! I have been rendering my services to the Lord Jagannath and I do not know anybody else except Bhagwan Shree Krishna. When I prayed to my Lord, I had had Your divine Darshan. What should I understand? Please tell me.***"

Shree Hari said, "*We are Avatari and Avatar and Adhipathi of Akshardham and Purna Purushottam Narayan.*" Then Nrisinhanand Swami asked, "*Maharaj, what is the difference between Avatari and Avatar?*" Shree Hari replied, "*The difference is as it is between the Emperor and his subordinate king.*"

Now the questions and puzzles of the mind of Nrisinhanand Swami were resolved and he reposed utmost faith in Shreeji Maharaj and delved deep into the ocean of spiritual pleasure throughout the rest of his life and at last he got emancipation.

Suggestions to Haribhaktas sending Satsang News and Photograph for Magazine

Today we have thousands of readers of our '*Shree Swaminarayan*' magazine. The issue of the magazine is despatched regularly on prescribed date. ***Satsang News and Photographs may, therefore, kindly be sent in time so as to reach the office on or before 25th of the month. Satsang News may be written in short and in legible handwriting. Writing very lengthy news may be avoided. Satsang News received after 25th will be published in the next issue of the magazine, which may kindly be noted.***

Blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj on the occasion of Guru Purnima

- Gordhanbhai V. Sitapara (Hirawadi-Bapunagar)

“Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan has offered me the Seat of Acharya; but the goal of all of us is common and i.e. to obtain Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan in our life. All the former Acharyas of Shree Narnarayandev Diocese have recognized and emphasised the importance of Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan only. Goal of each of the earlier Acharya has been towards Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan and Shree Narnarayandev only and therein lies the real happiness. Muktanand Swami has sung: ‘रे ब्रह्माधी कीट लगी ज्येयुं, जूहुं सुभ ज़ाशीने वगोव्युं, मुक्तानंद मन तम संग मोहुं.’ This is written by the great saint after having experience of this life. Therefore, nobody can gain real happiness without their goal towards Acharya Maharaj. Nothing in this world is worthy that we should be tempted towards it. People may be offering us respect in the form of garland, but we should remain vigilant so as not to forget our goal.

Bhagwan Datatreya had twenty four Guru. There is a story associated with each Guru from whom Bhagwan Datatreya learnt something. It is easier to look at the faults of others; but it is very difficult to look at the good and noble qualities of others. Many people are found complaining that this devotee or Haribhakta never performs Dandvat Pranam or never performs Mala. The Nand saints have replied to such complaint very beautifully. The Nand saints say that, such devotee or Haribhakta has already performed Dandvat Pranam and Mala and therefore now it is not required for him to do it again.

But those who complain against them, they have yet to perform Dandvat Pranam and Mala. The lesson we learn from this is that, we should do whatever is expected of us without looking at the faults of others. Those who imbibe noble qualities from others, they progress in their Satsang. Those who see the faults in the saints and the devotees, they degenerate in their Satsang. Therefore, it should be our efforts and our habit to look at the noble and good qualities of others.

If we cherish firm faith and Bhakti in our Shree Narnarayandev then we are sure to get emancipation. Only Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan is benevolent in this world. As stated earlier, the devotees who have firm faith and Bhakti in Shree Narnarayandev, they would be considered Tyagi even if they take their meals in the golden dish. But those deviate from Shree Narnarayandev and start their satsang separately, they are not Tyagi because they no more cherish ardent faith in Shree Narnarayandev.

But all such things will continue. They were there even during the time of Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan. But we should be alert and vigilant enough so that, nobody can misguide us away from Shree Narnarayandev.

Shree Narnarayandev, the saints and Haribhaktas who cherish ardent faith in Shree Narnarayandev are supreme. There are no such temples, deities, saints and Haribhaktas anywhere else in this world. Therefore, it is our humble prayer at the lotus like feet of Shree Narnarayandev that, all of us alongwith our family and our

successors and heirs continue to cherish firm faith and Bhakti in Shree Narnarayandev and the Lord may fulfil the desires and wishes of all the saints and Haribhaktas.”

Here one thing is noteworthy that, the great people never praise themselves, it is their nature. But our Shree Hari has granted us Seat of Acharya in Dharmkul and thereby has given to us our Guru and therefore, it is our ardent duty to render our services with mind, body and money to our Acharya Maharaj. Our Acharya Maharaj has been rendering the great services for nourishment of Satsang and as per the scriptures both Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan and Shree Narnarayandev are one and the same. Shreeji Maharaj himself has stated:

અમે એમાં એ છે અમ માંઈ રે,
એમ સમજો સહુ બાઈ ભાઈ રે,
એથી અમે અળગા ન રહીએ રે,
એમાં રહીને દર્શન દઈએ રે.

(Purushottamprakash)

Therefore, those who remain under the directions of Shreeji Maharaj, they always become happy in their life. Saints and Haribhaktas of Vadtal Desh should always remain under the directions of Acharya of Shree Laxminarayandev Desh. It is stated in **Vachanamrit Gadhda Chapter-1:**

“ધર્મકુળને આશ્રિત એવો જે ભગવાનનો ભક્ત ભગવાનના ધામમાં જાય છે, તેને યોગ સમાધિવાળા તે પ્રત્યક્ષ દેખે છે.”

Our Future Utsav

Shravan Vad-8 Monday 22/08/2011 :
Janmastmi, Shree Krishna Janmotsav, Samaiyo in Muli temple.

Bhadarva Sud-11 Thursday 08/09/2011 :
Jal-jilni Ekadashi, Procession of Shree Ganpatiji, Ahmedabad, Muli, Jetalpur, Bhuji, Samaiyo.

Diwali Vacation Shibir

With the blessings and directions of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and with the pleasure and blessings of the whole Dharmkul, under the auspices of Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal and Shree Swaminarayan temple, Kalupure, Ahmedabad, Diwali Vacation Shibir would be conducted as under:

Gyan Yagna Shibir

28/10/2011 to 01/11/2011 (Five days) detailed discussion with commentary on Vachanamrit (273) scripture. **Spokesperson:** Sadguru Shastri Swami Nirgundasji. **Place:** Shree Sahjanand Gurukul, Asarwa.

Bal Shibir

02/11/2011 to 03/11/2011 (Two days) **Place :** Shree Sahjanand Gurukul, Koteswar.

Yuvak Mandal Shibir

05/11/2011 to 06/11/2011 (Two days) **Place:** Shree Sahjanand Gurukul, Koteswar.

Balika Shibir

08/11/2011 to 09/11/2011 (Two days) **Place:** Shree Sahjanand Gurukul, Koteswar.

All these Shibir will be graced by Dharmkul.

Note: All these Shibir will be graced by Dharmkul. For detailed information about the rules and regulations for the participants please contact:

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- **For Bal Shibir :** Sadguru Shastri Swami Chaitanyaswaroopdasji, Shree Sahjanand Gurukul, Koteswar.
- **For Yuvak Mandal Shibir :** Sadguru Shastri Swami Purushottamprakashdasji (Nana P.P. Swami), Sadguru Shastri Swami Ramkrishnadasji, Shree Sahjanand Gurukul, Koteswar.
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Shree Guru Vandana

- Dr. Harshadbhai Kasturchand Zinzuwadia
(Ahmedabad)



गुरुर् ब्रह्मा गुरुर् विष्णुः, गुरुर् देवो महेश्वरः ।

गुरुः साक्षात् परब्रह्म, तस्मै श्री गुरुवे नमः ॥

सूरपूर नरपूर नारपूर, ए तीन में सुख नांही ।

कां सुख हरि के चरणमें, कां संतन के मांही ॥

गुरु गोविंद दोनो खडे, किसको लागुं पाय ।

बलिहारी गुरु आपकी, गोविंद दियो बताय ॥

तनकी जाने मनकी जाने, जाने चित्तकी चोरी ।

ईनके आगे क्या छिपाना, जीनके हाथमें दोरी ॥

In the humble and ardent services of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj, H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharaj, H.H. Shri 108 Lalji Maharaj Shri Vrajendraprasadji Maharaj and the whole Dharmkul.

With the blessings of Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan, all of us are born as human beings on this earth. The main aim of our birth as human beings in this *Bharat Khand* is to lead our life as per the directions of Shree Hari and to get emancipation.

There are blessings of the Almighty Lord for this pious land of *Bharat Khand*

that for the emancipation of all the human beings, Almighty Lord Himself or His Incarnations perform *Vicharan* on this pious land. We all are very lucky that, we have got the opportunity of *Saint Samagam* and to render our service to the learned saints and Other Forms of Shree Hari. Therefore it is our ardent and pious duty that, we should perform all our religious duties as prescribed in our Scriptures and that we should remain under the directions of Shreeji Maharaj. We should also lead our life while

scrupulously following the rules and regulations of our *Sampradaya*, *Niyam*, *Nischay* and *Paksha*.

Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan is the Supreme Guru on this earth, who has established Acharya of Dharmkul as Guru of the whole *Satsang Samaj* and thereby He has opened the way to Akshardham for all the devotees and *Haribhaktas*. *Tyagi* and *Gruhi* saints are considered as '*Mother of Satsang*' as per the principles of our *Sampradaya* and thereby we are their children. In the words of *Kirtan* of saint and poet Sadguru Brahmanand Swami we pray that:

जेवो तेवो पहा पुत्र तमारो, अछासमजु अहंकारी रे,
पेट पड्यो ते अवश्य पाणयो, वालम जुओ विचारी रे.
अनण अहि जे गृहे अजणो, तो छोडावे रो'वारी रे,
भाणकने जननी सम जीजुं, कोण जगमां हितकारी रे.

Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan Himself says about Dharmvanshi Acharya Maharaj:

स्थाया दत्तपुत्र पोते स्थिर रे, अवधप्रसादने रघुवीर रे.
अहं कहे तेम सहु करजे रे, पूछ्या विना तो पग न भरजे रे.
तेणे आपे कर्या आचारज रे, करया अहु लुपनना कारज रे.
हाय जेडीने रे'जे हजूर रे, करी डा'पहा पोतानुं दूर रे.

(Con. from page 16.....)

SHREE SWAMINARAYAN MUSEUM



શ્રી સ્વામિનારાયણ મ્યુઝિયમમાં આવતા દર્શનાર્થીઓને અનેરી શાંતિનો અનુભવ તો થતો રહે છે. પરંતુ હોલ નં. ૮માં શ્રીહરિએ પૂજેલ સર્વોપરિ શ્રી નરનારાયણ દેવના સ્વયં અભિષેકના મહામૂલા લાભથી પણ અનેક લોકોના સંકલ્પો સિધ્ધ થઈ રહ્યા છે. આ ઉપરાંત હવેતો સત્સંગીઓ મ્યુઝિયમ ચાલતા આવવાનો સંકલ્પ કરે છે. અને તેમના તમામ મનોરથ શ્રીહરિ પૂર્ણ કરે છે. હમણા આવા જ એક દંપતિ ઉર્મિલાબેન અને ઘનશ્યામભાઈ ના મનવાંછિત સંકલ્પ પૂર્ણ થતા તેમની સાથે ઘણા સત્સંગીઓને લઈ પદયાત્રા સ્વરૂપે શ્રી સ્વામિનારાયણ મ્યુઝિયમના દર્શને આવ્યા હતા. મ્યુઝિયમ નિર્માણથી આજ સુધી આવા તો અનેક પ્રસંગો બનતા આવ્યા છે. કેમ ના હોય મ્યુઝિયમ સ્વયં શ્રી હરિનું છે અને તેના નિર્માણનો સંકલ્પ તેમના જ વંશજનો છે.

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

H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharaj rendered the following services under Shree Swaminarayan Museum Maintenance Bhet Yojna

- Rs.11,000/- H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj Shree Tejendraprasadji Maharaj (H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj) on the pious occasion of Prakatyotsav of H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj.
- Rs.11,000/- On the pious occasion of birthday of Shri Lali Shri Raja.
- Rs.5,000/- On the occasion of first visit of Shree Swaminarayan Museum by Shri Saumyakumar.
- Rs.5,000/- On the occasion of first visit of Shree Swaminarayan Museum by Shri Suvratkumar.

Rs.1,00,000/-	Sharad Gandharv-Ahmedabad	Rs.11,000/-	Ahmedabad.
Rs.1,00,000/-	Gold Star Jewellers, Ahmedabad, through devotee Shri Sandip Vrajlal Choksi and Devan Dinesh Patadiya	Rs.11,000/-	Devotee Shri amit Shantilal Patel, Morbi.
Rs.50,000/-	Devotee Shri Ghanshyam Kantilal Shah, Satellite	Rs.5,000/-	Devotee Shri Kanji Hirjibhai Patel, Nadiad
Rs.30,000/-	Devotee Shri Aartiben Gordhanbhai Panara, Hyderabad	Rs.5,000/-	Ghanshyam Engineering, Morbi
Rs.11,111/-	Devotee Shri Yashvantbhai Dahyanbhai Amin, Ahmedabad	Rs.5,000/-	Devotee Shri Kesharben Madhubhai Makvana, Samakada
Rs.11,111/-	Devotee Shri Ghanshyambhai Manellal thakkar, Ghodasar	Rs.5,000/-	Devotee Shri Maheshbhai S. Patel (Lalodawala), Shiv Chemical, Vapi
Rs.11,000/-	Satsang Parivar, Shree Swaminarayan temple, Sector-23, Gandhinagar, through Shastrri Haripriyadas	Rs.5,000/-	Devotee Shri Manjulaben Sureshkumar Patel, Ambapur
Rs.11,000/-	Devotee Shri Hasmukhbhai G. Amin,	Rs.5,000/-	Devotee Shri Ravish Madhusudan Bhavsar, Umreth
		Rs.5,000/-	Devotee Shri Vasantben Soni (K.P. Charitable) through Dr. Zinzuvadai, Ahmedabad
		Rs.5,000/-	Ghanshyam Fabrics, Ahmedabad

List of Host devotees who availed the benefit of Abhishek of Shree Narnarayandev in July-2011 in Shree Swaminarayan Museum

02/07/2011	Devotee Shri Bhikhabhai Govindbhai Parmar, New Vadaj through devotee Shri Mukeshbhai and Rinkeshbhai	16/07/2011	Mansukhbhai and Rameshbhai (Jiragadhwa)
03/07/2011	Devotee Shri Ghanshyamdas Kurerdas Patel (Viharwala) through Dr. Samirbhai Ghanshyambhai	17/07/2011	Devotee Shri Purna Ankitkumar Ravjibhai Patel, Naranpura
05/07/2011	Shri Narnarayan Mahila Mandal, Ranip through devotees Shri Shardaben, Kailashben, Sakuben and Dharmisthaben	18/07/2011	Devotee Shri Shyam Ravjibhai Patel through devotee Shri Ravjibhai V. Patel
10/07/2011	Devotee Shri Hiraben Jaitarambhai Chhagandas, Dangarwa through devotee Shri Ashokkumar Jaitarambhai, Ranip	19/07/2011	Devotee Shri Jignasa Virendrakumar Desai (Kundalwala) through devotee Shri Vadibhai Rambhai Patel, Naginbhai Rambhai, Natubhai Rambhai, Kiritbhai Rambhai
10/07/2011	Devotee Shri Ravjibhai Veljibhai Patel (who rendered his services as the host of the idol images placed in Canteen) through Ankit, Shyam	31/07/2011	Devotee Shri Akshaybhai P. Patel, U.S.A. through devotee Shri Bhaktibhai (Deusanawala), Ranip
12/07/2011	Devotee Akshar Nivsari Chhaganbhai Laljibhai Manani through devotees Shri		Devotee Shri Rameshbhai Ambalal Patel, Viratnagar through devotees Shri Savitaben and Rupamben
			Devotee Shri Miten Ramanlal Parikh, Mayur Ramanlal Parikh, Samir Ramanlal Parikh, Saraspur

For booking of Mahapooja/Mahabishek contact :

Museum Mobile : 98795 49597

Devotee Shri Parshottambhai (Dasbhai, Bapunagar) : Mobile No. 99250 42686

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JayShree Swaminarayan
Of all the Museum of the
World this is the most
important and does not
only contain old items

but divine and items that will give Salvation to
thos who have darshan of them

- Saints from Bhuj Mandir Kutch

“નિરખી નયણાને તુમી ના મળે રે લોલ.....”

Heaven on Earth. Thanks for All Hard Work,
all Satsangis are very greatful. This is Wove
than one day to enjoy please have good
Album to take hanc to remained every day for
heavenly place. અસાધારણ, અલૌકિક Grand
landwork.

My wife Inquid was with me, she felt at
NarnarayanDev Pratistha Room. One Saint
was wowing Head; I thought it may be
powered some way. I don't know why she felt
that feeling? She enjoyed with almost
inspiration from God Swaminarayan .
Heartily Congratulation from my Family. Not
Enough Words to thanks and express Joyful
grateful Feelings. Thanks, we love U H.H.
Mota A.M Tejendraprasadji.

-Pankaj Barot (Ohio USA)

This is the first wonder of the world
uncomparably and amazing way to reach
Akshardham

-Aditi Thakkar - Muscat (Canada)

જયશ્રી સ્વામિનારાયણ

અમો ગઢડા (સ્વામિના)માં જન્મથયેલ હોઈ અમો ગઢડા
આજુબાજુના રહેવાસી સ્વામિનારાયણ મ્યુઝિયમની મુલાકાતથી
ધન્યતા અનુભવીએ છીએ. એક સાથે ભગવાન શ્રી
સ્વામિનારાયણના પ્રસાદીની વસ્તુઓ જોવા માણવા અને દર્શન માટે
તમામ હરિભક્તોને નજીવા અને શ્રી સ્વામિનારાયણ મ્યુઝિયમ
મુલાકાત માટેના આયોજન માટે મોટા મહારાજશ્રી

શ્રીતેજેન્દ્રપ્રસાદજીના આશીર્વાદથી સરસ આયોજન, સ્વચ્છતા,
શિસ્તથી અમે ઘણા પ્રસન્ન થયા છે.

- નિતીન પી. ગજજર

એડવોકેટ

જયશ્રી સ્વામિનારાયણ

વડતાલવાસી ઉપાસ્ય ઈષ્ટદેવ શ્રી હરિકૃષ્ણ મહારાજના
દર્શન તો નિત્ય તેમની કૃપાથી કરી એજ છીએ. પણ હોલ નં. ૮ (મૌન
હોલમાં) આજે મનુષ્યરૂપ મહારાજના દર્શન થયા અને જાણે ૨૦૦
વર્ષ પહેલાની અનુભૂતિ થઈ. આજની તારીખવાર ભૂલી ગયા.
અમારા હાથમાં નાખ કેશ - અસ્થિ આવેતો અમે ખાઈ જઈએ પણ
કોઈને ન આપીએ લાખોને કરોડો ધન્યવાદ છે આ પધરાવીને
અનેકોને દર્શન કરવા આપનાર હરિભક્તો - સંતો - ધર્મકુળને પ.પૂ.
મોટા મહારાજશ્રીને કરોડો વાર સાષ્ટાંગ દંડવત પ્રણામ કરીએ તો
પણ આ દિવ્યતાનો જે અનુભવ મ્યુઝિયમમાં કરાવ્યો તે ઋણમાંથી ન
છુટાય.

ગોપાળાનંદ સ્વામી કહે કે ચાર પ્રકારના ભક્તો ૧. પોને
ભજે ૨. બીજાને ભજાવે ૩. બીજાને ભજવાદે ને ૪. કોઈને ન ભજવા
દે ને ન ભજે એમાં બીજા પ્રકારના ભક્તો ઉત્તમ જે આજે પૂ. મોટા
મહારાજશ્રી જે શ્રીજી મહારાજના અતિ ગમતામાં વર્તે છે. આ ઉમરે
આટલી દોડાદોડ કરી આટલું ભેગું કરી સંપ્રદાયને આપ્યું મહારાજ
સંતો ભક્તોનો ખૂબ ધર્મકુળ પર રાજીપો તથા સૌ તેમના ઋણમાં
રહેશે.

- વડતાલ વાસી સત્સંગી બહેનોના જય સ્વામિનારાયણ

“અદ્ભૂત”

પ.પૂ. મહારાજશ્રીના તપનું ફળ નિહાળી ધન્યતા અનુભવીએ છીએ.
વારંવાર દર્શનાર્થે આવી મનની શાંતિ પ્રાપ્ત કરવાનો અને મોક્ષ તરફ
પ્રયાણનો હેતુ સર થઈ શકે તેવી પવિત્ર ભૂમિ ઉપર આવ્યા... પ્રભુની
અસિમકૃપા.... જયશ્રી સ્વામિનારાયણ

- વિરેન્દ્રસિંહ બી. ઝાલા (સમલા)

P.P.S. to Police Comm. - A'bad city

જયશ્રી સ્વામિનારાયણ

આજરોજ અમો શ્રી સ્વામિનારાયણ મ્યુઝિયમ બનાવેલ જેમાં
ભગવાન શ્રી સ્વામિનારાયણનો જન્મ તથા બાલચરિત્ર તથા
ભગવાનના જુના પુરાણો આભૂષણો તથા તેમના હથિયાર તથા
ભગવાન શ્રી સ્વામિનારાયણ ઉપદેશ જેવાકે નાસ્તિક માણસ પણ
આશ્રિત બન્યા જે સ્વામિનારાયણ ભગવાનનો પ્રતાપ આ મ્યુઝિયમ
જોઈને તેના ભાગ્ય તથા સંતોના તથા હરિભક્તોનો પ્રેમ જોઈ અમો
ઘણા આનંદી થયા છીએ

- આભાર પટેલ કાન્તિલાલ દેવીદાસ - ડાંગરવા

શ્રી
સ્વામીનારાયણ
મ્યુઝિયમ



તા: ૬/૬/૧૧

ક્રમાંક:માર્કેટીંગ/પ્રચાર/૨૦૧૧/ 170
જાંગી

પ્રતિ,
મુખ્ય કારભારીશ્રી,
મુખ્ય કારભારીશ્રી કચેરી,
શ્રી સ્વામીનારાયણ મંદિર,
કણ્ણપુર,
અમદાવાદ-૧

વિષય : શ્રી સ્વામીનારાયણ મ્યુઝિયમ, નારણપુરા - અમદાવાદનો પ્રવાસન વિભાગમાં જોવાલાયક સ્થળ તરીકે નોંધણી કરવા અંગે.
સંદર્ભ : આપનો તા:૩૦/૪/૧૧નો પત્ર.

મહાશય,

ઉપરોક્ત વિષય અન્વયે આજ્ઞાનુસાર જણાવવાનું કે, અમદાવાદના જોવાલાયક પ્રવાસન સ્થળોના ક્ષેત્રમાં શ્રી સ્વામીનારાયણ મ્યુઝિયમ, નારણપુરા - અમદાવાદનો સમાવેશ કરવામાં આવશે.

સામાન્ય રીતે ગુજરાત રાજ્યની પ્રવાસન પ્રવૃત્તિની પ્રચાર-પ્રસિધ્ધિ જુદા-જુદા માધ્યમો ધ્વારા દેશ-વિદેશમાં કરવામાં આવે છે જેથી અમદાવાદના જોવાલાયક સ્થળોનું ક્ષેત્ર પણ ગુજરાત પ્રવાસન નિગમ ધ્વારા જ્યારે જ્યારે પ્રચાર-પ્રસિધ્ધિ કરવામાં આવે છે ત્યારે આ ક્ષેત્રનું વિતરણ કરવામાં આવે છે. આમ અમદાવાદના જોવાલાયક સ્થળોમાં આપના મ્યુઝિયમનો સમાવેશ થવા બાદ દેશ-વિદેશમાં આ પ્રચાર-પ્રસિધ્ધિ થશે જે આપશ્રીને વિદિત થાય.

આપના મ્યુઝિયમના ફોટોગ્રાફની શેકેટ કોપી તથા વિગતો નિગમની એડ એજન્સી સીઆન્ય એડર્વટાઈઝીંગ, અમદાવાદનો મોબાઈલ નં.૯૩૨૮૫૧૯૪૯૫, શ્રી દર્શનને મોકલી આપવા વિનંતી છે.

આભાર સહ,

આપનો વિશ્વાસુ,

K. P. Patel
મેનેજર (માર્કેટીંગ)

નકલ રવાના:

(૧) સીઆન્ય એડ એજન્સી, ૧૯૦ માળ, શંકર એમ્બર્સી, એચ.કે.હાઉસ પાસે, અમદાવાદ
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First Satsang Shibir in America in pious presence of H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj

- Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal (I.S.S.O., America)



With the directions of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj, first *Satsang Shibir* of Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal was organized in New York from 26th June 2011 to 1st July 2011 under the auspices of our future Acharya H.H. Shri Lalji 108 Shri Vrajendraprasadji Maharaj. More than 250 children from California, Elbema and U.K. and other countries had participated in this *Shibir*. The place of *Shibir* was in the lap of nature full of lush green greenery surrounded by the steep mountain ranges from which streams were flowing. The main theme of this occasion was '**My Mandir**' i.e. '**My Temple**'! How wonderful!!!

H.H. Shri Gadiwala and H.H. Shri Raja also graced this occasion to provide guidance to the young girl participants. Such camps and *Shibir* are organized with a view to imbibe values and principles of our Culture, our *Sampradaya* and tradition of our Gadi of Shree Narnarayandev Diocese in future generations residing abroad.

In the camp from early morning various activities begin from taking bath, performing *pooja*, *path*, *aarti* of Thakorji, *Bhajan*, *Kirtan*, study of **Shiksha Patri**, *Nitya Niyam* etc. in the evening *Aarti of Thakorji*, *Niyam and Gyan Sabha*

(Vachnamrit-273) are organized wherein preaching and commentaries by the learned saints are delivered through their lectures.

In the beginning of the *Sabha*, importance of *Shree Swaminarayan Mahamantra Dhoon* is explained and then all dance together while performing the divine *Dhoon*. During the camp the devotee Shri Manjibhai Hirani (Hyustan) had taken care of the basic education of our *Satsang* wherein basic principles of our *Sampradaya* and *Gyan* about our *Dharma* were explained by him with utmost simplicity.

On the third day of the Camp, the youngsters of U.K. Wulwich explained the importance of temple in modern way in light atmosphere of fun and laughter. So that all could understood that, the temples are meant to render our services for the deities invoked therein. The youngsters of Boston explained the importance of various festivals being celebrated in our *Sampradaya* in accordance with the tradition of our *Sampradaya*. The young girls of Sinemension (New Jersey) had taught about knowledge with great enthusiasm. From the time of Shreeji Maharaj our *Sampradaya* is nourished by the saints and accordingly Shastri Ramkrishnadasji Swami (Koteshwar),

Dharmkishor Swami (Los Angeles) and Gyanprakash Swami (Colonia) had delivered their informative lectures in Gujarati as well as in English on the subjects like *'Invocation of the idol images of Shree Hari'*, *'Satsang'*, *'Effects of bad company'* etc. and had also resolved the questions and problems of the youngsters through the session of questionnaire.

However, all were eagerly waiting for the blessings of H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj. At a tender age of just 14 years H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj explained *'Importance of Shree Hari'*, *'Our Feelings towards Temples'*, and *'Selfless Bhakti'* in a very simple, lucid and easy-to-understand language.

During the discussions held in the *Sabha*, questions of each devotee were answered by H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj. Similarly H.H. Shri Gadiwala also provided guidance to all the participant girl devotees.

The organizers of the camp had rendered their great services for preparing various types of meals. Thus, young devotees availed the benefit of *Satsang*, *Dharmkul* and *Saint Samagam* constantly for six days. With the blessings of H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj and the saints, this camp has nourished the values and principles of our *Sampradaya* in the young participant devotees. While departing all the participants were asking about the next camp.

BHAGWAN IS DECEIVED

- Shastri Harijivan Swami (Mahant,
Himatnagar)

Akshar Auradi is the residence of *Adhipathi* of Brahmand. We find terrible simplicity in the life of the great people. Shreeji Maharaj used to sleep in this *Akshar Auradi*. Brahmanand Swami, Nityanand Swami, Adbhutanand Swami etc. saints used to sit beside Maharaj.

Maharaj asked the saints to carry his bed in a bullock-cart, as He wanted to go to the forest and sleep there peacefully. Immediately Brahmanand Swami asked Karim *Bhakta* to bring a cart. Karim *Bhakta* went out. Then Swamiji asked Maharaj to cover his face with a cloth, as they were making all the arrangements. Maharaj slept.

WAVE OF PLEASURE

When Maharaj woke up, it was not the forest but *Akshar Auradi*. When Maharaj told, "We are deceived. We are not taken to the forest and we are made to sleep in this *Akshar Auradi*." Swamiji smiled and said that, on many occasions Shreeji Maharaj had deceived them in a funny way. Now it was the turn of Shreeji Maharaj to be deceived and everybody laughed. All enjoyed and Shreeji Maharaj asked all the saints to go to their residence and slept again.

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SPECIAL TALK ABOUT SPECIAL RULES

- **Shastri HariPriyadasji (Gandhinagar)**

The peacock eagerly awaits the rains, the bird eagerly awaits the moon. Similarly we all await the rainy season. Once the rain starts, we all feel very cool and happy. There is lush green greenery, fresh smell from the leaves and beautiful smell coming from the clay of the earth. All the people, the young as well as the old, become happy and welcome this beautiful rainy season. There is famous song:

आव रे वरसाह, घेवरीयो प्रसाह,
ॐनी ॐनी रोटकी ने करेवानुं शाक.

But, children do you know this pleasure of the season turns out to be punishment? Rampratapbhai, the elder brother of Ghanshyam Maharaj, had one such bitter experience. On the beginning of the pious *Chatur Maas* from *Ashadh Sud-11* Ghanshyam Maharaj asked all the family members to take and observe any vows they like. Accordingly, Rampratapbhai took vow to observe fasting until he gets divine *Darshan* of the Lord Suryanarayan. We all know that, the pious *Chatur Maas* begin from *Ashadh Sud-11* during this rainy season. And this vow of Rampratapbhai proved to be very arduous for him. The rainy season began in Chhapaiya and there were dark clouds in the sky, hiding the Sun. So Rampratapbhai could not have *Darshan* of Surnarayandev and he had to observing fasting for the whole day; due to heavy rains and clouds, he had to observe fasting for as many as twelve days. But Rampratapbhai did not change his mind. Any *Ekantik Bhakta* never changes his mind, despite difficulties and hurdles. Such devotees are very dear to Bhagwan and Almighty Lord also helps such ardent *Bhakta*.

When Shri Ghanshyam Maharaj asked Rampratapbhai why he had taken so strict vow then Rampratapbhai told that, he wanted to have divine *Darshan* of Surnarayandev. With the wish and desire of Ghanshyam Maharaj, Suryanarayandev came in his chariot at the house of Rampratapbhai and granted him divine *Darshan*. But Rampratapbhai was confused as he did not see any divine light. Then

सत्संग बालवाटिका
SATSANG BALVATIKA

- Compiler Shastri Harikehsavdasji
(Gandhinagar)

Suryanarayan emitted slight light and there was light everywhere in the whole house. Rampratapbhai performed *Shastang Dandvat Pranam*.

Then Suvasini Bhabhi brought milk of Gomti cow and offered the pious milk to Suryadev. Suryadev accepted it with happiness and went away in his Chariot. Thereafter, the meals were prepared in the kitchen and Rampratapbhai accepted the meals.

Friends, how strong was Rampratapbhai in his determination of observing the fasting until he gets divine *Darshan* of Suryanarayandev. He did not change his mind despite twelve successive fasting and at last he got the divine *Darshan* of Suryanarayandev. So if you want to obtain pleasure and happiness of Shri Ghanshyam Maharaj, then you should also observe any of the eight rules prescribed in Shloka-76,77 and 78 of '*Shiksha Patri*'.

HAVE PATIENCE

- **Sadhu Shrirangdas (Gandhinagar)**

Patience is the best and the most difficult among all the virtues and noble qualities. A person who does not lose his temper under critical conditions is considered to have patience. And therefore Shatanand Swami has said, '*Aati Dhairyavate Namah*:'.

There is famous incident of meeting of Shreeji Maharaj's meeting with Peshwa of Ahmedabad. Peshwa of Ahmedabad invited Shreeji Maharaj to his fort of Bhadra. He was very cunning. He had made a conspiracy to kill Shreeji Maharaj. Accepting the invitation of Peshwa, Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan graced the fort of Bhadra to meet Peshwa of Ahmedabad. It was insisted that only Maharaj should enter into the palace. Therefore Maharaj asked all the saints to stay outside. However, Devanand Dandi Swami did not accept this and accompanied Maharaj in the palace.

FROM THE BLESSINGS OF H.H. SHRI
GADIWALA
- compiled by Kotak Varsha Natvarlal
(Ghodasar)

With the blessings of *Parmatma*, a soul gets human birth. Then what is the purpose of human life? Achieving *Parmatma* is the sole and only goal of human life. What is the last destination of this world? Popularly it is stated that our home is the last destination of this world. When we return home from any long journey, then we feel peace. Similarly what is the root of the human birth? The answer is *Parmatma* because man is born from *Paramatma*. So when any human being achieves God or *Parmatma* in his life, he feels eternal and divine peace. A drop of water gets mixed up in the ocean. During the scorching heat, the water of the Ocean gets evaporated as vapour and takes the form of a cloud and then it again completes the cycle by returning to the Earth in the form of the rains. Then it again gets mixed with the water of the Ocean. Similarly the pilgrimage of a human being ends with *Parmatma*. But to achieve *Parmatma*, a man needs to perform *Ekantik Bhakti* in his life. Now what is the meaning of *Ekantik Bhakti*? It means worshipping only One Form of *Bhagwan*. But the people of this world do not follow this simple principle. They get tempted into a number of other things. However, ardent devotees of *Bhagwan* invariably achieve *Parmatma* in their life and get eternal peace and happiness. In this connection, there is one story.

During the Middle Ages, a businessman went abroad for his business carrying his one hundred camels with him. He reaches at one place at night. He decides to take rest. He saw another businessman there; so he requested him to allow him to take rest for a night. Obtaining the permission, the businessman makes all the preparations for the night-halt. He had ninety ropes and so he ties ninety nine camels with these ropes so that they do not run away at night. However, he was worried about his last camel as he did not have any rope. He asked for a rope to the owner of the land. The owner said that, he did not have any such rope. But he was very intelligent; so he asked the businessman to pretend as if he was tying the camel with a rope. As per the instructions, the businessman pretended as if he was tying the camel with an imaginary rope. Now the camel



believed that, like other camels, he has also been tied with a rope. He saw all the camels sleeping. So he also slept with them. In the morning, the businessman woke up all the camels and released their ropes. But the last camel did not move, though he was not tied with any rope. When asked to resolve the problem, the owner of the land asked the businessman to pretend as if he was releasing the camel from the rope. The businessman did, as he was instructed and the last camel stood up and started with other camels, believing that like all other camels he has also been released.

Like this camel, human beings of this world, get swayed away behind the worldly pleasures and runs behind such temporal things blindly out of his ignorance. He forgets the real aim of his life. But when he gets a real Guru in his life, and when he starts following the directions of his Guru scrupulously then he gets the vision and purpose in his life and by following it he gets peace and happiness in his life and at last also gets a place in *Akshardham*.

Therefore, those who perform ardent *Bhakti* and follow the righteous path in life they become ardent devotees and perform real *Satsang* in their life. May Almighty Lord Shree Narnarayandev bless all the devotees and *Haribhaktas* to lead them righteous path in their life.

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KASHI AND MATHURA IN OUR HOME
- Sankhya Yogi Kokilaba (Surendranagar)

In *Shloka-139* of '*Shiksha Patri*' Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan has stated:

"My disciples shall render life long services to their parents,

Guru and ailing persons according to their ability."

Service to one's parents and Acharya should be performed eagerly with affection. Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan has directed all the devotees and *Haribhaktas* to render their services to their parents because they are worthy of service. In the scriptures, it is stated that, no service is better than the service to our parents. All the places of pilgrimage reside in our parents; so rendering our services with

mind, body and money is like performing pilgrimage to all the holy places.

Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan has directed that, all the devotees and *Haribhaktas* should render their services first to their parents and thereafter they should render their services to Bhagwan. Because service to our parents is like performing pilgrimage to all sixty eight *Tirth-Sthan* (places of pilgrimage). One saint has sung in his *Bhajan*:

“घरमां काशी घरमां मथुरा, घरमां छे गोकर्णीयुं गाम
माता पिताने दुःखवशो तो, नखि आवे तीर्थ काम,
भाई मारे नथी ज्ञानुं तीर्थधाम.”

Our parents themselves are Kashi and Mathura. By offending our parents, it is offending to perform pilgrimage to the places like Chhapaiya, Haridwar, Ayodhya, Kashi, Mathura etc. If there is no proper connection with the main switch then there would not be any supply of electricity and resultantly there would be no light in our house. Even an expert electrician or wireman cannot restore the supply of electricity if the main switch is not connected properly. So if we render our services to our parents, we shall get the result equivalent to performing pilgrimage of all the holy places. Similarly, Ghanshyam Maharaj rendered the services to His parents. *Shravan* rendered the services to his blind parents. *Pundalik* also rendered the services to his parents. And therefore their names are referred to in all the holy scriptures.

So dear readers, we all should render our services to our parents. Nowadays it is found that, children render services to their parents until they get married. But the moment they get married, their relations get changed with their parents. But ultimately such type of children never become happy in their life. And they also forget the fact that one day they also are going to be the parents of their children. So we should give love and affection and render services to our parents as we expect from our children. So readers, never forget your parents and do not miss any opportunity to render your services to the parents and to obtain their blessings.

LET US BECOME REAL BHAKTA WITH SAINT SAMAGAM

- Sankhya Yogi Gitaba and Anandiba (Viramgam)

What is the real and simple way to achieve God in our life? This is narrated well in our scriptures like *Vachanamrit*. *Satsang* is the real

way. Bhagwan Shree Krishna has told Uddhav in ‘*Ekadash Skanda*’, “*I cannot be pleased with Ashtang Yog, Sankhya Vichar, reading of the scriptures, Tapa, Tyaga, Yagna, Vrata etc. but I can be pleased easily with Satsang.*”

Satsang is like service station of our mind and body. Just as we need to get service of our vehicle, we also need to service our body and mind. By performing *Satsang*, our heart is purified and we start cherishing utmost *Bhakti* in *Bhagwan* through this *Satsang*.

Even Ramkrishna Paramhansa had asked a question to his Guru, “Though you are *Brahmgyani*, yet why do you perform *Bhajan, Dhya, Satsang?*” then Guru told him, “Look at this glass. It is shining because I clean it daily. But if I do not clean it daily, it will be dirty and after some days it will rust.” The same is the case with our *Bhakti* and devotion. We need to keep them clean by nourishing it with *Satsang*.

SANT SAMAGAM

- Parmar Bhumika Bhagwanjibhai (Halar-Surat)

One *Haribhakta* aged about fifty three years was residing in a village. He went to the temple of the village to perform *Sant Samagam*. For about more than one month, he went to the temple for *Sant Samagam*. After one month, the saints asked him about his family members. Then this *Haribhakta* pointed out towards the eccentric ways and misbehaviour of his son, daughter-in-law etc. then the saints asked him to stay in the temple permanent. But *Haribhakta* refused and said that, he cannot stay in the temple; however, he would come regularly for *Satsang*.

This is an example of typical human nature. Though we may be complaining about our near and dear ones, yet we would not like to go away from them. But when we see people abusing others in the temple then we feel very bad and we cannot forget such words. This is because we do not perform *Satsang* whole-heartedly and we do not know the importance of Almighty Lord completely.

If we want to know about the real importance of *Bhagwan* then we should perform *Sant Samagam*. Moreover, we should not look at the faults and defects of other devotees and *Haribhaktas*. We have to get rid of our this type of typical human nature. And for that we have always to remain vigilant and should perform *Sant Samagam* regularly.

News And Notes From Shri Narnarayandev Desh

Directions of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj for Tree Plantation for Preserving our Environment

H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj of Shree Narnarayandev Diocese has directed all the young devotees of Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal and *Haribhaktas* as well as devotees to plant and grow more and more trees nearby their residences, workplaces, in the village and in the cities as it is an ardent duty of all the devotees and *Haribhaktas* to preserve our Environment. It is also directed to initiate a Campaign for preserving our Environment in the big cities. So it is in the interest of all of us and our society that we follow these directions scrupulously.

(P.P. Swami, Koteshwar Gurukul)

Celebration of Guru-Purnima Mahotsav in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Ahmedabad

Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan established two seats- Shree Narnarayandev Desh and Shree Laxminarayandev Desh and established H.H. Shri Ayodhyaprasadji Maharaj as Acharya of Shree Narnarayandev Desh and H.H. Shri Ravirji Maharaj as Acharya of Shree Laxminarayandev Desh.

On the pious day of *Ashadh Sudh Guru Purnima*, all *Bhudev* (Brahmins) and the learned *Pandits* performed *Swasti Vachan*, *Poojan-archan-aarti*. Thereafter Mahant Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji of Ahmedabad temple, Shastri Swami Nirgundasji, Shri Dhyani Swami, Shri Dev Swami (Mahant of Naranghat temple) etc. saints performed *poojan-archan and aarti*. Thereafter, all the members of Shree Narnarayandev Scheme Committee and the leading *Haribhaktas* performed *Guru Poojan, aarti*, offered the gifts and obtained the blessings. Thereafter the learned saints explained the tradition of Guru and Acharya as narrated in the scriptures with examples. From 7.30 a.m. in the morning till 12.00 hours, there were long lines of *Haribhaktas* and devotees for performing *Guru Poojan* and obtaining blessings. The *Sabha* was conducted by Shastri Swami Narayanvallahdasji. With the inspiration of Mahant Sadguru Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji of Ahmedabad temple, Kothari Parshad Digambar

Bhagat, J.P. Swami, Brahmchari Rajeshwaranandji, Baldev Swami (Dholera), J.K. Swami, Yogi Swami, Vishwavihari Swami had made all the arrangements. At last thousands of *Haribhaktas* had availed the benefit of Prasad.

(Muni Swami).

Celebration of 14th Prakatyotsav of H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj

On *Ashadh Vad-10 25/07/2011*, 14th Prakatyotsav of H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj 108 Shri Vrajendraprasadji Maharaj and 8th successor of Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan was celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm in the pious presence of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj. First of all the learned *Pandits* performed *Swasti Vachan, Poojan-archan-aarti*. Thereafter Mahant Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji of Ahmedabad temple, Shastri Swami Nirgundasji, Shri P.P. Swami of Jetalpurdham, Mahant Shri Dev Swami of Naranghat temple and Nana P.P. Swami etc. saints performed *poojan-archan and aarti*.

H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj released the book '*Panchratna Shiksha Patri*' published by our temple for which the services were rendered by Shastri Swami Harikeshavdasji (Gandhinagar Sector-23 temple). H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj honoured Shastri Haripriyadasji (disciple of Shastri Swami Harikeshavdasji) by offering the garland. Only student-saints had delivered their speeches on this pious occasion which was conducted for the first time by Shastri Narayan Muni Swami and obtained the blessings of *Dharmkul*.

At last H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj blessed all the saints and devotees and asked them to cherish utmost faith in Shree Narnarayandev. Thereafter saints and Mahants from various places had offered the garlands. *Yuvak Mandal* and large number of devotees as well as *Haribhaktas* offered the garlands and obtained the blessings. On this occasion the Stage of the *Sabha Mandap*, etc. were decorated under the guidance of Mahant Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji and Kothari Parshad Digambar Bhagat. Beautiful arrangements were made for Prasad of the saints and the devotees.

(J.K. Swami)

Grand Hindola Darshan in Ahmedabad temple

In the pious company of Shree Narnarayandev, beautiful *Hindola Darshan* is performed in our Shree Swaminarayan temple, Kalupur, Ahmedabad, whose benefit is availed by large number of devotees. *Hindola Darshan* of Dry Fruits, Chocolate, Fruit, Flowers are performed very artistically. With the inspiration of Mahant Swami, Kothari Parshad Digambar Bhagat,

Baldev Swami (Bapu), Muni Swami, Yogi Swami, Nana Swami, Bharatbhai Bhavsar have been rendering their beautiful services. Many devotees and *Haribhaktas* have rendered their services as host for *Hindola Darshan*. (Yogi Swami)

Shree Swaminarayan temple, Vadnagar

With the inspiration of Sadguru Mahant Swami Harisevadasji, on *Ashadh Sud-10* Poojari Shastri Vishwaprakashdasji had performed *Shangar* of '**Shree Hari Van-Vicharan**' and '**Nilkanth Varni**' in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Vadnagar and the devotees had availed the benefit of divine *Darshan*. On the pious day of '*Guru Purnima*' importance of our H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj was explained by Mahant Shastri Swami Narayanvallahdasji. Swamiji also performed *poojan-archan* of the photo image of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and all the *Haribhaktas* availed the benefit of performing divine *Aarti*. (M a h a n t Shastri Swami Narayanvallahdasji, Vadnagar)

Tree Plantation by children of Karm Shakti Park on the occasion of 14th Prakatyotsav of H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj

On the occasion of 14th *Prakatyotsav* of future Acharya of our *Sampradaya* H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj, 14 children of *Shree Ghanshyam Bal Mandal* (Karm Shakti Park) have shouldered the responsibility of growing 14 trees. In the pious presence of Mahant Swami of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Karm Shakti, Ahmedabad and Nana P.P. Swami and in presence of Dr. Sureshbhai Patel, Chairman of Health Committee, 14th *Prakatyotsav* of H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj was celebrated in the evening at 5.30 hours by cutting the cake and by planting 14 trees by the children. (Yuvak Mandal, Karm Shakti)

100% result of our Shree Swaminarayan Sanskrit Mahavidyalaya

Our Shree Swaminarayan Sanskrit Mahavidyalaya, established by our Aadi Acharya Shri Ayodhyaprasadji Maharaj has been functioning well in Aksharmahol Vadi in Jetalpur. The saints, Parshads and Bhudev studying from *Prathma-1* (Std.8) till *Acharya* (M.A.) in this Sanskrit Mahavidyalaya have secured 100% result in the examinations and thereby they have earned name and fame for us and our *Sampradaya*. H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj are very much happy to learn about this result and have blessed for the progress of our Sanskrit *Pathshala*. Mahant Swami Krishnaprakashdasji, Jetalpur)

Celebration of 165th Patotsav of Idar temple

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and with the

inspiration of Mahant Swami Jagdishprasaddasji, on *Jeth Sud-9* 165th *Patotsav* of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Idar was celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm. In the morning at 7.00 hours, *Shodasopchar Mahabishek* of Shree Gopinathji Harikrishna Maharaj was performed in Vedic tradition. The host devotees Amrutbhai Hirbhai and Shri Jayantibhai Hirabhai (Lalodawala) availed the benefit of *Mahapooja*.

H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj performed *Annakut Aarti* and graced the *Sabha*. In the *Sabha* Mahant Swami Jagdishprasaddasji, Raghuvir Swami, Swami Krishnaprasaddasji etc. saints offered garlands and obtained the blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj. Both the sons of Akshar Nivasi devotee Gangaben Hirabhai performed *aarti and Bhet-Poojan* of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj. Thereafter, all the devotees offered garlands and obtained the blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj.

In the *Sabha* organized on the occasion, Sadguru Shastri Swami Narayanvallahdasji and Shastri Swami Harijivandasji delivered their inspirational speeches. At last H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj blessed the whole *Sabha*. The *Sabha* was conducted by Shastri Swami Vasudevcharandasji. Sadhu Satyasankalpdasji, Shreeji Swami and Shastri Swami Shreejiprakashdasji rendered their services. Devotees and *Haribhaktas* of various villages availed the benefit of *Darshan* and Prasad on this occasion. (Shastri Harijivandas)

Celebration of 97th Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Ayodhya

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj, H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj and with the inspiration of Sadguru Mahant Swami Devprasaddasji Guru Sadguru Swami Jagatprakashdasji, 97th *Patotsav* of Shree Radhakrishnadev Harikrishna Maharaj was celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm.

In the morning at 7.00 hours, *Shodasopchar* of Thakorji was performed in Vedic tradition. Devotee Shri Pratimaben Naranbhai Patel and her brother devotee Shri Dhirubhai Patel (Judge, Zarkhand @ Ranchi) family had availed the benefit of rendering the services as the host of *Patotsav*. In the *Sabha* organized on the occasion Sadguru Swami Jagatprakashdasji, Sadguru Mahant Brahmchari Swami Vasudevanandji, Sadguru Mahant Swami Narayanswaroopdasji (Prayag), Sadguru Swami Vishwavallahdasji (Gadhda) and Mahant Dev Swami explained the importance of *Shree Hari* and Dharmvanshi. The *Sabha* was conducted by Parshad Bharat Bhagat.

Vishnuprasad Swami, Madhav Swami and

Bhupat Bhagat had rendered their beautiful services on this occasion. Construction work of new residence in the campus of the temple is going on well with the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj. (Parshad Bharat Bhagat)

Shree Swaminarayan temple, Himatnagar

With the blessings of H.H. Shri Laxmiswaroop Gadiwala, Shree Ghanshyam Mahila Mandal organized *Samuh Mahapooja* of ladies devotees on *Ashadh Sud-10* in our Shree Swaminarayan temple, Himatnagar. About more than 70 ladies devotees availed the benefit of this occasion. They took vow to perform pious rules of *Chaturmaas Devsayani Ekadashi*. All the arrangements were made by Mahant Swami of the temple. (Labhuben)

Celebration of Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Bamroli (M.P.)

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and H.H. Shri Laxmiswaroop Gadiwala, *Patotsav* of Shree Radhakrishnadev Harikrishna Maharaj was celebrated on Jeth Sud-11 with great fervour and enthusiasm. Shodasopchar Abhishek, Annakut *Aarti* etc. were performed in Vedic tradition by H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj. Sankhyayogi devotee Shri Shantaba, Hansaba and Ranjanba had rendered their services as the host of this *Patotsav*. A luxury bus from Patdi had come to participate in this *Patotsav*. Ladies devotees had rendered their great services during this *Patotsav* and obtained the pleasure of all. (Narayanji Talati Kothari, Patdi)

Distribution of fruits to the patients by devotees of Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal, Bapunagar

With the blessings and directions of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and with the inspiration of H.H. Shri Lajji Maharaj, on 17/07/2011, Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal of Bapunagar, distributed fruits to all the patients of new Cancer Hospital situated near Saraspur Shardaben Municipal Hospital, Naroda Chamunda Bridge through the saints. A pious decision was also taken by Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal to continue such services on 3rd Sunday of each month. (Gordhanbhai Sitapara)

Celebration of 5th Patotsav of Aroda temple

With the blessings and directions of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and with the inspiration of Mahant Swami Jagdishprasaddasji of Idar temple, 5th *Patotsav* of Aroda temple was celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm. *Haribhaktas* had rendered their great services in Group Mahapooja. After Annakut *aarti*, Shastri Swami Harijivandasji and

Vasudevcharan Swami narrated beautiful Katha.

Shastri Shreejiprakashdasji and Kothari Satyasankalpdasji rendered their great services on the occasion of *Patotsav*. The devotee Shri Navnitbhai Ambalal Patel rendered the services as the host of the *Patotsav* who was honoured and blessed with the garlands by Mahant Swami. (Kothari)

Akhand Mahamantra Dhoon in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Mansa

With the blessings and directions of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj, H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj, H.H. Shri Lajji Maharaj, H.H. Shri Laxmiswaroop Gadiwala and H.H. Shri Laxmiswaroop Mota Gadiwala and with the inspiration of Mahant Shastri Swami Ghanshyamprakashdasji, Shree Swaminarayan *Mahamantra Dhoon* of 48 hours was performed by satsangi ladies devotees of Mahila Mandal. The whole arrangement was made by the devotees Keshakaka and Ramanbhai Sharma. The devotees Chaturbhai Gajjan and Jasiben Gajjar rendered their services for the light refreshment-cum-breakfast during *Dhoon*. *Aarti* of the concluding ritual of *Akhand Dhoon* was performed by devotee Shri *Aartiben* Chandraprakashbhai Swami. Large number of ladies devotees participated in this *Akhand Mahamantra Dhoon*. (Smit Bhavin)

Satsang Sabha in Lavarpur by Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal, Bapunagar

With the blessings and directions of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj, night Satsang Sabha was conducted on 03/07/2011 at village Lavarpur, Dist. Gandhinagar wherein Shastri Swami Abhayprakashdasji and Shastri Divyprakashdasji of Naranghat temple narrated Katha-varta and Kirtan-Bhakti whose benefit was availed by the devotees and *Haribhaktas* of the nearby villages. Lavarpur village Yuvak Mandal may continue to organize such programmes which may nourish our Sampradaya. (Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal, Lavarpur)

MULI DESH

Celebration of 7th Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Ratanpar

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj, various programmes were organized from 11/05/2011 to 15/05/2011 on the occasion of 7th *Patotsav* of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Ratanpar of Muli Desh.

On this occasion *Shrimad Satsangjivan Panchdinatmak Parayan* was organized from 11/05/2011 to 15/05/2011. Sadguru Shastri Swami Hariomprakashdasji (Jetalpur

Aksharmaholvadi) and Sadguru Shatri Swami Shreejiprakashdasji (Mahant of Naranpura temple) were the spokespersons of this *Parayan* whose benefit was availed by thousands of ladies devotees and *Haribhaktas*. Accepting the ardent invitation of the ladies devotees, H.H. Shri Laxmiswaroop Gadiwala graced the occasion and granted to the ladies devotees the benefit of Divine *Darshan* and blessings. 11 *Samhita Path* and *Group Mahapooja* were also organized on this occasion. The devotee Shri Babubhai Chhotabhai Pitroda family rendered the services as the Chief Host of *Katha*. The devotee Shri Thakrasibai Mohanbhai Adalaja family rendered the services as the Chief Host of *Patotsav*. The devotee Shri Dhanjibhai Herma family rendered the services as the host of *Dharmkul-poojan*. Moreover, many other devotees rendered their services for the daily meals during this *Patotsav-Mahotsav*. Shastri Swami Krishnaprakashdasji had been here for one month from America for the preparations of this *Patotsav-Mahotsav* after obtaining the permission of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj. Many saints from various places had also arrived on this occasion. This was the first occasion of gracing of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and therefore grand *Samaiyo* was performed by all *Haribhaktas* and devotees of Zalavad area. H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj granted divine *Darshan* to all the devotees and then performed *Patotsav* and *Annakut Aarti* of Thakorji in the temple and graced the Sabha wherein the host devotees performed *poojan-archan, aarti* and obtained the blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj. At last H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj blessed the whole Sabha. On this occasion Kothari Kalu Bhagat, Muktaswaroop Swami, Yuvak Mandal and Mahila Mandal rendered their beautiful services for *Annakut* and *Mahaprasad*. With the inspiration of the elderly and learned Narnarayan Swami of Muli, K.P. Swami, Premswaroop Swami, Narottam Bhagat and Gopal Swami etc. saints and *Haribhaktas* had rendered their beautiful services.

(Kothari Babubhai Adalja)

Night Katha Parayan in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Surendranagar

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and with the inspiration of Sadguru Swami Premjivandasji, Shrimad Bhaktachintamani Night Katha was performed from 08/06/2011 to 15/06/2011 in our Shree Swaminarayan temple, Surendranagar. Shastri Swami Satyasankalpadasji and Shastri Swami Suvratswaroopdasji were the spokespersons of this *Parayan*. The devotee Shri Mansukhbhai

Zaverbhai and Patel Ghanshyam Bhai Shankarbhai had rendered their services as the host of this *Parayan* whose benefit was availed by thousands of ladies devotees and *Haribhaktas*. During *Katha*, Prasad and light refreshment-cum-breakfast was also offered to all *Haribhaktas*. The whole arrangements were made by Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal under the guidance of Shastri Swami Premvallabhdasji. (Shailendrasinh Zala)

Shree Swaminarayan temple, Limbdi

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj, Shrimad Satsangibhusan Katha has been organized from Ashadh Sud-11 and during the whole pious Shraavan Maas. Sadhu Vandanprakashdas is the spokesperson of this *Katha*; many Utsavs were celebrated during this *Katha*. Mahant Swami Bhaktavatsaldas had provided able guidance. (Jayeshbhai Soni)

OVERSEAS SATSANG NEWS

Leicester (U.K.) graced by H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj

6th successor of Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan and Other Form of Shree Hari, H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharaj accepted the invitation of the devotee Shri Muljibhai Kacha family and graced the house of the devotee on 15/07/2011 in Leicester on the occasion marriage ceremony organized in the family of the devotee. Devotees and *Haribhaktas* of Halar-Kachchh and Gujarat grabbed this opportunity and thronged together to perform divine *Darshan* of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and also availed the benefit of grace of their house by Dharmvanshi H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj.

Shree Hari graced the marriage ceremony of Dada Khachar; similarly the devotee Shri Muljibhai Kacha had availed the benefit of divine *Darshan* of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj on the occasion of marriage ceremony of his daughter. Thereafter, H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj graced our Shree Swaminarayan temple, Leicester and performed *Abhishek aarti* of Thakorji in the temple and graced the Sabha organized on the occasion. In the *Sabha*, devotees and *Haribhaktas* performed *Guru Poojan* on the pious occasion of *Guru Purnima* and offered the gifts on the pious occasion, performed *Group aarti* and obtained the blessings of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj.

On this occasion, H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj made the announcement that, from the gifts offered by the devotees and *Haribhaktas* of Leicester, *Abhishek-poojan* of Shree Narnarayandev would be performed in our Shree Swaminarayan Museum on behalf of the devotees of Leicester and their relatives residing in Gujarat can avail the benefit of this *Abhishek-poojan* and

then blessed all the saints, devotees and *Haribhaktas*. (Hajuri Parshad Kanu Bhagat)

Patotsav by H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Wilsdon, London

On the pious day of *Ashadh Sud-15 Gurupurnima*, H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Wilsdon, London on the occasion of *Patotsav* by accepting the invitation of *Haribhaktas* of Kachchh. In the morning, H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj performed *Shodasopchar Abhishek* of *Balswarup Ghanshyam Maharaj* in Vedic tradition alongwith the saints of Bhuj (Kachchh). Thereafter, a special Sabha was organized in the evening on the occasion of *Guru-Purnima*, wherein the saints and *Haribhaktas* performed *Shastang Dandvat Pranam* and *aarti, Poojan-archan* of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj.

Saints of Bhuj delivered their inspirational speeches wherein they stated that, on the pious day of *Guru Purnima*, first of all *poojan* of Guru and Dharmvanshi Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj should be performed. At last H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj blessed all the saints and devotees and stated that, "After a very long time, the benefit of performing *Abhishek* of *Shree Ghanshyam Maharaj* was availed by him. Like *Kuldevta Hanumanji Maharaj*, *Wilsdon temple* has always been with us. From construction of *Sweden temple*, *invocation of the idol images*, *construction of New Jersey temple* and *Shree Swaminarayan Museum*, *great services* have been rendered by *Haribhaktas* of *Wilsdon temple*." Thousands of devotees and *Haribhaktas* availed the benefit of divine *Darshan* on this pious occasion. (Parshad Kanu Bhagat)

Shree Swaminarayan temple, Leicester (U.K.)

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj, Janmangal Path was performed on Saturday 25/06/2011 in our Shree Swaminarayan temple, Leicester. Sadhu Vijayprakashdasji, who is returning to Swadesh, was honoured with the garlands. Swami Ghanshyamdasji had explained 108 names of Janmangal Namavali and the devotee Shri Tarunbai Farsurambhai Trivedi family had rendered the services as the host of ritual of poojan. On this occasion Shree Bhakti Mahila Mandal had made beautiful arrangements of Prasad and meals. With the blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj activity of Satsang is going on well.

(Kiranbhai Bhavsar, Sahmantri)

Shree Swaminarayan temple, Sine Mension (America)

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj

and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and with the inspiration of Mahant Swami, Guru Purnima Utsav was celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm by the devotees and *Haribhaktas*. In the Sabha organized on the occasion Mahant Sadguru Shatri Swami ATmprakashdasji of Jetalpurdham temple and Mahant Shastri Swami Madhavpriyadasji of Vihokan temple performed poojan-archan of the photo image of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and explained the importance of Dharmkul. Mahant Shastri Swami Abhishekprasaddasji also explained the importance of Guru Purnima. Thereafter *aarti* of Thakorji was performed and all the *Haribhaktas* availed the benefit of divine *Darshan* and Maha-prasad. With the blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj activity of Satsang is going on well.

(Navinbhai Patel)

Shree Swaminarayan temple, Colonia (America) graced by H.H. Shri Gadiwala

On Sunday, H.H. Shri Gadiwala graced our Shree Swaminarayan temple, Colonia alongwith Sankhyayogi ladies devotees. In the *Sabha* organized on the occasion, *Mahamantra Dhoon, Kirtan-Bhakti* and *Katha-Varta* etc. were performed. H.H. Shri Gadiwala performed *aarti* of Thakorji. At last H.H. Shri Gadiwala blessed all the ladies devotees. (Ushaben Shah)

Shree Swaminarayan temple, Colonia (America) graced by H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj

On Sunday 26th June 2011, H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj graced the *Satsang Sabha* organized in our Shree Swaminarayan temple, Colonia. H.H. Shri Gadiwala, Shri Raja and Shri Bindu Raja also graced the Sabha of the ladies devotees organized on this occasion alongwith Shri Suvratkumar, Shri Saumyakumar and Parshad Kanu Bhagat. First of all *Dhoon-Kirtan* etc. were performed thereafter Shasri Vrajvallabh Swami and Sadguru Shastri Swami Ramkrishnadasji (Koteshwar) explained the importance of Satsang, Niyam, Nischay and Paksha etc. with detailed descriptions of the incidents as narrated in the scriptures. At last H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj blessed the whole Sabha. The host ladies devotees performed poojan-archan of H.H. Shri Gadiwala, Shri Bindu Raja and Shri Raja. *Haribhaktas* performed poojan-archan and obtained the blessings of H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj.

(Pravin Shah)

Blessings of H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj in Vihokan temple

On Friday 1st July 2011 our future Acharya H.H. Shri Laji Maharaj, H.H. Shri Gadiwala and H.H. Shri Raja graced our Shree Swaminarayan temple New Jersey alongwith Shri Bindu Raja, Shri Suvratkumar and Shri Saumyakumar. First of

all H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj performed *aarti* of Thakorji and *Haribhaktas* availed the benefit of divine *Darshan*.

In the Sabha organized on the occasion, the President and the devotee Shri Bhaktibhai performed Swagat with garlands of H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj on behalf of the whole Satsang. The devotee Shri Leelaben Choksi (New York) performed Swagat *poojan* of H.H. Shri Gadiwala. Other ladies devotees performed Swagat *poojan* of Shri Binduraja and H.H. Shri Raja. On this occasion, children devotees celebrated the birthday of H.H. Shri Raja cutting the cake, with great fervour and enthusiasm.

Shastri Vrajvallbh Swami delivered the speech on this occasion. At last H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj blessed the whole Sabha. The devotee Shri Prahladbhai Patel performed *poojan* of H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj and offered garland and gifts. Similarly devotee Shri Leelaben performed *poojan* of H.H. Shri Gadiwala and H.H. Shri Raja and offered garlands and gifts. (Pravinbhai)

Blessings of H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj in Cherry Hill temple

On Saturday 25th June 2011, Satsang Sabha of the ladies devotees was organized in our Shree Swaminarayan temple, Cherry Hill, in the pious presence of H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj, H.H. Shri Gadiwala, H.H. Shri Bindu Raja, H.H. Shri Raja, Shri Suvratkumar and Shri Saumyakumar. H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj performed *aarti* of Thakorji in the temple and then graced the Sabha organized on the occasion. The host devotees as well as the leading *Haribhaktas* performed *poojan-archan, aarti* of H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj. In the Sabha of the ladies devotees, ladies devotees performed Swagat- *poojan* of H.H. Shri Gadiwala, H.H. Shri Bindu Raja and H.H. Shri Raja and offered the gifts.

In the Sabha Shastri Swami Ramkrishnadasji (Koteshwar) delivered the inspirational speech. At last H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj blessed the whole Sabha and insisted for abstaining from Maya while coming to the temple for *Darshan*. (Pravinbhai)

AKSHARVAAS

Delwada (Tal. Vijapur) – Devotee Shri Jivrambhai Mohandas Patel (**Age : 107 years**) [father of the devotee Shri Manibhai Khandwala (representative of ‘Shree Swaminarayan’ magazine), devotee Shri Ishwarbhai and Shree Tulsibhai] passed away to *Akshardham* on 10/06/2011 while chanting the name of Shree Hari.

Jepur (Tal. Vijapur)– Devotee Shri Jamnaben Kashiram Patel passed away to Divine Abode of God on 25/06/2011 while chanting the name of Shreeji Maharaj.

Aroda (Idar)- Devotee Shri Rukhiben Motbhai Patel [mother of the devotee Shri Kanubhai and Jitendrakumar Patel (Member of Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal)] passed away to *Akshardham* on the day of Nirjala Ekadashi on 12/06/2011 while chanting the name of Shri Hari.

Gandhinagar– Devotee Shri Kundanben Kantilal Thakkar (mother of the devotee Shri Yogeshbhai Kantilal Thakkar) passed away to Divine Abode of God on 20/06/2011 while chanting the name of Shri Hari.

Ahmedabad- Devotee Shri Hansaben Dhirubhai Brahmabhatt [wife of the devotee Shri Dhirubhai Bhikhyabhai Brahmabhatt (retired Chairman of Sarsapur Nagrik Co. Op. Bank and ardent devotee of *Dharmkul* and Shree Narnarayandev)] passed away to Akshardham on *Jeth Sud-10*, 26/06/2011 while chanting the name of Shri Hari.

Ahmedabad– Devotee Shri Mohanlal Nanjibhai Patel passed away to Divine Abode of God on 22/06/2011 while chanting the name of Shreeji Maharaj.

Ambapur (Dist. Gandhinagar)- Devotee Shri Nathalal Bakorbhai passed away to Divine Abode of God on 25/07/2011 while chanting the name of Shreeji Maharaj.

Jodhavas (Vali, Rajasthan)– Devotee Shri Hastuben Ukaji (mother of the devotee Shri Narsiram Ukaji Chaudhary) passed away to Divine Abode of God on *Chaitra Sud-15*, 18/04/2011 while chanting the name of Shreeji Maharaj.

Balwa– Devotee Shri Amrutbhai Lavjibhai Chaudhary (Former member of the Scheme Committee of Ahmedabad temple and ardent devotee of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and Shree Narnarayandev) passed away to Divine Abode of God on 28/07/2011 while chanting the name of Shri Hari.

Leicester (U.K.) : Devotee Shri Anandbhai Gokalbhai (former Poojari of our Leicester temple and ardent devotee of Shree Narnarayandev and H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj) passed away to Akshardham on 26/07/2011 while chanting the name of Shree Hari.

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(૧) સિડની મંદિરમાં દર્શન આપતા ઠાકોરજી (૨) કોઠંબા (પંચમહાલ) મંદિરમાં પાટોત્સવ પ્રસંગે અન્નકૂટ દર્શન (૩) અયોધ્યા મંદિરમાં પાટોત્સવ પ્રસંગે પૂજન કરતા યજમાન પ્રતિમાબેન પટેલ અને તેમના ભાઈ પ.ભ. ધીરુભાઈ પટેલ (ન્યાયાધિશ) (૪) કાંકરિયા મંદિરમાં ચંદનના વાઘામાં ઠાકોરજીના દર્શન (૫) કર્મશક્તિ મંદિરમાં પ.પૂ. લાલજી મહારાજશ્રીના જન્મોત્સવ પ્રસંગે વૃક્ષારોપણ કરતા પૂ. મહંત સ્વામી (૬) મોવાસા (પંચમહાલ) મંદિરની ખાત વિધિ કરતા જેતલપુરનું સંત મંડળ અને સાથે નવા હરિભક્તો (૭) કોઠંબામાં કથા કરતા શા.ભાકિતનંદન દાસ (જેતલપુર) (૮) એપ્રોચ (બાપુનગર) ના હરિભક્તો હોસ્પિટલમાં દર્દીઓને કુટ વિતરણ કરતા (૯) છપૈયા ધામમાં જન્મસ્થાનનું ચાલતું નિર્માણ કાર્ય.



(૧) હ્યુસ્ટન મંદિરમાં નિલકંઠવર્ણી સ્વરૂપે દર્શન (૨) સિનેમિન્સન મંદિરમાં ગુરૂપૂર્ણિમા પ્રસંગે સભા (૩) ફ્લોરિડા મંદિરમાં પૂ. શ્રી રાજાના જન્મદિન પ્રસંગે સભામાં કેક કાપીને પૂ. લાલજી મહારાજશ્રીને કેકનો પ્રસાદ ખવરાવતા પૂ. શ્રી રાજા (૪) વિલ્સન લંડન મંદિરમાં બાળ સ્વરૂપ ઘનશ્યામ મહારાજનો પાટોત્સવ અભિષેક કરતા પ.પૂ. મોટા મહારાજશ્રી (૫) લંડનમાં કિંગ્સ કિચનવાળા શ્રી મનુભાઈને ત્યાં પ.પૂ. મોટા મહારાજશ્રીની પધરામણી (૬) લેસ્ટરમાં કાચા ટેલર્સ પરિવારને ત્યાં લગ્ન પ્રસંગે આશીર્વાદ આપવા પધારેલા પ.પૂ. મોટા મહારાજશ્રી