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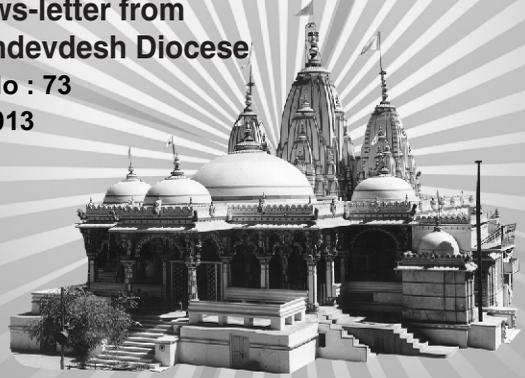
(1-2) Haribhaktas performign poojan and aarti of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj on the occasion of 69th Prakatyotsav and all the Three Other forms of Shree Hari granting divine Darshan in the Sabha organized on the occasion. (3) Saints and Haribhaktas performing Kirtan Bhakti in the Sabha on the occasion of Prakatyotsav of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj. (4) H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj performing aarti of Shree Hari Prakatyosav-Ramnavmi in Ahmedabad temple. (5) H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj performing ritual of Maruti Yagna in Ahmedabad temple on the occasion of Shree Hanuman Jayanti. (6) Saints performing Aarti in Maruti Yagna in Vihar and Kankaria temple on the occasion of Shree Hanuman Jayanti. (7) H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj granting Darshan in The Sabha on the occasion of Patotsav of Madhavgadh temple.



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

(April- 2013)

- 1 & 2. Graced Mankuva (Kachchh Mandvi (Kachchh).
3. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Jetalpur on the occasion of Patotsav.
4. Graced the village Motera in the evening.
- 7 to 9 Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Bhuj (Kachchh).
10. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Lunavada (Kadiyavad) on the occasion of invocation of the idol images of Shree Ganpatiji, Shri Hanumanmji Maharaj.
11. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Vadnagar, on the occasion of Katha.
12. Graced the house of the devotee Shri Jitubhai Bhagat, Ghodasar on the occasion of Katha. From there graced the houses of the devotees of C.T.M., Mhadevnagar, New Naroeda and Ranip areas.
- 13-14. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Anjar (Kachchh),
- 15 to 24 Pilgrimage to Canada for nourishment of Satsang.
- 25 to 27 Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Mandvi (Kachchh)
28. Celebrated 69th Prakatyotsav of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj.
- 28 to 30 Graced Nepal



**APPOINTMENT DIARY OF OUR FUTURE ACHARYA 108
SHRI VRAJENDRAPRASADJI MAHARAJ
(April- 2013)**

12. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple Lunavada on the occasion of invocation of the idol images of Shree Ganpatiji and Shree Hanumanji Maharaj.
20. Performed Patotsav Abhishek of Akshar Buvan Balswaroop Shree Ghanshyam Maharj on the pious day of Chaitra Sud-9 Ramnavmi.
25. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Jamsar (Halar-Muli Desh) on the occasion of Katha.



Shikshapatri

The Epistle of Precepts

(based on Shatanand's Shikshapatri
Arthadipika)

By Pravin S. Varsani

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My disciples of the four castes shall observe SUTAK (a period following a birth or death in the family, during which all religious rites are prohibited) immediately after a birth or death of a relative, according to the closeness of the relationship, as prescribed by the scriptures.

All people of the four castes are to observe SUTAK. SUTAK for births is different to SUTAK for deaths. The length of the SUTAK varies depending on how close you are to the person who has born or died.

Angira Smruti explains, 'One becomes cleansed or purified after performing ten days of SUTAK following a birth or death in the family' (Thus SUTAK is to purify oneself as one becomes impure or inauspicious following a birth or death). Agni explains 'Sodoko's (a relationship of 7-14 generation in distance) are purified by performing three days of SUTAK'.

During the birth of a boy, Sapindo's (a relationship of less than seven generations in distance) are purified by a ten day SUTAK. Sodako's are purified by three days SUTAK. During the birth of a girl, performing a three-day SUTAK purifies Sapindio's and Sodako's.

Angira Muni explains the untouchability of those observing SUTAK of birth. 'During a birth SUTAK, one may touch other members of the family except the SUTAKI (mother who give birth). If the SUTAKI is touched, then one can purify himself by bathing.'

Pracheta in Haralta explains, 'The mother should practice untouchability for ten nights in order to purify herself. She should refrain from religious and ancestral rites for a longer period.' Paithensi Rishi explains further: 'The mother that gives birth to a son should perform religious rites only after 20 days following the SUTAK (thus, 30 days in total). In the case of a birth to a son, she should perform religious rites only after 30 days (thus, 40 days in total).

Also, in the case of the birth of a son, the first,

sixth and tenth days of SUTAK are free from SUTAK.

Now Shatanand explains the SUTAK following the death of a family member. Brihaspati explains:

**Dashahena Sapindastu Sudhyanti
Pretasutake |
Sodakastu Triratrena Snaanatva
Shudhyanti Gotrinaha ||**

'Family members of seven generations (Sapindo) are purified by observing a SUTAK of ten days, fourteen generations (Sodako) by observing three days and twenty-one generations (Sagotro) by merely bathing.'

Yagnaalkya and Parashar say, 'If a child dies before they grow teeth then they can cleanse themselves by bathing. If the child dies before the ceremonial removing of the hair then one day SUTAK is observed and if it dies before Yagnopavit (wearing of sacred thread), then three-day SUTAK needs to be observed. Else the full ten days must be observed'.

Kshatriyas, twelve days; Vaishyas, fifteen days; Sudhras thirty days and Sat-Shudras, fifteen days of SUTAK should be observed.' Nirnaysindhu Trisachloki explains further, 'Three days and three nights of SUTAK should be performed at the death of an Acharya, mother/father, daughter/ son, pious Brahmin, Brahmin who perform Yagnas, the patron of a sacrifice and a sister's son.'

'A Pakshini (one and a half days or two days and one night) of SUTAK should be performing, on the death of a Pious Brahmin, daughter's son, a colleague, three types of relatives – mother's and father's Foi's (father's sister), son, Mashi's (mother' sister) son and Mamas's (mother's brother) son, student or Shishya, Sasu (mother-in-law), a close friend, Sasra (father-in-law), sister and sister's son.

It death occurs during the day, Pakshini SUTAK is to be observed, a i.e. until the stars can be seen the following day. If death occurs at night then SUTAK should be observed until sunset the following day.

'On the death of one's mother's mother, Foi, Mashi, Mama, Mami (mother's brother's wife), one who teaches the Vedas, a country's king or a town mayor, the Pakshini SUTAK should be observed.'

'On the death of a disciple (Shishya), a Upadhyaya or teacher, a friend, son of one's Guru, wife of one's Guru, wife of one's Acharya, relative of fourteen generations, one who lectures upon the six philosophies of the Vedas, one who teaches the Vedas and one's

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Mama, one night of Satak should be observed.'

'Death of a person of the same Guru or a person one has contact with need only bathe with their clothes to free themselves of Satak.'

'if a daughter's son or sister's son dies before Yagnopavit (wearing of sacred thread) then three day Satak is observed, else Pakshini Satak is observed. If the child is with family such as a Mama then Pakshini is observed. If child is far away then one day is observed.'

'If a pious Brahmin dies at one's own house then three night of Satak are observed. If he dies in the town then one night is observed.' in this way Satak is to be observed according to country, time and ability.' Shatanand explains that the duration of Satak is also dependant on the age of the person who dies.

Ujntouchability is now outlined one should not touch those who are observing the Satak of Death. Also if the birth of a child is found out after ten days then Satak need not be observed. In Parashar Madhav, Deval explains, 'In birth Satak, once the days of Satak have passed, one need not observe Satak.' this is not the case with Satak of death thought. Vrudh Vaishista explains, If one finds out about the death after six months, then Pakshini should be observed. If after nine months then one day and if more, then one needs only to bathe to purify themselves.'

the above applied if death occurs in the same country. For death overseas, one need lonely bathe. Brihaspati clarifies 'overseas': 'Deshantara (overseas) applied if there is a large river in the middle, if there is a range of mountains in between or if the language changes between the areas.'

however, this dose not apply to the death of one's mother or father: Smrutyarthasr explains, 'Even if the death of one's mother or father occurs in some distant country and one hears about it after a year, their sons should still observe the Satak for the full ten days. Similarly husbands and wives should also perform the full teen-day Satak in the event of death of their partner.' Hemadri and Linga Purana explain, 'Vairagis and Yogis need not observe Satak. In the event of death of their mother, father or Guru, they should bathe only.' Sadhus should also in this way observe Satak.

Now is explained the situation where another Satak strikes when one Satak is being performed. Yama in Parashar Madhva explains, 'If a birth Satak strikes when another birth Satak is being observed then the first Satak purifies the second Satak (therefore

need not be observed). Similarly a death Satak during a death Satak can be resolved. However, a death Satak during a birth Satak cannot be resolved in this way and so the full death Satak needs to be observed. Similarly if a three-day Satak comes during a ten-day Satak then the three-day Satak is resolved but it a ten day Satak has to be observed fully.'

Kurma Purana explains exemptions to Satak, 'Naistikas (the devotes), Vaanprastas (retired), yatis (ascetics), Brahmancharis (celibates) and Satpurushas (men of truthful qualities) have to Satak outlined for them. Similarly the degenerated (Patita) have to Satak. There is also no Satak for those that die in a battle.' 'In times of Dukala (famine), one need only bathe to resolve Satak.' Daksha in Sudhiratnakar explains, 'These Sataks are for times of Svastha Kaala (able, fortunate). During Apatkaala (calamity) Satak is void.'

Trinsachloki explains, 'If Satak strikes for those with Satra (a period of 2-14 weeks when a Yagna is performed), those observing a Vrata, a king, a minister, a sacrificial priest (Brahmin), one with excelled learning, a doctor, a professional, an architect, an ill person, a poet, a washer and one who makes mats, then one needs to only bathe.'

'If Satak occurs whilst one performs Daan (donation), Upanayan (wearing of sacred thread), Yagna (sacrifice), Pratishta Vidhi (installation ceremony), Chaul (removing of hair), Tirtha Yatra (pilgrimage), goes overseas to earn money, Japa (chanting), Lagna (wedding) or Utsav (celebrations), then one needs to only bathe to purify themselves.'

it is important that we use this information and make sure we observe the Satak appropriately. I'm sure we've all questioned whether we need to observe Satak or bathe in the event of a death of a relative in the past. Here Shatanand has given us specific information and so it is our duty to understand this and observe the Satak. All too often we disregard the mother's side of the family and do not observe Satak when clearly we should. There is a lot of information in this Sloka and a lot of it may be confusing, as it is not clear what we should observe. In such situation you should consult with a Sadhu or someone who is well versed in these issues. If in doubt the 110-day Satak should be observed as initially stated by Lord Swaminarayan. Shatanand explains that he will explain prohibitions of Sandhya Vandana etc. during Satak later.

THIRTY TWO DOSHAS (DEMERITS) OF SEVA (SERVICES)

- Sadhu Purushottamprakashdas (Jetalpurdham)

In 8th Adhyay of 6th Skanda of Shrimad Bhagwat Mahapurana created by Bhagwan Ved Vyas, Narayan Kavach is referred to. In the form of Narayan Kavach the deity Indra got the weapon with the help of which, the deities could defeat and kill the demons. In Shloka 85 Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan has directed to perform Japa of Narayan Kavach. In Narayan Kavach there are 43 *Suraksha Kavach*. Among them 14th Kavach begins: 'Oh! Devarshi Varya Naradji ! Protect us from *Doshas* committed inadvertently while rendering services to Bhagwan!!!' Now you will be surprised as to how can be Doshas in rendering services to Bhagwan as rendering such services grants happiness and Punyas. To understand this properly Doshas in Services to Bhagwan means when any ritual is not performed properly or imperfectly, when there is lack of knowledge and faith in rendering such services, services rendered improperly, sense of being at fault and when sense of being an ardent servant in rendering such services is missing then Bhagwan becomes unhappy instead of being pleased with such services. Such Doshas are obstacles in Bhakti-marg and are capable of taking away Punyas. Due to such Doshas, the sinners are successful in their attacks upon good and righteous people.

In Puranas of Ved Vyas, there is a reference of 32 types of such Doshas. We must know about them. 1) One should not go to the temple of Bhagwan driving a vehicle or wearing foot-wears. One should not sit in a vehicle in front of the inner temple. One should come out of the vehicle at the entrance gate of the temple. 2) Doshas of not celebrating utsavs like Rathayatra, Ramnavmi, Janmastmi, Ekadashi Vratas and not to perform Darshan of aarti of Poonam being offered. 3) Dosh of not offering Vandan-Pranam to the idol images of deities 4) Doshas of performing poojan, Darshan without taking

bath during Sutakas etc. 5) Dosh of performing Darshan of Bhagwan with only one hand. 5) Dosh of performing Pradakshina while Bhagwan is taking services of Thaal and while Bhagwan is sleeping. Dosh of not stopping for a while in front of the idol image of the deity on completion of each Pradakshina. That means on completion of one Pradakshina one should stop for a while and perform Pranam while standing in front of the idol image of the deity and then should start the second Pradakshina. 7) Dosh of sitting with stretched leg in front of the idol image of the deity in the temple. 8) Dosh of sitting in front of the idol image of the deities while tying the knees with cloth. 9) Maha Dosh of sleeping in front of the idol image of the deities or sleeping during Katha-Varta-Kirtan et. 10) Dosh of taking meals in front of the idol image of deity. 11) Dosh of speaking untruth in front of the idol image of deity. 12) Dosh of speaking loudly in front of the idol image of deity. 13) Dosh of discussing anything with other devotees in front of the idol image of deity. (talking on phone is also a Dosh) 14) Dosh of screaming, shouting and calling anybody in front of the idol image of deity. 15) Dosh of quarreling with anybody in front of the idol image of deity. 16) Dosh of torturing anybody physically or mentally in front of the idol image of deity. 17) Dosh of being merciful and paying attention towards others in front of the idol image of deity. 18) Dosh of speaking harsh words to anybody in front of the idol image of deity. 19) Dosh of wearing such clothes which show parts of our body or wearing such clothes which cover our body completely and standing in front of the idol image of deity. 20) Dosh of speaking ill about others in front of the idol image of deity. 21) Dosh of talking about qualities about others and praising and offering prayer to others in front of the idol image of deity. 22) Dosh of speaking foul and improper word to others in front of the idol image of deity. 23) Dosh of belching in

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front of the idol image of deity. 24) Dosh of rendering services with mediocre means of services though being capable economically. 25) Without offering to Bhagwan nothing can be accepted and used by devotees; this is a characteristic of Atmanivedi devotee. Nothing can be used in house without offering it to Bhagwan. Hence Dosh of fruits etc. brought from the market and used without offering them to Bhagwan. 26-27) Fruits, vegetables grown in the fields should first be offered to Bhagwan and thereafter only they can be used. And therefore only there are devotees who take out some portion of their profit as offering to Bhagwan and use the remaining portion. Thus, Dosh of using money and things without offering it to Bhagwan. 28) Dosh of sitting and standing with back towards the idol image of the deity. 29-30) To perform Pranam, Vandan and ask about health of anybody, to

perform Stuti-Prarthna to Guru, to perform Vandan, Charan-sparsh to any saint, elder persons in front of the idol image of deity is Dosh. We have to come to the temple to perform Darshan and Pranam of Bhagwan. So performing Pranam, Vandan to anybody else in the inner temple is a kind of Dosh. However, after coming out of the temple, one can perform such Pranam, Vandan to any such saint or great person. 31) Dosh of praising himself and talking about himself in front of the idol image of the deity in the temple. 32) Dosh of criticizing any incarnation of Bhagwan or deity.

Oh Devarshi Naradji! Please protect me from these 32 types of Doshas. If such Doshas are committed by me inadvertently, knowingly or unknowingly, then please protect me from such Doshas as You Naradji are capable of protecting me from such Doshas.

Suggestion to all Haribhaktas of Shree Narnarayandev Desh to offer Dharmado of 1/10th or 1/20th of their income

In Shloka-147 of the pious 'Shiksha Patri' Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan has directed as under :

निजवृत्युधम प्राप्तधन धान्यादितश्च तैः ॥

अप्यो दशांशः कृष्णाय विशोऽशस्त्वह दुर्बलैः ॥

They shall donate one tenth of their earnings, money or food grains, to Lord Shree Krishna. Those with insufficient income shall offer one twentieth.

So all the devotees and haribhaktas should follow these directions scrupulously. This Dev-Dharmado cannot be used for any other purpose in offering alms, helping the poor etc. Haribhaktas residing in Shree Narnarayandev Desh should therefore offer their Dharmado and should obtain receipt from our Shree Swaminarayan temple. One should also to see that, such an offering is not made at any other place and should scrupulously follow the directions of Shreeji Maharaj. Maharaj has granted us immense happiness and we are also very rich in our conduct and worldly affairs and therefore by taking out 1/10th or 1/20th portion of our income towards Dharmado, we should also keep our transactions neat and clean. If this is done, we would be very much happy in our life. Our devotees should not render their services for any purpose without the letter of authority of our H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj. Kothari of each temple or their representative should deposit Dharmado in the main temple in person and should obtain receipt thereof.

(Mahant Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji)

FROM THE BLESSINGS OF H.H. SHRI ACHARYA MAHARAJ

Compilation: Gordhanbhai V. Sitapara (Hiravadi-Bapunagar)

On the occasion of Patotsav of Shree Narnarayandev- Ahmedabad temple (14/03/2013) : When we come to the temple seeking shelter at the lotus like feet of Shree Narnarayandev, we feel tranquility and serenity which is divine in nature. How great it would be when we perform Sparsh of Charan of Shree Narnarayandev!!! today I have availed the divine benefit of performing such Sparsh and performing Abhishek of Charan of Shree Narnarayandev. Our Narnarayandev is capable of fulfilling any desire, which is expressed while performing ardent prayer and Darshan in this temple by any devotee. Yes! For that we should have certain eligibility!

Many people come to us and express their worries and plight. Then we just tell them, "Express them to Shree Narnarayandev, and Dev would remove them from your life." we never insist for anything from any person. Our children learn from what we do. Yesterday, we were sitting with Gadiwala, Lalji Maharaj and Shri Raja. We asked Lalji Maharaj and Shri Raja, "Tomorrow there is Patotsav of Shree Narnarayandev and your school is also going on. What is your wish?" Lalji Maharaj replied, "We will come to the temple in the morning to perform Abhishek." Shri Raja said, "We will take leave from our school." This is a family of our Satsang. Our nature and temperament may be different from one another, but Father of all of us only Bhagwan. Nobody is above Prakriti (nature-temperament) and everybody behaves as per his Prakriti. So we have to learn to get rid of Doshas of Prakriti while remaining in Satsang. The host devotee just told that, he had availed much happiness in having pious company of H.H.

Shri Mota Maharaj. This is really a great luck of such devotees because we also do not get much time to remain in pious company of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj.

On the occasion of Parayan organized on the occasion of Patotsav of Approach (Bapunagar) temple (17/03/2013) : Listening to Leela-Charitra of Bhagwan grants serenity to all the people whereas listening to Gram-varta of the people of this world gives you worry. When you read a newspaper, you will definitely find it interesting, but you will not get peace from such reading. If newspaper is not read for one day, then we become eager to know as to what would be happening in and around this world. And by listening to Charitra of Bhagwan, we feel love and affection towards Bhagwan. And when we listen to the Katha of Bhagwan from the great saint like Shri Nirgundasji then we feel ourselves associated with Bhagwan. This is so because in Katha there is talk of Charitra of Bhagwan only and there would be no any instances and examples.

What is the purpose when we perform Dandwat Pranam, Pradakshina and offer Mala to Bhagwan? The only purpose is that we become more and more ardent and affectionate in our Bhakti towards Bhagwan. We know about Gangama of Jetalpur. This great devotee had ardent faith and Bhakti towards Bhagwan and therefore, always fresh and hot meals were offered to Maharaj. Once Maharaj told her that, her house has to be removed, as a temple is to be constructed at the place. Gangaba was residing in that house for many years and therefore she refused. But Maharaj was firm in the decision and so one day when Gangaba was not in her house,

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Maharaj got removed the house from the saints and devotees. When Gangaba came and saw that her house has been removed, she became very angry.

One Bava was residing in Jetalpur. He was jealous of the progress of our Satsang; even some his disciples had left him. So when he saw angry Gangaba, he thought, through Gangaba he can remove Satsang from Jetalpur. With this intention he supported Gangaba and asked for her help in removing Satsang from Jetalpur. Listening to such words, Gangaba took a stone and hit it in the forehead of this Bava and asked him not to interfere with the internal matter of Satsang. Listening to such firm and harsh words, Bava ran away from the place and left Jetalpur permanently.

We should cherish such type of love and affection towards our Satsang as was being cherished by the great devotee Gangaba. The idol images of Radhakrishnadev which was being offered services by Gangaba, has been kept beside Ghanshyam Maharaj in sweet memory.

Large number of devotees and haribhaktas are sitting here to listen to Katha. I do not believe in crowd but when people get together for our Satsang I become very happy. Here all the devotees

are getting guidance from Shastri Nirgundasji.

From the blessings of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj

On the occasion of Patotsav of approach (Bapunagar) temple (20/03/2013) : Here there would be many people with surname Sutariya or Radadiya but we all should remember one thing that, we all are ardent devotees of our Bhagwan. Maharaj has told Muktanand Swami that, "We want to ensure emancipation of all my devotees. But what about the devotees who do not meet us."

Here one thing is to be understood. Most of the diseases are spread through water. Therefore, if dirty water is drunk, it creates problems to many. And therefore water of our pot should be clean. Similarly water of our Satsang should also be clean. This means that, our Nishchay, Upasana and understanding of Maharaj should be very clean then only we would be able to help others. In Vachanamrit Maharaj has said, "If you see difference between Maharaj and Shree Narnarayandev then you will not get place in Akshardham and you will have to take birth again. We have written a small booklet '**Shree Narnarayandev in Vachanamrit**' which should be read and relished by all the devotees.

Our Future Festivals

Vaisakh Sud-15 Saturday 25/05/2013 Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple Haridwar.

Vaisakh Vad-1/2 Sunday 26/05/2013 Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple Pethapur.

Vaisakh Vad-5 Wednesday 29/05/2013 Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple Dholka.

Jeth Sud-2 Monday 10/06/2013 Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Prantij.

Jeth Sud-5 Friday 14/06/2013 Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Vali (Rajasthan).

Jeth Sud-9 Tuesday 18/06/2013 Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Idar.

Jeth Sud-11/12 Thursday 20/06/2013 Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple Chhapaiya.



Shree Swaminarayan Museum



There is a saying in Gujarat that, dialect changes at places situated at a distance of 12 kms. Similarly, style of tying turban upon head also changes in each Prant of Gujarat. However, now a days in this modern age nobody is seen tying turban. But during the time of Shreeji Maharaj, devotees and Haribhaktas used to offer turban to Shreeji Maharaj during Vicharan; Shreeji Maharaj Himself was expert in tying turban upon the head. We find description of various types of turbans in Kirtans created by Nand saints. Many such turbans are placed for divine Darshan in our Museum. By performing Darshan of these turbans, we get reminded of Leela Chartira of Shreeji Maharaj. As these turbans have been preserved in tact in their original form, the devotees and Haribhaktas who perform divine Darshan, get excited about them and feel divine presence of Shreeji Maharaj in them. The spots of perspiration on one of the turbans, used while lifting stones for construction of our temple are still preserved. Whereas some of the turbans emit the sweet fragrance of beautiful flowers. In one turban, the great history and memory of Shreeji Maharaj are hidden. So whenever our devotees visit our Museum then they should not miss the opportunity to perform divine Darshan of these turbans.

(Praful Kharsani)

Nirnay-Vrat-Utsav of our Sampradaya is published in the form of a book. But now from this year, its app. (application) is prepared and placed in the Apple Store which can be downloaded in I-phone and I-pad. It is also made available on Google Play. These applications have been prepared by our devotee Shri Umangbhai Harishbhai Patel (Kaushalam). Earlier also, he has prepared application of Shiksha Patri in the voice of H.H.



Shri Mota Maharaj and made available in Apple Store and website of Shree Swaminarayan Museum has also been prepared by him. Moreover, smooth live streaming on our www.swaminarayan.dot.in site is also due to him only. H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj are very much pleased and have

List of devotees who rendered their services under Shree Swaminarayan Museum Maintenance Bhet Yojna April-2013

Rs.25,000/-	Akshar Nivasi Laljibhai Lavjibhai Patel, Ahmedabad and Akshar Nivasi Amrutben Laljibhai Patel Akshar Nivasi Hasmukhbhai Loaljibhai Patel through devotee Shri Jayantibhai and Jayprakashbhai and Ashwinbhai Prasadi. (earlier services of Rs.1,00,000/- have been rendered. Thus, in all services of Rs.1,25,000/- has been rendered for pillar of Prasadi).	Rs.10,000/-	Shri Hiteshbhai Sudhakarbhai Trivedi, Ahmedabad.
		Rs.10,000/-	Shri Yogesh Vadibhai Patel (at present U.S.A. Through Vadibhai Patel (Kundalwala)
		Rs.5,001/-	Shri Gopalbhai Meghajibhai Tank (Jiragadh) at present Surat.
		Rs.5,000/-	Shri Parvatiben Gopalbhai Tank (Jiragadh) at present Surat.
Rs.11,111/-	Rameshchandra Virchandbhai Parekh (Ahmedabad) through Bakuba, Jayesh, Nilima, Monil and Poojan Parekh family	Rs.5,000/-	Shri Hari Traders through Laxmanbhai Mavjibhai and Bharatbhai and Kantibhai Patel
Rs.11,000/-	Nileshbhai Shah (Hong Kong)	Rs.5,000/-	Shri Shardaben Haribhai Gadhiya (new Naroda) through Jaidipbhai Haribhai Gadhiya (New York Fashion)
Rs.11,000/-	Vikalp Dhirajbhai (Ahmedabad)		One lady devotee rendered the services of one golden chain worth Rs.60,000/- which is found from the box of offering
Rs.11,000/-	Bhartiben Ashokbhai Thakkar (for obtaining the pleasure of H.H.Shri Laxmiswaroop Mota Gadiwala)		
Rs.11,000/-	Shri Janardanbhai Arjanbhai Mori, Kaliyana.		

List of Host devotees who availed the benefit of Abhishek of Shree Narnarayandev in Shree Swaminarayan Museum April-2013

10/04/2013	Jay Maojbhai Brahmhatt, Naranpura (at present U.S.A.) on the occasion of birthday (through Bhaskarbhai Brahmhatt)
11/04/2013	Shree narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal, Visnagar, through Udayanbhai Maharaja
16/04/2013	Jaidipbhai Haribhai Gadhiya-Nava Naroda New York Fashion
20/04/2013	Dayaljibhai Motibhai Tank-Jiragadhwala (at present Surat) Gopalbhai Meghajibhai Tank-Jiragadhwala (at present Surat)
28/04/2013	Bhikabhai Visabhai Patel0Dangarvawala (at present U.S.A.) through Madhuben Bhikabhai Patel
29/04/2013	Ashwinbhai Parbatbhai Dabhasiya (London)

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**WE OBTAIN BLESSINGS OF
BHAGWAN WHILE REMAINING IN
NIYAM**

- Shastri Haripriyadasji (Gandhinagar)

Pratapbha was a yogasiddha King of Mantali village in the eastern Desh. Though he was a king, he was a Yogi. He met Shatanand Swami, performed Vandan and brought him to his palace reverentially. He offered the saint a seat and ardently said, "Swamiji! I am very unhappy. I am Yogasiddha, I take Samadhi as per my wish. I remain in the state of Samadhi for one year. I am Siddha and I am not captivated by any worldly relations and affections. I am not after money and power. Yet I have one difficulty, so please have mercy upon me.

Shatanand Swami said, "Tell me. What is your difficulty?" the king said, "Though I have everything and I am Yoga-Siddha, yet I am not sure whether I would get emancipation or not."

Now we have to think, whether this is a question of the king Pratapbhanu only or it is our question, too. Think quietly. You want to go to Calcutta or to Chhapaiya. There is a crow on the railway platform. But when you have got reservation for the day of your journey, and when your seat is confirmed then how calm and at ease you would be. You are not worried about your journey because your seat is confirmed and you have booked a sleeping berth. Similarly we have to think whether we are assured about our place in Akshardham, whether our seat and place is confirmed for that ultimate destination.

Whether you are at ease and assured about your confirmation in Akshardham or whether you are doubtful like king Pratapbhanu? Ask this question honestly to yourself. Whether you are sure that, you are going to get emancipation in your life.

Pratapbhanu tells Shatanand Swami, "I



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SATSANG BALVATIKA

Compiler Shastri Harikesavdasji
(Gandhinagar)

have so many achievement of spiritual life. I am Yogasiddha. I listen to the great scripture Bhagwat, which has guaranteed emancipation to the King Parikshit within seven days. Then why I am doubtful about my emancipation?"

Shatanand swami replies, "Sit down. One should not preach anything while standing; so first of all sit down. Preaching and knowledge imparted while standing does not get settled and it is not internalized. So sit down. I assure you about your emancipation." Swamiji says to King Pratapbhanu, "With the blessings of Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan one gets emancipation. So follow eleven rules given by Him. Perform His worship and there is no doubt about your emancipation."

'Nirvikalp Uttam Ati, Nischay Tav Ghanshyam' in this Pada Premanand Swami has described eleven rules given by Maharaj and Muniraj Shatanand Swami advises the King Pratapbhanu to observe these eleven rules in his life.

Though king Pratapbhanu was a yogi, he was not so firm in observing the rules and therefore he was not successful in Yogasiddhi. Therefore, however learned a person may be he has to be very much

vigilant in worshipping Bhagwan and should also be very scrupulous in observing the rules prescribed by Bhagwan.

Shreeji Maharaj has defined who is real Bhakta, : "A person who is very firm in Niyam, Nischay and Paksha- in these three things- he is an ardent devotee and a real Bhakta." Even in the pious 'Shiksha Patri' Shreeji Maharaj has given directions of observing these eleven Niyam. From these eleven Niyam, selected five are known as 'Panch Vartamaan'. If we follow them, our emancipation is assured.

THINK GOOD, AND GOOD WILL BE DONE

- Sadhu Shrirangadas (Gandhinagar)

There was divine pleasure at the time of incarnation of Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan. There was happiness and joy everywhere on the earth. But Kalidutt was perturbed at this. He saw bad and horrible dreams at night. With the time of incarnation of Bhagwan in Chhapaiya, the demons were getting disturbed.

Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan incarnated on this earth on the pious day of Ramnavmi. There was joy and pleasure among noble persons, Rishis, Munis, deities, Gandharvas, Apsaras. All started singing songs at the gate of house of Dharmdev. All Bhaktas started thronging at the house to have divine Darshan of Nana Ghanshyam Maharaj.

Being perturbed and disturbed Kalidutta created Kritya. Do you who is Kritya? A person who performs bad deeds is known as Kritya. Kalidutta directed Kritya to kill the little enemy, who was just born.

Following the directions, Kritya came to little Ghanshyam. She took away Ghanshyam and ran away. Bhaktimata fainted. Watching this, Dharmdev performed Stuti of Shree Hanumanji Maharaj, "Oh Kastbhanjandev, please

protect our Ghanshyam."

Kritya took little Ghanshyam far away. After some time, divine light started emitting from the body of little Ghanshyam which started burning Kritya. Kritya put little Ghanshyam on the earth. She wanted to kill little Ghanshyam, but she was not able to go closer to Ghanshyam due to burning sensation due to divine light of little Ghanshyam. Meanwhile Shree Hanumanji Maharaj comes there and ties Kritya with his tail and dashes her with the trees and upon the stone. Little Ghanshyam becomes benevolent watching the plight of Kritya. In Ramavatar, Tadaka was killed, in Krishnavatar, Putana was killed. But this incarnation is meant to grant emancipation to all and not to kill anybody. This incarnation is meant to improve the condition of all and it is not meant for destruction of all.

Hanumanji Maharaj looked in the eyes of Maharaj and understand the message of this incarnation and immediately released Kritya and allowed her to go with a warning. Then Hanumanji Maharaj took little Ghanshyam and handed over to Dharmdev. Dharmdev and Bhaktimata were very much pleased.

Devotees! Pleasure of the sunrise is felt by all human beings, animals, birds, vegetation and trees and forests, but it is not celebrated by an owl. Similarly importance of Bhagwan is hailed by all real devotees and Bhaktas but it is not recognized by the demons like Kalidutta. And therefore one should relish with pleasure the importance of Bhakti of Bhagwan by performing Bhajan-Bhakti-Kirtan-Seva.

Bhagwan is not enemy of anybody. He is friend of all. You will receive what you give to Him. So go to the temple, perform ardent Darshan and perform devout Bhakti, Bhagwan will always be happy with you.

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of this world. This is possible only when all the mental diseases are cured of and listening to Katha is the best way to get rid of such mental diseases. Now if this Katha is listened to regularly then only it is fruitful so it is essential that one remains present invariably in Katha-Varta.

A person who has obtained the blessings of Bhagwan and has started performing Darshan of Bhagwan in everything, he does not get disturbed from any worldly affairs and Maya of this world. His mind constantly remains busy in Dhyān and Chintan of Bhagwan only. And this is possible through ardent Bhakti. Bhakti is the best means of living life in this Kaliyug, and therefore Bhaktimarg is said to be the best and the easiest one in this age. The impact of the spokesperson of Bhagwat-pith of Katha is so immense that, it changes the atmosphere of the whole family, it changes mindset of all the family members positively and gradually the whole family progresses in life through Dharma-Gyan-Vairagya-Bhakti.

Listening to Katha helps a person purify his mind, body and money which he earns through hard and honest work. By performing pilgrimages to the holy places of pilgrimage, one purifies his body. By performing Chintan and Dhyān of Bhagwan, one purifies his mind and by offering the alms, one purifies his money and wealth. Generally people are habitual of looking at the faults and merits of

others. But we should learn to look at our own faults and demerits instead of those of others. The great blunder which a man makes is that, he considers himself to be the most innocent person. Without Satsang it is not possible to look at our own demerits and weaknesses. We are unhappy today because we are away from Bhagwan. When a man goes away from Bhagwan, his condition and direction are spoilt. It is Kathamrit which teaches us how to go closer to Bhagwan. In Katha-Varta one will not get Dhan-Sampati (wealth) but one will certainly get Dharma-Sampati (Bhakti). Wherever there would be Dharma, Dhan would follow it automatically; yes, one will have to be patient and will have to wait for some time. Nowadays we find quarrel in families due to Sampati (wealth) and Santati (children) only. But it is Katha-Varta which grants Sanmati (real understanding) and thereby relieves a man from all such worldly bondages. This is a matter of experience. One may have wealth in his life, but if does not have peace then the life would be a burden for him. One cannot purchase peace from the market. It is available through listening to Katha-Varta. And therefore, Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan sent saints to the villages and granted the devotees and Haribhaktas residing there, the divine benefit and treasure of Kathamrit. So all of us should avail such a divine benefit of listening to Kathamrit.

For rendering services in renovation of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Ahmedabad

With the directions of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and as per the advise of the experts of the Archeological Department, renovation work of our first temple of our Swampradaya, Shree Swaminarayan temple, Kalupur, Ahmedabad is going on in full fledged ensuring that its original sculptural art and beauty are preserved. Pink stones are being called from Rajasthan and the sculptors are giving them appropriate shapes as per the requirements. So all the Haribhaktas and ladies devotees should render their ardent services of money and ornaments for accomplishment of this noble task. The golden throne is going to be installed for the deities in the inner temple, so devotees may also render the services of gold as per their capacity and wish. All such services are going to be registered in the Book of Shreeji Maharaj. Devotees are also requested to obtain receipt for their services from Kothar of our Ahmedabad temple. We do not get such an opportunity again and therefore we should not miss the opportunity and should avail the benefit of rendering our services for this pious purpose.

(Mahant Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji)

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Celebration of Prakatyotsav of Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Ahmedabad

On Chaitra Sud-9 and 20/04/2013 191, incarnation of Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan upon this earth has completed 232 years. We see that now the name of Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan is being chanted all over the world. With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and with the inspiration of Sadguru Mahant Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji, beautiful Samaiya was organized.

At 6.30 hours early in the morning, ritual of Patotsav of Bal Swaroop Shree Ghanshyam Maharaj of Akshar Bhuvan was performed in Vedic tradition wherein H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj performed Sodasopchar Mahabhishek. Thousands of devotees and Haribhaktas availed the benefit of Darshan of this divine occasion. With the inspiration of Poojari Swami Parmeshwardasji, the devotee Shri Jasvantbhai Thakkar and Kethanbhai Thakkar family had rendered the services as the host of Patotsav. In the Sabha organized on the occasion, Mahant Swami explained the importance of Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan and praised the ardent services rendered by the host family. Annakut Aarti and Shangaar Aarti of Balswaroop Ghanshyam Maharaj were performed. At night at 8.30 hours devotee Shri Jayeshbhai Soni, the singer-artist performed beautiful Kirtan-Bhakti-Raas.

At 10.10 hours Shree Hari Prakatyotsav aarti was performed by H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and thousands of devotees availed the benefit of divine Darshan. All the devotees were offered the Prasadi of Panjari. During the whole programme Kothari Parshad Digambar Bhagat, Brahmchari Raju Swami, J.P. Swami, Yogi Swami, J.K. Swami, Bhakti Swami and Ram Swami had made beautiful arrangements. (Shastri Narayan Muni Swami)

Celebration of 69th Prakatyotsav of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj

69th Prakatyotsav of H.H. Shri 6th Acharya (now retired) of Shree Narnarayandev Desh Gadi, H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharaj was celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm on Chaitra Vad-3 Sunday 28/04/2013 in the pious company of Shree Narnarayandev and H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj.

At 7.45 hours after Shangaar Aarti of Shree Narnarayandev, H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj graced the Sabha. The learned Brahmins performed poojan and Swasti Vaachan. Thereafter, the saints and members of Scheme Committee and the leading Haribhaktas performed Group aarti. Mahant Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji delivered the inaugural speech on

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this occasion. Thereafter on completion of one hour Kirtan-Bhakti, H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj blessed the whole sabha. Saints and Mahants of various places had arrived and expressed their best wishes on this pious occasion. (Shastri Swami Narayanmunidas)

Shree Hanuman Jayanti in Ahmedabad temple

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj and with the inspiration of Akshar Nivasi Hajuri Parshad Mahobbasinji Bhagat and Hajuri Parshad Vanraj Bhagat, Shree Hanuman Jayanti Maruti Yagna was organized by Poojari Parshad Babu Bhagat of Shree Hanumanji and Ganpati Maharaj in the pious company of Shree Hanumanji Maharaj on Chaitra Sud-15 in Shree Swaminarayan temple Ahmedabad. Many devotees and Haribhaktas rendered their services as the host devotees. (Parshad Babu Bhagat)

**Inspirational Services in Gau-Ghat of
Chhapaiya**

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj, the devotees Shri Nandubhai Khemchandbhai Patel (Motap at present Surat) and the devotee Shri Bhagwanjibhai (Ambala-Surat) rendered the services for renovation of *Gau-Ghat* of Chhapaiya for construction of wall, R.C.C. Beam column of 800 feet length, strong iron gates, colour work of the place. Many devotees rendered the services by remaining present constantly at the site when the construction work was going on. The devotee Shri Nandubhai rendered the services for Gau-ghat, of the amount received in Chandlo of marriage of his daughter. Similarly devotees Shri Krishnaben nandubhai, Ketha, Mital, Shantaben Bhagvanjim Gunvantbhai, Prafulbhai, Bharatbhai, Shiipa Darshitkumar Patel, Hetal Prashantkumar Patel, Jodhani Laxmanbhai Bhurabhai, Vallbhbai Laxmanbhai Jodhani, Rameshbhai Laxmanbhai, Devjibhai Muljibhai and Jayantibhai Hirjibhai rendered their beautiful services and obtained the pleasure of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj. The above said devotees and Haribhaktas are going to render their beautiful services for renovation of places of Prasadi of Chhapaiyadham. Mahant Bahmchari Swami Vasudevanandji of Chhapaiya temple has praised the services of these devotees. (Hajuri Parshad Kanu Bhagat)

Saher Choryasi Mahotsav and Patotsav of

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Shree Swaminarayan temple, Kankaria

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 Akshar Nivasi Sadguru Shastri Swami Harigovinddasji, Sadguru Shastri Swami Madhavprasadji, Sadguru Shastri Swami Guruprasadji (Mahant of Kankaria temple), Mahant Shastri Swami Anandprasadji and Poojari Swami Devkrishnadasi and with the co-operation of devotees and Haribhaktas of Kankaria and Maninagar areas, on 16/03/2013 Shaheer Choryasi Mahotsav and Patotsav of Thakorji was celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm in our Shree Swaminarayan temple, Kankaria. On 16/03/2013, Shodasopchar Mahabhishek and Annakut Aarti of Thakorji and Kastbhanjandev were performed by H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj.

In the Sabha organized on the occasion, saints from various places had arrived and delivered their inspirational speeches. Thereafter, H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj explained the importance of Choryasi and Kastbhanjandev and blessed the whole sabha. H.H. Shri Gadiwala had also graced this occasion and blessed the ladies devotees. Thousands of Brahmins had availed the benefit of Mahaprasad on this occasion of Shaheer Choryasi.

On this occasion, Dev Swami Poojari rendered the services to Thakorji, Shastri Swami Yagnaprakashdasji conducted the Sabha, Parshad Narotam Bhagat, Nirubhai Thaker, Shantilal Maharaj, Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal and Shree Hari Mahila Mandal rendered their beautiful services in the kitchen. (Dr. Hiren, Kankaria)

Shrimad Satsangibhushan Parayan in Laloda (Idar Desh)

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj, and H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj 108 Shri Vrajendraprasadji Maharaj and with the noble concept of Sadguru Shastri Swami Ghanshyamjivandasji (age 100 years), Shrimad Satsangibhushan Saptah Parayan was organized in Laloda (Idar Desh) from 01/03/2013 to 07/03/2013. Sadguru Shastri Swami Ghanshyamprakashdasji (Mansa) was the spokesperson of this Parayan. Samhita Path of nine scriptures was also performed on this divine occasion. On 01/03/2013 grand Pothiyatra was organized in the village and thereafter Sadguru Swami Jankivalbhdasji, Sadguru Shastri Swami Atmaprakashdasji, Sadguru Shastri Swami Purushottampakashdasji (Jetalpurdham) and Sadguru Swami Jagatprakashdasji performed Deep-pragatya. In the morning 03/03/2013, our future Acharya H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj 108 Shri Vrajendraprasadji Maharaj and H.H. Shri Laxmiswaroop Gadiwala graced the

occasion and granted divine Darshan to Haribhaktas and ladies devotees, respectively. In the morning on 05/03/2013 H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and H.H. Shri Laxmiswaroop Mota Gadiwala graced the occasion and granted divine Darshan to Haribhaktas and ladies devotees, respectively. On this occasion, H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj blessed all the devotees and cherished the memories with Swamiji.

On 07/03/2013 H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj graced the occasion alongwith Mahant Swami of Ahmedabad temple and other saints and in their pious company 101 days' Akhand Mahamantra Dhoon, 101 days' Janmangal Path Anusthan, Mahapadyatra (Idar village), Freedom from addiction campaign, honour of Swamiji, Shree Ghanshyam Janmotsav, Rasotsav, Fuldolotsav, Mahapooja etc. were performed and celebrated. Grand Shobhayatra of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj alongwith the saints was also organized on this occasion. Besides this 101 Dipmala, cultural programme, honour of the host devotes, Medical Check up camp for all diseases, blood donation camp, Shree Swaminarayan Mahamantra Prakatyotsav were also organized on this occasion. About more than 250 saints from various places had arrived on this occasion.

During Parayan, Sadguru Swami Dharmswaropdasji, Shastri Swami Viveksagardasji, Mukund Swami, Baldev Swami, Sukhnandan Swami Nana Dharmswarop Swami, Narendra Bhagat, both Madhav Swami, Vishnu Swami and Nilkant Swami and many other devotees of the nearby villages had rendered their beautiful and inspirational services on this occasion. The sabha was conducted by Shasri H.P. Swami. The whole Parayan was organized by Sadguru Swami Vishwaprakashdasji and Poojari Swami Balkrishnadasi. (Bhumit Patel)

Celebration of 34th Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Kalol (Shreenagar)

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj 108 Shri Vrajendraprasadji Maharaj and with the inspiration of saints, 34th Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Kalol (Shreenagar) was celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm.

On 21/03/2013 H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj graced the occasion and performed aarti of Thakorji and graced the Sabha. In the Sabha the chief host Akshar Nivasi Sankanchand Narayandas (Vihar) his sons Mukeshbhai, Shaileshbhai and other devotees performed puja, aarti and obtained the blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj. Many saints and Haribhaktas from various places had arrived on this occasion.

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The Sabha was conducted by Sadguru Shastri Swami Chaitanyaswaroopdasji Guru Shastri P.P. Swami (Mahant of Naranghat). Devotee Shri Laxmanbhai Patel (Managing Trustee) furnished information about the renovation of the temple. At last, H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj blessed the whole Sabha.
(Patel Dashrathbhai, Trustee)

Padyatra of Shree Narnarayandev by devotees of New Ranip

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj, and H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj 108 Shri Vrajendraprasadji Maharaj, work of acquisition of land for construction of new temple in new Ranip was going on. Due to certain technical difficulties, the work of acquisition of land was being delayed. Therefore, saints of Naranghat temple and devotees of the area cherished the noble concept if this work is accomplished smoothly they would perform Padyatra from the site of the proposed temple to Shree Narnarayandev. In no time the work was accomplished and therefore on 14/04/4013 Sunday, padyatra was organized early in the morning from 5.15 hours from New Ranip, Ranip, Naranghat temple and Shree Narnarayandev temple, Kalupur. In the Sabha Mandap of Ahmedabad temple, 1 hour Akhand Mantra Jaap, Pooja etc. were performed.

In Padyatra Mahant Sadguru Swami Devprakashdasji and Sadguru Shastri P.P. Swami of Naranghat temple and other saints had participated. (Shree Narnarayandev Yuak Mandal, New Ranip)

4- Sthapana Deen of Charnarvind at house of devotee Kashalibai in Mahesana

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and the whole Dharmkul and with the inspiration of Mahant Swami Shastri Atmaprakashdasji of Jetalpur and with the arrangements of Mahant Swami Narayanprasaddasji of Mahesana temple, 4- Sthapana Deen of Charanarvind of Shree Hari in the house of the devotee Shri Kashalibai was celebrated by H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharaj with great fervour and enthusiasm on Fagan Sud-11 23/03/2013. first of all swagat of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj was performed by devotees of Mahesana. Thereafter, poojan of Charanarvind of Thakorji, Abhishek, Aarti, Annakut etc. were performed at the residence of the devotee Kashalibai. H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj graced the Sabha organized on the occasion alongwith the saints. On behalf of the whole sabha, poojan was performed by Sadguru Shyamcharandasji Swami (Jetalpurdham). Thereafter, poojan of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj was performed by the host devotees. Sadguru Narayanprasad Swami, Sadguru Uttampriya Swami, Vishwaviharidasji of Ahmedabad had

delivered their inspirational speeches on this occasion. At last H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj granted the blessings to all the saints and devotees in the Sabha. The whole programme was conducted by Shastri Bhaktinandandasji of Jetalpurdham. Thereafter, H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj graced the house of the host devotee. At night programme of Bhajan-Kirtan was organized at the house of devotee Shri Kashalibai.
(Kothari)

Celebration of Pratistha-tithi Mahotsav at village Bhat

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and the whole Dharmkul and with the inspiration of Mahant Swami Shastri Atmaprakashdasji of Jetalpurdham and Sadguru Shastri Purushottamcharndas, Patotsav of the deities of Bhat was celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm on 19/03/2013. Shodasopchar Mahapooja of Thakorji was got performed by Das Swami. Thereafter in the Satsang Sabha organized on the occasion, Shastri Bhaktinandan Swami of Jetalpur had narrated Katha-Varta. On this occasion Sadguru Shyamcharandasji Swami, Bhaktivallbhdasji Swami Uttampriyadasji Swami had also arrived. Annakut aarti was also performed and all the devotees had availed the benefit of Prasad. The devotee Shri Girishbhai Naranbhai Patel had rendered the services as the host of Patotsav.

Satsang Sabha in Shree Swaminarayan temple (under construction) Kalol-Panchvati

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and the whole Dharmkul and with the inspiration of Mahant Swami Shastri Atmaprakashdasji of Jetalpurdham and Sadguru Shastri Purushottamcharndas, Satsang Sabha of Agiyaras was organized in Shree Swaminarayan temple (under construction) of Kalol-Panchvati area wherein Shastri Bhaktinandas Swami of Jetalpur had performed Katha-Varta and explained the importance of Shree Narnarayandev. Sadguru Shyamchar Swami and Uttampriya Swami had also arrived on this occasion. (Sadguru Vishwaprakashdasji. (Mahant of Kalol-Panchvati)

Celebration of Pratistha-tithi Mahotsv of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Kathlal

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and the whole Dharmkul and with the inspiration of Mahant Swami Shastri Atmaprakashdasji of Jetalpurdham and Sadguru Shastri Purushottamcharndas, Patotsav of Bhagwan Swaminarayan and other deities of our Shree Swaminarayan temple, Kathlal was celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm on Sunday 17/03/2013. Shodasopchar Abhishek, Mahapooja of Thakorji were performed by the saints and host devotees. In the Satsang Sabha organized

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on the occasion, Shastri Bhaktinandan Swami of Jetalpur, Shastri Swami Hariprakashdasji of Makansar had performed Katha-Varta. On this occasion Sadguru Swami Vishwaprakashdasji, Sadguru Swami Shyamcharandasji Swami, Bhaktivallabhdasji Swami and Uttampriyadasji Swami had also arrived. Devotees had availed the benefit of Annakut-aarti and Prasad. The devotee Shri Dilipbhai Patel had rendered the services as the host of Patotsav. (Sadguru Mahant Swami K.P. Swami (Jetalpurdham)

Celebration of Pratistha-tithi Mahotsv of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Kaloli

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and the whole Dharmkul and with the inspiration of Mahant Swami Shastri Atmaprakashdasji of Jetalpurdham and Sadguru Shastri Purushottamcharndas, Patotsav of Bhagwan Swaminarayan and other deities of our Shree Swaminarayan temple, Kathlal was celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm on Sunday 30/03/2013. Shodasopchar Abhishek, Mahapooja of Thakorji were performed by the saints and host devotees. In the Satsang Sabha organized on the occasion, Shastri Bhaktinandan Swami of Jetalpur and Shastri Swami Hariprakashdasji of Makansar had performed Katha-Varta. On this occasion Sadguru Swami Vishwaprakashdasji, Sadguru Swami Shyamcharandasji Swami, Bhaktivallabhdasji Swami and Uttampriyadasji Swami had also arrived. Devotees had availed the benefit of Annakut-aarti and Prasad. (Kothari)

Celebration of Pratistha-tithi Mahotsv of Shree Revtibaldevji Harikrishna Maharaj in Jetalpur

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and the whole Dharmkul and with the inspiration of Mahant Swami Shastri Atmaprakashdasji of Jetalpurdham and Sadguru Shastri Purushottamcharndas, Patotsav of Shree Revtibaldevji Harikrishna Maharaj of our Shree Swaminarayan temple, Jetalpur was celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm on Fagan Vad-8 03/04/2013. on 02/04/2013 Homatmak Mahavishnu Yaag was organized. In the early morning on 03/04/2013 various programmes began with Mangala Aarti of Thakorji, Mahapooja, Mahabhishek of Baldevji Maharaj, Abhishek of Ghanshyam Maharaj in Vedic Tradition. Thereafter Shangaar Aarti and concluding ritual of Yagna were performed. On this occasion H.H. Shri Gadiwala had graced the occasion. Thereafter H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj graced the Sabha wherein Sadguru Shyam Charan Swami And Sadguru Bhaktivallbh Swami performed poojan and thereafter the host of the whole Patotsav devotee Shri Manibhai Jivramdas Patel (Khandwala) Delvada famly performed aarti-poojan. On this occasion 'Shreee Harilleela Sindhu" (Part-2) by

Brahamchari Avishanand and Brahmchari Vaishnavanand was released. Mahant Swami Sadguru Uttampriyasji who rendered the servicess of transation of this book and the host of this bok devotee Shri Pachanbhai Kheabhai Sankhla Netravala family were offered garland by H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj. Simultaneously Chaudhary Haribhaktas of Indrapura village offered the document of land to H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj for the purpose of construction of temple in the village. About more than 80 saints from various places had arrived on this occasion. Saints from Ahmdabad, Muli, Bhuj and Sakhyya Yogi ladies devotees had also arrived on this occasion. After inspirational speeches of the saints, H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj blessed the while Sabha and explained the importance of Baldevji Maharaj and Poojan. The whole arrangement was made by the saints, who were honoured by H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj by offering them garlands. With Annakut Aarti the whole programme was concluded. Staff of Jetalpur temple, young devotees of Bapunagar, Mandal, Nana Ubhda, Jetalpur, youngsters of N.S.I.T., Mahila Mandal of Bapunagar, Revti Mandal of Jetalpur and many other devotees rendered their beautiful services on this occasion. (Mahant Swami K.P. Swami and Saint Mandal (Jetalpurdham)

Celebration of 7th Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Kashindra

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and the whole Dharmkul and with the inspiration of Mahant Swami Shastri Atmaprakashdasji of Jetalpurdham and Sadguru Shastri Purushottamcharndas, 7th Patotsav of Bhagwan Swaminarayan and other deities of our Shree Swaminarayan temple, Kashindra was celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm on Sunday 04/04/2013.

Swagat of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj was performed by the devotees of the village on this divine occasion. Thereafter H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj performed Annakut aarti, Shodasopchar Abhishek, Mahapooja of Thakorji in the temples of ladies devotees and Haribhaktas. In the Satsang Sabha organized on the occasion, the host devote Shri Anilbhai Dashrathbhai Patel performed poojan of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj. Sadguru Shastri P.P. Swami, Shastri Ghanshyamprakash Swami from Jamiyatpura, Shastri Hariprakash Swami from Makansar, Shastri Purna PurnaPraksh Swami from Dholka, Shyam charan Swami, K.P. Swami, Bhaktivallabh Swami, Bhaktinandan Swami from Jetalpur had also arrived and narrated Katha-Varta. At last, H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj blessed the whole Sabha. The guest, host devotess and devotees had availed the benefit of Prasad on this occasion. (Mahant Swami K.P. Swami, Jetalpurdham)

172nd Pratistha Tithi Mahotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Balasinor

With the directions and blessings of H.H.Shri Acharya Maharaj and the whole Dharmkul and with the inspiration of Mahant Swami Shastri Atmaprakashdasji of Jetalpur and Sadguru Shastri Purushottamcharndas, 172nd Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Balasinor was celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm on 07/04/2013. on this occasion, Satsang Sabha organized at night on 06/04/2013 wherein Shastri Swami Bhaktinandasji and Shastri Yagnaprakashdasji had narrated Katha-Varta. On 07/04/2013 Shodasopchar Mahapooja of Shree Harikrishna Maharaj was performed. Thereafter Sadguru Shastri Swami P.P. Swami, Bhaktinandan Swami, Shastri Ghanshyamprakash Swami of Jamiyatpura, Yagnaprakash Swami of Kankaria had performed Abhishek of the deities in Vedic tradition. Thereafter, Annakut aarti was performed. In the Sabha, Sadguru Shastri P.P. Swami and Shastri Ghanshyamprakash Swami had narrated Katha. In the Sabha an announcement was made for construction of new temple of ladies devotees and plan in this regard was also placed. Moreover, announcement was also made for grand celebration of 175th Varshik Pratistha Tithi Mahotsav. Shreeji Group had rendered the services as the host of this Patotsav. At last all devotees had availed the benefit of Prasad. (Shastri Bhaktinandan Swami, Jetalpur, Lalbhai, Balasinor)

Pratistha ritual of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Kothamba

With the directions and blessings of H.H.Shri Acharya Maharaj and the whole Dharmkul and with the inspiration of Mahant Swami Shastri Atmaprakashdasji of Jetalpur and Sadguru Madhav Swami, Kothamba, Varshik Pratistha ritual of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Kothamba was celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm on 08/04/2013. on this occasion Shodasopchar Mahapooja of Shree Harikrishna Maharaj was performed. Thereafter Sadguru Shastri Swami P.P. Swami of Jetalpur performed Abhishek of Bhagwan in Vedic tradition. On this occasion Shastri Bhaktinandan Swami, Shastri Ghanshyamprakash Swami from Jamiyatpura, Yagnaprakash Swami from Kankaria had delivered their inspirations speeches in the Sabha. At last Shri P.P. Swami had delivered his inspirational speech. Devotees prayed through Mahamantra Dhoon for peace and happiness in Akshardham of Akshar Nivasi devotee Shri Vasudevabhai Joshi. At last all devotees availed the benefit of Prasad. (Shastri Bhaktinandan Swami, Jetalpur, Kishan Kachhia, Kothamba)

Satsang Sabha in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Rabadia

With the directions and blessings of H.H.Shri Acharya Maharaj and the whole Dharmkul and with the inspiration of Mahant Swami Shastri Atmaprakashdasji and Sadguru Shastri Swami Purushottamprakashdasji of Jetalpur, Satsang Sabha was organized on Sunday 07/04/2013 in our Shree Swaminarayan temple, Rabadia, wherein Shastri Bhaktinandan Swami from Jetalpur and Shastri Yagnaprakashdasji (Kankaria) had narrated Katha-Varta on this occasion. (Mahant V.P. Swami, Jetalpur, Gopalbhai Kachhia-Rabadia)

Pratistha Tithi Mahotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Balva

With the directions and blessings of H.H.Shri Acharya Maharaj and the whole Dharmkul and with the inspiration of Mahant Swami Shastri Atmaprakashdasji of Jetalpur, Varshik Pratistha Tithi Mahotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Balva was celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm on 24/03/2013. on this occasion Shodasopchar Mahapooja of Shree Harikrishna Maharaj was performed. Thereafter Sadguru Shastri Swami P.P. Swami, Sadguru Shyamcharan Swami, Sadguru Suryaprakash Swami of Jetalpur performed Abhishek of Bhagwan in Vedic tradition. In the Sabha organized on the occasion, Shastri Bhaktinandan Swami Shastri Vishwaswaroop Swami delivered their inspirational speeches . At last Shri P.P. Swami performed Katha-Varat in the Sabha and Group aarti of Thakorji was performed. Thereafter Dhaja (flag) of temple was offered. (Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal, Balva)

Celebration of 101st Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Mandal

With the directions and blessings of H.H.Shri Acharya Maharaj and the whole Dharmkul and with the inspiration of Mahant Swami Shastri Atmaprakashdasji of Jetalpur, 101st Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Mandal was celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm on 21/04/2013. on this occasion Shodaopchar mahapooja of Shree Harikrishna Maharaj was performed. Thereafter, Sadguru Shyamcharan Swami, Sadguru Uttampriya Swami of Jetalpur and Sadguru Narayanprasad Swami (Mahesana) had performed Abhishek of Bhagwan in Vedic tradition. On this occasion Shastri Bhaktinandan Swami had performed Katha of Patotsav. Grant Annakut was also offered to Thakorji. The devotee Shri Vishalbhai Jashubhai Mohanbhai Thakkar (Virangamvala) had rendered the services as the host of this Patotsav. At last all devotees and Haribhaktas had availed the benefit of Mahaprasad. Names of host devotees of future Patotsav Mahotsav were also registered on this occasion. The whole arrangement was made by

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Kothari Mukeshbhai and devotees of Mandal.
(Jitubhai Patel-Mandal)

Invocation of idol images in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Lunawada

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and the whole Dharmkul and with the inspiration of Sadguru Swami Vasudevcharandasji, invocation of the idol images of Shree Ganpatiji and Shree Hanumanji was organized in our Shree Swaminarayan temple (Kadiyavad), Lunavada. On this occasion Shrimad Bhakta Chintamani Trdinatmak Katha was organized from 10/04/2013 to 12/04/2013. Shastri D.K. Swami was the spokes person of this Katha. Besides this, Shree Hariyag, Maruti Yagna, Patotsav-Abhishek and Annaut etc. wer also performed. On the first day H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj graced the occasion and grand Shobha Yatra was organized from Chhapaiyadham Society and Kadiyavad old temple wherein Aarti-poojan and Yagna were initiated. In the Sabha organized on the occasion H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj blessed the whole Sabha. On 12/04/2013 the day of concluding ritual of the utsav, our future Acharya H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj 108 Shri Vrajendraprasadji Maharaj graced the occasion and grant Swagat-Samaiyu was performed by the villagers. H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj performed Annakut Aarti and offered holy fruit and performed concluding ritual of Yagna. Prizes were also distributed to the bright students of the devotees, who had passed in our religious examination. Saints from various places had arrived on this occasion. The Sabha was conducted by Shastri Satyaprakashdasji (Muli). (Ghanshyam Bal Mandal, Lunavada)

Divine Satsang Sabha in villag Samau

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Mahara, divine Satsang Sabha was organized on Sunday 31/03/2013 in Hanumanpura area of Samuy village by Shree Narnaryandev Yuvak Mandal, Visangar as a part of Dwi-Dasabdi Mahotsav.

Devotee Shri Udayanbhai Maharaj from Visnagar, Chintanbhai and devotee Shri Jayantibhai Bhagat of Shri Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal, Hiravadi, Ahmedabad had performed Kathamrit. Shree Narnaryandev Yuvak Mandal, Visnagar and Haribhaktas of Samay village had availed divine benefit of Satsang Sabha. (Chaudhary Manibhai)

Shree Swaminarayan temple, Govindpura

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and with the inspiration of Mahant Swami Bhaktavatsaldasji (Limbd), 71st Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Govindpura was celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm.

On 30/03/2013, H.H. Shri Gadiwala graced the occasion to grant divine Darshan to the ladies

devotees. Ladies devotees of Shreeji Mahila Mandal obtained the blessings by performing poojan-archan. On the pious day of Ram Navmi, Shree Hari Prakatyotsav was celebrated with great fervour. Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal had rendered beautiful services on this occasion. (Sadhu Vandanprakashdas)

Celebration of 29th Patotsav in Tankia

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and the whole Dharmkul, beautiful Satsang is going on. By accepting the invitation of the ladies devotees, H.H. Shri Laxmiswaroop Gadiwala graced the village for the first time. In the temple, aarti of Thakorji was performed and graced the Sabha of ladies devotees. On this occasion Yogi Swami, Anand Swami, Nandkirhor Swami etc. saints had arrived. The whole programme was organized by Kothari Mahendrasinh and Chauhan Khumansinh. H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj had also graced the occasion and performed aarti of Thakorji in the temple and blessed the host devotee Shri Harpalsinh Chauhan and other devotees. (Vasudev Swami)

Varshik Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Ranip

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Mahraj and with the inspiration of Sadguru Swami Devprakashdasjia nd P.P. Swami (Mahant of Naranghat temple), 28th Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Ranip and 24th Patotsav of temple (ladies devotees) was celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm on 22/03/2013.

On 22/03/2013, H.H. Shri Moa Maharaj performed Shodasopchar Abhishek of Thakorji in both the temples and perforemd Annakut aarti. In the sabha organized on the occasion the host devotee Shri Ghanshyambhai Bapudas Patel family and the leading Haribhaktas performed poojan-archan-aarti and obtained the blessings of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj. Thereafter, Mahant Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji delivered the inauguration speech. At last H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj blessed the whole Sabha. All the devotees and haribhaktas availed the benefit of Prasad. The whole arrangement was made by Sadguru Shastri Chaitanyaswaroopdasji. (Rishikesh Swami, Isand)

Katha Parayan and Janmotsav of Shree Ghanshyam Maharaj at village Aajol

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and with the inspiration of Sadguru Swami Devprakashdasji and Shastri P.P. Swami (Mahant of Naranghat), mobile Satsang Sabha of Thursday is going on since long. Accordingly, in Shrimad Satsangibhushan Katha, the spokesperson Shastri

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Swami Chaitanyaswaroopdasji, Shree Ghanshyam Janmotsav was celebrated by the Haribhaktas on 21/03/2013 at night from 8.00 to 11.00 hours. The devotee Shri Kamleshbhai had rendered the services as the host of this Janmotsav. Students of Shree Sahjanand Gurukul, Koteshwar had performed dance in various dresses in celebration of Janmotsav. They were accompanied by young devotees of Hiravadi Yuvak Mandal. At last all had availed the benefit of Prasad. On Chaita Sud-9 Shastri Swami Chaitanyaswaroopdasji, Shastri Swami Narayanmunidasji, Rishikesh Swami had performed Katha narrating importance of Shree Hari and had celebrated Prakatyotsav with great fervour and enthusiasm. (Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal, N.G. Team-5)

Celebration of 6th Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Ghatlodiya

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj, 6th Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Ghatlodiya was celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm on 21/03/2013 in the pious company of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj.

On 21/03/2013 in the morning, pooja and Shodasopchar Abhishek of Thakorji were performed in Vedic tradition, whose benefit was availed by the host devotee Shri Manubhai Patel (Sedla) family. Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal had performed Kirtan Bhakti which was followed by the Sabha. H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj graced the occasion and performed Annakut Aarti of Thakorji and then graced the Sabha. Sadguru Mahant Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji and Sadguru Swami Raghuvircharandai had delivered their inspirational speeches. Among other saints, Sadguru Swami Devprakashdasji (Mahant of Naranghat) and Mahant Dagdish Swami (Idar) had also arrived on this occasion and blessed all the devotees. At last H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj blessed the whole Sabha. The Sabha was conducted by Sadguru Shastri Chaitanyaswaroopdasji (Koteshwar). (Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal, Ghatlodiya)

Group Mahapooja in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Sanand

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and with the inspiration of H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj and under the guidance of Poojari Brahmchari Swami Santoshandji, Group Mahapooja was organized by the devotees of Sanand in our Shree Swaminarayan temple, Sanand on Chaita Sud-9 20/04/2013. Devotee Shri Bipinbhai (Nadiad) had got performed the ritual of Mahapooja whose benefit was availed by many devotees. At 10.10 hours at night Janmotsav, aarti of Shree Ghanshyam Maharaj were performed. (J.D. Thakkar)

Shree Narnarayandev Mahila Mandal, Himatnagar

With the blessings of H.H. Shri Laxmiswaroop Gadiwala and with the inspiration of Mahant Swami Jagdishprasaddasji of Idar temple and Mahant Swami Shastri Harijivandasji of Himatnagar temple, beautiful Mahapooja was organized in our Shree Swaminarayan temple, Idar by Shree Narnarayandev Mahila Mandal. Devotees Shri Labhuben and Taraben had rendered the services as the host of this occasion which was followed by beautiful Katha-Varta. (Shwetaben Modi)

Shibir by Hiravadi Bal Mandal at Koteshwar Gurukul

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj, Hiravadi Bal Mandal had organized one day Shibir on 14/04/2013 at Koteshwar Gurukul. In this Shibir, Satsnag Examination, Questionnaire, and importance of Gadi of Shree Narnarayandev and games were organized. Shastri Swami Chaitanyaswaroopdasji and Shastri Madhavpriyadasji (Siddhpur) had rendered their beautiful services for offering knowledge and pleasure to the student devotees. (Madhav Swami)

Celebration of Shree Hari Prakatyotsav in Hiravadi (Bapunagar)

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj, Shree Hari Prakatyotsav was celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm on the pious day of Chaitra Sud-09 20/04/2013. On this occasion Prakatyotsav of Shree Balswaroop Ghanshyam Maharaj was also organized.

Shobhayatra of Thakorji was organized with great pomp and grandeur. Devotee Shri Narmadaben Somabhai Patel and devotee Shri Sanjaybhai Hargovinddas Patel had rendered their services as chief-host and co-host of this occasion. In the Sabha organized on the occasion, Swami Madhavpriyadas narrated Katha of Shree Hari Prakaty. D.K. Swami and Harikrishna Swami granted the benefit of Katha in approach temple. Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal rendered inspirational services on this occasion. In the Shobhayatra organized on the occasion about more than 600 devotees and Haribhaktas participated. (Madhav Swami)

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Shree Swaminarayan temple, Mulidham

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and in the presence of Mahant of Muli temple Sadguru Swami Shyamsundardasji and other saints, Gosthi Sabha of Kothari and devotees of 250 villages was organized on 11/04/2013. Discussions were held with regard to making list with mobile number of all the devotees and to be in touch with each of them so

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that there may be acceleration in the activities of Satsang.

On this occasion Mahant Sadguru Shastri Harikrishnadasji and Mahant Sadguru Swami Devprakashdasji (Naranghat) had remained present as representatives of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj. In the Sabha Mahant Swami Uttampriyadasji of Charadava, Shastri Swami Suryaprakashdasji, Shri Pankajbhai (Surendranagar) and Maheshbhai Bhojani (Morbi) and Mahant Swami Shyamsundardasji had made necessary suggestions to the Hariabhaktas. The Sabha was conducted by Shailendrasinh Zala. (Shailendrasinh Zala)

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With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj, Mahant Sadguru Swami Shyamsundardasji, saints nad had performed Katha-Varta with commentary narrating importance of Dev-Thakorji, Gadi, and Dharmada. Among the saints Kothari Swami Krishnavallbhdasji, Shastri Swami Suryaprakashdasji, Swami Balswaroopdasji, Swami Harikrishnadasji and Swami Narayanpriyadasji had also participated and had granted the benefit of divine Darshan and pleasure to the devotees of the villages. (Shailendrasinh Zala)

Katha Parayan at village Rampara

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj, H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj and with the inspiration of Sadguru Swami Jagatprakashdasji, Tridinatmak Parayan of Bhakta Chintamani by Sadguru Nishkulanand Swami was organized from 20/03/2013 to 22/03/2013. this Parayan was organized with the noble concept of devotee Shri Kanabhai Mansangbhai Vadhel and his sons Parshotambhai, Mahadevbhai and Ghanshyambhai. Sadguru Shastri Swami Ghanshyamprakashdasji (Mahant of Mansa) performed beautiful Katha. On this occasion Sadguru Swami Balkrishnadasji, Sadguru Swami Laxmiprasaddasji, Sadguru Swami Hariswaroopdasji, Shastri Gyan Swami, J.P. Swami, Anu Swami, Chandu Bhagat and saint mandal of P.P. Swami and saints from Ahmedabad had also arrived. The whole arrangement was made by Sadguru Swami Vishnuprasaddasi Guru Swami Jagatprakashdasji. On the fifth devotee Shri Kanbha passed away to Akshardham. (Mahadevbhai Vadhel)

Shrimad Satsangijivan Parayan in Lakhtar

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and with the inspiration of Sadguru Mahant Swami Shyamsundardasji (Muli), Sadguru Mahant Swami Devprakashdasji (Naranghat), Shrimad Satsangijivan Panchan Parayan was organized from 11/03/2013 to 15/03/2013 on the occasion of first Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple,

Lakhtar. Sadguru Shastri Swami Chaitnyaswaroopdasji (Koteshwar) and Sadguru Shastri Swami Suryaprakashdasji (Wankaner) were the spokespersons of this Parayan. During this Parayan, Shree Ghanshyam Janmotsav was celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm. On this occasion H.H. Shri Gadiwala had graced the occasion and granted the benefit of divine Darshan and blessings to the ladies devotees.

On 15/03/2013 H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj graced the occasion with the saints. Grand Shobha Yatra was organized by the villagers on this pious occasion and performed grand Samaiyu-Swagat of Dharmvanshi. Thereafter H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj performed concluding aarti and Annaakut Aarti of Thakorji in the temple and then graced the Sabha organized on the occasion. Mahant Swami Shyamsundardasji, Sadguru Swami Devprakashdasji, Sadguru Swami Krishnavallbhdasji, Sadguru Swami Uttampriyadasji and Sadguru Swami Bhaktiharidasji delivered their inspirational speeches. Thereafter, H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj blessed the host family and all the devotees. The devotee Shri Bhailalbhai Mahadevjibhai Doshi family rendered the services of this Parayan. Devotee Shri Laljibhai Shamjibia Patel rendered the services as the host of Patotsav. Swami Balkrishnadasji (Balu Swami) conducted the whole Sabha. J.K. Swami and Pravin Bhagat rendered their beautiful services on this divine occasion. (Kunj Swami, Ahmedabad)

Shree Swaminarayan temple, Limbdi

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and Dharmkul and with the inspiration of Mahant Swami of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Limbdi, Shree Hari Prakatyosav was celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm on Chaitra Sud-9. At night 10.10 hours Dhoon-Bhajan-Kirtan and Janmotsav Aarti were organized. K.P. Swami and other saints had made beautiful arrangements on this occasion. (Kalu Bhagat)

OVERSEAS SATSANG NEWS

Fuldolotsav in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Colonia

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj, H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and Dharmkul Shree Narnarayandev Jayanti Fuldolotsav was organized on Saturday 30/03/2013 in the evening from 5.00 to 8.00 hours in front of Thakorji in our Shree Swaminarayan temple, Colonia.

On this occasion, saints of Weehawken, Cherry Hill and Colonia temples had explained the importance of Fuldol and birth of Shree Narnarayandev. Young devotees had performed Dhoon and Kirtan Bhakti on this occasion. Beautiful

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Vagha of flowers were offered to Thakorji by Mahant Swami and devotees. Shastri Swami Siddheshwardasji (Cherry Hill) and Mahant Swami Narnarayandasji (Colonia) and Ghanshyam Swami (Weehawken) had explained the importance and purpose of this utsav. Mahant Swami had honoured Shri Bipinbhai Shukla, who teaches Sanskrit by offering him shawl. (Pravin Shah)

Fuldolotsav in Shree Swaminarayan temple, New Jersey (Weehawken)

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj, Shree Narnarayandev Jayanti Fuldolotsav was celebrated by Mahant Ghanshyam Swami and Haribhaktas on Sunday 31/03/2013 in the evening from 5.00 to 8.00 hours. Swami had explained the importance of Utsav, Samaiya and Dharmkul. Children and young devotees had performed Kirtan Bhakti. President Shri Bhaktibhai had furnished information about Satsangi activities. (Pravin Shah)

Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal Shibir in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Cleveland

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and with the inspiration of H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj, Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal Shibir was organized on 30th and 31st March 2013 in our Shree Swaminarayan temple, Cleveland, wherein about 30 to 35 young devotees participated.

Paksha of Bhagwan and Bhagwan were subjects

of this Shibir. For the first time Shibir of elder Haribhaktas was organized in our temple wherein about 100 ladies devotees and Haribhaktas participated. Shastri Swami Vasudevcharandasji delivered a beautiful speech with commentary. On 31/03/2013 Shree Narnarayandev Jayanti Fuldolotsav was celebrated and Poojari Swami Shreejiswaroop Swami had offered beautiful Shingar of flowers to the deities. Ladies devotees had rendered beautiful services in preparing the garlands of flowers. At last, concluding ritual of Fuldolotsav Samaiya and Shibir and aarti Darshan were performed and devotees had availed the benefit of Prasad. (Prakashbhai Patel, Cleveland)

Shree Swaminarayan temple, Luviswill Kantki

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and the whole Dharmkul, Shree Ramnavmi and Shree Hari Jayanti Utsav Samaiyo was celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm in our Shree Swaminarayan temple, Luviswill wherein about more than 175 devotees participated. Children presented a beautiful cultural programme on this occasion. Ladies devotees rendered their beautiful services in the kitchen. Here Sabha is organized on every Saturday and accordingly Satsang is developing gradually.

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AKSHARVAAS

Jambuda Bavana (Dist.Junagadh) – Devotee Shri Aswinbhai Dhirubhai Parmar (Age:23 years) [nephew of our Devotee Shri Rameshbhai Ranchhdbhai Mevada Contractor (Bapunagar)] (age 23 years) passed away to *Akshardham* on 11/02/2013 while chanting the name of Shree Hari. May Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan grant courage and patience to the family members of late devotee.

Ahmedabad- Devotee Shri Baldevbhai Keshavlal Patel (Sojawala) passed away to Divine Abode of God on 07/03/2013 while chanting the name of Shreeji Maharaj.

Rohishala (Dist.Rajkor-Muli Desh)- Devotee Shri Jinabhai Manjibhai Tank (Poojari of Rohishala temple) (Age 95 years) (father of Devotee Shri Babubhai Tank (Mira Road, Mumbai) (Padrawala) passed away to *Akshardham* on 18/03/2013 while chanting the name of Shri Hari.

Dhrangadhra (Dev Charadivala) – Devotee Shri Bhavjibhai Ganeshbhai Motka (Age 89 years) passed away to Divine Abode of God on 31/03/2013 while chanting the name of Shri Hari.

Dholka - Devotee Shri Ramanbhai Ambalal Patel (Nesadawala) passed away to *Akshardham* on 11/04/2013 while chanting the name of Shri Hari.

Lilapur (Muli Desh at present Ahmedabad) – Devotee Shri Dilipbhai (son of devotee Shri Dhanjibhai Odhavjibhai Patel) passed away to Divine Abode of God on 02/04/2013 while chanting the name of Shreeji Maharaj.

Kothamba – Devotee Shri Vasudevabhai Maganlal Joshi (ardent devotee of Shree Narnarayandev) passed away to Divine Abode of God on 02/04/2013 while chanting the name of Shreeji Maharaj.

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(1) H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj performing Abhishek of Thakorji in Jetalpur temple on the occasion of Patotsav. (2) Charudhari Haribhaktaas of Indrapura hand over the lands of land to H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj for the purpose of temple. (3) The host devotee Shri Manibhai Khandwala family of Patotsav of Jetalpur temple, performing aarti of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj. (4) H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj performing aarti of Thakorji in Kasindra temple on the occasion of Patotsav. (5) H.H. Shri Acharya Maharajgrantng blessings in the Sabha on the occasion of Parayan at Laloda (Idar Desh) (6) H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj granting Annakut Darshan on the occasion of first Patotsav of Lakhtar temple (Muli Desh). (7) H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj performing Annakut Aarti in Kalol Temple on the occasion of Paotsav. (8) With the directions of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj, devotee Shri Nadubhai (Motap-Surat) and other devotees had rendered the services for renovation of dome of Prasadi in Chhapaiyadham.



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(1) H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj performing Abhishek of Thakorji in Western Canada and Shri P.P. Swami and Haribhaktas availing the benefit in the Sabha. (2) Haribhaktas availing the benefit of Sabha organized in Colonia temple on the occasion of Ramnavmi. (3) Darshan of Vagha of flowers of Thakorji in Detroit temple on the occasion of Fuldolotsav. (4) Darshan of Vagha of flowers of Thakorji in Los Angeles temple on the occasion of Fuldolotsav. (5) Satsangi ladies devotees availing the benefit of first Mahila Satsang Shibir in our I.S.S.O. Atlanta temple.

Mahotsav of Invocation of Idol images in our newly constructed Chhpaiyadham Shree Swaminarayan temple, Georgia-Byron.

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