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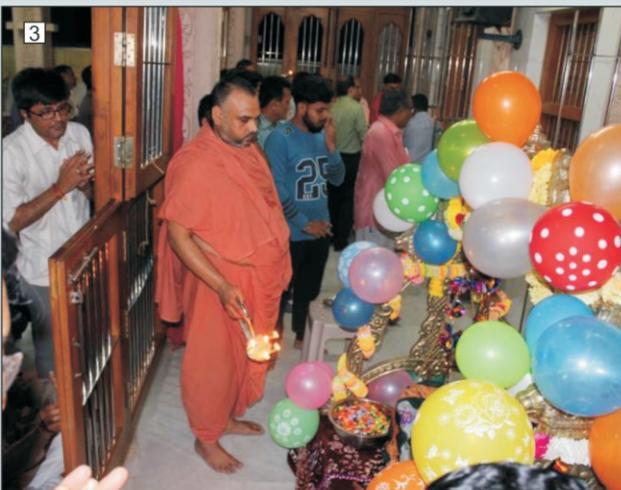
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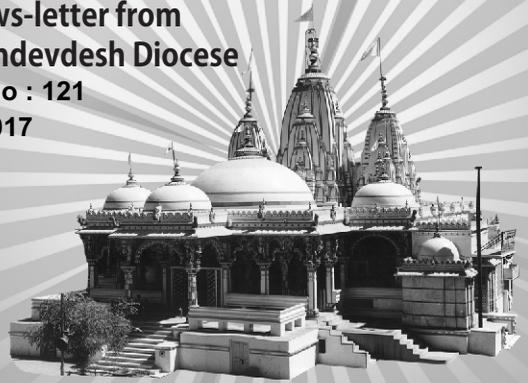


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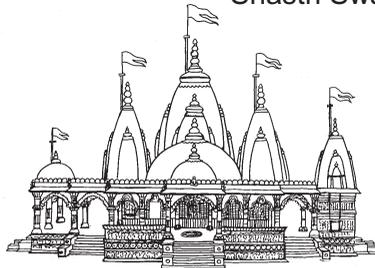
अस्मदीयम्

Bhagwan Shree Hari has granted us very beautiful art of living our life but we do not follow as per His directions and so we do not know to live our life beautifully. Reading is totally evaporated in the younger generations and among the youths. However reading is very much essential and therefore we should inculcate the habit of reading.

Our Nand saints have written so many scriptures and books. Thousands of devotees and students have made deep study of them and they have also obtained the doctorate degree of Ph.D. the learned persons exhaust pages after pages in writing their commentaries of Padas-Stuti created by our Nand saints like Kavi Samrat Brahmanand Swami, Premanand Swami, Devanand Swami, Nishkulanand Swami, Bhumanand Swami and yet still more and more can be written in respect of these Padas of the saints. If you want to perform Darshan of manuscripts written by our saints, you can perform divine Darshan of them in our Shree Swaminarayan museum. By reading these scriptures we can know how great was the contribution of our saints during the time of Shree Hari.

It is our suggestion to our young devotees that they may use mobile only when it is absolutely required but they may develop a habit or hobby of reading scriptures of our Sampradaya. These noble Samskaras may also be passed on to the next generations also. During this pious Chatur-Maas something may be read from 'Vachanamrit' 'Shrimad Satsangjivan', 'Shrimad Shiksha Patri Bhashya', 'Shrimad Satsangibhushan' 'Bhakta Chintamani,' 'Vato of Nand saints' etc. then we will understand our divine Sampradaya and omnipresence of Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan and the understanding will improve our life also. And Shreeji Maharaj will surely grant us place in divine Akshardham. Nothing will be done during the old age. So it is again suggested to our young devotees to read our scriptures invariably.

Editor
Mahant Swami
Shastri Swami Harikrishnadas



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

(APRIL-2017)

- 1 Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Anjar (Kachchh) on the occasion of Patotsav.
- 8 Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Bakrol on the occasion of Patotsav.
- 9 Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Nikol on the occasion of Patotsav and graced the house of one devotee.
- 10-11 Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Kera (Kachchh) on the occasion of Patotsav.
- 12 Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Karmshakti, on the occasion of Patotsav. Graced the house of one Haribhakta.
- 14 to 25 Pilgrimage to America
- 27 Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Ranela (Panchmahal) on the occasion of Murti-Pratistha.
- 28 to 30 Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Bhuj (Kachchh) on the occasion of 75th Varshik Patotsav of Shree Ghanshyam Maharaj and Patotsav of Shree Narnarayandev.
- Graced Conference organized by I.S.S.O. in Chicago (America).
- 30 Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Halvad on the occasion of Patotsav.
- 31 Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Bhuj-Kachchh and Anjar-Kachchh.
- 05/03/2017 Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Approach (Bapunagar) on the occasion of Patotsav and Pran-Pratistha of Shree Ghanshyam Maharaj and graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Ghatlodiya on the occasion of Dasabdi Mahotsav.**



APPOINTMENT DIARY OF H.H. SHRI LALJI MAHARAJ

(APRIL-2017)

- 5-18 Graced Satsang Yuva Shibir in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Melbourne and graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Sydney (Black town) on the occasion of Patotsav.
- 29-30 Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Bhuj (Kachchh) on the occasion of 75th Varshik Patotsav of Shree Ghanshyam Maharaj and Patotsav of Shree Narnarayandev.

Shikshapatri

The Epistle of Precepts

(based on Shatanand's Shikshapatri Arthadipika)

By Pravin S. Varsani

TEXT 212

May Lord Shree Krishna, reliever of all miseries of his disciples, protector of Bhakti with Dharma and bestower of all desired happiness, shower his blessings on us all.

**Nijashritanaam Sakalatihanta
Svadharmabhakteravanam Vidhata |
Data Sukhanaam Manasespitanaam
Tanotu Krushno Akhilmangalam Naha
||212||**

Mangaladini Mangalmadhyani Mangalantaani – Those Shastras with a Mangalacharan at the beginning, middle and end are destined for fame. In this way, offering a Mangalacharan in praise of Lord Shree Krishna, the Lord completes the Shikshapatri.

Shrimad Bhagwat explains, 'God is such that he will destroy the pains of births and deaths of even those who are not his choicest devotees.' 'We repeatedly bow before the feet of the Almighty, who through his kind and loving nature offers salvation and solitude to Satpurushas by destroying their misery.'

'O Vidura, son of Vyaas! How can those who shelter with Lord Shree Hari, and whose mind and actions are ever focussed upon the Lord, face misery?' 'We come to thee for shelter at thy feet. Thy blessed feet are like an umbrella providing shelter in the form of protection from sin and relief from the pains of repeated births and deaths.' 'O Lord! Shelter at thy lotus feet releases one swimming across the ocean of births and deaths (Bhavasagar).

Praise to thee! Singing thy praise and listening to thoust divine sport we save ourselves from repeated births. Through recitation of thy name we attain salvation. O eternal one! Those who come to thee fro shelter are blessed with the r3moval of all misery.'

Therefore, those who never surrender to God can never enjoy such bliss. Shrimad Bhagwat explains, 'There is no other form of shelter in this universe for attaining Moksha than that of thy lotus feet. Those who do not have such favour face fear.' Thus, shelter at God's feet should ultimately be the aim of all so that misery and suffering can be rooted out.

Secondly, God is the protector of Dharma and Bhakti. As the Vedas explain, 'In order to save and protect Dharma, God manifests as the great incarnations.'

Finally, Shatanand comments upon the Lord's ability to bestow eternal happiness. God alone is the source of happiness, the eternal giver and provider. 'All that man desires and wishes for is provided by the Lord. All the prise offered to him results in the provision of fruits for their labour.' 'Those who dedicatedly devote themselves to God receive from him, supreme knowledge and fulfilment of all desires. Such persons are never again reborn upon this Earth.'

'O eternal Lord! Men receive from thee, through thy favour a long and fruitful life, healthy body, wealth, the heavens, land, water, all aspects of Yoga, Dharma, desire and knowledge. Such person

overcomes all enemies.' Therefore one should in life, aim to derive God's favour through devotion and dedication to God by following the Dharmas as prescribed in this Shikshapatri.

Ultimately, Lord Swaminarayan asks of Shree Krishna that he always and everywhere shower his blessings upon us all. 'In whose heart God resides, the very form of auspiciousness and blessing, such persons are always blessed and are never unfortunate.' Thus Lord Shree Swaminarayan, in his last words in the Shikshapatri, concludes by asking for the favour of Shree Krishna to be always with him and his disciples.

Maharshi Shree Shatanand Muni concludes this Arthadipika in sixteen verses. In the first twelve of these, he summarises the Shikshapatri providing statistics about the number and nature of the commandments in the whole Shikshapatri; there are six hundred and forty two commandments in total!

In verse fourteen, Shatanand says, 'I Shatanand Muni, using the knowledge of Shruti, Smruti and other Shastas, have provided this commentary of the Shikshapatri in Sanskrit entitled – 'Shikshapatri Arthadipika, according to my ability and intellect. For which O Lord, may thee be overjoyed and shower thy blessings upon me.'

In verse fifteen, Shatanand glorifies Lord Swaminarayan as he supreme unparalleled Lord of the universe, who alone is the redeemer of souls: 'Upon this Earth, the son of Dharmadeva, Shree Hari, is ever propounding Ekantika Dharma and Bhakti. Therefore O Lord, who is benevolent, renounced, the foremost master (Anadi Guru) and regulator of sins; continue to shower thy auspiciousness everywhere.'

In the final Shloka – sixteen, he says: 'Thy divine body is the great Akshar Brahman Dhaam. Thou art the best of the best of Gods. Glory and victory to thee Lord Hari, the son of Dharma and the upholder of Dharma.'

Finally, Shatanand concludes the Arthadipika in traditional style:

***Iti Shrimadudhavasmapravartaka
Shrisahajanandswmilikhitasshiksha-
patrayashtikarthadipikakhyaa
Tacchischyashatanandmunivirachita
Samapta ||***

This scripture was completed on Ramnavmi day of Samvat Year 1890.

In similar manner and devotion, I too, offer my humble respects and praise to Shatanand Muni and the glorious Murti of Purnapurushottam Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan, as I conclude this English rendering of Shatanand's Arthadipika of the Shikshapatri. May the great knowledge of our scriptures, the fundamental teachings of our Master, Lord Swaminarayan and the disciplines of Dharma and Bhakti continue to flourish and progress, especially in our younger generation. May Lord Swaminarayan shower his choicest blessings upon us all.

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REPENTANCE FOR BEING BHAGWAN

- Sadhu Purushottamprakashdas
(Jetalpurdham)

Govindanand was Mahant and Guru of four hundred Vairagi Sadhus in Hanumangadhi Ayodhya. During his pilgrimage to Dwarika in Western Part of India, he performed Darshan of Nilkanthvarni in Pandharpur where Shree Nilkanthvarni had stayed for two months.

After two days Govindanand Swami resumed his pilgrimage. On his way he was cherishing utmost Vairagya in his heart. On his way, Yogmaya too the form of a beautiful woman holding an earthen pot full of ornaments and gems. She offered the pot and herself as his wife & sowed her willingness to do everything as may be asked by him.

Both Govindanand Swami and this woman started walking. They reached at the outskirts of a village. Swami asked her to stay at the outskirts of the village and himself entered the village for Bhiksha. The woman asked him to bring the meals in exchange of her ornaments. But Swami refused it saying that it is Dharma of a Sadhu to ask for Bhiksha only. Swami left a piece of cloth and went to the village and did not fall trap to Yogmaya and thereafter started his pilgrimage to Dwarika.

In village Loj, Swami performed divine Darshan of Ramanand Swami and cherishing ardent faith he completed his pilgrimage of Dwarika in village Loj only and stayed there as a

disciple of Ramanand Swami. From his name Govindram, he was named Govindanand. He stayed there and started rendering services as one of the twenty five disciples of Ramanand Swami.

In the later years, Nilkanthvarni graced the village Loj and in a very short period of one and half years, Ramanand Swami handed over the reins of Uddhav Sampradaya in Jetpur in the hands of young Nilkanthvarni at the age of 21 years only. Except Muktanand Swami, twelve other disciples of Ramanand Swami did not accept Nilkanthvarni as the successor of Ramanand Swami and by misleading the innocent devotees these twelve disciples encouraged the disciples to worship them as true successor of Ramanand Swami and as Bhagwan. They also started propagating that decision of selection of Nilkanthvarni as successor of Ramanand Swami is wrong and faulty.

Among these twelve saints, Govindanand Swami, Ramdas Swami and Devanand Swami were residing in Jetalpur. When Shree Hari graced the village Jetalpur, Shree Hari asked Gangama about these saints and expressed the desired to perform poojan of these saints. Gangama was surprised at this and she informed Maharaj that all these three saints were

abusing Sampradaya and were involved in the activities against Sampradaya. Shreeji Maharaj told that, all these saints are very learned and they are cherishing ardent noble qualities in them but now unfortunately they are being misled by the words of Raghunathdas.

Under the directions of Shree Hari, Gangama sent the persons and called these three saints at her home. Shree Swaminarayan Bhagwan was sitting in a Sabha in Aksharfulvadi under a Borsali tree. At that time all the three saints entered the Sabha and performed divine Darshan of Shree Krishna Bhagwan in Shree Hari and they also saw Ramanand Swami in divine form alongwith Muktas of Golokadhipati Parabrahma. These burnt the ignorance and avaguna cherished by these three saints in their hearts. Tears of repentance started flowing from the eyes of the saints. While bowing down at the lotus-like fete

of Shree Hari, the saints begged pardon for not being able to identify the divine form of Shree Ramanand Swami. They ardently requested Maharaj to grant them repentance for their offence of abusing Bhagwan.

Shree Hari asked them to wear a garland of pieces of onion around their neck and to visit all those places again for Bhiksha. Following the directions, while the saints started their Vicharan wearing the garland of pieces of onion, benevolent Maharaj forgave them and released them from their repentance.

These three saints understood the way of Kalyan and their Nishchay was further confirmed. Sadguru Ramdas Swami was Sadhu of first cadre under Ramanand Swami. Ramdas Swami granted divine Darshan of Kashi-Tirth in Jetalpur and fulfilled Vachan of Kashi-Darshan. So one should do and behave in a way which is liked by Maharaj and to obtain the pleasure of Bhagwan by pleasing the devotees.

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HEY NATH ! GRANT NITYA DARSHAN

- Shastri Nirgundas (Ahmedabad)

॥ ललित छन्दः ॥

अतिमनोहरं सर्वसुन्दरं तिलकलक्षणं चंचलेक्षणम् ।
 विबुधवन्दितं स्वामिनाथते वपुरिहास्तु नो नित्यदर्शने ॥१॥
 मदनमोहनं प्रेमदोहनं नयनगोचरं भक्तसंचरम् ।
 भुवि सुदुर्लभं स्वामिनाथते वपुरिहास्तु नो नित्यदर्शने ॥२॥
 निजजनैः सदा वाञ्छितंहृदा परसुखावहं हत्तमोपहम् ।
 परममंगलं स्वामिनाथते वपुरिहास्तु नो नित्यदर्शने ॥३॥
 हृदयरोचनं बद्धमोचनं विगतशोचनं दीर्घलोचनम् ।
 मृदुसिताम्बरं स्वामिनाथते वपुरिहास्तु नो नित्यदर्शने ॥४॥
 मधुरभाषणं पुष्पभूषणं विजितदूषणं शोकशोषणम् ।
 प्रहसदाननं स्वामिनाथते वपुरिहास्तु नो नित्यदर्शने ॥५॥
 कुसुमशेखरं कोमलान्तरं सद्यदर्शनं दुःखकर्शनम् ।
 विधिहरार्चितं स्वामिनाथते वपुरिहास्तु नो नित्यदर्शने ॥६॥
 परमपावनं लोकभावनं कुटिलकुन्तलं पुष्पकुण्डलम् ।
 भवभयापहं स्वामिनाथते वपुरिहास्तु नो नित्यदर्शने ॥७॥
 सकलसिद्धिभिः सर्वत्रहृद्भिः श्रितपदं सदा योगिभिर्मुदा ।
 तदिदमेवहि स्वामिनाथते वपुरिहास्तु नो नित्यदर्शने ॥८॥

॥ इति सत्संगिजीवनस्थ श्रीहरिप्रार्थनास्तोत्रं ॥

3rd Prakaran, 43-Adhyay, Shloka- 47 to 54

Wherever Shree Hari stayed, grand Utsav like Janmastmi, Ramnavmi, Prabodhini Ekadashi etc. were being celebrated with great fervor and enthusiasm. During such Mahotsav, a large number of devotees and Haribhaktas used to get together and desires and wishes of all the devotees were being fulfilled by Shree Hari. Once their desires being fulfilled these Haribhaktas would become ardent devotees of Shree Hari and they would scrupulously follow the directions of

Shree Hari in their conduct and behavior and thereby they would ensure their place in Akshardham. Now if any common man or Mumukshu would participate in this Mahotsav and if he would remember Shree Hari through such Mahotsav, at the end time of his life, such a Mumukshu would also get emancipation in his life. This blessing is granted by Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan to all the human souls on this earth.

Family of Ebhal Khachar of Gadhpur used to render beautiful services of their mind, body and money during such Utsav and Mahotsav and thereby they would obtain the pleasure of Maharaj as they knew this are very well. Especially among ladies devotees, Jivuba and Laduba would organize grand Utsav of Annakut and Deepawali and would obtain pleasure of Shree Hari and once they ardently requested Maharaj to direct all Haribhaktas to stay upto the pious day of Prabodhini Ekadashi and to celebrated Utsav of Prabodhini Ekadashi with great fervor and enthusiasm. Knowing the ardent feelings of the heart of these devotees, Shree Hari directed all the devotees and Haribhaktas to stay upto the pious day of Prabodhini Ekadashi and to celebrated the Utsav of Prabodhini Ekadashi with great fervor and enthusiasm. All ladies devotees, who had come from far off and distance placed, ardently requested Shree Hari to grant them Nitya Darshan through this Stuti and

they were also granted Darshan by Shree Hari. This Stuti is explained hereunder:

अतिमनोहरं सर्वसुन्दरं तिलकलक्षणं चंचलेक्षणम् ।
विबुधवन्दितं स्वामिनाथते वपुरिहास्तु नो नित्यदर्शने ॥१॥

All ladies devotees who had come from distance placed to participate in Prabodhini Ekadashi Utsav, performed Stuti-Prarthna to Shree Hari.

Hey Swaminath, Your Murti is very beautiful and this Swaroop is for better than Your all other forms. Your face is to enchanting with nose-tip coupled with sign of Til. There is beautiful Dandakar Tilak decorating the forehead like an ornament having the characteristics of Tilak of Urdhvapunda described in the scriptures. You have been watching Your devotees with sharp eyes and the great learned saints and deities have been performing Vanda not Your this divine Swaroop. Oh Swaminath we pray that we may also get divine Darshan of Your this divine Murti in this Mrityulok.

मदनमोहनं प्रेमदोहनं नयनगोचरं भक्तसंचरम् ।
भुवि सुदुर्लभं स्वामिनाथते वपुरिहास्तु नो नित्यदर्शने ॥२॥

Your this Swaroop – which creates inclination even to Kamdev who creates Moh in every mind and heart, this divine Swaroop creates an ecstatic affection in the hearts of ardent devotees and this Swaroop which can be seen is an idol image and this divine Swaroop is visible only to Ekantik Bhaktas. And it is very rare and arduous to all other Jeevs of this earth. Oh Swaminath we pray that we may also get divine Darshan of Your this divine Murti in this Mrityulok.

निजजनैः सदा वाञ्छितंहृदा परसुखावहं हत्तमोपहम् ।
परममंगलं स्वामिनाथते वपुरिहास्तु नो नित्यदर्शने ॥३॥

Hey Parmeshwar! Your own many Ekantik Bhaktas cherish the desire to hold

your this divine Swaroop in their hearts. Because simply by holding this divine Swaroop in heart, their all ignorance is dispelled and they feel divine happiness of the Light of Knowledge in their heart. This grants them all types of divine blessings and helps them to get place in divine Akshardham. Oh Swaminath we pray that we may also get divine Darshan of Your this divine Murti in this Mrityulok.

हृदयरोचनं बद्धमोचनं विगतशोचनं दीर्घलोचनम् ।
मृदुसिताम्बरं स्वामिनाथते वपुरिहास्तु नो नित्यदर्शने ॥४॥

Your divine Swaroop grants divine happiness with divine light in hearts and it is capable of relieving from trigunatmak Maya Bandhan and it relieves all jeevs from the bondages of this world. With Your Divine Vision, you foresee the Safety of Your devotees in this Brahmand. You wear while soft clothes. Oh Swaminath we pray that we may also get divine Darshan of Your this divine Murti in this Mrityulok.

मधुरभाषणं पुष्पभूषणं विजितदूषणं शोकशोषणम् ।
प्रहसदाननं स्वामिनाथते वपुरिहास्तु नो नित्यदर्शने ॥५॥

You deliver lecture with a view to preach Your devotees with Your sweet words. You wear Saatvik ornaments made of fragrant flowers. Your Swaroop is very innocent enabling the devotees to win over the Doshas of their Mana, Karma and Vaani. It is capable of destroying all types of Shlokas of those who perform divine Darshan. You have the face smiling at the sight of Your devotees. Oh Swaminath we pray that we may also get divine Darshan of Your this divine Murti in this Mrityulok.

कुसुमशेखरं कोमलान्तरं सदयदर्शनं दुःखकर्शनम् ।
विधिहरार्चितं स्वामिनाथते वपुरिहास्तु नो नित्यदर्शने ॥६॥

Hey Prabhu! You wear a turban with colourful fragrant flowers. Your heart pains looking at the Kastas of Your devotees.

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CHARACTERISTICS OF MATURE BHAKTI AND ITS OBTAINING

- Gordhanbhai V. Sitapara

In Swaminarayan Sampradaya Niyam, Nischay and Paksha are very prominent and significant aspects. A devotee who is mature in all these three aspects is said to be an ardent devotee. Among these three, we are trying to understand in this article Vachan of Shreeji Maharaj in respect of Nischay.

Shreeji Maharaj says: "A devotee who is not firm in his Bhakti will worship Bhagwan when he sees 'Samarthya' in Bhagwan, but when he does not see 'Samarthya' in Bhagwan but when he does not see 'Samarthya' in Bhagwan he will start abusing Bhagwan. This is not the characteristic of an ardent devotee.

Whereas a devotee cherishes ardent faith in Shree Hari will feel in his heart, "***I have obtained everything. Every place is Paramdham where Bhagwan is residing. All the saints are like Narad and Sanakadik. All devotees and Haribhaktas are like Uddhav, Akrur, Vidhur, Sudama and Gops of Vrindavan. And all ladies devotees are like Druapadi, Kuntaji, Sita, Rukmani, Laxmiji and Parvatiji. Now nothing is to be done by me and I am feeling Golok, Vaikunth, Brahmipur etc.***"

When a devotee cherishes Nischay of Bhagwan in his heart, Kaal, Krama and Maya cannot captivate such a devotee.

While describing the characteristics of an ardent devotee, Shreeji Maharaj has stated that though himself being Tyagi and if we get done from him any work full of activities and when that work is done willingly and not with bitterness is another

characteristic of devotee cherishing Nischay.

Third characteristic is that though he may be having any avaguna and yet he takes and receives noble qualities from others. And he understands the importance of Katha, Kirtan and Satsang of Bhagan. If due to Prarabdha, such a devotee is changed in his behavior, then also he will not be deprived of his emancipation.

A devotee cherishing ardent faith in Bhagwan knows the importance of the saints and Satsangis. And therefore Kaal and Karma both cannot do any harm to such a devotee.

One should cherish ardent faith towards even the idol image of Bhagwan and then only all his noble deeds will be accomplished. Shreeji Maharaj has also stated that, if a devotee offers his mind with utmost devotion in rendering his devout services, everything will happen positively in his life.

Those who cherish correct knowledge about Swaroop of Atma and Vairagya in his heart and who is complete in his Swadharma should be known as cherishing ardent faith and such a person is said to have been cherishing Nischay.

Those who cherish Nischay of Bhagwan in his heart, will think about only noble qualities of Bhagwan and when noble qualities of Bhawan are imbibed in Saints, such a Sadhu is considered having all the noble qualities in him.

A person cherishing ardent faith sees only noble and good things in every action

of Bhagwan. Victory and failure are also considered as benevolent and for something good. Such a devotee would never think anything negative about Bhagwan or any of his devotee.

Shreeji Maharaj has stated that, those who cherish ardent faith in Bhagwan will surely get his emancipation and he will never fall down from his place of duty and devotion towards Bhagwan.

Those who cherish ardent faith with true and complete knowledge will never go away in his action from the righteous path of Bhagwan. Such an ardent devotee will do anything and everything for Bhagwan and the saints. Such a person only will get his place in Brahmlok.

With this Nischay, all means towards Bhagwan will come to him automatically. Such as Bhajan, Smaran, Kirtan, Varta etc. while cherishing such an ardent faith it should be strengthened again and again as it will bring good for him.

While defining Nischay with uttam Nirvikap Shreejie Maharaj has said those

who worship Aksharswaroop of Shree Purushottam Narayan considered to be cherishing Uttam Nirvikalp Nischay.

Such a devotee who is cherishing ardent Atma-Nistha and Vairagya in Panch-Vishay and importance of Bhagwan in his heart will never fall down due to Viparai Desh-Kaal and he is always found engrossed cherishing Golok, Vaikunth, Shwet-Dwip, Brahmipur and divine form of Bhagwan alongwith Radhika and Laxmiji.

In '*Vachanamrit*' Shreeji Maharaj has talked about Nischay abundantly and we could not discuss even half of them in this article. But the essence is that simply by the word 'Bhagwan' we should know our Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan. and all of us should firmly cherish one thing in our heart that the devotees who have recognized and believe Shree Narnarayandev and Dharmvanshi Acharya established as Guru of all the devotees and they have only known Shree Hari in true sense.

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You are cherishing a very tender heart. You always look at your devotees with Your benevolent eyes. And our destroy all type of miseries of Your devotees very easily. And therefore even the deities like Brahmani and Shivji worship You. Oh Swaminath we pray that we may also get divine Darshan of Your this divine Murti in this Mrityulok.

परमपावनं लोकभावनं कुटिलकुन्तलं पुष्पकुण्डलम् ।
भवभयापहं स्वामिनाथते वपुरिहास्तु नो नित्यदर्शने ॥७॥

Oh Prabhu! You sanctify each and every place You touch with Your lotus-like feet. And Your divine swaroop is very enchanting for all. You have curly black hair on Your Head and You have worn Kundals (earrings) of flowers upon Your both ears.

By performing divine Darshan the devotees get destroyed their fear of birth and death. Oh Swaminath we pray that we may also get divine Darshan of Your this divine Murti in this Mrityulok.

सकलसिद्धिभिः सर्वऋद्धिभिः श्रितपदं सदा योगिभिर्मुदा ।
तदिदमेवहि स्वामिनाथते वपुरिहास्तु नो नित्यदर्शने ॥८॥

Hey Shree Hari, eight types of Siddhis reside at Your lotus-like feet. And so all jeev should seek only Your shelter; and even great ashtang-yog Siddha Yogis cherish Your shelter. Oh Swaminath we pray that we may also get divine Darshan of Your this divine Murti in this Mrityulok.

PILGRIMAGE (2017) TO AUSTRALIA OF H.H. SHRI LALJI MAHARAJ AND H.H. SHRI GADIWALA ALONGWITH H.H. SHRI RAJA

- Shastri Swami Ramkrishnadasji (Koteshwar-Gurukul)

With the blessings of Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan and the directions of Ahmedabad Shree Narnarayandev Pithadhipati H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendrprasadj Maharaj, divine message of Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan is spreading all over the universe. Accordingly five (05) great temples have been constructed in Australia. So for the nourishment and development of Sampradaya H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj, H.H. Shri Gadiwala and H.H. Shri Raja had graced Australia alongwith saints, Sankhya Yogi ladies devotees and Parshads.

Melbourne NNDYM CAMP & Satsang Sabha : Under the auspices of H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj and in the pious company of Dharmkul for the first time, a camp was organized wherein about 300 young haribhaktas and ladies devotes from every temple of Australia and had participated. Not only from Australia but also from New-Zealand and U.K. young devotes and had participated. For three days in good natural atmosphere these participants had obtained knowledge about our Sampradaya and our Scriptures as also art of living a meaningful life from H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj. Ladies devotees had also availed the benefit of divine Satsang in the pious presence of H.H. Shri Gadiwala and H.H. Shri Raja. Upon completion of this camp, a beautiful Satsang Sabha was also organized at this place. All the devotes were very much happy when announcement was made about the construction of new temple in South Melbourne at a distance of two hours from our temple H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj had given directions with blessing for rendering

devout services by all the devotees for expeditious completion of this temple.

Perth and Adelaide (10th to 14th April) : Dharmkul and the saints stayed for two days each in both these cities and granted the benefit of special Satsang to the young devotes. Despite hectic schedule H.H. Shri Gadiwala and H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj granted sufficient time to ladies devotees and young devotees.

Sydney (12th Varshik Patotsav) (14th to 16th April) : On the occasion of Patotsav of our Blacktown temple in Sydney, three day Katha of Paracha-Prakaran was organized. A special cultural programme was organized for ladies devotees during the day time as well as at night wherein H.H. Shri Gadiwala remained present for two hours and granted the benefit of divine Darshan and blessings to the ladies devotees.

On the pious occasion of Patotsav H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj performed the ritual of Abhishek whose divine Darshan was performed by all the Haribhaktas and ladies devotees.

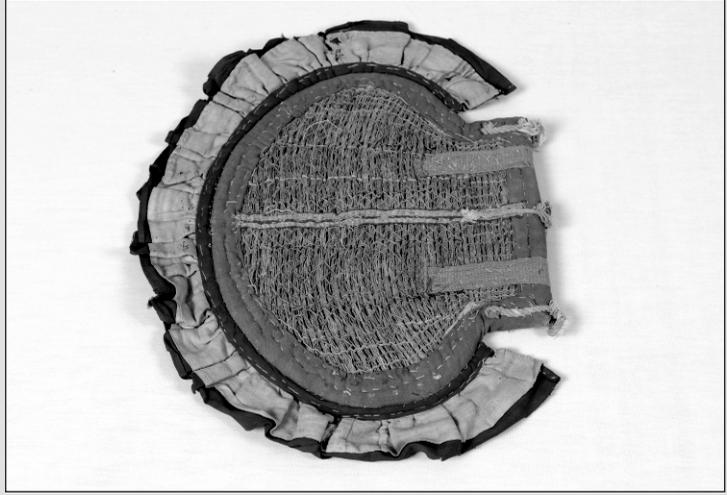
A beautiful Satsang Sabha was also organized in our Kings Park temple of Sydney. During the whole pilgrimage H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj provided spiritual strength and pleasure to the young devotes. H.H. Shri Gadiwala and H.H. Shri Raja also nourished the Satsang of the young ladies devotees.

During this pilgrimage, Shastri Swami Ramkrishnadasji, Shastri Swami Narayanmudasji, Parshad Vanraj Bhagat, Sankhya Yogi Shri Manjulaba and Bhartiba also rendered their beautiful services.



Shree
Swaminarayan
Museum

Pankho (Fan)



Sarvavatari Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan incarnated on the pious day of Chaitra Sud-09 Samvat 1837 for the purpose of Kalyan of all Jev and He tolerated many miseries for the welfare and Kalyan of all the human beings.

During that time there used to be very scorching heat during Summer season. And in such a summer hot afternoon Bhagwan Shree Hari used to perform Vicharan alongwith the saints for the upliftment of the society. Unlike today's time, there were no cooling equipments like air-conditions, electric fan and air-coolers during those times.

With a view to grant coolness to Shree Hari, Mulji Brahmchari was always ready with a clay-pot of water and hand-fan. These hand-fans which were used in rendering ardent services to Shree Hari have been placed in display in our Shree Swaminaryanaan Museum for divine Darshan. Divine Darshan of the hand-fans remind us of Mulji Bramchari and Shree Hari. And these hand-fans have been preserved in our Museum for divine Darshan. We also get the glimpse of how Shree Hari and the saints would have been performing Vicharan even during the hot Summer Season for the welfare of the society. We also get the preaching how alert and ready we should be for noble and benevolent deeds without expecting any facilities.

These hand-fans have been touched and used by Mulji Brahmchari, Nand saints and even Shree Hari. So by performing Darshan and Smaran of these hand-fans, we will also feel divine presence of Shree Hari around us. Therefore all the devotees may perform the divine Darshan of those hand-fans and they may feel divine coolness. This hand-fan has been kept in Hall No.1 for divine Darshan.

- Prof. Hitendrabhai Naranbhai Patel



List of devotees who rendered their services under Shree Swaminarayan Museum Maintenance Bhet Yojna-April-17

Rs.53,400/-	Naran Premji Meghji family- Baladiya-Kachchh.
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Rs.5000/-	Ritaben and Hasmukhbhai Vora-Boston.
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List of Host devotees who availed the benefit of Abhishek of Shree Narnarayandev in Shree Swaminarayan Museum-April-17

01/04/2017	Avnish Valjibhai Patel- London.
02/04/2017	Dineshbhai Ravjibhai Patel-Maninagar (Boston).
05/04/2017	(Morning) Mavji Shivji Pindoriya and Dhiresh Kantilal Halai- Kachchh (Noon) Baldevbhai Manilal Patel-Byron.
11/04/2017	Dr. Narendrabhai D. Bhavsar-Mehsana on the occasion of Janmotsav of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj.
14/04/2017	Madhuben Bhikhabhai Patel through Bhikhabhai, Priyankaben Dilipbhai, Dev and Aayush –Dangarvawala (Allen Town)
15/04/2017	Ritaben and Hasmukhbhai Kalidaas Vora-Boston.
16/04/2017	(morning) Harshaben Indravandbhai Patel – Naranpura. (noon) Ashwinbhai and Bharatbhai Jagani through Dr. Maganbhai Jagani-Ambawadi.
20/04/2017	Krishna Mukeshbhai Patel through Baldevbhai Patel and Sanvi and Jasiben –Dangarvawala (Allen Town)
21/04/2017	Baldevbhai Manilal Patel –Byron.
30/04/2017	Rasikbhai Babaldas Gajjar (Jagdish Offset)-Naranpura.

10 gram, 20 gram, silver coins of Shree Narnarayandev are available at Shree Swaminarayan Museum for offering it on pious occasions and for personal preservation.

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

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SATSANG BALVATIKA

Compiler Shastri Harikesavdasji (Gandhinagar)

STORY ABOUT BRAKE

- Shastri Haripriyadasji (Gandhinagar)

In Jetalpur Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan had organized a grand Yagna in His presence. It was a pious day of Posh Sud Ekadashi. The saints requested Shreeji Maharaj that all the saints desire to perform poojan of Maharaj. Swaminarayan Bhagwan agreed to the request and a grand Sabha was organized. One by one the saints entered the Sabha. First of all five saints stood up for the purpose of Poojan.

The first one was Swami Ramdasbhai. In 'Bhaktachintamani' Nishkulanand Swami has written the names of five hundred saints and name of Swami Ramdasbhai is written as first name. Ramdasbhai is a very senior saint. Not only this, Shreeji Maharaj has granted him the status of elder brother. This was surprise announcement for all the saints which was made by Shreeji Maharaj in a Sabha. Explaining this Maharaj has said that he is an outspoken person and a very simple person. He is one and the same from within and outside.

मनस्येकम् वचस्येकम् कर्मव्येकम् महात्मनाम्

He is real Mahatma whose Maan, Vachan and Karma are only one. There should be a saint who can rebuke us if we make any mistake and therefore we have

made him our elder brother.

With these words, Shreeji Maharaj told Ramdasbhai that from today You are our elder brother and if we make any mistake you should tell us. Since then, he is known a Ramdasbhai in Satsang. And this behaviour of Shreeji Maharaj is great preaching for all of us.

However, great you may be in Satsang, in Samaj or in your family, you should live cherishing utmost Atmiya-bhaav with everyone. Someone may praise you as a good human being and there may be some other persons who may tell you harsh words for your good. All of us know about the vehicles. The person driving a vehicle has control over it and there is a mechanism called a brake which steps the vehicle. A vehicle without any brake is dangerous to drive. So a brake is required in every vehicle. However, a brake is required more for a human being.

A person with whom we cherish our utmost love and affection whom we have surrendered our mind and heart has a brake for us. This beloved man can rebuke us, can stop us. If we want to be happy in Satsang and Samaaj, we should have one such person with us. And he is unfortunate if he does not have any such person.

Friends! Isn't it a nice thing! So you may also determine any such person who may rebuke you, who may rectify your mistakes. Such a person may be your parents or Your Guru then only your progress in Satsang and in Samaaj will sustain for long time.

BHAGWAN PROTECTS BHAKTA

- Narayan V. Jani (Gandhinagar)

Matters of Bhagat and Jagat (world) are very unique. Devotees of Bhagwan live their worldly life while remaining in constant contact with Bhagwan through their Bhakti in all conditions. Whereas other common men simply live and enjoy the worldly pleasures of this world and they spend their time among their relatives, status in the society and their concerns with other relations in all walks of life. But while living this life in this way, they forget that Kaal is approaching closer to them every moment. But there is one fact that nothing is more pleasurable than Bhagwan, Satsang and saint-Samagam in this world.

“સુરપુર, નરપુર, નાગપુર એ ત્રીનમે સુખનાહી,
સુખ હે હરિકે ચરન મે, કાં સંતન કે માંહી.”

This is understood in a better way from the story of Gajendra-Moksha of 'Shrimad Bhagwat'. There was an elephant named Gajendra. This elephant was living happily with his family in a dense green forest situated at the foot-hills of Trikut mountain. While they were passing through this forest, this Gajendra was thinking that he is very happy and lucky because all the family members loved him very much and they were faithful to him.

One day Gajendra entered into the water of the lake alongwith his family members. The whole family was enjoying as they were sprinkling water upon one another through their trunks. This looked like a family of this world living happily. Meanwhile a crocodile held the leg of Gajendra in his mouth. The crocodile is very powerful inside the water. Gajendra was also very powerful so he tried to get rid of his leg from the mouth of crocodile but he could not do it successfully.

All other family members saw it and they also tried to help Gajendra to get rid of the crocodile but it was in vain. So all other family members realized that now it was impossible to save Gajendra and so they came out of the water towards the bank. This was a bitter fact that when you are in difficulties, nobody will stand by you. All people will be with you when you are happy and prosperous. But nobody will be with you when you are in difficulties.

Realizing this, Gajendra started chanting the name of Parmatma. He ardently requested Bhagwan to help him and to protect him. He thought of offering something to Bhagwan, so while being dragged by the crocodile inside the water, Gajendra took a lotus and offered it to Bhagwan holding it up in the trunk. When a devotee remembers Bhagwan ardently, Bhagwan becomes impatient and immediately rushes to His devotee.

“ગરૂડ તજીને પાળા પધાર્યા, ગજ સારું મહારાજ.”

Shree Hari came and released Gajendra from the mouth of the crocodile. Gajendra took his original Swaroop and went to His Dham. Friends! This story of Gajendra-Moksha is like a rid-light for all those who remain engrossed in worldly matters all the time. It is good to perform one's own duties but while doing so one should also remember that nothing is more benevolent than Parmatma and Satsang. If Jivatma performs Bhajan of Parmatma while remembering this, he will surely get emancipation in his life.

Swaminarayan Bhagwan is very benevolent to all of us. Devotees who remain under the shelter of Dev, Acharya, Saint and Shastra never fall trapped in worldly web because Shree Hari is always present and ready to protect His devotees.

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**ESSENCE OF ALL SCRIPTURES IS
THAT ONE SHOULD REMAIN
DETACHED WITH THIS WORLD
- Compiled by Kotak Varsha
Natvarlal-Ghodasar**

All our Indriyas can do work only for themselves. For example nose does the work of smelling only. Ears do the work of hearing only. Eyes do the work of watching only. How far the science and technology may develop, but it cannot make the eyes do the work of ears and vice versa. That means that one Indriya cannot do the work of another Indriya. But our mind works alongwith all the Indriyas. All Indriyas are in dormant condition. Yet we see them in our dreams. This experience is like real life experience only. And we feel everything true and realize our dream. If we have had any bad dream, our heart-beats would increase. This is the proof that our mind works while taking all other Indriyas with it.

Once a Rathyatras was passing on the road. One of the devotees was late in reaching at the place to participate in Rathyatra. So he asked a shop-keeper as to how much time passed when Rathyatra passed on this road? In fact that shopkeeper was so much busy and engrossed in his work of the shop that he was not aware about the Rathyatra passing by his shop; so he replied that Rathyatra had not passed on that road.

This means that nothing happens

without attention of our mind. In kitchen we prepare the meals daily but sometimes it happens that either salt or sugar is forgotten. Why this happens? It happens due to lack of attention or our mind is roaming somewhere else. So the deeds which are done with our mind are real Karmas which ultimately result into Karm-Bandhan. The deeds and action done by body do not result into Karm-Bandhan until the mind is associated with it. We are performing Mala but our mind is roaming somewhere else then we will not get the result desired from performing Mala.

In Mahabharat, Arjun killed many Kauravas but he did not suffer any Karma-Bandhan. This happened because he was Arjun who was accompanied and well-guided by Bhagwan Shree Krishna. And we have to be eligible like Arjun.

We prepare the meals for our family members in our house. Here we prepare the meals with utmost love and affection; and there is a cook preparing the meals for all of us while performing his duties. So we have to do all our work with the sense of duty. Bandhan is created due to Raag and Dwesh. And so we have to do our work while cherishing Bhaav of Vitraag in our heart. But how can it be done? This can be done through constant practice and study. Moreover

we also have to cherish simplicity in our heart.

While learning to ride a bicycle for the first time, we are afraid of falling down. Our total attention of our legs, hands, eyes and mind are fully concentrated in learning it. One we learn it, we feel confident and thereafter we can ride our bicycle in heavy traffic area also.

So it is practice and constant study through which we can learn to remain detached while doing anything and everything. So we have to keep our connection with Bhagwan only and we have to surrender ourselves to Bhagwan only and we have to cherish 'Vitraag' towards this world.

SEWA AND SAMARPAN - PATEL LABHUBEN MANUBHAI

By rendering our services through our body, our body is purified. By using our wealth and money for others we purify our wealth and money. And if we perform Bhajan and Bhakti of Bhagwan, our mind is purified. If Bhakti is added to our Bhojan, it becomes Prasad. If Bhakti is added to Nirahaar, it becomes Upvaas. If Bhakti is added to Ghar, it becomes Ghar-Mandir. If Bhakti is added to Shram, it becomes Sewa.

While Bhagwan Shree Rama was getting prepared Ram-Setu with the help of Vanar-Sena under the leadership of

Nal and Neel, a small tiny squirrel also started working fit it. Because she was cherishing Bhakti in her heart, She was lifted with utmost love and affection by Bhagwan Shree Rama in His heat and we still find the stripes of fingers of Bhagwan Shree Rama over the back of this tiny, innocent squirrel. Though contribution of squirrel in making Ram-Setu was common but her ardent feelings of rendering Sewa to Bhgwan Shree Rama were uncommon. So like this squirrel, we should render our devout services as much as we can.

Appointment of new Mahant Swami in Shree Swaminarayan Temple, Naranghat

Sadguru Shastri Swami Purushottam Prakashdasji Guru Sadguru Swami Devkrishnadasji (Gandhinagar Mahant) has been appointed as Mahant Swami and Sadguru Shastri Swami Divyaprakashdasji Guru S a d g u r u S w a m i Devprakashdasji has been appointed as Joint Mahant Swami of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Naranghat.

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**Ramnavmi Shree Hari Prakatyotsav
in Shree Swaminarayan temple,
Kalupur**

In the pious company of Shree Narnarayandev and with the directions of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendrprasadj Maharaj and under the directions of Mahant Sadguru Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji, Ramnavmi – Shree Hari Prakatyotsav was celebrated with great fervor and enthusiasm on the pious day of Chaitra Sud-09.

In the morning at 7.00 hours Patotsav-Abhishek of Balswaroop Shree Ghanshyam Maharaj was performed by H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj. Thereafter Annakut Aarti was performed. In the noon at 12.00 hours Pragatya Aarti of Maryada Purushottam Bhagwan Shree Ram was performed. Haribhaktas from various places had arrived to perform divine Darshan of Samaiya. Devotee shree Kaushikbhai Patadiya family rendered the services as the host of this Patotsav.

In the temple premises, devotee Shri Jayeshbhai Soni and his co-artists performed Kirtans by Nand saints. Ladies devotes and Haribhaktas played Raas-Garba separately at night 10.10 hours Prakatyotsav Aarti of Shree Ghanhyam Maharaj was performed. Thousands of devotees availed the benfit of Darshan of this divine occasion.

On this occasion Brahmchari Swami Rajeshwaranandji, Kothari J.K. Swami, Yogi Swami, Bhakti Swami etc. saints

Mandal had made beautiful arrangements. (Shastri Swami Narayanmunidasji)

**Shree Ghanshyam Tridasabdi
Mahotsav in Shree Swaminarayan
temple, Manekpur (Chaudhary)**

With the blessings of Paramkripalu Sarvavatari Shree Swaminarayan Bhagwan and with the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendrprasadj Maharaj and the whole Dharmkul and with the inspiration of Sadguru Mahant Shastri Swami P.P. Swami (Gandhinagar) and with the arrangement of Sadguru Swami Devprasaddasji (Muli) and with the support of the whole Satsng Samaj and Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal, Manekpur, Shree Ghanshyam Tridasabdi Mahotsav was celebrated with great fervor and enthusiasm from 30/03/2017 to 03/04/2017. On this occasion, Shrimad Bhagwat Panchanh Parayan was organized with Sadguru Shastri Swami Chaitanyaswaroopdasji as the spokesperson. Before 30 years Akshar Nivasi Sadguru Swami Shree Karshandasji had got constructed this grand temple. And ritual of invocation of Thakorji was performed at the relevant time by H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Tejendraprasadj Maharaj. Many devotees of the village vailed the benefit of rendering various types of services during this Mahotsav.

On this occasion, cultural programe, Diaro, Bhajan-Kirtan and during Katha Shree Krishna Janmotsav, Shree Rukshamani Vivah, Abhishek of Thakorji, Shree Hari-Yaag, Annakut etc. were also performed.

During Katha H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj graced the occasion on 30/03/2017 and blessed all the devotees. H.H. Shri Laxmiswaroop Gadiwala also graced the occasion and blessed all the ladies devotees. On 03/04/2017, H.H Shri Charay

Maharaj graced the occasion performed Annakut aarti of Shree Ghanshyam Maharaj and performed aarti of concluding ritual of Katha as well as Shree Hari Yaag and blessed all the sains and devotees.

On this occasion, Sadguru Mahant Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji from Kalupur Ahmedabad temple, Sadguru Shastri Swami Harikeshadasji (Gandhinagar Sector-23), Sadguru Bhandari Swami Shree Janki Vallabhdasji from Kankaria, Sadguru Brahmchari Swami Rajeshwaranandji (Poojari Kalupur), Sadguru Swami Devprasaddasji (Manekpur) and Sadguru Swami Madhavprasaddasji (Kothamba) had arrived on this occasion. Prasad-Bhojan was offered to all the saints and devotees during all the five days of Mahotsav. (Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal, Manekpur)

Shree Hanuman Jayanti in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Dholka

With the blessings of Paramkripalu Shree Swaminarayan Bhagwan and with the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and with the inspiration and guidance of Mahant Sadguru Swami Jagdishprasaddasji and Kothari Swami Satyasankalpdasji beautiful Maruti Yagna was concluded in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Dholka on the pious day of Shree Hanuman Jayanti on Chitra Sud-15. Devotee Shri Rajednrasingh Hmatsinh (valthera) rendered the services as the host of this divine occasion. All the saints and Parshads of Mahant Swami had rendered their beautiful services on this occasion. (Shastri Ajay Swami, Dholka)

Tridinatmak Parayan in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Sonarada

With the blessings of Parabrahm Purushottam Narayan Sarvopari Shreeji Maharaj and with the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and with the inspiration of Sadguru Shastri

P.P. Swami (Mahant of Gandhinagar temple) and with the arrangement by the whole Satsang Samaj of village Sonarada and Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal, Tridinatmak Ratriya Parayan was organized from 02/03/2017 to 05/03/2017 on the subject 'Aadarsh Bhakta Gatha' with Sadguru Shastri Swami Chaitanyaswaroopdasji as the spokesperson. Many devotees of the village as well as of the nearby villages also availed the benefit of this divine Kathamrit. Saints from various places had arrived on this occasion and delivered their inspirational speeches. On this occasion grand Shakotsav was also organized. During Parayan the Saha was conducted by Sadguru Shastri Swami Narayanmudasji of Kalupur. (Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal, Sonarada)

Shree Swaminarayan temple, Himatnagar

With the directions of H.H. Sri Laxmiswaroop Gadiwala, grand Satsang Sabha was organized on 26/03/2017 in our Shree Shree Swaminarayan temple, Himatnagar. Sankhya Yogi ladies devotees from Kalupur temple had arrived and narrated beautiful Katha-Varta. Whose benefit was availed by large number of ladies devotees. Arrangement of the whole Sabha was made by Mahant Shastri Swami Prempakashdasji. Services of Ghanshyam Mahaila Mandal were very inspirational during the whole programme.

Here on the pious day of Ekadsahi on 24/03/2017, Satsang Sabha was organized at the house of the devotee Shri Babubhai Kodarbhai Patel and Sabha of Ekadashi was organized on 07/04/2017 at the house of the devotee Shri Dilipkumar Kantilal Suthar wherein large number of devotees participated. Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal had rendered beautiful services on this occasion. (Sanjaykumar Kanubhai Oza)

Katha-Parayan in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Bapupura

With the blessings of Paramkripalu Shree Narnarayandev and with the directions of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendrprasadji Maharaj and with the inspiration of Sadguru Shastri Swami Purushottamprakashdasji (Mahant of Gandhinagar temple) and with the support of the whole Satsang Samaj of Bapupura 'Shree Vidurniti Panchanh' Ratriya Parayan was organized with fervor and enthusiasm with Sadguru Shastri Swami Chaitanyasaoopdasji (Gandhinagar) as the spokesperson. Devotees of many nearby villages availed the benefit of this beautiful Katha. With the directions of H.H. Shri Gadiwala, Shree Narnarayandev Mahila Mandal had rendered inspirational services. Sadguru Mahant Shastri Swami Harikrisnadasji arrived alongwith the saint mandal on the day of concluding ritual of Katha and blessed all the devotees. Arrangement of Prasad-breakfast was made by Kothari of the temple and the leading devotees of the village. (Purani Swami Balswaroopdasji-Gandhinagar)

MULI DESH

Mahamantra Dhoon in Bhaktinagar Temple (Tal. Halvad)

With the blessings of Paramkripalu Shree Swaminarayan Bhagwan and with the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendrprasadji Maharaj and with the inspiration of Akshar Nivasi Sadguru Shastri Swami Vigyandasji, 12 hour Shree Swaminarayan Mahamantra Akhand Dhoon was organized on 20/03/2017 in Shree Swaminarayan temple (ladies devotees) at Gauri Darwaja and Shree Swaminarayan temple at Bhaktinagar as a part of Dasabdi Mahotsav wherein many

devotees participated. Shreejiswaroop Swami and Shastri Vrajvallabh Swami etc. saithn Mandal explained th importance of Shree Swaminarayan Mahamantra. Its importance was also narrated by Sankhya Yogi Ansuyaba and Sankhya Yogi Vanitaba. (Kothari – Bhaktinagar)

Satsang Sabha in Narichana & Bavli

With the blessings of Paramkripalu Shre Swaminarayan Bhagwan and with the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendrprasadji Maharaj and with the inspiration of Sadguru Swami Bhaktiharidasji, beautiful Satsang Sabha was organized on 09/04/2017 in Narichana and Bavli villages of Dhrangadhra taluka. On this occasi, saithns from Dhrangadhra, Surendranagar and Morbi had arrived and expliand Dev, Charya, Mandir and Scriptures. Sabha was conducted by Mahant Shastri Swami Bhaktinandandasji. (Representative Anilbhai Dudhrejija)

Shree Swaminarayan temple, Morbi (Sardarbaug)

In the pious company of Shree Ghanshyam Maharaj and Shree Radhakrishnadev and with the directions of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and under the guidance of learned, enthusiastic and young Mahant Swami Sadguru Bhaktinandandasji, divine Satsang Sabha was orgnized on the pious day of Ekadashi on 23/04/2017 at a an open spacious place acquired for new temple. large number of ladies devotees and Haribhaktas participated in this satsan Sabha. it has been decided that now Satsang Sabha will be organized at night from 9.00 to 10.00 horus on every Ekadashi. With the constant efforts of the saints faith of the devotees is being strengthened towards Dev, Acharya and Satsang. (Mahant Swami, Morbi)

OVERSEAS SATSANG NEWS

Shree Swaminarayan temple, Auckland (New Zealand)

With the blessings of Paramkripalu Shre Swaminarayan Bhagwan and 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, Sadguru Shastri Swami Nirgundasji and Ghanshyam Swami etc. saint Mandal of Ahmedabad Kalupur temple performed Keshar-Jalabhishek, Shangaar Aarti, Annakut Aarti of Thakorji on the pious occasion of 9th Patotsav of our temple on Chaitra Vad-09 Sunday 16/04/2017. In the Sabha Shastri Swami narrated Katha-Varta. Devotee Dr. Kantibhai Patel, the President of our emle expressed in nice words the gratitude towards all those devotees who rendred their beautiful services. The host devotees as well as all those devotees who rendered their services in the temple were honoured. Devotee Shri Vimal Jayantibhai Patel, devotee Shri Brijeshbhai Patel – the host devotee of the whole Utsav rendered their beautiful services for Abhishek, Mahaprasad and Vaghar. Every Thursday Sabha of elder devotes is also organized in our temple. Besides this, Ramnavmi – Shree Hari Jayanti, Shree Narnarayandev Jayanti Fuldolotsav etc. were celebrated by the saints of Bhuj. Besides Path of Sunderkand, Poojan-Archan of Shree Hanumandada was performed. More than about 700 devotees and Haribhaktas performed divine Darshan of the deities, listend to Katha and also availed the benefit of Mahaprasad. (Tusharbhai Mistry)

Shree Swaminarayan temple, Chicago

With the blessings of Parbrahma Parmatma Shree Swaminarayan Bhagwan and 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 Mahant Shastri Yagnaprakashdasi and Poojari Swami Shantiprakashdasji, Satsang Sabha, katha-Varta, Shre Pragatyotsav Ramnavmi and Shree Hanuman Jayanti etc. utsavs wre celebrated with great fervor and enthusiasm.

Shree Hari Smruti Navanh Parayan by Sadegeuru Nishkulanand Swami was organized with Shastri Ygnaprakashdasji asn the spokes person and devotee Shri Mamtaben Dineshbhai patel rendered the services as the host of this Parayan. Special Sabha was organized on the pious day of Shree Hari Jayanti Ramnavmi and poojan of Shree Hanumanji was got performed by shri Dineshbhai Joshi on the pious day of Shree Hanuman Jayanti. (Vasant Trivedi – Chicago)

Satsang – Prachar in Dallas (Texas) in pious presence of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj

With the blessings of Paramkripalu Shree Narnarayandev and 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, for the fist time Satsang Sabha was organized in Hindu temple in the evening from 4.00 to 8.00 hours on the pious dayof Ekadashi on 24th March 2017 in the pious presence of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj, Shastri P.P. Swami (Jetalpur) and Shatri Dhrmkishordasji (Colonia) with a view to nourishment of our Satsang. In this Sabha, the saints had furnished information about the various religious and social service related activities being done by our temples all over the world and had praised the servies of the devotees for construction of new temple and Satsang Vicharan. H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj had blessed the Satsang activities being done in Dallas. Youg

devotees from Hyustan had ardently requested H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj to grant them permission for formation of new Chapter and for construction of temple in future. At last all the devotees availed the benefit of divine Thaal-Aarti to Thakorji and Mahaprasad. (Pravin Shah)

Shree Swaminarayan temple, Colonia

With the blessings of Paramkripalu Shree Narnarayandev and 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 Mahant Shastri Swami Dharmkishordasji of Colonia temple and Parshad Mulji Bhagat of Ayodhya temple, for the first time Shre Ganesh Utsav was celebrated with great fervor and enthusiasm in Colonia Swaminarayan Hindu temple on 01/03/2017. Mahant Swami and the host devotee family had organized procession of Shree Ganeshji in Palkhi in temple presence while performing Pradakshina of temple. Devotee Shri Kaushikbhai Bhavsar and the host devotee Shri Nayanbhai Parikh and other devotees had rendered beautiful services. Mahant Swami had explained the importance of Shree Ganpatidada. At lat Thaal-Aarti and Mahaprasad were organized. (Pravin Shah)

17th Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Hyustan (Texas)

With the blessings of Paramkripalu Shree Narnarayandev and 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, 17th Patotsav of our Shree Swaminarayan Hindu temple was celebrated with great fervor and enthusiasm in the pious company of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj. On this occasion, Shastri P.P.

Swami (Jetalpur), Bhaktinandan Swami of the temple, Shastri Nilkanthdasji, Divyaprakash swami of Jekson temple, Dharmvihari Swami of Parsipeeny, GEyan Swami from Cleveland , Narendra Bhagat from Allan Town and Hajuri Parshad Vanraj Bhvat and other sains, Parshads and thousands of devotees had remained present. From 12th to 19th March 2017 Katha of 9th Skanda of Shrimad Bhagwat was organized with Shastri Swami Divyaprakashdasji as the spokesperson. Devotee Shri Govindbhai Patel (President) rendered the services as the host of this Patotsav. H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj performed Shodasopchar Abhishek of Thakorji in Vedic tradition. Thousands of devotees availed the benefit of Annakut Darshan. Beautiful cultural programme was also performed by the young children. Guests and host devotees were honoured on this divine occasion. Shastri P.P. Swami had furnished information about Satsang Prachar and Vicharan by H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj. the host devotee family performed poojan of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj. H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj blessed the whole Sabha and furnished information about our temple under construction in Virginia State. The whole project would be completed in 567 acre of land wherein all the devotees will have an opportunity to render services. At last all availed the benefit of Mahaprasad. (Pravin Shah)

Shree Ramnavmi and Shree Swaminarayan Jayanti in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Leicester

With the blessings of Paramkripalu Shree Narnarayandev and 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, Janmotsav of

SHREE SWAMINARAYAN

Maryada Purushottam Bhagwan Shree Rama was celebrated with great fervor and enthusiasm in the morning from 10.00 to 12.00 hours on the pious day of Shree Ramnavmi on Wednesday 05/04/2017 and in the evening from 6.00 to 8.00 hours Janmotsav of Shree Swaminarayan Bhagwan was celebrated with great fervor and enthusiasm.

Devotees had thronged together in the temple since 6.00 hours and the whole atmosphere was charged with religiosity. Swami Dharmkishordasji narrated Katha about purpose and Pragatya of Bhagwan at 7.00 hours. Thereafter Pragatyotsav of Bhagwan was celebrated at 8.00 hours. Thereafter all the devotees and Haribhaktas performed Kirtan-Raas. Thereafter cake of Janmotsav of Bhagwan

was cut and aarti of Bhagwan were performed by the host devotee family. Devotee Shri Rutulbhai Girishbia Patel family had rendered the services as the host of this Utsav. Under the guidance of Swami Dharmkishordasji, a beautiful glimpse of Chhapaiya was also made by the devotees whose divine Darshan was performed by large number of devotees and Haribhaktas.

On Sunday 09/04/2017 Group Mahapooja was organized and Ganga Swaroop Devotee Kasturben Anandbhai Tank family rendered the services as the host of this Mahapooja. At last all devotees availed the benefit of Bhojan-Prasad. With the blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj, Satsang activities are going on very beautifully in our Leicester temple. (Kiran Bhavsar)

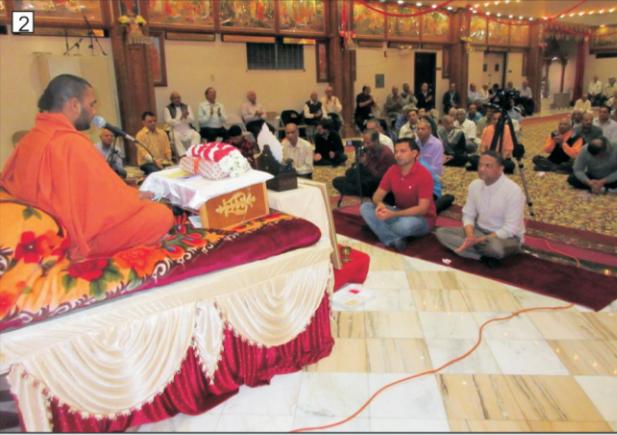
Free Admission to Brahmin Students in our Jetalpur Vidyalaya (Std. 9,10,11,12)

Shree Swaminarayan Sanskrit Mahavidyalaya is 192 years old Pathshala being run by our Shree Swaminarayan temple, Jetalpur under the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendrprasadji Maharaj. Courses from Std. 9 upto Master degree courses approved by Somnath Sanskrit Vishwavidyalaya (University) of Government of Gujarat. Moreover, degree approved by the Government of Gujarat is being offered upon completion of Course. Subjects like Sanskrit, English, Hindi, Gujarati, Computer, Jyotish (Astrology) and Karm-Kand (religious rituals as per Vedic tradition) are being taught in our Vidyalaya. Students who have passed Std. 8 get admission in Std.9. facility of education and hostel is free in this organization. The only Sanskrit Vidyalaya offering education free of cost in Sampradaya is being run in Jetalpur Aksharfulvadi. So those who intend to get admission can come in person in the morning between 8.00 to 11.00 hours from 15/05/2017 to 30/05/2017 and can get the admission if found eligible and subject to availability of the seat. So one can avail divine benefit of education alongwith religious Samskaras in the pious company of Shree Revti Baldevji Harikrishna Maharaj at the bank of Dev Sarovar under the pious Borsali tree of Prasadi.

Brahmin Batuk students perform Janmangal, Narayankavach, Hanuman Stotra, Hariyaag, Maruti Yaag, Gau Poojan etc. Havan and Purascharan in Vadi of Prasadi. So any devotee desirous of getting performed Havan-Purascharan may contact:

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(1) Shastri Swami Nirgundasji performing Aarti of Thakorji on the occasion of Patotsav of Auckland (New Zealand) temple and Haribhaktas performing divine Darshan of Aarti. (2) Haribhaktas availing the benefit of Katha Parayan in Chi (3) Divine Darshan of Ramnavmi in Leicester (U.K.) temple. (4) Annakut Darshan in front of Thakorji on the occasion of Patotsav of Nava Gam temple. (5) Mahant Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji performing aarti of Vyaspith on the occasion of Ratriya Parayan in Bapupura and P.P. Swami, Gandhinagar delivering speech. (6) Katha-Parayan in Haridwar organized by Shree Swaminarayan temple, Gandhinagar (Sector-2). (7) Mahant Swami Harikrishnadasji and Shastri Swami Narayanmudiasji alongwith farmer devotees of Manekpur (Chaudhary) village in Sabha Mandap of Ahmedabad temple.



(1) H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj performing Abhishek of Thakorji on the occasion of 12th Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Sydney (Blacktown).
 (2) H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj performing Murti-pratistha in Jacksonville (America) temple and granting blessings in the Sabha.



With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj
 Shree Ghanshyam Mahotsav On the occasion of renovation of
 Shree Balswaroop Ghanshyam Maharaj Akshar Bhuvan (Kalapur) temple



Spokesperson :
 Sadguru Shastri Swami Ramkrishnadasji (Koteshwar Gurukul)

Beginning on :
 31/05/2017
 (Wednesday)

Timings : Everyday night from 8.00 to 11.00 hours
 Pothiyatra : at night 7.30 hours on 31/05/2017
 Shree Ghanshyam Janmotsav : at night 10.45 hours on 31/05/2017

Concluding on :
 04/06/2017
 (Sunday)

04/06/2017, Sunday

Abhishek : Morning at 6.30 hours • Annakut and Shangaar Aarti : Morning at 8.15 hours
 • Sabha : in the morning at 8.30 hours Inauguration of temple,
 fire cracking and Rangarang Programme at night from 9.30 to 10.30

Note :
 * Everyday after Katha there would be Prasad in the form of light refreshment.
 * Arrangement of vehicle upto the place of Katha from various places of Ahmedabad City has been made and it will not be required to bring personal vehicle at the place of Katha.

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