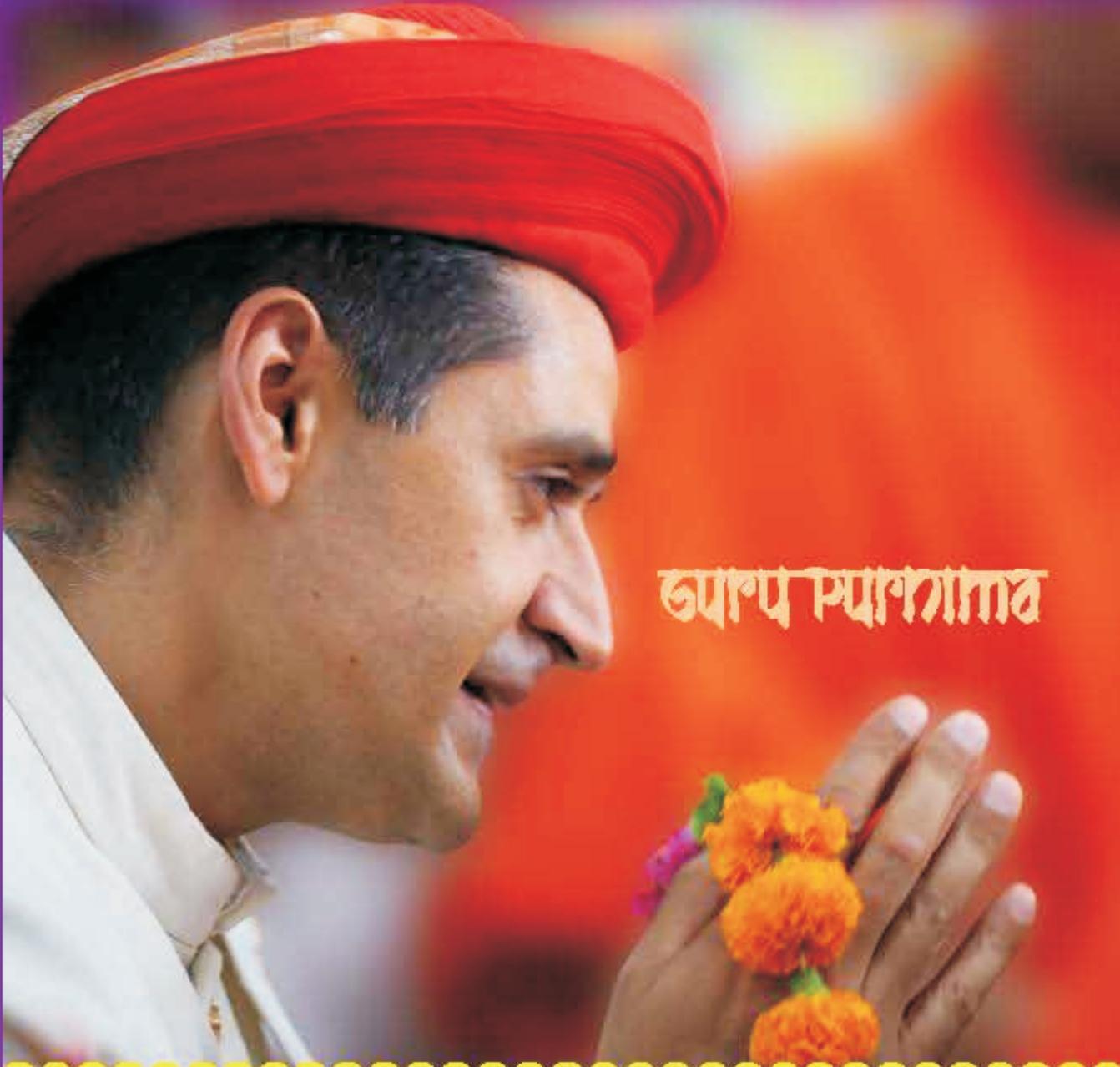


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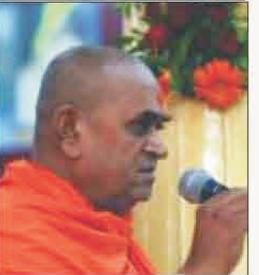
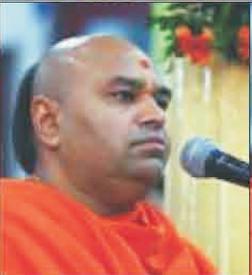
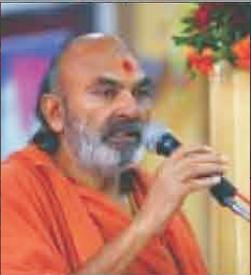
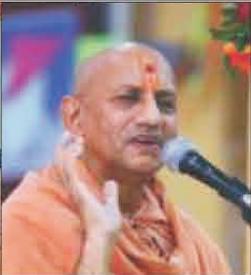
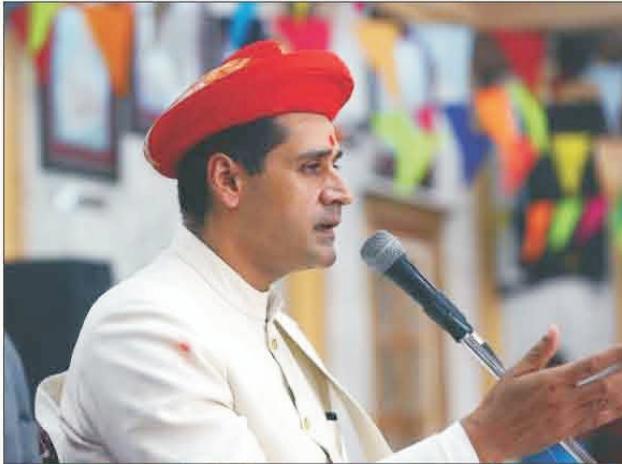


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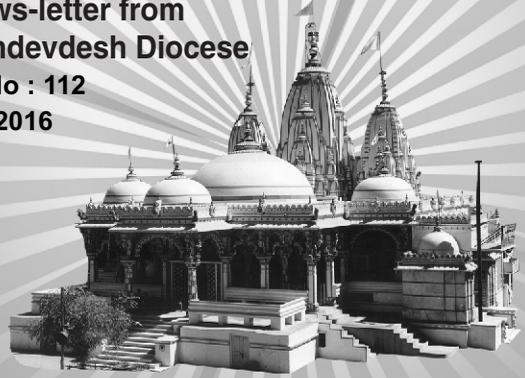


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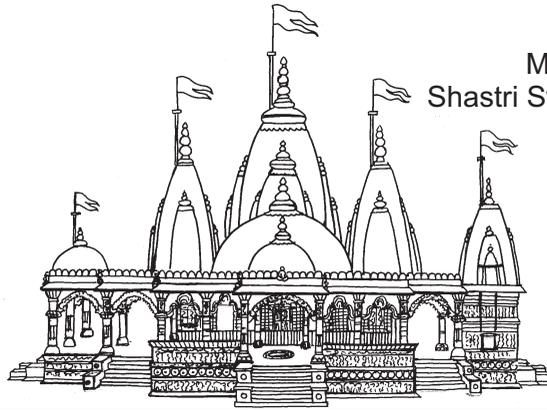
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# अस्मदीयम्

"It is our nature that, we are very much afraid of four: First Bhagwan and secondly His Bhakta, third Brahmin and fourth a poor man. Lest we betray them. And we are not afraid of anybody else. Because if anybody else except this is betrayed, body may perish but not the soul. And if anyone betrays any of these four, his soul also destroyed." (Vadtal Vachanamrit-11)

So dear devotees, we should invariably follow the abovesaid directions of our Istadev. Each and every direction of Shree Hari is meant for our happiness. So if we follow each and every direction of Maharaj, we would certainly be happy. Right not pious Chatur Maas are going on. So all the devotees should get together and should perform special Dhoon of Shree Swaminarayan Mahamantra in each of our temples so that our Gujarat region may be blessed with the rains by Shree Hari. Each and every devotee may plant a sapling and nurture them into a tree for the preservation of our environment. This will yield Punya of performing so many Mala offered to Shree Hari. Preserving our environment is our pious and ethical duty.



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

(JULY - 2016)



- 1 to 5. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Cleveland (America) on the occasion of Patotsav.
9. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Sanand on the occasion of Patotsav.
10. Graced the houses of devotees of Paldi and Bopal in Ahmedabad.
- 13 to 18. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Atlanta, America (Georgia) on the occasion Patotsav.
19. Guru Poojan by Saints and Haribhaktas in Ahmedabad Kalupur temple on the pious occasion of Guru Purnima.
21. Graced the village Kadi on the occasion of Khat Muhurt of new Shree Swaminarayan temple.
- 23 July to 1st August Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Chicago (America) on the occasion of Patotsav.

### BLESSINGS OF H.H. SHRI LALJI MAHARAJ

**On the occasion of 19<sup>th</sup> Prakatyotsav of H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj in Kalupur temple 29/07/2016 :** Respected Saints and dear devotees coming from a number of villages! First of all we are very much thankful for the heartiest greetings which all of you have extended to me on this pious day! We get together and celebrate this utsav not I have got any personal importance but there is importance of this pious place and seat. Similarly, let us work hard under the auspices of Shree Narnarayandev and expand the purview of our Satsang while remaining united. Many temples have been constructed by H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj. Important thing is that, innumerable temples have been created by Them in the hearts of the devotees and Haribhaktas. And so whenever and wherever these devotees are present, if not temple then temple-like atmosphere has been created by them. So let us strive towards this path. For that purpose only after Diwali festivals Shibir of children has been organized on 06/11/2016 and one another Shibir at village Dangarva. So all of you requested to send your children to participate in this Shibir so that their faith towards Shree Narnarayandev is nourished and strengthened and they may cherish ardent love and affection towards saints and Haribhaktas and their Samskaras are strengthened. Otherwise, nowadays it is a time, it is not certain when and in which direction our children would be swayed away from the mainstream righteous path.

Today is a day for us to seek blessings and therefore with the blessings of all of you, it is an humble prayer at the lotus like feet of Shree Narnarayandev that we may render our services for our Satsang.

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# Shikshapatri

## The Epistle of Precepts

(based on Shatanand's Shikshapatri Arthadipika)

By Pravin S. Varsani

**SPECIAL DHARMAS FOR NAISHTIKA  
BRAHMCHARIS (175-187)**

### TEXT 186

**Those who are Brahmins by caste shall never drink, water, which has been passed through a leather vassel. They shall never consume foods like onion garlic etc.**

**Charmavari Na Vai Payam Jatya Viprerna  
Kenachit |**

**Palardulasunadyam Cha Tena Bhaksham  
Na Sarvaha || 186 ||**

First and foremost, Shataand clarifies that this Shloka applies to all and not just Naishtika Brahmcharis. He explains that the use of 'Jatya' or Jati signifies the ordinality of this command. Jati in itself here means 'That Dharma, though eternal, applying eternal, applying to all', as explained by Nyayamuktavali. Thus none should question whether this Shloka applies to a specific group only, as it applies to all regardless of caste or Ashram.

Firstly one should not drink water or offer water that has been in contact with leather (such as a leather pail used to fetch water from a well). Laguharit Muni explains, 'Those that drink water from a public place, water used for bathing or water fetched using a leather pail should purify themselves by performing Vastra Sahit Snaan (bathing with all their clothes on) and then observe a full day fast.' Water from a public place is considered impure as all persons of all types have access to that water lending to its impurity. In times of emergency, that water may be taken if it falls upon the ground. That water can then be collected from the ground in another vessel and drank as it is then considered to be pure.

Secondly, the items that are termed 'Durgandhi' (of bad odour) such as onion, garlic etc. should not be eaten. Note that this commandment applies to all Hindus and not just followers of the Swaminarayan faith, as it is

widely documented in many of the main stream Hindu scriptures. To partake in such things is a sin that is exonerated through Prayshit. Brihaspati in Prayaschit Kanda explains this: 'Those that eat Garlic, Kavak (a food termed Rajo Guni), Grujjan (a bulbous root similar to Garlic) and onion, even by accident, should perform Taptakrucha Vrata to cleanse themselves.' (note these Vratas are explained extensively in Satsangi Jivan Shatra).

Shatanand explains that the various forms of onion differ through smell, taste and appearance. Sushruta explains ten such forms of onion: 'Lasana (garlic), Dirga Patra, Pichgandha, Mahaushadh, Palandu (standard onion), Lava, Tarka, Apavarika, Grunjan and Yavaneshata.'

Onion and garlic may however be taken for medical purposes, as it is not considered a sin to save oneself from illness. Yagnavalkya explains this, 'The use of onion/garlic is not forbidden when used as a cure for some illness. But if they partake such substances intentionally then they receive the great sin (Mahapapa) of partaking in alcohol.'

This is as much as Shatanand has written, but there are other reasons for why we should not eat such substance. Many people think that this abstinence is something invented by Lord Swaminarayan and so applies to Swaminarayan followers only- this is not the case.

Dhanvantari, the Acharya of Ayurveda (study of medicine) as well as the Shastra Nigantu explain that eating such substances spoils the mouth making it susceptible to various diseases such as mouth ulcers and syphilis it also caused the blood in the body to thin. This thinning of the blood can have various repercussions a the blood carried oxygen to all parts of the body and therefore the body becomes weak susceptible to illness like thyroid.

**Con. from page 12.....**

# पिबेक या शिखर

## HISTORY OF PIBEK

- Sadhu Purushottamprakashdas (Jetalpurdham)

Real name of Pibek was Manekya Joshi. He belonged to Banswada village of Rajasthan. There is a restaurant namely 'Joshi Lodge' of Bhavanishankar Joshi situated opp. Ghantaghar in Banswada. His ancestors had migrated from Visnagar to Telangana for the purpose of earning livelihood and there they desired to be recognized as Sharma. At a very young age, this Manekya Joshi had been to pilgrimage of India in search of God. During his pilgrimage he met poojari of Mahakali mataji temple situated in Nagarwada area of Malekpur (at present Bhalamyang) village of Assam state. Name of this Nagar Poojari was Prabhashankar Joshi. He got his daughter Shivshankar married to Manekya Joshi and kept him at his home and transferred all his property in the name of his son-in-law.

He also taught him Black Magic. Later on Manekya Joshi became an expert in the Black Magic. Thus, after obtaining a woman, wealth and power, the aim and goal of Manekya Joshi got changed. His search for God got trapped behind the worldly pleasures of this world. Gradually and with the power of his Mantra of Black Magic he attracted many people towards him and stayed there permanently. This Manekya got a daughter who was named Mayakunvar. After the birth of the daughter and after a short span of illness the wife Shivkunvar passed away. So the father brought up the daughter and after some time the daughter was preparing and

offering the meals to the father.

As Manekya Joshi was drinking liquor, tribal people of Malek, Naga and Zetia tribes called him Pibek. He developed and settled two villages Buramyang and Bhalamyang in the name of his daughter Maya. In village Bhalamyang there was only his Ashram and garden and some huts were developed for the students who used to come there to learn Black Magic. His daughter Maya also had become the master in pure and Sattvik Tantra Vidya and she used to teach that art to others. Most of the time, Pibek used to reside in Buramyang village. Some tribal people were residing in the adjoining village Jammura and Pibek was also the owner of that village and all the tribal people of that village were his disciples.

These villages are situated in the mountain terrain opp. Brahmputra river from Amingav station of Assam state. One can reach to these places from Gauhati, too. In the adjoining Nilanchal mountain are situated temples of goddesses Kali, Tara, Bhuvaneshwari, Bhairvi, Chhinmasta, Baglamukhi, Ghumavati, Matangi, Sharda and Laxmiji and Kamakshidevi. King Vishwasinh and Shivsindh of Yahovah dynasty of Kuchbihar





had got constructed this grand temple of Kamakshi Mata. In Devibhagwat, this whole region has been described as Mahakshetra of Devi in the whole Bhumandal and importance of this place has also been described at many places in the scripture.

These places of pilgrimage and villages are situated at the foothills of Naga, Khasi and Zetia hills of Kamru Desh in Assam. Pibek used to live there and teach Tantrik Vidya. His daughter Maya used to live in Bhalaymyang and teach Ssatvik Tantrik Vidya to the people. During that time, Pibek was renowned as expert in Tantrik Vidya in the whole country. He was poojari of Umanando Bhairav. This, Umanando is situated on an island situated in the middle of the river Brahmputra. The river Brahmputra is having the width of three kilometer.

On Tuesday 15/11/1796 Kartak Sud Poonam Samvat 1853 Varniraj Shree Hari reached Bhalaymyang during Vicharan. From a distance to the west of this village in Nilanchal mountain is situated grand temple of goddess Kamakshi Devi. Shree Hari had stayed in the garden of that temple. When Pibek came to know that some Siddha had come to the garden, he came with his disciples to meet them.

Pibek directed them to become his disciples if they wanted to live. Varniraj refused it. So Pibek tried so many times to control Varniraj with his art of Black Magic but all of them failed.

So he asked Varniraj to come to the place of Umanando. Varniraj accepted the challenge and went there in an island situated in the river Brahmputra. Pibek burnt a tree with the power of his Black Magiz at Umanando near Bhairav temple. Varniraj transformed the burnt tree into green tree. Yet Pibek did not understand the powers of Shree Hari and he remained adamant. So he sent Umanando Bhairav to beat Varniraj. But returning back Umanando Bhairav beaten Pibek and asked him to seek shelter of Varniraj as He is Parmeshwar. Later on, as narrated in Adhyay-47 of Satsangijivan-1, Pibek surrendered to Shree Hari and became devotee and abandoned the path of Vampanthi. And started worshipping Shree Hari.

**નેજું નામપ્રસિદ્ધ પિબેક, જેણે જીતેલા સિદ્ધ અનેક,  
નેને શ્રીહરિયે જીતી લીધો, પછી શિષ્ય પોતા તણો કીધો.**

In this way, Tantrik Pibek became an ardent devotee of Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan during Vanvicharan. At that time, Varniraj Prabhu introduced three Muktas of Gujarat Jiva Raval, Manhar Barot and Karshan Patel to Pibek who sought shelter of Shree Hari.

During that time, sacrifice of goats was being made in front of the idol images of Mataji and during the pious days of Navratri, sacrifice of many animals was being offered to Mataji. Shreeji Maharaj stopped this violent and brutal custom and asked people to offer holy fruit instead of animals to Mataji. Shree Hari got developed temple of goddess Kamakshi and Lord Vishnu, established Dharma in the region and moved ahead in His Vicharan. As per the directions of Shree Hari, Maya, the daughter of Pibek, also

convinced the people to stop sacrifice of cock, pigeon etc. and taught the people to offer holy fruit in stead.

An old 90 years aged person residing adjoining the temple told that, before 200 years only animals and birds were being sold in this shop for offering sacrifice. But one young child of Northern India came here, defeated the cruel Pibek and got developed the temples of goddess Kamakshi and Lord Vishnu. Nilkanthvarni had stayed there for 10 to 12 days and under the impact of Varniraj, even today people follow non-violence. This has been witnessed by advocate Ashokbhai of Unava and as narrated by him Varniraj had transformed the burnt tree into lush green tree. Some portion of this tree is still dry and rest of its parts and leaves are green. The Shivlinga which was broken by Umanando is still there. Today thousands of people come here prepare idol images of goddess from clay and offer holy fruit to Mataji. Thereafter, people would leave the idol images in the compound of the school. Due to rainy water, clay-made idol images would melt and get mixed with water and would create pollution. Therefore, now Assam government have made beautiful arrangement of Visarjan of idol images upon the bank well constructed upon the river Brahmaputra. Ashram has been developed today at the place where Maya

was residing and school has been developed at the place where she was teaching.

Jiva Raval, Manhar Barot and Karshan Patel took leave of Maya and consoled her with the words that, she may come to Gujarat anytime and then all the three Muktas returned to Unava.

After many years, Maya got reminded of her three brothers of Gujarat and Nilkanthvarni. She came to Unava in Gujarat. Karshan Patel introduced Raliyatba of Unava to Mayakunvar- the daughter of Pibek and Raliyatba asked her to stay with her. Mayakunvar used to render her beautiful services and prepare vegetarian food. Upon ardent request of Mayakunvar, Raliyatba helped her to perform divine Darshan of Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan as Balajogi.

With a view to strengthen her Bhakti, Raliyatba sent Mayakunvar to her elder sister Gangaba at Jetalpur. In the pious company of the ardent devotee Gangaba, Mayakunvar became an ardent devotee and used to perform Vicharan in Satsang. Once Shree Hari introduced Mayakunvar –the daughter of Pibek - in the Sabha organized on the occasion. After return to Swadham by Shree Hari, Mayakunvar spent rest of her life in rendering her devout services to Sunanda Devi (H.H. Shri Gadiwala) and wife of our Aadi Acharya Shri Ayodhyaprasadji Maharaj. .

### **Appointment of Mahant and new poojari of Shree Ghanshyam Maharaj**

Sadguru Swami Dharmswaropdasji Guru Sadguru Bhandari Swami Jankivallabhdasji (Mahant of Nathdwara temple) has been appointed as Mahant of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Rambaug and Sadguru Shastri Swami Vausdevcharandasji Guru Sadguru Bhandari Swami Jankivallabhdasji has been appointed as Up-Mahant of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Nathdwara.

Sadguru Swami Devkrishndasji Guru Sadguru Swami Narnarayanddasji (Muli has been appointed as Poojari of Rangmahol Shree Ghanshyam Maharaj and Sadguru Shastri Swami Kunjviharidasji Guru Sadguru Swami Premswaropdasji (Kalolwala) has been appointed as Poojari of Akshar Bhuvan Balswaroop Shree Ghanshyam Maharaj of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Kalupur, Ahmedabad.

# ATHA RUCHIRASTKAM

- Shastri Swami Nirgundas (Ahmedabad)

परमाद्रुतदिव्यवपुं इधिरं इधिरैधितलेगुलयो इधिराः ।  
नभमंडलमिंदुनिलं इधिरं इधिराधिपतेरभिलं इधिरम् ॥१॥

While describing swaroop of Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan, Nityanand Swami states that, swaroop of Shreeji Maharaj is such that those perform divine Darshan of Swaroop Shree Hari, their heart likes it very much. Divine body of Shree Hari is wonderful which is beyond comprehension of all human beings. However, it is so divine that, while performing divine Darshan, one likes it very much. Now each and every organ of divine body of Shree Hari has been described. While talking about the soles of legs of Shree Hari, it is stated that, looking at sixteen divine signs, my heart is filled with joy. By looking at the fingers of both legs, they appear very attractive. The round shape of nails of these fingers grants coolness of full moon. Such an inclination is generated in the heart of an ardent devotee and Parbrahma Parmatma is controller of it and therefore everything of Parmatma of inclination of heart of ardent devotee is very divine and is capable of granting Kalyan to all souls.

प्रपटे इधिरै प्रसूते इधिरै मूढुजानुयुगं इधिरं इधिरम् ॥  
करिहस्तनिभोइयुगं इधिरं इधिराधिपतेरभिलं इधिरम् ॥२॥

Ankle of both legs of Shree Hari are very divine. Both the knees are also very attractive. Both thigh look very strong like trunk of an elephant. Such an inclination is generated in the heart of an ardent devotee and Parbrahma Parmatma is controller of it and therefore everything of Parmatma of inclination of heart of ardent devotee is very divine and is capable of granting Kalyan to all souls.

कटिपुष्टनिर्तलयुगं इधिरं नतनाभिकञ्चं षडरं इधिरम् ।  
मूढुलो स्तननीलमणीइधिरौ इधिराधिपतेरभिलं इधिरम् ॥३॥

Waist and buttocks of Shree Hari are very attractive. Navel and stomach of Shree Hari look very beautiful. Both the breasts are very charming. Such an inclination is generated in the heart of an ardent devotee and Parbrahma Parmatma is controller of it and therefore everything of Parmatma of inclination of heart of ardent devotee is very divine and is capable of granting Kalyan to all souls.

हृदयं इधिरं पृथुतुंगामुरः स्थलहंसयुगं इधिरं इधिरौ ।  
करलो करकंजतले इधिरै इधिराधिपतेरभिलं इधिरम् ॥४॥

Neck of Shree Hari is having the shape of Shankh and the head is very attractive. Nose looks like a flower of the Tala Tree and looks very nice. Both the lips and moustache are very charming. Such an inclination is generated in the heart of an ardent devotee and Parbrahma Parmatma is controller of it and therefore everything of Parmatma of inclination of heart of ardent devotee is very divine and is capable of granting Kalyan to all souls.

लुञ्जदंयुगं इधिरं यिलुङ्कं विद्युमोदकरं वदनं इधिरम् ।  
रसना इधिरा दशना इधिरा इधिराधिपतेरभिलं इधिरम् ॥५॥

Very agile eyes of Shree Hari look like lotus opening its petals in early morning. Eye-brows look like bows of Kamdeva and yet they grant serene peace to Munis both the ears look very beautiful. Such an inclination is generated in the heart of an ardent devotee and Parbrahma Parmatma is controller of it and therefore everything of Parmatma of inclination of heart of ardent devotee is very divine and is capable of granting Kalyan to all souls.

जलजोपकंडशिरौ इधिरं तिलपुष्पनिभा सुनसा इधिरा ।  
अधरौ इधिरावम्कं इधिरं इधिराधिपतेरभिलं इधिरम् ॥६॥

All organs of Shree Hari smeared with Chandan and beautiful and neat and clean Tilak in the forehead of Shree Hari look very attractive. Ornaments beautified by the flowers look very bright and eye-capturing. Many signs upon the divine body of Shree Hari look very charming. Such an inclination is generated in the heart of an ardent devotee and Parbrahma Parmatma is controller of it and therefore everything of Parmatma of inclination of heart of ardent devotee is very divine and is capable of granting Kalyan to all souls.

अइषो यपले नयने इधिरं स्मरयापनिभे मुनिशान्तिकरे ।  
लुकुटी इधिरै श्रवणौ इधिरौ इधिराधिपतेरभिलं इधिरम् ॥७॥

White deeply woven clothes of Shree Hari look very bright. Vachans of preaching offered by Shreeji Maharaj look very eye-opening to Munis. Shreeji Maharaj when looks at devotees, look very charming. Various types of gold ornaments also look charming and they are glowing in eyes of the beholder. Such an inclination is generated in the heart of an ardent devotee and Parbrahma

Parmatma is controller of it and therefore everything of Parmatma of inclination of heart of ardent devotee is very divine and is capable of granting Kalyan to all souls.

**हरियंदन चरितमंगममलं तिलकं इधिरं कुसुमालरधम् ।  
भद्रास्तिलका इधिराधिकुरा इधिराधिपतेरभिलं इधिरम् ॥८॥**

Shreeji Maharaj looks very beautiful while performing Snan in river or lake. His swimming in such water reservoirs also looks very charming. Shreeji Maharaj filling a pale of water from the river looks very eye-capturing. Maharaj playing with colours with saints and devotees look very colourful and beautiful. Listening to the preaching in the form of Vaani of Shree Hari is also very beautiful. Such an inclination is generated in the heart of an ardent devotee and Parbrahma Parmatma is controller of it and therefore everything of Parmatma of inclination of heart of ardent devotee is very divine and is capable of granting Kalyan to all souls.

**सितसूक्ष्मधनं पसनं इधिरं मुनिरंजनकं पयनं रुधिरम् ।  
अवलोकनमालरधं इधिरं इधिराधिपतेरभिलं इधिरम् ॥९॥**

Whatever is stated by Shree Hari is very beautiful. Smaran of Shree Hari is also very beautiful. To cherish the idol image of Shree Hari is also very beautiful. To perform Stuti, Prarthna, Astak and Kirtan to Shree Hari is also very beautiful. All courteous and generous behaviour of Shreeji Maharaj is also very beautiful. Such an inclination is generated in the heart of an ardent devotee and Parbrahma Parmatma is controller of it and therefore everything of Parmatma of inclination of heart of ardent devotee is very divine and is capable of granting Kalyan to all souls.

**स्पर्शनं इधिरं तरणं इधिरं लरणं इधिरं शरणं इधिरम् ।  
रमणं इधिरं श्रवणं इधिरं इधिराधिपतेरभिलं इधिरम् ॥१०॥**

The very act of Shreeji Maharaj taking meals is very beautiful. Taking Mukhvaas and Aachman after the meals by Shreeji Maharaj is also very beautiful. Maharaj performing Darshan and Namaskar in front of the idol images of the deities is also very charming. Drinking water during the day by Shreeji Maharaj is also very beautiful. And even taking rest and sleeping at night by Shreeji Maharaj is also very beautiful and serene. Such an inclination is generated in the heart of an ardent devotee and Parbrahma Parmatma is controller of it and therefore everything of Parmatma of inclination of heart of ardent devotee is very divine and is capable of granting Kalyan to all souls.

**कथनं इधिरं स्मरणं इधिरं मननं इधिरं स्तवनं इधिरम् ।  
विनयो इधिरो घटनं इधिर इधिराधिपतेरभिलं इधिरम् ॥११॥**

Vicharan by Shreeji Maharaj at various places in different countries all around the world is very beautiful. Even controlling and gently torturing the body by Shreeji Maharaj is beautiful. Performing Japa holding Mala in hands by Shreeji Maharaj is very beautiful. performing fasting and Tapa on the days of Vrata and performing huge Yagnas at the places like Dabhan by Shreeji Maharaj is very beautiful. Such an inclination is generated in the heart of an ardent devotee and Parbrahma Parmatma is controller of it and therefore everything of Parmatma of inclination of heart of ardent devotee is very divine and is capable of granting Kalyan to all souls.

**अशनं इधिरं मुण्वासा हठाद्यमनं इधिरं नमनं इधिरम् ।  
जलपानमहो इधिरं शयनं इधिराधिपतेरभिलं इधिरम् ॥१२॥**

Offering Hom in huge Yagnas by Shreeji Maharaj is beautiful. Performing Yaman as a first step of Hath Yoga by Shreeji Maharaj is beautiful. Performing Bhajan by clapping by Shreeji Maharaj is very beautiful. Tyag of Shreeji Maharaj is also very beautiful. Akshardham – which is Dham of Shreeji Maharaj is also very charming and beautiful. Rangmahol and Akshar Auradi are also very beautiful. Such an inclination is generated in the heart of an ardent devotee and Parbrahma Parmatma is controller of it and therefore everything of Parmatma of inclination of heart of ardent devotee is very divine and is capable of granting Kalyan to all souls.

**गमनं इधिरं दमनं इधिरं शमनं इधिरं जपनं इधिरम् ।  
तपनं इधिरं यजनं इधिरं इधिराधिपतेरभिलं इधिरम् ॥१३॥**

Mother Bhaktidevi, who gave birth to the body of Shreeji Maharaj is beautiful. And father Dharmdev is also beautiful. Family members and brothers of Shreeji Maharaj are beautiful. Paramhamsa Munis who have been offered Diksha by Shreeji Maharaj are beautiful. Brahmcharis who have been offered Diksha by Shreeji Maharaj are beautiful. Parshads of Shreeji Maharaj are beautiful. Such an inclination is generated in the heart of an ardent devotee and Parbrahma Parmatma is controller of it and therefore everything of Parmatma of inclination of heart of ardent devotee is very divine and is capable of granting Kalyan to all souls.

**हवनं इधिरं यमनं इधिरं लजनं इधिरं त्यजनं इधिरम् ।  
लयनं इधिरं सदनं इधिरं इधिराधिपतेरभिलं इधिरम् ॥१४॥**

Return from pilgrimage from various countries by Shreeji Maharaj is very beautiful. Establishing Sampraday and creating the pious scripture of 'Shiksha Patri' by Shreeji Maharaj is

beautiful. Removing all woes and worries and miseries of the devotees by Shreeji Maharaj is very beautiful. All actions of Shreeji Maharaj are beautiful. Reading and chanting of Shlokas by Shreeji Maharaj is beautiful. Such an inclination is generated in the heart of an ardent devotee and Parbrahma Parmatma is controller of it and therefore everything of Parmatma of inclination of heart of ardent devotee is very divine and is capable of granting Kalyan to all souls.

**जननी इधिरा जनको इधिरं स्वजना इधिरा मुनयो इधिराः।  
अटवो इधिरां पदगा इधिरा इधिराधिपतेरभिलं इधिरम् ॥१५॥**

Vachans of Shreeji Maharaj granting Moksha to devotees are beautiful. Ardent Bhakti, Vairagya and Sadachar of devotees of Shreeji Maharaj are beautiful. Devotees present in the Sabha of Shreeji Maharaj are beautiful. Such an inclination is generated in the heart of an ardent devotee and Parbrahma Parmatma is controller of it and therefore everything of Parmatma of inclination of heart of ardent devotee is very divine and is capable of granting Kalyan to all souls.

**अपनं इधिरं इधिरं रथनं हरणं इधिरं इधिरं करणम् ।  
पढनं इधिरं इधिरं रटनं इधिराधिपतेरभिलं इधिरम् ॥१६॥**

Nityanand Muni states that, name of our Ishtadev Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan, who has also been named Harikrishna by Markendaya Muni, is very generous. He is Ajanma-beyond Birth. He is Anant- having no end. There is no end to His qualities and deeds. He is the destroyer of all miseries of His devotees. His body is black like a dark cloud filled with water. He is always having merciful look at His devotees. Those who perform divine Darshan to this Divine Son of Dharmdev and Bhaktimata for a longer time are also very beautiful.

**पयनं इधिरं ददमक्तिविरागसदाचरणं इधिरं इधिराः ।  
परिचल्लिजमकतजना इधिरा इधिराधिपतेरभिलं इधिरम् ॥१७॥**

This Stotra having hidden deep meaning created by Nityanand Muni is capable of granting piety to all Jivas. By listening to it, one gets rid of all impurities. And it destroys Taap of birth and death of all Jivas (souls).

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Also those that eat onion tend to become hot tempered due to the nature of such foods. Even the smell is potent which can adversely affect the mind. This unpleasant smell remains in the body for some time making him undesirable to be around. The best reason however for not eating onions is the fact that they are Tamasic by nature. Food is categorized s Satvic, Rajasic, Tamasic or Nirguna (this is being devoid of any quality). Satvic foods may be taken, as they are pure such as water, vegetables etc. Rajasic foods such as tea, coffee etc. should also not be taken as such foods make a person active and unstable. Tamasic foods such as onions, alcohol and meat should never be taken as they waste away the body and mid. Nirguna foods such as Charanamruta and other food offered to God is considered the best.

Devotees of God should strive to renounce all that is Rajasic and Tamasic and should aim to attain the state of Nirguna where one is able to serve the Lord without any obstacles. Therefore eating Satvic foods that have been offered to God first will instill the best in a

person. Those that constantly partake in Rajasic and Tamasic foods will be Rajasic and Tamasic by nature making such a person undesirable, unfocused, unstable and indeed sinful.

I was shocked to hear one day that many people think that this enforcement of non-eating of onions is due to some supposed fact that Lord Swaminarayan was once dining with an onion in his place. Through some miraculous will of the Gods, the Earth began to shake and the onion fell to the ground. And so, as the fallacy goes, from that day on, all members of the Swaminarayan Sampraday stopped eating onions! What utter rubbish!

The Swaminarayan Sampradai is not some fictitious cult. It is a true Vedic Sampadai that is consistent with the orthodox Sanatan Vedic beliefs. Stories like these are invented so that other people can feel at ease that their partaking of onions is acceptable. Therefore I iterate again that this commandment applies to all that are true Hindus. It is accepted by all true Acharyas, Gurus and leaders of Hindus and it should be noted that no Hindu temple uses onions or garlic in either 'Jamaraars', 'Prasad' or as God's 'Thaal'.

## SHRIMAD SATSANGIJIVAN PARAYAN IN RISHIKESH (LAP OF HIMALAYAS)

- शास्त्री स्वामी रामकृष्णदास  
(कीटेश्वर गुरुकुल)

With the blessings of Sarvavatari Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan and with the directions of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and with the inspiration of Mahatm Sadguru Shastri Swami Hari Krishnadasji of Kalupur Ahmedabad temple, Shrimad Satsangijivan Katha was organized at Rishikesh from 01/07/2016 to 07/07/2016 by our Shree Swaminarayan temple, Kalupur, Ahmedabad. More than 700 devotees availed the benefit of this Katha. All arrangements for transportation by air, rail and stay at Rishikesh were made very beautifully. Within a blink of an eye these seven days passed in Shree Vanprasthashram (Kalikamlwala Panchayat region) in Rishikesh situated at the foothills of the Himalayas. Besides Katha, benefit of Mahapooja at the bank of the river every morning and Ganga-aarti every evening was availed by all the devotees. During Katha various types of utsavs like Ghanshyam Janmotsav, Shree Hari Gadi Pattabhishek, Somvati Amas, Ganga Snan and Rathayatra were celebrated with great fervor and enthusiasm.

Mahant Shastri Swami Hari Krishnadasji (Ahmedabad), Shri Dev Swami (Naranghat), Shri Purushottamprakashdasji Swami (Gandhinagar), Shri Haricharan Swai Shri Siddheshwar Swami, Shri Muni Swami, Shri Kunjivihari Swami Shri Divyaprakash Swami etc. saints had remained present for all the seven days and had granted beautiful guidance, support, co-operation and blessings.

Devotee Shri Arvindbhai Donga family, Shri Sanjaybhai and Shri Jayeshbhai family (America), Sri Ratibhai Patel family availed the benefit of rendering services as the hosts of this Katha.

Devotees Shri Jayrambhai Kanani, Shri Ratibhai Patel, Shri Rameshbhai Kothari, shri Amrutbhai Patel had worked hard and rendered beautiful services in order to provide all facilities to the saints and devotees.

During the whole arrangement, Mahant Swami Shri Mukund Swami of our Haridwar temple had provided all support and co-operation.

**: Devotees who rendered services of host for various occasions during Katha :**

**Services for garlands and flowers :**

Whole satsang Samaj, Gandhingar

**Ghanshyam Janmotsav:** Devotee Shri Dilipbhai Lavjibhai Thakkar (Diyodar)

**Host of Rathayatra:** Devotee Shri Jasvantbhai Modi family (Ahmedabad)

**Host of Sundar Kand:** Devotee Shri Jayrambhai Kanani (Ahmedabad)

**Host of Abhishek of Thakorji:** Devotee Shri Arvindbhai Donga family (Ahmedabad)

**Host of vehicle:** Devotee Shri Bhikhabhai (Zundal wala) and Vishnubhai (Ghunghat Hotel wala)

**: Devotees who rendered services of host for meals of devotees :**

**01/07/2016 : Host for meals of noon :** Devotee Shri Chandraprakash Chunilal Patel (Ranipwala)

**Host for meals of evening :** Devotee Shri Ambalal Kodardas Patel (Gavadawala) through Vinubhai Ambalal

**02/07/2016 : Host for meals of noon :** Devotee Shri Jasvantbhai Modi family (Ahmedabad)

**Host for meals of evening :** Devotee Shri Bipinbhai Soni family (Ahmedabad) (Ranipwala)

**03/07/2016 : Host for meals of noon :** Akshar Nivasi Devotee Tulsibhai Nagardas Ptel and Vasudevabhai Nagardas Patel – through Prababen and Leelaben

**Host for meals of evening :** Shree Swaminarayan temple, Bopal through Amrutbhai Patel and Jagdishbhai Kalidas Darji

**04/07/2016 : Host for meals of noon :** Devotee Shri Ilaben Patel (Soja-Maninagar)

**Host for meals of evening :** (1) Devotee Shri Vinubhai Popatbhai Padshala (Bapunagar) (2) Memnagar Satsang Samaj (Bhaktinagar) (3) Devotee Shri Harshadbhai Rambhai patel through Mitul (Ahmedabad) (4) Akoliya family (in-laws of devotee Shri Arvindbhai)

**05/07/2016 : Host for meals of noon :** (1) Devotee Shri Gangarambhai Mahadevbhai patel (Memnagar-Ahmedabad) through Ishwarbai, Natvarbhai, Ganpatbhai

**Host for meals of evening :** Akshar Nivasi devotee Shantaben Valjibhai Kothari family (Gavada) through Kokilaben Rameshbhai Kothari and Nidhi Kothari

**06/07/2016 : Host for meals of noon :** Mahalaxmi family through Dahyabhai Babhaidas Patel and Govindbhai Babhaidas Patel

**Host for meals of evening :** (1) Akshar Nivasi devotee Vallbhobhai Bhurabhai Nasit through Narsinhbhai and Pravibhai (2) Gavada Santsangi devotees and other devotees of other villages through Rameshbhai Kothari

**07/07/2016 : Host for meals of noon :** Devotee Shri Sureshbhai Kahasukhlal Soni family through Dipalbhai and Nehalbhai

**: Devotees who rendered services of host for meals of saints :**

**01/07/2016 :** Devotee Shri Ambalal Kodardas Patel (Gavadawala) through Vinubhai Patel

**02/07/2016 :** (1) Akshar Nivasi Devotee Kantibhai Motibhai Patel (Gandhinagar) through Kantaben (2) Ganga Swaroop devotee Shakriben Ambalal Patel and Ramilaben Rameshbhai Patel (Naranghat) (3) Devotee Shri Bhikhubhai Mohanbhai Patel (Vejalpurwala-Ahmedabad) (4) Bipinbhai Soni family (Ahmedabad)

**03/07/2016 :** (1) Devotee Shri Kanubhai P. Patel (Kalyanpurwala-Mansa) (2) Aksharinivasi Kantibhai Motibhai Patel (Ambapur-Gandhinagar) (3) Akshar Nivasi Santokben Jivanlal Patel (Aajolwala) through Rameshbhai and Sitaben (4) Pravinbhai Desai, Madhubhai Devariya, Chaturbhai Kotadiya (Kanani Group) (5) Shree Swaminarayan temple, Bopal through Amrutibhai and Jagdsinhbhai Kalidas Darji

**04/07/2016 :** (1) Shree Swaminarayan temple, Harshad Coloni (2) Memnagar Satsang Samaj (Bhaktinagar) (3) Devotee Shri Navinchandra Natvarlal Choksi (Ahmedabad) (4) Akshar Nivasi Devotee Pravinchandra Babulal Patel (Ahmedabad) (5) Devotee Shri Maganbhai and Ghanshyambhai Suhagiya (Ahmedabad) (6) Devotee Shri Ilaben Harshadbhai Patel (Ahmedabad) through Mitul (7) Devotee Shri Chandribkaben Vinodbhai

Patel (Memnagar-Ahmedabad) (8) Devotee Shri Parshottambhai and Champaben and Kahumbaben (Bapunagar-Ahmedabad) (9) Devotee Shri Mavjibhai Ambabhai Dhaduk (Abrahmpura-Amreli) (10) Akshar Nivasi devotee Kunvarben Parshottambhai Desai through Dasbhai (11) Devotee Shri Batukbhai Naranbhai Mangukiya through Dasbhai (12) Devotee Shri Vasantiben Krishnakantbhai Patel (Meghrajwala-Ahmedabad) (13) Devotee Shri Dhirubhai Sorathiya Group (Approach-Bapunagar) (14) Devotee Shri Ramanbhai Chaturbhai Patel through Sumanbhai (Sabarmati) (15) Devotee Shri Mahendrabhai Chhotabhai Patel through Sumanbhai (Sabarmati) (16) Satsang Mandal (Shree Swaminarayan temple, Por)

**05/07/2016 :** (1) Devotee Shri Patel Babubhai Kachradas (Viharwala) (2) Devotee Shri Leelaben Jayrambhai Kanani (Ahmedabad) (3) Devotee Shri Mansukhbhai Zaverbhai Patel through Amitaben (4) Devotee Shri Parshottambhai Bachubhai Radadiya (Bapunagar) (5) Devotee Shri Bhavnaben Maganbhai Laheri (Bapunagar) (6) Devotee Shri Manjulaben Rajubhai Gajera (Bapunagar) (7) Devotee Shri Madhuben Vinaykant Khunt (Bapunagar) (8) Devotee Shri Bhavnaben Rameshbhai Kapadiya (Bapunagar) (9) Devotee Shri Dalsukhbhai Thakarshibhai through Kanubhai (10) Devotee Shri Vallbhobhai Popatbhai Khichadiya through Mahendrabhai (Bapunagar)

**06/07/2016 :** (1) Akshar Nivasi devotee Bholabhai Becharbhai Patel (Viharwala) through Harikrishnabhai (2) Akshar Nivasi devotee Vallabhobhai Bhurabhai Nasit through Narsinhbhai and Pravinbhai (3) Akshar Nivasi devotee Becharbhai Shivrambhai Patel (Aajolwala) through Gopi Electronic (Mahesana) through Sushilaben (4) Ganga Swaroop Rukhiben Ambalalbhai Kodardas Patel through Maniben and Puriben (Gavadawala) (5) Akshar Nivasi Devotee Farsurambhai Chhaganbhai Trivedi through Sureshbhai Trivedi (6) Shree Ghanshyam Mahila Mandal-Naranghat (7) Shree Swaminarayan temple, Nava Vadaj (8) Akshar Nivasi Devotee Becharbhai Gobardas Patel (Gavada) through Naranbhai and Natubhai (9) Devotee Shri Gitaben Dineshbhai and ladies devotees (Naranghat)

**07/07/2016 :** Devotee Shri Rameshbhai Ambalal Patel (Kudasanwala-Gandhinagar) through Sushilaben



૧. પ.પૂ. ધ.ધુ. આચાર્ય મહારાજશ્રીની આજ્ઞાથી શ્રી સ્વામિનારાયણ મંદિર, કાલુપુર, અમદાવાદ દ્વારા ગંગા કિનારે પવિત્ર યાત્રા સ્થળ ઋષિકેશમાં આયોજીત શ્રીમદ્ સત્સંગિ જીવન કથા પારાયણનું પાન કરાવતા સ.ગુ.શા. સ્વામી રામકૃષ્ણદાસજી સાથે સંત હરિભક્તોનો વિશાળ સમુદાય



૧. સ્વીડન (યુ.કે.) મંદિરના ૨૫માં પાટોત્સવ પ્રસંગે ઠાકોરજીનો અભિષેક કરતા, સભામાં દર્શન આપતા, શોભાયાત્રામાં દર્શન આપતા તથા હરિભક્તો સાથે પ.પૂ.મોટા મહારાજશ્રી સાથે શા.સ્વામી નારાયણમુનિદાસજી અને શા.સ્વામી વિશ્વવિહારીદાસજી.

૨. વિહોકન મંદિરમાં આમ્રમહોત્સવ તથા રથયાત્રા દર્શન.



૧. આપણા એટલાન્ટા (અમેરિકા) શ્રી સ્વામિનારાયણ મંદિરના ૫માં પાટોત્સવ પ્રસંગે ઠાકોરજી સમક્ષ અન્નકૂટ દર્શન અને ઠાકોરજીનો અભિષેક કરતા પ.પૂ.આચાર્ય મહારાજશ્રી તથા પ.પૂ.મોટા મહારાજશ્રી તથા સભામાં આશીર્વચન પાઠવતા પ.પૂ.આચાર્ય મહારાજશ્રી.  
 ૨. આપણા કલીવલેન્ડ (અમેરિકા) શ્રી સ્વામિનારાયણ મંદિરના નવમાં પાટોત્સવ પ્રસંગે ઠાકોરજીના અભિષેક દર્શન, અન્નકૂટ આરતી ઉતારતા પ.પૂ.આચાર્ય મહારાજશ્રી તથા યજ્ઞ વિધિ કરતા અમદાવાદ શ્રી નરનારાયણદેવના પૂજારી બ્ર.સ્વામી રાજેશ્વરનંદજી તથા સંતો.



૧. શ્રી સ્વામિનારાયણ મંદિર લાલોડા (ઈડર દેશ)માં પ. પૂ. લાલજી મહારાજશ્રીની નિશ્રામાં યુવા સત્સંગ શિબિર. ૨. વિસનગરમાં શ્રી નરનારાયણ દેવ યુવક મંડળ દ્વારા આયોજીત ત્રિદિનાત્મક જ્ઞાનસત્રમાં દર્શન આપતા પ. પૂ. લાલજી મહારાજશ્રી તથા યુવક મંડળના યુવકો પુષ્પમાળા અર્પણ કરતા. ૩. ભાભર (બનાસકાંઠા) ચાતુર્માસમાં રાત્રી કથામૃત પાન કરાવતા શા. સ્વામી રામકૃષ્ણદાસજી (કોટેથર) ૪. જીવરાજપાર્ક (અમદાવાદ) મંદિરના ૨૭માં પાટોત્સવ પ્રસંગે ઠાકોરજીનો અભિષેક કરતા મહંત શા. સ્વામી હરિકૃષ્ણદાસજી તથા હિંડોળા દર્શન.

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This year we had to wait eagerly for the rainy season. But in the matter of preserving books and pictures lying in our Museum, it is not proper to wait. And therefore, at present work is going on in full swing of preserving beautiful pictures created by your Nand Saints of the time of Shree Hari and whose colours still appear very fresh even today. Under the directions of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj, work of preserving these Things of Prasadi is going on in full swing with the help of traditional Aushadhis (Ayurvedic herbs) without using any type of chemical. Moreover, on Sunday 07/08/2016 Group Mahapooja has been organized in Museum. Many devotees availed the divine benefit of pious company of Things of Prasadi of Shreeji Maharaj during the pious Shravan Maas.

- Praful Kharsani

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**List of devotees who rendered their services under Shree Swaminarayan Museum Maintenance Bhet Yojna July-2016**

Rs.45,000/-	Akshar Nivasi Vidyakumari Pande @ Bachiben through H.. Shri Mota Maharaj – Shree Swaminarayan temple, Kalupur, Haveli.	Rs.11,000/-	Ambica Rubber Industries, Dahegam.
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02/07/2016	Shri Shilpaben Vipulbhai Patel-America.
03/07/2016	Shri Saumilbhai Hasmukhbhai Shah-America.
07/07/2016	Shri Rahul Jitubhai Patel-Bhaupura.
19/07/2016	Shri Parulben Vitthalbhai Patel-Colonia.
24/07/2016	Shri Shivabhai Revidas Patel family (Vimal Group)- Mahesana
25/07/2016	Shri Patel Rameshchandra Maganlal, Halvad (with inspiration of Bhakti Hari swami )Ranjitgadh Shree Harikrsinadham)
30/07/2016	Shree Narnarayandev Bhakti Mandal (Charadava) through Sankhya Yogi Kanchanba and Hiraba –Dhrangadhra.
31/07/2016	Morning : On the occasion of Punya Tithi of Akshar Nivasi Dr. Ramanlal Maganlal Patel (Kundalwala) through Pareshbhai Patel Evening : Bharatbhai Mangaldas Patel-America, Shantaben Bharatbhai Patel-America, Krupal Bharatbhai Patel-America, Mitalben Krupalbhai Patel-Amreica, Krunalbhai Bharatbhai Patel-America, Jalpaben Krunalbhai Patel-America.

**Ganpati Poojan on Monday 05/09/2016**

As per the directions of Shreeji Maharaj, Shree Ganpati Poojan should be performed on Bhadarva Sud-04. Accordingly, Shree Ganpati Poojan- whose poojan has been performed by Shreeji Maharaj- has been organized in our Shree Swaminarayan Museum on Monday 05/09/2016 in the morning from 8.00 to 10.00. a couple intending can avail the benefit by depositing Rs.1100/- and those availing poojan will avail Prasad in Museum.

For More information contact Museum : 079-27489597 and Dasbhai : 9925042686

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)

### **PRESERVE GAURAV OF SAMPRADAYA**

**- Shastri Haripriyadasji (Gandhinagar)**

Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan was in Ahmedabad. Sabha was going on. Meanwhile two-three devotees hurried enter the Sabha and they informed Maharaj the bad news that, our two saints have been kidnapped by somebody. Thereafter, these persons requested Shree Hari to inquire about this incident and to find out who was the kidnapper. While the conversation was going on, a person holding Trishul in his hand entered the Sabha very angrily. He appeared very rude in his appearance and body language. His name was Ambaram. He entered the Sabha and started speaking abusing words.

Shreeji Maharaj asked him the reason for his sudden arrival in the Sabha. Maharaj also asked the reason for his anger. But Ambaram did not listen to the words of Shreeji Maharaj and told that, he had kidnapped the two saints. He also threatened the whole Sabha that, he would kidnap some more saints. The Sabha came to know that Ambaram was the person who had kidnapped the two saints.

With these words Ambaram left the Sabha. Two devotees followed him and asked him the reasons for kidnapping the saints. Whether he wanted to keep them as his servants or as his partners. Angry Ambaram told that, he had left the saints in Gymnasium of Gomtipur. The devotees were happy that, now they had found out at which place the saints were kept by Ambaram.

The two devotees immediately rushed to Gymnasium of Gomtipur and inquired there with the employees of the Gymnasium about the saints. The employees showed the saints who were tied with thick rope in a corner. These devotees of Ahmedabad were very intelligent.

The next day these devotees came wearing the dress of Sheth. They offered the employees to organize Bhandara (rich meals) at the Gymnaseum the next day and they also told the employees that, they would borne all the expenses. After telling this, they saw two saints tied with rope in a corner. These two 'Sheth' became angry upon the employees and told that they would cancel the whole programme of Bhandara, if there are saints in the Gymnasium.

The employees were eager to relish the Bhandara and they did not want to miss it just due to these saints. They immediately told these two 'Sheth' that they would relieve the saints immediately. On this condition, two 'Sheth' granted permission to the employees of Gymnasium to organize Bhandara.

The frightened employees relieved the saints and they started all preparations for the Bhandara of the next day. The next day all the items sweets, namkeen etc. were prepared and the employees were waiting for the two 'Sheth' to come and reimburse the expenses of the Bhandara. They had got ready the delicious dish as well as the bill. But none of these 'Sheth' turned up.

The relieved saints rushed to Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan and narrated their plight. Maharaj inquired how did they got themselves relieved. At this both the saints narrated about two 'Sheth' coming there and about organizing Bhandara on the condition of relieving the saints and therefore the employees of the Gymnasium relieved them. Maharaj asked the two devotees sitting in the sabha to stand up and when these two devotees stood up Maharaj introduced them and revealed that they had played the role of two 'Sheth' and helped the saints to be relieved.

Friends ! we have been performing Bhajan-Bhakti happily while sitting in the great temples. We have got so many facilities and convenience for the same. This is because our ancestors have worked very hard for nourishment of our Sampradaya and development of our Satsang. Now we have to think what is our contribution to this Tapa-Sadhana? How much Tapa-Sadhana we have been performing. Our ancestor saints and devotees have suffered a lot and as a result of their such austere Tapa-Sadhana, today we have been performing Bhajan very

happily. We may not be able to do much but it is our ardent duty to preserve our this rich tradition. If we can do this much, our Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan would be very much happy and pleased with us and resultantly we would be happy.

## IT IS GOOD TO REMAIN UNDER NIYAMS

- Narayan V. Jani (Gandhinagar)]

We find people saying time and again that, 'To err is human:'. And under the guise and excuse of this proverb, people try to hide and overlook their own mistakes. But one thing should be taken care of that once a mistake is happened by us, we should try to find out the reason for our mistake and should try to rectify it and should be careful not to repeat it.

It is natural to commit mistake but if we do not repent for our mistakes and if we continue to repeat our mistakes, it may put us in great difficulties:

“એક વાર થયેલી ભૂલ ક્ષમાને પાત્ર છે.

બીજીવાર થયેલી ભૂલ ઘૃણાને પાત્ર છે.

અને ત્રીજીવાર થયેલી ભૂલ સજાને પાત્ર છે.”

There was a big Ashram of a saint in a village. Mahatma-saint was residing with his disciples in this Ashram. For the safety and security of all the disciples, one rule was being observed in the Ashram that no disciple shall accept any gift or offering from any unknown person. All the disciples were following this rule very scrupulously and with great respect. Only real disciples would scrupulously follow the directions of their Guru. A new disciples was enlisted in the Ashram. He was also explained the above rule of Ashram.

Once a Sheth, who was familiar with Guru, started offering Gift to all the disciples. Bound by the rule of Ashram, none of the disciples accepted the gift except the new disciple. He was tempted to accept the gift. Guru came to know about it, but forgave him considering it as his first mistake. Guru asked this new disciples not to repeat such a mistake again and forgave him.

The new disciple thought that he was able to get the gift without any rebuke or punishment from his Guur. After some days, another devotee came and he also started offering gift to all the disciples. None of the disciples accepted the gift except the new disciple. When the Guru came to know about the new disciple accepting the gift, he called the disciple, got angry with him, told a few words of advice,

asked him strictly not to accept any gift any more and not to repeat this mistake again. Guru also reminded the disciple of his first mistake and warned him not to repeat it again.

Ashram was very much famous in the nearby villages and people used to come to Ashram every now and then. Once two three unknown persons came to Ashram. They had ornaments with them. These persons gave the ornaments to the new disciple and he accepted the ornaments.

In fact these new persons were thieves and they had stolen the ornaments from the palace of the king. Since it was theft in the palace of the king, the soldiers had started searching it and the soldiers were following the thieves. As per their information, the soldiers also came to Ashram following the thieves and they started inquiring about the ornaments.

Guru was surprised to find soldiers in his Ashram and asked them the reason for their arrival. The soldiers narrated everything about the theft of the ornaments from the palace of the king and that as per their information, the ornaments are lying in Ashram. At this, Guru informed the soldiers that, as per the rule of this Ashram, no any gift is accepted in Ashram and that they were free to inquire and check the Ashram. Upon their detailed inspection, the soldiers found the ornaments from the new disciple and they brought the new disciples alongwith the ornaments in front of Guru. Mahatma immediately told the soldiers that, they were free to punish the disciple the way they like. The soldiers arrested the new disciple and took him away from Ashram. The abovesaid words of Guru became true :

“એક વાર થયેલી ભૂલ ક્ષમાને પાત્ર છે.

બીજીવાર થયેલી ભૂલ ઘૃણાને પાત્ર છે.

અને ત્રીજીવાર થયેલી ભૂલ સજાને પાત્ર છે.”

We have to learn from this story that, if we commit any mistake, we should find out the reasons for our mistake and should be alert not to repeat the mistake again as it would save us from the greater punishment.

Friends! Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan has narrated in Vachanamrit that we should seek pardon for our first mistake and should try not to repeat it again. But we should not commit mistake, then beg pardon for mistake, and then to again commit mistake. If we follow this direction of our Ishtadev, we would never come across unhappiness and we shall always be happy in our life.

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## BHAKTI-SUDHA

**FROM THE BLESSINGS OF H.H. SHRI GADIWALA 'EVERY WORK SHOULD BE DONE HONESTLY AND CONSCIOUSLY' (AT THE TIME OF SATSANG SABHA OF EKADASHI, KALUPUR TEMPLE-HAVELI)**

**- Compiled by Kotak Varsha Natvarlal-Ghodasar**

We should never forget that, Bhagwan is looking at us sitting in our heart and soul. Parmatma is always present in us. But we forget this eternal and perennial fact. If we cherish ardent love and affection and if we desire to render our ardent services, we should understand that we have not forgotten our Bhagwan. However, if some bad thoughts come to our mind and if we start looking at faults of others, we should understand that for a time being we have forgotten our Bhagwan. But the moment we come to know this, we have to make ourselves alert that this is not proper for us. And we should consciously strive to see that noble feelings and thoughts dominate our mind than other worldly base feelings and thoughts. Knowingly or unknowingly if a bad thought comes to us, just for a friction of a second, we would think that this should not be done otherwise it would not yield good result. But we get mesmerized and we become adamant of obtaining whatever we desire and we do not pay attention to our inner true voice. Later on we realize that we did not hear our inner voice. This is the proof that, Parmatma residing in us makes us alert and so all of us should listen to our inner voice.

We take medicines, we do exercise and thereby we try to make our body healthy. But we get trapped by our senses. Our body follows the directions of our senses. And these senses are controlled by our mind, Buddhi and the supreme is Atma which is above all of them.

There may be many beautiful items of meals but if we are not willing to eat, we would not taste any of them. The meaning is that, as per our mind, a thought comes to our Buddhi and accordingly our Buddhi takes a decision and then only any action is done. The strongest one in our body is our Atma (soul) because all our actions are done due to its presence only. We have to face the result of the action done by our body and our senses. Our thoughts transform our Chitta (inner self). If thoughts of greed and temptation come to our mind, we become greedy. So we have to do every action honestly and with utmost consciousness. We have to cherish utmost love and affection towards our Paramatma. Those who render their ardent services like a servant and with utmost honesty, they obtain pleasure of Bhagwan in their lives. Even Bhagwan also takes care of real devotees.

Once a saint came to the palace of a king and expressed his desire to spend one night in the palace. The king got angry and told the saint that, it was his palace and not a hotel and asked the saint to get out of the place. The saint asked the king how did he get the palace. The king replied that he got the palace from his father. Then the saint asked him how his father got the palace. The king replied that, his father got the palace from his grandfather. Then the saint asked the king where were his father and grandfather? The king replied that his father and grandfather had passed away to Akshardham. The saint explained to the king that, like his father and grandfather, he is also going to die leaving behind the palace. So the palace is also like a hotel for him. Similarly, the same is the fact with all the worldly things and therefore we have to live accordingly cherishing detachment within our soul for all the worldly things. We have to make immortal and

perennial not the worldly relations but our relations with our Bhagwan. Only our action and deeds would accompany us and we would get place according to our Karmas in this world. The golden ornaments are melted and are reshaped into other shapes. But the gold remains as it is. So value is of gold and not the shape of the ornament made out of gold.

So is the value of our Bhakti. How honestly you have performed Bhakti would yield you higher the return – the price. We have got this human birth and we have also got this divine Satsang. Now we have to take decision. We have to follow the directions of Maharaj. We shall tolerate for some time and we would get tremendous happiness and peace. So we have to decide for ourselves. Whether we want to suffer for a while or we want to go again in the cycle of Choryasi?

It is our humble prayer to our Shreeji Maharaj that, we may be tested in this life only. Whatever is left may be completed in this life only. We do not want to return back again. Parmatma takes test of only those who are eligible for it. Only the bright and brilliant students of the classroom will be asked the most difficult questions. Similarly, ardent devotee only would be tested by Bhagwan. So we have to listen to our inner voice and we have to pray to our Paramatma that whatever may happen in our life may happen as per His desire and wish only. And we have to keep our inner self clean and we have to do all our actions very honestly.

### WEALTH OF SAMSKARA

#### - Sankhya Yogi Kokilaba (Surendranagar)

Wealth means property. There are many types of wealth. If a person is an owner of a mine, he has the wealth of minerals. If a person is a farmer, he has the wealth of cattle. If a person is a businessman and landlord, he has the wealth of immovable properties. Rushi Munis have the wealth of their Tapa-Sadhana and person with noble qualities (Samskara) has the wealth of Samskara. And this is considered to be the best wealth. Because one may have all other types of wealth, but if he does not have

the wealth of Samskara, he has nothing. That means, whatever other type of wealth he may have accumulated, it has got no value without wealth of Samskara. All things and soul are beautiful due to Samskara only.

What is Samskara? Samskara is something which keeps a society straightforward and which is capable of making it happy. The vehicle of society needs the track of Samskara to reach to its ultimate destination of divine happiness. The society, which does not have the track of Samskara, causes accidents by running in haphazard manner on different roads. A train which starts running leaving the track of Samskara also gets out of the track. The society develops with the help of Samskara and the society becomes happy with Samskara only. Through Samskara, the society gets upliftment and through Samskara only, the nature of a human being is changed. Samskara is something which keeps a human being happy.

Samskara is the biggest gift given to the children by the parents. Samskara is the greatest gift given by a Guru to his disciples. Samskara is the most precious gift which a human gives to another human being and which keeps a man busy meaningfully.

Samskara is the root of human life. If the roots are weak, the tree cannot sustain. Similarly a person whose roots of Samskara are weaker cannot sustain in Satsang. Just as a plant needs water and manure to strengthen its roots, human mind is strengthened with the manure of Samskara.

Samskara is a groom which cleanses the soul of a human being. Samskara keeps the soul of a human being clean. If our soul is clean, our body would automatically remain clean. In order to keep our body clean, we have to keep our mind and soul clean. And Samskaras are absolutely necessary to keep our mind and soul clean. Every morning we use broom to clean our house. Though we clean our house everyday, we find dust and garbage everyday. Similarly, we need to clean our mind and soul everyday through the broom of Samskara because everyday our mind and

soul would get spoilt with dirt of the society. And therefore everyday we need the broom of Samskara. If we intend to keep our heart clean, bright and peaceful, we need to light the lamp of Samskara which will enlighten our inner self.

It is absolutely necessary for a human being to obtain Samskara in life. Without Samskara, a human being is like a stone, he is like coal. Our Bharat Bhoomi is very pious in obtaining such divine Samskara. Simplicity, generosity and discipline are necessary in human life. And for that it is necessary to have Samskara. It is Samskara only which make a human being 'human'.

There should be watering of religious Samskara so that his own life, life of the whole family and the life of his future family becomes replete with Bhakti. When we have got human birth, we should take its maximum advantage and should enrich it with Samskara. The pious 'Shiksha Patri' is replete with so many Samskaras meant for all types of people, of all stages of human life and all types of lives as well. Special Dharmas meant for Acharya, wife of Acharya, Brahmchari, Sadhu, Tyagi, Grihastha, married women and widows have been explained in 'Shiksha Patri' in great detail. They have been elaborated in 'Satsangjivan' scripture.

If one can imbibe these directions and noble qualities well explained in the pious scriptures like 'Shiksha Patri' and 'Satsangjivan' he does not need to go anywhere to search for happiness. Our scriptures are loaded with rich fruits. How to obtain them by following the directions is upto us. Most of the people strive to get all other types of wealth in their life but they simply ignore to get the richest wealth of Samskara in their lives which is available to them very easily. If one has wealth of Samskara, all other types of wealth will follow automatically.

The wealth of Samskara consists of Santosh (satisfaction), Daya (mercy), Kshama (forgiving), Het (affection), Bhav (inclination), Samp (unity), Paropkar (benevolence), Nishwarthpanu (unselfishness) etc. Qualities

and through these qualities which are noble in themselves one can obtain pleasure of Shree Purushottam Narayan and can get emancipation. So Samskara is the best among all types of wealth and religious Samskara is the supreme among all.

Now let us think about the present day reality of our society in this modern age. We eat impure food and drink impure liquids. We eat the half-cooked meals and we drink unsieved water. We believe all the actors and characters shown in T.V. to be ideal actors and characters but we find so many improper things happening in the society due to this television. Parents are watching obscene scenes alongwith their children which disturbs the decorum and discipline of the family. We have not heard anybody becoming Prahlad, Janak, Ambarish, Narsinh Mehta, Meera or Draupati after watching television. Our Samskaras are shattered by this television. There is an onslaught of cultural invasion eroding basic ethical values of our society. And this has been going on for the last 30-35 years. As per our divine Indian culture, our women would never come in public in scanty clothes. But this television has dried up the tears of our shame. There was no word like divorce in our Samskruti. But through this serial the word 'divorce' has become a fashion and very common. Young girls have become dancers dancing on the floor in front of the public and the young boys are getting corrupt. This causes degeneration from our Dharma.

If our meals and our behaviour and vision are pure our life would be pure otherwise our children would be swayed away on the wrong and unrighteous path. Then the parents would found complaining about their children not being obedient, not rendering their services to their parents and elders and spoiling their lives. Resultantly we are losing the existence of humanity. We have to nurture ourselves as human being with Samskaras. It is the duty of each and every human being to nurture these Samskaras and to protect them.

# सत्संग सभाचार

## Celebration of Guru Purnima Mahotsav in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Kalupur

For Moksha and Kalyan of the devotees Paramkripalu Sarvavatari Ishtadev Shree Swaminarayan Bhagwan installed His Own Forms in temples, got created the scriptures from Nand saints and by establishing Two Gadi in Two Desh, established the seat of Acharaya in divine Dharmakul and established Dharmavanshi Acharya Maharaj as Guru of the whole Sampradaya.

Our devotees should never dispute with Acharya and should perform poojan of Acharya as per his capacity. (Shiksha Patri Shloka-71)

Swaroop of Shri Krishna offered by Acharya of Dharmvanshi or the type of swaroop of image established by Acharya should be worshipped and no other type of form. (Shiksha Patri-62). These Shlokas of 'Shiksha Patri' should always be remembered and cherished.

On the pious day of Ashadh Sud-15 Guru Purnima, H.H. Shri 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and our Future Acharya H.H. Shri 108 Shri Vrajendraprasadji Maharaj performed Shangaar aarti of Shree Narnarayandev and graced the Sabha organized on the occasion. Swasti vachan was performed by the Brahmins in Vedic tradition. Saints and Haribhaktas performed group aarti. Saints who had arrived from various places offered garlands and performed poojan-archan of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj.

In the Sabha organized on the occasion, Shastri Swami Ramkrishnadasji (Koteswar) and Shastri Narayan Muni Swami explained the importance of Dharmvanshi Guru and conducted the Sabha beautifully.

Mahant Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji of Ahmedabad temple, Sadguru Shastri Swami Nirgundasji, Sadguru Shastri Swami Premswaroopdasji, Sadguru Shastri Swami Hariomprakashdasji and Shri Raghuvir Swami explained the importance of Guru in Vedic tradition. Dharmvanshi Acharya is Guru of our whole Sampradaya and Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan has established Him as Guru.

At last H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj blessed the whole Sabha and

directed to cherish utmost faith and Nishtha towards Shree Narnarayandev. The devotee Shri Kantilal Mavjibhai Khimani of Bolton had rendered the services as the host of Guru-Poojan. The host devotee performed poojan and aarti of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj. Thousands of devotees stood in a queue with great discipline and availed the benefit of Charan Sparsh and obtained the blessings of Dharmakul. On this occasion, under the guidance of Mahant Swami, J.P. Swami, Kothari J.K. Swami, Bhakti Swami, Yogi Swami Natu Swami made beautiful arrangements in the kitchen. Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal rendered beautiful services. (Shastri Swami Narayan Munidas)

## Grand Hindola Darshan in Ahmedabad Kalupur Shree Swaminarayan temple

Beautiful Hindola Darshan of various types like dry fruits, flowers, chocolate etc. were offered to Thakorji from Ashadh Vad-02 in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Kalupur. Under the guidance of Mahant Sadguru Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji, Poojari Brahmchari Swami Rajeshwaranandji, J.P. Swami, Natu Swami, Shastri Vishwavahari Swami, Kothari J.K. Swami, Yogi swami, Bhakti Swami, Shastri Narayanmuni Swami had organized divine Hindola and had granted divine Darshan to devotees. (Shastri Narayan Munidas)

## Celebration of 19<sup>th</sup> Prakatyotsav of our Future Acharya H.H. Shri 108 Shri Vrajendraprasadji Maharaj

In the pious company of Shree Narnarayandev, 19<sup>th</sup> Prakatyotsav of 8<sup>th</sup> and Future Acharya of Shree Narnarayandev Desh Gadi, H.H. Shri 108 Shri Vrajendraprasadji Maharaj was celebrated with great fervor and enthusiasm. In the morning at 8.10 hours H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj graced the temple and first of all performed Shangaar aarti of Shree Narnarayandev and graced the Sabha. Thereafter Brahmins performed Swasti Vachan in Vedic tradition. Thereafter elder saints and trustees and Board Members of the temple performed group aarti.

Mandal of student saint, narrated Dharmkul Nishtha on this pious occasion of 19<sup>th</sup> Prakatyotsav of H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj and expressed their feelings. Mahant Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji narrated talks about Nishtha of Dharmkul. The Sabha was conducted by Shastri Swami Chaitanya Swaroopdasji. At last H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj blessed all the saints and devotees their ardent faith in Shree Narnarayandev may get strengthened.

Brahmchari Swami Rajeshwaranandji, Bhandari J.P. Swami, Kothari J.K. Swami, Yogi Swami, Bhakti Swami and Natu Swami had made the whole arrangement very beautifully. (Chetan Jangale)

## **Shrimad Satsangijivan Panchanh Ratriya Parayan by Shree Narnarayandev Satsang Mandal, Bhabhar**

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and with the inspiration of Mahant Sadguru Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji of Kalupur temple, from 27/07/2016 to 31/07/2016, Shrimad Satsangijivan Ratriya Parayan was organized in Deshi Lohana Mahajan Wadhi at village Bhabhar. Sadguru Shastri Swami Ramkrishnadasji Guru Sadguru Shastri Swami P.P. Swami (Koteshwar Gurukul) was the spokesperson of the Parayan.

On the first day Sadguru Mahant Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji from Shree Swaminarayan temple, Kalupur, Mahant Dev Swami from Naranghat temple, Shastri Swami Narayan Mudasji, Vishwavihari Swami, Mahant Shastri P.P. Swami from Gandhinagar, devotee Shri Natubahi Kanabar from village Virdi etc. saints and devotees had arrived on this occasion. Leading persons of Bhabhar village and many other devotees from nearby villages availed the benefit of listening to Katha during the pious Chatur Maas and Shravan Maas. Satsang Mandal of village Bhabhar, Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal and other young volunteers rendered their beautiful services and obtained the blessings of Shreeji Maharaj. (Rameshbhai Narbheram Kanabar – Bhabhar)

## **Celebration of 166<sup>th</sup> Varshik Patotsav of Thakorji of Sarvopari Chhapaiyadham**

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and the whole Dharmkul, 166<sup>th</sup> Varshik Patotsav of Shree Balswaroop Shree Ghanshyam Maharaj of Sarvopari Chhapaiyadham was celebrated with great fervor and enthusiasm. Shri Ghanshyam Mahila Mandal, Naranpura had rendered the services as the hosts of this divine Patotsav.

On this occasion, Panchdinatmak Shree Ghanshyam Balcharitra Katha was organized with Sadguru Shastri Swami Bhaktinandandasji (Anjali Vasna temple) as spokesperson. On the first day Pothi yatra was organized from Narayan Sarovar upto the birth place where Dhoon, Bhajan, Kirtan were performed. During Katha, Shree Ghanshyam Prakatyotsav was celebrated with great fervor and enthusiasm. On this occasion group Mahapooja, group aarti of Narayan Sarovar, grand marriage of Shree Rampratapji Maharaj, Tridinatmak Hariyaag etc. were organized under the guidance of Mahant Brahmachari Swami Vasudevanandji. On this occasion, H.H. Shri Mota Gadiwal graced the occasion for three days along with Mandal of Sankhya Yogi ladies devotees.

On the pious day of Nirjala Ekadashi, Mahabishek Shodasopchar of Thakorji was performed by Brahmachari saints in Vedic tradition in the morning. Saints from Ahmedabad (Kalupur), Jetalpur, Muli, Ayodhya, Delhi and Ratanpar had

also arrived on this occasion. Mahant Shastri Swami Hariomprakashdasji of Naranpura temple had stayed there and had provided all guidance. All devotees had rendered their beautiful services for construction work going on at the birth place.

Mahant Brahmachari Swami Vasudevanandji and his saint Mandal had made beautiful arrangement. The host Mahila Mandal and all devotees had availed the benefit of divine Darshan of Patotsav of Sarvopari Chhapaiyadham. (Chirag Bhagat, Chhapaiyadham)

## **Celebration of 17<sup>th</sup> Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Memnagar**

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj 17<sup>th</sup> Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Memnagar was celebrated with great fervor and enthusiasm on Vaisakh Vad-09, 30/05/2016.

In the morning H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj graced the occasion alongwith saint Mandal and performed Shodasopchar Abhishek of Shree Harikrishna Maharaj. Thereafter in the Sabha organized on the occasion, the saints delivered their beautiful speeches and at last H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj blessed the whole Sabha and stated that, Shreeji Maharaj got constructed temple in the centre of the city. All of us were residing in typical Pol area of the city. Over a period of time, we went out of the city area, developed bungalows and new Farm Houses. However, temple of Bhagwan remained there only. Now let us develop temple of our Bhagwan; let us expand it. It is prayer at the lotus like feet of Shree Hari that Bhagwan may fulfill our wishes. Devotee Shri Jayendrabhai Shantilal Thakkar family rendered the services as the host of this Patotsav. At last H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj performed Annakut Aarti of Thakorji. From the construction of the temple till today devotee Shri Gangarambhai has been rendering devout services and his such beautiful services were honoured on this occasion. (Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal-Memnagar)

## **56<sup>th</sup> Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Nava Vadaj**

With the directions of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj, 56<sup>th</sup> Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan

## **For the whole Satsang Samaj**

All the devotees and Haribhaktas who are rendering their services of things, objects or cash amount in any of our temples with dome may obtain its receipt invariably. To offer Bhet without receipt would amount to disobeying the directions of Shreeji Maharaj and therefore whatever services are rendered in the temple, its receipt may be obtained invariably.

temple, Nava Vadaj was celebrated with great fervor and enthusiasm on 11/04/2016.

On this occasion, Shrimad Satsangbhushan Katha was organized from 05/04/2016 to 11/04/2016 with Sadguru Shastri Swami Vasudevcharandasji (Nathdwara) as spokesperson. Akshar Nivasi Bipinchandra Auchhavlal Shah family rendered the services as the host of this Patotsav.

During Katha, saints from various places such as Mahant Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji. Mahant Nana P.P. Swami of Gandhingar temple, Shreejiprakash Swami, Madhav Swami and Mahant Swami of Nathdwara temple had arrived on this occasion.

In the morning on 10/04/2016, H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj graced the occasion of Katha. The host devotee family performed poojan, aarti and obtained the blessings of H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj. H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj blessed the whole Sabha. On 11/04/2016, Abhishek of Shree Harikrishna Maharaj was performed by Shastri Shri Bharatbhai. (Shambhubhai Patel)

## **129<sup>th</sup> Paotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Prantij**

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 Pranjanjandasji, 129<sup>th</sup> Patotsav of Thakorji of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Prantij. On this occasion, Tridinatmak Shrimad Bhagwat Dasm Skanda Ratri Katha was organized from 05/06/2016 to 06/06/2016 with Shastri Swami Gopaljivandasji as the spokesperson. The Sabha was conducted by Mahant Swami of Himatnagar temple. Saints from various places had arrived and delivered their inspirational speeches.

Annakut aarti of Thakorji was performed by Shastri P.P. Swami (Jetalpurdham) and devotees performed divine Darshan. All leading Haribhaktas and saints extended great support, granted divine Darshan and availed Prasad.

On 20/06/2016 Keshar Snan was performed by poojari saints to Shree Harikrishna Maharaj in Vedic tradition. Devotee Shri Vinodkumar Ramanlal Patel rendered the services as the host of this divine occasion of Keshar Snan. (Kothari Haribhai Modi)

## **Mahila Panchan Parayan in Lunawada**

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Laxmiswaroop Gadiwala and H.H. Shri Laxmiswaroop Mota Gadiwala and with the inspiration of Sankhya Yogi Bachiba, Shrimad Satsangjivan Panchan Parayan was organized from 22/05/2016 to 26/05/2016 at Lunawada with Sankhya Yogi Narmadaba as spokesperson. Devotee Shri Jayaben Kalpeshbhai had rendered services as the host of this Parayan. Despite scorching heat of Summer on 26/05/2016, H.H. Shri

Laxmiswaroop Gadiwala graced the occasion and performed aarti of concluding ritual of Parayan and then blessed the whole Sabha. On this occasion Lunawada Mahila Mandal had rendered inspirational services. (Mahima Mandal Pramukh, Lunawada)

## **Grand Nagar Yatra of Thakorji in village Laloda**

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and with the inspiration of Sadguru Shastri Swami Ghanshyamjivandasji, Nagar Yatra of Shree Harikrishna Maharaj alongwith thousands of devotees and Haribhaktas was organized at village Laloda. Here on the pious day of Rathayatra, Utsav and aarti of Thakorji in Rathayatra is performed. With the directions of H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj tree-plantation campaign, cleanliness campaign, freedom from addiction campaign etc. programmes were organized by Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal and Bal Mandal. Swami Vishwaprakashdasji and Balkrishna Swami are the source of inspiration for all these programmes. (Bhunit Patel)

## **MULI DESH**

### **Keshar Snan Darshan in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Morbi**

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and the whole Dharmkul, on 19/06/2016 Keshar Snan Darshan was performed in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Morbi (Chhanala road). Devotees and Haribhaktas of Morbi, Halar, Halvad area had availed the benefit of divine Darshan.

After Abhishek, Shree Swaminarayan Mahamantra Dhoon and Katha-Varta were performed by Sadguru Mahant Swami Bhaktinandandasji and Sadguru Mahant swami Vishwavidhaidaji narrating divine Leela Charitra of Shreeji Maharaj. Beautiful arrangement of Prasad for all the devotees was made on this occasion.

Devotee Shri Rajubhai of Laxmi cuttingwala, devotee Shri Ravjibhai Khimjibhai Bhagat family had rendered the services as the hosts of this divine occasion. Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal had rendered inspirational services. (Rameshbhai Kothari-Morbi)

### **Various programmes as a part of Dasabdi Mahotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Morbi Sardarbaug**

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and the whole Dharmkul, from 11/02/2017 to 17/02/2017 following programmes would be organized as a part of Dasabdi Mahotsav of Shree Ghanshyam Maharaj and Shree Radharkrishnadev of Shree Swaminarayan temple Morbi (Sardarbag).

Mahamantra Dhoon, Japa Yagna, Satsang Sabha in villages, Vachanamrit, Bhaktachintamani, Janmangal Path, Path of Shiksha Patri, Dandwat, Pradakshina etc. and Satsang Sabha, freedom from

addiction campaign, tree plantation etc. by Yuvak Mandal, by the saints in those villages where there is no satsang of our Sampradaya. Shastri Swami Bhaktiharidasji, Shastri Swami Dharmvallabhdaji, Kothari Swami Krihnavallabhdasji, Shreejiswaroop Swami, Ghanshyamcharan Swami etc. saints had also to render their services for this divine occasion. (Mahant Shastri Swami Bhaktinandandasji)

## **152<sup>nd</sup> Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Dhrangadhra**

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendrprasadj Maharaj, 152<sup>nd</sup> Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan Bhagwan of our Shree Swaminarayan temple, Dhrangadhra was celebrated with great fervor and enthusiasm. Our Aadi Acharya Shri Ayodhyaprasadj Maharaj had performed the ritual of Pran-pratistha of the idol images of Shree Harikrishna Maharaj and Shree Ghanshyam Maharaj. Shree Hari had stayed and taken rest at this place as Varni Vesh. On this occasion Shastri Swami Bhaktiharidasji Swami had arrived with saints and had narrated Katha-Varta. Swami Sarv Jiva Hitavahdasji has been rendering beautiful services. Kothari Shri Haribhai and Shri Harikrishna Satsang Mandal had rendered their inspirational services. (representative Anilbhai Dudhrejiya-Dhrangadhra)

## **OVERSEAS SATSANG NEWS**

### **Shree Swaminarayan temple, Weehawken, America (I.S.S.O.)**

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendrprasadj Maharaj and the whole Dharmkul and with the inspiration of Mahant Swami Narnarayandesasji, in the week-end

### **Members of Shree Swaminarayan Magazine**

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of July-2016, Rathayatra Utsav and Amra Rasotsav were organized in front of Thakorji. Saints and the host devotees had performed poojan of Shree Harikrishna Maharaj. Thereafter all the devotees and Haribhaktas carried Rath and brought Rath in the centre of the temple premises and thereafter they performed Raas Garba. Thousands of devotees performed divine Hindola Darshan. Swamiji had narrated beautiful katha on this occasion. Thereafter all performed Hanuman Chalisa Path and group Prasad. (Baldevbhai Patel)

### **Shrimad Bhagwat Gyan yagna in Chhapaiyadham Parsipenny (I.S.S.O. America)**

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendrprasadj Maharaj and the whole Dharmkul, Shrimad Bhagwat Gyan Yagna was organized in the evening from 5.00 to 8.00 in our Shree Swaminarayan temple, Chhapaiyadham Parsipenny from 10<sup>th</sup> July to 16<sup>th</sup> July 2016 in the pious company of H.H. Shri Laxmiswaroop Mota Gadiwala, H.H. Shri Raja and thousands of devotees. Goswami Shri Mrukul Krishna Shastri of Shree Vrindavanvihari Banke Bihari family was the spokesperson of this Parayan. Pothi yatra, dhoon, kirtan were also performed on this occasion. All the festivals during Katha were celebrated with great fervor and enthusiasm. The host devotees were honoured with garlands. Young devotees who rendered their devout and beautiful services were also honoured. All the ladies devotees had performed poojan-archan of H.H. Shri MotaGadiwala and H.H. Shri Raja. Thereafter, H.H. Shri Mota Gadiwala blessed all the ladies devotees. Mahant Swami Shastri Satyaswaroopdasji and all the devotees had made beautiful arrangement. (Pravin Shah)

### **8<sup>th</sup> Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Cleveland**

In the pious company of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendrprasadj Maharaj, 8<sup>th</sup> Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Cleveland was celebrated with great fervor and enthusiasm. On this occasion Poojari Brahmchari Swami Rajeshwaranandji of Shree Narnarayandev, Kalupur temple and Mahant Swami of Hyustan, San Hose and Colonia Chapters and thousands of devotees had remained present.

H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj performed Shodasopchar Abhishek of Archa-swaroop of Shree Hari of Cleveland temple and Chhapan Bhog Annakut Darshan were performed.

Shastri Nilkanth Swami of Hyustan temple had narrated beautiful Katha of life of Shree Hanumanji Maharaj. The host devotee family had availed the benefit of Maruti Yagna. President Shri Rakeshbhai Patel had made announcement about the future programmes. The host devotees and all the

devotees who rendered their beautiful services were honoured by H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj. At last H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj blessed all the saints and Haribhaktas. (Pravin Shah)

## **H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj graces Shree Swaminarayan temple, Colonia (I.S.S.O. America)**

Beautiful Satsang Sabha was organized in Saturday evening during the long week end in the pious company of Future Acharya H.H. Shri 108 Shri Vrajendraprasadji Maharaj, H.H. Shri Laxmiswaroop Gadiwala, H.H. Shri Raja and under the guidance of Mahant Shastri Swami Dharmkishordasji of the temple. Mahamantra Dhoon and Kirtan Bhakti were performed by the young devotees on this occasion.

In the Swami stated expressed the feelings that all the wishes and desires of the devotees may be fulfilled and for that purpose only H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj, H.H. Shri Gadiwala and H.H. Shri Raja had graced the Sabha. Thereafter the young devotees performed poojan of H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj and the ladies devotees performed poojan of H.H. Shri Laxmiswaroop Gadiwala and performed poojan-archan with flowers of H.H. Shri Raja.

All the dignitaries, host devotees and devotees who rendered their beautiful services were honoured by H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj. At last H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj blessed the whole Sabha. (Pravin Shah)

## **16<sup>th</sup> Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Hyustan, America (I.S.S.O.)**

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and the whole Dharmkul and in the presence of Mahant Swami Bhaktinandandaji, swami Harinandandasji, Shantiprakash Swami of Chicago temple and Madhav Swami of Detroit temple and in the presence of many other devotees of all other ISSO Chapters of America, 16<sup>th</sup> Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Hyustan was celebrated with great fervor and enthusiasm from 12<sup>th</sup> June to 18<sup>th</sup> June 2016.

On this occasion Shastri Harinandan Swami had narrated Shrimad Bhagwat Katha. All the festivals during the Katha were celebrated with great fervor and enthusiasm. Many devotees rendered their services as the hosts of various occasions.

In the morning on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2016 Shodasopchar Mahabhishek of Thakorji was performed in Vedic tradition whose divine Darshan was performed by many devotees and Haribhaktas. Mahant Swami of Chicago and Detroit temples had delivered their beautiful speeches in the Sabha organized on the occasion. The host devotee family, invited guests and the devotees who rendered their

beautiful services were honoured by the saints on this occasion. On behalf of the temple, haribhaktas had performed poojan archan of all the saints. (Pravin Shah)

## **5<sup>th</sup> Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Atlanta (Georgia) (I.S.S.O. America)**

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj, H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and the whole Dharmkul and with the inspiration and under the guidance of Mahant swami Muktaswaroopdasji of Atlanta temple, 5<sup>th</sup> Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Atlanta was celebrated with great fervor and enthusiasm from 12<sup>th</sup> July to 16<sup>th</sup> July 2016.

On this divine occasion, Shrimad Bhagwat Panchan Parayan was organized with Shastri Swami Yagnaprakashdasji (Chicago) as the spokesperson. During Mahotsav, Group Mahapooja, Pothiyatra, cultural programme, Medical Camp etc. programs were organized.

H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj performed the ritual of Shodasopchar Abhishek of Thakorji of Atlanta temple in Vedic tradition whose divine Darshan was performed by thousands of devotees and Haribhaktas.

Devotee Shri Kishorbhai Pate, devotee Shri Sureshbhai Patel, devotee Shri Navinbhai Patel had rendered their beautiful services as the hosts of Annakut Aarti, Shangaar Aarti and aarti of Dharmkul.

In connection with Guru Purnima devotee Shri Rajubhai Patel (Dangarvawala) rendered the services as the host of Guru Purnima Utsav and performed poojan archan, aarti and obtained the blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj. The host devotees and other devotees offered garlands and obtained the blessings. Bhakti Swami had conducted the Sabha very beautifully.

In the Sabha organized on the occasion Shastri P.P. Swami of Jetalpur had explained the tradition of Guru in simple language and as per Vedic tradition which is being followed by Acharya Maharaj of both Desh. At last H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj blessed the whole Sabha. H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj also blessed the Sabha for nourishment and progress of Satsang.

In a different Sabha of ladies devotees organized on this occasion, H.H. Shri Gadiwala and H.H. Shri Mota Gadiwala blessed all the ladies devotees. At last President Shri Dakshesh Patel hailed and praised the services rendered by so many devotees, host devotees, Yuvak Mandal and many other young volunteers and delivered the vote of thanks. (Rajni Patel and Atlanta Satsanj Samaj)



19<sup>th</sup> Prakatyotsav of our  
Future Acharya H.H. Shri Vrajendraprasadji Maharaj



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In the pious company of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and the whole Dharmkul Dasabdi Mahotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Morbi (Sardar Baug) under Mufi Shree Radhakrishnadev and Shree Narnarayandev.

**DASABDI MAHOTSAV** From 11/02/2017 to 17/02/2017.

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and organized by Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal-Gandhinagar (Section-2)

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Shree Swaminarayan temple, Gandhinagar (Sector-2)

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