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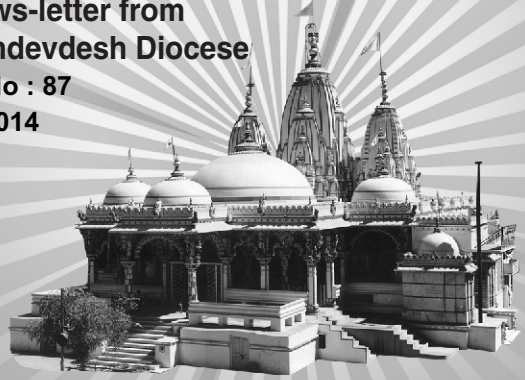
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Shikshapatri

The Epistle of Precepts

(based on Shatanand's Shikshapatri
Arthadipika)

By Pravin S. Varsani

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My philosophy rests in the theory of Vishishtadvaita. Goloka dhaama is my beloved abode. I believe Mukti (salvation) as being able to Serve Lord Krishna as Brahmanrupa, in Goloka Dhaam.

Matam vishishtadwaitam Mae Goloko Dhaam Chepsitaam |

Vishishtadvaita is accepted as the Lord's philosophy. From the various Philosophies - Advaita, Kevaladvaita, Shuddhadvaita, Vishishtadvaita etc. the Lord accepts Ramanuja's philosophy of Vishishtadvaita (special Theory of non-dualism) as accurate.

Shatanand explains Ramanuja's philosophy to include the fact that God is animate, endowed with redemptive qualities, devoid of ordinary qualities (he has supra-ordinary qualities) and he is with divine body. One should Refer to Ramanuja's various works such as **Shree Bhashya** to get a better understanding of his philosophy. Thus our Uddhava Sampradaya has its roots in the *Rmanuja Samparadya*.

From the various Dhaamas - Vaikuntha, Swetadweepa etc. The Lord has hosen Goloka as his fondest of abodes. One should refer to **Brahmavaivrata Purana** and **Vasudeva**

Mahatmya for a description of Goloka Dhaam.

'Go' means light and 'Loka' means heavenly abode. Therefore Goloka is the enlightened heaven. It is said that Goloka is illuminated with brilliance from the millions of suns. Lord Swaminarayan in **Vachanamrut** explains, 'In the center of the Goloka lies *Akshardhaam*. From the other heavens, one is again reborn upon the Earth, but Goloka is such that once there, one is never again sent back upon this Earth.'

Goloka or Akshardhaam is the greatest of heavens, where one is in constant service to Shree Krishna. Thus once in Goloka, attaining the state of Brahmanrupa, we are able to serve the Lord with supreme consciousness – This simply is *Mukti*. Just the right or chance to serve God is considered as Salvation.

Ekantika Bhaktas (realized souls) have asked only to serve God and not for *Salokya* and other types of *Mukti*. **Narsaiyo** wrote in Gujarati: '*Hari na jan to mukti na mange, mange janmo janam avatara re*', because through birth as a man, one is able to worship and serve God.

Shreemad Bhagwat says, 'My non-desirous devotees have not asked for the four types of *Mukti* – *Salokya*, *Sarshti*, *Saropya* and *Sayujya*, which are devoid of service to Me.' 'Those that love to serve my feet and who perform acts for me only, do not wish for even *Sayujya Mukti*.' (*Sayujya Mukti* is the best of the four types of *Mukti* and involves 'merging' of the soul with God).

'Those with love for God find even *Moksha* insignificant,' **Indra** has also said,

'O Lord Narsinha ! Thy devotees do not believe that much in Mukti, then how can the fact that they don't believe in heaven cause despondency.' Thus devotees do not care much for Mukti for the bliss of heaven- they strive only to serve God in any way, shape or form.

Those who are dedicated to me do not wish for the heavens, political power, the post of Indra, emperorship, special Yogic powers nor for Moksha; they simply have love for me.' 'They please God and ask for nothing except Bhakti.'

The Lord only gives such blessing (to serve him) to those Ekantik Bhaktas who are dedicated to him. **Sukhdevji explains**, 'Those that perform Bhakti of Shree Krishna are readily given Moksha, but very few are blessed with the fruits of Bhakti Yoga.' Such Bhakti Yoga is the state of *Brahman Roopa* where one can have constant service to God at such high or supreme level. To some degree, such a state is becoming one with God. Such state is achievable only after man relinquishes all desires from his mind. That is the greatest of Mukti. Only then can we serve God at the supreme level devoid of all attachments.

God is one and the only. Brahman Roopa does not imply that we become God but implies that we develop closeness to God that is over and beyond ordinality, It is a state which is free from influences of *Maya* (illusion).

Earlier it was explained that the Lord's accepted philosophy is *Vishishtadvaita*. As a footnote, I have added briefly the other Vedantic Schools of thought of present time. These are five in number: **Advaita** of **Shankaracharya**

(sixth century AD.), **Vishishtadvaita** of **Ramanujacharya** (1027 AD.), **Shuddhavaita** og **Vallabhacharya** (1401 A D .), **Dvaitaadvaita** of **Nimbarkacharya** (eleventh century AD.). and **Dvaita** of **Madhsvacharya** (1199 AD.).

Shankaracharya's advaita is absolute monism and maintains that Brahman (aspect of God) is without parallel, has no form and exists as abstract consciousness or knowledge. *Maya* is the ignorance or an illusory principle responsible for the appearance of the universe and souls. Shankara explains that what is eternal is real and vice-versa and so the world which isn't eternal cannot be real. He proposed that an emanation of God - *Ishwara* or *Sauguna Brahman* could be offered worship. Shankara's philosophy Confused as it accepts God as absolute abstraction – neither real nor unreal and thus rendering the existence of God as tangible.

Ramanujacharya's philosophy of qualified monism maintains that God is real and independent of the souls and the world, which are also real. God is one and unparalleled as in advaita .He exists in five form: (i) **Para** – the highest reality with the body; (ii) **Vyuha** - *Vasudeva*, *Shankarshana*, *Pradyamna* and *anniruddha*, who are the forms of worship, destroyer, sustainer and creator respectively; (iii) **Antaryama** – the in-dweller of the soul, witnessing all acts; (iv) **Archa** – dwelling within idols or images of worship; and (v) **Vibhavas** – incarnation upon the earth. Ramanuja

claims that God is full of compassion for those Jivas who wish to be redeemed, and so the Jiva can become free from the cycle of births and deaths through devotion.

Vallabhacharya proposed pure advaita and claims that Brahman is both God and Jiva = thus God can be compared to fire and the Jiva a spark from the fire. Where Shankar claims the world to be an illusion, Vallabha believes that manifestation is divine will, and so is God's Lila or sport, He emphasizes the divinity of Krishna. Those Jivas who serve him intense devotion are liberated and sport with him in Goloka.

Nimbarkacharya propounded dualistic non-dualism, who claimed that *Jiva*, *Ishwara* and *Jagat* (the world) are distinct in attribute and nature, yet Jiva and Jagat are also identical with Brahman with Purushottam as the waves to The sea or the radiance to the sun. Nimbarka also stresses that emancipation comes to the Jiva though dedicated devotion.

Madhvacharya propounded absolute dualism, the opposite point of view to Shankara's Advaita. He stresses that the three eternal entities - Jiva, Ishwara and Jagat are different from each other, although Jiva and Jagat depend upon God. He stressed that the distinct nature of Jiva and Brahman are real, which do not disappear even in the state of liberation.

In this way Lord Swaminarayan accepted the basic teachings of Ramanuja's Vishishtadvaita. This does not render the other philosophies as useless as the study of all such major philosophies is useful for personal development and understanding.

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The Dharma described so far are the ones applicable to all my male and female devotees, and shall be follow accordingly. I shall now describe the additional Dharmas applicable to specific groups.

This concludes the *Samanya* or ordinary duties applicable to all. From this point on are explained the *Vishesha* or additional duties applicable to specific group. Thus all devotees, male and female should observe the *Saadhaarana* (common) Dharmas such as *Ahimsa*, *Daya* etc.

One hundred and twenty two shlokas have given the basic of Lord Swaminarayan's and indeed Sanatan Dharma's Precepts. Now the Lord Concentrates upon the various groups of people:

Shloka	Type
123-132	Special Dharmas of Acharyas
133-134	Acharyas's wives
135-156	Grihastas (householders)
157-158	Kings or rulers of state
159-162	Married Women
163-172	Widowed Women
173-174	Common duties for all women
175-187	Naishtika Brahmancharis (Brahmin celibates)
188-196	Sadhus (ascetics)
197-202	Common duties for Sadhus and Naishtikas

Then from 203-212 Swaminarayan prepares the conclusion of the Shikshapatri- thus summing up this great epistle of precepts.

SECOND BĀDRIKASHRAM

- Sadhu Purushottamprakashdas
(Jetalpurdham)



In Swaminarayan Sampradaya the whole area of Balasinor, Lunawada, Kothamba, Gothib, Santrampur is known as Panchmahal Vibhag-Zadi Desh. In this Desh, besides Mumukshus human beings, Muktas had also incarnated in the form of the trees. This is Tapobhumi and it comes on the way to Chhapaiya. Lunawada is considered Chhotu Kashi. Shreeji Maharaj used to send the saints in Desh-Videsh for performing Satsang. Great saints like Gopalanand Swami, Sadguru Brahmanand Swami, Nirgundasji Swami, Prasadand Swami, Mahanubhavanand Swami, Lokanathanand Swami, Brahmchari Vasudevanandji, Uttamanandji Swami, Pavitranand Swami, Bhagvadanand Swami, Hariprakashanand Swami, Sukhdatanand Swami, Shivanand Swami and Jeram Brahmchari have performed Vicharan in this Desh time and again. Shree Hari had also sent his elder Gurubhai Ramdas Swami in this Desh. Shreeji Maharaj used to take care of this Zadi Desh. First of all Sadguru Brahmanand Swami came to Lunawada in Samvat 1862 and sowed the seeds of Satsang. Pratapsinh Raja was much influenced by the poetry of the saint and welcomed him warmly. Thereafter, Brahmins of the region were attracted towards Swami. Brahmanand Swami stayed in the temple of Luneshwar Mahadev and preached the Bhagwat Dharma to Mumukshus. From there came



to the temple Kumareshwar Mahadev on the bank of the river Panam situated in the South and spent Chatur Maas there. Here Swami created 'Amrutdhvani Chhanda' and granted divine Darshanof Maharaj to innumerable Mumukshus. Thereafter, on concluding Samaiyo of Jetalpur, Sadguru Gopalanand Swami was sent by Shreeji Maharaj to Zadi Desh. Keeping Lunawada in the centre, Vicharan was performed in the nearby villages and Satsang was performed in the villages.

On increase of Satsang in Zadi Desh, Kusangi Matpanthi got frightened and complained to Maharaj that this sect is not Vedic. The king organized Shastrarth in the Sabha. Shree Hari sent Sadguru Bhagvadanand Swami and Shivanand Swami at Lunavada. In Vidyut Sabha, the Brahmins asked thirteen complicated questions and all of them were answered appropriately. The Brahmins and the king were pleased at this. Shreeji Maharaj embraced both the saints and granted them status of 'Sadguru'.

In Samvat 1865 Sadguru Ramdas

Swami (Bhai Swami) who is elder Gurubhai of Shreeji Maharaj and Mahanubhavanand Swami were sent to Zadi Desh. They explained the importance of Bhagwan and preached the scriptures in Kadala, Lunawada, Santrampur, Balasinor, Godhit areas by gracing the houses of Mumukshus and conveyed the message of Shreeji Maharaj.

While sending Sadguru Jeram Brahmchari, Shreeji Maharaj said that, besides Mumukshus, Muktas have also incarnated in the form of the trees of Zadi of this region. From this day onwards, this region is known as Zadi Desh. The trees of Khakhra was granted the benefit of Satsang. Many such incident have been narrated in 'Harikrishna Charitra Sagar' written by Madhavdas. Shreeji Maharaj has also stated that, Zadi Desh is Vatika of Satsang.

Muktaraj Laxmiraj Jani was the ardent devotee. Karunashankar Derasari was Karmkandi Nagar Brahmin and an ardent devotee. Kadva Bhakta of Gothib was also an ardent devotee and Ramanlal Bhatt who had got published about fifty books. Our Aadi Acharya H.H. Shri Ayodhyaprasadji Maharaj had stayed for one month in Zadi Desh in Samvant 1897 and Samvat 1904 while going to Chhapaiya. Aadi Acharya Pravar Dharmkul Bhushan Maharaj had also granted blessings to the devotees of Zadi Desh. Due to Vicharan of nand saints and H.H Shri Aadi Acharya, seeds of Satsang were sowed in 92 villages of Zadi Desh and temples were constructed. Thereafter, H.H. Shri Acharya Keshavprasadji Maharaj graced Zadi Desh

four times. H.H. Shri Acharya Purushottamprasaddasji Maharaj graced Zadi Desh two times. H.H. Shri Acharya Vasudevprasadji Maharaj graced Zadi Desh two times. H.H. Shri Acharya Devendraprasadji Maharaj graced Zadi Desh five times. H.H. Shri Acharya Tejendraprasadji Maharaj graced Zadi Desh ten times in a year and present H.H. Shri Acharya Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj has been gracing Zadi Desh twenty times in a year and thereby Zadi Desh is being nourished.

In Samvat 1913 when Mahanubhavanand Swami graced Lunawada, Swami was getting constructed the steps of the temple. When Diwan Jadavji Travadi of Gwalior State asked swamiji to keep the steps little inside so that his horse-cart can pass. At this Swami told him not to worry, as his horse-cart would easily pass by. The moment Diwan reached Gwalior, the king removed from his position and his horse-cart was taken away from him. There have been many such miracles regarding Zadi Desh . Sadguru Nirgundasji Swami has performed Vicharan in Zadi Desh constantly for five years. In the 92 villages of Balasinor, Lunawada, Kharol, Kadana, Kothamba, Gothib, Santrampur, satsang has been performed by the nand saints and therefore temples have been constructed in this Zadi Desh. Even today there have been ardent devotees of Shre Narnarayandev in residing in this Zadi Desh. (for more details, please read Vato of Sadguru Nirgundasji Swami- the disciples of Gopalanand Swami)

AHIMSA (NON-VIOLENCE) THE BIGGEST DHARMA OF HUMAN BEING



- Compilation: Gordhanbhai V. Sitapara (Hirawadi-Bapunagar)

Kalupur Swaminarayan temple is the first temple of Swaminarayan Sampadaya in the whole world. Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan Himself has embraced His Own Form the idol images of Shree Narnarayandev and has invoked the idol images in this temple. That means, Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan Himself has been granting divine Darshan in the temple in the form of Shree Narnarayandev. Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan does not grant permission for violence to any human being. As an essence of all the scriptures, 'Shiksha Patri' has been written by Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan. In 'Shiksha Patri' it is written about first Dharma-Ahimsa (non-violence) among all Dharmas of human beings. It has been written that, one should not kill even the smallest insects and one should not commit violence for woman, wealth and kingdom. One who follows the directions contained in 'Shiksha Patri' scrupulously is considered real devotee of Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan. If somebody violates any of the directions contained in it and claims that he is devotee of Swaminarayan or Vaishnav sect, it is wrong. One cannot become Satsangi simply by going to the temple for Darshan. One can become ardent devotee only by performing actions which are liked Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan. H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj- the Other Form of Shree Hari-many times tells in the blessings- 'Be

human first'. First of all let us become human being. If a man kills another man, he is not a human being. Not only this, it is written in 'Shiksha Patri' Bhasya that a killer of human being does not get human birth again even after bearing the woes of hell. Suicide has also been prohibited by the scriptures. So how can one kill another human being?

Ahimsa is not to commit offence even through mind, action and words. All living beings should be considered as like his own soul. All living beings feel the same pain, as we feel when our body is injured. Therefore, in 'Shrimad Bhagwat' Sukdevji has stated that even by killing the insects one goes to hell. Thus, importance of Dharma of Ahimsa has been hailed by all religions and sects. Even in Mahabharat, Bhishma has narrated the importance of Ahimsa as it is the best among all human Dharmas.

In Moksha Dharma it has been stated that, nothing is better than Ahimsa. This human life is very rare as it helps in obtaining all the four Purusharth- Dharma, Artha, Kaam and Moksha. So by destroying the human body, everything is destroyed.

Rishi Yagnavalkya has stated that, the unintended and unknown sins are destroyed through repentance. But the sins committed consciously certainly bear their fruits. So despite repentance, one has to suffer the consequences of the sins committed intentionally. To go to the

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SEWA (SERVICES)- Atul Bhanuprasad Pothiwala
(Ahmedabad)

'Sewa' is the best means to remain close to Bhagwan. There is nothing like give and take in the services rendered towards Dharma or Sampradaya. Yes, there are two types- Sakam and Nishkam. Shree Hari has hailed Nishkam Sewa as the best one. By leaving the benefit of Katha-Varta and Darshan of Shree Hari, devotees Ratanji and Miyaji cleansed Laxmiwadi and on completion of the work they came to Sabha in the Darbar. In the Sabha, Shreeji Maharaj hailed them as the best Sevaks. Akhand Sewa of Mulji Brahmchari has been hailed as the best one and his qualities have been compared with those of Ishwar. All these ardent devotees were rendering their Nishkam Sewa. Their only motive and objective was **'to obtain pleasure of Maharaj.'**

Sakam Sewa means expectation to get something in lieu of the services rendered. It may be Sankalp or Sukh. But there is danger of legging behind in Satsang and Parmatma both once this Sankalp is not fulfilled.

Any Dharma or Sampradaya runs through Akhand Sewa only. Money is certainly important and most of the things can be done only through money. If the wealthy persons do not spend their money in organizing Utsav and Mahotsav in the temples, then none of the work of Satsang can be completed. And therefore only chief host or co-hosts of Mahotsav or Utsav are hailed and praised and his services are taken note of. This is but natural. And there are directions of Shreeji Maharaj to hail and promote such benevolent rich devotees of

the society.

The lower the services, higher its fruit. Uka Khachar gave preference to cleaning the filth of a dog than listening to Gyan-Varta and Darshan of Shree Hari. He cleaned the place and then he came to Sabha. Shreeji Maharaj and the whole Sabha hailed his little but ardent services.

Services of such devotees is very dear to Parmatma. More than that, objective of the devotees behind rendering such services is more important. Ganabai was poor and Jamna was Brahmin and rich. Yet services of Gangaba were considered and Maharaj alone graced the house of Gangaba and accepted the meals prepared by her and returned Rasal-Thaal of Jamnabai. Leaving all sweets, Maharaj demanded the loaf prepared by Jivan Bhagan and accepted it with all love and affection.

Parmatma has always preferred Bhaji of Vidurji and has abandoned 32 Pakavan of Duryodhan. A fist of Tandul of Sudama, Bor tested by Shabri have always been preferred and accepted by Bhagwan considering the ardent love and affection of these devotees. Here poverty or richness of the devotee are not considered.; their ardent feelings and services and their noble feelings behind such services are considered.

The money earned through hard work always makes man happy and for that Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan has given directions in our scriptures. If these directions are followed scrupulously and in letter and spirit, there is no doubt all worries and concerns of the worldly life would

certainly be taken care of by Shree Hari. In Shiksha Patri Shloka-147, Shreeji Maharaj has said: ***“They shall donate one tenth of their earnings, money or food grains, to Lord Shree Krishna. Those with insufficient income shall offer one twentieth.”***

Rendering such services is not meant to cope up with the expenses being incurred in the maintenance of the temple but through it Shreeji Maharaj has suggested the easiest way to purify the money earned by the devotees.

‘Sambhavana’ is another beautiful equivalent of Service given by Shreeji Maharaj. Sambhavana means services

through respect and to take care through such services. This has been explained very beautifully in Shloka-67, 131 and 142 of pious ‘Shiksha Patri’. In Shloka-139 it has been written: ***“My disciples shall render the life long, services to their parents, Guru and ailing persons according to their ability.”***

This is the best example of Sewa interwoven by Shree Hari in the form of directions. The real germinating point of Sewa is Samskar that while going to perform divine Darshan of Parmatma, if not flower, petal of flower should be offered in services.

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temple to beg pardon after killing a human being is like cheating himself. Bhawan is not only in the temple. Bhagwan is also there in the pious ‘Shiksha Patri’. Because ‘Shiksha Patri’ is also Other Form of Shree Hari. Dharmvanshi Acharya Maharaj is also Other Form of Shree Hari. His wife H.H. Shri Gadiwala is Form of Shree Laxmiji. Even by listening to their blessings, this mystery would be understood. Shree Hari has granted us an army of thousands of saints and Sankhya Yogi ladies devotees. No other Sampradaya of the world has got so much and yet if we do not

avail its benefit, then who is at fault?

In the pious ‘Shiksha Patri’ there are Do’s and Don’ts described in clear and plain terms. A person who remains under the directions of these precepts, his Dharma and Bhakti get increased. Even Gyan, Vairagya and Sukh-Sampati (happiness-wealth) are lying hidden in these precepts. The words of Bhagwan also lie in these precepts. And therefore Vachan is real Vastrabhushan. Vairagyamurti Shri Nishkulanand Swami has stated in ‘Vachan-vidhi’:

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પાંડે શ્રી અયોધ્યાપ્રસાદ હરિકૃષ્ણજી

લિખાવિતં સ્વામી શ્રી ૭ સહજાનંદજી મહારાજ જત શ્રી અમદાવાદ મધ્યે સાધુ સર્વજ્ઞાનંદ સ્વામી નારાયણ વાંચજો. બીજું લખવા કારણ એમ છે જે તમને અમે અમદાવાદના માહંત કર્યા છે તે તમારે કાંઈ કામકાજ પૂછવું હોય તો મહાનુભાવાનંદ સ્વામીને પૂછજો અને તમારી અમદાવાદની જાયગાના જે સાધુ છે તે સર્વે મહાનુભાવાનંદ સ્વામીની આજ્ઞામાં રહેશે. બીજું ભુજનગરની જાયગાના માહંત વૈષ્ણવાનંદ સ્વામીને કર્યા છે તે પણ મહાનુભાવાનંદ સ્વામીની આજ્ઞામાં રહેશે તથા બ્રહ્માનંદ સ્વામી આદિક જે ભણવાવાળા સાધુ તથા રમતા સાધુ તે સર્વે મહાનુભાવાનંદ સ્વામીની આજ્ઞામાં રહેશે. બીજું આજ દિનથી શ્રી નરનારાયણના તથા લક્ષ્મીનારાયણના સાધુ તથા બ્રહ્મચારી સર્વેનો વિભાગ કરીને જેટલા નરનારાયણના સાધુ તથા બ્રહ્મચારી છે તે સર્વેને અયોધ્યાપ્રસાદની મરજી લેઈને અમે મહાનુભાવાનંદ સ્વામીની આજ્ઞામાં રાખ્યા છે માટે તે પ્રમાણે સર્વે નરનારાયણના સાધુને તથા બ્રહ્મચારીને વરતવું અને અયોધ્યાપ્રસાદની જાયગાના માહંત અમે કર્યા છે તેને જે કાંઈ કામમાં દોકડો રૂપૈયો વાવરવો હોય તે મહાનુભાવાનંદ સ્વામીની આજ્ઞાએ કરીને વાવરવો પણ આજ્ઞાનું ઉલ્લંઘન કરીને કોઈ બીજા સાધુને કહેવે કરીને કરવું નહી. બીજું સાધુ બ્રહ્મચારીની વૈયણ કરીને નરનારાયણના સાધુ બ્રહ્મચારીને અયોધ્યાપ્રસાદની આજ્ઞામાં રાખ્યા છે, જે સાધુ બ્રહ્મચારી અયોધ્યાપ્રસાદની આજ્ઞામાં જે નહિ રહેને બીજે ઠેકાણે જાસે તે સાધુ વચનદ્રોહી ગુરુદ્રોહી છે ને સત્સંગ બાહર છે. સંવત ૧૮૮૬ ના ભાદરવા સુદી-૧

ભગવાન શ્રી સ્વામિનારાયણે સ્વહસ્તે લખાવેલ આ પત્ર સમગ્ર શ્રી નરનારાયણદેવ દેશના સાધુ-બ્રહ્મચારી અને હરિભક્તોને ઉદ્દેશીને લખેલ છે અને આદિ આચાર્યશ્રી અયોધ્યાપ્રસાદજીની મરજી-સંમતીથી સર્વેને મહાનુભાવાનંદ સ્વામીની આજ્ઞામાં રહેવા જણાવ્યું છે અને સ્પષ્ટતા કરી કે જે ધર્મવંશી આચાર્યશ્રીની આજ્ઞામાં નહિ રહે અને બીજે જશે - બીજાને માનશે તે વચનદ્રોહી અને ગુરુદ્રોહી છે અને સત્સંગથી બાહર છે. આપણે સૌએ શ્રીજીની આ આજ્ઞા પાળવા સારું હંમેશા મન-કર્મવચને કરીને ધર્મવંશી આચાર્યશ્રીની આજ્ઞામાં રહેવું અને શ્રી નરનારાયણદેવનો દેહ આશરો રાખવો. નહી તો શ્રીજી આપણને સત્સંગની બાહર ગણશે જ અને તેથી આપણું કલ્યાણ પણ નહિ જ થાય.

આ પત્ર શ્રી સ્વામિનારાયણ મ્યુઝિયમમાં હોલ નં. ૯ માં હરિભક્તોના દર્શનાર્થે રાખવામાં આવ્યો છે. સૌ હરિભક્તો ભાવથી તેના દર્શન કરજ્યો અને આજ્ઞા પાલનનો ખટકો જરૂર રાખજ્યો.

(પ્રો. હિતેન્દ્રભાઈ નારણભાઈ પટેલ)

This letter, dictated by Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan, is addressed to Sadhu-Brahmchari and Haribhakas of the whole Shree Narnarayandev Desh and with the consent-wish of Aadi Acharya Shri Ayodhyaprasadji., it has been stated to all to remain under the directions of Shri Mahanubhavanand Swami and it has been clarified that if one does not remain under the direction of Dharmvanshi Acharya and would go somewhere else, he would be considered as Vachan-drohi and Guru-drohi and would be considered out of Satsang. With a view to follow the directions of Shreeji Maharaj, we all should remain under the directions of Dharmvanshi Acharya with Man-Karm-Vachan and should cherish ardent faith in Shree Narnarayandev otherwise Shreeji Maharaj would consider us out of Satsang and then we would not get emancipation.

This letter has been kept in Hall No. 9 of our Shree Swaminarayan Museum for divine Darsha of all the devotees. So all the devotees should perform divine Darshan cherishing utmost faith and should be vigilant in following the directions.

(Prof. Hitendrabhai Naranbhai Patel)

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Ganesh Chaturthi Utsav in Shree Swaminarayan Museum

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

Contact : Mobile : 9925042686 • Landline : 079-27484587

List of devotees who rendered their services under Shree Swaminarayan Museum Maintenance Bhet Vojna May-2014

Rs.51,001/-	Dahyabhai Khushalbhai Patel Netramali, Tal. Idar.	Rs.10,000/-	Shree Swaminarayan temple, Bhu (Kachchh).
Rs.25,000/-	Soni Jigneshbhai Natvarlal Ahmedabad.	Rs.10,000/-	Minaben K. Joshi- Ghanshyam Industries-Bopal.
Rs.25,000/-	Amrutbhai S. Panchal Torda Tal.Bhiloda, through Hiteshbha Panchal.	Rs.5,505/-	Karshan Lalji Halai-Kodaki (Kachchh) wife Tejbai.
Rs.11,000/-	Dhanji Mulji Mepani Baladiyavala London through Devendra, Devest and Dinaben.	Rs.5,100/-	Patel Shaileshbhai Kalyandas-Kadi.
Rs.10,001/-	Harjivanbhai Karshanbhai Patel Science City through Dr. Dineshbha Patel.	Rs.5,001/-	Girishbhai Haribhai Kukadiya-Morbi.
		Rs.5,000/-	KamleshbhaiH. Shah- Ahmedabad.
		Rs.5,000/-	Bharatsang Baluba-Samla, at present Ahmedabad.
		Rs.5,000/-	Dr. Kantibhai Patel-Mumbai.

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

08/06/2014	Shri Patel Vinodbhai Baldevbhai-Mahadevnagar.
15/06/2014	(Morning) Shri Kantilal Narandas Patel –Dangarva through Mukeshbhai and Bharatbhai Patel (Evening) Shri Patel Arvindbhai Punambhai (Aslaliwala) Ghodasar.
17/06/2014	Shri Amrutbhai Panchal family- Gandhinagar through Hiteshbhai Panchal.
22/06/2014	(Morning) Shri Jigneshbhai Natvarbhai Soni-Navrangpura. (Evening) Shri Kantibhai Govindbhai Parmar-Kalupur through Prashantbhai and Bharatbhai.
29/06/2014	(Morning) Shri Nandas Shamji Vaasani- Madhapar (at present U.K.) (Evening) H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharaj through Sandipbhai and Jaikrishnabhai and Dr. Kalpeshbhai and Amrutbhai and Janakbhai Patel.

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.

Museum Mobile : 98795 49597

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

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**WEALTH BE USED FOR NOBLE
PURPOSE**

- Shastri Haripriyadasji (Gandhinagar)

Little friends! All of you much enjoyed and played during the vacation. Many of the children went to their maternal uncle or aunt and many went for the tour or trip and enjoyed a lot. Now on completion of the vacation, all of them must have resumed their studies.

विद्या ददाति विनयम्, विनयात् याति पात्रताम् ।

पात्रत्वात् धनमाप्नोति, धनान् धर्म ततः सुभम् ॥

“Through studies a man obtains the noble qualities like humility, manners, qualification, Dharma, Wealth etc.”

A man who has only wealth and none of the above noble qualities cannot be happy in his life. There is one such beautiful example.

There was a big city. There was a huge Haveli in the city and Nagarseth was residing in it. Nagarseth was very rich but he had no peace of mind because he was very greedy. However, his wife was very noble. The reason for the greed of Nagarseth was his childhood poverty. Through hard work, he had become rich at later stage of his life. So he cherished the mentality of a poor man.

Whenever the wife of Nagarseth would tell him to spend money for Daan-Dharma, Nagarseth would stop her by telling that, hard earned money cannot be wasted just like that. There was nobody who could persuade Nagarseth.

In the course of time, Nagarseth had become excessively greedy and all the time he would think about money only. Every night he would count the money and would keep them back. This had become a part of his regular schedule.

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SATSANG BALVATIKA

Compiler Shastri Harikesavdasji (Gandhinagar)

One night Nagarseth counted his Sonamahor and kept them back and slept. At midnight a thief came and stole away Sonamahor. The intelligent thief replaced Sonamahor with the stones. He arranged everything so smartly that, nobody can think about the theft. The next night when Nagarseth opened the door of treasure, he found stones instead of Sonamahor. He fell down unconscious. Immediately his wife rushed there and sprinkled water upon him. After some time Nagarseth woke up and narrated everything while crying.

The wife of Nagarseth believed in Daan-Dharma, so she thought of grabbing the opportunity. She told her husband that what difference it would make to him as he was simply counting. Now he can continue counting stones instead of Sonamahor, as he was concerned only with counting.

These words of his wife had great impact upon the mind of Nagarseth. He understood the implications of the words uttered by his wife and that, the money is like stone if it is not used for noble purpose. There has been contribution of everything in the environment around us viz. animals, birds, earth, water, light, wind, vegetation to make us happy. If these elements do not get together, there would not be any meaning of our life.

Besides, Bhagwan, parents, near and dear ones, noble persons, friends and society has their obligations upon us as they have been helpful to make us happy and healthy in our life. And we should constantly remember this.

When and where the money should be used by the person. Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan Himself has stated in the pious 'Shiksha Patri' that Yagna should be performed, Brahmins and the saints should be offered the meals, utsav should be organized in the temples and one should render his services in Vidya-Daan, Anna-Daan as per his capacity. One should also ensure that, at least 1/10th or 1/20th portion of his income is invariably offered to Bhagwan.

Thus, with the noble use of the wealth, pleasure of Bhagwan is obtained. So friends! Work hard, study hard and become humble and real satsangi to get such blessings.

**THERE IS NO END TO MERCY OF
MERCIFUL**

- Sadhu Shrirangdas (Gandhinagar)

How lucky would be those devotees who have obtained Sakshatkar of Parmatma, talked and walked with Bhagwan and experiences divine Leela Charitra and Aishwarya. Such a lucky

devotee was Devkrishnabhai.

Once Devkrishna Brahmin of Wadhvan was accompanying Shreeji Maharaj in the journey to Bhuj. While passing through the desert, Devkrishna became very thirsty. He as very much tired and thirsty. He told Maharaj about his thirst. Shreeji Maharaj asked him to drink the water of the desert. On tasting the water, Devkrishnabhai tasted it salty. So told Maharaj that the water cannot be drunk as it is salty. Both of them went ahead. Maharaj asked him to check the taste of the water. There Devkrishnabhai found it very sweet. Both Devkrishnabhai and Maharaj quenched their thirst with the sweet water.

The journey was again resumed. After some time, Devkrishnabhai being thirsty tasted the water, but it was found salty. On being asked by Devkrishnabhai, Maharaj explained that, all the time water does not remain either salty or sweet. It keeps on changing. And Devkrishnabhai was convinced.

In this way Merciful Parmatma showed much mercy upon the devotee Devkrishnabhai. Friends, Bhagwan is very merciful. But to obtain it one has to be worthy for such blessings and this worthiness comes only when we do what is liked by Bhagwan. So let us lead our life as it has been prescribed in our scriptures..

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Similarly, through reading and study of the scriptures, our mind is purified. Through services rendered for Satsang, our mind and body both are purified. Our sins are washed away and we become worthy of accepting the blessings of Maharaj.

When Narsinh Mehta was taken to Golok, he had availed the benefit of divine

Darshan of Raas Leela of Bhagwan. Our great poet Brahmanand Swami used to get lost in ardent Bhakti while singing Kirtan. This can be understood only by those who have tasted the Swad of Satsang. through Bhakti our noble qualities are increased and it leads to peace of mind and our mind is purified.

**FROM THE BLESSINGS OF H.H. SHRI
GADIWALA 'OUR SATSANG IS A
TREASURE'**

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

Our Satsang Sabha is being run for the last seven years then only awareness is not found as it should. What is the reason for it? the reason is that, we have got it free of cost and without any efforts for it. Maharaj made all this so simple and easy. Our Satsang is a treasure and opening it we would find all precious diamonds and other jewellery items. In fact it is much more important and costly than the diamonds and jewellery. Through Sagsang one gets Moksha. 'Shiksha Patri' and 'Vachanamrit' are two divine scriptures of our Sampradaya. Vedas are also the words of Bhagwan, but they are told by Bhagwan to Brahmaji and Rishi-Munis have listened from Brahmaji and the Vedas have been created by Rishis-Munis. Shrimad Bhagwat Gita is also the words uttered by Bhagwan Shree Krishna but, it is preached on the battlefield and later on it has been woven by Vyasji in his Mahabharat.

Whereas Vachanamrit are the words of Shreeji Maharaj and listened by the saints. Thus, Shreeji Maharaj has granted so much and we should take pride in it. all sins are destroyed only by surrendering ourselves. What is the reason for our sins? We are very proud of our body and mind and intellect. If this pride is melted and shelter of Maharaj is sought, all sins would be destroyed.

Once Naradji told that pleasure of Bhagwan can be obtained by doing three things. First of all, we should cherish compassion towards all living beings of this world and should never commit violence towards them. Second, we should not

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make others unhappy through our words, action and thought and should remain satisfied with whatever has been granted by Shreeji Maharaj. And the third is one should exercise control over his senses and Indriyas. If all these things are done, pleasure of Bhagwan is obtained. If we remain disciplined and humble and use the rare treasure of our Satsang, we would be saved from all worries and troubles of this worldly life. It is a great thing, if our attention is remained in the lotus like feet of Maharaj.

**SWAD OF BHAKTIRASA
- Sankhya Yogi Kokilaba
(Surendranagar)**

By granting blessings, Shree Hari has given us human birth. Bhagwan has granted us Buddhi, Vacha, and Gyan to know Bhagwan. Temples, Shastras, Guru to perform Bhakti. Therefore, we all should perform ardent Bhakti.

Until our mind is purified, we do not get divine peace and we cannot get divine Darshan of Shreeji Maharaj. Therefore, it is essential to purify our mind. A dirty cloth cannot be cleansed simply by soaking it into the water. It has to be kept soaked in hot water for hours and has to be brushed and washed. Similarly, our mind has to be brushed and washed and has to be kept in constant company of Satsang. This will keep our mind calm and pure.

With perspiration, our body is purified.

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Shree Narnarayandev Keshar Snan Abhishek Darshan in Ahmedabad temple

Chandan-Maliyagar Vagha Darshan was offered to Shree Narnarayandev for one and half month from Vaisakh Sud-Trij Akhatrij in the morning at 6.30 hours in Jeth Sud-15 H.H Shri Acharya Maharaj performed Shodasopchar Keshar Snan, whose divine Darshan was performed by thousand by Haribhakas. The devotee Shri Prakashbhai Lalbhai (Unava) family had rendered the services as the host of Keshar-Snan.

Under the guidance of Poojari of Shree Narnarayandev Brahmchhari Swami Rajeshwaranandji, Parshad Ghanshyam Bhagat (Gadhpur), Shri Labshankarbhai, Poojari Brahmchhari Swami Anantanand, Poojari Brahmchhari Swami Mukundanand etc. saints had rendered services of divine Chandan Vagha of Thakorji and had obtained the pleasure of Dharmkul. (Shastri Swami Narayanmudidasji)

168th Patotsav of Idar temple

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and with the inspiration of Mahant Swami Jagdishprasaddasji, 168th Patotsav of Shree Gopinathji Harikrishna Maharaj was celebrated with great fervor and enthusiasm.

In the morning at 7.00 hours on Jeth Sud-9, H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj performed Abhishek of Thakorji. With the inspiration of Swami Vishwaprakashdasji and Swami Balkrishnadsji of Laloda temple, devotee Shri Davjibhai Sankabhai poatel, his son Sanjay and Janak family had rendered the services as the host of Patotsav and performed poojan-aarti and obtained the blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj. In the sabha organized on the occasion, Shastri P.P. Swami (Jetalpur), Raghuvir Swami (Sokli), Shastri Harijivandas (Himatnagar) and saints from Mansa, Ahmedabad, Naranghat, Laloda, Pratinj had delivered their inspirational speeches. At last H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj blessed the host family and the whole Sabha.

During the Mahotsav, Kothri S.S. Swami, Shastri Vasudev Swami Kunj Swami, Shastri Shreejiprakashdas and Poojari Ajay Swami had rendered their beautiful services. With the blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj, devotees and Haribhakas had rendered their beautiful services for golden throne of the inner temple. (Kothari Satyasankalp Swami, Idar)

1st Patotsav in Shree Swaminarayan temple, New Ranip

With the blessings of Shri Acharya Maharaj and the whole Dharmkul, 1st Varshik Patotsav of Shree

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Ghanshyam Maharaj, Shree Narnarayandev of Shree Swaminarayan temple, New Ranip was celebrated with great fervor and enthusiasm on 31/05/2014.

In the morning, Abhishek of Thakorji was performed by Sadguru Shastri Swami Purushottamprakashdasji (Mahant of Naranghat) and Swami Divyaprakashdasji and the host devotee Shri Ashokbhai J. Patel family.

The devotee Shri Baldevbhai Kacharadas Patel rendered the services for Annakut, the devotee Shri Mukeshbhai Joitaram Patel rendered the services of Dhaja. The devotee Shri Prakashbhai Purushottamdas Patel rendered the services as the host of poojan of saints, the devotee Shri Pravinkumar Vishunbha Patel rendered the services as the host of Mahapooja. Alongwith the saints, the host devotees availed the benefit of Chhapanbhog Annakut Aarti. On the occasion of concluding ritual of Mahapooja in the evening, Mahant Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji of Kalupur temple, Mahant Sadguru Swami Devprakashdasji of Naranghat temple, Shasti Swami Chhapaiyaprasaddasji and Shastri Swami Anandjivandasji had offered holy fruit and had performed concluding ritual of Mahapooja. In the sabha, the saints had narrated Katha of Leela-Charitra of Bhagwan. All the devotees had availed the benefit of Prasad. Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal had rendered beautiful services. (Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal, Prayag Patel)

SATSANG SABHAS ON THE OCCASION OF SHREE NARNARAYANDEV MAHAMAHOTSAV

Satsang Sabha in Shree Swaminarayan temple, New Vadaj

On 01/05/2014, Satsang Sabha was organized in the evening from 6.00 to 8.00 hours by Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal. On this occasion Mahant Shastri P.P. Swami of Naranghat temple and Shastri Ram Swami etc. saintmandal had performed beautiful Kirtan-Bhakti. (Amit Patel)

Satsang Sabha in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Sanand

On 03/05/2014, Satsang Sabha was organized in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Sanand wherein Shastri Swami Ramkrishnadasji (Koteshwar) and Shastri Divyaprakashdas had narrated beautiful Katha. Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal, New Vadaj had performed Kirtan-Bhakti. (J.D.Thakkar)

Satsang Sabha at village Vagosana

On 29/05/2014 Shastri P.P. Swami and Shastri Chaitanya Swami (Naranghat) performed Katha-Varta at village Vagosana and Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal, Soja had performed beautiful Kirtan-Bhakti. The whole arrangement was made by devotee Shi Rajubhai Patel. Haribhaktas residing in Ahmedabad had also arrived in the Sabha. (Prahlabdhai Patel, Rajubhai Patel)

Satsang Sabha at village Aajol (Mansa)

On 31/05/2014, beautiful Satsang Sabha was organized in the pious company of Mahapratapi Shri Hanumanji Maharaj. First of all, Kirtan-Bhakti were performed by Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal and thereafter Sadguru Shastri Swami P.P. Swami (Naranghat) and Shastri Swami Ramkrishnadasji and Shastri Chaitanya Swami had narrated beautiful Katha regarding importance of Shree Hari. On this occasion, devotee Shri Vishnubhai, Shri Sureshbhai, Shri K.D. Pael, Shri J.D. Patel had arrived from Ahmedabad and had made beautiful arrangements. (Kamleshbhai, Aajol)

Satsang Sabha in Shree Swaminarayan temple, New Ranip

First Satsang Sabha was organized on Sunday 01/06/2014 at night from 8.30 to 11.30 hours on the occasion of Shree Narnarayandev Mahamahotsav. First of all Shree Swaminarayan Mahamantra Dhoon was performed. Thereafter Shastri Swami Purushottamprakashdasji, Shastri Swami Ramkrishnadasji (Koteshwar), Shastri Swami Anandjivandasji, Shastri Swami Chhapaiyaprasaddasji and Shastri Swami Harijivandasji of Kalupur and Naranghat temples narrated beautiful Katha-Varta. (Shastri Divyaprasaddas, Naranghat)

Satsang Sabha at village Boru

On 05/06/2014 beautiful Satsang Sabha was organized at village Boru. Shastri P.P. Swami (Mahant of Naranghat) and Shastri Ram Swami (Koteshwar) etc. saint-mandal performed Katha-Varta. Shree Narnarayandev Yuak Mandal (Soja) performed Kirtan-Bhakti. Haribhaktas from the nearby villages had also availed the benefit of this Sabha. (Harpalsinh)

Satsang Sabha at village Hebuva

On 08/06/2014, beautiful Satsang Sabha was organized by Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal (Soja) at Ambaja Mataji Chawk at village Hebuva wherein Shastri P.P. Swami (Naranghat) and Shastri Ram Swami had narrated beautiful Katha-Varta examples. Yuvak Mandal had performed Kirtan-Bhakti. Since it was the first Sabha in the village, many Mumukshus had requested the

saints to grant such benefit time and again. (Vipul Patel, Sola)

19th Patotsav and grand Satsang Abha at Mahadevnagar Jadeshwar

On the occasion of 19th Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Jadeshwar Park, Mahadevnagar, grand Satsang Sabha was organized on 28/05/2014. Many haribhaktas had rendered the services as the hosts of Patotsav. First of all Mahamantra Dhoon and thereafter Patotsav Aarti of Thakorji were performed. Sadguru Mahant Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji, Shastri P.P. Swami (Naranghat), Shastri Anand Swami (Mahadevnagar), Shastri Ram Swami etc. saints had narrated beautiful Katha-Varta. Among other saints, Shastri Chhapaiyaprasad Swami, Nilkanth Swami and Kunj Swami had also remained present. In the Sabha, the saints had made announcement about Shree Narnarayandev Mahamahotsav and all the devotees were inspired to render their beautiful services. During the whole Mahotsav, services of Mahila Mandal and Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal was very inspirational. The whole programme was conducted by Shastri Swami Chaitanyaswaroopdasji (Koteshwar). (Kothari, Mahadevnagar temple)

Satsang Sabha at village Sardhav

Grand Satsang Sabha was organized at village Sardhav (Gandhinagar) wherein Shastri P.P. Swami (Naranghat) and Shastri Ram Swami (Koteshwar) and Shastri Vrajvallabh Swami (Muli) had narrated beautiful Katha. Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal, Soja had performed beautiful Kirtan-Bhakti. (Kothari)

Shree Swaminarayan temple, Vadnagar

Beautiful Chandan Vagha was offered to Shree Ghanshyam Maharaj of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Vadnagar from Vaisakh Sud-3 to Jeth Sud-14 by Kothari Shastri Swami Vishwaprasaddasji and Poojari swami Dharmviharidasji Guru Shastri Swami Narayanvallabhdasji of the temple. On the pious day of Jeth Sud-15 beautiful Keshart Snan was performed to Shree Ghanshyam Maharaj and Purnahut of Chandan Vagha was performed. On this occasion, Mahant Swami had praised the services for Chandan Vagha rendered by the devotees. (Kalidas J. Patel, Vadnagar)

Satsang Shibir at Shree Swaminarayan temple, Kankaria

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj, on Sunday 08/06/2014, Satsang Shibir was organized by Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal, Kankaria in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Kankaria. Mahant Sadguru Swami Guruprasaddasji and Sadguru Anand Swami had

made beautiful arrangements. Large number of young devotees participated in this Shibir.

First of all, saints of Kankaria, Ahmedabad, Jetalpurdham and Approach (Bapunagar) had performed Katha-Varta about faith in Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan and Shree Narnarayandev. Yuvak Mandal had performed beautiful Kirtan-Bhakti. The Sabha was conducted by Shastri Swami Yagnaprakashdasji. All the participants of Shibir were offered Prasad-Bhojan. (Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal, Kankaria)

Shre Narnarayandev Mahila Mandal, Ranip

With the directions of H.H. Shri Gadiwala, Shree Narnarayandev Mahila Mandal (Ranip) has decided to organize 200 Satsang Sabha on the occasion of Shree Narnarayandev Mahamahotsav and to organize 42 Satsang Sabha on the occasion of 42nd Prakatytosav of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj.

Harshad Colony (Bapunagar) temple

With the directions of H.H. Shri Laxmiswaroop Gadiwala and H.H. Shri Laxmiswaroop Mota Gadiwala, Shree Swaminarayan Mahamantra Dhoon was organized from 7.0 hours in the morning till 7.00 hours in the evening on the occasion of Shree Hari Antardhan Tithi on Jeth Sud-10 by the ladies devotees in Shree Swaminarayan temple (ladies) Harshad Colony, Bapunagar. (Gordhanbhai Sitapara)

2nd Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple Aadraaj and Katha Parayan

With the blessings of Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan, and with the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj, H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj and with the inspiration of Sadguru Swami Ramkrishnadasji, 2nd Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Aadraaj was celebrated with great fervor and enthusiasm.

On this occasion, Shrimad Satsangibhusan Dandhavya Leela Charitra Parayan was organized from 21/05/2014 to 25/05/2014 with Shastri Swami Ramkrishnadasji (Koteshwar) as spokesperson and Sadguru Swami Balswaroopdasji (Mulidham) as spokesperson of Samhita Path. On 25/05/2014 H.H. Shri Gadiwala graced the occasion. On 25/05/2014 H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj graced the occasion and performed Patotsav Aarti of Thakorji and thereafter graced the Sabha organized on the occasion. Saints from various places had delivered their inspirational speeches. With the inspiration of Sadguru Swami Rajendraprasaddasji, devotees had rendered the services as the host of Patotsav. The sabha was conducted by Shastri Swami Purushottamprakashdasji (Naranghat). Many devotees had rendered their beautiful services as hosts and had obtained the blessings of Shree Hari

and Dharmkul. (Kothari, Moti Aadraj)

Various activities at village Balva on the occasion of 42nd Janmotsav of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj

Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal, Balva had organized 12 hour Mahamantra Dhoon on the occasion of 42nd Janmotsav of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj. As a part of rendering social service, loaves and hotchpotch are being prepared and offered to the dogs on every Saturday for the last seven months. Moreover, all disease diagnosis camp was also organized in the hospital on the occasion of Shree Narnarayande Mahamahotsav wherein large number of people availed the benefit. (Kothari Shri Ramanbhai Chaudhary)

Grand Satsang Sabha at village Lunawada

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and with the inspiration of the saints, beautiful Satsang Sabha was organized on 15/06/2014 by Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Kadiyavad.

First of all young devotees had performed Kirtan-Bhakti and the saints had performed Deep-Pragatya and sabha was begun. In this Sabha, Shastri Swami Chaitanyaswaroopdasji, Shastri Swami Narayanmunidasji, Swami Vasudevcharandasji, Shastri Kunjviharidas and Madhav Swami had narrated beautiful Katha-Varta. Saints had furnished all information about Shree Narnarayandev Mahamahotsav. At last Mahamantra Dhoonwas performed, Thaal was offered to Thakorji and all devotees had availed the benefit of Prasad. (Kothari, Lunawada)

144th Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Mansa

With the blessings of Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan, and with the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj, H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and with the inspiration of Mahant Shastri Swami Ghanshyamprakashdasji, 144th Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Mansa was celebrated with great fervor and enthusiasm.

The devotee Shri Vaghela Shangarba Dipsinh Madhusinh family had rendered the services as the host of Patotsav. On Vaisakh Sud-6 H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj graced the occasion and performed Shodasopchar Mahabishek of Shree Radhakrishnadev Harikrishna Maharaj in Vedic tradition and thereafter graced the Sabha.

In the Sabha, Shastri P.P. Swami (Jetalpurdham) had explained the importance of deities of Mansa and also explained the road-map of celebration of Shree Narnarayandev Mahamahotsav. At last H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj

blessed the whole Sabha and the host family. On this occasion saints from Ahmedabad, Muli and Jetalpurdham had also arrived.

Satsang Sabha

On 08/06/2014 beautiful Satsang Sabha was organized on the occasion of Shree Narnarayandev Mahamahotsav and 42nd Prakatyotsav of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj. In the Sabha, Shastri Ghanshyam Swami narrated Katha-Varta. The devotee Shri Narayanbhai Ishwarbhai Patel rendered the services as the chief host of Sabha. Kothari Chandraprakash Swai and Poojari Prem Swami had rendered inspirational services. On Jeth Sud-15 in the morning from 6.30 to 7.00 hours Kesar-Snan Darshan of Thakorji was granted to all the devotees and Haribhaktas. (Poojari Premswaroopdas)

Murti-Pratistha Mahotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple (ladies), Bhat

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 Shastri Atmaprakashdasji and Sadguru Shastri P.P. Swami of Jetalpurdham and with the strenuous efforts of Mahant Shastri Purushottam Swami (Das Swami) of Bhat temple, Murti Pratistha Mahotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple (ladies), Bhat was celebrated from 08/05/2014 to 12/05/2014 with great fervor and enthusiasm. On this occasion, Shrimad Bhagwat Panchan Parayan was organized with Sadguru Shastri Swami Bhaktinandanasji Guru Sadguru Shastri Swami Purushottamprakashdasji (Jetalpurdham) as spokesperson. On the first day, Kath was inaugurated by H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj. On 10/05/2014 H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj graced the occasion. On 12/05/2014 H.H. Shri Mota Gadiwala and H.H. Shri Gadiwala graced the occasion and blessed and granted the benefit of divine Darshan to the ladies devotees. On this occasion, grand Mahavishnu Yaag was also organized. On 11/05/2014 grand Nagaryatra of Thakorji was also organized in the evening wherein all the devotees and Haribhaktas of the village participated. When H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj graced the occasion on 12/05/2014, grand Shobhayatra was organized. Thereafter, ritual of invocation of the idol images in the temple of ladies devotees was performed by H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and aarti was performed. H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj had also done photography of the idol images which are 150 years old. Thereafter concluding ritual of Yagnanarayan was performed by offering holy fruit. Thereafter, H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj graced the sabha organized on the occasion. In the sabha, Dharmkul pooja, aarti was performed by the whole village as host. Many

saints from various places had arrived on the occasion. At last H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj blessed all the devotees and Haribhaktas. Sankhya Yogi ladies devotees from various places had also arrived. The whole Mahotsav was organized by Shastri Swami Das Swami (Bhatwala). Services of the ladies devotees and Haribhaktas of the village were very inspirational. (Das Swami, Bhat)

Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Mahij

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 Shastri Atmaprakashdasji and Sadguru Shastri Swami Purushottamprakashdasji, Patotsav of Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan and other deities of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Mahij was celebrated with great fervor and enthusiasm on Sunday 08/06/2014. Shodasopchar Mahapooja and Abhishek of Thakorji were performed by the saints and the host devotees. Thereafter, in the sabha organized on the occasion, Tapomurti Sadguru Shyamcharandasji, Shastri Bhaktivallabh Swami, Shastri Bhaktinandan Swami, Sadguru Swami Vishwaprakashdasji of Kalol had narrated Katha-Varta. At last all the devotees availed the benefit of Annakut Aarti. (Mahant K.P. Swami, Jetalpurdham)

Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Nava Gam

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 Shastri Atmaprakashdasji and Sadguru Shastri Swami Purushottamprakashdasji of Jetalpurdham and Sadguru Gyanprakashdasji (Poojari Ram Swami) Varshik Pratistha Tithi Mahotsav of Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan and other deities of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Mahij was celebrated with great fervor and enthusiasm on 19/05/2014. Shodasopchar Mahapooja and Abhishek of Thakorji were performed by the saints and the host devotees. Thereafter, in the sabha organized on the occasion, Sadguru Shastri P.P. Swami, Swami Shyamcharandasji, Shastri Bhaktivallabh Swami, V.P. Swami had narrated Katha-Varta whose benefit was availed by large number of devotees and Haribhaktas. At last all the devotees availed the benefit of Annakut Aarti and Mahaprasad. (Mahant K.P. Swami, Jetalpurdham)

Celebration of Pratistha Tithi Mahotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Ladpur

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 Shastri Atmaprakashdasji and Sadguru Shastri Swami Purushottamprakashdasji of Jetalpurdham, Patotsav of Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan and other deities of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Ladpur was celebrated with great fervor and enthusiasm. Mahapooja of Thakorji with Shodasopchar, Abhishek etc were performed by the saints and the host devotees. Thereafter, in the Satsang Sabha organized on the occasion, Shastri Bhaktinandan Swami from Jetalpur, Sadguru Swami Vishwaprakashdasji from Kalol, Yagnaprakashdasji from Kankariya had narrated Katha-Varta. At last all the devotees had performed Annakut Aarti and availed the benefit of Prasad. (Mahant K.P. Swami, Jetalpurdham)

Celebration of Pratistha Tithi Mahotsav in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Merani Muvadi

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and the whole Dharmkul and with the inspiration of Mahant Swami Shastri Atmaprakashdasji and Sadguru Shastri Swami Purushottamprakashdasji of Jetalpurdham, Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Merani Muvadi was celebrated on 13/05/2014 with great fervor and enthusiasm. Shodasopchar Mahapooja and Abhishek of Thakorji were performed by the saints and the host devotees. Thereafter, in the Satsang Sabha, Tapomurti Sadguru Shyamcharandasji, Shastri Bhaktivallabh Swami, Sadguru Swami Madhavjivandas etc. saints from Jetalpur had narrated Katha-Varta. At last benefit of Annakut Aarti and Prasad was availed by the devotees. (Bijalbhai-Merani Muvadi)

Grand Padyatra on the occasion of 42nd Janmotsav of H.H Shri Acharya Maharaj

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and the whole Dharmkul and with the inspiration of Mahant Swami Shastri Atmaprakashdasji and Sadguru Shastri Swami Purushottamprakashdasji of Jetalpurdham, devotees of Patdi-Trent-Sitapur-Mandal area had organized grand Padyatra on 04/05/2014 from Patdi-Trent to Jetalpurdham (five days) on the occasion of 42nd Janmotsav of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj. During the pilgrimage, Katha of Shrimad Satsangjivan was performed by various spokespersons at every point of rest. With the inspiration of Sankhya Yogi Shantaba and her disciples, large number of ladies devotees had also participated in this Padyatra. The devotee Shri Vishnubhai Govindbhai Patel (Trentwala) had rendered the services as the host of Katha. The devotee Shri Prabhubhai Tribhovanbhai Patel (Trentwala) had availed the benefit of Dharmkul Poojan. Many devotees had also rendered the services as the hosts of daily meals in Padyatra. The Padyatra was concluded on 09/05/2014 at

Jetalpurdham where grand Sabha was organized and in the Sabha Sadguru Mahant. Atmaprakashswami etc. saints blessed all the participant devotees of Padyatra. (Kothari Naranbhai-Patdi)

Pratistha Tithi Mahotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Rabadiya

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and the whole Dharmkul and with the inspiration of Mahant Swami Shastri Atmaprakashdasji and Sadguru Shastri Swami Purushottamprakashdasji of Jetalpurdham, Varshik Pratistha Tithi Mahotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Rabadiya was celebrated on 08/05/2014 with great fervor and enthusiasm. On this occasion Shodasopchar Mahapooja of Shree Harikrishna Maharaj was performed. Thereafter Sadguru Shastri P.P. Swami of Jetalpurdham had performed Abhishek in Vedic tradition. On this occasion Mahant Swami Vishwaprakashdasji, Shastri Bhaktivallabh Swami, Yagnaprakash Swami from Kankaria had delivered their inspirational speeches. At last Shri P.P. Swami had narrated Katha-Varta. (Dr. Harshadbhai K. Bhagat, Ahmedabad)

Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple (ladies devotees and Haribhaktas) Dumana

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and the whole Dharmkul and with the inspiration of Mahant Swami Shastri Atmaprakashdasji and Sadguru Shastri Swami Purushottamprakashdasji of Jetalpurdham, Varshik Pratistha Tithi Mahotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple (ladies devotees and Haribhaktas), Dumana was celebrated on 30/04/2014 with great fervor and enthusiasm. First of all, Shodasopchar Mahapooja and Abhishek of Thakorji were performed by the saints and the host devotees. Thereafter, in the Satsang Sabha, Sadguru Shastri P.P. Swami, Swami Shyamcharandasji, Shastri Bhaktivallabh Swami etc. saints had performed Katha-Varta whose benefit was availed by large number of devotees and Haribhaktas. At last benefit of Annakut Aarti and Prasad was availed by the devotees. (Kothari Navinbhai-Dumana)

Celebration of Pratistha-Tithi Mahotsav at village Motap

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and the whole Dharmkul and with the inspiration of Mahant Swami Shastri Atmaprakashdasji and Sadguru Shastri Swami Purushottamprakashdasji of Jetalpurdham, Varshik Pratistha Tithi Mahotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Motap was celebrated on Sunday 04/05/2014 with great fervor and

enthusiasm. On this occasion Shodasopchar Mahapooja of Thakorji was performed. Thereafter, in the Satsang Sabha, Mahant Swami Narayanprasaddasji from Mahesana temple, Mahant Shastri Uttampriyadasji, Shastri Haripriyadasji had narrated Katha-Varta. At last benefit of Annakut Aarti and Prasad was availed by the devotees.

Celebration of Pran-Pratistha-Vidhi Mahotsav in Jetalpur temple (ladies devotees)

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and the whole Dharmkul and with the inspiration of Mahant Swami Shastri Atmaprakashdasji and Sadguru Shastri Swami Purushottamprakashdasji of Jetalpur, invocation of idol images of Radha-Krishnadev of Prasadi of Shree Swaminarayan temple (ladies devotees), Jetalpur, established by Ramanand Swami was performed on 22/06/2014 by H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj with great fervor and enthusiasm. With the directions of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Gadiwala and with the inspiration of Sankhya Yogi Bachiba and Sankhya Yogi Narmadaba and her disciples, new temple and beautiful Haveli were constructed wherein idol image of Radhakrishnadev of Prasadi of Gangama was invoked. On 20/06/2014 Maha Vishnu Yaag was organized as a part of Pran-Pratistha Vidhi. At last all the devotees had availed the benefit of Prasadi of Revti Baldevji Harikrishna Maharaj. Services of all the saints and devotees were praised. (Mahant K.P. Swami)

9th Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Bopal

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and the whole Dharmkul and with the inspiration of Shastri Vrajvallabhdasji Guru Shastri Swami Dharmvallabhdasji, 9th Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Bopal was celebrated on Vaisakh Sud-7 with great fervor and enthusiasm. On this occasion, Shodasopchar Abhishek of Shree Harikrishna Maharaj was performed by H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj. The devotee Shri Jagdishbhai Kalidas Darji through Niraj Darji (Sadrawala) had rendered the services as the host of Patotsav. H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj had also performed Annakut Aarti.

In the Sabha organized on the occasion, Satya Swaroop Swami, Shastri Vraj Swami, Shastri Ram Swami (Koteshwar), Shastri Abhay Swami (Naranghat), Shanti Swami, Yogi Swami and Dharmpravartak Swami had delivered their inspirational speeches. At last H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj had blessed the host devotees and all the devotees. On this occasion devotee Shri Amrutbhai Kothari, Bharat Bhagat, Shri Rajubhai,

Shri Arvindbhai Patel, Shri Navinbhai and Mahadevbhai Patel had rendered their beautiful services. On the pious day of Chaitra Sud-9 Shree Hari Prakatyotsav was celebrated with great fervor and enthusiasm. (Pravinbhai Upadhyay)

MULI DESH

Khat-Vidhi of new Yatrik Bhuvan in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Muli

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj, H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj and with the inspiration of Mahant Sadguru Swami Shyamsundardasji of Muli temple, Khat-Vidhi of 'Shree Radhakrishnadev Harikrishna Maharaj Yatrik Bhuvan' was performed by H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj in the morning on 13/06/2014.

In the Sabha organized on this occasion, Shastri Swami Suryaprakashdasji had narrated Kathamrut. Mahant Swami, Shastri P.P. Swami (Naranghat) and Kothari Swami Krishnavallabhdasji had delivered their inspirational speeches suitable to this occasion. At last H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj blessed the whole Sabha. The Sabha was conducted by the devotee Shri Shailendrasinh Zala. Vraj Swami, Harikrishna Swami J.K. Swami, Bharat Bhagat and Pravin Bhagat had rendered their beautiful services on this occasion. (Shailendrasinh Zala)

Homatmak Mahapooja in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Surendranagar

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and with the inspiration of Sadguru Mahant Swami Premjivandasji, beautiful Mahiyagar (Chandan) Vagha was offered to Thakorji from Vaisakh Sud-3 Akhatrij to Jeth Sud-14. On pious day of Jeth Sud-15 Homatmak Pooja was organized. H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj had performed aarti and had performed concluding ritual of Mahapooja. Large number of devotees availed the benefit of Darshan. The whole arrangement was made by Kothari Swami Krishnavallabhdasji. (Shailendrasinh Zala)

Satsang Sabha in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Charadava on the occasion of Shree Narnarayandev Mahamahotsav

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and the whole Dharmkul and with the inspiration of Mahant Swami, Satsang Sabha is organized by Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal regularly on every Sunday at Mayurnagar, Leelapur, Nilkanthnagar, Narnarayannagar of Halvad Taluka. Every Wednesday Satsang Sabha is organized in Shreejinagar, swaminarayannagar and Susvav village of Halvad Taluka and Satsang Sabha is organized in Suryanagar, GThanshymangar, Bhatnagar and Halvad.

Mahant Swami Uttampriyaasji, Kothari Swami Brahmviharidasji, Poojari Muktajivan Swami etc. saints perform Katha-Varta. (Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal, Charadava)

Shree Swaminarayan temple, Bharada (Dhrangadhra)

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj, 1st Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Bharada was celebrated on 30/05/2014 with great fervor and enthusiasm. On this occasion, Sadguru Shastri Swami Narayanprasaddasji (Muli) and his disciple Shastri Swami Hariprakashdasji had explained with examples to perform Bhajan-Bhakti of Shree Radhakrishnadev Harikrishna Maharaj of Mulidham and Shree Narnarayandev of Ahmedabad. Kothari Bhikhabhai and devotee Shri Chamanbhai had rendered their inspirational services. (representative Anil B. Dudhrejija)

Shree Swaminarayan temple, Olpad

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj, H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj, H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj, Katha of Purushottamprakash Granth of Sadguru Nishkulanand Swami was performed by Shanti Bhagat on the occasion of 19th Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Olpad. On this occasion Sadguru Shastri Swami Narayanprasaddasji, Shastri Swami Hariprakashdasji, Bhanu Swami, Shastri Gyan Swami, Shastri Krishnajivan Swami, Gopal Swami and Parshad Narottam Bhagat and Shastri Swami Harikeshavdasji from Vadtal etc. saints had performed Katha-Varta. After Patotsav-Annakat Aarti of Thakorji, all the devotees had availed the benefit of Prasad. (Vivekbhai Varu, Olpad)

Sarvajiva Hitavah Mahotsav- Jiragadh-2014

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendrprasadj Maharaj and the whole Dharmkul and with the inspiration of former Mahant Sadguru Narayanprasaddasji Swami of Muli temple and with co-operation of all devotees of Jiragadh temple, Sarvajiva Hitavah Mahotsav was celebrated with great fervor and enthusiasm from 11/05/2014 to 15/05/2014 in the pious company of Shree Rokadia Hanumanji Maharaj. On this occasion, Panchdinatmak Shrimad Satsangijivan Katha was organized with Mahant Shastri Ghanshyamprakashdasji of Jamiyatpura as the spokesperson. Everyday Akhand Dhoon and lectures were also organized on 15/05/2014, H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj graced the occasion and grand Samaiyu was performed. H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj performed Darshan of Shree Rokadiya Hanumani Maharaj and the graced the houses of 42 devotees of Jiragadh. Thereafter, H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj performed

concluding ritual of Katha. After the speeches by the saints, H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj blessed the whole Sabha organized on the occasion. The host devotees of Katha were also honoured on this divine occasion. At last all the devotees had availed the benefit of Mahaprasad. H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj praised Sadguru Shastri Narayanprasad Swami and his disciples and the devotees of Jiragadh for organizing the whole Mahotsav for new temple. Similarly, beautiful services rendered by the voluntary devotees were also praised by H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj. (Shastri Atmaprakashdasji, Sayla Gurukul)

OVERSEAS SATSANG NEWS

27th Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Weehawken

27th Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Weehawken New Jersey (1st temple of ISSO) was celebrated by H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendrprasadj Maharaj with great fervor and enthusiasm from 21st May 2014 to 24th May 2014. In the sabha organized on the occasion, H.H. Shri Bindu Raja, Shri Saumyakumar, Shri Suvratkumar and Shri P.P. Swami (Jetalpur), Hajuri Parshad Vanraj Bhagat and Mahant of temples of each chapter had also remained present. On this occasion Tridinatmak Katha of Shree Hari Aishwarya Darshan was organized with Shastri Swami Vishwavallbhdasji. Shodasopchar Abishek of Thakorji was performed by H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj.

In cake cutting ceremony, H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj, H.H. Shri Bindu Raja, Shri Saumya Kumar, Shri Suvratkumar and all had availed the benefit of Prasad. At last H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj blessed all the devotees for nourishment of Satsang of devotees. (Pravin Shah)

Shree Swaminarayan temple, Colonia

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj, Satsang Sabha was organized in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Colonia in the vening on Sunday on the occasion of Nirjala Ekadashi wherein Mahant Shastri Swai Dharmkishordasji and Shastri Narnarayandasji and devotees had performed Dhoon-Kirtan and the saints had performed Katha of Nirjala Ekadashi and Shree Hari Antardhan Tithi Jeth Sud-10. Mahant Swami had furnished information regarding camp to be organized in the pious company of H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj. At last, Thaal, Aarti and Pada of Ekadashi were performed. (Mahant Swami, Colonia)

AKSHARVAAS

Ahmedabad (native Mokhasan) – Devotee Shri Rasikbhai Ambalal Patel (the member of Ahmedabad Shri Narnarayandev Scheme Committee Board and ardent devotee of Shree Narnarayandev, who has rendered beautiful services for construction of Shree Swaminarayan Museum and whose both sons devotees Shri Jayeshbhai and Sanjaybhai are actively involved in I.S.S.O. America) passed away to *Akshardham* on 27/06/2014 in America while chanting the name of Shree Hari. This has created great loss to our Satsang. H.H Shri Mota Maharaj and H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj has prayed at lotus like feet of Shree Narnarayandev for granting divine happiness of Akshardham to the departed soul and to impart patience and strength to the family members.

Hyustan Texas (Lasundra) – Devotee Shri Devendrabhai Becharbhai Patel (Native village Lasundra) (active devotee of our Shree Swaminarayan temple, Hyustan) his wife devotee Kokilaben and his sister devotee Hansaben and devotee Jayantibhai Ambashankar Bhatt (village Aamli, Tal. Dhandhuka, who had been rendering services of Seva-Pooja from the day of establishment of our Hyustan temple) have passed away to Divine Abode of God on Sunday 23/06/2014 in a car accident. This has created great loss to our Satsang. H.H Shri Mota Maharaj and H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj has prayed at lotus like feet of Shree Narnarayandev for granting divine happiness of Akshardham to the departed souls.

Ahmedabad-Memnagar – Devotee Shri Sushilaben Soni (wife of the devotee Shri Jayantibhai Soni, writer of articles of 'Shree Swaminarayan' monthly magazine) passed away to *Akshardham* on 14/06/2014 while chanting the name of Shree Hari.

Ahmedabad-Kalupur (Dhanasutharni Pol) - Devotee Shri Bhagirathiben Gordhandas Thakkar (mother of the devotee Shri Narendrabhai Thakkar) passed away to Divine Abode of God on 31/05/2014 while chanting the name of Shreeji Maharaj.

Ahmedabad-Kalupur (Dhanasutharni Pol) – Devotee Shri Ghanshyambhai Parshottamdas Thakkar passed away to *Akshardham* on 30/04/2014 while chanting the name of Shri Hari.

Dholka – Devotee Shri Soni Hasmukhbhai Parshottamdas (inspirer and guide of Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal, Dholka) passed away to *Akshardham* on 11/06/2014 while chanting the name of Shri Hari.

Dhrangadhra – Devotee Shri Jitendra Maharaj (former poojari of our Shree Swaminarayan temple, Dhrangadhra) passed away to *Akshardham* while chanting the name of Shri Hari.

Samau – Devotee Shri Chaudhary Veljibhai Kachrabhai passed away to *Akshardham* on 29/05/2014 while chanting the name of Shri Hari.

Ghanshyamnagar (Muli Desh Nava Dhanala) – Devotee Shri Dalvadi Jasuben Amarshibhai (age 107 years) passed away to *Akshardham* on 01/05/2014 while chanting the name of Shri Hari.

Madhavgad (Prantij) – Devotee Shri Dajibhai Marghabhai Patel passed away to *Akshardham* on 21/05/2014 while chanting the name of Shri Hari.

Jiragadh (Muli Desh, Halar) – Devotee Shri Muljibhai Nanjibhia Varu (age 80 years) passed away to *Akshardham* on 31/05/2014 while chanting the name of Shri Hari.

Laloda (Tal. Idar) - Devotee Shri Patel Karshanbhai Lalabhai (age 90 years) (father of the devotee Dr. Gautambhai K. Patel) passed away to *Akshardham* on 11/05/2014 while chanting the name of Shri Hari.

Pratapgad (Becharaji) - Devotee Shri Patel Paliben Tribhovandas (age 99 years) passed away to *Akshardham* on 04/06/2014 while chanting the name of Shri Hari.

Kunpur (Tal. Mandal) - Devotee Shri Bhagvanbhai Shankarbhai Patel (age 90 years) passed away to *Akshardham* on 12/06/2014 while chanting the name of Shri Hari.

Ahmedabad - Devotee Shri Rajnikant Baldevbhai Shah (elder brother of the devotee Shri Nitin Shah) passed away to *Akshardham* on 07/06/2014 while chanting the name of Shri Hari.

New Vadaj - Devotee Shri Somabhai Virchanddas Patel (Itadarawala) passed away to *Akshardham* on 18/06/2014 while chanting the name of Shri Hari.



(1) H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj performing Abhishek of Thakorji in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Idar on the occasion of Patotsav and the host family performing aarti of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj in the sabha. (2) Yuva Satsang Shibir in the pious company of H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj in Kankariya temple. (3) Kothari J.K. Swami, Shastri P.P. Swami (Nana), Shastri Chaitanya Swami, Vasudev Swami, Shasri Muni Swami, Madhav Swami and Kunj Swami granting the benefit of Satsang Sabha in New Ranip, Dahegm, Lunavada and Motera organized on the occasion of Shree Narnarayandev Mahamahotsav. (4) Mahapooja by the saints of Jetalpur in Balasinor, Lunawada and Kothamba on the occasion of 42nd Janmotsav of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj. (5) H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj has clicked in his camera the photograph of the devotee Shri Karsanbhai Raghvani showing his ardent devout feelings towards Shree Swaminarayan Museum.

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(1) H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj performing Abhishek of Thakorji in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Washington D.C. on the occasion of 1st Patotsav. (2) H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj blessing H.H. Shri Raja on her birthday alongwith H.H. Shri Bindu Raja H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj and Suvratkumar.

The next 7th **Yuva Satsang Shibir** will be held from 28/10/2014 to 05/11/2014 in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Chhapaiyadham (U.P.) in the pious company of our Future Acharya H.H. Shri 108 Shri Vrajendraprasadji Maharaj.

H.H Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and
H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj

**17th Prakatyotsav of
H.H Shri Bhavi Acharya Shri Lalji Maharaj
Shri Vrajendraprasadji Maharaj,
in the pious company of**

Ashadh Vad-10 21/07/2014 Monday in the morning at 8.10 hours
Place: Shree Swaminarayan temple, Kalupur, Ahmedabad-1.



By H.H Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj
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