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EDITORIAL

Though the movement of the Sun has started in *Makar-Rashi*; yet the cold waves are continuing. This year, the winter has started of late. With the reasonably good cold, there have been good crops in the fields in this season and therefore, the farmers are happy. There is no doubt that, our country would be happy with the happiness of the farmers, as ours is an agrarian country.

During the last month, most of our temples celebrated *Shakotsav* in the pious presence of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj. Other people would join our *Sampradaya* while attending such *Shakotsav* and performing divine *Darshan* of our *Utsav* and *Samaiya* and if they remember any of such *Utsav* or *Samaiyo* during the last moments of their life, then they would get emancipation in their life. With such a noble idea and aim, Maharaj has begun the holy tradition of celebrating *Utsav* and *Samaiya*.

Vasantotsav-Rangotsav was celebrated in our Muli temple in the pious presence of our future Acharya H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj 108 Shri Vrajendraprasadji Maharaj. Devotees of *Zalavad-Halar*, *Panchal* and *Bhal* *Desh* participated and celebrated *Vasantotsav*. Now there would be *Patotsav* of Shree Narnarayandev with great fervour and enthusiasm. Even in Australia, invocation of the idol images in Melbourne (Australia) was completed by H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj with great joy and enthusiasm among all the devotees and *Haribhaktas*. This shows that, number of our devotees is increasing even in Australia and new temples are being constructed and this is a matter of great joy and pleasure for all of us.

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Appointment Diary of H.H. Acharya Maharaj 1008 ShriKoshalendraprasadji Maharajshri (January- 2012)

1. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Naranghat on the occasion of *Shakotsav*.
- Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Motera on the occasion of *Shakotsav*.
2. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Mansa on the occasion of *Shakotsav*.
- 2-3 Graced Rampar (Kachchh)
4. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Karjisan on the occasion of *Shakotsav*.
5. Graced Juna Ghatila village (Muli Desh Tal. Halvad) on the occasion of *Parayan*.
6. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Zundal on the occasion of *Shakotsav*.
7. Graced the village Ambod (Dist. Gandhinagar) on the occasion of *Shakotsav*.
8. Graced *Yuva Sammelan* organized by Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal, Mansa. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Vavol on the occasion of *Shakotsav*.
9. Graced Shree Prabha Hanumanji temple, Jamiyatpura on the occasion of *Katha*.
10. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Lunawada on the occasion of *Shakotsav*.
11. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Samau on the occasion of *Katha and Shakotsav*.
13. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Lasundra on the occasion of *Patotsav*.
- 14-15. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Sukhpar (Kachchh) Narnarayannagar.
17. Graced the occasion of *Shakotsav* organized by Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal, Charadva.
18. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Borna (Muli Desh, Tal. Chuda) on the occasion of invocation of the idol images.
19. Graced the house of the devotee Shri Bharatbhai Kanjibhai Mulani, Jivrajpark.
- 20-21. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Baldiya (Kachchh) on the occasion of *Parayan*.
- 22nd January 2012 to 4th February 2012. Pilgrimage to Melbourne (Australia) on the occasion of invocation of the idol images in Shree Swaminarayan temple and for nourishment of *Satsang*.

Appointment Diary of H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj (January-2012)

1. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Zulasan on the occasion of *Shakotsav*.
28. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Muli on the occasion of *Patotsav* of *Vasant Panchmi* and *Rangotsav*.
29. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple (ladies) Uvarsad and performed invocation of the idol images.



Shikshapatri

The Epistle of Precepts

(based on Shatanand's Shikshapatri
Arthadipika)

By Pravin S. Varsani

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They shall then read hymns or the religious scriptures about Lord Shree Krishna according to their ability. Those who do not know Sanskrit shall sing songs in praise of Shree Krishna and chant his name.

They should after chanting Shree Krishna, read hymns (*Prathna*) or read from scriptures, such as the *Puranas* and *Stotras* of the excellencies of Shree Krishna. In this way, they should perform *Stuti*. They should then perform *Dandvata Pranamas* (prostrations) as they chant *Prasidh Bhagvaniti!* 'O Lord! Shower thy blessings upon me. May thee be content in my actions.'

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They shall offer good to Lord Shree Krishna and then shall eat this sanctified food as His Prashaad. They shall thus always remain in the service of Shree Krishna with dedication and supreme love.

The food offered to God should be either made by oneself or prepared by an acceptable person (according to caste etc.) such that one can partake in the *Prashaad* afterwards. I have previously explained the significance of *Prashaad*. *Shatanand* explains here that only other food that is taken will lead to sin and misery. *Gautama* in *Padma Purana* explains, 'Those who eat foods other than *Prashaad* offered to God

and which is prepared in one's home are entrapped in the hells for seven lifetimes.' Thus, those who eat *Prashaad* receive a great wealth of benediction through their act. Indeed, it is written that by partaking in such *Prashaad*, one receives the *Punya* (fruits) of performing a hundred thousand million *Yagnas*.

God has said, 'Offering of water, please me immensely- what then needs to be said about offerings of sandalwood, incense, flowers, Divo and various foods?' *Shree Krishna* in *Bhagwad Gita* explains:

***Patram Pushpam Falam Toyam Yo
Mae Bhaktya Prayachati |
Tadaham Bhaktyupahrutmashrami
Prayatatmanaha ||***

'Whomsoever offers Me with true devotion a leaf, a flower, a fruit or some water, I accept this offering made with devotion by him who is pure of heart.'

God is easily pleased. We only have to make a little effort. He is immensely gratified through offerings of water and therefore it is not necessary that we offer riches- he is simply after our devotion and dedication. He is pleased when one performs *Pooja* and serves in his temples. He is not after our money, or other material substances- he is merely after our hearts and minds. He does not ask for much, but is willing to give a multitude of wealth and happiness in return. Therefore it is necessary that we display firm faith and devotion in God.

Shatanand then explains the duties of an *Atmanivedi Bhakta*, as given by God himself: 'One who has faith in the nectar-like *Kathas* (religious discourse), who is always chanting my name and singing my praise, who is dedicated in performing *Pooja*, who is always in my service, who salutes (*Vandana*) me with all parts of his body (thus showing total surrender), who sees me in all living creatures, who uses all

parts of his body in such a way as to please me, whose voice sings only my greatness, who is in the service of my *Bhaktas*, whose mind is forever dwelling upon me, who is free from all desires or lust, whose wealth is used to please me (through donation) and who is free from mundane happiness; *O Uddhava!* Such *Atmanivedi Bhaktas* have nothing more to accomplish- they have achieved everything.

Such people are considered great-comparative to God himself explains the Lord! The Gita further explains: *'Those who dedicate all actions to me, hold me as their supreme goal, intent on me, worshipping and meditating upon me; of these whose minds are focused upon me, I become soon their saviour from the ocean of mortal life.'* Also- ***Tasmat Sarveshu Kaleshu Mamanusmara Yudhya Cha*** – *'Therefore, always praise me and fight for me!'*

Vishnu Rahasya explains, *'Even the shortest moment passed devoid of remembrance of Lord Vasudeva is the greatest ruin, the greatest misery and the greatest delusion.'* *Narad Purana* adds, *'Those who chant Narayan Vasudeva definitely reach the heavens.'* *Shatanand* then explains that God's name is worthy of chanting in any place (country etc.) and at any time. All have the right to chant regardless of age, purity or level of development. Gods name should be chanted always and everywhere as those who do, never face misery and indeed all their problems or difficulties are overcome instantly.

Offering to God is a sign of love. Just as a mother breast-feeds her young with utmost love and affection, we too can show our fondness and devotion by offering unto the Lord. Offering to God is also a way of saying 'thank you' for giving us this support today and all days. It is an appreciation of the fact that God is the true eternal giver

and provider for all, without whose support we can be rendered impoverished in an instance. To give is the greatest duty and shows great morality.

In India it is common practice to offer foods to God and to the cows first. The remaining food is then taken by the householders and what is then leftover is given to animals such as dogs etc., roaming in the streets and to the poor. This is the greatness of our heritage, which ensures that the less fortunate are always provided for. The cow is most sacred in Hinduism- indeed she is worshipped as she is home to 330 million *Devtas*. Therefore by offering to the cow we are physically offering to all the Gods and so is comparative to performing a *Yagna*.

Offering to the poor and needy shows great compassion and is the basis of *Dana Dharma*. Giving to those less fortunate shows humanity and results in great *Punya*. Those that forever give are famed like *Rantideva* and *Baliraj*, whose kindness and compassion were unsurpassed. By offering to others, we offer to God as the *Upanishads* say: ***Atithi Devo Bhava-*** *'Thy stranger is God.'*

By offering to God, we also help one's eating habits clean. Most of us have the sense that not all things can be offered to God- such as meat, alcohol, onion etc. therefore by making it a habit of offering to God and then eating, will lead to keeping and preparing only suitable foods in the house such that they can be offered to god. By partaking in God's *Prashaad* we are partaking in *Punya*- another good reason to offer to God first. Indeed, in some *Shastras* it is written that partaking in *Prashaad* is better than *Upavaas* (fasting).

Sahjanand Swami now explains the three modes of nature and their relation to *Atmanivedi Bhaktas*.

NAM DHARMADO

- Sadhu Purushottamprakashdas (Jetalpurdham)

In Shloka-147 of the pious 'Shiksha Patri' Bhagwan Shree Sahjanand Swami Himself has written, "**They shall donate one tenth of their earnings, money or food grains, to Lord Shree Kirshna. Those with insufficient income shall offer one twentieth.**"



Even in Shrimad Bhagwat it is stated that by offering to Purna Bhagwan Shree Krishna, who is the Soul of all living creatures, one gets manifold result. In '*Daan Dharma*' the aged Rishi Parashar has stated that, by offering one twentieth of its agricultural products the farmer gets rid of the infirmities, if any, of his agricultural activities. There are innumerable types of offering *Daan* (offering alms) in our scriptures. Moreover, the place, time, person receiving alms and person offering alms have also got their impact. However, it is very difficult to follow all these scrupulously. Therefore, it is directed to offer one tenth or one twentieth of our earnings to our *Ishtdev*. If the offerings are made to Lord Shree Krishna then there is no need to make offerings to anyone else.

Dharmado means offering one twentieth or one tenth of income earned through labour and hard work put in by the person in any occupation. There is a rule prescribed in the scriptures to take out five or ten percent of the net profit earned after deducting all expenses incurred in the business or occupation.

There is an essential difference

between *Daan* and *Dharmado*. *Dharmado* is offered to *Ishtdev* as symbol of partnership of 10% share in business. Just as cess or tax is mandatory; similarly there is a tradition of offering unconditional *Dharmado* to *Ishtdev*. By paying this *Dharmado*-tax, the devotee ensures spiritual protection from God.

Shree Sahjanand Swami obtained two boons from His Guru Ramanand Swami and improved the fate of the devotees and thereby all the infirmities are made up by being the ardent devotee of *Sampradaya*. And therefore reciprocal relationship in the form of *Dharmada* is essential. Otherwise there would be no guarantee of spiritual protection, like that of insurance without payment of premium.

Daan is the transaction of exchange of *Paap* and *Punya* whereas *Dharmado* is a very vital part of *Bhakti* of surrendering. Only Brahmin and Shudra are entitled to receive the alms (*Daan*) and only *Kshatriya* and *Vaishya* are entitled to offer the alms. But *Dharmado* is applicable to all the four *Varnas*.

Moreover, the amount meant for *Dharmado* cannot be used for any other religious purpose. One can render services for *Thaal*, *Daan* or any other benevolent work, from his own income. But the amount of *Dharmado* should be offered to *Ishtdev* unconditionally. No choice is given in the definition of *Dharmado*. There are various and different means for offering *Daan* as stated in the pious '*Shiksha Patri*', but even in this scripture, *Dharmado* is stated to be offered only to Shree Krishna.

So there is no scope for the mind or intellect in this regard whatever may be the circle of life. Because here there is question of fulfilling *Vachan* in the form of directions. The Almighty Lord is omniscient and He knows Past, Present and Future, too. Yet, there is no compromise about *Dharmada* in '*Shiksha Patri*'.

Even in '*Desh-Vibhag Lekh*' which is the Constitutional Deed of our *Sampradaya*, there are clear directions and therefore decision about *Dharmada* should be taken as per the directions contained in

Desh Vibhag Lekh. One must read it, as it automatically removes all doubts.

Moreover, there is tradition of offering *Nam-Vero* in our *Sampradaya*. Initially 0.50 paise was *Nam-Vero*; which is at present Rs.5. *Grihasthashrami Haribhaktas* accepts *Mantra-Diksha* from his Guru *Dharmvanshi Acharya* and in lieu thereof, every year he offers *Nam-Vero* in the temple as a toke of his *Guru-Dakshina* on the pious day of *Guru-Purnima*.

In *Shloka-71* of the pious '*Shiksha Patri*' it is stated: "**My disciples shall never enter into arguments with their Acharya, bust shall honour and serve him by offering food, money, clothing etc., according to their abilities.**"

Therefore, all the *Haribhaktas* should invariably offer *Nam-Vero* and *Dharmado* as it is their religious duty to do so. Many *Haribhaktas* offer *Dharmado* on the day they receive their monthly salary. Many farmers send *Dharmado* from their fields and farms and then only they take home the remaining agricultural products.

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**Satsang Sabha of temples (ladies)
in Ahmedabad and Muli Desh**

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Laxmiswaroop Gadiwala, regular *Satsang Sabhas* are being organized in all temples (ladies) of Ahmedabad and Muli Desh. All the ladies devotees may avail the benefit of such *Satsang Sabha*.

- By order

Pride of Sampradaya

The ardent devotee of Shree Narnarayandev Desh and resident of Colonia, America, devotee Shri Nayanbhai Parikh has been appointed as Member of the Department of Environment Protection Board, New York. H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj have been very much pleased to know about such good news and bless the devotee for such progress in his life.

RAKHDI OF PRASADI

- Praful Kharsani

This is an incident as old as Kalupur temple of Ahmedabad. Shree Hari had entrusted with Anandanand Swami the task of construction of temple. The stones to be used for construction of the temple were to be brought from Dhrangadhra. At that time, there were no transportation facilities. Satsangi *Haribhaktas* used to render their services by offering their bullock carts. They used to spend the money from their pockets during the journey and would not expect any service from anybody. One such *Haribhakta* was bringing the stone in his bullock-cart. On the way, one of his bullocks died and so the *Haribhakta* yoked himself instead of the deceased bullock and carried the stone upto Ahmedabad. Shreeji Maharaj was very much pleased with the devout services of this *Haribhaktas*. Shree Hari embraced the stone and placed in the inner temple which is present even today in front of the idol images of Shree Radhakrishnadev in Ahmedabad temple and has been fulfilling the desires and wishes of many devotees and *Haribhaktas*. The bullock-cart of *Prasadi* is placed in Shree Swaminarayan Museum for divine *Darshan*.

There is another such incident of the same time. It is the tale about ardent devotee Jiva Viramgama of Nana Ankevalia village of Zalavad region. It so happened that, one big stone weighing about 3200 kg. was to be brought from Dhrangadhra. Now this task was not only colossal but also impossible, as no *Haribhakta* was ready to carry so huge and heavy stone in their bullock-cart. They apprehended that, if they would load their cart with this heavy stone, the cart would be broken. But devotee Jivabhai Viramgama of Nana Ankevalia village thought that, if it is the desire of Shree Hari

then the stone would reach upto Ahmedabad. And so with the help of six other devotees, he loaded the 3200 k.g. stone on his bullock-cart. He yoked six bullocks to carry the stone and started his journey towards Ahmedabad. On his way he saw that, the wooden yoke was not touching the neck of the bullocks and yet the cart was going on smoothly without any weight upon any of the bullocks. Jivabhai further saw that, the big log of the cart was cracked and was about to be broken into two pieces. But to his surprise, the cart was going on smoothly.

Jivabhai reached Ahmedabad carrying the heavy stone in his cart. He saw that Shreeji Maharaj was sitting in a *Sabha* conducted on that day. In the *Sabha*, Shreeji Maharaj praised the ardent devotion of Jivabhai. Then Jivabhai said that, the impossible task was accomplished by Shree Hari Himself, and he and his cart and bullocks were mere witnesses to the miracle. Then Shreeji Maharaj said, "*We are very much happy, because you have showed the courage of willingness to bring this heavy stone upto Ahmedabad.*" Shreeji Maharaj offered *Rakhdi* in *Prasadi* to the devotee Jivabhai and blessed him.

This *Rakhdi* of *Prasadi* is preserved by the successors of the devotee of Jivabhai. Recently devotees Shri Mavjibhai Chhaganbhai Viramgama offered this *Rakhdi* of *Prasadi* to H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj to be placed in Shree Swaminarayan Museum. So now the Museum would be the permanent address of this *Rakhdi* of *Prasadi*. So all the devotees and *Haribhaktas* are requested that, whenever they come and visit Shree Swaminarayan Museum, they may invariably perform divine *Darshan* of this *Rakhdi* of *Prasadi*.

NECTAR-LIKE VACHAN OF SHREE NARNARAYANDEV PITHADHIPATI

- Gordhanbhai V. Sitapara (Hirawadi-Bapunagar)



Sabha organized on the occasion of *Group Maha Pooja* organized by Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal, Bapunagar on 25/12/2011 at Gokul Party Plot: Every person is found busy in one or the other activity. Why? Because he has got an aim or goal. Everybody is found working hard to achieve his goal. We also perform *Mahapooja, Dandwat Pranam, Pradakshina, Tilak-Chandlo*. Why? What is our goal? Our goal is Shreeji Maharaj. We take recourse to all the means to please Shreeji Maharaj. But if we forget our goal then there is no use of any means; therefore one should do everything while keeping Bhagwan in the center.

Our Goal : We should never forget our *Ishtdev* Shreeji Maharaj. Let's begin *Satsang* from our home. First of all, let's make our home, a temple. There should be

proper worship and *pooja* in the temples of our home. There are people who perform *Darshan* of all the five *aarti* in temples, but they do not take care of the temples of their house. Now *Darshan* performed by such devotees are not accepted by Shree Hari. If parents and children are not taken care of at home, then *Dandwat Pranam* of such devotees performed in the temple are not accepted by Shree Hari. This is not a personal talk but general observation. There are many devotees and *Haribhaktas* who perform beautiful *pooja* in the temple of their house and they also take care of their parents.

Generally male devotees entrust the task of performing *poojan-archan* of Thakorji to the ladies members of the family. And some times these ladies members transfer this task to their children. Most of the time, ladies become devotees very easily. The impact of *Satsang* of *Sankhya Yogi* devotees remains for two three months among ladies devotees. Therefore, it is better and advisable that we begin *Satsang* from our home.

When we go to the temple and perform *Darshan* and *Dandwat Pranam* to Maharaj and when we close our eyes in front of Thakorji and perform *Dhyan*, then our mind should feel serenity. If this does not happen then we should understand that, there is something wrong with our understanding about *Satsang* and Maharaj.

We have got such deity from our Maharaj who can give us tranquility of our mind. Therefore there is no need for searching peace and tranquility anywhere else. But we are like beggars in front of

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Shree Narnarayandev, who cannot ask for more than Rs.5,10 or Rs.50/-. Have you heard any beggar begging for five thousand and five lacs rupees? So our situation in front of the deities and Maharaj is also like such beggar. Though the deity and Maharaj are capable of granting us immeasurable happiness and treasure of life but we do not uplift ourselves from the state of a beggar. It is a question of trust and faith in Maharaj. If we cherish ardent faith and trust towards Maharaj then Maharaj would also grant us happiness in equal terms.

All of you availed the benefit of *Mahapooja* and blessings of the saints. This is a kind of *Tapa*. We are thinking about a

noble thought of performing two *Katha-Parayan* in the next year. One *Parayan* in the area situated towards this side of Sabarmati river, which would include our temples of Harshad Colony, Approach, Karm-shakti etc. and other *Parayan* on the other side of the river for other areas. Both these *Katha-Parayan* would be organized under the auspices of Kalupur Ahmedabad temple only and services would be rendered by Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal.

With this, H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj blessed all the devotees and Haribhaktas who availed the divine benefit of *Mahapooja*.

Shree Swaminarayan temple, Kankaria, Ahmedabad *Mahamahotsav* 21/02/2012 to 27/02/2012

Shrimad Satsangibhusan Saptah Parayan would be performed and Sadguru Shastri Swami Nirgundasji (Asarwa Gurukul) and Sadguru Shastri Swami Purushottamprakashdasji (Jetalpurdham) would be the spokespersons.

• *Grand Saher Choryasi* • *Patotsav-Abhishek of Thakorji* • *Chhapanbhog Annakut* • *Parayan* • *Mahapooja* • *Dharmkul Darshan*

Mahant Swami Guruprasaddasji and Mahant Swami Anandprasaddasji
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1st *Varshikotsav* of Shree Swaminarayan Museum

Samvat 2068 Fagan Sud-3 Friday 24/02/2012
Time: Evening from 4.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.

With the blessings and directions of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and our future Acharya H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj, 1st *Varshikotsav* of our Shree Swaminarayan Museum would be celebrated. The host devotees would avail the benefit of performing divine *Mahapooja* alongwith H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj. The devotees and *Haribhaktas* can avail the benefit of being the host by rendering the services of Rs.11,001/- and as co-host by rendering the services of Rs.5,001/-.

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SHREE SWAMINARAYAN MUSEUM

Our Museum would complete one year on Fagan Sud-3 on 24/02/2012. On that day, there would be performed *Group Mahapooja and Brahm-Bhojan* in the pious presence of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj. One year has passed with the lightning speed and yet many devotees feel the divine experience that, Museum is therefore many years and that divine experience only have lead the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Gujarat Shri Narendrabhai Modi to state during the Inauguration function of the Museum that, such a divine experience is not possible in any newly constructed building. H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj has rightly stated that, we never feel satisfied by performing divine Darshan of Shree Swaminarayan Museum, like Shree Narnarayandev of Ahmedabad temple and Shree Revti-Baldevji of Jetalpurdham. Recently devotees Narsangbhai Chavda and Bhimabhai Chavda performed 100 k.m. *Padyatra* from their village Balol of Bhal region upto our Shree Swaminarayan Museum, as they got their noble desired fulfilled. Many such occasions are happening with our devotees.

List of devotees who rendered their services under Shree Swaminarayan Museum Maintenance Bhet Yojna January-2012

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• Rs.1,00,000/- Lalji Manji Gajpariya-Pipava		• Rs.5,500/- Akshar Nivasi Mansukhlal Jethalal Vora-Ahmedabad through Kanchanben Mansukhlal Vora.
• Rs.51,101/- Dr. Jyotsanaben, Vindobhai and Kishanbhai on the occasion of marriage of Lekmi- Vadu.		• Rs.5,111/- Ramanbhai Shamalbhai Patel-Bayad
• Rs.40,000/- Sajjan Jatin Patel, Abha Jatin Patel, Kishan Ritesh Patel, Vimal Plast- Maninagar.		• Rs.5,100/- Akshar Nivasi Keshavlal Chhagandas Patel, Dhuliben Keshavlal Patel-Gulabpura through Sendhabhai Rasikbhai
• Rs.31,000/- Hotel Ghunghat-Gandhinagar		• Rs.5,100/- Bharatbhai D. Chaudhary-Ahmedabad
• Rs.25,001/- Devji Virji Hirani-Mandvi		• Rs.5,001/- Nilaben Harshadbhai Parkih-Maninagar
• Rs.21,000/- Dhirajbai K. Patel-Ahmedabad		• Rs.5,000/- Dr. Kantibhai Patel-Navsari
• Rs.11,000/- Shashikantbhai Ravjibhai Patel Ahmedabad		• Rs.5,000/- Rathod Vijaybhai Ghanshyambhai -Chandlodia
		• Rs.5,000/- Utsav Pankajkumar Patel-Gamdiwala
		• Rs.5,000/- Mahendra Manharbhai Amin -Ahmedabad
		• Rs.5,000/- Dhanji Harji Bhudiya-Mandvi
		• Rs.5,000/- Maheshbhai S. Patel (Lalodawala) Vapi

List of Host devotees who availed the benefit of Abhishek of Shree Narnarayandev in Shree Swaminarayan Museum January-2012

01/01/2012 Shree Narnarayandev Mahila Mandal, Jadeshwar Mahadevnagar through Jasumatiben and Labhuben and Vijayaben	11/01/2012 Shree Narnarayandev Mahila Mandal – Shree Swaminarayan temple, Himatnagar through Nilaben K. Patel
03/01/2012 Mahila Mandal, Shree Swaminarayan temple, Morbi-Darbhargadh through Sankhya Yogi Rajkunvarba, Ushaban, Vasantiba, Shree Swaminarayan temple, Ghanshyamnagar	15/01/2012 Praveshchandra Manilal Soni (retd. Mamlatdar) Ahmedabad
06/01/2012 Saumil Hasmukhlal Shah-Hyustan (America)	22/01/2012 Shree Narnarayandev Satsang Samaj- New Vadaj
10/01/2012 Shree Ghanshyam Mahila Mandal- Shree Swaminarayan temple, Naranghat, through Pushpaben Bhagwatiben and Shardaben	24/01/2012 Sanjaybhai Haribhai Thakkar- Ambli
	25/01/2012 Shree Narnarayandev Mahila Mandal-New Vadaj through Shree Narnarayandev Yuvati Mandal

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Opinions of visiting Devotees and Haribhaktas

Treasure of Kuber is considered to be the richest in the universe. Kuber is considered to be the owner of this treasure. If anybody gets this treasure by chance then he would be the richest person of this world but then there would be no welfare of all other people of this world.

But our Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan has kept one such divine treasure on this earth and its ownership is with our H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharaj. And the benefit of Darshan of this divine Treasure is easily available to all the people. If we perform divine Darshan of Things of Prasadi and remember and relish Leela-Charitra of Bhagwan then we would be benefited in our life. Moreover, we can also avail Live Benefit of Abhishek of Shree Narnarayandev. – **Rachit Modi**

I was very much pleased to perform divine Darshan of this Museum. I felt that, I should keep on coming to the Museum as I have to learn a lot from this divine place. If some more Museums are prepared under the auspices of such Gadi then our Sanskrit can still be saved and preserved. – **Gira Sarabhai (Shahibaug)**

After performing divine Darshan of this Museum, I felt as if Shreeji Maharaj is with me. This is the real asset of our Sampradaya, and it is humble prayer that, it may remain intact forever. – **A.B.Patel**

Divine Darshan of Purna Purushottam Narayan Shree Sahjanand Swami is very rare and difficult even for the deities. I got the benefit of divine Darshan. I am indebted to H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj. – **Ketan (London)**

An excellent achievement and Great Vision. I would come again, bringing new visitors each time. Never enough time to visit and appreciate the many artefacts. –

Lalji Ratna Patel U.K.

I am so very impressed. What more do I say. The hand work behind this can be felt in every step we face here, thrilled to be here! – **Aditya S. Kanak Jalan, Patna**

This Museum beholds the greatest history we've ever seen. Thanks to Mota Maharajshri & all those involved in Makeup this possible. Thanks God. – **Uday and Hina Gosalia NY**

It was divine experience over here. We feel something that had been never felt anywhere on this earth. – **Vijay Hirani**

A very unique Display of Maharaj's belongings and experience of His true Form. – **Mahandra and Maya Amin-Sydney**

It's a lifetime experience. I feel energetic. My trip to India is now fulfilled. – **Gaurav Saparia-Australia**

It was great to see this beautiful place and also to know about it. – **Luis Ahvmada A. Chile**

I felt such a peace of mind which was unique experience. Whole place has divine vibrations. I felt that I have personal encounter with Maharaj. I was impressed to see some divine remains of Maharaj like hair, nails, *Asthi* etc. *Panchala Raas* with *Nand* Saints is unique *Darshan*. I was recognizing typical attire for Gopalanand Swami, Brahmanand Swami, Gunatitanand Swami and other *Nand* Saints. I recommend someone who wants mental peace, should spend the whole day here in divine atmosphere. – **Varsani Ratna Devsi- Kenya**

PILGRIMAGE OF H.H. SHRI ACHARYA TO AUSTRALIA

FROM 21/01/2012 TO 01/02/2012

H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj has been performing pilgrimage of each and every corner of the world for spreading the message of Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan and to grant the happiness of divine *Darshan* and blessings. Accordingly, accepting the ardent invitation of the devotees and *Haribhaktas* of Australia, H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj graced Melbourne alongwith the saints on 22/01/2012 by performing long air journey.

Invocation of the idol images Mahotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Melbourne

With the blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and inspiration of the saints and with the hard work of all the devotees and *Haribhaktas* residing in Melbourne, construction work of our new temple at Melbourne was completed. Under the guidance of Shri Mahant Swami and saints of Bhuj temple, this beautiful temple was made ready within short span of 19months. Invocation of the idol images of this temple was celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm from 24th January to 28th January 2012. Panchdinatmak Shrimad Satsangijivan Katha (spokesperson Sadguru Shastri Golokviharidasji and Sadguru Shastri Krishnaswaroopdasji), *Pothi-yatra*, *Shobha-yatra*, *Hariyaag*, *Abhishek*, *Annakut* etc. were also performed on this occasion.

Devotees and *Haribhaktas* availed the benefit of divine *Darshan* of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and about 15-17 saints on this occasion. Devotees coming from various regions of America, Africa, India, U.K. and Australia were found uttering the words '**Wonderful, Wonderful!**'. Services rendered by young Satsangis of Melbourne were inspirational for all. Shri Mahant Swami of Bhuj temple had also praised the services and blessed all the devotees. H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj performed the ritual of the invocation of the idol images and blessed all the devotees and inspired them for rendering their services for ongoing construction work of temples at Perth, Adelaide and Sydney. Then H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj graced Sydney.

Shree Swaminarayan temple, Sydney

All *Haribhaktas* and devotees of I.S.S.O. Shree Swaminarayan temple, Sydney warmly welcomed H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj. On 27th January 2012, *Haribhaktas* performed divine *Samaiyu* of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj. A *Satsang Sabha* was also organized on this occasion, wherein H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj blessed all the devotees and *haribhaktas*. On 28th January 2012, H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj started gracing the houses of the devotees from early morning and in the evening blessed all the devotees in '*Shree Shiksha Patri Janmjayanti Mahotsav*' organized in Perameta area on the pious occasion of *Vasant Panchmi*. A grand *Satsang Sabha* was also organized in our temple situated in Black Town area with a view that, our student-devotees residing in this area can avail such divine benefits. This *Satsang Sabha* was organized with great enthusiasm and fervour by the young devotees of *Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal*. In the Sabha H.H. Shri Nana P.P. Swami (Mahant of Naranghat temple) and Shri Ramswami granted the benefit of *Satsang* to the devotees. At last H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj directed and blessed all the devotees that, all of us should always remain and behave under the directions contained in the pious '*Shiksha Patri*'. On 29th January 2012, grand *Shakotsav* was organized. H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj performed divine *Vaghar* of *Shakotsav* and many devotees and *Haribhaktas* availed its divine benefit. On 20th and 31st January and on 1st February 2012, H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj graced the houses of the devotees and *Haribhaktas* from morning till night. In the evening, *Satsang Sabha* was organized in the temple wherein H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj blessed all the devotees.

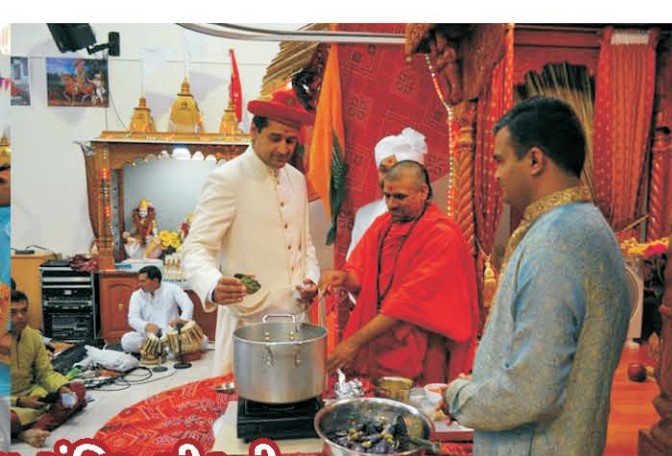
From Sydney, H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj returned back alongwith Sadguru Shastri Swami Purushottamprakashdasji (Nana P.P. Swami, Naranghat), Shastri Ramswami (Koteshwar) and Hajuri Parshad Vanraj Bhagat.



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STEPS FOR SUCCESS

- Shastri Haripriyadasji (Gandhinagar)

Dear friends! Let us know about such Teacher who teaches us great lessons of life. This will help your to succeed in your studies. Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan has stated in Shloka-129 of the pious 'Shiksha Patri':

"They shall see that all disciples conform to their respective Dharmas. They shall treat all saintly persons with respect and study the Sat-Shastras with reverence."

So let us learn a lesson from the commentary of Shatanand Swami on this *Shloka*. Now annual exams are coming closer. Some of the students may be appearing in Board examination. Some may be appearing in University Examinations for obtaining Degree or Master Degree.

Shatanand Swami has stated that, a student has to learn by reading, thinking, learning by heart and by revising what is learnt by him. But even this study is not complete without rendering services to Guru.

Now what should be done by a student? A student should abstain himself from laziness. A student who is lazy cannot learn anything. Similarly a student who is very stubborn, who speaks too much, who is very proud or who is lazy cannot learn anything. Moreover, a student should not think about the comforts of his body.

If you want the happiness and comforts of chair and table and much rest, then leave the idea about learning because then you cannot learn anything. A person who gets much comfort and many facilities cannot learn anything. The best time for study is early in the morning.

શ્રીજી ભાવવાટિકા SATSANG BALVATIKA

- Compiler Shastri Harikehsavdasji
(Gandhinagar)

It is the time, when our mind and intellect are very sharp and responsive. A person who wants to study, should never sleep during the daytime. The sleep during the day makes our intellect unresponsive in learning new things and skills.

In this modern time, we find the students getting addicted to watching television, playing video games, mobile. Such students can never learn anything. Similarly, student go to the garden many times, cannot learn much. A student who has many friends, especially girl-friends, cannot learn anything. A student who is lazy and who sleeps too much cannot learn anything. Many friends are a hindrance to studies.

Students should inculcate the habit of remaining in solitude, in discipline and in Sattvik atmosphere then only his learning would stabilize in his heart and mind.

HUMBLE HARIBHAKTA

- Sadhu Shrirangdas (Gandhinagar)

Friends! Shreeji Maharaj has stated about *Bhakta* in 'Vachanamrit', "***A person who cherishes ardent faith and trust in Bhagwan and importance of the saints, is a real Bhakta. Such a devotee would forsake all his happiness for the saints and Bhagwan.***" So let us know about one such ardent devotee.

Bechar Pancholi was an ardent devotee of Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan. He was Brahmin by caste and resident of Dhrangadhra. He was an

ardent devotee, who used to perform *Akhand Bhakti-Bhajan* and would inculcate noble qualities from the saints and other devotees.

Once Shree Hari graced his house. Shree Hari asked for a book of astrology from devotee Becharbhai. The book of astrology was with the in-laws of Becharbhai. But Becharbhai had no any relations with his in-law. But now the book of astrology was asked for by Shree Hari. So he thought that, he should make efforts to obtain the book of astrology from his in-laws and should offer it to Maharaj. When Becharbhai went to the house of his in-laws and asked for the book, he was replied that, the book was given to Shivram Jani residing at Halvad. Immediately, Becharbhai rode his horse towards Halvad, rushed to the house of Shivram Jani and demanded the book of astrology. Shivram Jani replied that, the book was already returned by him .

Becharbhai returned to Dhrangadhra and went to the house of his in-laws and asked for the book of astrology. He was replied that, the book was given to one Brahmin of Wankaner and the book would be available from there. Immediately, Becharbhai rushed to Wankaner, reached at the house of the Brahmin and asked for the book. The Brahmin replied that, the book was returned by him before two months. Again Becharbhai returned to Dhrangadhra and demanded the book from his in-laws. Becharbhai was replied that, the book was given to Makanji Bhatt of Morbi and the book would be available there. Again Becharbhai rushed to Morbi without taking rest and reached at the house of the devotee Makanji Bhatt and demanded the book. Makanji Bhatt replied that, the book was returned by him before

one week. Becharbhai returned to Dhrangadhra and requested his in-laws to give the book of astrology.

Now Becharbhai was put a condition to perform one hundred *Dandwat Pranam* for getting the book. Lakhiram, who was the companion of Becharbhai all throughout, told Becharbhai that, one cannot perform *Dandwat Pranam* to anyone else except the deities. But here Becharbhai was eager to offer the book to Maharaj which was demanded from him. So he started performing *Dandwat Pranam* in front of his in-laws. At last the book of astrology was given to him, which Becharbhai offered at the lotus like feet of Maharaj. Maharaj was very much pleased with the ardent devotion and *Bhakti* of Becharbhai.

When there are devotees and *Haribhaktas* like Becharbhai, Maharaj cannot go away from such devotees. So let's try to become ardent devotees like Becharbhai then Shreeji Maharaj would certainly be happy with us.

Our Future Festivals

Fagan Sud-3 : 24/02/2012 Friday
Paotsav Mahotsav of Shree Narnarayandev, Ahmedabad Kalupur temple.

Fagan Sud-4 : 26/02/2012 Sunday
Paotsav of Sapawada temple.

Fagan Sud-5 : 27/02/2012 Monday
Paotsav of Kankaria temple.

Fagan Sud-7 : 29/02/2012 Wednesday
Patotsav of Khan temple.

Fagan Sud-9 : 01/03/2012 Thursday
Patotsav of Approach Bapunagar temple.

Fagan Vad-1 : 09/03/2012 Friday
Fuldolotsav, Shree Narnarayandev Jayanti, at 12.00 hours in the noon.

Fagan Vad-8: 15/03/2012 Thursday
Patotsav of Shree Revti Baldevji Harikrishna Maharaj, Jetalpurdham.

FROM THE BLESSINGS OF H.H. SHRI GADIWALA 'IT IS POSSIBLE TO IMPROVE THE MRUTYU (DEATH)'

-Compilation Kotak Varsha Natvarlal, Ghodasar)

'Mrutyu' (Death) is such a word which creates fear. But it is ultimate truth of life. Like birth, death is also certain and it cannot be avoided. It can only be improved. The great people and great *Haribhaktas* believe that, though we can not avoid death, we can certainly improve it, by leading a noble and religious life. If one is conscious about this fact, one would always do good things in his life. If we spend each day of our life, as if it is the last day then we shall never do anything wrong. Generally people do not consider death to be ominous but in fact death relieves us from all the miseries of our life.

Therefore, one should perform ardent *Bhakti* of Bhagwan. Though we hear and talk that, our body is different and separate from our soul. But when our body gets any pain or ailment, then we forget everything. Therefore, all of us should seek shelter of Bhagwan and should perform ardent *Bhakti*. All the wrong deeds which are committed on this earth, they are committed by the human beings only. God has given us energy. It is we who have to decide for ourselves whether we should use this energy for good deeds or evil deeds. One can use electricity to run all electronic appliances such as fan, tube light, refrigerator etc. and one can use the same electricity to kill other person by giving him electric shock. So the choice is left with us. And for that, we are also granted the gift of intellect and thinking power so that we can decide for ourselves.

Death is the last examination of human life. We are accountable for all that we have done throughout our life. Therefore, we should keep our mind and heart clean, we should perform ardent *Bhajan-Bhakti* and should lead religious and righteous life. Then only we would be able to improve our *Mrutyu* (Death)!!!

OUR DHARMKUL

- Parmar Bhumika Bhagwanjibhai (Halar-Surat)

Chhapaiyadham situated on the bank of the pious river Sarayu in North Kaushal Desh is the birth place of Shree Ghanshyam Maharaj. Maharaj left Chhapaiyadham at the tender age of 11 years. From that day elder brother Rampratapbhai and younger brother Icharambhai and Suvasinibhabhi- the whole Dharmkul – shed tears in absence of Ghanshyam Maharaj. They used to sit on the bank of river Sarayu waiting for the return of Ghanshyam Maharaj.

ભક્તિસુધા
BHAKTI-SUDHA

One day it so happened that, Mayajitanand Swami were on pilgrimage to *Chardham* as per the directions of Maharaj. On his pilgrimage he came to the bank of the river Sarayu where he saw both the brothers eagerly waiting for Maharaj. When Swami asked the reason for their unhappiness, then Rampratapbhai narrated the whole incident.

Mayajitanand Swami was surprised at this. Swami narrated marks of identification of the body of Maharaj, and immediately both the brothers recognized and jumped out of happiness as now it was an end of their eager wait of Maharaj. Suvasinibhabhi was also in similar state of mind. Mayajitanand Swami consoled the whole *Dharmkul* and came to Gujarat.

Dear devotees! There is a great message from this incident. Maharaj has granted so pious *Dharmkul*. Therefore, recognition of the real value of *Dharmkul* is our ardent worship and unshaken faith in *Dharmkul*.

In Vachanamrit, Maharaj has stated that, things which are done out of love and affection are real ones and nothing else. So all of us should cherish ardent love and affection with *Dharmkul* as we cherish with Maharaj.

OUR GADIWALA

- Satsangi ladies devotees

"I express gratitude on behalf of all Satsangi ladies devotees that, with the blessings of Bhagwan Swaminarayan, we have got Guru. All H.H. Shri Gadiwala are worthy to be worshipped by all the ladies devotees. Whenever we try to praise our H.H. Shri Gadiwala, we are interrupted with these words: "I am not on this seat to be worshipped. I am here making the efforts to discharge my duties for the responsibilities entrusted with me by Maharaj. My task is to explain to ladies devotees the importance of Shree Narnarayandev."

While performing duties at home about education of H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj and H.H. Shri Raja, our H.H. Shri Gadiwala is always ready to grant blessings and divine *Darshan* with smiling face to all the ladies devotees on all pious occasions such as *Ekadashi*, *Punam*. Even during the pious *Dhanur Maas*, H.H. Shri Gadiwala is performing *Mangala aarti* at 5.25 a.m. early in the morning. While performing pilgrimage to the distant places like Kachchh-

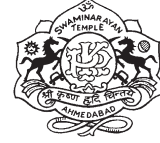
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Bhuj, the journey begins at 3.00 hours a.m. and returning to Ahmedabad in the evening by 7.00 hours. For the last one month, we have been watching the time-schedule of H.H. Shri Gadiwala. From some time now, a colossal task is begun- to increase *Satsang* of ladies devotees in the villages. *Ratri-Jagaran* on every *Prabodhini Ekadashi*, *Sabha* in Harshad colony temple on every first Saturday of the month, *Sabha* in Nikol on every last Saturday of the month, *Sabha* at Naranghat on *Navami*.

Now a new task is taken up. To conduct *Sabha* of ladies devotees in the temples in

Ahmedabad. When all the villages are covered, then *Shibir* of ladies devotees of all such villages is organized and H.H. Shri Gadiwala is always present to bless the ladies devotees. These are all life-time tasks.

There is very fine time management among house hold duties, taking care of H.H. Shri Raja and H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj and preserving and nourishing *Satsang* among ladies devotees. Really, efforts of H.H. Shri Gadiwala for nourishment and progress of our *Satsang* among ladies devotees cannot be described in any words.




His Holiness Acharya Maharaj
Shri Kshahendra Prasadji Pandé

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પ્રતિ શ્રી,
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અમદાવાદ અને મૂળી દેશ

અત્રે અમદાવાદશ્રી નરનારાયણ દેવના ચરણકમળથી અમારા હેતુપૂર્વકના જયશ્રી સ્વામિનારાયણ શ્રી હરિની કૃપાથી આપ સર્વ કુશળ હશો.

વિ.જણાવવાનુંકે આપણા ગામડાઓમાં સત્સંગની વિશેષ પ્રવૃત્તિ થાય તથા આપના ગામની માહિતી અત્રેના મુખ્ય મંદિર સુધી પહોંચે એવા હેતુથી અત્રેથી શ્રીનરનારાયણદેવ યુવક મંડળના કાર્યકર્તાઓને ગામડાઓમાંજવા આદેશ કરેલ છે. તો યુવક મંડળના યુવાનો સત્સંગઅર્થે આપના ગામમાં આવે તો એમને જરૂરી માહિતી તથા સહયોગ પુરો પાડશો.આપણા સૌનો હેતુ સાથે મળી સત્સંગ કરી મહારાજને રાજી કરવાનો છે.તો આ યુવાનોને યોગ્ય સહકાર આપી તથા જરૂરી સુચનો પણ આપી આ કાર્યમાં સહભાગી થશો. શ્રીનરનારાયણ દેવ સર્વેનું સર્વપ્રકારે મંગલ કરે એ જ પ્રાર્થના.


શુભાશીર્વાદ સહ

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Celebration of Shiksha Patri Jayanti in Ahmedabad Kalupur temple

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj, on the pious day of *Maha Sud-5 Vasant Panchmi*, reading of *Shiksha Patri Shloka* 1 to 212 was performed in the pious company of Shree Narnarayandev in the morning from 8.15 to 9.15 hours in Sabha Mandap of Kalupur temple. Sadguru Shastri Swami Narayanmudasji and Ghanshyam Swami had performed reading of the pious '*Shiksha Patri*'. Thereafter *poojan-archan* and *aarti* of '*Shiksha Patri*' was performed by Sadguru Mahant Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji. *Vasantotsav* was celebrated in front of Shree Narnarayandev and *aarti* was performed. *Patotsav* of Shree Ghanshyam Maharaj was celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm in Haveli. Many *Haribhaktas* had availed the benefit of divine *Darshan* on this occasion. (Kothari J. K. Swami)

Grand Shakotsav in Isand (Kalol)

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and with the noble aim of Sadguru Bhandari Swami Ramcharandasji and with the guidance of Sadguru Swami Shreevallabhdasji and Sadguru Shastri P.P. Swami (Mahant of Naranghat temple), *Grand Shakotsav* was celebrated on 24/12/2011.

About 4000 devotees and *Haribhaktas* had availed the benefit of this *Shakotsav*. On this occasion, many devotees of the nearby villages had rendered their beautiful services. First of all beautiful *Kirtan-Bhakti* were performed by Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal of Manekpur and thereafter Sadguru Shastri Swami Ramkrishnadasji (Koteswar) narrated *Kathamrit*.

H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj graced this occasion and all the saints and devotees were very much happy. On this occasion, Sadguru Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji (Kalupur Mahant), Sadguru Swami Devprakashdasji (Naranghat temple), Brahmchari Swami Rajeshwaranandji (Poojari of Shree Narnarayandev) had delivered their inspirational speeches. At last H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj blessed the whole *Sabha*. Services of *Haribhaktas* and Swami Rushikeshprasaddasji were inspirational. (Shastri Swami Chaitanyaswaroopdasji)

Grand Shakotsav at village Ambod

On 07/01/2012 *Grand Shakotsav* was performed at village Darbari Ambod village (Mini Pavagadh) in the pious company of H.H. Shri

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Acharya Maharaj and under the guidance of Sadguru Swami Devprakashdasji and Sadguru Shastri P.P. Swami (Mahant of Naranghat temple).

This grand *Shakotsav* was celebrated in the presence of about 6000 devotees in the new village of *Satsang*. The devotee Shri R.S.Vaghela sir family rendered the services as the host of *Shakotsav* and obtained the pleasure of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and the saints. *Kirtan Bhakti* and *Katha Varta* were performed in the beginning of the *Sabha*. Wherein devotee Shri Rameshbhai Prajapati performed beautiful *Kirtan-Bhakti*. H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj graced the occasion and performed divine *Vaghar* of *Shakotsav*. On this occasion Sadguru Mahant Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji, Brahmchari Swami Rajeshwaranandji (Poojari of Shree Narnarayandev) Sadguru Ram Swami (Aadraj) delivered their inspirational speeches. At last H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj blessed the whole Sabha and insisted to the devotees of the village to perform *Satsang* regularly. (Mohanbhai Swaminarayan Petrol-pumpwala)

Divine Shakotsav at village Vaktapur (Sabarkantha)

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and with the inspiration of Sadguru Swami Devprakashdasji and Sadguru Shastri Swami P.P. Swami (Mahant of Naranghat temple) grand *Shakotsav* was celebrated in the village on 30/12/2011.

H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj graced the occasion alongwith the saints and performed divine *Vaghar* of *Shaktosav*. Host of *Shakotsav* devotee Shri Babulalbai (Ashwamegh construction) etc. family performed *poojan-archan* and obtained the blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj. In the Sabha, Sadguru Shastri Swami Ramkrishnadasji (Koteswar) narrated *Katha* whose benefit was availed by all the devotees. Services of Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal was inspirational on this occasion. (Sadguru Shastri Swami Chaitanyaswaroopdasji)

Celebration of Grand Shakotsav in village Kukarwada

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

and in the pious company of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and with the inspiration of Shastri P.P. Swami (Mahant of Naranghat temple) grand *Shakotsav* was celebrated on 31/12/2011.

With the co-operation and support of the whole village beautiful arrangements were made on this occasion. In the first Sabha, Sadguru Shatri Ram Swami (Koteshwar) and Sadguru Shastri Swami Vishwaswaroopdasji narrated *Katha*. Shastri Atmprakash Swami performed divine *Vaghar* of *Shakotsav*. On this occasion Haribhaktas of Patadi, Nana Ubhda, Mota Ubhda, Jarvala, Mandal and Sher villages availed the benefit of Prasadi *Shakotsav*. (Shastri Bhaktinandandas)

Divine Shakotsav in Kalol (Panchvati)

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and with the inspiration of Shastri Swami Atmprakashdasji and P.P. Swami of Jetalpur, grand *Shakotsav* was performed in newly constructed Shree Swaminarayan temple Kalol (Panchvati) on 03/01/2012.

Saints from various places such as Mahant of our temples at Jetalpur, Mahesana, Jamiyatpura, Mansa, Kankaria, Chhapaiyadham, Idar, Mulli, Charadava had arrived on this occasion and had delivered their inspirational speeches. On 03/01/2012, H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj graced the occasion and performed *aarti* of Thakorji. Many devotees who rendered the services of offering their land for construction of the new temple, rendered their services and obtained the blessings of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj. At last H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj blessed the whole Sabha. Devotee Shri Dahyabhai Manilal Patel (Sarpanch) (Mokhasanwala) had rendered the services as host of *Shakotsav* and obtained the blessings of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj. About 5000 devotees availed the benefit of divine *Shakotsav*. This divine arrangement was made by the devotees of the nearby villages under the guidance of Mahant Swami Vishwaprakashdasji of the temple. (Bhaktinandan Swami Pravinbhai and Prakashbhai Patel)

7th Satsangibhusan Parayan in village Balwa

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj, Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal, Balva organized 7th *Shrimad Satsangibhusan Parayan*. Shastri Swami Yagnaprakashdasji (Kothari of Kankaria temple) was the spokesperson of Parayan and Sadguru Shastri Swami Uttampriyadasji (Mahant of Mahesana temple) performed *Samhita Path*. The whole arrangement was made by Sadguru Shastri Swami Bhaktinandandasji

(Jetalpurdham).

On 25/12/2011 Pothi-yatra was organized from the house of the host devotee Shri Kantibhai Chaudhary and Ashokbhai Chaudhary upto Sabha Mandap. The whole Dharmkul graced this occasion. First of all H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj graced the occasion on 28/12/2011, H.H. Shri Mota Gadiwala on 29/12/2011, H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj on 30/12/2011, H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj on 31/12/2011. Saints from various places arrived on this occasion and delivered their inspirational speeches.

When H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj graced this occasion, a grand *Shobha-yatra* was organized. *Bal Mandal* had offered garland of potato chips and obtained the pleasure of H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj. *Balika Mandal* offered garland of dry fruit and obtained the pleasure of H.H. Shri Gadiwala.

On 31/12/2011, H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj graced the occasion, performing *Shodasopchar Abhishek* and performed *aarti* of Thakorji in the temple. Thereafter, *Annakut aarti* was also performed. Thereafter, H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj graced the Sabha and performed *aarti* of concluding ritual. The whole arrangement was made by Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal. (Shastri Bhaktinandandas, Jetalpurdham and Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal, Balva) *Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal* had rendered services for increasing life time members of '*Shree Swaminarayan*' magazine and obtained the blessings and pleasure of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and the whole *Dharmkul*.

Satsang Sabha in Akshar Maholvadi, Jetalpurdham

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 Shastri Swami Atmaprakashdasji and Mahant K.P. Swami of Jetalpur, beautiful *Satsang Sabha* was organized on 31/12/2011 in the pious company of Shree Revti Baldevji Harikrishna Maharaj. *Bhajan Sandhya*, speeches of the saints and *Prasad* were organized on this occasion. The whole arrangement was made by the young saint and Mahant K.P. Swami and Shastri Swami Hariomprakashdasji of *Akshar Maholvadi*.

(Shastri Bhaktinandan Swami)

Khichdi Utsav by Jetalpur Mahila Mandal

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Gadiwala, Khichdi Utsav was celebrated by Mahila Mandal of Jetalpurdham. Ladies devotees of Jetalpur and the nearby villages had availed the benefit of this *Utsav*. The whole arrangement was made by Sankhya Yogi devotee Narmadaba and Sankhya Yogi devotee Bachiba.

**Shrimad Satsangibhusan Panchanh Parayan
in Zundal village**

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj, H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and with the inspiration of Sadguru Swami Rajendraprasaddasji, *Shrimad Satsangibhusan Parayan* was performed in Zundal temple from 02/01/2012 to 06/01/2012.

Shastri Swami Shreejiprakashdasji (Mahant of Naranpura temple) Shastri Swami Haripriyadasji were spokespersons of the *Parayan* whose benefit was availed by large number of devotees and *Haribhaktas*. At night various cultural programmes were organized.

During these five days, H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj, H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj, H.H. Shri Mota Gadiwala, H.H. Shri Gadiwala graced the occasion and blessed all the devotees. The *Sabha* organized on the occasion was conducted by Shastri Swami Satyaprakashdasji. *Akshar Nivasi* Jivabhai Desaiabhai Patel, his sons devotee Shri Lalbhai, *Akshari Nivasi* devotee Dahyabhai, devotee Babubhai, devotee Keshabhai and devotee Kantibhai family rendered the services as the host of *Parayan* and obtained the blessings and pleasure of the whole *Dharmkul*.

(Sunilbhai B. Patel, Zundal)

**Grand Shakotsav in Shree Swaminarayan
temple, Zulasan**

With the directions of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj, H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj, grand *Shakotsav* was organized on 01/01/2012 by *Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal*. Sadguru Shastri Swami Purushottamprakashdasji, Shastri Swami Hariomprakashdasji, Shyam Swami, Shastri Bhaktinandandas from Jetalpur and Muni Swami (disciples of Mahant Swami of Ahmedabad temple) had arrived on this occasion and narrated *Katha*. By accepting the invitation of the student-devotees, H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj had graced the occasion. *Bal Mandal* had offered garland of chocolates and obtained the pleasure of H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj. Thereafter, H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj performed *arti* of Thakorji in the temple and performed divine *Vaghar* of *Shakotsav*. Devotee Shri Prakashbhai Gajjar, and Jagdishbhai Gajjar family rendered the services as the host of *Shakotsav*. Services of *Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal* was inspirational. (Shastri Bhaktinandandas and Piyush Barot)

**Patotsav of Shree Prabha Hanumanji
Maharaj, Jamiyatpura**

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj, H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj, *Patotsav* of Shree Prabha Hanumanji Maharaj, Jamiyatpura was celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm.

Shree Ram Parayan was organized on this occasion and Shastri Swami Ghanshyamprakashdasji was the spokesperson of this *Parayan*. H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj graced the occasion. H.H. Shri Mota Gadiwala also graced this occasion and blessed the ladies devotees. *Grand Shakotsav* and *Maruti Yagna* were also organized on this occasion. All the devotees had rendered their beautiful services on this occasion. (Vijay Swami, Mahant of Jamiyatpura temple)

Shree Swaminarayan temple, Mansa

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj, H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and with the inspiration of Mahant Shastri Swami Ghanshyamprakashdasji of Mansa temple, grand *Shakotsav* was organized in the temple. H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj graced this occasion and performed divine *Vaghar* of *Shakotsav*. The saints had delivered their inspirational speeches and at last H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj blessed the whole *Sabha*. Devotee Shri Jitubhai Sankalchandbhai Patel rendered the services as chief-host of *Shakotsav* and obtained the blessings and pleasure of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj. Devotees of Mansa and nearby villages rendered their beautiful services. Under the guidance of Chandraprakashdasji, Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal rendered the beautiful services on this occasion.

(Kothari, Mansa)

Celebration of 6th Patotsav in Maniyor temple

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and with the inspiration of Mahant Swami Jagdishprasad Dasji Swami of Idar temple, 6th *Patotsav* of Maniyor temple was celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm.

Group Mahapooja was organized on this occasion wherein devotee Shri Hasmukhbhai Bhikhabhai Patel rendered the services as the chief-host. *Abhishek* and *Annakut aarti* of Shree Ghanshyam Maharaj were performed in the pious presence of the saints.

Saints from Ahmedabad, Sokli, Torda, Himatnagar had arrived on this occasion and delivered their inspirational speeches. Many devotees from the nearby villages had availed the benefit of this *Patotsav*. Mahant Shastri Harijivandas of Himatnagar conducted the *Sabha*. Kothari Satyasankalp Swami and Shastri Shreejiprakashdasji had made all other arrangements of Utsav. Shastri Vasudevcharan Swami had made arrangements of the kitchen.

(Kothari)

Shrimad Satsangibhusan Parayan in Vavol temple

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj, 'Shrimad Satsangibhusan Katha-Parayan' was organized by devotee Patel Ambalal Bhagwandas Shamaldas family from Karak Sud-5 to Kartak Sud-9. Mahant Shastri Narayanvallahdasji of Vadnagar temple was the spokesperson of this Parayan. H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj graced the occasion and blessed all the devotees. The saints had delivered their inspirational speeches in the Sabha which was conducted by Kothari Shastri Vishvaprasadji of Vadnagar and Shastri Vishvaswaroopdasji. Swami Shreevallahdasji (Isand) and Shastri Swami Ghanshyamprakashdasji (Kalyanpur) performed *Samhita-Path*. Large number of devotees had availed the benefit of this Parayan. (Shastri Swami Narayanvallahdasji, Vadnagar)

Celebration of Grand Shakotsav in Vadnagar Gurukul

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and with the inspiration of Mahant Shastri Swami Narayanvallahdasji Guru Sadguru Mahant Swami Harisevadasji, grand Shakotsav was organized on 03/01/2012 in Shree Sahjanand Gurukul, Vadnagar. About twelve hundred devotees availed the benefit of Shakotsav. Sadguru Kothari Shastri Swami Vishvaprasadji performed *Katha-Varta* and explained the importance of Shakotsav. On this occasion, Mahant Swami honoured the elderly devotees and Haribhaktas. Devotee Shri Ramanbhai Ishwardas Patel (Mokhasanwala), devotee Shri Virjibhai Kachchhi, Modi Mineshbhai Gordhanbhai and the trustee of the temple devotee Shri Navinchandra Manilal Modi and Bhalchandrabhai Bhavsar and Kalidas J. Patel and devotees Hasmukhbhai and Gunvantbhai and Patel Rajendrabhai Ranchhodhbhai rendered their beautiful services. (Navinbhai Bhavsar)

Celebration of 1st Shakotsav in Mandal temple

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj, H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and with the inspiration of Sadguru Shastri Swami Atmaprasadji and Shri P.P. Swami of Jetalpurdham, first grand Shakotsav was organized on 13/01/2012 in Mandal village. On this occasion, saints from Jetalpurdham, Mahesana and Jamiyapura had arrived. After *Dhoon-Kirtan* Shastri Bhaktinandan Swami of Jetalpur narrated beautiful *Katha*. Ladies devotees of the village rendered

unforgettable services of preparing loaves. The elder Shyam Swami performed divine *Vaghar* of *Shakotsav* whose benefit was availed by large number of devotees.

(Mahant Shri K.P. Swami, Jetalpurdham)

Celebration of grand Shakotsav at village Kujad

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj, H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and with the inspiration of Sadguru Shastri Swami Atmaprasadji and Shri P.P. Swami of Jetalpurdham, first grand Shakotsav was organized on 22/01/2012 in Kujad village. Devotee Shri Vijaybhai Patel rendered the services as the chief-host of Shakotsav and other devotees of the village also rendered their services. Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal performed *Kirtan-Bhakti*. Thereafter Shastri Bhaktinandan Swami, Shastri Swami Hariomprakashdasji and student-saints of *Vadi* performed *Katha of Leela Charitra* of Maharaj. At last Shri P.P. Swami blessed all the devotees. The whole arrangement was made by Shyam Swami, Sadguru Mahant K.P. Swami and Mahant V.P. Swami of Kalol temple.

(Shastri Bhaktinandan Swami)

Celebration of Patotsav of Malpur temple

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj, H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj, 10th Patotsav of deities of Malpur temple was organized by Akshar Nivasi devotee Sankalchand Umedram Patel (Mansa-Ahmedabad) and Raiben Sankalchand Patel family.

On this occasion, H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj performed *Abhishek* and *Annakut aarti* of Thakorji. Disciples of *Akshari Nivasi* Sadguru Gavaiya Swami performed beautiful *Kirtan-Bhakti* on this occasion. In the Sabha organized on the occasion Madhav Swami (Mahant of Prantij temple) and Shastri Swami Akhileshwardasji delivered inspirational speeches. At last H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj blessed the whole Sabha. Sadguru Swami Harijivandsji and Swami Premswaropdasji rendered their beautiful services on this occasion.

(Shastri Sarveshwardas)

Celebration of 3rd Shakotsav in Aakrund village

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj, third grand Shakotsav was organized on the occasion of newly constructed Shree Swaminarayan temple. The whole arrangement was made by Shastri Swami Akhileshwardasji and Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal. In the

Sabha, Ghanshyam Swami of Mansa delivered lecture on '*Sant-vani*'. H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj graced the occasion and performed wonderful *Shakotsav*.

In the *Sabha* organized on the occasion, Mahant Sadguru Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji of Ahmedabad temple, Mahant Sadguru Shastri Swami Atmaprakashdasji of Jetalpur and Mahant Shastri Swami Narayanprasaddasji of Muli temple delivered their inspirational speeches. The *Sabha* was conducted by Shastri Sukhnandadasji. The welcome speech etc. were delivered by Shastri Swami Akhileshwardasji.

Sadguru Swami Vishvaprakashdasji (Laloda), Swami Sarveshwardasji, Swami Balswaroopdasji and Swami Vishveshwardasji made all arrangements for *Shakotsav*. Many devotees and Aakrund Yuvak Mandal had rendered their beautiful services on this occasion. Devotee Shri Hitendrabhai (Bipinbhai) Virjibhai Patel availed the divine benefit of *pooran* of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj. Devotee Shri Pemjibhai Maganbhai (Aakrund) rendered the services of Rs. 1,51,000/- for construction of the main entrance gate of the temple. Many other devotees had also rendered their services. (Shastri Sarveshwardas)

Shree Ram Charitra Saptah Parayan in village Samau

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and with the inspiration of Sadguru Swami Devprakashdasji and Sadguru Shastri Nana P.P. Swami, *Shree Ramcharitra Manas Katha* was organized by Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal in the pious company of Shree Hanmanji Maharaj. Sadguru Shastri Swami Ramkrishnadasji (Koteshwar Gurukul) was the spokesperson of this *Parayan*.

During the *Katha*, H.H. Shri Gadiwala and H.H. Shri Mota Gadiwala graced the occasion and granted the benefit of divine *Darshan* and blessings to the ladies devotees. The concluding ritual of the *Parayan* was graced by H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj alongwith the saints. Mahant Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji, Brahmchari Poojari Rajeshwaranandji, Shastri Swami Anandjivandasji delivered their inspirational speeches on this occasion. At last H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj blessed the whole *Sabha* and the host devotee family.

(Shastri Swami Divyaprakashdasji)

Shakotsav in village Vavol

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and with the inspiration of Sadguru Shastri Swami P.P. Swami (Mahant of Naranghat temple) and Sadguru Shastri Swami Narayanvallabhdasji

(Vadnagar), grand *Shakotsav* was celebrated in village Vavol on 08/01/2012.

About more than 1500 devotees and *Haribhaktas* availed the benefit of *Shakotsav* which was organized by *Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal*. Many devotees of the village and *Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal* had rendered their beautiful services. Saints had performed *Katha-Varta* and *Kirtan-Bhakti* on this occasion. H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj had graced the occasion and performed *aarti* of Thakorji in the temple. In the *Sabha*, Sadguru Mahant Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji of Ahmedabad temple, Swami Devprakashdasji (Mahant of Naranghat temple), Brahmchari Poojari Swami Rajeshwaranandji and Shastri Swami Narayanvallabhdasji delivered their religious speeches. At last H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj blessed the whole *Sabha*. (Shastri Swami Chaitanyaswaroopdasji, Koteshwar)

Celebration of 1st Shakotsav in village Por

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and with the inspiration of Sadguru Shastri Swami P.P. Swami (Mahant of Naranghat temple) 1st *Shakotsav* was celebrated in village Por on Sunday 08/01/2012. about 1200 *Haribhaktas* availed the benefit of this *Shakotsav* organized by *Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal*. Sadguru Shastri Swami Chaitanyaswaroopdasji and Nilkanth Swami narrated beautiful *Katha* on this occasion. Thereafter H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj graced the occasion, performed *aarti* of Thakorji in the temple and performed grand *Shakotsav* in the *Sabha*. In the *Sabha* Sadguru Mahant Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji of Ahmedabad temple, Sadguru Mahant Swami Devprakashdasji (Naranghat) and Mota J.P. Swami and Sadguru Shastri Swami Narayanvallabhdasji delivered their inspirational speeches. At last H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj blessed the whole *Sabha* which was conducted by Sadguru Shastri Swami Chaitanyaswaroopdasji (Koteshwar).

(Vinupur Por)

12 hour Mahamantra Dhooon in Mubarakpur

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and with the inspiration of Sadguru Shastri Swami P.P. Swami (Mahant of Naranghat temple), 12 hour Akhand *Shree Swaminarayan Mahamantra Dhooon* was performed on 14/01/2012 from 7.00 hours in the evening till 7.00 hours in the evening. Shri P.P. Swami of Naranghat temple had graced the occasion of concluding ritual of *Dhooon* and blessed all the devotees and *Haribhaktas*.

(Shastri Divyaprakashdasji, Naranghat)

Shakotsav in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Lunawada

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj grand *Shakotsav* was organized in Lunawada temple. H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj graced the occasion along with the saints and performed divine *Vaghar* of *Shakotsav*. Grand *Shobha-yatra* was also organized on this occasion. In the *Sabha* organized on the occasion, Anand Swami, Vishwaswaroop Swami, Hariswaroop Swami and J.K. Swami had arrived on this occasion. (Harnish on behalf of Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal)

Shree Swaminarayan temple, Lavarpur

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and the whole *Dharmkul* and with the inspiration of Sadguru Swami Rajendraprasaddasji, *House-Sabha* was organized by *Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal* wherein importance of Shree Hari and *Dharmkul*, *Niyam*, *Nischay*, reading of *Vachanamrit*, *Kirtan-Bhakti* etc. were performed.

[Purushottam K. Patel (Dasbhai)]

Shree Swaminarayan temple, Kaloli

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and with the inspiration of the saints of Jetalpur, *Shree Swaminarayan Mahamantra Dhoon* was performed early in the morning from 5.00 to 6.00 hours during the pious *Dhanur Maas*. Student-saints of *Jetalpur Vadi* had granted the benefit of *Katha-Varta* on this occasion.

(Jayantibhai)

Shree Swaminarayan temple (ladies) Viratnagar

With the blessings of H.H. Shri Gadiwala, *Katha-Varta*, *Dhoon-Bhajan* and *Thaal* to Thakorji etc. were performed by the ladies devotees in our Shree Swaminarayan temple. On 13/01/2012 H.H. Shri Mota Gadiwala graced the occasion and performed *Dhoon* alongwith the ladies devotees. Sankhya Yogi Ranjanba and Naniben offered garlands and performed *Swagat-poojan* of H.H. Shri Mota Gadiwala.

(Naniben)

Shakotsav in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Prantij

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and with the inspiration of Mahant Swami Madhavprasaddasji, *Shakotsav* was organized by devotee Vadilal Amtharam Modi family. In the *Sabha*, Baldev Swami and Harijivan Swami and *Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal* performed *Dhoon-Kirtan*. About 2000 devotees and *Haribhaktas* of the nearby villages availed the benefit of this *Shakotsav*. (Kothari Haribhai Modi)

Shakotsav in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Dehgam

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj, grand *Shakotsav* was organized at Tebla Fali Shree Swaminarayan temple, Dahegam on 15/01/2012. H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj performed divine *Vaghar* of *Shakotsav* whose benefit was availed by large number of devotees.

In the *Sabha*, Mahant Sadguru Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji of Ahmedabad, Dev Swami (Naranghat), Anand Swami and Natu Swami delivered their inspirational speeches. At last H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj blessed the whole *Sabha*. (Kothari Harshadbhai Patel)

MULI DESH

Dhanur Maas and celebration of Shakotsav in Surendranagar temple

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and with the inspiration of Mahant Sadguru Swami Premjivandasji, devotees had availed the benefit of *Dhoon* during the whole *Dhanur Maas*. Shastri Satyasankalp Swami performed *Katha-Varta* and Poojari Swami Bhaktiswaroopdasji and Shastri Premvallabhdasji offered beautiful *Shangar Darshan* to Thakorji. On 14/01/2012, *Group Mahapooja* and *Mahaprasad* were organized for the host devotees of *Monthly Dhoon*.

On 07/01/2012, grand *Shakotsav* was organized in the temple, whose benefit was availed by more than 7,000 devotees and *Haribhaktas*. Shastri Swami Premvallabhdasji, Shastri Suvratswaroopdasji and Shastri Satyasankalpdasji narrated *Katha-Varta* on this occasion. Under the guidance of Kothari Swami, Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal rendered beautiful services. Services of Mahila Mandal was also very inspirational. (Shailendrasinh Zala)

Shakotsav in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Patadi

With the blessings of H.H. Shri Gadiwala and with the inspiration of Sankhya Yogi devotees Shantaba, Hansaba and Ranjanba, grand *Shakotsav* was organized in Patadi on 30/12/2011. Kothari Swami Krishnavallabhdasji (Surendranagar temple) and the saints performed *Katha-Varta* on this occasion whose benefit was availed by many devotees and *Haribhaktas*. (Narayansinh Parmar)

Celebration of Shakotsav in Charadava

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj, grand *Shakotsav* was celebrated on 17/01/2012 in Charadava. Sadguru Shastri Swami Suryaprakashdasji narrated beautiful *Katha* about importance of *Shakotsav*.

SHREE SWAMINARAYAN

When H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj graced the occasion, grand *Shobha-yatra* was performed and benefit of divine *Darshan* was availed by many devotees.

First of all H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj performed *Darshan* of Thakorji in the temple and thereafter graced the *Sabha* wherein about 100 students were offered *Kanthi* by H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj. And then performed divine *Vaghar* of *Shakoitsav* whose benefit was availed by many devotees.

In the *Sabha* organized on the occasion, Mahant Swami of Ahmedabad temple, Muli temple, Naranghat temple, Charadava temple and Kothari Swami of Surendranagar temple delivered their religious speeches. At last H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj blessed the whole *Sabha*. (Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal, Charadava)

OVERSEAS SATSANG NEWS

Shree Swaminarayan temple, Colonia

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj, Akhand Dhoon was performed in the morning from 5.45 to 6.45 during the pious Dhanur Maas in our Shree Narnarayandev Swaminarayan temple, Colonia. Mahant Swami had performed *Katha* of 'Saar Siddhi Granth' whose benefit was availed by many devotees. (Pravin Shah)

Shree Swaminarayan temple, Chicago

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and the whole *Dharmkul*, *Satsang Shibir*, *Dhanur Maas Dhoon* and *Uttarayan* etc. were organized and celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm. Devotees were availing the benefit of *Mangala Aarti*, *Dhoon* and *Katha* of Nilkanth Swami during the pious *Dhanur Maas*.

In the last week of December-2011, four day *Shibir* of young devotees and student devotees was organized by *Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal* wherein *aarti* of Thakorji and other various programmes and activities were performed. Devotees Dinesh, Ishan, Vikas, Shani, Dhruv, Nirav, Jainik, Vivek, Mitur, Purvish, Sanjay, Hemal, Nirav etc. children had rendered their beautiful services for the success of *Shibir*.

In *Gyan-Shibir* of *Uttarayan*, Mahant Swami and Poojari Swami narrated beautiful *Katha*. The *Sabha* was conducted by Purvish Patel and Miturl Rao.

Devotees Rajubhai Parikh, Harikrishnabhai Patel, Purvish Patel, Moa Bhagat, Vivek Brahmhatt had delivered their informative lectures on various subjects about *Sampradaya*. Many devotees had also availed the benefit of live

telecast on web. Devotees Shree Naresh Gandhi, Rajubhai Parikh, Abhi, Bipin Kavi, Jainik Maheta, Ishan and Amrish Patel performed beautiful *Kirtan-Bhakti*. The president Jagdishbhai and Shantiprakash Swami had delivered the Vote of Thanks in *Shibir*. (Vasant Trivedi)

Washington D.C. I.S.S.O. Chapter

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj, *Katha-Varta*, *Dhoon-Kirtan*, *Aarti-Thaal* to Thakorji etc. were performed in Group by the devotees in the evening from 5.15 to 9.5 on Saturday 17/12/2011. For one and half hour from 6.15 Gyan Swami from Colonia performed *Katha* through live telecast. For 15 minutes Shastri V.P. Swami of Vadnagar temple (India) performed *Amrut-Vani*. At last *Haribhaktas* performed *Janmangal Path* and availed the benefit of *Prasad*. (Kanubhai Patel)

Shree Swaminarayan temple, Florida

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj and with the inspiration of Shastri Yogicharandasji, *Shree Swaminarayan Mahamantra Dhoon* of three and half hours was performed in our Shree Swaminarayan temple, Florida on the pious day of Magsar Vad-11 whose benefit was availed by many devotees. Devotees Shri Hirjibhai Varsani and Naranbhai Raghvani, who had arrived from London, had also availed the benefit of *Dhoon*. (Manibhai Patel)

Shree Swaminarayan temple, Leicester (U.K.)

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj, *Shree Swaminarayan Mahamantra Dhoon* of one hour was organized on every Saturday and Sunday during the pious *Dhanur Maas* in our Shree Swaminarayan temple.

On the pious day of *Uttarayan* on 14/01/2012, four hour *Akhand Dhoon* was organized. Devotee Shri Hiraben Hasmmukh Vadher had rendered the services as the host of *Dhoon*. About 32 *Haribhaktas* had participated in *Dainik Dhoon*. The devotee Shri Naveditaben Tarunbhai Trivedi had rendered the services as chief host of *Mahaprasad* during the *Dhanur Maas Dhoon*. Devotee Shri Ashokbhai Patel, President of I.S.S.O. Europe had arrived on this occasion and had expressed the best wishes.

Shastri Swami Dharmvallabhdasji had blessed the host devotees. 25 *Haribhaktas* of Leicester had rendered their services as the host of *Maasik Dhoon* of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Kalupur temple. Large number of devotees and *Haribhaktas* had availed the benefit of *Dhoon* and *Mahaprasad*. (Kiran Bhavsar, Leicester)

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॥ જય શ્રી સ્વરમિનરરરરર ॥

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વિષય : મુળીદેશનરં ત્યરગીપત્રકમરંથી સમંડળ મરરુ નરમ રદ કરવર ઊભલ.

જય શ્રી સ્વરમિનરરરરર સહ જણરવરવરનું કે, હું સરધુ રરમકૃષ્ણદરસજી સ્વરમી ગુરુ અ.નિ.પ.પૂ. સદ્. શરસ્ત્રી શ્રી વિજ્ઞરનજીવનદરસજી સ્વરમી મૂળીધરમ.

હું ૩૪ વર્ષથી મુળીદેશમરં સંપ્રદરયનરં ત્યરગરશ્રમનરં નિયમોનુસરર રહી સંપ્રદરયનરં નિયમરનુસરર ભજન-ભકિત સરથે સત્સંગનરં સેવરકર્ય કરતો રહ્યો છું. હું તથર મરરુ ત્યરગી શિષ્યમંડળ શ્રી સ્વરમિનરરરરર મંદિર, મુળીદેશનું નરગરીકત્વ ધરરવીએ છીએ.

વર્તમરન સમયે મરરુ તથર મરરર સંતમંડળનું શ્રી સ્વરમિનરરરરર મંદિર, મુળીધરમ મરંથી નરમ રદ કરવર આપશ્રીનરં ચરણોમરં નમ્ર વિનંતી કરું છું. મરરી વિનંતીને આપ સ્વીકરરી કૃતજ્ઞ કરશોજી.

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