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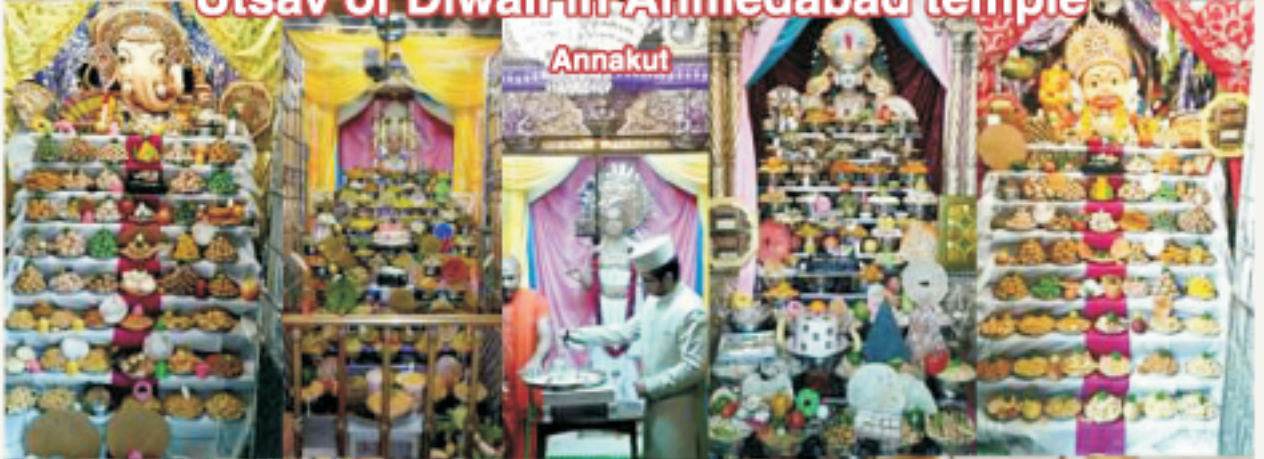


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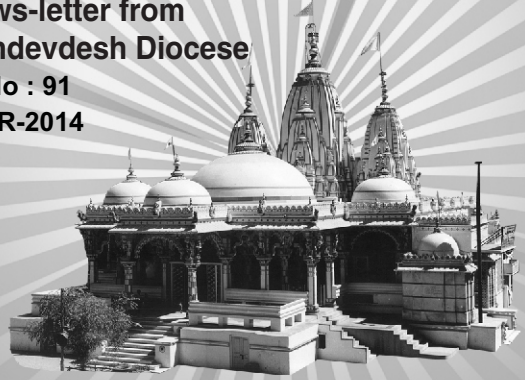
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॥ अरुमदीयम् ॥

Samvat 2071 has begun very beautifully. Chatur Maas are also completed. Whatever Bhajan-Smaran Kirtan-Katha may have been performed by us during these pious Chatur Maas, would have been meaningful in our life. All devotees should cherish ardent faith, Nischay and Mahatmya of Maharaj in their lives.

Antahkaranrup Maya cannot disturb those who have well understood importance of Bhagwan and have cherished ardent faith of Bhagwan in their life. However, if there is any deterioration in ardent feelings, Maya attacks such persons rendering them unhappy. If a Satsangi is not strong in his Bhakti and devotion, a Kusangi is tempted to misguide him. But if a Satsangi is very strong cherishing ardent faith, nobody can speak any weak words about Satsang in the presence of such a Satsangi. Similarly, if a soul cherishes very ardent faith and seeks shelter of Bhagwan, Maya would not try to shake him. However, if a soul is weak in cherishing ardent faith, Maya would certainly shake him and resultantly such a man would be unhappy. A person who cherishes mature Nischay of Bhagwan, Maya is not capable of disturbing him. (Vachanamrit Loya-10)

So devotees, all of us should cherish ardent faith towards Shree Hari so that Maya cannot disturb us in any way. So Manan and Nididhya of this Vachamrit should be performed time and again.

Editor
Mahant Swami
Shastri Swami Harikrishnadas

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

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4 Celebrated 42nd Prakatyotsav and Gadhi Dasabdi Mahotsav at Kalol (Panchvati) in the pious company of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj with saints and devotees.

5 to 11 Graced Shri Kachchh Satsang Swaminarayan temple, Nairobi on the occasion of Shastri Purti Mahotsav.

24. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Kalupur to perform Shanggar ati and Annakat aarti of Shree Narnarayandev on the pious day of Nutan Varsh.

APPOINTMENT DIARY OF OUR
FUTURE ACHARYA H.H. 108 SHRI
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7 Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple Naranghat and Kalupur on the occasion of Sharadotsav.

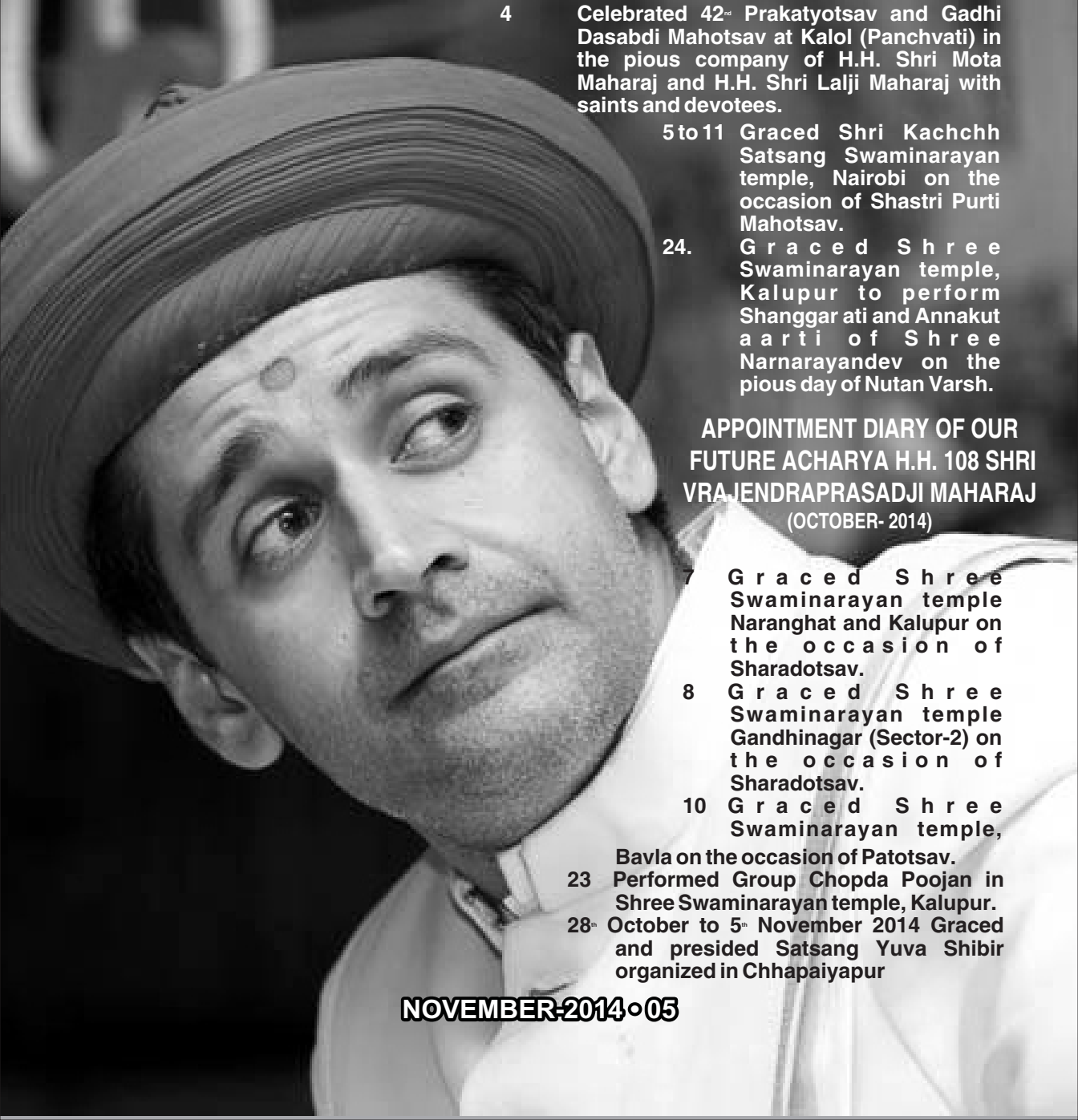
8 Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple Gandhinagar (Sector-2) on the occasion of Sharadotsav.

10 Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Bavla on the occasion of Patotsav.

23 Performed Group Chopda Poojan in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Kalupur.

28th October to 5th November 2014 Graced and presided Satsang Yuva Shibir organized in Chhapaiyapur

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Shikshapatri

The Epistle of Precepts

(based on Shatanand's Shikshapatri Arthadipika)

By Pravin S. Varsani

Text – 130

They shall worship, with due rites, Laxmi-Narayana and other images of Lord Shree Krishna installed by me in the prominent temples.

The Acharyas should serve and worship the Murtis of God installed in the big Sikhar-Bandha temples as well as the smaller temples and Havelis, by Lord Swaminarayan himself. He mentions Laxminarayan here simply because he wrote the Shikshapatri in Vadtal and so the idols of Laxminarayan, who preside in Vadtal temple are remembered.

This does not however imply any superiority or inferiority of any of the forms of God installed by Lord Swaminarayan, and so all other forms –Narnarayan, Gopinathji etc. should all be equally worshipped. All such forms should be served with love as explained by Vithalnathji, in accordance with Vedic rites.

Shatanand explains that this precept applies to all as God has said, 'Serve me with respect, bowing before me surrendering all parts of your body and serve in temples like a servant', thus specifying the ideals of a Bhakta.

Lord Swaminarayan during his stay upon the Earth built six major temples, installing various forms of God in them. At Ahmedabad and Bhuj he installed Murtis of Nar-Narayana. At Vadtal, Laxmi-Narayana as well as an image of himself called Hari-Krishna Maharaj were installed, Madan-Mohanji at Dholera, Radha-Ramana at Junagadh and Gopinathji Maharaj at Gadhada were installed by the Lord.

These are the presiding deities at each of the six temples. Along with these, Murtis of Radha-Krishna, Dharma-Bhakti, Surya-Narayana, Siddheswar Mahadeva and others were also installed, therefore service of such forms of God has been advocated here.

Text – 131

They shall give food to those people who come to the temple in need of food and treat them with due hospitality according to their means.

If any poor or needy person comes into any of the God's temples, then they should be given food and water and welcomed with respect. They should be given help, fruits, raw foods or cooked foods according to their ability.

Atri Smruti explains, 'A guest or stranger should never be left without food', hence in general terms anybody that comes to us for such help should be replenished and indeed any guest who comes to our house should be made welcome and offered such hospitality. 'Anna Daan' or donation of food is considered as great charity. One can refer to Anushan Parva of Mahabharat for the benefits of such act.

Text – 132

They shall establish educational institutions and appoint Brahmin scholars to impart true knowledge upon the Earth, as propagation of true knowledge is an act of great benediction.

They shall build schools, colleges and other such educational institutions, with living quarters for students. They should appoint Brahmins learned in poetry, grammar and the Sat-Shastras to impart this knowledge to them. These Brahmins should be looked after, giving them a place to dwell etc. in this way true Vedantic knowledge should be imparted to the students as such act results in great Punya (benediction).

Shatanand explains that to give knowledge to somebody is comparable to giving eyes to the blind – such is the Punya involved. Hemadri explains, 'Those who give food, oil for Divo (fire light) and clothing to a student receive the fruits of all good action.' Agni Purana explains that by helping a student through offering good, place to reside, etc. one receives the fruits of performing a Yagna. Similarly Sahita Sataka explains, 'Those who give their wealth, shelter, food, oil, clothing, place to reside and books to a student received great fruits which one cannot attain even through difficult or painful penance.' In this way 'Vidhya Daan' is considered great.

GREAT DEVOTEE OF MARU DESH

- Sadhu Purushottamprakashdas (Jetalpurdham)

.First Ahimsa Yagna in our Sampradaya was performed by Sarvavatari Shree Swaminarayan Bhagwan in Jetalpur. Devotees from distant places participated in this Yagna of 18 days. It was the year of drought and therefore Shreeji Maharaj offered grand feat to all with such nobility which is not possible even for a Chakravarti Raja. People could not resist themselves from the grandeur with which the whole Yagna was performed and the delicious taste of the sweet balls offered during the feast.

People of Marwad of Maru Desh situated at a distance of 300 kms. From Ahmedabad had arrived to spend the hard times of drought. As a result of the divine impact of Bhajan (Satsang) and Bhojan (feast) more than one hundred Haribhaktas adopted Vartamaan of Satsang. One of these Haribhaktas stayed there as Parshad rendering services to Shreeji Maharaj. Later on he became famous as brave devotee Vir Bhaguji. Another devotee became Sadhu and remained in the services of Maharaj as Nirdoshanand Swami and performed Vicharan in Muli Desh and performed the ritual of invocation of the idol images of Rokadiya Hanumanji in Jiragadh and of Shree Hanumanji in Dhamadka (Kachchh). Nirdoshanandji was Naishtik Bramcharaya Vratdhari. Both Vir Bhaguji and Nirdoshanandji are famous in our

Sampradaya. Nirdoshanand Swami belonged to village Goliya of Bhinmal Taluka and Vir Bhaguji belonged to the village Morshim situated at a distance of just three k.m. from Goliya.

Even after the completion of Yagna of Jetalpur, Haribhaktas of Maru Desh stayed for about two months as none of them felt like returning to their Desh. When Shreeji Maharaj directed them to go back their Desh, haribhaktas of Vali region expressed their desire that, they would go home only when any saint is sent with them for performing Satsang in their Desh. Shreeji Maharaj directed Gurucharanratanand Swami, who was very strict, to accompany the devotees and to stay in their Desh. Accordingly, Swami accompanied them and reached village Dantiva near Bhinman after journey of few months. Swami stayed in the nearby villages; and got the devotees of these villages adopt Vartamaan of Satsang. With the blessings of Swami, some of the devotees performed divine Darshan of Shreeji Maharaj in their dream or while performing Dhyana. Gradually Satsang developed like anything. Strict temperament of Swami helped a number of devotees to adopt Kanthi and Vartamaan. After five decades from the return of Nirdoshanand Swami, Mukta of

Akshardham incarnated as Jamaji Chaudhary at village Chenpura near Bhinmal. Later on he became Sadhu by obtaining Diksha from Acharya Maharaj Shri Purushottamprasadji Maharaj and became known as Sadguru Bhaktinandandasji Swami. As Swami was Akhand Naisthik Brahmcharya Vratdhari, Kuldevta Shree Hanumanji Maharaj followed the Vachan of Swami. For removal of miseries and woes of the perturbed devotees, whenever Swami would perform Vicharan, he would invoke the idol image of Kastbhanjandev. Satsang was being performed in Marwad and Gujarat. At that time H.H. Shri Vasudevprasadji Maharaj was minor, Swami pacified certain disturbances and remained as Mahant of Ahmedabad temple for some years.

Swami has invoked the idol image of Shree Hanumanji in Vali, Dantiva, Goliya, Biliya, Unjha, Dangarva, Kotha, Tejpara, Mansa etc. villages. Even today when any devotee performs Badha-Aakhdi in the name of Bhaktinandan Swami, Kastbhanjandev fulfills the desire of such devotee. When any unnatural event occurs in any village, Swami would rebuke Hanumandada, such powerful was upasana of Swami. Due to Bhaktinandan Swami, Satsang of Maru Desh increased and developed like anything and it spread in about 70 villages (Paras) of Bhinmal area. Swami got constructed fifteen temples. At the time of return to Akshardham, Swami was in Vali village. When the devotees of Vali village came to know about the return of Swami to Akshardham, they ardently requested Swami to offer them something for divine memory. At that time Swami was performing Datan of Varakhadi wood in the morning; immediately Swami offered two chips of Datan and implanted them in the soil of the temple premises and told the devotees showing the planted chips of Varakhadi wood that, this would be his memory. Even today this tree of Varakhadi of Prasadi grants divine Darshan to all the devotees. Even today if any child is sick and is not cured of any disease, he is offered paste of crushed leaf of this tree of Varakhadi of Prasadi or a piece of broken branch is tied around the neck of the child and the child is cured and gets well soon. People of this area ardently believe in this.

Similarly, Krishna Swaroopdasji Swami

of Kankhol village was also very Samarth who had got constructed a temple with three domes in village Vali. H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Vasudevprasadji Maharaj performed invocation of the idol images of Shree Radhakrishnadev Harikrishna Maharaj in the temple in Samvat 1985.

At present this temple of Vali is the main temple and there are other 21 Hari temples in the surrounding area of 50 kms. A very best quality Satsang has been preserved in this area. Many devotees of our Sampradaya are deprived of performing divine Darshan of such historical places and temples of our Sampradaya for want of information. Mandal of Marwadi saints has been rendering services in Vali. As and when grand Samaiyo is organized, lacs of Marvadi Haribhaktas get together. When Gujarati Kirtans are performed in Marwadi rhythem during such Samaiya, even the great devotee would feel humility and honour. Even today Jagaran of whole night is performing while singing Kirtans, as it has got great importance. Whenever any auspicious occasion is celebrated in any family of the devotee, Kirtans are sung for the whole night. Number of devotees and Haribhaktas of Vali region who have learnt Kirtans by heart is much higher than all the saints and devotees of the whole of Gujarat. Even today every village has minimum five to Twenty five devotees who can sing 500 to 1000 Kirtans. One devotee Medaji Hemaji Chaudhary, though illiterate of Jelatara village can sing three thousand Kirtans. If Akhand Kirtans are performed then upto four days and nights, not a single Kirtan would be required to be repeated. Another devotee Samartai Chaudhary of new Vali can sing two thousand Kirtans. When divine Darsan of Shree Kastbhanjandev and such innocent devotee is performed, pride of Gujarati would vanish.

In Prakaran-120 of 'Bhakta Chintamani' Sadguru Nishkulanand Swami has stated:

मोटा ભક્ત મારુ દેશના અને મોટા જેના મન,
અંગકુસંગને ઓળખી, વળી થયા હરિના જન ॥

In 24 Chopais, Swam has written names of devotees and villages of Vali region (Maru Desh i.e. Marwad). One can reach Vali via Mahesana-Palanpur-Deesa-Dhanera-Sanchor.

પ્રસાદીતા પત્રોત્ત આચમન

- Prof. Hitendrabhai Naranbhai Patel (Ahmedabad)

મૂળ પત્ર :

॥શ્રી:॥

સ્વસ્તિ શ્રી અમદાવાદ મહાશુભ સ્થાને સર્વે શુભોપમાજોગ્ય સાધુ શિરોમણી સાધુ બ્રહ્માનંદ સ્વામિ એતાન શ્રી વરતાલથી લિ. સાધુ ગોપાલાનંદ સ્વામિના જય સ્વામિનારાયણ વાંચજો. અપરંચ લખવા કારણ એમ છે જે શ્રીજી મહારાજે લખાવીને એમ પ્રબંધ કર્યો છે જે દેવને અર્થે માનતા કરે, ભેટ મુકે કે થાળ કરાવે, ઘોડું બળદ ગાય ભેંસ આદિક જે જે જંગમ વસ્તુ અર્પણ કરે તે જે દેવને અર્થે કરે તે દેવનું છે. માટે સુરતના સત્સંગી અમદાવાદ આવ્યા હશે તેમણે નરનારાયણદેવને અર્થે પોત પોતાની શ્રદ્ધા પ્રમાણે કંઈક કર્યું હશે તેનું નામું અમને અક્ષરાનંદ સ્વામીએ દેખાડ્યું ત્યારે એમ કહ્યું જે એ દેવને અર્થે વાવર્યું છે તે છો વાવર્યું એમાં તમારે કાંઈ બોલવું નહિ તે સારુ તમારે પણ એમ જાણવું. પણ લક્ષ્મીનારાયણની માનતાનું અથવા થાળનું જે જે હોય તે તે માંગવું નહિ અને જે આ રીત્યને ભાગશે ને નરનારાયણનું માગીને લક્ષ્મીનારાયણ દેવને અર્થે કરાવશે તથા લક્ષ્મીનારાયણદેવનું માગીને નરનારાયણદેવને અર્થે કરાવશે તેને દેવનો દ્રોહ થાશે. તેણે કરીને તેનું આલોક પરલોકમાં અવલું જરૂર થાશે. કેમ જે એ દેવ છે તે મહારાજ પોતે પુરુષોત્તમનારાયણે બેસાડ્યા છે તે તેનું દેવત એ દેવમાં છે. માટે એ દેવનું જ ધાર્યું થાશે પણ બીજા કોઈનું ધાર્યું નહિ થાય. એમ સિધ્ધાંત છે તત્ર શ્લોક : નાતસ્યવકશ્ચિતાપસાવિઘયાવા નયોગર્વીયેણમનીષયાવા ॥ નૈવાર્થધર્મે: પરત: સ્વતોવાકૃતંવિહંતં તનુભૃદ્ભૂયાત્ ॥૧॥ સુજ્ઞેષુ કિં બહુના.

સંવત ૧૮૮૭ ના કારતક વદી ૯ લેખક શુકમુનિના

સાષ્ટાંગ પ્રણામ સેવામાં અંગીકાર કરજો.

સાધુ શિરોમણી સાધુ બ્રહ્માનંદ સ્વામિને પત્ર પોંચે.

Commentary : Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan incarnated from Akshardham into this Brahmand and with a noble view that, Moksha Marg of Atyantik Kalyan of Jeeva remains available incessantly, Shreeji Maharaj got constructed temples and invoked His Own Foms, established Dharmvanshi Acharya as Guru and created scriptures for pure Satsang and Upasana. On accomplishing these three Gudh Sankalpas, Shreeji Maharaj returned to Akshardham.

Shree Hari Himself has performed Shram-Yagna by lifting stones and has worked hard with while remaining with the saints and devotees and constructed grand temples. This temples as models of best sculpture became the centres of Upasana. These temples constructed with the hard work of the saints and the devotees always echo Katha-Kirtan Aarti-Bhajan. They also thrive with the frequent visits of Haribhaktas and pilgrims. In their Katha-Mandap, streams of Gyan-Varta flow profusely and devout Haribhaktas and ladies devotees always throng together in its premises. By listening to Prabhatiya sung by the beautiful voices of the saints, even the deity Suryanarayan (Sun-god) desires to rise and shine in the East and at night by listening to Podhaniya sung by these saints, Mahaprabhuji sleep into Yogn-Nidra. Such a divine atmosphere remains all the times in these temples.

For transparent, pious and efficient administration of these temples, Shree Hari divided Sampradaya into two Desh and

established Dharmvanshi Acharya in His family. It is the idiosyncrasy of Swaminarayan Sampradaya that, seat of Acharya has been established in Grihasthashram. Accordingly, as per the directions contained in the scriptures, saints remain safely away from wealth and woman. As the saints have voluntarily adopted Tyagashram, it is not appropriate to involve them in the administration and therefore Shreeji Maharaj entrusted the task of administration with Dharmvanshi Acharya and the task of rendering services to the deities has been entrusted with the saints and Brahmcharis. Here it is pertinent to note that, as Dharmvanshi Acharya is as the Guru of Sampradaya, only He can grant Mantra Diksha to Mumukshus and thereafter the same Mumukshu can go ahead on the path of Sanyasta. Thus, empowered by Vachan of Shree Hari and after obtaining Mantra Diksha and following the directions of Shree Hari, these saints become Vachan-Siddha.

When Shree Hari got constructed temples, innumerable Bhaktarajs offered their services of mind, body and money and also their immovable properties like lands and buildings at lotus like feet of Shreeji Maharaj. However, none of them have ever claimed any type of ownership upon these temples. They have also not desired to become trustee or treasurer. Kings of that time have also offered great assistance but they have also not asked for the accounts of income and expenses of these temples. All this was being run very smoothly and efficiently by Dharmvanshi Acharya and the saints and Haribhaktas. Nowadays governmental intrusion and disturbance have increased. The persons who have nothing to do with Satsang are sitting as officials. In stead of the divinity of the deities, income of the temple is being given priority. In such a critical time, all of us, as ardent devotee, should not get involved in such matters, but should keep our eyes upon Dev and should cherish ardent faith in Vachan of Shree Hari and should behave accordingly.

For the purpose of administration, Shree Hari Himself has got written Desh-Vibhag Lekh,

which is the Constitution of Sampradaya wherein there are clear directions as to how Dharmvanshi Acharya, saints and Haribhaktas should behave and it also contains warning as to what would happen on not doing as per these directions. Each and every Satsangi who has sought shelter of Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan must read this Desh-Vibhag Lekh and must behave accordingly. As per the provisions made in this Constitution, when any Satsangi Haribhaktas has offered any movable thing or property to any deity of either of the two Desh, the said movable property is to be considered as thing of the concerned deity only. Due to ardent faith and devotion towards the deity invoked in both Desh, any movable property or grains, animals are offered towards Thaal, Bhet-Bakshish to any deity, it is said to be offered to the concerned deity and it is considered to be the property of the concerned deity.

If narrated in the language of the present age, it is irrelevant as to in which Desh the person offering Bakshish is residing and it is more important as to which deity Bakshish is offered. Such a Bakshish, when offered to any deity is considered to be the property of the concerned deity.

In respect of immovable properties, it is important as to in which Desh, the immovable property is situated which is intended to be offered in Bakshish. If the immovable property is situated in one Desh, it is considered as immovable property of Dev. Therefore, if any devotee intends to offer any immovable property situated in Narnarayandev Desh to Shree Laxminarayandev, after offering is made, the said immovable property has to be handed over to Acharya of Shree Narnarayandev Desh. While offering anything to the deities, the prudent devotees should keep these provisions of Desh-Vibhag Lekh in their minds so that it becomes convenient and easy to Dharmvanshi Acharya and Administrators of the concerned Desh.

While reminding of the written directions of Shreeji Maharaj, Sadguru Shree Gopalanand Swami shows alertness and care

to follow these directions scrupulously in this letter. After five months of return of Shreeji Maharaj to Akshardham, Yogiraj Shri Gopalanand Swami dictates in the letter that anybody who shall breach these directions shall disobey and thereby he will invoke the wrath of the deity. So on careful reading of these words we would find that if these directions are not followed our this world and the world thereafter would certainly be spoilt. A person who would adopt the wrong means and wrong path to become happy in this world will not only be happy in this world but will also not be happy in the divine world of Bhagwan. There are crystal clear words narrating as to what would be the condition of those who would not follow the directions contained in Desh-Vibhag Lekh. So we should always cherish these words of the great man and should also be conscious about the warnings.

Moreover, it has also been dictated in the letter that, Shree Narnarayan, Shree Laxminarayan etc. deities have been invoked by Maharaj Purushottamnarayan and His divinity is always there in these deities. Shree Hari is Incarnation of all incarnations. He is the Master of Anantkoti Brahmand, Controller of the Powers like Kaal-Maya etc. He grants fruits of Karma and is Cause of cause. When we pay attention to His this greatness and grandeur, we would be able to understand the importance of the deities invoked by Him. Swamiji has dictated that, divinity of Purushottam Narayan is in this deity. Therefore, there is nothing which has not been obtained by any devotee through ardent prayer and devout Bhakti. These deities have been offered by Shree Hari to obtain the wealth of this world and Aatyantik Kalyan of the Divine World. Shree Hari has also granted Vachan (the blessings) of fulfilling the desires of the devotees. Prudent and mature devotees should not go away leaving these deities. They should not spoil themselves by shifting their devotion and trust to someone else. This Vachan is of Paratpar Purushottam Narayan and not of Jeev of any Maya. Swamiji has also dictated that, by following this, intention of these deities only would be served and not of anybody

else. Therefore, as Haribhakta, we should ask for anything which we want because nothing except as per His Desire would happen. Then why to strive elsewhere meaninglessly? And this should be our central thought. Perhaps our Karma may be very hard and therefore it may take time to get our desires fulfilled but we should not allow our faith to be shaken and should remain happy considering it to be the wish of Maharaj. If it is in our interest, our desire would certainly be fulfilled by the deity and there is no doubt about it. Just we do not have to lose our prudence. If we bow down here and there and adopt Kanthi, Madaliya by accepting anybody as our Guru, it is certain that our this world and the divine world both would be spoilt. Even the great saints and haribhaktas were alert in scrupulously following the directions of Shreeji Maharaj so we should also follow their footsteps.

In the end, Swamiji has dictated in this letter that, this is a Siddhant. Meaning thereby that, whatever has been dictated is Complete Truth and there is no scope for any compromise in it. By thinking about importance of Shree Hari, we should understand the importance of the deities invoked by Him; thereafter we should understand the importance of Dharmvnsi Acharya established by him and then we should read again and again Desh-Vibhag Lekh dictated by Him and should behave strictly as per His directions. This great saint has dictated this letter to inform us this much.

Handwriting of the letter are of Sadguru Shri Shukanand Muni and the letter has been dictated by Yogiraj Shree Gopalanand Swami and this letter is addressed to Sadguru Shri Brahmanand Swami. All these three Sadgurus were the ornaments of Sampradaya, they were Vachan-siddha and they were together in compiling Vachans of Shree Hari in a Granth. Understanding the importance of this letter in this way, this letter has been kept in Shree Swaminarayan Museum for divine Darshan of all Haribhaktas. All the devotees and Haribhaktas should perform divine Darshan of this letter of Prasadi and should read, understand and scrupulously follow the directions contained in it.

પ.પૂ. ધ.ધૂ. આચાર્યશ્રી ૧૦૦૮ કોશલેન્દ્રપ્રસાદજી મહારાજશ્રીની આજ્ઞા તથા આશીર્વાદથી
વિશ્વનું સૌ પ્રથમ શ્રી સ્વામિનારાયણ મંદિર-કાલુપુરમાં બિરાજતા
શ્રી નરનારાયણદેવના જીર્ણોદ્ધારિત મંદિર તથા સુવર્ણ સિંહાસનના ઉદ્ઘાટન પ્રસંગે



મહોત્સવ સ્થળ

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મહંત સ્વામી સ.ગુ. શા. સ્વામી શ્રી હરિકૃષ્ણદાસજી તથા સ્કીમ કમિટી
તથા શ્રી નરનારાયણદેવ મહોત્સવ સમિતિ

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શ્રી નરનારાયણદેવ મહોત્સવ

તા. ૨૪-૧૨-૨૦૧૪ થી તા. ૨૮-૧૨-૨૦૧૪

સર્વાવતારી ભગવાન શ્રી સ્વામિનારાયણ અનંત જીવોનું કલ્યાણ કરવા અનંતમુક્તોને સાથે લઈ મનુષ્યદેવ ધારણ કરી પૃથ્વીલોક પર પધાર્યા. ૪૯ વર્ષ સુધી પોતાની અપાર દયા અને દિવ્ય ઐશ્વર્ય વડે અનંતજીવોને અક્ષરધામના સુખભોગી બનાવ્યા અને એ પરંપરા અવિરત ચાલ્યા કરે એ માટે દેવ, આચાર્ય, સંત અને સત્શાસ્ત્રની કલ્યાણકારી પરંપરા પ્રવર્તાવી. શ્રીહરિએ કરેલા અનેક અલૌકિક કાર્યો પૈકીનું શિરમોર કાર્ય એટલે મંદિરોનું નિર્માણ. ભગવાન શ્રી સ્વામિનારાયણની આજ્ઞાથી આજથી લગભગ ૧૯૨ વર્ષ પહેલા સ.ગુ. આનંદાનંદ સ્વામીએ ગુજરાતના મુખ્ય નગર અમદાવાદમાં વિશ્વનું સૌ પ્રથમ શ્રી સ્વામિનારાયણ મંદિરનું નિર્માણ કર્યું અને સર્વોપરી શ્રીહરિએ સ્વહસ્તે બાથમાં લઈને સ્વસ્વરૂપ શ્રી નરનારાયણદેવ પધરાવ્યા. શ્રી નરનારાયણદેવના ઉંબરા પર ઊભા રહીને “આ નરનારાયણ દેવનું સ્વરૂપ અને અમારા સ્વરૂપમાં લેશમાત્ર ફેર નથી.” “જે એમ જાણે જે આ નરનારાયણદેવ અને ભગવાન સ્વામિનારાયણ જુદા છે તેણે અમને ઓળખ્યા જ નથી.” “આ નરનારાયણદેવની મૂર્તિ સત્સંગી માત્ર એ પૂજામાં રાખવી.” આવા મહિમા વચનો સ્વમુખે કહ્યાં એવા મહાપ્રતાપી શ્રી નરનારાયણદેવનું મંદિર સમયના ઘસારે ઘસાતા જીર્ણોદ્ધારની જરૂરિયાત ઉભી થઈ. જે તે સમયે પ.પૂ. મોટા મહારાજશ્રીની આજ્ઞાથી તે સમયના મહંત સ.ગુ. પી.પી. સ્વામી (જેતલપુર)એ કાર્યનો આરંભ કર્યો. ત્યારબાદ પૂ. નિર્ગુણ સ્વામી તથા પૂ.નારાયણસ્વરૂપ સ્વામીએ કાર્યને આગળ ધપાવ્યું. પ.પૂ. ધ.ધુ. આચાર્ય મહારાજશ્રીની આજ્ઞાથી વર્તમાન મહંત સ.ગુ. શાસ્ત્રી સ્વામી હરિકૃષ્ણદાસજી તથા અમદાવાદ શ્રી નરનારાયણદેવ સ્કીમ કમિટિએ આ જીર્ણોદ્ધારના કાર્યને પુરજોશમાં વેગ આપ્યો જે હવે પૂર્ણતાને આરે છે. સાથો સાથ દેવોના સુવર્ણ સિંહાસન પર જીર્ણ થતા તે સ્થાને નૂતન સુવર્ણ સિંહાસન બનાવવાનો નિર્ધાર કર્યો જે પણ પૂર્ણ થશે. જીર્ણોદ્ધારિત મંદિર તથા નૂતન સિંહાસનના ઉદ્ઘાટનના પાવન પ્રસંગે પ.પૂ. ધ.ધુ. આચાર્ય મહારાજશ્રીની અધ્યક્ષતામાં સૌ સંતો ભક્તોના સાથ સહકારથી ભવ્યાતિભવ્ય “શ્રી નરનારાયણદેવ મહોત્સવ” તા. ૨૪-૧૨-૨૦૧૪ થી તા. ૨૮-૧૨-૨૦૧૪ પર્યંત ધામધૂમથી ઉજવવાનું નિર્ધારિત છે. તો આવો આપણે સૌ સાથે મળી આપણું તન, મન અને ધન શ્રી નરનારાયણદેવના ચરણોમાં સમર્પિત કરી આ ઉત્સવને ઉમંગથી ઉજવીએ.

FIRST YUVA SATSANG SHIBIR AT CHHPAIYADHAM UNDER THE AUSPICES OF H.H. SHRI LALJI MAHARAJ

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharaj and the whole Dharmkul and in the pious presence of Future Acharya of our Sampradaya H.H. 108 Shri Vrajendraprasadji Maharaj Yuva Satsang Shibir was organized from 28/10/2014 to 05/11/2014 in Chhapaiyadham –Pragatyabhumi of Shree Ghanshyam Maharaj.

With the noble objectives that original principles of Sampradaya are nourished, noble qualities like Samskar-Satsang-Disciple are inculcated in life, importance of Dev-Acharya-Saint-Scripture-Bhakt is understood and for five days pious company of Dharmkul is availed – grand Shibir was organized by H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj and the saints and Haribhaktas. In this Shibir about 700 youngsters of the age group between 15 to 25 years from 78 villages of Shree Narnarayandev Desh participated. With the directions of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj Mahant Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji of Ahmedabad temple and all the members of the Scheme Committee had provided inspiration and economic support. Yuvak Mandals of Jivrajpark, Bapunagar, Kankaria had also extended economic support.

Shibirarathi of every area started their journey in luxury bus on 28/10/2014 from Shamlaji and reached to Chhapaiya on 30/10/2014. And Yuva Shibir started on the same day. In the beginning of Shibir, H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj, Mahant Brahmchari Swami Vasudevanandji-Chhapaiya, Shastri Swami Chaitanyaswaroopdasji, Kothari Swami Shastri Narayanmudasji, Swami Brahmviharidasji, Madhav Swami etc. saints performed Deep Pragatya and Shibir started with the blessings of H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj.

In this Panchdinatmak Yuva Satsangi Shibir, lectures were organized on various subjects like Why Shibir? Importance of Shree Narnarayandev, questionnaire about the disturbing questions of the spiritual path, importance of Chhapaiyadham, Satsang Mahima, discipline wherein Shastri Swami Nirgundasji-Kalupur, Shastri Swami Chaitanyaswaroopdasji, Kothari Swami Narayanmudasji, Brahmchari Shastri Swami Hariswaroopdanandji, Shastri Swami Bhaktinandandasji, Shastri Swami Brahmviharidasji, Swami Madhavpriyadaji, Udayanabhai Maharaj etc. saints and devotees delivered their learned and erudite lectures. Each participant availed the benefit of performing Group aarti of Narayan Sarovar and Bal Swaroop Ghanshyam Maharaj. Every morning one Darshan Satra (session) was organized wherein the benefit of performing Ayodhya Darshan, Gaughat and Shravan Talavadi Darshan and Chhapaiya Darshan was availed by all the participant young devotees. During Shibir, Mahant Brahmchari Swami Vasudevanandji of Chhapaya had rendered beautiful services and during Ayodhya Drshan Mahant Dev Swami and his Mandal had rendered beautiful services and obtained the pleasure of H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj.

In the night cultural programmes, young devotees of Lunawada, Visnagar places performed dramas based upon Yamadanda and Leela Charitra.

At the time of concluding session of Shibir, H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj offered the letter of blessings to all the participant young devotees and simultaneously Pagh (turban) of Bal Swaroop was also offered to Sanchalak of each village for the memory of Chhapaiya. Thereafter, Brahmchari Swami Vasudevanandji of Chhapaiya had delivered inspirational speech and thereafter Shastri Swami Chaitanyaswaroopdasji made announcement about Shree Narnarayandev Mahotsav and the next Shibir to be organized at village Torda. At last Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal-Naroda, Dahegam, Kanipur, Bhaktinagar, Ghanshyamnagar (Muli Desh), Visnagar were offered Pagh (turban) of Bal Swaroop by H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj for beautiful services rendered by each and every young devotee of these Yuvak Mandals. After the concluding ritual of Sabha, Thakar-Thaali was performed with Kirtans of Nand-saints and thereafter, all Shibirarathi availed the benefit of Bhojan-prasad and started their return journey to Ahmedabad.

During all the five days, pious presence of H.H. Shri Gadiwala and H.H. Shri Raja was very inspirational for all the young participants of Shibir.



Aarti of Deities



Deep Pragatya

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Nitya Aarti of Narayan Sarovar



Gaughat



Makhoda Ghat



Bhojan-Prasad



H.H Shri Raja

Cultural Programme (Drama)





Questionnaire with the saints



Parikrama of Chhapalya



Group aarti of Narayan Sarovar



Ayodhya Darshan



समाचारपत्रीमा नोध

Diwali Annakut Darshan in temples of Desh-Videsh



Gandhinagar Sector-2



Chhapaiya



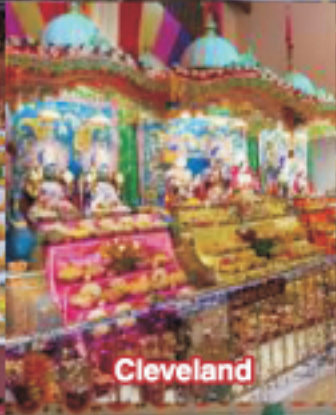
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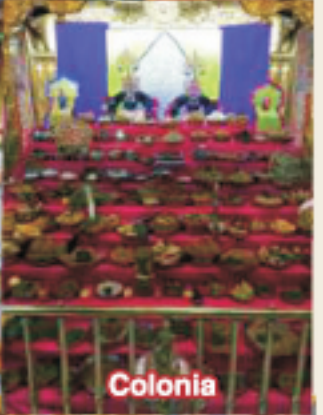
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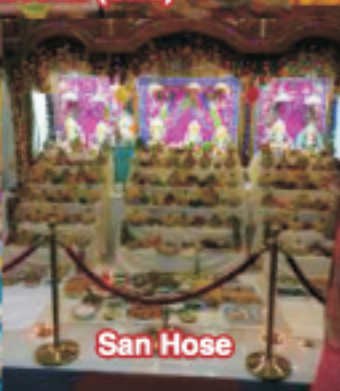
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મહોત્સવ દરમિયાનના આયોજનો

- શ્રીમદ્ સત્સંગીભૂષણ અંતર્ગત શ્રી નરનારાયણદેવ માહાત્મ્ય કથા
- એક દિવસીય શ્રી હરિયાગ (યજ્ઞ) ● ૩ દિવસ સમૂહ મહાપૂજા
- મહાઅભિષેક, છપ્પન ભોગ અન્નકૂટ ● શ્રી નરનારાયણદેવની નગર યાત્રા
- પ્રદર્શન ● શ્રી સ્વામિનારાયણ મહામંત્ર અખંડ ધુન
- બ્લડ ડોનેશન કેમ્પ ● સર્વ રોગ નિદાન કેમ્પ
- ૧૧૦૦૦ દિવાઓ વડે કાલુપુર મંદિરની સમૂહ આરતી
- શ્રી નરનારાયણદેવ બાલમંડળ તથા બાલિકામંડળ દ્વારા સાંસ્કૃતિક કાર્યક્રમ

મહોત્સવના ઉપલક્ષમાં ધાર્મિક આયોજનો

- ૨૫૧ ગામડે સત્સંગ સભાઓ
- ૧૫૧ મીનીટની ૨૫૧ ગામડે અખંડધૂન
- ૫૧ કરોડ “શ્રી સ્વામિનારાયણ” મહામંત્ર લેખન
- જનમંગલ - ૧,૨૫,૦૦,૦૦૦, વચનામૃત - ૫૧૦૦, ભક્તચિંતામણી - ૫૧૦૦ પાઠ
- પદયાત્રા દ્વારા કાલુપુર શ્રી નરનારાયણદેવ દર્શન
- ૧૧૦૦૦ શ્રી સ્વામિનારાયણ મેગેઝીન સભ્યપદ મુંબેશ

મહોત્સવના ઉપલક્ષમાં સામાજિક આયોજનો

- ૧,૨૫,૦૦૦ વૃક્ષારોપણ
- ૨૧૦૦ બોટલ બ્લડ ડોનેશન તથા સર્વરોગ નિદાન કેમ્પ
- ૧૧૦૦૦ શૈક્ષણિક સાધનોનું વિતરણ
(ગામડાઓના બાળમંડળના વિદ્યાર્થીઓને)
- વ્યસન મુક્તિ અભિયાન
- ૧૫૧ અપંગોને ટ્રાઈસિકલ વિતરણ

આપનો સહયોગ

આ મહોત્સવના ઉપલક્ષમાં આપ આપના પરિવારજનો, મિત્રો સાથે મળી માળા, દંડવત્, પ્રદક્ષિણા, જનમંગલ-વચનામૃત-ભક્તચિંતામણીના પાઠ, મહામંત્રલેખન, પદયાત્રા જેવા નિયમો લઈ અથવા લેવડાવી વિશેષ ભજન કરશો. (જે માટે નોટબુક તથા ફોર્મ આપણા શ્રી સ્વામિનારાયણ મેગેઝીન અથવા તો કાલુપુર મંદિરની ઓફિસમાંથી મળશે.)

આર્થિક રીતે યોગદાન આપી સહભાગી થવા ઈચ્છતા ભક્તો મહોત્સવ દરમિયાન આયોજીત સમુહ મહાપૂજા-હરિયાગ તથા અન્ય યજમાન પદનો લાભ લઈ શકશે.

- ૧૧,૦૦૦/- તા. ૨૫-૧૨-૨૦૧૪ના રોજ સમુહ મહાપૂજાનો લાભ મળશે.
૨૧,૦૦૦/- (પ.પૂ. લાલજીમહારાજશ્રીના સાનિધ્યમાં)
- ૩૧,૦૦૦/- તા. ૨૬-૧૨-૨૦૧૪ના રોજ પ.પૂ. આચાર્ય મહારાજશ્રીના
૫૧,૦૦૦/- નિવાસસ્થાને નિત્ય ધર્મકુળ દ્વારા પૂજાતા પ્રસાદીના હરિકૃષ્ણ
મહારાજની મહાપૂજા(પ.પૂ.મોટા મહારાજશ્રીના સાનિધ્યમાં)
- ૧,૦૦૦૦૦/- તા. ૨૭-૧૨-૨૦૧૪ સર્વાવતારી ભગવાન શ્રીહરિની
કે તેથી વધુ પૂજામાં રહેલાં અને પૂજ્ય આચાર્ય મહારાજશ્રી જેની દરરોજ
પૂજા કરે છે એવા પ્રસાદીના શાલિગ્રામ ભગવાનની મહાપૂજા
(પ.પૂ.આચાર્ય મહારાજશ્રીના સાનિધ્યમાં)
- ૨,૦૦૦૦૦/- તા. ૨૭-૧૨-૨૦૧૪ એકદિવસીય શ્રીહરિયાગ (યજ્ઞ)ના
કે તેથી વધુ પાટલે બેસવાનો લાભ.
- આથી વિશેષ સેવા કરીને વિશિષ્ટ યજમાન પદનો લાભ લેવા
ઈચ્છતા ભક્તજનોએ કાલુપુર મહંત સ્વામી અથવા આગેવાન
સંતોનો સંપર્ક કરવો.

: VENE OF UTSAV :
TAPOVAN CIRCLE, MOTERA GAM, AHMEDABAD



Shree Swaminarayan Museum



AUDIO-GUIDE POT IN SHREE SWAMINARAYAN MUSEUM

Many devotees and people visited our Shree Swaminarayan Museum during the pious festival of Dipawali. Right from the beginning H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj has been insisting that, none of the visitors of Museum should face any difficulty and as much facilities should be provided to them as it is possible. Accordingly, while following these directions scrupulously, utmost care is taken of each and every visitor of the Museum. Recently, an audio devise has been available for the visitors, which furnishes valuable information about Things of Prasadi kept in the Museum for display and divine Darshan. One application has been developed and installed in a tablet. By taking token fee, this device is provided to the visitors. When the visitors stands in front of Thing of Prasadi, it can be seen on the screen of the tablet through an in-built camera and in the head-phone provided with the tablet, valuable information about the thing can be heard in a beautiful voice in Hindi or English language, as per the language option selected by the visitor. For the first time in the whole world, such a facility has been provided in our

Museum and it is a matter of pride for all the devotees and Haribhaktas. In future, famous incidents would be shown through 3-D technology in the same tablet. For example, when chariot of Jitba is seen upon the screen, it would also be shown how Shree Hari would look sitting on the Chariot, how chariot would run etc. Each and every Thing of Prasadi would be explained in detail to the devotees and visitors. To avail the benefit of this devise (Audio Guide Pot), devotees and visitors are required to deposit their original Identity Proof in the Museum. While coming back, ID proof would be returned on depositing the devise. Since this devise and its manufacturing process are very costly, there is nominal fee to avail this facility, which is affordable to all. So now whenever you visit Museum, please use this devise. Jay Shree Swaminarayan.

– Praful Kharsani.

List of devotees who rendered their services under Shree Swaminarayan Museum Maintenance Bhet Yojna October-2014

Rs.35,001/-	Devotee Shri Jagrutiben Vyomeshbhai Shah, Ahmedabad.		occasion of birthday of Tatsa Niravbhai Thakkar and Aarav.
Rs.25,000/-	Shree Swaminarayan Academy, Ahmedabad.	Rs.5,011/-	Devotee Shri Manilal Somdas Patel, Vadu.
Rs.21,111/-	Devotee Shri Maganbhai Dharamdas Patel family, Dangarva.	Rs.5,000/-	One ardent lady devotee of Dharmkul, Mahesana.
Rs.10,000/-	Devotee Shri Kaushikbhai Joshi, Ahmedabad (Ghanshyam Engineers).	Rs.5,000/-	Devotee Shri Kamleshbhai H. Shah, Ahmedabad.
Rs.5,600/-	Harikrishna Fastners, Dariyapur, Ahmedabad.	Rs.5,000/-	Akshar Nivasi Mohanbhai Karshanbhai, Sapawada.
Rs.5,100/-	Devotee Shri Pragnyaben Mahendrabhai Thakkar on the	Rs.5,000/-	Dharmprasad Manilal Shukla, Ahmedabad.

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

08/10/2014	Shri Swaminarayan Satsang Samaj, Harshad Colony, Bapunagar.
22/10/2014	Group Poojan of Hanumanji of Prasadi invoked in Hall No.1.
23/10/2014	Chandrikaben Mahendrabhai Shukla, Naranpura.
26/10/2014	Patel Atulkumar Bechardas (Lalodawala) Vadodara.
28/10/2014	Dhavalbhai Mahendrabhai Bhavsar (Sydney-Australia).

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

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to abstain from the company of such bad persons.

Even cleanliness is an integral part of the noble conduct. If we look minutely in the society, we find that human being create more garbage than any other living being of this earth. In every commercial building, we find the corners, stair-case, steps of the ladder very dirty and spoilt. Even the educated persons are found spitting here and there at the public places and thereby invite their own destruction. Here pious 'Shiksha Patri' directs us not to spoil the public places, gardens, rivers etc. If these common Vachan are followed scrupulously, our health and wealth both would be increased. Thus, we should always remember that '**Shiksha Patri**' is the root of all happiness.

IMPACT OF PRASADI

- Sadhu Shrirangdas (Gandhinagar)

Once Shreeji Maharaj was sitting in the house of Sura Khachar in Loya village. Sheth Champsi and Talakhsinh of Limbdi and Sheth Manekchand of Sayla came to Loya village on their return journey from Kathiyavad. When all these three persons heard about the arrival of Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan in the Loya village, they thought about testing Maharaj. They discussed about the test. The sweet

'Suter-Feni' is not available in this region so if Maharaj offers them 'Suter-Feni' he would pass in their test – this was thought about them.

All the three persons went to the place where Maharaj was sitting and started talking with other persons. When they were offered the meals, they refused and started talking with Maharaj. All of their questions were answered by Maharaj.

Meanwhile a devotee came there and offered three big pots at the lotus like feet of Maharaj. Maharaj handed over the pots to these three persons. The pots were covered with cloth and string. The three persons came back to their stay in the village Loya and opened the cloth. To their surprise, all the three pots were full of the sweet 'Suter-Feni'. Except Sheth Manekchand, the other two persons refused to accept and eat the sweet. Sheth Manekchand of Sayla accepted and ate the sweet and therefore due to the impact of Prasadi, even today Satsang has nourished like anything in the family of Sheth Manekchand.

Dear devotees, with the Punyas of thousands of previous births, one gets the divine benefit and happiness of Satsang in human life. Nishkulanand Swami has written :

सुतन उतुर ँरुतुतु, तुतुतु न तुतुतु तुतुतु असकुने

तुतु नतुतुगु तुतुतु ँरुतु तुतु तुतुतु. तुतुतु नरकुने

FOR ARRANGEMENT OF STAY OF OVERSEAS DEVOTEES PARTICIPATING SHREE NARNARAYANDEV MAHOTSAV

Jay Shree Swaminarayan to all devotees settled and residing abroad. All of us know that, Shree Narnarayandev Mahotsav is going to be celebrated from 24/12/2014 to 28/12/2014 with great fervor and enthusiasm and all of you are going to participate in it. the devotees who are participating in this Mahotsav may intimate the details of their arrival to the following representatives and if they require any accommodation, the same may also be intimated so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Following Haribhaktas may be contacted

- Jagdishbhai Patel (Chicago-America)
- Prakashbhai Patel (Cleveland-America)
- Ashokbhai Hirani (Mandviwala-London)
- Dhirajbhai (Canton-Harrow-London)
- Avnishbhai (Wilson-London)
- Bhikhabhai Velji Gorasiya (East Africa)
- Parbatbhai Premji Vekariya (Nairobi)
- Vishad Dave (Sydney-Australia)
- Bhimji Rabadiya (Sydney-Australia)
- Dipakbhai Raghvani (Melbourne-Australia)
- Rameshbhai Varsani (Adelaide-Australia)
- Pritesh Hirani (Perth-Australia)
- Premjibhai Khetani (Perth-Australia)
- Maheshbhai Ratna (Mooties-New Zealand)
- Bipinbhai Thakkar (Bhagat) (New Zealand)

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BHAKTI-SUDHA

FROM THE BLESSINGS OF H.H. SHRI
GADIWALA

‘ONE HAS TO BE ALWAYS ALERT TO
LEARN GOOD THINGS’

- Compiled by Kotak Varsha Natvarlal-
Ghodasar

Why do we conduct all these Sabhas? We learn everything which is left out in following our Dharma. When nobody accompanies us, only Dharma is our companion. Dharma is only real friend of a human being. But the difficulty is that, a person expects to get everything without making any efforts for it and that he does not have to face any difficulties for it. When such desires emerge, a man comes across the cheaters in his life and he is cheated by such cheaters. And at such time we behave blindly otherwise nobody dares to cheat us. It is like expecting light while closing our eyes. If we expect light, we should keep our eyes open.

Therefore, we need to be alert. We need to become conscious. We need to open our eyes. Whatever unhappiness comes, it comes through Agyan. Sleep of Agyan is very stormy. Gyan is like lighted lamp. Agyani people are found sleeping from his many previous births. Agyan is total blindness and it increases the pride of a persons and under the impact of this pride he cannot perceive what is right and what is wrong. He cannot differentiate what is good for him and what is bad.

Noble thoughts are like guests. They do not visit our mind until they are invited. And once invited they have to be offered all respect and hospitality like the guests. And like guests, they have to be requested ardently to stay for some more time.

So Satsang is a means to awaken ourselves. If we start snoring in the Sabha of Satsang, somebody awakens us. So to learn good things one has to be always awakened and alert. We come after fifteen days in the Sabha of Ekadashi and completion of the

sabha we again sleep back to wake up after fifteen days for the next Sabha of Ekadashi. This is due to Maya and Agyan. Therefore saints, scriptures, temples and Acharya have been established to awaken us from our sleep of Agyan. So we have to make efforts to progress in Satsang. Whatever we think and ponder, has its impact upon mind, thinking pattern and also upon our personality. It also affects our sense organs and nerve system. Once a devotee is awakened through Satsang, nothing can disturb him. So it is an humble prayer at the lotus like feet of Shree Narnarayandev that, our Satsang may be strengthened day by day.

WORSHIP BHAGWAN ARDENTLY

- Patel Labhuben Manubhai (Kundal)

“તમે ભાવે ભજુ જ્યો ભગવાન, જીવન થોડું રહ્યું,
કંઈક આત્માનું કરી જ્યો કલ્યાણ, જીવન થોડું રહ્યું.”

Human life is very rare. The Poet Narayandas has established the secret of human life in kirtan :

“મોઘો મનુષ્યનો વારો, ફેર ફેર નહિ મળનારો,
સઘા દિલમાં વિચારો, સત્સંગ કીજિએ.”

Sadguru Devanand Swami has compared the human body with Chintamani. “મનુષ્યો મનુષ્ય દેહ ચિંતામણી રે....” The wealth of the whole world and even Moksha is the gift obtained through human body. It is like locking and unlocking a lock with the help of a key. Samagam and pleasure of Maharaj and noble persons ensures our Atyantik Kalyan and their displeasure invites destruction and deterioration. So it is in our hand to choose the correct path.

A question regarding the whole human kind has been asked in Tarant-98 of ‘Purushotam Leelamrit Sukh Sagar’

“આવો મનુષ્ય દેહ પામીને, પ્રભુ ભજ્યા નહિ કેમ,
મોક્ષ પામવા કારણે, આપ્યો મનુષ્યનો દેહ.”

Saints grace the houses of the

devotees. When a question is asked why they do not come to the temple to perform divine Darshan, they answer that they do not get time from their busy schedule. Students have got their own reasons of their study and busy schedule and sometimes the question is answered that Bhajan and Bhakti would be worshipped at the later state of their life. But nobody knows the time of Death and everybody knows that it is certain that one day Death will certainly come.

“કલ કરતા હો તો કર આજ,

આજ કરતા હો તો કર અબ,

આ મૂળ વગરનું ટોકનું ટળી પડશે ટબ,

ફિર કરેગા કબ.”

Just as a young tender branch of a plant can be twisted the way we want. Similarly Bhakti of Bhagwan should be performed at the young age. And therefore, it has been stated in

Kirtan :

“કર પ્રભુ સંગાથે દંટ પ્રીતડી રે,

મરી જાવું મેલીને ઘન માલ.”

We should ardent worship Maharaj Who has granted us this very rare human birth and has also granted us this divine Satsang and also offered us convenience to worship Bhagwan. So we have to abandon laziness, procrastination and should worship Bhagwan as much as we can. In one line of Kirtan it has been stated:

“કંઈક આત્માનું કરી લ્યો કલ્યાણ, જીવન થોડું રહ્યું.”

Through Bhajan and Bhakti one can identify and recognize Bhagwan Swaminarayan and thereby one becomes eligible to get divine happiness. In one Pada, Brahmanand Swami has stated :

“મરના મરના સબ કહે, પણ મરી ન જાને કોય,

એક દિન એસા મરના ફિર જન્મ મરણ નવ હોય.”

With the directions of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and under the auspices of H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj 108 Shri Vrajendraprasadji Maharaj ‘Shree Narnarayandev Mahotsav’ has been organized from 24/12/2014 to 28/12/2014. As a part of it, following two programmes are organized and so all the saints and devotees are requested to render their services and to obtain the pleasure of Shreeji Maharaj

OFFERING BLANKETS, WOOLEN CLOTHES TO THE POOR

Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan has given us the directions in the pious ‘Shiksha Patri’ that, ‘We should be merciful towards the poor people.’ Following this direction, we should do something for the poor people and their young children during this winter season of severe cold so that they can protect themselves against the severe cold of the winter season. Accordingly, all the devotees are directed to deposit old blankets (which can be used) and they may purchase new ones and deposit the same with Hari-Mandir or temple with dome of their place. Details of such blankets so accumulated may be furnished to the devotee Shri Kamleshbhai Vasoya Mob No.9328869647 and devotee Shri Chetanbhai Ramani Mob No.9374918312. Details about distribution of the collected blankets would be intimated thereafter.

ARRANGEMENT OF IDOL IMAGES

Our Sampradaya is of Utsav-Samaiya and Tirth-Yatra. All Haribhaktas perform pilgrimage and also participate and render their services during Utsav-Samaiya and resultantly they receive in gift the idol image of Bhagwan from the saints or organization or they may have brought such idol images. After some time, these idol images or pictures get faded and dull or sometimes they are broken and then it becomes difficult for the devotees as to where to keep such faded or broken idol images in their house. As a solution to such difficulties, it has been decided by the temple to make suitable arrangement for appropriate disposal of such idol images. So if any devotees are having any such idol images and pictures and if they want to dispose of them, first of all the same may be collected in Hari-Mandir of their village or place and thereafter they may be deposited with Kalupur temple between 01/12/2014 to 06/12/2014. It may please be noted that, such idol images will not be accepted prior to 01/12/2014. Disposal of idol images and pictures so collected would be made as per the directions of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj.

Note : Idol images framed in the glass may be sent only after removing the glass.

organized. On this occasion the saints of Bapunagar approach temple narrated the importance of Shree Hari. At last Mahant Swami of the temple inspired all the devotees to render their services for Rajat Jayanti Mahotsav. (Bhikhabhai, Himatnagar)

Shree Swaminarayan temple, Dharampur (Khakharia)

On the pious occasion of 42nd Janmotsav of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendrprasadi Maharaj, Bhajan-Kirtan and Mahamantra Dhoon were performed in the evening on 04/10/2014 on the pious day of Vijaya Dasmi (Aaso Sud-10) in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Dharampur (Khakharia) followed by aarti and Prasad whose benefit was availed by all the devotees. (Kothari)

Kherol (Prantij Desh)

With the directions of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj, beautiful Satsang Sabha was organized at village Kherol wherein Mahant Swami of Himatnagar temple narrated the importance of Shree Narnarayandev and Dharmkul and also furnished information about Rajat Jayanti Mahotsav of Himatnagar temple. Yuvak Mandal performed Dhoon-Kirtan. (Patel Rameshbhai B.)

Shree Swaminarayan temple, Dangarva (Patidar)

About 70 Haribhaktas of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Dangarva (Patidar) performed Padyatra from Sapawada to Tordatham via Idar on 04/09/2014.

With the blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj, Haribhaktas of Talpad of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Dangarva performed 36 hour Shree Swaminarayan Mahamantra Dhon and Dhoon of Shree Hanumanji Maharaj from 29/08/2014 to 30/08/2014 as a part of Shree Narnarayandev Mahotsav wherein all devotees of the village participated. At last Prasad was offered to all. (Kothari Baldevbhai Vihidas Patel, Patidar temple)

Satsang Sabha in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Karjisan

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj, Madhav Swami (Siddhpur Gurukul) had narrated Katha in the Sabha organized at night on 16/09/2014 in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Karjisan whose benefit was availed by all the devotees of the village and all other devotees who had arrived from outside to attend this Sabha. Yuvak Mandal of Soja village had performed Kirtan-Bhakti. (Kothari, Karjisan)

Satsang Sabha of ladies devotees in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Gandhinagar (Sector-2) as a part of Shree Narnarayandev Mahotsav

Under the auspices of H.H. Shri Laxmiswaroop Gadiwala, grand Satsang Sabha of ladies devotees was organized on 11/10/2014 in Shree Swaminarayan temple (ladies devotees) Gandhinagar (Sector-2). In the Sabha Sankhya Yogi ladies devotees narrated Katha-Varta and at last

H.H. Shri Gadiwala blessed all the ladies devotees. On completion of the Sabha, deotee Shri Shantaben Gordhanbhai Patel (Mubarakpurwala) through devotee Shri Priyankaben Vijaybhai Patel and the host of Satsang Sabha the devotee Shri Nilamben Harikrishnabhai Rana, Pavitraba (Dharampura, Bhundiya) etc. ladies devotees performed poojan-archan-aarti and obtained the blessings of H.H. Shri Gadiwala. Large number of ladies devotees availed the benefit of this Sabha. [Shree Narnarayandev Mahila Mandal, Gandhinagar (Sector-2)]

Celebration of Akhand Dhoon and Sharadotsav in Gandhinagar (Sector-2) as a part of Shree Narnarayandev Mahotsav

With the inspiration of Sadguru Mahant Swami P.P. Swami, 151 minute Akhand Dhoon was organized in the noon from 2.30 to 5.10 hours on the pious day of Ekadashi on Sunday 19/10/2014 in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Gandhinagar (Sector-2) as a part of programme of 151 minute Akhand Dhoon in 251 villages to be performed as a part of Shree Narnarayandev Mahotsav. Many devotees of Mahadevnagar, Dahegam, Zundal villages participated in this Dhoon. After the concluding ritual, Mahant Swami furnished information about Utsav and granted inspirational blessings. During the whole arrangement, Shastri Chaitanya Swam, Shastri Divyaprakash Swami and Hariprakash Swami, Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal and Mahila Mandal had rendered beautiful services. (Babubhai Maganbhai, Gandhinagar)

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and with the inspiration of Mahant Shastri P.P. Swami and with the co-operation of all Haribhaktas, grand Sharadotsav was celebrated with great fervor and enthusiasm on 08/10/2014 in the premises of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Gandhinagar.

Our Future Acharya H.H. 108 Shri Vrajendrprasadi Maharaj graced this occasion alongwith the saints and devotees. Devotee Shri Rakeshbhai Mangaldas Patel (Zundalwala, Canada) family rendered the services as the host of this pious occasion. about 2000 Haribhaktas of 20 villages availed the benefit of this Sabha. On arrival of H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj, the host family performed poojan-aarti and obtained the blessings of H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj. Among the saints Sadguru Mahant Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji, Mahant Swami Devprakashdasji, Sadguru Mahant Shastri Swami Narayanvallabhdasji, Swami Ramkrishnadasji etc. 15 saints delivered their inspirational speeches and availed the benefit of Prasad of Dudh-Pauva. The Sabha was conducted by Shastri Swami Chaitanyaswaroopdasji. (Poojari Divyaprakash Swami, Hariprakash Swami)

Satsang Sabha in Hirawadi

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and with the arrangement of Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal, beautiful Satsang

Sabha was organized on the ground of Prarthna Appartment on 11/10/2014 as a part of Shree Narnarayandev Mahotsav and Dasabdi Mahotsav of Approach (Bapunagar) temple.

Kirtan Bhakti was followed by the inspirational speeches of Harikrishnadasji Swami (Approach), Shastri Chaitanya Swami, Shastri Swami Chhapaiyaprasaddasji, Shastri Swami Ramkrishnadasji and Sadguru Mahant Shastri Swami of Ahmedabad temple wherein it was requested to render services of mind, body and money during Shree Narnarayandev Mahotsav. (Gordhanbhai Sitapara)

Katha Parayan in Himatnagar

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Laxmiswaroop Gadiwala and H.H. Shri Laxmiswaroop Mota Gadiwala and with the inspiration of Sankhya Yogi devotee Shri Kamalaba and with the co-operation of all the ladies devotees of Mahila Mandal, Shree Janmangal Stotra Panchan Parayan was organized from 19/08/2014 to 23/08/2014 with Sankhya Yogi devotee Shri Kokilaba as the spokesperson. Pothiyatra was organized with great fervor and enthusiasm. At night cultural programme and Group Mahapooja were organized as a part of Shree Narnarayandev Mahotsav, 42nd Prakatyotsav of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and Gadi Dasabdi Mahotsav of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Gadiwala. Devotee Shri Maniben Govindbhai Patel rendered the services as the host of this divine occasion wherein about 280 ladies devotees participated. Services of all the ladies devotees were inspirational. Group Aarti of Annakat was also performed in front of Thakorji. The sabha was conducted by Sankhya Yogi Shri Ushaba. (Dahiben, Nilaben Patel)

Shree Swaminarayan temple, Naranpura

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and the whole Dharmkul and with the inspiration of Sadguru saint Hariprakashdasji Swami and Shastri Madhav Swami and under the guidance of Mahant Swami, Jaljilani Utsav and Shrimad Bhagwat Panchan Parayan were organized in Naranpura temple. Procession of Jaljilani was organized with great fervor and enthusiasm amidst Dhon-Bhajan-Kirtan-Auchhav by all the devotees. Devotee Shri Odhavjibhai Jadavjibhai Patel family rendered the services as the host of this occasion. On this occasion, Bhajan-Kirtan by the devotee Shri Jayashbhai Soni was performed in B.D. Rao Sanskrutik Hall.

From 29/08/2014 to 03/09/2014 Shrimad Bhagwat Panchan Parayan was organized in the temple with Shastri Swami Ghanshyamprakashdasji (Mansa) as the spokesperson. Madhav Swami delivered the welcome speech and the devotee Shri Nagdan Soni family of Rajula rendered the services as the host of Katha. H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj graced he concluding ritual and blessed all the devotees.

Mahant Swami delivered the vote of thanks. (Patel Ghanshyambhai, Uvarsadwala)

Shree Swaminarayan temple (ladies devotees), Viratnagar

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Gadiwala and with the inspiration of Sankhya Yogi Shri Rajanba Shree Swaminarayan Mahamantra Dhoon was organized by Viratnagar Mahila Mandal on the evening from 4.30 to 6.00 hours from 15/08/2014 to 15/09/2014 as a part of 42nd Prakatyotsav of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj. (Naniben)

Shree Swaminarayan temple, Ambapur

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj, Purani Swami Dharmjivandasji and Yogi Swami from Ahmedabad temple had graced the village Ambapur during Shraadh Paksha and had narrated Katha of importance of Shree Narnarayandev and Dharmkul for fifteen days. With the inspiration of Yogi Swami, Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal, Zundal had organized one day programme of Kirtan-Bhakti. (Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal, Ambapur)

151 minute Akhand Dhoon and Satsang Sabha at village Kanipur

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and the whole Dharmkul, 151 minute Mahamantra Akhand Dhoon was organized 12/10/2014 at village Kanipur as a part of Shree Narnarayandev Mahotsav. Thereafter in the Sabha, Mahant Shastri Swami Harikrishandasji, Mahant Shastri Nana P.P. Swami (Gandhinagar Sector-2), Shastri Chhapaiya Swami, Chaitanya Swami (Vahelal) etc. saints had explained the importance of Dharmkul and Shree Hari and narrated the brief outline of Mahotsav.

Devotees of Naroda, Dahegam, Nandol, Vardhana Muvada, Mahundra, Dharnij and Vahelal villages availed the benefit of this Sabha. (Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal, Naroda)

Religious activities in following villages were organized under the directions of H.H. Shri Laxmiswaroop Gadiwala as a part of Shree Narnarayandev Mahotsav

Sabarmati Mahila Mandal : Mantra Lekhan – 41,70,000, Vachanamrit Parayan - 47, Bhakta Chintamani Parayan – 02, Shiksha Patri Parayan – 3800, Pradakshina – 1,15,500, Shree Janmangal Path – 20000, Mala – 70800, Dandwat – 19108.

Por Mahila Mandal : Mantra Lekhan – 11,00,000, Vachanamrit Parayan - 11, Bhakta Chintamani Parayan – 02, Shiksha Patri Parayan – 700, Pradakshina – 6,000, Shree Janmangal Path – 4,201, Mala – 18,700, Dandwat – 3,3225.

Motera Mahila Mandal : Mantra Lekhan – 2,53,0000, Vachanamrit Parayan - 19, Bhakta Chintamani Parayan – 12, Shiksha Patri Parayan – 1200, Pradakshina – 22,295, Shree Janmangal Path – 8,700, Mala – 48,000, Dandwat – 6,700.

Chandkheda-Hiramoti Mahila Mandal : Mantra Lekhan – 4,40,000, Vachanamrit Parayan – 13, Bhakta Chintamani Parayan – 01, Shiksha Patri Parayan – 1300, Pradakshina – 47,000, Shree Janmangal Path – 8,700, Mala – 48,000, Dandwat – 6,700.

D-Cabin Kali Mahila Mandal : Mantra Lekhan – 4,16,000, Vachanamrit Parayan - 45, Bhakta Chintamani Parayan – 35, Shiksha Patri Parayan – 2300, Pradakshina – 45,5000, Shree Janmangal Path – 36,500, Mala – 30,600, Dandwat – 21,200.

Jamiyotpura-Kudasan-Aadraj Mahila Mandal : Mantra Lekhan – 2,42,000, Vachanamrit Parayan - 03, Bhakta Chintamani Parayan – 02, Shiksha Patri Parayan – 135, Pradakshina – 23,700, Shree Janmangal Path – 3,100, Mala – 16,500, Dandwat – 10,100.

(Naynaben S. Patel, Sabarmati)

Nava Malaniyad (Tal. Halvad)

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and H.H. Shri Laxmishwaroop Gadiwala, grand Mahapooja was celebrated with great fervor and enthusiasm at Narnarayannagar, Nava Malaniyad in the pious company of H.H. Shri Gadiwala.

On 12/10/2014 H.H. Shri Gadiwala graced the occasion and Dharma Sabha which was attended by about more than five thousand ladies devotees. This Dharma-Sabha was organised by Sankhya Yogi devotee Kanchanba (Dhrangadhra) and sankhya Yogi Madhuba, Sankhya Yogi Ritaba, Sankhya Yogi Manishaben and Sankhya Yogi Ankitaba (disciples

of Sankhya Yogi Kanchanba) residing in Shree Swaminarayan temple (ladies) (Khariwadi) Halvad. In the Sabha they explained the importance of Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan and Dharmkul. Thereafter, H.H. Shri Gadiwala blessed the whole Sabha. (Anil Dudhrejya the representative on behalf of ladies devotees)

OVERSEAS SATSANG NEWS

Shree Swaminarayan temple, Washington D.C.

With the blessings of Shree Hari and with the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and the whole Dharmkul and under the guidance of Swami Vrajbhushandasji, Diwali Utsavs were celebrated with great fervor and enthusiasm in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Washington D.C. on the pious day of Ekadashi Katha-Varta, Dhoon-Bhajan, Niyam etc. were performed by the devotees. On the pious day of Kali Chaudas, poojan-aarti of Shree Hanumanji and Path of Sundar Kand were performed. On the pious day of Dipawali, ritual of Sharda Poojan was performed and throne of Shree Ghanshyam Maharaj was decorated very beautifully with the series of lights. On the pious day of Nutan Varsh, Mangala aarti in the early morning, Shagaar aarti and grand Annakut of sweets and Vyanjans of 150 types was offered to Thakorji. More than 400 Haribhaktas and ladies devotees performed divine Darshan of the temple on this pious day from early morning till evening. At last Prasad was offered to all the devotees. Haribhaktas had rendered their inspirational services on this pious occasion. (Kothari, D.C. Temple)

AKSHARVAAS

Mahesana– Sadguru Swami HariPriyadasji Sadguru Shastri Swami Purushottamprakashdasji (Jetalpuardham) who was rendering services of Seva-pooja to Thakorji in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Mahesana has passed away to Divine Abode of God on 10/10/2014. This has caused great loss to Satsang of Mahesana.

Ahmedabad (Sabarmati) – Devotee Shri Lalitkumar Lalbhai Patel has passed away to Divine Abode of God on 26/09/2014 and devotee Shri Kokilaben Lalitkumar Patel has passed away to Divine Abode of God on 27/09/2014.

Dangarva – Devotee Shri Jethalal Laldas Patel (age 92 years) (regular visitor of Narnapura temple) has passed away to Akshardham on 12/10/2014 while chanting the name of Shree Hari.

Nikol- Ahmedabad - Devotee Shri Samjuben Nathabhai Sukhadiya (age 90 years) has passed away to Divine Abode of God on 13/10/2014 while chanting the name of Shreeji Maharaj.

Odhav-Ahmedabad – Devotee Shri Rameshbhai Madhubhai Sukhdiya (age 51 years) passed away to Akshardham on 30/09/2014 while chanting the name of Shri Hari.

Nandol – Devotee Shri Ramanbhai Chhotabhai Patel passed away to Akshardham on 15/10/2014 while chanting the name of Shri Hari.

Chandkheda– Devotee Shri Parvtiben Haribhai Bhavsar (Pethapurwala) passed away to Akshardham on 13/10/2014 while chanting the name of Shri Hari.

Ahmedabad Hathikhana Navo Vas– Devotee Shri Kantilal Lilachand Bhavsar passed away to Akshardham on 24/10/2014 while chanting the name of Shri Hari.

Nava Malaniyad (Halvad)– Devotee Shri Prabhubhai Ratnabhai Dalvadi (age 58 years) passed away to Akshardham on 13/09/2014 while chanting the name of Shri Hari.

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(1) H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj performing aarti of Thakorji on the occasion of 151 minute Dhoon organized at Viratnagar as a part of Shree Narnarayandev Mahotsav. (2) H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj performing aarti of Thakorji on the occasion of Patotsav of Bavla temple. (3) The host family performing aarti of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj in Ahmedabad temple on the occasion of Parayan. (4) The host family performing aarti of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj in Naranghat temple on the occasion of Parayan. (5) Satsang Sabha at Rajkot as a part of Shree Narnarayandev Mahotsav. (6) H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj offering letter of appoint of the Committee in Ahmedabad temple as a part of Shree Narnarayandev Mahotsav. (7) H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj observing the work at site of Shree Narnarayandev Mahotsav. (8) Our devotee Dr. G.K. Patel (Mahesana) donated blood for 175th time in the pious presence of H.H Shri Mota Maharaj and the Honourable Minister Shri Nitinbhai Patel. (9) Aachhav by Shree Narnarayandev Auchhav Mandal in front of Shree Narnarayandev in Ahmedabad temple on completion of traditional Prabodhini Ekadashi. (10) Satsang Sabha in Meghanagar as a part of Shree Narnarayandev Mahotsav.



H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj and H.H. Shri Raja offering fire crackers and sweets at village Salki to the children of the family of the successors of contemporary devotees of Shree Hari.

