

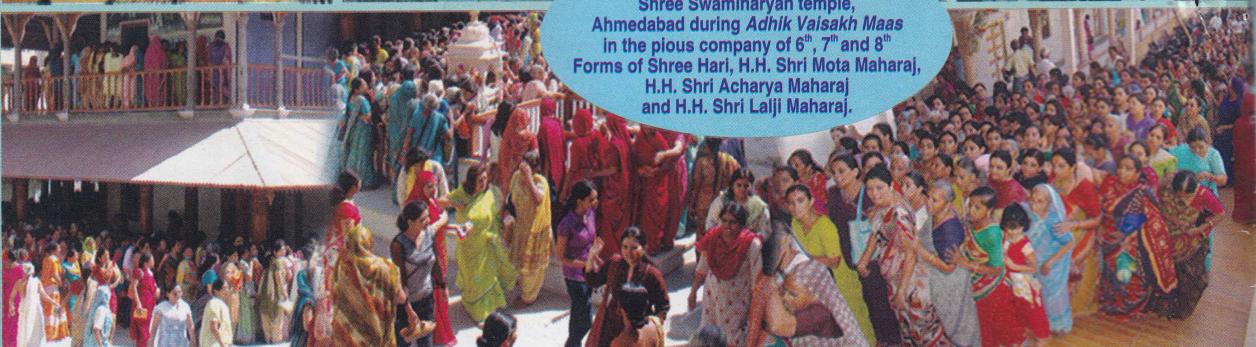
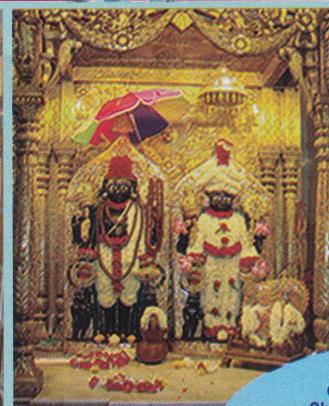
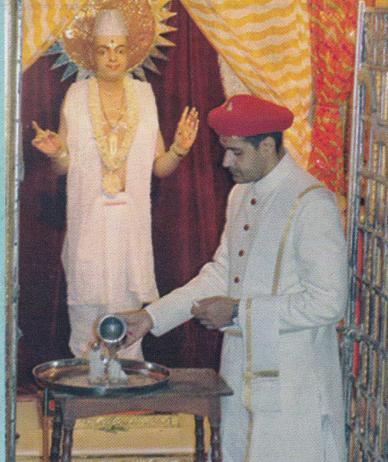
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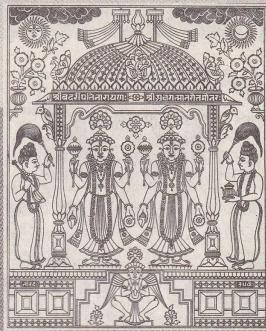
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Divine Darshan of Purushottam Maas
in the pious company of
the Lord Shree Narnarayandev in
Shree Swaminarayan temple, Ahmedabad.



Vivid Darshan
of various occasions in
Shree Swaminarayan temple,
Ahmedabad during Adhik Vaisakhi Maas
in the pious company of 6th, 7th and 8th
Forms of Shree Hari, H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj,
H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj
and H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj.



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EDITORIAL

Purushottam Maas (Adhik Maas) is considered to be a month of *Mahotsav* for a devotee, for a *Satsangi*. *Bhaktas* celebrated all the festival during this pious *Adhik Maas*. Really these festivals and *Mahotsav* bring a new ray of hope and rejuvenation in human life. The great poet and seer Kavi Kalidas has rightly stated, "Festivals are very dear to human beings." These festivals, which bring variety and relief from our daily chores, are arranged in a continuous sequence in our calendar. Almighty Lord has incarnated on this earth and has granted to the *Satsangis* a tradition of festivals and *Utsavs*. Shree Hari himself was in favour of these *Utsavs*. He used to move from village to village and to spread this tradition of *Utsavs*. One such *Utsav* is yet to come very recently. It is 'Shree Narnarayandev Nutan Mandir Mahotsav' being organized by Shree Swaminarayan temple Bhuj from 15/05/2010 to 23/05/2010.

Shreeji Maharaj came on this earth and got constructed nine temples. One of such temples is Shree Swaminarayan temple, Bhuj (Kachchh) wherein invocation of the idol images of the Lord Shree Narnarayandev has been performed by Shree Hari himself. Due to the massive earthquake, which occurred on 26th January 2001, this temple was damaged considerably. Co-incidentally, as if it was a desire and wish of the Almighty Lord Shree Narnarayandev, there was another land available for the temple. The saints and the devotees moved the idol images at this new place and made a planning to develop a beautiful temple of white marble, which has been never before, in a short span of time. Now this planning is about to be accomplished during this *Mahotsav*. It is therefore an humble prayer to Almighty Lord that all the devotees and *Bhaktas* render their services of mind, body and money in this noble work.

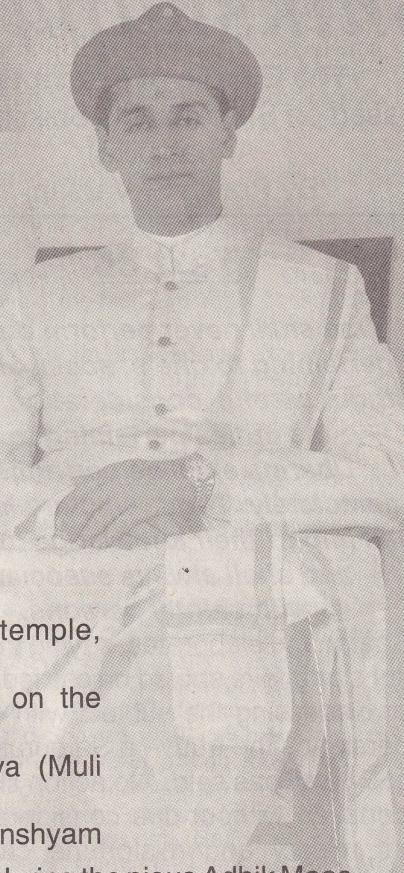
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Appointment Diary of H.H. Acharya Maharaj

1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharajshri

(APRIL-2010)

31. March to 14th April. - Pilgrimage to Australia and New Zealand.
15. Graced the house of the devotee Shri Vitthalbhai Dabhi (Sequera Tailors), Naranpura.
Graced Dev Metal Industries of the devotee Shri Gandalal Patel (Gulabpuravala) Naroda.
16. Graced Satsang Shibir at Shekhpur (Halar Muli Desh)- the place of Prasadi and birthplace of Sadguru Nishkulanand Swami.
17. Performed *Abhishek* of Shri Narnarayandev on Vaisakh Sud-3 during the pious *Adhik Maas*.
19. Graced school of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Surendranagar.
21. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Bopal on the occasion of Patotsav.
23. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Kharva (Muli Desh) on the occasion of *Patotsav*.
25. Performed *Abhishek* of Shri Rangmahol Ghanshyam Maharaj, Ahmedabad temple on Vaisakh Sud-11 during the pious *Adhik Maas*.
Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Zundal, on the occasion of *Satsang Sabha*
26. Graced the house of the devotee Shri Parshottambhai Naranbhai Patel at village Chenpur on the occasion of Parayan.
27. Graced Kala Bhagat's Vaas at village Kundal (Tal. Kadi) on the occasion of renovation of Charnarvind.
29. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Jasapar (Muli Desh) on the occasion of *Patotsav*.
30. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple (ladies) Lunawada on the occasion of ritual of *Khat-vidhi*.



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 Rajbhog Aarti : 10.10 hours • Sandhya Aarti : 19.15 hours • Sayan Aarti : 20.30 hours

Shikshapatri

The Epistle of Precepts

(based on Shatanand's Shikshapatri
Arthadipika)

By Pravin S. Varsani

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One shall never perform duties pertaining to one's social affairs without careful consideration, Where as duties pertaining to Dharma shall be performed immediately. Those who are learned shall impart their knowledge to others and shall always associate with saintly persons.

Shatanand elaborates, saying that social actions or affairs should be carried out only after discussing the subject with one that understands the truth – a Satpurusha. The poet **Bharvi** has said, 'No action should be undertaken without due consideration, as great misery and misfortune can befall such people. Those who always consider carefully their actions become wealthy in all aspects of life.' Thus such a person achieves happiness and prosperity even without applied effort. **Bhartru Hari** adds, 'Actions without thought are likely to cause suffering, just like forcing an arrow through your heart.'

Only those actions that are properly thought out can be considered as positive and constructive useful acts. Much of today's problems are due to actions without thought or consultation. Problems in family, society and communities all too often exist because due care wasn't taken in thinking

through their actions and the consequences. Such consideration is vital to acquire a best solution, which is acceptable to all. Such constructive actions build a community to strength whereas irresponsible thoughtless actions fragment and weaken a community. For these reasons Lord Swaminarayan points out a directive which is very important in this day and age.

Lord Swaminarayan further says **Karyo Dharma Satvaram**- Actions pertaining to Dharma should be performed immediately without consideration. Why is this so?

Smruti explains- **Dharma Eva Sahayi Syata Paraloke Na Chetara**; 'Dharma is the only cause of promotion to the heavens.'

Furthermore: **Dharmasya Tvarita Gatiha**- 'Dharma is quicker motive force (to the heavens).' Thus Dharma is a strong force, which drives a person faster to the heavens and hence its action need not be questioned.

Dharma makes a person. It builds the qualities within him. Without Dharma a person is lost forever, it is his link to the heaven. The greatness of Dharma has been ever glorified in this translation. Saints and Shastras all praise its greatness and righteous people abide by it so that they can attain the heavens. This is why Dharmic actions (Dharmic) to be performed immediately. **Mokshadharma** says, 'Actions (Dharmic) to be undertaken tomorrow should be undertaken today, as death does not wait for a person to perform righteous deeds.' Thus one should never put off or postpone their duties as we can never say when death will strike. Death will not wait for a person to successfully

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રહ્િ એકાદશ નિયમ મે, કરો શ્રીહરિ પદ પ્રીત

- Shastri Abhayprakashdasji Guru
Swami Devprakashdasji (Naranghat)

(1) હિંસા ન કરની જંતુકી

The first of eleven rules of the prayer of Prem murti saint Sadguru Premanand Swami talks about “હિંસા ન કરની જંતુકી”. It means that, “our devotees should not commit any kind of violence in respect of any insect or animal.”

Even in our scriptures, it is stressed to abstain from violence and it is held that non-violence is the supreme religion. It is prohibited to kill even the smallest insect. In the pious ‘Shiksha Patri’ Lord Shree Swaminarayan has stated:

કસ્યાપિ પ્રાણિનો હિંસા નૈવ કાર્યાદ્ય માસકે: ।

સૂક્ષ્મયુકામત્કુણાદરાપે બુદ્ધ્યા કદાચન ॥

None of our devotees should commit violence in respect of any insect or animal. This also includes the tiny insects like ant, bat etc. We are devotees of Shreeji Maharaj and Maharaj has directed us to be very vigilant and not to kill even the tiny insects. We must be alert and should not kill any insect even unknowingly. Sometimes we unknowingly kill these insects while cooking the meals or cleaning our house. However, we must be very vigilant so that such things do not happen.

In Satsangijivan it is stated that, in a house of *Satsangis*, five types of violence happen: (1) **Khandaliyo** (Grinder) (2) **Ghanti** (Mixer) (3) **Chulo** (Fire) (4) **Paniyaru** (Water) and (5) **Savarni** (Broom). All these are very essential for any activity or work in the kitchen and while doing anything in the kitchen, we unknowingly kill the insects. But all these

activities are very essential then what to do to prevent such unintended violence? While answering this question, it is prescribed in our scriptures to perform five types of *Yagnas*:

(1) **Dev Yagna** : Daily worship of the god and deities. (2) **Bhut Yagna**: To offer meals to the animals like cow, dog etc. because it is our pious duty to offer the meals to the cows which are at our home. But when we offer such meals to other animals then it is known as *Bhut Yagna*. (3)

Pitru Yagna : To render our services to our parents. (4) **Atithi Yagna**:

To welcome and render services to the guests. By performing all these five *Yagnas*, we are released from five types of violence as shown above. We should perform all these *Yagnas* daily and regularly.

Furthermore, Lord Shree Swaminarayan says in ‘Shiksha Patri’:

“દેવતા પિતૃયાગાર્થ મપ્યજાદેશ્ચ હિંસનમ् ।

ન કર્તવ્યમહિસૈવ ધર્મ: પ્રોક્તોઽસ્તિ યન્મહાન ॥”

We should not kill the goat, deer, rabbit, fish etc. because non-violence is Great Religion and it is stated in all the scriptures. We should not only commit violence even for the purpose of any *Yagna* and should also not support any such violence if committed by any other person. We should not co-operate with them. If possible, we should prevent such a violence, because all those who commit, witness, support and approve such violence, share it equally. Those who do not prevent such a violence despite the fact that they are capable to prevent it, are also equally held responsible for such violence and they have to face its consequences. And if it is not possible for a person to prevent such a violence then he should

immediately leave that place:

“स्त्रीया धनस्य वा प्राप्त्यै साप्राज्यस्य च वा
व्यचिद् मनुष्यस्य तु कस्यापि हिंसा कार्या न
सर्वथा ॥”

One should not kill anybody for the sake of any woman or money or state. Generally, three types of violence are committed - through body, words and mind. Though we may not be holding a sword in our hand, but our tongue and words should

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Shikshapatri

complete his/her duties and so it is important that we do as much as we can for Dharma - now!

Shree Hari says- **Pathniyadhitavidhya** the imparting of one's own knowledge to others. A Guru or learned person should pass on his wealth of knowledge and education to a promising and virtuous student (Shishya). Shatanand says, **Vishyaddansyatidaantvaditi Bhava**- Vidhya Daan or giving away of knowledge is the best of all donations **Smruti** explains, 'The three donations of cows (Gavaha), Land (Pruthvi) and knowledge (Sarasvati) are the greatest of donations.' The passing of knowledge is the greatest of acts and so it is praised here.

Daankhanda of **Vishnudharmotar** says, 'Those who teach others obtain the greatest of heavens. The greatest penance - (*Tapa*) is that performed by one who offers the donation of knowledge to others. In this world, the greatest donation and penance - *Vidhyadaan* will fulfill all desires.'

Nandi Purana then explains the fourteen great studies or subjects (*Chaturdas Vidhya*); 'The six studies of

also not be very harsh. There is famous example of Draupadi in the great epic 'Mahabharat'. Her bitter words caused the great war among the members of the same family. Harsh words are also a kind of violence and we should abstain from such a violence. We may not commit any violence, but it is true non-violence, if we do not disturb anybody through our words and action.આપણે તો હિંસા ન કરીએ પણ આપણા વર્તનથી વાણીથી, કોઈને પરેશાની ન થાય તે જ સાચી અહિંસા છે.

physical nature, four Vedas, the *Dharmashastra* (treatise of Dharma), *Puranas*, *Mimamsa* (Vedantic philosophy) and *Tarka* (logic). From these, Thousands of studies have come into being. However three are considered the greatest of studies- (1) **Atama Vidhya**- Study into the nature of the soul (2) **Purana Vidhya**- study of the works of Vyaas- the eighteen *Puranas* and (3) **Dharmashatra Vidhya**- study upon Dharma (includes *Shrutis* and *Smrutis*). Shatanand says, **Tistra Eta Mata Mukhayaha Sarvadaankriyafalaugha**- these three are the greatest of studies and will derive the fruits of performing numerous donations. Thus education is held high in Hinduism, but we must be careful that we study the right subjects- those pertaining to *Vedas* and *Shastras*. **Garuda Purana** Specifies a *Vidhya* of all: **Vidhyanascha Para Vidhya Brahmvidhya Samirita**- 'The greatest *Vidhya* of all is Brahmvidhya- the knowledge of the supreme (which is the study into the nature of God).' Those who offer such *Vidhya* to others are showered with the fruits of donating everything -*Sarvadaan*.

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Dhyan Nisthay Namah:

- Swami Narayan Muni Guru Mahant Shastri Harikrishnadasji (Ahmedabad)

In the great epic 'Mahabharat' Ved Vyasji has talked about one thousands names of the Almighty Lord. Whereas in this Kaliyug for simplicity of the people, Satsangjijivan Shatanand Swami talked about 108 names of Shreeji Maharaj. We all call it 'Jan Mangal Namavali'. One of the names of Maharaj in this Janmangal Namavali is '**Dhyan Nisthay Namah**'.

In 'Vachanamrit' Shreeji Maharaj has directed to perform *Dhyan*. There is great importance of *Dhyan* both from spiritual as well as physiological point of view. There have been recent researches in this field which reveal that there have been many diseases for which one has to take medicines throughout his life. Nowadays specialist doctors prescribe to meditate for half an hour every morning. Besides physiological benefits, this also helps to regulate our feelings. The best means to curb our feelings is to perform *Dhyan* of the Almighty Lord. The beautiful body is merely a lump of five elements; but what is vital is the spirit which we call it our *Atma* which resides into this human body. Until these feelings are not controlled, this body does not allow us to think beyond them and in this regard a beautiful example is narrated in *Vachanamrit* of Gadhada Chapter-5. it is easy to get rid of the superficial and super structures of such feelings, but their vital parts are very difficult to overcome. Even the great *Rishis* like Saubhari, who performed *Tapa* for sixty thousand years, married after thus much of *Sadhana* just because of these human feelings. There was another great *Rishi* named Chyan Rishi. He performed very severe *Tapa* for twenty one thousand years. He did not move an inch from his life during this whole period. While he was performing his *Tapa*, a great procession of

a noble king came to his Ashram. The chaos and noise caused disturbance in *Tapa Sadhana* of the great *Rishi*. He cursed that, the people causing disturbance in his Ashram would not be able to answer the call of nature. All were disturbed under the influence of this curse. But the king was very wise. He thought this is Ashram of a great *Rishi* and someone from his company must have caused any disturbance to *Tapa* of *Rishi*. When the king came to Chyan Rishi and begged his pardon, *Rishi* asked him to get his princess married with him. This shows that, even the great *Rishi* like Chyan *Rishi* could not overcome his feelings in spite great *Tapa* of so many years. And therefore there is name of Maharaj 'Dhyan Nisthay Namah' whose name if chanted with devotion and concentration, certainly helps us to regulate and control our feelings. In the pious 'Shiksha Patri', Maharaj has stated that, "One should perform *Dhyan* of Almighty Lord only." Therefore, everyone should perform *Dhyan* of Maharaj. At present pious *Adhik Maas* is going on and one should perform special *Bhajan*, *Bhakti*, *Seva*, *Vrata*, *Dhyan*, *Tapa*, *Path* whatever can be done by him. In the last *Shloka*, Shatanand Swami has written:

दशावृत्या प्रतिदिनमस्याभीष्टं सुखे भवेत् ।

गृहिमस्त्यागिभिश्चापि पठनीयमिद ततः ॥

Swami has stated that, every *Satsangi* should perform *Path* of *Janmangal Namavali* at least for ten times in a day. *Janmangal Namavali* is written by Swami very carefully. Each and every name of Maharaj in this *Janmangal Namavali* is very pious. Those who perform *Path* of this *Janmangal Namavali* everyday, Shreeji Maharaj remains very pleased with him.

Aishwarya of Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan

- Sadhu Ajayprakashdasji Guru Poojari Swami Jayprakashdasji (Muli)

“શ્રીમતાપ નિરૂપણા”

Once Shreeji Maharaj graced Loya village during his *Vanvicharan* in *Varnivesh*. At that time he had nothing. But thereafter Maharaj got constructed many temples at the cost of crore of rupees, got performed *Yagnas* at many places. Satsang of Shree Ramanand Swami was placed at high pedestal on global level. He also prepared learned poets, Gavaiyas, visionary writers and great saints.

Not only this, he also offered Diksha to many saints and devotees. The eminent personalities and sadhus of various sects such as Kabirpanthi, Khakhi Sadhu SAmaj, Ramanandi, Shaktipanthi, Jains, Vaishnav Shiromani Hemraj Shah Sheth, Brahmins of Umreth with Shakat Mata, leaders of Parsi community of Surat, Khoja Vora and Mulsims of Ardesar Kotwala also became devotees of Shree Swaminarayan.

“વિદ્વાનોને વશ કર્યા”

With the blessings of Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan, great persons such as erudite Shobharam Shastri of Vadodara, Trambaknath Shastri, Rajved Ramchandraji, Harichandraji, Shastri Dinanath Bhatt and Laxminath Pandit and Kathakar Shivram of Siyani all became devotees of Maharaj. Besides these great personalities, devotees of all other sects and religions were granted divine *Darshan*

of Maharaj and His *Aishwarya*. Shree Sahjanand Swami was Almighty Lord but even the great saints of His company have also performed many miracles.

“અનેર આકર્ષણા”

In this modern age of science and technology miracles is not something unique. Even a magicians shows us many tricks and miracles. But the great poet Dalpatram has rightly described *Aishwarya* of Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan:

બળથી, કળથી, ધનથી વશ કરતા નૃપ હોય,
ઘેંગીલે જાન લાભના વો તો ઈશ્વર હોય.

“નિરૂપને બાહેંધરી”

There have been incidents in the life of Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan wherein we find that the Almighty Lord has granted divine Darshan to many saints and devotees. Such incidents occur even today. Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan has granted a status to his ardent devotees and has stated:

“મારા જનને અંતકાળે જરૂર મારે આવવું”

બિરૂદ મારું બદલે નહિ એ સર્વજનને જણાવવું.

At the end of life of a devotee, this merciful Almighty Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan comes to bring the divine soul of the devotee. When this devotees get the divine Darshan, he feels divinity and pleasure which are beyond any expression. Thus, Almighty Lord Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan is very merciful.

AGIYARAS

- Chandrakant Mohanlal Pathak (Gandhinagar)

Once Bhagwan Shree Hari graced Jetpur. Maharaj, saints and devotees were performing *Snan* in the pious river Bhadar. At that time, the devotees Matara and Alaiya were talking. Alaiya was worried about the meals on that day and he was thinking about what would he get in his meals on that day, as it was the day of Agiyaras. Maharaj overheard their talk and therefore asked the devotee Matara what they were talking about. Matara said that, Alaiya was worried about the meals.

Maharaj told him that people of *Kathi* community are very clever. But all the devotees should note that, *Agiyaras* comes only twice in a month and therefore the devotees should observe fast and should not think about the meals. They should perform special *Bhajan*, *Kirtan* and worship of Lord on such pious days. Moreover, it was pious *Pasankusha Agiyaras*, which is special one among all *Agiyaras*. Therefore, on that day they would not get anything in *Faral*, and they will have to perform only *Bhakti*. When fast is observed on such a pious days, all their sins are burnt.

The devotees were laughing. They said that, in the presence of Shreeji Maharaj all their sins have already been washed off and so now they need not worry about their sins. Then Shreeji Maharaj said that, directions of the scriptures must be followed scrupulously. *Vrata* of *Ekadashi* or *Agiyaras* is *Vrata* of Lord Shree Krishna and therefore this *Vrata* should be observed by all gents and ladies devotees. Those persons who do not perform this pious *Vrata*, they get *Shairav Nark*. In the scriptures, we find remedies of all sins. But there is no remedy to the sin committed by not

observing the fast on the pious day of *Agiyaras*. *Ekadashi* is a *Vrata* of purifying our ten *Indriyas* and mind. Fasting observed on that day with faith and worship of Almighty Lord is equivalent to performing *Tapa* which pleases the Almighty Lord.

Kathi Darbar of Jetpur asked Shreeji Maharaj, "What is the reason that importance of *Vrata* of *Agiyaras* is so much described in the scriptures?" Maharaj replied that he likes to talk about such things in front of the saints and devotees. *Ekadashi* is created from the body of Almighty Lord Vasudev himself. And therefore it is *Vasudev* itself. Almighty Lord blessed *Ekadashi* that, those persons and devotees who would perform her *Vrata* with faith and devotion, their all sins would get washed off and they would get all they want in this worldly life. Shreeji Maharaj again said that, we constantly observe the *Vachan* of the scriptures and their compliance. This village is sanctified with the pious feet of Ramanand Swami. Swami has performed our *Gadi-Abhishek* in this village only and has granted us the status of *Acharya*.

Maharaj called Mayaram Bhatt and asked him to bring the sweets from the village. He also asked the devotee to bring the fruits and if he does not get things sufficiently then he may also go to nearby villages. He may also take other persons with him.

All the things of *Prasadi* were offered to saints, *Parshads*, *Haribhaktas* on that pious day of *Agiyaras*. Witnessing the great occasion, the devotee Parvatbhai said, he had never seen before such a grand celebration of *Vrata* of *Agiyaras*. *Kathi* devotees repented and acknowledged their mistake. They promised to observe complete fasting on all *Agiyaras*. Shree Hari was very much pleased with their words.

Pilgrimage of America of H.H. Shri Mota Gadiwala

- Leelaben Patel (New Jersey)

Our H.H. Shri Mota Gadiwala accepted an ardent invitation of all the ladies devotees of Byron (America) and graced Georgia Byron Airport on 01/04/2010. Ladies devotee of Atlanta and Byron Rajshreeben, Rageshriben, Jyotsnaben, Suryaben, Parulben, Dakshaben and Nayanaben etc. performed Swagat Samaiya of H.H. Shri Mota Gadiwala on the airport.

From the air-port, H.H. Shri Mota Gadiwala graced the place, where regular Satsang Sabha is organized. A Sabha was organized at the place wherein Katha, Kirtan, Dhoon, Thaal and Aarti were performed. Thereafter H.H. Shri Mota Gadiwala graced the place where a huge land admeasuring 13 acre is acquired for the purpose of our Byron temple. There all the ladies devotees were blessed. Then H.H. Shri Mota Gadiwala graced the houses of the ladies devotees Hansaben, Suryaben, Parulben, Nainaben, Dakshaben and Payalben. During her stay at the residence of the devotee Parulben, Thaal was offered to Thakorji. Sankhya Yogi Manjuba and Leelaben etc. had accompanied H.H. Shri Mota Gadiwala to render their services during the pilgrimage.

Here in Byron devotees granted the divine happiness of Katha, Varta, Kirtan and Bhakti continuously for four days. A Sabha was organized on 3rd and 4th April in a

grand hall wherein large number of ladies devotees participated and performed Katha-Varta, Kirtan and Bhakti and also obtained the blessings of H.H. Shri Mota Gadiwala. Ladies devotees Suryaben, Umaben, Nainaben, Dakshaben, Nitaben, Payalben, Arunaben, Smitaben, Shantaben etc. also availed the divine benefit of grace of their houses by H.H. Shri Mota Gadiwala.

On 20th April 2010, H.H. Shri Mota Gadiwala graced the marriage function of the devotee Dimpal the daughter of the devotees Ranjanben and Baldevbhai Chaudhary. On 21st April, a *Satsang Sabha* was organized at the residence of the devotee Dikshitaben and Dilipbhai Trivedi wherein Sankhya Yogi Manjulaba granted to the ladies devotees the benefit of *Katha* and *Varta*. On 24th April, on the occasion of marriage ritual of devotee Dimple, H.H. Shri Mota Gadiwala blessed her for happy life and also blessed her that she may keep *Satsang* as prominent in her life. The whole Chaudhary family was moved with pleasure by the divine arrival of H.H. Shri Mota Gadiwala in the marriage ritual of their daughter.

Devotee Payalben Prashanbhai Dholakiya had also availed the benefit of all arrangements of stay of H.H. Shri Mota Gadiwala and Sankhya Yogi ladies devotees.

Dhotli of Prasadi of Shreeji Maharaj

- Gordhanbhai V. Sitapara (Hirawadi-Bapunagar)

વળી વળી શું વર્ણનું, વળી આ સમાની વાત.
જીવ જગતના ઉપરે, આજ અમે ધીએ રળીયાત.
જીણીએ આખિ જક્તને, લઈ જાયે અમારે ધામ.
કેડે ન રાખિએ કોઈને, એમ હૈયે છે ઘણી હામ.
તે સારુ ભૂમિ ઉપરે, કંઈ રાખ્યા સુખના સમાજ.
અમારા અંગ સંગની વસ્તુ, રાખી જીવના કલ્યાણ કાજ.
ફરી ફરી ફરો પડે, એવું કરવું નથી આ વાર.
સહુ જીવનો સામટો, આજ કરવો છે ઉદ્ધાર.

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વળી કલ્યાણકારી જે વસ્તરે, તે પણ પૂર્ખી પર છે સમસ્ત રે.
ખુલ્લુ તે વડે થારો કલ્યાણ રે, સ્વર્ણિ પામશો પદ નિરવાણ રે.

(Purushottam Prakash)

Shreeji Maharaj says that, he is very much pleased with all the souls of this world and wants to take all these souls to his divine *Akshardham* and no one should be deprived of the divine happiness and joy. Therefore, we have left behind us many things of *Prasadi* for the welfare of all the devotees. Even by touching these Things of *Prasadi*, the devotees can get emancipation. As stated in the scriptures, like the name of Shree Hari, the Things of *Prasadi* of Shree Hari are also worthy to be worshipped and to have *Darshan*.

Sixth form of Shree Hari, H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj 1008 Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharaj has been guiding us in developing Shree Swaminarayan Museum in Naranpura area of Ahmedabad. In this museum, all the devotees would be able to have *Darshan* of divine Things of *Prasadi* of Shree Hari and thereby they would get emancipation. It appears that, this would realize the above stated wish of Shreeji Maharaj to



grant emancipation to all the souls just by granting them divine Darshan of Things of *Prasadi*, which are left by Shreeji Maharaj. Here in this article, there is an incident of one *Dhotli* of *Prasadi* of Shreeji Maharaj.

Once the devotee Devji came from Gadhpur to the orchard of mango trees situated in village Jayalav of Gujarat. Shreeji Maharaj had directed him to purchase the mangoes. The devotee purchased the mangos loaded in seven bullock-carts and returned to Gadhpur. Meanwhile Ramkrishnand Muni brought wheat from Bhal region. Therefore, Shree Hari arranged *Bhojanotsav* of *Ras-Rotli*. Shree Hari offered the meals to all saints, *Parshads* and devotees. On the same day in the afternoon, when Shree Hari cleaned his body with *Dhotli*, devotee Devji Bhagat said, "Really very lucky is that devotee,

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THIS MANKI IS MY FRIEND!

- Atul Bhanuprasad Pothiwala (New Jersey- America)

Once three horse-riders brought one bullock cart at the house of Darbar Jalimsinh of village Devaliya. The servant informed about the arrival of the guests and mother Keshaba came out covering her face with her sari. She found that, Lord Shree Swaminarayan had graced her house!

Jalimsinh and Keshaba warmly welcomed Maharaj. Keshaba told that, if they would have been in advance about the arrival of Maharaj, they would have made all preparations and would also have performed *Samaiya* of Maharaj. Maharaj smiled and said that sometimes surprise arrival is more pleasing. Keshaba had reached at certain height in her spiritual worship. She was an ardent devotee of Maharaj. Everyday she would offer the meals to Thakorji and would accept the meals only after Thakorji accept something from Thaal!

The horse Manki of Maharaj was offered the healthy food to graze. Meals were ordered to be prepared for all the saints and devotees who accompanied Maharaj. By the time it was noon, the delicious meals were ready for all the guests. Beautiful Annakut were prepared and offered to Thakorji. Thereafter meals were offered to Maharaj and all the saints and devotees. In the evening, *Satsang Sabha* was organized wherein large number of devotees and villagers participated.

Next day in the morning, Maharaj expressed the desire to go to Ahmedabad. But ardent devotee Keshaba insisted him to stay for the day. She had decided that she would offer the meals with sweets to Maharaj on that day. But Maharaj was firm in his decision to go to Ahmedabad. Keshaba immediately went to the stable

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where the horse Manki of Maharaj was there. She whispered into the ears of Manki and expressed her desire to offer the meals to Maharaj.

Here Shreeji Maharaj had already issued directions to Mulji Brahmchari that meals are not to be prepared as he was to take the meals elsewhere. Then Maharaj directed Naja Jogiya to bring the horse Manki. Naja Jogiya came to the stable and to his surprise he did not find Manki there. He searched for Manki all around but did not find her anywhere. Immediately he rushed to Maharaj and told about the missing of Manki.

Maharaj was also surprised because he knew Manki; she would never go anywhere without him. Now Maharaj started searching her. He came near a room which was closed. He asked who was inside the room. Keshaba stopped Maharaj and told that, her friend was performing *Dhyan* inside the room. Maharaj smiled and told Keshaba that, Manki is missing at her place and so she should find her out. Keshaba promised to find her out but with a condition to grant her one blessing and Maharaj may accept her meals. Maharaj agreed to accept the meals.

Immediately Keshaba opened the door of the room and there was Manki. Maharaj was very much pleased to observe the fast friendship between Manki and Keshaba. Maharaj asked Keshaba to bring the meals. All the devotees and saints along with Maharaj relished the delicious dish of the meals prepared by Keshaba. After the meals, all the guests took leave of Keshaba. Really unique was the friendship between Manki and Keshaba!!!

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SATSANG BALVATIKA

- Compiler Shastri Harikehsavdasji (Gandhinagar)

WHY AN OLD MAN IS UNHAPPY !

- Shastri Haripriyadas (Gandhinagar)

One old person was very unhappy in his home. The reason for his unhappiness was that, though he had more than one daughter-in-law but they all were of different temperament. One daughter-in-law would offer him the meals with love and affection, the other may offer the meals indifferently and third one may offer the meals in anger. The old man, with only a few teeth in his mouth, was very unhappy, as he could not chew the meals properly.

One saint came to know about the misery of this old man. These saints are very tender and soft hearted. He could not see the plight of the old man and therefore, he requested the old man to come to his Ashram which is very big. He also told him that, there is a huge and spacious Satsang Hall wherein he can chant the name of Shree Hari and at the backside of it, there is a kitchen wherein he can take *Prasad* of Thakorji.

The old man accepted the invitation and came to Ashram and stayed there for one week. Now he was very much happy in the Ashram. He had peace of mind and happiness of soft meals which he could chew with his weak teeth and relish the delicious meals. After one week the old man reminded of his home. He recalled his grand children calling him lovingly 'Dada, dada'. Therefore, he went to the saint and asked for his permission to go home. When the saint insisted him to stay in Ashram, the old man told that there is no one in Ashram

calling him lovingly 'Dada, dada'. Immediately the saint called all the disciples studying in Ashram and told them that henceforth they call the old man as 'Dada'. From the next day in the morning all the disciples of the Ashram started calling the old man as 'Dada Jay Shree Swaminarayan'.

The old man was now happy but only for two days. On the third day, he again recalled his home and asked for the permission of the saint to return home. When the saint asked now what was the matter, the old man replied that, he loved his family and grand children very much and therefore he could no more stay in Ashram.

Friends, we have to learn a lesson from this little story. The saints and the scriptures state that during the old age one should forsake all affections of the worldly life and one should make efforts for it. If one wants to get real happiness in life and relish the divine pleasure of life then one should direct his life towards *Bhakti* and *Satsang* during the old age and thereby one should ensure his emancipation. This old age is a period to inculcate such things in life.

REASON FOR UNHAPPINESS OF A FOX

- Sadhu Shrirang Maharaj
(Gandhinagar)

There was a forest. It was a very big forest. No one could go there. Our Lord Shree Swaminarayan performed Vanvicharan as Nilkanthvarni in such a dense and dangerous forest. He used to perform Tapa at such places. There were all types of wild animals in the forest such as lion, tiger, fox, elephant and poisonous insects like snake. But sometimes, even these animals teach us beautiful lesson.

All these wild animals move in the

forest at their will. One day in the morning all animals and birds went in search of the food with the sun going high in the sky. A fox was moving there. The fox looked at his own shadow and thought that like his shadow he was very big and could jump the whole mountain and was very powerful.

Meanwhile an elephant came there. When the fox saw the animal, he thought that he was very powerful and if he wished he can also kill the big animal like elephant. The fox came in the way of the elephant. The elephant was surprised at this. He got angry, lifted the fox in his trunk and threw it away. The fox sustained serious injuries and also the fractures at number of places in his body. By that time, it was noon time. The fox looked at his shadow in the noon; now it was tiny just like himself. The fox realized the reality of life.

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who has offered this *Dhotli* to you. Sometimes you keep it on your head as turban, sometimes you clean the utensils with it, sometimes you use it as a cushion while sleeping at night. Sometimes you keep it on your left shoulder, just as *Yagnopavit* of a Brahmin and perform *Vanvicharan*. You don't keep it away from you even for a moment."

Maharaj told Devji Bhagat, "You have rightly understood the importance of *Dhotli*. So now you will keep it with you." And Maharaj offered the *Dhotli* to Devji Bhagat. In the *Sabha* organized at night Brahmanand Swami sang a *Kirtan* explaining importance of *Dhotli* of Maharaj. In *Satsanghibhusan* Shri Vyapkesh Muni tells to the king Jyesthjit, "Hei Rajan! Those who listen to this divine and pious *Hari-Charitra*, shall get emancipation in his life."

Dear friends, from this story we have to learn a lesson that, a person who does not know his own potentials, and keeps on cherishing high expectations meets with the results and hard realities of life like this fox. Therefore it is rightly stated in 'Shiksha Patri' that, one should perform tasks as per limitations. If one goes beyond his own capacity then he becomes unhappy in life. આ વાત પરથી એમ સમજવાનું કે પોતાની શક્તિનો વિચાર કર્યા વગર જીતજીતના મનસુખા ઘરીને લાંબી લાંબી અપેક્ષાઓ સેવનાર સદાય દુઃખી થાય છે. મારે જ આપણા ઈષ્ટદેવ સ્વામિનારાયણ ભગવાને શિક્ષાપત્રીમાં કંઈ છે કે પોતાની શક્તિની મધ્યદાનો વિચાર કરીને જ દરેક કાર્ય કરવા જોઈએ. અપેક્ષાઓને પૂરી કરવા મારે શક્તિ ઉપરાંત ખર્ચ કરે, બળવાન સાથે બાથ ભિડાવે, કોઈ પણ અવિચારી કામ કરે તો તેને શિયાળની જેમજ દુઃખી થવું પડે.

So let us pray to Almighty Lord Shree Hari that, if the successors of Devji Bhagat read this article and Shree Hari may inspire them and if *Dhotli of Prasadi* is preserved by them, then they may offer *Dhotli of Prasadi* in Shree Swaminarayan Museum so that, all the devotees can have its divine *Darshan*. On the pious day of *Falgun Sud-3 Vikram Samvat 2067*, we shall have divine *Darshan* of so many such *Things of Prasadi* of Shreeji Maharaj. Time is running like anything. It does not wait for anybody. Therefore, those who have not rendered their services in this Shree Swaminarayan Museum, they should offer their services as per their capacity. Even a small drop contributes in making of a big lake. Like Shree Swaminarayan temple, this Shree Swaminarayan Museum also has great importance.

IMPORTANCE OF RELIGION
- Sankhyayogi Kundanba Guru
Kanchanba (Meda)

Oh dear devotees! My devotees should never do anything which is devoid of *Dharma* (religion). Just as we do not drink or use the stinking water of the drainage but we immediately throw it away, similarly we should not do anything which is devoid of *Dharma* even if we may be getting some temporary out of it. If a person decides that henceforth he would lead a righteous and religious life and immediately he dies, then also he gets emancipation. Those who follow the directions of *Dharma* scrupulously, certainly get happiness in their life. Therefore my devotees should never leave their *Dharma*. Human life is very uncertain just like a straw or like a dew drop on a leaf. No one knows when this human life will end. Therefore *Dharma* should be prime importance in one's life. If an occasion arises in life to beg while following *Dharma*, then one should think that, I am rich as regards observing my *Dharma*. Because great Rishis and seers have stated that, *Dharma* is real richness in life.

Oh devotees! In this world, all human beings having striving for happiness and pleasures of life since time immemorial. And they obtain such things also. But despite all these things with them, they do not get the peace of mind and sheer satisfaction and innocent pleasure in their heart. The superficially beautiful things may grant temporary happiness but they can never give eternal peace and happiness which are divine in nature.

The human mind is surrounded with a number of temptations and it remains uneasy and dissatisfied while engrossed in various subjects and desires which can never be fulfilled. Therefore in order to get eternal peace, a person should get rid of this Maya and its manifold temptations and they should strictly follow *Dharma*; then only they can get eternal peace and happiness in their life. Oh devotees! *Dharma* is like a brake which regulates our life towards noble and righteous way which ultimately leads towards emancipation.



BHAKTI-SUDHA

In 35th Vachanamrit of Gadhada Chapter, Shreeji Maharaj has stated, "If a person keeps on chanting the name of Almighty Lord but his life is devoid of *Dharma*, then he should be considered as *Chandal*." In 47th Vachanamrit, Shreeji Maharaj has stated, "Incarnation of the Lord occurs for propagation of *Dharma* (religion) of His *Ekantik Bhakta* only, and physical death is not a death but to deviate from his own *Dharma* is death for *Ekantik Bhakta*. Those who forsake their own *Dharma* being proud of their knowledge, they get destroyed. The Almighty Lord does not like *Bhakti* without *Dharma*."

Oh Bhaktas! *Kshama, Daya, Ansuya, Sauch, Anayas, Mangal, Akrishna and Nispruha* are common features of *Dharma*. *Tapa, Pavitrata, Daya* and *Satya* are four *Charans* of *Dharma*. If one follows these four *Charans* scrupulously, his religions gets nourished and without them *Dharma* is like a lame person.

Oh devotees! Even Shree Hariji has directed to give prominence to *Dharma* in one's life and this is duly noted by Nishkulananand Swami in '*Bhakta Chintamani*'.

ધર્મ એને અમને બહું વહાલો, એમકહે છે ધર્મનો વાલો.

ધર્મવાળા સાથે હેત મારે, એમકહે વાલો વારે.

ધર્મવાળા આપે અત્યજણ, બહું સ્વાદુ લાગે એ સકણ.

ધર્મવાનનું ફળ દળ કુલ, જે દિયે તે જાણું અમૂલ.

SAINT IS GOD HIMSELF
- Sankhyayogi Monghiba (Dholi-Mulidesh)

Oh dear devotees! Purna Purushottam Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan has stated, "I live in real saint." Then question arises as to who is the real saint? One who does not keep anything with himself is known as saint. One who considers every woman as his mother or

sister is a real saint. One who worships God in Brahma Swaroop and who follows Panch Vartaman scrupulously is a real saint.

ધન્ય ધન્ય તે સંત મુજાદાને

જેનું ઉલ્લિખાની પલટ્યું આપ સંત તે સ્વયં હાર્દિ.

Those who enjoy the pleasures of life depending upon Knowledge and Bhakti should never be in our company. Katha-Varta should not be heard from such persons. Almighty Lord has stated, "I shall preach the scriptures while living in the real saints. I live with such saints, I talk with them, I eat with them, I sleep with them, I see with their eyes, I meet other people with them and I become unhappy if such saints are unhappy."

"ધર્મ ભક્તિ વૈરાણને જ્ઞાન જે"

તેને રહેવાનું સંત છે દામસંત તે સ્વયં હાર્દિ.

So dear devotees, Almighty Lord has been residing in the saints who never disobey any directions of Dharmkul. Samagam with such saints grants us not only happiness but also divine happiness in this life.

ONE DOES NOT GET HAPPINESS WHILE LEAVING OCEAN OF HAPPINESS

- Sankhya Yogi Komalben Guru
SankhyaYogi Jayshreeben

Once Shreeji Maharaj went to visit the construction work going on at Vadtal. During the journey Maharaj stayed night at Piplav. In the morning Maharaj started his journey. The companion Kathi Darbar requested Maharaj to take the buttermilk but Maharaj refused and said that He wanted to have *Thaal* in Vadtal. Kathi Darbars thought that by the time they reach Vadtal it would be too late so it is better that they start their journey after drinking buttermilk. But the buttermilk which was offered to them was very sour and stale. These Kathi Darbars somehow managed to sip the buttermilk from the bowl, then they left it for a dog moving there. They immediately started their journey and reached to Vadtal. in the Sabha at Vadtal where Maharaj was sitting all Kathi Darbars including Dada Khachar, Sura Khachar, Somlo Khachar, Moko Khachar and Alaiya Khachar took their seat near Maharaj. Maharaj told Brahmanand Swami not to make any hurry for the meals of

these Kathi Darbars because they had already had their buttermilk. Listening this Sura Khachar thought that something should be done so that they can get the meals in time. Then all Kathi Darbars started talking among themselves about how it caused delay in arriving at Vadtal. When Maharaj asked Sura Khachar what were they talking, Sura Khachar narrated everything and Maharaj smiled. Then Maharaj asked Brahmanand Swami to take all Kathi Darbars in the kitchen and to serve them the meals. Premanand Swami has, therefore, sung in one of his Kirtans: "જ્ઞાના એ રસના ચાખણાર કે છાશાતે નવ પીવે રે લોલ." Then Brahmanand Swami led all Kathi Darbars towards the kitchen and offered them the meals.

RAIBAI OF KUNDAL

- Tarlaben Atulbhai Pothiwala (New Jersey, America)

Raibai of Kundal village was an ardent devotee of Shreeji Maharaj. All miracles and Leela performed by Maharaj during his Vanvicharan as Nilkanthvarni, was seen by Raibai! Day and night, she remained engrossed in worshipping and chanting the name of Shree Hari. His two sons were Mamaiyo Patgar and Hathiyo Patgar but the devotee Raibai considered Maharaj closer than even her own sons.

Once Shreeji Maharaj directed all Kathi Darbar to various villages to bring the things but asked them not to go to the village of Atmanand Swami, as they would not succeed there. One day, some of these Kathi Darbars, went to the village Aansodar of Atmanand Swami. But they were defeated and sustained serious injuries. During the scuffle, Hathiyo Patgar, the son of the devotee Raibai, became a martyr.

Shreeji Maharaj granted Darshan to Raibai in her sleep and informed her that her son is passed away to Akshardham and the horse would return home the next morning. The next day in the morning the horse of the martyr Hathiyo Patgar returned to the village Kundal from Aansodar. Devotee Raibai welcomed the horse and rebuked her for

leaving her master in Akshardham. At that time Mancho Khachar of the village came to console her. But the devotee Raibai asked all the villagers not to repent as her son had gone to Akshardham. And therefore no one should repent or cry.

On the second occasion, Shreeji Maharaj wrote a letter from Bhadar and asked the devotees to perform the pilgrimage of Kashi. Accordingly all the saints and devotees including Mamaiya Patgar got together. They all went to Jetalpur and met Ramdasbhai. Then they started their journey towards Bhuj and on the way they came to the outskirts of the village. A message was sent in the village through the messenger that, "Mamaiya, her son, has come."

Raibai got angry and said, "First of all ask my Mamaiya, whether he has obtained permission of Maharaj? Or he has come without such permission of Maharaj?" she also conveyed the message to her son that, he may enter into the house if he has obtained the permission of Maharaj and that he may not enter the house if he has not obtained the permission of Maharaj.

On inquiry, Rambai found that, her son Mamiya had come without obtaining permission of Maharaj. She asked her second son Hathiya to take his weapons as they cannot allow the person to enter in to the Sabha, if he has not obtained the permission of Maharaj. Ultimately Muktanand Swami was sent to village Kundal to convince Raibai, who ultimately got convinced and forgave her son.

Shree Hari has graced the stayed at the house of the devotee Vasta Khachar in Kariyani and the saints have come to Kundal. When this message was conveyed to the devotee Rai Bai, she was very much happy. But the saints were very lean and weak as Maharaj had asked them to perform *Khatras Vartaman*. Raibai was very unhappy at this. When Maharaj graced the village Kundal from Kariyani, then Raibai ardently requested Maharaj that now these saints may no more be asked to perform such severe *Vratas*. These saints have the capacity to please the

god like Rain-God and it is due to these saints that we get rains, crops and all essential things in our life. Listening to the request of Raibai Shreeji Maharaj asked Muktanand Swami and other saints, "Now no more performing *Vrata* of *Khatras*. All the saints may be offered the meals."

Thereafter all the saints took the meals as per the directions of Shreeji Maharaj. And after some days there was rain.

CUR SPEECH IS OUR FORM

- Chandrikaben Kanubhai Bhavsar (New Vadaj)

How wonderful are these words of Maharaj! His words are just like words of the divine '*Shiksha Patri*', this great scripture is like a drop in an ocean, just like an ocean in a pot.

Written and spoken by Bhagwan himself before 185 years, this pious '*Shiksha Patri*' is unique and wonderful book. It is unique in the sense, no competitive text in any other language in any corner of the world is available.

It is a guide lines for the youngsters. It is a torch-bearer for both the old as well as the young devotees. Its some of the sayings are like proverbs. In the very first part and initial part of it, it is stated: "આત્મધાત તો તીર્થને વિષે પણ ન કરવો, કોષે કરીને મુંજાઈને કોઈ રીતે આત્મધાત ન કરવો." It also shows the great vision of the Almighty Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan. Though we may not be concerned about news of death of any unknown person in the daily newspaper yet we feel for such an incident.

Therefore at various places in this great scripture, there are references making the married life happy. It is also insisted "Every devotee should perform at least one Path of *Shiksha Patri*. Those who do not know reading and writing, they may perform *poojan* at home. Therefore, it is duly stated that, "the value of '*Shiksha Patri*' is unique and it cannot be evaluated even with the gold coins." લાખ જન્મ તામ કરે તો પણ કલ્યાણ ન થાય તે આજ પંચ વર્તમાન પાણવામાં કલ્યાણ થઈ જાય છે. ગમે તેવા દેશકાળમાં પણ શ્રીહરિની આશા લોપવી ન જોઈએ.

સત્સંગ સમાયાર

Celebration of pious Adhik Maas in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Ahmedabad

In the pious company of the Lord Shree Nar Narayan Dev with the directions and blessings of H. H. Shree Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shree Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and future Acharya Maharaj of our Sampradaya H. H. Shree Lalji Maharaj 108 Shree Vrajendraprasaji Maharaj and with the inspiration of Sadguru Mahant Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji and under the guidance of Kothari Parshad Digambar Bhagat, Kothari J.K. Swami, Baldev Swami, Suryaprakash Swami (Bhandari Swami), Yogi Swami, Shastri Muni Swami, Shastri Divyaprakash Swami and with the co-operation of all the saints, Parshads and Haribhaktas, from Adhik Vaisakh Sud-1 15/04/2010 to Adhik Vaisakh Vad Amas 14/05/2010, Darshan of all the festivals of the year was organized.

Adhik Vaisakh Sud-1 Thursday 15/04/2010 'Gwal Bal Darshan' the host : devotee Shri Rajeshbhai Mansukhbhai Pithwa

Adhik Vaisakh Sud-2 Friday 16/04/2010 'Rathyatra' the host : devotee Shri Jayendra Shantilal Thakkar

Adhik Vaisakh Sud-3 Saturday 17/04/2010 'Shree Nar Narayan Dev Patotsav' the host : devotee Akshar Nivasi Ganga Swaroop Jasuba Jaidevhai Brahmhbhatt (devotee Bhaskarhai and Manojbhai) Co- Host: Devotee Shri Dipakbhai Nagindas Patel (Kundalwala)

Adhik Vaisakh Sud-4 Sunday 18/04/2010 'Ganesh Chaturthi' the host: devotee Shri Dashrathbhai Prahladbhai Patel (Member) (Tusharbhai and Amitbhai)

Adhik Vaisakh Sud-5 Monday 19/04/2010 'Vasant Panchmi' the host : devotee Shri Govindbhai Patel (Mokhsanwala)

Adhik Vaisakh Sud-6 Tuesday 20/04/2010 'Kunj Gali' the host : devotee Shri Nar Narayan Dev Auchhav Mandal (Shri Bharatbhai Choksi)

Adhik Vaisakh Sud-7 Wednesday 21/04/2010 'Shakotsav'

Adhik Vaisakh Sud-8 Thursday 22/04/2010 'Radhastmi' the host : devotee Shri Vihubha Raisinhji Sisodiya, devotee Shri Ishwarbhai Mohanbhai Patel

Adhik Vaisakh Sud-9 Friday 23/04/2010 'Rammavmi and Patotsav/Jamotsav of Balswaroop Shri Ghanshyam Maharaj' the host : devotee Shri Hansaben P. Kharsani (Prafulbhai P. Kharsani and Tanmay Prafulbhai Kharsani)

Adhik Vaisakh Sud-10/11 Saturday 24/4/2010 'Vijaya Dashmi/ Tulsi Vivah' the host : devotee Shri Jayendrabhai Shantilal Thakkar

Adhik Vaisakh Sud-12 Sunday 25/04/2010 'Vaman Dwadashi, Patotsav of Shri Ramahol Ghanshyam Maharaj' the host : devotee Shri Akshar Nivasi Kashiben Maganlal Patadiya (Navinbhai and Jitubhai) 'Patotsav of Ghanshyam Maharaj of Haveli' the host : devotee Shri Shardaben Vinodbhai Shelat

Adhik Vaisakh Sud-13 Monday 26/04/2010 'Shivratri Shiv Poojan' the host : devotee Shri Kantibhai Govindbhai

Adhik Vaisakh Sud-14 Tuesday 27/04/2010 'Nrusinh Jayanti' the host : devotee Shri Akshar Nivasi Amrutbhai Motiji Chaudhary (devotee Jasubhai, Madhubhai-Balwa)

Adhik Vaisakh Sud-15 Wednesday 28/04/2010 'Shri Hanuman Jayanti' the host : devotee Shri Sitaben Bholabhai Patel (J.P. Swami)

Adhik Vaisakh Vad-1 Thursday 29/04/2010 'Shree Nar Narayan Dev' the host : devotee one Haribhakta (inspiration by Brahmchari Raju Swami) (Priyaben and Tarun) 'Bal Swaroop Ghanshyam Maharaj' the host : the devotee Shri Raj Krishnakantbhai Patel

Adhik Vaisakh Vad-2 Friday 30/04/2010 'Hindola of Flowers' the host : devotee one Haribhakta (inspiration by J.K. Swami)

Adhik Vaisakh Vad-3 Saturday 1/5/2010 'Hindola of Chocolates' the host : devotee one Haribhakta (inspiration by J.K. Swami)

Adhik Vaisakh Vad-4 Sunday 2/5/2010 'Hindola of Flowers' the host : devotee one Haribhakta (inspiration by J.K. Swami)

Adhik Vaisakh Vad-5 Monday 3/5/2010 'Hindola of Diyfruits' the host : devotee one Haribhakta (inspiration by J.K. Swami)

Adhik Vaisakh Vad-6 Tuesday 4/5/2010 'Chhapaiyadham Darshan' the host : devotee Shri Shri Prabodh Chhaganlal Zala (Bhalja Mandal (Dr. Nikunj)

Adhik Vaisakh Vad-7 Wednesday 5/5/2010 'Vanvicharan Darshan'

Adhik Vaisakh Vad-8 Thursday 6/5/2010 'Janmastmi' the host : devotee Shri Mukudben Kantilal Dani (Vijay Thaker)

Adhik Vaisakh Vad-9 Friday 7/5/2010 'Nand Mahotsav' the host : devotee Shri Vipulbhai Savjibhai Patel (Kubadthal)

Adhik Vaisakh Vad-10 Saturday 8/5/2010 'Himalaya Darshan'

Adhik Vaisakh Vad-11 Sunday 9/5/2010 'Group Mahapooja, Himalaya Darshan' the host : devotee Shri Haridarshan Jewellers, devotee Shri Kaushikbhai Vrajlal Patadiya

Adhik Vaisakh Vad-12 Monday 10/05/2010
'Himalaya Darshan'
 Adhik Vaisakh Vad-12 Tuesday 11/5/2010
'Himalaya Darshan'
 Adhik Vaisakh Vad-13 Wednesday 12/5/2010
'Dhan Teras'
 Adhik Vaisakh Vad-14 Thursday 13/5/2010
'Himalaya Darshan'
 Adhik Vaisakh Vad-15 Friday 14/05/2010
'Dipawali Annakut-Govardhanpooja'

Annakut of Shree Narnarayandev and Annakut of Shri Dharmdev Bhaktimata Harikrishna Maharaj and Annakut of Shri Radhakrishnadev the host : Akshar Nivasi devotee Shri Shantilal Nanalal Darji (Sadrawala) (Ramilaben, Ghanshyambhai Chavda)

Annakut of Shri Rangmahol Ghanshyam Maharaj the host : devotee Shri Rajnibhai Mehta (Jivrajpark)

Annakut of Shri Haveli Ghanshyam Maharaj

Annakut of Shri Ganpatiji-Hanumanji the host : devotee Shri Vipulbhai Kanubhai Vekariya (Vijay Thaker).

Maruti Yagna in Kankaria Temple

H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Kosalendraprasadji Maharaj and H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj 108 Shri Vrajendraprasadji Maharaj performed the concluding ritual of *Maruti Yagna* organized at Shree Swaminarayan temple, Kankaria Rambaug on the pious day of *Chaitra Sud-15* in the pious company of Bal Swaroop Kastbhanjandev.

In the *Sabha* organized on the occasion, Mahant Swami of Ahmedabad temple, Mahant Swami of Kankaria temple, Anand Swami etc. saints had explained the importance of Balswaroop Kasbhanjandev. At last the *Sabha* was blessed by H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj and H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj.

H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj had performed *aarti* of Thakorji and Kastbhanjandev and granted to the devotees the benefit of Divine *Darshan*. At night all the *Haribhaktas* had performed *Path* of Shree Hanuman *Chalisa*. (Parshad Narottam Bhagat)

Invocation of Idol images in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Vyas Paldi

With the directions of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj, H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and the whole *Dharmkul* and with the inspiration of Sadguru Swami Suryaprakashdasji and Sadguru Shastri Swami Purushottamprakashdasji (Naranghat Mahant), *Shrimad Bhagwat Dasmskanda Tridinatmak Parayan* was organized during the invocation ceremony of the idol image of new Shree Swaminarayan temple Vyas Paldi from 13/02/2010 to 17/02/2010. Sadguru Shastri Swami Ramkrishnadasji (Koteswar Gurukul) was the spokesperson of the *Katha*. A large number of devotees from nearby villages had availed the

benefit of this *Kathamrit*. This temple was constructed before 50 years by the local devotees with the inspiration of Jogi Swami Yogeshwardasji but with the passage of time it was in dilapidated condition and required innovation. Therefore with the inspiration of the saints, new *Hari Mandir* was developed with the support and co-operation of the devotees.

On 17/02/2010, H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj performed the ritual of invocation of the idol images of Thakorji. In the *Sabha* organized on the occasion, the learned Mahant Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji of Ahmedabad temple, Sadguru Shastri Swami Narayanvallabhdasji, Naranghat Mahant Swami Devprakashdasji, Poojari Brahmchari Rajeshwaranandji of Shree Narnarayandev had arrived on this occasion. At last the *Sabha* was addressed and blessed by H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj. (Shastri Chaitanya Swaroopdasji, Koteswar Gurukul)

Shree Swaminarayan temple, Samau

With the blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and *Dharmkul*, *Dhoon-Kirtan Bhajan* etc. were performed on the occasion of 228th *Prakatyotsav* of Shree Hari and Shree Swaminarayan Museum. Devotees of the village Gozaria had also availed the benefit of *Dhoon-Kirtan*. The temple and the throne of Thakorji were decorated with the series of light. (Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal, Samau)

Shree Swaminarayan temple, Vadnagar

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and inspiration of Mahant Sadguru Swami Harisevadasji, '*Shrimad Satsangibhusan Saptah Parayan*' was organized in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Vadnagar by Akshar Nivasi Sankhya Yogi Kashiba [Poojari, Vadnagar temple (ladies)] from *Adhik Vaisakh Sud-1* to *Adhik Vaisakh Sud-7*. Sadguru Shastri Swami Narayanvallabhdasji and Shastri Swami Abhishekprasaddasji were the spokesperson of *Katha*. Moreover *Dhirajakhyan* of '*Shiksha Patri Bhashya*' was also organized whose benefit was availed both in the morning as well as in the evening by all the devotees. Simultaneously *Prabhat Feri* was also organized during the pious *Adhik Maas*. All the devotees had availed the benefit of *Satsang* during the pious *Adhik Maas*. (Shastri Narayanvallabhdas, Vadnagar)

5th Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Bopal

With the blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj, 5th Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Bopal was celebrated on *Adhik Vaisakh-7*, 21/04/2010, in the presence of all the saints and devotees.

The host of the *Patotsav* and ardent devotee of the Lord Shree Narnarayandev, Shri Ratibhai Khimjibhai Patel and his son devotee Shri Ketanbhai

and the grand son Shri Kapil availed the benefit of *pooja* ritual of Shri Harikrishna Maharaj.

H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj graced the occasion and performed *annakut aarti* of Thakorji and blessed the host family as well as all the devotees. On this occasion, on ardent request of the devotee Shri Ratibhai Patel, Mahant Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji of Ahmedabad temple, Mahant Swami Devprakashdasji and Mahant Nana P.P. Swami (Naranghat), Shastri Swami Ramkrishnadasji (Koteshwar Gurukul), Swami Krishnavallabhdasji (Surendranagar), Shreeji

Swami (Halvad), Mahant K.P. Swami and Shastri Hariom Swami (Jetalpur), Mahant Guruprasad Swami, Anand Swami (Kankaria), Bramchari Swami Rajeshwaranandji etc. saints had arrived.

Mahant Harivallabh Swami of the temple, Kothari Amrutbhai, Shri ARVindbhai Sendhabhai Patel and Mahadevbhai etc. saints and devotees had rendered their beautiful services. The *Sabha* was conducted by Swami Vrajvallabhdas. Auchhav *Mandal* of Ahmedabad temple had performed *Kirtan Bhakti*. At last all the devotees had availed the benefit of *Darshan* and *Prasad*. (Pravinbhai Upadhyay)

MULI DESH

Celebration of Shree Hari Jayanti in our great temple with dome of Surendranagar

With the blessings and directions of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and with the inspiration of Mahant Sadguru Swami Premjivandasji 229th *Prakatyotsav* of Shree Hari was celebrated in the temple on the pious day of *Chaitra Sud-9*. various types of programmes were organized on that day. In the morning *Group Mahapooja, Mahabishek* of Thakorji, *Akhand Dhoon* and *Katha-Varta* by Shastri Swami Satyasankalpdasji, in the noon at 12.00 hours *Shree Ramjanmotav Aarti* and in the evening a grand *Shobha Yatra* was performed in the city. A large number of devotees and saints of various villages had participated in this grand *Shobha Yatra* along with their own vehicles.

At 10.10 hours at night *Shree Hari Prakatyotsav Aarti* was performed and thousands of devotees had availed the benefit of divine *Darshan*. Saints of Muli temple had also arrived on this occasion. During the whole programme services of Shastri Swami Premvallabhdasji, Shantiprakashdasji and Shree Nararayandev Yuvak Mandal were inspirational. On this occasion, the electronic media had beautiful coverage of the whole programme and the services of reporting by the Print Media such as *Gujarat Samchar, Sandesh* and *Dainik Bhaskar, Sanj Samachar* and *Fulchhab* dailys were praiseworthy.

(Shailendrasinh Zala)

Shree Swaminarayan temple, Limbdi

With the blessings of Shree Hari and H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj, special *Bhajan, Kirtan, Dhoon* etc. were performed during the pious *Purushottam Maas* in our

Shree Swaminarayan temple, Limbdi. Mahant Sadhubhaktavatsaldas and Vandanprakashdas had performed these *Bhajan-Kirtan-Dhoon*. On this occasion beautiful *Darshan* of Bal Swaroop Shre Ghanshyam Maharaj was also performed whose benefit was availed by large number of *Haribhaktas*. (Kothari Vandanprakashdasji)

Shreejinagar (Tal. Halvad)

With the directions of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj, on the pious day of *Chaitra Vad-8*, 13th *Patotsav* of Thakorji was performed with great enthusiasm and fervour. Saints of Halvad had performed *Katha-Varta* and had also performed *Annakut Aarti*. 12 Hour *Akhand Mahamantra Dhoon* was also performed on the occasion of Shree Swaminarayan Museum. All *Haribhaktas* of the village had performed *Darshan* of Thakorji.

(Mori Maganbhai)

Patotsav of Kharva temple

With the blessings and directions of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and with the inspiration of Mahant Swami Premjivandasji of Surendranagar temple and Sadguru Nararayandasji, *Patotsav* of temple of gents and ladies devotees was celebrated with great fervour on 23/04/2010 in the pious company of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj. On this occasion *Mahabishek* of Shri Thakhorji, *Annakut* etc. were also organized. Saints from Ahmedabad, Muli, Dhrangadhra etc. had arrived. The whole arrangement of *Patotsav* was made under the guidance of Sadguru Shastri Swami Premvallabhdasji and K.P. Swami (Ratanpar) wherein large number of *Haribhaktas* had participated.

(Shailendrasinh Zala)

OVERSEAS NEWS

Celebration of Dasabdi Mahotsav in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Hyustan, Texas

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

Tejendraprasadji Maharaj, from 12/03/2010 to 21/03/2010, *Dasabdi Patotsav Mahotsav* of our Shree Swaminarayan temple, Hyustan, Texas was celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm.

On this occasion *Shrimad Bhagwat Navanh*

Parayan was also organized. The famous Kathakar Shri Yogendrabhai Bhatt was the spokesperson of *Kathamrit* whose benefit was availed by large number of devotees. Moreover, *Hari Yaag*, *Maruti Yagna*, *Vishnu Yaag*, *Rudra Yaag* and *Swaminarayan Fair* were also organized on this occasion.

The whole *Dharmkut* had graced this occasion. With a view to grant the divine benefit of special *Satsang*, H.H. Shri Mota Gadiwala graced the *Satsang Sabha* everyday. H.H. Shri Mota Gadiwala also performed *Khat Muhurt* of Kitchen Hall.

Shri P.P. Swami from Jetalpurdham and Shastri Swami Nirgundasji from Ahmedabad had also arrived on this occasion and granted to the devotees the divine benefit of their speeches. With the inspiration of Mahant Sadguru Shastri Swami Anandjivandasji, *Yuvak Mandal* and other *Haribhaktas* had rendered their beautiful services. *Haribhaktas* of all Chapters of ISSO SEWA had also arrived and participated in this *Patotsav Mahotsav*.

H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj performed *Dasabhdhi Mahotsav Abhishek* of Thakorji in Vedic tradition. In the *Sabha* organized on the occasion, H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj declared the year March-2010 to April-2010 as '**Museum Year**'. H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj had graced this *Patotsav Mahotsav* with a divine purpose. The devotee Dr. Dineshbhai and devotee Minaben Patel had rendered their beautiful services for Shree Swaminarayan Museum and had obtained the pleasure of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj. On this occasion, thousands of devotees availed the benefit of Darshan. (Rameshbhai Patel, Secretary)

Satsang activities in Piyoria New Chapter of I.S.S.O.

With the blessings and directions of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and with the inspiration of Mahant J.P. Swami of Chicago temple and Shastri Swami Harprasaddasji, a grand *Shakotsav* was celebrated on 11th April 2010.

On this occasion, wonderful *Darshan* of Thakorji performing *Shakotsav* was organized. Shastri Swami had explained the importance of *Shakotsav* beautifully. H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj had blessed all the devotees telephonically.

About 270 *Haribhaktas* from Chicago, Blomington, Jackson Ville, McIn, Piyoria, Lincoln, Havana placed had arrived. When Shree Ghanshyam Maharaj graced the hall from Chicago, a little girl welcomed Him. The ladies devotees offered flowers and *Raas Garba*. *Prasad* to all the devotees was offered through the services of five devotees. Here *Sabha* is organized on every Sunday from 6.00 to 9.00 in the evening wherein large number of devotees participate along with their children and family members.

(Rameshbhai Patel, Sankapurwala)

Prakatyotsav of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj in Vihokan temple

In the pious company of H.H. Shri Mota Gadiwala, Shri Binduraja and Saumyakumar and Suvratkumar all the saints, *Parshads* and devotees celebrated on 14th March 2010, *Prakatyotsav* of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj with great fervour and enthusiasm.

Mahant Swami and the saints of Vihokan temple had explained the importance of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj in our *Sampradaya* and had furnished detailed information in respect of Shree Swaminarayan Museum by showing the photographs of the Museum under construction on a huge screen.

Shastri Nirgundasji had also explained in detail the complete information about Shree Swaminarayan Museum. Harinandan Swami also furnished the relevant information about the Museum. The ladies devotees of the host family performed *poojan* of H.H. Shri Mota Gadiwala and other *satsangi* devotees had offered the garlands to Shri Bindu Raja, Shri Suvratkumar and Shri Saumyakumar. On this occasion, H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj blessed all the devotees. (Pravinbhai)

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

On 20/02/2010 a *Satsang Sabha* was organized from 4.30 to 8.30 in the evening in Paris Hall of the Church in Washington Buvie Merry Land. In the *Sabha* festivals of Shree Nararayandev *Patotav* and *Shivratri* were celebrated which were followed by *Katha*, *Varta*, *Dhoon*, *Kirtan* and *Thaal*.

On Friday 5th March 2010 a *Satsang Sabha* was organized in the evening from 7.00 to 10.00 in Meeting Hall of Days Inn. Beginning with *Dhoon*, Shastri Swami Nirgundasji and Shastri Madhav Swami from New Jersey had delivered their speeches. A large number of devotees from Boston, New Jersey, Chicago and Detroit had arrived to participate in the *Sabha*. H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj had also graced the *Satsang Sabha* and had blessed all the devotees. Thereafter information about Shree Swaminarayan Museum was furnished to all the devotees. A DVD of Museum was also shown to all the devotees. Many *Haribhaktas* had rendered their services in the Museum. On 6th and 7th March 2010 a *Satsang Sabha* was organized in the evening from 4.30 to 8.30 p.m. wherein Shastri Swami Nirgundasji and Madhav Swami had preached the scriptures.

At last H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj blessed the whole *Sabha*. On 20th March 2010 a *Satsang Sabha* was organized in the evening from 4.45 to 8.45 wherein *Mahamantra Dhoon-Kirtan-Katha-Thaal-Aarti* were performed. Shastri Swami Nirgundasji had explained the importance of Shree Hari through Cell Phone. On 24/03/2010 on the pious day of *Ram Navmi*, *Kirtans* of *Prakatyotsav* of Shree Ghanshyam

Maharaj were also performed. (Kanubhai Patel)

Shila-Nyas ritual of Grand temple, Byron in America

Before six years, H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj had expressed the noble intention to have a grand temple by I.S.S.O. in Byron, America. Now this intention is fulfilled by H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj.

Earlier Shri P.P. Swami from Jetalpurdham and arrived to Atlanta for all arrangements and planning. On 11/03/2010 *Haribhaktas* of each and every chapter of I.S.S.O. and devotees of Atlanta and Georgia had got together to welcome H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and had performed grand *Swagat Samaiyu*.

H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj graced the houses of the devotees on 12/03/2010 and *Pothi-Yatra* began from the house of the devotee Mahendrabhai Patel (Dangarawala). H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj also graced the occasion. Kathakar Shastri P.P. Swami was narrating beautiful *Katha* of *Vanvicharan* of Shreeji Maharaj.

Gavaiya Chandraprakash Swami (Mansa) had performed beautiful *Kirtan* of Nand saints in his unique style. After *Katha*, the host and other leading devotees performed *aarti* of Shree Hari. Devotee and President of National Board Shri Natubhai, Shri Jagdishbhai Patel (Chicago), Shri Nayanbhai (Florida), Shri Daksheshbhai (Atlanta) had availed the benefit of this *aarti*.

In the morning on 13/03/2010 H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj graced the houses of the devotees. In the noon *Katha* of P.P. Swami began in the pious presence of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj. Thereafter all the devotees who rendered their services were honoured and an inspirational speech was delivered on behalf of *Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal*. The book entitled '*Satsang Sagar*' prepared by the devotee Gokalbhai Patel (Deusanwala) was released by H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj. The chief host of *Bhoomi Poojan* devotee Shri Gokalbhai Patal (Deusanwala) and the devotee Shri Bharatbhai and devotee Shri Maheshbhai performed *aarti* and obtained the blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj.

In the morning on 14/03/2010, H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj performed *Bhoomi Poojan* in Vedic tradition. A grand *Shobha-Yatra* in tractor-trolley was also organized on this pious occasion. Thereafter H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj laid a golden brick and performed *poojan* of our *Shree Swaminarayan temple*, Byron in Vedic tradition wherein thousands of devotees and *Haribhaktas* participated.

Right from the beginning the whole atmosphere was divine and wonderful. While blessing all the devotees and *Haribhaktas* H.H. Shri Acharya

Maharaj named the place as 'Chhapaiyadham' and it was named '*Shree Chhapaiyadham Swaminarayan temple, Byron*'. H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj informed that, there would be a grand temple with five domes at this place wherein the idol images of Shri Dhamdev Bhaktimata and Aadi Acharya Ayodhyaprasadji Maharaj, Shri Narnarayandev and Bal Swaroop Ghanshyam Maharaj and Shri Radhakrishnadev and Shri Laxminarayandev would be invoked.

The chief host of the *Sabha* devotee Shri Gokalbhai Patel and Bharatbhai, Maheshbhai and other host *Haribhaktas* performed *Swagat-poojan* of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj. All the devotees and *Haribhaktas* were requested to render their services for this work.

During this *Seva-Yagna*, devotees Shri Jayeshbhai Patel, Ashwinbhai Patel, Navinbhai Patel, Dashrathbhai, Jagdishbhai and other devotees Shri Manishbhai, Bharatbhai, Birenbhai, Anujbhai, Alpeshbhai, Dineshbhai, Jayeshbhai of *Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal* had rendered their beautiful services.

Celebration of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj in Leicester temple

With the blessings of Almighty Purna Purushottam Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan and with the divine inspiration of Shri Kastbhanjandev Maharaj, *Prakatyotsav* of our H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj 1008 Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharaj was celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm on Saturday 03/04/2010 in the evening from 6.00 to 8.00. On this occasion *Kirtan Bhakti* and *Raas* were also organized. Swami Shri Satyaprakashdasji and *Poojari* of temple Shri Dharmendrabhai Bhatt had delivered their speeches on the occasion. *Sah-Mantri* of the temple and devotee Shri Kiranbhai Bhavsar had described *Jivan-Kavan* of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj in the *Sabha*. The devotee Shri Muljibhai Laxmanbhai Kacha had rendered his services as the host of the *Sabha*. (Kiran Bhavsar)

I.S.S.O. San Francisco Chapter

On the occasion of *Shree Swaminarayan Jayanti*, Snastri Dharmkishordas from Los Angeles temple had arrived in our Femont Hindu Temple, California of I.S.S.O. San Francisco Chapter and he had explained the importance of the Lord Shree Rama as well as Shree Ghanshyam Maharaj. All *Haribhaktas* had availed the benefit of *Parna* of Thakorji. In the *Sabha* organized on the occasion, *Dhoon*, *Kirtan*, *Bhakti* etc. were performed by all the devotees. In the *Sabha* importance of Chhapaiyadham, Bal Swaroop Ghanshyam Maharaj, *Leela Charitra* etc. were explained. The wonderful miracle of Mahesana in the house of the devotee Shri Kashliba was also narrated in the *Sabha* which was followed by *Thaal*, *Aarti* of

Thakorji. Information about *Dasabdi Mahotsav* of Los Angeles temple in the month of December was also furnished to all the devotees. This *Sabha* was organized by the devotees Shri Hiteshbhai Trivedi and Neelaben. The devotee Shri Prashantbhai had delivered the vote of thanks and announced that the next *Sabha* of 10th April 2010 would be organized at the residence of the devotees Ushaben and Kiranbhai. With the blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Mahraj, activity of *Satsang* is going on very well in this chapter. (Prashant Dholakiya)

Second Patotsav (Anniversary) of ISSO Swaminarayan Hindu Temple Auckland

With the directions of Shri Narayanand Pithadhipati H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj, 2nd *Patotsav* of Auckland temple was celebrated from 02/04/2010 to 04/04/2010. A large number of devotees from various parts across the world visit the temple to perform *Darshan* and pilgrimage of the temple.

The ISSO Swaminarayan Temple at Papatoetoe celebrated its 2nd anniversary from Friday 2nd April to Sunday 4th April 2010. The campus has already become a landmark and is frequently visited by people of Indian origin for a variety of activities carried out here. ISSO organizes cultural classes for the young, health awareness programs, gardening for healthy eating, Weddings, discourses and many other community and religious programmes.

On the first day, cultural evening was organized. It began with melodious *bhajans* led by Swami Bhajanprakashdasji and many other devotees. The whole environment became serene and pious. It was followed by a play named "*Hriday Parivartan*" – change of heart. The story depicted how the poet Ladudanji, who loved material possessions, was transformed to the divine Saint Brahmanand Swami by Lord Swaminarayan in the early Nineteenth century Gujarat. The play was performed by devotees and was directed by the priest Ravibhai Shastri. It was praised by one and all in the audience. Evening concluded with *Prasadam*. Over 500 people attended the evening.

On Sunday 4th April, the day started early with the *Abhishek* "pious bathing" of the idols at the temple. The Saints of the temple – Swami Ramkrushnadasji, Swami Bhajanprakashdasji and others joined in the ceremony. After the abhishek, the idols were decorated and the *Annakut* – Mountain of food – was offered to the deities. *Annakut* included lots of varieties of savories and sweets made in the temple and also brought by devotees. The idols and the whole temple premises were decorated and wore a very attractive look.

Guests from Australia, USA, UK and other parts of New Zealand along with a large number of

Auckland devotees attended the events. At the time of *Annakut aarti*, K. S. Baxi, Rajen Prasad – Members of Parliament gave their best wishes on the completion of 2 years of the temple. Dr. Kanti Patel, Chairman of the trust, thanked all the volunteers and presented a Certificate in recognition of services to Mr. Suresh Amin, who is a dedicated volunteer. Swami Ramkrushnadasji blessed the gathering and spoke about the importance of temples as a place for eternal solace and mental peace. Acharya Maharajshree Koshalendraprasadji was scheduled to be the Guest of honor during this whole celebration and many devotees were eagerly awaiting his arrival. Circumstances prevented his arrival but he sent a video recording which was shown to the audience. After *Aarti*, everyone took *Mahaprasad*. Over 1000 people attended on Sunday. (Manish Tanna)

ISSO SEWA

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj various Health Clinics were organized by I.S.S.O. 'SEWA' during the last four months. From January-2010 to April-2010 relief work for the people affected in Haiti earthquake was done. From February-2010 to March-2010 various Health Fair Free Camps were organized at Hyustan Texas, Sine Mansion South Jersey and Strong Ville (Ohio). With the cooperation of ETHC, Manukau City council, NZ Police and many other like minded organizations, ISSO Seva, organized a Health Day on 24th April 2010 with the complete support of the devotee Kantibhai. In our Shree Swaminarayan Temple, Colonia, Dental Health Fair was organized on 24th April 2010 wherein each camp a team of doctors had rendered beautiful services and thousands of devotees had availed the benefit free of cost. (I.S.S.O. Sewa)

Shree Swaminarayan temple, Dahod

A *Homatmak Mahapooja* was organized In Shree Swaminarayan temple, Dahod, from 03/04/2010 to 04/04/2010 in Community Hall of Nagat Seva Sadan, Dahod. Shri Rameshbhai Shukla and Dhirenbhai Shastri of Umreth had performed the ritual of *Mahapooja*.

On 04/04/2010 H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Rakeshprasadji Maharaj from Vadtal had graced the occasion. Many saints from various places had also arrived on the occasion. Sadguru Shastri Swami Dharmprasaddasji of Vadtal-Mumbai Bhuleshwar had delivered a beautiful speech. Similarly Sadguru Shastri Swami Dharmprasaddasji had also delivered the inspirational speech on this occasion. The President of Mandal devotee Shri Natvarlal Lalparwala and Shri Kanubhai Shah had performed *poojan* of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj. Thereafter H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj blessed the whole *sabha*. (Kanubhai Shah)

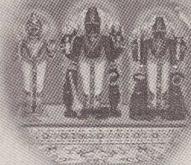
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તા. ૧૬-૦૪-૨૦૧૦ ૧૮૮ કુંકી મહાવિષણુયાગ પ્રાર્થના

તા. ૧૭-૦૪-૨૦૧૦ અંતરરાષ્ટ્રીય સમૂહ મહાપૂજા-શ્રીગાણપતિ, હનુમાનજી, સુર્યનારાયણ, વિવાર્વતી ની પ્રતિષ્ઠા

તા. ૧૮-૦૪-૨૦૧૦ નૃતન મંદિર લોકપ્રાંતા વિધિ. શ્રી સ્વામિનારાયણ ભગવાને પ્રતિષ્ઠિત શ્રીનરનારાયણ આદિ ભગવત્ત્વદ્વારોની નૃતન મંદિરમાં પદ્ધતામણી, મહાભિષેક, અન્નકૂદદર્શન.

તા. ૧૯-૦૪-૨૦૧૦ શુર્ણ પ્રસાદી મંદિરમાં નૃતન ભગવત્ત્વદ્વારોની પ્રાપ્ત પ્રતિષ્ઠા.

તા. ૨૦-૦૪-૨૦૧૦ વિધિથ આકૃતિઓથી સુશોભિત વિધિ રથોમાં શ્રીકોર્કોરજુની ભવ્યતિભાવ્ય નગરયાગ.

તા. ૨૨-૦૪-૨૦૧૦ શ્રી કાકોરજુના વેદવિહિત અષ્ટ રાતોપચારથી વેદિક મંત્રોચ્ચાર સાથે પૂજન
ઉલ્લંઘનાં પ્રલેક પ્રસંગો પ.પૂ.ધ.ધુ. ૧૦૦૮ આચાર્ય શ્રી કોશેન્દ્રપ્રસાદજી મહારાજશીના વરદ હસ્તે થશે.

વક્તાવાગ્મીના પ.પૂ.ધ.ધુ. ૧૦૦૮ આચાર્ય શ્રી રાકેશપ્રસાદજી દર્શન આશીર્વાદ પાઠવશે.

આ પ્રસંગ સંપ્રદાયના વિદ્ધાન સંતો પદ્ધારી દર્શન-આશીર્વાદ આપશે, સનાતન ધર્મના જગદ્ગુરુ શ્રીરામાનુજ્ઞાચાર્ય, શ્રીશંકરાચાર્ય, શ્રીવિલભાચાર્યાંના ગાદિપતિઓની તથા દેશભક્તો તથા વિધિ દ્વારા લોક પ્રતિષ્ઠિત રાજકીય પુરુષો પદ્ધારશે.

દરરોજ રાતે ભક્તિ સંગીતના કાર્યક્રમી યોજાશે જેમાં અનુપ જોટા જેવા પ્રયાત્ત સંગીતના પુરુષો પદ્ધારશે.

વેદપાકી બાહ્યાણો દ્વારા ચતુર્વેદ પારાયણ, સંપ્રદાયના નંદ સંતોનું સાહિત્ય, વાંચન આને પ્રદર્શન.

શ્રી સ્વામિનારાયણ મહામંત્રની આંપંડ ધૂન. લેખન અને પ્રદર્શન, ૧૦૮ સંહિતા પાઠ, અધ્યતન ટેકનોલોજીનું આર્કિપ્લાન્ડ ૩૦ ડ્રાઇ

શ્રીઓરિ ચાન્દ્રિક દર્શન તેમજ ભારતીય નૃથ, રાસોલસ્પ, સંપ્રદાયના ધર્તિલાલિક રૂપકોનું આચ્યોજન કરવામાં આવેલ છે. શ્રી નરનારાયણ દેવ મેડીકલ કેમ્પ ૨૦૧૦ના કુલ ૮ કર્મનું આચ્યોજન રાફા રાબુ.

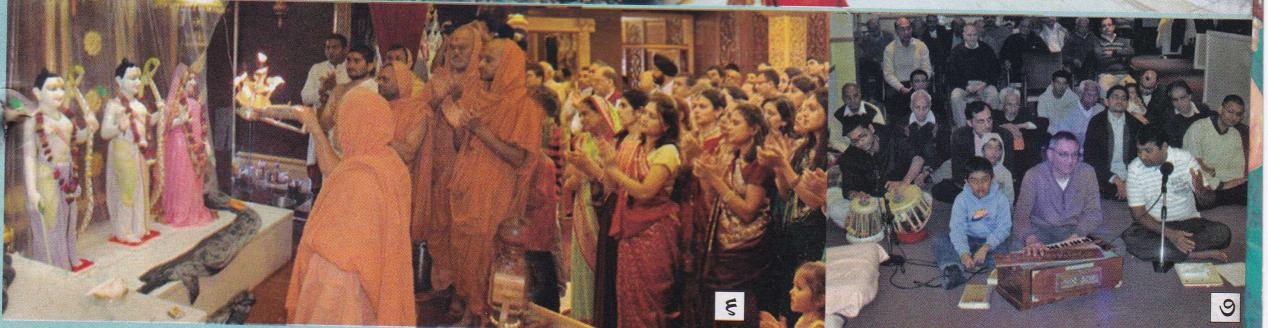
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(1) H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj performing *aarti* of Jetalpurdham temple *Patotsav*. (2) H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj releasing a book written by Shri P.P. Swami in the *Sabha*, Mahant Swami Atmaprakashdasji and saints. (3) *Nagar Yatra* organized by Shree Swaminarayan temple, Surendranagar, on the occasion of *Shree Hari Jayanti*. (4) H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj performing *Poojan* ritual of *Maruti Yagna* in Kankaria temple. (5) H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj performing *Katha* in Chicago temple and Shri J.P. Swami and Shri Hariprasad Swami and the host family performing *aarti*. (6) Shastri Ram Swami and the saints performing *aarti* in New Zealand Auckland temple on the occasion of *Patotsav* and devotees availing the benefit of divine *Darshan*. (7) Haribhaktas performing *Kirtan Bhakti* in Leicester (UK) temple on the occasion of *Patotsav*.



(1) H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj performing Khat Muhuri of temple in Georgia, Byron, Shastri P.P. Swami and H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj blessing the Sabha.



(2) H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj performing Pancham Patotsav Abhishek in our Sydney temple along with Shastri Ramkrishnadasji.



(3) Shibir organized in Sydney by Shree Narnarayandev Yuval Mandal in the pious company of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj.



(4) Shastri Vishaprkashdasji performing aarti of Thakorji in Sine Mension temple on the occasion of Shree Hanumanji Jayanti.



(6) Shakotsav Darshan in Florida temple.



(5) Haribhaktas performing Kirtan Bhakti in Boston temple on the occasion of Shree Hari Jayanti.

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