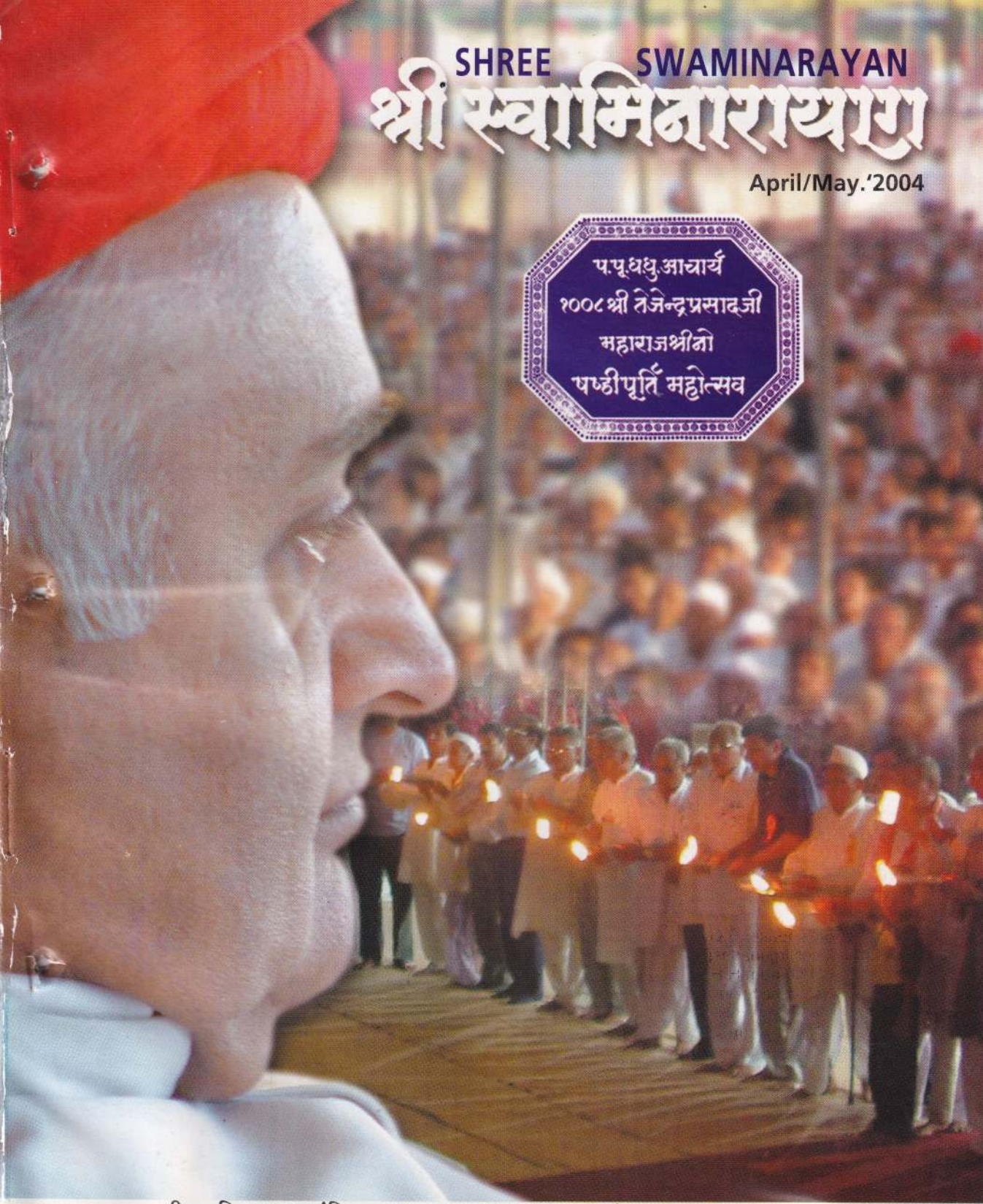
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EDITORIAL

How long has a devotee to wait to see his God face-to-face ? The time he consumes and the labour he pust in for such a Darshan of God, shall be quite less than what he spends after the sense objects of ephemeral pleasures. A devout soul receives his God in no-time and with lesser effort. We awaited and celebrated welcome events for one year and amidst such devotion filled waiting, the grand festivities of Platinum Jubilee had embraced us with divine pleasure. Devotees in millions, came from India and abroad - almost from all the countries and states - to participate in the mega event of the Platinum Jubilee. These devout souls have enjoyed the celebrations soulfully and have taken with them a full tiffin of blissful memories. Those are most fortunate souls. They are favoured devotees - they have served personally in such celebrations in the blissful presence of the sixth descendant son of Shri Hari.

However, to make those most memorable celebrations readily available for all the devotees, an effort has been made to publish April-May issue of `Shri Swaminarayan' as a Souvenir of Platinum Jubilee Celebrations. I am indeed, very happy to publish this issue to benefit the Satsang. It is as a humble and sincere effort from our side to place in your hand a report of the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations. This special member contains a brief article on the super human personality of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri and explains to some extent the uniqueness of his world wide Satsang activities with a brief history of the Sampradaya and the Dharmvanshi Acharyas. The photos of some of the most memorable occasions have been arranged in a bouquet so that a devotee may have full access to the garden of the memorable events. Memory of such grand religious celebration improves the life condition in this world and consigns the soul to the divine abode of God, if he remembers and recalls the same in his last breath. All our saints and devotees have worked heartily and most devoutly under the able leadership of H.H. Lalji Maharajshri. May Shri Hari bless them with eternal pleasure, with the due blessings of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri.

- Shastri Swami Nirgundas
Editor
Shri Swaminarayan.



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

March-2004

1. Graced concluding ceremony of the Parayan held at Jetalpur Temple.
2. Graced the house of Shri Dharmendrakumar B. Suhagia, Bapunagar.
   Graced the house of Shri Babubhai M. Kachhadia, Bapunagar.
   Graced the house of Shri Bhagwanbhai D. Dhanani, Bapunagar.
3. Graced the Parayan Katha held at Radodara (Bayad) and graced the house of Shri Manubhai S. Patel.
   Graced Shri Swaminarayan Mandir Kaloli (Jetalpur).
5. Graced Tejendraprasadji Education Foundation at Maktupur (Unjha), Unjha.

6-8. Graced inauguration ceremony of Gold throne of Lord Ghanshyam Maharaj dwelling in Muli Dhaam and led the religious tour of Narayanpar and Kutch.

9. Graced the dwelling of Shri Rajubhai S. Bhavsar, Ranip, Ahmedabad.
   Graced the dwelling of Shri Chandubhai N. Patel, Ranip.
   Graced the dwelling of Shri Harshadbhai I. Patel, Naranpura, Ahmedabad.
11. Graced Installation ceremony of the idols of God in our temples (for male and female) at Barvala (Morvi-Muli Desh)
12. Graced Installation ceremony of the idols of God in our temple at Rangpar (Morvi-Muli Desh)
14. Did Patotsava Abhishekam of Gods at Jetalpur Dhaam.
    Graced the place of Shri Shambhubhai H. Patel, Nava Vadaj.
    Graced the late evening Kirtan session and blessed the devotees at the outer square of Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Ahmedabad.
15. Graced the house of Shri Bhavinkumar K. Sukhadia, Bapunagar, Ahmedabad.
17. Graced the house of Shri Nanubhai N. Kathiria, Bapunagar.
    Graced the house of Shri Rasikbhai J. Jethava, Naroda, Ahmedabad.
18. Graced Patotsava ceremony held at Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Balasinor.
21. Graced the dwelling of Shri Bhavinbhai R. Trivedi, Maninagar.
    Graced the dwelling of Shri Dashrathbhai G. Parikh, Ghodasar.
    Graced the house of Shri Vineet Narendrabhai (of Vadu) Ghatlodia.
22. Graced Bhadrakali temple (Bhadra) on inauguration of the temple website.
    Graced the dwelling of Shri Sanjeev. C. Botadara, Satellite, Ahmedabad.
23. Graced the house of Shri Nileshbhai P. Marfatia, Navrangpura, Ahmedabad.
    Graced the house of Shri Ashokbhai Vadgama at Satellite, Ahmedabad.
26. Graced the house of Shri Balabhai R. Patel, Chandlodia, Ahmedabad.
27. Graced the house of Shri Mangaldas U. Patel, Navrangpura, Ahmedabad.

28. Graced the house of Shri Devendrabhai A. Kansara, Kalupur, Ahmedabad.
    Graced the house of Shri Sakalchand C. Patel, Sola Road, Ahmedabad.
29. Graced the house of Shri Maheshbhai S. Shah, Satellite, Ahmedabad.
30. Graced Shri Swaminarayan Mandir and presented Birthday (Ram Navami day) Mahabhishekam to Lord Balswaroop Ghanshyam Maharaj, Kalupur, Ahmedabad.
31. Graced Shri Swaminarayan Mandir - Kankaria and presented Patotsava Abhishekam to Lord Shri Hari.

April-2004

2-8. Blessed presence at Platinum Jubilee Birthday celebrations held at Shri Swaminarayan Nagar, University Educational Ground, Ahmedabad.
10-11. Satsang tour of Kutch region and Bhuj.
12. Graced the residence of Shri Vishnubhai (Mokhasanwala), Drive-In-Road, Ahmedabad.
14-15. Satsang tour of Kutch region and Rapar.
16. Graced installation ceremony of the idol of God in our temple at Mangadh (Halvad-Muli Desh).
17. Graced presence at the installation ceremony of the idols of God in our temple at Charada (Teh. : Mansa).
18. Graced the residence of Shri Pankaj H. Trivedi, Satellite, Ahmedabad.
    Graced the residence of Shri Rajendrabhai A. Patel, Sola Road, Ahmedabad
    Graced "Shri Bharat Plywood" Gita Mandir Road, Ahmedabad.
19. Graced the house of Shri Anilbhai G. Jadhav, Maninagar, Ahmedabad.
20-22. Graced installation ceremony of the idols of God in our temples at Bhuj and Bharasar (Kutch).
23. Graced Parayan Katha held at the residence of Shri Maganbhai Patel, Mota Ubhada.
24. Graced `Vrajendra Engineers' on inauguration of new scheme, C.G. Road, Navrangpura, Ahmedabad.
    Graced the house of Shri Parsottam V. Dasbhai, Bapunagar.
    Graced the house of Shri Anilbhai K. Patel (Manan Motors Pvt. Ltd.), Naroda Patia, Ahmedabad.
    Graced concluding ceremony of Parayankatha held at Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Narayanghat, Ahmedabad.
    Graced the residence of Shri Narendrakumar P. Patel, Bapunagar, Ahmedabad.
    Graced the house of Shri Mansukhbhai P. Patel, Bapunagar, Ahmedabad.
    Graced the house of Shri Lallubhai B. Patel, Nikol Road, Ahmedabad.
    Graced the house of Shri Arvindbhai P. Thakkar (Shital Motors Pvt. Ltd.), Jivrajpark, Ahmedabad.
25. Graced Patotsava ceremony held at Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Mansa.
26. Graced the dwelling of Shri Gokaldasbhai Patel, Kankaria.
    Graced the residence of Shri Kanaiyalal S. Patel, Maninagar.
    Graced presence at the inauguration ceremony of the ``Samaj Wadi", Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Jetalpur, Ahmedabad.
27-28. Graced the villages-Dudhai (Kutch) and Modpar (Morvi-Muli-Desh) and installed idols of God at our Swaminarayan Mandir.

29. Graced Rajpur (Teh. : Kadi) and installed idols of God at our Swaminarayan temple (for ladies), Rajpur-Kadi.
    Graced the residence of Shri Kantibhai Patel (U.S.A.), Ahmedabad.
30. Graced installation ceremony of the idols in our Swaminarayan temple at Anandpara (Teh. Kadi).
    Graced the residence of Shri Anilbhai G. Jadav and blessed the marriage ceremony.
    Graced the dwelling of Shri Atulbhai M. Patel, Ahmedabad.
    Graced the house of Shri Pankajbhai S. Patel, Hirawadi Saijpur Bogha, Ahmedabad.



Appointment Diary of Future Acharya Respected Shri Lalji Maharajshri

March-2004

1. Graced Maha Pooja held at Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Prantij, S.K.
3. Graced Dhoon Session held at Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Viratnagar, Odhav.
5. Graced the Dhoon session of sixty hours-duration held at Shri Swaminarayan Gurukul, Jaidevpura.
7. Led grand walk of victory flag on occasion of Platinum Jubilee Celebration to be held at G.U. Edu. Ground, and celebrated Rangotsava in company of Bal Lalji Maharajshri.
8. Graced Shri Swaminarayan Mandir of Meghaninagar area, Ahmedabad.
9. Graced Manekupur to bless his followers.
10. Graced Shri Swaminarayan Mandir (Approach Road) and concluded Dhoon Session of Platinum Jubilee events, Bapunagar, Ahmedabad.
13. Graced Delvada (Teh. : Mansa) and blessed the devotees.
14. Graced presence at Patotsava Abhishekam of Gods at Jetalpur Dhaam.
    Graced 'Shriji Art Jewellers' (Shri Sanjaybhai R. Soni), Satellite, Ahmedabad.
31. Graced Annakut Aarti at Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Kankaria, Ahmedabad.

April-2004

1-8. Chaired Platinum Jubilee Birthday Celebrations of H.H. Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharajshri.

LORD NARNARAYANDEV MANFIESTS IN VACHANAMRITS

H.H. Acharya Maharajshri has favoured his dependent Satsangis by gifting to them his hand written book of "વચનામૃતમાં શ્રીનરનારાયણદેવ" an eternal gift presented in handwriting of God's own son. Devotees are requested to collect this invaluable book from the Sahitya Kendra.

- Mahant Swami

Why "Shri 108" ?

- Mahant Swami Shastri Nirgundasji (Vedantacharya)

The traditions and belief in a society or religion differ according to culture, country and language. Some conventions and traditions are related to the history or science and some are attached to the achievement of an individual The titles and honour awarded in the regime of the Britishers are among these.

Titles like Baronet and Sardesai were a matter of pride for the person who received it. They mentioned such titles in beginning of their names. Indian culture is one of the oldest culture of the world. Since vedic time, there were some honourable titles which were very dear to the persons who owned it. Chaturvedi, Joshi, Vyas were such titles. Those were using the title of Chaturvedi, whose fore father were expert of the four Vedas. As they knew the four Vedas they become Known as Chaturvedi. Ancestors who were good at astrology became known as Joshi – an expert of astrology. Their descendent heirs continued to use it (Joshi) as their degree – a title.

Such conventions are well attached to religion, society, culture, geography and the scientific out look. Since Vedic age, people are using word 'Shri' in beginning of a personal name. If we explore the scriptures, we will find it's causes on the similar line.

Word 'Shri' means : charms, prosperity, virtues, wealth, property, majesty. According to Sanskrit dictionary the word Shri has that much meanings.

"श्री र्वेषरचनाशोभाभारती सरलद्रुषु ।
लक्ष्म्यां त्रिवर्ग सम्पतौ वेषोपकरणेमतौ ॥"

Similar meanings have been giben by "विश्वप्रकाश" (a Sanskrit dictionary). In Shishtachar (a book by that name) :"अभियुक्त नामोच्चारणे श्री शब्दः प्राक्प्रयोज्य इति शिष्टाः" The names which are respectable should begin with 'Shri'. It is a general convention. Single 'Shri' is used almost with every name. If there exists any repetition, the number of such a repeatation is equally meaningful.

"विना दर्भैश्च यत्कृत्यं यच्चदानं विनोदकम् ।
असंख्यया तु यज्जप्तं तत्सर्वं निष्फलं भवेत् ॥"

(A holy fire performed without sacred grass of Darbha, a donation given without water, and a Japa done without counting it, shall be fruitless – futile.)

If we keep in our mind the core of the teaching, we should think and reason precisely about the number of such repetition. Research in scriptures and traditions have revealed that the frequency in which 'Shri' is repeated determine the status of an individual and his work. For example : "श्री" is used in auspicious activities such as worship and pooja of Lakshmiji, Sharadaji, and Ganeshji. A marriage invitation begins with "श्री१।" It is read as 'Shri sava' (Shri one and a quarter).

Chanakya-Niti (a sanskrit book on polity) and other books on political science suggest various meanings of each such frequency with its repetition. Following are the

meanings according to the numbers of Shri.

1. "श्री" Single Shri or one Shri is used for a respectable and / or elderly gentleman.
2. Two Shris are used by repeating letter Shri "श्रीश्री" Shri Shri. One may use it by suffixing a number "श्री२" . Such expressions are used for a teacher or a preacher.
3. Three Shris : "श्रीश्रीश्री" (Shri Shri Shri) or श्री३ (Shri 3) are used for a servent or a serf or a dependent or a disciple or follower.
4. Four Shris : "श्रीश्रीश्रीश्री" (Shri Shri Shri) or श्री४ (Shri-4). This frequency is used for an enemy or a robber or a thief.
5. five Shri's : "श्रीश्रीश्रीश्रीश्री" (Shri Shri Shri Shri Shri) or श्री५ (Shri-5) this is used for a highly respectable person of the society or may be used for a person who is honoured by the state.

In similar way, beginning with single Shri there are one thousand repetitions of Shri. Each such expression carries its own meaning but certain repetitions are more popular than others. Keeping in view this point, we will study here the implications of number 108.

Who is entitle for Shri 108 ? Dharmacharyas (Religious heads), Great ascetics and Siddhes (great yogis) are entitle for Shri 108.

But why 108 ? what is significance of it ? Each number has it's own uniqueness. If we look at the book of law, I.P.C. contains many sections. It read section 420, one will know about particular kind of crimes. Nobody likes this section. A man will react sharply if called him 420. Number 108 holds such signficance. The Acharya (supreme preceptor) of Shri Swaminarayan sect is a form of Sureme God. The Shikshpatri, written by Shri Swaminarayan Bhagwan defines the form of God in its Shloka - 108, began with "स श्री कृष्ण". Thus, 108 stands for God. For Muslims, there is Similar Significance for 786. this depends on faith and belief.

Vedas are supreme in Hindu religion and Indian culture. Karmkanda and Gyankand of the Vedas have 108 chapters. A person or personality Qualifies for the title of 108 if he repressents the vedas.

Shat-Sastras or six scriptures are next to the Vedas. These scriptures are : Dharma (ethical duties), Shastras (holy books), Vyakarana (book of grammer), Jyotish Shastra (astrology), Nyaya Shastri (jurisprudence), Darshana Shastra (philosophy). Vyasa has written 18 puranas to explain these Shad-shastras. Puranas have explained the knowledge of the Vedas. 18 x 6 = 180. Mahabharata has 18 volumes and the Bhagwad Gita of that scripture contains 18 chapters. It describes knowledge of the Shad-Shastra : 18 x 6=108. Thus the number 108 is a significant number. According to numerology, number 9 is an unique and perfect number. In its multiplication and addition it comes always to 9 ?

9 X 2 = 18	—	1 + 8 = 9
9 X 3 = 27	—	2 + 7 = 9
9 X 4 = 36	—	3 + 6 = 9
9 X 5 = 45	—	4 + 5 = 9
9 X 6 = 54	—	5 + 4 = 9
9 X 7 = 63	—	6 + 3 = 9
9 X 8 = 72	—	7 + 2 = 9
9 X 9 = 81	—	8 + 1 = 9

Thus, the number 9 is an unique number. There are nine planets revolving in the

space. Their path which we know as Zodiacs, are 12 in numbers. The planets revolving through the Zodiacs effect our life positively or negatively. This is an astrological assumption, reflected widely in Indian culture and traditions. Thus 12x9=108. Those deserve number 108, who have overpowered the effects of the planes and zodiacs. The Nakshatras (lunar mansions) too have their own effect on living beings on the earth. Each Nakshatra is consisted of four parts, and such Nakshtras are 27 in all. Moon passes through these 27 Nakshtra and all four charanas (parts) of them. One such cycle of moon stands as one month of lunar calendar. Thus the 27x4=108. A man over powering adverse effects of the Nakshtras shall be entitle for the title of 108.

In other way, the Nakshatras (27) and Graha (planets) (9), 27+9=36, these thirty six forces create three kind of effects on human life (Rajas, Tamas and Sattva). These in turn effects the life of a man. 36x3=108. The man who lived beyond the effects of these three Gunas be shall entitle for the title of 108.

God is one and only one in accordance to Indian Philosophy and religious scriptures: "एकमेव अद्वितीयं ब्रह्म" (God is one). The Maya (eternal entity) is the veil of the darkness and ignorance. Darkness means nothingness a big zero. One who tries to pass through the zero has to face the obstacles of eight kind to do darshan of God. One when passes through the nothingness of zero and removes those eight veils, receives ultimate knowledge. Such an enlightened soul may be addressed with 108. Here 108 may be interpreted as 1 = God, 0 = Maya (eternal entity) and 8 = obstracting veils. Such enlightened soul is Shri 108.

Human life is one hundred years : long The Upanishadas and the Vedas say "जीवेम् शरदः शतम्" (live a life of one hundred years). The Upanishads have mentioned eight kinds of fears for a soul : Chhandogya Upanishada Says "अपहत्पाप्मा विजरो विमृत्युंर्विशोको विजिधित्सोऽपिपास सत्यकामः सत्य संकल्पः" The enlightened souls who have defeated the fears of eight kinds – and similar fear of living one hundred years, should be honoured by "Shri" 108".

In similar way, the holy souls who live for one hundred year, and spread their majesty in eight directions are "Shri 108".

The Siddhis are eight as per scriptures. The ideal life is of one hundred tears. A holy soul attaining both deserves title of Shri 108.

Great Rishi Patanjali had narrated in ancient times the scientific analysis of human body and had presented in it a highly accurate and analytical study of the bones, veins and operative power. There are 5 Pranas (Vital air), 6 Urmis (rays), 24 Tattvas (elements) and 1 Jiva (soul). They together operate the body. The 72 thousand Nadis (tubular ducts) go on throbbing by their combine force to maintain consciousness and movements of the body. Thus 5+6+24+1=36+72=108. such capable holy souls are "Shri 108".

As Rishi Patanjali had observed in ancient times, a healthy man breathes 23 to 26 thousand times with in a day or within 24 hours. The tubular ducts, lungs and heart throb in that much frequency. The soul in full consciousness travels constantly in whole body through those 72 thousand tubular ducts. The blood, nectar and excrata are transported by various ducts. These active ducts are classified again in accordance to their Gunas-Rajas, Sattva and Tamas. Ida, Pingala and Sushumna are the principal among the tubular ducts. Rajas and Tamas

are prominent respectively in tubular ducts named Ida and Pingala, carring blood and excreta. Sushumna is enveloped tightly by the tubular ducts of Ida and Pingala. The soul passes frequently on the axes of Ida, Sushumna and Pingala. Gunas are produced in accordance to location of the Jiva during a breath and Urmis too are produced in accordance to it. Great Rishi Patanjali had suggested therefore the eight steps for an yogi : 1 Yama (restraints) 2. Niyam (regulation) 3. Asana (physical postures) 4. Pranayama (restrainment of breath) 5. Prtyahara (restrainment of the organs) 6. Dhyana (concentration). 7. Dharana (retention) 8. Dhyana (meditation).

A sadhaka has to pass successfully through these eight states to attain supreme God. A man doing such sadhna of the eight steps throughout his life of one handred years, shall be designated as Shri 108.

Salute to God submissively by touching ground by the eight limbs to do such devotion for whole life of one hundred years shall be an idoal state to designate it as Shri 108. A man in such state shall be called Shri 108.

H.H. Acharya Maharajshri – Lord Shri Hari's own form and the sixth descendant heir of Shri Hari – deserves such holy title – Shri 108.

सनातन प.पू.ध.धु. आचार्यवर्याणां श्री १००८ तेजेन्द्रप्रसादजी-महोदयानां षष्टि पूर्ति समारोहे वन्दना - सप्तकम ॥

(प्रा. डॉ.वासुदेव वि.पाठक)

नरनारायणोदेवः स्वामिनारायणस्तथा ।
कृपां करोतु कल्याणं षष्टि पूर्ति महोत्सवे ॥
श्री तेजेन्द्रप्रसादानां विशिष्टा वन्दना वरा ।
षष्टि पूर्ति समारोहे धन्यतायाः प्रदायिनी ॥
धन्यास्सत्संगिनस्सर्वे महोत्सव परायणाः ।
निजाचार्यस्य दिव्येऽस्मिन्षष्टिपूर्ति महोत्सवे ॥
शतायुः पुरुषः पुण्यः भारते ऋषिकल्पकः ।
परेशकृपया भूयाद आचार्याणां ततोऽधिकम ॥

पुण्या च भक्तिमार्गीया परंपरा प्रवाहिता ।
पूज्यै श्री सहजानन्दैः सा भवद्भिः निभालिता ॥
श्री स्वामिनारायण संश्रितानाम
सत्संगापुण्यैश्च पवित्रितानाम ।
आचार्य पाद्श्च प्रसादितानाम
भूयात्परं मंगलं मंगालानाम ॥
आचार्य प्रवरत्वं ते स्यादेव वरदायकम् ।
विचार्यैतदवयं वन्द्या : ! प्रणामामः परम्पराम् ॥

शुभकामना प्रदायक

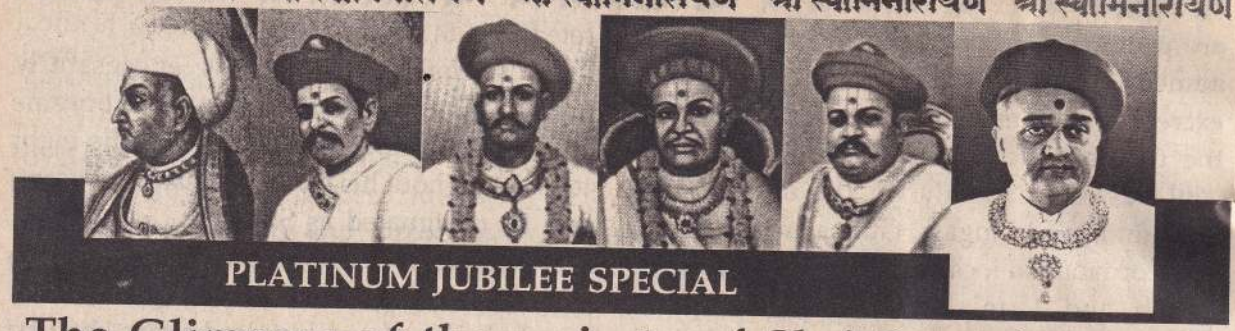
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विश्वे सदा फलवती भवदीय कीर्तिः ।
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PLATINUM JUBILEE SPECIAL

The Glimpses of the majesty of Shri Swaminarayan Sect and Dharmvanshi Acharya

- Harikeshavdas Shastri

The millions of people in India and abroad live noble life by practising virtues taught by Swaminarayan Sampradaya. Here is some interesting information about the Swaminarayan Sampradaya, it's founder and it's supreme preceptor – Acharyashri.

Great historians of the world have admired Indian culture and civilization. Compared to ancient civilizations of the world, the culture and civilzation of India had retained it's existance without any damage or loss. The strength and force behind such success is the Dharma – religion ethical duties. The religion is soul and life of Indian culture and civiliation. Since ancient time the thousands of liberated souls, great saints, Acharyas and incarnations have protected this culture and civilization of India.

Lord Shri Krishna had promised that as and when the religion – ethical duties -cardinal virtues – are in periol he incarnates himself and protects axiomatic religion – ethical duties. in turmoil of nineteenth century of Vikrama era, there was anarchy, anxiety and chaos in society and states of India causing irrepairable harm to the ethical aspect of social life – human beings. The kings and their subjects forgot their ethical duties. The violence, injustice, unethical ways, hypocrisy and treachery were the monarchs to rule the state and subjects.

The peace loving people lamented their misfortune and prayed for the help. To protect the religion and to benedict the mankind, Omniscient Supreme Lord incarnated on the earth as Swaminarayan.

There is one small village named Chhapaiya, adjecant to shrine city of Ayodhya in northern India. A sarvaria Brahmin couple – Hariprasad and Premvati – lived there happily. They were like religion and devotion incarnated in the human form. Supreme Lord took them as his parents. Thus, Lord Shri Hari – Supreme Lord of Akshardham – was born to mother Premvati in family of Dharmdev on auspicious nineth day of the bright half of Chaitra in V.S. 1838 (i.e. on date 2-4-1781) at 10-00 p.m. There was eternal happiness and bliss everywhere at the time of manifestation of Ghanshyam-incarnation of Shri Hari. Ghanshyam had two brothers, one elder and one younger.

Ghanshyam completed his study and learning from his father. Besides, general education, he learned Vedas and scriptures and became a scholar in Vedic studies.

Childhood life of Ghanshyam was faith oriented, inspiring and full of enthsiasm. Whoever had any occasion with child Ghanshyam, found in him super human attributes and great virtues. He was born to benedict infinite number of souls. He was born to protect religion. Father Hariprasad called

once his other sons during prolonged illness and told them about super human attributes of Ghanshyam. He further informed them that Ghanshyam was to make the world his family.

Mother premvati and father Hariprasad left for eternal abode within a short period of six months, when Ghanshyam was eleven years old. Ghanshyam decided to leave his house and worldly relations. In early morning the tenth day of the bright half of Ashadha in V.S. 1879, he forsook all his attachments, disowned everything inclusive of his shoes and walked away bare footed to the northern direction.

Ghanshyam's detachment and forsaking is quite greater than the detachment of Buddha. In case of Ghanshyam, it was not only a distaste and dryness of the feelings that caused detachment to forsake worldly attachments, but there was a stronger and supre human cause or aim of universal welfare – benediction of the living beings – human beings and the others !

In beginning, he did most difficult pilgrimage of Himalayan region, and became known as Neelkanth by his penance and pilgrimage in wild and dense forests. He lived for the four months at the secluded shrine of Muktinath and did there most painful penance. He came from there to the shine of Adi-Varah and Sirpur, did there penance for the four religious months of monsoon, did pilgrimage of Balva Kunda and confluence named Ganga-Sagar. He lived for one month at Kapilashram and went to Jagannathpuri.

These pilgrimage of Neelkanth was not an aimless loitering or a casual walk. He attained certain goals of his incarnation by such pilgrimage and demonstated to other rishis and ascetics the ethical duties of a true saint – a Satpurusha. At some places he entered into extensive debate with the Tantrikas (the ascetics possessing super natural powers and black magic) and defeated them to establish exiomatic religion. At jagannathpuri, he countered such situation. Some slaves of the sense orgnas were satisfying their carnal desires repeatedly by tormenting innocent and God fearing people. They were used to cheat them by assuming garb of a true ascetic vairgai. His selfless preachings, piousness of his life-style, pinched them constantly, but to make them to understand the true meaning of ultimate truth, detachemnt and penance fearfree Nillkanth Varni lived there for the months togather and demonstrated true saintlyness holiness and truth to the society.

From Jagannathpuri, he went to Adi-Kurma, Venkatadri (Tirupathi Balaji), Shiva Kanchi, Vishnu Kanchi, Shri Rang Kshetra, Rameshwaram, Kanyakumari, Padmanabha Janardana and concluded the pilgrimage of southern India by gracing sacred town of Pandharpur. He lived there for two months and began thereafter the pilgrimage of western India. He did pilgrimage of Tryambuk, Tapi and Narmada river side, sanctified agricultural region of Bhal, stepped in region of Saurastra and graced Loj on auspicious sixth day of the dark half of Shravana in V.S. 1856. At Loj, he had first meeting with Muktanand Swami disciple of Ramanand Swami.

For benediction of the aspirants, Nilkanth Varni received Ramanand Swami as his Guru received Deeksha from him and became known as Sahajanand Swami. Well before the arrival of Nilkanth Varni, It was pronounced by Ramanand Swami, 'I am mere a drum player, real showman will come now in no time.' Spiritually wise were able to grasp the core of those mystirious words.

After some time, he took upon himself the responsibility of the sect. Two eternal boons, which he took from his Guru, proved his supreme majesty and uniqueness : 'A devotee should live a pain free life and pains of him should come to me. Adverse time of poverty and unfulfilled needs should not come to my devotees. they should live happily and all adversity of them should come to me.

Both these boons are symbol of pure compassion and devotional love. Here in this was the true beginning of his huge task of social welfare and social reforms. He foremed

a religious army (a comprehensive group of the saints) wearing saffron coloured attires and awakening the masses from the slumber of blind faith, lies and deceit. They travelled extensively in regions of Saurashtra, Kutch and Gujarat touching every house, village, town and city. They approached each house and each individual to preach them truth, ethical duties, moral values virtues, purity and holyness, and enlightened the community.

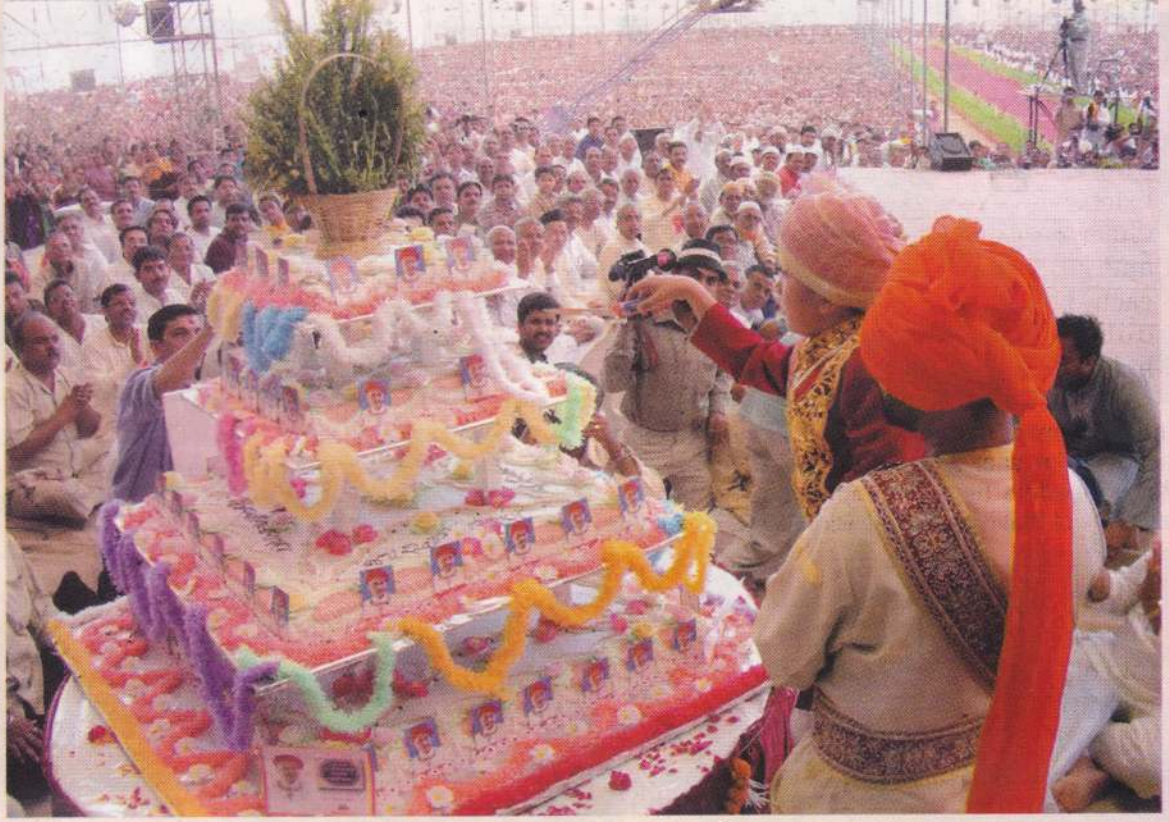


Swaminarayan Bhagwan himself organized non-violent holy-fires and conducted religious sessions and assemblies and contacted directly millions of aspirants to take and embrace them in fold of true-axiomatic religion founded on cardinal prinaples of truth, non-violence and ethical duties. He taught them virtues and conducted free community kitchan's to feed poors and needy people and donated liberally to relieve them from the path of sins. Within a short period of twenty years, he became the master and, personal God of for millions of his faithful devotees, aspirants and well wishers. Thousands were sent to instant meditational trance to do darshan of their personal God. People came under the fold of Swaminarayan Sampradaya and earned respect and honor befitting a holy Brahmin.

If we look at the social reforms and corrective measures adopted by Sahajannand Swami and evaluate the results of it, we will realize the divinity and majesty of him. A complete system of the ethical duties woven in the fabric of the harmonious society is the unique boon from Shri Sahajanand Swami. No ordinary man can do it. The system and it's all enveloping success is in front of us.

A satsangi of Sahajanand Swami was required to forsake alcohol, meat, theft and carnal desires. He was required first to hold an oath and was incepted thereafter in Sampradaya by tieing a fine-double threaded rosary around his neck. Such followers then were called satsangis. "Sat – sangi" means "a companion of the truth" – a person living in company of Bhagwan (God), Shestra (scriptures) and satpurushas (saints and holy men).

He transformed the society in a short span of twenty five years. Those who were not stepping out without a bow and arrow or a sword, stopped on oath the touch of any weapon. Thieves and robbers forsook their sinful job of stealing and looting. Non-vegetarians became pure vegetarian and addicts became addiction free. Those who were slaves of carnal desires, became pure and detached with absolute hold on their sense organs. Rustic and uncivilized lowest castes took five great vows and became pure like uppermost caste of the Brahmins. There was no bar of caste to become a satsangi of Swaminarayan Sampradaya. Such a was living a pure, sinfree and unpolluted life of a satsangi. All sat sangis were equal in status and position without any discrimination in-between them. It was realized by the society that the satsangis of Shri Swaminarayan sect were the happiest people. Pains, grief and adversaries can not touch them. As we find in other such activities, in this huge movement of moral reconstruction, there were many who desired to create obstacles. There were opposing wind blowing from various directions to uproot reconstruction of the society. Among them, were the pretenders, hypocrites and ascetic's with polluted knowledge. They tried at their maximum to disrupt global movement of social and ethical reconstruction. They



The birthday cake of the Platinum Jubilee Birthday of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri.



An exhibition was organised at "Hathising Visual Art" to present the photographs clicked by H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. H.H. Acharya Maharajshri is being accompanied at the hall by H.H. Lalji Maharajshri, Respected ShriRaja, Shri P. Kharsani and Shri Amit Ambalal. (Industrialist and class fellow of H.H. Maharajshri).



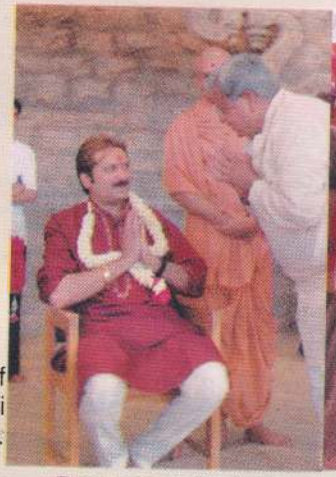
The muslim community of India and Pakistan respects our sect and our Acharya Maharajshri. Muslim leaders have participated in Poojan and festivities of Platinum Jubilee Birthday Celebrations.



Shri Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal has extended laudable service at Shri Swaminarayan nagar. H.H. Lalji Maharajshri showers his hearty pleasure and blesses them individually.



This Batuk (Brahmin boy) enjoys the moments of sacred thread ceremony. H.H. Acharya Maharasjrhi had initiated such sacred threads to the 151 Batuks.



Respected Shri Prafullkumar is being felicitated by the host Shri Rameshbhai Marfatia.



Respected Shri Binduraja, Respected Shri Raja and Respected Shri Rupal Raja are seen at the women's conference held on occasion of Paltinum Jubilee Birthday.



Fire-Crackers in Shobha-Yatra.



Respected Shri Raja inaugurates women's conference. Cultural events were presented by the female Satsangis on inauguration of this chapter.

harassed the saints of this sect and tried to crush their faith and spirit. But the saints, as were the idol form of detachment, solace and compassion, continued with their mission with a greater zeal.

Within three decades, the society and social life was changed right from it's foundation. It was change of time. The new era of spiritual enlightenment enveloped the mankind in it's warm fold. The blind faith, superstition and rigidity were removed and the truth was realized by the society. Man was now enough strong to throw away the untruth to install the truth in it's proper place. The saints of Swaminarayan and Satsangis of this Sampradaya received due honour and respect from all quarters of the society. It was new awakening in Indian life. The British officers and scholars who were strengthening British Empire in India, have praised and admired the activities of Sahajanand Swami :

The image and personality of Sahajanand can not be summed up merely in reinstatment of Hindu religion. There is sizable contribution from him in removal of anti social activities and in ethical practice, besides removal of other such undesirable social and ethical superstitions. The people who sustained their life by looting and robbing others, have come back to a wholesome and ethical sustainance or livelihood. He was most successful in paving the path of value oriented living. The proofs of his grand success are visible everywhere in greatr Gujarat. Thus, he was honoured as a great reformist.

- Henry G. Berges
- (Indian Antiquarian, 1871 AD.)

Henry G. Briggs wrote Sahajanand Swami : 'A great entity was manifested (on the earth) when propounders of supreme consciousness were lost for centuries in the darkness of ignorance and in the blindness of faith. By his inherent nature he was tranquil and blissful as it appeared on is face. At his heart he was righty enterprising, brave and valourous to face any kind of adversaries – inclusive of temptations of the wealth and other such sense objects. The Hindu religion was subjected to mokery due to it's contradictory schools and blindess of the preceptors and followers. By his inner strength and vigorous efforts, he removed those obstacles. Aryans are indebted to him for this great contribution from him.

Once Shri Hari thought of a great tradition of benedictory means, religious activities and social service, and desired to make it permament. To materialize it's permanence, Shri Hari found out three means and made resolutes to brild the temples, to install the grand tradition Acharyas and to form the scriptures of this great sect.

He began at Ahmedabad, to implement his resolutes. He got constructed at Ahmedabad the world first temple of Shri Swaminarayan Sampradaya. Then he got constructed other such temples at Bhuj, Muli, Vadtal, Jetalpur, Dholera, Dholka, Junagadh and Gadhpur (Gadhada). He constructed nine great temples and installed by his blessed hands the idols of God in those temples. The flow of devou meditation streamed from those shrines to benedict the souls.

Second such step was installation of the grand seat of Supreme preceptor (Acharya of the Sampradaya). We will discuss here the glory and majesty of Dharmvanshi Acharyapada. The construction of the temple and installation of the diols of God in such temple was in progress. Now a system was needed to look after those temples and to take care of the thousands of saints and the millions of householder devotees in regard to their ethical duties. To fulfill these two major requirements, Shri Hari felt it necessary to have a seat of preceptor.

This foresighted thought was disclosed first time by Shri Hari at the religious assembly held at Aslali near Jetalpur. The saints and householder devotees (Satsangis) were greatly elated by such idea. Then addressing a Sabha at Jetalpur, he determined to install Acharyapada and when he came to Vadtal for

a religious discourse on auspicious Ekadashi day of the bright half of Kartika in year 1862 he gave a concrete form to his concept of Acharya.

The Selection of Dharmkul for the highest seat ofAcharya has it's own majesty with a deeper meaning. The ulitmate aim has been conveyed precisely by Him in his Shikshapatri : धर्म रक्षण हेतवे for the protection of the religion. Moreover :

"એમ આચારજથી કલ્યાણ રે, થાશે સહુ જીવનું સુજાણ રે,
માનો મોક્ષનો છેલ્લો ઉપાય રે, એહ ઉપરાંત નથી કાંય રે."

"ધર્મકુળને જે અનુસરે, ત્યાગી ગૃહી નર કોઈ નાર,
પરિશ્રમ વિના તે પામશે, અપાર ભવનો પાર."

Thus the highest aim was the universal benediction without any discrimination between the souls. That was the aim of the Acharyapada. Following is the hidden mystery. Sadguru Nishkulanand Swami sings:

"કામ કર્યું છે એહ સારૂ રે, મન માન્યું છે બહુ અમારું રે
કાં જે એ છે ધર્મનું કુળ રે, માટે એ વાતનું ઊંડુ મૂળ રે
જેવું અમારૂં કુળ માનશે રે, તેને તુલ્ય બીજું કેમ થાશે રે
માટે વિચારીને વાત કીધી રે, ઘણું સમજીને ગાદી દીધી રે"

Lord Swaminarayan Bagwan says, 'This is the best among the works done by me for the benediction of the souls. I am fully convenced for installation of the seat of Acharya in the Dharmkul. I am fully satisfied by my decision, because the roots of Dharmkul are very deep (in the earth of devotional fervour). Nobody shall be euqal to the Dharmkul. Therefore, after much thinking, I have installed wisely the seat of Acharya in the Dharmkul. For centuries and ages, this highest seat shall be there and only an Acharya from the Dharmkul shall be installed on it. Though may be great by his penance or his virtues, but one shall not be installed on this seat of supreme preceptor, if he was not belonged to Dharmkul. No such man is entitle for this holy seat.

Shri Hari has unbroken faith in Dharmkul. He says that it is his lineage. It is lineage of Dharm – religion. It can not step on the path of sins. It will walk on the path of virtues and ethical duties. It will help the follower householders to maintain ethical duties.

"ધર્મવંશી તે ધર્મમાં રહેશે રે, અધર્મ વાતમાં પગ ન દેશે રે
ધર્મ પાળશે ને પળાવશે રે, અધર્મની રીત ટળાવશે રે."

It is imparative that Maharaj desired very clearly the insistance for practising religion, and similar insistance for making others to practise religion. Such a Dharm Vanshi Acharya ensures benediction for all his followers. Such a dependant has to do nothing for his self-benedictions. He is required only to live in refuge of Acharya to do worship of God for his ultimate benediction.

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To maintain glory and decorum of this supreme seat. Lord Shri Hari had prescribed certain rules and tenets. Shri Hari says. The Dharm Vanshi Acharya installed by me are not like those who broke the faith of their followers when their followers surrendered and served to them. Our Acharya are self-less. They never desire any thing from their followers and accept only the things given to them by the followers with open mind and without any compulsion. While receiving such gifts they bless the devotees and pray for their welfare.

They never talk to a woman who is not a relative of them. They nurse no enmity. They never blame others. They Shall not stand as a witness or as a surety. They are Merciful to all his dependents. They are detached of conspiracy, betrayal, envy, jealousy etc. By their supreme virtues, I have installed them on the seat of supreme preceptor.

"એહ આચારથી જ અપાર રે,
બહુ જીવોના થાશે ઉધ્ધાર રે."

The souls in the refuge of such Acharya shall be benedicted.

Lord Swaminarayan Bhagwan had constructed a constitution to determine the rules, rights obligations and duties of an Acharya. The constitution is famous in the Sampradaya as "Desh Vibhag-No-Lekh." S.G. Nishkulanand Swami describes it in brief.

"સ્થાપ્યા દત્તપુત્ર પોતે સ્થિર રે, અવધ પ્રસાદને રઘુવીર રે
તેને આપે કર્યા આચારજ રે, કરવા બહુ જીવનાં કારજ રે
આપ્યા વેંચી મંદિરને દેશ રે, જેમાં કોઈને ન થાય કલેશ રે
સાધુ સત્સંગીના ગુરૂ કીધા રે, દેશ ઉત્તર દક્ષિણ વેચી દીધા રે"
"એક બ્રાહ્મણને જાણો ભક્ત અતિ, વળી કા'વે અમારૂં કુળ
એને સેવતાં સૌ જન તમો, પામશો સુખ અતુલ."

Beginnig with the first Acharya – Acharyashri Ayodhyaprasadji Maharajshri, all the Acharyas have tried at their best and have put in constant efforts to maintain glory and majesty of the Dharmvanshi Acharyapada founded by Shriji Maharaj himself. River flow and time are not static. All the Acharyas have faced contemporary challenges, and have tried at their best to protect religion and culture.

But time is quite different these days. Present Acharya – the sixth descendant heir of Shri Hari - H. H. Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Tejandraprasadji Maharaj of Shri Narnarayandev desh has faced many challenges. In earlier times, a family if desired to see a movie, the members ere compelled to spare special time, some were required to wait in queue to buy the tickets at a theatre and whole family was required to move to a theatre at a given time at a distant place, but contemporarily the theatres have got themselves installed most comfortably in every house. Many such ills have invaded our houses, home and our minds. The future generation nursed and brought up in such house or family has to maintain religion, sat sang (holy company) and cultural tradition in such adversity and for that our Acharya Maharajshri has to become watchful. The virtues like solace, humanity, compassion develope in growing generations by untiring efforts put in by our Acharya Maharaj Shri. The schools, high schools, colleges and other such educational institutions have been set up by H.H. Acharya Maharajshri to instill ethical discipline in new generation. Clinics, hospitals and Ayurvedic centres are being operated and mobile camps are being organised to take care of physical health.

H.H. Acharya Maharajshri graces houses, places and regions continuously and without any veil of the protocol, to be with his follower children - the Satsangis, to take care of them. He is equally compassionate to all his devotees and without any discrimination. He is very particular in attending religious festivals, celebrations, Patotsava and Parayan Satsang for ultimate good of his devotes.

Our Present Acharya Maharaj has constructed the hundreds of temples worldwide enveloping continents and states - Africa, Austrialia, America, Europe, and Gulf countries like Dubai, Musket etc. in benign fold of devotion and ultimate good.

He has founded some twenty years back a magazine - 'Shri Swaminarayan' to distribute and spread wholesome and religious literature in Gujarati Hindi and English language. The Sahitya Kendra operating as Publication division of this desha prints, publishes and distributes religious books of this sect. The literary services extended by this Desha is unique and unparalleled in past history of two hundred years. H.H. Acharya Maharajshri had revealed thus the eternal majesty of the suprme seat of the Acharya for millions of his follower dependants. The services to the religion rendered by H.H. Acharya Maharajshri are unique and unparalleled.

Now, about the third resolute and the means created by Shri Hari to fulfill this resolute for benediction of his devout souls. To implement his third resolute, Shri Hari asked the saints to write scriptutes and treatises related to Shri Swaminarayan Sampradaya. They wrote treatises on Upanishadas, Vyasa-sutras and Shrimad Bhagvad Gita. They wrote Satsangi Bhushsn and other scriptures in Sanskrit and wrote volumous books like Bhakta chintamami and others in Gujarati language. The books were written in both the forms - prose and poetry. Shatanand Muni wrote detailed biography of Shri Hari and presented in it the doctrines, faith, commandments, ethical duties, ultimate

knowledge, and detachment as was interpreted by the Sampradáya. This great scripture was written in Sanskrit and has become known as Dharm Shastra of the sect.

Shri Hari dwelt for a lomg time in towns of Gadhada, Ahmedabad, Vartal and Jetalpur and delivered enlightening discourses to his devotees and saints. He held there question - answer sessions for spiritual knowledge. these preachings and dialognes were compiled and edited under the title 'Vachanamrits' by a team of his Paramhamsas under his personal supervision. there are 273 such Vachanamrits. Language and presntation are such easy and lucid that an illterate too can understand and enjoy it. Vachanamruts deal in subtle topics of ethical-duties, knowledge, detachment, devotion and doctrines of Vedanta. Vachanamurits are the nectar of all the scriptures. It is a benedictory scripture and God's own words.

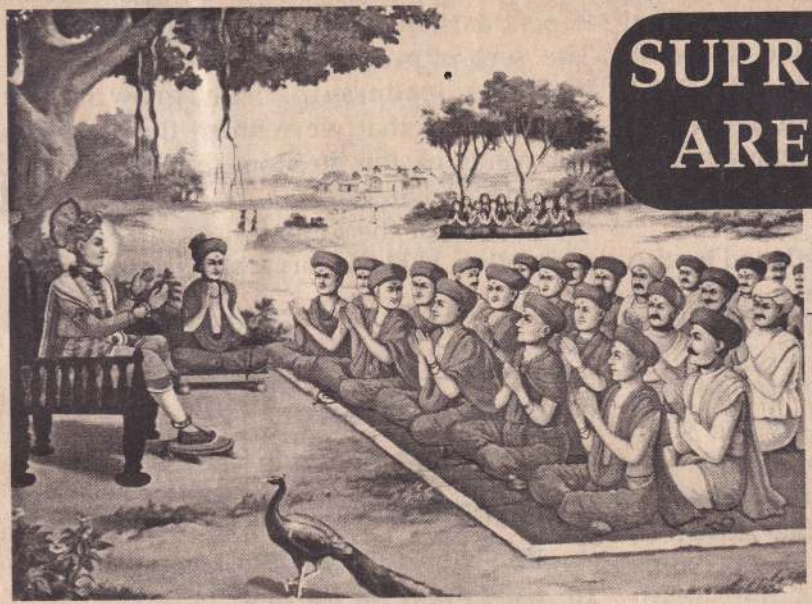
Lord Sahajanand Swami was pleased to fulfill his three secret resolutes. He wrote shikshapatri and condensed essence of all the scriptures. For ultimate good of his dependents. Shikshapatri treasures concealed secrets of the sect and Path of emancipation wedded to personal ethics and other such virtues. Like Bhagwad Gita the Shikshapatri too is not a dry book of metaphysics, but a practical hand book dealing in everday life, sociology, ethics and applied theology. In short, it is an indispensable book for everybody – right from a prince to a pauper, a poor to a wealthiest one, an aspirant to an enlightened one. It is 'word form of Shri Hari'. A man living his life in accordance to tenets of Shrikshapatri, attains all four ultimate attainments of human life. Lord Sahajanand Swami accepts only those as his dependents who live as per code of Shikshapatri.

Much more religious literature was produced in prose and poetry and in languages like Gujarati, Hindi and Sanskrit when Acharyas graced the supreme seat of the diocese. The saints have added in luminosity of the temples by their pure religious servies under this grand tradition of the Acharya. Thousands of saints are spreading message of Shri Hari by conducting satsang sessions in towns and villages. Thus the sect formed by Shri Hari had secured most respect able position in Hindu religion.

Lord Shri Hari forsook his elemental body at his free will on 28th day of June in 1830 A.D. when he found his mission fulfilled. Lord Shri Hari spent forty-nine years, two months and one day on the earth to give devotional pleasure to his dependents.

In short span of twenty eight years he accomplished successfully the most impossible task of reforming Indian society. It is unique and transcendental. The thousands of years were lost by the people in knowing Rama and Krishna to worship them as God. But in case of Lord Sahajanand, the millions of people surrendered instantly at his lotus feet and took him as God, as soon he manifested and incarnated in his elemental human form. Lord Swaminarayan Bhagwan is God of all the incarnations, because the ideals of Lord Rama, the preaching's of Lord Shri Krishna and the compassion of Lord Buddha are available practically in him. The divinity and eternal majesty felt by his dependents in him, are not available elsewhere, and therefore the dependents and followers worship him as Supreme Lord.

Even after leaving his elemental body at his free will, Lord Sahajanand had favoured a large number of devotees of him by manifesting himself in front of them when they breathed last and had consigned them to Akshardham. By his majestic manifestation he warnshis dependents against a misfortune and protects them. In his idol form at the temple, Lord Sahajanand Swami fulfills wishes of his devotees, and time and again he inspires his devotees to gift to him the attires, ornaments or other things! Lord Shri Hari dwells in front of us to fulfill our wishes - to benedict us. We bow at the lotus feet of Shri Hari and pray for benediction of mankind.



SUPRME'S WAYS ARE SUPREME

- Sadhu Purushottamprakashdas
(Jetalpurdhaam)

Bhagwan Shri Swaminarayan was gracing an assembly at Aslali, near Jetalpur. His five hundred Paramhanas and Passhadas were present at the religious assembly. Brain storming diologues were in progress to extract essence of the spiritual knowledge.

All of a Sudeen, Shri Hari came to the topic to the sect and it's preceptorship. He addressed to the saints, `Guru Ramanand Swami had entrusted to me the spiritual leadership of this Uddhava Sampradaya. I have tried at my best to execute my responsility most judiciously. Now You saints and Parshadas have to collectively to suggest to me a celibate or a saint to hold this highest responsibility, and highest duty. I will install him on this supreme seat. This is what I desire.'

The saints and devotees were taken aback by such abrupt rise of a new topic. Nobody was in a position to respond it. They consulted among them selves for one or two hours and prayed after a prolonged deliberation, `Oh God ! You have desired always the ultimate benediction of your dependants. None else but you are our saviour. We saints are required to live the life of a detached ascetic. If appointed to the highest seat, the power and status attached to the seat will spoil our saintly life. Such seat shall be greatest hurdle on the path of asceticism. The sainthood and power are two opposite ends. It is esay to jump from Himalaya, but it is most difficult to maintain sainthood by holding a seat of supreme power, You have made us to practise most difficult rules of detachment and asceticism. We are practising it most sincerely. But the highest seat will pollute our mind by it's fame, majesty and the power. It will ruin our sainthood. If you desire to protect our sainthood, please keep us away and free from it. Satsang and service are our ornaments. We deisre earnestly to submit a prayer. Your Dharmkul from Chaapaiya has arrived here. Though the householders, they are pure and holy like saints and ascetics. We see in them the most benedictory virtues. As and when you desire to appoint a heir appoint you Dharmkul. Install your Dharmkul. We do darshan of your divine presence as and when we see at the Dharmkul. We will receive them happily and with due respect. We will worship them with devotional love. The devotees and dependatns will receive them as preceptor for their ascent to the. Akshardham.'

After such deliberations Shri Hari graced the holy town of Vartal. He made two divisions of entire Satsang. : Shri Narnarayandev Desh and Shri Lakshminarayandev Desh, and installed by his blessed hands Shri Ayodhyaprasadji as

the supreme preceptor of Shri NarnarayandevDesh on auspicious eleventh day of the bright half of Kartika in V.S. 1882. He then installed Shri Raghuvirji on the seat of the Acharya of Shri Lakshminarayandev Desh, and entrusted to them the reign of the diocese.

The billions of souls are benedicted by this tradition of the Acharyas. God him self dwells in the form of Acharya to benefit the devotees by poojan Archan and Satsang services.

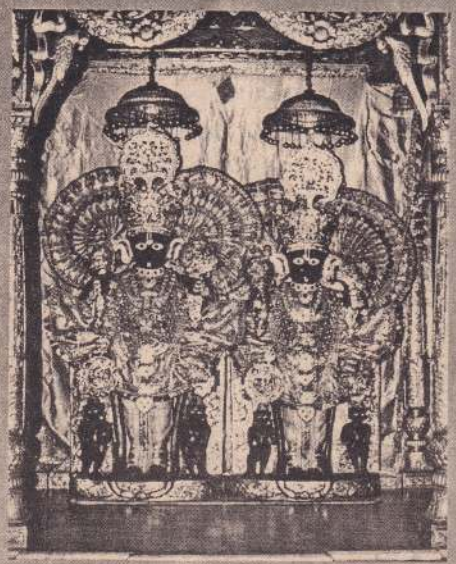
H.H. Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharajshri is the sixth descendant heir of Shri Hari, and holds this supreme seat since last thrity five years, by establishing oneness with his devotees trhough his world wide tours and personal visits at the dwellings of his dependant devotees. Billions ofdevotees have showered their hearty pleasrue for five religious services of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. Following the great tradition by walking on the path of Shri Hari, our Acharya Maharajshri has never thought of his personal compofort or convenience. He had dedicated his entire life for the development of this sect. He cares for dependants and ensures their ultimate good. The sect is progressing rapidly under his spiritual leadership. The growth and development that we witness these days is the result of the strenous efforts of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri.

We bow at the lotus feet of our supreme preceptor - H.H. Acharya Maharjashri

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ते	जो दया और प्रेम के भंडार हैं।
जे	सदा आतुर हैं धर्म विकास के लिए।
न्द्र	इन्द्र की तरह अपने प्रभाव को धर्मार्थ में लगाने वाले।
प्र	सन्न मुखारविन्द मनमोहक स्मित।
सा	धना हैं जिसकी धर्म और भक्ति।
द	र्द को भुलवा देने वाले, आनन्द देने वाले।
म	नुष्य को धर्म की राह बताने वाले।
हा	कते हैं सभी को धर्मप्रचार प्रसार के लिए।
रा	जाधिराज भगवान श्री स्वामिनारायण के छठ्ठे वंशज है।
ज	यकार जो स्वामिनारायण मन्त्र का करते हैं।

(राजदीप ब्रह्मभट्ट)



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- Kathri Swami

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પરમ પૂજ્ય પ્રાતઃ સ્મરણીય, ધર્મકુળ મુગટમણી, ધર્મભાસ્કર, ધર્મધુરંધર આચાર્યશ્રી ૧૦૦૮ શ્રી તેજેન્દ્રપ્રસાદજી મહારાજ આપણો ષષ્ઠીપૂર્તિ મહોત્સવ ઉજવાયો એ કારણથી આપણા ઉદ્ધવ સંપ્રદાયમાં ખુબજ ગૌરવવંતું વાતાવરણ સર્જાયું છે. અને આવા ઉત્સવો કરવાથી સત્સંગનો ખુબજ વિકાસ થાય છે. આ ષષ્ઠીપૂર્તિ મહોત્સવ ઉજવવાનો વિચાર પૂજ્ય ભાવી આચાર્યશ્રી લાલજી મહારાજશ્રી ૧૦૮ શ્રી કૌશલેન્દ્રપ્રસાદજી મહારાજને ત. સંતોને થયો કે અમદાવાદની ગાદી ઉપર આદી આચાર્યશ્રી અયોધ્યાપ્રસાદજી મહારાજથી આરંભીને પૂજ્ય આચાર્યશ્રી દેવેન્દ્રપ્રસાદજી મહારાજ સુધી કોઈ પણ આચાર્ય ૬૦ વર્ષની ઉંમર સુધી પહોંચ્યા નથી. અત્યારે વિદ્યમાન આચાર્યશ્રી તેજેન્દ્રપ્રસાદજી મહારાજ ૬૦ વર્ષ પૂર્ણ કરી ૬૧મા વર્ષમાં પ્રવેશ કરેલ છે. માટે એમનો ષષ્ઠીપૂર્તિ મહોત્સવ સર્વે સંત હરિભક્તોએ ખુબજ ઉદાર દિલથી ઉજવવો જોઈએ. અને એ ઉત્સવના પ્રમુખ સ્થાને પૂજ્ય લાલજી મહારાજ રહે એ યોગ્ય ગણાશે. એમ નક્કી કરી ઉત્સવ ઉજવાયો. એ ઉત્સવ એવો થયો કે ન ભૂતો ન ભવિષ્યતિ.

અને પૂજ્ય આચાર્યશ્રી તેજેન્દ્રપ્રસાદજી મહારાજ જ્યારથી ગાદી ઉપર આવ્યા ત્યારથી આરંભીને આજ દિવસ સુધી સત્સંગને માટે અને હરિભક્તોને રાજી રાખવા માટે શરીરના દુઃખને નહિ ગણીને સત્સંગ સમાજને ખુબજ રાજી રાખેલ છે. ને સત્સંગનો વિકાસ કરેલ છે. હરિભક્તો જ્યારે કોઈ પણ પ્રસંગનું આમંત્રણ આપે ત્યારે ભલે જરૂર પધારશું પણ એમના મુખથી નાકારનો શબ્દ નીકળેલ નથી. આવા આચાર્ય મહારાજશ્રી આપણને મળ્યા છે. એ આપણાં અહો ભાગ્ય છે. અને એમની આજ્ઞામાં રહેવું એમાંજ આપણું કલ્યાણ છે. એવા આપણા પૂજ્ય આચાર્યશ્રી મહારાજને અમારા કોટી કોટી દંડવત પ્રણામ સહ જયશ્રી સ્વામિનારાયણ.

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H.H. ACHARYA MAHARAJSHRI : AN IDOL OF MERCY AND COMPASSION

- Shastri Swami Narayanprasaddasji (Muli Mandir, Sayla Gurukul)

Shri Swaminarayan Bhagwan adopted Shri Ayodhapradasji - the son of his brother and installed him by his blessed hands on the highest seat of the preceptor of Shri Narnarayandev diocese. H.H. Acharya Ayodhyaprasdji Maharaj was the first Acharya of Shri Narnarayandev Desh diocese.



Our present Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharajshri is the sixth descendant heir of Lord Swaminarayan. I remember an incedent of past when our Acharya Maharajshri was gracing the places as Lalji Maharaj.

Long back in year 2024 V.S., there at Timba was a festive event of installation ceremony. H.H. Lalji Tejendraprasadji Maharajshri graced the village on that relgious occasion and blessed his devotees at the temple. The devotees from neighbouring villages were come there to participate in the religious celebrations and did the darshan of Lalji Maharajshri. Neighbouring village Rampura is a prasadi village. The saints of the sect were ordered by Lord Sahajanand Swami to colour their saintly clothes by saffron coloured soil of that village. The village was become a prasadi place by blessed touch of Shri Hari. The devotees from this village were present at Timba temple. They prayed to Lalji Maharajshri for a benedictory visit of Rampara. Lalji Shri Tejendraprasadji consented their prayer and graced Rampura. A grand procession was organized and village people were gathered outside the village to welcome Respected Lalji Maharajshri. Devotional music and Dhoon Kirtans were being presetned to receive sixth descendant heir of Shri Hari. Among the devotees some had in their posseion the licened Guns. Therefore, they fired at sky to salute their youthful preceptor. Right at the time of welcome, a shepherd woman was giving bath to her child by placing him in a tub like utencil of brass. Light spread in the sky above her when they fired the guns. Sheherdess was taken aback by such sound and light. After some time, She took her child from the brass utencil but when she took the utencil to empty it, she found small foot prints on inner bottom of it. The prints looked like permanent impression. With astonishment she took the utnecil to a local carpententer. The carpenter too was much suspicious in regard to such development when he herd the story from her. He took a iron hammer and began to rub the prints. But as he did so, he lost his phyical health, vomitted profusely with non-stop loose motion. He was taken to a doctor, but there was concrete result. His health and stemina detariorated to a precarious state. The devotees when knew about the critical conditon of the carpenter, they rushed to his house and knew about the whole story. A devotee then said to him, `Look ! Go and surrender at the lotus feet of H.H. Lalji Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharajshri if you desire any relief in this state. Go and receive his pleasure.' The carpenter was relieved from the ailment when he surrendered at the lotus feet of Lalji

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॥ तस्मै श्री गुरुवे नमः ॥

- Sadhus Ghanshyamprakashdas (Mahant Swami, Narayanghat)

"જેને જોઈએ તે આવો મોક્ષ માગવા રે લોલ...."



Lord Shri Hari has brightened the luminosity of Dharmvansha by his divine manifestation in this holy lineage. The rays of his luminosity are spreading world wide. H.H. Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharaj is the eternal source of this luminosity.

Great scholars have said : Greats are worshipped due to their virtues, not due to their caste or age. It appears that this was written for our Acharya Maharajshri. Though holding the supreme seat and leading the billions of his dependants, he acts most modestly, without any ego. He works with great enthusiasm, day and night without bothering for the self. He sustains his dependant saints and devotees. Sustains them like a father, and takes them to the fold of devotional love devotion of God. He inspires them for practice of ethical duties. By his blissful presence he spreads luminosity of ultimate knowledge. He is most affectionate to his dependant saints and householder devotees. He is life and soul of entire satsang. He had never desired a single paisa from anybody. Greed and temptations can not touch him. He loves Katha-Varta and Sat sang.

"શ્રુતવાનમાં સૌથી સરસ એવા સંતને નમું હું શીશ."

He listens for hours together and listens to it with great love the Katha-Varta and Parayan conducted by enlightened priests and saints. He is deeply interested in planning of Parayan Kathas and encourages such activities at his best. Since my childhood days, I was encouraged by him, 'Ghanshyam ! Do Katha Varta. Practise ir well. You are supposed to do Parayan, and in days to come you will have to enthrall the audience by your art of speaking.' I was told so repeatedly and frequently. Nectar like affection showers from his eyes when he says such things and stares at us for a while with great love. On each such occasion, I have experienced motherly warmth and affection in his eyes and speech. At my heart I have surrendered repeatedly at his lotus feet as and when I remembered such occasions.

Such are the occasions and experience. Such oneness and affection are not limited to me or to few of us. He is not only a Dharm Guru a religious preceptor, but is a true father of everyone. He is a true friend of all the souls. He is a sincere well wisher. May be

a ceremony of house worming, may be an inauguration, may be a foundation laying of a Gurukul, temple or Hospital, he attends each such event without any boredom or anxiety. He never says no to any devotee when it is an invitation for gracing a dwelling. He had installed by his blessed hands the idols of God in three hundred temples. He had intiated sainthood to about five hundred saints, but he walks steadily on the path of Satsang. He walks non-stop. He is readily active for the sevice of Satsang. He is heart anf soyke of Shri Narnarayandev Desh.

॥ शतम् जीनेम् शरदः ॥

Live a long life of one hundred years. This is our submission. This is our prayer. These are our wishes. Please be kind and compassionate to us. You are our Guru. You are our luminosity like a sun and you are our coolness like a moon

I bow at you Oh My Guru !

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Màharajshri.

There is one more incident contemporary to the event of the divine foot prints. H.H. Lalji Tejendraprasadji Maharajshri graced the village Rampura to bless the dwellings of his devotees. He graced individual houses and did seventy visits of the dwelling. On the next day he came to Limli to give devotional pleasure to his dependants. Limli is a prasadi place of Lord Shri Hari. Bhagwan Swaminarayan had given devotional pleasure to a faithful devotee of Vaghari community by wearing a woman's dress on his person. Lalji Maharajshri graced the village to favour his devotees. S.G. Shastri (Late) Keshavdasji Swami (Guru of Shastri Narayanprasaddasji) was in charge of this religious tour. Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharajshri said, Keshavdasji Swmai ! Please cancel the programme of gracing the house individually. We will favour everybody by conducting here a Sabha. Shastri Swami Prayed, 'Maharajshri! Please grace each house. The devotees have prayed for a personal visit and there is complete arrangement at their houses for your reception'. Listening to his prayer, Maharajshri placed his hand on the shoulder of the Swami. Palm was very hot in fever.

H.H. Acharya Maharajshri is merciful and compassionate like Shri Hari. He had never bothered for his body, to give devotional pleasure to his devotees.

I remember one incident of recent past. It was festive event of Shikshapatri on completion of 175 years of Shikshapatri Jayanti. A grand festival was organized at our Muli Dham on this occasion. The events were to begin from 27-1-2001, but a devastating earthquack rocked the main land of Gujarat, in morning of 26th January and took the toll of lives and belongings. The houses were collapsed and the people were crushed under the debris. There was no roof, food or clothes to sustain life. H.H. Acharya Maharajshri ordered to his saints and devotees to transform the festival in to a make shift home and community kitchen. Visit every house and each locality to fulfill the needs of people. Provide food and sustainance. Then in follow up programme, he began religious tour of affected region. He visited every town and each village to meet face to face his devotees and aspirants. In his return journey, he advised the saints to take up construction activity on behalf of Ahmedabad and Muli temple to rebuild the state. The houses, schools and temples were built up to provide all enveloping support to the people of Gujarat.

Feel fully fulfilled by earning devotional pleasure of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri.



The ceremonious platinum weighing is being conducted by H.H. Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharajshri of Shri NarnarayandevDesh in the presence of H.H. Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Rakeshprasadji Maharajshri of Shri Lakshminarayandev Desh and H.H. Lalji Maharaj 108 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Mahrajshri. H.H. Acharya Maharajshri has shown his modesty and humbleness by not weighing himself and had installed Lord Harikrshan Maharaj in his place to weigh the idol most ceremoniously.



H.H. Acharya Maharajshri presents Abhishekam Aarti to Shri Narnarayandev.



Seen in this picture is a prasadi pillar emabraced by Shri Hari to honour the dedicated services of his faithful devotee. The rock like stone of this pillar was transported and brought from Sabarkantha in a bullock cart and the devotee himself had pulled the cart when his bullock was injured. This silver coated pillar receives Poojan Archan from H.H. Acharya Mahrajshri.

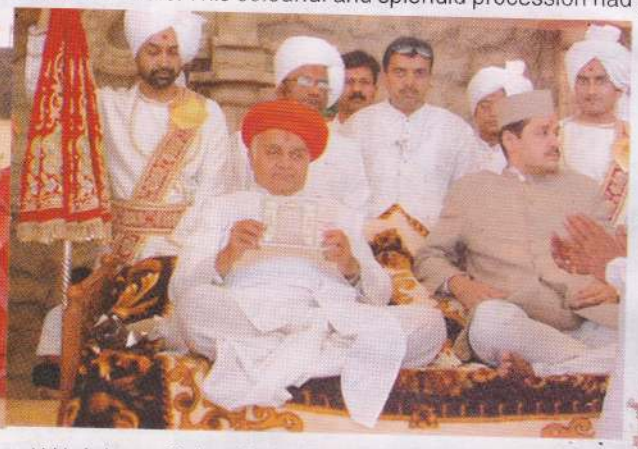






H.H. Achrya Maharajshri and H.H. Lalji Maharajshri at the splendid procession of Platinum Jubilee. There was non-stop queue accompanied by the thousands of devotees-male and female. This colourful and splendid procession had given a pleasent ex





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H.H. Acharya Maharajshri wrote in his own hand writing the book 'વચનામૃતમાં શ્રી નરનારાયણદેવ' to explain to the satsang of the both the Deshas, the glory and majesty of Lord Narnarayandev. H.H. Acharya Maharajshri inaughrates the scripture printed in his own handwriting.









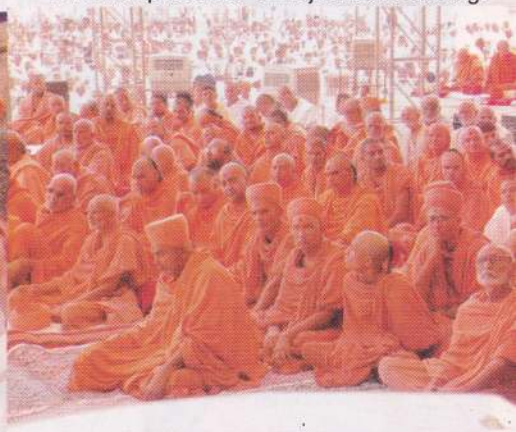
of the decorated chariots, cars, camel carts and horses
perience to the traffic police by their inherent discipline.

The colours were added in the festivities by colourful presence of Rajasthan Satsang.

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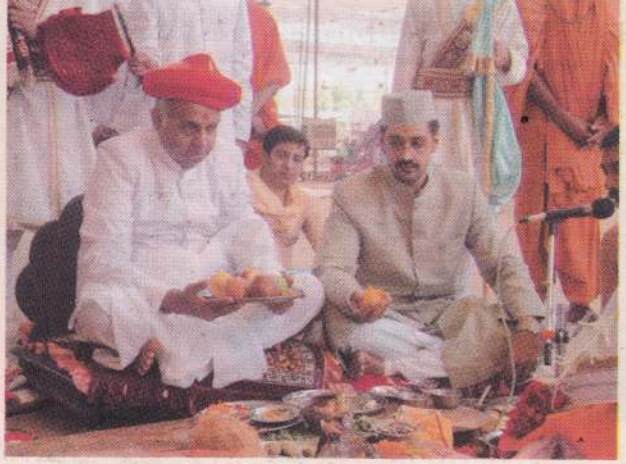




H.H. Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Rakeshprasadji Maharajshri of Shri Lakshminarayandev Desh felicitates to H.H. Acharya Maharajshri by ornamental garlands.



પ.પૂ.ધ.ધુ. આચાર્ય મહારાજશ્રી ૧૦૦૮ શ્રી તેજેન્દ્રપ્રસાદજી મહારાજશ્રીના રૂડા સાનિધ્યમાં વક્તા મહોદય પૂજ્ય મહંત શા.સ્વા. નિર્ગુણ દાસજી કથામૃત પાન કરાવતા અને હજારો સંત-હરિભક્તો અને સાંખ્યયોગી બાઈઓ કથાશ્રવણ કરતા.



Maha Pooja being attended personally by the sixth and seventh descendant heir of Hari.

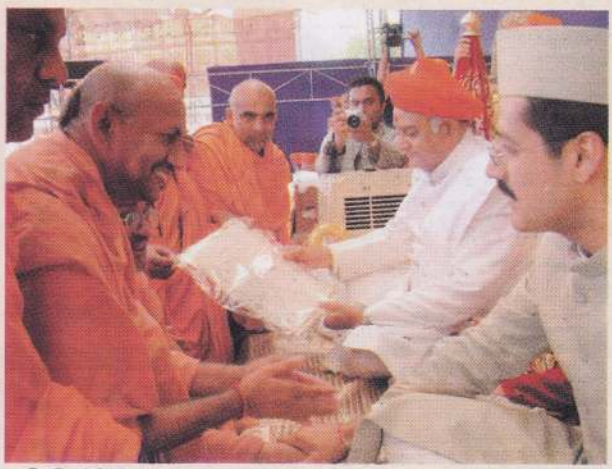


Maha Vishnu Yaag of the 108 altars was inaugurated by H.H. Acharya Maharajshri.

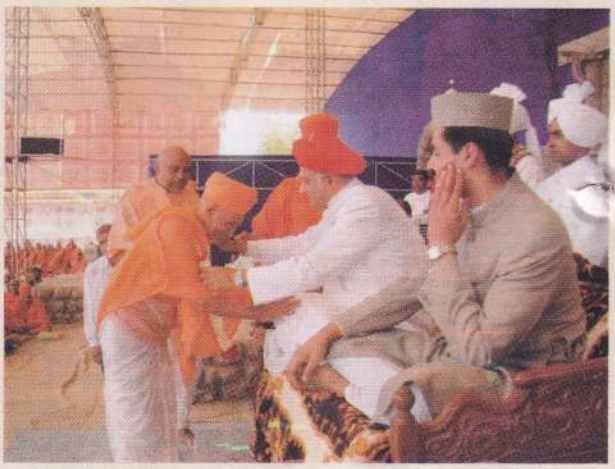




H.H. Acharya Maharajshri initiates Maha Deeksha to the saint with the secret hymn and initiates Mantra Deeksha to a householder aspirant for his initiation in Satsang.



S.G. Mahant Swami with the Sant Mandal presents to H.H. Acharya Maharajshri a `Sanmanpatra' on behalf of all the saints .



Senior Saints are honoured at Platinum Jubilee Birthday Celebrations.

THE SEAT OF THE ACHARYA MAHARAJSHRI TRANSFORMED IN A GOLDEN SEAT

H.H. Acharya Maharajshri of Shri Narnarayandev desh diocese graces the Sabha Mandap to bless his devotees. The mejestic seat at the Sabha Mandap was made from silver and was intalled permanently at the Sabha Mandap for darshan and Poojan. Devout group of Late devotee Bhalja Saheb and other generous devotees have gifted the funds and the seat has been transformed in Golden seat.

The devotees are used to do poojan of this majestic seat as and when they come to the temple. H.H. Acharya Maharajshri conveys his hearty blessings for this religius service.

GIFT FOR THE NEW LIFE-MEMBERS

Following generous devotees have donated the funds to gift Rs. 100/- to each new life member of this periodical :

1. Devotee (Late) Ranchhodlal Jethalal and family (Through : Rameshbhai and Navinbhai Marfatia, New Jersey) Rs. 10000/-
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3. Shri Rameshbhai B. Brahmbhatt and family (Through : Shri Vivek R. Brahmbhatt, Chicago) Rs. 10000/-
4. Shri Atmarambhai Patel and family (Through : Shri Jagdishbhai A. Patel, Chicago) Rs. 5000/-
5. Shri Amritbhai N. Patel (Marusana wala), Sabarmati, Ahmedabad. Rs. 5001/-
6. Shri Prakash Amritlal Patel (Gavadawala) Bapunagar. Rs. 1200/-

Our presentatives Shri Dahyabhai Chelabhai Butia (Kaliyana) and Shri Narenbhai Popatbhai Tank (Jiragadh) have earned the pleasure of Shri Hari by their non-stop service for registering life members at our magazine counter of Swaminarayannagar. - *Editor*

LORD NARNARAYANDEV MANIFESTS IN VACHANAMRITS

H.H. Acharya Maharajshri has favoured his dependant Satsangis by gifting to them his hand written book of "વચનામૃતમાં શ્રીનરનારાયણદેવ" an eternal gift presented in handwriting of God's own son. Devotees are requested to collect this invaluable book from the Sahitya Kendra. - *Mahant Swami*



A REPORT

PLATINUM JUBILEE BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

- Gordhanbhai V. Sitapara (Bapunagar-Ahmedabad

Omniscient supreme Lord Swaminarayan Bhagwan manifested himself and incarnated on the earth to benefit millions of souls. He drew a divisive line-from Calcutta to Dwarika- to manage Satsang activities in northern and southern part of entire Satsang. Thus the Satsang was reorganized in two separate but identical dioceses, namely Shri Narnarayandev Desha and Shri Lakshminarayandev Desha. Shri Hari adopted from his holy Dharmkul the two sons and installed them most religiously on the highest seat of the preceptor - Acharya. Shri Hari took enough care and asked his senior saints and devotees to constrict a proper document and he himself framed the rules governing this system of dioceses. Lord Shri Hari had given to us the satsang - a sat sang with the six organs: Mandir (temples), Dev (God), Acharya (Supreme preceptor), Sant (saints), Shastra (scriptures) and Haribhakktas (householder devotees) and Lord Shriji Maharaj dwells among us in his four forms: Dev (God), Acharya (preceptor), Shastra (scriptures) and Sant (the saints initiated by Acharyas).

Lord Swaminarayan Bhagwan had installed this highest seat in the holy lineage of Dharmdev – Dharmkul. Only a descendant of Dharmkul holds the qualifications for this highest seat of the diocese. Acharya is the Guru (preceptor) of the Satsangis and ascetics gents only, and wife of the Acharya, who is designated as 'Gadiwalashri', acts as Guru (preceptor) of the female Satsangis and the female ascetics (samkhya yogis).

Divine Attributes of the Acharyas

Lord Shriji Maharaj installs in his descendant son - the Acharya of the diocase – the divine light of him. The Acharya, therefore is the form of Shri Hari,

અમે એમાં એ છે અમમાંઈ રે,
એમ સમઝો સહુ બાઈ ભાઈ રે ॥
એથી અમે અળગા ન રૈયે રે,
એમાં રહિને દર્શન દૈયે રે ॥૧૪॥
એમ સમઝો સહુ સુજાણ રે,
અમ વિના ન હોય કલ્યાણ રે ॥
ધર્મવંશી આચારજ માંય રે,
સદા રહ્યો છું મારી ઈચ્છાય રે ॥૧૭॥

(Purushottam prakash : 40)

S. G . Nishkulanand Swami had described in detail the glory and majesty of Dharmvarshi Acharya. Lord Shriji Maharaj had assigned to him three principal duties:

1. To install idols of God in the temples attached to the diocese.
2. To initiate Deeksha to the new saints under the diocese.
3. To initiate Bhagwat - deeksha to the householder devotees in the diocese.

As per commandment (shikshapatri : 62) of Shri Hari, idol becomes worshipable for the devotees when Acharya Maharajshri installs the idol by his blessed hands. As mentioned in volume four of the Satsangi Jivan, an aspirant becomes a saint or ascetic of this diocese when Acharya Maharajshri initiates secret hymn in his ear and covers his person in a saffron coloured cloth. Similarly a

householder becomes a Satsangi (follower of the sect) when Acharya Maharajshri says in his ear the eight lettered hymn of Shri krishna.

H.H. Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharaj

It is not possible to narrate majestic personality of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. The place ti and my capacity are too limited to do so. I am quoting this sentence spoken by an American boy: 'He is God that walks, talks and lives with us.' He is Indian God.'

While treating his patient, a Surgeon from south India says to to a patient, 'No medicine or a treatment shall be needed, if you go back to your Acharya and seek his blessings.' The divine pleasures of Lord Shri Hari's presence, can be had by doing darshan of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. He himself is the form of Shri Hari – his great grand father. In time of Sahajanand Swami, people were become Satsangis and followers when they did darshan of Shri Hari. Contemporarily, people come under the fold of this sect as and when they come for the darshan of H.H. Acharya by the blessings of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. By his blessings and prayers, the reservoir of Sardarsarovar has progressed steadily up to the height of 110 fect.

Hundreds of domed temples and Hari mandirs have got constructed by him in various regions of India. He had founded I.S.S.O. for the world wide Satsang and the temples and Satsang activities are being conducted in all the regions of U.K., U.S.A, Australia, Canada, Sweden, New Zealand etc. Such satsang activities are progressing well in Dar-e-Salam, Tanzania, East Africa and Gulf counties. He is the first Acharya, who had spread Satsang throughout the world, and millions from those countries have come under the benedictory fold of Swaminarayan Sampradaya. He travels constantly and tirelessly to visit houses, villages, towns, cities, states, nations and continents to benedict the mankind. He is the first Acharya from the Dharm Vansh, who had attained the sixty years of his holy life. The Sampradaya celebrates first such Platinum Jubilee Birthday.

Satsang desires to celebrate 60th Birthday with the due permission of Maharajshri

H.H. Lalji Maharajshri, Mahant Swamis, Saints and Satsangis desired to celebrate Platinum Jubilee Birthday, when the grand occasion was nearing. They consulted among themselves repeatedly for a long time and prayed then to H.H. Lalji Maharajshri to help them in seeking Permission and blessings from H.H. Acharya Maharajshri for the grand celebration of Platinum Jubilee Birthday. H.H. Lalji Maharajshri consented to lead the delegation and guided them to approach H.H. Acharya Maharajshri.

H.H. Acharya Maharajshri loves to celebrate events. In past he had chaired grand celebrations of Bi-centenial celebrations, Silver and Golden Jubilee Celebrations, Shatamrit Patotsava and other such grand events. Those were most memorable celebrations. Though was the sixtieth birthday of him, he took the event as an occasion of universal welfare, took himself as an instrament or a cause for such religious festivities and defined the events as a festival of the Acharyapada. Acharya Maharajshri consented: `the funds created on this occasion should be utilized for a Museum of the Prasadi items of Shri Swaminarayan Bhagwan. This is what I desire.' His consent cares for the Sampradaya. Since ancient times, no such effort has been made to maintain things and items used personally by God during the incarnation. Swaminarayan Bhagwan is the only incarnation, where prasadi items are still available with the Acharyas, Mahants, Saints and householder devotees. Thousands of things in form of the stones, houses, threshold,

cloths, attires

Utensils and other such things are preserved carefully by his followers. To prevent the loss and to protect it systematically, the Prasadi items shall be



preserved scientifically in a well secured museum. The sixth descendant heir of Shri Hari had appealed to us for a donation of such items. The museum shall be located at a scenic location of greater Ahmedabad. The aspirants and devotees shall be benedicted by the darshan of the prasadi items. Memory of such a visit shall be equally benedictory.

Platinum Jubilee Events lasted for whole year

Platinum Jubilee Birthday is unique and unparalleled. The events of platinum Jubilee were celebrated worldwide for the whole year. Sat sang activities such as religious sessions, Parayan Katha Session, Satsang Sabhas, religious walks, religious processions, late evening Satsang, Katha-Kirtan Satsang, Dhoon sessions, Pada-Yatra, Pilgrimage of holy places, Maha poojas, Youth Satsang camps, medical camps, health camps, blood donation camps, and other such socio-religious activities began on the third day of the dark half of chaitra in V.S. 2059 and Continued non-stop from place to place till the third day of the dark half of Chaitra in V.S. 2060. This Year long celebrations and devotion aimed at the Success of the Grand celebrations to be held during 2-4-04 to 8-4-04. Satsang activities were conducted everyday throughout India and abroad under able leadership of H.H. Lalji Maharajshri

Early Preparations of the Grand events

H.H. Lalji Maharaj 108 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharajshri was requested by the Satsang to chair the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations. H.H. Lalji Maharajshri blessed the Satsang and consented to chair the Celebration. Following were the components -

Platinum Jubilee Celebration Committee

Chairman	:	H.H. Lalji Maharajshri
Vice Chairman	:	S.G. Mahant Swami Shastri Nirgunadasji
Secretary	:	S.G. Shastri Swami Guruprasaddasji (Jetalpur)
Secretary	:	S.G. Mahant Swami Guruprasaddasji (Kankaria)
Treasurer	:	S.G. Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji (ex-Mahant, Chapaiya)
Treaswrer	:	S.G. Shastri Mahat Swami Atmaprakashdasji (Jetalpur)
Members	:	S.G. Celibate Swami Vasudevanandji (Chhapaiya)
	:	S.G. Swami Devprakashdasji (Trustee)

: Shri Manibhai Patel.
: Shri Dasharathbhai Patel.
: Shri Ramanbhai Patel
: Shri G. K. Patel
: Shri Amitbhai Chaudhari.

Following sub-committees were organised to help the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations Committee :

Hospitality Committee

1. S.G. Celebate Swami Vasudevanandji (Chhapaiya)
2. S.G. Shastri Swami Premswaroopdasji (Narayanpara)
3. S.G. Shastri Anandprasad (Kothari-Kankaria)
4. S.G. Swami K.P. Swami (Jetalpur Mahant)
5. S.G. Shastri Swami Premvallabhdasji (Surendranagar)

Shobha Yatra Committee

1. S.G. Swami Devprakashdasji (Trustee)
2. S.G. Swami Premswaroopdasji (Narayanpura)
3. S.G. Swami Raghuvircharandasji (Sokti)
4. S.G. Swami Akhileshwardasji (Mathura)
5. S.G. Swami P.P. Swami (Junior)
6. S.G. Madhav Swami (Abu)
7. Shri Dahyabhai Somabhai (Nava Vadaj)
8. Shri Amritbhai Shivabhai (Shahi Baugh)
9. Shri Bharatbhai Parlawala (Jivrajpark)
10. Shri Dasbhai (Bapunagar)
11. Shri Pravinbhai (Shraddha Casettee)

Publicity Committee

1. S.G. Celibate Swami Vasudevanandji (Chhapaiya)
2. S.G. Swami Premswaroopdasji (Narayanpura)
3. S.G. Swami Purnaprakashdasji
4. S.G. Swami Nandkishordasji (Ayodhya)
5. S.G. Swami Hariprasaddasji (from Vali)
6. S.G. Swami Jagdishprasaddasji (Idar)
7. S.G. Swami Narayanvallabhdasji (Vadnagar)
8. S.G. Swami Pranjeevandasji (Muli)
9. S.G. Swami Lakshminarayandasji (Charadava)
10. S.G. Swami Jayprakashdasji (Chhapaiya)
11. S.G. Swami Gyanvallabhdasji (Muli)
12. S.G. Swami Bhaktavallabhdasji (Limbdi)
13. S.G. Swami Rishikumar (Satellite)

Fund Committee

1. S.G. Mahant Swami Shastri Atmaprakashdasji
2. S.G. Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji
3. Shri Rasikbhai Dayaljibhai Soni
4. Shri Chandrakantbhai Prabhudasbhai Patel
5. Shri Arvindbhai P. Thakkar (Vasna)
6. Shri Kanubhai Thakkar (Gandhinagar)
7. Shri Natubhai Gordhanbhai Patel (Kankaria)

Kitchen Committee

1. S.G. Swami Devprakashdasji (Trustee)
2. S.G. Swami Krishnavallabhdasji (Muli)
3. S.G. Swami Dharmswaroopadasji (Nathdwara)
4. S.G. Swami Shyamsundardasji (Muli)
5. Shri Narayanbhai. T. Malvania (Surendranagar)
6. Shri Amritbhai Patel (Lakhtar)
7. Shri Haribhai Kachhia (Morvi)
8. Shri Zaverbhai (Morvi)
9. Shri Chiragbhai (Halyad)
10. Shri Ghanshyambhai Dalvadi (Ganshyamnagar)
11. Shri Kantibhai Dalal (Dangarva Vala)
12. Shri Natubhai Soni (Dholka)
13. Dr. Govindbhai (Ranip)
14. Shri Manubhai Gordhanbhai Soni

Exhibition Committee

1. S.G. P.P. Swami (Junior), Koteshwar Gurukul
2. S.G. Swami Ramkrishnadasji, Koteshwar
3. Shri Janakbhai V. Patel (Memnagar)
4. Shri Sanjaybhai R. Soni (Satellite)
5. Shri Pankajbhai Bhavsar (Nava Vadaj)
6. Shri Manubhai Bayadwala.

Saint's reception and Kitchen

1. S.G. Bhandari Swami Ramcharandasji (Mansa)
2. S.G. Bhandari Swami Ramkrishnadasji (Torda)
3. S.G. Purani Swami Narayancharandasji
4. S.G. Nilkath Swami (Sapawada)
5. S.G. Bhandari Madhav Swami (Prantij)
6. S.G. Swami Shantiprasaddasji (Pethapur)

V.I.P. Invitation and reception

1. S.G. Shastri Swami Atmaprakashdasji (Jetalpur)
2. S.G. Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji (Chhapaiya)
3. S.G. Shastri Swami Mukundprasaddasji (Muli)
4. S.G. Shastri Swami Anandprasaddasji (Kankaria)
5. S.G. Shastri Swami Ghanshyamjivandasji (Laloda)
6. S.G. Shastri Swami Keshavprasaddasji
7. S.G. Swami Jagatprakashdasji (Dholka)

Vishnu - Yaag

1. S.G. Shastri Swami Premswaroopdasji
2. S.G. Shastri Swami Narayanswaroopdasji (Prayag)
3. S.G. Swami Rajendraprasaddasji
4. S.G. Swami Narainmunidasji (Paldi)
5. S.G. Swami Narayanprasaddasji (Muli)
6. S.G. Swami Vishnuprasaddasji (Mathura)

Maha Pooja

1. S.G. Swami Narayanvallabhdasji (Vadnagar)
2. S.G. Swami Anandjeevandasji (Himmatnagar)
3. S.G. Swami Chhapaiyaprasaddasji
4. S.G. Swami Siddheswardasji.

Store

1. S.G. Swami Shyamcharandasji (Jetalpur)
2. S.G. Swami Rajendraprasaddasji
3. S.G. Swami Devprakashdasji (Khali wala)
4. Shri Kantibhai R. Patel (Visagar)
5. Shri Baldevbhai S. Patel (Sitapur)
6. Shri Govindbhai V. Patel (Trent)

Sabha - Mandap

1. S.G. Shastri Swami Vishnuprakashdasji (Haridwar)
2. S.G. Shastri Swami Ghanshyamprakashdasji (Narayan Ghat)
3. S.G. Shestri Swami Ishwarcharandasji (Dhariawad)
4. S.G. Shastri Swami Satyaprakashdasji (Ahmedabad)
5. S.G. Shastri Swami Siddheshwardasji
6. S.G. Shastri Swami Muktajeevandasji (Ahmedabad)
7. S.G. Shastri Swami Bhaktiprakashdasji (Ahmedabad)
8. Shri Rameshbhai S. Patel (Mansa)
9. Shri Bhanubhai S. Patel (Mehsana)
10. Shri Dhirubhai Sorathia (Bapunagar)

Press and Media

1. S.G. Shastri Swami Atmaprakashdasji (Jetalpur)
2. S.G. Swami Mukundprasaddasji (Muli)
3. S.G. Swami Anandprasaddasji (Kankaria)
4. Shri Kantibhai V. Patel (Nana Ubhada)
5. Shri Mahadevbhai G. Patel (Memnagar)
6. Shri Hitendrabhai N. Patel (Ahmedabad)

Annakut

1. S.G. Swami Uttampriyadasji (Muli)
2. Kithari Swami Brhmviharidasji
3. Bhandari Swami Dharmprakashdasji
4. Swami Radharamanji
5. Shri Bhurabhai C. Sandalia (Bapunagar)
6. Shri Mahendrabhai Khichadia (Baraja)
7. Shri Dinesh K. Bhagat
8. Shri gordhanbhai V. Sitapara
9. Shri Shailendra Jhala

Foorware

1. Shri Sanjaybhai R. Soni (Satellite)
2. Shri Bharatbhai Patel (Bareja)

Water supply committee

1. Shri Ishwerbhai G. Patel (Memnagar)
2. Shri Jayantibhai N. Patel (Memnagar)
3. Shri Kanubhai R. Patel (Narayanghat)
4. Shri Laljibhai G. Patel (Memnagar)

5. Shri Kantibhai P. Patel (Memnagar)
6. Shri Krishnakantbhai S.Patel (Memnagar)
7. Shri Pravinbhai N. Patel (Memnagar)

Parking Committee

1. Shri Hemantbhai Kachhia (Sate,lite)
2. Shri Kailashbhai Pandya (Janatanagar)
3. Shri Navneetbhai Patel (Aroda)
4. Shri Rambhai Patel (Umedgadh)

Lighting and Elect. Committee

1. Shri Dhirubhai Brahmbhatt (Narayanpura)
2. Shri Narayanbhai Khichaditu (Bapunagar)

Volunteers Committee

1. Shri Udayanbhai A. Mahaeaja (Visnagar)
2. Shri Bhaktibhai R. Patel (Kukarvada)

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1. Shri Hasmukhbhai Thakkar (Vasna)
2. Shri Chimanlalbhai Patel (Ranip)

Constant-Dhoon Committee

1. Shri Gangarambhai Mahadevbhai (Memnagar)
2. Shri Jivrajbhai Purushottambhai (Memnagar)
3. Shri Parashottambhai Patel (Das) (Bapunagar)
4. Shri Sardar Surjitsinh H. (Kankaria)
5. Shri Govindbhai Patel (Unjha)

Cleanliness and Sanitation Committee

1. Shri Jayendrasinh Rana (Bapunagar)
2. Shri Jhaverbhai Jhala (Bapunagar)

IT, Video and A.V. Committee

1. Shri Harishbhai (Kera-Kutch)
2. Shri Amitbhai Kharsani (Ahmedabad)

Security Committee

1. Shri Gajendrasinh Bapu (Naroda)
2. Shri Maheshbhai (Kathlal)

Transport Committee

1. Shri Ravjibhai Chhabadia (Sahajanand Travels, Vasna)
2. Shri Jayantibhai Shah (Ambawadi)

V.I.P. Reception Committee

1. Shri Gaurangbhai K. Patel (Kankaria)
2. Shri Arvindbhai Donga (Bapunagar)

Health Committee

1. Dr. Kanubhai (Vasna)
2. Dr. Bhavinbhai (Kankaria)
3. Dr. Kanubhai S. Patel (Bapunagar)

Gen. Engr. Committee

1. Shri Kaushikbhai Patadia (Navrangpura)
2. Shri Dahyabhai (Nadiad)

Donation-Box Committee

1. Shri Bapubhai I. Patel (Chandisana)
2. Shri Rambhai Patel (Mokhasn)

Stage Committee

1. Shri Ishwarbhai Tribhovandas (Mansa)
2. Shri Ajaybhai Kantibhai Soni (Mehsana)

Legal consultation Committee

1. Shri Parveshbhai Soni (Satellite)
2. Shri Kantibhai Patel

Civil-work Committee

1. Shri Jayrambhai C. Kanani (Bapunagar)
2. Shri Shambhubhai N. Patel (Vadaj)

Prelude to Grand Celebrations

Each day and every minute of preceding year was the time of celebrating the events. Almost every village, town and city was become a holy place by conducting constant Dhoon, non-stop Dhoon Maha-pooja and Katha Kirtan Satsang. Similar programmers were conducted in overseas countries and almost at each such place wherever lived a group of Satsangis. About 6000 billion mantas were chanted for universal welfare and japas of Janmangal Stotra, Shri Vishnu Sahastra Stotra, Narayan Kavach, Vishnu-Gayatri Japa, Ashtakshar Mantra Japa and recitations were conducted by the devotees. H.H. Lalji Maharajshri graced thousands of places and various regions in India and abroad to boost the devotional fervor of the Satsangis.

Victory-flag was hoisted at the place of platinum Jubilee Celebrations on auspicious Dhuleti day (7-3-2004). H.H. Lalji Maharajshri and Respected Bal Lalji Maharajshri led the colorful procession to the University

Educational Ground and hoisted Victory flag in the presence of thousands of devotees. It was auspicious festival of colours. H.H. Lalji Maharajshri and Respected Bal Lalji Maharajshri favoured their dependent followers by playing colour sports.

Entire Satsang was invited publicly to participate in grand festivities of platinum Jubilee and invitation cards were sent to the thousands of life members of Swaminarayan periodicals besides the senior devotees and faithful followers across the continents.

The committees organized by H.H. Lalji Maharajshri began their services collectively to develop university ground for the platinum Jubilee celebrations. Colorful tents, well settled floors, pavement and assembly halls, Katha Mandapam, altars for holy-fire, Dhoon-session temple, Exhibition hall, grand entrance, stalls and service's centers, community kitchen and dinning halls were crafted with the help from thousands of volunteers- male and females. Volunteers came from various areas of greater Ahmedabad and from the towns and villages of Gujarat. About 6000 volunteers were come full time from 180 villages and town to serve at Shri Swaminarayan nagar of platinum Jubilee Celebrations.



Grand weeklong events of Platinum Jubilee Birthday began on 2-4-2004.

Inaugural day : 2-4-04

A grand Pothi-Yatra was organized at 7-30 am and thousands of devotees brought with due honor the sacred scripture of Shrimad Satsangi Bhushan. The scripture was honored most religiously at the katha place-of Shri Swaminarayan nagar. The gate of Shri Swaminarayan nagar was the replica of the gate of Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Kalupur, Ahmedabad. The main gate was inaugurated by H.H. Acharya Maharajshri and H.H. Lalji Maharajshri accompanied by Shri Shashikant Adani and Shri Rakesh Shah (Adani group of Industries).

Bhakti Mandap – the temple of devotion was specially designed to conduct non-stop dhoon session during seven days of Platinum Jubilee Celebrations. H.H. Acharya Maharajshri blessed the devotees and inaugurated Bhakti Mandap. Thus the Dhoon Chants- were the beginning of the programmers.

H.H. Acharya Maharajshri graced thereafter the Sabha Mandapam of Shri Swaminarayan nagar and inargurated the hall by installing Lord Shri Hari on the throne and kindling the lamp in presence of Shri Ghanshyam Maharaj.

The poojan of the Vyasa (main speaker of the Parayan Katha), Pothi (sacred scripture) and Samhita (sacred books for the readers of Samhita) was conducted most religious at 9.00 am. H.H. Acharya Maharajshri blessed the Parayan session for the holy beginning of Parayan Katha. The seat of the main speaker

of the Satsangi Bhushan Parayan was graced by learned Shastri Swami Nirgundasji (Mahant Swami, Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Kalupur, Ahmedabad.) The event of Lord Ghansyam Maharaj's manifestation was celebrated with devotional fervour by the devotees at about six o'clock evening when event was being recited at the parayan Katha. An artistic view showing Shiva, Hanumana and other Gods was presented on the stage showing them visiting Chhapaiya to do darshan of Bal Ghansyam. H.H. Bal Lalji Maharajshri presented himself in the view by riding a bullock with appropriate make up and attires. The devotees and aspirants have admired the presentation.

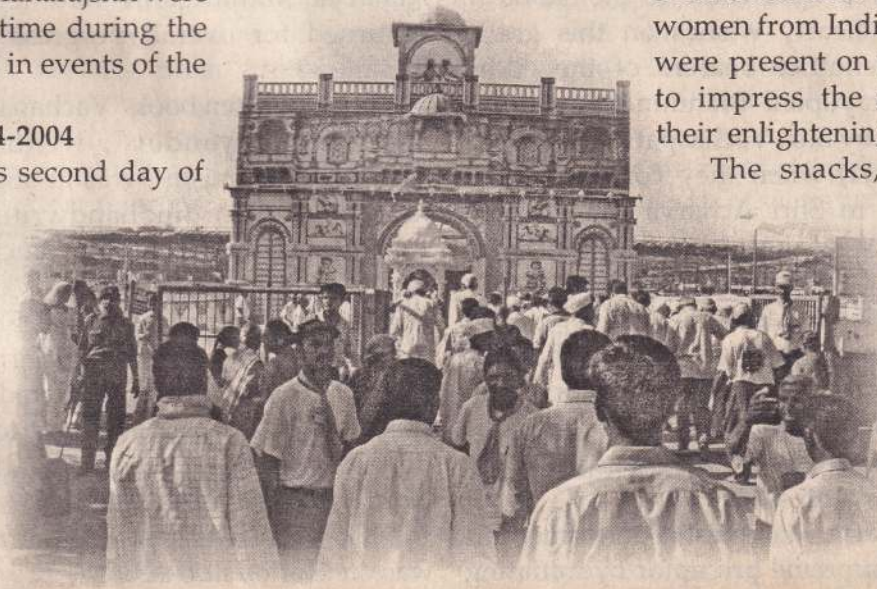
An entertainment programmer was presented at evening by Shri Gopal Barot (folk literature), Arvind Barot (folk songs) and Shri Chikabhai Kharsani (light humor).

H.H. Acharya Maharajshri was pleased to his followers and the devotees were favoured by him by his blissful presence at morning and evening sessions. His blessed words are being quoted separately under a suitable title. Dharmkul and relatives of Maharajshri were present full time during the sessions and in events of the day.

3-4-2004

This was second day of the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations. Thousands of Satsangi families were arrived to avail this lifetime opportunity. This was second day of Parayan Satsang. Thousands of devotees were engrossed in holy dip of devotional fervour. Aphorism, anecdots, examples and devotion filled narrations presented by Nirgundasji Swami Swept the audience in the emotional current of devotion. They found everything happening in front of them-around them-and found themselves as an integral part of the Katha. Beside such devotion filled Katha Satsang, there were special programmes of Maha Pooja, Youth seminar and the seminar of Satsangi ladies. Shri Bhupendrasinh Chudasama (Agricultural Minister) Shri Mangaldas Patel (Hon-speaker, Gujarat state Assembly, Shri Trikam Zalawadia, Shri Harish Bhatt (MLA) from Godhra were present at Youth seminar. Vaishnava-charya 108 Shri Vrajesh-kumarji Maharaj from Kankroli Peeth was present on this occasion to convey his hearty feelings.

A splendid seminar of women was Conducted at evening in benign presence of Respected Godiwalashri and Respected Vahuji Maharaj. Honoured Education Minister Anandiben Patel was present on this occasion. Thousands of women from India and abroad were present on this occasion to impress the audience by their enlightening views.



The snacks, meals and supper were distributed every day at an appropriate time to all the Satsangis and aspirants present at

Shri Swaminarayana nagar.

4-4-2004

The third day celebrations were in augurated with the rituals of sacred thread ceremony. Group Sacred-thread ceremony event was organized as an integral part of Platinum Jubilee Celebrations and 150 Brahmin boys were blessed to receive sacred-threads amidst chants of Vedic hymns. The event was free for the Brahmin familes and prasadi meals were served to the family and relations of the Batuks (Brahmin boys) receiving sacred-threads. A huge Satsang Sabha was organized on this occasion. Shri Ashok Bhatt (Law Minister), Shri Amit Shah (Home Minister), Shri Jitubhai (M.L.A.), Shri Pragjibhai (M.L.A) and other honoured guests were present on this occasion. Shri Bhaktibhai Patel (President, I.S.S.O) from New Jersey and Shri Gyaneshbhai Dholakia (Secretary, I.S.S.O) from Boston were present on this occasion. They gave a live picture of the overseas religious tours of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri and explained to the audience the grand achievements and overall development of Satsang in overseas countries. Muslim leaders of Raikhed area were come to the Sabha to convey their hearty wishes on this grand occasion. The office bearers of the Akhil Bharatiya Sarayupani Brahmin Samaj were accompanied by Shri Vachaspati Mishra (our principal priest) when they conveyed their good wishes to Shri Acharya Maharajshri. H.H. Acharya Maharajshri blessed them eternal bliss of Akshardham.

Similar Sabha was organized separately to favour female-Satsangis. The sabha was chaired by Respected Gadiwalashri. Smt Mayaben Kodnani (MCA) was present on this occasion to receive hearty blessings from her.

5-4-2004

H.H. Acharya Maharajshri performed his core duty as supreme preceptor by initiating Bhagwati Deeksha (sainthood) to the 21 tyagis in benign presence of Lord Narnarayandev at Shri Swaminarayan temple, Kalupur, Ahmedabad. The deeksha rituals were conducted amidst the chants of Vedic humns.

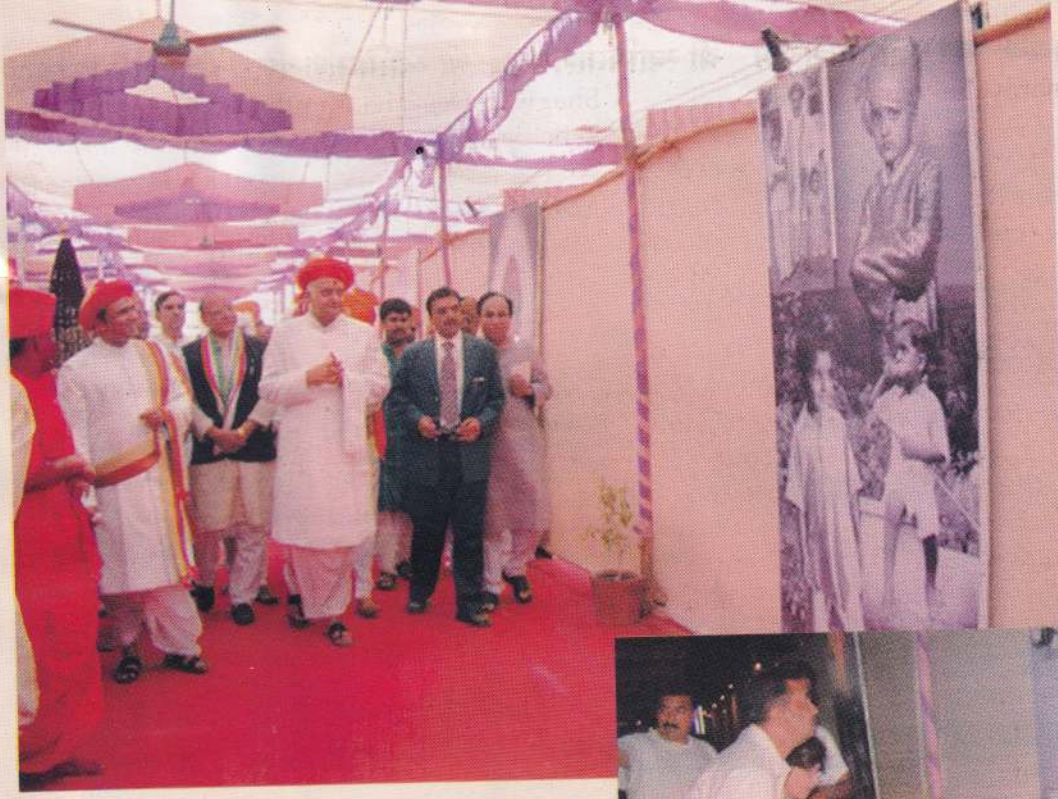


Similar Deeksha Vidhi was conducted separately by Respected Gadiwalashri and Samkhya-Yogi deeksha was initiated to 26 female Satsangis.

A splendid Sabha was organized at Shri Swaminarayan nagar to celebrate grand event. Dr. Kantibhai Patel (New Zealand - Oakland) was present at this Satsang Sabha. Shri Kantibhai Patel had donated his everything to Lord Narnarayandev of Ahmedabad temple. He was accompanies by Shri Kuvarjibhai Devjibhai Vekaria (Secretary, Willsdonlane temple). They narrated lively the occasion showing compassion, solace and hearty love of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. H.H. Acharya Maharajshri had left no stone unturned for overall progress of overseas Satsang.

Hand written book "Vachanamrut – man-Shri Narnarayandev", written by H.H. Acharya Maharajshri, was in angulated, and its manuscript (in handwriting of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri) was auctioned. Shri Kantibhai Hirdas Patel (USA) of Dangarva had earned the pleasure of Shri Hari by donating Rupees seven lakh. Shri Rakeshbhai Chaudhari (Pratapura) delivered a powerful speech in his Chaudhari dilect to inspire the devotees for faith and loyalty towards Narnarayandev desh peeth.

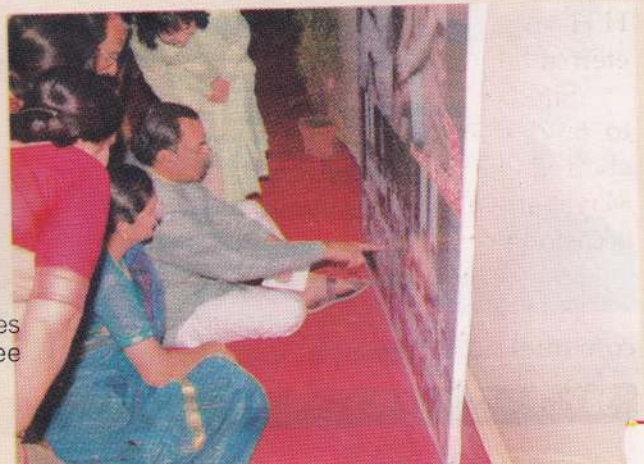
Jala Yatra was organized in after noon. It was concluded at 6-30 P.M.



H.H. Acharya Maharajshri of the both the Deshas graces the exhibition held at Swaminarayan nagar.



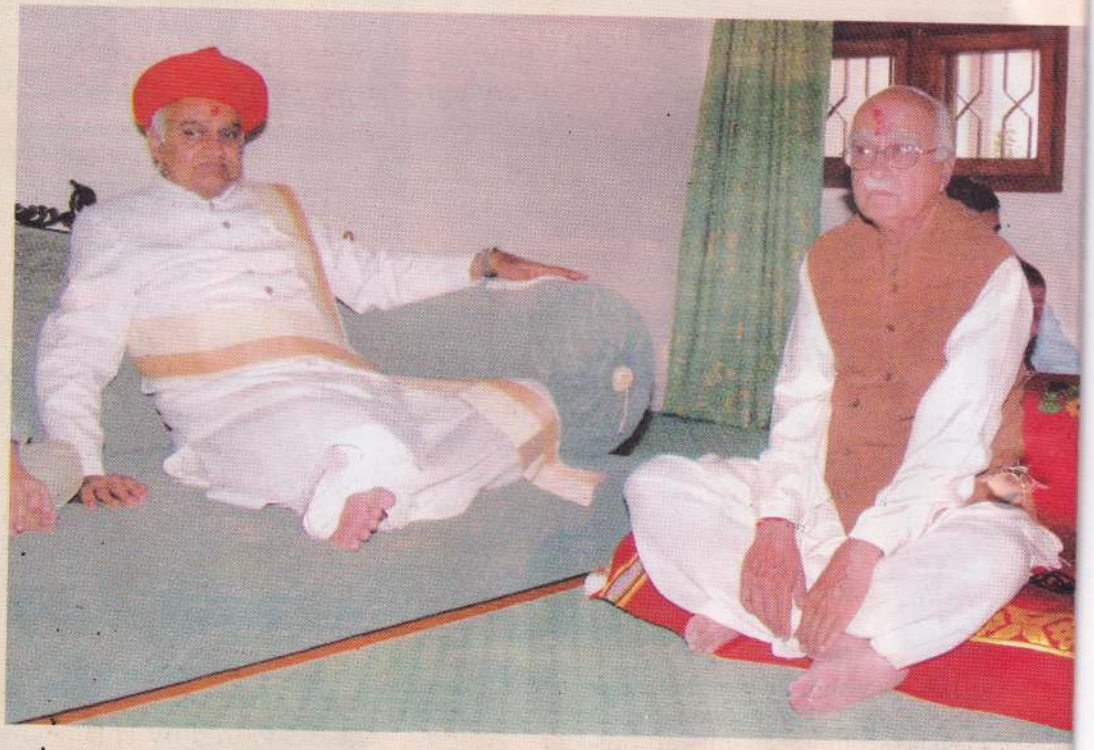




he devotees and aspirants belonging to farflung places have enjoyed glorious moments of Platinum Jubilee Exhibition.



Respected Bal Lalji Shri Vrajendraprasadji Maharajshri welcomes Shri Advaniji at Shri Swaminarayan Baugh.



Deputy Prime-Minister Shri L.K. Advani earns the pleasure of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri.

The devotees were most particular to spare some time everyday to sit peacefully at the Bhakti Mandap to sing Dhoon with the non-stop dhoon team. Devout families were visiting bookshop and magazine shop invariably to buy books and CD and those who were not a subscriber of the magazine were getting their names enrolled as lifetime member.

6-4-2004



A splendid "Yagya-Shala" housing 108 altars of Maha Hari Yagya (holy fire) was constructed at Shri Swaminarayan Nagar, to conduct holy fire of Maha Vishnu Yaag. Vedic Scholar and a resident of Mathura Shri Vasudevkrishna Chatruvedi was the Acharya of Mahavishnu Yaag (Pricipal priest of the holy-fire). H.H. Acharya Maharajshri graced the Yagyashala with his retinue of the saints and senior devotees and inaugruated holy fire by his blessed hands. There were hundreds of host familes to host non-violent holy fire and each altar was attended by hundres of devotees to worship Fire God and Lord Vishnu.

The Katha Satsang of the sixth day was attended by the thousands of devotees - male and female. Though the Satsangi Bhushna it self is the scripture of devotion, the Katha filled the atmosphere with devotional fervour due to emotion packed treatment by Shastri Swami Nirgundasji and hundreds of devotees were drawn in devoitonal fervour of this great scriptures.

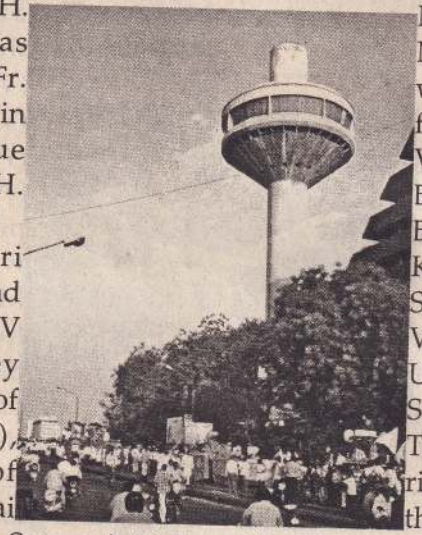
The lectures on spiritual topics were organised on this occasion to explore various areas of spiritual knowledge. Brain-storming spirtiual inquiry had inaspired the audience. The lectures were delivered by the leasrned scholars, celibates saints and ascetics. Among the honoured guests Shri Keshubhai Patel (Ex.C.M. Gujarat) Shri A.K. Patel (M.P.), Shri Suresh Maheta (Ex. C.M. Gujarat), Shri Amit T. Patel (Industry Minister, Gujarat), Vidya Vachaspati K.K. Shastri (Bambhania), Acharya Kaushalkisholrdasji of Ramanand Swami Peeth of Brindavan, Mahant Raja Baba of Mathura, Shri Sunilji from Delhi, S.G. Dhyani Swami (Gandhinagar), Shri Kanji Bhagat (Vadtal), Dr. Jaideep Patel (V.H.P.), Shri Manubhai Patel (World Bank) and Shri S. Shelat (Advocate General) were present to express their hearty wishes. H.H. Acharya Maharajshri blessed them heartily. The Scholars of Sanksrit were feliciatated at the end of Spiritual debate. H.H. Acharya Maharajshri was honoured by the celibate-ascetics of Shri Narnarayandev Desh Peeth, and honouring `Sanmanpatra' was presented to him by the saints for his spiritual leadership and services toward the growth and development of Shri Narnarayandev Desh and Shri Swaminarayan Sampradaya.

7-4-2004

The Celebrations began today with the group Maha Pooja held for the two hours at 7-00 am. There were three thousand hosts to present Maha Pooja to Lord Shri Hari. H.H. Acharya Maharajshri graced the seat of pricipal host, did Maha Pooja of Shri Hari and blessed his host-devotees.

A grand felicitation programe was organised at the main Sabha Mandapam to honour the hosts of Platinum Jubilee Celebrations. H.H. Acharya Maharajshri felicitated them by presetning a shawl signatured with ``Narnarayan Swaminarayan" and an idol of Lord Narnarayandev with the flower garlands. Shri (Dr.) Umeshbhai Yagnik was honoured by H.H. Acharya Maharajshri

by the Uttariyam (Shawl) for his service of translating Satsangi Jivan in Gujarati language. 'Acharya Prashasti Patra' (words of praise) a book written in sanskrit by Shri Vachaspati Mishra to admire spiritual teachings of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri was released by Vidya Vachaspati Shri K.K. Shastri. Fr. Morendo, professor and teacher of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri, was present on this occasion. Fr. Morend delivered a speech in English to admire value oriented-college life of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri.



Honoured guests, Shri Devang Patel (Pop Singer and producer of Swaminarayan TV Serial), Shri Vishal Pandey (Actor who played the role of Swaminarayan Bhagwan), Mulraj Rajda (Director of Swaminarayan Serial), Jitubhai Patel (Youth leader of London Satsang), Celi. Rasik Bhagat (Parshada), Shri I. K. Jadeja (MLA) Dhrangdhra Shri Kaushik Patel (State Minister, Gujarat), Shri Kingshook Nag (Resident Editor Tal) and Ramkumardasji Khakhi (Mahamandaleshwar, Naroda) were present on this occasion to convey their hearty feelings. H.H. Acharya Maharajshri blessed them peace and prosperity.



Religious Procession

A grand Shobha Yatra of Lord Narnarayandev Lord Ghanshyam Maharaj was organized at 3-30 p.m. from Shri Swaminarayan Mandir Kalupur, Ahmedabad for a religious walk through the streets of greater Ahmedabad to spread the message of univesral welfare of mankind.

Lord Narnarayandev and Ghanshyam Maharaj graced the chariot and led colourful procesion of saints, celibates and devotees and came to Swaminarayan nagar via Swaminarayan Mandir Road, Relif Road, Nehrubridge, Ashram Road and Navrangpura. It was a grand walk of about hours. There were forty decorated tractors, Vrajednra Brass Band of Bapunagar (approach) temple, Brass Bands of Uvarsad, Vadu, Kalyanpura and Dhrangadhra, Singers groups from Mokhasan, Vadu-Kadi and Balva to help Uchhavia Mandal of Swaminarayan Mnadir Kalupur. There were twenty one horse riders and the fist horse among them carried on its back the idol of Lord Sahajanand Swami with an emblem of Shri Saminarayan Mandir Kalupur. The Photo images of the Acharya of Shri Narnarayndev Desh were installed on this horse. The two hundred and twenty five boarders of Koteshwar Gurukul followed the brass band in this procession by holding a religious flags in thier hands. The saints of Kalupur, Jetalpur and Bhuj-Muli temple followed them in three chariots. Devotional music and colourful procession won the hearts of people. The people standing in rows on either sides of the road offered their standing ovation throughout this grand walk.

Mahajan leaders of Ratanpol, Manekchowk, Kapad Mahajan, Bullion market, electrical goods market, and other such establishments earned the pleasure of Shri Hari by garlanding flower galands to H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. Muslim leaders and Gadinashin Astanawala Ahmad Bapu

Gadiwale honoured H.H. Acharya Maharajshri on behalf of Muslim community and conveyed their hearty feelings on this grand occasion. Kala Niketan, Krishna Ice-Depot, Kisan Jewellers, Jewellers' Assocaition, Dadu Tailors and many such establishment came forward and honoured H.H. Acharya Maharajshri by flower garlands. The stalls were serving soft drinks and cold water on behalf of the shopping zones. Shri Bhupendrabhai (Chanchalba Seva Kendra) had earned the pleasure of Shri Hari and the blessings of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri by serving drinking water to the procession. H.H. Acharya Maharajshri had favoured his devotees by his blissful darshan.

8-4-2004

Today's grand events were inaugurated early in the morning at Shri Swaminarayan mandir in benign presence of Lord Narnarayandev. The shrine of Lord Narnarayandev - Shri Swaminarayan Mandir wore new colours and decoration to celebrate grand Patotsava festival of Lord Narnarayandev. H.H. Acharya Maharajshri graced the temple early in the morning at Six oclock in the presence of thousands of devotees and offered Mahabhishekam to Lord Narnarayandev and Gods amidst the chants vedic hymans; Presented to them Annakut Aarti and did darshan of the Annakut.

This was seventh day of non-stop Mahamantra Dhoon. H.H. Acharya Maharajshri graced the Bhakti Mandapa and concluded the dhoon. Thereafter, he graced Yagyashala and concluded most religiously the rituals of holy-fire amidst the chants of vedic hymns.

This was concluding session of Shrimad Satsangi Jivan Parayan being read by S.G. Shasri Swami Nirgundasji. About a five lakh aspirants were benefitted by this festive feast of devotion. H.H. Acharya Maharajshri graced the Sabha Mandapam and concluded Parayan Katha by presenting Aarti Pooja to the scripture and the main speaker of the Katha.

H.H. Acharya Maharajshri graced the special Satsang of the 60th Birthday, and H.H. Bal Lalji Maharajshri celebrated the grand occasion by cutting the birthday cake meant for Platinum Jubilee Birthday of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. there was thundering welcome to H.H. Acharya Maharajshri when Respected Bal Lalji took a piece of cake and offered it to his grand father. Birthday celebrations began with conventional cake.

H.H. Acharya Maharajshri of Shri Narnarayandev and Shri Laksminarayandev Desha were accompanied H.H. Lalji Maharaj 108 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharajshri to do Platinum weighing ritual. Lord Harikrishna Mahraj who dwelt conventionally at the pooja of H.H. Acahrya Maharajshri was weighted by Platinum. It was a symbolic ritual. The son of God and supreme preceptor of Shri Narnarayanev dioces was weighted symbolically by the form of Lord Harikrishna Maharaj himslef. It was life time opportunity for the most fortunate devotees who did darshan of the two divine celebrations. Rajat Suvarna Tula Vidhi and Platinum Tula Vidhi. Though was Platinum Jubilee of Acharya Maharajshri, H.H. Acharya Maharajshir himself desired to weigh his great gandfather Lord Harikrishna Maharaj in place of him. This was pinnacle of his devotional fervour and spritual enlightenment. This shows his inherent politeness and humblesses derived from great dynasty of Dharmdev-Bhaktimata.

Mahamandaleshwar of Ayoydhya - S.G. Nityagopaladasji, Congress leader Shankarsinh Vaghela, Shri Rajnibhai Patel (ISSO), Muslim leaders of Ahmedabad, Shri Bhavin Sheth (MLA), Shri Jayant Advani (S/o. Shri L.K. Advani, Union Home Minister)

and other honoured guests were present at this Sabha to felicitate H.H. Acharya Maharajshri on his sixtieth birthday.

H.H. Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Rakeshprasadji Maharajshri of Shri Lakshminarayandev diocese honoured the auspicious occasion and presented Gold necklace to H.H. Acharya Maharajshri and wished him happy birthday. A `Sanman Patra' (charter of honour) was presetned on this occasion by the entire group of the saints and celibates of Shri Lakshminarayandev Desh. `Samarpan Patra. (the charter of the dedciated devotion) was presented to H.H. Acharya Maharajshri by the faithful devotees from Dharmkul and Bhakti Kul of Chhapaiya and the saitns and devotees from Ahmedabad-Muli regions. The nineteen Prasadi items of Lord Shriji Maharaj were presented to H.H. Acharya Maharajshri by the disciple-saints of Late S.G. Shastri Devcharandasji. S.G. Purushottamprakashdasji and other saints have earned the pleasure of Shri Hari and the blessings of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri by presenting Prasadji itmes as birthday gifts. The Sabha was addressed by H.H. Acharya Maharajshri 1008 Shri Rakeshprasadji Maharajshri and other dignitories to convey their hearty wishes. Devotees were blessed by H.H. Acharya Maharajshri Rakeshprasadji Maharajshri, H.H. Acharya Maharajshri Tejendraprasadji Maharajshri and H.H. Lalji Maharaj 108 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharajshri.

About three thousand devotees were come from USA, UK, Australia, Africa, New Zealand, Canada, Dubai and Middle East. This was indicative of world wide base of the Satsang. Credit for the same goes to H.H. Acharya Maharajshri and H.H. Lalji Maharajshri of Shri Narnarayandesh diocese.

Shri Babubhai Jamnadas Patel, Shri Natu Mama (Ex-Chairman AMTS), Shri Chhanalal Joshi (Ex-Chairman AUDA), Shri Dinesh Raval (Chairman AMC School Board), Shri Dhirubhai N. Patel (Hon. Justice Gujarat High Court) Shri Chinubhai Patel (President VHP), Shri Karshanbhai K. Patel (Chariman Nirma), Shri A. R. Dave, Shri Sureshbhai Soni, Shri D.B. Shah, Shri J.N. Rajgor and Shri Chandrakant Maheta were present at the celebrations.



The senior saints Shri Nautam Swami (Vadtal), Balkrishna Swami (Vadtal) and senior saints from Gadhada, Junagadh, Dholka, Bhuj, Muli, Dholera, Sarangpur, Surat, Jamjodhpur and Loj were present on this occasion to wish happy birthday to H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. The Sabha was conducted by S.G. Shastri Swami Purushottamprakashdasji.

Conclusion

- The thosuand of aspirants queued daily at the Sabha to receive Guru Mantra and Kanthi for initiation in the holy sect.
- An exhibition was organized and A.V. presentation was organized everyday at the exhibition hall to inform the people about progressive history of the Sampradaya. Chronological history of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri enlightened the devotees with the concrete information about social reforms and social service being conducted under the guidence from H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. About one lakh aspirants have been benefitted by this exhibition.



- Average one lakh aspirants were benefitted everyday by the Mahaprasad meals at our community kitchen.
- About nine hundred families and establishments have become life memebers of Shri Swaminarayan Magazine.
- Cultural events were organised everyday at late evening and devotion filled cultural programmes were presented every evening. About twenty thousand viewers were benefitted every evening by these programmes.
- Platinum Jubilee events were telecasted every evening on DD-I, DD-II and E.TV. News and views were published every day in print media.
- Free medical service and constant blood donation unit was operative during the Platinum Jubilee days. About 6000 patients have been benefitted by free medical service and six hundred bottles of blood were donated by volunteering devotees.
- Dr. Rameshbhai Parikh, Dr. Kanubai S. Patel Dr. Bhavin Parikh, Dr. Ushaben Bhagat, Dr. Harshad Bhagat, Dr. P.C. Raval, Dr. Bharat Patel, Dr. Yoginiben Patel and Shri Naranbhai Patel of ICC Unit have earned the pleasure of Shri Hari and blessings of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri by treating needy patients at Swaminarayannagar.
- Millions of devotees have imbibied virtues and values of Shri Swaminarayan sect and thousands have received initiation as Satsangi of this sect. Memorable events, [illegible] shall

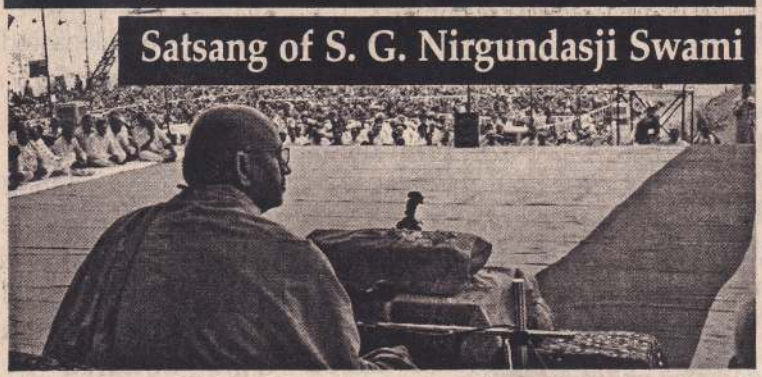
PLATINUM JUBILEE MEDICAL CAMPS

following camps were organized during v.s. 2060.

Blood donation camps	:	12	ENT camps	:	3
Skin disease camps	:	02	Heart disease camps	:	06
General medical camps	:	18	Diabetes camps	:	06
Paediatrics camps	:	02	Ophthalmic camps	:	06
Orthopaedic camps	:	03	Gynaecological camps	:	01
Ayurvedic camps	:	01			

- 16240 patients have received treatment and medicines.
- 1060 Heart patients have received cardiograms and medicines
- 100 Heart patients have received expensive 2. D Echo cardiogram
- 3763 Devotees have donated blood.
- Mobile medical unit serves the need of the Padayatris of Dakor.
- 60 Doctors have provided at their hospital the free consultation for five days a month.

Thoughts and aphorisms from the Katha-Satsang of S. G. Nirgundasji Swami



- He himself shall be cheated, if he tried to cheat God.
- He himself shall be killed, if he tried to kill God.
- One will get enormous wealth, if he donated his belongings to God.
- One will get sumptuous meals if he offered meals thal to God.
- Recede in relgion invites loss of wealth, assets, and power and the soul shall be tormented.
- Though the hair become grey and body become fragile by aging, the soul without devotion never believes in God and never visits a temple.
- The poor soul in an air of little power and a bit recogition, becomes mad after it and torments good many innocent souls. But such a power intoxicated soul when sees the death in front of eyes, forgets everthing and remembers God for his benediction. Such unwise souls believe themselves standing on their own feet unless they faced such deadly end.
- The Vratt of the Ekadashi fasting brings-in favour and mercy of God. It destroys accumulated sins of the past.
- To utter the divine names of God is the highest attainment of the soul.
- Pure devotion is not possible, unless a soul becomes free of the sins. If did it, the devotion of a sinful soul shall be nothing more then the hypocrisy - Wickedness or vanity, a way of cheating the world.
- The soul receives sweet fruits like rose-apples when he surrenders at the lotus feet of God.
- A conspirator can not survive in the satsasng, even when the sins like anger, carnal desires, greed are tolerable. A conspirator can not attain pleasure and mercy of God.
- A holy dip in water of Khapha-pond of Chhapaiya removes Skin-deseases and blood-impurities. Such a dip in Meen Sagar removes ego - the inner enemy. Dust particles of Chhapaiya consigns the soul to Akshardham if a devotee places it on his head-forehead.
- A soul shall have to grieve if it forgot his God.
- Man is burdened excessively by the debt towards his parents. Unless he repays it to his parents, the soul never receives rewards of his virtuous acts.
- God will not reside in the heart if the inner enimies were not defeated.
- Being an ascetic, if failed to establish raport with God and preceptor, the soul will stand nowhere. If not connected physically with Lord Narnarayandev or Lakshminarayandev, there shall be no enlightenment. It shall be a pitiable state of disconnection.
- It is very easy to preach and advise others, one can do it for hours to gather. But it shall be difficult if one was required practise in his life in.
- To imbibe the supreme virtues of Satsang shall be the cardinal aim in honuring the guests and spending wealth in celebrating religius festivals. The soul, by his good acts and virtues connects himself with his God and attains ultimate emancipation.



प. पू. तेजेन्द्रप्रसाद की षष्ठिपूर्ति [illegible] आरोहों की शुरुआत

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पू.एस.ए. के रमेशभाई मारफतिया तथा अन्य यजमानों ने आचार्य महाराजश्री की आरती उतारी। इस अवसर पर प. पू. तेजेन्द्रप्रसादजी ने आशीर्वाद देते हुए कहा कि भगवान श्री स्वामीनारायण जन्मदिवस है। यह महोत्सव हमारा नहीं [illegible]यण का है। इसके माध्यम से श्री स्वामीनारायण का संदेश जेतलपुर के ब्राह्मण छात्रों ने किया। कालुपुर के महंत [illegible]र्गुणदासजी ने कथा की ती।



LONG, LONG GARLAND: Devotees carry a 61-feet garland to put on Tejendra Prasadji, religious head of Lord Swaminarayan sect during the 60th birthday celebrations of Tejendra Prasadji in Ahmedabad on Thursday. — AP

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કાલુપુર સ્વામિનારાયણ મંદિ અતિભવ્ય શોભાયાત્રા યોજા

અમદાવાદ, બુધવાર

આચાર્ય ૧૦૦૮ તેજેન્દ્ર પ્રસાદજી મહારાજના ષષ્ઠિપૂર્તિ મહોત્સવના છઠ્ઠા દિવસે ૭/૪ના રોજ ૩૫૦૦ મહાપૂજા આચાર્ય મહારાજની નિશ્રામાં યોજાઈ હતી. ઉપરાંત આજે આ મહોત્સવના

રાજ્યાભા, દિલ્હીના તીર્થયાત્રાધા ગાંધીનગરના ધ્યાની સ્વામી, વડતાલના મ મહારાજનું સન્માન કર

प. पू. तेजेन्द्रप्रसाद महाराज की षष्ठीपूर्ति समारोह के दूसरे दिन महिला सम्मेलन

अहमदाबाद, ३ अप्रैल (संवाददाता)। प. पू. आचार्य श्री तेजेन्द्र प्रसाद महाराज की षष्टि पूर्ति महोत्सव के दूसरे दिन महिला सम्मेलन एवं सी.डी. का विमोचन हुआ। आचार्य महाराज श्री तेजेन्द्रप्रसाद जी के जीवन पर आधारित सी.डी. का विमोचन लालजी महाराज ने किया। काण्ड के अंतर्गत आज भगवान स्वामीनारायण का जन्मोत्सव, शिवजी, हनुमानजी सहित विविध वेश भूषा में रासनृत्य का आयोजन किया गया।

कृषिमंत्री श्री भूपेन्द्रसिंह चूड़ास्मा ने तेजेन्द्रप्रसाद जी की दीर्घायुकी कामना कर उनका आशीर्वाद प्राप्त किया। कथा वक्ता श्री निर्गुनदासजी महाराज ने छापैया में भगवान स्वामीनारायण के बाल चरित्र, उनके बड़े भाई रामप्रसाद का सुहासिनी के साथ विवाह वगैरह की कथा की। आज यहां महिला सम्मेलन आयोजित किया गया। बहुजी महाराज की अध्यक्षता तथा शिक्षा मंत्री आनंदी बेन पटेल की निश्रा में सम्पन्न हुआ। इस अवसर पर प. पू. आचार्य श्री तेजेन्द्रप्रसाद जी महाराज ने लोगों को सदाचारी बनने का अनुरोध किया। कार्यक्रम के दूसरे दिन आज हजारों छात्र उमड़ पड़े थे।

दिव्य भास्कर



यूनिवर्सिटी ગ્રાઉન્ડ ખાતે કાલે યોજાનાર તેજેન્દ્રપ્રસાદજી મહોત્સવ નિમિત્તે રવિવારે ૧૫૧ બટુકોને તેજેન્દ્રપ્રસાદજીના હસ્તે યજ્ઞોપવિત આપવામાં આવશે તેની રાહ જોતા બાળકો

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ભાસ્કર ન્યૂઝ, અમદાવાદ, ૪ એપ્રિલ

શહેરના યુનિવર્સિટી ગ્રાઉન્ડ ખાતે કાલે રવિવારે ષષ્ઠીપૂર્તિ મહોત્સવમાં ૧૫૧ બટુકને યજ્ઞોપવીત આપવાનો કાર્યક્રમ યોજાયો હતો. જેમાં આચાર્ય તેજેન્દ્રપ્રસાદજીએ બટુકોને આશીર્વાદ આપ્યા હતા અને બાલસ્વામી મહારાજે બટુકોને કંઠી પહેરાવી હતી. ગામપંચ, અમદાવાદ મુસ્લિમ સમાજના આગેવાનોએ મહોત્સવમાં પધારી આચાર્ય તેજેન્દ્રપ્રસાદજીનું અભિવાદન કર્યું હતું. રવિવારે યોજાયેલ રક્તદાનમાં ૧૯૬ પુલિસ બ્યાઈઓએ રક્તદાન કર્યું હતું. કુલ ૬૦ બોટલનું રક્તદાન થયું હતું.

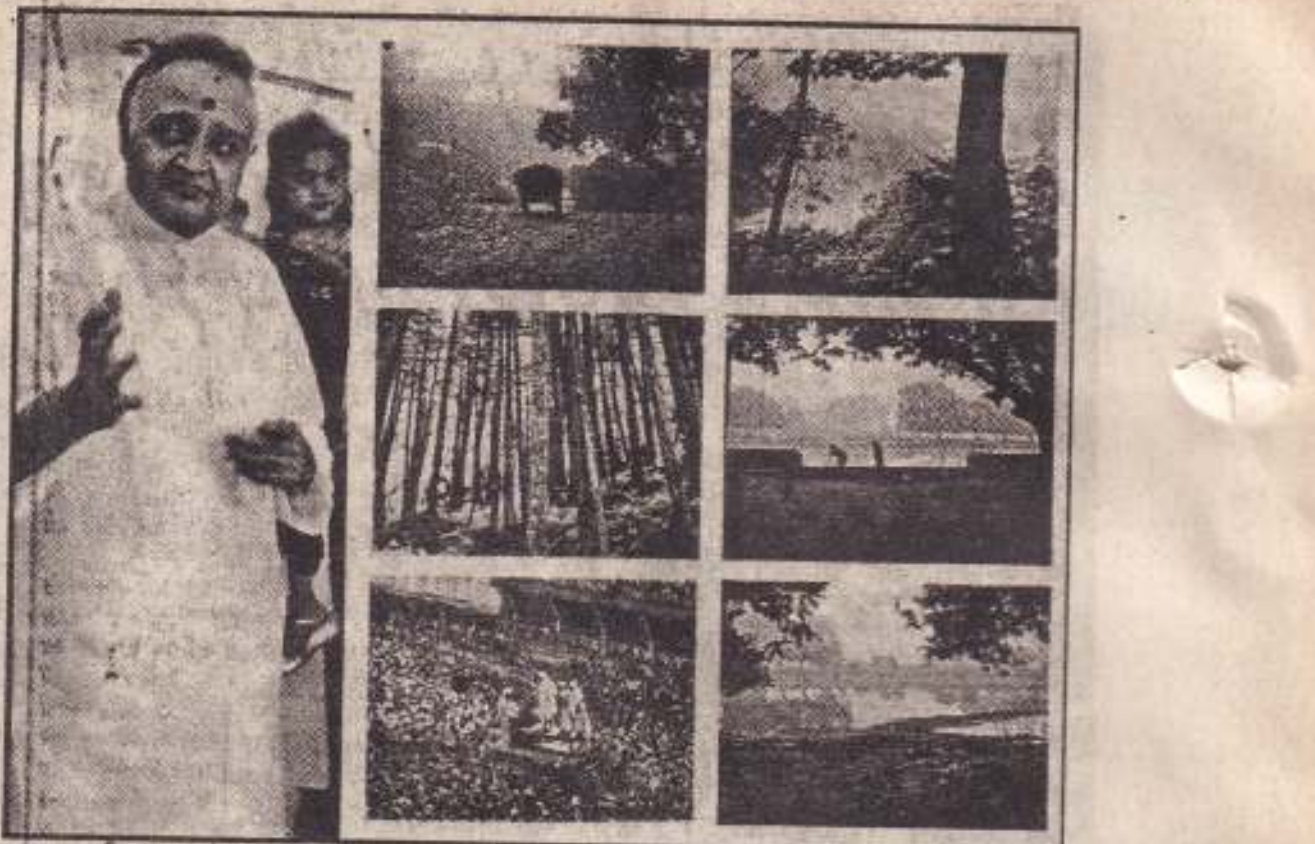
તા. ૬ઠ્ઠી એપ્રિલના રોજ વી.પ. બટુકોને તૈયાર કે કલાકે યજ્ઞોપવિતના કાર્યક્રમનું આયોજન કરાયું હતું અને તા. ૭મીના રોજ સમૂહ મહાપૂજા સવારે ૭-૦૦થી ૯-૦૦ દરમિયાન યોજાશે. તા. ૮મીના રોજ શ્રી નરનારાયણ દેવનો મહાભિષેક સવારે ૯-૦૦થી ૭-૦૦ કલાક, અન્નકૂટ સવારે ૮-૩૦ કલાકે યોજાશે.

आचार्य तेजेन्द्रप्रसाद महाराजना षष्ठीपूर्ति महोत्सवनो आजथी आरंभ

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કાંકરિયા ખાતે આવેલા સ્વામિનારાયણ સંપ્રદાયના મંદિરના ૨૫મા રજત જયંતી પાટોત્સવ નિમિત્તે બુધવારે પ્રાસંગિક સભા બાદ શ્રીહરિનાં અન્નકૂટ દર્શન સાથે જ આચાર્ય તેજેન્દ્રપ્રસાદજી મહારાજ ખાસ ઉપસ્થિત રહ્યા હતા. - મનીષ મિસ્ત્રી



કાલુપુર સ્વામિનારાયણ સંપ્રદાયના આચાર્ય તેજેન્દ્રપ્રસાદજીના અંદર રહેલા કલાકાર જાગે નિજાનંદ ખાતર દસ વર્ષથી છબીઓ ઝડપવાની શરૂઆત કરી અને એમનું હૃદય એમને કુદરતના સાન્નિધ્યમાં લઈ ગયું.. અને લીલાછમ વૃક્ષો, ખેતરો, ગામડાની ગોંદરેથી પસાર થતું ગાડું ગિરિકંદરા હિમાલય, એમ સંખ્યાબંધ કચકડામાં કેદ થયેલી આધ્યાત્મિક તસવીરોને પણ ખબર નહોતી કે અમદાવાદના હઠીસિંહ વિઝ્યુઅલ આર્ટ ગેલેરીમાં ફોટો પ્રદર્શન યોજાશે. હમણાં જ ઉજવાઈ ગયેલી સ્વામિનારાયણ સંપ્રદાયના ગાદીપતિ આચાર્ય તેજેન્દ્રપ્રસાદજીની ષષ્ટીપૂર્તિના છેલ્લા દિવસે આ પ્રદર્શનનું આયોજન કરવામાં આવ્યું છે. આમ તો શ્રી તેજેન્દ્રપ્રસાદજીના મસ્તકે બાલપાઘડી શોભતી હોય છે. પરંતુ ફોટ પ્રદર્શનના ઉદ્ઘાટન ટાણે તેઓ આચાર્ય મટી જઈને એકદી ફોટોકલાકાર બની જઈને ઉપાડ્યા માથે આવ્યા હતા. જાણે કે 'મોસ્ટ સીનીયર ફોટોગ્રાફર' આચાર્ય શ્રી તેજેન્દ્રપ્રસાદજી આ છબીમાં એમની તસવીરોની ઓળખાણ કરાવી રહ્યા છે. છતાં એમણે અહીં ઉપસ્થિત કલારસિક પ્રેક્ષકોને કહી દીધું કે મારી કૃતિઓ વિષે મને માર્ગદર્શન કે સૂચનાઓ આપી શકો છો. (ફોટો : ઝવેરીલાલ મહેતા)

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હઠીસિંહ વિઝ્યુઅલ આર્ટ સેન્ટરમાં શરૂ થયેલા ફોટોગ્રાફી પ્રદર્શનમાં છેલ્લા નવ વર્ષની તેજેન્દ્રપ્રસાદજીએ ખેંચેલી તસવીરો મૂકવામાં આવી છે. તેમાંથી ડિસ્પ્લે કરાનારી પ્રિન્ટોને તેઓ બારીકાઈથી તપાસી રહ્યા છે. - દિલીપ ઠાકર

તેજેન્દ્રપ્રસાદજીની આધ્યાત્મિક અને કુદરતી તસવીરોની સફર

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સ્વામિનારાયણ સંપ્રદાયના ગાદીપતિ આચાર્ય તેજેન્દ્રપ્રસાદજીની ષષ્ટીપૂર્તિની ઉજવણી ચાલી રહી છે. જનોઈ, શોભાયાત્રા, ધાર્મિક પ્રવચનો ચાલી રહ્યાં છે. આ બધાંની સાથે એક અનોખો કાર્યક્રમ પણ યોજાયો છે. આધ્યાત્મ અને કલાનો સંગમ!! તેજેન્દ્રપ્રસાદજીએ કેમેરાની આંખે જોયેલી પ્રાકૃતિક આધ્યાત્મિક સુંદરતાને પ્રદર્શનરૂપે આજથી જાહેરજનતા જોઈ શકશે.

હઠીસિંહ વિઝ્યુઅલ આર્ટ સેન્ટરમાં આજથી શરૂ થનારા તેજેન્દ્રપ્રસાદજીના ફોટોગ્રાફી પ્રદર્શનમાં નવ વર્ષથી માંડીને અત્યાર સુધી ખેંચેલી તસવીરોમાંથી પસંદ કરેલી ૬૦ જેટલી તસવીરો આ પ્રાર્થનામાં મુકાશે. બે દિવસ પહેલાં યુનિ. મેદાનમાં ચાલતા તેમના ઉત્સવમાં બપોરના સમયે ડિસ્પ્લે કરાનારી પ્રિન્ટોને બારીકાઈથી તપાસતાં તેમને જોવાનો અનેરો લ્હાવો હતો.

બાળપણથી જ ઘરમાં કલા ને સંગીતનું વાતાવરણ હતું. પંડિત ઓમકારનાથ ઠાકુર અને ઉસ્તાદ ફૈયાદખાનના તેઓ વિશેષ ચાહક હતા. સેન્ટ ઝેવિયર્સ કોલેજના અભ્યાસકાળ દરમિયાન સાહિત્યમાં પણ તેઓ ઊંડો રસ ધરાવતા થયા હતા.

હંમેશાં નાનપણથી કેમેરાનો

કળા અને આધ્યાત્મ

- તેઓ અભ્યાસકાળ દરમિયાન સાહિત્યમાં રસ ધરાવતા હતા
- ફોટોગ્રાફીનો શોખ ૬૦ વર્ષની ઉંમરે પણ યથાવત્

સામનો કરતા તેજેન્દ્રપ્રસાદજીને કેમેરા પાછળ રહીને 'કુદરત'ને ક્લીક કરવાનો શરૂથી જ શોખ હતો. ૪૫ રૂપિયામાં ફ્રોનિકાનો કેમેરા ખરીદીને ફોટોગ્રાફી શરૂ કરી હતી. તે શોખ હજુ ૬૦ વર્ષે પણ બરકરાર છે. હાલમાં સૌથી મોંઘી બ્રાન્ડ 'લાઈકા'નો કેમેરા તેમની પાસે છે. ''લાઈકા કેમેરા મારી પાસે હોય એ મારું સપનું હતું. જે આજે સાકાર થયું છે. જેનો મને ખૂબ આનંદ છે.'' ફોટોગ્રાફીના મેગેઝિનો તથા પોતાના ફોટોગ્રાફનો નિયમિત અભ્યાસ પણ તેજેન્દ્રપ્રસાદજી કરતા રહે છે. ફોટોગ્રાફીની દુનિયા સાથેનો નજીકનો સંપર્ક સતત તેમણે જાળવી રાખ્યો છે.



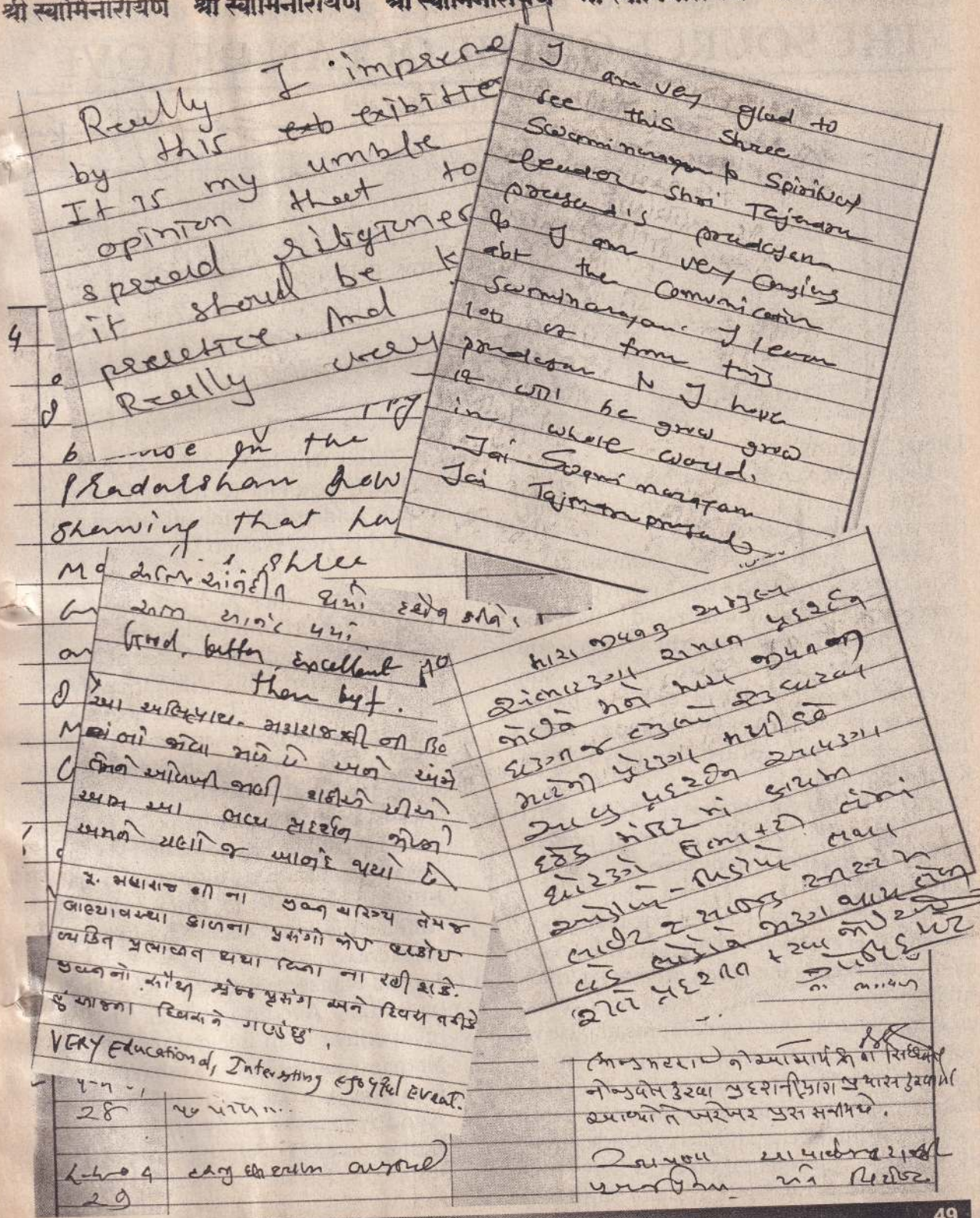
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ભાસ્કર ન્યૂઝ, અમદાવાદ, ૨ એપ્રિલ

આચાર્ય તેજેન્દ્રપ્રસાદજીની ષષ્ઠીપૂર્તિ મહોત્સવનો શુક્રવારે સવારે યુનિવર્સિટી ગ્રાઉન્ડ, ડ્રાઈવઈન રોડ ખાતે પ્રારંભ થયો છે. સમગ્ર મહોત્સવ જે સ્થળે યોજાયો છે, તેને સ્વામિનારાયણનગર નામાભિધાન કરવામાં આવ્યું છે. તેના પ્રવેશદ્વારનું ઉદ્ઘાટન સવારે આચાર્ય તેજેન્દ્રપ્રસાદજીએ કર્યું હતું.

આ પ્રસંગે લાલજી મહારાજ, બાળ લાલજી મહારાજ ઉપસ્થિત રહ્યા હતા. રવિવારે બ્રાહ્મણ બટુકોને યજ્ઞોપવીત અપાશે. તા.૮મી એપ્રિલ સુધી ચાલનારા આ મહોત્સવમાં પ્રથમ દિવસે [illegible] દીપ પ્રાગટ્યથી પ્રારંભ થયો હતો. સવારે પોથીયાત્રા નારણપુરાથી નીકળી કથાસ્થળે આવી હતી. આ જ્ઞાનયજ્ઞ દરરોજ સવારે ૯.૦૦ થી ૧૨.૦૦ અને બપોરે ૩.૩૦થી ૬.૩૦ સુધી યોજાશે.

સાત દિવસ ચાલનાર આ મહોત્સવમાં સ્વામિનારાયણ મહામંત્રની અખંડ ધૂનનું આયોજન થયું છે તથા ભગવાન સ્વામિનારાયણનું જીવન, સંપ્રદાયના મંદિર તથા તેજેન્દ્રપ્રસાદજીએ પાડેલા ફોટા પ્રદર્શનમાં રજૂ થયા છે. જેમાં તેઓના પૂજા કરતા, ક્રિકેટ રમતા વગેરે અત્યાર સુધી અપ્રદર્શિત ફોટાઓ દર્શાવવામાં આવ્યા છે. આ પ્રસંગે રાજ્યભરમાંથી [illegible]



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व्रज ना स्वामी अयोध्यामां विचर्योने त्रणेय थया रणीयात ।
अयोध्या ना स्वामी पधार्या केशवप्राने, सत्संग मा थयो चणाकाव ।
केशव पुरुषोत्तम मां समानाने, सत्संग थई रह्यो सम गंगाघाट ।
पुरुषोत्तम तणो प्रसाद पाम्या वासुदेवने, आखा मुलकमां थयो मलकाट ।
देवाधिदेव वासुदेवे अर्प्या देवेन्द्रने, सत्संग मां तई रह्यो मधमघाच ।
देवेन्द्रनुं तेज तेजेन्द्रमां उतर्युं ने, थई रह्यो जगमगाट ।
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कौशलेन्द्र ने किया विहार व्रजेन्द्रमां ने, थई रहेयो किल किलाट ।

Literal Meaning

The poem given above narrates the lineage of the Acharya Maharajshri of Shri Narnarayandev Desh diocese.

The First in the linege is Ayodhyaprasadji - Shri Hari's Son, then his son Keshavprasadji, then his son Purushottamprasadji, then the son Vasudevprasadji, then his son Devendraprasadji, then the son Tejendraprasadji - the present Acharya Maharajshri of Shri Narnarayandev Desh. Then shall be future Acharya Shri Koshalendraprasadji.

H.H. Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharaj graces at present the Supreme seat of this diocese.

Core Meaning

The ocean neither has the beginning nor the end. It is everlasting - eternal. The ocean mentioned here is the ocean of love -eternal, sublime and everlasting. `Ocean of love' is used for Acharya Shri Tejendraprasadji. He is ocean of compassion, kindness, love, luminosity, endurance and penance. The poet had tired to explore the begining point - the source - of this ocean and he concludes that the source of this etenral ocean is Shri Hari himself. His inner being is made of Shri Hari himself. This is why he is known as the form of Shri Hari. If we understood it well, we shall be to able understand the greatness and majesty of H.H. Acharya Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharaj.

(1) The poem begins and ends with the word ``Vraj''. Poem begins with ``Vraj-na-Swami'' Lord and Master of Vraj - Lord Shri Hari. This will not apply to Shri Krishna. Shri Krishna never had been to Ayodhya. Bhagwan Shri Hari had graced Ayodhya to give blissful pleasure to all the Lokas. Ayodhya means a city by that name. Ayodhya means Ayodhya Prasadji. Shri Hari took Ayodhyaprasadji as his son and gave blissful pleasrue to the Lokas. He fulfilled his secret resolute of installing Acharya.

(2) Second Stanze begins with ``Ayodhya-na-Swami'' Ayodhyaprasadji. The city of Ayodhya is an integral part of Shri Narnarayandev Desh. Keshavprasadji was the son of Ayodhyaprasadji. Ayodhyaprasadji dwelt thus in Keshavprasadji. Satsang Sparkled in time of Keshavprasadji because handwritten scriptures were printed and

published under his preceptorship. Luminosity of the knowledge was spread on the earth. Shri Hari. Lord and master of Ayodhya - dwelt in Keshavprasadji.

(3) Word ``Keshav" in the third stanze indicates Shri Krishna - Shri Krishnachandra-Purushottam-Narayan. Shri Krishna dwelt in Purushottam. This was the period when. Satsang spread far and large. Aspirants came under the fold of the Sampradaya and lived a sinfree life. Satsang beame a holy place like the Ghats of holy river Ganga.

(4) Purushottamprasadji Maharajshri showered his compassion and favour on Vasudevprasadji, and adopted him. This favour is like prasada. The majesty of Shri Vasudeva is the grace and compession of Lord Purushottam Narayan. Desha is very happy because Acharya Vasudevprasadji Maharaj has graced the supreme seat of the Acharya. At the time of enthronement he was very young-aged about two and a half-year. The scholars and age old saints were saluting him with great pleasure and were happy under his preceptorship as he was favoured by Purushottamnarayan.

(5) "Devadhi-Deva-Vasudeva" means Lord Shri Hari. Lord Shri Hari himself desired to send Devendraprasadji in this Satsang. Devendra means `king of the Gods and deities. Thus, Surpeme Lord himself was prsent here in the form of Devendraprasadji. Divine attributes of God in him were spread in entire Satsang.

(6) Devendraprasdji was holding the eternal divinity of Supreme Lord. This eternal divinity dwelt in Tejendraprasdji. Luminous aura, calmness, tranquility felt in personality of Tejendraprasadji Maharajshri are all God given. Shri Hari himself resides in him. This brightness of eternal knowledge illuminates the continents and mankind.

(7) Tejendraprsadji Maharajshri holds the divinity of Vasudeva. He had entrusted the Satsang service to his worthy son Lalji Maharaj Koshalendraprasadji. By his devotional fervour and dedicated religious services he rules the hearts of millions of youth without holding the seat of the superme preceptor.

Respected Koshalendraprasdji Maharajj had gifted to the diocese the worthy son Bal Lalji Vrajendraprasadji. Bal Lalji reigns the hearts of entire Satsang by his innocence and piousness.

By placing God at the centre, if studied this poem, the following shall be the essence :

1. Supreme Lord Shri Hari dwells in Dharmvanshi Acharya.
2. The divine attributes and supreme virtues reflected in life style of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri 1008 Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharaj are the concrete proofs of such divinity.
3. Lord Shri Hari is the Supreme Lord of Akshardham.
4. By celebrating Platinum Jubilee Birthday we have celebrated the festival of life festival of superme Lord.
5. Platinum Jubilee is the first celebration in the dynasty of past five generations of Dharmvanshi Acharya. We pray to Lord Shri Hari to have such Platinum Jubilee celebration in each following generation beginning with the present one.

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- Our learned Satsangi Prof. Hitendrabhai Naranbhai Patel has earned hearty pleasure of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. His younger brother - Shri Dhirubhai Narayanbhai Patel has been appointed as high-court Judge. Shri Dhriubhai has earned prestige at on younger age as union Government pleader.

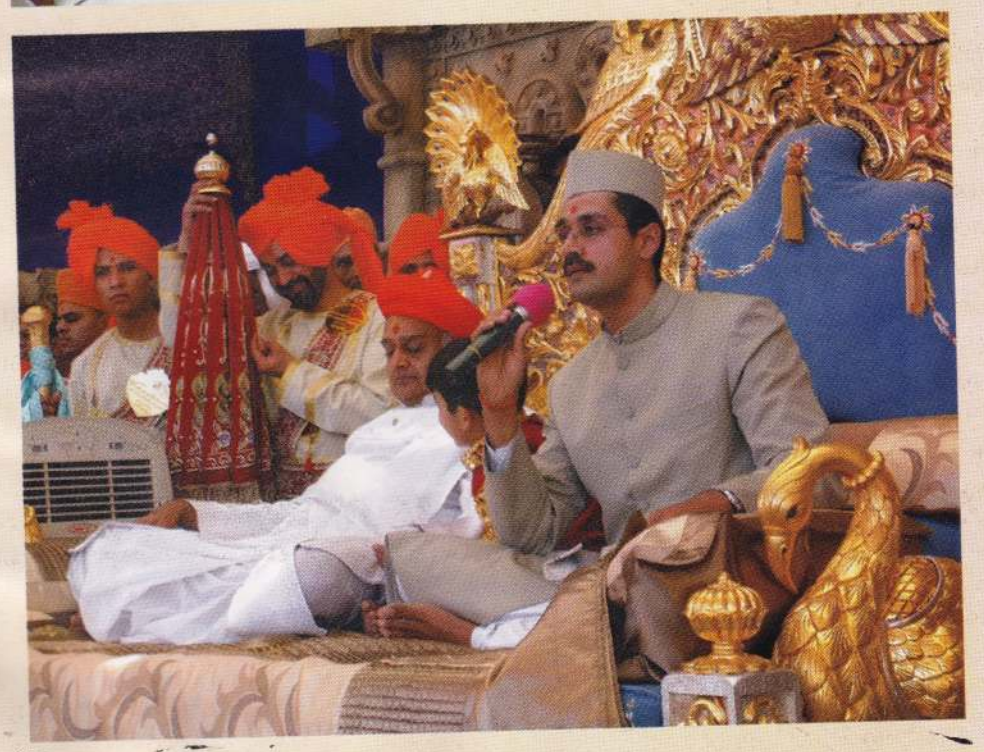
  H.H. Acharya Maharajshri conveys his hearty blessings to Shri Kalyanjibhai and Shri Dhirubhai.

V.C.D. OF THE PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

The festivities and events of Platinum Jubilee Birthday have been concluded most relgiously with the great devotinal fervour under Charimanship of H.H. Lalji Maharaj 108 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharajshri. Millions of Satsangis and aspiranta have participated in these grand events. These eternal memories have bene recorded and editied in to V.C.D. and a set of two VCD has been released by the temple. A VCD named "આપણા મહારાજશ્રી" has been released to favour the Satsnagis. The devotess may buy it at the counter of Sahityakendra of the temple.

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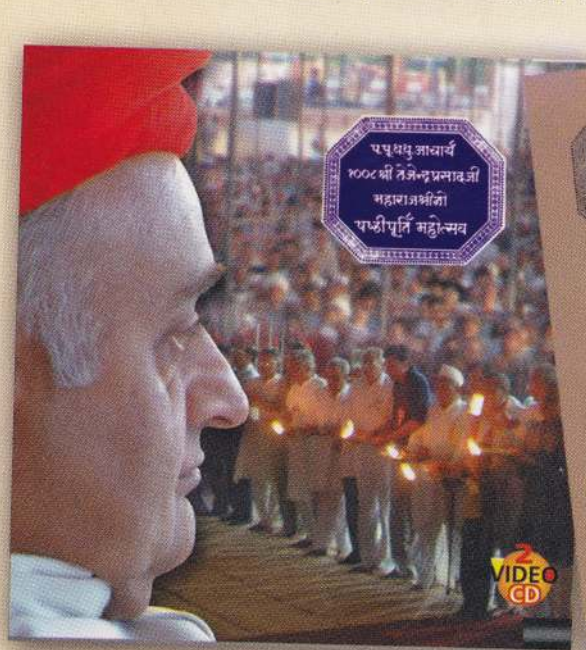




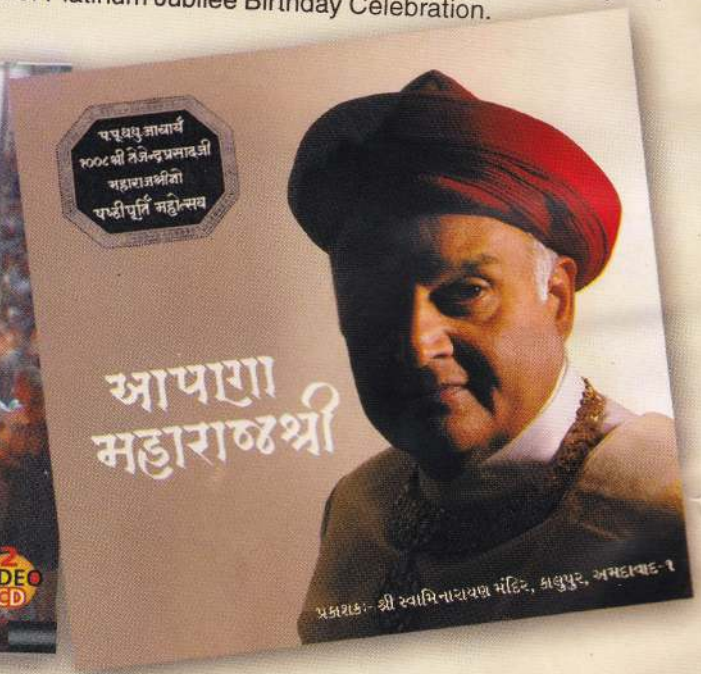
H.H. Acharya Maharajshri conveys his hearty feelings to the Satsangis on auspicious occasion of Platinum Jubilee. H.H. Acharya Maharajshri engrossed in devotional love of his dependent devotees, appears in a reflective mood conveying his hearty feelings in language of silence. H.H. Lalji Maharajshri translates his feelings into verbal form.



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