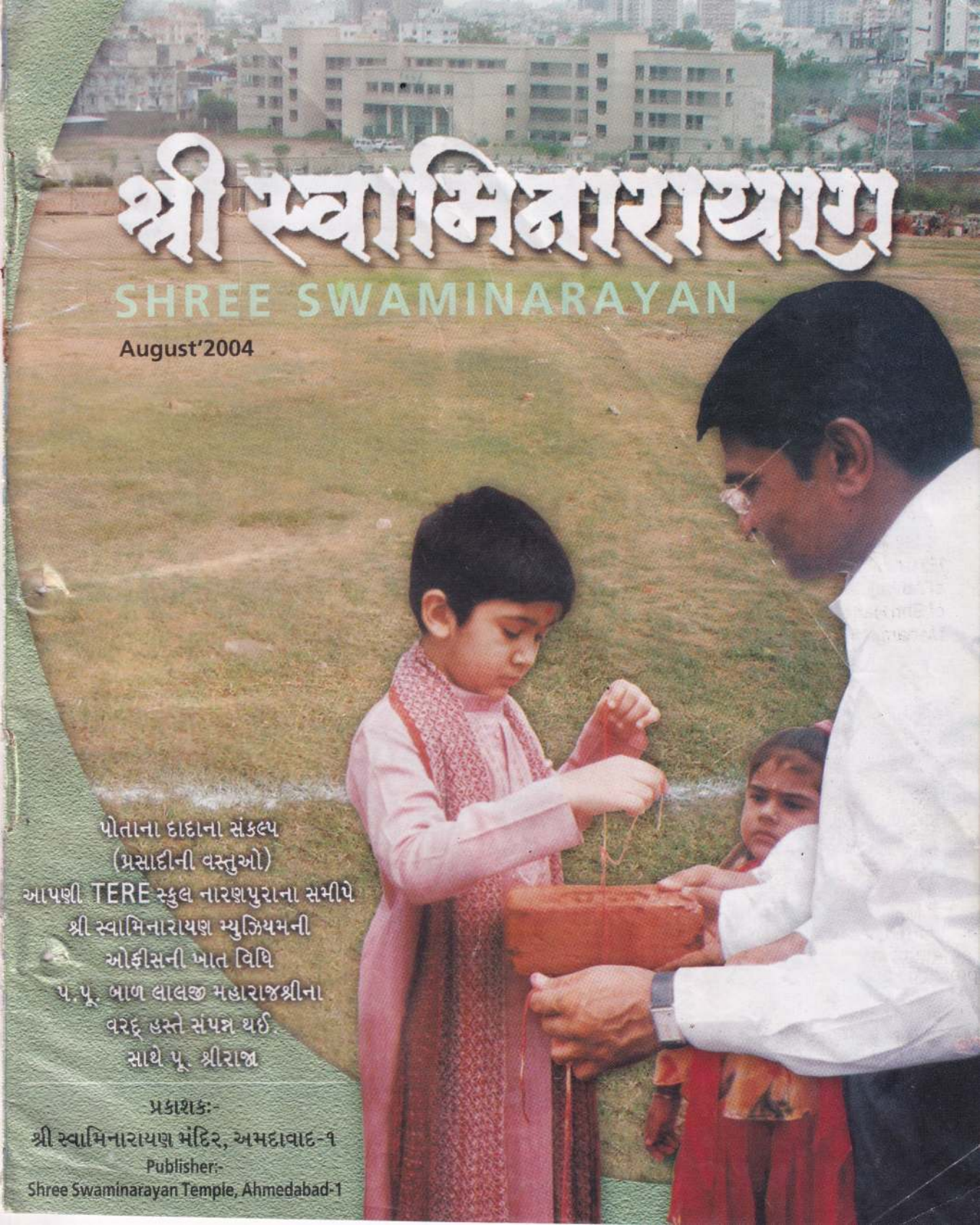
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H.H. Acharya Maharajshri and his retinue at the Shrine of Ambaji. The devotees have earned blissful pleasure of Shri Hari by presenting Poojan Aarti to H.H. Acharya Maharajshri.



H.H. Acharya Maharajshri and the saints at Shri Swaminarayan Ashram, Abu Road.



H.H. Acharya Maharajshri presents Annakut Aarti to Lord Thakorji at our Ayodhya Temple.



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Editorial

Purushottam Maas (additional month) is the best opportunity for earning the pleasure of our God. The devotion and meditation are performed in greater intensity during this sacred period at all the temples of all the sects in India. The souls lost in the world find by his devotion the means and ways to attain Purushottam Narayan. To attain Lord Purushottam, means to attain the ultimate emancipation. The souls have to roam in the endless cycle of births and deaths unless attained the ultimate emancipation. Fearful kala (death) exists everywhere excepting blissful refuge of Lord Purushottam Narayan. Where ever existed the Kala, the death exists there. It's time and place are fixed. But the Kala can not do anything to a soul rested at the lotus feet of Purushottam Narayan. Kala is a non entity in presence of Lord Purushottam, and the soul receives eternal pleasure in blissful refuge of God. Such moments, days and month of amnesty comes in mens' life after a long period of one thousand days and such Purushottam Maas coupled with sacred Shravana comes after a very long gap of six thousand days. It means that Purushottam Maas with Shravana will come after eigteen years. One can not wait for such a long, when he knew nothing about the next moment. Grab the opportunity and attach yourself wholeheartedly in satsang of Shri Hari. Supreme Lord of Universe - Lord Shri Hari himself had installed here the idols of Lord Narnarayandev and that too with the warm and most affectionate hug. The aspirants, devotees and Satsangis have surrendered absolutely at the lotus feet of Lord Narnarayandev to do Purushottam Maas devotion of Shri Hari. Do come and join the early morning Satsang held in benign presence of Lord Narnarayandev. The souls shall be emancipated eternally by the devotion and meditation.

- Shastri Swami Nirgundas
Editor
Shri Swaminarayan.



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

July-2004

2. Blessed his follower disciples on Guru Purnima day and received Poojan Archan from them at Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Kalupur, Ahmedabad.
4. Graced "Manan Motors" (Prop : Shri Anilbhai) at Naroda. Graced the house of Shri Prakashbhjai J. Patel, Bopal. Graced the residence of Shri Chimanbhai Parsottamdas, Satellite. Graced the house of Shri Kanubhai P. Thakkar, Satellite. Graced the house of Shri Kaushikbhai C. Joshi, Navrangpura.
5. Graced Maha Pooja at the residence of Shri Naranbhai I. Patel, Soja-farm.
7. Graced the residence of Shri Bharatbhai G. Chaudhari, Balva.
11. Graced presence at Birthday celebrations of Respected Bal Lalji Shri Vrajendraprasadji Maharajshri, Ahmedabad.
12. Graced inauguration of "M/s. Integral (India) Auto Accessories." Mithakhali, Ahmedabad.
    Graced the house of Shri Amritbhai Veljibhai Gameti, Ghatlodia.
13. Graced the residence of Shri Jethalal J. Patel, Ranip.
    Graced the house of Shri Ravindrabhai A. Sompura, Ranip.
18. Graced Maha Pooja at Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Narayanghat, Shahibaugh, Ahmedabad.
    Graced Maha Pooja at the residence of Shri Ghanshyambhai M. Thakkar, Kalupur, Ahmedabad.
20. Presented Patotsava Abhishekam to Lord Narnarayandev dwelling in Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Kalupur, Ahmedabad.
22. Graced concluding ceremony of the Parayan held at Ghanshyam vadi, Swagat hall, Ranip.
23. Graced Satsang Sabha hosted by Shri Ghanshyambhai S. Patel, Shri Swaminanarayan Mandir, Narayanpura.

24-25. Graced the town of Ambaji and blessed the Satsang held at the place of Shri Harikrishnabhai Thakkar.

26. Presented Adhik Maas Patotsava Abhishekam to Lord Balswaroop Ghanshyam Maharaj, Shri Swaminarayan Temple, Kalupur, Ahmedabad.
28. Graced the residence of Shri Chandrikaben P. Thakkar, Sector-30, Gandhinagar.
20. Presented Adhik Maas Patotsava Abhishekam to Lord Ghansyam Maharaj dwelling at Rang Mahol, Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Ahmedabad.
    Graced the dwelling of Shri Dineshbhai M. Patel (Dangarva wala), Ranip.
30. Graced Shri Swaminarayan Mandir Makakhaad, on occasion of Parayan Satsang.



Appointment Diary of Future Acharya Respected Shri Lalji Maharajshri

July-2004

2. Blessed the follower disciples and received Poojan Archan on occasion of Guru Purnima.

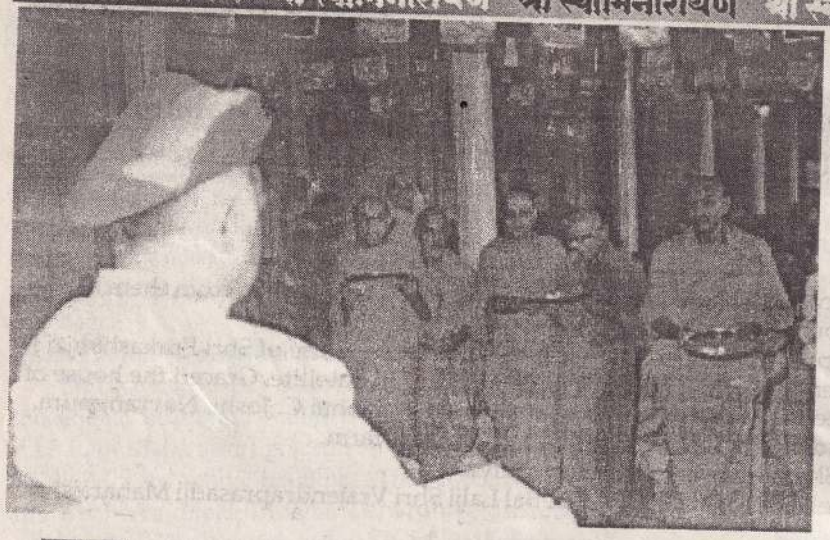
3-4. Blessed presence at the Satsang camp held at Mt. Abu.

1. Blessed presnece at the celebrations of 7th Birthday of Bal Lalji Shri Vrajendraprasadji Maharajshri.
16. Graced "Neel Kantha Classes" Bapunagar, Ahmedabad.

17-19. Blessed presence at the Satsang Camp held at Shri Swaminaryan Mandir, Jaipur.

20. Graced Parayan-Satsang Organized at Ghanshyam Vadi, Ranip.

23-7 to 25-8-2004 Overseas religiuos tour of U.K and U.S.A. to address. Youth Satsang camps held at the various places.



Guru Purnima And Birthday of Respected Bal Lalji Maharajshri

- Gordhanbhai V. Sitapara

There are many who did satsang for the whole life till their hair grew grey, but knew not, who was their Guru ?

Lord Shriji Maharaj has divided this great sect in two highest seats for an easy administration and smooth management of entire satsang. Lord Shriji Maharaj had carved two deshas of this satsang and had founded the seat of the supreme preceptor (Acharya) in each this desha. Dharmavanshi Acharya (Acharya descended from the lineage of Dharmadeva) holds this supreme seat - Gaddi Peeth Sthan – Shri Narnarayandev Desh Peeth and Shri Lakshminarayan dev Peeth with headquarters respectively at Ahmedabad and Vadtal. Contemporary Acharya of Shri Narnarayandev Desh Peeth and Shri Lakshimnarayandev Peeth are the Gurus of the Satsangis residing in the respective Desha.

H.H. Acharya Maharajshri of Shri Narnarayandev Desh Peeth is the Guru of the Satsangi's residing in regions of Shri Narnarayandev Desh. H.H. Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharajshri – the sixth descendant heir of Lord Shri Hari – graces this Surpeme Seat of Acharya. He is our Guru – our spiritual head. In similarway, H.H. Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Rakeshprasadji Maharajshri graces the supreme seat of the Acharya of Shri Lakshminarayandev Peeth Vadtal. He is Guru and spiritual head of the satsang of Shri Lakshminarayandev Desh.

Guru Purnima is the day of rededicating ourselves to our Guru for our spiritual enhancement. It is a most sacred day. We do poojan and worship of our Guru on this special occasion. Guru Purnima day was celebrated here at Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Kalupur, Ahmedabad. It was a colourful celebration presenting devotional fervour of his disciples – satsangis. Thousands of devotees were gathered at the prasadi Sabha Mandapam to honour their Guru by Poojan Archan and dedicated devotion. H.H. Acharya Maharajshri is the Guru of the ascetic saints and celibate saints of Shri Narnarayandev Desh. Hundreds of saints, Mahants and Paramhansas were present on this occasion.

Mahant Swami Shastri Nirgundasji Swami paid honour to the spiritual head and submitted : One who leads from darkness to the light and from ignorance to the true knowledge to introduce one to our God has been called a Guru – spiritual head. We worship on this day our Guru by presenting to him poojan and Archan. The Gurus shall be in planty to learn the tricks of making money and wealth – those are not the preceptors but teachers. Gurus are very rare very to learn the

ways to please God. Such Gurus are hardly avaialbe who can take one to our God.

Guru Purnima is birthday of Veda Vyasa Great Rishi Vyasji. Veda Vyasa has introduced God to us by writing holy books – scriptures. Therefore on this sacred day, mankind in general repays the debt by poojan worshp of Great Guru Veda-Vyasa. Lord Shriji Maharaj has favoured his dependant souls by installing the seats of Supreme Preceptor - Acharya or Guru - for entire satsang. Dharma Vanshi Acharya holds this highest seat. Dharm Vanshi Acharya is the Guru of all Satsangis – the saints, celibates and householders. Our Acharya Maharajshri guides us on the path of ethical duties and graces the regions, states countries and continents to address his satsang personally to bless his dependant satsangis – devotees. H.H. Acharya Maharajshri acts wholeheartedly for the universal welfare of mankind. We devotees are required to submit absolutely at his lotus feet to attain ultimate benediction.'

Lord Narnarayandev – indwelling God of Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Kalupur, was installed by Shri Hari himself with a warm and affectionate hug to the idols. Surrender absolutely on this auspiciousday at the lotus feet of Lord Narnarayandev and earn hearty blessings of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri.

Responding to Submission of Mahant Swami Nirgundasji Swami, H.H. Acharay Maharaj 1008 Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharajshri has said in blessings : 'Swami has spoken about the blessings. According to me, the spiritual wisdom or the inner awakening it self is the blessings. May Shri Hari bless us spiritual wisdom. Togather, we pray to Shriji Maharaj to bless the world with spiritual wisdom. Don't disconnect your direct contact of Shri Narnarayandev. Be in constant touch of Lord Narnaryandev. Lord Shriji Maharaj himself has hugged warmly the image of Lord Naranrayandev and he himself has helped Lord Narnarayandev to grace the throne at the inner temple. This place and everything here has a divine and blissful touch of the earth particiles touched by the lotus feet of Shri Hari. The code and the discipline pertained to the householders and the Acharya - the supreme preceptor of Swaminarayan Sampradaya - are very strict and most difficult to put in practice. The rules when observed by us shall be enforced easily to the rest of the Sampradaya. If a Guru practiced it one hundred percent, his disciples will practice it about twenty percent or less. By assigning this highest seat Lord Shriji Maharaj has joined us together. This is a permanent relation. Shriji Maharaj has made us an integral part of this Satsang, by inviting our family from our native place. This happened some six generation back. Our ancestors came here by disowning their native place and settled here in this Satsang with their greater family. Shriji Maharaj had asked us to take good care of you all. This is a divine relation, eternal relation to last forever. I have told you several times about our experience in overseas tours. Once, during such overseas tour I had been to an unknown area of a city. We were supposed to grace the residence of a devotee. Moving in to his ear, he said politely `please follow my car." We too were in a car to follow his car to reach the destination ! Simple and easy to reach but, the driver and we lost the sight of pilot car and followed a car that resembled the model and colour of pilot car. After a long trail of many miles, we asked our driver, whether the car followed was the right one or else ? Lo and behold ! It was a journey to nowhere ! because the car we followed was not the car assigned for the purpose. We tried by a mobile phone, and got his where about but wested theer hours in relocating our selves. This was about a car and a local destination, but in our life, if we separated own self from the original and concentrated at a wrong car - a wrong Guru - to follow him to attain the goal, then in such circumstances, we shall be separated forever

from Shri Hari to roam and loiter in an endless journey of eighty four lakh species. Therefore be alert, be conscious, adhere to the discipline of the sampradaya and maintain traditions and conventions of the Sampradaya. Maintain and protect it firmly. Those who broke it, have been lost untraced. Their names have been erased from the computer of Shri Hari. We should dedicate ourselves as a bead in rosary of Lord Shri Hari. Be readily attentive to obey the orders. Surrender in absolute at the lotus feet of Lord Narnarayandev. Surrender forever. This is my message for today.

It was festive celebration of Birthday of Respected Bal Lalji Maharajshri. A grand Satsang was organized on 11-7-04 at the Prasadi Sabha-Mandap of Shri Swaminarayan Mandir to celebrate the occasion - the seventh birthday of the 8th Descendant Heir of Shri Hari. Mahant Swami Shastri Nirgundasji Swami narrated an episode :

'Some two days back, Bal Lalji Maharajshri felt some uneasiness with throat pain. Medical team advised a minor operation on tonsils. The doctor when came to him to inject anaesthetic, Bal Lalji Maharajshri asked him to take that injection to him and said that he himself will inject it in his body, and added that God was with them they can operate on him as per their skills. Bal Lallji Maharajshri took the syringe from the doctor and injected the self properly like a good doctor. The doctors were astonished by the act of Bal Lalji Maharajshri. They realized that he was not an ordinary child. Bal Lalji Maharajshri had recovered himself with in two days and he is present among us to bless us on his birthday.

The Sabha was addressed thereafter by S.G. Swami Shastri Prushottamprakashdasji (Jetalpur dhaam), S.G. Swami Harikrishnadasji (Ex. Mahant Chhapaiya) and Mahant Swami Shastri Mukundprasaddasji (Muli Dhaam) to convey hearty wishes from all the saints. Self confidence, will power, bravery, faith in Lord Narnarayandev and life style of respected Bal Lalji Maharajshri exhibits the divine attributes of Lord Ghanshyam Maharaj. Pleasure of the Dharmkul with total submission as a dependant follower consigns the soul to the divine abode of Akshardahm.

In his blessed words H.H. Acharya Maharajshri said : 'Today is the day of receiving blessings from Lord Narnarayandev and the blessings from this satsang. I firmly believe that Maharaj himself draws the plans of this satsang. In planning stage of Muli Temple, Maharaj himself woke up Brahmanand Swami at about midnight. Maharaj held in his hand a walking-stick of gold and pointed to Brahmanand Swami the exact place of constructing main temple. 'Plan it like this. This will be the foundation of the temple." Brahmanand Swami got changed the plans in accordance to the orders.

This place of us, this position and status of us are the plans of Shriji Maharaj. At this place and seat of him, He himself appoints the person. This is my firm belief. ".....and a person qualified for certain work, should be inspired for that work." Shriji Maharaj himself had applied this preaching of Shikshapatri. When he desires to extract particular work, he appoints that man on that duty and extracts that work from him. If not performed the duty properly or committed any mischief Shriji Maharaj transfers him immediately.

This child is the wealth of this Satsang. He is my grand son and son of Lalji Maharaj but he is your wealth. You all will have to take good care of him, by knowing and understanding him well. You will have to become the strength of him. In his future Bal Lalji Maharajshri has to earn more the honour and fame then myself and Lalji Maharajshri. Maharaj has placed in him all his divine attributes. We pray collectively to Lord Narnarayandev to enable him with greater powers to shoulder two tier responsibility of practicing the ethical duties and make his follower dependeants to practise the ethical duties. May Lord Shri Hari bless him longevity, health and spiritual wisdom.'

I SWING GENTLY THE SWING OF OUR DARLING

- Swami Ghanshyamprakashdas

The natural beauty of India bloomes at the best in region of Kashmere. Lush green vallies, colourful flower beds, rich orchards of fruit bearing trees, tall snow covered mountain peaks. It is perfectly said that kashmere is heaven on the earth. It is pure pleasure, eternal happiness.

Festival of hindola brings such pure and eternal pleasure not only in a small region like Kashmere but spreads it everywhere in all the villages, towns, temples, countires and continents the pleasure of rocking the cradle of God, pleasure of it's darshan, pleasure of designing the cradle !

The sacred month of shravana is the month of devotion, devotional acitivities and devotional fervour. Atmosphere is charged with Poojan, Archan, penance, Vrattas, donations, Katha-Satsang, Parayana and other devotional activities. Devotional fervour attains it's highest height when Hindola festivities are celebrated at the temple. God swings in such swings and cradles.

The concept of swing is very ancient. The swings are made by fixing on a branch of pippul tree ropes at the out skirts of village. The Gopas and Gopies have rocked such swings of Lord Shri Krishna. With the surge and momentum of the swing of Shri Hari, the devotional fervour swings at the higest hight and the devotees cheer happily the moments of blissful pleasure. The songs and music at the outskirts of village attract the villagers and they rush to the place by setting aside their tasks on hand. Milkmaids and the Gopas leave their chores of churning curd cooking loaves, sweeping cow shades and leave the crops and the fields unguarded,



forget to shut the houses and run open heartedly and bare foored to rock the swing and celebrate the festive occasion.

The nine-fold devotion and it's different colours had strengthened devotional fervour and devotees' love for his God has become-more expressive in the form of such religious celebrations. It has created a strong relationship between God and devotees. The celebrations intiated and began at the outskirts and far away from the villages, were come then to the village, to grace the houses and to be installed permanently in the temples as a fixed tradition and convention. The ropes were untied from the branches of the trees and were tied to the swing hooks in the houses. Cotton and jute ropes were replaced by colourful fine ropes

of silk with a well crafted silver and gold swmngs and cradles. In later stage hooks were replaced by ball-bearings and other such mechanisms. Most modern hindolas in these days operate flawlesslly on electronic divices and remote control a fully automatic system ! With the science and machanism, art side too has progressed tremendously. Art and imagination knew no limits. The Hindolas which were made from jute sacks and piece of cotton cloth and decorated earlier by the leaves, flowers and peacock feathers, have got now various objects for crafting the swing and for it's decoration. The silk, fine cotton, buscuits chocolates, cashew nuts, almond, apricot, green vegetables, grains, various spices, silver and gold coins, currency notes, Rakhi, Nada-Chhadi (Pavitra), decorative mirrors, clocks, wrist watch, utensils, sarees and other such items are now used to decorate it. The Hindolas of these days are remembered forever by the devotees if they did darshan of it at least once.

Lord Swaminarayan Bhagwan has given a new dimension to the devotional fervour. Each ritual has been transformed in to a celebration - a festival. May be a tree of Jetalpur wadi or the royal court of Jinabhai at Panchala, but Shri Hari when graced it, became it a vanue and occasion of great festivitiy. Celebrated there Katha-Varta, Hinodlas, colour festivals, and other such events inclusive of Maha Poojas and holy fires. Great devotee Dada Khachar had received selfless love and divine pleasure of Shri Hari when he arranged Hindolas in all his rooms of the royal palace and Shri Hari graced personally each of the rooms and graced the swings. Dada Khachar had rocked the Shri Hari's cradles with such devotional fervour that Shri Hari is not yet come down from the heart of his dearest devotee Dada Khachar. Our S.G. Paramhamsa Nishkulanand Swami made in those days a Hindola of twelve doors, with charmful engraving on its frames and plates. It was a wonderful work of art. He got it tied and hung to a branch of a mango tree, and prayed to Shri Hari to grace it. Shri Hari came to the fulwari garden of Vartal and he was amazed by the charms of Hindola when he saw the swin. Responding to devotional love of his devotee, Shri Hari graced the Hindola and manifested himself in the twelve images to give pleasure of his blissful darshan at each door of the swing. Thousands of devotees and the saints were blessed by such blissful view. Auspicious Kum Kum, Gulal, Rose flowers, dolar and Mogra flowers were showered by the devotees on Shri Hari and his retinue with aplouse of blissful joy expressing their devotional fervour.

"વડતાલ ગામ ફૂલવાડીએ હિંડોળે આંબાને ડાળ"
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We too are required to celebrate the events with such devotional love.

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of ભૂકંપ ગ્રસ્તોની વહારે આચાર્ય મહારાજશ્રી તથા સંતવર્યો a book written and published by Prof. Suryakantbhai Bhailalbhai Bhatt. This invaluable publication contains information and referance about the resque operations, on the spot assistance, supportive infrastructure, rehabilitation services, construction of the schools and the houses, town planning and it's execution etc. etc. undertaken by this diocese after the earthquake. This precious report costs nothing to a genuine reader and may be had from the author at Bhuj. - *Mahant Swami and Editor*

Shouldn't we Spare the Time for our Children ?

- Porf. A. R. Dalal



Lord Swaminarayan Bhagwna orders in his Shikshaparti and directs the follower devotees to waste not any time in idleness. One can not survive in the world without any work. In our worldly life, the major works are consisted of earning money and sustain the family.

The problems generally crop-up, when a balance is lost between the works of earning money and sustainance of the family. Contemporary age is a age of speed and activities. Many changes have taken place in fabric of relationship between parents and children. It is most important to know the nature of such changes. Sociologists and social organizations have supported this idea. Following points deserve our attention :

1. Family knows very little about the friends of their children. The friends these days meet very less at the houses of each other and use instead a mobile for such platform.

2. Modern society considers it as an interruption or a check on the personal freedom if family or parents tried to get information about such frinds or about the activities of their children. Such attitude results into the cases like and society has to bear its burden.

3. The parents and children are living in an ultra modern environment, where celebrations have no room at the houses. mobile culture, television, channel-culture and cyber-cafes have changed our ideology and very frame of mind. Parents are believing in more liberty and the children of them desire the same for themselves.

4. Parenting in modern age ends in providing English medium education, good dresses and physical eminities – comforts and luxuries.

5. Contemporary parents are sunk up to the neck in desire of accumulating wealth and esteem needs. Children feel neglected by such parents. Parents hardly have the time to guide their children with warmth of love. Children find themselves isoltated, and drift away from

their parents. At times this results into frustration or unhealthy company.

Following may beo vision for an easy solution of the problem :

'Regulate your Bhajan (devotion) and Vajan (weight). Don't increase your weight, and don't decrease your devotion.'

Bhajan – devotion – means the sincere efforts putin to earn God's pleasure. Such efforts may in a form of actions – the acts which are liked and loved by God. To act in favour of family and supreme father.

Ways to serve our family – home.

1. In this changed social climate, counselling has became a must for the children and the parents in a family. In distant past, it was a regular routine where children and parents were discussing together the casual matters after a dinner. This has become a necessity of our age. We should revive this great tradition.

2. The children and the parents of these days, need to win confidence and trust of each other. Both the parts need to be trustworthy and faithful to each other. They will have supplement each other by their surplus capacity :

3. The parents when fulfill physical needs for the physical growth and sustainance of their children, they fail miserably at the same time in fulfilling their needs for a healthy and constractive life which may be in the form of values, virtues, ethical duties and moral education. Infact, the parents too lack such education. The children, who are not educated or trained in such subtle areas, can not maintain their integrity in excessive strictness and discipline.

The contribution from the side of the parents shall not be enough to bring out constructive results in a child. Social organizations are required to come forward by setting sectors for the social councelling. They should discuss jointly the extra ordinary happnenings to guide and counsel parents and children against the damages.

Ruth Child – the billioner celebrity – has said, 'When I grew in the worldly wisdom, I made a resolute to work hard and prefer red to repent for the work I did if it was a repentable, but never preferred a breath without doing work.'

If not worked properly, there shall be ways and means to correct it – to mend it. But the work or an assignment, not done or attended before are gone forever. A lost chance can not be regained. Catch the opportunity.

To whom you request or appeal for the help in proper execution of our duties as parents ?

None llse but you are the only resquer or saviour of your self. Rise up to the occasion and enlighten yourself by knowledge and be a good friend and welwisher of yourself. The world will reject you by invisible hits and kicks until you attained it. World will not pay attention to you, unless you loved yourself, unless you loved your children selflessly. Chaste love and selfless affection. Children will reciprocate in like manner with lots of love and respect. The world is like an echo point. If peace and pleasures dwelt within, there shall be shower of pleasure and peace from all the directions ! The love, affection and tranquility shared with the children will shower on you in abundance from your children.

For your "job-satisfaction" as parents, and for opening the vistas of unbound opportunities for your growing children, take your children as an integral part of your self - your family. Don't take them as family members. Give to them enough of your time. Try to correct tenderly the uncalled for behaviour of them. Grow them warmly like a good gardener with unpolluted water of selfless and pure love. This is the time to set model to guide and inspire modern society. Life is the greatest festival celebrate it wholeheartedly.

GURU PURNIMA CELEBRATIONS AT NIAGARA FALLS (CANADA)

A grand Satsang Sabah was organized here at Niagara falls by the devotees from Tornto and other regions of Canada to celebrate Guru Purnima by presenting Poojan Archan to H.H. Acharya Maharajshri.

A large number of Satsangi families were come by the buses to celebrate the grand event. They special Satsang joined and had Mahaprasadam at the residence of our devotee Shri Kanjibhai. Shri Kanjibhai resides at Hamilton, on way to Niagara falls.

The grand event was celebrated in most colourful way in picturesque charms of Niagara area. The photo image of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri was installed most ceremonisoly on a throne at the dias and the image was garlanded with devotion and dedication by the dryfruits and flower garlands. All the satsangis were favoured by the most fortunate opportunity of presenting Poojan-Archan to H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. S.G. Haripriyadasj Swami (Swaminarayan Mandir, Boston) has earned the pleasure of Shri Hari by addressing on phone a discourse on Vachanamrit 28 of Gadhada first series. The devotees were benefitted spiritually by the address on this special occasion.

The Sabha was concluded at 3-00 o'clock noon and devotees were coure to the fall-site to enjoy natural beauty of this world famous fall. They halted there till 10 o'clock night and ralished light-descoration of this spectacular fall.

The 'Sunday Satsang' is a regular feature of Canada – Toronto – Satsang. The meetings are being organized every Sunday between 3 and 7 (evening) at the houses of the devotees. Shri Rameshbhai, Shri Shashikantbhai, Shri Vipulbhai and other Satsangis are attending these scheduled Sabhas. Each Sabha begins with "આજ મારે ઓરડે રે" and the Dhoon, Kirtans, Scripture-reading and disocures are presented with Thall, Arti and Nitya Niyam to please Lord Thakorji. The devotees in this region hold firm faith and devotional affection in satsang of Shri Hari, and they desire heartily for early commissioning of Shri Swaminarayan Mandir. They pray and await an early date of installation of the idols of Lord Narnarayandev Ghanshyam Maharaj by the blessed hands of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri.

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MAJESTIC OPULENCE OF SACHCHIDANAND SWAMI

- Bhagwandas V. Soni

S.G. Sachchidanand Swami of Halar region was one among the nine great ascetics of this sect. He was a great yogi with majestic opulence. Lord Shri Hari loved him deeply.

S.G. Sachchidanand Swami was treated as an idol form of majesty and opulence. With the grace of Lord Shriji Maharaj he easily stepped in to meditational trance. He had unobstructed vision piercing through the past, present and future, near and far, beyond the sky, the earth and the lower Lokas. He often displayed the majesty and divinity of Lord Shriji Maharaj. In the days of dry-spell he loudly shouted for Indra (king of heaven and Gods), and it began to rain.

He was mad of the darshan of Shri Hari. As and when he saw Maharaj, he ran to him and hugged him so close and tight that the Kathi devotees too were not able to get Maharaj freed from his hug.

When Maharaj scolded him, blood oozed forming streams, from the pore's on the body of Sachchidanand Swami. Keeping in view such high plane of devotional fervour, Maharaj was not taking Sachchidanand Swami in samaiya festivals.

Sachchidanand Swami used to camp permanently at Lakshmi wadi. As and when Maharaj graced the other places, he got Sachchidanand locked in the Lakshmiwadi. Sachchidanand Swami was relieving himself from the locked room and while strolling in back yard, he was inquiring about Shri Hari with the birds, animals and trees. That was the height of his grief of separation from his God.

Shriji Maharaj once rode his Manki and went for a religious tour. Sachchidanand Swami accompanied him. He was walking fast by the side of Maharaj. The village road was narrow and had sunk deep in to the earth due to loaded carts and other vehicles. There were thorny plants and bushes on both the sides of the road. Maharaj asked Sachchidanand Swami to walk either in front to lead him or at the back to follow him, because there were dry thorns and pointed branches hung by the sides and the thorns which were scattered on the earth along the road. Those were hurting and bruising his body. Sachchidanand Swami disagreed to that suggestion and prayed politely 'Maharaj either by lead or trail I shall not be able to do darshan of your face. Let the thorns pierce my feet. I don't mind it. The pleasure of your darshan is much greater than that pinching pain.' Maharaj then said, 'Sachchidanand Swami ! Don't be so much attached to me. Don't develop affection. You will be a ghost after the death if you pampered such feelings.' 'Maharaj ! In the case of becoming a Ghost, I will possess you. You will then dance under such a spell by introducing your self as 'I am Sachchidanand ! I am Sachchidanand' ! whether I am living or dead, I will stick to none else but you only you,' said Swami. Sachchidanand Swami once prayed to Maharaj, 'I will not dislike you or your devotees if you order them to break both my kness with a big hammer. I will not leave this holy company. You are my ultimate destination. Eternal pleasure and the bliss of divine abode reside at your lotus feet.'

Shriji Maharaj was pleased with the words of Swami. He blessed him heartily for his devotion and spiritual enlightenment.

Jiva Khachar was the uncle of Dada Khachar. Shriji Maharaj was pleased with Dada Khachar for his devotion and selfless love. Shriji Maharaj used to publicly praise the virtues of Dada Khachar. Jiva Khachar disliked such praises and envied him.

Once he challenged Maharaj for horse riding and intended to run his mare along side

Manki. The horse that trailed behind was to be treated as a loser. Such a loser was to give away his mare to the winning rider. Maharaj knew about the conspiracy of Jiva Khachar, but He agreed to the challenge.

Jiva Khachar was a conspirator. He conspired not only for defeating him but hatched a plot to throw away Maharaj and Manki in a ditch on their way. That big fool never realized that he was conspiring to cheat God ! He prayed openly to Maharaj to keep away his divine opulence in the matter of the race. Thus, he knew fully well that Maharaj was God and he was conspiring against Him.

Sachchidanand Swami was at Lakshmi wadi to do devotion of Lord Shriji Maharaj. He was blessed with divine vision by the grace of God. He knew by his divine powers the conspiracy hatched by Jiva Khachar to throw away Maharaj and Manki in a deep ditch. He rose from his meditational concentration, transformed himself in to a smallest being and entered in the body of the mare of Jiva Khachar. When Jiva Khachar riding aspide that mare came to the ditch, he threw them in the deep ditch. Shriji Maharaj said, 'Jiva Khachar ! Oh what a conspiring mind ! There may be an end to the worldly maya, but there is no end to your conspiracy. It is greater than Maya !

Jiva Khachar once doubted the capacity of Durvasa when the episode of Gopis' thaal was being discussed. The thaal presented by thousands of Gopis was consumed all alone by Durvasa Muni. How can a Rishi – a man – consume all the food meant for thousand people ?

To publicly display his love for Maharaj, Jiva Khachar once invited their five hundred saints of Shri Hari to have sumptuous meal at his place. Jiva Khachar got the meal ready for the five hundred Paramhamsas. Jiva Khachar went to Maharaj to invite them for a feast. Maharaj desired light snack for Sachchidanand Swami, Jiva Khachar agreed happily and took him to his residence. Sachchidanand Swami prayed mentally to Shri Hari and began to have a light snack. In a shortwhile he consumed with ease the whole stock of all the eatables meant for the five hundred saints ! Jiva Khachar was helpless to cook the meals again for the saints. His ego and pride disappeared like a mirage. This opulence was displayed to him to exhibit the truth of Veda Vyasa.

The devotees in Mandav Dhar area used to cultivate sugar cane in their farms. After the harvest, they installed a sugar cane crusher to extract juice and installed a huge stove to prepare jaggery by boiling and thickening sugar cane juice. Meanwhile, a large group of ascetics came there and demanded eighty buckets of jaggery, and threatened them that they would stop the process forever. Faithful devotees came to Gadhada and submitted their prayer to Shri Hari. Shri Hari asked Sachchidanand Swami to visit the place with the devotees. Shri Hari said, 'Our devotees at Mandavdhar have been threatened by a group of ascetics. Those ascetics have demanded eighty buckets of jaggery. They have choked the sugar-cane crusher. You go with them, show your divine opulence and evacuate those rogue ascetics.'

Sachchidanand Swami came to Mandavdhar with the devotees and went to the farm to inspect the place and restart the work. As they came to the farm, Sachchidanand Swami asked them to give him a ball of raw threads. The devotees brought a ball of raw threads. Sachchidanand Swami asked them to tie the end of the thread to the sugar cane crusher and come to him with the loose end of the ball. He tied the second end of the thread to his waist and meditatively concentrated on Lord Shriji Maharaj. That sugarcane crusher started in full speed and sugar cane juice started to flow from the crusher. The ascetics ran away from that area

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THE SATSANG IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE HOUESHOLDER'S DUTIES

- Shastri Hari Swami

A village leader was returing to his town riding a house, after a long journey of many days. The day was hot and he was tired of constant journey. He and his horse both were thrisy due to heat and fatigue. The rider was much worried for his horse. Horse was very dear to him. He was looking here and there in search of water, but there was no sign of it. Meanwhile he saw a farm at some distance. A farm and a well. Perhaps farmer was drawing water from the well to irrigate crop at the farm. A bullock was drawing the water - buckets attached to a water wheel. The rider and the horse tried at the best to finish the distance. The rider and the horse both were tired and thirsty but the signs of refreshing water drew them to the farm and they reached there after some time.

There were tall and shadey trees of margosa give them comfort and coolness. Horse rider came to the farmer who was operating the water wheel with the help of his bullocks. Water pumps were not invented in thosé days. People themselves were used to draw the water from a deep well and for more water, farmers were operating water wheels with the help of the bullocks. The leather buckets attached to a wheel were fatching water from the well when a bullock rotated the wheel. The water buckets emptied mechanically in a sink like mud vessal to stream it to the crop-beds formed in the farm. Water-wheel was making typical cracking noise due to friction at the axis.

Horse rider came to the mouth of the well. As the water wheel moved, it made noise. The noise was enough to scare the horse. The horse jumped in fear and ran away from the well. The horse rider tried again when there was no noise and horse went easily to the well but no sooner he reached then the wheel caught the momentum and made the noise forcing the horse to run back. The horse rider now gathered that the noise was the cause of fear. He asked the farmer to stop the noise,' as it scared his horse. Kind hearted farmer responded positively and stopped the water-wheel. Horse went easily to the mouth of the well, but there was no water to drink. Horse rider said, 'Gentleman ! I have requested you to stop the noise but not the water supply, please allow the water to flow in the sink. Horse is very thirsty. Let the horse quench the thirst by that nectar like water. Farmer began to draw water and the water wheel moved making scaring noise. Horse startled again and ran back in fear. Now horse rider got angry by such act of the farmer and shouted 'I have told you repeatedly to stop the noise. Then why are making it intentionally ? It scares my horse. Now make no noise. Let the horse have little water.' Farmer agred to it. He stopped the water wheel. Holding the rain of the horse, rider took the to the horse sink. But there was no water to drink. Horse rider was much perturbed. He asked helplessly, 'My friend ! Why there is no water ?'

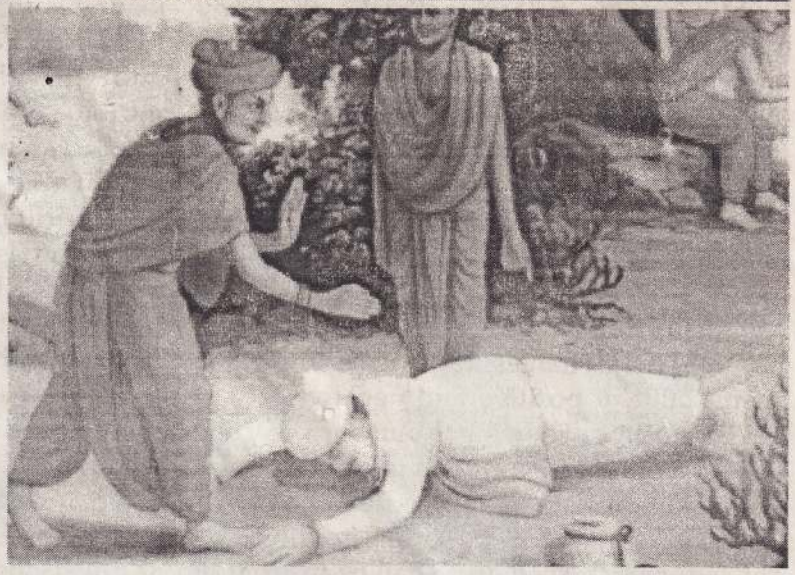
The farmer then said politely, 'Brother ! Look ! If you want water, you will have to tolerate the noise. The noise and the water supply are inter-connected. You can not separte it from each other. Water will come if noise is there. Movement of water wheel brings both water and noise. If stopped the wheel, water and noise both will stop. Therefore, if you want to quench thirst of your horse, you will have to time the beast by persuation and love, to walk without fear to the mouth of the well. You instill some confidence in your horse and make him to drink water amidst the noise.

Hourse rider did as per the suggestion and helped his horse to drink water.

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THE SCIENTIFIC REASON OF CHARAN SPARSHA

- Harish B. Shukla



The traditions and conventions found in various countries and the religions of the world hold their own importance. Such traditions reflect the originality of a particular culture or mankind. Indian civilization and Indian culture are the most ancient in the world. Indian culture has impressed other civilizations and cultural groups in the world. The traditions and conventions established in Indian culture are founded on the strong base of scientific facts, and in its core there are many cultural mysteries. These traditions were founded by great ascetics (Rishis) of the ancient times. Those Rishis have noted their attainments, research and observations in their sacred scriptures. In later time, those truths, facts and findings have become an integral part of religion and religious rituals. Perhaps, very few of us know about those hidden secrets garbed under the cloak of a tradition or convention.

In Aryan culture there is a well set tradition the of touching feet of our father, mother, guru, teacher, elders and honourable seniors. That is the way of saluting them. It is part of our conventional etiquette. But the new generation of this modern age hardly prefer it. They don't like it. Now a days, we don't find people doing Namskar – Pranam – Vandan (kind of saluting), when they meet. 'Hi !' 'Hello' are the modern ways ! We have discarded ancient conventions – ancient traditions. Considering them to be oh ancient culture these days, we are drifting away from our value oriented traditions and being swept away in the waves and currents of modern civilisation. Modern life- modern civilization means to trail behind the western culture. Our life and philosophy are ruthlessly invaded by the ill impact of the western culture. We are monkeying their concepts without any logic. At times such acts and behaviour neither have any meaning nor any benefit.

Let us come to the main point. Since thousands of years there exists the tradition of saluting, we satute in due respect by the touching feet of our elders – our seniors. This tradition is still visible in many families. We should try to know the secret behind touching their feet. Our Rishis have observed four beneficial factors present in such an act. An act of touching feet of our elders, gives strength, intellect, knowledge and fame. There is scientific reason to back and support this conclusion.

According to modern science, a human body contains negative and positive currents of electricity. The left side of the human body carries negative current and the right side of the human body has positive current. Have you observed any patient of paralysis ?

Right from his toe to the scalp, the body divides it self in to two vertical halves and one half with his organs in it becomes a prey to such disease. One half of the body is invalid and the other half is active and conscious ! One eye, one hand, one leg, one foot, become inert dead-likes no movement, no sense, no feelings. Absolutely useless – total immobile. This proves that each half has distinct current – either negative or positive. Two halves together complete a circuit built of positive and negative.

At the time of bowing to our Guru, teacher, seniors and elders, we stand in front of them. We stand facing them. The vertical body parts in that case are be in the opposite direction. The lelft side of the Guru shall be in front of the right side of the disciple. In other words negative in front of positive current. Keeping in view this fact, our Rishis in ancient times have suggested the salute of touching feet by crossing the hands i.e. right hand touches right foot and left touches left foot of our elders. Thus the positive current in both flows in an uniformed circuit and in similar way negative flows jointly in a circuit. Thus both the currents form a well unified circuit.

The elders to whom we salute shall be a Guru, teacher, scholar, father, mother, sister or an elderly person and shall be much advanced in knowledge, fame, life or strength. He may be a better one in all those areas or he may be better in one or two of them. One who bows to him shall be desirous of inculcating those qualities. When touched the feet are touched in a humble salute, that touch shall be like an act of switching on a light. Current flows on in the circuit when a switch is on. The current flows to the person who salutes – one who touches the feet. In accordance to the scriptures, our seniors and elders place their right hand on our head and bless us when we touch their feet. This blessed touch creates a complete circuit joining both the persons and current flows in a complete circle. This results in development and growth of virtues and other such attributes in the person who has saluted. A kindled straw kindles another one. A kindled light kindles another lamp. In such light and illumination, a straw or a lamp never loses its brightness or kindling power, but at the same time illuminates and lights other straws or lamps. There is no loss to anybody.

Our culture maintains this tradition of touching feet in a humble salute. It is an ancient tradition. The spirit nurtured in this tradition has strengthened our culture and nation despite invasions, obstacles and calamities. The contents of the Vedas and the smritis (scriptures) are the eternal truths. We should accept it. We should honour it. We should put it in to practice. Our culture teaches us to respect earth particles, soil particles of a cows' feet and ashes of a sacred fire by placing it honourably on our forehead.

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In this world there are disturbing noises of the troubles, obstacles, problems, emergencies and what not ! If waited to get them stopped, there would be no opportune time to do devotion, to do satsang to do service of mankind. The world will move in it's own course with all those noises. You will have to adjust yourself in it to do devotion and devotional activities amidst such commotion. Lord Swaminarayan Bhagwan says :

"कार्यो धर्मस्तु सत्वरम्"

Do religious activity instantly. Dhruvji, Prahlad, Dada Khachar, Parvatbhai, Jeenabha, Sundarjibhai of Bhuj, Govindjibhai of Karjisan and Jeshingbhai of Vehlal have acted up on this teaching of Shikshapatri. They did devotion and devotional activities amidst distracting noises of householder duties. Satsang is an integral part of householder duties.

The Attributes of Supreme Divinity of Shri Hari as Were Described by S.G. Gopalanand Swami

- Prof. Suryakant Bhatt

Spiritual inquiry is a natural phenomenon in an aspirant. Why Lord Sahajanand is supreme Lord ? Why Shri Hari is the incarnating God of all the incarnations ? Such may be the inquiries in the mind of a spiritual aspirant. S.G. Gopalanand Swami had explained to us the thirtheen attributes of the Supreme Lord the God of the Gods who causes the various incarnations.



Shri Hari graced once the town of Nadiad and dwelt there for some time. Meanwhile came there the scholars and sanyasis (ascetics) from Kashi. They believed in doctrine of Adwaita (non-duality) and desired a one to one debate to discuss this. They determind to defeat Shri Hari. But when they came to Shri Hari, they were overpowered by the divine majesty of Shri Hari and were consigned to the state of instant samadhi. When they returned to elemental plane, they surrendered absolutely at the lotus feet of Shri Hari. With repeated salute, they prayed, 'The released souls of Akshardhaam pray and worship your superme divinity. You are supreme Lord of all the incarnations. Oh Lord ! Please narrate to us the attributes of supreme Lord.' S.G. Gopalanand Swami was present at the meeting. Shri Hari inspired him to narrate the attributes.

S.G. Gopalanand Swami said : Oh Scholars ! Lord Shri Hari exhibits in himself the incarnations of ancient time. Shri Hari had displayed this majesty to so many people. This is first attribute of Supreme Lord. Shri Hari had formed infinite number of incarnations from his own image when a samaiya was held in kariyani on auspicious full moon day of Kartika. Those incarnations appeared one after another from his body and merged into him. The devotees had darshan of all those manifestation.

Shri Hari displays in his own image the divine images of Lord Shri Krishna dwelling in Goloka and other divine abodes with all divine majesty. This is second attribute of supreme Lord.

A youth of village Zarnaparna – Shitaldas – came to Faneni when he knew about divine majesty of Ramanand Swami. Unfortunately, Swami was passed away When he came to Faneni and it was thirteenth day rites were being performed. Lord Shri Hari displayed his divine majesty and in his meditational trance, Shitaldas saw Ramanand Swami doing Poojan of Shri Hari. There was no limit to his blissful happiness, when he returned to physical consciousness. He prayed to Shri Hari to initiate Bhagwati deeksha. Shri Hari named him "Vyapakanand."

To consign someone to the instant meditational trance by drawing his tubular ducts and vital air, is the third attribute of Supreme Lord. Shri Hari had sent the people to instant Samadhi state by withdrawing their vital air and tubular ducts. The Kaji (judge) of

the Nawab (prince) of Mangrol and Pathan (muslim warrior) of Jhinharadar are the examples.

The incarnations on the earth have benedicted the souls by their divine powers. They had sent them to the Samadhi state. But the majesty of Shri Hari is supreme. The of benediction awarded personally by an incarnation in the ancient times, was executed most successfully by his disciple saints in time of Shri Hari. The Nand-Sants like Muktanand Swami have consigned the people to instant meditational trance. This one is the fourth attribute of Supreme Lord.

His celestial form dwelling at divine abode of Akshardhaam has been shown to his householder devotees when they prayed to Shri Hari for his divine pleasure. This divine power of exhibiting celestial image of himself is the fifth attribute of Supreme Lord. In his Vachanamrit (Gadhada, L-31) Lord Shri Hari asserts, 'The image you see here is the same that dwelt at the divine abode as divine luminosity and Supreme Consciousness. As the the image at the divine abode The human form here also holds absolute sovereignty and is free of the Gunas.'

The scriptures of him explain in an easiest way the religion (ethical duties), knowledge, detachment, devotion, Vedanta (knowledge of the vedic philosophy) and Samkhya (a major system of Indian philosophy founded by Kapila Muni). The preachings and teachings of him are miraculous and enlighten the inner most of the listener readers. This is the sixth attribute of Supreme Lord. Gadhada L-39 : 'I am not telling this to exhibit my intelligence or majesty, but conveyed a personally tested truth.' Vachanamrit (Ahmedabad-6) : 'All the incarnations in ancient time, have manifested from Supreme Lord dwelling in this Satsang. God dwelling here is the Supreme who caused other incarnations.'

To act like a powerful mountain of magnet to draw the iron like lots of people, and make them to realize the Lordship him is the seventh attribute of Surpeme Lord. Royal bard of Dhrangadhra State Talukdar Gaja Gadhavi, surrendered to Lord Shri Hari when he saw the walking style of Shri Hari. Lord Shri Hari took him in his blessed shelter by initiating saint hood and named him 'Purnanand Swami ! Ladudan Gadhvi surrendered to Shri Hari, when he did darshan of him. Shri Hari initiated to him saint hood and named him "Brahmanand Swami."

To come to a devotee at the time of his last breath and to take that deceased soul to his divine abode of Akshardham is the eighth attribute of Supreme Lord. There are many cases when Shri Hari had taken the soul of his devotees to his divine abode of Akshardham.

The divine majesty the strengthen many in their personal religion and initiates firm faith in his followers – male, female and children to attain the highest attainments in religion, knowledge, Vairagya (detachment) and devotion is the ninth attribute of supreme Lord.

The tenth attribute of supreme Lord, as was explained by S.G. Gopalanand Swami : 'Mere touch of a thing like flower, cloth or others used earlier by God, sends a devotee to instant meditational trance when he touches it.' The devotees walked into instant trance when they touched such personal thing of Shri Hari.

The people in different countries when listen to the leelas and episodes of God, feel divine majesty of God drawing them away from the worldly ways. Such experiences are the eleventh attribute of supreme Lord. The discourses and the kathas about him make to feel the celestial divinity of God. Jhamkuba of Rajasthan felt such divinity and became a Samkhya Yogi. Eabhal Bapu listened such

episodes from Machakhar and felt fully fulfilled.

S.G. Gopalanand Swami describes the twelfth attribute of Supreme Lord : 'One who explains at fullest satisfaction the analytic knowledge of Jiva (soul), Ishwar (presiding deity), May (eternal entity), Brahm (pure consciousness), and Parabrahm (supreme cousciousness), and spreads such knowledge through his followers and disciples is the Supreme Lord himself.' Lord Shri Hari had explained all these in his Vachanamrits(Gadhada, L-10) and Shikshapatri (Shloka 105). Shri Hari had explained the distinct attributes of Jiva.

Her is the thirteenth attribute of Surpeme Lord : Supreme God merges in his human form the incarnations manifested in the ancient time, but never merges his own form in any one of those incarnations. That is thirteenth attribute of Supreme Lord. Lord Shriji Maharaj holds this supreme divine attribute. At occasions he had displayed the manifestation of all the incarnations of the ancient time incarnated from his human form and had got them merged again in his human form.

S.G. Gopalanand Swami had taught us the thritheen divine attributes of supreme Lord Shri Hari. Those attributes have been praised as under :

સર્વે અવતાર એમાં સમાય, પોતે કોઈમાં લીન ન થાય,
એવી વાત કરી જેહ વાર, થયા લીન બધા અવતાર.

(He never merges in other incarnations. All incarnations merge in him. As soon he said, all the incarnations merged in him.)

S.G. Gunatitanand Swami preaches that 'One can not be consinged to Akshardham, unless he know Maharaj as Purna Purushottam.'

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when they saw this unbelievable miracle. S.G. Sachchidanand Swami displayed his opulence by the grace of Shri Hari.

Sachchidanand Swami once graced the small village of Pipalia. He dwelt at the village temple and did Katha Varta there to spread the benedictory message of Shri Hari. Near the temple, there were two trees of Pippul, and a circular platiform was constructed around the trunk of the tree. Two serpents were lving in a hole in that platform. Sachchidanand Swami was sitting beneath the tree when ever he conducted a Satsang or desired a meditational concentration. As and when Swami concentrated, the serpents from their holes were coiling around his neck and covering his head with their hoods. The snakes were leaving him at the end of his meditation. Haribhaktas and aspirants in the village saw this miracle and became Satsangis by receiving Kanthi from him. Pipalia became a village of Satsangis.

Shriji Maharaj once called Swami and said, ' Sachchidanand Swami ! Life of Bhaguji ends tonight. You sit at the door and stop death from entering his room. Don't allow it to enter the room. Death came at midnight. Sachchidanand Swami challenged it, 'Don't enter in.' But ferocious Death went force fully in to the room. Sachchidanand Swami took the plough and threw it on Death. Death screamed sharply in unbearable pain. It ran out swiftly to save own life. Running and panting in pain, Death prayed, 'Merciful Swami ! Please don't hit me. I am going back.' Thus Death was forced to go back.

Sachchidanand Swami lived for six months more, after Shri Hari's ascent to Akshardham, and forsook his elemental body with the unbroken memory of Shri Hari.

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AHMEDABAD REGION

Shrimad Bhagwat Parayan at Shri Swaminarayan Mandir Kalupur, Ahmedabad

Shrimad Bhagwat Parayan was conducted here (5-7-04 to 11-7-04) at our temple with the due blessings of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri and H.H. Lalji Maharajshri. Devout follower Shri Shankarbhai Amathabhai with his wife and family (from Kotha) were inspired by Mahant Swami Shastri Nirgundasji for hosting this devotional feast of knowledge. Parayan sessisons were conducted at the prasadi Sabha Mandapam of this shrine. The seat of the main reader-priest was graced jointly by S.G. Shastri Siddheshwardasji Swami and S.G. Kothari Swami Shastri Brahmviharidasji.

The concluding day of the Parayan sessions was celebrated as the birthday of Respected Bal Lalji Shri Vrajendraprasadji Maharajshri. The host family has earned on this day the devotional pleasure of presenting Poojan-Archan-Aarti to the three generations of Dharm Vansha. S.G. Bhandari Dharmprakashdas Swami, Muktajeevandas Swami, Yagyaprakashdas Swami and Parshada Rasik Bhagat have earned the pleasure of Shri Hari by their admirable service.

- Kothari Satyaprakashdas

The Satsang Activities Conducted by the Disciple saints – Parsahdas of Shri Swaminarayan Sanskrit College, Akshar Mahol Wadi, Jetalpur

Shri Swaminarayan Sanskrit Mahavidyalaya at Aksharmahol wadi of Jetalpur, imparts education of Sanskrit language and literature to the junior saints and parshada of both the Deshas and the Brahmin children residing in India. Schooling, loging and boarding are fee for all the students. The institution is managed and financed by Shri Narnarayandev Desh Gaddi – Shri Narnarayandev Desh diocese, with the due blessings of H.H. Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharajshri. Following is the strength at present.

The Saints and Parshadas : Ahmedabad-20, Vadtal-11, Gadhada-1, Muli-5, Junagadh-17, Dholera-2, Other places-2 **Brhamin Batukas-22 Total : 80.**

These saints have earned the pleasure of Shri Hari by conducting Satsang session at the following places : 1. Aslali 2. Gamdi 3. Narayannagar 4. Vadal 5. Miroli 6. Naaz 7. Vasai 8. Sanand 9. Nidhrad 10. Godhavi 11. Manipur 12. Jivarajpark 13. Meghaniangar 14. Satellite 15. Vadaj 16. Bhat 17. Kasindra 18. Chaloda 19. Paldi (Kankaj) 20. Kaloli 21. Mahij 22. Piplaj 23. Navagam 24. Malataj 25. Bareja and 26. Mahijada.

They have visited those villages and places by forming small groups of disciple saints and have conducted Dhoon, Bhajan and katha-Kirtan satsang. S.G. Swami Shastri Purushottamprakashdasji and S.G. Mahant Swami Shastri Atmaprakashdasji have encouraged them for this religious service. Samchalak Shastri Swami Hariomprakashdasji and the group of the saitns have trained and guided them in this Satsang activity.

- K.P. Swami Mahant Swami Jetalpur Dhaam.

H.H. Acharya Maharajshri Graced the holy land of Ambaji Shakti Peeth

A magnificent and sublime Satsang Sabha was organized here at Hiralakshmi Saraswati Sadan (24-7-04) with the due inspiration from Mahant Swami Guruprasaddasji and kothari Swami Anandprasadasji Swami of Shri Swaminaraya Mandir Kankaria to conduct devotional programmes and recitation of Hanuman Chalisa. The events were hosted by Sheth Shri Harikishanbhai Pitambardas Thakkar.

H.H. Acharya Maharajsrhi graced these events with his retinue of the saints. H.H. Acharya Maharajshri was welcomed most honourably at the main gate of the temple. Thousands of devotees were come from the various places to welcome H.H. Acharya Maharajsrhi. Mahant Swami Shastri Nirgundasji (Ahmedabad Temple), Shastri Swami Purushottamprakashdasji (Jetalpur Dhaam), Mahant Swami Shastri Mukuundprasaddasji (Muli Mandir), Shastri Swami Harikrishandasji (Ex. Mahant, Chhapaiya) and other saints have earend the pleasure of Shri Hari by delivering enlightening discourses on the subtle topics like glory and majesty of Shri Hari, Shri Hari's Satasang, Traditions and conventions of original Sampradaya, the seat of Acharya, Dharmkul, Dharmvanshi Acharay, the scriptures of the Sampradaya etc. etc.

The Sabha was ended with the blessings of H.H. Acharya Maharaj. The host of the event Shri Harikrishnabhai and chief priest of the temple have earned the pleasure of Shri Hari and the blessings of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri by presenting poojan-Archan-Aarti to H.H. Acharya Maharajshri.

The Satsang Sabha was conducted jointly by Shastri Swami Pranjivandasji (Chotila) and Kothari Anandprasaddasji.

The thaal for Acharya Maharajshri and the meals for the saints were arragned decently by Vasudevanand Swami, Raju Swami and Shri Narottam Bhagat.

- Rameshbhai Doradawala.

The 153rd Patotsava of Lord Ghanshyam Maharaj dwelling in Chhapaiya Dhaam

The 153rd Annual Patotsava of Lord Ghanshyam Maharaj was celebrated here on date 30-5-04, amidst the devotional fervour, under the blessed orders of H.H. Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharajshri.

Chhapaiya is birth place of Shri Swaminarayan Bhagwan. Lord Balswaroop Ghanshyam Maharaj dwells here at the temple with Lord Dharmdev and Bhakti Mata. The 153rd Annual Patotsava of the idols of God was celebrated here with the due inspiration from elderly saint S.G. Gavaiya Swami Ramkrishnadasji. The events and celebrations were guided by S.G. Celibate saint Vasudevanandji.

Patotsava Mahabhishekam was presented jointly by Futurue Acharya H.H. Lalji 108 Shri Koshalendraprasajdi Mahrajshri and Respected Bal Lajli Shri Vrajendrapraadji Maharajshri, amidst the chants of vedic hymns. The rituals and celebrations were hosted by Shri Babubhai Shivlalbhai Thakkar. The saints from Ahmedabad, Jetalpur, Muli, Allahabad, Ayodhya and Limbdi were present on this religious occasion. The Sabha was addressed by S.G. Shastri Swami Purushottamprakashdasji and other saints and glory and majesty of Shri Hari was explained to the devotees.

The celibate-saint Shastri Hariswaroopanandji (temple priest), Celibate Krishnaswaroopdasji, Celibate Avinashanandji and celibate Pavitranandji have earned the pleasure of Shri Hari by their services. Purushottam Mas Satsang is being conducted here by presenting Maha Pooja, Mahabhishekam, Annakut and Hindolas.

- Kanubhal Dave

The Patotsava Parayan at Shri Swaminarayan Mandir Ayodhya

Lord Radhakrishnadev Harikirshna Maharaj dwells at our Swaminarayan Mandir, Ayodhya. The patotsava Abhsihekam and Maha Pooja were presented to the idols of God with the due blessings of HH. Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharajshri. The three days Parayan – sessions, Harilila Charit Katha, Dhvajdand and auspicious Gold pots were presented on this occasion amidst devotional fervour. The Patotsava celebrations were organized by the devotees and saints with the due inspiration from Mahant Swami Aksharprakashdasji. Samkya Yogis Rajkuvarba and Ushaba (Morvi Temple) have hosted three days Parayan sesions with the due blessings of Respected Gadiwalashri. The services of donating gold for the Dhvaja Danda and the Kalasha were managed by organizing Katha of the Lila Charitra of Ayodhya Dhaam." The seat of the speaker was graced by Shastri Swami Ramkrishnadasji (Koteshwar Gurukul). The Gold was donated by the devout disciples of S.G. Govinprasaddasji, and all other service were extended by (Late) Damodardas Gandabhai Patel Co. (Metpur), and Patel Vasantbhai Navinbhai and Rameshbhai Patel and Co.

S.G. Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji. (Ahmedabad) S.G. Swami Devprakashdasji (Ex-Mahant Dholka) and other saints with the thousands of devotees were present for the Darshan.

H.H. Acharya Maharajshri Graced the temple and presented Patotsava Abhsihekam to the Idols of God. Dhvajadnda and Kalasha Poojan was done by Respected Gadiwalashri.

H.H. Acharya Maharajshri Lived here for the three days to bless his satsnagis in Ayodhya.

- Mahant Swami Nandkishordasji

H.H. Lalji Maharajshri Graces the Town of Sumerpur (Rajasthan)

H.H. Lalji Maharaj 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharajshri has graced the region of Rajasthan to bless his dependant followers at Sumerpur. The faithful devotees of sumerpur area wre guided and helped by Mahant Swami Guruprasadasji and Kothari Swami Anand Swami of Kankari a Temple for fulfillment of their wishes to invite the seventh descendant son of Lord Shri Hari.

H.H. Lalji Maharajshri graced the region of Rajashtan and town of Sumerpur to fulfill the devotional aspiration of his faithful followers. On way to Jaipur, he halted at Sumerpur, graced a grand satsang sabha, formed the unit of Narnaranydev Yuvak Mandal and blessed his Sumerpur Satsang. Shri Udayanbhai (Visnagar) and Rajeswaranand Swami were present on this occasion. A brief halt was arranged at the residence of Shri Babubhai Patel (Vavol wala). *- Babubhia Patel, Sumerpur*

Purushottam Maas Celebrations at Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Himatnagar

The festivals and events of the Sampradaya are being celebrated here during sacred days of Purushottam Maas. Local devotees have earned the pleasure of Shri Hari by hosting all annual celebrations during the days of Purushottam Maas, with the due blessings of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. A large number of local devotees are benefitted by these daily events.

- Dharmkishordas Swami

Kakarwada Temple Celebrates the birthday of Respected Bal Lalji Maharajshri

The devotees and the saints here have celebrated jointly the birthday of the 8th descendant heir of Lord

Shri Hari – Respected Bal Lalji Shri Vrajendraprasadji Maharajshri. It was a colourful event celebrated with the blissful tunes of devotional music. Almost all the devotees from local and nearby areas were present on this occasion to express their devotional fervour. They have prayed collectively to Lord Shri Hari to bless spiritual strength and enlightenment to Respected Bal Lalji to lead and guide in future the Satsangi souls dwelling in different continents.

- Bhaktibhai Patel

H.H. Lalji Maharajshri graces Abu Road Ashram

Shri Narnarayandev Desh Diocese conducts here the educational institution – Shri Swaminarayan Ashram. H.H. Lalji Maharajshri graced this place and inspected the work of the school buildings. The school buildings and Shri Vrajdnera Bhavan (Boarding) are under construction. The primary school is to be inaugurated this year on receipt of recognition from the State Government.

S.G. Mahant Swami Shastri Nirgundasji, S.G. Swami Shastri Purushottamprakashdasji, Mahant Swami Guruprasaddasji, Kothari Anand Swami and Hajuri Parshad Vanraj Bhagat were present on this occasion. Poojan, Archan, Aarti were presented to H.H. Lalji Maharajsjhri by the devotees from Abu. Maha Prasad was arranged at the Ashram by the devotees Shri Narottam Bhagat and Kishor Bhagat.

- Natubhai Patel

Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Mathura

Guru Purnima festival was celebrated here in a grand way with the due decorum, befitting great tradition of Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Kalupru Ahmedabad and pooja-archan was presented to the picture H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. The events were organized with the due permission and blessings from H.H. Lalji Maharajshri – The Future Acharya of Shri Narnarayandev Desh Diocese.

A majestic image of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri was installed most ceremoniously on the throne at the temple and poojan Archan Aarti and Guru Purnimia gifts were presented individually by the devotees. A special Satsang was conducted on this major occasion to sing the praises of the spiritual head. The glory and majesty of Dharmkul and Dharmvanshi Acharya was explained to the devotees.

The events were organized by the devotees under the guidance from Mahant Swami Akhileshwardasji (Mathura Temple). Poojari Swami and Narendra Bhagat have earned the pleasure of Shri Hari by their dedicated services in distribution of Mahaprasadam.

- Pujari Sarveshwardasji

Satsang Sabha at Dumana

Dumana is a prasadi village of Lord Shri Hari. S.G. Swami Shastri Purushottamprakashdasji and saints have visite this place (7-6-04) to help local Satsangis in their devotional activities.

A Satsang session was conducted on this occasion and the Katha of Shri Hari Lila was conducted to sing the praises of Shri Hari. Bapu Shri Narhari Swami was present on this occasion. The devotees were greatly elated by this Katha Varta of three hours duration. Shri Dahyabhai Butia (Kaliyana), Bhikhubhai Mukhi and other seniors were present on this occasion. Shri Devubhai Chavda, Shri Varsangbhai Barad and Shri Nathubhai Patel have earned the pleasure of Shri Hari by their services to the devotees.

- Dahyabhai Buita

Satsang Sabha at Kaliyana

S.G. Shastri Swami Ishwarjivandasji (Mahant Dhariawad) had graced this place (3-6-04) to conduct Katha Varta Satsang on eve of Dev Podhi Ekadashi.

A constant Dhoon Programme of twelve hour duration was organized on Ekadashiday, with the due blessings of H.H. Lalji Maharajshri. Shri Dahyabhai Butia, Shri Bhikhubhai Mukhi, Kotharishri Hirabhai Bhagwanbhai and local devotees have benefited themselves by these special sessions.

- Prakashbhai Mori

Installation Ceremony of the Idols of God in our Temple at Thobau

The events of installation of idols of God was celebrated here with great devotional fervour and Shrimad Bhagwat Parayan, Maha Pooja and Maha Vishnu Yaag were organized on this occasion. The seat of the reader priest was graced by Chandraprakashdasji Swami (Bilia). The events were planned and organized jointly by Mahant Swami Ghanshyam Swami (Bilia) and Mahant Swami Nirmaldasji (Vali). The Kitchen services for the festival were provided by our devotees from Jelatara. The devotees from Dantiwaas, Nimbau, Vali, Jodhava and Devda have extended loudable services in these events. The residents of Thobau have conveyed their hearty thanks for the services and co-operation.

H.H. Acharya Maharajshri graced the Shrine and presented installation arti to Lord Radhakrishnadev Hari Krishna Maharaj. A special Sabha was organized on this occasion. Mahant Swami Shastri Nirgundasji (Ahmedabad), Mahant Swami Shastri Premswaroopdasji (Narayanpura) and other saints were present on this occasion. They addressed the special assembly and

explained to the devotees the glory and majesty of Shri Hari, Sampradaya, Dharm Vansha and Acharyas. They appealed to the devotees to be faithful to the sect and diocese like a faithful married woman who trusts only in her husband. They asked the devotees to adhere to the orders given by Shri Hari in his scripture of Shikshapatri. Shri Hari himself had installed the Dharm Vanshi Acharya to lead this great diocese – Satsang. The devotees are required to adhere to the orders of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. They asked the devotees to submit themselves absolutely at the lotus feet of Lord Narnarayandev the supreme king of Bharata Khanda. H.H. Acharya Maharajshri blessed the satsang and conveyed his hearty pleasure to the devotees at Thobau.

- H.R. Suthar

H.D. Gardi Sahajanand High School, Jhilvana

This School at Jhilvana is managed and funded by Shri Narnarayandev Desh Diocese. Since long back, the school has become a perennial source of the knowledge in these backward area. The school has become an ideal example by it's excellence in imparting education and training.

The results of std. 8 and 9 were cent percent this year and there was 90% score in over all result of the class ten. The school has received permission from the state to open class : 11 in higher secondary. The admissions are open for the school and the boarding.

- Head Master

The results of the departmental examination conducted by the Department of Religious teaching, Shri Narnarayandev desh Peeth, Swaminarayan Mandir, Kalupur, Ahmedabad.

The Department of Religious teaching operates under the direct supervision of H.H. Lalji Maharajshri, and conducts graded examinations on religions contents. Results have been declared for the examinations conducted in years V.S. 2003. There were twenty eight examination centers and the 2015 aspirants were tested. Following are the graded results.

The aspirants appeared in examinations : 2015

The aspirants passed in the exams : 1760

Pass percent 96%

The merit list of the examinations.

Bal Satsang : 1. Nidhiben Ghansyambhai, Meghaninagar 100%. 2. Urmilaben Vinay Bhatt, Sahajanand Vidyalaya 99%. 3. Mayank Rajubhai, Kotheswar Gurukul 98%. 4. Prashant A. Chovatia, Asarva Gurukul 97%. 5. Sanket Pravinbhai Gajjar Dangarva 95%.

Kishor Satsang : 1. Paresh Vishnubhai Patel, Asarava Gurukul 100%. 2. Sapish Laljibhai, Koteshwar Gurukul 99%. 3. Kapin Madhubhai, Asarava Gurkul 99%. 4. Umesh Anilbhai, Asarva Gurkul 97%. 5. Akash Arvindbhai, Asarava Gurukul 97%.

Satsang Parichaya-3 : 1.Dhrumal Dinseshbhai, Asarava Gurkul 100%. 2. Shashank Rameshbhai, Asarvaa Gurkul 99%. 3. Vishal Valjibhai, Aasrava Gurkul 98%. 4. Prakash Haribhai, Asarava Gurukul 98%. 5. Jaidip Bhavji Dabhi, Dangarava 97%.

Satsangi Pravin Vachanamrit Sutra : 1. Nikunj N. Patel, Jhundal 100%. 2. Rekhaben Himatsinh Dabhi Dangarva 95%. 3. Navnit Jayantilal Patel, Harshad Mandir 92%. 4. Kuntalben Govindbhai, Dangarva 90%. 5. Mahendrabhai Vallabhai, Harshad Mandir 89%.

Satsang Pravin Vachanmrit Sutra-5 : 1. Manjulaben Ranjitsinh Dabhi Dangarava 87%. 2. Rakeshkumar Bharatsinh Dabhi Dangarva 83%. 3. Sanjaykumar Bhanusinh Dabhi Dangarva 81%.

Director

The Department of Religious contents

Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Kalupur, Ahmedabad.

Purushottam Maas and Shravana Satsang held at Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Sector-2 Gandhinagar

Our Swaminarayan Mandir at Sector : 2, Gandhinagar celebrates the religious events during Purushottam Maas and Shravana, with the due blessings of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri of Shri Narnarayndev Desh diocese. The religious events and festivals of the year shall be celebrated here on the relevant day of Purushottam Maas and special service shall be presented to God to earn the pleasure of Shri Hari. Besides these celebrations, there shall be most fortunate opportunity everyday to do darshan of the divine views, episodes and events crafted by the scholar saints on the bases of the scriptures of the Sampradaya.

The Himalaya Darshan, Pulhashram Darshan, Amarnath icon of Lord Shri Shiva made in ice, Hindola of the twelve doors, Lord Ghanshyam Swinging at the branch of mango tree, Idols of God installed at seven Dhaam (shrines) of the Sampradaya (Ahmedabad, Bhuj, Gadhada, Chhapaiya, Vadtal, Dholera and Junagadh and the Hindola Darshan of different kind of Hindolas shall be displayed everyday for the darshan by the devotees. Darsan is available w.e.f 24-7-04 and shall be open till 31-8-2004. the Satsangis and aspirants are welcome at the temple to join this devotional feast.

- Shri S.N. Mandir, Sector:2 Gandhinagar

MULI REGION

Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Limbdi.

Guru Purnima poojan was organized here with the due blessings of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri.

The event of Guru Poojan was organized at he temple by installting picture idol of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. Pooja, Archan, Aarti and guru Pooja gifts were presented by the devotees amidst devotional fervour. A special sabha was organized on this occasion. Mahant Swami Bhaktavatsaldasji had enlightened the devotees with the knowledge of glory, greatness and majesty of Shri Hari, Dharmkul and Dhamr Vanshi Achaya Maharajshri. The majesty of Guru Pooja was explained to the devotees. The Sabha was conducted by C.C. Patel.

- Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Limbdi

Shri Swaminarayan Samskardahm, Dhrangadhra

Guru Purnima was celebrated here by presenting poojan – Archan and Aarti to H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. The event was celebrated in presence of about four thousands devotees. The Photo image of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri was installed on the throne at the temple hall. Poojan, Archan, Aarti were presented by the devotees on behalf of local Satsang.

A special Sabha was organized on this occasion. S.G. Swami Ramkrishnadasji addressed the Sabha and explained to the devotees tje glory and majesty of Dharmvanshi Acharya and explained to them the importance of Guru Pooja on this occasion. As the saints from this temple were to visit overseas countries, they were wished heartily by the devotees for the favour and pleasure of Shri Hari. *- Ghanshyambhai Solanki*

OVERSEAS

Sydney (ISSO Australia)

The temle construction is steadily in progress with the due blessings of H.H. Acharya Maharajsrhi. The weekly Satsang was conducted as per following schedule to sing the praises of Shri Hari.

4-4-04	Shri Hari's birthday was celebrated and Annakut Aarti was presented to please Shri Hari.
18-4-04	From Shri Mihir Thakkar.
2-5-04	From Shri Dilipbhai Darjee.
16-5-04	From Shri Khimjibhai and Kiranbhai
30-5-04	ISSO Satsang.
13-6-04	ISSO Satsang.
27-6-04	ISSO Satsang.

A large number of devotees have attended these these Satsang Sessions and Dhoon, Kirtan, religious reading, Nitya Niyam and Thaat-Aarti were presentedto please Shri Hari. The Sabha dated 11-7-04 shall be conducted at the residence of Shri Maheshbhai Trivedi. Shri Mahesbhai Trivedi earns special favour of Shri Hari by presenting Gita-Path of half an hour duration in the Sabhas conducted by this Satsang.

The design work of the throne of God has been completed. The Satsang acitivity and temple works are progressing steadily with the due blessings of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. *- Jigar Darji*

Buwie Merriland (ISSO Washington Chapter)

A Sabha was organized on 3-7-04 at evening to earn the pleasure of Shri Hari. Katha-Kirtan, Dhoon, reciation and reading of the scriptures, Thaal, Aarti and Nitya Niyam were presented to please Shri Hari. A large number of devotees have attended the Sabha. The Satsang activities are in progress with the due blessings of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. *- Kanubhai Patel*

AKSHARVAAS

Balol-Bhall (Muli) : Shri Govindbhai Vaghabhai Sindhav passed away on 7-7-04 amidst the chants of Shri Hari's divine names. His grand father was favoured personally by Shri Hari and blessed foot prints were given to him as celestial gift.

Mota Ankevalia (Dhrangadhra-Muli) : Shri Bhagwanbhai Vitthalbhai Parejia passed away on 23-6-04 amidst the chants of Shri Hari's names.

Vehlal : Shri Govindbhai Ambalal Patel passed away on 1-7-04 amidst the chants of Shri Haris names.

Smt. Kankuba (wife of Ex-Poojari Dahyabhai) passed away on 2-7-04 amdist the chants of Shri Hari's divine names.

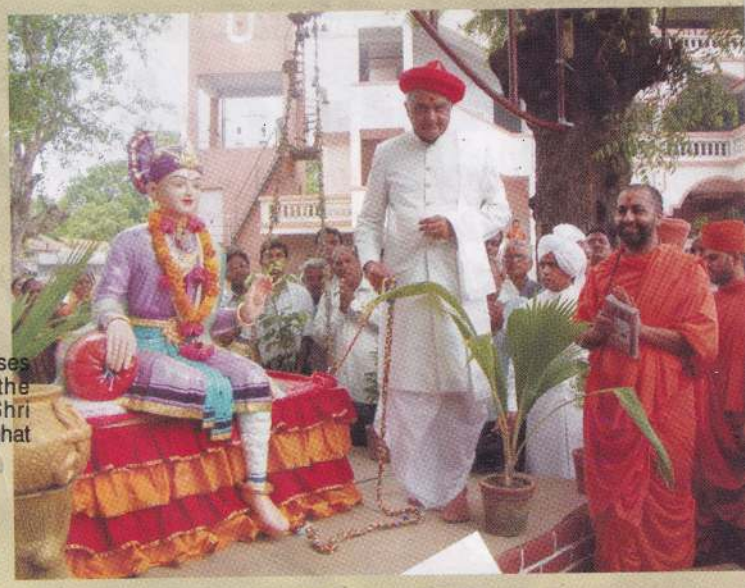
Modasa (Sabarkantha) : Shri Shankarbhai Kohyabhai passed away on 15-7-04 amidst the chants of Shri Hari's divine names.

Demai (Sabarkantha) : Shri Madhubai Revabhai Patel passed away on 10-7-04 amidst the chants of Shri Hari's divine names.





H.H. Acharya Maharajshri blesses inauguration ceremony of the religious exhibition held at Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Narayanghat



H.H. Acharya Maharajshri rocks the swing of Lord Ghanshyam Maharaj at our Narayanghat temple.



Lord Ghanshyam Maharaj at Rang Mahol receives Patotsava Aarti from the Sixthy Descendant Heir of him.

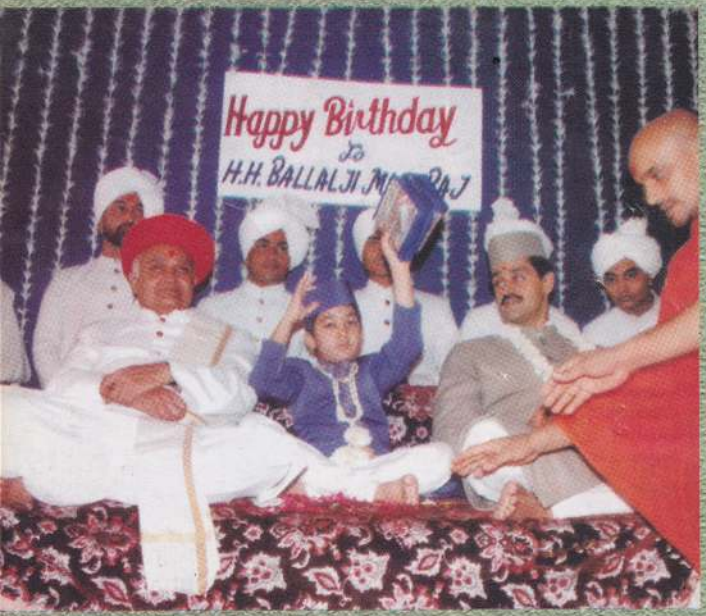


Group Maha Pooja of Purushottam Maas, Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Narayan Ghat.





S.G. Dhyani Swami inaugurates the religious exhibition organized at Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Sector : 2 Ghandhinagar.









Respected Bal Lalji Maharajshri receives birthday wishes on his seventh birthday, in benign presence of his grandfather H.H. Acharya Maharajshri and his father H.H. Lalji Maharajshri. Respected Bal Lalji Maharajshri with his grandfather presented birthday Aarti to Lord Narnarayandev and graced thereafter the Sabha at the Prasadi Sabha Mandap.