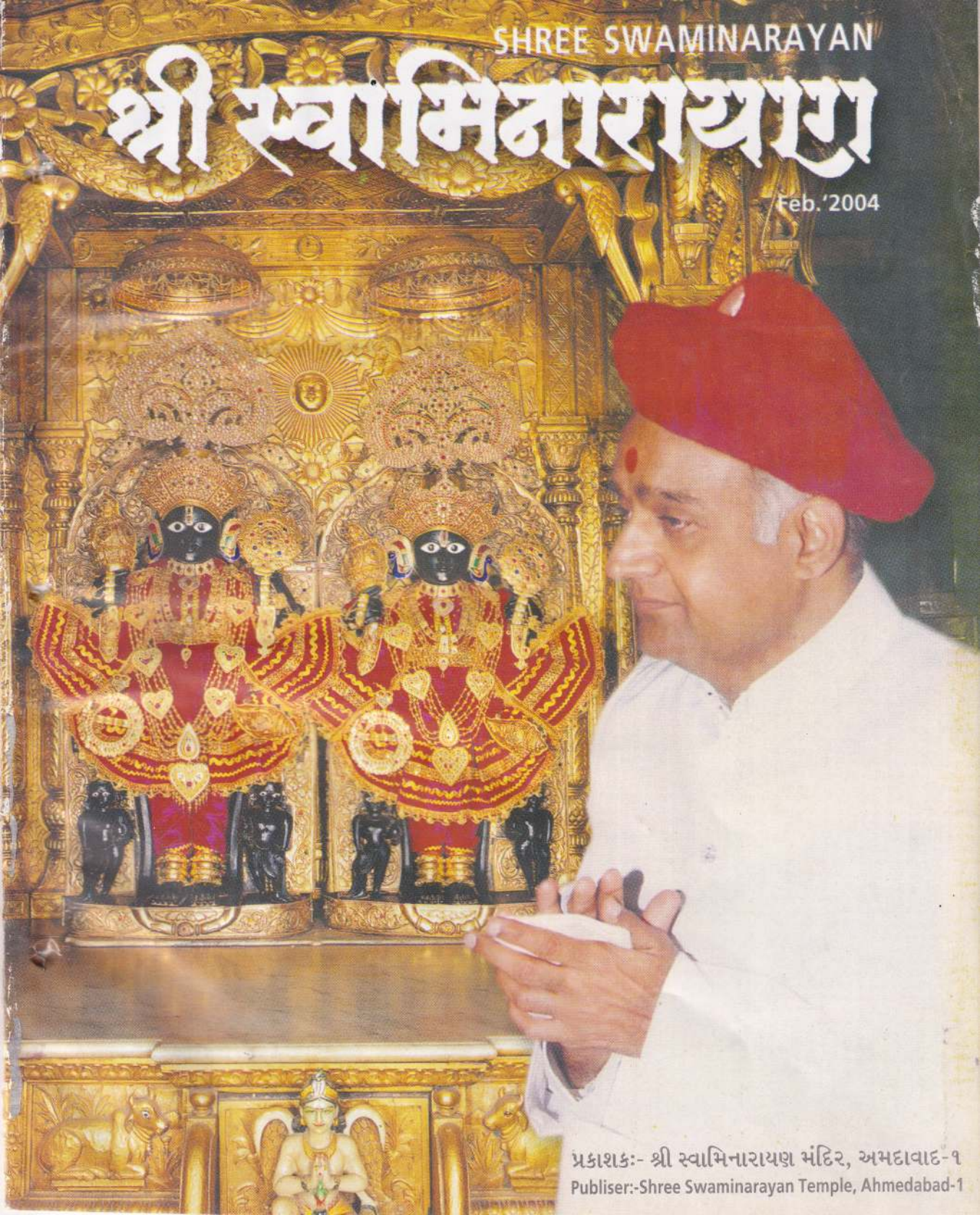
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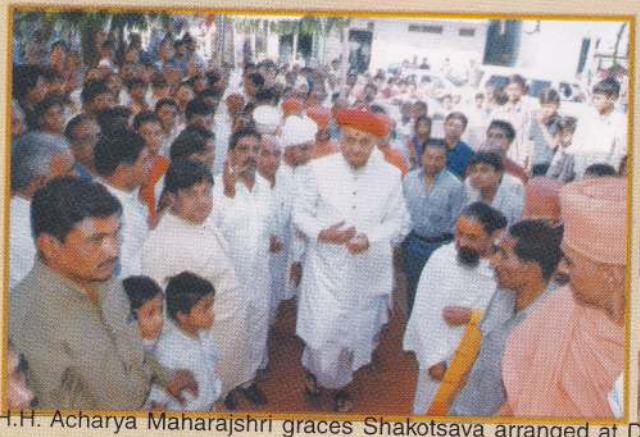
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EDITORIAL

Aspirants and devotees thronged the abode of God at Muli to receive from H.H. Lalji Maharajshri the welcome splashes of Vasantotsava in the benign presence of Lord Radhakrishnadev. As and when we look at these festivities, it revive the blessed memories of the Samaiyas, Rangotsavas and Fuldolotsavas held by Lord Shriji Maharaj to swing Lord Narnarayandev in the cradle of flowers. These memories give blissful pleasure to our heart. Every soul desires such soulful pleasure, but the soul at the same time does not find the way to attain God, and strays mid way, to walk on the path of miseries. The soul, drawn irrationally walks and runs on the path of the pains. The man travelling and sailing in an unfathomable salty ocean, becomes happy when he sees beacon-like twinkling lights of a harbour; similarly the aspirants at the ocean of the worldly life are made happy and confident about success of their journey by the tall religious flag of Lord Narnarayandev - the indwelling God of the Shri Swaminarayan Temple - embraced and lovingly hugged by Shri Hari. The flag of the axiomatic religion promises loudly to the worldly soul the benediction of the self by the grace of Lord Narnarayandev. It invites aspirants, devotees and the strayed souls to the feast of ultimate happiness. It invites everybody to take the first step towards the path of ultimate benediction and all such souls receive from here the supreme knowledge of the ultimate truth-the divine truth. तपसा चियते ब्रह्म the knowledge of Brahm (supreme consciousness) is attainable by penance. Such knowledge is not attainable without penance. A soul can not be emancipated without such ultimate knowledge. ऋते: ज्ञान न मोक्ष: Moksha is not available without Gyana. This soul receives God by the divine powers exercised by Shri Narnarayandev through His penance. The soul thus attains true knowledge and ultimate benediction.

- Shastri Swami Nirgundas
Editor
Shri Swaminarayan.



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

January-2004

2. Graced the house of devotees Shri haileshbhai Pashabhai at Palsana.
3. Graced the residencies of the devotees Shri Dharmshibhai P. Zalawadia (Aproach-Bapunagar), Shri Kanaiyalal Babulal Thakkar and Bharatbhai M. Barot, Meghaninagar, Ahmedabad.
4. Graced Parayan Katha held at the residence of Shri Ghanshyambhai Managaldas Patel, Soja.
6. Graced Shakotsava held at Motap.
8. Graced village Ghanshyampur of Muli region.
10. Graced the house of Shri Ashokbhai I. Patel, Odhav.
    Graced the residency of the devotees Shri Maheshbhai Parikh at Shahibaugh, Ahmedabad.
    Graced Installation ceremony of the idols in the temple (women's) at Viratnagar-Odhav.
    Graced the house of Shri Shaileshbhai Babubhai, New-Bapunagar, Ahmedabad.
11. Graced Shakotsava held at Narayan Ghat Temple.
    Graced the place of Shri Natvarlal P. Mistry, Dariyapur, Ahmedabad.
    Graced `Ramanlal Patel & Co.' Relife Road, Ahmedabad.
    Graced Parayan Katha held at Gurukul, Kalol.
12. Graced Parayan Katha held at the residence of Shri Vasantbhai Patel, Unza.
    Graced the residence of Shri Nareshbhai Devchanddas Panchotia.
13. Graced the dwelling of Shri Narayanbhai S. Patel (Soja wala), Shahibaugh, Ahmedabad.
    Graced Shakotsava held at Shri Sahajanand Gurukulam, Koteshwar.
    Graced the house of Shri Hiral P. Patel, Asarva.
    Graced the residencey of Shri C. K. Patel and Shri Mathurbhai M. Patel, Shahibaugh, Ahmedabad.
14. Graced concluding session of Dhanurmaas Dhoon held at Shri Swaminarayan Temple, Kalupur, Ahmedabad.
    Graced the residence of Shri Pravinchandra H. Barot Ghatlodia, Ahmedabad.
15. Graced the house of Shri Kanaiyalal K. Patel and Shri Pravinbhai R. Patel respectively at village Zulasan, Satellite, Jodhupur and Ahmedabad.
16. Graced Shakotsava Organized at village Vihar.
    Graced M/s. C.G. Jewellers, Vastrapur, Ahmedabad.
    Graced the residence of Shri Pravinchandra B. Upadhyay (I.P.S.) Bopal.
17. Graced Rajpath club and blessed marriage ceremony held in family of Dr. Sureshbhai K. Patel.

17. Graced the residency of Shri Jasubhai A. Patel and the house of Shri Jyotsnaben A. Patel at Kalol.
    Graced Shakotsava organised at Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Manekpur-Chaudhari.
    Graced the house of Shri Maheshbhai K. Pandya and blessed the new-weds, Satelitte, Ahmedabad.
18. Graced the residency of Shri Ishwarbhai V. Patel (U.S.A.) to bless the marriage at Satellite, Ahmedabad.
    Graced presence at the foundation laying ceremony of `Dalvadi Samaj community Hall', Halvad.
19. Graced Village Pratappura (Mansa)
20. Extensive Religious tour of Nairobi-Mombasa-Kenya.



Appointment Diary of Future Acharya Respected Shri Lalji Maharajshri

January-2004

4. Graced Shakotsava organized at Shri Prabha Hanuman Mandir, Jamiyatpura.
   Graced ``Samkalpa-Yatra'' from Kankaria and Kalupur Temple.
9. Graced Satsang Sabha held at Memka, Lilapur and Lakhtar of Muli region.
10. Graced presence at the Satsang Sabha held at Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Limbdi (Muli Region)
15-16. Graced presence at the religious sessions held at Utbet, Sampar and Jamsar (Muli Region-Halar)
17. Graced visit of Pratappura (Mansa).
18. Graced Satsang at the place of Shri Rajnibhai N. Maheta.
19. Graced Parayan Katha at Jivrajpark Mandir.
21. Graced special Satsang organized at Ranjitgadh, Jetpar and Khakharechi of Muli region.
22-23. Graced Jamsar and other village in Halar area of Muli region.
24. Graced Shakotsava at Mubarakpur.
    Graced Kadi town to bless the devotees.
25. Graced Narayanpura Temple on oceasion of ``Samkalpa-Yatra.''
26. Graced presence at Vasatn Panchami Samaiya, Muli.
27. Graced Shakotsava at Shri Swamianrayan Mandir Disa.
28. Graced Parayan Katha at the residence of Shri (Dr.) Govindbhai G. Patel, Aldepura.
29. Graced Patotsava of Torda Mandir, Torda.
30. Blessed his devout dependants at Kholadiad and Rampara of Muli region.
31. Graced Patotsava of God at Naranpura Mandir, Ahmedabad.

MATERNAL OBLIGATION

Swami Shrirangdasji (Siddhapur)

Man carries on his soul three major debts: Maternal, Paternal and his teacher's obligations. We are indebted to them.

Mother gives birth to her child. She raises her child by bearing hardships. A man should not forget his debt towards his mother. A man can not repay it even after hundreds of such births. These are the words of Lord Shri Krishna. While imprisoned in Mathura, Lord Shri Krishna had said so to his mother-Devaki. Lord Ghanshyam Maharaj had served at his best to his mother.

Our forefathers and manes who are not present with us contemporarily, need to be benedicted by us. It is our primary duty.

Mother's funeral rituals of the first day, tenth day and the eleventh day should be conducted at Siddhapur by offering sacred water and meals to the manes. On completion of the two years, deceased mother should be included in annual Shraadha by conducting her shraadha rituals at Siddhapur. Every son should perform this noble duty for benediction of his mother.

Father had sustained us physically. He has done his best for our education and therefore, we as a son are indebted to our father.

Guru has given us knowledge. He has educated us by teaching us virtues. We are indebted to our Guru.

God has given us this birth as a human being. God gives us food, water and light. We are indebted to our God. To become free from this debts a man should do Dharmada. He should do donations to God's place - religious place.

रक्षन्ति पुन्यानि पुरा कृतानि ।

(Virtuous rewards of the past, protect the soul.)

Long long ago, the great hermit Kardam Prajapati did a major penance of thousands of years at the bank of the sacred river Saraswati. Bhagwan manifested himself and saw the penance of Kardam Prajapati. The penance was so painful and difficult, that Bhagwan wept with sheer compassion and tears rolled from his eyes. The tears dropped on the earth and formed the holy lake of Bindu Sarovar (Lake Bindu).

God awoke Kardam Rishi from his penance and meditational concentration. Kardam did Pranam to Bhagwan and prayed to him for his pleasure. Bhagwan then asked Kardam to stop his penance and told him to live a householder's life. God informed him that king Manu and Queen Shataroopa were to visit on the next day after that place with their Princess Devhooti. God then advised him to accept their daughter Devhooti as his wife.

King Manu with Queen Shataroopa and their daugher Devhooti, came to the hermitage of Kardam. Kardam Rishi received them warmly. While accepting their daughter as his wife, Kardam Rishi said that on receiving a son from Devhooti, he would forsake householdership to live like a Sanyasi in the seclusion of the forests. Manu and Shatroopa gifted wealth to their daughter and son-in-law, and went back to the state capital.

As time passed, Mother Devhooti prospered the family and nine baby girls were born to her. Eldest among them was Ansuya who became known as Maha Sati Ansuya. Ansuya was married to great Rishi

Atri. Datt, Durvasa and Chandrama were born to them. All nine daughters were married to great Rishis and hermits at an appropriate age, and the world was populated by the progeny of the great Rishis born to these nine daughters.

Kapil Bhagwan was incarnated on the earth and was born to the daughter of Devhooti. Kapil Bhagwan is one among the twenty four incarnations of Supreme Lord. Kapil Bhagwan was born in Gujarat and Jat-Karm Samskar (sacred rituals of birth) were performed to him by Kapil Muni himself. The sacred thread ceremony was conducted on the eighth year of the child, Rishi Kardam then disowned householder's life as per his earlier resolute, became a sanyasi and did penance and meditation in the seclusion of the forests.

Kapil Bhagwan did service of his mother. He preached to her the spritual philosophy of Samkhya and benedicted her. He most religiously performed the Shraddha-Karma when she expired and consigned her to the divine abode of God. As she had attained "Siddha's status" at the place where her funeral rites and rituals were conducted, the place of Saraswati-Shrine became known as Siddhapadam and as time passed, people called it Siddhapur.

This shrine is very ancient. Deceased mother should be included in annual shraddha after two years of death. And thereafter, the mane's rites of her Shradh should be performed here at Siddhapur by her son. This is the ethical duty of a religious minded son, and by performing his duty, a son earns the pleasure of God for benedicting the soul of his deceased mother.

One Satsangi - Ranchhodbhai of Siddhapur - had donated his house to the first Acharya Ayodhyaprasadji Maharaj. The house was then transformed into a temple and idols of Lord Dharm Bhakti Harikrishna Maharaj were installed by the first Acharya Maharaj of this dioces. Installation rituals were conducted as per vedic procedure on the auspicious eleventh day of the bright half of Jyeshtha in V.S. 1921.

The people not doing mother's funeral rites and rituals by ceremoniously offering the sacred water and meals, have been found to pass through miserable conditions such as ailments, family conflicts, physical harm, loss of wealth etc. Mane's rituals are the noble duties of a religious - minded householder. Lord Shri Krishna himself did, on behalf of his devotee, the Shraadha of Narsinh Maheta's father.

Our temple in Siddhpur offers ful-fledged guest house facilities for our devotees who have been visiting this place for the rituals and rites of manes. Devotees are requested to avail the facilities while at this holy place. Temple Phone No. (02767) 220246.

Lord Swaminarayan Bhagwan had graced this holy city in V.S. 1865, when he, with his 500 saints, bathed in the sacred river Saraswati. Host devotees were encouraged and inspired by him to donate cash gifts to the Brahmins and Kitchen-ware and dining sets to the community Kitchen of the Brahmin caste. At that juncture, the glory and greatness of this sacred shrine was explained by Shri Hari.

While at a holy place like this, one should get ones head shaved. One shuold offer sumptuous meals to the Brahmins and should distribute cash gifts to them. Don't be angry at a sacred place. And to earn virtuous reward, follow the tenets of religion throughout your visit. Faith and trust in the shrine is the pre-condition for the positive reward of such a pilgrimage.

FREEDOM FROM ADDICTION

Prof. Mahadev Dhoriani

Here are two episodes narrated by Ravishanker Maharaj :

(1) `This happened during the riots and social unrest of 1941. The Blood soaked riots lasted for three days in the industrial city of Ahmedabad. City life was paralysed and curfew was clamped on the walled city and in the subarban areas. Human beings disappeared from the streets and roads. Nobody dared to peep outside their dwellings but I was moving freely in residential and commercial areas visiting the houses to revive the spirits of the trouble-torn people. Once during such a visit , I found a man outside his house. The man, though he was not known to me, knew me very well and about my mission. He saluted me and said, `Maharaj ! I have been tormented very badly this time. These are the most sorrowful days of my life.'

I asked him about his problem, was he injured ? Were his property and savings lost ? Was his establishment damaged or was there any loss in his family ?' What was that worst torment ?

Then, explaining his problem, he disclosed that he was in the habit of chewing betel leaves regularly and in great frequency. Since the riots he was deprived of it. That was his third day without a Paan (betel leaf) !

I was astonished at his `Vulnerable slavery to the betel leaf.' Poor man ! He was a slave of addiction - bad habit. According to Sanskrit - dictionary word व्यसन stands for the 'pains'. This is a Sankrit word. In English the word is represented by `addiction or afficition or habit.' The things of bare necessity are detached or nautral by nature. Such things are not pestering us. But these addictive items are so shameless and so alluring that they wait cunningly for an opportune time and grab poor us in no time. If we missd a glass of milk on one morning, it is fine and it will not effect your mind or routine; but a cup of tea if not had or missed per chance in the morning, it will make you feel uneasy and probably have the effect of a headache on you by noon.'

The youth and the students chewing tobacco and tobacco products should learn something from this.

(2) `Ranchhod uncle is our family friend. He has a bad habit of smoking. As and when you see him, you will find his mouth fixed with a smoking pipe and releasing small rings of flavoured tobacco smoke, like the chimney of a small factory. After a long period of many years, he got a male child. The couple was now very happy. Ranchhod uncle broke the good news and wrote a letter to my father. We were very happy to receive such good news. My father wrote back to congratulate them :

`Dear Ranchhodbhai !

Congratulatuons to both of you.

When new born grows up, you will find in him at least a good helping hand for filling your tobacco-pipe. How nice it would be to have a companion like him in your smoking sessions.

Congratulations once again.'

When he read the letter, Ranchhodbhai realised the damage caused by his bad habit. He thought on it seriously and a hidden fear shook his mind. Would his so too become an addict ? He then pondered on it repeatedly and stopped chewing tobacco forever. A right type of hint at the right moment ! And it changed his entire life style.

Moral of the story : Addiction makes our consciousness dirty and suffocates our virtues to stop forever the benediction of the soul. Therefore, come forward and act publicly to eradicate addiction and bad habits.

Life is like a emery stone. It depends on

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A 'Zero' earns value when attached to 'One'

Gordhanbhai V. Sitapara

There were many supreme saints Gopalanand Swami, Brahmanand Swami, Nityanand Swami, Nishkulanand Swami, Shuk Muni, Vasudevanand Swami, Vyapakanand Swami, Premanand Swami, Devanand Swami, Gunatitanand Swami, Adharanand Swami, Ananadanand Swami, Adbhutanand Swami and others. All were great saints, wielding divine majesty and great powers. Among those great saints 500 were leading Paramhamsas. Each among them wielded infinite powers. If one saints ordered for rain, the rain would fall instantly. If another saint desired no-rain, there would be no rain and it would will stop instantly if it was raining earlier. Dead animals got a fresh lease of life if a saint desired so. Planets and celestial objects changed their regular course if a saint desired such a change. Childless aged couples got a male child and sustained their lineage at the will of such a saint. The saints of past and saints in the contemporary time hold such super human powers. From where did they draw such divine powers and majesty ? They have received it by devotional meditation of the Supreme Lord Sahajanand Swami. In those days he dwelt in human form and in contemporary times he is present in the form of idol. Shriji Maharaj is the eternal source of power, eternal and limitless luminosity emanates from him to brighten our inner self. Luminosity and extent of such brightness depends on the kind of one's association with Shriji Maharaj. Stronger the connection greater the result A devotee or a saint draws that much divine power from the eternal source - Shriji Maharaj. This power connection is very important. If connected loosely the energic current will flicker leaving many gaps and interruption. And if disconnected, there shall be a power cut and chaos. All elemental objects inclusive of the physical being are worthless objects in the absence of the divine power generated from the eternal source. In those days, there were a few saints, who lost such power connetion due to their personal ego. They lost their orbit and lived a dull life. In our scriptures people like Raghunathdas, Valbai, Harbai and others have been treated as anti-religious elements. They were transformed into worthless 'Zero', as soon as they lost their rapport with 'One' ! Those who were connected firmly had illuminated their life like the sun and the moon, and have become famous worldwide.

For a judicious administration and proper management of the sect, Shriji Maharaj had installed two Acharyas (Supreme Preceptors) by dividing this sect in to two dioces. These Acharyas descend from the Dharmvansha and have been choosen by Shriji Maharaj himself. Lord Shriji Maharaj guides and expands the contemporary Satsang through the Acharya Maharajshri of each of these dioces. This highest religious seat holds unimaginable value and respect, as it was established and founded long back by Shriji Maharaj himself. The Acharya, holding this seat receives the divine light of Shri Hari - his great father. Acharya Maharajshri of both these dioces are the unpararrelend form of Shri Shriji Maharaj - a manifestation of Shriji Maharaj.

Shriji Maharaj wrote Shikshapatri for all his dependent followers and taught them the religious duties suitable to common men, householders, men, women, widows, kings, saints, celibates and Acharyas to maintain their religious status. Shri Hari favours all those, who adhere to the specific and general ethical duites prescribed by him. Those who cross their limit have lost the favour of Shriji Maharaj. Our Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharaj has occasionaly : It

said may be me or it may be others like our saints and devotees, each will hold a significance and greatness till he lives within the boundary of the decorum laid by Shri Hari and shall be void if he crosses the limit.' It is a thoughtful sentence. At the temple we sing this devotional song :

"મારી મરજી વિના રે, કોઈથી તરણું નવ તોડાય,
એમ મને જાણે જો રે, મારા આશ્રિત સૌ નરનારી."

Nothing happens unless I desire. All my dependents should know this truth.

Lord Rama met his younger brother Bharata when the latter came to Chitrakut for a holy meeting. In a similar way, a holy meeting of the two Acharyas i.e. between Acharya Maharajshri of Shri Narnarayandev Dioces and Acharya Maharajshri of Shri Lakshminarayandev Peeth materialised when Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Rakeshprasadji Maharajshri graced the Prasadi Sabha Mandapam of Shri Swaminarayan Temple at Ahmedabad. They embraced each other with great love. Clean hearted devotees and saints were drawn by the devotional pleasure on seeing this holy meeting and the pure devotional love between the two Acharyas.

Such a holy meeting materialised once again on the auspicious celebrations of the 179th Annual Patotsava of Lord Lakshiminarayan. H.H. Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharajshri favoured this Satsang and graced the occasion. He was received heartily with great honour and was welcomed warmly by Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Rakeshprasadji Maharajshri by garlanding rose-flower garlands.

The Satsang of both the dioces was most fortunate to be able to do darshan of both the Acharyas presenting Annual Patotsava Abhishekam to Lord Lakshminarayandev at Vartal. They together appealed to the entire Satsang to rise with greater unity and spread the message of universal brotherhood and welfare of mankind worldwide. They had prayed so to Lord Harekrishna Maharaj and Lord Shri Harekrishna Maharaj had favoured us by blessing us with the golden age of favourable time. This is then golden-age of this great sect.

We are required to ready ourselves to avail at maximum the golden age of Satsang. And for that, we are required to attach our self more firmly to H.H. Acharya Maharajshri, to Lord Narnarayandev and to be attached with the same enthusiasm and faith to the satsang of Lord Shri Maharaj.

Cont. from Page No. 6 **Freedom from addiction**

our inner matter whether we shall be sharpened finely or whether we shall be worn off due to undisciplined rubbing.

Tobacco, chewing tobacco, betel leaf, betel nuts, tea etc. are the holes in the pot of our income. Our income and wealth are drained away through these holes.

For peace and happiness, one should stay away from intoxications; One should stay away from a luxurious life style. Eat simple meals of roti, daal, vegetables and rice. These are not costly but luxuries are.

Develop good knowledge and wisdom to determine what your need is and what shall be a luxury ? Such knowledge will plug those holes. Once the holes are plugged well, our labour and hard work will result into a real profit. An unwise act of addiction will ruin your life.

Detachment and attachment both have a room in human life. For certain things there should be detachment and disliking and for certain virtuous things one should feel attached. Eat for living, but do not live for eating. Let it become a motto of your life. This will reduce your expenses and the sins which would be attracted by such spending. It will reduce your ailment. A man without addiction lives a long and healthy life for his self-benediction.

Majesty of the blissful names of God

Amrit K. Modi

Everyone should constantly chant the blissful names of God. Such an act maintains our rapport with God. God too remembers us permanently.

God acts for his devotees without appearing in front of them. We chanters know nothing about this hidden fact. Our success and gains are the sweet fruits of our devotion and the silent chants submitted at the mercy of God.

જે સ્વામિનારાયણ નામ લેશે
તેનાં બધાં પાતક બાળી દેશે
છે નામ મારા શ્રુતિમાં અનેક,
સર્વોપરિ આજ ગણાય એક
જે સ્વામિનારાયણ એકવાર રટે
બીજા નામ રટ્યાં હજાર
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કરી શકે વર્ણન કોણ તેનું
ષડક્ષરી મંત્ર મહા સમર્થ
જેથી થશે સિધ્ધ સમસ્ત અર્થ
સુખી કરે સંકટ સર્વ કાપે,
અંતે વળી અક્ષરધામ આપે

(Harililamrit)

Prahlad remembered, right from his birth, the blessed chants of God's names. His father - Hiranyakashipu tried his maximum to stop Prahlad from chanting God's names, but he failed to stop him. Prahlad constantly remembered the blissful names and God in his proximity helped him constantly in his trouble. We act differently. In our hay days we remember and think of the luxuries and only remember God when we are tormented very badly. Prahlad's father - Hiranyakashipu - was a scholar of the scriptures - a learned person, but he was an enemy of God's names. Hiranyakashipu had, therefore acquired a boon by pleasing Lord Brahma - creator God. According to the boon, he could not be killed by a man or an animal. He could not be killed during day time or at night. Not by any weapon of wood or metal and could not be killed in a room or in the open.

ભક્ત પ્રહલાદની ટેક તમે રાખવા સ્તંભ દીધો તો ફાડી.

God manifested himself in the form of Nrisimha - Leoman by tearing a pillar, God killed him within the limits of the boon. Devotees always act kindly. Prahlad too desired the benediction of his merciless father.

Another such story is about Dhruva. Dhruva's father was married to two women. Queen Suniti was his real mother and Queen Suruchi was his step mother. His step mother taunted him and asked him to be born as her son in orderto be able to sit on his father's lap. These taunting words hurt his heart deeply and he narrated the event to his real mother Suniti. Mother Suniti asked him to remember God and chant the divine names of God to attain an unparalled position. Dhruva did penance and chanted the blissful names of God. God bestowed him divinity with the a highest position eternally. Even today, we see in the north direction the star of Dhruva. This shows the majesty of the chants of God's names.

Natha Jogia is admired by the scripture of the Swaminarayan sect. Natha Jogia lived at Jasdan - Bhoyara and preached to chant blissful names of Lord Shriji Maharaj. Vajsur Khachar was the harsh and merciless ruler of that village. He broke the legs and knees of poor people for their small faults, and threw them in the a deep pit to die miserably. Najha Jogia desired once to preach mercy and compassion to Vajsur Khachar. He came to the court of Vajsur Khachar and asked him to refrain from cruelty and mercilessness. He told the king that to break the knees of his subjects and to torment them by throwing them into a dark pit was not proper for him as a dutiful king. Vajsur Khachar was a short tempered king. He roared in anger, `Who are you to advise me ? If your God is true and real He should give me darshan before sunrise. If he fails to do so, you too shall be sent along those helpless criminals. The disheartened devotee came back home. He lost his appelite and sleep. Worry and anxiety broke his will-power. However, being a true devotee, he knew about the divine power of God's names. He began non-stop Japa of God's names : `Swaminarayan... Swaminarayan...'

Lord Swaminarayan who was gracing Visnagar, got up at midnight from his bed and asked his celibate saint for a quick visit of Jasdan Bhoyara. The celibate hesitated for a moment, as it was midnight and Jasdon Bhoyara was too far to reach. But Maharaj insisted on an immediate visit and said that his dear devotee was calling out him. He then observed that it would be most ungrateful on his part if he did not reach there in time.

Lord Swaminarayan Bhagwan graced Jasdan Bhoyara well before sunrise and said, `Naja Bhagat ! Come on. Let us go and give Darshan to Vajsur Khachar.' Vajsur Khachar prayed at the lotus feet of Shri Hari and surrendered as a dependent of Shri Hari. This is the majesty of Japa.

Shabari belonged to the tribal community. She was uneducated and lesser civilized. Somebody told her that Rama was travelling in the forest and he may visit her hut enroute. She was a devotee of Bhagwan. She began Japa and chanted the names of God to do darshan of Lord Rama. She passed many days and nights in such chanting sessions. Lord Rama came to her hut and ate sweet berries at her hut. Each and every piece was hand picked and chosen carefully by her after a properly tasling each berry. God comes to his poorest devotee if his names a chanted heartily.

Bhakta Meerabai did Japa of Shri Krishna's name. She was a devotee of Shri Krishna. The King desired to kill Meera, and sent a glassful of poison to assassinate her. Meera took it as Prasad of Shri Krishna. The deadly

poison became nectar to her and sustained her devotional fervour. God protects his devotees.

Narsinh Maheta was a single-minded devotee and the chanted names of God for self-benediction.

God showered his divine pleasure and descended to earth to do Mameru (ceremonious gifts from the parents side of the bride) of Kuvarbai. Kuvarbai was the daugher of Narsinh Maheta.

Draupadi too served Lord Shri Krishna. She tore her sari and tied it to protect the bleeding wound of Lord Shri Krishna. Shri Krishna maintained her dignity through nine hundred ninety nine saris when Dushasan pulled her sari and tried to uncover her decorum at the court.

The chants of God's divine names generate love and devotional fervour in our heart. Chanting becomes most interesting if we do it regularly.

Koteshwar is a village located on the bank of Sabarmati. Zaver Bhagat lived at Koteshwar. He did japa and chanted the divine names of God when he went to the river side for ablutive daily bathing. Some opponents of religion, thought to stop his Japa and chanting by killing Zaver Bhagat. They allegedly told him that he had shifted loyalty and had installed Swaminarayan as his God. According to them, it was sinful act. Zaver Bhagat refuted the allegations and said that Swaminarayan was the truest name of God in the era of Kaliyug. Those opponents then challenged him to jump from the dome of Lord Shiva's temple to prove his truth.

પછી ભોળો ભક્ત બુદ્ધિ બાળ ચડ્યો શિવાલયે તત્કાળ
મેલ્યું ત્યાં થકી પડતું તન સ્વામી, સ્વામી કરતાં ભજન

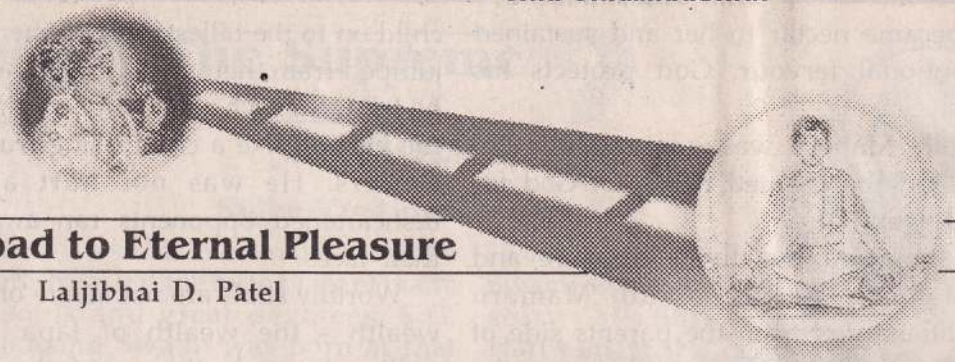
Zaver Bhagat climbed like an innocent child on to the tallest peak of the temple and jumped from there on to the ground. Though he fell from such a tall height, he got up from the ground like a child rising from a bed of flowers. He was not hurt at all. The disheartened opponents ran away to hide their faces.

Worldly souls are not aware of this divine wealth - the wealth of Japa. They take millionairse to be the most fortunate persons - rich men. But a man with millions of Japa is not rich in the eyes of the householders. Now when a millionaire dies, his wealth will not accompany him in his journey to the other world. In case of a devotee, his wealth of millions of japa accompany him in his journey to the other world. Japa is the most valuable wealth - eternal wealth. Thus the wealth of Japa is far better than the wealth of money and assets.

તારી એક એક પળ જાય લાખની તુ તો માળા રે જપી લે ઘનશ્યામની.
ખાલી આવ્યા ખાલી જાશો, સાથે શું લાવ્યા લઈ જાશો.
જીવન ધન્ય રે બનાવો ભક્તિ ભાવથી.
તારી એક એક પળ જાય લાખની.

We leave this world empty-handed. Worldly wealth and the elements of eternal entity never share in our final journey. Therefore, quit elemental ties and do japa of God's names.

We have emphasised more on chanting, Japa and on writing the blissful names of God. This is the most important religious activity in the festivities of the Platinum Jubilee Birthday celebrations. Procure a set of exercise books from the temple and write the blissful names of God to share in the Japa-Yagya.



The Road to Eternal Pleasure

Laljibhai D. Patel

We are most fortunate Satsangis. We have known the truth, glory and greatness of Almighty Swaminarayan Bhagwan. We are happy physically and materially our roots in this great Satsang. We are Satsangis and therefore, we are happy materially. Unfortunately, we have accepted these worldly pleasures as our final destination. This is our biggest blunder. The pleasures and joys derived from the sense objects are not everlasting, these are ephemeral and material. We at times feel unhappy and sad if we fail to receive a tasty food or a pleasant news, or an eye-pleasing view or other such things. And the ephemeral pleasures on hand, fail rather miserably to entertain our wounded desires.

This too is a side reality - a hard fact. Since eternity, man goes on experiencing such moments in his life and royal life style. Though in Satsang, a Satsangi feels such pains in his life as a householder and finds some thing missing in his happy life. Why is it so ? It happens as a fruit of our incompetency in determining our ultimate goal - supreme aim. We have not attained our ultimate destination. Though halfway, we have accepted that mid point as the ultimate destination of our spiritual journey. We have hoisted there our victory flag and have made it our final destination. We have stopped walking further, and therefore we are not able to do darshan of Supreme God.

S.G. Gunatitanand Swami had said that the pleasures of the sense objects are polluted by pains. All such pleasures result into minor or major pain. The sense objects related to God, always give a pollution free pleasure. We should stop running after small time pleasures and should aim high for the eternal pleasure - divine bliss.

We are most pitiable souls. We are like vultures flying high in the sky but looking down at the earth goading a dead body with his sharp vision ! We although at a reasonable spiritual plane, hardly fix our mind and concentration on God, but chase and run after the ephemeral pleasures ! One can not receive eternal pleasures from a sense object.

Who forces us to do so ? Why does it happen so ? Maya the eternal entity is the cause behind such temptations. S.G. Brahmanand Swami says :

અહો પ્રભુ અચરજ માયા તુમ્હારી,
જીસ મેં મોહે સકલ નર-નારી
બ્રહ્મા મોહે શંકર મોહે, મોહે ઈન્દ્ર બલકારી,

Oh God ! Your Maya is full of amazement.

Maya allures everybody everywhere. God, creator, Indra and Shankar were tempted by it. Human beings are too weak to resist the onslaught of Maya.

Maya has become a veil and a hurdle for man in his holy walk towards God. We, on this side, are attached to this great sect and have become true servants of Lord Swaminarayan Bhagwan. Keeping in view this fact, there should be no fear of Maya in the case of true devotees of Shri Hari. We are sons of God. We should know this fact. We are like the princes of an emperor. A prince, if he knew well about his relationship with the king, he shall not be afraid of any subjects of his. Nobody dares to dictate a prince, but a prince holds full authority to direct and extract work from anybody in the kingdom. This he can do and can exeraise his powers if he know well about himself, his father and the relations that exist between the two of them. If the prince is not enlightened with the knowledge of his noble connections, he would not be able to exercise his powers. This is exactly, our state. We lack knowledge of the relations connection with the supreme, the divine. This ignorance has deprived us of eternal pleasure and divine bliss. Help yourself to enlighten your consciousness. Do it by reading Vachanamrit and Shikshapatri. Walk steadily and firmly on the devotional path paved by the Shikshapatri and Vachanamrits. Detach yourself from the alluring sense objects. Attach all your sense organs in the devotion of God. Concentrate on the blissful image of Shri Hari. If are the suggestions implemented most religiously, the alluring Maya shall not be able to detain you in acquiring eternal pleasure of God. In fact, eternal pleasure shall be available very easily, and though on the earth you shall be able to attain Akshardham.

Thus, the eternal pleasure and it's attainment is not that diffult to receive, if an aspirant acts in the right direction. Devotees are required to act non-stop.

While shopping for the self and the family one has to be extra careful and most vigilant withe regard to the quality of the product. The things of superior quality are not easily awailable. We are fully aware of it. It shall be more appropriate to put in efforts in a greater number and that too with great attention when we walk and progress on the path of self benediction or ultimate pleasure, as it is most precious in both the worlds. Devotees ! Be like a lion. Don't act like a street dog. A dog bites the stone if it is thrown at him, and ignores the attacker. In the case of a lion, if a stone is thrown at him, he would ignore it to catch the enemy the attacker. This is why a dog repeatedly suffers at the hands of the people, and the same people are scared of a lion. Apply this to Maya and ignore it's sense objects. Catch hold of the eternal entity to up root it from your daily life. Do devotion and surrender absolutely at the lotus feet of Shri Hari.

S.G. Devanand Swami says :

લક્ષ ચોરાશી જાતના રે દેહ આવે અપાર,
જન્મ મરણ ગર્ભવાસનુ હા'રે દુઃખ વારંવાર
પ્રભુ ભજી લે ને પ્રાણિયા.

Oh Soul ! Do devotion of God. There shall be billions of species and bodies to be born on the earth in various bodies and there shall be no opportunity for you to do devotion. Human body is the most appropriate means to do devotion of God. Do devotion to save your soul from the pains of re-birth.

Dear devotees ! Be a faithful devotee of Shri Hari and ensure self-benediction.

God The Supreme Saviour ?



Sadhu Vandanprakashdas

Manavadar is a small town in the warrior's land of Saurashtra. It is the birth place of many released souls and great devotees. S.G. Manjukeshanand Swami was born at that place. S.G. Nishkulanand Swami had described him as a great released soul and "spiritually wise" when he narrated episodes of the great devotees in his ``Bhakt Chintamani."

Once S.G. Swayamprakashanand Swami graced the small town of Manavadar and did Katha-Kirtan Satsang. As he went back to Gadhada, that small child Lalji joined his group of saints and came to Gadhada with S.G. Swayamprakashanand Swami. Lord Shri Hari pleased with that small child, initiated Deeksha with the sainthood name. Thus, blessed child Lalji became known as Manjukeshanand. Manjukeshanand Swami has written many devotional songs describing the blissful leelas of Shri Hari.

Shri Hari at Ahmedabad, once graced Shri Narayan Ghat to have an ablutive plunge in the river Sabarmati. A sizable retinue of saints and devotees escorted him to the river side and stood readily at the bank to have a holy plunge in Sabarmati.

The saints and devotees awaited Shri Hari's direction but then an youthful saint jumped suddenly in the river with a big splash of water and profusely soaked Shri Hari and the others with the splashing water. This new saint was Manjukeshanand.

Shri Hari was very angry at such indiscipline and rudeness. Shri Hari asked him, `Whose disciple are you ? In whose group are you ? Do you know about the discipline of a saint and the decorum to be maintained by a saint ? This is not a fit act for a Sadhu. Should you not maintain the decorum of senior saints and great devotees ?'

Manjukeshanand Swami was very sorry at Shri Hari's anger. He cried in his heart with pain. Maharaj scolded, `Don't come to me, if you wish to act in this manner. It is better that you don't talk to me.' Then S.G. Brahmanand Swami prayed, `Oh God ! He is a sensitive poet. He forgot his limits in the swing of devotional love.' Shri Hari found the plea more irrelevant, `Swami ! If the ways of love do not match with the ways of decorum and manners, then such love can not be acceptable. Masses look at the decorum but not at the love. Therefore, one should not act like this.' All were shocked by the observation passed by Shri Hari. Manjukeshanand Swami then began in his grieving voice a devotional song to pray for a pardon :

પ્રભુ તમ વિના મારું કોણ છે તમે જાણો છો... હરિ...હરિ...
પરિવારમાં તમે સાર છો સંસારના આધાર છો
મારા પ્રાણ તણા તમે પ્રાણ છો તમે જાણો છો...હરિ....હરિ.....
આ લોકમાં તમ આપ છો, પરલોકમાં બાપ છો.
સર્વ જગતના પ્રતિપાળ છો, તમે જાણો છો....હરિ....હરિ.....
મારી આસ તણી તમે આશ છો, અતિ કુડ કપટથી દૂર છો
મંજુકેશાનંદ''ના નાથ છો. તમે જાણો છો....હરિ....હરિ.....

(You are my soul and life. You are the supreme of my family and you are the sustainer and support of my world. You are my soul and life. You are the sustainer of the universe and the hope of mankind. You are free and away from dirt, tricks and conspiracy. Manjukeshanand is your humble slave, Oh Omniscient God !).

As the song ended, there were tears in swami's eyes and there were tears in Shri Hari eyes ! Maharaj hugged him loving and blessed his devotion.

THE GLORY AND MAJESTY OF SHIKSHAPATRI

Shastri Hari Swami

Dear Friends !

You know well about your birthday. You love to receive gifts on your birthdays. As we love to celebrate our birthday and love to receive the birthday gifts, in a similar way we too are required to present appropriate gifts to others on their birthday. Do present a birthday gift to others on their birthday. As you know, the fifth day of the bright half of Maha is the birthday of Shikshapatri. Prior to presenting a gift on the auspicious birthday, let us have a look at the following points.

1. The flow and stream of time is not uniform and steady for ever. Like a river stream, time too changes it's track rou and with size of flow. Society too changes along the changes in time. Social ethos and norms too change in the changed times. All these changes greatly effect the aspirants and the devotees of God. They too have to put in more efforts with reinforced divine powers to maintain the virtues of detachment, self control, devotion, meditation, truth compassion etc.

2. To steadily provide the divine powers, God incarnaates himself on earth and blesses his truthful devotees with those divine powers. Quite prior to the new discoveries and new series of inventions in the world of comfort and entertainment, Lord Swaminarayan Bhagwan was incarnated on earth at Chhapaiya Dhaam on the auspicious nineth day of the bright half of Chaitra in V.S. 1837. At a tender age of eleven years he foresook worldly relations and walked away to the seclusion of forests to do penance for the universal welfare of mankind. He did pilgrimage of the holy shrines in India and graced the sacred land of Gujarat. While camping at Gadhada Saurashtra he built an amazingly huge retinue of ascetics, celibates and released souls of Akshardhaam. He walked to every village, town and city with his retinue of saints and preached the ethical duties of axiomatic religion. It was a rousing call to the communities lost in the slumber of ignorance and blind faith. He taught them the first lessons of virtuous living. He brought back the backward classes in the main stream of society by awarding them with dignity and respect in the society throug the purity of their own acts. For the benediction and ultimate emancipation of mankind, he founded a few means First among the means was the Swaminarayan Temple built in the Kalupur area of Ahmedabad. Shri Hari himself installed in the temple the idols of Lord Narnarayandev with a warm hug and a hearty embrace. Then to continue and expand this chain and the means, eight great temples were built. All those temples were constructed under his careful planning. To maintain well the growth, development and discipline in the Sampradaya, He founded a well knit management structure and appropriate spiritual leadership. To implement it properly, he founded the spiritual chair of the Acharya by dividing the sect in to two dioces, namely Shri Narnarayandev Desh and Shri Lakshminarayandev Desh. He installed Acharya (supreme preceptor) on each of the spiritual chairs by adopting sons from his Dharmkul. He encouraged Paramhamsas to write the scriptures for this axiomatic religion. Shri Swaminarayan Sampradaya. The spiritual literature and scriptrues were written in local language, national language and vedic language sanskrit to fit to the limitations of the aspirants, devotees and dependents.

Shrimad Satsangi Jivan, Shrimad Satangi Bhushan and Vachanamrit are the supreme most among those those luminous scriptures of the knowledge of ultimate.

3. Shri Hari then wrote the Shikshapatri to emancipate his dependent souls. This scripture was written by him on the auspicious fifth day of the bright half of Maha in V.S. 1882. Shikshapatri is most precious for us, because it is a personal prasadi from Shri Hari. It is a ladder installed between earth and Akshardham. It's two lower ends are fixed on the earth and the upper most end touches Akshardhaam. This is not an inagination or a dream but a hard fact and a real truth. Right from the grass root level it teaches the simples of virtues, good habits and takes us most comfortably, step-after-step to, the complex and most intricate spiritual inquiries and metaphysicial heights. Thus, right from everyday social life he takes us to the virtues related to religion, ultimate knowledge, detachment and devotion by unveiling it fold after fold. All the tenets, axioms, rules, restrictions have been included in the teachings of the Shikshapatri. It is a code of conduct and human life. It is not a mere theological collection but contains every essential of a perfect human life - ethics, sociology, politics, health, hygene, theology, metaphysics and what not ! It is a beacon lighting up the path of everybody - people to president, poorest to wealthiest, illiterate to scholars and aspirants to enlightened ones.

It is not within our capacity to describe the glory, greatness and majesty of the Shikhapatri. Lord Swaminarayan Bhagwan himself had written that : **मदङ्गं इति मदवाणी** It is my word form, it is my speech.

4. Shikshapatri is most useful to everyone in every walk of life. It is a guide, advisor and counsellor. It's tenets should be taught to the children, youth and the grown up people to make their life better. It preaches equality between the sects. It preaches tolerance towards religious belief.

Friends ! Now tell me what birthday gift would you like to give on the birthday of Shikshapatri. What will you present to the Shikshapatri ? Lord Swaminarayan Bhagwan writes :

Do read Shikshapatri everyday. Read the Shikshapatri daily. Make a firm resolute on this auspicious birthday to daily read the Shikshapatri.

You shall be happy forever with the blessings of Lord Swaminarayan Bhagwan.

नोरौ कृत्वा पादमेकं गुरुदेवनृपान्तिके । उपवेश्यं सभायां च जानू बध्वा न वाससा
तमायान्तं निशम्याशु प्रत्युद्गन्तव्यमादरात् । तस्मिन् यात्यनुगम्यं च ग्रामान्तावधि मच्छ्रितैः
विवादो नैव कर्तव्यः स्वाचार्येण सह क्वचित् । पूज्योऽन्नधनवस्त्राद्यैर्यथाशक्ति स चाखिलैः

(Shikshaparti : 70, 71, 72)

Do not sit crossed leg before a Guru, God and king. Go forward with respect on listening about the arrival of the Acharya, and on his return from the town bid him farewell till the outskirts of the village. Do not argue with the Acharya and pay respect by way of offering grains, money and clothes.

NEWS AND NOTES FROM SHRI NARNARAYANDEV DESH

AHMEDABAD REGION

Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

Splendid Religious walk held from Kankaria Temple to Shri Swaminarayan Temple, Kalupur, Ahmedabad.

Lord Shri Hari got built at Ahmedabad the global first temple of this great sect and offered then at Kankaria lake the sumptuous meals to all eighty four sub-castes of the Barhamin community residing in Ahmedabad region. The sumptuous meals were followed by handsome cashgifts (Dakshina). The First Acharya of the dioces - H.H. Acharya Ayodhyaprasadji Maharaj had installed by his blessed hands the idol of Balwaroop Kashtabhanjandev at that sacred place of Kankaria. Thus the shrine at Kankaria is the prasadi place of Lord Shri Hari and has become more significant for all the devotees and aspirants.

A splendid religious walk in the form of a spectacular rally was taken from Kankaria to do darshan of Lord Narnarayandev at Shri Swaminarayan Temple, Kalupur Ahmedabad. The grand ``Samkalp Rally" was conducted in the benign presence of Shri H.H. Lalji Maharaj 108 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharajshri. The rally (dated 4-1-2003) supporting virtuous resolutes had displayed in general the problems of mankind and had hinted at the solution to overcome it. Intoxicants envirenment, polio etc were the some from the problems and the solutions too were conveyed to the community for a healthier life - physically and spiritually. The saints and devotees were incouraged, inspired and guided by Mahant Swami Guruprasaddasji (Kankaria) for proper execution of this enormous task.

The saints were come from various places to participate in the awakening programme. Mahant Swami of Ahmedabad. Jetalpur, Dholka, Badrinarayan and Muli were present on this occasion with a large retinue of their temple saints. The thousands of people residing at Kankaria and Maninagar were present at this grand rally. Brass band music accompanied the devotional praises of God to fill the atmosphere with devotional fervour. The rally was planned by Kothari Swami Anandprasaddasji and Shri Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal (Kankaria). Well decorated cars and trucks were the main attraction for the views. Vehicles were decorated jointly by the devotees Shri Narottam Bhagat and Jignesh Patel. H.H. Lalji Maharajshri was received every where with great enthusiasm and firm faith. The rally was received most cheerfully by Kamleshbhai Modi (Ambika Traders) by cracking fire crackers when the procession reached Raipur Dharwaja. The Jai Jaikar of Shri Swaminarayan Bhagwan filled the sky of city region. Chocolate and sweets were distributed throughout the rout to convey the blessings of Shri Hari. The divinity and Majesty charged the atmosphere when grand procession came to the royal courtyard of Lord Narnarayandev, Kalupur Temple, Ahmedabad. Kirtan Raas and Dhoon were presented to Lord Narnarayandev in benign presence of H.H. Lalji Maharajshri. All the participants of this grand walk were favoured by Shri Hari and sumptuous meals were arranged for them by the Mahant Swami Shastri Nirgundas Swami (Shri Swaminarayan Temple, Kalupur).

- Gaurangbhai - Shri N.N.D.Y.M.

Karm Shakti Swaminarayan Mandir, New Naroda

Group Maha Pooja was organized here on date 26-12-2003 by Shri Karmshakti Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal and Satsang Samaj of this place to celebrate the events of Platinum Jubilee. Mahapooja was conducted by learned Scholar Swami Ghanshyamprakashdasji (Koteshwar Gurukul).

A religious walk was organised on date 22-1-2003 from our Karmashakti Swaminarayan Mandir to do darshan of Lord Narnarayandev Ghanshyam Maharaj dwelling in Swaminarayan Temple, Kalupur, Ahmedabad. A large number of local devotees were benefitted by participating in both the events. Devotees have attained the pleasure of Shri Hari and the blessings of His sixth and seventh descendant heir.

- Gordhanbhai Sitapara

Approach - Bapunagar Temple

To celebrate the event of Platinum Jubilee Birthday, a splendid Pada Yatra was organised on 11-1-04 at early morning by Shri Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal of Bapunagar approach, Harshad colony and local Satsang Samaj. This grand event was inspired and encouraged by Swami

Lakshmanjivandasji and Swami Satyaswaroopdasji. Pada Yatra began from both the temples - Approach and Harshad colony - with leading participation of Shri Vrajendra Brass Band of Approach Bapunagar Mandir and the processions confluenced midway in a huge procession to come to Shri Swaminarayan Temple to do darshan of Lord Narnarayandev during blissful moments of Mangala Aarti. They did darshan worship of Lord Narnarayandev Ghanshyam Maharaj and received hearty blessings of H.H. Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharajshri.

A grand Satsang Sabha was held at Approach Bapunagar (8-00 to 11-00 p.m.). The Sabha was chaired by H.H. Lalji Maharaj 108 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharajshri. Mahant Sami Shastri Nirgundasji (Ahmedabad Temple), Kothari Swami Satsyaprakashdasji, Shastri Swami Chhapaiyaprasaddasji and other saints graced the Sabha and delivered enlightening discourses to explain glory and majesty of Shri Hari, Sampradaya and Dharmkul. They explained in detail the forthcoming events of Platinum Jubilee Birthday and guided the devotees for active participation. The Sabha was concluded with the blessings of H.H. Lalji Maharajshri. *- Gordhanbhai Sitapara*

To The Conveners of the Bal-Mandals

Bal Mandals are active in Shri Narnarayandev dioces, to conduct religious and social activities at village, town and city level.

The conveners of the Bal Mandal are hereby requested to furnish details about the member-children of their Bal Mandal. Please send full name, complete postal address, age and educational qualification in respect of every child in their Bal Mandal. The Director and convener of the said Mandals are requested further to send the details on the same line about themselves with their telephone numbers (office & residence) Please write to :

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PLATINUM JUBILEE EVENTS CONDUCTED AT THE VARIOUS PLACES AND TEMPLES IN SHRI NARNARAYNDEV DESH

Ranip (Ahmedabad)

Maha Pooja with Hom a (sacred fire) was organised here at our temple and Dhoon, Kirtan, Katha, Varta were presented to please Shri Hari. A group of Sixty devotees had hosted the events by contributing Rupees one thousand per host. The amount received was deposited to Shri Swaminarayan Mandir Kalupur.

Maha Pooja rituals were conducted by scholar and Brahmin priest Shri Rameshbhai Shukla. Maha Pooja was conducted at 7-00 o'clock morning to inaugurate the events. The rituals with religious events were concluded at 6-00 p.m. when H.H. Acharya Maharajshri graced the shrine and presented concluding Aarti. Events were conducted decently by P.P. Swami - Junior (Koteshwar).S.G. Gavaiya Swami and Ex-Mahant Swami of Chhapaiya Dhaam were present on this occasion to enlighten the devotees. *- Shri N.N.D.Y.M. Ranip*

Himatnagar (S.K)

Special Dhoon programmes with the devotional activities were conducted here to celebrate the events of platinum jubilee Brithday. The events were planned and managed by Mahant Swami of Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Himatnagar S.G. Shastri Swami Anandjivandasji with participation of local devotees. Besides the Dhoon sessions, a grand pada-yatra was organised to salute Almighty Supreme Lord presant at the six temples. A large number of devotees from Prantij, Torda and Himatnagar have earned the pleasure of Shri Hari by joining grand Pada-yatra (17-1-04) from Himatnagar. Pada Yatris were received warmly by Mahant Swami Krishnapraddasji at Torda temple. A comfortable stay was arranged for all the Pada Yatris. Our devotees Shri Ishwarbhai Pashabhai Patel and Shri Nathabhai Vajabhai Patel have earned the favour of Shri Hari by offering sumptuous prasadi meals to all the Pada-Yatris. Local devotees from the villages on rout have earned the pleasure of Shri Hari by offering snacks and tea to the Pada-Yatris.

'Similar Padayatras shall be conducted in days to come to salute Supreme Lord at Himatnagar, Idar, Sapavada, Laloda, Vihar and Ilol temple.

- Manubhai Patel

Dholka Temple

Dhoon sessions were conducted here daily to sing the dhoon of Mahamantra during sacred period of Dhanurmaas. The sessions were conduct by S.G. Mahant Swami Jagatprakashdasji, Mahant Swami Vishnuprasaddasji (Dholka Mandir) and group of the saints under the orders of H.H. Lalji Maharaj Shri. In week days, the sessions were

conducted at the various villages covering entire area of Dholka region and on the week end (Sundays) the sessions were held at our Swaminarayan Mandir Dholka. The devotees from this region have contributed generously towards the events of forthcoming 'Platinum Jubilee Celebrations', and donations are still flowing in.

Satsang activities are being conducted well with active participation from Poojari Mukund Swami, Kothari Manu Bhagat, Shri Rakeshbhai Soni and Shri Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal of this place. *- Shri N.N.D.Y.M., Dholka*

Idar Mandir

Dhanurmaas Dhoon was presented here daily in benign presence of Lord Shri Gopinathji Harikrishna Maharaj. The sessions were conducted by the saints and devotees with the due blessings of H.H. Acharya Maharashri. Special Satsang Sabhas were held by the Mahant Swami of Idar Mandir and the festivities of Platinum Jubilee were discussed in detail to help the devotees in devotional service towards the events. The Sabhas were conducted at Laloda, Sapawada, Maniyor, Nava Aroda, Juna Aroda, Umedgadh and Sachodar. Grand Shakotsavas were organised at Umedgadh and Nava Aroda to earn the pleasure of Shri Hari. *- Swami Satyasamkalpadas.*

H.H. Lalji Maharajshri Blesses His devotees at Kanipur

H.H. Lalji Maharajshri favoured this village and sanctified the land of Kanipur. He favoured his devout dependants and graced the dwellings of twenty families. A special Satsang was conducted at evening and fund was raised by the devotees to contribute towards the forthcoming events of Platinum Jubilee Birthday.

S.G. P.P. Swami - Junior (Koteshwar Gurukul), Mahant Swami Shastri Harikrishnadasji (Chhapaiya) and S.G. Swami Devprakashdasji were present on this occasion to help and guide the Satsangis for the devotional services. About one lakh rupees were collected from this village. The Sabha was concluded with the blessings of H.H. Lalji Maharajshri. *- Girishbhai Patel*

Hirawadi-Ahmedabad

To Celebrate the event of Platinum Jubille Birthday, the Following activities were organised by Shri Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal with the due blessings of H.H. Lalji Maharajshri.

- A splendid religious walk was conducted from Hirawadi to do Darshan of Lord Narnarayandev dwelling in Swaminarayan Mandir, Kalupur.
- Donation bowl was circulated on religious day of Makar Sankranti and the donations received were submitted to Lord Narnarayandev at Kalupur Temple.
- Ekadashi Satsang sessions were conducted to celebrate events of forthcoming Platinum Jubilee.
- Shri Swaminarayan hymn writing activity was encouraged by distributing hymn-writing pads and one thousand calendars to the householders. *- Mahendrabhai, co-ordinator, Shri N.N.D.Y.M. Hirawadi*

Kalol

A huge procession was conducted here to spread the message of intoxication free life. This grand procession was led by H.H. Lalji Maharajshri on date 16-11-03 from our Gurukul at Kalol and the main streets of Kalol were visited by the procession to awake local youths against the intoxants of every kind.

A constant Dhoon of Mahamantra was conducted for the twelve hours with the due blessings of H.H. Lalji Maharajshri.

The weekly sessions are conducted here each Saturday at the different places in Kalol and the Dhoon, Bhajan, Khata, Kirtans are being presented to please Lord Shri Hari.

- Shri Miteshbhai, Shri N.N.D.Y.M. Kalol

Jetalpur

A large group of two hundred devout youths had coducted a mass contact tour with a procession of decorated tractors to spread the message of unversal welfare of mankind. They have contacted Aslali, Chosar, Gamdi, Devdi, Naaz, Girmatha, Miroli, Bareja, Navagam, Mahijada pinglaj, Muktipura, Vitthalpura and other villages with active response from the villagers.

- Narayanbhai Desai, Shri N.N.D.Y.M. Jetalpur.

Narayanghat Mandir

Following activities were conducted by our temple at Naranayanghat :

1. Dhoon-Kirtan and Satsang Sabha was held on date 11-6-03. at 8-30 p.m.
2. A series of weekly Satsang was conducted at Narayanghat Temple on each thursday evening

between June-2003 and January-2004.

3. A group Maha-Pooja was organised on 10-8-03 at the temple by the 70 hosts. A large number of devotees were benefitted by this religious event.
4. H.H. Lalji Maharajshri had blessed personally on 13-9-03 the houses of the 92 devout families residing in Shahibaugh and Narayanpura area.
5. A splendid Satsang Sabha was conducted by the temple (14-9-03). The Sabha was chaired and blessed by H.H. Lalji Maharajshri to favour the Satsang in this area.
6. The 60th Jan-Mangal Sabha was organised here on date 8-1-04 in benign presence of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri, H.H. Lalji Maharajshri and Respectd Bal Lalji Maharajshri. About one thousand devotees were favoured by this event.

- Shri Atulbhai, Shri N.N.D.Y.M.Navayaghat.

Mansa

Constant Dhoons each of twelve hours duration were conducted respectively at Mansa, and other Alaiya-village.

Late evening Satsang Sabhas were conducted by Mahant Swami of Mansa Mandir to support devotional fervour in Indrapura, Bapupura, Anja, Gulalpura and Anandpura (Alod).

- Rameshbhai, Mansa

Gavada

A Daily Dhoon programmre of half an hour duration everyday was conducted here for the sixty days to celebrate the events Platinum Jabilee.

- Bharatbhai

Khanusa

Dhoon sessiones were conducted here for one hour duration on each saturday and sunday to sing blissful names of God. *- Sh.N.N.D.Y.M 'Dahyabhai*

Manekpura

This small village had conducted the Dhoon sessions of sixty hour duration. *- Prahladbhai*

Makakhada

Devotees have conducted here colletively the Dhoon sessions of twelve hours duration.

- Kalabhai, Convener

Dholka

Female devotees at Dholka temple have conducted satsang sessions in sixty villages of Dholka area.

Six-hundred writing Pads have been filled by the devotees to sing the divine names of Shri Hari.

Satsang Sabhas have been organised by this temple in all the villages of Dholka area. Shri Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal had earned the pleaure of Shri Hari by presenting Dhoon programmes. These Sabhas were planned and conducted by Mahant Swami and the saints from our Dholka temple.About six-thousand people have forsaken intoxicants and have become addiction free by the efforts putin through these sessions.

Balva

Dhoon sessions of the twelve hour duration each were conducted in the following villages : Balva, Pratappura, Badpura, Manekpura, Makakhad, Chandidana, Gulabpura, Unava, Kalyanpura and Ishwarpura (Badpura).

- Amrtibhai

Karmashakti Mandir (Naroda)

Dhoon Sessions were conducted here for the sixty hour duration and a religious walk was arranged from this temple to do darshan of Lord Narnarayndev at Shri Swamianrayan Temple Kalupur, Ahmedabad. Ekadashi fasts are being celebrated by waking at night. Sixty new members have been enrolled for one year duration.

- Dahyabhai Vekaria

Mehsana

Evening Dhoon of one hour duration is being conducted here at the temple on each thursday of the week, and Satsang Sabhas are being organised by Shri Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal at the houses of the devotees.

Special Satsang sessions are being conducted on Saturdays at our temple and the Sabhas were conducted at the following villages by a group of the saints and devotees : Motap, Karshanpura, Meu and Kharva were benefitted by this Satsang. A grand Shakotsava was organised at Kherva to please Shri Hari. A special Sabha of Yuvak Mandal was addressed and blessed by S.G. Shastri Swami Purushottamprakashdasji.

Kankaria

Dhoon sessions were conducted here for the sixty days in various areas of Kankaria. A grand Satsang Sabha was organized at our Kankaria Temple and Kashtabhanjan Chowk was inaugurated by Honourable chief Minister in benign presence of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri.

Sixty recitations of Hanuman chalisa were organised at Kankaria temple and a walk was conducted from the temple to propagate anti-

intoxication and anti-polio drive. The walk for social awakening was led by H.H. Lalji Maharajshri. The members of Shri Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal have participated in Vasantotsava at Muli Dhaam in benign presence of H.H. Lalji Maharajshri.

- Vishalbhai, Gaurangbhai

Kukarvada

Dhoon sessions of twelve hour duration were conducted at Kukarvada, Vihar, Gerita, Gavada, Vasai, Vijapur, Khanusa, and Mandal in presence of Mahant Swami and saints of Mansa Mandir.

- Bhaktibhai

Auspicious Gold pot and religious flag installed on the peak of Charadava Temple

Charadava of Muli region is the Prasadi village of Lord Shri Hari. Shri Hari had sanctified it during his forest Pilgrimage and had graced it repeatedly after holding the reigns of this great sect. It is sanctified by the penance of our last Nand Sant - S. G. Prasadanand Swami. Lord Shri Radhakrishnadev Harikrishna Maharaj resides at the shrine to bless his faithfull devotees. H.H. Acharya 1008 Shri Keshavprasadji Maharaj had installed the idols of God in this temple on auspicious second day of the bright half of Falgun in V.S. 1941.

This Shrine was destroyed in the earth quake of Kutch-Gujarat, and was got reconstructed thereafter by H.H. Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharajshri. The devotees in India and abroad were encouraged and inspired by late S.G. Purani Purushottamcharandasji and S.G. Swami Lakshmiprasaddasji for a generous contribution towards the project.

The rituals for installing auspicious Gold pot and the religious flag shall be conducted during 16-2-04 to 22-2-04. The new Sabha Mandap shall be inaugurated and Shrimad Bhagwat Parayan shall be conducted on this occasion besides the main event of installation ceremony.

: Events :

- Pothi-Yatra : at 8-00 a.m. on 16-2-04 from the main temple to the venue of the sessions.
- Katha Sessions : Effective of 16-2-2004 every day. Time 8-30 to 11-30 a.m. 3-30 to 6-00 p.m.
- Inauguration : Parayan session shall be inaugurated by H.H. Lalji Maharajshri at 9-00 a.m. of 16-2-04.
- Constant Dhoon Sessions : Shall be inaugurated on 16-2-04 at 9-30 a.m.
- Nandotsava : Shall be celebrated on 19-2-04 at 5-00 p.m.
- Hariyaag : Shall be inaugurated on 20-2-04 at 9-15 a.m.
- Group Mahampooja : Shall be conducted on 21-2-04 at 7-00 a.m. in benign presence of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri.
- Rangotsava : On date 21-2-04 at 11-00 a.m. in benign presence of H.H. Lalji Maharajshri and Respected Bal Lalji Maharajshri.
- Religious Procession : Shall be led by H.H. Lalji Maharajshri and Respected Bal Lalji Maharajshri, on 21-2-2004 at 4-00 p.m.
- Mahabhishekam : Shall be presented on 22-2-04 at 5-30 a.m.
- Fulldress Aarti and Annakut : On date 22-2-04 at 8-30 a.m.
- Inauguration of Dharm Bhakti Sabha Mandap and Installation of the idols at the temple (for gents) : on date 22-2-04 at 9-00 a.m.
- Installation of Goid-pot and religious flag : on date 22-2-04 at 10-00 a.m.
- Conclusion of constant Dhoon : 22-2-04 at 10-00 a.m.
- Concluding Ceremony of Parayan sessions : 22-2-04 at 11-30 a.m.
- Conclusion of holy-fire : 22-2-04 at 10-30 a.m.
- Cultural Evening : Daily at 9-00 p.m.

18-2-04	Shri Sahajanand Gurukul Charadva.
19-2-04	Shri Shahbuddin Rathor and Dhavalbhai Rojasara.
20-2-04	Shri Hasmukhbhai Patadia
21-2-04	Shri Prahladbhai Vyas and Shri Khimjibhai Bharvad

Chaloda (Jeetba's)

Dhanurmaas Dhoon was conducted here by the celibate students of Akshar Mahol Wadi (Jetalpur) under the guidance from Shri Hariom Swami (Director). A special Sabha was organised after the chanting session. The events were organised at Chaloda temple to celebrate the events Platinum Jubilee. The devotees were guided by the saints and students on subtle topics of religion, knowledge, devotion and detachment. The house of the devotees were graced by a group of the saints and Satsang was conducted at the dwellings in beningn

presence of Harikrishna Maharaj. The Shakotsava was celebrated in the lap of nature at the farm and Shri Hari Leela charitras were presented there to sing the praises of God. The programmes were presented by the students of Akshar Mahol Wadi. Devotees have earned devotional pleasure by enlightening discourses of S.G. Hariom Swami. The programmes were managed decently by Shri Jayantibhai and other devotees.

- Jayantibhai Patel, Chaloda

Balva

A Dhoon programme of twelve hours duration was conducted by the local group of Shri Narnarayan Dev Yuvak Mandals of ten villages. The Dhoon sessions were conducted simultaneously at all ten villages of Bavla circle.

A donation bowl was circulated on the sacred days of Makarsankranti and Dhanurmas and donations were collected toward the festivities of Platinum Jubilee. Good response was received from the local devotees. About one hundred children of Ghanshyam Samskar Mandal of this place have presented an interesting programme on Yoga, meditation, Pranayan and Ghanshyam Leela Charitra. *- Secretary, S.N.N.D.Y.M. Balva*

Makakhad

With the due blessings of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri and H.H. Lalji Maharajshri the sessions of Dhanurmaas Dhoon were conducted here every morning with the participation of about five hundred devotees. Dhoon sessions were managed decently by Shri Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal with due guidance from S.G. Devprasadasji Swami (Muli Dhaam). *- Shri Narnarayndev Yuvak Mandal.*

Shakotsava Festivities held at Narayanghat Temple

Shakotsavas were organised at the various places to celebrate the events of Platinum Jubilee. The events were celebrated with the due blessings of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri.

One such festive programme of Shakotsava was organised at Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Narayanghat, Ahmedabad. The devotees were encouraged and inspired by Mahant Swami Shastri Ghanshyamprakashdasji. H.H. Acharya Maharajshri graced the occasion and added spices in the vegetable to give devotonal pleasure to his devotees. Total 23400 devotees had earned the pleasure of Shri Hari by having Mahaprasad of the Shakotsava.

Jaipur Temple

Mahant Swami S.G. Devswaroopdasji and the devotees from Manpur-Khambhat are conducting Satsang activities very well with the due blessings of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri and H.H. Lalji Maharajshri.

The elected Minister, (Public Works) Shri Gulabchandji Kataria, Shri Ghanshyam Tivari (Education Minister), Shri Mohanlal Gupta (MLA) Shri Kalicharan Saraf (MLA), Shri Viru Sinhji Rathor and Shri Surendra Parekh were honoured at our temple on 22-12-03. A grand Sabha was organised on this occasion and H.H. Acharya Maharaj's hearty blessings were handed over to them in the form of a letter of blessings with a photo image of Lord Shriji Maharaj and shawl of honour and decorum. S.G. Swami Shastri Purushottamprakashdasji (Jetalpur), Swami Guruprasaddasji with Kothari Swami Anand Swami and Shastri Swami Dev Swami (Jaipur Mahant) were present at the meeting to congratulate the guests. Events were organised with due decorum by Mahant Swami Dev Swami and saints from Jaipur temple with the help from Shri Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal. The event was telecasted on Door Darshan and E.Tv. and the news were reported in News Papers.- *Dharmkishor Swami*

Prabha Hanuman Mandir, Jamiyatpura

Shakotsava was organised here on date 4-1-04 with the due blessings of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. A Katha session was conducted on this occasion to give devotional pleasure to the devotees. S.G. Shastri Swami Purushottamprakashdasji graced the session and delivered the discourses. H.H. Lalji Maharajshri graced the Shakotsava and blessed his devotees. Sabha was conducted by Shastri Swami Ghanshyamprakashdasji (Narayanghat Mahant Swami). About seven thousand devotees were favoured by the Maha prasadam of Shakotsava.

- Shastri Swami Vijayprakashdasji

Sanand Temple

A Satsang Sabha was organized here at the temple to celebrate the event of Platinum Jubilee Birthday. Mahant Swami Narendraprasaddasji, Purani Swami Shrijiprakashdasji, Swami Chhapaiyaprasaddasji (Muni), Swami Dharmpriyadasji (Muli) and Swami

Harikrishnadasji were present on this occasion to deliver the discourses and Katha Varta. Dhoon, Kirtan, Katha Varta were presented by the saints to please Shri Hari. The devotees were informed about the events of Platinum Jubilee. The prasad of Shakotsava was distributed to the devotees.

- Shri Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal

Sardhav (Gandhinagar)

The 75th Annual Patotsava of Sardhav Temple was celebrated most religiously on date 19-12-03 with the due blessings of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. H.H. Acharya Maharajshri graced the temple and blessed the village people by gracing a religous procession. H.H. Acharya Maharajshri graced the celebrations by presening special Aarti to Lord Thakorji, and graced the Sabha held on this occasion. Host devotees have earned the pleasure of Shri Hari by presenting Poojan-Archan-Aarti to H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. Poojari Swami Parmeshwardasji and Torda Mahant Swami Krishnaprasaddasji haye earned the pleasure of Shri Hari by presenting laudable services on this occasion. *- Shastri Swami Chhapaiyaprasaddasji.*

Patotsava of Lord Ghanshyam Maharaj at Rang Mahol

The 118th Annual Patotsava of Lord Ghanshyam Maharaj at Rang Mahol was celerbated at Ahmedabad with the due blessings of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri and H.H. Lalji Maharajshri. The events were hosted by the devout family of late devotee Shri Lavjibahi Bhimdas Patel. Devotees Shri Amarshibhai Patel, Vasudevbhai Patel and Ranchhodbhai Patel with their familes have earned the pleasure of Shri Hari by hosting religious celebration in devotional memory of Late Lavjibhai B. Patel. Patotsava Abhishekam was presented by H.H. Lalji Maharajshri amidst the sacred chants of vedic hymns. Mahant Swami Krishnaprasaddasji, Swami Bhaktivallabhdasji and Swami Vasudevcharandasji have earned the pleasure of Shri Hari by their dedicated service.- *Natha Bhagat*

Demai (S.K.)

Dhanurmaas Dhoon was conducted here everyday to please Lord Thakorji. Dhoon sessions were conducted by Swami Anandswaroopdasji and saints. Early morning religious walks are being organised to celebrate the events of forthcoming Platinum Jubilee Birthday. A large number of devotees have participated in early morning religious walk. *- Dahyabhai D. Patel*

Rajasthan Satsang Conducts
The Sixty Hours Dhoons of Platinum Jubilee were

The Dhoon sessions of Sixty hours duration were conducted with the due blessings of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. Such Dhoon sessions were conducted at Golia (Raj.) from 18-1-04 to 21-1-04. Similar sessions were held at Dantiva, Jalatara, and Vapa. These religious sessions were an integral part of Platinum Jubilee celebrations. A large number of non-urban devotees have participated in the sessions, and had earned the pleasure of Shri Hari with the due blessings of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. *- Jethabhai Ranchhodbhai*

The 51st Annual Patotsava of Torda Temple

Torda is birth place of S.G. Gopalanand Swami. Our firm Satsangi Shri Bhikhabhai Trikamdas (Mokhasan) and Shri Pragyesh Mahendrakuamr Rajpurwala have earned the pleasure of Shri Hari by presenting silver doors to this temple.

The 51st Annual Patotsava of this temple was celebrated here with the due blessings of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. H.H. Lalji Maharajshri graced this celebration and presented Patotsava Abhishekam and Annakut Aarti to Lord Gopal Lalji. The events were hosted by Shri Dineshbhai H. Patel (Velal). The devotees were encouraged and inspired by Mahant Swami Krishnaprasaddasji.

A Satsang Sabha was organised on this occasion. H.H. Lalji Maharajshri graced the Sabha and honoured the devotional fervour of host Shri Dineshbhai by garlanding flower garland. The saints from various temples were present on this occasion to address the assembly. Devotee Shri Kantibhai Kacharabhai (Mokhasan) had earned the pleasure of Shri Hari by donating eight kilograms silver for the the throne of Gopalanand Swami. The honour of flower garland was received by Shri Kantibhai. The Sabha was concluded with the blessings of H.H. Lalji Maharajshri.

- Shastri Harjivan Swami.

A new temple is being constructed at Ghanshyamnagar (Teh : Halvad) Under leading guidance from Shrijiswaroop Swami. The temple shall be for the female devotees of this place.

Unjha

Shrimad Bhagwat Parayan (6-1-04 to 12-1-04) was conducted here with the due blessings of H.H. Lalji Maharajshri. The seat of the main speaker of Parayan Katha was graced jointly by S.G. Shastri

Swami Siddheshwardasji (Sidhpur Gurukul) and Shastri Swami Hariprakashdasji. The event was hosted jointly by Shri Sureshbhai, Shri Arvindbhai and Shri Kantibhai (London). H.H. Acharya Maharajshri graced the parayan session and concluded it by presenting Aarti to the scripture and Shastri. H.H. Acharya Maharajshri blessed the Sabha and concluded the celebration.

- Vasantbhai, Unjha

Blood Donation Camp Held at Muli Temple

A blood donation camp was organised here at Shri Swaminarayan Mandir Muli with the due blessings of H.H. Lalji Maharajshri. H.H. Lalji Maharajshri graced Muli Dhaam on 26-1-2004 - the auspicious day of Vasant Panchmi - and inaugurated the camp by kindling a lamp. The dioces had conducted a series of blood donation camps throughout the year to celebrate the events of Platinum Jubilee Birthday. The camp at Muli Dhaam was the largest among the other camps held earlier at Ahmedabad temple, Kankaira temple, Narayanghat temple, Vahelal temple, Nikol, Dhrangdhra, Surendranagar and Kholadiad. Three thousand bottles of the donated blood have been collected through such blood donation camps. Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Kalupur had received special award from Prathma Blood Bank and Red-Cross. Blood donation service and it's first camp in the year, was organised at Shri Swaminarayan Baugh and was inaugurated by H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. The blood was donated by H.H. Lalji Maharajshri and the saints. Dr. Rameshbhai Parikh and his colleagues have earned the pleasure of Shri Hari by extending loudable services in blood donation camps.

- Dr. Bhavin Parikh

OVERSEAS

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

A Satsang Sabha was held on 3-1-2004 at 3-00 p.m. to sing Dhoon and Bhajan Kirtans to please Lord Shri Hari. The Vachanamrits were read and thall-Aarti Nityaniyam were presetned to Lord Thakorji.

Satsang activities are being conducted well with the due blessings of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. A large number of devotes are being benefitted by such religious feasts and devotion.

- Kanubhai Patel

Sydney (I.S.S.O. Chapter, Australia)

Satsang activities are being conducted well in this area with the due blessings of H.H. Acharya Maharjashri. Satsang Sabha were held as per following schedule :

Date	Host
12-10-2003	Shri Maheshbhai Trivedi and Shri Dilip Darji.
26-10-2003	Shri Janak Patel and Shri Himanshu Shah. Annakut-Satsang.
9-11-2003	Shri Maheshbhai Amin and Shri Bhavinbhai. First meeting about temple.
23-11-2003	I.S.S.O. Satsangis.
4-12-2003	Shri Birenbhai Desai.
21-12-2003	Conducted by the saints from Bhuj temple.

A large number of devotees have benefitted by these Sabhas. Devotee Shri Maheshbhai Trivedi had earned the pleasure of Shri Hari by explaining Geeta at the sessions. Satsang is progressing well with the due blessings of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri.

- Jigar Darji

AKSHARVAAS

Muli : S.G. Madhavprasaddasji Swami (Jodia wala) passed away to Akshardham with the chanta of divine names of Shri Hari.

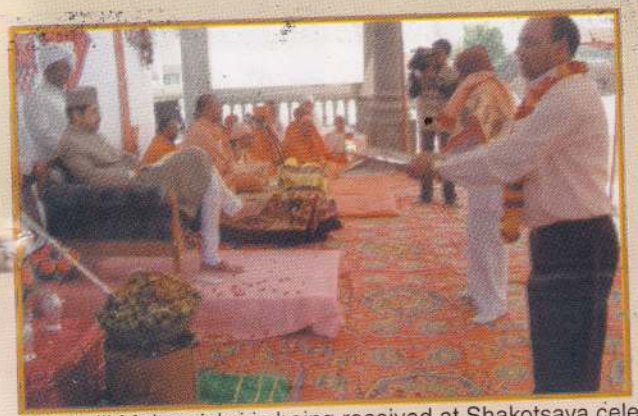
Rajkot : Devotee Popatbhai Jethabhai Tank (F/o. our representative Shri Naranbhai Tank) passed away on 1-12-03 May. Shri Hari bless him Akshardham.

Ahmedabad : Our Temple Priest Shri Pravinbhai Gor passed away to Akshardham (23-1-04) amidst constant chants of Shri Hari's names.

Ahmedabad : Senior devotee Shri Navinbhai Girdharlal Pandya (F/o. Shri Kiritbhai Engineer) passed away amidst the chants of Shri Hari's divine names.

Viramgam : Soni Baldevbhai Liladhar passed away (14-12-04) amidst the chants of Shri Hari's blissful names.

Demai : Patel Jeshangbhai Revabhai (age 96) passed away amidst the chants of Shri Hari's divine names.





H.H. Lalji Maharajshri is being received at Shakotsava celebrations of Shri Prabha Hanuman Temple, Jamiyatpura with a welcome Aarti by the host Shri Vishnubhai J. Patel (Dangarva). S.G. Shastri Swami Purushottamprakashdasji addresses the Satsang.

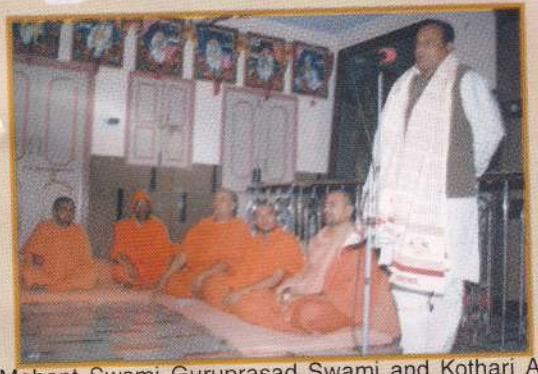


બાલાસિનોર ખાતે શ્રી નરનારાયણ દેવ પીઠાધિપતિ પ.પૂ.ધ.પુ. ૧૦૦૮ આચાર્યશ્રી તેજેન્દ્રપ્રસાદજી મહારાજ શ્રીના પદાભિષેક મહોત્સવના ઉપલક્ષમાં પ.પૂ.૧૦૮ ભાવી આચાર્ય શ્રી કીશલેન્દ્ર પ્રસાદજી મહારાજ શ્રીની ઉપસ્થિતિમાં એક વ્યસનમુક્તિ પદયાત્રા-શોભાયાત્રાનું આયોજન કરાયેલ જેમાં વિદ્વાન સંત મંડળ સહીત શ્રીજી મહારાજના લાડીલા હજારો ભાવિક ભક્તજનો હૈયે હૈયું દબાય એવી એક કી.મી. લાંબી પદયાત્રામાં પડાલરી શ્રી સ્વામિનારાયણ મહામંત્રની ધૂન-ભક્તિ-કિર્તન કરતાં અને વ્યસન મુક્તિના બેનરો સાથે નગરના મહત્તમ માર્ગો ઉપરથી પસાર થયાં હતાં. રેલી આરામ ગૃહથી નિકળી બસ સ્ટેન્ડ, મુખ્ય બજા, શ્રી ગોકુલનાથજી મંદિર, શ્રી રામજીમંદિર એ ભાવિ આચાર્યશ્રીએ દર્શન કરી શ્રી સ્વામિનારાયણ મંદિરે પહોંચી.





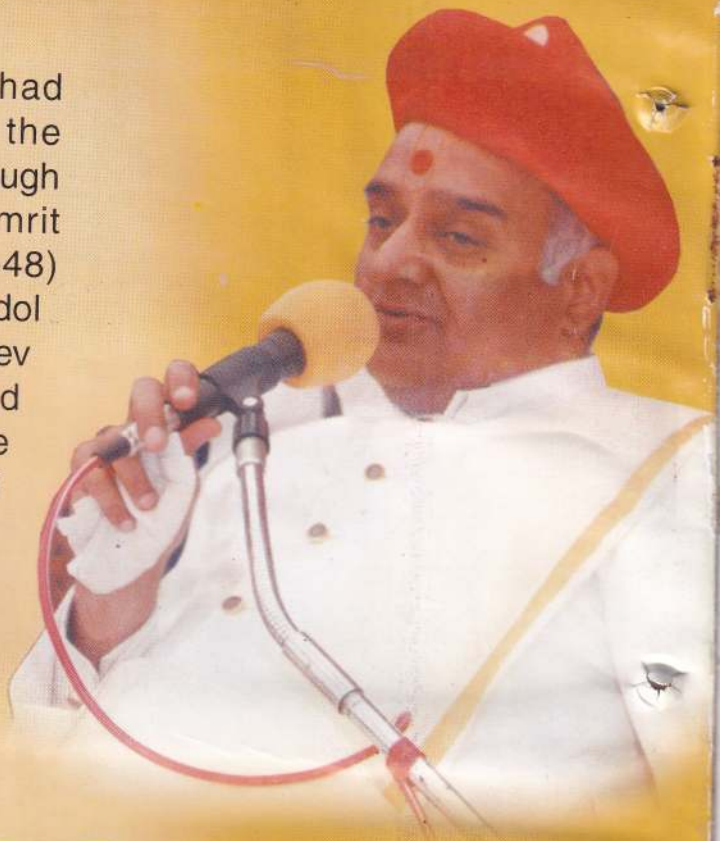
A religious walk advocating a pollution free environment and intoxicants free life was led by H.H. Lalji Maharajshri with his retunue of senior saints and devotees. Thousands of devotees - male and female - have particiapted in this grand rally.





Mahant Swami Guruprasad Swami and Kothari Anand Swami honour the elected state minister by presenting a letter of blessings from H.H. Acharya Maharajshri and an idol of Lord Shri Hari. S.G. Shastri Swami Purushottamprakashdasji and S.G. Dev Swami (Jaipur Mahant) are present at the meeting.

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``Shri Hari had ordered all the Satsangis through his Vachanamrit (Gadhada F-48) to install the idol of Lord Shri Narnarayandev in the pooja. Lord Narnarayandev is the image form of Shriji Maharaj. Maharaj had also said that He has installed Shri Narnaryaandev at Shri Swaminarayan Temple Ahmedabad when He realised in absolute His real form. Don't depend on any other by leaving Lord Narnarayandev."

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