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EDITORIAL

The Sun God – Surya Narayana – illuminates the earth by his absolute luminosity and summer temperature rises high. Mankind strives for coolness and comfort against scorching heat of the sun. A.C.s, coolers and soft drinks relieve them from the torments of heat. Villagers and economically weak people comfort themselves even with the shade of a tree or by a glass of cool water from an earthen pot.

This is about the world and its elemental heat, but in a spiritual life too there are torments and heat of the three kinds. Enlightened saints have said :

सुरपुर, नरपुर, नगपुर ए तिनमें सुख नाहि ।
सुख हरि चरन में, सुख संतन के माहि ॥

True happiness – eternal happiness- resides forever in refuge of Bhagwan. It dwells at the lotus like feet of God. A soul should surrender in absolute at the feet of God. He should do devotion, to please God- to fulfill ultimate aim of life.

Worldly souls comfort themselves by various cooling agents. The devotees of God offer such comforts to God by submitting various cooling agents during scorching heat of summer. In these days of extreme heat, they do such service by presenting mango juice, shrikhand etc in day time thaal and serve dry fruits and sherbat in other services. God wears sandal wood attires in summer between Akshaya Tritiya (the third day of the bright half of Vaishakha) and the full moon day of Jyeshtha. The Malayagir Sandal paste a noble breed of sandal wood trees narrated in the scriptures by our saints was such high in its coolness, that a drop of it was enough to ice the cauldron of boiling oil.

We have not seen such sandal paste of Malayagir, but the sandal paste saved from the hands of the people like Virappan is handy to us. The purity of contemporary sandal paste and that of the contemporary faith of the devout hosts and priests are not precisely known to us. Let us enjoy eternal pleasure of the darshan of God in sandal paste attires.

Lord Narnarayandev and Balswaroop Shri Ghanshyam Maharaj at Shri Swaminarayan Temple are receiving these days the attires of sandalwood paste. These attires are comfortable cool and most charmful. Similarly, Lord Radhakrishnadev at Muli Dhaam receives similar attires to give devotional pleasure to his devotees. May Shri Hari bless blissful coolness to all our devotees.

- Shastri Swami Nirgundas
Editor
Shri Swaminarayan.



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

May-2004

1. Graced the houses of the devotees Shri Prakashbhai A. Patel (Gavada Wala), Shri Rameshbhai S. Patel, Shir Popatbhai S. Nakrani, Shri Manubhai B. Gajera and Shri Sureshbhai Shankarlal Patel (Gavada wala), Hirawadi, Bapunagar.
   Graced the house of Shri Mansukhbai A. Nakrani, Navrangpura, Ahmedabad.
   Graced the house of Shri Jaswantbhai D. Bhavsar, Nava Vadaj.
   Graced the house of Shri Rajesh J. Bhavsar, Jodhpur, Ahmedabad.
   Graced the house of Shri Maganbhai Shambhubhai, Bapunagar.
   Graced the house of Shri Sanjaybhai L. Patel, Mahavirnagar.
2. Graced Ridrol on auspicious celebrations of installation ceremony of the idols of God. Blessed the marriage ceremony at the place of Shri Chimnalal B. Gajjar, Memnagar.
   Graced the place of Shri Haribhai H. Patel, Kotha.
   Graced the dwelling of Shri Jayeshbhai T. Soni, Satellite.
   Graced the house of Shri Kantibhai B. Khimani, Paldi.
   Graced house warming ceremony at the house of Shri Pramodbhai Patel, Bopal.
3. Graced Ratanpar (Surendranagar) on occasion of installation ceremony of the idols at our temple.
5. Graced `Sahajanand Travel' of Shri Ravjibhai Patel, Bapunagar, Ahmedabad.
6. Graced Pethapur Temple on religious occasion of re-installation of the idols at the temple.
7. Graced the place of Shri Mahendrabhai B. Gandhi (Advoate), Satellite, Ahmedabad.
   Graced the house of Shri Rajdep Bhaskarbhai Brahmbhatt, Naranpura.
8. Graced foundation laying ceremony of our temple at Rambaugh Kankaria.
9. Graced Patotsava Abhishekam at Dholka Temple.
   Graced the house of Shri Baldevbhai M. Patel, Paldi.
10. Graced inauguration ceremony of the shop of Shri Ratibhai Ishwarbhai.
11. Graced the house of Shri Shantibhai (Bachubhai) Gangaram Thakkar, Sanand.
    Graced the place of Shri Subhashbhai C. Patel, Vatva, Ahmedabad.
12. Graced Patotsava Ceremony at Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Memnagar.

12-13. Graced Installation ceremony of God at our temple at Thobau (Distt. Jhalor), Rajasthan.

15. Graced Installation ceremony of idols at our temple at Mangadh (Halvad-Muli desh).
16. Graced inauguration cremony of ``Muktajivan Colour Lab" of Shri Lakshmikant V. Patel, Vastrapur, Ahmedabad.
    Graced the house of Shri Shamjibhai Dharmshibhai Dalvadi, Bopal.
    Graced the house of Shri Dineshbhai K. Bhagat, Satellite, Ahmedabad.
17. Graced the house of Shri Hemantbhai N. Shukla, Drive-in-Road, Ahmedabad.
18. Graced the house of Ghanshyambhai J. Shah, Ambawadi, Ahmedabad.
19. Graced the house of Shri Rasikbhai B. Jani, Maninagar.
    Graced the house of Shri Sureshchandra F. Trivedi, Maninagar.

20. Graced inauguration ceremony of ``Sudama Enterprise,'' Paldi.
21. Graced the installation ceremoney of idols at out temple at Narsipara (Tankara-Muli).
22. Graced Silver Jubilee Celebrations of Jetalpur Gurukul.
23. Religious tour of U.K. and U.S.A.



Appointment Diary of Future Acharya Respected Shri Lalji Maharajshri

May-2004

9. Graced foundation laying ceremony of Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Rambaugh, Kankaria.
17. Graced Parayan-Katha held at Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Bayad, S.K.
23. Graced Silver Jubilee Celebrations of Shri Swaminarayan Gurukul, Jetalpur.
24. Graced Installation ceremony of the idols at our temple at Nasitpur (Tankara-Muli)
28. Graced Satsang Sabha held at the place of Shri Revabhai J. Patel, Mansa.

29-30. Graced Patotsava at Chhapaiya Dhaam.

31. Graced Patotsava at Idar Temple.

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Shri Rasikbhai Dayaljibhai Soni (Manek Jewellers - Sitapurwala) was appointed by H.H. Lalji Maharajshri as the Hon. Treasurer of the Platinum Jubilee. Shri Rasikbhai D. Soni had earned the pleasure of Shri Hari and the blessings of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri by dedicating himself absolutely to this honoured assignment for a long period of the three months. He has become a source of inspiration for our Satsangis. May Lord Narnarayandev bless him with the stength and will to serve further this satsang in years to come.

- Mahant Swami

SHRIMAD SATSANGI JIVAN PARAYAN

Principal Purani : Honourable Gadiwalashri
Venue : Haveli temple for ladies, Shri Swamianrayan Mandir Havelia, Kalupur.
Schedule : 1-8-2004 to 7-8-2004
Time : 2-00 p.m. to 5-00 p.m.
All our female Satsangis are invited to this divine feast of ultimate knowledge.

A self begotten festival of THE ANOTHER FORM OF GOD

- Atul Bhanuprasad Pothiwala

It was platinum Jubilee Birthday of H.H. Acharya Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharaj Shri, but at the same became self begotten festival.

The victory flag was hoisted at the auspicious place-the splendid educational ground of Gujrat University-on auspicious Fuldol festival day (7-3-04). Rangotsava was organized on this auspicious occasion, to add colour in the life of thousands of devotees who were present in this occasion. Respected Bal Lalji Maharajshri showered colours on his devotees and played with them to give blissful pleasure of his companionship.



'Our festival of colours is quite different than that of the worldly souls, because we are at the benign refuge of Lord Narnarayandev. We are coloured in his colour.' These were the words of H.H. Lalji Maharaj Shri when he fixed a tall mast of victory flag. 'We are the best, because we all are faithful dependents of Lord Narnarayandev. There should be no doubt in it. Satsangis were intoxicated by such inspiring and spirited words of Lalji Maharaj Shri. This fresh bud bloomed in a full fragrant flower— Swaminarayan Nagar – Mahotsava Nagar (the city of the festival). Let us have a bird eye view of Swaminarayan Nagar – the city of the festival.

As we walk through the main gate, a marble white canopy and Shri Hari's blessed foot-print blesses us. As we walk ahead and salute holy foot-prints we come to the Entrance or artistic gate of Swaminarayan Nagar. This is replica of the main gate of Shri Swaminarayan Temple, Kalupur. Devotional instrumental music of shehnai spreads here message of world peace and universal welfare of mankind.

As we enter the main gate, there is splendid temple of devotion on left hand side of the gate. Hundreds of devotees – male and female – sing here non stop Dhoon of Swaminarayan Mahamantra. Lord Ghanshyam Maharaj in his idol form receives Dhoon – from his devotees. Image is so majestic that, one can not withdraw his sight from the image.

Adjacent to the temple of devotion, there is a splendid mandpam – Shamiana to house 108 altars of Maha Vishnu Yaag – Great holy fire of Lord Vishnu. About two thousand host devotees offer here non-violent offerings to please Lord Vishnu. Thousands of devotees join these favoured hosts in poojan worship of holy-fire.

Strait in front of the main gate, there is majestic Shamiana of Sabha Mandapam. Shrimad Satsangi Bhushan Saptah Parayan was conducted here to give devotional pleasure to one hundred thousand devotees everyday. The seat of the principal priest of the Parayan Katha was graced by Mahant Swami Shastri Nirgundasji.

On the right hand side of the main gate of Swaminarayan Nagar, there is historical exhibition presenting life and time of H.H. Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharajshri. Photo presentation is in chronological order right from

childhood days of H.H. Acharya Maharaj Shri. The exhibition is the heart and soul of these festive events. Rare and priceles photos of his childhood as Lalji Maharaj have drawdn crows of his dependent devotees. Acharya Maharaj in his Lalji form sits at the steps of Swaminarayan wadi to chew sugar cane, Lalji as a scholar of St Xaviers school poses himself in a group photo, our present Acharya Maharaj Shri graces a hindola and many such photos clicked by well known artists are presented there at the photo exhibition. It was a fascinating journey in life of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri.

Next to the exhibition hall, there is huge Bhojan shala. Thaal prasadam of full and sumptuous meals were served every day to the thousands of devotees at the time of morning and evening thaal. The sweets, vegetables, rice, daal and salads were served as meal of day time.



Thousands of VIP guests, guests saints, religious heads and special invitees were come from India and abroad. Cool drinking water was served through a network of hundreds of volunteers to soften the heat of early chaitra.

The festival was planned and organized in a short span of few days. Thousands of volunteers were come forward to take up the challenges. The duties were accomplished and assignments were carried out successfully well in time.

The events and festivities were planned most successfully by our Lalji Maharaj 108 Koshalendraprasadji Maharajshri. It was success of his effective and active leadership as chairman of platinum Jubile Festival committee. He had co-ordinated successfully the three wings – saints, devotees and youth Satsang.

The programmes and the events have added colours in the charms of this grand festival. The collective sacred thread ceremony, Sant Deeksha, Platinum weighing ceremony and grand welcome procession are a few from those colourful events. The shobha Yatra (procession) started from the temple at 3-30 (afternoon) and came to Swaminarayan Nagar at 8-30 (night), traveling through the residential and commercial zones of greater Ahmedabad. Thousands of devotees stood in a long queue on either sides of the roads to do darshan of H.H. Acharya Maharaj Shri.

The blessed words of H.H. Acharya Maharaj Shri were the most precious gift on this occasion. H.H. Acharya Maharaj Shri had blessed his devotees every day with his blessed words of spiritual wisdom: 'what ever am today, is due to the blessings of my father and the saints and due to the well wishes of this Satsang'.

`This is festival of the supreme seat of Lord Narnarayandev. I have got omniscient Shri Hari through this diocese, and through this great festival I wish to introduce Him to the devotees and aspirants attached to the platinum Jubilee Events.

'At present I am here to receive blessings and to bless you. The elderly saints and celibates have come here from the far flung places due to devotional love. I requiest them humbly to bless me.'

Whenever admired at a sabha like this, I may be present there plysically – bodily at the seat of the Acharya, but spiritually – by my mind – I leave the seat to dwell among you the devotees. While listening to the admiration in the holy company of you devotees, I feel happy for such admiration of Shri Narnarayandev diocese and that of the seat of Acharya.'

'We are required to look at the efforts put in by Shri Hari. Lord Shri Hari had developed this Satsang by his strainous efforts. He had reformed society and life style to relieve them from the burden of the sins. The status of holiness which is attainable to the worldly soul after the death, has become easily available to us – to the followers of this sect. Know the majesty of supreme and make this the last trip of the world – the last birth.'

'You are at the house of an unknown house holders. There you saw a photo of great grand father, and saw the man worshipping it. What you will feel in such circumstances ? In my case too, as and when I happen to be at the house of a devotee, I find them worshipping the image of my great grandfather. In such circumstances I feel a stronger bond of oneness with that devotee, I find him as my own a family member.

'I wish to give you something on this occasion. Our Nand sants in ancient time happened to be in

Kutch region to spread benedictory message of Shri Hari. A small child in a village did service of the saints. The saints were very happy by his service. They blessed the child to ask for anything. Child said, 'Give me your dearest thing'. God is the dearest for a saint. They gave God Shri Hari to that child. Since then, the child got divine vision and became known as Achyutdas Swami. I do wish to give you Lord Narnarayandev, as I have known and realized Him.'

Thus the blessed words continued to shower upon throughout the festivie events of platinum Jubilee Birthday.

The people were come at their own by their self inspiration. They enjoyed the devotional ways, benedictory means, and installed forever at their heart the majesty and glory of Lord Narnarayandev.

The festival, though was for the another form of God – H.H. Acharya Maharajshri it celebrated and admired great ness, glory and majesty of the preceptorship of Shri Narnarayandev Desh Diocese.

'This is the festival of Shri Narnarayandev desh peeth' these were the blessed words in inaugaration ceremony, and same philosophy was reflected in the blessed words of Acharya Maharaj: I have realized Lord Narnarayandev and in like manner I wish to introduce him to all of you.' In concluding ceremony too, was the same trend transform platinum Jubilee in to an unique and self begotten event:

Shri Hari's personal touch as was reflected in Vachnamrits Gaghada F.18 and other by words like ``Listen to me. You are my won, therefore was felt every moment in ways of Acharya Maharajshri, This inseparable oneness, unique attachment, was experienced in every word of Acharya Maharajshri. H.H. Acharya Maharajshri was pleased heartily to install Lord Narnarayandev at the heart of his follower devotees. His followers will remember it forever.

Our H.H. Acharya Maharajshri, the birthday celebrations and the personal invitation were the means to sing the praises of the majesty of preceptorship and Lord Narnarayandev Peeth. Festival it self is eternal Prasadam to benedict the devotees.

I am concluding my note with a quotation from the hoardings eracted at the venue.

'True Guru is the one who leads to God.'

H.H. ACHARYA MAHARAJSHRI : A MOST PUNCTUAL PERSONALITY

- Kothari Satyaprakashdasji

Sharad - Purnima is the Patotsava day of Bavla Temple. Mahant Swami prayed to Maharajshri to grace Bavla to present annual Patotsava Abhishekam to Lord Thakorji. H.H. Acharya Maharajshri disclosed to him his constraint, `Swami! It is full-moon day. Thousands of devotees come on this day at Ahmedabad temple. I am supposed to be at Ahmedabad temple.' Swami prayed repeatedly to adjust Patotsava Abhishekam in early morning schedule of the day. Maharajshri said with compassion, `Begin Abhishekam at 5-00 a.m., so that I can leave for Ahmedabad at 6-00 a.m. sharp.' Mahant Swami obeyed to it. Maharajsrhi asked us to leave Ahmedabad at 4-15.

The day was a festive poonam day. We saint were late by ten minutes in reporting our duty. We went hurridly to Shri Swaminarayan Baugh, but there we knew from the gate keeper that Maharajshri with his retinue were on way to Bavla. We rushed at the speed of one hundred k.m. p.h. but the retinue of Maharajshri was not in view. We reacehd Bavla and went to the temple. H.H. Acharya Maharajshri was presenting there Abhishekam to Lord Thakorji !

Maharajshri graced the assembly thereafter and left Bavla at 6-00 a.m. sharp. From there we came to Jetalpur and did darshan of Lord Revati Baldevji Harikrishna Maharaj, blessed the devotees and came to Ahmedabad. H.H. Acharya Maharajshri graces Sabha Mandap everyday at 7-45. On that day too he was there at the Sabha Mandap at an appointed time to favour his devotees at Ahmedabad. Maharajshri is very punctual in keeping time, and he is at peace in poojan worship of God.

ETERNAL TRUTH

- Shastri Hari Swami

The minsiter of a king was a Virtuous and God fearing man. He was used to attend the court after early morning rituals and Poojan Archan of God. He never missed Pooja-Satsang and never attended householder duties without poojan of God. Once he took some more time in Poojan and reached little late at the court. The king resented for such indisciplane and saught an explanation for reporting late. Minister tendered an apology with a true reason of comming late. King then asked him to answer his questions, failing which he was to be punished.

King asked, `where our God sits ? Which direction God faces ? What does he do ? The Minister was much upset. It was too difficult for him to anwer it spontaneously. He said, `I will answer it tomorrow.' He came back home to think on the issues. He passed whole day in anxiety and tension. Mean while came a saint to his village. Enlightened saint judged the uneasiness of the householder. He, with the due assurance, probbed deep for the cause of his anxiety. Minister narrated to him the whole story and submitted the riddles posed by the king. The saint said, `Dont worry. I will answer it to the king.

The next day when they came to the court, the saint said to the king, `Oh King ! These questions are very easy for us. I will answer all your questions, but for that you are required to offer me seat to follow the value oriented Indian tradition. The listeners are required to sit at a lower level than the seat of a speaker. The king acted humbly to follow the instructions, and requested to the saint to hold a high seat. He with his courtiers sat at the lower leavel to listen to the saint.

King desired then from the saint the answer about God's dwelling. The saint displayed in front of the king a bowl of milk. Directing at the milk, saint asked, `Oh King ! Tell me, at which place the butter is ? King replied, `Oh Saint ! Butter is everywhere in the milk.' `God too is everyhwere. A true devotee ponders and meditates upon deeply to churn essenomce of the inner being to realize and receive God, Such acts of a devotee are like that of a milkmaid churning curd to extract butter.

The next question was about the direction of the face of God. Demonstrating a lamp, the saint asked, `Tell me ! To which direction the face of the lamp is ?' `It faces all the directions,' Said the king. The saint then explained to them, `God's face is pointed to all the direction, like face of a lamp. A lamp illuminates all the directions by its light. God too illuninates all the directions by his luminosity.

The last among the questions was about the work and action of God. To answer this question properly, the saint directed the king to occupy the seat of the minister, and asked minister to occupy the seat of the king. The saint then said, `As you two have been transferred by me, God too transfers every being in accordance to their karmas. At times a poor becomes abillioner and a pauper becomes a king by tranformation of his karmas virtuous actions. There are occasion when a King becomes a poor beggar.' King was very happy and fully satisfied the by preachings ofthe saint. He honoured the saint and earned blesssings from him.

Dear Devotees ! God is everywhere. God is omniscient. Whatever happen on the earth or cosmos, happens so at the wish of God. God desires to do so. Don't forget this truth. Lord Swaminarayan Bahgwan is easily available to us. Shri Hari himself had said that He dwells among us in the form of the Deva (idols of God), the Acharya (Supreme preceptor), the sant (saints of the sect) and Shastra (holy scriptrues of the sampradaya). Therefore, as and when at the temple, do darshan of idol by taking it as real God. - God dwell eternally in the idol. Such feelings and a prayer with such feelings bring auspicious reward.

A most Saught after opportunity for the Satsangi ladies (1-8-2004 to 7-8-2004)

It gives us great devotional pleasure to announce that the Parayan Katha of Satsangi Jivan scripture shall be conducted at the Haveli temple - women's temple, during the sacred month of Adhik-Shravana. Honouraed Image of Goddess Lakshimi - Resepcted Gadiwalashri had consented to grace the main seat to deliver the discourses of Parayan-Katha.

SINFUL WEALTH

- H. J. Swami

A Ship was anchored at the bank of river Tungbhadra. It was not an ordinary ship and the goods carreid by it were not an ordinary cargo. The ship was carring pots of Gold coins. A goddess was protecting the ship.

A brahmin was standing by the siver side. Poor-needy brahmin ! He went near the ship and inquired about the ship and the goods. `Oh Deities ! To whom belonged the ship ? and what it carried ?" `Oh Brahmin ! This is not useful to you. The goods belongs to Jaydip Sheth. It is gold and gold coins.' Brahmin then prayed to them to give something to him. He was poor and needy. He prayed repeatedly for some help.

The Goddess, who was protecting the ship, came there and said, `Jaydip sheth is very rich. Enormous amount of wealth is laid uselessly in his treasure. This cargo of gold is not required by him. It is totally useless and he will abandon it un noticed in some corner of his vast treasury vault. How can I give it without his permission ? The message of anchoring the ship is to be sent to him. Better you carry this message for him. Deliver this message and bring a permission from him. You will get at least one hundred gold-coins if you got a permission.

Brahmin was very happy by her suggestion. He took the message and ran to the palace of Jaydip Sheth. He came to Jaydip Sheth and conveyed the message, `Sheth ! A ship load of gold coins and cold is anchored at the bank of Tungbhadra. The ship is fully loaded with the gold coins and gold, sealed and secured in huge metal pots.' `Many such ships have come and uncloaded at my treasure. There is no accomut of gold and gold coins.' `..... Sheth !..... will you please give some to me ? I am in need of money,' prayed the Brahmin.' `Oh Holy Brahmin ! No permission is needed. You are free to take it as per your wish. I am tired of treasuring the wealth. It is uselss for me. I am worried about the place to stake it. There is no empty place in my treasure. You may take the weatlh with you.' Brahmin then requested him to write a note to that effect. Jaydip wrote a letter of permission.

Brahmin ran back happily to the ship to collect the wealth. On the way, he informed his relatives about the treasue he was to receive and assured then a frection of it to remove their poverty. Brahmin came happily to the ship and delivered the permission to the Goddess. Goddess asked him to take the wealth from the ship. Brahmin went to the cargo vaults unlocked the doors and looked at the pots full of gold coins of various denomination. There were inumerable pots staked and piled in huge vault. It was worth billions. Deities were standing out side at the doors of the vault. They permittted him to take the weatlh.

Brahmin went closer to a pot and tried to pull it. But as he touched the rim of the huge metal pot his hand stuck to the rim. He tried to withdraw his hand, but in vain. He turned back to the deities. They said, `You will have to put something - money or else - to get your hand free. Otherwise you will have to live like this. Brahmin said, `I am very poor. I have nothing to pay. Not a paise. Goddess then came to his resque and relieved one of his hands. She then said, `Look ! Now pay something to get your another hand free. This is demonic weatlh - Sinful wealth. You will have to pay for your relief.'

`But, I possess nothing, except thsi small piece of Gopichandan (sacred soil).' Goddess said, `It is okay. You may put it there on the rim of the the pot, to get your hand free.' Brahmin kept the Gopichandan on the rim of the pot and got his hand free. He went back empty handed. His relatives surrounded hm and asked for gold coins. But Brahmin narrated to them his herrowing experiance.

Hard earned wealth is true wealth. Don't run after easy money. Easy money is demonic wealth - sinful weaht. It ruins our life. Therefore, live a greed free viruous life and be happy and contended.

A SUPER HUMAN PERSONALITY :

H.H. Acharya 1008 Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharajshri



Mankind and living beings in Bharat Khanda were crushed ruthlessly by the evil forces in ancient time of Kali. Social cultural and spiritual infrastructure was ruined and mankind lived under pitiable condition.

Lord Narnarayandev Bhagwan at Badrikashrama held a meeting with the Rishis like Marichi and saintly souls like Uddhavji, Dharmdev and Bhakti Mata to discuss critical condition of Bharat Khanda. Being deeply involved in discussion of adverse time, they paid no attention to Durvasa Muni. Durvasa found insult of him, in such apathy and cursed them : `You all have insulted me. Therefore, you all shall be born as human beings on the eath to receive torments from demonic forces.'

Shri Dharmadev and Bhaktimala tried at their best to please Durvasa Muni, for the withdrawal of the curse. The curse was non returnable, therefore, he modified the counter effects and said :

`This Narayan Rishi shall be born as the son of Dharmdev and Bhakti Mata, to relieve you all from the curse of me. he will protect you from the torments of Asuras."

Several centruries passed. Kaliyug became more powerful. Theft, rubbery, assessination, Kilings, violence, addiction and every kind of sins increased beyond the limits. Social fabric tattered and political foundations tumbled due to sinful life of the rulers and currupt administration.

Lord Narayan Bhagwan desired in such circumstanes to manifest himself as a human being on the earth, to refound axiomatic religion and to protect his devotees. He desired to destroy inrreligion for universal welfare of all the beings. Lord Narnarayandev incarnated himself as son of Dharmdev and Bhaktimata residing at Chhapaiya, near Ayodhya of Uttar Pradesh State. Lord Swaminarayan Bhagwan incarnated on auscpious nineth day of the bright half Chaitra in V.S. 1837 at 10-10 p.m. Markandeya Muni graced the house of Dharmdev and concluded ceremonious ritual of initiating name to new born child. Lucky child got three names : Hari, Krishna and Harikrishna. Ghanshyam was his nickname.

Our Puranas (scriptures) have early forecasts of incarnation of God. According to Brahm-purana `Dattatraya was to be born in Sat-yuga, Raghunandan in Tretayuga, Vasudeva in Dwapara-yuga and Shri Swaminarayan in Kali-yuga.' Skanda Purana also foresees : Oh Brahma (Creator God) ! I shall be born as the son of Samvedi Brahmin Dharmdev and Bhakti Mata. I will protect my parents and rishis who have been cursed by Durvasa Muni. I will reinstall axiomatic religion.' To prove these words of divine, Lord Swaminarayan Bhagwan was manifested on the earth. Shrimad Bhagwat (Part : 10, Chapter : 50) says : Lord Shri Krishna said to his brother Balbhadraji, `Cardinal aim of my present incarnation as a king is to kill these visible demons but to destroy demonic elements with the irreligion, I will incarnate my self once again. Lord Narayan Bhagwan fulfills the resolute by incarnating as Swaminarayan Bhagwan.

Shriji in his childhood gave blissful pleasure to his parents and companions and at the age of eleven years, three months and two days, he foresook worldly attachments and walked away to the seclusion of the forests of Himalaya region. He did penance and pilgrimage for more than seven years and graced holy shrines of India. He came to Gujarat via Dandakaranya-Nasik-Dhulia and crossed Tapi and via Surat, Bharuch, Chandod, Dabhoi, Vadodara, Dholera and Bhimnath, he came to Mt Girnar of Saurashtra

region and lived for some time at the port-town of Mangrol.

Celibate Neelkanth left Mangrol and came to Loj on Auguat 21, 1799 and lived for some time at the hermitage of Ramanand Swami awaiting Darshan of Ramanand Swami. First meeting between celibate Nilkanth and S.G. Ramanand swami was materialised at Piplana on June 19, 1800. This was turning point in spiritual history of future India. They conversed in the language of silence, talked eye-to-eye and soul-to-soul. Celibate Neelkanth was initiated Bhagwati Maha Deksha on October 8, 1800 at Piplana by his Guru Ramanand Swami with the holy names : Sahajanand and Narayan Muni. After one year - on auspicious Prabodhini Ekadashi day of 1858 V.S. a grand Satsang Sabha was held at Jetpur by Guru Ramanand Swami and Sahajanand Swami was installed by him as the supreme preceptor of the sect. Ramanand Swami had said on that occasion, `Today onward the reign of the sect are in your hands. Propagate and propound axiomatic religion founded on the doctrines of single minded devotion. The path of devotion is the easiest path for the emancipation. Explain this to the devotees.' Ramanand Swami then addressed the assembly and said `Now onward, follow the orders of Sahajanand Swami. My mission of life ends here. As have said repeatedly in the past, I was merely a drum player and real player was to come. Sahajanand is the real showman - grand player.'



Look at compassion and mercy of God. He took two boons from his Guru, soon after his installation - enthronenent. The pains and torments of his devotees should come to the person of him, but no devotee of him should be pained or tormented. Adversaries like poverty and others of the devotees, should become misfortune of him and the devotees should live happily and contented economically. S.G. Ramanand Swami discarded his elemental being at Faneni and merged in divine on thirteenth day of the bright half of Margshirsha in V.S. 1858. Sahajanand Swami had addressed in these days the Maha Mantra `Swaminarayan' to his devotees, and has become know as Sahajanand Swami.

Lord Sahajanand Swami had benedicted billions of souls by his mobile Satsang-visiting every village, town and city. He had restrengthened the axiomatic religion founded on single minded devotion. He reformed the contemporary Indian society by eradicating the vices like blind faith, hypocrisy, addiction, curruption, bad-customs etc and founded healthy traditions and conventions by teaching to them the religion of devotion. For the eternal longivity of devotion based religion, he had formed the code of good conduct and had laid the rules for ethical conduct and behaviour-personal and public life-of his followers.

Lord Swaminarayan Bhagwan made three secret resolutes for steady growth and eternity of this great sect :

(1) Construction of the temples : He made resolute to get constructed the tempels on holy land of Bharat Khand. He decided to install idols of his own divine form in these temples. By this resolute he favoured his followers, to do devotion and worhship of God by daily darshan of the images. Such darshan fulfills the four ultimate aims of human life Dharma (religion), Arta (wealth), Kama (desire) and Moksha (ultimate emancipation).

(2) Installation of the Seat of the Acharya : He made a resolute to install seat of the supreme preceptor of the diocese. He installed by this the highest seat of Dharma Vanshi Acharya. Dharmavanshi Acharya initiates Mantra Deeksha to the followers to strengthen devotion enriched axiomatic religion.

(3) Creation of the religious scriptures : He made resolute to create the scriptures - to write sacred books - to explain Dharma (ethical duties), Gyan (knowledge), Vairgya (detachment and asceticism), and Bhakti (devotion).

He founded pure vedic and axiomatic religion by implementing those three resolutes. He emphasized more on inner and outer purity of his followers. Therefore, he advocated to them the path of virtuous life. He himself chose the Acharyas for the Satsangis of present and future generation by selecting the Acharya from the lineage of the Dharmkul. To manage the Satsang well, he got divided the Satsang in two distinct but identical dioceses, Shri Narnarayandev Desh and Shri Lakshminarayandev Desh. He himself got prepared a document of that effect and orderd specifically to everybody to adhere to the orders of resepctive Acharya. This document cum constitution is known as Desh Vibhag-no-Lekh.

The first Acharya of both the dioceses were chosen from Dharmvansha. Shri Ayodhyaprasadji (son of Dharmputra Rampratapbhai) and Shri Raghuvirji (son of Dharmputra Ichharamji) were installed most ceremoniously as Acharya of the respective diocese,

by Shri Hari hismelf. Thus the lineage of Dharmvanshi Rampratapbhai holds the preceptorship of Shri Narnarayandevdesh Diocese. The five Acharyas of past have held this highest seat of Shri Narnarayandevdesh Diocese. First Acharya was Ayodhyaprasadji Maharajshri, Second was Acharya Keshavpraddasji Maharajsri, third was Acharya Purushottamprasaddasji, fourth Acharya was Shri Vasudevprasadji Maharajshri, fifth Acharya was H.H. Devendraprasadji Maharajshri and contemparenily H.H. Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharajshri holds this highest seat as the sixth Acharya from the Dharmkul lineage.



Child Tejendraprasad-darling Lalji of the diocese was born to mother Shardadevi in Dharmvanshi family of H.H. Acharya Devendprasadji and Shardadevi. Auspcious day Aptil 11, of 1944 broke the most auspcios news for the diocese when luminous Lalji was born. To represent the divine luminsosity of the child, he was named `Tejendra' by holy rituals of naming ceremony. His chaul sanskar were conducted most ceremoniously in year 2009 (V.S.) and sacred threads where initiated in year 2010 (V.S.) He studied sankrit under scholarly tutorship of Pandit Durganathji and received schooll education at St. Xavier's School. He was deeply interested in disciplines like literature, music, fine arts and sceince, His curiosity, inquisitiveness and persistance in discovery of truth were admired by his teachers and guides. The virtues like politeness, truthfulness, simplicity, brevity, decorum, wisdom, modesty were the attributes of his personality right from his childhood.

The lessions in personal duty, good conduct, inner purity and sectarian education were taught to him personally by his father - H.H. Acharya Devenpraprasdji Maharajshri H.H. Acharya Devendraprasadji Maharaj was used to take his son Lalji Maharajshi Tejendra with him in religious ceremonies, festivals and samaiyas to teach him practically the duties and responsibilities of the future Acharya of the diocese.

H.H. Lalji Maharajshri Tejendraprasadji Mahrajshri graced the continent of Africa at the tender age of 14 years and instllaaed most ceremoniously the idols of God in Shri Swaminarayan Mandir in Kenya S.A. H.H. Lalji Tendraprasadji accompanied by Pandit Durganathji Jha, Swami Jagatprasadji and S.G. Purani Ghanshyamcharandasji and retinue graced the port city of Mombasa and blessed the Satsang at the grand reception organised by East Africa Satsang. This was begining of spreading Satsang in overseas countries.



Thoughactive and effective in Satsang activities, he received college education in discipline of sceince, and received the degree of B.Sc., from Gujarat University. He was like Shravana of ancient age in his dedicated service to the parents. As his fathers' health deteriorated most often, he stopped post graduation despite his brillient career in science. He dedicated himself for the cause of Sampradaya and concentrated more on administration of the religious estiblishments of Shri Narnarayandev Peeth, besides the Satsnag activities in overseas countries.

By his decisive power, bravity, wisdom, wit and blissful speech as youthful Lalji of the diocese, he won the hearts of entire Satsang. Holiness, purity and compassion are the strongest attributes of him.

H.H. Acharya Devendraprasadji Maharajshri merged in divinity when H.H. Lalji Tejendraprasad was to step out from the life stage of celibacy. H.H. Acahrya Devendraprasaji's ascend to divine, left millions of followers weeping H.H. Lalji Tejendraprasaji grieved at his heart but keeping in mind the greater responsibility of leading the

satsnag, he restrengthened his spirit to shoulder the responsibility of Shri Narnarayandev Desh diocese by holding its preceptorship.

Thus the sixth descendant heir of Shri Hari - Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharajshri graced most religiously on October 24, 1969 the supreme preceptorship of Shri Narnarayandev desh. Great Vaishnavacharya Shri Vrajraiji placed on his head the turban of supreme preceptorship of Shri Narnarayandevdesh. While reciprocating to love



and dedication of the devotees and aspirants, he said on that occasion, `This shall be a very big responsibility on my side to carry it successfully. But Lord Narnarayandev dwelling in front of us and this great sect and the Satsangis of this diocese will empower me spiriutally to execute successfully the responsibilities of Shri Narnarayandev desh diocese. I hold absolute faith and trust in this eternal trio. I am thankful to you.' This was the begining of his new chapter as Acharya Maharajshri of Shri Narnarayandev Desh Peeth.

H.H. Acharya Maharajshri Tejendraprasadji Maharajshri graced in accordance to Indian culture the Grihasthashrama (householdership) at the age of 26 years on auspicious seventeenth day of June-1970 and married to Respectable Virajkumariji. She is virtuous daughter of Ayurvedacharya and scholar of philosophy Pandit Chandradatt Tripathiji of Ajamgadh. She graced the superme seat of Gadiwalashir to favour the female-Satsangis by initiating Mantra deeksha to them. Respected Binduraja Niharika. Kuvarba is the first child of their happy and holy married life. Their worthy son the seventh future Acharya of Shri Narnarayandev Desh H.H. Lalji Maharaj 108 Shri Koshalendraprasadji was born on auspicious Vijayadashami day (17-10-1972) in V.S. 2028.

Besides spiritual heritage of the Dharmkul, H.H. Acharya Maharajshri had received from his father in profoundity the cultural heritage of appriciation and study of music, art, architect and fine arts. H.H. Acharya Maharajshri himself is an expert photo artist. His photography presents fine amalgamation of science, art, aesthetics physical science and metaphysical explorations. The public exibitions of his photography receives appriciation from the art-critics, artists and art loving public.

The knowldge, devotion, spiritual strength, eternal luminosity, compassion, mercy, modesty, inherent fineness of speech, forgiveness, purity and holiness are the natural virtues of H.H. Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Tejendraprasadji. Though executing world wide the greatest responsibility of establishing and protecting religion as the supreme preceptor of the diocese, he lives happily and freely without any discrimination between rich and poors, noble and commoners. He is busy round the clock in planning and execution of various scheme to promote religious fervour and benedictory activities for the universal welfare of the mankind. To sum up in brief the entire span of his activities, we can say that he is the shrine of religious services, social services and educational services meant for the mankind. He is the supreme religious head and leading spritual guide of Shri Narnarayandev desh and directs through his three thousand temples the satsang throughout the world. His religious tours are extensive and touch every Satangi habitated in any corner of the world. He visits small villages, towns, cities, regions, states and countries spread on major continents. Every Satsangi family treasures sweet and blissful memories of the Padharamani (blessed visit) of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. Though, in middle of his Vanprastha, he is active and conscious like an youth.

H.H. Acharya Maharajshri holds full trust in younger generation. Youth Satsang Groups are active, wherever lived a group of the Satsangis. These well knit associations are known as Shri Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal. These Mandals initiatie activities to bring out hidden strength and

capabilities of contemporary youth. The organisation - ISSO (International Swaminarayan Satsang Organization) operates in every country across the world to reshape contemporary society. S.N.N.D.Y.M. and ISSO have been founded and developed by H.H. Acharya Maharajshri.

The religious tours, samaiyas and religious festivals are the most effective means for moulding human behaviour. H.H. Acharya Maharajshri has celebrated hundreds of such celeberations in his blissful presence to make very event a most memorable celebration. As Shriji Maharaj had said, memory of such an occasion improves the destiny of a departing soul.

Youth activities and social services are entrusted to H.H. Lalji Maharajshri, to strengthen one to one raport between Satsangis and him. H.H. Lalji Maharajshri conducts through them the welfare activities such as : blood donation, tree planting, seminars for social awakening, debates and group discussions on religious topics, religious walks, awakening walks, group pilgrimage, literacy movement, youth camps and religious assenblies. Youths are drawn from all the classes of the society and belong to various economic levels, castes and groups.

Respected Gadiwalashri is the religious head and Guru of the female Satsangis and initiates mantra deeksha to them under the orders of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. Women's activities are being conducted under her leadership.





The Samkhya Yogi women acts under her order and conduct satsang activiteis for the aspirants women in various regions of Shri Narnarayandev Desh. Such assemblies, conferences and camps are conducted at the temples in varous villages and towns. Those temples are exclusively for female devotees. Basic principles of Shri Swaminarayan sect are discussed there to remove blind faith and superstitions prevailent in lesser educated classes of the society. Ekadashi Satsang Sabhas are conducted regualrly to help female Satsangis in towns and villages. Respected Gadiwalashri initiates Mantra deeksha to the new female Satsangis during her religious tours in India and abroad. Thousands of women have become followers of this aximoatic religon. Bhakti-sudha is a quarterly magazine published exclusively for the female Satsangis. Respected Gadiwalashri conducts this activity to kindle the lamp of spritual knowledge. Besides quarterly magazine, the scriptures like Vachanamrit and Satsangi Bhushan have been translated by her in Hindi to address national level Satsang. Thus, Gadiwala too is equally active and effective in growth and development of Satsang.

H.H. Acharya Maharjahsri never imposes himself at the centre spot. He always presents himself in a low profile and high lights the greatness of the sect and cardinal principles of this Sampradaya. He had followed most religously the code prescribed by Shri Hari in the scriptures of Shikshapatri, and following it most dedicately, he had kept the education in the centre of all the activities. Education is the highest priority in his action plans. The funds generated during silver Jubilee Celebrations of Devendraprasadji Maharajshri have been spent towards ``H.H. Acharya Devendraprasadji Education Trust" and a most modern educational campus has been developed in Ambawadi area of Ahmedabad. Shri Sahajanand Arts and commer college, college hostels, Shri Sahajanand Gujarati School, Shri Sahajanand English School and other such educational activities are being conducted there. Average one educational campus comes up every year to provide wholesome educational experiences to new generation. The Terf is the latest addition in educational world of this sect.

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महाराजश्रीनो
पष्ठीपूर्ति महोत्सव

The Blessed Words From H.H. Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharajshri

`The saints and others have admired me, but this festive celebrations are for this supreme seat, not for a person or an individual. The core and essence of such celebrations is to remember Maharaj constantly, and therefore, the events like this should be celebrated frequently at least at the interval of two or three years.'

(During inauguration of Platinum Jubilee)

`Every act of Maharaj has its own meaning, mystirous and majestic. Some wrestlers at Chhapaiya were jealous of Maharaj. Though never were harmed by Maharaj, they were obstructing the ways of Maharaj. Maharaj was used to set them right. Even today, though not done any harm to any body, the people like those ancient wrestlers, happened to obstruct us, oppose us. But Maharaj indicates to us in such circumstance that he will take care of it.'

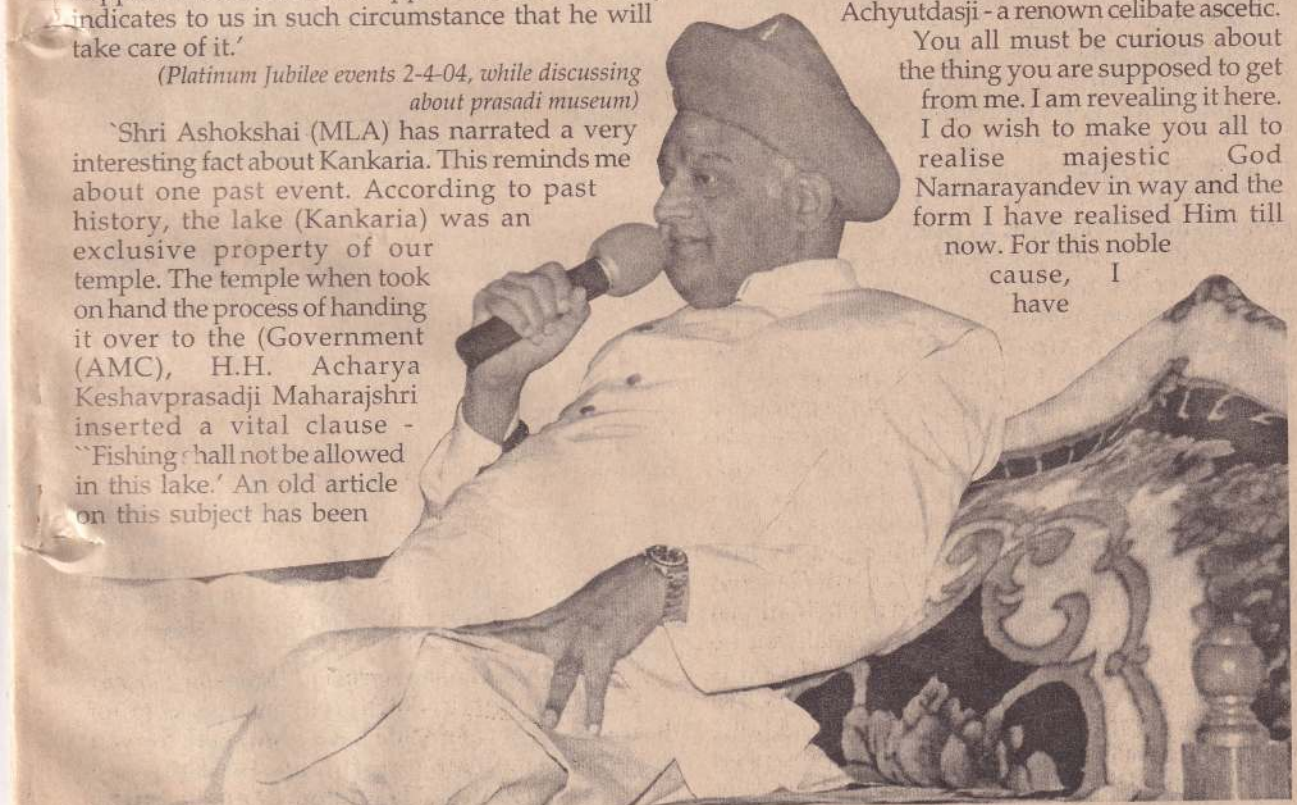
(Platinum Jubilee events 2-4-04, while discussing about prasadi museum)

`Shri Ashokshai (MLA) has narrated a very interesting fact about Kankaria. This reminds me about one past event. According to past history, the lake (Kankaria) was an exclusive property of our temple. The temple when took on hand the process of handing it over to the (Government (AMC), H.H. Acharya Keshavprasadji Maharajshri inserted a vital clause - ``Fishing shall not be allowed in this lake.' An old article on this subject has been seen in T.O.I. The research on this topic will bring out very interesting facts.

The saints and you devotees have wished me heartily. I am indeed, thankful to you all. Wishes and tanks are two-way street. I too, should give some thing to you.

Nand sants were travelling in arid area of Kutch. A small child did excellent service of those saints. They showered hearty pleasure on that child and told him to ask for any boon. Child was wise and intelligent. He prayed, `Oh saints ! please give me the thing which is dearest to you.' God is very dear to the saints. Therefore, they gave him God. Child got instant darshan of God. Though he was at home, the child was able to see in front of his eyes all the acts of Maharaj - God. This child was S.G. Achyutdasji - a renown celibate ascetic.

You all must be curious about the thing you are supposed to get from me. I am revealing it here. I do wish to make you all to realise majestic God Narnarayandev in way and the form I have realised Him till now. For this noble cause, I have



spared a good number of hours at my residence and traced the reference about Narnarayandev mentioned by Shri Hari himself in his eternal Vachanamrits. I have wrote them care fully in my handwriting. We householders have to share and shoulder a lot many responsibilities. The phone calls, visitors and consultation groups were used to drop in frequently when I wrote it. However, the hand written pocket-book ``Vachanamrit-Man-Shri Narnarayandev'' is now ready for a formal release. This small book of eternal bliss shall be released tomorrow. It will give you devotional pleasure and eternal bliss if read it meditatively every morning. In his Gadhada (F-48) Vachnamrit, Maharaj orders all the Satsangis to install Lrod Narnarayandev at their personal Pooja-Chest. Desh Vibhag is not applicable in it. Maharaj treats Lord Narnarayandev as his own form. I am gifting this carefully edited and handwritten handbook which is like the Gutka (Pocket-book extracted and written by Maharaj by condensing the scriptures. Receive it as my blessings and read it daily. *(Katha Satsang : 4-4-04)*

`We have listened today good many enlightening discourses. Amoung it, the episode narrated by youthful Chaudhari Satsangi is highely inspirational. The Upasana (Meditation) and the cleanliness discussed by him had touched innermost. I remember a past experience. Long back, I had been at a devotees place to bless the dwelling. It was a splendid bungalow, designed by a renown architect. The bungalow, when was ready to livein, the owner came to have a final look. He took a careful round of the villa and said thoughtfully, `I do wish to make small change. I want a ceiling fan fixed atop at this particular point.' Architect noded his head positively and said, `No problem in fixing a fan at your desired point. But a plate needed to be fixed along the fan to indicate that the fan was fixed without a consent from the architect.' If a professional architect holds this much self esteem in regard to his planning, what shall be the height of self esteem of Maharaj - the supreme architect of the cosmose - who had designed and planned this Satsang ! Maharaj says that he has not left any thing unattended in his efforts at present. To place other images against the wish of God and to make uncalled for changes in Aarti, Meditational ways and the scriptures of the sect shall not be tolerated by Maharaj. Such displeasure of God is quite visible if we look at those arrogent lots. We should keep our meditational seat clean and holy. We should adhere to the path of Upasana prescribed by Shri Hari. This will give us eternal pleasure in our present life and divine pleasure in our life after that. *(Mahotsava Sabha : 6-4-04)*

`In first instance, I desire blessings and good wishes from this divine assembly. Please pray to Maharaj to give spritual strength and power to Bal Lalji Maharajshri to serve this Satsang very well, with eternal pleasure to all the satsangis. Satsang may bloom many fold in his blessed time. The Chhanda (couplet) he recited was written by S.G. Paramhamsa Brahmanand Swami. Brahmanand Swami had great devotional love for the Dharmkul, and Dharmkul too loved Brahmanand Swami. Since last few days, saints and devotees are praising and admirsing us. They are praising my religious services. Do you know ? What I have been doing in my psychic world as and when I herd such admiration ? Though may be here physically at the dais and at this supreme seat, but by in back of mind, I sit somewhere among you all at some far off corner and observe peacefully the praise and admiration of the seat of the Acharya.

Once a journalist asked me about my feelings when I graced the houses of my satsangi followers in India and abroad. I answered him. `Supposed you had been at the place of some one and at his place the photo of your grandfather was being worshipped most faithfully by the family which is not so familiar to you. What you would feel in such circumstances for the man and his family ? I too hold great respect and devotional love for the person and his family who have held faith and had surrendered exclusively at the lotus feet of my great grand father - Shri Hari. It is beyond imagination.

Maharaj had founded this Satsangi by his strainous efforts, and considering that important aspect, we should earn the pleasure of Shri Hari by our virtues and ethical duties. The pleasure and peace that availed by God fearing people after their death, have been made available by Shri Hari in our present life on the earth. Let this birth be the last birth. Let this be the last round. May Shri Hari bless us the pleasure of Akshardham.

(Mahotsava Sabha : 6-4-04)

`Dhoon and Kirtans are the core of the celebrations. Those shall be the blessed souls who have chanted Dhoon-Kirtans at these special sessions. May Shri Hari bless ehem sternal peace of Akshardahm.'

(Concluding ceremony : Non-stop Dhoon)

Since my birth in Dharmkul, every second of these sixty years of my life have been spent for you - for this Satsang. Now rest of my life, I wish to spend for myself. How ? Not by quiting Satsangi, but by

dwelling in every particle and molecule of Satsang. In every breath of devotional life. I have received good many prasadi itmes. Do you know ? How these Prasadi items began to came ? Respected Mother invited me at her upper storey room, and presened to me famlous gift. It was silver toon-prick of Maharaj ! Since that first fabulous gift, the prasadi items are pouring in non-stop. Some one worries where to invest if striked a big lottery prize. All will approach to get an investment from him, `Invest in our bank, invest in our stocks-schemes !' and what not ! I have striked a fabulous lottery of Prasadi itmes. I desire to give much thought to its planning. I expect a most sceientific method to preserve, protect and exhibit the prasadi items. Such prasadi items go some time unnoticed due to an un-organized handling. when we were shifted to our new residence from the earlier one, I browsed through the sheaves of ancient papers and found in there a document on stamp paper of rupee one ! It was letter of authority under authentic signature of Maharaj ! This uniqe document contains date in christian era. a particular day of March in christian era (A.D.). This shall be the centre point of our memorial museume of the prasadi items. The document has been protected perfectly - no photo no xerox copies. The attires graced by Shri Hari during colour festivities have been kept most carefully, with those dried drops of charmful colours. I am dreaming to organize a permanent museum exposing all these divine itmes, touched and used personally by Lord Shri Hari. These will strengthen devotional fervour in devotees in India and abroad. I pray to Maharaj to fulfill this dream with the due blessings of the saints and this assembly.

Every one from this Satsangi-right from Lalji Maharaj to the juniormost Satsangi-have contributed generously towards the sucess of Platinum Jubilees. I convey my hearty thanks to all of them.

- 108 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharajshri
(Concluding Sessions 8-4-04)

Blessed words of H.H. Lalji Maharaj

`We are celebrating colourful festivities at the blessed lotus feet of Lord Narnarayandev. Our ways are different than the ways of the world. Brithday celebrations of Narnarayandev are the celebrations of victory. This was the day when we were coloured by the divine colour of pure consciousness.

Bal Lalji asked once to H.H. Acharya Maharajshri, `Dadaji ! This idol of Hanumanji neither pose a standing posture nor a sitting one. Why is it so ?' Dadaji too was confused for a while. There was no solution in vicinity. After some time, he telephoned to Purushottamprakashdasji Swami. Swami said, `Hanumanji is a humble servent of Lord Rama, ready to serve Shri Rama !' People never thought so, thought they do darshn of Lord Hanuman for instant removal of their pain and problems.

This is army of Lord Narnarayandev - The Satsangis of Lord Narayandev. They are readily available to sacrifice their lives for the cause of religion. Lord Narnarayandev is engaged in non-stop penance for benediction of living beings. We live happily by penance of him. Though was a pauper, he will become a millioner in time to come if he adhered to the lotus feet of Lord Narnarayandev and adhered to benign refuge of supreme Lord. One who is a billioner and the wealthiest in the satsang, shall become a pauper if abdoned the blessed refuge of Lord Narnarayandev to go elsewhere. Be firm in your faith. Sacrifice everything. With these colourful drops of colourfestival, I pray humbly to Shri Hari to bless to us the soulful devotion.

Event : Victory Flag Hoisting

`Our contribution has borne the fruits, because Maharajshri has written the pocket-book `Vachnamrit-Man-Narnarayandev" to make us to realise that form and majesty of Lord Narnarayandev which is realised by him till now. I too have told to all my volunteering youths that the concluding day of the Platinum Jubilee shall be the begining hour of our religious services. Our volunteers shall be ready to sacrife everthing for the forthcoming project of Prasadji Museum. It is our responsibility. Platinum Jubilee has become a means for us to earn Punya for ourselves. The Satsang Sabhas, Dhoon Sessions, Kirtan sessions, Parayan-Kathas, religious walks, pilgirmages, Jan Mangal-recitations, Maha Poojas, Medical camps, blood donation camps, and other such Platinum Jubilee events organized during the year have eanred for us the Punya of virtuous acts. Lord Swaminarayan Bhagwan is pleased to us.

Maharajshri loves heartily to me and my entire family, but he loves much more the saint and devotees of this diocese. He hardly gives ten percent of his personal time to his family. Satsang is his greater family. Let there be constant increase in such love of Maharajshri. *Concluding Session : 8-4-04*

`Once in a Satsang Sabha, Shriji Maharaj received a gift from a devotee. Some people left their seats, when they knew about such gift. Shriji Maharaj did another such leela. he placed both his feet in the same hose of his trousers. Half of the audience scrimed `Is this God ?' and left the venue. `Now it will be a most enjoyable heart to heart talk. Because,

those who were not so firm, have left this place. Those who are rock firm, are with us.' said Maharaj.

To do service of God is not a matter of luck or fortune. God's grace is a must for such an opportunity. I have got such opportunity due to mercy and compassion of Maharajshri. Shriji Maharaj says, `How much a soul strives for his elemental body and ephemeral relations ? If that much efforts could be made toward God and devotees of God, the soul may attain God easily.

Though not related so closely, people are doing much for such remote relations. It is a common tendency. But the same people, hardly bother for their own innerself. They hardly listen to him. They hardly do anything for his benediction. The love and affection shown to the relatives, if rose equally for God and deovtees, the soul shall be benedicted unconditionally.

I am really very happy by the present celebrations. Whenever I came, may be at foremoon hours or at late evening, I found volunteers engaged happily in their assigned duties - some at the parking, some at the service centres, some at the reception enjoying their service and duty. They have translated in action the teachings of Shri Hari. Our soul is attached to Shri Hari. Kanthi is our Mangalsutra (auspicious necklace). Tilak and chandlo stand for our side, favour or devotional love. The Satsangi devotees are our truest relatives. In this audience some may be Gujarati, Kutchchi, Kathiawari, Patel, Chaudhari, Brahmin or Vaghari, but all these divisions and pieces are man made. The greater among these castes and classess are the Satsangis. The Satsangis are highest among all the castes and classes. Tilak-Chandlo are our symbols. It is our destiny and fortune. Services and co-operation are the fruits of it. We are the hosts and others are the guests. We are supposed to extend warm hospitality to all our guests. May Lord Shri Hari please to you all. I pray humbly to Lord Narnarayandev.

I thought to gift something special to all my volunteering youths. What should be given ? I applied my mind and resolved to certify their duties - their service. I decided to give them a nice certificate signed by Maharajshri. I reached home very late, at about 1-00 am midnight ! Went to Mahajarajshri and woke up him. `Why at such late hours ?" asked Maharajshri. I have got some idea to recognize service of our Satsangis. Those aspirant youths have served most faithfully day and night at Swaminarayannagar. I am really very happy by their dedicated service. Therefore, I want to gift them a certificate signed by your holiness. Maharajshri came to his office at such late hourse of night and wrote certificate for the Satsangi youths. He gave me the letter and asked me to depend solely to the divine powers of God, `I am also very happy by the services extended by our younger generation of Satsang. Small services are liked in a big way by God. God pleases more by the smaller service than by the wealth or ornaments of any kind.

This is a large army. Maharajshri takes this army as his own. Maharajshri has great love for them. Supreme Lord of cosmoses is our father, we should be proud of it. What we have received is unique and unparalleled. I pray to Lord Narnarayandev for the devotional pleasure of Maharaj on all of us.

Concluding Session Platinum Jubilee 8-4-04.

Blessed words from H.H. Acharya 1008 Shri Rakeshprasadji Maharajshri of Shri Lakshminarayandev Desh

`H.H. Acharya 1008 Shri Tejendrparasadji Maharajshri has led this Satsang at the world level in all it's majesty and greatness with a singular aim of a visionary foreseer .He has spread across the world the message of Swaminarayan Bhagwan for universal welfare of living beings. The saffron roobe of the tradition of the Nand Sants has earned honour and decorum on every continent of the earth by humble efforts of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. He has maintained his decorum and holiness.

At present on this occasin, we are admiring and appriciating our ourselves. One can get himself free from the debts and obligations of his Guru. Such emotion packed moments demand some submission from us. We should submit humbly the hearty feelings and devotional love at the lotus feet of Mahrajshri. We must resolve firmly to follow the orders of him. Maharaj has said in his blessed discourses of Vachanamrit that a wicked, greedy or a covetous person may survive in this great Satsang, but an egoist can not survive even for a minute. Be ego free. Practise Panch Vartamans and be a true Satsangi. This shall be a most precious gift from all of us.

May Lord Narnarayandev bless the host devotees and the host Shri Rameshbhai Marfatia family for their devotional service of hosting the events. May Shri Hari bless the eternal pleasure to the devotees who have come from USA, UK, Africa and other countries. They have maintained decorum of Satsang in overseas countries. I hope and pray again for the guidance and guide line from H.H. Acharya Maharajshri for the time to come.'

Platinum Jubilee Celebrations : 8-4-04

OUR ACHARYA MAHARAJSHRI

- Swami Shastri Harikrishnadasji (Ex-Mahant, Chhapaiya)

H.H. Acharya 1008 Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharajshri has led first religious tour of his life at the tender age of fourteen and that too as H.H. Lalji Maharajshri of this diocese. He graced the continent of Africa and addressed religious celebrations in Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania to recharge consciousness in Kutch-Gujarat Satsang of Africa. Thousands of devotees saw in him the divinity of Lalji-Shri Krishna's consciousness, when he installed idols of God in our new temple in Africa.

This spiritual stride - firm and goal oriented - went on non stop in years to come, and satsang grew and developed many fold in Nairobi, Mombasa, Kampala, Dar-e-Salam and other regions of Africa. The splendid temples and non-stop devotion brought in spiritual awakening in people in Africa and many aspirants came under the benign shelter of Swaminarayan Satsang. H.H. Acharya Maharajshri had inspird the saints of Katch region to construct domed temples of Swaminarayan Sampadaya. Due to constant efforts and frequent visits of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri, there exists these days the Swaminarayan Temples in each and every city of Africa.

As was happened in the case of Africa, Satsang in America too received similar compassion and love from H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. In his first visit of America, there were very few Satsangis scatterd in vrious states of America. Their addresses were found out after much strain and labour to begin satsang activities in the western world. Most difficult penance was put in to initiate Satsang activities. This most powerful country has no time to spend for such religious sessions, but due to super human personality of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. The Sabhas went on very smoothly and Satsang activities spread tremendously in the following years covering all the regions of U.S.A. The Satsang Sabhas, Parayan-Kathas, construction of the new temples, installation ceremonies, patotsava and initiation of aspirants have become now a matter of routine. This shows Shri Hari's presence in the form of Acharya Maharajshri. This was spiritual awakening of the western world and I.S.S.O. was founded during this period to conduct and promote religious activities in the westward countries. Aspirants are quening in thousands to receive Guru Mantra deeksha from H.H. Acharya Maharajshri and a large number of the houses of the devotees are being graced in each such overseas tour. Splendid temples have been constructed in New Jersey, Boston, Chicago, Los Angeles, Huston, Florida, Detroit and other such places. The Satsang is nurtured well and has become like a lush green banyan tree. Such great task has been accomplised in a very short time due to majestic divinity of Acharya Maharajshri. Religious flag of Lord Narnaraydnev has been infurled in countries and states of Canada, Australia, Newzealand, Mauritius, Seychelles, Gulf, Dubai, Muscat and Sharjah. These are sweet fruits of the preceptorship of H.H. Acharya 1008 Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharajshri.

H.H. Acharya Maharjashri has entrusted to H.H. Lalji Maharajshri the religious activities to be conducted in western countries for the growing generation of young Satsangis. H.H. Lalji Maharajshri has guided them well by conducting youth Satsang camps and seminars in various cities of European and American countries. This awakening and consciousness are the sweet fruits of compassion and love of Acharya Maharajshri.

H.H. Acharya Maharajshri maintains well sanctity and purity of management and adminsitration. Accounts of God's wealth are maintained well and proper receipts are issued instantly to the donors for their donations. He is free from temptations and desires. Donations and gifts received by him are channelised to respective destinations of Shri Narnarayandev diocese. The saints and devotees of both the deshas love and respect him equally. I pray and salute to my Guru - H.H. Acharya Maharajshri.

MY HUMBLE SALUTE TO MY GURU

- Mahant Swâmi Shastri Premswaroopdasji

I salute thee oh My Guru ! I bow humbly at the lotus feet of my Guru - H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. He is ocean of compassion, mercy and eternal love. We are celebrating these days the platinum Jubilee year of his relgious services, his caring preceptorship, his enlightening services toward this sect. He had served selflessly and untiredly the entire Satsang spread in holy land of BharatKhanda and abroad. He had put in best of his efforts to make them realise the greatness and majesty of Lord Swaminarayan. He had left no stone unturned in spreading benedictory message of Lord Shri Hari. May be a small village or a town or a city or an advance country beyond the sea, but he pays the visits repeatedly and selflessly to bring those souls in benedictory fold of this sect. Hundreds of temples have been founded by him in far off overseas countries to help his non-resident satsngis in their devotion of Lord Shri Hari. There are inumerable events reflecting compassion and sublime love of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri.

H.H. Acharya Maharajshri was gracing village Deusana near Kadi to bless the dwellings of his followers. A poor Harijan was living in this village with his family. He was a poor and needy Satsangi but faithful and firm. He was living in a small hut made of straws, grass and mud, a very low roof and a small broken door to enter in the hut. He was aspiring to invite Maharajshri at his hut but was very shy of his ruins like hut. He was not able to submit his feelings to H.H. Maharajshri. Other Devotees too were shy of conveying his feelings to Maharajshri.

While walking togather, Maharajshri knew about his inner feelings. Maharajshri looked at him and said with love, `Bhagat ! Point at it, when we reach near your house.' As they came close to the hut, Harijan devotee pointed it to Maharajshri. Maharajshri graced his hut by lowering his head. He graced there a broken cot, did Aarti and blessed the devout family. There are many such incidents.

H.H. Acharya Maharajshri graced Zalor district of Rajasthan to grace the temple at Vapa. Zalor in Rajasthan is dry land of desert. Dust and sound storms are common in that region. Besides heat and dust, there was acute shortage of water. H.H. Acharya Maharajsrhi graced a cabin like room coustructed near the temple. He was gracing this region to install idols of god at the new temple of Vapa. Saints and devotees were musch concerned for Maharajshri. Therefore, they inquired, `Maharajshri ! Oh Supreme of the Kings ! How xould you adjust with such shortcomings. ?' Maharajsrhi said, `Oh Swami ! It is most comfortable like comforts of a big city. Electircity was available in this rural area, therefore, temporary power arrangements were made by one power generator. The engine was very noisy and it was placed near the room of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. Maharajshri asked us not to bother for such noise, and re assured about his convenience. He accomdates everybody, and accomadates himself in such circumstanes.

H.H. Acharya Maharajshri cares personally for his saints and celibates. He makes no difference between senior and junior or small and big. In year 1969, it was my begining in Ahmedabad and I was granted Mahantship of Siddhapur temple. There were not many disciples with me during that period. I submitted humbly, `Maharajshri ! It is very difficult to handle Siddhapur Mahantship, Single handed.' `Be in oneness with Lord Narnarayandev and do devotional service of Harikrishna Maharaj. I am with you and I shall be yours forever. If any inconvenience, tell it to me at once.' H.H. Acharya Maharajshri cares for us like a good mother.

In his religious tour of Mauritius, H.H. Acharya Maharajshri graced the temple everyday and presented Aarti after his morning rituals and Poojan Archan of personal God. After Aarti at the temple, he was used to go back to his room and lived there up till 11-30. After lunch, he was meeting for a while to his saints and was going

back to his room for rest of the day.

Once I asked, Maharajshri ! How you pass time in such loneliness ?' Maharajshri said, `Swami ! I have lot of the work to do. I am supposed to complete the study of the books of Adharanand Swami. Therefore, I invest my time in study of the book.' Acharya Maharajshri then said, `We are supposed to learn the art of living all alone for a long time for study and meditation, should master in similar way the art of living in a group, because an interaction with society is equally useful in inner growth of human beings.' Secludion and society, loneliness and company - pairing words were opposite to each other ! But the man has to acquaint with both the states - seclusion and society. Maharajshri enjoys both the states most comfortably. During our religious tours, Maharajshri was used to sit with our small group of the saints. Some interesting discussions are still in my memory.

`A soul has to bare the fruits of his actions, virtuous fruits of virtuous actions and Painful fruits of sinful actions. Satsangis in particular, have to bare such fruits instantly without any loss of time. Soul himself is a witness to the actions and it's fruits.'

`May be an ascetic or a householder, but one needs to be most judicious in his interpersonal relations interaction. I am Acharya, you are saints and others are householder devotees. All are required to be wise in interpersonal relations. The destiny of Daksha Prajapati and Shankar are eye openers for us. Act wisely with solace, compassion and spritual wisdom.'

The fortnight long religious tour of Manritius was my most memorable tour with H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. Group discussions, group meetings, personal conversation and blissful darshan, all such experiences have become a charished memory for me. As and when I see H.H. Acharya Maharajshri, I repeat mentally the experiences of Mauritius. As I went nearer to him, the majesty and greatness I found in him in a greater intensity. In beginning I was accepting him as my Acharya - Guru - preceptor. Then in later days I found him as a great man. Then I realised supra human attributes of him and now I have realised in absolute faith that Lord Shriji Maharaj has installed his own form on this seat of supreme preceptor. S.G. Shastri Harikeshavdasji says, `A flower is known by it's fragrance, a tree is known by its fruits and our Acahrya Maharajshri is known by his divine acts.'

Bi-centennial Jubilee and silver-Golden Jubilee celebrations have brought in awakening and consciousness in this sect and satsang has spread worldwide covering major countries of east and west to receive his majestic presence.

GARY BECOMES GOVIND

- Mahant Swami Mukundprasaddasji

A grand religious procession on the main road of streadhem (London U.K.) welcomes H.H. Acharya Maharajshri on the land of Europe by it's devotional music of Shehnai and Kirtans. Local residents are gathered along road-side forming endless queues to do darshan of God. Gary - a gentleman from Jamaica - was sattled in England and was stood there with the viewers during his visit of streadhem. Gary did darshan of Maharajshri. As he lowered his head in due respect, eternal peace and tranquility filled his heart and soul. He was fully fulfilled by the divine darshan of Maharajshri. He did darshan of Lord Shri Hari dwelling in blissful image of Maharajshri. Gary came to our temple and surrendered hismelf at the lotus feet of Acharya Maharajshri.

H.H. Acharya Maharajshri blessed him with eternal pleasure of Shri Hari. Gary then prayed to Maharajshri to initiate him sainthood. H.H. Acharya Maharajshri blessed him again and asked him to live as householder devotee. H.H. Acharya Maharajshri gave him new name - Govind and asked him to do devotion of God. A momentary meeting - a moment of darshan tranformed Gary into Govind. Congrturlations to Gary for his spiritual ascent.

News And Notes From Shri Narnarayandev Desh

AHMEDABAD REGION

Lord Narnarayandev wears Sandal-paste attires at Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Kalupur

Beginning with the auspicious day of Akshaya Tritiyd (third day of the bright half of Vashakha), Lord Narnarayandev in this temple wore everyday the attires made of fragrant sandalwood-paste. Celibate Pujari Swami Rajeshwaranandji Swami and celibate Bhumanandji Swami have helped Lord Narnarayandev to wear sandal paste attires daily, during the hot day of summer.

Darshan of Lord Narnarayandev in sandal paste attires is a good fortune for the virtuous souls. The population though in millions in Ahmedabad the virtuous and holy souls only had the opportunity of worshipping Lord Narnarayandev dressed in sandal paste attires. A memory of that divine view, shall be enough to benedict the soul. Many from the devotes have earned the pleasure of Shri Hari by hosting sandalpaste attires. H.H. Acharya Maharajshri and Dharmkul have conveyed their hearty blessings to all our Satsangi followers.

- Shastri Satyapraksadasji

Silver Jubilee of Shri Swamianrayan Gurukul Jetalpur Dhaam

The first Gurukul of Lrod Narnarayandev was founded way back in year 1978 at Jetalpur by Shastri Swami Narnarayandasji. Gurukul was conducted progressively thereafter, by S.G. Shastri Swami Atmaprakashdasji and S.G. Shastri Swami Purushottamprakashdasji and accomodation of chhatralaya was increased gradually up to the five hundred boarders. The departments such as Prayer hall, School, Hospital, Gaushala and P.T.C. College were added in the following years. The boarders, trainee teachers and students togather are 1500 this year, among them the fivehundreds are boarders.

Shri Swaminarayan Gurukul has celebrated Silver Jubilee Birthday on May 22/23 of 2004. About 3500 students have been benefited in past by the edcuational services of this campus. A grand alumni conference was organized on the first day of Silver Jubilee festival. H.H. Acharya Maharjshri chaired the conference and blessed the ex-studnets. Shri Keshubhai Patel (Previous C.M., Gujarat state), Shri Bhavinbhai Sheth (MLA, Ellisbridge), Babubhai Patel (MLA, Dashkroi) and other dignitories were present on this occasion.

The fifth step of this educative pathway, ``B.Ed. College'' was inaugurated by H.H. Lalji 108 Shri Koshalendraprasdji Maharajsrhi on auspicious 23rd day of May. Special invitees Shri Natubhai Patel (Megh Mani Chemicals), Shri Kaushikbhai Patel, Shri Surendrabhai Patel (Chairman AUDA) and Principal host Shri Jigar Patel and scheme committee members were present on this occasion. Inspirational experiences were narrated by the ex-students of this educational campus. Events were concluded with the blessings and good wishes of H.H. Lalji Maharajshri. While blessings the devotees, H.H. Lalji Maharjshri praised the services extended by S.G. Shastri Swami Atmaprakashdasji and Sahstri Swami Purushottamprakashdasji in development and growth of Satsang activities in India and abroad. Donors were honoured for their services and admissions in B.Ed. College were declared open effective June-2004.

- Narayan Swami Mehsana Mahant,
K.P. Swami Jetalpur Mahant

Installation Ceremony held at Shri Swaminarayan Mandir Pethapur

Shri Swaminarayan mandir of Pethapur has been renovated by the devotees under inspiration and guidance from S.G. Dhyani Swami Shri Hariswaroopdasji. H.H. Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharajshri graced the temple on 6-5-04 in presence of thousands of devotees, arrived from India and abroad and

Pride of Naroda Satsang

Shri Arvinbhai B. Patel is a firm and faithful Satsangi of Shri Narnarayandev diocese and an active member of Shri Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal of Naroda area. His son, Master Nayan A. Patel has secured 94.4% marks in H.S.C. (Science) Examination.

H.H. Lalji Maharajshri conveys his hearty blessings.

installed the idols of Lord Ghanshyam Maharaj and Lord Radha Krishnadev.

A special Satsang Sabha was organized on this occasion. H.H. Acharya Maharajshri graced this Sabha with S.G. Dhyani Swami. The saints from Gandhinagar, Ahmedabad, Koteshwar and Surendranagar were present on this occasion. S.G. Dhyani Swami explained to the devotees the majesty and divinity of Shri Hari. Lord Swaminarayan Bhagwan has menifested himsef to relieve the souls from the shakles of Maya (eternal entity). Attain ultimate benediction by devotion of God.

In his blessed words, H.H. Acharya Maharajshri said `Thank you for appriciating religious service of Dhyani Swami and myself, but our efforts shall be fruitful only on admiration of the Pethapur-Satsang. I have installed this idols with great devotional love. Do darshan everyday and do it with firm faith. Be in constant touch of this divine idols. The discourses were delivered by S.G. Krishnavallabhdas Swami, Kothari Satyaprakashdas Swami, S.G. P.P. Swami (Junior), Shastri Dharmpravartakdasji Swami and Mahant Swami Bhaktavatsaldasji.

The temple renovation has brought new awakening in local Satsang. Many have received `Niyams' of Katha-Shravan (listening devotional discourses) and darshan of God at the temple. Thus the temple has restrengthened the Satsang.

Inauguration of "Shri Hari Medical Centre" at Kanbha

"Shri Hari Tabibi Sarvar Kendra" managed by Shri Swaminarayan Gurukul Charitable trust, Kanabha was inagurated on 22-4-04 (auspicious Akhatrij day), with the due blessings of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri.

S.G. Mahant Swami Dhyani Swami Shri Hariswaroopdasji Swami graced this place and inaugurated Shri Hari Medical centre. Medical specilists, doctors, guests and senior devotees were present on occasion. H.H. Acharya Maharajshri was not able to grace the events personally, due to his pre-occupation else where. His hearty blessings were conveyed to the organizers and the workers.

While explaining unique attributes of this centre, S.G. Satsangbhushandasji said, `The centre aims at impartial and excellent medical service at the cheapest rate. There are no specialists or M.Ds in fifty kilometer peripheri' of Kanabha. M.D. Medical officers have been appointed here. X-ray clinic, pethology lab and sonography are the integral parts of this computerised medical centre. The medicines shall be distributed at a concessional rate.

In his blessings, S.G. Dhyani Swami said that the project it self is the application side of the teachings of Shikshapatri. We have implemented here the teachings of Shikshapstri. Lord Swaminarayan Bhagwan had ordered us to do service of parentss, teachers and ailing persons. This hospital is not constructed for the self-praise. The projects has come into being with the due blessings of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. sepcialist doctors and dedicated devotees have co-operated heartily in managing this hospital for the people of this area. Local people are requested to take advantage this hospital in removal of addiction and intoxicants for their spiritual ascend.

The campus was visited on a later date by H.H. Lalji Maharajshri and labs, class rooms and centre were appriciated by him. He too was not able to grace the occasion in person. He showered his pleasure and blessed the managing team.

Installation Ceremony of the Idols of God at Charada Temple

Our ancient temple at Charada (near Mansa) was withered and damaged in it's century old life. A new temple was constructed there under direct supervision of S.G. Mahant Swami Shastri Atmaprakashdasji and S.G. Shastri Swami Purushottamprakashdasji. The resonsibilities of construction expenses and installation ceremony were shouldered by the disciple group of S.G. (Late) Krishnakeshavdasji, Charada was the netive

Dr. Vachaspati Mishra, Principal, Sanskirit Mahavidyalaya, Jetalpur has written a Sanskrit book `Acharya Kirti Sudha' (Nectar like majesty of Acharya Maharajshri) and same has been released on occasion of Platinum Jubilee with a Gujarati translation presented by Narendra Pandya.

The book is available at Sahitya Kendra.

- Kothari Swami

place of S.G. (Late) Krishankeshavdasji. The Parayan Katha of Bhagwat Dashama Skandha was organized for the three days and seat of the main speaker of Parayan was graced by Sadhu Bhaktinandandasji (disicple of S.G. Purushottamprakashdasji). Visnu Yaag was conducted to please Lord Vsihnu and fire God by non-violent holy-fire, and cultureal programmes and Kirtan Bhakti were presented for three days in late evening sessions. These late evening programmes were presented by Shri Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal.

H.H. Acharya Maharajshri graced this ancient shrine on 17-4-04 and installed idols of God by his blessed hands. Haribhaktas Shri Ishwearbhai Patel (Mansa), Shri Ramanbhai Bhavsar and Shri Pravinbhai Patel have earned the pleasure of Shri Hari by their dedicated service in this religious celebrations. *- K.P. Swami, Jetalpur Mahant*

Re-contruction of the Temple at Mota Ubhada

Ancient Swaminarayan Temple of Ubhada has been reconstructed under the orders of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. The idols of God were maintained carefully and a beautiful temple building was constructed at the same place under the guidance from Mahant Swami Shastri Atmaprakashdasji and Swami Shastri Purushottamprakashdasji.

H.H. Acharya Maharajshri graced this place on 23-4-04 and received hearty welcome from the residents of Ubhada and nearby villages. He graced new temple building and presented reinvocation Aarti to Lord Thakorji. Shrimad Bhagwat Parayan was organised for five days and the seat of the main speaker of the Parayan Katha was graced by Shastri Swami Ishwarjeevandasji (disciple of S.G. Shastri Purushottamprakashdasji).

Old temple was constructed some forty years back by S.G. Narnarayandasji, to begin satsang activities in this area. Shri Tejendraprasadji Vidyalaya was constructed here by Shri Kalupru Mandir under a reconstruction programme undertaken by the temple after devastating earthquake. H.H. Acharya Maharajshri graced the school building and blessed the school family.

- Pujari Vrajvallabhdasji

Patotsava at Mathrua Temple

Annual Patotsava of God at Mathura temple was organized with the due permission from H.H. Acharya Maharjashri and H.H. Lalji Maharajshri. The devotees Shri Ghanshyambhai, Shri Navinbhai and Shri Jitubhai from the family of Shri Maganlal Liladhar Soni have earned the pleasure of Shri Hari by hosting annual Patotsava. The devotees were encouraged by S.G. Mahant Swami Akhileshwardasji and Mahabhishekam was presented on 30-4-04 to Lord Radhakrishnadev Harikrishan Maharaj and a sumptuous Annakut was presented to Lord Thakorji. Host devotees were honoured at the special Sabha. A large number of devotees were present on this occasion.

- Kothari Narendra Bhagat

178th Annual Patotsava of God at Jetalpur dham

Lord Swaminarayan Bhagwan himself had enthroned Lord Revti Baldevji Harikrishna Maharaj our Swaminarayan tempe of Jetalpurdham. One hundred seventy eighth annual Patotsava was celebrated here on the eighth day of the dark half of Falgun in V.S. 2060. Patotsva celebrations were organized by the saints and devotees under expert guidance from Mahant Swami Shastri Atmaprakashdasji and Mahant Shri K.P. Swami. Shri Gangarambhai Mahadevbhai Patel and family members have earned the hearty blessings of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri by hosting this religious events. Shri Gangarambhai Patel hails from Khakharia Tappa and resides at present at Memnagar, Ahmedabad.

H.H. Acharya Maharajshri, H.H. Lalji Maharajshri and Respected Bal Lalji Maharajshri graced Jetalpurdham on hearty invitation from Shri Gangarambhai and presented Mahabhishekam to Lord Revti Baldevji Harikrishan Maharaj. Thousand of devotees were present on this occasion to do darshan of the three divine forms of Shri Hari presenting collectively the Mahabhishekam of sixteen sacred objects amidst the chants of vedic hymn.

Gold pots installed at the peak of the temple domes were reconstructed in Gold by host Shri Das kaka and family. H.H. Acharya Maharajshri did poojan of the auspicious Gold pots and presented Aarti.

H.H. Acharya Maharajshri graced thereafter the Sabha to bless the hosts and Satsangis. Jetalpur Panchayat Sarpanch, Panchayat Members and local social workers were present at this Sabha to hand over to Jetalpurdham the lease rights of ninetynine years duration with occupation and development rights of Dev Sarovar and historical fort of Jetalpur. Jetalpur Dhaam of Lord Narnarayandev Desh, has ambitious plans for development of both these prasadi places of Shri Hari. H.H. Acharya Maharajshri blessed them hearity for their dedicated service, and assured speedy development of the places under lease. S.G. Mahant Swami and S.G. Purushottamprakashdasji Swami have been entrusted with speedy development of the place. Mahant Swami K.P. Swami and saints have earned the pleasure of Shri Hari for their well planned services. - *Pujari Vrajvallabhdas Swami*

Shrimad Bhagwat Parayan at Narayanghat Temple

Shrimad Bhagwat Parayan (18-4-04 to 24-4-04) was organized here with the due blessing of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. Week long Parayan Satsang was hosted by the dovotee Shri Ramanbhai Dahyabhai Patel (Ambapur wala) and his family and the seat of the main Purani of Bhagwat Parayan was graced by Shastri Swami Ghanshyam Prakashdasji. Samhita - the text - was read by Shastri Swami Vinayprakashdasji of Jamiyatpura.

Bhagwat Parayan was inaugurated on 18-4-04 and a grand Pothi Yatra was organised on this occasion. The auspicious events such as Lord Shri Krishna's birth and Rukshmini Vivah were celebrated by the devotees during Katha sessions. The saints were come from many place to deliver enlightening discourses.

H.H. Acharya Maharajshri graced the concluding session and concluded Parayan Katha by presenting Aarti. The hosts and devotees were blessed by H.H. Acharya Maharajshri.

- *Gordhanbhai Sitapara*

Silve Jubilee Patotsava : Badpura

Silver Jubilee Patotsva Abhishekam was presetned to God in Shri Swaminarayan Temple at Badpura, with the due blessigns of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. The devotees were enocuraged by Sami Shatri Narayanvallabhdasji (Gurukul, Vadnagar) and Swami Satyasamkalpadasji for this grand celebration. Annual Patotsava Abhishekam was presented also to the God dwelling in new temple of female devotees.

Shrimad Satsangi Jivan Parayan (fivedays) and Maha Pooja were organised on this occasion. The seat of the main speaker of Parayan Katha was graced by Swami Sahstri Narayanvallabhdasji and the Samhita-text was read by Shastri Abhishekprasaddasji. Parayan Satsang was hosted by Chaudhari Mahendrabhai Ramabhai, Galababhai and Maha Pooja was hosted by Chaudhari Govabhai Jorabhai and others.

A grand religious procession was organized on htis occasion to receive H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. H.H. Acharya Maharajhri graced the temple and presented Abhishek Aarti to Lord Thakorji. A special Sabha was organised on this occasion. H.H. Acharya Maharajshrigraced the Sabha and blessed the devotees.

H.H. Lalji Maharajshri graced the celebrations on 27-2-04 and presented concluding Aarti to the scripture. He graced both the temples and presented concluding Aarti to Lord Thakorji. The celebrations were concluded with the blessings of H.H. Lalji Maharajshri.

- *Shastri Swami Vishwaprakashdasji*

Annual day of Shri Tejendraprasadji Education Foundation, Maktupura, Unjha

The third annual day of this instituion was celerbated on 5-3-04, in benign presence of H.H. Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Tejenraprasadji Maharajshri.

A colourful cultural programme was presented on this occasion by the students of this intitution and special Sabha was attedned by the guests, parents special invitees and the saints. H.H. Acharya Maharajshri blessed the school family and admired allround progress of the pupils. Shri Narayanbhai Patel (MLA Unjha), Shri Ghanshyambhai Brahmbhatt (Rotary member), Sarpanch of Maktupur Panchayat, Shastri Swami Atmaprakashdasji and Shri G.K. Patel (Vimal Paint) were present on this occasion.

- *Rajesh L. Patel*

Sapawada Temple

H.H. Acharya Maharajshri graced this temple

and presented annual Patotsava Abhishekam to Lord Thakorji. Devotee Shri Hirabhai Ganeshbhai Patel and family have earned the plesure of Shri Hari by hosting Patotsava celebrations. The saints from Ahmedabad, Jetalpur, Chhapaiya, Dhrangadhra, Muli and Limbdi were present on this occasin. Shri Fatehsinhji (MLA), Shri Arvindhbhai Trivedi (Lankesh), Shri Prithviraj Patel, District Collector and Shri M.K. Jadeja have earned the pleasure of Shri Hari by darshan of these religious rituals. Sabha was blessed by H.H. Acharya Maharajshri and Mahaprasad am was distributed to the devotees.- *Pujari Vaman Swami*

Shri Swaminarayan Gurukul Chiloda

The fifth annual day of the gurukul was celebrated here at the campus to celebrate attainments of the school with a warm farewell to retiring teacher Shri Ramanbhai K. Patel.

H.H. Lalji Maharajshri graced the occasion and blessed the shool family, school teacher Shri Ramanbhai K. Patel has earned the pleasure of Shri Hari by donating Rs. 25,000/- to the Gurukul and offering sumptuous meals on this occasion. The events were organized by Samchalak Swami Balswaroopdasji. - *Samchalak, Gurukul.*

The 163rd Annual Patotsava : Balasinor Temple

The one hundred sixty third Annual Patotsava was celebrated here on 18-3-2004 with the due blessings of H.H. Acharya Mahrajshri.

Shrimad Satsangi Jivan Parayan (five days) Katha was conducted on this occasion. The seat of the main Purni was graced by Shastri Swami, Harijivandasji and Patotsava events were hosted by the family of the devotee Shri Natvarlal Kodarlal Mistry. H.H. Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharajshri graced the temple and presented Patotsava Abhishekam to Lord Thakorji. A special sabha was organized on this occasion. H.H. Acharya Maharajshri graced the Sabha and blessed the devotees. Enlightening discourses were delivered by S.G. Shastri Premswaroopdasji Swami and other saints. Mahaprasad was distributed to everybody at the end of the programme.

The 177the Annual Patotsva of the God Intallaed by Shri Hari at Dholka Temple

The one hundred seventy seventh annual Patotsava of God was celebrated here with the due blessings of the sixth, seventh and eighth descendant heir of Shri Hari. The grand event was celebrated in blissful memory of (Late) Shastri Swami Gopalcharandasji. The devotees were encouraged by S.G. Jagatprakashdasji (Mahant Swami) to organize this grand religious feast. Shri Kantibhai Madhavdas Patadia, Shri Premchandbhai Madhavdas Patadia (New Jersey), Shri Vijaybhai Madhavdas Patadia (Chicago), devotee (Late) Madhavdas Mohanlal Patadia and devotee (Late) Germanybhai Bachardas Patadia and their families have earned the pleasure of Shri Hari by hosting the events of Patotsava.

H.H. Acharya Maharajshri graced the temple and presented Mahabhishekam to Lord Morli Manohardev Harikrisna Maharaj amidst the chants of vedic hymns. The Sabah was addressed by Shastri Ghanshyamprasaddasji (Narayanghat Temple) and S.G. Jagatprakashdasji to explain glory and majesty of Dev, Dharmkul and the scriptures. The host families and devotees were blessed by H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. S.G. Devprasaddasji Swami (Delhi Mahant), Swami Hariswaroopdasji (Poojari, Muli), Mahant Swami Vishnuprasaddasji (Dholka) and saints have earned the pleasure of Shri Hari by their devotional service. - *Sadhu Vijayprakashdasji*

MULI REGION

Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Halvad

A Satsang Sabha was organized here on 21-3-04 at our temple in benign presene of elderly saint S.G. Radhamanohardasji (Muli Dham) with the due blessings of H.H. Lalji Maharajshri. Satsangis were encouraged by S.G Shrijiswaroopdasji for this devotional feast. Katha-Kirtan and Dhoon Aarti were presetned by the saints to please Shri Hari. S.G. Bhaktivihari Swami, Vishwavihari Sawmi and other saints were present at this special session. A Kirtan of devotional love was presented by S.G. Radhamanohardasji Swami when he addressed the Sabha. - *Chandulal G. Chavda*

Patotsava at Limbdi Temple

The fourteenth annual Patotsava of Lord Balsaroop Ghanshyam Maharaj was celebrated here under the orders of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. The festive events were hosted by the devotees under the inspiration from S.G.

Swami Bhaktavatsaldasji.

H.H. Acharya Maharajshri graced this tour and presented Patotsava Abhishekam to Lord Ghansyam Maharaj dwelling at both the temles respectively of male and female. He graced the Sabha thereafter and blessed his devotees.

- Vandanprakash Swami

Surendranagar Temple

The religious festival of Ramnavami was celebrated here with the due blessings of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. The devotees were encouraged and guided by S.G. Swami Premjeevandasji for hosting the events. Lord Rama's birth was celebrated at 12-00 (noon) with constant Dhoon at our temple. A grand procession was arranged at evening and Lord Shri Hari's manifestation was celebrated at 10-10 (night) by presenting birthday Aarti to Lord Ghanshyam Maharaj. Holy-fire and special Satsang Sabha were organized on the thirtheenth day of the bright half of Chaitra to celebrates annual Patotsava of God. Events were organized by Shastri Swami Premvallabhdasji. *- Shailendra Jhala*

Memka (Teh : Wadhwan)

The women's wing of Local S.N.N.D.Y.M. organizes poonam and Amavasya Sabha at the houses of female Satsangis and conducts early morning religious walk on each Ekadashi day. Ekadashi Satsang Sabhas are being conducted at our temple and the Girl's division of Bal Mandal conducts satsang activities on each sunday. Thus the women's wing is highly active at this place.

- Shri Swaminarayan Mandir (women's)

The Installation Ceremony of the idols of God in our Temple at Modpar

The new temple building has been constructed by the saints and devotees sunder by enthusiastic support from S.G. Dhyani Swami Hariswaroopdasji under the orders from H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. Grand installation ceremony was organised on 28-4-04 at the temple and idols of God were installed by H.H. Acharya Maharajshri amidst the chants of vedic hymns. Thousands of devotees from India and abroad were present on this occasion.

A special Sabha was organised on this religious occasion to earn the blessings of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. S.G. Dhyani Swami, S.G. Krishnavallabhdas Swami, Kothari Satyaprakashdas Swami and other saints were present at this Sabha. S.G. Hariswaroopdasji Swami addressed the devotees and said that the birth and life as a human being is not easy to get. Human life and the birth as a human being was very precious-and rare. We should apply our mind and body in devotion and devotional service of God, to ensure ultimate emancipation of the soul. He then admired the faith and dedication of the Satsangis.

The Sabha was conducted with the blessings of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. H.H. Acharya Maharajshri said, `I am drawn to this place by the devotional love of Dhyani Swami, and as you have seen here, S.G. Dhyani Swami had offered to me this drinking water. It is like heavenly nectar and had quenched my thirst forever. This is why, I and not feeling thristy despite this hot sun of Summer.' H.H. Acharya Maharajshri admired the faith and firmerss of Modpar Satsang and revived his memory of earthquake days. While discussing the virtues of Modpar Satsang. H.H. Acharya Maharajshri said, `I was come here with my saints right after the earthquake to meet my Satsangi follower. A satsangi lady reqested us to stop our retinue to collect grams stocked here for the Dharmada donation. She prayed to me to accept the Dharmda. I explained to her that I was there to help them in that natural calamily, and sumptous food like grams was a basic need for them. They should distribute it in the village. She and other Satsangi were not ready to accept our suggestion and insisted persistently to receive Dharma of the grams. This shows their devotional love.' The Sabha was concluded thereafter with the hearty blessings of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. The Sabha was addressed by S.G. Krishna Vallabhdasji, Kothari Satyaprakashdasji and S.G. Bhakti Swami.

OVERSEAS

Toronto (Canada) ISSO

Shri Swaminarayan Jayanti was celebrated here on auspicious nineth day of the bright half of Chaitra (30-3-04) with the due blessings of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. A special Sabha of Toronto Canada Satsangi Mandal was held at the house of

Shri Shashikantbhai.

This was the 224th manifestation day of Lord Swaminarayan Bhagwan. Dhoon, Bhajan,-Kirtan and katha Satsang were presetned to please Lord Shri Hari. Annakut items were cooked by devotees at their homes and Annakut Thaal was presented to Lord Shri Hari. Thaal-Aarti, Dhoon and nitya niyam were presented at the end of Sabha and Mahaprasad was distributed to the devotees. Shri Rasikbhai Patel, Shri Dasharathbhai Chaudhari and other such sevior devotees were present at the celebrations.

The Satsang is being conducted well with the due blessings H.H. Acharya Maharajshri and H.H. Lalji Maharajshri.

- Toronto Canada Satsang Mandal

Leicester (U.K.) ISSO

Shri Ramnavami and Shri Hari Jayanti were celebrated here on date 30-3-04 at our Leicester temple, and Dhoon, Kirtan and Katha Satsang were held to please Shri Hari. Birthday of Lord Shri rama was celebrated between 10 and 12 in the morning and evening dhoon was conducted for two hours at 6-00 p.m. to celebrate manifestation of Shri Hari. Poojan-Archan and Aarti were presented to Lord Hanumanji to celebrate Hanuman Jayanti on auspicious full moon day of Chaitra. This was the evening session held for two hours at 6-00 o'clock evening.

Special dhoon of Swaminarayan Mahamantra was conducted on 4-4-04 for the four hours (at 8-00 a.m.) to celebrate Platinum Jubilee Birthday and the 35th annual enthronement day of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. The devotees were present in large number in both these celebrations. The Satsang activities are being conducted well with the due blessings of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri.

- Hemrajbhai Chotalia

AKSHARVAAS

Mahendragadh : Shri Maganlal Devjibhai passed away on 12-2-04 amidst the chants of Shri Hari's names.
Lathidad : Shri Mathurbhai Amarshibhai (Father of Shri Babu Bhagat priest of Lord Hanumaji and Ganapatiji) passed away on 27-2-04 at the age of 95 years, amdist the chants of Shriji's names.
Mehsana : Sm.t Amathiba (grand mother of Shri Mineshbhai Modi, Member S.N.N.D.Y.M.) passed away on 17-2-04 at the age of 94 years, May Shri Hari blest her with peace of Akhandham.
Kanipur : Shri Bhailabhai Patel (father of Harshadbhai Patel, Store keeper, Ahmedabad temple) passed away on 1-3-04 amidst the chants of Shriji's divine names.
Ahmedabad : Shri Mahendrabhai Chimanlal Bhasar passed away to Aksahrdham on 28-2-04.
Ahmedabad : Shri Vasudevbhai Ambalal Panchal passed away to Akshardham amidst the chants of Shri Hari's divine names.
Morvi : Shri Manilal Premjibhai passed away to Aksahrdam amidst the chants of Shriji's divine names.
Ahmedabads (Bapunagar) : Mother of Shri (Dr.) Kanubhai S. Patel passed away to Akshardham amidst the chants of Shri Hari's divine names. Dr. Kanubhai is trustee of our Approach Temple.
Ahmedabad (Bapunagar) : Shri Dhirubhai Maganbhai Thummar (Elder brother of Representative Shri Jhaverbhai) passed away to Akshardham amidst the chants of Shri Hari's blissful names.
Dehgam : Shri Kanubhai H.Amin (Elder brother of the temple Kothari Shri Arvindbhai) passed away amidst the chants of Shri Hari's divine names.
Dhrangadhra : Shri Harjivanbhai Gandhi passed away on 3-3-04 amidst the chants of Shri Hari's divine names.
Ahmedabad : Shri Kanjibhai Dahyabhai Soni (Morvad wala) pased away to divine abode ofAkshardam amidst the chants of Swaminarayan Mah mantra. He has served to Gods at Muli and Ahmedabad Temple.
Bavla : Shri Amritlal Hemchandbhai Thakkar (Master) passed away to Akshardham on 20-4-04.
Mehsana : Shri Amathiben Manilal Modi (Davawala) passed away to Akshardam.





H.H. Acharya Maharajshri blesses Patotsava Satsang at Dholka and host Shri Premchandbhai Patadia with his brothers presents poojan Aarti to H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. Seen with them are S.G. Dev Swami and Kothari Swami Satyaprakashdasji.





H.H. Acharya Maharajshri conveys hearty blessings at the Annual day celebrations of Shri Tejendraprasadji Education Foundation, Muktapur (Unjha). The events are being staged by the students of the school.



Shastri Swami Purushottamprakashdasji inaugurates hand-pump to provide from the prasadi well the drinking



S.G. Shastri Purushottamprakashdasji Swami addresses Patotsava Sabha in benign presence of





H.H. Acharya Maharajshri blesses the devotees at the silver Jubilee Celebrations of Shri Swaminarayan Gurukul, Jetalpur.



H.H. Acharya Maharajshri performs Khat Muhurt for Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Kankaria. Mahant Swami of Ahmedabad (Kalupur) temple and Mahant Swami of Rambaugh temple are present at the rituals.



H.H. Lalji Maharajshri performs Bhoomi Poojan for Shri Swaminarayan Mandir Kankaria. Host family receives pleasure of His benign presence.