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Supreme religious heads of both the dioceses did jointly the 182nd Patotsava Aarti-Poojan of Lord Narnarayandev in the presence of H.E. Governor of Gujarat State Shri Kailashpatiji Mishra.

The faithful followers in both the dioceses had aspired since long from Lord Shri Hari the pleasures which they received today when they did darshan of the entire Dharmkul of both the deshas : H.H. Acharya Maharajshri of Ahmedabad and Vadtal with H.H. Lalji Maharajshri of Amhedabad and Vadtal. Seen with them are Mahant Swami of Kalupur-Ahmedabad temple and the host of the event Shri Rameshkumar Ranchhodlal Marfatia.





Dharshan of Dharmkul is not frequently available to the devotees abroad, but after a long interval when they got it, it was unique and unparalleled. The devotees at Nairobi rocks the swing of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. Seen with them are the travelling saints.

Host Shri Galababhai Chaudhari receives hearty blessings from H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. Seen with them at Parayan Satsang are Shastri Harikrishnadasji and Swami Devprakashdasji.

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EDITORIAL

Great poet Kalidas says, "उत्सवप्रिया: हि मानवा:" Mankind loves festivals. We find the colourful descriptions of great festivals and celebrations in literature and scriptures. But in a step forward, Lord Shri Hari - Shri Swaminarayan Bhagwan - introduced festivals as a major means to attain eternal emancipation – ultimate benediction. Thousands and millions of people come to celebrate great events and grand festivals. If any one of the souls present at that festival or celebration, remembers, in his last breath the festivities and God, the soul shall be instantly emancipated on the strength of the devotion filled memory of the celebration. Whoever attends such a festival, shall be emancipated at the end of his normal life. Shri Swaminarayan Sampradaya has maintained the great tradition of emancipating festivals. Following the great tradition and to once again celebrate such a splendid festival, the great diocese of Lord Narnarayandev Desh Peeth celebrates in the days to come the majestic event of Platinum Jubilee to felicitate with honour and decorum the Supreme Preceptor of this sect on His sixtieth birthday. Devotees in millions shall throng the venue to participate in the hundreds of religious events associated with the Platinum Jubilee celebrations. This shall be a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for the soul to do face-to-face darshan of Lord Swaminarayan Bhagwan dwelling in the image of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. Avail this rarest opportunity consciously and ensure self-benediction.

- Shastri Swami Nirgundas
Editor
Shri Swaminarayan.



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

February-2004

6. Concluded the religious tour of Kenya-Africa and graced Shri Narnarayandev Peeth, Ahmedabad.
8. Graced shakotsava at Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Motera.
   Graced the residence of Shri Yogeshbhai P. Soni, Navrangpura.
   Graced the house of Shri Sureshbhai Soni, Paldi.
   Graced Shakotsava at Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Narayanpura.
9. Graced Patotsava Ceremony of Gods at Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Limbdi.
10. Graced and blessed the marriage at the place of Shri Madhavlal Maganlal Patel, Ranip.
11. Graced Patotsava of God at Narayanghat Temple.
    Graced inauguration ceremony of ``S.V. Zaveri Jewellers,'' Vastrapur, Ahmedabad.
12. Graced installation ceremony of idols in our temple at Bhechada (Muli region), Dhrangadhra.
14. Graced Satsang Sabha at Nana Ankevalia, Muli.
15. Graced Bhagwat Parayan at the place of Shri Satishbhai Sheth, Isanpur.
    Graced ``Gold Mine Stocks Pvt. Ltd.'' Maninagar.
    Graced marriage ceremony held at the place of Shri Vishnubhai Keshavlal Patel, Gandhinagar.
16. Graced the house of Shri Rajubhai Parsottambhai Gajera, Bapunagar.
17. Graced Installation ceremony of the idols in Shri Swaminarayan Mandir at Natvargadh (Muli region), Limbdi.
19. Graced Bhagwat Parayan held at the place of Shri Vinaychandra B. Patel, Kherva (Panch Mahalas)
21-22. Graced Charadava dham and installed Gold Pot with His blessed hands. Presented annual Patotsava Abhishek to God and graced grand festivities.
23. Presented the 182nd annual Patotsava Abhishekam to Lord Narnarayandev at Shri Swaminarayan Temple, Kalupur, Ahmedabad.
    Graced marriage ceremony held at the place of Shri Somabhai T. Patel (Mokhasan wala), Kalol Highway.
24. Graced assembly to felicitate Shri Ramanlal K. Patel (U.S.A.) Ranip, Ahmedabad.
25. Graced Sapawada Temple and did Patotsava Abishekam of Lord Thakorji, Sapawada, Idar.
26. Graced Silver Jubilee festivities at Shri Swamianrayan Mandir, Badpura, Mansa.
27. Graced Shri Swaminarayan Mandir at Khan (Rajasthan) and Presetned Patotsava Aarti to Lord Shri Hari.
28. Graced Parayan Katha Satsang at Shri Swamianrayan Mandir, Bhanpura, Vijapur.
29. Graced Shri Sahajanand Gurukul, Asarwa, Ahmedabad.
    Graced Shri Sahajanand Samskardham, Visnagar, Ahmedabad.



Appointment Diary of Future Acharya Respected Shri Lalji Maharajshri

February-2004

1. Graced Patotsava at Shri Swaminarayan Mnadir, Patdi, (Muli).
   Graced Balasinor on a religious Nagar Yatra held by Shri N.N.D. Yuvak Mandal.
2. Graced blessed village Ishwarpura and blessed the houses of our faithful devotees.
3. Graced `Shakotsava' at Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Bilia.

4. Graced `Patotsava' at Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Mokhasan.
   Graced `Patotsava' at Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Kalol (Srinagar)
5. Graced the house of Shri Navnitbhai J. Thakkar, Maninagar.
6. Graced inauguration ceremony of the shop of Shri Pravinbhai Prahladbhai, Ghatlodia.
8. Graced Satsang Sabha held at Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Morvi.
9. Graced Satsang Sabha held at Ramnagar, Kalol.
10. Graced `Patotsava' at Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Lunawada.
11. Graced Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Itadara, Mansa.
12. Graced Satsang Sabha at Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Dholka, Ahmedabad.
13-14. Graced Shekhpat, Jaiva and Gadhadia of Halar Region.
15. Graced Himatnagar on religious `Nagar Yatra' held by Shri Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal.
16. Inaugurated Parayan Katha and Presented Pooja-Aarti to the scriptures on auspicious Gold-Pot installation ceremony at Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Charadava.
20. Graced the place of Shri Raghubhai Premchandbhai Thakkar, Ghatlodia.
21. Graced the house of Shri Vikenbhai K. Patel, Satellite.
22. Graced Homa and Pooja held at Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Kalupur, Ahmedabad.
    Graced Unjha and blessed the religious `Nagar Yatra' held there by Shri Narnarayan Yuvak Mandal, Unjha.
23. Did Patotsava Abhishekam of Lord Narnarayandev at Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Kalupur, Ahmedabad.
24. Graced marriage ceremonies held at the place of Shri Somabhai T. Patel (Mokhasan) and Shri (Dr.) Kaushikkumar Kantilal, Kalol.
25. Graced `Patosava' of Lord Balswaroop Kashtabhanjandev dwelling in Shri Swamianrayan Mandir, Ranip.
26. Graced Prize distribution ceremony at Shri Swaminarayan Prathmik Vidyalay, Chiloda.
27. Graced Patotsava held at Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Badpura.
28. Graced Satsang Sabha at Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Gulalpura (Mansa).
29. Graced concluding ceremoy of Maha Pooja held at Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Dangarva (Patidar's)

The Sacred thread Ceremony for the Brahmin Boys

The Brahmin boys shall be intiated sacred threads most ceremoniously and as per rituals on date 6-4-04 at 7-30 am. As an integral part of Plaitnum Jubilee Celebrations.

The boys shall have to sit for the rituals by shaving clean their heads. Dhoti, Khes, Kanthi and other items required for the rituals shall be provided by the temple.

The application forms are available at the Mahotsava Karyalaya, Shri Swaminarayan Temple, Kalupur Ahmedabad. Parents are requested to fill-in the form and submit it at the same address.

- Mahant Swami.

Maha Deeksha for the Sainthood

The aspirants residing in northern region shall be initiated Maha Bhagwati Deeksha for the sainthood. The rituals shall be conducted on sacred day of 7-4-04. His Holiness Acharya Maharajshri himself-will initiate Maha Deeksha to the aspirants. The name and other information with the required documents may please be submitted at the ealiest to the Mahotsava Samiti.

- Mahant Swami

To the Subscribers of Shree Swaminarayan Periodical (Gujarati, Hindi and English)

All the readers of Shri Swaminarayan Magazine are requested to note that the month of April-2004 shall be the festive month of Platinum Jubilee and grand events shall be celebrated at Ahmedabad. A special combined issue of Shri Swaminarayan Magazine shall be published in May-04 covering pictorial story of the events. There shall be no separate issue for April –4. All are requested to take a note of the same.

- Editor

H.H. Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharajshri graces East Africa Region

- Shastri Haripriyadasji Swami

H.H. Acharya Maharajshri had accomplished the eternal aim of the universal benediction of mankind. H.H. Acharya Maharajshri and his retinue of saints and senior devotees graced the land of East Africa (19-1-2004 to 6-2-2004) and blessed his devotees residing in Kenya and uganda. Shastri Swami Harikeshavdasji (Gandhinagar), S.G. Swami Krishnavallabhdasji (Muli) and Shastri Shrijiprakashdasji had joined the religious tour.

Main Events

1. The 45th Annual Patotsava of Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Mombassa, and installation ceremony of the idols at the women's temple.
2. Golden Jubilee Celebrations of Lakshman Bhimji Construction Co, Nairobi. Inauguration of Golden Jubilee and Parayan Saptah.
3. Blessed Religious visit of Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Kampala.

H.H. Acharya Maharajshri graced the city of Mombassa on 21-1-2004. A grand welcome procession was organised in Mombassa to receive H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. Brass bands of both the temples (Mombassa and Nairobi) were present to lead the religious concert. Lazim party Utsava mandal were major players in devotion music. Thousands of aspirants and devotees were present at the Shobha Yatra to do darshan of the sintieth descendent heir of Lord Shriji Maharaj H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. Led the majestic retinue of the saints group and Satsang at the magnificent welcome procession of the local devotees. It was a blissful darshan of God's own son :

મળ્યા આવે મહા મુનિના વૃંદ રે,
તેમાં શોભે તારે વિંટ્યો જેમ ચંદ્ર રે.

The procession was welcomed at the temple and H.H. Acharya Maharajshri was received by Mombassa Satsang with great devotional love. H.H. Acharya Maharajshri graced the temple and presented Aarti to Lord Thakorji. A special Sabha was held on this occasion. H.H. Acharya Maharajshri graced the Sabha and blessed his faithful devotees.

Shrimad Shikshapatri Bhashya Parayan (nine days) was organized on this occasion. Senior saints from our Bhuj Temple were present for this special occasion. Senior devotees of this temple Shri Karsanbhai and Vithalbhai and senior leaders of Kutch Leuva Patel community–Shri Hirjibhai, Shri Narayanbhai, Shri Haribhai and Gami Brothers have earned the favour of Shri Hari by extending laudable services. In his blessed visits, H.H. Acharya Maharajshri graced the Swaminarayan Academy, Shri Sahajanand Apartments and the houses of our devotees and blessed a special Sabha held on this occasion.

H.H. Acharya Maharajshri graced on 26-1-04 the temple of female Satsangis and installed the idols of God amidst chants of Vedic hymns and Jai Jaikar of Lord Swaminarayan Bhagwan. Thereafter, he graced the Yagya Shala and concluded Maha Vishnu Yagya by offering coconut to holy fire.

Religious tour of Mombassa was concluded with the installation ceremony. In his farewell meeting, H.H. Acharya Maharajshri showered his hearty pleasure for the Satsang acitivity and it's growth, in this resourceful region. He blessed the Satsang and proceeded to Nairobi with the retinue of his saints.

His holiness and retinue graced Nairobi on 26-1-2004 and graced golden jubilee events of Shri Lakshman Bhimji Construction Co. A Parayan Katha of Hari Vakya Sindhu was organized on this occasion besides Shakotsava and a magnificent display of fire works. All these events were organized at the temple. H.H. Acharya Maharajshri graced the celebrations and blessed his devotees.

A grand welcome procession was organised on 27-1-2004. Uniform T-shirts and uniform sarees were supplied respectively to all male and female devotees by Shri Lakshman Bhimji Construction Co. Uniformity in colour and shade added special splendour to this grand procession. The procession was received at the temple and Poojan Aarti were presented most ceremoniously to H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. H.H. Acharya Maharajshri blessed the host family with hearty blessings and showered his pleasure on the devotees.

Parayan Katha (of nine days) was inaugurated on 28-1-2004. The seat of the main speaker was graced jointly by S.G. Shastri Dharmviharidasji (Bhuj) and S.G. Shastri Swami Harikeshavdasji (Gandhinagar) up on hearty insistence from Shri Lakshmanbhai and with the due blessings of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. The devotees were favoured by both the saints by nectar like preachings on Hari Vakya Sudha Sindhu. A festive ceremony of Shakotsava was hosted in the evening by Lakshmanbhai Company and spices were most ceremoniously added by H.H. Acharya Maharajshri to enact the ancient history of Shakotsava held in then blessed presence of Shri Hari. H.H. Acharya Maharajshri blessed the devotees and said that it was not a copy of the past event but was a rememberance of the benedictory celebrations. He asked the devotees to remember Shri Hari with each morsel of Mahaprasadam.

Tge temple website has officially launched on 30-1-2004. H.H. Acharya Maharajshri in augurated the website and blessed his world wide satsang.

A grand firecracker show was organized on 31.1.2004 at night. The colorful fire crackers filled the sky with sparkling stars and rainbows formed by the fire crackers of different kinds. Thousands of people had gathered to enjoy the colourful display of fire crackers.

Parayan katha was concluded on 1-2-2004 by H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. A special Sabha was organised on this occasion. H.H. Acharya Maharajshri graced the Sabha and conveyed his hearty blessings to the host family of Lakshmanbhai Co. He asked the satsangis to maintain the standard of Satsang in daily life like the kind of services extended by M/s. Lakshmanbhai Partners Shri Lakshmanbhai, Shri Kanjibhai, Shri Ravibhai and their families have earned the pleasure of Shri Hari by their devotional services. Senior members of this temple, Shri Manjibhai, Bhimjibhai and other devotees have extended admirable services in these celebrations. H.H. Acharya Maharajshri had showered his hearty pleasure on them the . Sabha was concluded thereafter and H.H. Acharya Maharajshri with his retinue thereafter graced the region of Uganda and came to Kampala.

Shri Swaminarayan Mandir Kampala leads and guides the Satsang of this region. A grand procession was orgnaised here to welcome H.H. Acharya Maharajshri in this resource rich region. Town Mayor Respected Sabama Kizito accompanied H.H. Acharya Maharajshri at the reception procession. Procession was welcome honourably at the temple and Poojan Aarti were presented to H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. Wellcome assembly was graced by H.H. Acharya Maharajshri with the represenative presence of the Mayor of Kampala. While conveying his H.H. Acharya Maharajshri said that the present visit was after a long period of 33 years. Mayor Shri reciprocated in right

spirit and desired that he would be most welcome if he planned repeated and frequent visits of this region.

A grand Satsang Sabha was organised (on date 2-2-04) by the local devotees at the source of Nile. Perennial river Nile emerges from Lake Victoria. Lake Victoria region is rich in natural beauty. Thousands of devotees had come to do darshan of the sixth descendant heir of Lord Shriji Maharaj. The well memorised Vachanamrits were orally presented in original text by the learned saints of Samprasadaya. Katha Kirtans were presented to please Shri Hari and Aarti Poojan were presented to Acharya Maharajshri to earn his hearty blessings. This geographically unique area has become holy by the blessed touch of Shri Hari's own son. The Sabha was concluded with the blessings from H.H. Acharya Maharajshri.

Evening assembly was held at our temple to inaugurate the web site of the temple. H.H. Acharya Maharajshri graced the Sabha and launched the web-site. Special Annakut was presented on 3rd of February to please Lord Shri Hari. His descendant sixth heir - H.H. Acharya Maharajshri graced the event and presented Annakut Aarti to Lord Thakorji. An early evening Satsang Session was held at the camp of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri to recieve preachings and blessings of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. Acharya Maharajshri advised the Satsangis to forsake every kind of intoxicants.He appealed to them to be addiction free. Youths, present at the meeting reciprocated in the right spirit and rising up to the occasion took a solemn oath to quit every kind of intoxicants.

Faithful devotees Shri Parvatbhai, Shri Nitinbhai, Shri Gopalbhai, Shri Ravjibhai, Shri Sureshbhai and others have earned the pleasure of Shri Hari by extending laudable service at the celebrations. H.H Acharya Maharajshri had conveyed to them his hearty blessings. A devotion-filled send-off was arranged at 5-00 p.m. when H.H. Acharya Maharajshri and his retinue travelled to Nairobi.

H.H. Acharya Maharajshri graced the ancient city of Nariobi and inaugurated (4-2-2004) the ``Eye Camp'' conducted by the Lions Club of Nairobi. A full-fledged eye hospital operates under the auspies of the Lions Club, Nairobi. H.H. Acharya Maharajshri graced the hospital and blessed the patients, staff and management. District Governor, Chairman and Vice Chairman were deeply touched by the holiness and majesty of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. All have admired the service of Shri Lakshmanbhai and Shri Ramjibhai. H.H. Acharya Maharajshri had conveyed his hearty blessings.

A grand evening Satsang was organised at Shri Kutch Satsang Swaminarayan Mandir. H.H. Acharya Maharajshri graced the temple to receive the devotional love of his devotees. H.H. Acharya Maharajshri was received with great devotional fervour by His devotees in a welcome procession with the brass band, Lazim group and Kirtan group. H.H. Acharya Maharaj did Aarti Poojan of Lord Thakorji and graced the Sabha. Enlightening discourses and Katha Kirtans were presented by the scholar saints. The Sabha was concluded with the hearty blessings of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri, `Let everybody live happily and with peace in the empire of Lord Narnarayandev.'

A send-off was arranged on 5-2-04 at Shri Swaminarayan Mandir to bid farewell to H.H. Acharya Maharajshri and His retinue. He travelled then to India by evening flight, and graced the sacred land of Lord Narnarayandev at Ahmedabad airport in the early hours of 6-2-04. Though was fatigued by constant journey and a heavy schedule, of appointments he directed his retinue straight to Shri Swaminarayan Temple, Kalupur, Ahmedabad and did darshan of Lord Narnarayandev and the other forms residing at his shrine, then went to Jetalpur and paid salute to Lord Revti Baldevji Harikrishna Maharaj.

LIVE LONG HAPPILY

Prof. Mahadev Dhoriani

Old age. Is it a curse or a blessing ? Victor Hugo says, `Age at fifty is the youthfulness of the old age.' The symptoms of old age rise rapidly from laziness. Our social system has been accustomed to such a manner that as a man in society matures to forty years of his age, our social system confirms his walk towards old age and when he attains the age of sixty years, he would be compelled to retire ceremoniously and would be forced to helplessly await for his death ! Therefore, dont superannuate your self. Don't retire. Change your work. Switch over to any other occupation. That will conserve and recharge your energy. Occupy your mind in the activities of your choice. Don't under estimate your inner powers.

Think that you are healthy, you are happy, you are prosperous. Discourage negative ideas, remove hopelessness, don't be scared of worries. Leave everything to God. Don't supress covetousness, anger, desires etc., but try honestly to know them and walk beyond them when you know them well. Meditational concentration is a journey into the inner recesses. It is a place of the mind. Go deep in your meditational concentration and sublimate your inner power. Know well the majesty and power of silence. Instead of talking nonsense, sit peacefully and maintain silence. Live in a cheerful mood. Let your heart blossom with enthusiasm and hopes. Remove from your mind sickening ideas and stuffless thoughts. Be creative. Be productive.

`I am now old." Dont bring such nasty words on your lips. Be positive. Stay away from worries and anxiety. It is alright if you are retired from your occuaption or a profession, but do not retire from life. Don't be super sensitive. Try to perform distinctly -quite different than such performance of the others. Make new friends, experiment with new ways and new methods. Bring variety in your reading and your experiences. Get free from the clutches of ancient traditions and age old routine. Laugh a lot and extract pleasure and joys from the common most matter. Stop wearing old fashioned, untidy and clumsy clothes. Wear trendy and modern attires, colourful and latest. Relax comfortably and sleep sufficiently. Develop new hobies and new tastes, be interested in the tastes and hobbies of others. Walk fast and walk in broad steps.

Don't understimate your own self and shake off inferiority complex. Don't be shy of your physical or mental weakness. Don't develop a bashful nature. भोजनान्ते पिबेत तक्रम, ब्रह्मा अपि दुर्लभम् । Drink butter milk at the end of your meal. Ii is divine nectar on the earth. Ageing is slow in the people who daily drink butter milk, their skin too never shrinks or does it get dull. Wrinkled skin become wrinkle free if butter milk is taken regularly. Take regular massage of Til-oil. Body resists and defeats ageing with a regular massage. With increase in your age, add vitamins in your regular intake. The psychological impact of ageing does not take place before eighty years in age. Note that the reasoning and thinking power never recedes or decreases on an increase in one's age. The other rooms in your house shall be good for nothing if your bed room is not proper.

`Think right, Eat right, Exercise right, Live right..... Look better, Feel better, Live better.'

Walk is the best among physical exercise. It is a golden advice for people crossing the bar of fifty years. Walk keeps your mind

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MAJESTY OF THE DONATIONS

Jayantibhai K. Soni

`Nothing is greater in life except our God. To take some thing else to be greater than God, shows defeat in our devotion.'

Here is a true story.

Lord Shri Hari at Gadhada, once desired to celebrate a Samaiya at Vadtal, and wished to visit Vadtal for that purpose. Dada Khachar came in the morning to do darshan of Shri Hari. Dada Khachar suggested to him politely to celebrate Samaiya at Gadhada. He suggested to write letters to the saints and the followers residing at far flung places and invite them here to celebrate the events. Shriji Maharaj liked the idea and sent invitations to various places. The people from the entire region came to Gadhada forming small or large groups or with family and friends. Men and women, boys and grils all singing devotional songs and chanting the blissful names of God on the road leading to Gadhada which became like a path of devotion. Devotees riding various vehicles were engrossed in devotional activities singing, chanting and meditatign.

A group of devotees passed near by a village. A village Patel saw them singing Kirtans and found them happy in their devotion. He inquired with them to know about them and their destination. The devotees said to the village Patel that they were devotees and were on a visit of Gadhada Daam to do Darshan of Swaminarayan Bhagwan. The Patel when he came to know about Shri Swaminarayan Bhagwan and the Samaiya to be organized by him, too went back home brought coins of ten rupees and gave them to the devotees to submit them to Shri Swaminarayan Bhagwan on his behalf.

The devotees then came to Gadhada, participated in the Samaiya and did Darshan of Shri Swaminarayan Bhagwan. They submitted their contributions and gifts at the lotus feet of Shri Hari, but forgot to submit the donation given by that village Patel. The devotees were about to leave with that forgotten assignment when Shriji Maharaj reminded them about the donation. They remembered the amount and submitted the cash gift of rupees ten. Nodding his head, Shriji Maharaj reaceived the gift. Brahmanand Swami then asked, `Maharaj ! Why did you shake your head while lookng at the cash gift of that villager Patel ? Please tell me the secret.' Shriji Maharaj then said in brief, `In the time of his need, I will have to return it personally.'

Then within six months, that innocent villager was badly tormented by the ugly ailment of leprosy. That poor farmer made up his mind to drown himself in the salty water of the sea. He hired a cart and went to the sea shore. He stopped the cart at some distance and paid rupees five as travelling charge. Then he requested the cart owner to keep his mouth shut about his whereabout as he was going to plunge in to the sea water to kill hmself. Then walking slowely with the support of the walking stick, he went to the seashore. Shriji Maharaj then disguised as an old brahmin, came to the villager Patel. `Patel ! Where are you going ?' asked Shriji Maharaj. He looked at the unknown brahmin and said in a subdud voice, `I am visiting my relatives.' Shriji Maharaj them told him to not to speak lies to a pious brahmin or a Sat-Purusha. But instead of divulging the truth, the Patel repeated the same answer. Maharaj then disclosed the hidden fact and told him

that he was going to committ suicide in the sea water. The Patel then confirmed the fact and agreed to the observation made by the visitor. Maharaj then advised him to go back home. Also he assured that he would become allright in the following few days. While concluding his counsel, Shriji Maharaj said that even if he still incined to end his life he should take back histen thousand rupees. But the adament Patel refused to accept the money as it was never given by him to the brahmin. Shriji Maharaj then narrated the entire spisode of the Satsangi travellers and the Samaiya of Gadhada. The ten rupees tendered to Shri Swaminarayan Bhagwan was being returned in multiple of thousands.

Patel then asked in great amazement, `Are you Shri Swaminarayan Bhagwan ?' Shriji Maharaj nodded yes. Then with faith in his heart for Shri Hari and with the firmness of dedicated devotion the villager-Patel went back to his village. He recovered from the ugly disease by the grace of Lord Swaminarayan Bhagwan. He then visited Gadhada with some money after some time and submitted his humble donation at the lotus feet of Lord Swaminarayan Bhagwan. He did darshan of Shriji Maharaj and submitted himself at his refuge as an absolutely dependent follower. When Patel passed away at a matured age, Shriji Maharaj went to him and took him to his divine abode. Lord Shriji Maharaj is kind and merciful to all his followers. It is most favourable for a soul to absolutely surrender at his lotus feet by observing the Niyam with faith.

The Sixtieth Descendant Heir of Shri Hari H.H. Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharajshri forever showers his blissful pleasure on all of his dependent followers. The inherent blissful nature of his greatest grand father absolutely reflects in the life style of his Sixtieth descendant heir.

The petty donation of ten rupees was multiplied in thousands for the devout donor. Like him, we too should do prescribed donation of 10% of our total income. If this is not suitable to our capacity, we should donate 5% of our income. Donate regularly, yearly and most religiously for the pleasure of Shri Hari and the blessings of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. Lord Shri Hari had ordered all his devotees to do Dharma most sincerely and in accordance with the orders.

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healthy, reduces your tension and delays on slaught of fatigue. It acts like a tonic for a good sleep. Walking exercise needs more water to drink. While practising walk, increase intake of liquid. Walk more for a longer life - for a longer and healthy life. Walk more and live a happy life. Live cheerfully. Live happily. Live a simple and disciplined life. If acted these simple tips are sincerely longevity shall be with in your reach. Addiction or evil habit itself is a pain. Sanskrit word व्यसन has two meanings : pain and evil habit ! A pleasing nature is the soul of success, and laughter is the most effective medicine for physical and mental health.

Ageing is nothing else but an indiscipline committed by man in the youth of his life. Your slavery to your mind has made you old and weak. One can stop the ageing process and put it to a halt by his healthy thinking, well disciplined life style and herbal medicines. An addiction free man lives a longer and healthier life. A healthy mind is the supporting pillar of a healthy life. If man retires in his life, then life retires from him !

FIVE FUNDAMENTAL VOWS : PANCH VARTMAN

(General For All Satsangis)

Shriji Maharaj and His prominent saints worked hard to recruit appropriate followers to run the new Swaminarayan religion. Members increased in great number and now to build good quality from a large quantity, Shriji introduced some more rules to make the lives more pure and suitable to be on the path of Salvation. To upgrade the moral standards of His Satsangis, Lord Swaminarayan introduced FIVE BASIC VOWS known as PANCH VARTMAN, compulsory for all the followers. They were supposed to agree to obey them during their initiation by H.H. Acharya Maharajshri or His saints.

[1] Lord Shri Hari restricts HIS FOLLOWERS FROM EATING MEAT IN ANY FORM AND IN ANY CASE, not even as the offerings-PRASADAM of the deity or sacrifice of HOLY fire-YAGYA. It should never be taken even in terms of a medicine or a healing agent to save one's life.

[2] No Satsangi of SWAMINARAYAN should ever in life drink wine, liquor or an intoxicating drug of any sort and in any form or in any case-not even as a medicine to save one's life. Smoking of any type and taking of tobacco or likewise is also prohibited for the followers. Bhang in any form is also restricted for the followers.

[3] The Swaminarayan followers should never take food and drinks from improper persons, improper sources and at improper places. The food prepared by un clean people and with no pure items especially of hotels, restaurants, cabins and lodges are not allowed for the satsangis in orders to maintain good health and to avoid pollution and to maintain good morals.

[4] Adultery is a great sin under any circumstances for all the followers. Satsangis should never look at any woman with passion. They should never keep close contact with any young woman except the nearest relation. They should never stay alone or in privacy even with young daughters, sisters or even mothers.

[5] The followers of Swaminarayan Bhagwan should never indulge in theft or stealing even of a very small item under any circumstances even if it is meant for the offerings for the Deities, without the permission from the person in charge. Stealing should never be at tempted, even to save one's life.

These Five Basic VOWS are compulsory for all the followers excluding children aged under the SIX year and very old aged persons or the persons who are very sick. The times of emergency or tense circumstances or natural disasters are also exempted.

The followers who abide by all these FIVE BASIC VOWS will be happy for life time and even in the lives to come. Lord will bless them with all the success and prosperity in life with the ultimate goal to reach His Abode.

The bonafide followers of Lord Swaminarayan should always stick to PANCH VARTMAN for their gross benefits. By doing so they are securing their health, prestige, wealth and will power and ultimately the sure path to the Abode of Lord Swaminarayan.

VANITY VANQUISHED AT MIDNIGHT

Shastri Hari Swami

'I' did this. `That was me, who ran the show.' I head the family and my children and family are happy because of me. They would have been dead of hunger if I was not there to feed them.' 'I' is the sharpest and most injuring word. It damages everything – everybody.

Despite such negative attributes of 'I', we find many people talking proudly with the capital letter 'I' ! To be egoist is nothing but ignorance of man. God is supreme and God puts to work the stars, planets, galaxies and universe. But blissfully ignorant man, knows nothing of the truth !

There was one small village. A saint was living in a hut near the village. There was a huge banyan tree near his hut. The saint used to sit beneath that banyan tree to preach the the villagers. The village people used to come for his darshan and blessings. One such villager came to the saint and said, 'Oh saint ! I am a householder. We possess no property or wealth. My family survives on my salary. If I am not there to earn for them, my family will die of hunger. What will happen to my family if I am not there ? would God come to feed them ? I don't think so Do you think so ?'

The saint said, 'It is true. God can not come carrying a sack of provisions. But God wields divine powers and develops such circumstance by which life shall be sustained satisfactorily.' Though he paid attention to the talk, the villager was not able to grasp it properly. He lacked faith and trust in the powers of God ! The saint then said to him that if he had any doubting in regard to this truth, he should go with him on a religious pilgrimage to test the truth. The villager liked the suggestion and joined the pilgrimage.

He went to his house and told his wife about his pilgrimage with the saint. She too liked the idea and prepared a durable tiffin for them. On the given day and time the saint went on a pilgrimage with the villager.

They spent many days and weeks in the pilgrimage visiting villages, towns, cities and holy shrines. The villager was very happy with this change. They spent five months in such a pilgrimage.

Here at the village, the wife fed her family by earning he livelihood in small domestic works. She and her children were sustained well by that arrangement. But a man came one day and broke the heart shattering news about her husband. It was an urgent message from the saint. Her husband, though he enjoyed the pilgrimage healthy and heartily, an accident took place at some ominous time, and as he was having his morning bath at the well, he fell from the slippery wall and drowned in the well. May God bless the family with the strength and will to bear this sad news. God would look after the family.

As they heard the news, she fell unconscious on the ground. She wept and cried for her husband. The children too cried helplessly, when they saw their mother's grief. The neighbours and relatives rushed to her house and supported the family. They performed the funeral rites and consoled them heartily. Exhibiting total support and co-operation they arranged for food, clothing and cash fund for the hours of crisis. Some good people adopted the children for education and over all development. Some noble families came forward and donated farming land for their livelihood.

Within two or three months of time that sorrowful event became a forgotten matter of the past. The children now attended the school in better clothing and the three elder sons looked after agriculture and farming. The family received better food and improved facilities in the time to come. Two full years passed in such changed circumstances and

improved living conditions.

One evening, when the family had gathered a supper, an unknown man interrupted their casual meeting. The man was sent by the saint. He conveyed the message that though the villager had died peacefully, his affection for family had spoilt his other world. His soul was still tied to the children and wife and was roaming like a ghost. The saint had tried his best by various rituals to release the soul from the ephemeral bonds, but was not successful in his efforts. The soul would come to the village to visit the house and the family. It would be advisable on the part of the family if they took some measure to control the damage. Generally such roaming spirits are more active at midnight. Therefore, be careful today at midnight.

As the messenger went back, the mother and children togeather discussed the problem. The children were of the opinion that their father was very possessive and dominating by his inherent nature. It was quite possible and there was a hundred percent likelihood of his visit. What should be done to overpower his Ghost ? They made up their minds to consult a black magician to fix the ghost in a bottle. But such strong and firm step was not possible earlier than the next day. But what about to night ? They, after a seasoned consultation, decided to give him a thorough beating if he came to the house. They kept handy devices to hit him hard and thoroughly.

The entire plan was conceived very secretly by the saint to teach a lesson to the villager. The egoist villager knew nothing about the scheme hatched by the saint. Therefore, when they returned from the pilgrimage, the saint asked to the villager to go home at about midnight. Explaining the cause, the saint said that by your surpise visit you will be able to know about the real state of your family and home.

As was asked by the saint, the villager went to his house. As he appeared at the gate, his wife barked at him, 'You sinner ! Though you went on a holy pilgrimage why are you still roaming like a ghost ? The children were happier as soon as you left us. Go back, you devil. We will smash you like pulp if you step in. Go away from here.

The man was shocked by such a unique welcome. Where to go at midnight ? He went back to the saint and narrated his hair raising experience.

The saint said, 'But it was you who believed that you were the sole sustainer of the family. You were the life and breath for the family. You only told us you were the lone support of the family. It was you who doubted the capacity and powers of God. Look ! God has taken care of your family. Now remove the garbage of ill thoughts from you mind. And walk on the path of compassion and devotion.

Dear devotees ! We should know that God is omniscient and majestic. God sustains everything. We are mere tools in the hands of God. We are instrumental. We should not be boastful of our deeds. Be humble and act in the name of God. Do devotion of Shri Hari. Submit absolutely at the lotus feet of God.

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THIS, TOO SHALL PASS

H. J. Swami

King Someshwara of Ashoknagar has called a special meeting of scholars. All the scholars have occupied their honoured seats. Among them are some scholars of the Vedas and some are experts in Upanishadas, some have a deep knowledge of the scriptures and some of them are scholars of astrology and astronomy. Some are experts in arts and some have knowledge of hippology. Some are expert in grammar and some are foreseers.

The King honoured them with due decorum and prayed to them with folded hands, 'Oh Respectable scholars ! Since days together I am confused by a problem – a riddle. Kindly permit me to submit my inquiry for your kind consideration. Please suggest to me a formula a dictum or a cardinal principle which can inspire us in our adverse times. It may guide us in our happiness and sorrows, may help us in our defeat and victory.' All scholars were taken aback at such aquestion from the king. They applied their mind and reason, but found no clue to this universal riddle. Then a senior among them said politely, 'Oh King ! Your inquiry is very helpful to mankind. Unfortunately, we know nothing about it. There is one small hut at the river side and an elderly saint resides there in seclusion. We should see the saint personally for our enlightenment. We should submit to him this question to geat solution to our riddle.' The King agreed to the proposal and they went to the saint.

They came to the river and did darshan of the saint and submitted their riddle. The saint said nothing in answer but gave a ring to them and advised them to wear it forever. He asked them to remove the stone of the ring as and when they faced adverse times or got lost on the path of life. He told that the instruction written on the paper under the stone would guide them in the right direction. The formula written on that paper would be helpful in solving the problem. The King wore the ring happily and left the place.

Once, the king of the neighbouring kingdom invaded Ashoknagar. King Someshwar lost the battle and fled for his life. Some guards escorted him for his safety. The King and his guards lost their path in the forest. They got separated in the maze of the wild forest. The King was trapped alone with his horse. Enemy soldiers checked every corner of the forest to arrest the king, but their efforts were futile. The King was hidden in some dark and dense grove. The chaser riders found no trace of the king or his attendants as it was the darkest portion of the forest. They went away to search him elsewhere.

The King was in a pitiable state of shock and trauma. His royal majesty was lost. No palace, no royal powers, no royal luxury, no wealth no servants ! The disheartened king prayed to God to save and protect him in the adverse time. As he looked at his hand, he saw the ring on his finger. The sight of the ring reminded him about the saint and his advice. He opened the seat of the stone mounted on the ring, picked up the paper and read - "This too shall pass.' His tension receded and he felt more comfortable and better when he read the words of wisdom. He realized that pains and torments were not permanent. Those were to end in the days to come. Now he regained his self confidence. With in hours, he found his companions and attendants. They reorganized the army and forcefully attacked the camps of the enemy forces. The enemy was defeated and the kingdom was restored to King Someshwar. As he graced the imperial throne, he remembered the wise words " This too shall pass !"

Dear Children ! This world is a laboratory where mankind is tested on the measuring rod of pains and pleasures. God has provided pleasures at the end of each slab of pains. Pleasures too are not to last for long or forever. Man should live equipoised in the confluence of pain and pleasures. Live with solace and peace.

Blessed Teachings of H.H. Lalji Maharajshri

Reported by : Gordhanbhai Sitapara

H. H. Lalji Maharaj 108 Shri Koshalendraprasadji. Maharaj - the seventh descendent heir of Lord Shri Hari celebrates his birthday on the auspicious tenth day of the bright half of Ashwin Vijya Dashahara. Dashahara is the day when untruth was defeated by truth, the day when Ravana – the demonic forces were destroyed by Rama. It was the victory of divine power over the evil – demonic forces. Demonic forces had dominated the nonurban regions of Western India during Lord Shri Hari's time. Such evil minded people when they came to Shri Hari's fold, forsook devilish ways, crimes, violence and spent a pious life as a true and faithful devotee of Shri Hari. Contemporarily youths in thousands, turn to H.H. Lalji Maharajshri to shed addiction and intoxicants, ego and anger and to control the temptations of the sense objects. They surrender at his lotus feet to imbibe the virtues of solace, compassion and truth. These youths, in thousands and millions, have become single minded devotees of Shri Hari and ethical duties have become an integral part of their life style. H.H. Lalji Maharaj 108 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharajshri conducts worldwide camps for the moral and ethical reconstruction of the younger generation. These Satsang camps of micro and macro teachings are tailor made to fit to the needs of a particular region, nation or continent. This younger generation of Satsang attends such camps consciously to learn more about ethical duties and benedictory means. Blessings of H.H. Lalji Maharajshri is a soulful prasadi for them. H.H. Lalji Maharajshri most carefully plans the content of each such Satsang camp and executes training under his personal supervision and leadership.

A special Satsang was organized on 11-1-2004 to celebrate the events of Platinum Jubilee Birthday. H.H. Lalji Maharajshri graced the occasion and blessed the devotees :

'.... Robbery, theft and stealing was his job ! This is an episode narrated by our saints. He once went for sharpening his sword. He got his sword sharpened and gave a quarter for the sharpening job. As he went out, he thought of testing the sharpness of the weapon. He saw a small group. This ill-natured man tested his weapon on their necks and assasinated them at the blink of an eye. He killed them to test the sharpness of his sword !

Such a killer - a heartless fellow - came in the pronimity to Shri Hari. He did darshan of Shriji Maharaj. A casual salute gradually transformed in to a regular habit of doing darshan and Satsang. In no time, he became a satsangi of Shriji Maharaj. His sinful habits recelded and virtuous habits became an in thing ! Now the sinner within was overpowered by saintly attributes. That transformed soul was Veera Bhagat.

Once Shriji Maharaj asked him to bring a fresh and tender piece of babul branch to brush the teeth. Maharaj asked Veera Bhagat to get it from a field. Veera Bhagat went happily and in no time came back with a nice piece. He submitted it politely to Shriji Maharaj. Maharaj said, 'Bhagat ! From where have you brought this piece ?' 'Maharaj ! I have brought it from the field.' 'Bhagat ! was there any hedge around the field ? Was there an owner of that field ? Have you taken any permission from him ?' 'Maharaj ! Throughout my life I have grabbed and snatched from everybody without any consent, then how could I think taking of such a permission !' 'Go back and politely seeka a permission.'

Veera Bhagat went back to the field but as it was unguarded, he went to the village. He found the house of the owner and approached him with folded hands 'Patel ! I have taken

without your permission a piece of Babul branch.' The farmer gazed at him and asked, 'May I know who you are ? That was a negligible thing. No permission is needed for such a small favour.' Bhagat then gave his name. The farmer trembled like a dry leaf when he heard that illfamous name. People shivered under threat when they heard the name of the robber. This farmer panicked like a thin plant in then stormy wind. He said, 'Veera Bhagat ! If you want, take that entire farm but leave me alone. Not taking such words to his heart, Bhagat repeatedly prayed with folded hands for a pardon and saluted him. Compassion and merey of Shri Hari had changed the hearts of hard core criminals. They had become respectable householders and devotees of Shri Hari.

Miracle is no surprise, because he is God. He wields powers and controls the entire set of galaxies. But the real miracle was spelled by Bhagat. When his inherent nature was changed to the good by the majesty and divine powers of Shri Hari. It is not within the powers of man to change his inherent nature. Who can change his inherent nature ? One who is brave, valiant and spiritually strong can do such an impossible thing and that too with the due blessings of God. A true devotee is a person holding capacity and inner strength to sacrifice for the Satsang.

Credit and good will are the newest phenomenon. Looking at the attires, tilak chandlo and a fine rosary around the neck, a lender or a trader lends money or goods. The saints of ancient times, whom we praise, were repeatedly insulted attacked and driven out by the village people in those ancient days. They even tried to cut ears and nose of our saints and showered them with stones bricks and dirty words, but our great saints – Nand Sants and Paramhamsas maintained solace and peace while working hard for the Satsang. The present good-will stands for that great work of ancient saints. This is why we are comfortably happy these days. We are required to know everything pertaining to our great history and great sacrifice. Such knowledge would give us greater pleasure in the festivals and celebrations held by this dioces. Such knowledge and consciousness inspires us to participate with great enthusiasm in the festivities held by the dioces.

If may be a Shakotsava or it may be the Dhoons of Dhanurmaas, but ultimately we serve our Satsang by our direct or indirect participation. Our participation should not be limited to cash gift or donation, but Dhoon, Kirtan and Japa too should be an integral part of our contribution. We should understand it well that what ever we do, shall be for our self emancipation – for self benediction. Therefore, by such acts we are not obliging others. We did early morning Dhoon of Dhanurmas. For whom did we do it ? Was it for God ? No. Was it for the saints or for the family members ? No, not at all. It is solely for the self. It is for the self-benediction of a doer. That is the treasured wealth of a devotee and on the strength of it the soul has to attain ultimate benediction – Akshardham. Thus the devotional means are a bare necessity and a very personal need of a devotee. He must do at least that if he desires for a respectable entry to the abode of God. Bhajan - devotion is a must for inner cleanliness – for inner purity. If not done, life shall be ruined by the stinking dirt of the sense objects. Noble duty of introducing God to the other souls should not be limited to us, but should be the prime duty of all the Satsangis. Be particular and introduce God to the needy souls – other people. Help them in their benediction. Maharaj desires to benedict lot many souls.

Look at the enthusiasm of late devotee Sura Khachar. An old lady wearing a pair of traditional shoes of Kathiawar, was busy in casting cowdung cakes. Sura Khachar was trying since hours to make her speak the blessed word "Swaminarayan." But the lady was so adamant that she kept her mouth shut. Sura Khachar too was equally firm to make her

speak. At last as an extreme step, he went forward and began to crush the dried cakes spread on the ground. As she saw this she burst like a fire cracker and screamed, 'To hell with your Swaminarayan. You devil. Are you not ashamed of crushing my cowdung cakes ?' Sura Khachar cheered with great pleasure and said, 'Okay. It is okay. I have done my job !' and ran back to Shri Hari's chamber. When he narrated his mischievious effort to Shriji Maharaj. Shri Hari generously promised with a blissful smile, 'Sura Khachar ! I will benedict that old lady with these saints of mine.' Sura Khachar jumped with joy.

We do Shakotsava where visitors are an amalgamated lot of Satsangis and others. Many non-Satsangis come there to have the prasadam of the event. Such festive events aim at a linking aim for such connectivity. Prasadam plants the seeds of Satsang. Visitors then begin to unknowingly imbibe the virtuous attributes of a Satsangi. Prasadi of Shakotsava placed in his stomach will show its majesty. Definitely there will be a time when he will remember and admire the taste of the brinjal vegetable, Kadhi and Bajra loaves of Swaminarayan Mandir. Such recollection would lead him to the memory of the festivities and of Shri Hari and that shall be the aim and destination for the worldly souls. We have been organizing Samaiyas and festivals so that a devotee – a soul at his last breath-remembers the festivals and Lord Shri Hari instead of his establishment, balance sheet or debt. Such holy rememberance would release him from the elemental ties for his final journey to Akshardhaam. Thus the celebrations aim at remembering God. Do daily japa and devotion of God. Live with better understanding. Pass on your attainments to the people in such need. May Lord Narnarayandev bless us with divine bliss and the benign shelter of his divine abode.

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NEWS AND NOTES FROM SHRI NARNARAYANDEV DESH

AHMEDABAD REGION

The 182nd Annual Patotsava of Lord Narnarayandev

Shri Swaminarayan Temple at Ahmedabad is the global first temple of the Sampradaya. Lord Swaminarayan Bhagwan himself had embraced and installed the idols of Lord Narnarayandev. That historical event took place long ago, on the third day of the bright half of Falgun. The 182nd annual Patotsava of Lord Narnarayandev was celebrated on 23-2-2004. H.H. Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharajshri, H.H. Lalji Maharaj 108 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharajshri and Respected Bal Lalji Maharaj Shri Vrajendraprasadji Maharajshri of Lord Narnarayandev Peeth graced the religious ceremony with H.H. Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Rakeshprasadji Maharajshri of Shri Lakshminarayandev Peeth and presented Patotsava Abhishekam to Lord Narnarayandev amidst chants of vedic hymns. This was an unique celebration in the history of Sampradaya, where in Lord Narnarayandev of Bharat Khanda had received Patotsava Abhishekam from both the Acharay of Shri Swamianrayan Sampradaya. Thousands of devotees from both the dioceses were present at the seat of Lord Narnarayandev to do darshan of majestic celebration.

H.E. Governor of Gujarat state Shri Kailashpatiji Mishra was the honoured Chief Guest on this occasion. Special assembly was conducted by Mahant Swami Shastri Nirgundasji. In his opening speech, Mahant Swami explained in Hindi the glory and majesty of Lord Narnarayandev and narrated in detail the majesty of both the Acharyas of this Sampradaya. In his welcome speech, S.G. Mahant Swami Shastri Atmaprakashdasji (Jetalpur) enlightened the audience about forthcoming grand event of Platinum Jubilee Celebrations. S.G. Nautam Swami (Chariman, Vadtal Temple Board) delivered enlightening discourse on majesty of Devas and Acharya. H.H. Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Rakeshprasadji Maharajshri blessed the audience and explained to them the glory and majesty of Lord Narnarayandev. Sabha was concluded with hearty blessings and enlightening preachings of H.H. Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharajshri.

Devotee Shri Rameshbhai Ranchhodbhai Marfatia (Jorgunj wala) and his family had earned the pleasure of Shri Hari by hosting Patotsava Celebrations. Patotsava Annkut was organized by S.G. Uttampriyadasji Swami (Muli). - *Kothari Brahmvihari Swami.*

Approach (Bapunagar) Temple

The Magha Snana of one month was done by the devotees of this place (Fullmoon day of Pausha to Full moon day of Maha) On moral support and encouragement from S.G. Lakshmanjivandasji Swami (Aprroach-Bapunagar Temple). The month long daily bathing Vratta was exercised with the due blessings of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. Magh Snan was concluded most religiously and the saints and devotees together did thereafter the pilgrimage of Jetalpur, Dholka and Dholera Shrine and did Pranam to Lord Gopnatha at the sea.

- *Gordhanbhai Sitapara*

Pandharpur (Kadi)

The daily Dhoon of Two hours duration was organized for the three weeks duration (17-1-04 to 6-2-04) to celebrate the events of Platinum Jubilee Celebrations. Events were organized under the orders of H.H. Lalji Maharajshri. S.G. Swami Swayamprakashdasji (S.S.N. Gurukul, Jaydevpura) had earned the pleasure of Shri Hari and blessings of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri by conducting sixty hours dhoon sessions.

- *Kothari Laljibhai Mahadevbhai and Shri Jesangbhai*

Shakotsava at Motera

A grand Shakotsava was organized at Shri Swaminarayan Mandir Motera (Distt. Gandhinagar) to celebrate the events of Platinum Jubilee. A special Satsang was organized on this occasion dated 8-2-04 in benign presence of H.H. Ahacrya Maharajshri.

Devotional song and Kirtan-dhoon were presented gointly by Shri Purav Patel and the children of Koteshwar Gurukul. Enlightening discourses were delivered by Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji (Ex. Mahant Chhapaiya) and Shastri Swami Purnaprakashdasji.

H.H. Acharya Maharajshri blessed his devotees and added spices in Hari vegetable. S.G. Swami Devprakashdasji (Scheme Committee) and S.G. P.P. Swami (Koteshwar Gurukul) have earned the pleasure of Shri Hari by guiding and inspiring the devotees for the gift-donations. The donations have risen above Rs. 1,50,000-00. The satsang at this place is in it's initial stage and therefore, the amount collected is not a small amount for this region. We salute to the devotional fervour of the devotees. - *Shri Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal.*

Mansa Temple

A grand Shakotsava was organized here on date 11-1-04 with the due blessings of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri and with the blessings of H.H. Lalji Maharajshri. S.G. Mahant Swami of Shri Swamianrayan Mandir Mansa, Bhandari Swami Ramcharandasji and Shastri Swami Narayanvallabhdasji have earned the pleasure of Shri Hari by inspiring the devotees for this grand event.

H.H. Lalji Maharajshri graced this place and added flavour of devotion by adding spices in the vegetable. Thousands of devotees and aspirants from Mansa and nearby villages were present there to do darshan of the great tradition founded by Shri Hari himself. A large number of devotees have contributed towards Platinum Jubilee Celebrations.

The Sabha was addressed by Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji, Shastri Swami Narayanvallabhdasji, and S.G. P.P. Swami (Koteshwar, Gurukul) to explain glory and majesty of Shakotsava and forthcoming celebrations of Platinum Jubilee Birthday. Birthday. The

Sabha was concluded with the blessings of H.H. Lalji Maharajshri. - *Chaudhari Kantibhai Pandit, Bapupura.*

Bapupura (Mansa) Temple

The growing generation of the Satsang at this place has become more enthusiastic in regard to Satsang and the religious activities. Many of them have forsaken addiction and intoxicants of everykind. They have become regular in doing dialy pooja-Aarti at home and daily darshan of God at Shri Swaminarayan Mandir. Shri Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal of this place had organized periodic Satsang Sabha in near by villages to spread the message of universal welfare of mankind. Early morning religious walk and early morning dhoon sessions were organized daily during Dhanur maas.

A Pada Yatra was organized from Bapupura on Makar Sankranti Day to do darshan of Lord Thakorji at Shri Swaminarayan Mandir Mansa. Dhoon, Kirtan and Katha Satsang was organized at Mansa temple and enlightening discourses were delivered by Mahant Sami Ram Swami, Shri Vallabh Swami and other saints. The devotees and aspirants from Mansa were present at Satsang Sabha. Devotee Shri Kantibhai Chaudhari Pandit had earned the pleasure of Shri Hari by expanding Satsang activities at this place. - *Kothari Jeshangbhai Chaudhari*

Vehlal Temple

Kirtan Satsang was organized here on 17-2-04 with the due blessings of H.H. Lalji Maharajshri. Local devotees were encouraged and inspired by S.G. Chaitanyamunidasji. Kirtan session was held by Shri Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal of this place.

The devotees (male and female) have filled 600 note-books of Shri Swaminarayan Mahamantra and have conducted Dhoon sessions for 60 hourse duration to celebrate at the various places and at tje villages near Vehlal with due co-operation from local Satsangis. Monthly Katha Satsang, Satsang Sabha and the festivals like Shakotsava are being conducted regularly each month. Medical camps and Maha Poojas are being conducted at Vehlal and villages. The devotees and aspirants from Ahmedabad, Nikol, Dhamij, Kanipur and Dehgam have been benefitted by these activities. S.G. Shrijiprakashdasji and S.G. Gyanvallabhdasji have earned the pleasure of Shri Hari by conducting Katha-Varta Satsang in this area.

- *Gordhanbhai Sitapara.*

H.H. Lalji Maharajshri Blesses his devotees at Ishwarpura

H.H. Lalji Maharaj 108 Shri Koshlendraprasadji Maharaj had graced this place on auspicious eleventh day of the bright half of Maha to fulfil the devotional wishes of his followers and aspirant. Hundreds of devotees were favoured personally by him when His holiness graced their dwellings.

A Satsang Sabha was graced by him at evening to give devotional pleasure to host Shri D.N. Chaudhari and other devotees. Devout singers Purav Patel and Dinesh Vaghasia have earned the pleasure of Shri Hari by presenting devotional music at the assembly.

Katha Varta session was conducted by the saints. Details of Platinum Jubilee Celebratios were presented by S.G. Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji (Ex-Mahant, Chhapaiya), S.G. Swami Devprakashdasji (Scheme Committee) and Sami Suryaprakashdasji. Village Ishwarpura had contributed Rs. 1,75,000-00 towards Platunum Jubilee Celebrations. Late S.G. Kaka Sami was remembered repeatedly by the the saints in thier descourses and speaches. The Sabha was concluded with the blessings of H.H. Lalji Maharajshri. H.H. Lalji Maharajshri with His retinue graced thereafter the villages Varsoda and Badpura to present Aarti to Lord Thakorji. S.G. P.P. Swami (Koteshwar) had earned the pleasure of Shri Hari by extending his valuable guidance.

Satsang Sabha at Gavada

Village Gavada is a prasadi place of Shri Hari. The 24th annual Patotsava was organized here at Shri Swamianrayan Mandir. The Shakotsava, Dhoon sessions of the sixty hours duration and Raas-Garba events were organized at the temple to celebrate the events of Platinum Jubilee Celebrations.

A Satsang Sabha was organized on this occasion and Dhoon, Katha-Kirtan and discourses were presented by S.G. P.P. Swami (Koteshwar), S.G. Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji (Ex-Mahant Chhapaiya), S.G. Swami Devprakashdasji (Scheme Committee), S.G. J.P. Swami and Swami Suryaprakashdasji. - *Narayanbhai*

Gyan-Yagya at Anandpura (Satsangi Bhushan Parayan)

Shrimad Satsangi Bhushan Parayan was held here to celebrate events of Platinum Jubilee. The Katha sessions were hosted by the family members of the Late devotee Shri Gopalbhai Mohandas Patel. The Seat of the main speaker of Parayan Katha was graced by Shastri Swami Ramkrishnadasji (Koteshwar).

H.H. Lalji Maharajshri graced this place and blessed the inaugural day of Parayan sessions. The devotees were greatly elated by the presence of H.H. Lalji Maharajshri. The village had contributed Rs. 1,75,500-00 towards Platinum Jubilee on inspiration and guidance from Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji (Ex-Mahant, Chhapaiya), S.G. Swami Devprakashdasji (scheme committee), S.G. Swami Nandkishordasji (Ayodhya Mahant) and the saints.

Shakotsava at Mubarakpura

Mubarakpura is a small village near gandhiangar. Since the announcement of the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations, the Satsangis at Mubarakpura have had aspired ardently to invite H.H. Lalji Maharajshri to sanctify the land of this small village. Satsang is not so old at this place, therefore this was to become the first religious tour of H.H. Lalji Maharajshri. H.H. Lalji Maharajshri, though was too busy in Platinum Jubilee plans, favoured heartily the Satsang of Marbarakpura by fixing in advance from his side a full day visit of this place to stay back with his faithful followers.

H.H. Lalji Maharajshri graced this small village with his retinue of the saints and senior devotees and celebrated here the grand Shakotsava by Putting devotional taste of spices in the cauldron of vegtetable. Hundreds of devotees from local and nearby villages were favoured by the divine

darshan of the Shakotsava being performed by the seventh descendant heir of Lord Shriji Maharaj and Future Acharya of Shri Narnarayandev diocese. Katha-Satsang and enlightening discourses were delivered at the special Sabha by the S.G. Swami P.P. Swami (Koteshwar), Swami Devprakashdasji, Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji, Swami Suryaprakashdasji and J.P. Swami. A large number of devotees have been favoured by this devotional programme. - *Kothari.*

The Platinum Jubilee Satsang Sabha held at Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Dholka

A huge Satsang Sabha was held here at the lotus feet of Lord Morlimanohardev Harikrishna Maharaj to dsscuss in detailt the schedule of forthcoming festivities of Platinum Jubilee Birthday of H.H. Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharajshri. The Sabha was chaired by H.H. Lalji Maharajshri 108 Shri Koshlendraprasadji Maharajshri. The Sabha (12-2-04) was attended by the Satsangis from all the villages of Dholka temple area.

The Sabha was attended by S.G. Mahant Swamis of Ahmedabad (Kalupur), Jetalpur, Kankaria (Maninagar) and Shastri Hariom Swami of Jetalpur wadi. Enlightening discourses were delivered by them besides the details of Platinum Jubilee and the religious events attached to the main schedule. A large number of devotees were come forward to contribute towards Platinum Jubilee events. Main donors were felicitated by H.H. Lalji Maharajshri to appriciate their devotional fervour. The occasion was planned by Mahant Swami Jagatprakashdasji and devotees were inspired by him for thes. In his vote of thanks Mahant Swami Jagatprakashdasji gave details of funds collected and informed the audience about the the tremendous response reeived from Dholka temple area. Rupees three lakh in cash and fifteen quintal wheat have been calleted as on that day and the donations in cash and kind were still following in The Sabha was conducted by S.G. Shastri Swami Ghanshyamprakashdasji. S.G. Mahant Swami Devprakashdasji (Delhi) S.G. Swami Hariswaroopdasji (Muli), S.G. Swami Vishnuprasaddasji and Bharat Bhagat have earned the pleasure of Shri Hari by extending laudable service in this event. Mahaprasadam was distributed by the temple to all the devotees present at Dholka Dhaam and the event was concluded with heartly blessings of H.H. Lalji Maharajshri. Local devotees and Shri Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal have extended core services in Sabha arrangement and distribution of Mahaprasad.

- *Shri Narnarayandev Yuvak Manal*

The Eye-Camp held on eve of 182nd Patotsava of Lord Narnarayandev

The eye-camps was organized at the lotus feet of Lord Narnarayandev to extend medical service to the devotees of Lord Shri Hari. The camp was an integral part of the festivities of 182nd annual Patotsava of Lord Narnarayandev. The camp dated 29-2-04 was conducted by Dr. Rameshbhai Parikh with expert consultation from Dr. Kundanben Gajjar (Vis-care Eye Hosptial) and the other doctors for the treatment of various eye deseases.

Similar mobile medical service was provided to the Pada Yatris of Dakor dhaam. Mobilee Medical service was conducted from Shri Swaminarayan Sanskar Dhaam, Hathijan and main rout of Vatva-Areri Dakor was covered by mobile medical vans. Doctors have provided free medical service. A large number of devotees have availed medical service and have praised our services. - *Dr. Bhavin Parikh*

The 10th Annual Patotsava of God at Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Naranpura

Lord Ghanshyam Maharaj dwelling in Shri Swaminarayan Mandir Naranpura has received with pleasure the tenth annual Patotsava Abhishekam from the seventh descendant heir of Him. Mahant Swami Shastri Premswaroopdasji had been instrumental by inspiring devout family for this benign event. The family of Shri Chandrakantbhai, Shri Rameshbai and Shri Bhupendrabhai have earbed the pleasure of Shri Hari by hosting this event joinetly in devotion filled memories of Devotee (late) Shri Prabhudas Umedbhai Patel. H.H. Lalji Maharajshri graced this place amidst the tunes of devotional music and presented at 6-30 am the Abhishekam of Saffron flavoured water with the sacred-objects. The vedic hymns were chanted by Brahmin scholars to conduct ritual side of the event.

Occasional Satsang Sabha was organized after the patotsava. H.H. Lalji Maharajshri graced the Sabha with the retinue of his saints. Pooja-Aarti were presented by the host family to falicitate H.H. Lalji Maharajshri. H.H. Lalji Maharajshri showered his pleasure and blessed the host family. Occasional discourses were delivered by Mahant Swami Shastri Nirgundasji, S.G. Shastri Purushottamprakashdasji (Jetalpur wadi), Mahant Swamit Shastri Ghanshyam Swami and Mahant Shastri Premswaroopdasji. They had admired the devotional fervour of the host families.

The Sabha was concluded with the blessings of H.H. Lalji Maharajshri. While blessing the host families, H.H. Lalji Maharajshri had praised the extra ordinary services extended to the fund-committee, by the three worthy sons of late devout soul. Mahaprasadam was distributed to the devotees at the end of devotional session. - *Kanubhai Patel*

The 165th Annual Patotsava of Lord Balswaroop Kashta Bhanjandev, Kankaria

The personal family God – Lord Balswaroop Kashtabhanjandev was installed here by the first Acharya of Shri Narnaraydnev diocess. H.H. Acharya Shri Ayodhyaprasdji Maharaj. The 165th annual Patotsava was celebrated here on auspicious fifth day of the bright half of Falgun and Abhishekam of Saffron and Sandal wood water was received by Lord Hanumanji from the seventh descendant heir of Shri Hari H.H. Lalji Maharajshri 108 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharajshri.

S.G. Shastri Swami Purushottamprakashdasji (Jetalpur Wadi), Sanskrit Scholars from Jetalpur wadi, S.G. Rajeshwaranand Swami, Mahant Shastri Golok Swami and many saints were present on this occasion.

Occhav Mandal recited the text of Hanuman chalisa

on the soulful tunes of devitonal music. Shri Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal of this place was inspired and encouraged by Mahant Swami Shastri Guruprasaddasji and Kothari Annad Swami to provide devotional service at the temple for the visiting devotees and aspirants.

- Gaurang Patel, Shri Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandak.

Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Naroda

Shri Swaminarayan Mahamantra Dhoon was conducted here at the place of the devotees by visiting such dwellings for the sixty days. The sixty recitations of Janmangal Stotra were presented in like manner to celebrate the events of Platinum Jibilee. The Dhoon and Janmangal Path were concluded most ceremoniously by conducting a joint session at the residence of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. The concluding session was organized on 11-1-04 in the presence of the saints, Mahant Swami Shastri Iswarjivandasji, the students of Sankrit Pathshala and Shastri Hariom Swami. The Majsty and glory of the Dharmkul and greatness of Platinum Jubilee celebrations were explained by the saints to the devotees.

- Navinbhai I. Patel

Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Mokhasan

The Annual Patotsava was celebrated here and the three days Parayan of Shrimad Shikshapatri Bhashya was conducted on this religious occasion. The events were hosted by devotee Shri Navinbhai Manilal Patel and family. The seat of the main speaker was graced by Shastri Swami Narayanvallabhdasji (Vadtal) and the sanhita (text) was read by Pujari Swami Abhishekprasaddasji.

The events were concluded by H.H. Lalji Maharajshri in presence of thousand of devotees. H.H. Lalji Maharajshri graced the welcome procession and concluded Parayan by presenting Aarti-Poojan to the sacred scripture and Lord Thakorji.

Satsangi Bhushan Parayan at Soja

Shrimad Satsangi Bhushan Parayan (29-12-03 to 4-1-04) was conducted here to celebrate the events of Platinum Jubilee. This grand religious feast of ultimate knowledge was hosted by the family of Shri Narnarayan Transport Soja, and the seat of the main speaker was graced by Shastri Swami Shrijiprakashdasji (Hathijan Gurukul). Early morning religious walks were organized everyday in soja, Aamaj, Chandisana, Mansa, Mokshasan and Itadar during those festive days. Late evening Kirtan Satsang was conducted in the like manner.

The camps like Youth Satsang camp, Bal Satsang Camp, Cultural programme, de-addiction camp etc. were conducted to provide support system for a purer personal life. H.H. Acharya Maharajshri graced soja on date 4-1-04 and concluded the celebration. A hearty welcome was extended to the supreme preceptor and a grand welcome procession was taken to the main streets of this village to receive H.H. Acharya Maharajshri.

H.H. Acharya Maharjshri graced the sabha to bless his faithful devotees Shastri Swami Harikirshnadasji (Ex-Mahant, Chhapaiya), S.G. P.P. Swami (Koteshwar Gurukul), S.G. Swami Devprakashdasji (Scheme Committee), S.G. Swami Haricharandasji and celibate priest Rajeshwaranand Swami were present at the Sabha. They delivered enlightening discourses to help and guide the devotees in regard to their service at Platinum Jubilee events. About Rs. 10 lakhs were announced as the donations from the devotees. The Sabha was concluded with the blessings of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri.

The festive Shakotsava orgnaised by Sabarmati Satsang Samaj

A festive Shakotsava was organized on 24-1-04 at Shri Sahajanand Gurukul Koteshwar to celebrate the events of Platinum Jubilee Birthday. The Shakotsava was organized by Sabarmati Satsang Samaj and all the Hari Bhaktas of samaj were present at the celebrations. Kirtan Satsang was presented jointly by Shri Purav Patel and the scholars of Gurukul. Enlightening discourses were presented by the saints to highlight the forthcoming celebrations of Platinum Jubilee Birthday.

- Narayanbhai Patel, Kothari.

Relgious tour of The Village of Rajasthan State

The saints and celibates of this sect are visitng interior region and remotest places of spread the blissful message of Shri Swaminarayan Sampradaya. H.H. Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharajshri and Future Acharya H.H. Lalji Maharaj 108 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj have encouraged and inspired the saints to spread message of Shri Hari in remotest area of this subcontinent.

S.G. Mahant Swami Shastri Nirgundasji Swami, S.G. Shastri Purushottamprakashdasji Swami (Jetalpur), S.G. Shastri Premswaroopdasji and other saints have earned the pleasure of Shri Hari by visiting various villages of Vali Mandir (Raj.) during 21-1-04 to 23-1-04. Mahant Swami Nirmaldasji (Vali Mandir), Swami Devcharandasji (Vali), Mahant Sami Ghanshyamjeevandasji (Liliya) and Shastri Chandraprakashdasji have delivered enlightening discourses to explain glory and majesty of Dharmvansh, Dharmvanshi Acharya Maharaj and Paltinum Jubilee Celebrations. Responding in right sprit, the devotees have donated about 150 tins of pure butteroil, and the announcements of the donations to follow are still in progress. The satsang of Marwar region will add colour to the celebration by their traditional attires and red turbans. Thousands of devotees shall be participating in Platinum Jubilee to present ethnic culture of Rajasthan.

The dhoon sessions of the sixty hours duration were conducted at Thobau, Viea, Jelal, Ratt and other villages to celebrate events of Platinum Jubilee. Annual Patotsava was celebrated at Viea Temple on date 12-2-2004 and Patotsava Abhishekam was presented to Lord Thakorji by Mahant Swami Premswaroopdasji (Mahant Swami Narayanpura) and Mahant Swami Niramaldasji (Vali Temple). Katha Kirtan Satsang was held on this occasion. The devotees from Rajasthan and Gujarat were present on this occasion. *- Kevaram and Krishnakumar Suthar.*

Manekpura

A grand Shakotsava was organized here at our temple to celebrate the events of Platinum Jubilee Birthday.

The events were conducted by Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal with the due blessings of H.H. Lalji Maharajshri. The devotees were encouraged and inspired by Shastri Swami Shrijiprakashdasji (Hathijan). H.H. Acharya Maharajshri gaced the occasion and added flavour of Satsang and devotion by mixing fried spices in the vegetable. Thousands of devotees from nearby villages were there to do darshan of sixth descendant heir of Lord Shri Hari. Mahaprasadam was distributed to all the devotees and Sabha was concluded with the blessings of H.H. Acharay Maharajshri. *- Chaudhari Dahyabhai*

Bilia (Siddhapur)

Bilia is a prasadi place of Lord Shriji Maharaj. A grand Shakotsava was organized on date 3-2-04 beneath the Khijada (a sacred tree) tree of Prasadi to re-enact the historical Shakotsava held in ancient time by Lord Shri Hari. H.H. Lalji Maharajshri graced the occasion and added spices in the vegetable. This historical event was re-enacted with the due imspiration from Mahant Swami Ghanshyamjivandasji and Shastri Chandraprakashdasji.
- Kantibhai Patel

Jetalpur Dham Releases Sacred Scripture of Shri Harikrishna Charitramrit Sagar

The religius books and scriptures are being published by Shri Narnarayandev desh diocese to promote wholesome literature on eve of Platinum Jubilee Celebrations. Shri Swamianrayan Mandir Jetalpur has published with the due blessings of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri, the sacred scripture entitled `Shri Harikrishna Charitramrit Sagar' written by S.G. Madhavdas Swami. This is second revised edition of the original work. The book has been revised thoroughly with the due research by S.G. Shastri Swami Prakshadasji and S.G. Shastri Swami Purushottamprakashdasji. Shri Premjibhai Karsanbhai Kerai, Smt. Premilaben Premjibhai Kerai (Baldia-Kutch) and family had earned the pleasure of Shri Hari by funding this project. The book is available at the counter of the Sahitya Kendra of Maha Mandirs.
- Mahant K. P. Swami, Jetalpur.

Dangarva

The early morning Dhanurmaas Dhoon sessions were conducted here at Shri Swaminarayan Mandir to celebrate the events of Platinum Jubilee Birthday. A Maha Pooja was organized on concluding day of the Dhoon sessions. The sixty two devotees have earned the pleasure of Shri Hari by hosting the Maha-Pooja in a group. The devotees have made the resolutes to do Stortra Patha, Japa, Mala and written Japa of Shri Swaminarayan Maha Mantra. *- Dabhi Mafaji Sardarji*

Himatnagar Mandir

A procession was arranged at this town to awaken new generation against the harms caused by the intoxicants. The banners and posters exhibiting physical, mental and monitory losses caused by the intoxiants were displayed by the devotees to create awareness. A Satsang Sabha was held at the temple by Mahant Swami Shastri Anand Swami and Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji. In their enlightening speeches the saints have shown to the aspirants the main path of ethical duties founded on the strong base of virtues and values. The events were organized in benign presence of H.H. Lalji Maharajshri and the devotees and aspirants were blessed by him at the end of the programme. The donations were announced by the devotees to serve to the events of Platinum Jubilee. H.H. Lalji Maharajshri had showered his hearty pleasure to the devotees by garlanding them flower garlands. Respected M.L.A. Shri Rajnjeetsinh Chavda and president of Municipality Shri J.D. Patel were present at the celebrations. *- Mahant Swami (Himatnagar)*

The Institutional News From Shri Sahajanand Prathmik Shala

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Kumari Urmi Vinaykumar Bhatt (Std. : 9) has secured frist position with 99% marks in "Shri Narnarayandev Dharmik Pariksha." Congratulation to Miss Urmi.

Compliments and Receipt

We have received a copy of 'Samskar Sarita' written by Dr. Harshadbhai Kasturchand Zinzuvadia. It is a well thought out publication blessed and inspired by Mahant Swami Shastri Nirgundasji.

Meghaninagar temple Conducts special events of Platinum Jubilee

A schedoule of gracing the houses of devotees was arranged by our temple at Meghaninagar. H.H. Lalji Maharaj 108 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Mahrajshri blessed his devotees at Shri Swaminarayan Mandir Mehganinagar and graced the 108 houses of his devotees to bless His Satsangi Housecholders. One hundred and twenty devotees have participated in Maha Mantra Dhoon of sixty hours the duration and sixty readings of the Janmangal Stotra. The Vachanamrit Jayanti was celebrated by reading the Vachanamrits and Shri Shikshaptri Jayanti was celebrated by reciting Shikshapatri. Ekadashiday satsang sessions were conducted at the houses of the devotees and exercise books of writing Maha Mantra were distributed free of cost on behalf of Shri Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal. A Samkalpa yatra was conducted from Meghaninagar temple to do darsan of Lord Narnarayandev at Kalupur Temple. A camp of female devotees was organize under chairmanship of respected Vahuji Maharaj. These and other Such events were organized by the devotees to celebrate the events of Platinum Jubilee. *- Shri Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal*

Patotsava Celebrations at Pratappura

Our temple in Pratappura has completed twenty years of heralding Shri Hari's majesty. The twentieth annual Patotsava was celebrated here by conducting Shrimad Bhagwat Saptah, Maha Vishnu Yaag, Maha Pooja, Ceremonious recitation of Vishnu sahastra, ceremonious recitation of Jana Mangal stotra and Maha Mantra Dhoon of the sixty hours duration. Patotsava events were planned and inspired by Shastri Swami Siddheshwardasji (Siddhapur Gurukul) with the due blessings of H.H. Lalji Maharaj 108 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharajshri. The seat of the main speaker was graced jointly by Shastri Swami

Siddheshwardasji and Shastri Swami Hariprakashdasji.

H.H. Acharya Maharajshri graced the concluding ceremony and presented concluding Aarti to Lord Thakorji. A Sabha was orgnaised on this occasion. H.H. Acharya Maharajshri graced the Sabha and blessed his devotees. A youth camp was organized on this occasion. Late evening session of the camp was graced by H.H. Lalji Maharajshri. Youth from local and nearby villages were asked by him to be firmer in Niyam-Nischaya and Paksha. Women's Satsang was favoured specially by Respected Gadiwalashri and female devotees were blessed by her personally in a separte session with them. The senior devotees and Shri Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal have earned the pleasure of Shri Hari by their admirable services. - *Chaudhari Rakeshbhai S.N.N.D.Y.M.*

Shri Swaminarayan Samskar Dhaam, Unjha

The dhoon sessions of the sixty hours durations were conducted at Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Panchvati to celebrate the events of Platinum Jubilee. A large number of devotees have participated in the Dhoon sessions.

Shastri Swami Chandraprakashdasji (Liliya) and Shastri Swami Siddheshwardasji (Siddhpaur Gurukul) have earned the pleasure of Shri Hari by conducting Katha-Varta Satsang at the different locations. Balsabha Satsang is being conducted every sunday for one hour duration to expand knowledge about the sect.

- *Shri Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal.*

Madhavgadh (Prantij)

The Patosava abhishekam was presented on date 19-2-04 to Lord Thakorji. The saints, S.G. P.P. Swami (Junior), Swami Devprakash Swami, Celibate – priest and S.G. Balswaroop Swami (Chiloda Gurukul) were present on this occasion to celebrate the Patotsava. The Patotsava Aarti was presented to God in presence of hundreds of devotees and a well attended Sabha was organized thereafter with the due blessings of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. The devotees were informed about the grand events of Platinum Jubilee and were helped adequately on the path of self benediction. Shri Himat Bhagat favours frequiently the local Satsang by conducting katha Varta sessions at this place. - *Chimanbhai Patel*

Lasundra

Lasundra is a prasadi place of Lord Shri Hari. H.H. Acharya Maharajshri graced this place on 7-2-04 and presented Aarti to Lord Thakorji at both the temples. His holiness graced thereafter the new residence of our faithful Satsangi Shri Ambalal Somabhai Mukhi on occasion of house warming ceremony and did Homatmak Pooja-Aarti. A meeting was organized on this occasion. H.H. Acharya Maharajshri received Poojan-Archan-Aarti from devotee Shri Ambalalbhai and family. S.G. Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji, Kothari Swami Shastri Satyaprakashdasji and S.G. Shastri Swami Siddeshwardasji were present on this occasion. They delivered enlightening discourses about Shriji Maharaj, Satsang, Acharya Maharaj and Platinum Jubilee events. The Sabha was concluded with the blessings of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. The event was organized well with the due guidance and support from S.G. Swami Rajendraprasadji. S.G. Swami Dharmswaroopdasji, Mahant Swami Ramchandradasji (Mansa), Mahant Swami Shastri Maulikviharidasji (Badrinarayan) and Mahant Swami and Kothari Swami of Kankaria (Maninagar) temple were presented at the Sabha.

- *Shastri Swami Chhapaiyaprasadasji.*

MULI REGION

Dhrangadhra

A 'Pada Yatra' from this place was led by Samkyayogi Kanchanben to do Darshan of Lord Radha Kirshnadev at Muli. Pada Yatra was joined by the sixty female devotees. The sixty reading of Balcharitra and Vachanamrits were done by the female devotees of Halvad temple and Dhoon sessions of the sixty hours duration were conducted by them. Samkhya Yogis of Surendranagar and Joravarnagar have conducted similar Dhoon and reading programmes to celebrate the events of Platinum Jubilee. Swami Ramkrishnadasji, Swami Bhaktiharidasji and other saints of Dhrangadhra Gurukul have contacted all the villages in this area and have conducted there Satsang swssions and the dhoons of twelve hours duration. The villages like Dhrangadhra, Ramgadh, Haripar, Bharada, Ankevalia, Jasapar, Pethani, Bhaktinagar and Ranjit have been benefitted by these special programmes. The Satsang is active in this area.

Haripar (Dhangadhra)

The sixty devotees from this place have conducted a Pada Yatra to celebrate the events of Platinum Jubilee and to do Darshan of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri at Shri Swaminarayan Baugh, Memnagar, Ahmedabad. The deovtees were inspired by Shri Kanji Bhagat and Shri Ramnik Bhagat. - *Anilbhai Dudhrejia*

Lakhaji-nu-Gam (Dhrangdhra)

A Parayan Satang was organized hre at our temple by S.G. Swami Jishmicharandasji (Muli) for the Katha of Shrimad Satsangi Jivan on occasion of Patotsava of Gods at this temple. The seat of the maik speaker was graced by Swami Ramkrishnadasji (Dhrangadhra Gurukul).

H.H. Acharya Maharajshri graced this temple on 12-2-2004 and presented Aarti to Lord Thakorji.

Naripara (Dhrangadhra)

H.H. Acharya Maharjashri graced this small village on date 9-1-04 and paid a visit to 'Vrajendra Vidya Vihar.' Vrajendra Vidhya Vihar is a primary school. About 150 students are studing in cless 1 to 7. the school project was initiated by S.G. Mahant Swami Shrijiprakshdasji and being managed these day by Shastri Ghanshyam Swami. H.H. Acharya Maharajshri had showered his hearty blessings to the students, teachers and parents.

- *Anilbhai Dudhrejia*

Ghanshyamnagar (New Dhanala) Halvad

Shrimad Satsangi Jivan Parayan (23-2-2004 to 27-2-2004) was conducted here to celebrate the events of Platinum Jubilee. The Seat of the main speaker was graced jointly by Shastri Swami Dharmvallabhdasji (Unava) and Shstri Swami Vishwaviharidasji. The sessions wer hosted

by Shri Muljibhai Parsottambhai. The event were conducted well by S.G. Swami Bhaktiviharidasji. Shri Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal of this place had extended admilable serices during the celebrations. Daily Dhoon of one hours. Luration is being conducted at the women's temples of tis area. - *Goardhanbhai, Shri N.N.D.Y.H.*

Dhoon Sessions at Vankaner

The womne's temple of this place had conducted with the here of Samkhya Yoyis and femal devotees the Dhoon session of the sixty hours duratin. The events were inspired and blessed by respected Gadiwalashri, Many female devotees have made resolutes practse the rules of devotion and evedom. - *Bhavna Patadia*

Installation Cereony of the Idols at Natvargah Temple (Th. Lombdi)

Shri Swaminarayan Mandir of this place was destroyed by the earthquake of Gujarat. Therefore, H.H. Acharya Maharajshri had authorized and inspired the Mahant Swami Krishnaprasadasji to recoustruct the temple with the help from Satsang. Shastri Swami Prameshwardasji, Swami Vasudavcharandasji, S.G. Gvaiya Swami Keshavjivandasji, Shastri Swami Akhileshwardasji (Mathura Mahant), Parshad Natu Bhagat and Mahadev Bhagat have acted in the spirit befitting a faithful follower and have earned the pleasure of Shri Hari by their unparalleled services for the coustruction of the temple.

A grand religious celebration was organized to install idols of Got at the new temple. Shrimad Bhagwat (Dasham Skandh) was organized (15-2-2004 to 17-2-2004) on this occasion to begin the celebrations with the feast of ultimage knowledge. The seat of the main speaker was graced by S.G. Shastri Swami Shrijiprakashdasji (Hathijan).

H.H. Acharya Maharajshri graced this small village on date 17-2-2004 and installed by his blessed hands the idols of God. The Sabha was addressed by the Mahant Swami of Muli Mandir and other saints to explain glory and greatness lof Lord Shriji Maharaj, Dharm kul, Dharma Vanshi Acharya and forthcoming events of Platinum Jubilee. The Sabha was conducted by Shastri Swami Chhapaiyaprasadasji. The session was concluded with the blessings of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri.

- *Shastri Swami Anandjeevandasji*

Platinum Jubilee Dhoon Sessions held at the sixty villages

The sessions of the twelve hour's constant Dhoon were held at the sixty villages of Muli religion to celebrate the events of Platinum Jubilee celebrations under the orders of H.H. Lalji Maharaj 108 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharajshri. The relious tour and the dhoon sessions were planed by S.G. Swami Krishnavallabhdasji.

An youth Satsang camp was organized earlier at Muli temple. This well attended camp was chaired and guided by H.H. Lalji Maharajshri himself and youths from every village of this region were present on this occasion. Besides the religious topics and basic principles, the main events of forthcoming platinum Jubilee celebrations were discussed in detail and by a rousing call the satsangi youths and the saints were asked by H.H. Lalji Maharajshri to conduct the sessions of Dhoon and Katha-Varta Satsang in all the villages of Muli region. It was a commandment from above, and was implemented in absolute by His saints. Following was the schedule implemented at the village level to help every satsangi in his self-benediction.

31-12-03	Dhoon sessions was conducted at Baldana in benign presence of H.H. Laji Maharajshri.
1-1-04	Dhoon and Kirtan session was conducted at Haripara by the saints.
3-1-04	Dhoon sessions were conducted by the saints at Ratanpar (old), Dhobi, Methan, Iswarnagar, Timba, Dhulkot and Junadevalia.
4-1-04	Dhoon session at Tikar (Parmar) and Makansar. The sessions were conducted by the saints.
5-1-04	Dhoon sessions were held at Dhotila (old). The sessions were conducted by the saints.
6-1-04	Dhoon and Katha Satsang was conducted at Kharva and Jasapar (Muli) by the saints of Muli temple.
8-1-04	Dhoon and Kirtan Satsang was conducted at Bherada and Kuntalpur by our saints.
9-1-04	Dhoon Satsangs were held at Memka, Lilapar and Lakhtar in benign presence of H.H. Lalji Maharajshri.
10-1-04	Dhoon Satsang was held at Kherali by our saints.
11-1-04	Dhoon Kirtan Satsang was held by the saints at Jasapar (Dhrangadhra) and Balol.
12-1-04	Dhoon and discourses were arranged at Shiyani, Bhakinagar, Narnarayannagar, Lilapar, Vegadvav and Shrijinagar in benign presence of H.H. Lalji Maharajshri.
13-1-04	Dhoon sessions were held by our saints at Akhiyana and Ramgadh.
14-1-04	Dhoon and Katha Satsang was organized by the saints at Lunsar, Bhadreshi, Devalia, Narichana and Chancha vadar.
15-1-04	Dhoon was held by the saints at Chuda and Sara.
17-1-04	Dhoon and Katha Satsang was conducted at Ratanpar and Bharada in benign presence of H.H. Lalji Maharajshri.
18-1-04	Dhoon and Kirtan Satsang was conducted by our saints at Surendranagar Mandir.
21-1-04	Dhoon and Katha Varta Satsang was conducted at Ranjitgadh, Jetpar and Khakhrechi in benign presence of H.H. Lalji Maharajshri.
22-1-04	Dhoon session was held at Dhrangadhra temple by the saints.
23-1-04	Dhoon session and Katha-Varta Satsang was conducted at varsani by the saints.
30-1-04	Dhoon session and Katha-Varta Satsang was conducted at Rampara, Gundiala and Kholadiad in benign presence of H.H. Lalji Maharajshri.

Besides the schedule mentioned above, the Dhoon sessions of the twelve hours duration were held at Mota Ankevalia, Gujarvadi, Raisanpar, Suryanagar and Ranmalpura.

Mahant Swami of Muli Dhaam, Mahant Swami of Morvi temple, S.G. Ram Swami (Dhrangadhra), S.G. Shriji Swami (Halvad) S.G. Jishnu Swami, S.G. Shyamsundar Swami and Shri Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal of Surendranagar have extended admirable service at the devotional feast of ultimate knowledge and have earned pleasure of Shri Hari. - *Shailendrasinh Jhala*

Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Patdi

The fifth annual Patotsava of God was celebrated here at the women's temple of Patdi. The events were organised by local devotees with the due blessings of H.H. Acharya Maharjshri. Maha Vishnu Yaag and Annakut were organized on this occasion and Patosava Abhishekam was presented to Lord Thakorji. Devotee Shri Ratilal Khushaldas Thakkar had received the pleasure of Shri Hari by hosting holy fire of Vishnu Yaag. Patotsava Abhishekam and Annakut were hosted by Samkhya Yogi Shantaba. H.H. Lalji Maharajshri graced the temple on 1-2-04 and Presented Patotsava-Annakut Aarti to Lord Thakorji. A Sabha was organized on this religious occasion. H.H. Lalji Maharajshri graced the Sabha and blessed his Satsang of Patdi. The services in cash and kind were submitted by the devotees towards forthcoming Platinum Jubilee Celebrations. H.H. Lalji Maharajshri welcomed and admired the devotional fervour of the donors and blessed them with God's pleasure.

The Dhoon sessions of the 42 hours duration were conducted here at the temple to celebrate the events of Platinum Jubilee celebrations. The Vachanamrits were read in a group and the sessions of Shikshapatri-Parayan were conducted regularly. Special Dhoon sessions were conducted on each ekadashi, poonam and on last day of the month. Dhoon sessions were preceded by early morning walk in the town. - *Narayansinh B. Parmar*

OVERSEAS

The third Annual Patotsava held at Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, L.A.

The third annual Patotsava was celebrated here with the patotsava Mahabhishekam to Lord Thakorji. The events were celebrated with the due blessings of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri and the events were conducted in benign pressens of H.H. Lalji Maharajshri.

Shrimad Satsangi Jivan Parayan (14-12-03 to 21-12-03) was organized on this occasion. The seat of the main speaker was graced by Shastri Swami Suryaprakashdasji (L.A. Temple). Thousands of devotees were benefitted by the devotion filled feast of ultimate knowledge. Patotsava assembly was organized on this occasion to highlight forthcoming events of Platinum Jubilee. Shastri Swami Purnaprakashdasji (N.J. temple), S.G. Priest Shantiprakashdasji (Chicago), S.G. Swami Narnarayanprasadasji and other saints have delivered enlightening discourses to help the devotees on the path of ulitmate benediction. Cultural programmes of Raas-Kirtan and skits were arranged at late evening. H.H. Lalji Maharajshri had favoured his world wide Satsang by presiding at all those events and blessed his faithful devotees. Swami Mankrishnadas had extended admirable services at full dress Aarti of Lord Thakorji. The devotee Shri Kamalaben Natvarlal Patel had earned the eternal pleasure of God by hosting Patotsava and Shri Lilaben Jayantibhai Patel had earned the pleasure of Shri Hari by hosting sumptuous and rich Annakut. Devotees Shri Jayantibhai and Shri Arvindbhai have extended unparalled personal services at the programmes. The ritual side of the Abhishekam was attended by learned Brahmin priest Shri Yogendrabhai Shastri. The discipline and decorum was maintained very well by Shri Natubhai and Shri Jayantibhai Kothari. Shri Ishwarbhai Chaudhari, Shri Sureshbhai Chaudhrai and Shri Samirbhai Chaudhari had earned the pleasure of Shriji Maharaj by attending to personal service of the seventh descendant heir of Him. The events were transmitted live at the web-site with the due coopeation from Shri Sanjay Patel. - *Rasik Chaudhari*

Buwie Merriland (Washington ISSO Chapter)

Evening Satsang was held here on date 7-2-04 in front of Lord Thakorji and Dhoon, Bhajan, Kirtan, Vachanamrit reading, Nitya Niyam and Thaal-Aarti were presented to Lord Thakroji. The devotees (male and female) were present in large number to please Lord Shriji Maharaj. The satsang is being conducted well with the due blessings of H.H. Acharay Maharajshri. - *Kanubhai Patel*

AKSHARVAAS

Ahmedabad : S.G. Swami Govindprasaddasji of Shri Swaminarayan Mandir Ahmedabad (the disciple of S.G. Shastri Swami Narayanprasadasji) passed away to Akshardham (16-2-2004) amidst the chants of Shri Hari's blissful names.
Pirana : Devotee Ashabhai Mathurbhai Patel (F/o. Shri Pravinbhai and Jashwantbhai) passed away to Akshardham on date 5-2-04.
Dhrangadhra : Samkya Yogi Gauriba (age 83 years) of women's temple, passed away to Akshryam amidst the chants of Shri Hari's divine names. (9-9-03)
Ahmedabad : Devotee Amratlal Punjiram Parmar passed away on date 28-1-2004 amidst the chants of Shriji's blissful names.
Demai : Senior Satsangi Shri Ranchhodbhai Dharmabhai Patel (94 years) passed away to Akshrdham amidst the chants of Shri Hari's divine names (25-1-04)
Ahmedabad : Soni Bhikhalal Damodardas passed awayto divine abode of Shri Hari amidst the chants of mahamantra. Late devotee had earned the pleasure of Shri Hari by serving as a member of ``Galla Peti Samiti.''
Hath Palia (Panch Mahals) : Senior Satsangi Shri Lakhubhai Kalubhai Patel passed away to Akshardham. Late Lakhubhai had earned pleasure of the Shri Hari by strengthening the Satsang of Zaadi Desh.

॥ श्री स्वामिनारायणाय नमः ॥

तव मूर्तिरियम् सुस्थाप्तये जनतायाः किल ताप शान्तये ।
मरणस्य जयाय नित्यदा नरनारायणदेव पाहिमाम् ॥

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प. भ. श्री.

अनंतकोटि ब्रह्मांडना अधिपति सर्वावतारी परब्रह्म परमात्मा पूर्ण पुरुषोत्तम भगवान श्री स्वामिनारायण स्वस्वरूपे रहीने स्वहस्ते स्थापेल ब्रह्मपीठ भगवान श्री नरनारायण देवनी प्रसन्न कृपाथी समग्र संप्रदायना वडा धर्म गुरु-आचार्य स्थाने विराजमान भगवान श्री स्वामिनारायणना छठ्ठा वंशज परम पूज्य धर्म धुरंधर आचार्य १०८ श्री तेजेन्द्रप्रसादजी महाराजश्री पोताना जीवनकाणना ७० वर्ष पूरा करतां होय तेओश्रीनो षष्ठीपूर्ति महोत्सव अति धामधूमथी भव्यातिभव्य रीते उजववामां आवनार छे. ॥

विक्रम संवत २०६०ना चैत्र सुद १२ थी चैत्र वद ३ ता. ७ मी एप्रील २००४ ने शुक्रवार थी ता. आठमी एप्रील २००४ ने गुरुवार दरम्यान समग्र संप्रदायना विद्वान संतो, सांख्य योगी बहेनो, सत्संगीओ हरिभक्तो तेमज धर्मप्रेमी जनता तरफथी गुरु-ऋण अदा करवा माटे पूर्ण भक्तिभावथी श्री नरनारायणदेव देश गादी अमदावादना भावि आचार्य श्री प.पू. १०८ श्री लालजी महाराज श्री कोशलेन्द्रप्रसादजी महाराजश्रीना वडपणा हेठळ उजवाशे. ॥

आ महा महोत्सव दरम्यान अनेक हरिभक्ति वर्धक धार्मिक कार्यक्रमोना आयोजन द्वारा धर्मलाभ प्राप्त थशे. ॥

आ अलौकिक दिव्य अवसर द्वारा प्राप्य संचितनिधि द्रव्यमांथी प.पू.ध.धु. आचार्य महाराजश्रीना शुभ संकल्प प्रमाणे श्री हरिनी अंगभूत प्रसादीनी वस्तुओनुं भव्य दर्शनीय संग्रहालय साकार करवामां आवशे. ॥

सांप्रतकाणना श्रेष्ठ सेवा आ दिव्य अलौकिक महामहोत्सव प्रसंगे प.पू.ध.धु. आचार्य महाराजश्री तरफ पोतानी श्रध्धा भक्ति अने प्रेमनी कृतघ्न लागणा प्रदर्शीत करी प.पू. महाराजश्रीनो राजीपो मेणववा आ अमूल्य अवसरना साक्षी रुप अनी श्री हरिनी कृपाने पात्र अनी कृतार्थ थई पुण्य लाभ लेवा सपरिवार उपस्थित रहेवा निमंत्रण....

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હ. પ.ભ. જયેશ રસિકલાલ પટેલ, સંજય રસિકલાલ પટેલ

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અ.નિ. પ.ભ. શ્રી મણીલાલ લક્ષ્મીદાસ ભાલજા સાહેબના ગુણાનુરાગી (હસ્તે અ.નિ. પ.ભ. જેઠાલાલ પોપટલાલ ઝીંઝુવાડીયા તથા અ.નિ. પ.ભ. સોની કસ્તુરચંદ પોપટલાલ ઝીંઝુવાડીયા પરિવાર) (હસ્તે પ.ભ. કનૈયાલાલ તથા મણીલાલ તથા પ.ભ. ડૉ. હર્ષદભાઈ તથા પ.ભ. શાંતિભાઈ હળવદવાળા-અમદાવાદ)
પ.ભ. શ્રી દ્વારકાદાસ કચરદાસ પટેલ આંગડીયા (વિહારવાળા હાલ અમદાવાદ) હસ્તે. પ.ભ. જીતુભાઈ દ્વારકાદાસ પટેલ
પ.ભ. શ્રી ડૉ. કનુભાઈ એસ. પટેલ (બાપુનગર - અમદાવાદ) અને શ્રી વિધિ કન્સ્ટ્રકશન (હ. પ.ભ. જેરામભાઈ છગનભાઈ કાનાણી તથા પ.ભ. ભગવાનભાઈ છગનભાઈ કાનાણી (પાંદરીવાળા) (હાલ બાપુનગર - અમદાવાદ) પ.ભ. શ્રી હિતેશભાઈ પરબતભાઈ ભુડીયા કેરા કચ્છ (હાલ ઓલ્ડહામ - યુ.કે.) (હ. પ.ભ. જયશ્રીબેન દિનેશભાઈ ભુડીયા, પ.ભ. પરેશભાઈ, પ.ભ. પ્રિતેશભાઈ, પ.ભ. મિનેશભાઈ

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પ.ભ. શ્રી બાબુભાઈ પી. પટેલ (મોખાસણવાળા) (યુ.એસ.એ.) ● પ.ભ. શ્રી શંકરલાલ વેણીદાસ પટેલ (મોખાસણવાળા) (યુ.એસ.એ.) (હ. પ.ભ. પ્રવિણભાઈ તથા પ.ભ. ઘનશ્યામભાઈ) ● કૃષ્ણા માર્કેટીંગ (ગં.સ્વ. સવિતાબેન લાલજીભાઈ તથા પ.ભ. રાકેશભાઈ લાલજીભાઈ) ● પ.ભ. ઘનશ્યામભાઈ મણીલાલ પટેલ (મોખાસણવાળા) (હાલ યુ.એસ.એ.)

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શ્રી લક્ષ્મણભાઈ કન્સ્ટ્રકશન કું. (હ. પ.ભ. લક્ષ્મણભાઈ ભીમજી રાઘવાણી, પ.ભ. પ્રેમજીભાઈ કેશરા રાઘવાણી તથા પ.ભ. કાનજીભાઈ ભીમજી રાઘવાણી (બળદીયા કચ્છવાળા) (હાલ નાઈરોબી).

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પ.ભ. શ્રી દશરથભાઈ પ્રહલાદભાઈ પટેલ (સ્કીમ કમિટી સભ્યશ્રી) તથા પ.ભ. રમેશભાઈ તથા પ.ભ. પ્રકાશભાઈ, અમદાવાદ.

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પ.ભ. શ્રી કરશનભાઈ ધનજીભાઈ ભગત પરિવાર (રવાપર કચ્છવાળા હાલ મોરબી) (હસ્તે પ.ભ. હરિભાઈ તથા પ.ભ. લાલજીભાઈ તથા પ.ભ. તુલસીભાઈ) ● પ.ભ. બળદેવભાઈ સોમદાસ પટેલ (મોખાસણ) (હાલ યુ.એસ.એ.) ● પ.ભ. અશોકભાઈ રમણભાઈ પટેલ (મોખાસણ) (હાલ યુ.એસ.એ.) ● પ.ભ. કાંતિભાઈ ભગવાનભાઈ પટેલ (મોખાસણ) (હાલ યુ.એસ.એ.)

અખંડધૂનના મુખ્ય યજમાનશ્રી

પ.ભ.અ.નિ. શેઠશ્રી છોટાલાલ મગનલાલ પટેલ (કડીવાળા) (યુ.એસ.એ.) ● હરિકૃષ્ણ સી. પટેલ અમરીષ સી. પટેલ

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પ.ભ. શ્રી જશવંતભાઈ બચુભાઈ ગોકળદાસ પટેલ (કરજીસણ) ● પ.ભ. શ્રી સુરેશભાઈ હિરદાસ પટેલ (મોખાસણ) ● પ.ભ. શ્રી અરવિંદભાઈ મણીલાલ પટેલ ● પ.ભ. શ્રી વિઠ્ઠલભાઈ પોચાલાલ પટેલ મોખાસણ ● પ.ભ. શ્રી નટવરભાઈ બી. પટેલ લસુન્દ્રા ● શ્રી ભક્તિ મહિલા મંડળ હ્યુસ્ટન (યુ.એસ.એ.)

સંત મહાદીક્ષાના મુખ્ય યજમાનશ્રી

પ.ભ. શ્રી બીમલ સી. પારેખ - પ.ભ. પ્રવિણચંદ્ર સી. પારેખ (મહારાષ્ટ્ર) (હાલ યુ.એસ.એ.)

ધર્મકુળ પૂજનના મુખ્ય યજમાનશ્રી

પ.ભ. અ.નિ. નાથજીભાઈ ઈચ્છારામ શુકલ તથા પ.ભ. અ.નિ. ઈશ્વરલાલ લાભશંકર પંડ્યાના શિષ્ય સમુદાય

શ્રી નરનારાયણાદિદેવોના કેસરાભિષેક તથા છપ્પનભોગ અન્નકૂટના મુખ્ય યજમાનશ્રી

પ.ભ. શ્રી કાંતિભાઈ જોઈતારામભાઈ પટેલ (વિહારવાળા) અમદાવાદ
(ઘનશ્યામ કન્સ્ટ્રકશન) હ. પ.ભ. દિનેશકુમાર, પ.ભ. જયેશકુમાર, પ.ભ. નિલેશકુમાર

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અ.નિ. પ.ભ. શ્રી મણીલાલ લક્ષ્મીદાસ ભાલજા સાહેબના હેતરૂચીવાળા હરિભક્તોના મંડળ તરફથી
હસ્તે પ.ભ. શ્રી નંદલાલભાઈ કોઠારી - અમદાવાદ

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પ.ભ. શ્રી રાજુભાઈ ભક્તિભાઈ પટેલ (વડુવાળા) (હાલ યુ.એસ.એ.) ● પ.ભ. શ્રી રમણલાલ કાંતિલાલ પટેલ (રાજપુર) ● પ.ભ. શ્રી રાજેશભાઈ બાબુલાલ અંબાલાલ (મોખાસણ) ● પ.ભ. શ્રી મુકેશભાઈ તથા પ.ભ. શ્રી મહેશભાઈ કાંતિભાઈ (ડાંગરવા) ● પ.ભ. શ્રી હીરાબેન નટુભાઈ સોમદાસ પટેલ (વડુ) ● પ.ભ. શ્રી અનિલભાઈ અમૃતભાઈ પટેલ (ડાંગરવા)

બાલ સ્વરૂપશ્રી ઘનશ્યામ મહારાજના કેશરાભિષેક તથા છપ્પન ભોગના અન્નકૂટના મુખ્ય યજમાનશ્રી (હરિ જયંતી-રામનવમીના દિને)

પ.ભ. શ્રી નાનજી રામજી હીરાણી (હસ્તે પ.ભ. મિતીન નાનજીભાઈ હીરાણી કચ્છવાળા હાલ લંડન)

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પ.ભ. શ્રી રસિકભાઈ દયાળજીભાઈ સોની (સીતાપુરવાળા અમદાવાદ)

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પ.ભ. શ્રી નટુભાઈ ગોરધનભાઈ પટેલ (કાંકરિયા-અમદાવાદ) ● પ.ભ. શ્રી કાનભાઈ વેણીદાસ પટેલ (મોખાસણ) ● પ.ભ. શ્રી અશ્વિનભાઈ પ્રહલાદભાઈ પટેલ (રાજપુર) ● પ.ભ. શ્રી જયેશભાઈ એ. પટેલ

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પ.ભ. શ્રી ગોવિંદભાઈ શંકરદાસ પટેલ (મોખાસણવાળા) (હાલ યુ.એસ.એ.) (હ. પ.ભ. શૈલેષભાઈ તથા પ.ભ. નવિનભાઈ)

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પ.ભ. શ્રી નાથાભાઈ જીવીદાસ પટેલ (મોખાસણવાળા) (હ. પ.ભ. અરવિંદભાઈ તથા પ.ભ. શૈલેષભાઈ) ● પ.ભ. શ્રી ડાહ્યાલાલ જોઈતારામ (કરજીસણવાળા) (હ. પ.ભ. રૌમિક તથા પ.ભ. ભીખાલાલ) ● પ.ભ. શ્રી રામાભાઈ આત્મારામ પટેલ (ડાંગરવાવાળા) ● પ.ભ. ડાહ્યાભાઈ મણીલાલ પટેલ (મોખાસણવાળા) (હ. પ.ભ. વિનોદભાઈ તથા પ.ભ. પંકજભાઈ)

બ્રાહ્મણ બટુકોને યજ્ઞોપવિતના મુખ્ય યજમાનશ્રી

પ.ભ. શ્રી બાબુભાઈ મણીલાલ શાહ (પ્રાંતીજવાળા અમદાવાદ) (હસ્તે સુપુત્રો પ.ભ. શરદભાઈ, પ.ભ. અશ્વિનભાઈ, પ.ભ. ભરતભાઈ, પ.ભ. કમલેશભાઈ)

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પ.ભ. શ્રી ધીરૂભાઈ જીવરાજભાઈ સોરઠીયા તથા પ.ભ. પરસોતમભાઈ હીરજીભાઈ ● પ.ભ. શ્રી પ્રહલાદભાઈ જોઈતનદાસ પટેલ (મોખાસણવાળા) ● પ.ભ. શ્રી રમણલાલ સોમદાસ પટેલ (મોખાસણવાળા) ● પ.ભ. શ્રી ઈશ્વરદાસ બોધીદાસ પટેલ (મોખાસણવાળા) ● (હસ્તે પ.ભ. રમણભાઈ તથા પ.ભ. ગોવિંદભાઈ તથા પ.ભ. ભગવતભાઈ)

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પ.ભ. શ્રી વિઠ્ઠલભાઈ શીવરામભાઈ પટેલ (વિશાલ ઓર્ગેનાઈઝવાળા અમદાવાદ)
તથા પ.ભ. સકરચંદભાઈ છગનભઈ પટેલ (સુપર માર્બલવાળા વિહારવાળા) (હાલ અમદાવાદ)

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પ.ભ. શ્રી મગનભાઈ પરસોત્તમભાઈ લહેરી ● પ.ભ. શ્રી નરસીભાઈ નસીત તથા પ.ભ. અરવિંદભાઈ દોંગા ● પ.ભ. શ્રી રમેશભાઈ જી. કાછડીયા

જનરેટર સેટદાનના મુખ્ય યજમાનશ્રી

શ્રીહરિ ડાયમંડ (હસ્તે પ.ભ. ભનુભાઈ નાનજીભાઈ સુહાગીયા - બાપુનગર) (યુ.એસ.એ.)

આમંત્રણ પત્રિકાના યજમાનશ્રી

પ.ભ. ગોવિંદભાઈ બી. ગજજર ● પ.ભ. રમણભાઈ બી. ગજજર ● પ.ભ. ચીમનભાઈ બી. ગજજર ● પ.ભ. રસિકભાઈ બી. ગજજર ● પ.ભ. ચંદ્રકાંતભાઈ બી. ગજજર.

એક દિવસના રસોઈના યજમાનશ્રી

પ.ભ. શ્રી નારાયણભાઈ બેચરદાસ પટેલ (ડાંગરવાવાળા) (યુ.એસ.એ.) ● ગોમતીબેન બાબુલાલ પટેલ કોઠાવાળા (યુ.એસ.એ.) (હસ્તે પ.ભ. અરવિંદભાઈ બી. પટેલ) ● પ.ભ. શ્રી ભીમજીભાઈ ટાંક - દુબઈ ● ગં.સ્વ. શ્રી કસ્તુરબેન દેવજીભાઈ ટાંક (હસ્તે પ.ભ. ભીમજીભાઈ દેવજીભાઈ ટાંક બોડકાવાળા હાલાર) (હાલ દુબઈ) ● સમીર સિન્થેટીક મિલ્સ (હસ્તે પ.ભ. નટવરલાલ સોમાભાઈ પટેલ પરિવાર તથા પ.ભ. જસંવતલાલ ચુનીલાલ પટેલ પરિવાર (કુબડથલવાળા હાલ અમદાવાદ) ● પ.ભ. અ.નિ. કાળીદાસભાઈ નરસીભાઈ પટેલ (ગુલાબપુરાવાળા) (હસ્તે પ.ભ. ગાંડાભાઈ, પ.ભ. અમૃતભાઈ, પ.ભ. વિષ્ણુભાઈ) ● પ.ભ. શ્રી ગોવિંદભાઈ રામદાસ પટેલ, ડાંગરવાવાળા

છેલ્લા દિવસની રસોઈના તથા સંતોના ધોતીયાના યજમાનશ્રી

પ.ભ. શ્રી પ્રકાશભાઈ રતિભાઈ પટેલ તથા અ.સૌ. અરૂણાબેન પ્રકાશભાઈ પટેલ (હ. પ.ભ. તેજસકુમાર, પ.ભ. કેયુરકુમાર તથા ગં.સ્વા. શારદાબેન ચુનિલાલ પટેલ તથા પ.ભ. દીપેશકુમાર ચુનીભાઈ પટેલ પરિવાર)

માંગલિક પ્રસંગો

પારાયણ જ્ઞાનયજ્ઞ : શ્રીમદ્ સત્સંગિભૂષણ સપ્તાહ પારાયણ જ્ઞાનયજ્ઞના વક્તાપદે સંત વિદ્વાન સ.ગુ. શાસ્ત્રી સ્વામી નિર્ગુણદાસજી (વેદાન્તાચાર્ય, સાંખ્યયોગાચાર્ય, મહંત સ્વામી અમદાવાદ તથા શ્રી સહજાનંદ ગુરુકુળ અસારવા સંચાલકશ્રી) બિરાજી કથામૃતનું રસ પાન કરાવશે.
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સમય : દરરોજ પ્રથમ સત્ર : સવારે ૯-૦૦ થી ૧૨-૦૦ દ્વિતીય સત્ર બપોરે ૩-૩૦ થી ૬-૩૦

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વિપ્ર બટુકોને યજ્ઞોપવિત : તા. ૬/૪/૨૦૦૪ સવારે : ૯-૦૦ કલાકે

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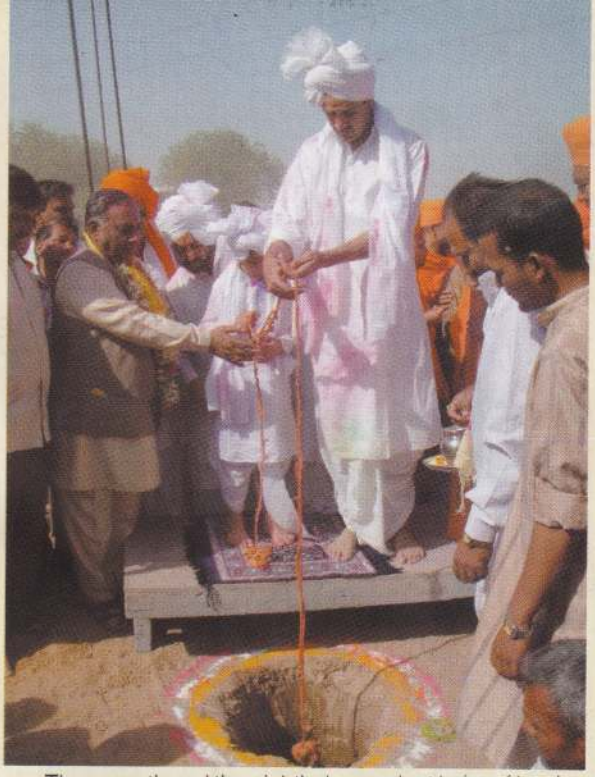
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The Procession of the Victory-post led by H.H. Lalji Maharajshri and the saints, proceeds from Shri Swaminarayan Mandir Naranpura. The devotees and aspirants are seen at the victory procession.



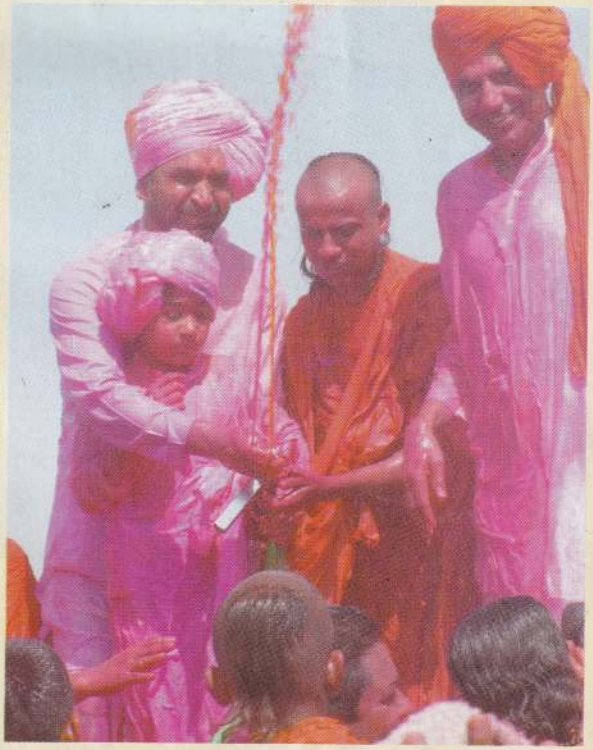
The seventh and the eighth descendant heirs of Lord Shri Hari installs the victory post in presence of the Host.







H.H. Lalji Maharajshri blesses the Sabha held at the venue of Platinum Jubilee Celebrations. Respected Bal alji Maharajshri recites Chhandas to favour the devotees



Respected Bal Lalji Maharajshri rejoices the festival of colour.

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"The Satsang exists at every flower and existing at every leaf by the will of Lord Shri Hari. But we want Satsang to prevail on every THORN and sake every melocule of it. May Lord Shri Hari bless to us His eternal strength and powers."

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