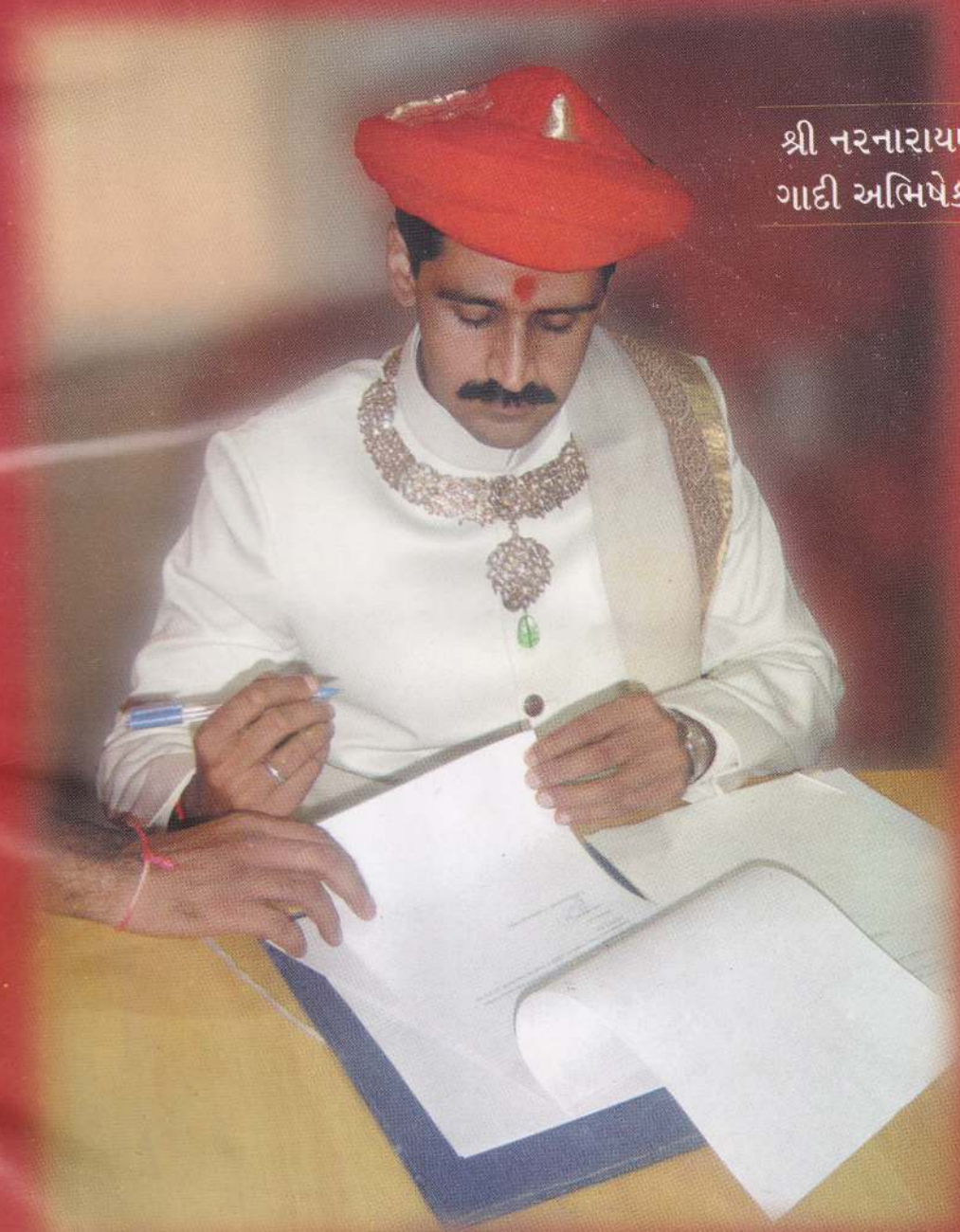
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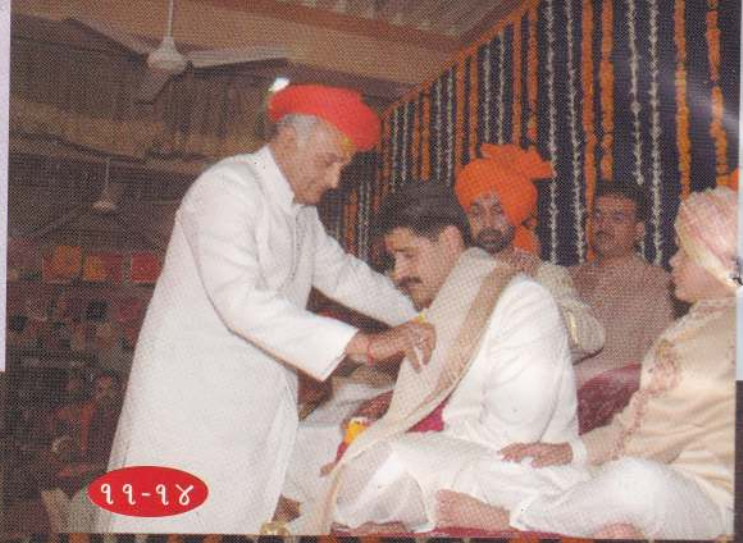


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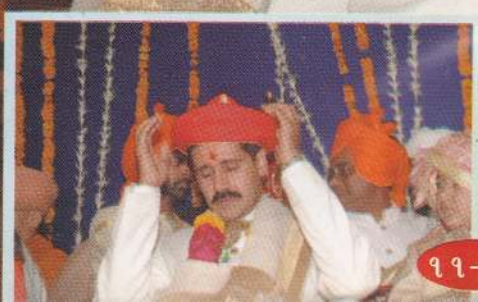
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# EDITORIAL

The world is in search of peace and pleasure. Mankind spends whole life in a search of real peace and pleasure. Since thousands of years – man thinks and reasons, cosntantly and meditatively for ways and means to attain absolute peace - bliss. Philosophers and saints have founded universal doctrines and principles to end this search to end the pains of mankind. Religions, sects, thinkers, philosophers and researchers have thought and imagine extensively about the concept of Moksha. Indian hermits and saints have believed the realization of the majesty and divinity of God to be the final aim for attaining ultimate emancipation. The doctrine of Moksha (emancipation), propounded and preached by Shri Sahajanand Swami in his universal scripture named Shikshapatri, is unique and universal in its appeal. "**कृष्ण सेवामुक्तिश्च गम्यताम्**" To do service of Lord Shri Krishna is the supreme path of ultimate emancipation. Lord Shri Hari had introduced to the world the universal path of realizing God – the path of Bhakti. This path is a pair of track – namely Deva (God) and Acharya (Preceptor). Deva (God) Shri Narnarayandev and Acharya (Preceptor). The Acharya, the other form of Shri Hari, was installed by Shri Hari himself by adopting from the Dharmvansh the son of his own brother Shri Ayodhyaprasadji Maharaj as the first Acharya of this diocese. In the lineage of Dharmvansh and Shri Ayodhyaprasadji Maharaj the seventh Supreme Preceptor 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj has been anointed now most ceremoniously as the seventh descendent Acharya of Shri Narnarayandevdesh diocese, by the blessed hands of his father – H.H. Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharajshri. The sixth Acharya Maharaj had placed on his head the conventional red turban of the spiritual preceptorship of this diocese. The followers and the devotees, worshipping the idols of God installed by him and following His orders shall be benedicted. There shall be no obstacle in their path of self emancipation. We too should dedicate ourselves to attain eternal bliss and emancipation.

- **Shastri Swami Nirgundas**
**Editor**
**Shri Swaminarayan.**

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

October-2004



1. Graced new office premises of Vipul Kothari & Co. (C.A.), Navrangpura, Ahmedabad.
   Graced concluding ceremonies of Parayan katha held at Narayanghat Temple.
   Graced ``Shri Hari Clinic (Dr. Bharatbhai Mirani), Navrangpura, Ahmedabad.

3. Graced the house of Shri Bhagwanbahi N. Patel, Narayanpura, Ahmedabad.
   Graced the house of Shri Anantprasad. J. Pandya, Narayanpura, Ahmedabad.
   Graced the house of Shri Natvarbhai M. Patel, Narayanpura, Ahmedabad.
   Graced the house of Shri Krishnakantbhai N. Patel Ghatlodia, Ahmedabad.
   Graced the house of Shri Rajendraprasad Bhatt, Navrangpura, Ahmedabad.
   Graced the house of Shri Hareshbhai J. Patel, Satellite, Ahmedabad.

4-10. Graced presence at Badrinarayan Dhaam.
   Performed annual Patotsava of God, hosted by Shri Narayanbhai Ishwarbhai Patel.

11. Graced the house of Shri Babubhai Shivram Thakkar, Paldi, Ahmedabad.

12. Graced the dwellings of Shri Somabhai N. Patel and Shri Kantibhai M. Patel, Ghatlodia, Ahmedabad.

13. Graced the house of Shri Shridhar K. Raval, Satellite, Ahmedabad.
   Graced the houses of the devotees Shri Kaushikbhai B. Chavda (Balol) and Shri Karsanbhai M. Parmar (Timba), Ghatlodai, Ahmedabad.
   Graced the place of Shri (Dr.) Harshadbhai K. Jhinzuvadia, Navrangpura, Ahmedabad.
   Graced the house of Jayeshbhai D. Thakkar, Vastrapur.

13-14. Graced presence at Dhulkot (Muli). Did Bhoomi Poojan for Shri Swaminarayan Mandir (women's) to be built at this place.

15. Anointed H.H. Lalji Maharaj 108 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharajshri as the seventh Dharmvanshi Acharya of Shri Narnarayandev diocese and be decked new Acharya with the symbolic turban of preceptorship.



## Appointment Diary of Future Acharya Respected Shri Lalji Maharajshri

**October-2004**

7-8. Graced Youth Satsang camp held at Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Vali, Rajasthan.
10. Graced Satsang Sabha at Kaliyana (Teh. Viramgam).

## H.H. Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharajshri



15. Ascended to the supreme seat of the preceptorship as the Seventh Dharmdvanshi Acharya of Shri Narnarayandev Diocese.
23. Graced presence at the celebrations cum welcome assembly held at the Sardar Patel Stadium in benign presence of Former Acharya Maharaj Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharajshri and H.H. Lalji Maharaj 108 Shri Vrajendraprasadji Maharajshri. Received hearty wishes and felicitations from the religious heads, dignitaries and the Satsangis from India and abroad.

**24-10-2004 to 10-11-2004** Graced the land of Africa to celebrate Saardha Shatabdhi Mahotsava of Shri K.S. Swaminarayan Mandir Nairobi, (Kenya)

**November-2004**

10. Graced Karjisan temple and did Patotsava Abhishekam of God.
11. Did Poojan-Aarti of Lord Kashtabhanjan Dev, Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Kalupur, Ahmedabad.
    Presented Annakut Aarti to Lord Narnarayandev at Shri Kalupur Temple, Ahmedabad.
    Did ``Chopada-Poojan'' at Sabha Mandap.
13. **New Year day :** Presented Fulldress Aarti and Annkaut Aarti to Lord Narnarayandev at Shri Kalupur Temple, Ahmedabad.
    Graced the house of Shri Vasantlal T. Tank, Paldi, Ahmedabad.

14-15. Graced Kutch region and Bhuj.

16. Presented Patotsava Abhishekam to Lord Kashtabhanjandev at Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Kankaria, Ahmedabad.

17-18. Graced Installation ceremonies at Shri Swaminarayan Gurukul, Rampar (Kutch).

19. Graced Parayan Sessions held at the residence of Shri Shankarbhai Patel, Mokhasan.

20-23. Graced Tulsi Vivah Celebrations held at Shri Swaminarayan Mandir Chhapaiya Dhaam, Chhapaiya, U.P.

24. Graced Patotsava Celebrations at Makansar (Teh. Morvi).
25. Graced Bhagwat Parayan held at the residence of Shri Mahendrabhai G. Rajgor, Memnagar.
26. Graced Tulsi Vivah Celebrations at Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Narayanpura, Ahmedabad.
27. Graced Jetalpur Dhaam on invitation from the host Shri Labhubhai R. Chaudhari (Pratappura), Jetalpur.
28. Graced Parayan Satsang hosted by Shri Amritbhai Dhanjibhai, Gavada.
    Graced Karnavati club to bless marriage ceremonies being held in family of Shri Rameshbhai P. Patel.
29. Graced the residence of Shri Vijaybhai K. Chavda, Memnagar, Ahmedabad.
30. Graced the house of Shri Madhubhai M. Patel, Bapunagar, Ahmedabad.

# THE SEVENTH SUPREME PRECEPTOR OF THE DIOCESE

**- Mahant Swami Shastri Nirgundasji**



The highest spiritual seat installed by Shri Hari at the helm of the Uddhava Sampradaya (Swaminarayan Sampradaya) is known as Acharya Pada. This is the seat of Shri Hari. Lord Shri Hari had showered his compassion and love by anointing two other forms of him as the Acharya of this Uddhava Sampradaya. These two Acharyas from the Dharm Vansha blesse the devotees and benedict them with their blissful Darshan. No means like worship, Japa, penance or meditational concentration are of any use to attain this spiritual seat. It is said that the most difficult penance such as "Panchagni – penance" too are not of any use to attain this supreme seat. There would have been a long queue of aspirants who would be willing to do any kind of penance and meditation to have a hold on this seat - the supreme spiritual seat. Such possibility would have created a lot many complications for selection of a suitable candidate and the process of such a selection would have taken a long time in each such selection. Aspirations, contests and testing measures would have become un manageable due to expenses. There may be many like Hiranyakashipu, ready to do any kind of rigorous penance to acquire the seat of Lord Swaminarayan Bhagwan and of a demonic soul like this, grabs the supreme seat on the strength of his penance, then he may create unbelievable chaos by consigning most rejectable souls to the Akshardham and other divine abodes. This is why the path to the seat of Acharya is not available to other by any means. The released souls and Akshar Muktas too can not get this divine seat.

As the seat of the Acharya belongs to Lord Swaminarayan Bhagwan, God himself graces this seat time-and-again by manifesting himself in his own lineage – the lineage of Dharmdev. Thus, God himself in his another form, holds the preceptorship as Acharya of the diocese but not any man. The truth is supported and propounded by ancient scriptures.

Pancharatra Aagam pronounces :

शिलादिधीः कृष्णमूर्तौ स्वगुरौ नरधीस्तथा ।
वैष्णवे जातिधीर्येषा तेऽपराधपरा जनाः ॥

It is a sinful crime to imagine or consider the supreme spiritual head as a Jiva or a human being. Self made Gurus or individuals who are considered personally by a man as his Guru, are all human beings – Jivas, but here with us, our God – Lord Swaminarayan Bhagwan – himself is our Acharya - Guru - preceptor. He is Guru of us all – the saints, celibates, parshadas and householder devotees. This is the order from Lord Shri Hari. Lord Swaminarayan Bhagwan orders to his follower-devotees:

"मदाश्रितानां सर्वेषां धर्मरक्षणहेतवे
गुरुत्वे स्थापिताभ्यां च ताभ्यां
दिक्षयामुमुक्षवे
(शिक्षापत्री - १२८)

There should be no room for any doubt when Lord

Swaminarayan Bhagwan himself orders so in his cardinal scripture of Shikshapatri. The order it self defines the decorum and religious rules of the ancient scriptures and paves the path for the devotees to live as per the teachings of the ancient scriptures. Supreme Lord – Lord of the cosmoses - Purna Purushottam Bhagwan disguises his eternal and divine majesty, manifests himself on the earth as a human being and holds this supreme spiritual seat of the Acharya to benedict millions of souls like us. No other deity or an earthly soul dare to be at this seat. The yogis of Mt. Naulakha were benedicted by Lord Shri Hari himself by manifesting himself in infinite plurality each form of which was present personally and uniformly at the same time in front of each of the yogis. Such supreme Lord Shri Hari dwelling in his another form as Acharya, benedicts us if we surrender absolutely and heartily at this lotus feet. Lord Shri Hari manifesting as Acharya of this Sampradaya, disguises his divine majesty for our ultimate benediction. Therefore, don't imagine any human attribute, in divine life of Acharya Maharajshri. This is our duty as a true Satsangi – a true devotee – a true saint.

H.H. Acharya Maharajshri - another form of Lord Swaminarayan Bhagwan dwells contemporarily at Shri Narnarayandev Dioces, Ahmedabad, and Shri Lakshminarayandev Dioces, Vartal to emancipate his followers. Aspirants and devotees, desiring ultimate benediction and emancipation should receive Bhagwati Deeksha – Guru Mantra from the respective Acharya. After such initiation, they should do devotion, service and meditation of the idol form of Lord Shri Hari installed by Swaminarayan Bhagwan and Acharya of these diocese. This is the order issued precisely by Shriji Maharaj, in his Shloka:62 of Shikshapatri.

आचार्येणैव तदत्तंयद्यश्चयेन प्रतिष्ठितम् ।
कृष्णस्वरु पं तत्सेव्यं वंद्यमे वेत्तरत्तुयत् ॥

The idols and images which neither installed nor given by the Acharya of the respective diosces, shall be saluted only (to express due decorum) but such idols shall not be worshipped by a poojan Archan ritual; because poojan Archan of other idols is not fruitful.

Pancharatra Aagam says in addition :

"विष्णु भक्तिरतीन्साधून्दी क्षये द्विधिनागुरु: ॥"

The preceptor (Guru) should initiate most religiously (according to vidhis) the Bhagwati Deeksha to a vaishnava devotee. Here "Vidhi" stands for vedic rituals of holy fire. Only householders are qualified to perform such Yagya. The Sadhus, Tyagis, Sanyasis, Brahmacharis (unmarried people) widowers and divorcees are not qualified to perfom a Yagya. Rishi Likhit says in treatise named Shankha-smriti :

"आचार्यो निज शिष्याणां स्त्रीणां तत्पतयस्तथा"

The Acharya should take good care of his dependent disciples and should protect them well like an ideal husband protecting and taking good care of his wife.

An aspirant receives the holy status of a twice born (Danja) by a Bhagwati Deeksha. Post initiation life is his new birth - second birth. The Gotra (lineage – clan) and the name too are changed after an initiation. The act of giving birth is not an ethical act in the holy life of a Sanyasi.

A child born to an indiviadul who is not a married house holder (male or female), can not be accepted by the society or state as a legal birth. In a civilized society, no rights of giving a birth are entrusted to an unmarried individual. In the spiritual world of vedic religion too an individual who is not married in the presence of holy fire has no right to give birth to a new life and has no right to participate in the holy fire of vedic rituals.

Deeksha is a second birth. Second birth, means spiritual birth. An aspirant should surrender to his preceptor, in his second birth. Such aspirant soul should receive the protective refuge of Acharya Maharajshri. We satsangis have received such benign refuge. The seventh Dharmvanshi Acharya has ascended to the Supreme seat of the Acharya.

# HIS LIFE IT SELF IS A GOSPEL

- Sadhu
Purushottamprakashdas
(Jetalpur Dhaam)



H.H. Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharaj has put in action the life time message of Bhagwan Swaminarayan in his preceptorship of thirty five years. "Life it self is a message" "Life it self is a Gospel, in the preceptorship of H.H. Tejendraprasadji Maharajshri." Lord Swaminarayan Bhagwan was approachable for everybody by his continuous religious tours of both the Deshas. In a similar way, H.H. Acharya Maharajshri has become easily accessible for everybody through his religious tours and amnesty walks in India and abroad. He broke the wall of the middle man and had a direct dialogue with all his Satsangis. He is easily available on phone. He graces the dwellings of his smallest Satsangis. His consent for a house warming ceremony is available even to a poorest devotee ! His blissful pleasure and hearty blessings are available to all his Satsangis. Even today, there are many Satsangis, who recall happily the past days, when their house or establishment was graced happily by H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. They have not forgotten those golden moments of the long past. In their dream state, they do darshan of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. This is his greatness that he is friendly with even the smallest ones. He has never displeased any devotee by rejecting his invitation. He is juidicous to all his Satsangi followers. He is not partial to a praise or criticism. A Haribhakta had got printed a fat set of papers to criticize H.H. Acharya Maharajshri and hurled bad words in public. That very man repented for his nasty acts when he fell pitiably from his social status and family. In those days of mental agonies, he rushed back to H.H. Acharya Maharajshri and prayed for a pardon and humbly requested to grace his dwelling. H.H. Acharya Maharajshri blessed him spontaneously and graced his house. Though the Haribhakta had acted for many years like Jiva Khachar, he improved his birth and life by earning the favour of Maharajshri in the latter years of his life. Like God, H.H. Acharya Maharajshri has no enemy.

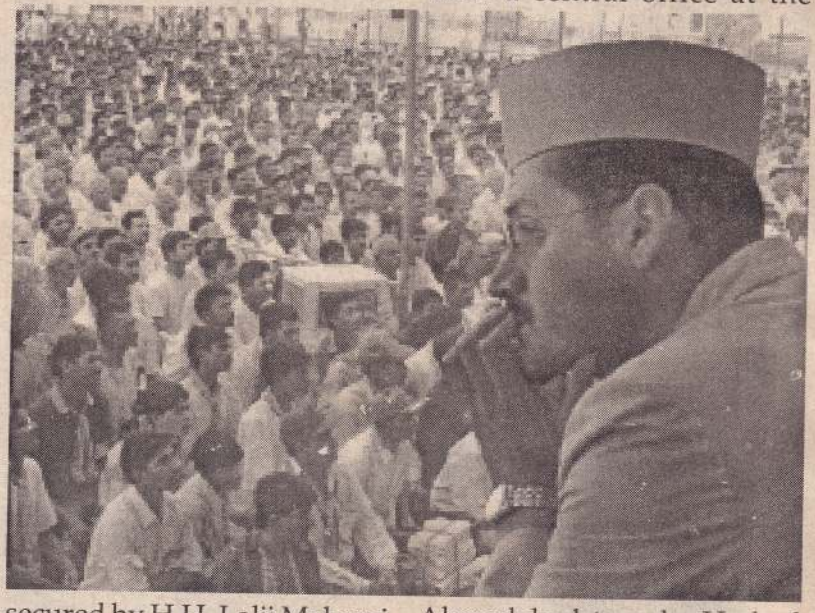
He graces Kalupur temple early in the morning. Parayan-Katha is a daily routine. His Holiness attends Katha-Satsang most religiously without missing a session in a span of thirty five years. His holiness graces till noon the chamber of Acharya on

conclusion of Katha session. The devotees from far flung places have never missed his darshan caused by an early departure of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. His holiness has never preferred an early departure to his residence.

His holiness takes great care in keeping appointed time when touring in non-urban areas and villagers. His holiness is not late in any of his appointments and visits throughout this long period of thirty five years. There are many incidents where organizers and hosts were late in their own programmes ! Though a householder, H.H. Acharya Maharajshri has not postponed, cancelled or omitted any event or religious festival on a personal ground of family or relatives, because for him the Satsang stood before every thing.

Overseas tours are most troublesome for H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. Difference in local time, distance between destinations and long hours of journey are a few of those troubling factors. But His holiness never takes a note of those odds, never bothers for rest or meals and assigns top priorty to Satsang. There are many occasions when he passes the day with a single meal and takes night rest in a vehicle. His Holiness bore these troubles on self and spread Satsang in India and abroad – from continent to continent. He had not ignored any individual throughout his preceptorship. His holiness is constantly active for the development of the Satsang and the benediction of his Satsangis. His Holiness is an ideal form of selfless service.

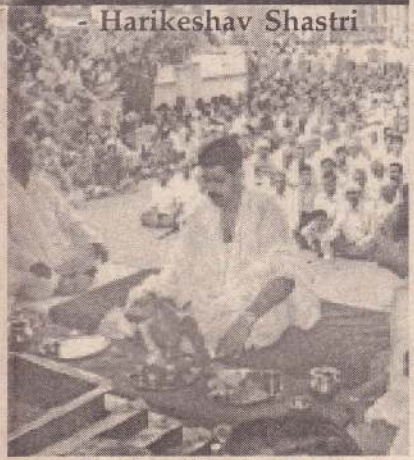
Similar attainments are secured by H.H. Lalji Maharaj 108 Shri Koshalendraprasadji by his active participation in Satsang. Dharmkul in the past has never had any occasion with such Lalji Maharaj. After his school education, he is constantly engaged in the religious activities of this diocese. He has awakened the new generation of youths in far flung continents and countries like Australia, America, Africa, UK, New Zealand, Thailand, Gulf regions, and Mauritius. Hundreds of new temples have come up in those countries, due to the Satsang activities personally conducted by H.H. Lalji Maharajshri. He had established local branch of Shri Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal in every village, town and city of Shri Narnarayandev Desh – India with a central office at the Ahmedabad temple. He had organized Youth Satsang camps in India and abroad for enlightenment of Satsangi Youths. There are one lakh members of Shri Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandals spread in India and abroad. The devotees in the non-urban areas used to forgo favour of fellow Satsangis on the pretext of worldly wisdom. Our teams of S.N.N.D.Y.M. have mended it properly. They have removed the photos of Vimukhas from



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# Glory and majesty of Preceptorship

- Harikeshav Shastri



The President in the Indian Constitution, is the supreme head of the government of India. An offender punished with a capital punishment by the supreme court of India can save his life and escape the capital punishment if he prays to the president of India and submits his prayer to the president. Though an offender – a criminal pushed to the end of his life shall be saved from such capital punishment of death if the president of India accepts his prayer.

Here, we will discuss some thing different, not at the narrow level of state or country but at the broad plane of the world and mankind. We will not discuss about a society or a social group, but about the Satsang. Think a little, a constitutional head, chosen and appointed by the people, if he holds such power and majesty, then what shall be the glory, majesty and splendor of the Acharyashri – the supreme head of the constitution constructed and introduced by Lord Swaminarayan Bhagwan himself! Glory and majesty of the Acharya are infinite and eternal.

• A most sinful soul, punished with a punishment of hell and thrown in an unending cycle of deaths and births in billions of species, if surrenders at the lotus feet of Acharya Maharajshri who is another form of Shri Swaminarayan Bhagwan and the constitutional head of the diocese (determined by Lord Swaminarayan Bhagwan himself), the soul at the refuge shall be granted amnesty by Acharya Maharajshri and shall be saved from the pains of births and hell by being consigned to Akshardhaam.

H.H. Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharajshri has graced such a supreme constitutional seat of the Sampradaya by a direct appointment by his great father Lord Swaminarayan Bhagwan – himself. In this period of thirty five years, he has spread the benedictory message of Lord Shri Hari and has established world-wide the majesty and glory of Shri Swaminarayan Bhagwan. Now the worthy son of Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharajshri - H.H. Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharajshri leads the Sampradaya as the Seventh Dharmavanshi Acharya of Shri Narnarayandev Desh Diocese. I pray reverently to Lord Swaminarayan Bhagwan to bless him with his eternal divinity to lead this great sect and the followers of Lord Swaminarayan Bhagwan to the eternal path of amnesty, bliss and majesty,.

Devotees ! Remember to whom we had surrendered. Remember well the majesty and greatness of this well constituted Satsang founded by Lord Sahajanand Swami. We are in the benign refuge and reassuring fold of the constitution of this Satsang. The divine prasadi of Shri Hari – the majestic constitution of Satsang - generates divine power in Satsangi souls. S.G. Nishkulanand Muni narrates this in his glorious style :

Darkness chases dusk. Four devout Brahmin brothers are returning from their field. They are walking fast to their home at Golida. Near the village they saw a few Yamadootas dragging a soul by ropes and chain. The soul was a fellow villager. but not a fellow Satsangi. These Brahmin brothers thought, what to do ? The prisoner soul is a fellow villager, a member of our community. It was out of decorum, if such a co-momber was taken to hell in the presence of devotees like them. They remembered Lord Swaminarayan Bhagwan and chased those Yamadootas. They challenged them and blocked their path. They made up their mind to establish the power of their devotion by throwing those Yamadootas back to hell. They stopped them on the way and beat them heavily with sticks. The blows of the sticks were so hard that it broke the teeth of the Yamadootas. Yamadootas realized that the attackers were very strong and powerful. They dropped the prisoner soul there and ran away to hell :

"ભક્ત તમે સાચા સાચા સ્વામી,
અમે જઈએ છીએ હાર પામી."

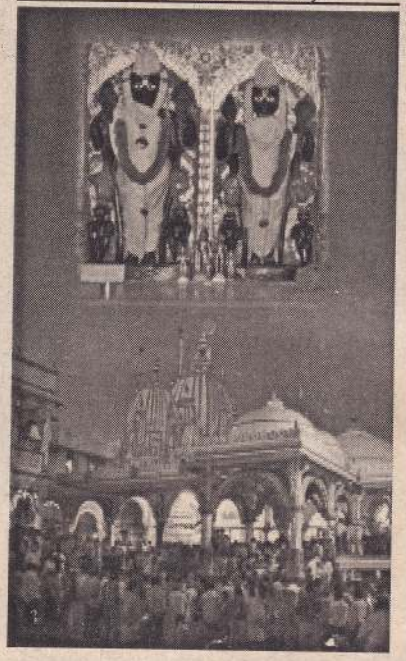
Look at the power of devotion ! The strength of devotion defeats evil in no time.

Such divine powers and strength shall be available to the soul if it surrenders with full faith and trust to Lord Swaminarayan Bhagwan and to the constitution, God, Acharya, Sant and the scriptures of this great sect. Such submission empowers a soul for self-benediction and also for benediction of other souls.

# THE ACHARYAS OF SHRI NARNARAYANDEV DIOCESE

- Kothari Swami
Satyaprakashdasji

The chair of the Acharya is an ancient tradition and eternal institution in the Hindu Religion. Shrimad Shankaracharya, Shrimad Ramanujacharya, Shrimad Nimbarkacharya, Shrimad Madhvacharya and Shrimad Madhvacharya are the first five Acharyas who have propounded and expanded their doctrines, namely : Dwait (duality), Adwait (non-duality), Shuddhadwait (absolute non-duality), Dwaitadwait and Vishishtadwait (qualified non duaity) and many sects are developed from these distinct doctrines.



Shri Ram Sharma was born on auspicious Janmashtami day of V.S. 1895 in holy city of Ayodhya. He was the another form of Uddhava a friend of Lord Shri Krishna. He forsook entanglements and became a disciple of saint Atmanandji, but left the place when he found them meditating Nirakar Brahm (pure consciousness without any form). He went to the south and came to Shri Rang Kshetram at the bank of river Kauveri. Shri Rang Kshetram is the main seat of Shrimad Ramanujacharya. He lived there for long time and studied the scriptures of Vaishnava Sampradaya. Shri Ramanujacharya manifested himself in front of him in his dream state and initiated Bhagwati Deeksha, with a specific order to establish Uddhava-Sampradaya. He established the Uddhava Sampradaya of the Vaishnavas in presence of a few followers at Vridnavan. Ramanand Swami himself graced the seat of the Acharya of this Sampradaya. Guru Ramanand Swami was intiatiting the hymn given to him earlier by Shri Ramanujacharya and the followers of his Uddhav-sect were doing darshan of the divine image of Lord Radhakrishna during such rituals. S.G. Ramanand Swami graced this Acharya Pada for the 54 years.

Shri Nilkanth, who

**Chronological history of the Acharyas of Shri Narnarayandev Desh Diocese :**

| Acharya of Shri Narayandev Desh Diocese | Age at the time of installation | Period of preceptorship | Life span |
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| H.H. Ayodhyaprasadji Maharaj | 17 | 42 | 59 |
| H.H. Keshavprasadji Maharaj | 33 | 22 | 55 |
| H.H. Purushottamprasadji Maharaj | 20 | 12 | 32 |
| H.H. Vasudevprasadji Maharaj | 03 | 35 | 38 |
| H.H. Devendraprasadji Maharaj | 16 | 32 | 48 |
| H.H. Tejendraprasadji Maharaj | 25 | 35 | Blesses his Satsang |
| H.H. Acharya Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj | 33 | Holds the reign of Sampradaya | |

camped at village long back in year V.S. 1856, Loj with the saintly disciples of Ramanand Swami was accepted as qualified disciple by S.G. Ramanand Swami and was installed by him as the Acharya of this sect on auspicious Prabodhini Ekadashi day in year V.S. 1857. Two distinct names 'Sahajanand Swami' and 'Narayan Muni' were pronounced on this occasion for Shri Nilkanth, by his Guru Ramanand Swami.

Sahajannad Swami addressed a huge Satsang Sabha of 2000 saints and religious preachers and initiated Bhagwati Deeksha to the aspirants and spread ethical message of Guru (late) Ramanand Swami. The Sampradaya earned majesty and greatness and progressed very well encompassing entire society length and breadth. Millions of souls came in benedictory fold of this sect, lived a sinfree life and emancipated to Akshardam.

Lord Swaminarayan Bhagwan himself got adopted two grand sons of Shri Dharmdev, namely Shri Ayodhyaprasadji (son of Shri Rampratapbhai) and Shri Raghuvirji (Son of Shri Ichharambhai) and installed them on the seat of Acharya – Acharya Maharaj of respective diocese of this Sampradaya. This historical tradition was sat in V.S. 1882. Thus, the descendant-son-of Lord Shri Hari graces this highest seat of spiritual leadership, respectively in Shri Narnarayndev desh diocese at Ahmedabad H.Q. and Shri Lakshminarayandev Desh diocese at Vadtal H.Q.

**H.H. Acharya Shri Ayodhyaprasadji Maharajshri**

The First Acharya of Shri



Narnaryandev diocese, H.H. Acharya Maharaj Ayodhayprasadji Maharaj was installed on this highest spritual seat, by Lord Shriji Maharaj himself. He was born to mother Suvasiniba as the son of Shri Rampratapji at Chhapaiya, on auspicious Ekadashi day of the bright half of Jyeshtha in V.S. 1865. His life was pious like a saint. He dedicated his life and soul for upliftment of Satsang. He imbibed supreme virtues by living in proximity of Shri Hari. Due to insight and unobstructed vision, he did always, darshan of divine image of Lord Purushottam Shri Swamianrayan Bhagwan. He was an enlightened soul.

His holiness with his retinue of the saints, went once to village Gamdi, near Jetalpur, to give devotional pleasure to his Satsangis. The saints, Satsangis and local people were so elated by such blissful association, that in this divine pleasure they lost their presence of mind. This pleasant wave of devotional fervour reached upto Kitchen and chief-cook added salt instead of sugar, in the sweet dish of Doodhapaak. He cooked salty Doodhpak and Acharya Maharajshri had it happily when it was served first to God and him. Maharajshri had it again and again when his devout followers insisted for it. He had without any disliking and took it happily as a sacred prasadi of Bhagwan. People knew about the blunder committed by the cook, when they had that so called 'sweet-dish.'

Satsangis were very sorry for such mistake. They prayed to Acharyashri for a pardon. Acharyashri said, 'Devotees ! Don't be shy of it. Food is nothing but a tax paid to the body. Moreover, the meal I had, was a prasadi from Shri Hari. Don't expect taste in a prasadi. Prasadi aims at ultimate benediction.' This was the highest ideal sat for the detachment-freedom from the tastes.

Once in meditational worship he concentrated absolutely in divine form of Shri Hari. He was detached to his physical being. During his meditation, a scorpion from

somewhere, climbed to his uncovered back and bit him. It was it's inherent nature as a poisonous insect. Despite such scorpion-bite, he continued with unbroken worship for the one hour duration and concluded it most religiously. The scorpion bite and it's venom gave him unbearable pain and his back swell like a red pillow, but he detached himself from his body throughout his mental worship-mediation. After one hour, he turned to his attendant and asked him to inspect his back, as he felt some insect bite. They were shocked, when they saw



scorpion bite and reaction on the body. But Maharajshri said that it was a natural act for a scorpion in its accordance to its inherent nature. We, as a human being should react calmly per our nature. One should not give away his noble virtues. This shows his self discipline and compassion.

He was a scholar, sympathetic to the knowledge. He was a good poet. The Kirtans written by him are very popular in Satsang. Haveli buildings of Shri Swaminarayan Temple were built by him. He had constructed domed temples at Dungarpur, Idar, Jetalpur, Siddhpur, Mandvi (Kutch) and Chhapaiya (U.P.) and had installed indols of God in those temples. He had implemented the order of Shri Hari by following the direction given in Shikshapatri. He got organized Sanskrit Vidyapith to impart education of Sanskrit language and religious scriptures. This Sanskrit vidyapith of Ahmedabad temple, operates at present from Jetalpur. Thousands of saints and Brahmin students belonging to both the Deshas have been benefited by this educational complex.

Acharya Shri Ayodhyaprasadji Maharajshri ascended to Akshardhaam on the seventh day of the bright half of Falgun in V.S. 1927. He led the Sampradaya for a long tenure of 42 years.

**H.H. Acharya Shri Keshavprasadji Maharaj**

H.H. Shri Keshavprasadji Maharaj, the worthy son of the first supreme preceptor, H.H. Ayodhyaprasadji Maharaj, was born in V.S. 1888. The noble virtues of the Dharmkul he received in heredity. He followed the steps of his father and led the Samprasdaya most effectively. Compession and selfless love were his supreme virtues. He loved his satsangi followers. As and when on a religious tour of the Desha, he always had with him a large retinue of enlightened saints, celibate saints and Brahmins scholars. He respected and loved them heartily.

He got written a scholarly treatise in Sanskrit language to expose and explain the core of the Satsangi Bhushan. The scripture is known as 'Satsangi Bhusan – Bhavarth Deepika.' On similar line he got writeen the 'Anvaya Deepika' to explain the core of 'Hari Vakya Sudha Sindhu.' He himself graced towns and villages of Narnarayandev Desh and brought princely states of Kutch, Dhrangadhra, Morbi, Vankaner, Limbdi, Wadhwan and Malia in benign fold of Shri Swaminarayan Sampradaya. He explained to the aspirants the doctrines and principles of this great sect. The present generation of these princely rulers are still in benedictory fold of this Sampradaya. He got constructed splendid temples in Karachi (at present in Pakistan), Prantij, Mansa, Dabhan, Charadava and Visnagar, and he himself installed the idols of God in those new temples. The splendid assembly halls existing in our temples at Ahmedabad, Muli, Jetalpur and dholka, were built under his direction. The Satsang was developed very well during preceptorship of H.H. Keshavprasadji Maharajshri.

He led this satsang for the 22 years and disowned his elemental body on the fourth day of the dark half of Chaitra in V.S. 1946.



**H.H. Acharya 1008 Shri Purushottamprasadji Maharaj**

H.H. Purushottamprasadji Maharaj was born on the second day of the dark half of Margshirsha in V.S. 1926. He was anointed as Acharya in V.S. 1946. He was the third descendant son of Dharmkul, holding the supreme seat of Acharya. He maintained very well the traditions and conventions of this great sect. He was kind and extrovert by nature. He never tolerated if Satsang was ignored. He never forgot to impress up on the opponents. His retinue with portable tents, camping equipments and huge army bore an image of imperial convoy. His religious tours in such circumstances, surged waves of great enthesiasm among the people in villages and towns. Begining with Kartika, he was spending eight consecutive months in religious tours and camps at far flunge places of Shri Narnarayadnev Desh. He encouraged and admired production of relgious literature. He got constructed a treatise 'Bhavarth Tika' to explain teachings of 'Vachanamrit' and published printed edition of 'Vachanamrit'.

The splendid main gate of Ahmedabad Temple was built during his preceptorship. The ghats at Sabarmait River and Narayan Sarovar of Chhapaiya were constructed in stone during his preceptorship. He got constructed the domed temples at Sadara and other places.

He adopted most ceremoniously the son of Shri Kashiprasadji and installed Shri Vasudevprasadji as his heir. H.H. Purushottamprasadji left for heavenly abode on the last day of Kartika of V.S. 1958. He led this sect for 12 years through his effective preceptorship.

**H.H. Acharya 1008 Shri Vasudevprasadji Maharaj**

H.H. Acharya Shri Vasudevprasadji Maharaj was born in the lineage of Shri Rampratapji Panday - the elder brother of Shri Swaminarayan Bhagwan - on auspicious nineth day of the bright half of Ashadha in V.S. 1955. He was the eldest son of Shri Kashiprasadji Harisahayji Panday. He was received ceremoniously as adopted son and heir of H.H. Purushottamprasadji Maharaj.

As the fourth descendant heir of Shri Hari and



Dharmvansh, he was anointed as Acharya of Shri Narnarayandev Desh diocese on the last day of Kartika in V.S. 1958.

H.H. Acharya Vasudevprasadji was in minor age group at the time of his installation as the Acharya, therefore, the trustees of this institution assisted to him in day-to-day organizational matters and managed the institution on his behalf till he matured age wise. He managed the diocese most efficiently, through out his tenure.

He was well educated in Sanskrit and Prakrit literature and the scriptures. He had good hold on English language and literature. He was able to judge the inner qualities of a man. He was deeply interested in growth and progress of the sect.

He had installed idols of Lord Bal swaroop Ghanshyam

Maharaj in our temples at Chhapaiya, Ayodhya, Vali, Bamroli and Pethapur. He had presented centennial patotsava Abhishekam to the idols of God, installed by Lord Shriji Maharaj, and had celebrated those events with due splender and majesty.

In historical year of V.S. 1982, he celebrated centennial birthday of Shikshaparti and



since that festive event, Shikshapatri Jayanti is being celebrated as an annual religious festival.

He invited "Akhil Sanatan Varnashram Swarajya Sangh" to organize their seminar at Ahmedaabd temple, and organized a grand assembly of Vaishnavacharyas, Shankaracharyas, Mandaleshwaras, renown scholars of the scriptures of Hindu religion in beign presence of Lord Narnarayandev Harikrishna Maharaj. Following the preachings and orders of Shikshapatri he offered to them the seats befitting their spritual status and honoured them with due decorum. Sampradaya and diocese earned their selfless love and respct by such decent hospitality and courtsy offered by the spiritual preceptor. The speech delivered by him to this grand assembly is a landmark in history of Hindu religion and this Sampradaya. Vaishnavas and Smaartas began to do darshan of God at our temples.

H.H. Acharya Shri Vasudevprasadji and his retinue of enlighteneds saints, singer saints, celibate saints and scholars graced every village and town of northern region and helped the aspirants in their devotional activities.

H.H. Acharya Vasudevprasadji asceneded to Akshardham on sacred first day of the dark half of Kartika in V.S. 1993.

**H.H. Acharya Shri Devendraprasadji Maharajshri**

H.H. Acharya Shri Devendraprasadji Maharaj was born at Ahmedabad on auspicious full-moon day of Ashwin of V.S. 1978. Tranquility, peace and nectar like speech were his inherenet virtue due to his birth on the Sharad Purnima day. Rise of moon sustains and strengthens inner power of medicinal herbs of every kind. Like wise, the satsang and diocese grew and developed tremendously in benign presence of H.H. Acharya Shri Devendraprasadji Maharaj.

The fifth descendent son of Shri Hari – H.H. Devendraprasadji Maharaj received most ceremoniosuly initiation of sacred threads in presence of his father. H.H. Acharya Shri Vasudevprasadji Maharaj. The dignitories like District-collector, Commissioner, Prince of Malia and others were present on this occasion.

H.H. Acharya Shri Devendraprasdji Maharaj learnt Sauskit at a tender age in presence of his father – H.H. Acharya Maharaj Shri Vasudevprasadji Maharaj. He was expert in fine art of music.

Though hefty bodily, he wielded such inner power that the most difficult horses stood quitly when he held the rein in his hand.

He was anointed as supreme spritual preceptor on sacred fist day of the drak half of Kartika in V.S. 1993, at an young age of fourteen years.

He offered sumptuous meals to the entire Brahmin community consisted of eighty four sub castes with the saints and Vairagis on the thirteenth day rites of his father (late) Vasudevprasadji Maharajshri.

He got constructed two large buildings of Dharmshala at the shrine of Lord Narnarayandev Harikrishna Maharaj at Ahmedabad Dhaam and Celebrated centennial Patotsava of Gods dwelling in the temples at Jetalpur, Idar, Chhapia, Mandvi and Siddhpur. He installed most ceremoniously the idols of Lord

Gopal Lalji Harikrishna Maharaj at Torda Temple, Lord Balswaroop Ghanshyam Maharaj at Detroj temple, Lord Ghanshyam Maharaj at Anjar temple, Lord Ghanshyam Maharaj at Vadnagar Temple and Lord Ghanshyam Maharaj at Sapawada. He got constructed a single domed temple of Akshar Bhuvan at Shri Swamianrayan Mandir Kalupur and installed there idol of Lord Balswaroop Ghanshyam Maharaj. He gifted to the shrine the rarest preasadi items of Shri Hari and got it arranged systematically with an appropriate note about each such exhibit.

Silver Jubilee of his preceptorship was celebrated on auspicious third day of the bright half of Falgun of V.S. 2018. As he was interested in education and knowledge, the Devendraprasadji Kelvani Trust was founded on this occasion to conduct two colleges Shri Sahajanand Arts and commerce college.

His worthy Son – H.H. Acharya Tejendraprasadji Maharaj was anointed as supreme spiritual preceptor on demise of H.H. Acharya Devendraprasadji Maharaj.

**H.H. Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharaj**

The sixth descendent heir of Lord Shri Hari – Dharm Vanshi Acharya H.H. Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharaj was born on the third day of the dark half of Chaitra in V.S. 2000. He is eldest son of H.H. Acharya Devendraprasadji Maharaj. The Samskaras of Dharmul are his inherent attributes. He had aquired adequate knowledge of English language in his education at University level. Religious leadership was his prime duty as a preceptor-designate, therefore, appropriate arrangements were made by his father to expose him to subtle areas of the Samrapdaya and Satsang, inclusive of ethical duties. He had learnt Sanskrit language to grasp the core of the religious scriptures. He had accompanied Acharya Maharajshri in all his religious tours, religious festivals, ceremonies and seminars.

The ethical duties and the rituals related to personal religion are the integral part of our life. The people visiting overseas countries and residing there for a livelihood, practise personal religion with the ethical duties. Many families from Kutch, Gujarat and Saurashtra have migrated to Africa. They are settled there with their personal religion - Shri Swaminarayan Dharm. They try at their best to practise personal relgion. A group of such Satsangis was formed at Nairobi in East Africa. They, among themselves, organized Satsang activities and in following years constructed a temple. They, then wished to install ceremoniously the idols of Lord Shri Hari.

Auspicious 26th day of December 1957, was annonced as the day of invoking idols of God. They got distributed the invitation cards and sent invitation to the saints and devotees. H.H. Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Devendraprasadji Maharajshri consented to the invitation and ordered to his son H.H. Lalji Maharaj 108 Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharaj to grace the occasion. H.H. Lalji Maharaj was too young to attend such rituals at the foreign land and install the idols. H.H.Acharya Maharajshri controlled and disciplined his own feelings and fatherly love and encouraged his son – Lalji Maharaj – to grace the occasion.

His foot prints on the land of East Africa is a shining chapter in the history of the Sampradaya. The Sampradaya, which was bound within the boundries of India, now crossed the limits of the oceans and spread in far flung continents. Grand invocation ceremony saw the seeds of Sampradaya in overseas countries. In his occasional speech, he desired expressly the growth and development of the world wide satsang.

H.H. Acharya Devendraprasadji Maharaj ascended to Akshardham on 12-10-1969. H.H. and Lalji Shri Tejendraprasdji Maharajshri was anointed as the supreme spritual preceptor of Shri Narnarayndev Desh Diocese on

auspicious 13th day of October, 1969.

He is leading the sect and diocese since last four decades by his absolute dedication towards his ethical duties as a spiritual head of the Sampradaya. He travels day and night throughout all seasons and whole year with in the state and the nation and world wide to interact with his followers – his satsangis. He guides and directs them in their ethical duties and social responsibilities. He enlightens them with spiritual knowledge and devotional ways to earn the pleasure of Shri Hari. On an everage, he travells for 350 days every year and graces the farflung places of his devotees to conduct religious activities and satsang.

The hundreds of new templs have been built up in India and abroad during his preceptorship. He has got constructed splendid temples in Gujarat, Rajasthan Uttarpradesh and other states of Indai and such temples in U.K., U.S.A, Africa, Australia and Canada. He had installed the idols of Lord Ghanshyam Maharaj in the domed temples at Mathura, Narayangaht, Khan, Torda, Unava, Sapawada and Himatangar, and had installed such majestic idols of Lord Ghanshyam Maharaj in renovated shrines at Jetalpur, Charadva and Chhapaiya. The Satsang delimited to the Indian borders progressed well during his reign covering continents and countries like Europe, America, Canada, Africa, Australia and New Zealand across the world. He had restrenghtened and sustained



devotional fervour in his followers. He had established global institution of ISSO to conduct Satsangi and devotional activities in overseas countries.

The scriptures and religious books are most effective means for teaching and preaching ethical duties to the masses. He got organized a well knit network consisted of writer-saitns, book-production unit and circuit of Sahitya Kendras to make available the books to the devotees in India and abroad. The sets of Vachanamrit, Shikshaptri, Shikshatpri Bhashya, Satsnaig Jivan, Satsangi Bhusna and Hari Vakya Sudha Sindhu are made available to the devotees, aspirants and scholars for enhancement of spiritual know ledge. He got published the scholarly books on "Vastushatra" and fine arts of this Sampradaya. He had established two periodicals – Shri Swaminarayan and Bhakti Sudha for male and female Satsangis of him.

Shri Swaminarayan Sankkrit Mahavidyalaya and Shri Devendraprasadji Sangeet Shiksha Bhavan were imparting since before the instruction in Language of God and fine arts. H.H. Sixth Acharya of this diocese expanded the activities in education and learning by coducting decent Gurukuls at Asarva (Ahmedabad), Jetalpur, Koteshwa, Jhilvana, Chiloda, Kalol, Bayad, Siddhpur, Sokli, Hathijan, Jaydevpura, Sayla, Vadnagar, Visnagar, Dhrangadhra, Unjha, Charadava, Kanbha, Upleta, Bhuj, Mandvi, Gandhidham, Rampar, Kanja, Chotila, Narsipara, Mahadevnagar, Mt. Abu, Abu Road, Banswada, and other places. The Gurkulams at those places operate on the ancient system

of Ashramas – Gurukulas. Besides formal education, it imphasise more on imbibing virutes and values in future generation. Shri Sahajanand commerece college, Shri Sahajanand Arts college, Shri Sahajanand multi-courses Academy and Sahajanadn School campus at Ambawadi are operating on modern line of education.

Besdies religious and educational services, the leadership challenges are accepted with great zeal in activities of rehabilitation, reconstruction and reorganization of the community and the people affected in natural calamities like cyclone, floods, draught, and earthquake. There are permanent free inns providing round the year the free meals and the provisions to the needy people. There are hospitals and clinics besides mobile medical camps to treat ailments and deseases.

H.H. Acharya Maharajshri has dedicated his life for this Satsang (sect) to set the golden history to inspire the future generation of Acharyas of this great diocese, Majestic Silver Jubilee of his preceptorship and splenderous celebrations of his Platinum Jubilee Birthday celebrations were organized world wide by entire Satsang to salute dedication, devotion and spritual leadership of this great Acharya.

At his free will he had renounced the supreme chair of spiritual preceptorship and had installed and anointed his son H.H. Lalji 108 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharajshri as the Acharya of Shri Narnarayandev desh diocese on auspicious 15-10-04. The saints Mahants and the



devotees from India and abroad were invited on this occasion by Mahant Swami Shastri Nirgundasji and the saints of this diocese to celebrate this grand occasion in benign presence of Lord Narnarayandev at Ahmedabad Dhaam. We salute reverently to H.H. Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharajshri for enlightening this Satsang by his holy and divine life style.

**H.H. Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharajshri**

H.H. Acharya Maharaj was born on Vijayadashami day of V.S. 1928.

Inherent spiritual wisdom and foresightedness are his prominent attributes. He has been educated at St. Xaviers' and Shri Sahajanand College.

Since childhood and as H.H. Lalji Maharaj of the dioceses he had participated actively in Satsang activities. He had earned devotional love and affection of Satsang Samaj by joining extensive religious tours and Satsnag assemblies in holy company of his father H.H. Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharajshri.

In his youth, he had developed world wide net work of Shri NarnarayandevYuvak Mandal and hundred thousands of youth have come in the fold of this religious organization to conduct Satsang activities for the masses.

H.H. Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharajshri has been anointed as the Seventh Dharmvanshi Acahrya of Shri Narnarayandev desh Doicese on auspicious 15th day of October 2004. The Satsang will prosper and progress world wide under his spiritual leadership. We salute him in reverence.



# H.H. ACHARYA MAHARAJSHRI

**- Swami Jagatprakashdasji (Mahant Swami, Dholka)**

Saints and devotees have experienced divine miracles, as and when H.H. Acharya Maharajshri had installed an idol of God, did a Patotsava Abhishekam, graced a Parayan Satsang or graced a place. Devotees and aspirants receive soulful peace and eternal bliss in the presence of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. As and when they do His darshan, the image of another form of God dwells forever in their heart to help the soul in his spiritual journey. His devotees and aspirants feel fulfilled when they submit humbly at his lotus feet. But there are occasions when an unknown person comes for the first time and becomes an admirer of him for the rest of his life. I am narrating here one such unique episode.

Dr. Ayengar at Narayanpura is a renowned surgon of greater Ahmedabad and Gujarat. Though a famous consultant and practising surgeon, he spares much of his time for free treatment and consultation for the needy poor. An appointment from him is like a new lease of life for a patient. There is a heavy rush throughout week days at his consulting room and hospital. His consultation, treatment and medicines are free for the poor and the needy.

One Haribhakta of our Sampradaya was a regular patient of his. In the course of consultation and treatment, Dr. Ayengar had a detailed personal dialogue with our Hari Bhakta, and in such a personal discussion, the doctor came to know that the patient himself was a Satsangi of Shri Swaminarayan sect.

Dr. Ayengar then asked, 'There is an ancient and majestic temple of Lord Swaminarayan. Are you visitng that city based temple ?' 'Sir I am visiting that temple daily to begin my day's routine with the darshan of my God.'

Doctor said, 'I have been benefitted by a darshan of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri when I and my friend had been to the university grounds to attend the grand celebrations of "Rajat-Swarna Jayanti.' His blissful image and finest memory of that holy event are my treasured memories. I have seen him once only. You are most fortunate to see him almost daily. Now next time when you salute him, pay the salute with a humble request for release from this pain. The treatment and medicine recommended by we super specialists are not so welcome in advanced countries like America and England, because these have counter effects which are more harmful than the disease. Therefore, pray hearlity to Acharya Maharaj, your disease shall be removed instantly.'

Such a super specialist had realized the majesty and divinity of Maharajshri, by a darshan of him in his life time and we poor lots, though rubbing daily the steps of the temple and the court of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri are adjudged weak and poor in realizing the glory and majesty of our Supreme Spiritual Preceptor !

According to me, the occasion mentioned above and the opinion and recommendation extended by a super specialist are nothing less than a divine miracle. This is a true story. Both the characters doctor and patient – are residing at Ahmedabad. Don't take this as a piece of fiction.

Our Acharya Maharajshri H.H. Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharajshri retired at his free will, but "retirement" has no room in his personal and public life. He shall be busy more and to a greater extent, in the creation of the eternal museum of Lord Shri Hari's prasadi items - a perceptible history of this great sect.

We are required now to realize the glory and majesty of the Seventh Dharmavanshi Acharya of this diocese – H.H. Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharajshri. We should obey the orders of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri and H.H. Lalji Maharaj 108 Shri Vrajendraprasadji Maharaj to earn the pleasure of Shri Hari. This should be the ultimate aim of our life as a Satsangi.

# A HUMBLE SALUTE TO MY GURU

- Swami Ghanshyamprakashdasji (Mahantshri, Narayanghat)

Lord Prushottam Shri Swaminarayan Bhagwan at his abode of Aksharham, consented to the prayer of Vairat Narayan and manifested himself on the earth as the son of Shri Dharmdev and Bhaktimata to emancipate infinite numboer of souls. Though manifested with his divine majesty, he disguised hismelf in



his human form and spent his adolescence in penance and seclusion of the forests as a varni (celibate). This unique personality from the eastern region, walked on his feet throughout India east to west and north to south, and graced the land of Sorath region to sanctify it as the land of his action. He performed there Yagyas and conducted free inns to distribute meals to the poors, Sadhus and ascetics. He organized majestic samaiyas and sent people to instant samadhi state – meditational concentration. He helped them to realize God dwelling before them. He initiated Bhagwati Deeksha to the thousands of saints and sent them to every corner of the country with a message of universal welfare of mankind. Tunes of devotional music and devitonal songs echoed in every village, town and city. He was supreme spiritual head of Shri Swaminarayan Sarmpradaya – Lord Sahajanand Swami. He refounded exiomatic religioun of Bhagwat and organized well knit system of Swaminarayan Sampradaya. He got constructed splendid temples, installed in those temples the idols of God, wrote the scriptures and defined ethical duties to be executed by the Acharya, saints, celibates and householder devotees – general duties and specific duties for each specific class. He assured and ensured his constant presence in the idols and the Acharya of the sect installed by him.

He divided geographically the entire land of this Satsang and formed two dioceses, namely Shri Nanrayandev Desh siocese with head quarters at Ahmedabad and Shri Lakshiminarayandev Diocese with headquarter at Vartal. He then adopted two sons from the Dharmkul and installed them on the seat of the Acharya. They were the supreme spirutal heads to lead their respective diocese. Shri Hari assured his divine presence in the scriptures and made it available in written and oral form. Thus he opened wide the gates and paths leading to ultimate emancipation.

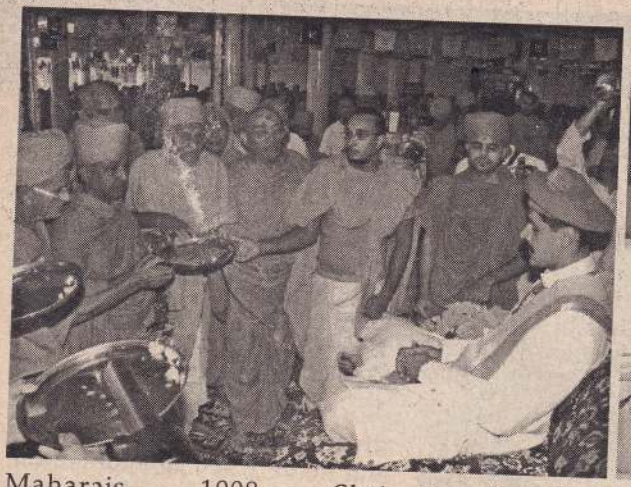
S.G. Nishkulanand Swami sings :

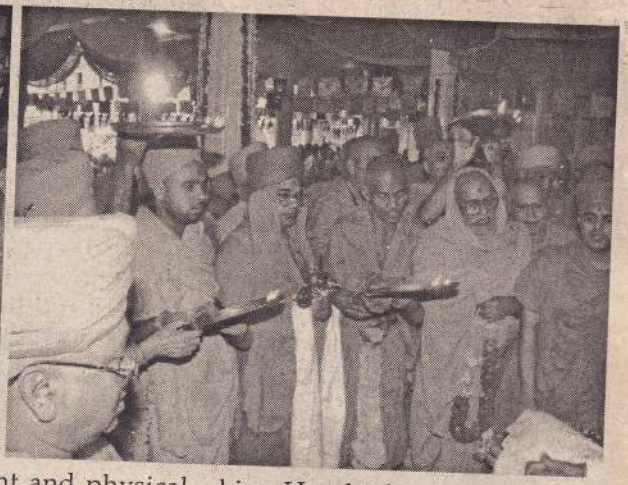
*મારા ધામમાં આવવા સારુ રે,*
*એવા ઉપાય કર્યા બહુ રે,*
*સર્વ ઉપાય કીધા છે સારા રે,*
*તેમાં ભરસે જીવ અપાર રે.*
*પણ છેલ્લો છે આ ઉપાય રે,*
*બહુ જીવ તરસે આમાય રે,*
*ધર્મવંશી આચારજ ધાર્યા રે,*
*ગુરૂ કરી ગાદી એ બેસાર્યા રે.*
*કામ કર્યું છે એવું સારું રે,*
*મન માન્યુ છે બહુ અમારું રે,*
*કાંજે એ છે ધર્મનું કુળ રે,*
*માટે એ વાતનું ઉંડુ છે મૂળ રે.*

(Purushottamprakash)

The words though sang two hundred years ago, are in present context look like a fresh devotional song released most recently. This is due to activeness and mobility of present Sampradaya – Satsnag. H.H. Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharajshri is the soul and spirit behind such world wide mobility and effectiveness of Satsang.

The sixth Dharmvanshi Acharya – H.H. Acharya





Maharajs 1008 Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharaj has expanded this Satsang far and large continent to continent and has granted amnesty, peace and prosperity to all his Haribhaktas for a long peiord of thrity five years. He is loved with devotion by all his Satsnagis irrespective of their age, caste or domicile. He is another form of Lord Shri Hari attracting millions of people by winning their hearts by his selfless love and holy life.

H.H. Acharya Shri Tejendraprasadji began his internaship under spiritual guidance from his father – H.H. Acharya Maharaj Shri Devendraprasadji Maharaj and shared the responsibilities toward this Satsang as Lalji Maharaj of this diocese. H.H. Acharya Maharaj Shri Devednraprasadji Maharaj transformed his youthful vigor and energies in the seasoned spiritual wisdom to accelerate and expand Satsang activities of this diocese. In course of time, he as Lalji Maharaj, joined the programmes of the blessed visits and religious celebrations – inclusive of invocation and Patotsava rituals being held at the templs and shrines. Keeping in view the ailmont and physical weakness of his father – H.H. Shri Devendraprasadji Maharaj – he excecuted full time ethical duties towards this diocese besides his college education. Instead of living comfortably in luxuries of wealth, he worked hard day and night for upliftment of Satsang. He ascended to a new height of the Satsang in each his forward step. At the age of twenty five years he lost protective fold of his father and this Satsnag lost his visionary Acharya. The responsibilities of the supreme preceptorship ware entrusted to him on sad demise of Acharya (late) Devenraprasadji Maharajshri.

He stauds at the first half of the centuy in service of this deocese. He has received selfless love and affection from all his followers. Satsangis in India and abroad. Though at the paramount pinnacle of She spiritual leadership and divine powers, he is humble, polite and kind to all his devotees and aspirants. He has melted and receded his ego. He lives a need free life expecting nothing from the others. The youths await impatiently to receive Bhagwati Deeksha from him. Hundreds of new temples have been builtup in the villages and towns to help the mankind in devotion of God. He himself had installed the idols of God in all those temples to restrengthen the faith and trust in millions of followers. Thousands of Parayana – Katha sessions have been organized under his preceptorship and there is not limit to the numbers of Padharmani at the houses of devotees.

The sun rising at the gate of the temple set everyday at the chamber of him in the shirne. He left his residence every day early with the sunrise to do service of Shri Haris' Satsang and spent whole day in spiritual leadership to benedict his devotees He sacrificed his youth for the service of this Satsnag. He has never looked back to his householdership and worldly duties or ignored his ethical duties towards the sect. He spread the message of Swamianrayan Bhagwan. He spread the message of universal welfare of mankind in India and abroad by frequent religious tours of Africa, America, Australia, Canada and England

covering all major countries of the world.

Sweet devotional memories of the platinum Jubilee celebrations are still fresh at the heart of his devotees. He is healthy and active like an youth and sharp and vocal in decision at such senior age. His name fame and majesty dwells at the heart of all his Satsnagis. He is God of his follower Satsnagis and saviour of mankind in their adverse time.

At such peak of popularity and devotional attachment, he resigned and withdrew himself from this supreme power of divine and entrusted his spiritual preceptorship to his son - the seventh descendant and son of the Dharmkul. But this news of the transfer of divine powers were like a shock to the Satsang. H.H. Acharya Maharajshri has not allowed any space to the devotees to exprese their feelings and attachment. The change was to take the place instantly. There were hardly a time of two days to bring sentimental pressure from the welwishers and devotees. H.H. Acharya Maharajshri had played this divine Leela most intelligently by installing Lalji Mahajashri in a forward position. H.H. Lalji Maharaj 108 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharajshri is equally qualified and enlightened successor to this supreme seat. Lord Shri Hari has said :

*માટે સૌ ધર્મકુળ માનજો, સૌ કરજો એની સેવ,*
*અન્યજન જેવા એ નહિ, એ છે જાણજો મોટા દેવ.*
*એક બ્રાહ્મણને જાણો ભક્ત અતિ, વળી કા'વે અમારુ કુળ,*
*એને સેવતા સૌ જન તમો, પામશો સુખ અતુલ.*
*મન વાંછિત વાત મળશે, વળી સેવતા એના ચરણ,*
*એ છે અમારી આગન્યા, સર્વકાળમાં સુખકરણ.*
*મન કર્મ વચને માનજો, એમાં નથી સંશય લગાર,*
*એહ દ્વારે મારે અનેકનો, આજ કરવો છે ઉદ્ધાર*

(Purushottam Prakash)

Honour these nectar like words of Purushttam Prakash and hold at your heart the respect for H.H. Maharajshri. Salute humbly with devotional pleasure, to the Seventh Acharya – H.H. Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharajshri. We obey to the wishes and orders of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri pray :

'Oh Lord Ghanshyam Maharaj ! Oh Dear God ! You have changed your form to manifest and dwell among us. The image is different but the fire within is same and unchanged. We welcome you as our Guru – as our Acharya.

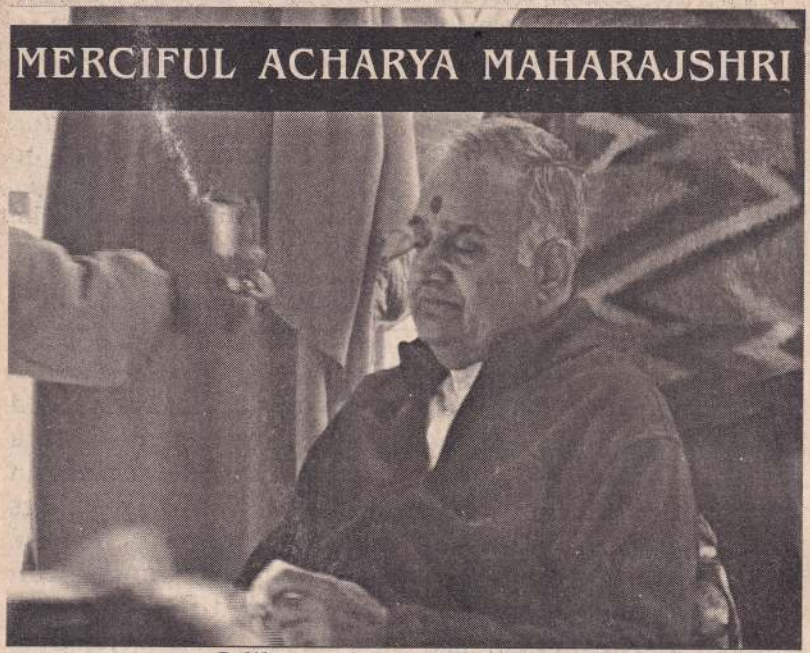
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the thrones at the temples. They have stopped the meetings being addressed by the vimukhas. They have strengthened the ancient tradition of respecting elders and seniors. They have restored and restrengthened the faith and trust of devotees in meditation and worship of Lord Narnarayandev and Lord Harikrishna Maharaj. A huge army of volunteers is ready for the service of the Sampradaya. These youthful volunteers are conducting Satsang activities, Sabhas, Kirtans-Bhakti, religious discourses, anti-addiction camps, peace walks, religius walks, vrattas, festivals and religious celebrations. H.H. Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharajshri had joined lakhs of youths in the service of Satsang.

Life of H.H. Acharya Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharajshri, is holy and religious. He is not exhibiting it externally, but at his inner most he is like God. He is out and out in favour of Satsang and Shri Hari. He is engrossed in the mental chant of Maha Mantra while gracing an assembly or at times sings silently the praises of God. He is at peace and well concentrated in meditation during pooja of personal God. At his residence he spends time in Japa of Maha Mantra when he is alone or sings at times the Kirtans of Nand Sants. He has vision and foresight in the plans of temple buildings. He is a good decision maker. He has an ubelievable power of judging a man within no time when he converses with him. These virtues and attributes are self-realized. The Dharmvanshi Acharya sent by Shri Hari himself to grace the supreme seat of the diocese – the supreme seat created and installed by God himself – is another form of Lord Swaminarayan Bhagwan. No proofs or evidences are needed to substantiage it. I humbly salute to the sixth and seventh Acharya Maharajshri of Shri Narnarayandev Desh diocese.

# MERCIFUL ACHARYA MAHARAJSHRI



**- Celibate saint Rajeshwaranandji**
**(Chief Priest of Lord Narnarayandev)**

We have not seen our God Lord Swaminarayan Bhagwan – face-to-face, but we know about all his attributes through the dialogues and discourses delivered by the saints and Sadgurus. We know it by reading the scriptures of the Sampradaya. We realize same virtues and attributes when we do darshan of the sixth Dharmvanshi Acharya Maharajshri of Shri Narnarayandev Desh Diocese. The sixth descendant heir of Shri Hari holds all the virtues and attributes of Lord Shriji Maharaj. His graceful walk, the divine aura on his face, the pleasing smile on his face, no sign of fatigue, no sign of physical weakness, always at ease and in a pleasant mood ! He is compassionate to his smallest devotee. He is merciful to everybody. He is most uncomfortable if his devotee has any problem, discomfort or trouble. He graces the house or an ailing devotee of visits him at the hospital to remove his ailment and to comfort him. Our devotees and saints are very happy in the benign refuge of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. H.H. Acharya Maharajshri conveys his pleasure equally to all his devotees and conveys it without any bias.

As per the rules of the temple, a devotee is required to have his name, address and a date of a Padhramani enrolled to invite Acharya Maharajshri at his place. He has to fill up a form meant for it. H.H. Acharya Maharajshri graces his place at a given time on that date. This is a routine procedure of gracing the place of a devotee. But at the time of gracing such place, many people do darshan of the red turban and desire instantly in their heart for a Padhramani of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri at their dwelling. He may be a Satsangi or may not be so, but if he prays to H.H. Acharya Maharajshri for gracing his house, His holiness grants his prayer by a brief dialogue "It is Okay, be quick." If one aspirant's wish is consented to there shall be a queue of many such aspirants desiring for a blessed visit. Maharajshri too conveys his consent to grant them with the devotional pleasure of Lord Shriji Maharaj. There are occasions when he got down from his car and graced the house of a devotee up on a hearty prayer of his devotee. Check the results of such a request made to an ordinary saint or ascetic. But Acharya Maharajshri is not ordinary like them. He is son of God. He is the God in another form. Nothing else should be imagined in him.

Still I remember one incident in the far past. H.H. Acharya Mahaajshri was to grace a house of a devotee residing at a far off village. The date and the time of Padharamani were registered

long back in advance, therefore, the enthusiastic devotee made marriage like welcome preparations to receive H.H. Acharya Maharajshri at his house. Relatives and friends were invited with families to share in this holy feast. Now every thing was ready to welcome H.H. Acharya Maharajshri.

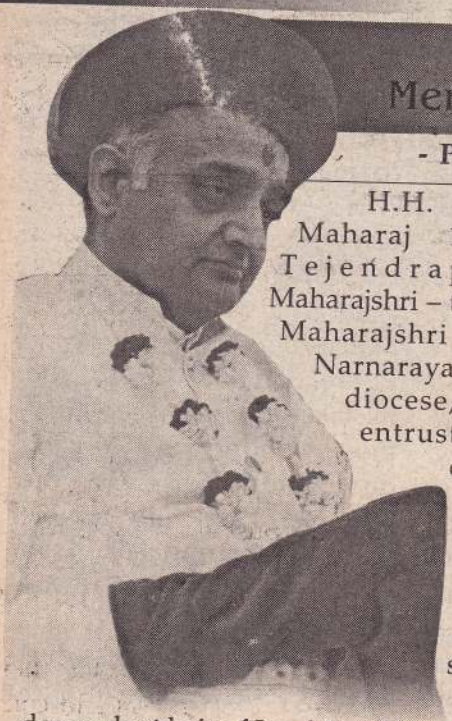
But see the sudden twist ! One householder of the same village knew about the forthcoming grand event. He thought to avail the opportunity. He too readied himself, his family and his house for a ceremonious welcome of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. He arranged music and music - party like a marriage procession and took them to the village outskirts to receive H.H. Acharya Maharajshri in a procession. It was a town like village, therefore as the retinue and H.H. Acharya Maharajshri reached the spot, this gentleman received H.H. Acharya Maharajshri with due decorum and escorted easily in a routine the retinue of His Holiness, amidst the welcome music of specialized music-party and a procession of the villagers. H.H. Acharya Maharajshri graced his house and presented Aarti to Lord Thakorji. Devotee too presented Aarti and welcome to H.H. Acharya Maharajshri, and received hearty blessings of Maharajshri. The event was concluded most decently with devotional fervour and H.H. Acharya Maharajshri came back to Ahmedabad with his retinue of saints and parshadas. But the villager who was aspiring for a long time after a due registration, was omitted unknowing by the retinue of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri and Lord Shri Hari's sixth descendant heir came back to Ahmedabad Dhaam ! The appointed village was graced by H.H. Acharya Maharajshri and advantage of that Padharamani was earned by some one else, but not the devotee concerned ! H.H. Acharya Maharajshri had been under the impression that there was only one appointment in that village and that too with the devotee, who received them at the village outskirts. The host devotee was much perturbed by such lapse in schedule when he come to know about the incident. He then telephoned the secretariat of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri, and spoke personally to H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. In his limited language of a villager he prayed earnestly and explained in detail the actual happening. Maharajshri said in an assuring tone, 'My dear Haribhakta ! It is a mountain like mistake on my side. I am really very sorry for such a blunder. I am ready to come to you at your appointed time and place. You are my most loved one – dearest devotee. Rest assured. I am always ready to bear cold, heat, rain and hardships for devotees like you.' As soon as he heard such compassion filled words of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri, tears of devotional fervour rolled from his eyes. He prayed again in a weeping tone, 'Oh Maharajshri ! Oh My Lord ! Please don't take it as your mistake. You are quite above those worldly ways. You are our God. You are our Sustainer. I feel fully fulfilled by your assuring talk. I am your humble servant. Please bless me."

The devotee then turned to his guests and conveyed to them in a tone of fulfillment, 'We are in the blessed fold of our Lord. Padharamani celebrations are over with great spiritual rejoicement. We have received H.H. Acharya Maharajshri at our innermost. We have realized him spiritually along his divinity and majesty.'

We too are required to know the divine majesty of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri and sixth descendant heir of Lord Shriji Maharaj; and in a similar way know and realise the divine attributes and majesty of the Seventh Dharmavanshi Acharya of this diocese :

"આ ધર્મવંશીને દ્વાર આવો મોક્ષ
માગવા રે લોલ."

# H.H. Acharya Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharaj : The light divine (Tej) Mentioned by Lord Shri Hari



- Prof. Hitendrabhai N. Patel

H.H. Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharajshri – the Acharya Maharajshri of Shri Narnarayandev Desh diocese, has entrusted the divine seat of Lord Swaminarayan Bhagwan to his own son and the eventh descendant heir of Lord Shri Hari – H.H. Shri Koshanledraprasadji, by anointing His holiness as the seventh Dharmvanshi Acharya on auspicious 2nd day of the bright half of Ashwin amidst the ceremonies held at the royal court of Lord Narnarayandev. Those who have witnessed the rituals are the chosen ones of Lord Shri Hari. The majesty and glory of this grand event are beyond the words – ultimate in devotion, evedom, spirituality, perception, and selfless love.

Whole world salutes humbly to H.H. Acharya Maharaj Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharajshri who had received the symobic Pagh of preceptorship from the fifth descendent heir of Shri Hari H.H. Acharya Shri Devendraprasadji Maharajshri and had maintained it's majesty for the thrity five years by discharging noble duties of a spiritual leader and a head of the diocese. He had then passed it most ceremoniously to his son and the seventh descendent heir of Shri Hari – H.H. Shri Koshalendraprasdji Maharaj on auspicious second day of the Navratra - the day on which it was received from his predecessor – the fifth Acharyashri. For Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharajshri, there is nothing dearer than image of Bhagwan. Throughout his life, he had preached by living a holy and active life. For him the limitless powers are noting more than the dast particles on the body, and by assigning the majestic seat to his son, he had taught to the mankind the best lesson. The saints, Mahants and Haribhaktas have seen by their own eyes the unique practice of Anasakti Yoga (detachement). The souls who are not able to leave a smallest and meager thing, were stunned by this great relinquishment. The Satsang was witness to this great event. They saw it with their own eyes. All the devotees must know that by handing over the responsibility of preceptorship to his successor, H.H. Acharya Maharajshri has not shifted his responoibilities - duties. It improper to say that he is retired. This is his super human act. He has passed his inherent divinity to his son the seventh Acharya. He has acted as a pure soul, He, known earlier as the another form of Shri Hari, dwells now with us as Shriji Maharaj.

Pleasure and pains are the two sides of a coin. People realized this truth when they witnessed this divine event. Lakhs of devotees wept on that day but those tears were not equal to the drops of perspiration and labour that Acharya Maharajshri had executed to grow and develop the garden of this Satsang. The poets and writers could not determine whether the moments were of happiness or sorrow? The devotees and aspirants were pained at their heart, when H.H. Acharya Maharajshri took off the pagh (holy turban) from his head, but forgot the pain and cried in divine

pleasure, when Maharajshri• placed it ceremoniously and with love, on the head of his worthy son – H.H. Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj. The devotees were swept in the oceanic waves of eternal pleasure – divine pleasure. H.H. Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharjashri was received warmly amidst Jai-Jaikar by the devotees, saints and honoured guests. Shri Tejenraprasadji Maharajshri was much more happy in taking off his turban of preceptorship, then putting it on his head for the last thirty five years, because he always dwelt and acted as a pure consciousness, and greater was the happiness of the devotees, as this conventional turban and the preceptorship was passing on generation after generation to a more intelligent, more enlightened and visionary descendant heir of Shri Hari. To be a disciple of such an enlightened soul is nothing less than the rise of the past virtious deeds of a devout soul. In eyes of the world this is sort of retirement, but spiritually he is not retired from meditational worship of Lord Shri Hari. It can not be so. Through out his spiritual preceptorship of thirty five years, the meditation only was his sole activity. He had never forgotten the words of S.G. Nishkulanand Swami: "મેંહું આદિ-અનાદિ, આ તો સર્વ ઉપાધી." The thousand years of a scholarship, are not enough to study divine life style of His Holiness.

The glory, greatness and majesty of this Pagh are unique and unparalleled. Lord Swaminarayan Bhagwan himself had tied it on the head of Dharmvanshi Acharya, by handing over to him the sole powers of ultimate benediction of the souls – the weight of divine duties and responsibilities. It's weight is quite heavier than the the spiritual and worldly weight of all the Satsangis. It's width and breadth equals the regions where Shriji's unpolluted Satsang dwells. It's red colour and silken border are symbol of the preceptorship (Guru-Pada) of all the Sadhus (ascetics) and Grihasthas (householders). H.H. Tejendraprasadji Maharaj himself had explained the greatness and majesty of the Pagh (turban of preceptorship) : `I too, salute humbly to the turban and put it then on my head.'

A 'Darshan' of this turban is enough for a devotee to get himself free from all the sins. It is apparent, a wearer of such divine turban, should be great in majesty and divinity. In ancient time, the emperores, kings and worriors failed to lift the divine bow to shoot an arrow at the Draupadi Swayamvara. None of them, except the one, was able to move the bow individually or collectively to shoot at an artificial fish.

Herein too, there was the one and only one who held on his head the turban of supreme spiritual duties – the youthful Acharya designate – H.H. Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharajshri. To be bedecked with such Pagh means to take on hand the sole responsibility of bendicting disciples – Satsangis. The holy Pagh is given by Lord Shri Hari, therefore the Dharmvanshis only holds the right and capacity to put this Pagh on the head, and by words of Shri Hari, they benedict the souls.

The souls shall be happy and at peace, if learnt a lesson from divine life of H.H. Maharajshri and his absolute detachment reflacted in his act of foresaking divine powers bestowed to him as a spiritual preceptor. On this auspicious day, he came to the abode of Lord Narnarayandev with divine turban on his head, and left the temple bare headed without his turban, but was equally happy in both the circumastances. This is the hight of resignation. By his model act, he had sat an ideal for those who are in habit of donating a non-milching cow to earn the punyas of a donation. Contemporary world fights among themselves for the small time powers and positions, but here there was competion between two to be first in giving away! Their greed free selflessness touched the hearts of entire Satsnag.

Lord Shri Hari says, "The one who has not wealth and power, is the happiest one on the earth." (Vachanamrit G.M.-21) H.H. Acharya Maharajshri, being a son of Shri Hari, has acted upon this blessed sermon of Shri Hari, and the worthy son of His holiness H.H. Lalji Maharajshri has won the hearts of his millions of youthful Satsnagis by conducting world-wide

Satsang without a turban on his head. Great poet Kalapi has said "સુંદરતા પામતા પહેલાં સુંદર બનવું પડે." Be beautiful to receive beauty and charms. To receive devotional services and to Qualify himself for such services and Satsang H.H. Acharya Maharajshri, has served the global Sastsang day and night as the Lalji Maharaj of this diocese.

As was ordered by Lord Swaminarayan Bhagwan, H.H. Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharajshri conveyed his sovereign will to anoint seventh heir of Shri Hari as the Acharya of this diocese. This singular resolute changed the eqution of the relationship between them : The preceptor – discliple relationship became brighter than the relationship as the father and son ! H.H. Acharya Maharajshri did Aarti of Lord Narnarayandev in presence of the Acharyas, Mahants, saints, devotees, statesman and religious leaders belonging to both the deshas, amidst the sacred chants of vedic hymns and holy scriptures. Then he helped Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj with ceremonious rituals, to ascend the highest seat of spiritual preceptorship. Scholar Brahmin priests sang the holy hymns of the Vedas and the scriptures. The entire court of Lord Narnarayandev, it's splendid corridors, and spacious court yard of the temple was fully occupied by the devotees arrived from India and abroad. The environment was highly charged with devotional fervour and eternal bliss. The devotees felt the presence of God and deities in the space above the shrine. The ceremonies and rituals were performed and concluded most religiously at the Sabha Mandapam in the presence of Lord Narnarayandev. H.H. Acharya Maharajshri rose from his seat ..... and the divine luminosity spread on the lotus like face of Lalji Maharajshri on such manifestation of Shri Hari. H.H. Acharya Maharajshri took gracefully the Pagh from his head and placed it with faith and trust, on the head of the seventh Acharya of the diocese. He helped then new Acharya to receive Uttariyam from him. The Pagh and Uttariyam are the sacred symbols of preceptorship. He then presented Aarti to the seventh Acharya of the Dharmvansha. Tears of eternal pleasure rolled from the eyes of Lalji Maharajshri on realizing Shri Hari at his heart. He did soulful Darshan of Shri Hari. Then he came back to his elemental plane and did darshan of his dearest father and the Satsang. His Guru and Acharya, H.H. Acharya Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharajshri comforted him with the due counsel and solace. Divine light of the preceptorship kindled brightly within him. This cosmic light sparkled the hearts of the devotees. The Jai Jaikar and majesty of His holiness spread in the world. The youthful Acharya who had earned the pleasure of the most capable preceptor – was blessed profusely by the senior saints and Mahants. All were soaked with devotional love and eternal bliss of Lord Narnarayandev and Lord Harikrishna Maharaj.

H.H. Acharya Maharajshri has kindled the torch of benevolence at his senior age by gifting his only son to this Satsang. Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj is an idol of love and affection and he disliked to grace the seat of preceptorship in presence of his father. No son likes to be saluted by his father. But wisdom, generosity, resignation and detachment have changed here the course of the time. Till yesterday, Koshalendraprasadji had not graced a seat without a salute to his father – Acharya Maharajshri. But today, this worthy son receives Aarti from H.H. Acharya Maharajshri and graces the supreme seat of Acharya. Both are ready to be disciple of each other ! There is stiff competition, not for a precetorship but for a disciplehood ! Such spiritual wisdom is very rare to be seen. There are many who make others to wear a cap, turn a cap, give a turban or toss off a turban. But only H.H. Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Tejenraprasadji is the one who bedecked his son with the divine turban of his own, and transformed him into cosmic divinity and luminosity of ultimate knowledge. In ancient time, the sacrifice of five youths was demanded by Guru Govindsinh for strengthening Sikh religion. Following that great spritual path, youthful Acharya Koshalendraprasadji Maharajshri has submitted his head at the lotus feet of Acharya, for Shri Narnarayandev desh diocese.

As per traditions and conventions of this ancient sect, respected Gadiwalashri helped Shri Vahuji Maharaj to grace the seat of Gadiwalashri as a Guru of all female Satsnagis. These rituals at the Haveli temple progressed paralled to anointment of the Seventh Dharmvanshi Acharya. Respected Gadiwalshri initiated Mantra Deeksha to her and invoked in her the divine powers of initiating female devotees in this Sampradaya. Respected Shri Vahuji Maharaj held the preceptorship of the female devotees, designated as Respected Shri Gadiwalashri. Tears of blissful happiness rolled from the eyes of grand mother on witnessing this majestic event. Respected Shri Vahuji Maharajshri is most fortunate to receive most favoured blessings from Respected Matushri (grand mother) and Respected Gadiwalashri. She took on her head the responsibility of all female Satsangis and Samkhya Yogis of this diocese.

H.H. Acharya Maharajshri has acted like a ladder leading to Akshrdhaam. Now one more comfortable step is added to it to climb easily the ladder of Akshardham. H.H. Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj is a most comfortable step on this ladder. We all have taken collectively the care of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri during his tenure of thirty five years, but Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharajshri has taken good care of every Satsangi of Shri Narnarayandev Desh Diocese. This is greatness of him. He is another form of Guru Dattatraya. He considered the houses of his devotees as a great shrine and graced each such place like gracing a shrine. Each his step had been a step of Lord Shriji Maharaj. Enlighten your self with realisation of this visible God, in the manner in which you had enlightened yourself with the majesty of God not dwelling among us.

S.G. Ramanand Swami gave preceptorship to Shri Nilkanth Varni and lived peacefully. The history repeats it self in the present occasion. Now all the Satasangis are requested humbly to take into consideration the age, time and circumstances of seniormost Acharya Maharajshri and entrust lesser amont of inconvenience to him. Practice special vrattas and Niyamas for health and longevity of Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharaj.

તે જે તેજ છે (ગ.મ.૧૩) તે જ આ તેજ છે.

Te je Tej Chhe (G.M. 13) Tej ja Aa Tej Chhe.

(The light (Tej) that exists, is this very light (Tej) )

The scritprue of Vachanamrit is a holy collection of the words of Shri Hari. it is a coconut made of Sugar. There is nothing rejectable. Shri Hari's teachings are cent percent perfect, nothing more nothing less. The Tej (light) described in it, is divine light of Shri Hari.

'Pure light fills my heart, and in that light exists the idols of Bhagwan. The idol too is most luminous. That idol is Ghanshyam (dark like rainy cloud) but it does not look dark due to it's abundant luminosity... and the idol it self existing in that light (Tej) is this Maharaj. Know this well."

Whereever he signs, H.H. Acharya Maharajshri puts his signature as 'Tej'. He himself is son of Bhagwan. He is another form of Shriji Maharaj. He holds constantly at his heart the divine image of Lord Shri Hari. Since his childhood and since the day he learnt reading, H.H. Acharya Maharajshri has not spent a day in his sixty years of life, without reading the Vachanamrit at the night. He knows every depth, each riddle and all mysteries of Vachanamrit, and this is why, he lived every moment of his life within the limits drawn by Shriji Maharaj. The disciples and well wishers are aware of his "teaching by practicing it." His signature 'Tej', written hundreds of time by his blessed hand, tinkles the soul and heart of his devotees to enlighten their inner most. It gives vision to their wisdom. It removes their worldly obstacles. It relieves the soul from the slumber of ignorance. It revives holy stream of devotional love lost somewhere in the heart. The word 'Tej' has become in such circumustances the symbol of Shri Hari's divine luminosity. His holiness speaks very less, but speaks in profoundity. His resolutes are perceptible. His blessings are like a new lease of life. His speech is truth and reality. We should know him and his divine life. Jai Swaminarayan.

# THE RAYS OF LIGHT

- Chandrakant M. Pathak

'But isn't he retired all of a sudden ? He has surprised every one !'

'Yes ..... nobody knew about it. We knew about the developments when read about it in public news.'

It wuld have been good for we Satsangis if he continued with the preceptorship for the four or five years more. Maharajshri is like God. Each his foot print is a shrine. Pains or grief vanish and his blissful darshan. His pleasure is our benediction.

I don't believe till now, that he has anointed his son Koshalendraprasadji as the Acharya of this diocese. The thoughts of the sudden change chases me at midnight. He was aged about twenty five years when graced the supreme seat of Acharya. He is a great personality since then. His Darshan was equally blissful even in those days. Memories of final departure of Shri devendraprasadji were like a fresh wound in those days, but Darshan of the sixth Acharya were a solace to the grieving souls. This is what we had experienced. We have seen him touring in Satsang since last thirty five years. He had never looked back in services of this sect. As was said by Shriji Maharaj about S.G. Muktanand Muni, His faith and trust were ever-fresh in regard to majesty of supreme Lord. He never receded in faith and trust. Our Tejendraprasadji Maharajshri has shown greater enthusiasm and hard work in upliftment of entire Satsang. Only a God – like man can hold a seat of God. Our Maharajshri took good care of this



sampradaya for years togather and that too with grand success, and absolute dedication and now at his free will, resigned spontaneously within no time. He is a delusion free soul.

It is true. Lord Swaminarayan Bhagwan has attached divine majesty to his divine seat of Acharya His divine powers are attached to it. Lord Shri Hari invokes these divine powers in a preceptor designate. when he is anointed as the Acharya. God resides at the heart of small and big people, but the level of divine majesty depends on capacity of an individual. All six divine attributes inclusive of knowledge, power and majesty, manfest in the preceptor on his ceremonious appointment.

We discussed this point in our satsnagi group and discussed about sudden withdrawal of Shri Tejendraprasaji Maharajshri. Shri Ramjibhai, Shamjibhai, Ghansyambhai, Dhriajlal, Dinmani Upadhyay, Jagannath Trivedi, Hariksrishna Vyas, Chhagan Patel, Vishwanath, Dahyalal and Ganesh Bhagat are in our Satsngi group Each one from them contributes his experiences and opnion about Maharajshri.

As and when we inquire with Shri Ghanshaybhai, he always finds out some simiralities between Shriji Maharaj and Tejendraprasadji Maharaj. He says that whatever was heard about Shriji Maharaj, we have seen it in life-style of Shri Tejendraprasaji Maharajshri. There was unsurpassable attraction in Shriji Maharaj. Sort of personal magnetism and divine power. Not only his Satsanig followers, but other outsiders too were drawn to his irresistible attraction. They were saluting to him under that divine force. By a simple darshan of Shri Hari, Bhumanand Muni realized God in his image. Purnanand

Swami realized God in him when he saw him walking. One saint when he saw him walking. One saint realized God in typical gesture of Shriji Maharaj. The Navab of Junagadh realized Khuda (God) in him when he saw Shri Hari eating cucumber in public while riding his mare. In present days we witness similar personality and attraction in Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharajshri - another form of Shriji Maharaj. Do you know ? What Dongareji Mahaaj has said to him ? During the celebrations of Dwi Shatabdi Mahotsava, Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharajshri asked Dongareji Maharaj to sit on the pat. Dongareji Maharaj said, 'I am seeing God in you, therefore, I will sit on a lower seat. I have not seen Shriji Maharaj, but as I understand, Shri Hari must be like you when he dwelt on the earth.'

It is true. People have trust and faith in him. People in villages spread themselves on the earth in front of him when he had bene to any village. Many devotees pay respect to him by the Dandvat Salutes. Our great poet Dalpatram Says :

બળથી ધનથી બની શકે, તેહ કરે નૃપ કોય.
લે ખેંચી મન લાખના, એ તો ઈશ્વર હોય.

(A king executes his orders by his strength of wealth and power. But one is God if he draws the minds of millions.)

Our Ramjibhai conveys the words of Spritual wisdom. He says that Maharajshri has digested the shloka of कर्मण्ये वाधिकारस्ते preached in the scripture of Geeta. He always thinks and ponders about the ways and means for upliftment of the Satsang. He always cares for welfare of his Satsnaigs. He always aims at pleasing his great father – Shriji Maharaj. In his Ramcharit Manas, saint Tulsidasji has not narrated any sermon of Lord Shri Rama. Lord Shri Rama has not delivered any sermon. He was Maryada Purushottam. The duty was the cardinal virtue of his life. He believed that the duty is greater than the sentiments. Our Tejendraprasdji Mahrajshri presents the same thing – a model life – by practicing it. My duty is my life and my life is my teaching. Every thing practical, no seminars on theories.

Dhirajlal desired to say something. He said, 'Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharajshri dwells in the hearts of all his Satsnagis. He is our Guru. He is light and luminosity of Lord Shriji Maharaj.

'We have seen the devotees honouring and saluting their Guru. It is not a matter of surprise. But it should be a matter of great astonishment if supreme preceptor of the sect shows selfless love and protective amnesty to all his followers. Maharajshri is most compassionate to all his devotees. Rich and poors, all are equally dear to him. In eyes of his devotees, he reads the heart and mind of them. I am narrating here an incident. One of our relatives was residing at Halvad. Maharajshri graced this small town. Local devotees drew a list of the houses to be graced by H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. Time was very less and list was very long ! Our relative too knew about the arrival of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri, but he knew it very late. He went hurridly to the temple to contact local organizers. He requested them to include his name, but organizers disagreed to his pleas and rejected him outrightly. There was no room for any change. Disheartened devotee came back to his home. Now is the most interesting part of this true story. He received inspiration at night and thought that the Maharajshri and the retinue will pass through this street and near to my house to grace the dwellings located at the far end of the street. Therefore I should get my house ready for the blessings of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. Whether he graces or not, will depend solely to the pleasure of Shriji Maharaj.

He stood at the gate of his house at the time when H.H. Acharya Maharajshri and the retinue of His holiness graced the street. He saluted to H.H. Acharya Maharajshri, when they came nearer to his house. Maharajshri looked at his face and read inner most feellings of him. Maharajshri smiled happily at him. The devotee than saluted again and by pointing at the house he submitted humbly to grace his dwelling. Maharajshri graced the house of him, despite an unsolicited intervention from the organizers. The tears of fulfillment rolled from the eyes of the devotee when he received H.H. Achaya Maharajshri. He presented Aarti and cash gift to H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. Do you know, what Maharajshri said to him ? "You are a holy Brahmin. I will not take any gift from you."

Maharajshri respects the Brahmins community of Halvad. Shriji Maharaj too, was very kind to the Brahmins of Halvad. Shriji Maharaj was inviting them at the Samaiyas, holy-fires and at the



installation ceremonies of the diols of God. He was distributing cash gifts and sumptuous meals to those Brahmins. Our Tejendraprasadji Maharajshri had offered meals to the eighty four castes of Brahmins on Aksahrvaas of (late) Devendraprasadji Maharajshri.

He is always at an ease. He never angered to any body. He never disliked any one. Anger or avarice never touched his soul or heart. He is always affectionate to all his Satsangis and saints. Like his great father Shriji Maharaj, he takes good care of his devotees. Shriji Maharaj at Gadhada Dhaam, went at midgnitht to Botad when he knew about prolonged ailment of his devotee Shri Bhaga Doshi. There was heavy rain storm. He was drenched head to toe in heavy pour. Rain water was clogged heavily in court yard, but he halted themare amidst stormy water, went to the house of Bhaga Doshi and blessed him the pleasure of his blissful Darshan. Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharajshri cares similarly for his saints and devotees. He has imbibed virtues of Lord Shriji Maharaj. Some five years back, he knew about prolonged ailment of an elderly saint of Bhuj Dhaam. He rushed quickly to Bhuj, went to the temple and placed his blissful hand on his head to comfort that ailing saint. He honoured the saint by offering water by his blessed hands. Referring to a teachning of his late father Shri Devendraprasadji Mahaaj, Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharaj has said, 'My father has told me to honour and respect every saint – even the youngest one by an honourable address. He had asked me not to address them in second person singular. Maintain good will and respect for everybody. Maintain decorum and majesty of the preceptorship founded in our lineage by Lord Shriji Maharaj himself. Don't be proud are egoist.'

These wise words of enlightement indicate the spiritual wisdom of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri Tejendraprasadji Maharajshri, who practised absolutely in his life the teachings of his father.

'Jagannathbhai ! What do you want to say about our Maharajshri ?' said some one from us.

'Such great souls come to the earth to benedict infinite number of souls. Shri Acharya Maharajshri was active in this satsang at on young age of nine years. He received inspiration from his father - Shri Devendraprasadji Maharaj - and learnt the lessions in responsibilities of a preceptor. At a tender age of fourteen years, he had graced the continent of Africa with the due blessings of his father and his religious tours began with trans continental tour of Africa. That was year 1957, when H.H. Lalji Maharaj 108 Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharajshri graced the continent of Africa as the first offical head of the Satsang of the both the diocese.

'In V.S. 2025, he was anointed as Acharya of Shri Narnarayandev Diocese and in year 2026 (V.S.) he celebrated in his presence the grand centennial Patotsava of Shri Mansa temple. He lived at Mansa for three consecutive days to meet and bless his millions of devotees. Many such majestic celebrations, inclusive of fertivals, grand celebrations, religious tours, religious walks, installation and invocation ceremonies, new temple, seminars and camps have been organized in this span of thirty five years.

Ramjibhai recalled an inicident of past and said, 'Some foreign government had gifted to the sect a large piece of land. Is it in Africa or else where ?'

'Yes, It is true. The Government of Africa had gifted the five acre land near the light house of Mombasa. In year 1987 it was costing more than rupees three crore. This is majesty and divinity of Lord Narnarayndev and blessings of H.H. Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharajshri.

'The mercy, compassion and eternal bliss which was realized by Premanand Swami in the divine form of Shri Hari when he served at his lotus feet, the same divine attributes we witness these days in divine personality of Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharajshri.

The society is in need of religion – ethical duties, and the religion needs society. Society is very weak without support of religion, and relgion is exploited without co-operation of society. Knowledge and education are a must for the upliftment of society and reinforcement of religion. Our Acharya Maharajshri is the first spiritual leader who has spread ethical doctrines of this sect and Satsang in far flung countries and continents of the worlds. He has established primary schools, high schools, vocational institutes, Gurukulams, collages and hostels to put in practice the preachings of Shikshapatri (Shloka : 132). Besides spiritual and intellectrual development of growing generations, he has taken enough care of physical development of mankind and society by conducting anti-addiction camps, blood donation camps, health and medical camps clinics, Gaushalas, fodder distribution centers, Annakshetra and tree plantation movement.

His support system is readily available for resque work in calamities like floods, draught, storms and earthquake. They have reconstructed villagee, colonies and public buildings and have provided ancillary services for disaster affected people. Shri Narnarayandev desh diocese, temples and the devotes participate open heartedly in such services. We salute humbly to Shri Acharya Maharajshri.

Our fellow satsangi Shri Harikrishna Vyas, interests more in Katha-Varta and scriptures. He spares enough of time to attend Katha-Varta sessions. He has knowldge of the scriptures of the Sampradaya. He desired to say something in refrence to the satule to our Guru- Salute to Acharya Maharajshri. He desired to tell something about glory and majesty of a Guru.

Brahmin holds highest position. They are called "Jagadguru. The status of the world depends on the status of the Brahmins. Arjuna, Yudhishthira and others were disciples of a Brahmin–Guru. Brahmins have taught to Rama, Krishna, Lava, Kusha and other great kings. Our Acharya Maharajshri is much more to us than a jagadguru, as we have received Mantra Deeksha from him. He is our Dharmguru. He is our Deeksha Guru. Majesty of a Guru is narrated in the Atri Smriti Written by Rishi Atri :

**एकमेवाक्षरं यस्तु गुरुः शिष्य प्रबोधयेत् ।**
**पृथिव्यायां नास्ति तद् द्रव्यं यद् दत्वा**
**श्रानृणा भवेत ॥**

No wealth on the earth has capacity to repay the debt of a Guru who has taught an alphabet to his disciple. We should salute humbly to our Guru-Dahrmguru. We hold no capacity to adjudge his majesty and greatness. Like his late father, H.H. Acharya Maharajshri too is a worshipper of humanity. There is one story in our ancient scriptures, indrajeet was assassinated in the

war of Lanka. His wife princess Sulochana desired to sacrifice hearself on pyre of her deceased husband. She prayed to Ravana, 'Please get the head of my husband. I desire to be a Sati.' 'It is at the battle field controlled by the army of Rama. You may go personally to collect the head.' Said Ravana. 'How can I visit a battle field controlled by our enemy ?' What Ravana says in reply to her, shows faith and trust of Ravana in humanity of Lord Rama. Ravana said, 'Ram is like an ocean of humanity. He will respect you like his own Sister. You go there and test it for yourself.' Sulochana received due honour as was imagined by Ravana in his opinion about Shri Rama. Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharaj has no enemy, but the humanity in him is universally admirable even by the opponents of him.

Shri Dinmani Upadhyaya was listening to our diologues without any participation from his side. Now he said :

'I want to say some thing about Shri Tejenraprasadji Maharajshri.

We desired to listen to his presentiation.

'At times, Maharajshri has concealed the truth.'

'What ?' we were shocked by his rude statement. 'What did you say ?'

Yes, yes. At times he has suppressed the truth.

'Are you in sense ? What it means ?

Jagannath Trivedi barked in angar.

'Yes. I am conscious about it. Are you listening it consciously ?'

'Listen Don't speak lousily about our Acharya Maharajshri. We can't tolerate it. Show us the proofs to support your statement.'

'These are casual happenings. A record of proofs can not be maintained for that.' Dinmani said most seriously.

'Vishwanath ! Dinmani has lost his sense. Help him to act wisely.' We asked Vishwananth to help us. He was the only person to debate effectively against Dinmani Upadhyaya.

'Why are you so upset ? Whatever he said is true.'

'You too are sharing the same view ?'

'A truth can not be challenged. It should be received gracefully. Dinmani ! Explain it with examples. They can not digest a condensed statument.'

'I am explaining it with the examples from Shri Devendraprasadji Maharaj and H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. Hope, it will help you to grasp the truth.'

A weaving factory was installed at the Newcotton Mill, by a Satsangi of this Sampradaya. He invited H.H. Acharya Shri Devendraprasadji Maharaj to grace his weaving factory. Shri Devendraprasdji Maharajshri consented to his invitation and graced new cotton Mill with Lalji Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharaj at an appointed date and time. The factory office at the first floor was to be graced by climbing a ladder. Acharya Maharajshri studied the situation and said 'Look, I have a painful boil on my leg. I am not able to walk and climb the ladder. Better, you take Lalji Maharaj to the floor of the building.'

'Bapji ! You have put yourself to great inconvenience to favour me. I am realy very sorry. You must refuse such inconvenient invitations. Please bear with us.' Now listen to the reply extended by Acharyshri. 'I don't like to make my devotees unhappy. It pain me if i did so. This is the reason to say yes to you.' This shows their love for the devotees.

The father has raised his worthy son with soulful nectar of inspiration. The son too has received the inspiration most generously at this heart. His enlightening words supports his actions. On his Sliver-Gold Jubilee celebrations, H.H. Acharya Maharajshri has said, 'We witness divinity in all our Satsangis. Our great grand father Lord Shri Hari was used to say that he performed japa on rosary for his devotees. Thus the devotees are our life.

Once in his religious tour, he graced village Rampara of Muli region. About seven hundred houses were to be graced in a day in that village, and on the next morning there was a pre-arranged programme at Limli. Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharajshri was not physically well on that day. Though reeling under high temperature of the fever, he heed the facts and graced each dwelling. Thereafter, he graced village Limli without any rest.

Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharajshri has showered his compession and selfless loveand the saints and the Satsangis of him have received it as per their personal capacity.

# The Sixth Descendant hair of Shri Hari H.H. Acharya Maharajshri graces the land of Canada and Tornoto

The sixth descendant and the Hari of Lord Shri Hari – H.H. Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharajshri has graced for the five days the auspicious land of Canada, to bless his devout Satsangis at Toronto. H.H. Acharya Maharajshri and Respected Gadiwalashri graced this land on auspicious 13th day of September 2004 with a retinue of saints and devotees. This was the first religious tour of His holines in this country.

H.H. Lalji 108 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharajshri has graced earlier this country frequently for the two years and the restreng thened Satsang is developed very well in this region.

A grand reception was organized on 19-9-2004 at the magnificent temple of Sanatan Dharm to welcome and felicetate H.H. Acharya Maharjashri on his first visit to this country. The Dhoon-Kirtan and devotional music was presented to earn the pleasure of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. H.H. Acharya Maharajshri favoured the satsang and blessed his devotees.

The culture and life in Canada are not as fast and busy as we see in U.S.A. The Satsangis here are not very old residents of Canada, but they are firm and faithful followers of this Sampradaya. H.H. Acharya Maharajshri and Respected Gadiwalashri were pleased by their faith and dedication.

The programmes of gracing the houses nad establishments continued non stop right from early morning till late night. H.H. Acharya Maharajshri never looked back in favour of his Satsnagis. His holiness graced and blessed every house and each of the families. The devout hosts too were impressed by the majesty and divinity of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. There were many who received Kanthi-Mantra most religiously as devout Satsangi. Male aspirants were initiated by H.H. Acharya Maharajshri and female aspirants were initiated by Respected Gadiwalashri.

'Soarboro' area of this place looks like a township of the Satsangis. Hundreds of Satsangis are residing in this area. H.H. Acharya Maharajshri fulfilled their wishes by gracing every house.

It is very difficult to live in a foreign country by leaving family and relatives in home land. Lord Swaminarayan Bhagwan and devotion of him strengthens their soul and mind. Lord Narnarayandev sustains their life and living. They all were very happy by the religious tour of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri.

H.H. Acharya Maharajshri and Satsang of Toronto have made a firm resolute to build here Swaminarayan Mandir. They have determined to construct it at the earliest. The seniors among overseas Satsang – Shri Rameshbhai Patel, Shri Dashrathbhai, Shri Shashikantbhai, Shri Dineshbhai and Shri Vipulbuai – have tried at their best in success of this religious tour.

S.G. Purnaprakash Swami and S.G. Harikrishnadas Swami were present with other saints in retinue of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. Devotee Shri Sandipbhai Soni has earned the pleasure of Shri Hari by his extensive secretarial services to His Holiness. The devotees from New Jersey and Detroit were present in this religious Tour.

The devotees were pained at theart when the time of separation came nearer and bid fare well to H.H. Acharya Maharajshri on his return journey to India. This compect religious tour has strengthened the Satsang in Canada and Toronto to attain higher hights in spiritual domain.

(Atul Bhanuprasad Pothiwala)

# WELCOME BLESSINGS

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Former Acharya Maharaj H.H. Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharaj has led this satsang for a long period of thirty five eyars and by his painstaking efforts and dedicated services he has brought this Satsang at the pinnacle of majesty. By his free and sovereign will he had relinquished the supreme seat of Acharya and has anointed his worthy son – H.H. Lalji Maharaj 108 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharajshri as the Seventh Dahrmvanshi Acharya of this diocese with the due consent of Lord Shri Hari.

Following are the blessings, welcome and sermons delivered by noble souls on auspicious occasion of anointment seremonies dated 15-10-04 :

Hearty and profound felicitations was presented were showered in abundance when a rousing prayer by H.H. Lalji Maharajshri.

'અધમ ઉદ્ધારણ અવિનાશી તારા,
બિરુદની બલિહારી રે.....'

**- H.H. Lalji Maharaj 1008 Shri Vrajendraprasadji Maharajshri, Shri Narnarayandev Diocese Ahmedabad.**

'Lord Shriji Maharaj has said in his Vachanamrits that expansion of Satsang is within his reach. We all are humble servents of Lord



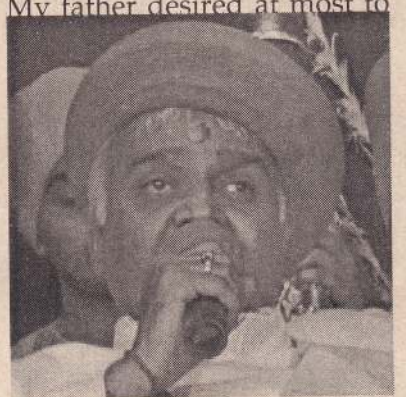
Shriji Maharaj. The satsang has expanded very well in India and abroad and will continue to grow further in days to come. Nand Sants have built the temples in ancient time and contemporarily the saints of our time are busy in construction of the temples in the remotest areas. Since ancient time Haribhaktas have contributed equally in this creative service. Lord Swaminarayan Bhagwan has founded the eternal seat of the Acharya to favour the Satsang by spiritual guidance from the lineage Shri Dharmdev. Among the Acharyas, H.H. Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharaj is unique and unparallaled. He has put in strainous efforts in India and abroad for glory and majesty of Satsang. We all are witness to this splendid achievement. His holiness resigned and withdrew his worthy self from the supreme seat, when he was at the highest hight of majesty and glory ! This is most appealing. His spritual wisdom, education and enlightenment are reflected in the attributes of H.H. Lalji Maharajshri. Shri Narnarayandev Desh diocese is most fortunate to receive such enthusiastic, youthful and enlightened Acharya Maharajshri. Since years togater he is in service of this Satsang, as Lalji Maharaj of this diocese. May Lord Narnarayndev, Lord Lakshiminarayandev Hari Krishna Maharaj bless him spotless fame and empower him to execute good services in this Satsnag. Year before, when I visited this place, it was resolved that I should come to this abode of Lord Narnaraydnev to do patotsava of Lord

Narnarayandev and Acharyashri of this diocese should come to Vartal to do Patotsava of Lord Lakshminarayandev. Thus the Acharyas of both the diocsese were to meet twice every year. But due to devotional love of the devotees and at the supreme will of Lord Shriji Maharaj, we both the Acharyas met five times during this short period. May Lord Shri Hari shower his pleasure to all his devotees. The family God of our lineage – Lord Kashtabhanjandev - may shower his eternal pleasure to the anointed Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharajshri, and protect him from ailments, worries and adversaries. Supreme Lord Sahajanand Swami, S.G. Goapalanand Swami to whom Maharaj has entrusted the responsibilities of both the first Acharya of this Sampradaya, S.G. Muktanand Swami who had been like a mother to this satsang and all the Nand Sants may inspire the new Ayarya in his satsang activities.

On this auspicious occasion, I am to request H.H. Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharajshri to grace the forthcoming annual Patotsava of Lord Lakshiminarayan dev dwelling at Vartal.

**- H.H. Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Rakeshprasadji Maharajshri Shri Laksminarayandev Desh Diocese.**

`The auspicious occasion and auspicious moment for which I have awaited for years, have materialized now. This is my finest hour. I don't know what should be said and what not ! There is only one order of my father, which I have not obeyed in my life. My father desired at most to



anoint me as Acharya of this diocese in his presence. In those days I was in twenties – in youth of my age. My father said : 'These days, I will make you to grace this highest seat happily with a smile, but if not obeyed now to my decisive order, you will have to receive it later amidst the tears and sorrow.' Those wise of him proved true to me, but to avoid such embarrassment, have made this decision. The second day of the birght half of Ashwin the auspicious day which was fixed by Shriji Maharaj for my anointment , has been fixed for the anointment of the Seventh Dharmvanshi Acharya of this diocese.

The preceptor is not an individual but a supreme authority installed by Lord Shri Hari. it's greatness and majesty are beyond our reasoning. Respected Vaisnavacharya was present at the time my anointment. He was used to address me in second person singular as and when we two were in seclusion. He tendered me a piece of advise. 'Come here. I will disclose to you a secret, if you wish to be a successful Acharya. Your unbroken faith and trust in God will add in your brightness and luminosity.' I have treated those words of wisdom as a secret hymn initiated by a Guru.

'I trust absolutely the saints sitting at the right hand side of me and similar trust I have in the Satsangis sitting at the left hand side. I hold full trust with faith in Lord Narnarayandev dwelling at his abode in front of me. I am advising the same to H.H. Lalji Maharajshri. Act with absolute faith, trust and confidence. The saints and devotees are requested to bless him.

I have never said any thing harsh or bitter to anybody in this long period of thirty five years, and if per chance was said it was with an intention to avoid harm to this institution of God. Please forgive and forget it. The devotees and saints are present here in a large number. Many of them have come from abroad, despite a short notice of one or two days. I convey my hearty blessings to all of you.

The devotional love and faith that you have in me during this long period of thirty five years, with similar love and faith co-operate exclusively to H.H. Lalji Maharajshri.

I will devote now exclusively to materialize my resolute "The Museum of Prasadi itmes of Lord Swaminarayan Bhagwan. I will receive happily the Prasadi items submitted by the saints and devotees.

I am concluding my address with the special thanks to the devotees and the saints of this great sect, who have received me with great devotional love and absolute dedication. Thank you once again.'

**- H.H. Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharajshri, Shri Narnarayndev desh Diocese, Ahmedabad.**

'My aim and destination this moment is Lord Shri Narnrayandev dwellings in front of me and H.H. Maharajshri sitting here with us. I am most fortunate for the blessings of both of them. We are required to strengthen further the Upasana which was propounded by Shriji Maharaj. I have received this samskaras continuously right from my childhood. May Lord Shriji Maharaj bless me with the spiritual strength to



please Lord Narnarayndev and my Satsangis gracing this holy place in front of me. My life is for Lord Shriji Maharaj to favour the Satsang. I am not to compromise a bit where it matters to Lord Narnarayandev or Lord Swaminarayan Bhagwan. Small time leadership can be had by a little efforts of two-three years, but duties and responsibilities in present case are surpeme and divine. I pray to Maharaj and our Maharajshri to empower me to maintain glory and majesty of the spiritual leadership and bless me with the inner powers to execute my religious duties as the Acharya.

Future of the Sampradaya is very bright. Lord Shri Hari has given to us this Satsang tested and purified by him like a soverign gold. There is no room for any adulteration of copper or silver because there is no room for such compromise' in presence of Lord Shri Narnarayandev and Shri Swaminarayan Bhagwan.

- H.H. Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Koshalenraprasadji Maharajshri, Shri Narnarayndev desh Diocese, Ahmedabad.

A grand public – welcome was organized on date 23-10-04 at the Sardar Patel stadium to honour and felicitate H.H. Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharajshri. Following are the blessings and good wishes conveyed on this auspicious occasion :

'Jai Ghanshyam Maharaj. Maharaj and Sura Khachara went to a village. On way to the village they saw a counterfeit sat at the road side pretending as an ascetic in his lotus posture. His eyes and lips wer tightly shut in a meditative mood. Sura Khachar thought to amuse

Maharaj and himself. He whispered 'Maharaj !, I will make this pretender to speak,' and took then some soil in one hand and a few rupees in another. He went to the ascetic and said, 'Mahatma ! I wish to gift you some money. As you have no pocket to keep the money, please open your month and receive this money. Greedy ascetic opened his mouth to catch the cash, but Sura Khachar was smarter then him. Instead of putting cash, he poured soil in open mouth of the ascetic.

Ascetic screamed in anger and barked, 'All Sahajanandiyas are alike.

There are many around us who pretend to be a saint. Not only that, they at an opportune time push-in their own image in the personal pooja and the mandirs of those unfortunate devotees. Beware of such preachers.

**- H.H. Lalji Maharaj 108 Shri Vrajendraprasadji Maharajshri, Shri Narnarayndev desh Diocese, Ahmedabad.**

The words are too hollow to describe glory majesty and divinity of this occasion. These are to be experienced and received by the soul. It is a divine experience. We, when desire to appoint a person, we choose a person of our choice and liking. In like manner, Bhagwan Swaminarayan chooses and appoints a person of his choice and liking. Whoever sent to this supreme post by him, has been a person of his personal choice and liking.

I have not Paved a new tradition of any kind, by appointment of a successor as the Acharya of the diocese in presence of predestined Acharya of Shri Narnarayandev Desh Dioces.

Lord Shriji Maharja himself has founded this tradition and appointed two Acharya to his seat of the Acharya during his presence on the earth as the Acharya of the Sampradaya. We should realize glory and majesty of this supreme spiritual seat.

Suvasiniba saw the sixteen auspicious marks on the feet of Ghanshyam Maharaj, when she helped Bal Ghanshyam to have daily bath. She said, 'Ghansyam ! You will be a king of some kingdom.' 'If became a king, I will give that kingdom to you.' Said Bal Ghanshyam . That kingdom of relgion has been entrusted to us. There is no commercialization in this original sect. Wherever on the earth reside our follower satsangis there in those countries and continents they have created an ideal image by their noble and virtuous life founded on the teachings of Lord Shri Hari and Shikshapatri. I am constantly in move – country to country and continent to countinent – to maintain this high profile. As you know, contemporary Acharya Maharaj shall be on a religious tour of Kenya right after these celebrations. This sect has not only progressed spiritually, but has executed excellent social service for the allround progress and welfare of people. Social service or upliftment of mankind is the cardinal aim and objective of Shriji Maharaj. We have tried at our best to do service of the society through the medium of religion. Lord Shriji Maharaj had stopped the holy fires in adverse time of draughts and the grains and provisions saved on that account have been diverted to the draught ridden masses. As you know, our saints and Satsangis have executed on the spot services in time of calamities like floods, storms, earthquake, draught, Indo-China war and other such circumstances. They have visited villages and localities, towns and cities to help and assist the sufferers in cash and kind. They have extended moral and emotional support in such state of frustration. The

Sampradaya has constracted shools and public buildings for welfare of community and state. Shikshapatri aims at universal welfare of mankind. The Acharya who held the supreme spiritual seat of Shri Narnarayandev Desh Diocese, had respected heartily the saints, celibates and parshadas, they respect them now in these days and will continue to honour and respect them in time to come, because it is our inherent attribute and the specific order of Lord Shriji Maharaj. New Acharyas are appointed at supreme will of Lord Shriji Maharaj. The religious duties of an Achaya are two fold Acharya has to practise his ethical duties and at the same time he has to make others to practise their personal ethical duties. Moreover, there is tremendous growth and development in Satsang activities. As such. I am requesting you to pray to Lord Shriji Mahaaj and live a pure life in holy company of H.H. Acharya Maharasjshri. Hearty blessings.'

**- H.H. Acharya Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharajshri Precedent Acharya Maharaj.**

'I feel greatly honoured on being one among you all. I too may be called a Satsangi in this divine atmosphere of Satsang. There is temple of Shri Narnarayandev Desh Diocese at my native place. It is an ancient temple. Some fifty years back, the shops trading in butter oil (ghee) were not putting a sign board indicating "Pure-Ghee:, (Pure butter oil), but a simple sign board of "Ghee" (butter oil) was enough to indicate that pure butter oil was on sale. But these days it has become a necessity to pre-fix adjective "Pure: (Chokkhun) to deal in butter oil ! Maharajshri too has to prefix "axiomatic" as and when he refers to word 'Sampradaya."

'Gujarat is indebted to Swaminarayan Sampradaya. The devotion is the unique attribute of this Sampradaya with the service as the roots and foundation of the sect. Life of Lord Swaminarayan Bhagwan inspires us for the service of mankind. He lived among the common people and freed them from the sinister clutches of addiction, theft, violence etc. He took good care of their primary needs and served them well for their social welfare and spiritual upliftment.

Modernization is a continuous process in this Sampradaya. I may be weak in study of this Sampradaya, but as I have observed, the preceptors and saints of this Sampradaya never depended to miracles to promote this axiomatic relgion and its doctrines. They have never tried to impress others by such so called miracles.

Service and it's continuity are visible in this Sampradaya. I have seen the elderly saints of this Sampradaya working hard day and night to help the people in Kutch in adverse time of earthquake. The sampradaya and saints have put in practice the doctrine of Karma, preached by Bhagwad Gita, and since last two hundred years they are practicing this. It's history of two hundred twenty five years shows steady progress of this sect. It is too difficult these days to manage steadily an institution for a period of 20 or 30 years. Those who are in public-life know it very well. But here in the case of Shri Swaminarayan Sampradaya, there is majestic history of 225 years, heralding constant progress and expansion. In earlier days, foreigners were used to convey regards by 'Namastey', but these days, they convey the same by "Jai Swaminarayan."

Generally, devotees and followes are used to take good care of Bhagwan by their dedicated service, but here in this Sampradaya, the

devotees concern and services are not limited to God, besides God, they take equal care of fellow-Satsangis in time of their need. The Satsangis of this Sampradaya shall be present invariably at the house of a fellow Satsang needing service or support. They have developed a well knit system of personal care. They are thankful to Lord Swaminarayan Bhagwan for their personal progess. Gujarat is sure about the progress of this Sampradaya. The state has benefitted constantly by the services of this axiomatic sect- Shri Swaminarayan Sampradaya. Thanks for this opportunity to be a part of this historical celebration.

Jai Swaminarayan.'

**- Shri Narendrabhai Modi**
**Chief – Minsiter Gujarat State.**

'I am conveying my hearty thanks to all those who have come here from farflung places and abroad to convey hearty wishes. This is not a kind of turban by which one disciplines the masses. The turban, given with love by Maharaj helps us to do service of the Satsang. If we consider the miracles in light of our Sampradaya, the greatest ever miracle, shall be the one wielded by Maharaj by transforming the man in a real human being. The Sampradaya shows to them the path of holy and sublime life. The Sampradaya paves the path for the strayed souls. The seat of the Acharya has added much in my responsibilities, this turban carries love and the weight of entire Satsang.

This turban had added in my responsibilities. Devotional love and affection of entire satsang dwells here in this turban. My father has taught me right from my childhood the ways to live an ideal life. How and what to speak, where to bow and where not to , light darkness and the grey areas, he had taught and clarified every thing to enlighten me.

Lord Shriji Maharaj had blessed us with 212 Shlokas of his Shikshapatri. It is nectar of all the scriptures. Maharaj says, 'I am giving this nectar in the form of Shikshapatri. It will make you happy and fulfilled.

Today, Maharajshri has bedecked me with this turban. It is essence of his wholesome life. I am sure, devotional love and affection of great saints, devotees and smallest ever satsangi shall be with this turban – with me. Though, sat at the back of this dias, but in service and dedication they always work at the forefront. The glory, majesty and growth of the present satsang is a fruit of their dedication and submission. I convey my hearty blessings.

Each our breath, intend to serve at the lotus feet of Lord Swaminarayan Bhagwan. We are born to serve him. We are to work for him. I am indebted to the senior saints, leaders and satsangis for their selfless love, trust and faith. I am bound to carry on successfully the duties as spiritual head and head of the Sampradaya. I am suppose to please Lord Narnarayandev dwelling in front of me and my father accompaning him. Whole world will please to me if I receive the pleasure of these two. It is like faith of Ganpatiji. He did pradakshina of his parents-father and mother - and took them as his unverse - Brahmanand. I too believe in this and pray to Maharaj to bless me the strength and spirit to act in right spirit for overall welfare of mankind and for majesty of this great diocese."

- H.H. Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Koshalenraprasadji Maharajshri Shri Narnarayndev desh Diocese. Ahmedabad.

# THE SON OF SHRI HARI

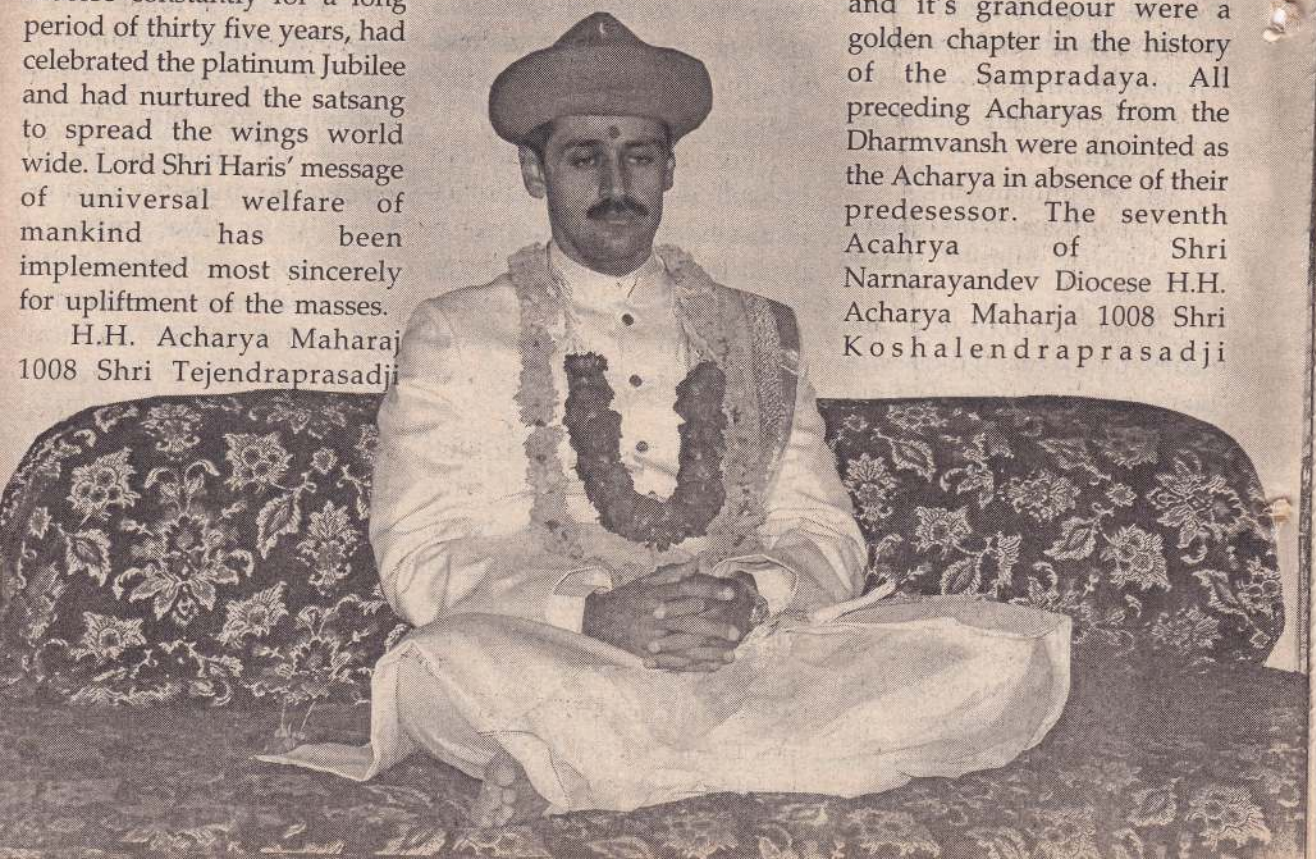
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"The eternal traditon of Dharmvanshi Acharya, which was founded by Shri Hari himself by installing his adopted son Ayodhyaprasadji Maharajshri – as the first Acharya of Shri Narnarayandev Desh Diocese, has been maintained most religiously by anointing the descendant-heir of Shri Hari as the Acharya of this diocese. H.H. Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharajshi has adorned this supreme spiritual chair of the diocese constantly for a long period of thirty five years, had celebrated the platinum Jubilee and had nurtured the satsang to spread the wings world wide. Lord Shri Haris' message of universal welfare of mankind has been implemented most sincerely for upliftment of the masses.

H.H. Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharaj is heart and soul of entire Satsang. By his sovereign will, he has now desired to anoint his son H.H. Lalji 108 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj as the seventh Dharmvanshi Acharya of Shri Narnarayandevdesh Diocese.

The auspicious rituals of anointing, shall be performed on auspicious second day of the bright half of Ashwin 2060 (i.e. on Friday dated 15-10-2004) in benign presence of Lord Narnarayandev–Harikrshina Maharaj dwelling at divine abode of Ahmedabad Dhaam. All our devotees, Satsangis and aspirants are invited to join this majestic celebration."

The invitation to this effect was issued on the behalf of Mahant Swami Shastri Nirgundasji (Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Kalupur, Ahmedabad) and entire Satsang, and was displayed at the temples merely forty eight hours in advance. The eternal tradition and it's grandeour were a golden chapter in the history of the Sampradaya. All preceding Acharyas from the Dharmvansh were anointed as the Acharya in absence of their predesessor. The seventh Acahrya of Shri Narnarayandev Diocese H.H. Acharya Maharja 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji



Maharajshri shall be the first Acharya who has been anointed as Acharya by his father H.H. Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharajshri.

This auspicious day was the second day of the festive nine days of "Sharadiya Navratra." This very day was the day when H.H. Tejendraprasadji Maharajshri was anointed as the sixth Acharya of Shri Narnarayandev Desh Diocese.

Though was the unique first occasion of it's kind, no formal invitation was sent to anybody. Time was very less to convey this auspicious invitation to the saints, Satsangis and aspirants, however, the satsang spread across the continents knew about it through informal mode of communication. The Satsangis in America, England, Australia, Africa and far flung countries knew about this auspicious events and rushed to the home-state to be an integral part of this history. The Sastsnagis and saints from India and abroad were present in the temple early in the morning of 15-10-04 to witness the grand rituals.

H.H. Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharajshri graced the Shrine of Lord Narnarayndev with this son H.H. Lalji 108 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharajshri and grand son Bal Lalji Shri Vrajendraprasadji Maharajshri at 6-30 a.m. sharp on auspicious fifteenth day of October-04. Three successive heirs of Lord Shri Hari stood together to present Saffron water Abhishekam to Lord Narnarayandev. They presented Abhishekam and Aarti to Lord Narnarayandev.

On other side, the saints and devotees from various places were rushing to the temple to get the place at the venue to do darshan of the traditional rituals of – Pagh Dharan Vidhi. The temple and Prasadi Sabha Mandapam were bedacked with conventional flags, flowers and auspicious leaves. Auspicious altar for anointment rituals was installed in benign presence of Lord Narnarayadev.

H.H. Lalji Maharaj 108 Shri Koshaldendraprasadji Maharajshri graced at 8-00 am the mandapam of Hari-Yaag and performed Shri Hari Yaag with due assistance from Vedic priest Shri Vachaspati Mishra and associate Brahmins. The temple buildings, corridors, court yeard, path-ways and Sabha Mandapam were occupied by the devotees and aspirants. There was no open place to stand. Despite such heavy rush and shortage of space, there was no disorder or mismanagement. The volunteers of Shri Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal were there to help the visitors and Satsangis. The devotees were ready to click the grand-views of the rituals in camaras of their eyes.

This divine assembly of the grand occasion was conducted personally by Mahant Swami Shastri Nirgundasji. He welcomed the visitors and Satsangis and said, 'The enthusiastic devotees who have come in hundreds and thousands, have got here lesser space to witness the events, but at Akshardhaam, they are sure to get the comforts in proximity of Lord Shri Hari !

H.H. Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharajshri of Shri Narnarayanev Desh Diocese and H.H. Acahrya Maharaj 1008 Shri Rakeshprasadji Maharajshri graced jointly the temple of Lord Narnarayandev to present Thaal Aarti to the Supreme Emperor of the greater India (Bharat Khanda). Blissful music of Thaal Aarti added in splender and divinity of this majestic event.

Golden chapter of the history of the diocese opened at 9-20 am when Acharyas of both the Deshas came to the Sabha Mandap with H.H. Lalji Maharaj and Respected Bal Lalji Maharajshri. The atmosphere was charged with devotional fervour and divinity of the occasion.

Mahant Swami Shastri Nirgundasji Swami led the proceedings of the assembly and said, 'Auspicious rituals are in progress since 6-30 a.m.



and its soulsful fragrance has charged the atmosphere with cosmic bliss and eternal holiness. The ocean like gathering of the saints and Satsangis indicates rise of Satkrmas of the past. Lord Shri Hari has blessed us with eternal tradition of preceptorship. There are many kind of conventions and traditions in the religions and sects on the earth. In similar way there are conventions and traditions in Hindu-relgion. The preceptorship – Acharya Parampara is one among those traditions. There are various Acharya Paramaparas and various rituals attached to each such Acharya Parampara. But the Acharya Paramapra and there are rituals established by Lord Swamianrayan Bhagwan, hold Paramount position and eternity.

H.H. Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharajshri is the Guru (spiritual preceptor) and Acharya of this diocese and Satsang the souls on the earth desire emancipation from the ties and the acts. The souls on the earth desire absolute freedom. There are ways and means for such attainment, but the ways and means propounded by Shri Swaminarayan Sampradaya are unique unparalleled and eternal.

H.H. Acharya Maharajshri Tejendraprasadji Maharajshri is the first Acharya attaining the age of sixty years. We have celebrated platinum Jubilee of this grand occasion. At this very place and on this very day he was anointed as the Acharya of this diocese. Today the preceptorship of him completes thrity five eyars. He had left no stone unturned in progress of the dioces and Satsang. There is no match to his compession, kindness, detachment and devotion. The Satsangis in India and abroad, when knew orally about this historical event they abandoned their preoccupation and like great tides they rushed here to Ahmedabad. H.H. Acharya Maharajshri lives with the singular aim of giving devotional pleasure to his Satsangis. That is his life time goal and cardinal aim. He never says no to anybody, he never thinks negative.

H.H. Acharya Maharajshri has made a firm resolute to benefit the Satsang, sect and diocese by investing his hard earned wealth of thirty two years. Anointment of H.H. Lalji Maharajshri as the Acharya of the diocese is the unique and sovereign will of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. This an is unique event in the history of the Sampradaya where a sitting Acharya anoints his son as Acharya of the diocese and transfers to him the supreme powers of preceptorship of the diocese."

The saints, senior saints and the Mahant Swamis were come from various places to express their devotional feelings on this occasion. Ex-Mahant of Ahmedabad temple S.G. Swami Shastri Purushottamprakashdasji said, 'If we talk in the language of cricket, he is present in the Sampradaya from last thirty five years without any appeal, and now to day he had declared the game at his own: He is Guru of the Tyagis too, but the

relinquishment and resignation shown by him stands unparalleced and unique in the history of the Acharyas of the Hindu religion. The historical event is to be replayed here after a long period of one hundred eighty years, the history wherein Guru Ramanand Swami had handred over the reigon of the Sampradaya to Lord Shri Hari by anointing him as the Supreme preceptor of the sect. We are a part and a witness to the holy and eternal tradition gifted to us by Lord Hari himself. Many histories are writeen in this Sampradaya but H.H. Acharya Maharajshri has presented his life and living as a spiritual guide for the masses. His life it self is a holy sermon. Now this supreme chair of the Acharya shall be graced by his son – H.H. Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharajshri, who had put in tremendous efforts world wide constantly for last ten years to invoke devotional enlightenment in the growing generations. Future of the Sampradaya is bright and luminous.'

Now the auspicious moments of historical event - the Pagha-Dharan-Vidhi. The vedic hymns were likely to be recited by the scholar Brahmin priests, but prior to it, Respected Bal Lalji Maharajshri took hold of mike and presented celestial music of the kirtan of S.G. (Late) Brahmanand Swami : "અધમ ઉધ્ધારણ અવિનાશી તારા બિરુદની બલિહારી રે ....." This sublime touch transformed the assembly in to the spiritual session held by Lord Shri Hari. Then the chief priest and brahmins recited - सुचितं सफलम् यशो विजयम् .....

H.H. Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Rakeshprasadji Maharaj of Shri Lakshminarayandev Peeth, blessed the event and said :

'The Satsang expands and progresses at the free will of Lord Shri Hari. we all are humble servents of him. H.H. Acharya Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharajshri had put in tremendous efforts continuously for the thirty five years and had spread the Satsang in overseas countries. At his free will, he declares retirement and decides to anoint his son as the Acharya of Shri Narnarayandev diocese.

He had trained and educated Lalji Maharajshri to execute very well the ethical duties related to this highest seat. Shri Narnarayandev Desh is most fortunate to receive such enlightened and youthful preceptor to lead the Satsang.'

Among the honourable guests, were Shri Ratan Bapu (Jijaji of Maharajshri), Shri Tiwariji (Nanaji of Respected Bal Lalji) and Shri Prafullkumarji (Jijaji of H.H. Lalji Maharajshri). They conveyed their hearty wished on this auspicious occasion. Deputy Mahant Swami of Bhuj Mandir and S.G. Bapu Swami (the representative senior saint of Vadtal Desh) were present on this occasion to convey their hearty feelings on behalf of the saints, celibates and Parshadas.

Now was the historical moment of receiving blessings of H.H. Acharya Maharaj Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharajshri. Acharya Maharajshri said :

`The auspicious occasion and auspicious moment for which I have awaited for years, have materialized now. This is my finest hour. I don't know what should be said and what not ! There was only one order of my father, which I have not obeyed in my life. My father desired at most to anoint me as Acharya of this diocese in his benign presence. In those days I was in twenties – in youth of my age. 'These days, I will make you to grace this highest seat happily with a smile, but if not obeyed now to my decisive order, you will have to receive it later amidst the tears and sorrow.' Those words of him proved true to me, but to avoid such embarrassment, have made this decision. The second day of the birght half of Ashwin, the auspicious day which was fixed by Shriji Maharaj for my anointment , has been fixed now for the anointment of the seventh Dharmvanshi Acharya of this diocese.

The preceptor is not an individual but a supreme authority installed by Lord Shri Hari. it's greatness and majesty are beyond our reasoning. Respected Vaishnavacharya was present at the time my anointment. He was used to address me in second person singular as and when we two were in a seclusion. He tendered me a piece of advise. 'Come here. I will disclose to you a secret, if you want to be a successful Acharya. Your unbroken faith and trust in God will add in your brightness and luminosity.' I have treated those words of wisdom as a secret hymn initiated by a Guru.

'I trust absolutely the saints sitting at the right hand side of me and similar trust I have in the Satsangis sitting at the left hand side. I hold full trust with faith in Lord Narnarayandev dwelling at his abode in front of me. I am advising the same to H.H. Lalji Maharajshri. Act with absolute faith, trust and confidence. The saints and devotees are requested to bless him.

I have never said any thing harsh or bitter to anybody in this long period of thirty five years, and if per chance was said, it was with an intention to avoid harm to this institution of God. Please forgive and forget it. The devotees and saints are present here in a large number. Many of them have come from abroad, despite a short notice of one or two days. I convey my hearty blessings to all of you.

The devotional love and faith that you have in me during this long period of thirty five years, with similar love and faith co-operate exclusively to H.H. Lalji Maharajshri.

I will devote now exclusively to materialize my resolute - `The Museum of Prasadi itmes of Lord Swaminarayan Bhagwan. I will receive happily the Prasadi items submitted by the saints and devotees.

I am concluding my address with special thanks to the devotees and the saints of this great sect, who have received me with great devotional love and absolute dedication. Thank you once again.'

We are too small to evaluate the achievements of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. No one has seen on his face any sign of dislike or anger in his spiritual leadership of 35 years as the preceptor of this diocese or in sixty years of his Satsang. May be a child of the five years age or an aged person of 75 years, he had respected everyone heartily. Many aspirants have come in benign fold of this Sampradaya due to his celestial personality. They love him heartily. He had introduced to them the divinity and majesty of Lord Shri Hari. he had maintained decorum, divinity and majesty of this supreme seat - preceptorship.

Now comes the historical moment of the Sampradaya, a rare occasion.

Time is 11-05 a.m. H.H. Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Tejenraprasadji Maharajshri rises from his seat. He comes to H.H. Lalji Maharaj and with due decorum, he leads Lalji Maharaj 108 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj to the seat of spiritual preceptor (Acharya) and helps him with grace to ascend the seat of Acharya Marks auspicious Kumkum and Tilak on his forehead. Then bedecks him with traditional necklace of Acharya. Then he takes conventional shoulder cloth (Uttariyam) from his person and places with grace on the shoulder of H.H. Koshalendraprasadaji and in concluding rituals he takes off his traditional red turban of Acharya and places it gently on the head of seventh Acharya of the diocese. Then with subtle feelings of eternal love he touches with his palms the moon like face of Koshalenraprasadji and showers his hearty blessings. Thus, 108 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj holds supreme spiritual chair of this diocese as H.H. Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Mahraj.

Honourable Maharajshri bedecks Bal Lalji Maharajshri with such conventional necklace, designating him instantly as H.H. Lalji Maharaj 108 Shri Vrajednraprasadji Maharajshri.

Hundreds and thousands of Satsangis are witness to every second of this historical event. Tears of pure pleasure rolls from their eyes. Parallel to this history Gadiwalashri at Haveli temple, helps Vahuji Maharaj with due decorum to grace the seat of Gadiwalashri and as per convention assigns designation of Gadiwalashri. Amidst tears of devotional pleasure rolling from the eyes of the Samkhya Yogis and female devotees. The tears of mixed feelings glitter in the eyes of H.H. Lalji Maharajshri when he receives Acharya Pada and his own father places on his head the traditional turban of Acharyapada. Entire assembly looked like a frozen picture in excess of emotions.

H.H. Acharya Maharajshri of Shri Lakshminarayandev Desh and Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharajshri presents jointly the Aarti to H.H. Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharajshri. Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharaj himself is father, but the one who is sitting in front of him is the spiritual head of the dioscese. Though his own son, he is now the supreme spiritual head of the sect, respectable for everyone. This historical Aarti explains greatness majesty and divinity of preceptorship (Acharyapada).

The historical events were concluded and people were now anxious to listen to the seventh Acharya of Shri Narnarayandev Desh.

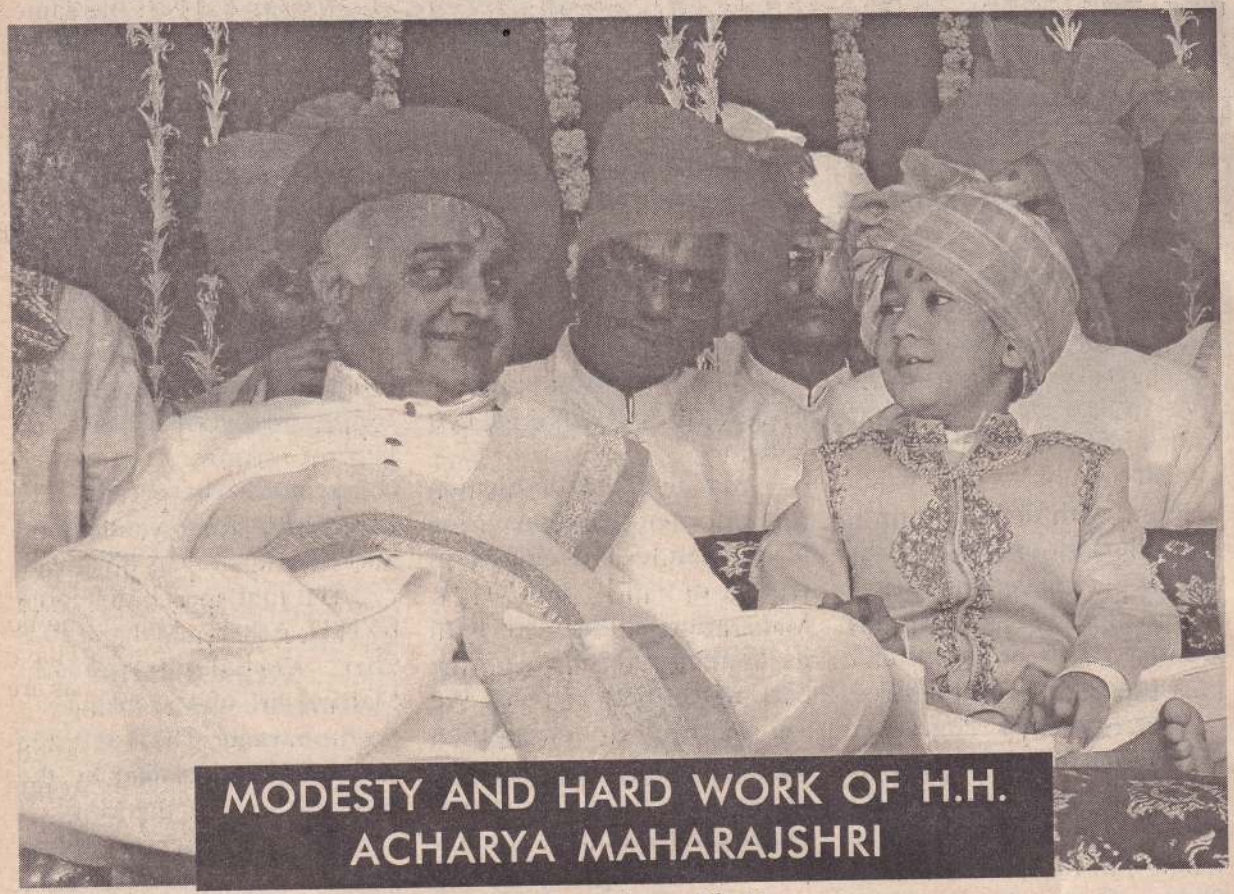
H.H. Koshalendraprasadji Maharajshri showered his first blessings :

'My aim and destination this moment is Lord Shri Narnrayandev dwellings in front of me and H.H. Maharajshri sitting here with us. I am most fortunate for the blessings of both of them. We are required to strengthen further the Upasana which was propounded by Shriji Maharaj. I have received this samskaras continuously right from my childhood. May Lord Shriji Maharaj bless me with the spiritual strength to please Lord Narnarayndev and my Satsangis gracing this holy place in front of me. My life is for Lord Shriji Maharaj to favour the Satsang. I am not to compromise a bit where it matters to Lord Narnarayandev or Lord Swaminarayan Bhagwan. Small time leadership can be had by a little efforts of two-three years, but duties and responsibilities in present case are surpeme and divine. I pray to Maharaj and our Maharajshri to empower me to maintain glory and majesty of the spiritual leadership and bless me with the inner powers to execute my religious duties as the Acharya.

Future of the Sampradaya is very bright. Lord Shri Hari has given to us this Satsang tested and purified by him like a soverign gold. There is no room for any adulteration of copper or silver because there is no room for such compromise' in presence of Lord Shri Narnarayandev and Shri Swaminarayan Bhagwan.

The first speech delivered by H.H. Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharajshri, was a rousing call for the Satsang. The seat of the Acharya was installed by the supreme king of the kings. It can not be harmed. New Acharya was honoured by the saints by garlanding flower garlands of fresh flowers. The devotees then stood in an unding queue to salute him.

This was the most memorable moment in the history of the Sampradaya. Those who have seen it, have carved it forever in their heart . There were tears in the eyes of all the Satsangis. Tears of love and affection, tears of devotional love. સવાયા બની રહો હરિ સુત. Newyork never sleeps," like this saying of America the devotees here at the temple have concluded that the "Satsang never sleeps, it goes on, on and on.....



# MODESTY AND HARD WORK OF H.H. ACHARYA MAHARAJSHRI

**- Prof. Suryakant Bhatt**

Modesty and candour are the prime virtues of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. He works hard and leaves not stone unturned for upliftment of his Satsangis and the sect. The world is witness to it since last four decades.

H.H. Acharya Maharajshri graced the land of kutch and laid foundation stone of the temple of Lord Narnarayandev and Gods. These were hot summer days and grand event was organized on auspicious 8th day of May 2003. H.H. Acharya Maharajshri graced this arid zone about seven to eight times in a month bearing heat of dry and hot summer. He graced Mandvi (Kutch) on 14-4-03 and celebrated the Rangotsava for the three days. Then on 22-4-03, he graced Sukhpar (Kutch) for the three consecutive days and installed idols of God. A long road journey between Ahmedabad and Kutch is most inconvenient in hot days of mid – summer. He consented to grace the marriage celebrations, when our senior devotee Shri Prahladbhai Vitthalbhai Patel (President, ISSO, New Jersey) prayed and invited him humbly to bless the marriage of his son Shri Pankajbhai P. Patel. H.H. Achaya Maharajshri graced once again the region of Kutch in hot summer days, between 25 and 30th of April.

H.H. Acharya Maharajshri graced Bhuj on 8-5-03 to lay foudation stone of the temple. Preceding to this grand event, was the installation ceremony of the idols of God at Mehsana temple, where His holiness was enagaged in daily rituals and poojan since early morning 3 a.m., and since then he was constantly preoccupied in various ritulas of installation ceremony. At two oclock noon he graced Bhuj to favour his devotees and camped at the residence of Shri Manaharlal Delhiwala (Eye Suregon). A grand welcome procession of a three hours duration was organized at 3 p.m. in Bhuj from

the residence of Shri (Dr.) Manaharlalbhai Delhiwala to receive H.H. Acharya Maharajshri at Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Bhuj. Aspirants and devotees were queued on both the sides of entire rout to pay respect and salute their to spiritual preceptor – Guru Incidently, I telephoned to Dhyani Swami on same evering. S.G. Dhyani Swami told me, 'H.H. Acharya Maharajshri is in your town. Had you a Darshan of him ?' I narrated to him the grand event of Shobha Yatra. Dhyani Swami was very happy for the festivities.

I remembered at night the advice of Dhyani Swami and we went to the house of Shri (Dr.) Manaharlalbhai to do Darshan of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. My brother Ghanshyambhai and my son Rajesh joined me in this holy meeting. H.H. Acharya Maharajshri had an informel meeting with the saints after a light supper. He then had the casual discussion and informal meeting with the devottes from abroad. At about 9.45 p.m. he graced the drawing room. He was gracing a hindola and Mahant Swami Shastri Nirgundasji (Ahmedabad Temple) was gracing a seat in his bejnign presence. Dr. Manharlalbhai and his son Nayan joined us in this personal meeting.

H.H. Maharajshri looked fresh and glad despite hactic schedule of the whole day. I prayed, 'Maharajshri ! You might be tired now.' Maharajshri said, 'I am not so tired.' Airconditioner was non-operative at noon due to a sudden power-break, Nayanbhai asked humbly, 'Maharajshri ! You were put to extreme heat of afternoon. We are very sorry for it.' Maharajshri said with a smile. 'Never mind. Add those hours in our welcome procession.' Odds or incovenience he takes very lightly and with ease.

While discussing about the earthquake, Maharajshri said, 'At that time I was in my chamber at the temple. For a while I thought that it was some disturbance caused by the rats, but as soon I got the idea of an earthquake, we came down to the courtyard of the temple but never thought of such destruction.' Maharajshri observed that Kutch was in dire need of water. We inform to him that water from Narmada shall be available to kutch by December – 2003. Maharajshri conveyed his hearty pleasure for the new hospital of kutch. It is largest hospital of Asia. He added that the hospital should be maintatined properly in time to come.

We asked, 'Maharajshri ! One can not guess about your actual age.' Maharajshri said, 'I have completed 59 years.' I inquired with eagerness, 'Maharajshri ! what about your eye sight ?' Maharajshri said, 'My eye sight is normal. I don't use spectacles. I have normal spectacles for reading. Dr. Delhiwala had checked my eyes and my eye sight. As he has observed, my eyes are normal. Bal Lalji Maharajshri has the spects. Some time back I had been to a dentist in America. I was thinking to get my teeth examined by him but like telepathy, doctor himself proposed to me for the same. After a thorough checkup of my teeth, he observed that my teeth were normal. He filled some chemical between the teeth and recommended a regular two yearly check up of teeth. He gave me a medicated thread to clean the teeth after the meals. It is protective treatment for the teeth and bad breath.'

About his childhood days, H.H. Acharya Maharajshri said to us, 'Piles have troubled me in my childhood. I was shy of it. Bleeding and pain tortured me for the fifteen years ! At last, I consulted a doctor. Doctor advised me to be regular in bowel movement. There should be no constipation and till today I have no such problem. Yogasanas are good for body.'

My son Rajesh prayed, 'Maharajshri ! I am suffering due to constnat acidity.' Maharajshri said, 'As I had my supper just now, I can not demonstrate an yogic posture. In yoga there is a specific yogic posture. It's regular practice eradicates acidity forever.'

We were moved by politeness and candour of Maharajshri. The benedictory session lasted up to 11-00 p.m.

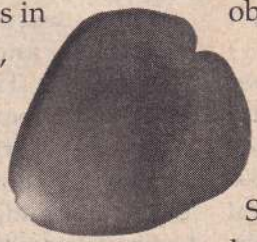
Such saintly soul - H.H. Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharajshri - had transferred his preceptorship to H.H. Lalji Maharaj 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharajshri by anointing him as the seventh Dharmavanshi Acharya of Shri Narnarayandev Diocese. We salute here humbly to both the Acharyas and pray mercy for our follies.

# MERCIFUL LORD SWAMINARAYAN BHAGWAN

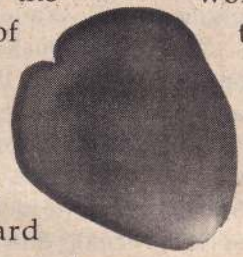
- Dineshbhai Bhagat

The development and the progress that recorded by Shri Swaminarayan Sampradaya in it's history of 223 years are matchless in the history of the world religions. The followers are spread in millions in all the countries of the world and splendid temples of Shri Swaminarayan Bhagwan have been constructed in all major countries of the world. The temples, Acharyas, saints and the scriptures are the unique attributes of this Uddhava Sampradaya founded by Lord Sahajanand Swami himself.

Father of the nation – Mahatama Gandi - says, 'There are many religions in Hindustan, but the religion Swaminarayan sect is most praiseworthy, attractive and holy. I have high regards for this religion.'



Bismark of India and Deputy Prime Minister Shri Vallabhhai Patel has noted. : 'The fragrance of our civilization and culture are spread in every corner of greater Gujarat by the model holy life of Swami Sahajanandji and his disciple saints. Many from the back ward community and uncivilized lots rose high from the bottoem of their elemental and rustic life due to the preachings and religious services extended by the saints of this sect.



Foreigners have evaluated the social and the religious services extended by this - Sampradaya. Following are their observations :

1. Penning his own experience Sir Henry George Burger has said, `Sahajanand Swami has worked very hard for upliftment and ultimate good of the millions of people. Without seekng help from politcal powers, he has brought back infinite number of people from the path of sins and had led them on the path of truth and ultimate good. Sahajanandji was worshipped equally by the kings, commoners, elite and ignorant people, His modesty and mercy were enough to squiz-off venom of his opponents.;

2. Mr. Bowls has noted : 'The Sadhus of this Sampradaya have been trained and instructed well to bear the torments without opposing it, and without any ill feelings towards their tormenter. This is an unique attribute of this Samrapdaya. Their teachings have ascended the moral standard of the community.'

3. Prof. Prince Hopkins (London University) has noted :

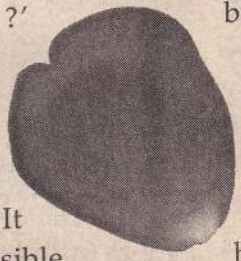
'Swaminarayan conceals his divine powers, Though himself is the incarnation, he never present himself with such divine majesty. Though spends the life in penance and the self imposed restrictions, He is always

happy and joyous in his holy company. He sings, dances and plays like a commoner. Such divine erctely is not vanished even after his clemental departure from the earth. He gives Darshan to his faithful devotees.'

4. Collector Williams writes : `in practicing ethical duties, he is quite above the standars laid down by the scriptures. He preaches high level of personal purity and holiness. He has ordered to his saints to not to look at woman. He preaches monoism. The villages and provinces have welcomed Lord Sahajanandji. The provinces and the villagers who were most backward and their dangerous in their past have become safe and most ethical in these days.'

The facts mentioned above indicates that the people who have grasped and imbibed the teachings of Sahajanand Swami and lived a sacred life as per Shikshapatri have earned the respect from the society with a happy personal life.

Bhagwan Swaminarayan had spent his life in protection and amnesty of his devotees. He has protected his devotees at any cost. In those days, Muljibhai Sheth of Limbdi was chief secretary to the king of Muli. As per his personal resolute he was visiting Gadhada on each Poonam day to do Darshan of Sahajanand Swami. Once he injured his foot by a thorn and due to it he was late for a fortnight in Darshan of Sahajanand Swami. Shriji Maharaj asked him, 'Muljibhai ! Why so late ?' Muljibhai said, 'Maharaj ! I am injured by a thorn. It was not possible to walk fast and steadily by an injured foot. This is why I am so late. Then Bhagwan said, 'Muljibhai ! Enimy robbers of Muli state were to pounce upon you at Gadhada if you had been to Gadhada on that appointed day and time. God has saved, your life with minor pain of a thorn.



Here is one more miracle from devotional life of Muljibhai. His wife was blind. Shriji Maharaj graced Limbdi and graced the house of Shri Muljibhai. Shriji Maharaj asked `Muljibhai ! Who is that woman ?' Muljibhai prayed, 'Maharaj ! She is my wife. She is not able to see anything due to blindness.' Maharaj said, 'Blindness is most unbearable for a woman in protction of her decorum. It is a real hard time for her.' Enlightened soul Muljibhai said, 'Maharaj ! There are many people, who can not see tby their eyes. They are helpless but pull on living by any means.' Bhagwan said, 'It is good, if she can see. I presume.' Muljibhai said, 'Maharaj ! it would be a great boon to her if she got back her vision.' Meanwhile, she called him from her inner room, and asked him to go there to her. She then said to Muljibhai that she was able to see everything. Muljibhai rushed back to Maharaj and broke this good news, 'Maharaj ! She is now able to see everything.' Maharajs said, 'Muljibhai ! She has got back her eye sight. She will be able to see for the whole of her life. There is one devotional song :

'આજ કળિયુગમાં પરચા પૂરે
પ્રભુજી'

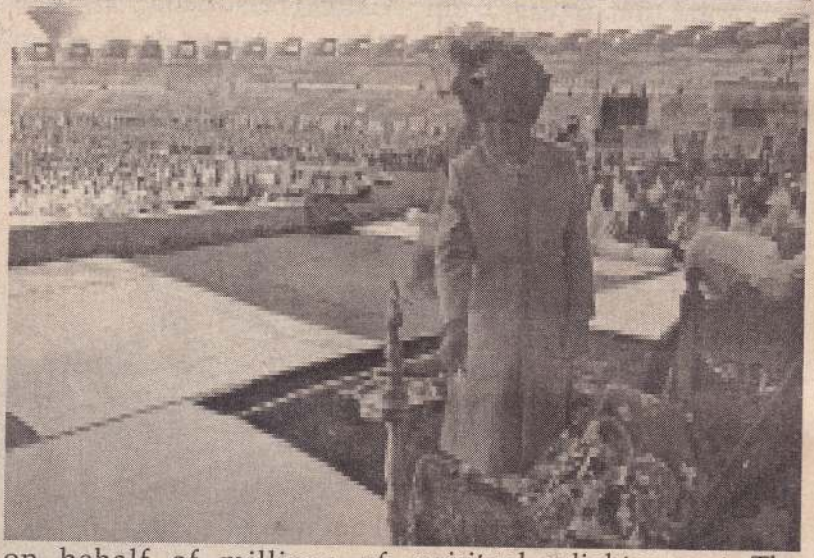
# GLOBAL SATSANG HONOURS THE SUPREME PRECEPTOR OF SHRI NARNARAYANDEV DESH DIOCESE

- Atul B. Pothiwala

H.H. Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharajshri has installed most ceremoniously the worthy son of him on the supreme religious seat of the Acharya of Shri Narnarayandev Desh diocese. The seat of the spiritual preceptor (Acharya) of the diocese was installed some two hundred years ago by Lord Swaminarayan Bhagwan himself. H.H. Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharajshri has graced this seat ceremoniously on auspicious second day of the bright half of Ashwin. (15-10-2004)

The grand event was organized on Vijayadashmi day - the tenth day of the bright half of Ashwin (23-10-2004) - to welcome and honour H.H. Acharya Maharajshri.

The celebrations were organized at Sardar Patel Steduim. A large number of followers and well wishers were present on this occasion, besides the saints, Mahants and honoured guests to convey their hearty wishes



on behalf of millions of people in India and abroad.

His holiness Maharajshri Tejendraprasadji Maharaj, H.H. Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and Respected Lalji Maharaj 108 Shri Vrajendraprasdji Maharaj graced the steduim at 8-45 am with the retinue of Parshadas, saints and senior satsangis. They were received honourably in standing ovation by the satsang present at the venue.

The programme was inaugurated by Respected Lalji Maharajshri by kindling auspicious lamp - the light of ultimate knowledge and spiritual enlightenment. The subtle tunes of Shahani filled the atmosphere with tranquility and eternal bliss and the soft chants of six lettered Maha Mantra took them to sublime plane of spiritual enligthements.

Ceremonious events began with "મંગલમૂર્તિ મહાપ્રભુ, શ્રી સહજાનંદ સુખરૂપ." A collective invocation hymn of 'Shanti-Path' was presented by the student-scholars of Jetalpur Samskirt Vidyapeeth.

Hon'ble Governor Shri Navalkishor Sharma, graced the seat of Chief-Guest and welcomed H.H. Acharya Maharajshri by honouring him with flower garlands.

The Chief-Guest Hon'ble Governor was honoured by H.H. Acharya Maharajsrhi by presenting to him a replica of the temple and a shawl representing spiritual wisdom.

In his inaugural speech, Honourable Governor addressed both the Acharyas as "Sant-Shiromani" (supreme among the saintly souls) and said, 'Contemporary world chases the sense objects that transform the society into a culture of consumers. But Shri Swaminarayan Sampradaya has sustained steadly and permanently it's value oriented life style. New Acharya Maharaj too shall continue steadily the well disciplined services in befitting ways of his predecessor – his father.

Union Textile Minster. Shri Shankarsinh Vegheta addressed the gathering, 'In a precarious time when religions are being commercialized everywhere, H.H. Acharya Maharaj Tejendraprasadji Maharaj has not allowed such commercialization in ethical duties – religion. He had shown by his holy life the path of spiritual growth to Gujarat, India and the world.



Though at the highest hight of majesty and greatness, he lives like a simple – humble individual. Simplicity is the ideal of his life. World today receives him as super-human – God, and in reality he is an icon of Bhagwan. New Acharya - successor of him – will take new generation to the right direction by installing himself as an ideal. I pray to Lord Swaminarayan Bhagwan for eternity of his spiritual leadership his highest seat.

Provincial and state wise representatives of Shri Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandals were present on this historical occasion. They submitted a letter of oath to H.H. Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharajshri and rededicated themselves to the Satsang by all three means mind, body and physical wealth.

Hon'ble Minister Shri Ashokbhai Bhatt admired youthful Acharya as the Acharya of 21st centrue – new generation-and said, "The world today is tormented by the material pleasures and looks to us in a revived hope. They are drawn to the spiritual heritage of India. In such critical time, You are enthroned as supreme preceptor and spritual head of this great diocese. You are now chief of the army of the religion. For to protect the relgion, values, and virtues, you should fight against the evil forces and lead the Sampradaya as the seventh descendent heir of Shri Hari and the Seventh Acharya of this great seat. I pray to Shri Swaminarayan Bhagwan for your successful leadership."

Padma Vibhushan Pt



Jasrajji expressed his sublime feelings and devotional fervour by presenting shlokas of Guru Vandana :

ગુરુ આજ્ઞા મેં નિશ-દિન રહીએ...
ગુરુ મહિમા અપરંપાર ...
ગુરુ ચરનરજ મસ્તક ધરીએ
ભવસાગર હસ હસકે તરીએ ...

Heaarty 'Guru Vandana' touched the heart of grand assembly.

Thousands of saints and Mahants from Narnarayandev desh – India and abroad - were present on this occasion to welcome and honour seventh descendent Acharya of Shri Narnarayandev Desh diocese. Senior saints S.G. Shastri Swami Harikeshavdasji Swami (Gandhinagar : Sector-28) said, 'The president of India wilds supreme power. He can waive capital punishment imposed by the Supreme Court of India and grant a new lease of life. But this highest seat of Supreme Spiritual Preceptor has been installed most ceremoniously by Lord Swaminarayan Bhagwan himself. Thus the seat is eternal and holds such majesty that a humble salute to the seat relieves a souls from the fear of the Kala (death and time), Karma (actions) and Maya (eternal entity). He is constitutional supreme head of the Sampradaya."

Mean while the children of Respected Binduraja came to the altar of the grand celebration and received fresh flower garlands from their grandsire (Bapji-Maharaj) and maternal uncle (Acharya Maharajshri)

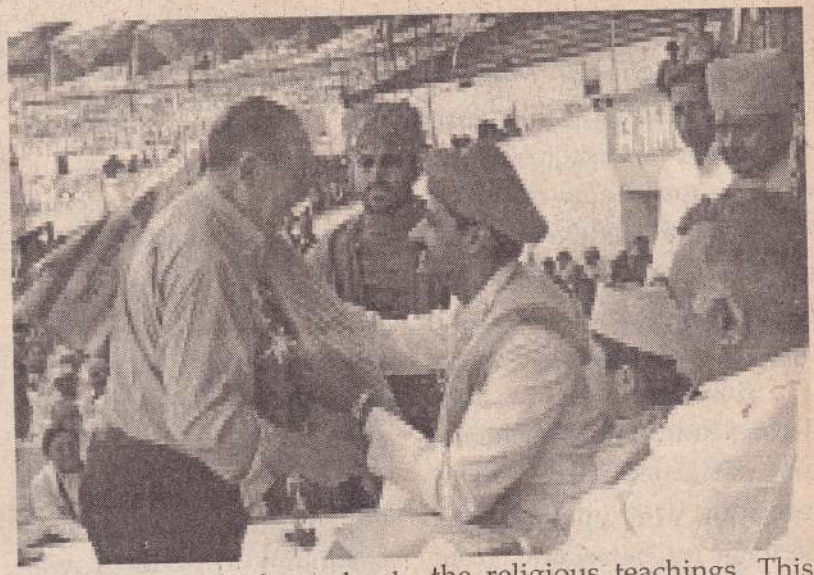
Fr. Morando Sahib of St. Xavier's college, Ex. Municipal Mayor Shri Himatsinhbhai Patel, Shri A.K. Patel (M.A.), Shri Narharibhai Amin and other M.L.A.s were present as honoured guests.

Earlier Mahant Swami of Shri Kalupur Swaminarayan Mandir S.G. Swami Shastri Purushottamprakashdasi Swami said, 'Millions of youths have enjoyed soulful pleasure on this grand occasion. The seventh Acharya has sublime love and respect for the saints and Satsangis. He always sees God dwelt at the heart of his satsangis. Therefore, he internact heartily with everybody. He himself is another form of Bhagwan Swaminarayan ! We salute humbly to our-Acharya Maharajshri.

Special invitee of this occasion, Honourable Chief Minister Shri Narendrabhai Modi graced the occasion at 10-30 a.m., paid due honour and presented shawl in due honour. In occasional speech he conveyed, 'I feel greatly honoured by participating in this grand event. Some fifty years ago there was the time when shops of butter-oil (ghee) were not placing any sign board of 'Pure Ghee' at

their shops. Shop of Ghee means a shop selling pure-Ghee (Butter Oil) that was the concept in those days. There was no room for any impurity or other such things. Ghee means pure cottage made ghee nothing else. The defintiions of 'Satsang' and 'Satsangis' have been changed and mutilated drastically in the contemporary world. In such adverse time of ours the glory and majesty of Shri Swaminarayan Sampradaya are unique and unparalleled.

The doctrine of Karma, propounded by Shrimad Bahgwad Gita, has been put into practice by this great Sampradaya. Two decades ago, the word 'Namaste was a courtesy when a foreigner met an Indian in an overseas country. Now since last ten years, word 'Jai Swaminarayan' has become a courtesy in those countries. This miraculous change is a wholesome fruit of the overseas religious tours, held continuously by H.H. Acharya Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharaj and the camps and seminars conducted personally by H.H. Acharya Maharja 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharajshri.



Gujarat is the home land of Shri Swaminrayan Sampradaya and it's activities. The services executed by the Sampradaya are quite greater in majesty than the devotional activities conducted by the sect. It is a challenging assignment these days to conduct a small institation fore 20 or 25 years when contradictions and hearsay plague such inistitution to it's death bed. But this great sect works effectively and with greater zeal since last 225 years. I have never heard about any miracle of a saint or a Acharya of Shri Swaminarayan Sampradaya. They never believed in impressing people by such irretional gimmicks for expansion and propagation of the religious teachings. This is their unique attribute. Elsewhere, in other sects and religions, devotees are used to take good care of Bhagwan - God. This only is the Sampradaya where Acharya, saints, parshadas and devotees together takes good care of fellow devotees – Satsangis and common men. This should liveliness of this Sampradaya. Such cardinal virtues can not be imbibed easily. It requires unbroken penance of decades together.

Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharajshri had put in great efforts and greater concentration to instill and sustain such sublime virtues among the Satsangis and well wishers of this great Sampradaya. He will never retire from Satsang activities,

and on other hand youthful seventh Acharya Maharaj H.H. Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj shall be there to favour us by his spiritual leadership. Thus the benefits at our side are two fold ! We are most fortunate and happiest lots.

Acharya Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj had attained three most precious attainments : the heritage of Samskaras from his father, modern the education and enlightening heritage of Satsang. The Satsang will expand world wide and will prosper extensively.

His holiness Tejendraprasadji Maharajshri blessed the occasion and said, 'The sublime divinity of this moment, can not be explained by speech and words. As and when we appoint some one, we appoint him as per our choice. Lord Swaminarayan Bhagwan himself had chosen the appointees for his supreme chair. Acharyapada created by him, and as and when was needed, was he chose again the appointee and installed him at this highest chair by invoking in him his eternal divinity. Greatness and glory of this seat are beyond our imagination.

My friends in childhood days were used to ask me, `which state is your kingdom ?' I was used to answer them, "I am king of Chhapaiya." Then they ask again, "Where is Chhapaiya ?" at a tender age of seven or eight years. It was very difficult for me to satisfy such inquiries. Therefore, to hold a reasonable ground, I was explaining to them that the holy region of Chhapaiya was at the heart and soul of all our Satsangis, and I was the king of their heart - Chhapaiya Dhaam. Thus, I was used to explain them, that I was reigning on the heart of my Satsangis.

This original Sampradaya has not commercialized the sect. This should be the subject of our personal pride. In reasonable length of two hundred years, this sampradayas had not only progressed in length, breadth and depth, but had delivered extra ordinary social service for spiritual, social and economical welfare of mankind irrespective of secterial commitments. Lord Shriji Maharaj had preached us to do service and welfare activities through the medium of religion.

Whether it is invation from china, or draugh or floods, earthquake or other natural calamities or may be a national emergency, the saints and satsangis of this great sect have served at their best to rise up to the occasion. They have visited smallest and remotest locality to help the people and sustain their precious life. They have rebuilt houses colonies and townships to rehabilitate the sufferers with accomodation, primary needs and means for livelihood. Social welfare is the core part of this Sampradaya.

The seventh Acharya is not appointed by me, but by Shriji Maharaj himself. I am an instrument to that occasion. The saints and devotees at this Sabha, elderly citizens and honoured gyests all are requested humbly to shower their hearty blessings to H.H. Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Koshaledenraprasadji Mahrajshri to empower him in full capacity to practise absolutely the ethical duties of this sect and empower him to help others in practising ethical duties. Let him be

respectful and polite to the saints. As a father, I bless him so.'

The Sabha was concluded with the blessed words of H.H. Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharajshri :

'I am indeed thankful to all my fellow satsangis who have come here from farflung places of India and abroad to convey their hearty wishes.

This turban does not meant for mere administration. It was an unparalleled miracle that Lord Shriji Maharaj had transformed the man in a human being. He took good care of every individual and transformed him in to an ideal human being, by discarding his pains and providing with comforts of an ideal life.

This turban had added in my responsibilities. Devotional love and affection of entire satsang dwells here in this turban. My father has taught me right from my childhood the ways to live an ideal life. How and what to speak, where to bow and where not to , light darkness and the grey areas, he had taught and clarified every thing to enlighten me.

Lord Shriji Maharaj had blessed us with 212 Shlokas of his Shikshapatri. It is nectar of all the scriptures. Maharaj says, 'I am giving this nectar in the form of Shikshapatri. It will make you happy and fulfilled.

Today, Maharajshri has bedecked me with this turban. It is essence of his wholesome life. I am sure, devotional love and affection of great saints, devotees and smallest ever satsangi shall be with this turban – with me. Though, sat at the back of this dias, but in service and dedication they always work at the fore front. The glory, majesty and growth of the present satsang is a fruit of their dedication and submission. I convey my hearty blessings.

Each our breath, intend to serve at the lotus feet of Lord Swaminarayan Bhagwan. We are born to serve him. We are to work for him. I am indebted to the senior saints, leaders and satsangis for their selfless love, trust and faith. I am bound to carry on successfully the duties as spiritual head and head of the Sampradaya. I am suppose to please Lord Narnarayandev dwelling in front of me and my father accompaning him. Whole world will please to me if I receive the pleasure of these two. It is like faith of Ganpatiji. He did pradakshina of his parents-father and mother - and took them as his unverse Brahmanand. I too believe in this and pray to Maharaj to bless me the strength and spirit to act in right spirit for overall welfare of mankind and for majesty of this great diocese."

About fifty thousand guests, invitees and satsangis were present on this occasion. Hundreds of Satsangis and welwishers were come from overseas countries.

This grand celebration was conducted by Mahant Swami Shastri Nirgundasji. Devotees were anxious to pay personal salute to the seventh Acharya of the diocese. Thousands of devotees stood in a queue to salute him, and touched lotus feet of H.H. Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharajshri.

The gathering was dispersed with Jai Jaikar of Shri Swaminarayan Bhagwan.

# UNBROKEN FAITH AND TRUST OF N.R.I. SATSANGIS

- Atul B. Pothiwala

N.R.I. means non-resident Indian. The N.R.I.s visiting home country are treated as honoured guests.

Here, we will discuss about those N.R.I.s who have dedicated themselves to the Sampradaya and have absolutely surrendered at the lotus feet of Dharm Vanshi Acharya Maharajshri.

Auspicious 15th day of October 2004 was the historical day of the anointment of 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharajshri as H.H. Acharya Maharaj of Shri Narnarayandev Desh Diocese. The Vijaya Dhasmi Day, i.e. 23-10-2004 was the auspicious day of public felicitation of the Seventh Dharmvanshi Acharya of this diocese.

The grand event of anointing Seventh Acharya was the sovereign will of H.H. Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharajshri. Satsang was in short age of time to prepare for this grand event.

In India and abroad and in far flung continents and countries like Europe, America, Australia, Africa, Canada, Gulf countries, wherever, are our domed temples, Hari Mandirs or chapters, the Satsangis got the flash news of this immediate happening and though there was no time to plan a visit, they rushed to India and our Shri Narnarayandev Desh Peeth Ahmedabad by any available mode. Thus, within a short period of three days and two nights,



about two hundred N.R.I. Satsangi families arrived in Ahmedabad to be a part of this majestic event.

In the early morning of October 15th, all of them were present in the ceremonious saffron water bathing of Lord Narnarayandev dwelling in his abode at Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Kalupur, Ahmedabad. This shows the devotional love of N.R.I. Satsangis – for their Acharya Supreme Preceptor.

The presence of N.R.I.s at Shri Hari Yaag, Gadi Abhishek Vidhi, special assembly and in the blessings of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri holds unique significance. After a week, when the felicitation celebrations were organized on Vijayadashmi day, all these NRIs were in their seats at Sardar Patel Stadium to honour the Seventh Dharm Vanshi Acharya Maharajshri of Shri Narnarayandev Desh Diocese.

These NRI families have bore the pain of separation from their brothers, sisters and parents and have settled in different continents and far off countries. Life is very busy in those developed countries and daily schedule is too tight to accommodate extra activities, but on a short notice of forty eight hours, they had postponed engagements and commitments to be an integral part of this majestic event. Their unbroken faith and trust in the majesty of the Dharmkul and the grand traditions of it befit the supreme norms founded by great devotees like late Sura Khachar and others. They firmly believe that the red turban of the spiritual preceptor leads them on the path of ultimate benediction. This inner enlightenment adheres them firmly in the overseas Satsang

acitivities.

They have deep faith and trust in the majesty and greatness of H.H. Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharajshri and similar trust and faith they have the in religious activities of the Seventh Dharmvanshi Acharya H.H. Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj. The future of this axiomatic



religion and this diocese is bright and luminous under his spiritual leadership.

These NRI Satsangis are used to sating aside their preoccupation and rush the to the samaiyas and religious celebrations organized by the diocese or the temples. They never miss a chance of such a feast of spiritual enlightenment. They believe firmly and practise in their daily life the commandment of Lord Shriji Maharaj : The duties related to Dharma (ethical duties) shall be performed immediately.' (Shikshapatri : 36)

It gives us immense pleasure to take a note of the presence of NRI devotees at this grand event. H.H. Acharya Maharajshri, H.H. Bapji Maharajshri, Mahant Swami and saints and celibates of this Sampradaya have conveyed their hearty feelings for their devotional fervour and unbroken faith.

Shri Naran Bhimji Halai, Shri Bhavesh Kuvarji, Shri Rameshbhai Bhimji, Shri Kantibhai Naran, Shri Nitinbhai Hirani, Shri Parbatbhai, Shri Jitenbhai Patel, Shri Kantibhai Khimani, Shri Manjibhai Karsan Vekaria, Shri Naranbhai Mavji Varsani, Shri Devji Halaria and others had come from London (U.K.). Shri Nandubhai and Shri Kantibhai had come from Bolton (UK) with many others. Shri Hiteshbhai Bhudia and others had come from Oldham (UK). A group of devotees had come from Australia with our faithful devotee Shri Ashwinbhai and one such group from Kenya had come with Sureshbhai Naran Kerai. All these NIR devotees are originaly residents of the Kutch and Halar regions.

Shri Kamalbhai, Shri Dilipbhai, Shri Dipakbhai, Shri Rajeshbhai, Shri Prakashbhai, Shri Ravibhai, Shri Hiranbhai, Shri Nilkanthbhai and others from London (UK) had come to attend this grand celebration to honour the 7th youthful Acharya of this diocese. Thousands of youth from London and U.K. have received eternal love and blissful affection of present Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharajshri through the seminars of Shri Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal and its youth Satsang camps.

A large number of Satsangis had come from New Jersey, Detroit, Boston, Chicago, Los Angeles, Oakland, Florida and other states of U.S.A. Among them were Shri Premjibhai Kerai, Shri Dev Kerai (L.A.), Shri Nileshbhai, Shri Pranvabhai, Shri Dhruvalbhia, Shri Gyaneshbhia Dholakia (Boston), Shri Nayanbhai, Shri Maheshbhai, Shri Prahladbhai Patel (New Jersey) and Shri Manibhai Patel from Florida.

Shri Bhimjibhai Tank and others had come from Dubai. ISSO's Toronto (Canada) Chapter was represented by Shri Rasikbhai (Rameshbhai) Patel with Shri Vivekbhai Brahmbhatt from Chicago. A large number of female devotees were present on this occasion and among them Pramilaben, Induben and Varshaben Pathak had come from London. Lilaben had come from Canada and Lilaben Patel and others were from New Jersey (USA).

These are a few from the three hundred NRI devotees who had come from different continents. All these overseas devotees have deep faith, trust and devotional love for Dharmkul and Dharmvanshi Acharya Maharaj of Shri Narnarayandev Desh Dioces. Dharmkul and saints of this diocese have conveyed their hearty pleasure to all the devotees who had come from overseas countries to do darshan of the anointment rituals of the new Acharya Maharajshri of this diocese. Lord Shri Hari showers his hearty pleasure for their devotional fervour.



## AHMEDABAD REGION

### Diwali Festivals Celibrated at Shri Swaminarayan Temple Kalupur, Ahmedabad.

Diwali festivities were inaugurated at Shri Swaminarayan Temple, when Dharmkul the temple on 11-11-04 to present Poojan-Archan to Lord Hanumanji – personal deity of the Dharmkul.

H.H. Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharajshri graced the temple and presented Poojan – Archan to Lord Hanumaji. H.H. Lalji Maharaj 108 Shri Vrajendraprasadji Maharajshri presented poojan-Archan with His Holiness and received hearty blessings of family God.

Auspicious festival of the lights – Dipotsavi was celebrated on 12-11-04, and a sumptuous annakut of the fifty six dishes was presented to Lord Narnarayandev. Festive Annakut Aarti was presented by H.H. Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharajshri, H.H. Acharya Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharajshri and H.H. Lalji Maharaj 108 Shri Vrajendraprasadji Maharajshri. Annakut Darshan was made available for whole afternoon-12-00 to 4-30 p. m. Thousands of devotees were benefitted by this blissful Darshan.



## NEWS AND NOTES FROM SHRI NARNARAYANDEV DESH

Sharda Poojan – the poojan of the books of accounts – was organized at Sabha Mandapam and hundreds of account books were arranged neatly there at 6-00 p.m. evening. H.H. Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharajshri and H.H. Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharajshri did Sharda Poojan and presented poojan archan to the books with the help from the Brahmin priests. There is steady increase each following year in number of particiapants, due to sanctity of procedure and originality of vedic rituals. The celebrations were recorded by Door Darshan and E.T.V. for a regular telecast. The events were managed jointly by Kothari Swami

Brahmviharidasji and Kothari Shastri Satyaprakashdasji, under guidance from Mahant Swami. Hundres of the saints and devotees have participated actively for the success of the events.

- Shastri Satyaprakashdasji

**The biggest Hari Mandir of Shri Narnarayadnev Diocese Celebrates its Second Patotsava**

**Karjisan :** Second annunal Patotsava was celebrated here on 10-10-04 by reciting Lila Charitra Parayan. The seat of the main speaker was graced by Shastri Siddheshwar Swami. The Parayan Katha was hosted by devout family of Shri (Late) Harjivandasbhai Patel.

H.H. Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharajshri graced this occasion His holiness was accounpanied by Respected Gadiwalashri, H.H. Lalji Maharaj 108 Shri Vrajendraprasadji Maharajshri, Respected Shri Raja, Respected Binduraja, Shri Saumyakumarji and Shri Suvratkumarji to grace the occasion. They were received in a grand religious procession to grace the temple. H.H. Acharya Maharajshri and H.H. Lalji Maharajshri came direct to the inner temple and presented Patotsava Aarti to Lord Thakorji.

A religious assembly was organized on this occasion, and 'Kirtan Kalap' an anthology of the devotional songs – was released on this occasion. Host Shri Prahladbhai Patel and his family have earned pleasure of Shri Hari and blessings of Acharyashri by presenting Aarti to H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. Shri Udayanbhai Maharaja (Visnagar) and Narnarayadnev Yuvak Mandal of Pratappura have earned the pleasure of Shri Hari by presenting Kirtans at night. Shri Kanubhai and Shri Vishnubhai have arned the blessings of Shri by hosting the events respectively of Patotsava and Thaal-Mahaprasad.

- Prahladbhai Patel, New Jersey

**A Request to the Rajasthan Satsang**

The devotees and aspirants visiting Shri Swaminarayan Mandir Vali of Shri Narnarayandev diocese are requested to collect a receipt for each their Dharmada donation. The Dharmada - donations made without a receipt there of are not fruitful. All are requsted to take a note of it.

- Kothari Swami, Vali Mandir

**Forthcoming Installation Ceremony of the idols of God at Dhariawad Temple**

A splendid Swaminarayan Mandir has been built up in tranquil and picturesque area of Dhariawad – Udipur, Rajasthan, under the orders of H.H. Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharajshri, Narnarayandev dioces. Three domed marble abode is ready to welcome God. Installation and invocation rituals shall be held in a week long religious celebrations effective 14-2-2005. the devotees desiring to host these events or rituals may contact :

Mahant Swami
Ishwarjeevandasji
Shri Swaminarayan Mandir,
Dhariavad.
Shri Swaminarayan Mandir,
Jetalpur.

## OVERSEAS

**Invocation of God at the Swaminarayan Temple, Detroit (I.S.S.O., U.S.A.)**

The I.S.S.O., founded by Shri Narnarayandev diocese, has built a splendid domed temple at Detroit (USA). The temple has organized a grand religious celebration of invocation ceremony of the idols of God, with the due blessings of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. This week long devotional celebrations were inaugurated on auspicious sixth day of September-04. Shrimad Bhagwat Parayan, Maha Vishnu Yaag and other religious events were organized on this occasion to earn the pleasure of Shri Hari.

The seat of the reader priest of the Bhagwat Saptah was graced by Shri Yogendrabhai Bhatt (Pij wala).

The Maha Vishnuyaag was performed on 10-9-04 for the four consecutive days. A grand religious procession was organized on 11-9-04 to welcome H.H. Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharajshri. H.H. Acharya Maharajshri accompanied Lord Thakorji with a majestic retinue of the saints, Mahants and senior devotees. The procession was joined by thousands of Satsangis and aspirants from Detroit and other places.

H.H. Acharya Maharajshri graced the temple on 12-9-04 and invoked Lord Shri Radhakrishnadev Harikrishna Maharaj, Shri Narnarayandev and Shri Lakshminarayandev amidst the rituals and the chants of vedic hymns. The Haribhaktas from the ISSO Chapters in USA and other places were present at the temple to do darshan of God and his descendant heir. The Parayan Saptah and Maha Vishnu Yaag were concluded most ceremoniously after the majestic invocation rituals. Respected Gadiwalashri was present to favour her female devotees. Following devotees have earned the pleasure of Shri Hari by hosting the events : Invocation ceremonies were hosted by Dr. Arvinbhai Patel and Smt. Dharmishthaben Patel. Invocation of Lord Harikrishna Maharaj was hosted by Shri Manojbhai and Shri Rajeshwariben Brahmbhatt. Invocation of Lord Radhakrishnadev was hosted by the Uttar Gujarat Kadava Patidar Betalis Gol. Invocation of Lord Lakshminarayandev was hosted by Shri Tusharbhai and Pritiben. Invocation of Shri Narnarayandev was hosted by Shri Ghanshyambhai and Kokiben, Shri Rajubhai and Monaben Patel. Shrimad Bhagwat Saptah was hosted by Shri Himatbhai and Kanchanben Kher, Shri Natvarbhai and Ranjanben Solanki. Maha Vishnu Yaag was hosted by Shri Kantibhai and Savitaben Patel. There are others who have hosted various events to earn the pleasure of Shri Hari and blessings of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri.

H.H. Acharya Maharajshri has graced the houses of the many devotees to give them devotional pleasure and hundreds of aspirants have received Bhagwati Deeksha of this Satsang. Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji (Ex. Mahant Chhapaiya) and Swami Devprakashdasji (Ex. Mahant Dholka) were present at the celebrations. About 2000 devotees and families have benefitted by these religious celebrations.

- ISSO, Detroit Chapter)

**Washington, Buwie Meriland (ISSO, USA Chapter)**

A Satsang Sabha was organized here on Saturday (2-8-04) to sing the praises of God. The Bhajan-Kirtan, Dhoon, Vachanamrits and Thaal-Aarti with the Nitya Niyam were presented to Lord Shri Hari in an evening session of 2.30 hours duration. A large number of devotees were present on this occasion. Satsang is active in this region with the due blessings of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri.

- Kanubhai Patel

**Bhumi-Poojan of the temple land, Oakland (N.Z.) ISSO Chapter**

Bhumi Poojan of the temple land was organized at 3-00 pm on auspicions Vijaya Dhashmi day (23-10-04) with the due blessings of H.H. Acharay Maharajshri. Maha Pooja was organized on this on this auspicious occasion. The 80 devotees have participated in this Pooja. Poojan rituals were conducted by the priest of the Indian Tample, Shri Upendrabhai. Hundreds of devotees were present on this occasion. Donors were welcomed for their contribution towards generous construction of the temple.

There were light showers of rain right after the auspicious rituals. The devotees present at the auspicious Bhumu Poojan ceremony were informed about anointment rituals being conducted symultaneously at the abode of Lord Narnarayandev to install seventh Dharmvanshi Acharya

of Shri Narnarayndev diocese. The news of on going auspicious rituals have doubled the devotional pleasure of the devotees. It appeared that it was resolved long back by Shri Hari to dwell at this place.

The temple construction is in progress with the due blessings of H.H. Acharya Maharasjshri.

- Kantibhai Patel, Jayantibhai Patel, Bipinbhai Thakkar and Arunbhai Soni.

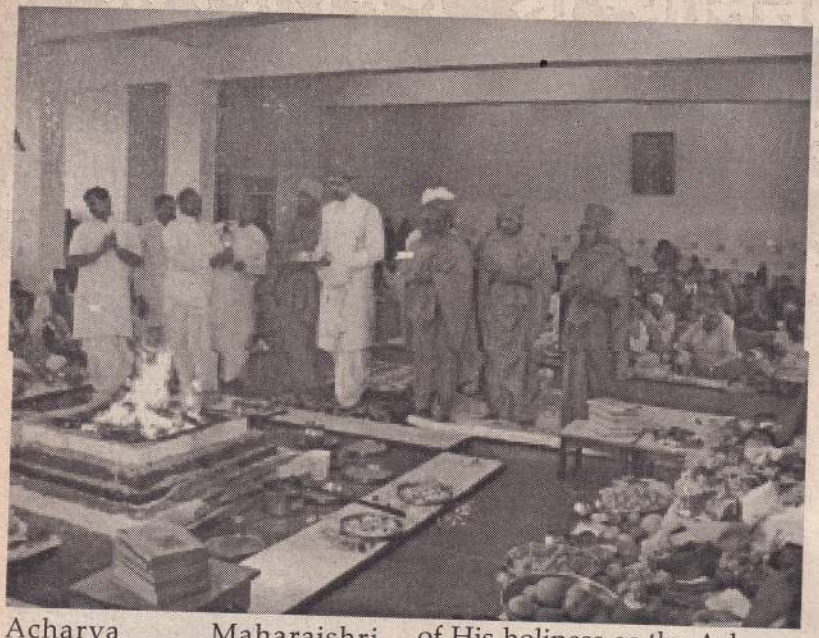
**Saardha Shatabdi Mahotsava Celebrated by Shri Kutch Satsang Swaminarayan Mandir, Nairobi (S.A.)**

The Satsangi families of the Kutch region are migrating since centuries, to the other continents and many from them have settled in various countires of Africa. Though they are far away from their home land, they have maintained their culture and traditions. They are firm followers of Lord Shri Hari. These Satsngi families have formed their own group to conduct Satsang activities in respective city or town of their residence, and in course of time they have got built the temples of Lord Swaminarayan Bhagwan. H.H. Acharya Maharajshri of Shri Narnarayandev diocese have consented time an a again to their prayers and invitation to install idols of God in those temples. H.H. Acharya



Maharajshri had installed the idols of God at our temples in Nairobi, Mombasa, Kampalla, Dar-E-Sallam, Nukuru, dola and other cities.the saints from Bhuj Mandir are attending to the temple duties to conduct Satsang activities and personal services of God dwelling in those temples.

The temple at Nairobi has completed fifty years. A grand celebration of the Golden Jubilee of this temple was organized here and a week long devotional programme was conducted at the temple with the due permission and blessings of H.H. Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharajshri. The celebrations and the events were organized on encouraging inspiration from Mahant Swami of Bhuj temple and Saptah- Parayan, welcome procession of holy scriptures, welcome to H.H.



Acharya Maharajshri, Mahavishun Yaag etc. were organized in a week long programme inaugurated on 24-10-04.

**24-10-04 Sunday :** The overseas devotees were received warmly by the saitns and a grand procession (Pothi Yagra) of the holy scripture was conducted from Vishrantibhuwan to welcome the holy scripture at the Sabha Mandapam of Parayan Sessions.

**25-10-04 Monday :** Shrimad Satsangi Jivan Parayan sessions were addressed jointly by Shastri Swami Paramhansadasaji (morning session) and Swami Shriprakashdasji (afternoon session).

H.H. Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Koshalenraprasadji Maharajshri graced the land of Nairobi. This was the first visit of His holiness as the Acharya of Shri Narnarayandev diocese. H.H. Acharya Maharajshri was received most honourably in a red-carpet welcome by Shri Kachha Satsang. In presence of State Minister, VIPs, saints and Satsangis.

A welcome assembly was organized at evening in the temple and His Holiness was received by an auspicious group of maidens carring on their head the sacred and auspicious water-pots with coconuts. His holiness inaugurated the exhibition by cutting the cake of Golden Jubilee.

**26-10-04 Tuedday :** the history of the Golden-Jubilee years - 'Smriti Granth" - was released by H.H. Acharya Maharajshri to mark the clebrations.

**27-10-04 Wednesday :** This being auspicious Golden Jubilee day - the Sharad Purnima day, the sacred fire of Vishnu Yaag was performed in the morning by H.H. Acharya Maharajsrhi. Hundreds of devotees were benefited by this religious rituals.

H.H. Acharya Maharajshri graced the temple and presented Abhishekam, Kalasha Vidhi, Annakut and the festive Aarti consisted of fifty lamps. His holiness graced thereafter the women's temple and installed by his blessed hands the idol of Lord Narnarayandev amidst the chants of Vedic hymns. Sharadotsava and Mahaprasadam were organiged at evening and H.H. Acharya Maharajshri was honouraed heartily by the temple committee by presenting a necklace symbolizing Golden Jubilee.

**28/29-10-04 Thursday/ Friday :** Festive assemblies were organized to sing the praises of Shri Hari and the devotees arrived from various countries, were honoured at the evening sessions. The cassettes of devotional music of Shri Hemant Chauhan (folk artist) and Shri Hasmukh Patadia (renown singer) were released by H.H. Acharya Maharajshri.

**30-10-04 Saturday :** A splendid welcome procession thronged the main roads of Nairobi when helicopter of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri landed at 2-30 p.m. on the

terrace of Globe theatre. Brass-band, lazim, horse ridders, Rass group, Massai dancers and devotional music drew huge crowds of local residents. It was a most majestic procession in history of this city. Fresh and fragrant flowers were being showered on the procession from a helicaptor in the sky. The dancers in guise of trigers, lions, leopard and elephants were amusing the children. H.H. Acharya Maharajshri and H.H. Lalji Maharajshri were accopmpanied by a huge retinue of the saints, parshadas and the chairman of the temple committee riding the vehicles in a small group. Local folk dancers pleased the eighth heir of Shri H.H. Lalji Maharajshri by their tide like jump dances. Female Satsangis were at the back of the shobha Yatra.

The procession when came near to the temple, H.H. Acharya Maharajshri rose from his seat and released hundres of hydrogen balloons, looking like colourful spots with rise and ascend in the sky. The procession was concluded at the temple and Mahaprasad was distributed to them at he temple.

**31-10-04 Sunday :** Shrimad Satsnagi Jivan Parayan was concluded most ceremoniously by the blessed hands of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri with the



vedic hymns chanted by Swami Keshavprasadji. A Sabha was organized on this occasion. S.G. Mahant Swami Shastri Nirgundasji (Ahmedabad Temple), Shastri Swami Purnaprakashdasji, the saints from Bhuj temple and the other saints who were present on this occasion, have strengthened devotional fervour by addressing the devotees. The Sabha session was concluded with the hearty blessings of H.H. Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharsjhri. The vote of thanks was passed by the secretary of the committee. About 6000 devotees and aspirants had the meals at noon on conclusion of the programme.

Thakar Thaali and Rasotsava were organized at late evening to earn the pleasureof H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. H.H. Acharya Maharajshri, H.H. Laji Maharajshri, Respected Gadiwalashri and Respected Shri Raja have conveyed their hearty wishes and blessings to this Satsang.

- Shri Jadvajibhai Halai
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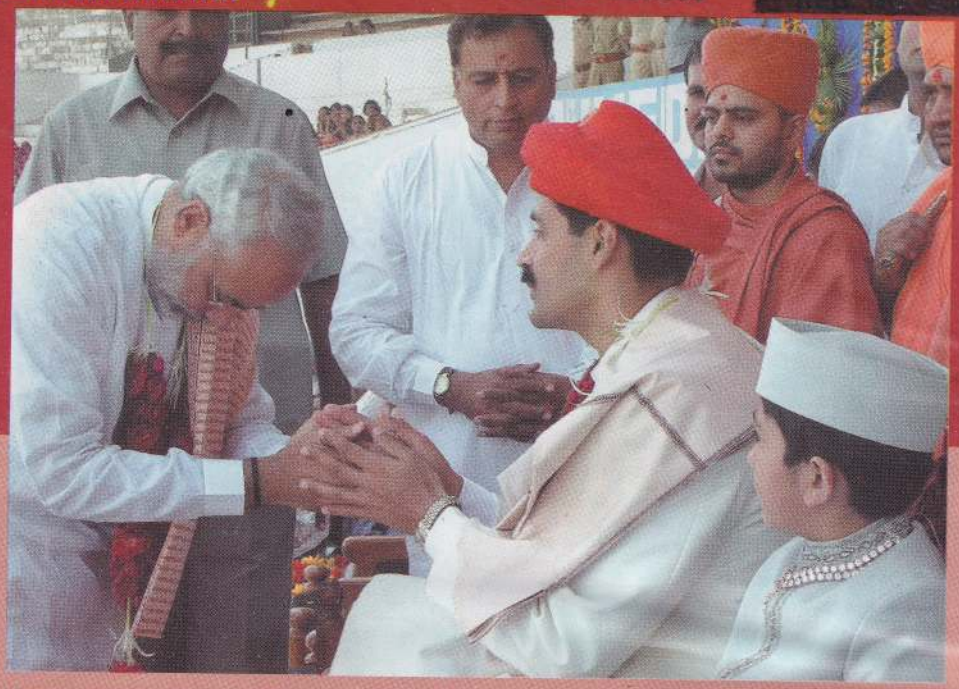
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Respected Binduraja's worty twin-sons Shri Suvratkumar and Shri Saumyakumar - at the Chaul Samskar (tonsure ceremony) Poojan Vidhi Submitted at the Haveli Temple.







Honourable Chief Minister Shri Narnedrabhai Modi receives honour and blessings from H.H. Acharya Maharajshri.




H.H. Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharajshri has celebrated Badrinarayan Temple Patotsava on his retirement. Mahant Shri Raulji (Mahant, Badrinath Dhaam) felicitates Acharya Maharajshri by presenting shawl and garlands.

Pratul Kharsani, Sahiyo Mudranalaya