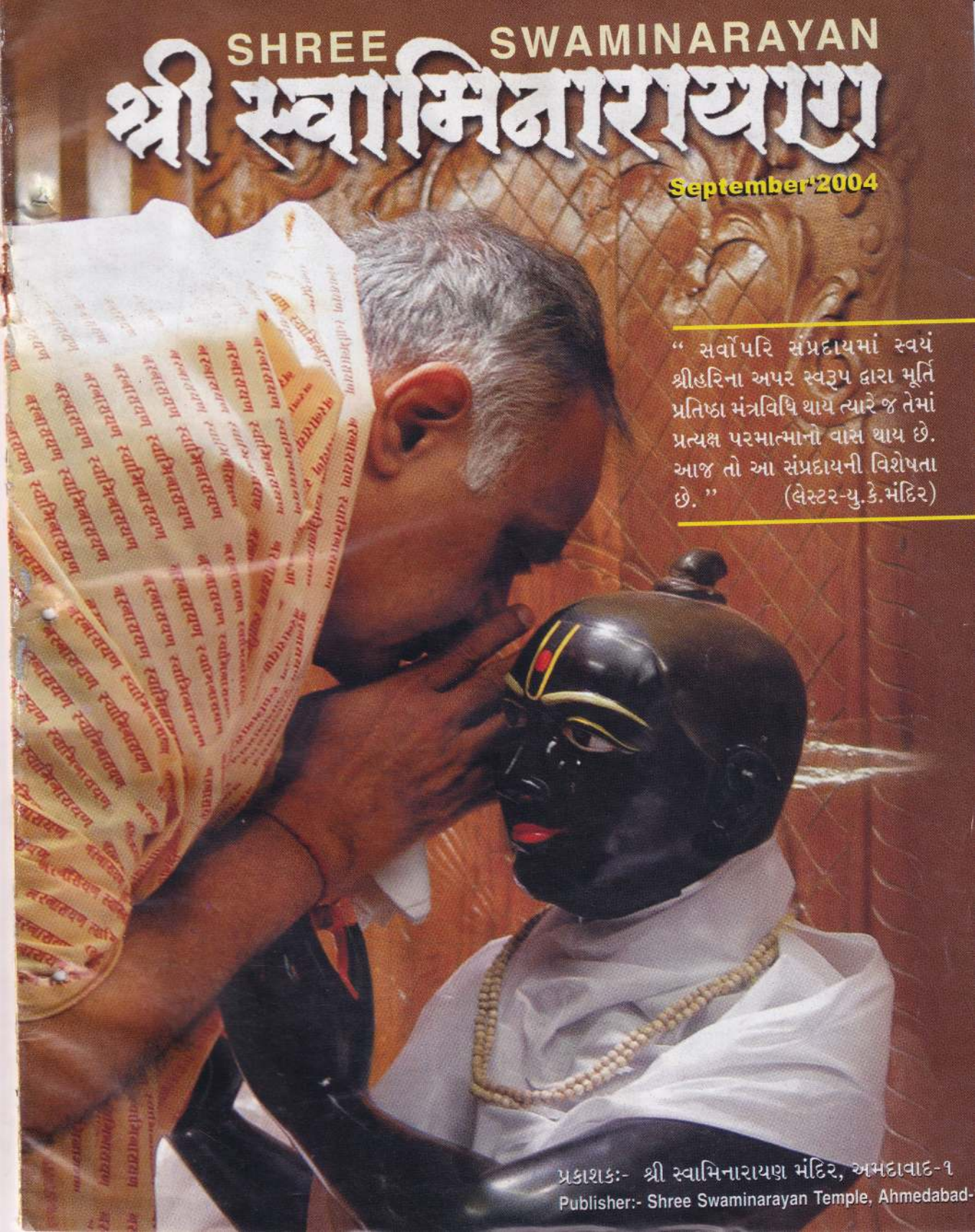
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Respected Bal Laji Maharajshri pleseaes to address his Satsangis during his religous tour of U.S.A.



H.H. Lalji Maharajshri with his retinue and saints conducts a religous-walk on auspcious invocation ceremony of Chicago Temple.





H.H. Lalji Maharajshri presents Patotsava Aarti at Chicago Temple to bless his Chicago Satsang.





H.H. Lalji Maharajshri presides at a Satsang Sabha organized at Addison (USA).





The members of Shri Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal have earned pleasure of Shri Hari by presenting devotional music of self made devotional songs in benign presence of H.H. Lalji Maharajshri.



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EDITORIAL

The light and knowledge are so forceful and swift in coverage and reach that they reach everywhere when emanated. When rises the sun, the rays of it illuminates instantly the darkest depth of the forests. Similarly, the blessed ultimate knowledge emanated from Shri Hari had enlightened instantly every nook and corner of the earth. Those dark regions too, which in ancient age were known as Anarya or uncivilzed, shine now in divine knowledge, emanated from Shri Hari. As was said by the Paramhamsas of ancient age, the divine names of Lord Swaminarayan are chanted and sang everywhere on each and every leaf to fill the earth and space.

Latest among them is the invocation ceremony and installation of the idols of God, which was performed personally by H.H. Acharya Maharajshri at our splendid Swaminarayan temple of Leicester – London : UK. The fortunate Satsang of this region shall be benefited extensively by doing Darshan Poojan Aarti of Lord Shriji Maharaj dwelling in this domed abode of Him. Lord Shriji Maharajs will help these Satsangis personally and will guide them to live life as per commandments of His Shikshapatri. In the days following this mega event – on the auspicious twelfth day of August, H.H. Acharya Maharajshri had blessed personally the Satsang of America and in accordance to Lord Shri Haris' commandment (issued in Shikshapatri-shloka : 62), His Holiness has installed by his blessed hands the idols of supreme Lord in the splendid domed temple of Detroit, USA. We salute humbly to the Sixth Descendant Heir of Shri Hari for his favour to the satsang of England and America.

- Shastri Swami Nirgundas
Editor
Shri Swaminarayan.



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

August-2004

1. Presented Ceremonious Keshar - Abhishekam to Lord Narnarayandev.
   Graced the place of Shri Pradipbhai N. Patel, Paldi, Ahmedabad.
   Graced Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Gomtipur, Ahmedabad.
   Graced concluding ceremony of Parayan held at Jivraj park temple.
   Graced presence at the Parayan sessions to bless Swami Shastri Premswaroopdasji and the Satsangis at Ranip.
   Graced the residence of Shri Ashwinkumar P. Soni, Nava Vadaj.
   Graced the residence of Shri Vinodbhai G. Shelat at Ellisbridge, Ahmedabad.
3. Graced presence at Jetalpur Dhaam.
6. Graced Satsang Sabha at Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Himatnagar, S.K.
7. Graced Maha Pooja Celebrations at Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Bapunagar.
   Graced the place of Shri Mukundbhai Shambhubhai Patel, Bapunagar.
8. Presented Adhikmaas Patotsava Abhishekam to Lord Revti Baldevji Ghanshyam Maharaj dwelling in Jetalpur Shrine.
   Graced Shri Karmshakti Swaminarayan Mandir (Nava Naroda), Ahmedabad.
   Blessed ``Divine Micro Pack Laboratories" of Shri Ghanshyambhai Kanani, Bapunagar.
   Graced the house of Shri Gandalal Kalidasbhai at Ghatlodia, Ahmedabad.
9. Graced Parayan-Katha hosted by Shri Bipinchandra Shantilal Patel, Balasinor.
10. Graced 'M/s. R.H. Jhaveri Jewellers' of Shri Maheshkumar R. Mandalia, Shrivranjani Cross Road, Satellite, Ahmedabad.

11 to 22. Overseas religious tour of U.K. on religious occasion of Installation ceremony of the idols of God at our Leicester temple. Graced our Temples at Willsdenlane, Woolwich, Herrow, Oldham, Streatham Egdware, Cardiff, Bolton, East London and Brighton. Graced Satsang Sabhas organized at the temples and initiated Guru Mantras (Hymn of Satsang followship) to the new aspirants.

24. Concluded religious tour of U.K. and graced Ahmedabad via London - Mumbai.
25. Graced the place of Shri Sanjaykumar M. Modi, Chandlodia, Ahmedabad.
    Graced inauguration ceremony of the exhibition held at contemporary Art Gallery by our devotee Shri Bhagwandas H. Bhavsar.
26. Graced Kankari Temple and rocked the cradle of Shri Hari at the Hindola Utsava held at Kankaria Temple, Kankaria.
    Graced the house of Shri Sureshbhai Bachubhai Patel, Vejalpur.
    Graced the house of Shri Gautambhai Kantibhai Patel, Ranip.
    Graced the house of Shri Harshadbhai Shantilal Soni, Jodhpur Gam.
    Graced the house of Shri Vinodkumar Amritlal, Ranip.
28. Graced the house of Shri Rameshbhai Purushottambhai, Shahibaugh
    Graced Parayan Katha held at Jivrajpark-temple, Ahmedabad.
    Graced the house of Shri Natvarbhai B. Patel, Shahibaugh.
29. Graced Dhoon Satsang held in memory of devotee (Late) Hirabhai Joitarambhai Patel, Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Naranpura, Ahmedabad.
    Graced inauguration ceremony of "Swagat Ceramics" (Shri Laljibhai Patel), Morvi.
    Graced the Homatmaka Maha Pooja held at the residence of Shri Prafullbhai Dahyabhai Thakkar.

31. Graced inauguration ceremony of "Ghanshya Jewellers" (Shri Dineshbhai Mafatlal Patel, Bhaupura wala), Naroda, Ahmedabad.
Graced inauguration of the establishment of Shri Balvantbhai D. Dolaria, Bapunagar, Ahmedabad.



Appointment Diary of Future Acharya Respected Shri Lalji Maharajshri

August-2004

23-7-2004 to 4-8-2004 Religious tour of U.S.A. to attend Patotsava ceremonies at Chicago Temple, and Youth Satsang Camps and Satsang Sabhas at Huston (Texas), Asdison, Newjersey and Florida.

THE INSTALLATION CEREMONY OF THE IDOLS OF LORD GHANSHYAM MAHARAJ AT SHRI SWAMINARAYAN TEMPLE, LEICESTER

Shri Swaminarayan Temple, Leicester – U.K. is a humble tribute to Lord Shri Hari presented by ISSO U.K. on behalf of resident Satsang of London and U.K. The temple was constructed by ISSO, U.K. and the Satsang in europe and London has progressed immensely since then in presence of this shrine. Long back, when this place was to be purchased by ISSO, it was accommodating in those days a pub, promoting addiction and gambling. Many were ruined physically and mentally by these major vices. But Lord Swaminarayan Bhagwan desired to dwell there to emancipate the souls sunk in glitter of gold and greed. H.H. Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharajshri and Future Acharya H.H. Lalji Maharajshri materialized the supreme will of God and got the land procured for the abode of Supreme God. Temple-building was constructed in a short period and idols of God were installed most ceremoniously by H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. The strength of local satsang increased rapidly in presence of Lord Shri Hari and the temple looked new small in capacity due to very large number of visitors and constant increase in Satsangis. H.H. Acharya Maharajshri, H.H. Lalji Maharajshri and the groups of the saints have visited this temple at a regular interval to help local satsangis in their devotional ways and daily satsang. Many aspirants have been initiated to followship of this great satsang during each his religious tour and the temple buildings have been expanded now most aesthetically to accomodate comfortably the satsang of Leicestershire and London.

A grand festival of installation ceremony was organized here between 16-8-04 and 22-8-04 and Parayan-katha, Vishnuyaag, Annakut and other religious programmes were presented on this occasion. H.H. Acharya Maharajshri graced this place to bless his devotees. His Holiness was accompanied by S.G. Shastri Swami Purushottamprakashdasji.

H.H. Acharya Maharajshri graced the temple on auspicsious 22-8-04 and installed with his blessed hands the idol form of Lord Baal Swaroop Ghanshyam Maharaj amidst the chants of vedic hymns. Thousands of devotees from our twelve temples in U.K. were present on this occasion to do darshan of another form of Lord Shri Hari installing idol form of his great father – Lord Shri Ghanshyam Maharaj. Thus the small Hari Mandir of this place is rebuilt now in a fulfledge domed temple – the abode of Lord Ghanshyam Maharaj. This shrine has become a spelendid gate of ultimate benediction for the satsang of U.K.

H.H. Acharya Maharajshri and the retinue of His Holiness graced all our temples in U.K. and presented Aarti to Lord Thakorji residing at the temples. There were no limits to the devotional pleasure of the Satsangis residing at various locations in U.K. H.H. Acharya Maharajshri and his retinue concluded the religious tour of a fortnight and graced the abode of Lord Narnarayandev at Ahmedabad on auspicious twenty fourth day of August.

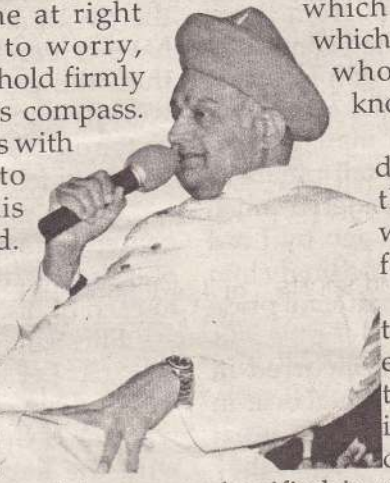
- Shastri Swami Purushottamprakashdasj, Jetalpur.

A Compass for all Satsangis

- Atul Bhanuprasad Pothiwala

In his recent visit to U.S.A. and Lake-Land city of Florida, H.H. Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharajshri has said :

"The Shikshapatri is a compass for all the Satsangis to show them the right direction – the Supreme Path. There are two sailors. One among those two, sails his ship without any direction. He has no compass to guide him – to show him the direction – the right direction. He will reach nowhere. He shall not be able to attain his ultimate destination. The other one has a compass. He will hold the right direction with his compass. He will sail his ship in the right direction to anchor it the at right destination. He has nothing to worry, nothing to bother for. He has to hold firmly to the direction indicated by his compass. Lord Shriji Maharaj has blessed us with the compass of Shikshapatri to navigate our ship of life in this unfathomable ocean of the world. We are required to bother for nothing, but hold firmly to the direction of the compass – the orders of Shikshapatri. That only is the ultimate means to attain ultimate benediction. There is no alternative to it. As Shri Hari has said.....'Otherwise, there shall be nothing as a relation between me and you.' "



Isn't it extraordinary ! By his gift of Shikshapatri, Lord Shriji Maharaj has given everything to us. Modern western countries – such as U.S.A., U.K., Canada and the multinational companies there in those countries, hire their employees by testing in writing and orally their skills and personality traits. The chosen ones - the selected ones are screened again by a drug test to determine if any one of them happens to be an addict. Those nations, governments and citizens firmly believe that none-from those should be an addict of brown sugar, charas or other intoxicants. This is the most modern concept in those western countries.

Lord Shriji Maharaj had disclosed this truth some two hundred years back. He had explained it most accurately in his cardinal teachings - Shikshapatri.

'..... None of my followers, whether male or female, shall indulge in adultery, they shall neither practise gambling and similar vices, nor indulge in drink or inhale intoxicants such as Bhang, tobacco, snuff etc.....' (Shikshapatri : 18)

He had prohibited it to such an extent that.....

'..... None shall ever take any medicine which contains wine or meat and which is prescribed by a medical man, whose antecedents are not known.....' (Shikshapatri : 31)

It has become a fashion of the day that whatever is accepted by the well developed western world, becomes an ideal to be followed by the world.

There are hundreds of things which have been explained by Shri Hari, some two centuries back when no one in the world knew the pros and cons of it. Shri Hari got it classified in various sections with a proper reference to life, and he explained and taught it practically. Shikshapatri is the set of such teachings, such commandments, such aphorisms. It is our compass of life.

It contains everything taught by all religions of the world and preached by all the religious scriptures on the earth. Such amazing infinity of knowledge and it's eternal majesty has been made available to us in a compact form for our everyday use to navigate our ship of life with the help of this compass like Shikshapatri. No such book is available in other religions.

Professional attitude is the mantra of the day with the advancement of information technology. whether Bill Gate of Intel Co. or

Krishnamurti of Infosys, how have they become so rich ? What is the secret of their success ? Their money – management is very effective. What is this money – management ? Lord Shriji Maharaj had explained its fundamental theory and made it a core of his Shikshapatri.

Tata, Birla, IBM and other such big houses mint money and post very high profit to maintain their position world wide. There are many factors leading them to grand success.

The first and foremost among the factors, is that these multinationals take good care of their employees - co-workers. Placement is in accordance to their qualifications, skills and experience. They utilize their employees in the best way to get the best output from them. Thus the companies are benefitted constantly by the high intelligence of their employees.

When we compare every shloka and each commandment to the modern management theories, we find that all those tall pillars of modern management were considered much in advance some two centuries ago by. Lord Shri Hari and were translated accordingly into religious rules. This should be a matter of pride for us satsangis.

'..... Expenses shall ever be incurred in proportion to their income. They shall bear in mind that they shall surely meet with great difficulty if they spend more than what they earn.....' (Shikshapatri : 145)

'..... They shall daily write account legibly in their own hand writing after recollecting both the amounts received as income and spent as expense in the course of economic dealings during the day.....' (Shikshapatri : 146)

Isn't it the commandment related to money – management ?

'..... A man shall be assigned to a work after careful thought for which he is best suited but not otherwise .....' (Shikshapatri : 66)

'..... Those who have engaged servants shall ever look after them by properly providing them with food and clothes, according to their financial capacity.....' (Shikshapatri : 67)

The two above are the commandments in human resources and it's development.

He may be a small business man or a big busness magnet controlling a multinational corporations, but all in their ground realities are householders. – Grihastha. The world's best companies are conducting their business on the lines of these four commandments, and that is why they earn huge profit, wealth and fame.

Lord Shri Hari places us in a special class in comparison to "worldly souls." We are marked as "Devotees of God" - Satsangis. There are many commandments to make the worldly souls happy. But is we as Satsangis of Shri Hari, desire to attain emancipation and the divine abode of Akshardham, we shall have to practise some more commandments than the commandments followed by the worldly souls. We will have to act sincerely on the orders related to ethical duties (Dharma) and holy fellowship (Satsang).

If we compare each shloka with the contemporary time, we will realise that the Shikshapatri of Shri Hari is the eternal blessing to each of his Satsangis.

Shri Sahajanand Swami himself has said :

"..... Let all accept my blissful blessings which serve as defender of faith and which are warranted by scriptures, which are coupled with the happy remembrances of Shriman Narayan (Shikshapatri : 6)

Shri Hari himself is Lord Narayan. The blessings above are doubled – strengthened further by Shri Hari himself by repeating it under two names.

Shikshapatri is the truest means to fulfil Dharma (religio), Artha (wealth), Kama (desires) and Moksha (ultimate benediction). It is a compass to guide us in the right direction in our journey of life. We are required to adhere firmly for our ultimate emancipation.

This is why, God has ordered us to read Shikshapatri everyday. It is a fatherly counsel to his children.

Be faithful to the teachings of Shikshapatri and emancipate your soul.

Brain or blessed Words ?

- Chandrakant M. Pathak

The mind of man is very tricky, deceitful and cunning. It tempts man and traps him in miseries. It makes man dance. The soul compelled by the mind loiters aimlessly. Human mind can not discriminate properly between ethical unethical, auspicious - evil or right and wrong. Great ones like creator God and Shiva too were cheated by their mind. The whole world is injured and wounded by the mind of man. Despite all this, man still considers the mind as his best friend. Mind has captivated the man, and in such a state of human life, a man can not recall the divine words of God and sat-purushas. The saints are the truest friends of the soul, but a soul in illusion pays lesser attention to the benedictory words of a saint and depends more on his mind. He acts as per his mind.

Lord Shriji Maharaj was gracing village Mankuva in the region of Kutch. He graced a Sabha and discussed about human nature, human mind. Female devotees were present there to listen to such nectar like discourses. The virtuous people believe and trust firmly in the words of the Satpurusha – saints – great enlightened souls. I believe and take them as spiritually wise who listen to me and act as per my instruction. Though one may be with me forever and live in my proximity round the clock, but of his trust is not in me and my instruction, then I take him to be a man far away from me.

Once, during a Satsang Sabha, some female Satsangis were singing devotional songs to please God. It was day time and the sunrays were bit hot due to summer. A devout lady was sitting at the place where sunrays approached soon. I saw it and asked her politely to change the seat but she paid no heed to it. As the time passed the rays became hotter. I asked her again to change the seat, but she regretted politely and said, 'Maharaj ! It is fine. I am comfortable.' But later on when she felt the heat of sun, and found it unbearable, she shifted to some shady place. She was not ready to accept my words, but she acted accordingly later on when she passed through the torments of sunrays. I inspired other ladies to inquire with her 'What should be more important own mind or the words of the spiritually wise ?' They hesitated in the beginning to ask such things to her. Later on when they inquired to know about her response, she said nothing. May be, female satsangis were not so pointed to touch her senstitive areas – ego and mind. Once I was on a religious tour of Vadnagar. There I found a crowd blocking the street up oh inquiring, I found that a Sadhu was sitting there like a dumb and deaf statue, surrounded by a huge crowd of hundreds of inquisitive people. They were asking him questions and were inquiring about his needs, wants or problems, but that adamant sadhu kept his ears and mouth shut. He spoke nothing. Tearing through the crowd, I went near him, looked in his eyes and said, 'Oh Mendicant ! You will get nothing by such an dumbness of yours. You may sit idle as before.' With such an open statement, I secretly took his thumb and pressed it so hard that he screamed angrily and shouted lot many things out of anger. For such a spontaneous response, touch and strike this core !

Those who act according to the words of Satpurusha, save themselves from miseries. Obstacles never come to them. Devotee Arjuna killed his own clan and relatives on the words of Lord Shri Krishna and attracted no sin for his act. The words and advice from others should be honoured duely, irrespective of age or seniority. Don't be a slave of mind, don't surrender to your brain. Only ignorant

people trust their brain their mind. They act according to their mind and fix themselves in a pool of troubles. The words of the spiritually wise control the ways of minds. Trust in the words of spiritually enlightened souls.

Shriji Maharaj discussed such inner issues with female devotees at Mankuva.

'They take me as God, but believe not in my words. I don't feel bad about it. I do act and act repeatedly to fulfill their wishes. Some pray to grace their town or village. I do grace it, and grace it with love. Some pray me to have thaal and we have it to fulfill his wishes. I act as per the wishes of my devotees. I want to maintain good relation with all my devotees, saints celibates and aspirants. If I refused them, they will oppose me, they will prefer to go away, but they will not act as per my words !

As the speech went on in such direction, S.G. Atmanand Swami came out from the adjacsnt room and asked inquisitively, "Who is not believing you ?" Atmanand Swami, Param Chaitanyanand Swami, Kaivalyanand Swami and other saints in the next room were discussing the subtle problems of Vedanta. Atmanand Swami stopped the discussion and came to Shri Hari to know about such disobedience.

'Do you trust me ?' Asked Maharaj.

'Yes, we believe in you. We trust in you and your words. We never think to disobey it. Please tell us, if any such disobedience is found in us – in our acts.' Other saints too, came out to know more about the facts.

'Look at this. This is a sword, sharp and pointed. Do you believe this ?' Shri Hari asked pointedly while twisting a corner of his upper cloth.

'Yes I believe.'

'What do you believe ?'

'As you said it. It is a sharp and pointed sword.'

'Are you telling this from your inner most ? Is it an absolute statement ? Or a simple flat conversation ?

Atmanand Swami kept silence.

'Tell me. Be clear in your words.'

'Maharaj ! It is just external.' Said Atmanand Swami in a submissive tone.

'It is of no use,' said Maharaj. In the war of Lanka, Lakshman fell unconscious due to an arrow of the enemy. Medicine man prescribed a medicine – Sanjivani – to be brought from the Mt of Dronachala before sunrise. Lord Rama looked at everybody but found no one to accomplish the mission. But Lord Hanuman a true devotee of Lord Rama, did not even await any order from Lord Rama. He went swiftly and brought the medicine. Hanuman did it in absolute faith and like him, who and how many among you will promptly follow my orders if I asked you to bring Mt. Girnar ? I will take him to be a faithful and obedient devotee – my own man - if he walked away promptly – without any hesitation or doubt – to bring Girnar for me, without a thought, about his capacity to carry it, without a doubt that he will be able to lift it or not. He will go there with firm faith and even if the be brought a small pebble from there instead of a peak, I will believe he has brought the mount for me. He has practised on my words. He has respected my words.

In mid-day light, if I said that it is night, he will see only night in the brilliance of the day, and suppose in the dark night I told him that it is day, he will take it as day. Only when one believes so firmly – with absolute trust, shall he be treated as faithful follower – a true disciple – a true devotee of God. Therefore, if you see me as Rama, you shall be required to act as Hanuman and If you believe me as Shri Krishna, you shall be required to act faithfully as Gopis. If you cant do so, there shall be no meaning of

living with me – and there shall be nothing on my side to tell you. Those who believe so firmly, should live with me, those who can't' may leave for a destination of their choice.

The saints were puzzed. They were disheartened and sad as they were being asked to leave. Gauging their perplexity, Shri Hari said, 'Why are you so perturbed ? There is the whole night to think on. Meet at the room of Keshavji and discuss the problem. Think on it thoroughly and come to a conclusion. Let me know in the morning about your decision. Those who believe me in absolute should come and others should leave directly from there to their destination. They are not required to come to me.'

The saints met at the room of Keshavji. They all knew well the divine majesty and eternal image of Shri Hari. They all had absolutely practised the words and commandments of Shri Hari and were ready to do any thing and every thing for Shri Hari.

Then where was the problem ? They thought again and again. It is day time and if Shri Hari declared it as night, we take it as night because we believe in Shri Hari, but what about the light visible in front of our eyes ? How to ignore it ? How to forget it ? Moreover, Shri Hari asks us in particular, is it just a lip service or total consent from the innermost ? If we take our consent as a consent from the innermost, then what about the puzzling light visible our eyes ? And that shall not be a perfect consent. How can we hide it from Shri Hari ? It shall be an act of cheating.

Then how to compromise on the knowledge received through the sense organs – ears, eyes, nose etc. ? The saints then went to Muktanand Swami. 'Swami ! What is your opinion ? Please show us some way. It has become a complicated issue.'

'Oh Saints ! This is night at this moment, but if told that it is a bright day, we say yes to him without any doubt and take the dark night as a bright sunny day, because we have trust in the words of Maharaj. That unbroken faith and trust in our heart makes us believe in words of Shri Hari and we say yes without any doubt or hesitation. But our cognitive or gans observe and feel just the opposite of the words - night and it's darkness. This is our problem - a compromise in contradictions. Is n't it so ?

'Yes, Yes. That is the problem.'

'We will submit it to Maharaj, early next morning,' said Mukta Muni.

Maharaj was brushing his teeth in the morning. He saw the group of the saints approaching him. A faint smile appeared on his face.

"What is your decision ?"

'Oh God ! Our heart acts as per your orders and feels the same. Thus there exists no room for any doubt and we are taking your orders with absolute faith. But externally – in the outer world – we perceive just the opposite. We are not able to remould our perception in accordance to your words.'

'But at the heart at the innermas – you trust fully, is n't it so ?'

'Yes, Maharaj ! Believe cent per cent.'

'What you believe in your heart is real. The world is unreal - false. Outward look is a devilish vision. Inward look is a saintly vision. Remove and banish the feelings of contradiction. Shri Hari showered his hearty pleasure and asked the saints to ignore out rightly the knowledge acquired by the sense organs – the knowledge of the external world experienced through the organs like eyes, ears etc.

Shri Hari then asked Muktanand Swami to ready the retinue of the saints, celibates and parshadas as they all were invited to Bhuj by Shri Sundarjibhai and Hirjibhai. Shri Hari asked them to join the religious tour of Kutch right after the meals.

Don't imagine death in relation to idols of God

- Prof. Suryakant Bhatt

The institution of idol–worship is the eternal gift to mankind from the rishis of ancient times. Idols are installed most ceremoniously in the temples by invoking Supreme Lord with the help of rituals and vedic hymns from the religious scriptures. Learned Brahmin priests hold the capacity to confirm the propriety of an invocation. There are many saints these days who are in face-to-face proximity of God due to God's oneness with His idols form.

The devotional fervour of Dhruva, Prahlad, Mira, Narsinha Maheta, Surdas, Sant Tukaram, Sant Eknath and others had extensively impressed Supreme Lord dwelling in His idol form. This shows the emotional or sentimental oneness between God and his devotee – between God and image form. God had favoured many of his devotees by blessing them with his divine Darshan from an idol. Devotional concentration of the mind in an image of God, purifies the mind of a devotee, destroys his desires of sense objects and he receives soulful eternal bliss.

Human mind is not fully known. Seventy five percent of our mind is still unknown. Lord Shri Krishna asks his devotees to concentrate their mind in His image. Mind is the cause and means of the worldly shackles and eternal freedom. Human mind moves unsteadily in the whirlpool of doubts, suspicions, faith and loss of faith. Fire is the only means to change the blackness of charcoal; in a similar way, the total submission of mind at the lotus feet of Lord is the only way for the steadiness of our mind. If one desires to cast an impression on the sealing wax, one will have to heat and soften it.

There are aspirants and devotees who



imagine death in relation to an idol of God. They say "It is very ancient very old and left since years without poojan. There shall be no God in it.' This is atheist thinking, and such people misguide others on line of such thinking. If God fulfills the wishes, he takes the idol for real, and if the wishes are not fulfilled, they think of the image to be a lifeless stone. Howmany among us lived at the pleasure of God ?

Lord Shri Hari himself had hugged and embraced the idols with eternal oneness and had installed them in our temples at Ahmedabad, Bhuj, Jetalpur, Gadhada, Vartal, Muli and other places. Lord Shri Hari dwells eternally in these idols. Shri Hari had confirmed this truth repeatedly, and miracles of such divine presence are experienced and witnessed several times by the saints and devotees. To maintain faith, ethical duties and devotional fervour in his devotees, Lord Shri Hari himself had said in detail in his Vachanamrit (Ahmedabad-4), about the idols of God, 'one who knew the science of magic, will not get his mind illusioned. In a similar way, Lord Purushottam Narayan – Lord Narnarayan – acts like a celestial magician and dwells in various human forms by taking one and leaving another continuously since ages. Lord Narnarayan is the eternal cause of all the incarnations. The death or end of life, can not be imagined in relation to Lord Narnarayan, and if thought so, the soul will have to undergo an unending cycle of life and death. Those who thought of eternity in relation to Him shall be imancipated.

Poojan – Worship of God

- Prof. Hitendrabhai N. Patel

Vadodara - the capital city of Baroda state, is a prasadi place of Shri Hari. Shri Hari had graced this city and bless the people of Baroda when the state was ruled by Gaikwar Maharaj. S.G. Gopalanand Swami had nurtured the culture and tradition of this great city amd many Satsangis have held hounoured positions at the royal court of Baroda State.

One Bapubhai – a Sarvaria Brahmin had been a trustworthy sepoy of the royal court. He was blessed personally for his devotional fervour and Shriji Maharaj himself gave to him a prasadi image of God. That faithful devotee Bapubhai never had even a drop of water without poojan archan of the image. Such was his faith and trust in the image given to him personally by Shri Hari. But daily pooja became like a routine and on track of such routine, he imagined within himself the feelings of a idol. He forgot that it was God himself - real God, and under a false notion of the idol worship he brought once a cheap necklace and kept it on the 'idol.'

God dwells in the idol and observes inner feeling – good or bad - of his devotees. God saw instantly that what whent wrong in mind and heart of his devotee–Bapubhai and threw away that cheap necklace. God than said, 'Don't impose on my image the feelings of an idol. I my self dwell eternally infront of you in this image.'

આપી મૂરતી મહારાજે એક, પૂજી જળ લેવું એવી ટેક ॥
તેને અર્થે લાવ્યો એક હાર, ધર્યો મૂરતિને નિરધાર ॥
હાર હળવો જોઈ મૂરતિ, નાખ્યો ફગાવી અળગો અતિ ॥
પછી બોલી છે મૂરતિ એમ, હાર હળવો ચડાવે છે કેમ ॥
બીજે વાવરે છે બહુ ધન, ત્યાં તો મોકળું રાખે છે મન ॥
ત્યારે બાપુએ જોડ્યા છે હાથ, એ તો ભૂલ્ય ઓળખાવી નાથ ॥
ધન્ય સામર્થી તમારી સ્વામી, આજ પરચો પામ્યો હું બહુનામી ॥

(Bhakta Chintamani : Ch : 145, 37-40)

In accordance to the time and the place and within one's personal capacity the sacred objects should be presented by a devotee in his poojan of God. The presence of God, as was felt by Bapubhai is not a singlular miracle. There are hundreds of such events proving blessed presence of Shri Hari in the idols dwelling in personal pooja. Shriji Maharaj had said, 'The idol given by me is Lord Narnarayadnev himself. Know this well and leave not him without pooja.'

(Vachanamrit, Gadhada F.48)

Never think of it as a stone image or a metal image when it is a prasadi of Shri Hari or presented by his Desendent Heir – H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. To think so or to imagine like that it self shall be a major sin. The censure in the case of Bapubhai, shall be applicable equally to all of us if we thought or acted so. It is okay if Almighlty Supreme Lord is not pleased by our devotional service, but stay atleast away from the acts inviting displeasure of God.

સો વાતની એક વાત છે, નવ કરવો આજ્ઞાનો લોપ
રાજી કરવાનું રહ્યું પરું, પણ ન કરાવીયે હરિને કોપ ।

(Vachan Vithi 4:5)

S.G. Nishkulanand Swami narrates the blessed message of Shri Hari :

બીજી મૂરતિ ને આ જે મૂરતિ રે, તેમાં ફેર જાણજ્યો છે અતિ રે ।
કાં જે આ મૂરતિને સ્પરશ રે, થયો અમારો માટે સરસ રે ॥

(Purushottam Prakash 45- 14)

In Vaishnava Sampradaya, the rituals of Pooja are an integral part of devotion. Poojan – worship helps a devotee in his devotional love for God. Shriji Maharaj recommends Mansi–Pooja (mental worship) besides conventional rituals of external pooja. Lord

Shriji Maharaj had explained in detail the ritual of Mansi Pooja (poojan through mental processes). Bhagwan Shri Hari says that the virtuous rewards (Punayas) in both those methods are same, subject to the level of faith and trust in accordance to time and place. For their personal reference, devotees may refer to Vachanamrits (Gadhada L-23).

Enlightened scholar Dinananth Bhatt Prays to Shri Hari :

(I know nothing about the religions and actions. I know nothing about the propriety

न जाने धर्माणामतिगहनकर्तव्यसरणिम्
न शास्त्रं मंत्राणां न च विविधतंत्रागमविधिम् ।
न वा भक्तैः कृत्यं तवचरणपद्मार्चनविधिम्
ततो वन्दे दीनस्तव पदयुगं दंडवदहम् ॥

of the religions and that of the acts. I know nothing in religious scriptures and about the knowledge imparted by them. I have not done proper poojan – arachan of your lotus like feet. Such poor fellow me – Dinananth Bhatt - prays at your lotus like feet. Sharanashtaka : 84-8) Humble scholar Dinananth Bhatt had been an expert of religious scripures and all eighteen thousand shlokas of Mahabharat were on tip of his tongue.

S.G. Shatanand Muni explains Pooja Vidhi (Satsangi Jivan Vol : 5, Ch-7) :

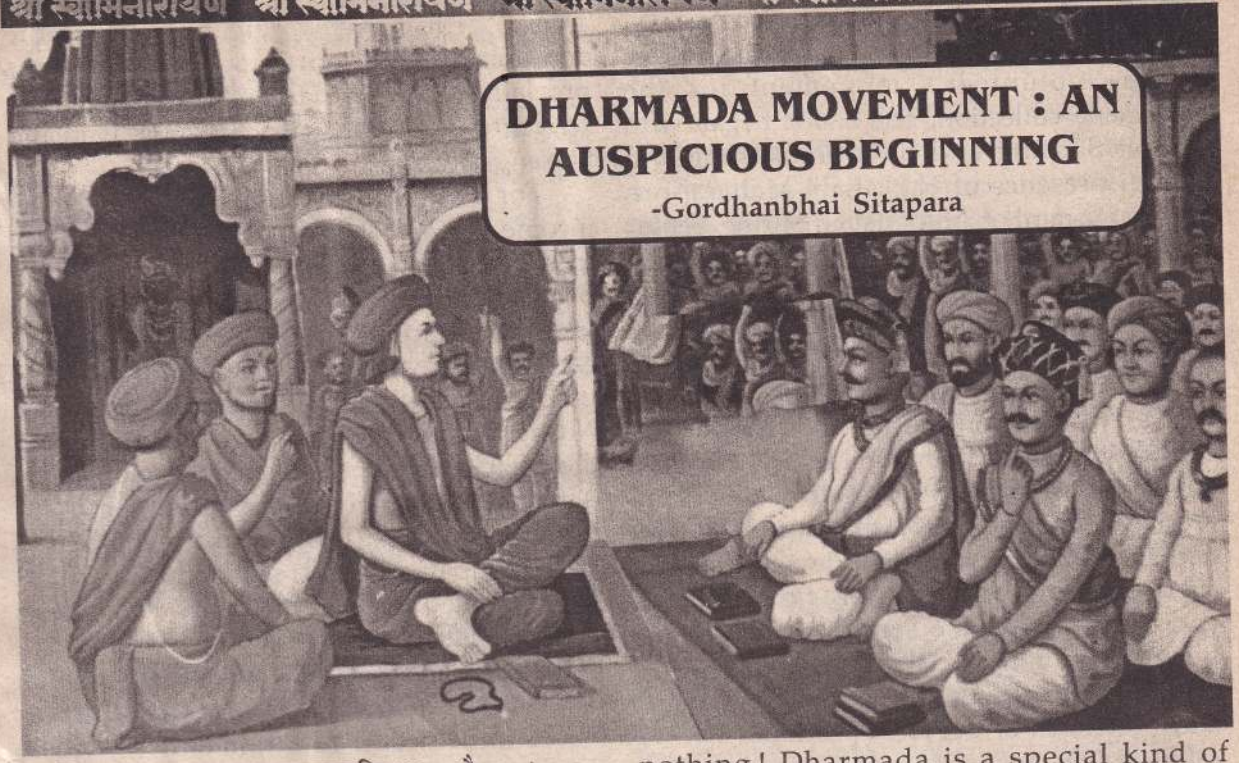
The rituals of invocation and dismissal are not required in poojan of the fixed idols, shaligram (icon of Lord Vishnu) and Ban-linga (icon of Lord Shiva). Unbroken rice are prohibited in poojan of shaligram. Tulsi leaves are prohibited in poojan of Ganpatiji. The Bili (a kind of sacrd tree) leaves are prohibited in poojan of Sun – God. Flowers of Champa and Kevada are prohibited in poojan of Lord Shiva and flowers of Dhatura and Aakda are prohibited in poojan of Lord Vishnu.

The leaves of Tulsi can not be plucked from the plant in time like Vaidhruti-Yoga, Vyatipata, Tuesday, Friday, Sunday, full-moon day of the month, last day of the month, Samkranti, Ekadashi and Dwadashi, in impure period of a birth or death in aone's family, down, dusk and night. Stale water and stale flowers can not be used in poojan of God. Bilipatra, Tamal Patra and Tulsi Patra are exempted of such staleness.

Life is very busy these days and people trust less in reading such material. However, our H.H. Acharya Maharajshri puts in great efforts to guide his faithful followers for poojan of God in accordance to the scriptures.

Lord Revati Baldevji Harikrishna Maharaj dwelling in Jetalpur Dhaam receives fresh flower-garlands everyday early in the morning. There are special arrangements from the temple to procure everyday early in the morning the flowers from Ahmedabd flower market, and garlands are woven thereafter at the temple to please Lord Shri Hari. The idols dwelling in the temple receive every day poojan Archan with fesh flower garlands. A special service "Flower garland service" has been made available to the householder devotees by the Kothar department of the temple. A devotee can host flower garland service for a day or for a specific period by donating rupees two hundred for a day.

Similar service is available since years together at our Ahmedaabd Dhaam. Devotees are welcome to participate.



DHARMADA MOVEMENT : AN AUSPICIOUS BEGINNING

-Gordhanbhai Sitapara

निजवृत्त्युद्यमप्राप्तधनधान्यादितश्च तैः ।
अर्प्यो दशांशः कृष्णाय विंशोंऽशस्त्विह दुर्बलैः ॥१४७॥
(Shikshaptri : 147)

(The Satsangi householders shall offer to the Lord one tenth of their earnings in terms of money or food grains, from their own profession or business. Those who are economically weak shall offer only one twentieth part of their earnings.)

Lord Shri Hari orders so to his devotees.

Shri Swaminarayan Sampradaya, founded by Shri Hari himself, leads the satsangis on supreme path of ultimate benediction. This great satsang is spread world wide and there are millions of satsangis practicing in their life the teachings of Shri Hari. The presence of this satsang is felt every where in each country and all the continents. Thousands of new aspirants submit themselves each year in benign fold of Lord Shri Hari. But how many among us practise absolutely the preachngs of Shikshapatri ?

There are some who donate every year a meagre amount and most of us donate nothing ! Dharmada is a special kind of donation and it has to be donated as Dharmada. Dharmada donation must be given to a particular temple. There are satsanigs, who at times donate Dharmada and donate it as per their own whim, by overtaking constitution of the Sampradaya. Some are in habit of donating Dharmada as a Thaal meals to the saints or attires for the saints and other such items and that too not within the Sampradaya ! If we acted at our own will and whims, than what about the commandments of Shri Hari ? Lord Shri Hari orders very precisely : **The Satsangis those who earned livelihood in Shri Narnarayandev Desh should donate his Dharmada share to Lord Shri Narnarayandev and those who earned livelihood in Shri Lakshminarayandev Desh, should donate Such Dharmada Share to Shri Lakshminarayandev. (See Desh-Vibhag-no Lekh)**

H.H. Lalji Maharaj 108 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharajshri graced on 27-6-04 a grand get together of volunteering

Satsangis held in benign presence of Lord Narnarayandev at Ahmedaabd shrine to flag off the volunteer's movement for the Dharmada collection. The Sabha began with Dhoon Satsang and devotional songs, in benign presence of H.H. Lalji Maharajshri, Mahant Swami of Ahmedabad Shrine, Senior saints and celibates.

S.G. Mahant Swami Shastri Nirgundasji Swami favoured Satsangis by his enlightening dialogue on Dharmada :

The Satsangis and others in India and abroad, who saw on internet and channels the celebrations of Platinum Jubilee Birthday have enjoyed those blissful religious events. They are impressed by H.H. Acharya Maharajshri and this Sampradaya. But we devotees are like a farmer. The responsibility of a farmer can not end with sowing the seeds. In fact, it is a humble beginning and there shall be tasks like irrigating and cleaning the crop-beds, harvest and protection of the farm products. For we satsangis,this post-celebration period shall be the busiest period of our life. There shall be greater responsibilities in the days following grand celebrations. The glory, greatness and majesty of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri prevails in India and abroad. The atheists, opponents and mischief mongers shall be more active in these days to misguide the aspirants. They will try to impress our younger generations by their polluted ideology. They will mispropated to harm us. In circumstances as such, we volunteers need to be extra-vigil and more active to disarm them. We will have to walk one step forward and will have to approach the masses, living in small localities and farflng villages. We will have to educate them the basic principles, and ethical norms of this great sect. The regions and areas, where saints are short in number, the volunteers and spiritually wise devotees should come forward to organize Satsang at the localityand village level to conduct Dhoon-Kirtan sessions. They will have to guide the growing generation. They will have to teach them the commandments orders and niyams proclaimed by Shri Hari and contained in the scriptures of Shikshapatri, Satsangi Jivan and Satsangi Bhusan.

For the sanctity of his devotees' personal income, Shri Hari had ordered all his followers to spare one tenth or one twentieth of his personal income as Dharmada money – God's income – Gods' money. The money so earmarked by a devotee, shall by donated to Lord Narnarayandev, if he earned it in Lord Narnarayandev Desh. There shall be many draw backs if accumulated money and wealth. A farmer kills many lives small or big in his farming activities. Those who are engaged in other occupations attract sins by hurting others and grabing directly or indirectly the interests of others. Such farmers and others become free of their sins and their income shall be pollution free if they donated the Dharmada of 10% or 5% of their income to Lord Narnarayadnev. Such pollution free and pure income will benefit the self and family. Wholesome food keeps an ailment away. Wholesome and holy income will maintain the health of body, mind and soul.'

A man, doing Dharmada in accordance to Shri Hari's commandments, never face a financial hardship. He shall not be in short of money. Those who have donated regularly their Dharmada share, have become millioner. There are thousands of examples. Lord Narnarayandev takes on Himself the total responsibility of the devotees who donate Dharmda regularly and donate it according to Shri Haris' orders. It is primary duity of Yuvak Mandal to exlain to the devotees the benefits of Dharmda share. They should remind them regularly.

No prasadi or no citation such as donation/doner are made in relation to a Dharmada donation because a Dharmada share is Gods' share. Only God holds right on it. The money donated for a thaal or for a meal

to the saints and other such gifts to God inclusive of money donated for construction of a temple shall not be treated as Dharmada. Dharmada is the 10th or 20th part of annual income of a Satsangi and that part is owned solely by Bhagwan. Therefore it should go strait to Lord Narnarayandev. The devotees desiring to donate towards Thaal, attires, meals and other such devotional activities may do so by donating money from their remaining personal share of 90%, which is their own. The ten perecent which is "Dharmada", should be deposited strait at the Kothar of Lord Narnarayandev. To pay it to a Gurukul, hospital, temple or any school, shall not be an act of Dharmada donation. The receipt of a Dharmada are issued on holy name of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. H.H. Lalji Maharajshri desires to spearhead an enlightening movement in region of north Gujarat covering all villages and towns to educate people - our satsangis – for their Dharmada share. Dharmada movement shall be on line of earlier campaign of Platinum Jubilee. Dharmdada share and it's proper donation should become the core of the devotional ways of every Satsangi.

The saints and celibates receive blessings of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri by presenting Guru Purnima Poojan and proceed thereafter to the villages and towns to conduct Katha Varta Satsang and educate Satsangis for their Dharmada donation. Our saints are busy in their duties towards big temple and institutions, therefore they spare lesser amount of time to visit locality or villages for a Dharmada donation. The saints may not be available for every village, as such, it shall be core responsibility of you youths to conduct satsang in those remote areas for reminding them about their ethical duty of Dharmada and it's proper donation. Wherever he goes, our youth, has to teach such thing there to the Satsangis.

S.G. Swami Harikrishnadasji (ex- Mahant, Chhapaiya) said in his enlightening discourse: There may be some sadhus and others who misguide our satsangis and explain that the donation made to any religious work is a Dharmada, and they admire their own work of misguiding people. Please know that, God never pleases by the acts of disobedience or any breach in constitutional provisions. Even corporate houses can not afford such breach of rules and laws. Dharmada share and Naam vera are specific type of donations and both these duites should be executed within the frame of constitution. These commandments or code was framed personally by Shri Hari. Those are Shri Haris' blessed words and should be obeyed to by all the satsanigs. The satsangis not paying Naam-vera donation every year may not be treated as a dependent devotee of Shri Hari and as a Satsangis of this Sampradaya. Therefore, educate them to pay every year the Naam-vera – which is very nominal. You all are very active. You have brought the families at the threshold of Shri Hari – the temple. It is a matter of pride for the Yuvak mandals and every member of this religious organization.

One more point, while conducting Sabhas at a village or a community level, be extra careful in inviting the saints. Ensure that the saints belonged to this highest seat of Lord Narnarayandev Desh and are under direct control of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri and H.H. Lalji Maharajshri. The saints and sadhus, not belonged to this diocese shall not be allowed to address such sabhas. They should be sent back with the due respect.

The Sabha was addressed thereafter by some senior conveners and volunteering members of Shri Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandals. They declared their readiness and commitment towards Dharmada share movement.

The Sabha was concluded with the blessed words of H.H. Lalji Maharaj 108 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharajshri :

'Maharaj asked once to a devotee to put a pumpkin in an earthen pot. The devotee tried at his best to push in the pumpkin through narrow mouth of the pot. The pumpkin was much larger than the mouth of the pot. Some devotees advised to cut it in to pieces as it was too large to fit in. The devotee who was put to the job of fixing it was none else but Dada Khachar himself. Dada Khachar said in confidence, 'No. It should go inside the pot. without any cut or change. I must try on to put it inside. Shri Hari had asked me to put in and therefore, it will have to fit in at the will of Shri Hari. I am supposed to try in absolute trust.' Whether went it inside or not, is a different story, but here in this episode the effort which was continuous and with absolute faith and trust, was the most vital and important. Most powerful among the hymns is the 'faith' and 'trust' in words and commandments of Shri Hari. wards of Shri Hari are beyond the limits of human mind.

We, the saints and satsangis, can not change any thing in orders of Lord Shri Hari. Nobody can change it. Human intellect fall short in measuring mysterious depth of Shri Haris words. Our Yuvak Mandal had acted in discipline and in most organized way to make the celebrations a grand success. They have performed well and without any hasitation. They did assigned work. They stuck to their assigned places - kitchen, parking, path-ways etc. and did their work most sincerely. They were so dedicated to their duties that they skipped the darshan of the rarest events because they knew that the duties assigned to them were the duties assigned by God himself. It was God's work. They have earned the pleasure of Shri Hari. They have earned the hearty blessings of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. Why ? Because, with obedience and faith they have acted as per the words and orders of God.

There are Hari Bhaktas who perform on an oath the vrattas of chaturmaas and other religious penance. They practise many rules of the Shikshapatri, but they skip shloka : 212, where Shri orders specific Dharmada. We do japa and Bhajan. We do Kirtan Satsang and submit a hundred, five hundred or a thousand pradakshina. We do vrattas of Dharna-Parna and penance. We do good many devotional activities. But why we do it ? We do it for ultimate good of the self. It is for personal interest, because one desires his own benediction – self emancipation. Maharaj has said in his Vachanamrits, "I shall not be great if Gods and preciding deities stood in front of me with the folded hands, and shall not be small if they turned away from me." We satsangis are required to explain to others the divinity and majesty of Shri Hari. we are required to guide other aspirants on this path of Satsang. This shall be the truest devotional service – devotion. Maharaj makes them happy, who spare time for the service of Satsang. To attend a religious meeting at the temple is a kind of devotional service. Maharaj showers his hearty pleasure and blesses them with eternal happiness of Him in their present life.

A wanton damsel challenged once to Socretes : You are talking philosophy and ethics to take your disciples to the highest hight of moral living. You put in much of your energy, time and efforts for their excellence at the highest height. But I, in no time bring them down by my youthful charms and that too within no time.' Socretes said, 'You can pull down much more people than this small group of my disciples, and that you can do very easily, without much efforts, because your job is of bringing down from a height - a descent to a lower step of the ladder. On my side, it is a difficult task of ascending - taking them to a higher step up and up. It takes no time in descending a ladder, but needs lots of time, energy and efforts to go up step after step.' If desired to be in satsang, one will have to be there with constant mental conflict. It is like to be stayed put by holding a pillar firmly in the embrace of both the arms. Inner enemies are more powerful than the outer enemies. We know that you are attending these meetings by setting aside the needs and demands of your family. You need little guidance in these

matters. Our temples are spread everywhere in India and abroad covering almost all the continents, but time had effected adversely on Dharmada and Naam Bhet. There is expansion in Satsang but reduction in Dharmada and Naam Bhet.

Get your Dharmada Share (10% or 5%) contributed properly at the kothar of the main temple, and witness it's fruitful results. You will prosper and will live happily with your family. Income will increase year after year.

There are people, who form small groups of their own within this Satsang and collect fund on the name of such group. They donate funds to an organization of their choice. They show such donations as Dharmada. Dharmada – share is God's own money. We satsangi householders have no right on it. It should be spent at God's will but not at our personal whims. Therefore get your Dharmada submitted at the lotus feet of Lord Narnarayandev. Lord Narnarayandev will spend this money at his will. The Dharmada not handed over to Lord Narnarayandev, goes in wrong hands like doctors, advocates, courts, cheaters etc. There are many who complain about their health, 'Don't know what went wrong with my health. I have consulted many specialists but ailment is not diagnosed by them.' Poor follow ! The disease shall be diagnosed in no time if in the first instance he went to the temple and got Dharmada receipt from the kothar. When you can't afford to digest a soft share of the others, how could you digest the mighty share of Almighty ! As it is our ethical duty to do Tilak-Chando, in similar way it shall be our ethical duty to spare the share of God-Dharmada. It is our noble duty. We need to be thankful to Lord Narnarayandev for his merciful favour of accepting our Dharmada. That is our great fortune that we got a chance to do personal service of Lord Narnarayandev during platinum Jubilee celebrations.

Ours is the highest attainment, we are most fortunate souls. Lord Shri Hari dwells within us. Live a conscious life. Feel presence of Shri Hari. be firm in your faith.

Maharaj had asked to do a fast of the whole day if acted in a weak spirit. Act consciously, feel presence of Shri Hari, feel divinity of Shri Hari. Life is not that miserable as it had been in distant past. There was time when there were no fans, no light, no automobiles, no cars. What we have as comforts, is sheer grace of Lord Narnarayandev. Don't live a carefree life. Carelessness and lethargy are the signs of an ailing satsang. There are means and treatment to cure physical ailment but there is no treatment for our weakness in satsang. There is no medicine and no hospital to cure such patients. Therefore, maintain glory, greatness and majesty of the satsang.

About eighty percent of mankind know nothing about ultimate goal of life. Man runs like a racing horse, but with a shut mind. The doors and windows of his brain are shut. His brain is not functioning properly and therefore he is not stopping any where in his run and journey has become endless. At evening he comes back home with tiredness and fatigue. About ninety nine percent of mankind never apply their spiritual wisdom. Maharaj has asked us with love to adhere to the orders and commandents given by him in his Shikshapatri. Such devotional love rises at heart when one knows well the greatness and majesty of Maharaj. Maharaj has said very clearly and had promised to us very firmly that those shall be blessed with eternal happiness who adhered to the orders of him. To be known as a Satsangi is not a small thing. It is the highest degeree. Maharaj has said repeatedly that as and when faced adverse time – miseries, open your Shikshapatri and get the solution. Findout the order which was not followed by you. Rectify your mistake and get back to happiness. Moreover, when you are happy and most comfortable, look again in Shikshapatri and findout the order which is followed most sincerely by you. To maintain your happiness forever, act as per orders of Shikshapatri. May Shri Hari bless us with spiritual strength to live our life as per Shikshapatri.

Be Sincere and Reliable

- Shastri Hari Swami

The sacred month of Shrawan is a season of religious festivals, celebrations, devotion, Satsang, devotional music, penance, meditation and vratts. Special events are organized everyday at all the temples either by the devotees or by the saints. The devotees and aspirants come to the temple to participate in these devotional feasts. They spare time from their busy schedule and attend such satsang regularly in holy days of Shravan. This soulful devotional pleasure and selfess service of the devotees attracts crowds at the religious places. The majesty and divinity of devotion holds the power to melt the rocks.

There was a small village and at the heart of that village was a small temple. The saints were come to the temple to conduct daily Satsang during sacred days of Shraavan. Dhoon, Kirtan and Katha-Varta Satsang was being conducted by them with the devotees. Devotional songs and devotional music were the main attractions of these sessions.



A Munim (accountant) of a private business company was residing in the neighbourhood of the temple. He was listening everyday Dhoon, Kirtans and Katha-Varta held at evening. In beginning he ignored it and took it as waste of time. But as the time passed day after day, he got accustomed to it and though unknowingly, but formed a habit to give an ear to it. As the days passed, he was drawn to the temple gate. Now he sat there at the launge of the steps and clapped unintentionally his hands on rythm of the Dhoons and Kirtans. He began to whisper words of the kirtan and paid attention to the preachings of the saints. Within few days he found himself merged in that large group of the devotees. He liked everything – atmosphere, devotional songs, devotional ways and Satsang activities. He tried to be one among them, but not with a settled mind. Though he attended it daily, his mind was not settled well in devotion.

Once, he went to the saint and opened his heart to the saint. The saint attended to him with great love and said that the mind of him should be at peace and should be most comfortable without any external pressure. The Satsangis at this place should be at ease and should merge themselves absolutely in devotion of God, without any conscious effort from their side. Now as I assume there should be some sinful secret still hidden in your heart, and that should be the cause of your unsettled – disturbed mind. The Munim then submitted politely, "There is no other sin except a cheating of the five thousand rupees. I have taken it secretly from the cash box of my employer. Nobody knows about it but now, I will keep it back at it's place.

The saints inquired after some days, 'Munimji ! How are you ? Settled or not ?' The Munim then said, `Not very well. Not fully settled.' `Munmji ! It should not be so. Have you prayed for a pardon when you paid it back ? Probably, you have not confessed your fault – your mistake. Therefore, go once again personally to your employer and pray for a pardon.'

Oh Saints ! I can not do it. I will lose my prestinge and self respect if I did so. I have kept it back most secretively. If my employer knew it, he will lose trust in me.' The saints then reassured him that nothing untoward was to happen by his open hearted confession. They accompanied Munim in his visit to the employer. He confessed every thing to his employer and prayed for a pardon. The employer was pleased by his sincere and transperent behaviour. He embraced him with love and offered a fat rise in his salary. The employer then saluted to the saints and admired their devotional ways. Munimji realized the majesty and glory of Satsang.

This story is like a many dimensional diamond. Each it's cut has it's own luminosity. For example a sincere and open hearted apology brings virtuous rewards. A Satsang stengthens the soul to be brave enough to confess the mistakes. There are noble souls who forgive a sincere soul. If committed a mistake – knowlingly or unknowingly-be brave enough and bold to accept it open heartedly. Say sorry for your mistake. It is a kind of penance, and a penance is always profitable.

News And Notes From Shri Narnarayandev Desh

AHMEDABAD REGION

Special Satsang of Adhik Shravana held for the Satsangi Ladies

Shrimad Satsangi Jivan Parayan was organised here for the eleven days at our Haveli temple (Ladies) at Shri Swaminarayan Temple, Kalupur Ahmedabad. The highest seat of the reader- priest was graced by Respected Gadiwalashri to address Satsangi Jiven Parayan to her female followers. Respected Gadiwalashri is the preceptor of all female Satsangis. The parayan Katha Satsang was inaugyrated on 1-8-04 and concluding session was held on 11-8-04. Shrimad Satsangi Jivan is the Dharma Shastra of this sect.

The episode of Lord Shri Hari's manifestation was read on 8-8-04. This Katha Session took the female Satsangis to the divine land of Chhapaiya and it's blissful narration helped the devout ladies to feel the presence of Lord Bal Ghanshyam and his childhood sports innocent leelas and motherly love and affection of Bhakti Mata taking good care of her child Bal-Ghanshyam. The three storeys of Haveli were fully occupied by female Satsangis.

Lord Shriji Maharaj had greater love for Katha-Varta Satsang. He had said in Vachnamrit that as and when he listened to a Katha-Varta, he was swept by the devotional current of Katha-Satsang. It acted like a blissful nectar of eternal happiness. Respected Gadiwala too has such affection for Katha-Satsang. In her concluding session, she said that the selfless devotional love of her dependent female devotees has become the source of her eternal pleasure. She is pleased to their devotional fervour irrespective of age or status. All female-Satsangis are equal for her and she loves them equally. The relationship founded on selfless love is eternal and everlasting. There is nothing beyond it. S.G. Premanand Swami describes the welcome procession of Lord Shri Hari :

'જોયા શેરીએ શેરીએ શ્રીનગરની
ચડી ઝરૂખે જોવા સારુ,
પ્યારાને પુરની ભામિનીએ રે જોયા...'

House wives and maidens climbed the balconies, upper storeys and terraces to do darshan of Shri Hari passing through the streets. Similar view was replayed at Haveliin the days of Parayan – Satsang. Haveli temple looked small in these days to accommodate all female satsangis attending katha sessions. There was no space to sit and therefore many of them stood eagerly on their foot to listen to nectar like speech of Respected Gadiwalashri. Huge lobbies at the three floors of Haveli temple were not enough to accommodate them and out side the Haveli there was havy rain day and night.
- Samkhya Yogis Manjuba and Bhartiben, Haveli–Temple

Chhapaiya Temple Celebrates Adhik Shravana – Satsang

Blessed land of Chhapaiya is the birth place of Lord Shri Hari. H.H. Acharya Maharajshri and Respected Gadiwalashri graced this place and did darshan of Lord Shri Hari. The devotees from Gujarat, Sauraashtra, Kutch, Maharashtra – Mumbai and Orissa were come to Chhapaiya to darshan of Lord Ghanshyam Maharaj and Dharmkul. Mahabhishekam and Annakut were presented on this occasion, in presence of Dharmakul and special Katha-Parayan sessions were organized to sing the praises of Lord Shri Hari.

Adhik Shravana Parayan Sessions were held for the month and Parayan of the scriptures of the sect were presented everyday to enlighten the devotees. The main seat of the reader-priest of Parayan was graced jointly by celibate Swami Hariswaroopa-nandji, Swami Shastri Hariprakashdasji and Swami Bhaktiprakash-dasji. Annual religious festivals of the sect and festive events of the Parayan-Katha were celebrated during Adhik Maas. The festivals and Parayan sessions were hosted by Smt.

Ranjanben Dholakia and family to earn the pleasure of Shri Hari. The members of Mahila Mandal – Mumbai have earned the pleasure of Shri Hari by hosting festive events. The events like Hindola, Samaiya and vratts were celebrated with great devotional fervour. The saints and devotees were inspired and encouraged by Elderly senior celibate saint Ramkrishnanandji, and events were managed most efficiently by the saints and devotees under seasoned guidance from Mahant Swami Vasudevanadnji.

- Celibate Mahant Swami Vasudevanandji

Shri Swaminarayan Mandir at Kankaria Organises Maruti-Yagya.

The holy fire was organized here on 14-8-04 at our Kankaria temple to please Lord Bal Swaroop Kashtabhanjandev (Hanumandada). The devotees were inspired and encouraged for this ritual by Mahant Swami Guruprasadasji and Kothari Swami Anand Swami with the due blessings of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. Lord Kashtabhanjandev in his child form, received here Mahabhishekam early in the morning. The Sumptous Annakut was presented thereafter. The holy fire was inaugurated at 9-00 oclock morning by invoking fire-God and session was concluded at 5-30 (evening) by offering coconut to Lord Agni.

Lord Thakorji was helped daily by Lords' personal priest-Swami Devkrishnadasji, to grace colourful attires and ornaments. The session of group Maha Pooja was conducted on the last day of Adhikmaas and Maha Pooja was presented to Lord Shri Hari by the groups of devotees. This colourful event was organized at the Sabha Mandapam to accommodate Maximum number of the devotees. Maha Pooja rituals were conducted by learned Brahmin priests and saints.

Hindola Darshan at Dholka Temple

Lord Morli Manohardev Harikrishna Maharaj dwelling in Dholka Shrine was embraced and hugged with eternal love by Lord Shriji Maharaj himself. This shrine is a prasadi place of Shri Hari. The saints and Yuvak Mandal of this place were inspired and encouraged by Mahant Swami Jagatprakashdasji and Mahant Swami Vishnuprasaddasji to present most beautiful Hindolas to Lord Thakorji. The events were organized with the due blessings of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. Month long Hindola darshan festival was hosted daily by the faithful devotees of Shri Hari, and the Hindolas of various materials were crafted everyday by the expert artists. The devotees were benefitted by this grand celebrations. – *Kothari Manu Bhagat*

Adhik – Shravan Celebrations held at Narayan Ghat Temple

Adhik-Shravan was celebrated by conducting devotional programmes at this holy shrine. The saints and devotees were inspired by Mahant Swami Devprasaddasji and Mahant Swami Shastri Ghanshyamprakashdasji, and Parayan – Satsang, Hindola Darshan, Himalaya Darshan, sacred Shravan, Amarnath Darshan and other such events were presented here with the due blessings of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri.

Shrimad Satsangi Bhushan – Parayan (22-8-04 to 31-8-04) was organized on this occasion. S.G. Shastri Swami Purushottamprakashdasji graced the main seat of the reader – priest and helped the devotees in this feast of devotion and ultimate knowledge. Entire Dharmkul H.H Acharya Maharajshri, H.H. Lalji Maharajshri, Respected Bal Lalji Maharajshri and Respected Shri Raja were present on this occasion to bless the devotees. *- Muktaraj Swami*

Bavla Temple Celebrates Adhik – Shravan

The Himalaya Darshan exhibition was organized here at our temple with the due blessings of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. The events were blessed and inspired by S.G. Dhyani Swami. The saints and the devotees were guided by Mahant Bhaktavatsaldasji to execute the presentation effectively. The devotees were benefited by the darshan of blissful scenes of Lord Shri Haris penance and pilgrimage in Himalayan forest. *- Kothari Gunvenbhai*

Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Mathura

The religious festivals of Adhik-Shravan were celebrated here in great devotional fervour with the due blessings of H.H. Acharya

Maharajshri. The annual festivals and annual celebrations of the calendar year were organized in Adhik-Shravan and Hindola Darshan and other presentations were made at the temple to please Lord Shri Hari.

Shrimad Bhagwat Parayan was conducted during Adhik Shravan as a feast of ultimate – knowledge. The seat of the reader – priest was graced by Pandit Mukesh Shastri. Devotee Shri Anand Swaroop Agrawal and family had earned the pleasure of Shri Hari by hosting Bhagwat Parayan. The devotees from Mathura, Vrindaven and Delhi were benefitted by this devotional feast of ultimate knowledge.

- Mahant Swami Shastri Akhileshwardasji

Siddhapur Temple

The Religious Celebrations were organized here during the sacred days of Adhik-Shravan in benign presence of Lord Dharm-Bhakti Harikrishna Maharaj. The events were inspired and encourgaged by Mahant Swami Bhaktipriyadasji with the due blessings of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. Special celebrations of Tulsi Vivah and Group Maha pooja were organized by involving a very large number of the devotees. The auspicious rituals of Tulsi Vivah were hosted by Shri Bhikhabhai Mandalia and his family. The events were organized and supervised by the team of local saints.

- Swami Chandraprakashdasji

Prantij Temple

Shrimad Bhagwat Parayan was organized here at our temple with the due blessings of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. The seat of the reader-priest of Parayan Katha was graced by Swami Shastri Harijivandasji. The Parayan sessions and the rituals were hosted by devotee Chandrakalaben Mangalprasad Joshi. The devotees were benefited by enlightening knowledge of Bhagwat Parayan. Shri Babubhai M. Shah had served this satsang extensively by his 35 years long service as a trustee of this temple. His devotional services were honoured at the Satsang Sabha by the saints and devotees.

– Mahant Swami Anandjivandasji, Himatnagar.

Himatnagar Temple

H.H. Acharya Maharajshri graced this temple on 6-8-04 and blessed his faithful devotees at a special assembly organized on this occasion.

H.H. Acharya Maharajshri graced the temple and presented Aarti to Lord Shri Hari. A Satsang Sabha was organized on this occasion to earn the pleasure of Shri Hari. H.H. Acharya Maharajshri graced the Sabha and blessed local Satsang. The events were organized most efficiently by Shri Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal with the due guidance from Mahant Swami Anandjivandasji. *- Mahant Swami*

Unava Temple

Adhik – Shravan festivals were celebrated here with the due blessings of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. The events were planned by Mahant Swami Harivallabhdasji. Purushottam Mahatmya Parayan was conducted during the sacred month. The seat of the reader–priest was graced by Swami Shastri Dharmavallabdasji. Local Satsanigs were benefited by this Katha Satsang. *- Paresh Bhagat.*

H.H. Lalji Maharajshri Graces Shri Swaminarayan Sanskrit Mahavidyalaya at Jetalpur Dhaam

This highest seat of learning was founded by the First Acharya of the diocese H.H. Ayodhyaprasadji Maharajshri. Shri Swaminarayan Sanskrit Mahavidyalaya operates from the holy place of Jetalpur wadi to impart education of Sankrit language, literature and scriptures to the younger saints, parshadas and Brahmin children belonged to both the dioceses.

H.H. Lalji Maharajshri graced the campus and had leisurely talk with the smaller saints, parshadas and other pupils of Brahmin community. Those younger saints and pupils have come here from far flung places and have abandoned their parents, relatives and homes to submit their life and soul at the lotus feet of Lord Shri Hari. Such smaller saints, reside here for five to ten years by leaving their guru and the group of fellow saints of their Desaa. The enlightened senior saints of Mahavidyalaya act

like their guide, Guru, Guradian and teacher during their education at the Gurukulam. One to one Interaction with H.H. Lalji Maharajshri had acted like a divine nectar for these small saints. They enjoyed blissful company and enlightening interaction with Lalji Maharajshri. By the due orders of H.H. Lalji Maharajshri and under saintly guidance from Mahant Swami Shastri Atmaprakashdasji, Swami Shastri Purushottamprakashdasji and Mahant Sawmi K.P. Swami, the student saints of this Mahavidyalaya have earned good experience in religious activities. They are conducting satsang sabhas at the near by villages by presenting Dhoon, Katha-Kirtan and cultural programmes to explain doctrines and rules of this sect.

A Sabha was organized on this occasion to meet the saints in a group. They introduced individually and received blessings from H.H. Lalji Maharajshri. Enlightening discourses were delivered on this occasion by Mahant Swami Shastri Nirgundasji, Mahant Swami Shastri Atmaprakashdasji and other saints. H.H. Lalji Maharajshri blessed them heartily and prayed to Lord Narnarayndev for their progress in saintly virtues with a broader vision and compassion for worldly souls. The thaal cooked by these saints was presented to H.H. Lalji Maharahshri and his retinue.

At present there are sixty student saints residing and learning at the Mahavidayalaya. They conduct Sabhas and other religious events at the village level on week-ends (Saturdays and Sundays), ekadashi days, and on Hari Jayanti days to bring the strayed souls in benign shelter of Lord Shri. For this, they have formed smaller groups among themselves. Each group picks up a string of villages to conduct satsang in that locality. Sabha is conducted once a month in each of these villages :

1. Pinglaj 2. Mahijada 3. Navagam. 4. Kaloli 5. Bareja 6. Narayanngar 7. Malalaj 8. Mahij. 9. Badarkha 10. Bhat 11. Kasindra 12. Chaloda 13. Naj 14. Miroli 15. Vasai 16. Paldi-Kankaj 17. Jivrajpark area 18. Satellite area 19. Vadaj area 20. Meghaninagar area 21. Aslali 22. Gamdi 23. Varsang 24. Vadala 25. Manipur 26. Sanand 27. Kheda 28. Godhavi and 29. Bhaupura have been covered in this intensive programme.

- Shastri Swami Hariomprakash, Director

Educational Notes form :

H.H. Acharya Shri Devendraprasadji Education Trust

Shri Sahajanand Primary School (Gujarti)

Km. Ruta Umeshbahi Suthar (Std : 6) stood first in 100 mt. Back stroke (swimming)

Km. Nidhi Narendrabhai Patel (Std. 7) stood first in 200 mt. Back stroke (swimming)

The events were organized by Ahmedabad city district.

Km. Prachi Prakashkumar Shah (Std. 4) stood first in on the spot drawing and painting (Junior level)

The events were organized by Gujarat state Art Teachers Association. H.H. Acharya Maharjshri conveys his hearty blessings.

- Head Master

Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Approach-Bapunagar

Festive "Hindola-Darshan" was organized here to please Lord Thakorji during Adhik – Shravan. Hindola festival and group Maha Pooja events were organized by the devotees under the guidance from Swami Lakshmanjivandasji. H.H. Acharya Maharajshri graced this temple on 7-8-04 with his retinue of the saints and blessed his devotees at group Maha Pooja. Maha-Pooja rituals were conducted by Shri Gopalbhai Shastri. S.G. Mahant Swami Shastri Nirgundasji Swami was present on this occasion to help H.H. Acharya Maharajshri to receive pooja-Archan from his faithful dependants.

A splendid domed-temple is being constructed at this place and construction work is in it's final stage. Lord Narnarayandev accompanied by Lord Ghanshyam Maharaj are to reside at this divine abode. Grand event of the installation ceremony of the idols of God shall be celebrated on 2-3-05. The satangis desiring to serve as a host of the religious events and rituals may contact Swami Lakshmanjvandas (Phone no. 22149084).

- Gordhanbhai Sitapara

Karmashakti Temple, Naroda

'Maha Vishnu Yaag' and Group Maha Pooja rituals were organized here with the due blessings of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. These religious events of Adhik Shravan were organized by the devotees and saints with the due inspiration and guidance from Swami Bhaktinandandasji.

H.H. Acharya Maharajshri graced this temple on 8-8-04 and blessed his devotees at Vishnu-Yaag and group Maha.

A special Satsang was conducted on this religious occasion. H.H. Acharya Maharajshri graced the Sabha and blessed his devotees for their devotional fervour. The Sabha was conducted by P.P. Swami (Junior)

- Gordhanbhai Sitapara

Shri Swaminarayan Mandir Gomtipur

A late evening Satsang Sabha was organized here on date 1-8-04 at 8-00 p.m. to receive personal blessings from the sixth descendent heir of Lord-Shri Hari's another form. H.H. Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharajshri with retinue of the saints and parshadas graced the occasion, by his benign presence. Enlightening discourses were delivered by the scholar saints to explain majesty and glory of Shri Hari, Sampradaya, Dharmkul and the devotional ways of the sect. H.H. Acharya Maharajshri conveyed his hearty blessings to the saints, devotees and aspirants.

- Shri Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal

Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Mithakhali

Our Swaminarayan Temple at this place is one hundred and fifteen years old Shrine of western Ahmedabad. Fortnightly Satsang Sabhas are conducted here regularly at 8-30 p.m. on second and fourth Saturdays of every month with the due blessings of H.H. Achaya Maharajshri. These religious sessions are being organized by Shri Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal of this temple to sing praises of Shri Hari. These satsang activities are being conducted most religiously with the due inspiration and guidance from Mahant Swami Shastri Nirgundasji. Please Conanct Shri Nandubhai : 9824450229 or Shri Vinodbhai : 22141400.

Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Modasa

Shrimad Dasham Skandha and Shri Satsanji Bhushan Parayan-sessions were conducted here during Adhik-Shravan. The main seats of the reader-priests were graced respectively by Shastri Swami Harijivandasji and Shastri Swami Chhapaiyaprasaddasji. The devotees were benefitted by this feast of devotion filled ultimate knowledge.

- Kantibhai Prajapati

Satsang Sabha at Sehara

The unit of Shri Narnarayandev Yuvak mandal was formed here and local convener was appointed according with the due orders of H.H. Lalji Maharajshri. A special Satsang was organized on this occasion to submit Dhoon, Katha-Kirtans to Lord Shri Hari.

- Ashwinbhai, Kothamba.

Karvirnagar, Kolhapur (Maharashtra)

Shrimad Satsangi Jivan Parayan was organized here to support fund raising programme for the new temple. The seat of the reader-priest was graced by Mahant Swami Shastri Ishwarjivandasji (Dhariawad). This grand feast of ultimate knowledge Enterprise was hosted by M/s. Patel Enterprise, Mumbai (Menpur wala). The devotees have expressed their readiness and have contributed in cash and kind toward this religious service.

- Shri Swaminarayan Satsang Mandal, Kolhapur.

Shri Swaminarayan Mandir (ladies) Godhavi (Teh : Sanand)

Early morning religious walk, Dhoon-Kirtan and Satsang Sabhas were organized here by the female devotees of this temple with the due blessings of Respected Gadiwalashri.

- Shri Swaminarayan Mandir (ladies), Godhavi

Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Hebatpur, (Teh : Viramgam)

Village Hebatpur is the birth place of S.G. Purnanand Swami. Shri Narnarayandev Yuvak Mnadal of this place has organized a Satsang Sabha to sing the praises of Lord Shri Hari. Dhoon, Kirtans and Katha-Varta Satsang was conducted by Swami Chhapaiyaprasadasji Swami. S.G. Purnanand Swami had been a contemporary Paramhamsa in retinue of Lord Shri Hari. those blissful episodes were presented

to the audience in devotional memory of late Swami Purnanandji.

Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Makakhad

Shrimad Satsangi Jivan Parayan was organized here (between 24-7-04 and 30-7-04) by the devotees from Chaudhari family. This devotional feast was organized in blissful memory of Swami Gopaladasji, with the due blessings from H.H. Acharya Maharajshri and H.H. Lalji Maharajshri. These religious events were organized by the devotees and saints with the due guidance from S.G. Ram Swami (Vidyadham Hathijan) The seat of the main reader – priest was graced by Shastri Swami Shrijiprakashdasji (Hathijan).

This special Satsang has encouraged many youths to forsake addiction and intoxicants from their personal and social life. H.H. Acharya Maharajshri graced the concluding session and blessed his devotees.

- Chaudhari Kababhai Chhaganbhai

MULI REGION

Derayari (Ranjitgadh, Halvad)

A special Satsang was organized here on date 16-8-04 with the due blessings of H.H. Lalji Maharajshri, to sing the praises of Lord Shri Hari. S.G. Shriji Swami, Swami Vishwaviharidasji, Swami Bhaktiviharidasji and other saints were present on this occasion. They delivered nectar like discourses to explain glory and majesty of Shri Hari, Satsang, Dharmakul and Dharm Vanshi Achaya and explained to the devotes the majesty of this prasadi village of Shri Hari. Dhoon, Kirtan and Katha-Satsang was presented by the enlightened saints. The devotees from nearby villages were come for this special satsang. *- Tarabundia Rameshkumar*

Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Muli

Lord Shri Radhakrishandev Harikrishan Maharaj has received here beautiful Hindola during Adhik-Shravan. Most attractive Hindolas made of various objects were presented to Lord Thakorji dwelling at the main temple and the Haveli. The devotees were inspired and encouraged by Mahant Swami Mukundprasaddasji and Lord Thakorji's personal priest Swami Jayprakashdasji. The satsang of Muli town has been benefited by the darshan of Hindola. *- Nilesh Gujjar.*

OVERSEAS

Buwie Merriland (Washington ISSO Chapter)

A Satsang session of the three hours duration was conducted at evening on 31-7-2004, and Dhoon, Bhajan Nitya Niyam were presented in group by the devotees to earn the pleasure of Shri Hari. A large number of devotees were present on this occasion.

The Satsang is progressing well with the due blessings of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri and H.H. Lalji Maharajshri. *- Kanubhai Patel*

AKSHARVAAS

Ahmedabad-Naranpura : Devotee Hirabhai Joitaram Patel (Uma Transport) passed away to Akshardam amdist the chants of Shri Haris' names. Late Shri Patel has earned the pleasure of Shri Hari by his service towards Shri Narnarayandev Desh Peeth.

Mansa : Shri Kanaiyalal Ramanlal Modi Passed away (27-7-04) to Akshardam amdist the chants of Shri Haris' names.

Modasa : Shri Fatabhai Chhalabhai Samar passed away (17-8-04) to Akshardham amidst the chants of Shri Haris' blissful names. Late Mr. Samar has served extensivley the Satsangi of Modasa.

Meghaninagar (Ahmedabad) : Shri Jadavbhai Devsibhai Babaria passed away to Akshardham amidst the chants of Shri Haris' blissful names.

Godhara (Panch Mahals) : Temple-priest of Shri Swaminarayan Mandir (Tower) Shri Jashwant Bhagat (Guru : Late Swami Krishnakeshavdasji) passed away (5-8-04) to Akshardham amidst chants of Shri Haris' names.

Godhara : Temple priest of Shri Swaminarayan Mandir (Ladies) Samkhya Yoig Bhikhiben (Guru : Late Samkhya Yogi Diwaliba) passed away (4-8-04) to Akshardham amidst the chants of Shri Haris' divine names.



Vaman Darshan



Kunj-gali Darshan



Himalaya Dars



Gval Bal Darshan



Shikshapatri Jayan



Hindola of flower



Shakotsava





Chhapaiya Darshan



Viśhnu-yag Darshan



Blessed Presence of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri at the religoius procession organized on Installation ceremony of idols of God at Leicester (U.K.) ISSO



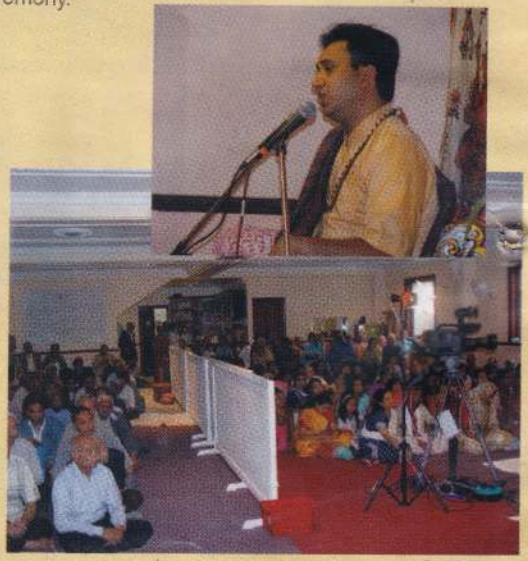
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Principal Host Shri Harishbhai Govindbhai Patel earns pleasure of Shri Hari at the invocation ceremony.

Shri Yogendrabhai Bhatt addresses Parayan-Katha session at leicester Temple.



H.H. Acharay Maharajshri graces the house of Shri Hiteshbhai Bhudia. (Shri Bhudia has earned the pleasure of Shri Hari by hosting Platinum Jubilee Parayan Satsang)



Praful Kharsani