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The devotees at the Mangla Aarti and the Dhanurmaas Dhoon held at Shri Swaminarayan Temple, Kalupur.

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H.H. Acharya Maharajshri offers concluding sacrifice to Lord Holy-fire in the installation and invocation ceremonies of God at Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Vanjhar (Sarkhej).



H.H. Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharajshri attends his last official assignment - the Bhumi Poojan of the land procured for Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Dhulkot Halar-Muli region (14-10-2004).

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EDITORIAL

Dhanurmaas is a holy period as the Sun God (Bhagwan Surya) is present during this period in the zodiac of Sagittarius. Lord Shri Krishna has learnt the Dhanurvidya (archary) from Rishi Sandipani at his Ashrama (hermitage) at the bank of river shipra by residing there during this holy month with his Dauji (elder brother) Shri Balram and the friends like Sudama. This is the holy month when Bhagwan as a student goes to his teacher to receive education. God learns from his Guru ! To celebrate this grand event, God at the temple receives adornments and outfits befitting a pupil - a student. Teaching - learning are conducted in early part of the day, therefore, God at the temple receives Thaal (meals) much early everyday, during this holy month.

The holy month Dhanurmaas is ominous for the worldly souls, but for the devotees of God, this is the season of devotion and devotional activities.

The early morning Dhoon sessions began long back by the pupil-saints of the Ahmedabad temple Path-shala are at the pinnacle of success and have become an early morning holy ritual spreading fregrance of devotion and holiness. It draws crowds of all age groups to participate in the Dhoon-sessions.

H.H. Acharya Maharajshri graces these days the religious tour of overseas countries, therefore, the Previous Acharya, H.H.Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharajshri presents Mangala (early morning) Aarti and blesses his devotees at the temple. The early morning Dhanurmaas Dhoon is being conducted in his benign presence at the prasadi Sabha Mandapam. Lord Shriji Maharaj says in Vachanamrit, 'Nothing is greater than the devotion of God.' Therefore, do devotion and sing every day the praises of God. Do service of God, live in holy company of the saintly souls and earn the pleasure of Lord Shri Hari.

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



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

December-2004

1. Graced the village Vanjhar (near Sarkhej) and blessed the Shobha Yatra by his benign presence on festive occasion of the Installation of the idols of God. Vanjhar (Sarkhej).

   Graced the house of devotee Shri Vallabhbhai P. Patel, Bapunagar, Ahmedabad.

2. Installated by his blessed hands the idols of God at the temple at Vanjhar, Sarkehj. Installed by his blessed hands the idols of God at the ladies temple Viramgarm.

   Did Bhumi Poojan for the new temple at Paldi-Vansa.

4-5. Graced Narnarayannagar - Kutch.

6. Graced Parayan session held at our temple at Narayanghat, Ahmedabad.

   Graced Shri Swaminarayan Provision strores (prop. Mukundbhai Bhogilal Modi), Subhashbridge.

   Graced the place of Shri Rameshbhai R. Marfatia, Mithakhali, Ahmedabad.

   Graced the house of Shri Bhurabhai G. Sheladia, Bapunagar, Ahmedabad.

   Graced the house of Shri Devchandbhai Arjanbhai at Bapunagar, Ahmedabad.

7. Graced ``Omkar International'', Navrangpura, Ahmedabad.

   Graced P.Riv. (Silica Marketing Pvt. Ltd.), Navrangpura, Ahmedabad.

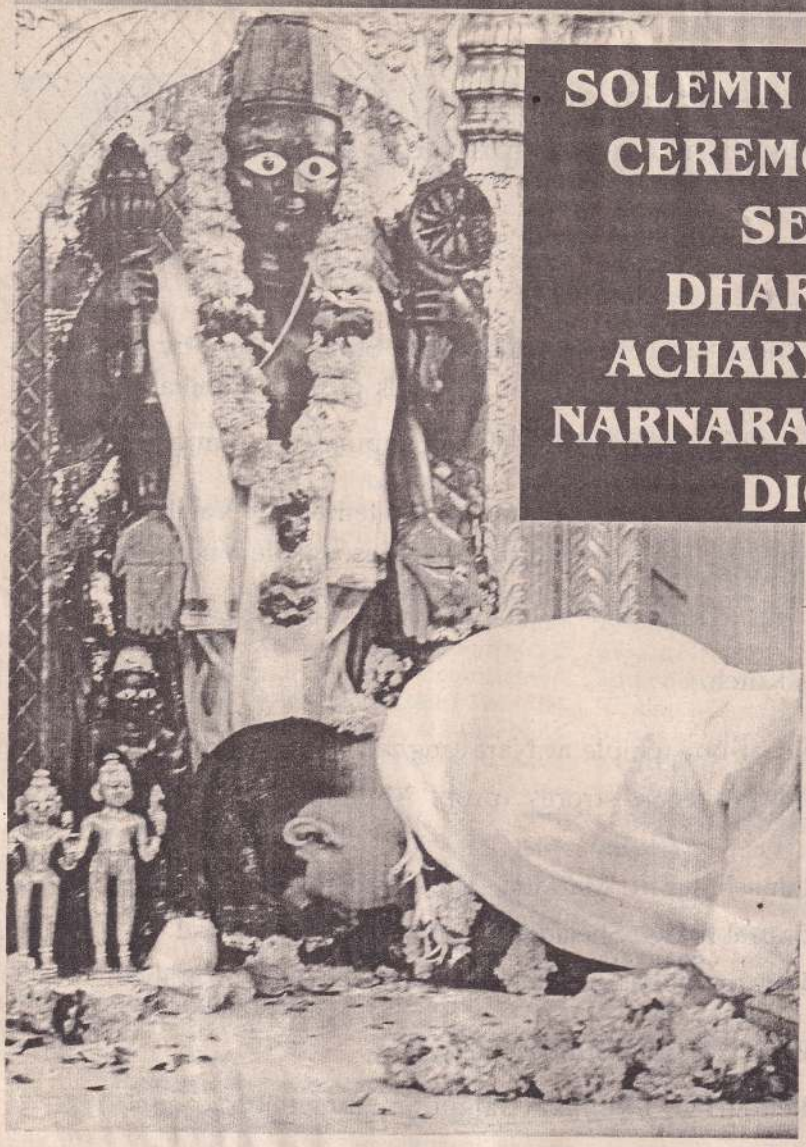
   Graced the house of Shri Kailashkumar Gadhvi, Navrangpura, Ahmedabad.

   Graced the marriage ceremonies held at the place of Shri Ghanshyambhai A. Patel, Sola-village, Ahmedabad.

8. Initiated Bagwati Deeksha and administrated sainthood to the new saints at Shri Swaminarayan Mandir.

   Graced the house of Shri Kishorbhai B. Kashiani.

8-12-2004 to 7-1-2005 Relgious tour of U.S.A. Installation and invocation of the idols of God at our Sydney Swaminarayan Mandir (Australia)



SOLEMN ANOINTMENT CEREMONY OF THE SEVENTH DHARMVANSHI ACHARYA OF SHRI NARNARAYANDEVDESH DIOCESE

- Kothari Swami Satyaprakashdasji

H. H. Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharajshri showers his blissful pleasure, by leading, guiding and helping this satsang constantly since the second day of the bright half of Ashwin of 2025.



H. H. Acharya Maharajshri has expressed his supreme sovereign will and practised it immediately by anointing his only son as the Seventh Acharya of Shri Naranarayandevdesh Diocese. Noble released sould- H. H. Acharya Maharajshri has set the supreme ideal of detachment by forsaking and transferring his divine powers to the Seventh Acharya. The Seventh Acharya- H. H. Lalji Maharaj 108 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj is a most precious gift to this Satsang. H. H. Tejendraprasadji Maharajshri has trained and educated him personally for a long period of thirty two years.

This historical change and the transfer of the divine powers took place instantly when H.H. Acharya Maharajshri spelled his free will to S.G. Mahant Swami Shastri Nirgundasji and the news about forthcoming auspicious events spread orally with in two days in our worldwide Satsang.

The auspicious day that was fixed earlier for the solemn anointment of Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharajshri as the Sixth Acharya of this diocese, the same auspicious day and time were fixed most ceremoniously for the anointing ceremonies of the Seventh Acharya - the auspicious second day of the bright half of Ashwin (15-10-20 04).

No conventional invitations were sent to any

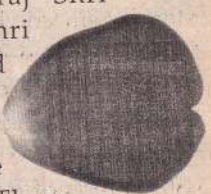


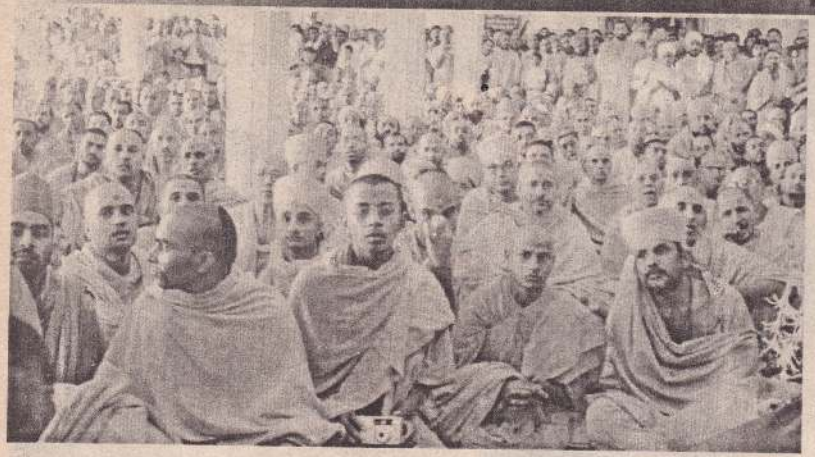
of the satsangies, but the devotees in India, America, Australia, Africa, Canada, England and other countries knew about it with in hours ! The thousands of the overseas devotees came within two days to Ahmedabad to join the rituals and celebration.

The temples of Shri Naranarayandev Desh Diocese were informed telephonically about this auspicious event. About four hundred saints graced this historical event, despite a short oral notice of forty eight hours. The saints from Ahmedabad Desh, Muli Desh, Kutch-Bhuj region, Vadtal, Gadhpur, Junagadh and Dholera regions were present on this grand occasion. The saffron colour of detachment and asceticism was spread over entire temple complex. Thousands of devotees came to the abode of Lord Narnarayandev and filled devotional fervour om every particle of the environment.



H. H. Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharajshri, H. H. Lalji Maharaj 108 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharajshri and Respected Bal Lalji Maharaj Shri Vrajendraprasadji Maharajshri graced the shrine of Lord Naranarayandev and presented "Keshar-Abhishekam' to Lord Narnarayandev, amidst the chants of vedic hymns. They presented to God the precious attires and ornaments. H. H. Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Rakeshprasadji Maharajshri of Shri Lakshminarayandev Diocese, Vartal, was present on this occasion. H. H. Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharajshri and H. H. Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Rakeshprasadji Maharajshri presented jointly the Shangar-Aarti





to Lord shri Naranarayandev, and served the festive Thaal to Supreme-Lord of Bharat Khand (Greater India).

The prasadi Sabha-Mandapam, where Lord Swaminarayan Bhagwan has served happily and repeatedly the sumptuous feast meals to his saints, was the venue of this historical event. The seat of the Acharya which is placed at the Sabha Mandap is the sacred historical seat graced earlier by the first Dharmvanshi Acharya Maharaj H. H. Shri Ayodhyaprasadji Maharajshri and graced continuously by his successor descendants.

The holy seal of the Acharya of Shri Narnarayandev diocese was decorated most decently befitting the occasion and similar another chair was arranged for the Acharya Maharajshri of Shri Lakshminarayandev Diocese. The Sabha Mandapam corridors and splendid courtyard of the abode of Lord Narnarayandev were decorated with colourful clothes, flags, flowers, asopalav leaves and banana plants. The special assembly was blessed eternally by the divine bliss of the soft sounds of devotional music and fragrance of sandal wood Dhoop.

The Saints, Parshadas, guests and devotees occupied the seats in aspiration and enthusiasm.

The holy court-yard which was blessed repeatedly by the sacred touch of the lotus feet of Lord Hari and the place where Lord Shri 'Hari' had delivered religious discourses with grand samaiya celebrations and holy-fires was chosen on this occasion for the sacred holy-fire and a colorful canopy and altar were erected there in front of Lord Narnarayandev. The scholar Brahmin priest of the for Vedas were appointed to conduct the holy-fire rituals with due assistance from the junior Brahmin-priests. H. H. Lalji Maharajshri graced the holy place and presented sacred-sacrifice to holy-fire.

Thereafter, Acharya Maharajshri-designate accompanied by the Acharya Maharajshri of both the Deshas (dioceses) graced the assembly. The saints and the parshadas of both the dioceses received them most honourably. Mahant Swami Shastri Nirgundasji Swami conducted the historical assembly.

In his opening speech, S.G. Nirgundasji Swami amazed the audience by narrating spiritual history of the conventional tradition of Dharam Vanshi Acharyas, followed by enlightening and devotion filled speeches of S.G. Shastri Swami Purushottamprakashdasji, S.G. Swami Dharmnandandasji (Dy. Mahant, Bhuj) and S.G. Bapu Swami (Kothari Swami, Vartal Dham). They praised the religious services of H. H. Acharya Maharajshri and took on account the great achievements secured by him in the thirty-five years of his services.

The blessed and auspicious hymns of the Vedas were chanted thereafter; by the scholar Brahmin priests Shri Dahyabhai Shastri (Founder of Brahmarshi Vidyalaya, Nadiad) and other Vedic scholars. Principal Brahmin priest of this temple - Pandit Vachaspati Mishra and the temple priest Shri Kamaleshbhai Purohit blessed H. H. Lalji Maharajshri by the chants of the vedic hymns. H. H. Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Rakeshprasadji Maharajshri of Shri Lakshminarayandev Desh conveyed his hearty

blessings and good wishes by admiring the religious services and grand traditions of the Dharamvanshi Acharyas maintained very well by H. H. Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharajshri of Shri Narnarayandev Desh Diocese.



In his most memorable discourse, H. H. Acharya Tejendraprasadji Maharajshri recalled memorable events and occasions of last fifty years, and recalled sweet memories of the preceptorship of thirty-five years. He blessed Acharya-designate, saints, guests and devotees and conveyed his hearty wishes.

Now were the golden moments of the historical event. S. G. Mahant Swami Shastri Nirgundasji Swami stopped for a while the series of the blessed words, and at 11.05 a.m. sharp the soulful chants of the vedic hymns started by the scholar Brahmin priests. The atmosphere was charged with the devotional fervour and audience was embraced warmly by the celestial music. H. H. Acharya Maharajshri ascended from his seat of the Acharya and helped H. H. Lalji Maharajshri to grace the seat of the Acharya. With devotional love, he did tilak of kumkum on the forehead of the Future Acharya and bedecked him gently with the golden necklace. Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharajshri came then to Respected Bal Lalji and bedecked him gently with a Kumkum Tilak and a pearl-necklace. Entire audience was glued unwinkingly at this historical view. H. H. Acharyashri took Uttariyam (shoulder cloth) from his shoulder and arranged it with grace on the shoulder of H. H. Lalji Maharajshri.

Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharajshri took off most respectfully the red turban from his head and arranged it with grace on the head of H. H. Acharya – designate. He then pronounced happily and declared H. H. Acharya Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj as the Seventh Dharmvanshi Acharya of Shri Narnarayandev Diocese. Acharya Maharajshri Rakeshprasadji Maharajshri of Lakshminarayandev Diocese joined then the rituals with Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharajshri and presented Golden necklace and prasadi garlands to the seventh Dharamvanshi Acharya. H. H. Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharajshri received then Poojan-Aarti presented jointly by H. H. Acharya Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharajshri and H.H. Acharya Shri Rakeshprasadji Maharajshri.

In his first speech as the seventh Acharya of this diocese, H.H.Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharajshri reaffirmed his faith in Lord Narnarayandev and this Sampradaya and expressed his firm will to act in full spiritual force for the development of this sect and welfare of the fellow satsangis. He desired hearty blessings of his father - the precedent Acharya, and also from H.H.Acharya Maharaj Rakeshprasadji Maharajshri, the Saints and the Satsangis of both the dashes.

The seventh Dharmvanshi Acharya H.H. Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharajshri was felicitated thereafter with the flower garlands and Aarti Poojan presented by the senior saints from Ahmedabad, Bhuj and Muli Dhaam and the prasadi gift of Lord Shri Hari's foot prints was presented to him by S.G. Mahant Swami and senior saints on behalf of the saints,

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Acharyaship of Swaminarayan Sampraday



PRESENT APPOINTMENT

The seventh descendent heir of Shri Swaminarayan Bhagwan - 1008 Shri Kashlendraprasadji Maharaj has gained the highest seat of Supreme Preceptor at his demise. He had been with H.H. Acharya Maharajshri since his early age and as H.H. Lalji Maharaj he participate consistently in various religious activities in Gujarat in and abroad. He had led the movement of spiritual upliftment in future generation by conducting youth Satsang camps, Youth Satsang seminars and religious works. He coordinated with effectiveness the global net work of Shri NarNarayandev Yuvak Mandals and enlightened about 2 lakh youths by his group activities in Indian culture. He instilled virtues and values of Indian culture and traditions by conducting youth satsang camps in overseas countries. Such is his dedication towards the Sampradaya, that he averages 250 kilometers a day, reaching to the remotest of the villages, to spread the Sampradaya's fame, and to render whatever assistance possible to the needy.

He has vision and foresight empowered by practical training from his father - H.H. Acharya Maharaj (swamiprasadji) and divine powers invoked in him by his great father-Lord Shree Muni. Future of the Sampraday is safe and luminous in blessed hands of His holiness.

Father of all mantras: SWAMINARAYAN



Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan

Spreading the wisdom



Shri Hari's doctrine of universal welfare of mankind



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THUS SPAKE ACHARYA MAHARAJSHRI

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Those are most fortunate who have listened to the blessed spiritual words of H.H. Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharajshri. It appears that lord Shriji Maharaj himself addresses us through his sixth decendent son. Even in these days there shall be no pain of separation of Shri Hari, if we learn to listen him with devotion. Lord Shriji Maharaj has favoured this satsang by gifting to us these prasadi temple. Lord Shri Hari himself has installed the idols of God in these temples and Lord himself dwells in those temples. Lord Shri Haris' descendent sons – Acharyas – dwell among us to lead us on the path of ultimate benediction. The saints and the scripture created by Shri Hari are with us to enlighten the mankind.

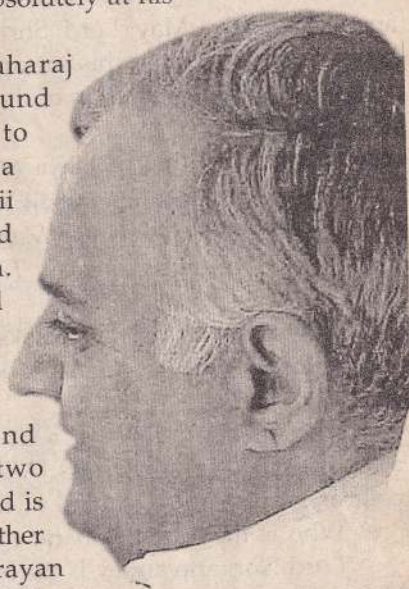
Keeping in view the time, the place and the invidiual, Lord Shriji Maharaj has delivered the discourses. H.H. Acharya Maharajshri delivers the discoureses in the like manner, in accordance to time, place and capacity of the devotees. Lord Shri Krishna had addressed his Bhagwat Gita in the like manner.

Following are the two speeches delivered by H.H. Acharya Maharajshri :

`I am more happy to visit this temple, because I am visiting it regularly since beginning of it's construction. A father sees his son growing in adolescene and youth from his childhood and becomes sees him happily grown as an youth. In similar way I have seen happily this temple rising from it's foundation. It's plans, design and elevation are simply marvelous. I am congratulating the devotees who have sereved in construction of this temple.

Lord Shriji Maharaj has bestowed this Satsang with Sudarshan Chakra (divine disc), Kalpavriksha (heavenly tree) and Chintamani (wish fulfilling gem). Sundarji Suther asked once to Lord Shriji Maharaj, 'Maharaj ! Lord Shri Krishna has Sudarshan Chakra to proect his devotees. Why don't you have it?" Maharaj then said, 'I am protecting my devotees continuously round the clock by my Sudarshan Chakra of Shikshapatri. The two hundred twelve shlokas are the sharp spears to protect my followes. By dwelling in the idols I protect those faithful devotees who practise the orders of the Shikshapatri.

The singer saints and devotees were presenting devotional music at the Hindola celebrations at Shri Narayanghat temple. They sang the kirtan "મોર, બપૈયા દાદુર બોલે, ઝરમર ઝરમર વરસે." There was no rain despite rainy clouds. I prayed to Maharaj to bless us with rain and life. Shriji Maharaj consented to our prayer and sent plentiful rain to quench the thirst of the mother earth. Maharaj fulfills our benedictory wishes if we surrender absolutely at his lotus feet.



Shriji Maharaj ordered Mukund Brahmchari to deliver a discourse. Shrjii Maharaj insisted for a speech. Mukund Brahmchari stood in front of the assembly and uttered two sentences : 'God is one and no other but Swaminarayan himself is God. There is eternal pleasure in obeying to this orders

and there shall be unbearable pains on discobeying the orders.' Though only two sentences, he preached almost everything in ethical duties. We should practise the teachings of Mulji Brahmchari. Those two sentences are more than enough to conduct a week long Parayan.



The devotees at this place are faithful and trustworthy. They obey to the orders of Shri Hari. Once a Haribhakta was invited to address the assembly. I rember a sentence : "ભલા થઈને બધાં સખણાં રહેજો, તો કંઈ વાંધો નઈ આવે," I carries a most important counsel. Our Shikshapatri teaches how to live "સખણાં" સખણાં રહેવું means to live and act wisely. May Lord Shri Hari favour and bless this satsang, with the due festivities of the Installation of the idols of God in this temple.

- H.H. Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharajshri.

(On occasion of the Group Mahapooja held on 7-8-2004 at Shri Swaminarayan Temple Aproach - Bapunagar).

'Where a king resides ?' asks some one.

'A king resides at a palace,' We answer him.

'Where his palace is ?'

'It shall be at a town or a city. Royal palaces are not located in the forests. A king lives at the palaces located at the capital of the state.'

'Who is the king of Bharat Khand ?

'Lord Narnarayandev is the Supreme king of Bharat Khand.'

'Where is the capital of the king of the Bharat Khanda ?

'Ahmedabad is the capital of the king of the Bharat-Khand and Kalupur temple is the palace of the king of the Bharat Khand. Like capitals of the other kingdoms, the capital of Bharat Khand has the ministries, departments and offices.' Once a king came to Shriji Maharaj. The king asked, 'We rule our kingdom by our policy of Saam (conciliatory means used in politics), Daam (money power used in politics), Dand (the means of punishment used in politics), and the Bheda (the means of secrecy and diplomacy used in politics). How you manage your Sampradaya and Satsang ?'

Maharaj said, 'I too rule the Sampraday by a policy of Saam, Daam, Dand and Bheda. 'How ?' asked the king.

Maharaj said, 'Listen, in our diplomatic means of Saam, we talk to the saints and devotees about God and God's majesty, and in 'Dama' we describe the majesty and greatness of the idols of God. In diplomacy of the 'Bheda', I explain to the devotees the perishability of the ephemeral world that looks like a mirage or a dream. Only God is the eternal truth - divine entity. The truest among the acts as a human being, is the act of total submission at the lotus feet of Lord Shri Hari.

In diplomacy of 'Dand' I have got written the scripture of "Yama Dand" to instill fear in the soul to draw them away from the sinful deeds. Those who act otherwise and ignore the limits or decorum prescribed by the Sampradaya, shall be punished accordingly by the means of 'Dand'. I conduct the satsang in accordance to time, place and individual.

The labour of constructing a temple is most adorable and pleasant labour. Our tender feelings are attached to the labour of contructing a temple. The services of all the devotees, even the smallest one, contribute distinctly in construction of the temple. These temples are most benedictory to the satsangis and mankind. Even an unknown person, who admires the temple building in his visit of a shrine, attains ultimate benediction. The temples are constructed not only stones by or mortar, but with the subtle devotional feelings of the Satsangis, percolated in every molecule of the temple. This is some thing unique in the case of our shrines.

Some eight or ten years ago, we got

constructed a splendid temple of Lord Swaminarayan Bhagwan to favour the satsang at London (U.K.). A grand festival of the installation ceremony of the idols of God was to the organized at the temple and prepartions were in advance stage at the temple building. Local residents and neighbouring school lodged a complaint that the people of this country are noisy and dirty. They should not be allowed to organized any public programme at the temple campus. But the celebrations were organized in presence of Maharaj and Maharaj dwelled at the heart of the neighbouring residents. School authorities and neighbours came forward with a helping hand. They offered the school buildings and the houses to arrange temporary lodging facilities for the guests and visitors ! Lord Shri Hari inspires devotees and donors to donate funds for the construction of the temples and the satsang activities. God strengthens the devotees for the devotional services. Similarly, these who will serve in cash or kind in construction of the "Sant-Avas" at this temple, shall be blessed by Lord Shri Hari.

Personal differences should be set aside at the steps of the temple as and When we come to the temple to salute Lord Shri Hari. Foot wear are the symbol of such differences. We leave our shoes at the steps, when we come to the temple. All mental reservations and differences should be left outside with our shoes, when we walk forward to do darshan of Lord Shri Hari.

May Lord Shri Hari dwell eternally in these idols to bless his devotees.

- H.H. Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharajshri.

(On occasion of Maha Vishnu Yaag and the group Maha pooja held on 8-8-04 at Shri Swaminarayan Mandir (Karmshakti), New Naroda)

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SOLEMN ANOINTMENT CEREMONY OF THE SEVENTH DHARMVANSHI ACHARYA OF SHRI NARNARAYANDEVDESH DIOCESE

Parshadas and celibate saints of this Sampradaya. This grand felicitation was followed thereafter by the saints from Vadtal, Junagadh, Gadhpur, Dholera and other regions by presenting flower garlands to the another form of Lord Shri Hari. Then the flowers and flower garlands were presented to H.H. Acharya Maharajshri by all the saints present at the Sabha on this grand occasion.

The scheme committee members and the N.R.I. Haribhaktas followed the devotional ways of the saints and earned the pleasure of Shri Hari by presenting festive Aarti Poojan to H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. Precedent Acharya Maharajshri gave pleasure to his devotees by igniting an unending string of the one thousand and eight fire – crackers. Sugar cubes were distributed freely to all the visitors in sweet memories of this historical event.

The celebrations were organized under able guidance and consultation from S.G. Shastri Swami Purushottamprakashdasji. The Kitchen and the stores were managed jointly by Kothari Swami Brahmviharidasji and S.G. Krishnavallabhdasji Swami. The saints, guests and Satsangis were served with festive and sumptuous dishes of Ghari, Mesub, Saata, Mohan Thaal, Salads, Vegetables, Puri, Daal and Rice. Precious Dhoti–Vastram were gifted to all the saints.

S.G. Kothari Swami Brahmviharidasji, S.G. Kothari Swami Satyaprakasdhdasji Swami, Kothari Swami Anandprasaddasji, Mahant Swami Guruprasaddasji (Kankaria), Mahant Swami Golokviharidasji Swami (Badrinath), S.G. Rajeshwaranandji Swami, S.G. Suryaprakash Swami, S.G. Uttampriyadasji Swami, Bhandari Dharmprakash Swami, S.G. Muktajivan Swami, S.G. Siddehswar Swami, Swami Jaivallabdasji, the resident saints of Ahmedabad temple, kothar – staff and Shri Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal have earned the pleasure of Shri Hari by their dedicated services. The seating–plan, traffic, transport, feast meals, decoration and reception of the guests and the visitors were managed most effectively by Shri N.N.D.Y.M.

The Satsang of both the Deshas will remember this festival forever.

BENEVOLENT LORD SAHAJANAND

- Chandrakant M. Pathak



'I know him personally. Brahm Muni and Mukta Muni knew him very well. He is a saintly soul. He is respected by the residents and merchants of the city. Navab too has high regard for him. Saints and visiting ascetics are respecting him. He is a well read scholar. He is a professor of logic. He has many disciples. I too had sent Brahm Muni to learn from him. He has forsaken householdership at the age of thirty years. He has maintained silence for the twelve years with constant penance. He has spent those years by consuming liquid of Bajra-flour and salt. In their first religious tour of Surat, the saints were halted at the Salatpura farm of Navab. These saints were begging meals meals from the town. They were consuming it collactively by making balls of those mixed meals and water. They never stretched their hands to beg anything. They never spent time in nonsense or lethargy. One from those saints was delivering discourses and others were listing to him. It was like Sat-Yuga. He was attracted to the saints due to their penance and purity. He was happy by the ways of our saints. Mukta Muni was sent there next year, to help the satsangis. He came in contact of Mukta Muni. He had few sessions with Mukta Muni. He listened to the discourses and came under the benign shelter of the sampradaya. Whatever he submitted here is a truth. It is a crime to blame a truthful man. You have hurt him by calling him a lier. You don't know the harm and pains that you inflicted to him. But as a Satpurusha, he had tolerated your painful attacks, by a tranquil silence. This shows his greatness.'

Lord Shri Hari addressed thus to the assembly held at village Panchala. Shri Hari was talking about the virtues of Muni Bava. In this address to the devotees and saints, Shri Hari says, 'Swami Haryanand was sent to Surat in the following year. By his nature, Sadhu Haryanand was bit different as a saint. He insulted Muni Bava by his harsh observations. Ego free Muni Bava bore silently those insults. He never rebuked to the indecent acts of Haryanand Swami. When Haryanand crossed the limits and insults became most unbearable, Muni Bava opined to the satsangi group at Surat about the non-saintly ways of Haryanand Swami. Those Satsangis grasped the core of the counsel and wrote me a letter to control the damage. I called back Haryanand Swami.'

But what was the point in this talk about Muni Bawa ? Why at this juncture ?

Lord Shri Hari was gracing Panchala to celebrate the festival of colours. The saints and devotees were invited from various regions by deout king Jhinabhai. Muni Bava and a large group of Satsangis were come from Surat to participate in festive events. Lord Shriji Maharaj graced the special assembly and said that the sustainance and prosperity of satsang depended to the saints and their virtues attributous inclusiv the ethical duties they perform. When he heard such blessed words from Shri Hari, Muni Bava rose from his seat and submitted very politely, 'Maharaj ! Your words are eternal truth. Satsang spreads tremendously when saints act judiciously like a true ascetic. But Swami Haryanand and Swami Vishwachaitanyand Swami were sent to Surat by your Holiness. They have looted the Haribhaktas on pretex of service of God. A service can not be expected without faith

and trust.

Shri Hari looked at Muni Bava for a while, and ordered, ' Stand up those two saints and confees the facts.'

'Maharaj ! It is a big lie. Is he a Satsangi? Muni Bava has accepted satsang but life-style is his own. You should not consider any complaint from such a lier. Who was robbed by us ? Give the names of such satsangis. He is not ashamed of hurling such allegations.

'Don't be upset. Are you asking the devotees to serve Me in kind'? asked almight Shri Hari.

'They confessed confirmed it in hasitation. 'Have I ever told you to do so '? Asked Shri Hari sharply.

'Maharaj ! You had never asked us to do so !' They confirmed their disobedience.

'It is not proper for a saint, if he in an authorised manner asks and forces a devotee to do certain kind of service. The service rendered by a devotee without any external force or pressure, indicates his devotional fervour. The services offered under any pressure can not help a devotee in strengthing faith and trust in God. I don't like such talk or preachings delivered without my consent.'

Then Muktanand Muni said,'To act according to the orders, is the truest way for a saint. Those who act as per their own choice never shall be at peace. Those who are drawn by their own mind are not true ascetics.'

'Swami ! It is correct. Other saints shall be attracted to such style of the saint if they knew that they can impose their personality as a great saint by collecting service in kind on name of their God. That will accelerate unhealthy competition among the saints. Such unhealthy trend will effect adversely on side of the devotees. You suggest me a suitable punishment for those saints' said Shri Hari to Muktanand Muni.

S.G. Nityanand Swami joined this dialogue and submitted, 'Maharaj ! Now listen to me. Some three years back I was gone to Surat to help them in devotion. The devotees at Surat, desired to do service of Bhagwan. Keeping in view their devotional fervour and selfless love, we four saints- I myself, Brahmand Swami and Chaitanayanand Muni etc.-discussed the proposal thoroughly. The devotees Shri Govindbhai Sheth, Lakshmichandbhai, Girdharbhai and Bhagwandasbhai were with us in this discussion. Those devotees expressly desired to do service of Shri Hari. We saints and devotees decided mutually to present a turban woven in gold thread with the name of Lord Narnarayandev embossed boldly in Gold on the turban. We took enough care to see that the turban was made at the lowest cost. We presented that turban to Lord Shriji Maharaj at Gadhada Dham. The devotees and we saints were favoured by you when you wore the turban on your head. You wore it only once and rejected it thereafter when knitted gold treads fell continuously from the new turban. You kept it aside and never looked at it again. However, the dresses of Lord Thakorji were stiched from the cloth of that turban when we installed Lord Narnarayandev and Gods at the temple at Ahmedabad. Whatever we did then was with an intention to fulfill the devotional wisres of our faithfuldevotees. We never had any personal interest. We have never preached to the devotees to do service of God.

Nityanand Muni concluded his submission with a prayer to bless them. Shri Hari looked meaningfully at both the saints-Shri Harinarayanand Swami and Vishwaschaitanyand Swami.

'In our preaching we emphasise more on devotional services in kind, when ever delivered a discourage.'

'You are doing it without my consent, this is a kind of theft-cheating. This is not a way to be great. He is the greatest, who obeys to our orders. Juniors are following the path of their seniors. Now, to wash off this sin of disobedience, collect the shoes of these devotees and keep those on your head to beg for a pardon. This only is the path to remove the sin of disobedience.

Both the saints went to the side of shoes, but Shri Hari stopped them and asked, 'Where are you going ? Stop here.'

'Maharaj ! You have ordered us to beg for a

pardon by carrying on our head the shoes and chappals of the devotees. We will put it on our head to pray for a pardon.' They submitted collectively.

Generous Lord Shri Hari pardoned them instantly and took their drawback on his head. Forgiveness is an ornament of the brave people.

Shri Hari woke up at midnight and went to the residency of the saints. The saints came to him hurridly when they knew about Lord Shri Hari's graced presence at the residency.

Shri Hari said to them, I have an idea in my mind. I am here to convey it to you all. As I feel, those who are very rich are very unhappy in this world. We have constructed at Ahmedabad a temple of Lord Narnarayandev, and the other temples shall be constructed at the various places in Gujarat and India. Don't pressurise anybody for a service to the temple and God. The temples shall be constructed at the free will of Lord Narnarayandev. If God desires otherwise, there shall be no temples. But in no case, there should by any pressure or insistance for the funds. The festivals shall be celibrated lavishly if God derires to spend big money, and shall be celebrated with a token leaf of Tulsi plant , if God desired so. Therefore, don't insist for a donation. Wealth, assets or land, whatever they desire to donate, they should donate it at their free will. Accept only those deonations which are donated without external pressure. Don't compel anybody. I thought so just now to convey the same to you.

THE HOLY LIFE

- Sadhu Priyavratdasji

Those are the great as a human being, who in this world lived a delusion free and detached life. King Janaka was a great king- emperor. Immense powers and wealth were at his disposal. Though lived as a king and a householder, he discharged all his duties in absolute detachment. He was a delusion free soul. He was known as Janak–Videhi : Janak who is free of his elemental being. Like a lotus in a pond, a man should keep himself detached from the water like ways of the worldly life. Those who are detached householders, execute their duties and responsibilities with utmost dedication, but keep themselves detached from it. Such detached souls are free from the confinements and ties. The desires sich as progeny, praise or prosperity can not prevail upon them. They are impartial and bias free in regard to everything. They act judiciously without any prejudice. Though busy in their worldly duties, they are not attached emotionally to any act or it's outcome. The sense of doership is non-existant. Great saint Tulsidas has said :

"તુલસી જગમે યું રહો, જ્યું રસના મુખ માંહિ,
ખાતી ઘી ઔર તેલ નિત, ફિરભી ચિકની નાંહિ."

(Live in this world like a tongue living in the mouth. Though eats butter and vegetable oils, it never become greasy by effect of those eatables.)

Our life in the world should be absolutely free from the effects of the worldly ways. We should not be allured by the ephemeral attractions of the world. There should be no mental effect of the worldly ways. THis is the ideal of the human life – holy life. Ego of the doership should not rise within us. Though living as a common man and discharging our duties and responsibilities as a householder, we should not be over shadowed by the effect of it. Such a householder is a true ascetic – a true saint. Saint Kabir says :

"ચાહ ગઈ ચિંતા મિટી, મનુવા બેપરવાહ,
જિકનાં કછુ ન ચાહિયે, વો સાનહક શાહ."

(Mind and soul shall be carefree when desires and worries are ended. Those are supreme kings, who long for nothing.)

Desires and wishes are the root cause of the pains. There shall be nothing to worry, if desires are eradicated. Man lives a happy life by eradicating desires. Those noble souls live like a king, who have banished desires–and needs. Leave 'ego' and 'doership', live like a detached soul and be happy.'

THE SATSANG IS AN ACT TO CHANGE THE LIFE STYLE

- Prof. Mahadev Dhoriani

The Satsnag is not limited to speaking and listening. The Satsang is conveyed less by the speech and percolated more and imbibed at maximum by the actions – practice.

Holy – company

સંત સમાગમ

"સંત સમાગમ જે જન કરશે, તેને પ્રગટે પ્રેમ જો ને,
જે ધાતુને પારસ પરસે તે તો હોય હેમ જો ને,
કથીર કાંસુ હેમ ન હોયે, કોટિ પારસ પરસે જો ને,
શૂન્ય છીપ તે ઉપર ના'વે, સો મણ સ્વાતિ વરસે જો ને,
અચેતને ઉપદેશ ન લાગે, શિવ, બ્રહ્મા સમજાવે જો ને,
જેનાં અવળાં અંતઃકરણો, તેને સમજણ ના'વે જો ને,
કુબુદ્ધિ કાળપ જેને રુદે, તેને ન લાગે રંગ જો ને,
અડદ ઊજળાં ક્યમે ન થાયે, જઈ ઝબોળે ગંગ જો ને,
કુશકા કૂટેથી શું થાયે, કણ ન જડે તેમાંથી જો ને,
મંદ અભાગી મૂરખ નરને, સમજણ આવે ક્યાંથી જો ને,
પાપીને પ્રબોધ ન કરીએ, મૌન સહીને રહીએ જો ને,
કહે 'પ્રીતમ' તુલસીલ તોડી, પ્રેત ન પૂજવા જઈએ જો ને,

- Preetamdas

(Selfless love rises in the holy – company – Satsang. A touch of philosopher's stone changes a pure matel into gold, but bronze and other alloys can not be transformed in gold by touching a philosopher's stone. Though may be a heavy rain of swati (fifteenth lunar mansion), an unfertile mother-o-pearl will not appear on surface of the sea to catch the rain drops. An unconscious mind will not grasp any preaching preached even if by Lord Shiva or Creator God. Those who are wicked by in herens nature, can not be brought on the path of the virtues. The hearts dyed in black lolour can not accept a colourful dyeing. Dark horse-beans can not be brightened by washing it in the waters of holy river Ganga. Rice can not be had on processing rice-bran. Fools and unfortunate souls can not act wisely. Don't try to preach to a sinful soul, keep quiet and tolerate them. Don't try to do poojan of a ghost by plucking holy leaves of Tulsi.)

Satsnag is a life saving medicine. Satsang washes off the dirt of our mind. Sinful company pushes the man in deep pit of the sins. Satsang and company of the saints are a must for the health and strength of our mind. Great saints are manifested on the earth to benedict mankind :

"જગતનાં અંધારા ધૂવે તે સૂર્ય, ઉરનાં અંધારાં ધૂવે તે સંત."

Therefore it is said :

"સંત ન હોતે જગત મેં, તો જલ મરત સંસાર."
"સંત સમાગમ, હરિકથા, તુલસી દુર્લભ હોય."

- Saint Tulsidas.

(Sun removes darkness from the earth and a saint removes darkness from the hearts of the people. The world mignt have burnt in a fire if there were no saints on the earth. Holy company of the saints and such praises of God are not easily a vailable).

The saints remove and wash away darkness from our hearts. The saints are the gardners of the garden named mankind.

What means Satsang ?

'Satsang means holy acts leading us from darkness to the light, from ignorance to the knowledge. To be in holy company of 1wholesome literatue' and `saintly souls' is called 'Satsang.'

"મળે જીવન મુક્ત તે જોગિયા,
ત્યારે ટળે તન મન તાપ, સત્સંગ કીજિયે,
ફરે અવયવ આરે શરીરના
પરાં પળાય પંડના પાપ, સત્સંગ કીજિયે."

- S.G. Nishkulanand Swami

Holy touch of a released soul of Akshardhaam removes pains and worldly wounds. Heart and mind rest at peace in company of such holy souls. They remove our sins and purify our life to submit it at the service of God. Do Satsang for your ultimate benediction.

"પારસમણિ કે સંગસે કંચન ભઈ તરવાર,
તુલસી તીનું રહ ગયે, ધાર, માર, આકાર,
જ્ઞાન હથોડા કર ગ્રહે, સદ્‌ગુરુ ભયે સોનાર,
તુલસી તીનું મીટ ગયે, ધાર, માર, આકાર."

- Saint Tulsidas.

A sword becomes gold by a touch of the philospher's stone, but such a magic touch can't remove it's sharpness, shape and attack. But a Sadguru – Guru – preceptor – acts like a goldsmith and by his hammer of ultimate knowledge he removes shape, sharpness and killer nature of the

sword.

Food, fear, life and cohabitation are the four prime needs planted by nature in the living beings. But the mother nature has favoured the human beings by giving them intelligence. The man has progressed tremendously by his intelligence, but has bought unrest and unending war by his constant fight with the external world. Pernaps finds himself most uncomfortable to buy peace by a straight fight with the inner enemies.

Lord Sahajanand Swami has propounded the universal theory of eternal pleasure by preaching total withdrawal from the five sense objects. Why sould not we live a noble life with a dynamic life style, cheerful nature, appriciation of others, selfless love and admiration, when we are born as human beings ? Birth as a human being is most sought after even by the Gods and deities. Foundational changes in our life are a most for this.

"સંગત બૂરી અસાધુકી, આઠોં હાર ઉપાધિ."

(Sinful companionship of people is very harmful, it results in an endless anxiety.)

Not to be a prey to the bad company is very muchin our reach.

All are longing for a change. Weave your cloth of life by the threads of truth, simplicity and satisfaction, and happiness will come to you in no time. The saintly souls, great personalities and the saints are engaged these days in protection of mankind and expansion of our cultural traditions and . Satsang is easily available to soul by the grace of God.

The saints are invoking the celestial tunes in human life by a forceful medium of Satsnag. It makes the human life most meaningful. Devotion with faith and trust, perfumes the life of a devotee. Look of a saint instills immense power in a weak person, and purifies a sinner like a new birth of him as a sinfree soul. Such a sinner becomes sinfree in his present life and change of life brings happiness, to distribute it to others.

Thus, the Satsnag is unique, unparalleled and eternal. Satsang is equally benedictory for entire mankind. True saints are not exhibiting their majesty and divine attributes. Aspirants may benefit themselves by company of a true saint.

"હરિનામમાં ખટકો રાખી પંચ વિષયને પટકો"

(Be particular in singing praises of God, and forsake sense objects of five kinds.)

One, who is particular and most attentive in following the orders of Shri Hari, will ascend to the highest peak of spiritualism. One can not imbibe the virutes of a saint without living with them. One can not imbibe such supreme virtues without absolute oneness with them.

The scriptures have praised and admired Satsang. Satsang and holy company of the saints are treated as the best means to attain eternal peace and blissful pleasure. Satsang is a good luck in these days. The fruits of a sinful company are just opposite to the rewards of a Satsang. Our spiritually wise readers should know it.

PERCEPTION OF GOD

- Shastri Swami Ramkrishnadasji (Adaraj)

Human life is precious and rare. The man commits the greatest blunder of his life by not attaching himself to his God. He should know the human life is a most successful means to attain God. He attains eternal majesty and divine pleasures if he concentrated meditatively in divine form of God. This bestows eternal majesty and prosperity.

That would be the greatest achievement of his life if he realized that he would be destroyed to dust, if lost this most precious opportunity of devotion and Satsang. He will be swept away in the ocean of the death and births, if failed to perceive. There shall be nothing in his hands except remorse and repentance. All three kinds of worldly pains may be avoided by the means of devotion – Satsang and those means are attainable only by a human body – In this life. The other spacies, except human beings, are nothing but a punishment slapped on the soul to consume the fruits of the acts his of past birth. No means provided to a soul in those spacies, for the self emancipation – for realization of God.

Lord Shri Krishna's Katha Described in the sacred scripture of Shrimad Bhagwat is equally benedictory for its' reader, listner and whoever studied it. It is sanctifying like sacred water of Lord Shaligram and water of holy river – Ganga. Similalry, the satsnag, service to the saints and service to the personal God are equally benedictory for a soul.

S.G. NISHKULANAND MUNI

- Prof. Suryakant Bhatt

Great saint Nishkulanand Muni was born in V.S. 1822 at village Shekhpat of Halar region in Saurashtra. Father Rambhai and mother Amritba were his parents. His birth name was Lalji. His parents were firm and faithful devotees and Guru Atmanand Swami (Guru of Ramanand Swami) was their Guru. Guru Atmanand Swami himself was an enlightened and released soul and whatever he said was materialized as real truth. Rambhai was blessed by him for a male child, - an enlightened released soul born to them as a son to earn fame by his spritiual wisdom and ethical duties. The family belonged to Gurjar Suthar (carpenters) community.



In early years, Lalji was occupied in farming and sculpturing. He was working at Shekhpat during the day, and at night he was attending a Satsang at the distant ivllage Bhadra. Moool Sharma, a resident of Bhadra, was become a saint by accepting Deeksha as Gunatitanand Swami. Lalji Suthar attended the Satsang of Gunatitanand Swami.

Majesty and fame of Shri Hari spread everywhere when Lord Shri Hari graced Loj as a celibate saint Varni. Lalji Suthar came to Loj to do Dharshan of Shri Neelkanth Varni. He lived there with him for some time and experienced his divine majesty. Shri Hari blessed him to be a great ascetic like Shukdevji by his detachment and asceticism. Lalji Suthar presented a well crafted wooden chest and a mattress-stand to Lord Shri Hari when Guru Ramanand Swami anointed Shri Hari as the supreme preceptor by organizing a splendid Samaiya at Jetpur. Lord Shri Hari showered his hearty pleasure. Lalji Suthar got a male child – son in year 1856 (V.S.) The child was named as Madhavji. He got second son in V.S. 1859, who was named as Kanji. Lalji Suthar requested repeatedly to Shri Hari to initiate him saint hood – Deeksha.

Shri Hari graced Shekhpalt in V.S. 1860 and organized a festive Vasantotsava by inviting saints and devotees from the various regions. After some days, Shri Hari desired to leave Shekhpat for a religious tour of Kutch region and Bhuj. He asked Lalji to findout a good guide for him.=

Lalji Suthar resolvedfirmly at his mind to forsake worldly relations, and got himself ready to join religious tour of Lord Shri Hari. He served as a guide and explored small desert of the Kutch region as an escort to Lord Shri Hari.

The travel in desert of Kutch was very difficult. They took with them a good quantity of durable tiffins and drinking water. These regions in those days were most vulnerable to robberies and theft, therefore he concealed 12 kories (a currency) under the soles of his shoes. He walked with Shri Hari. in this religious tour and on their way, when a beggar begged for the meals, they offered to him the whole tiffin and water. The robbers on the way searched their belonging to loot them, but found nothing on person of Lalji. Shriji Maharaj then directed the robbers to check the shoes of him. They got 12 kories hidden under the soles. They ran away with it.

Lalji Suthar got tired of thrist after a long journey. His throat dried and became very difficult for him to lift the foot forward. Lalji Suthar conveyed that to Lord Shri Hari. they were travelling through the arid zone where ground water was saline due to the nearby creek. Shriji Maharaj pointed to a shallow pit near the creek and asked Lalji to quench his thirst. Lalji had cool and sweet drinking water from that pit and filled his water bag to carry it with him.

They travlled through the desert and came to the bank of a pond. Shri Hari took rest for a while under the cool shade of a babool tree. Shir Hari travelled bare–footed, therefore many thorns were pierced and broke in Shri Hari's foot sole. Lalji prayed to Shri Hari to favour him by offering an opportunity to pick out thorns from his feet, Lord Shri Hari favoured him with a smile. Lalji Suthar did Darshan of the sixteen auspicious signs on the feet of Lord Shri Hari.

Thus displaying his divine majesty, Lord Shri Hari graced village Adhoi with his guide Lalji Suthar. They camped at the outskirts of Adhoi and ordered to Lalji to beg Bhiksha from Adhoi. Lalji Suthar submitted that he would be a prey to the mokery of the vilalger's as they were his in-laws. Lord Shri Hari got his moustache and choti removed and made him a saint by initsating Deeksha and attires of an ascetic – Kaupin and Alphi (robe of a saint). Lord Shri Hari named him as "Nishkulanand", and asked him to camp at Adhoi to preach true religion to the villagers and ordered him to write the sacred book-Yama Dand", during his halt at Adhoi. Lord Shriji Mahaaj went then to Bhuj.

S.G. Nishkulanand Muni belonged to a noble and happy family. He was the only son of his parents. Nishkulanand Muni says :

સંતો સાંભળો સાચી વારતા, નથી લીધો આ ભૂખ્યે ભેખ,
જનનીનો જાયો કહું છું, અવશ્ય હતો હું એક.

(Oh Saintly souls ! Listen to this true story. I have not adpted saint-hood in want of the food. I was the only son of my mother and darling of my rarents.) The Scriptures of Bhakta Chintamani, Yama-dand, Saar-siddhi, Vachan Vidhi, Haribal Geeta, Dhirjakhyan, Sneh Geeta, Purushotam Prakash, Bhakti Nidhi, Kalyan Nirnay, Man Ganjan, Gun-Grahak, Chosath-Padi, Hari Vicharan, Hari Smriti, Araji Vinay, Avatar – Chintamani, Lagga-Shukunavali, Vriti- Vivah and Shikshapatri – Padya-roopa are written by S.G. Nishkulanand Muni.

Many scriptures of this sect are available in Sanskarit language, but the scriptures written in Gujarati language by S.G. Nishkulanand Muni are easily understandable by the lesser educated people and the villagers. Bhakta Chintamin is the biggest among the books written by S.G. Nishkulanand Muni.

S.G. Nishkulanand Muni says :

છે આ ભક્ત ચિંતામણી નામ રે, જે જે ચિંતવે તે થાય કામ રે,
હેતે ગાય સુણે જે આ ગ્રંથ રે, તેને પ્રભુ પુરે મનોરથ રે.

(The sacred book of Bhakta Chintamni fulfills the wishes of the readers and listeners, when read or listened to it with attention and love).

S.G. Nishkulanand Swami wrote this book at Gadhada in V.S. 1887. Book contains 164 Chapters and 8527 verses.

Lord Shri Hari has praised and admired the asceticism and detachemtn of S.G. Nishkulanand Swami. The dialogue recorded in Vachanamrit (G.L. 26) is the one among them : In answer to a question from Atmanand Muni, Shriji Maharaj said, 'One in whom Dharm predominates and bears devotional tendencies with a clarity of thought as regards to the law of Retribution, and has a moral reputation to fear any uncanonised action, always remains immune to the vicious influence of the panchvishays or the seductive charms of a woman, even if he remains out side the influence of this Holy-Fellowship. Mayaram Bhatt, Moolji Brahmchari and Nishkulanand Swami and devotees of such caliber can resist the allurements of wealth and woman.'

The eldest son – Madhavji - followed the foot steps of S.G. Nishkulanand Muni and received the Deeksha of saint hood from S.G. Gopalanand Swami. S.G. Gopalanand Swami named him Govindanand Muni and took him for the darshan of Lord Shri Hari. S.G. Gopalanand Swami introduced him to Shri Hari and said, 'Maharaj ! He is devout son in early life of S.G. Nishkulanand Muni.' Shri Hari reciprocated with pleasure, 'Lion's cubs are always a lion ? Gopalanand Swami had recognized him as an absolute celibate by directing him to present invocation Aarti to Lord Kahstabhanjandev of Sarangpur.

THE WHOLESOME FOOD

- Swami Viveksagardas (Nathdwara)

The deseases and the ailments of various kinds are increasing these days. The visit to a clinic or a hospital has become a part of the modern life and medicines have become an integral part of our meals. Why so ? It is a fashion of the day to have snacks, lunch or dinners at a restaurant or a hotel. Most of the families are not cooking meals at their home on a week end or holidays. They are used to consume ready-made food and instant meals. Either they bring home the packets of the cooked meals or they have it at a joint, restaurant or a hotel. They never check the processes of such ready made meals. Are the grains and flour cleaned properly or not ? Water and other liquids used in cooking are filtered or not ? Are there any harmful chemical ? These are the inquiries needed to be made prior to a snack, dinner or lunch procured from outside.

Lord Swaminarayan Bhagwan orders to all his Satsangi's to practise :

अगालितं न पातव्यं पानीयं च पयस्तथा ।
स्नानादि नैव कर्तव्यं सूक्ष्मजन्तुमयाम्भसा ॥३०॥

(Shikshapatri : 30)

(One shall never drink unfiltered water or milk nor bathe with water which contains organisms - 30)

Lord Shri Hari forbids unfiltered water milk and other such things. The soft drinks and coldrinks consumed frequently by the man are mostly unfiltered and contain harmful components.

The Satsangis of Lord Swaminarayan Bhagwan are happy and well contented by all three means – body, mind and wealth, because of their well disciplined life regulated under the orders of Lord Shri Hari.

Here is a one hundred years old true story. A Harijan from village Chhani was working as a track operator at Baroda Railway station. In those days, the track junctions were operated manually to clear the tracks for incoming or outgoing train. This Harijan employee was a satsangi of Swaminarayan Sampradaya.

Officers and senior staff members at Baroda, organized a feast and ordered to the track operator to report duty at the picnic – point. Government servents of those days were used to such personal service. Sumptuous sweet dishes, vegetables and delicacies were served on this occasion. All of them had enough food but still there was plenty left unused. Organizing officer came to the operator and asked him to have it for the self and the family. Track operator saluted humbly to his officer and submitted, 'Sir ! Please excuse me, but these items are of no use to me.' Officer said, 'Look. Those are pure and unused. You can have it.' 'Sir ! I am a satsangi of Shri Swaminarayan Bhagwan. I and my family can not have it,' said the operator. Officer said, 'Doodh Paak is very delicious and Puris are still fresh and hot. Namkin of Patarvelia (leaves of arum) is realy very tasteful. Why don't you take these for your family ?' operator then sumits very humbly. 'Sir ! Please don't take this otherwise. Please come with me. I will show you the reality.' Officer too was much anxious to know about the cause, when he found that the Harijan was a satsangi of Shri Swaminarayan Bhagwan.

Harijan and the officer came to the kitchen, where unused dough of Puri (buns) was kept. Harijan took a large lump from the dough and levelled it's surface with the back of a plate. He then asked the officer to see the insects surfaced on the dough and submitted politely, 'Sir ! I am very sorry, but the buns with such insects have been consumed by you officers. Though belonged to the lowest caste, I am a faithful satsangi, as such, we can not think of having it.'

Lord Shriji Maharaj has taught us to live a holy life. Bhagwan makes no diferecne between castes and communities. He teaches us noble life style – pure and holy. 'It is alright if you dont take those buns. Perhaps you may take delicacy of Patarvelia. There should be no problem in having it,' said the officer. Harijan Satsangi took a leaf and showed to the officer the back side of the leaf. There were clusters of tiny insects stuck to the vertical vein of the leaf. The officers who saw it, were shocked by such disgusting scene. They thanked the operator for educating them.

Dear Devotees ! Practise Shikshapatri in your daily life. Healthy body is a must for a healthy mind and devotion of God. Only pure and wholesome food should be consumed for a healthy body and a healthy mind.

News And Notes From Shri Narnarayandev Desh

AHMEDABAD REGION

Dhanurmaas Dhoon Mahotsava at Ahmedabasd Temple

Dhanur-Maas Dhoon of the one month duration were inaugurated here on auspicious early hours of 15-12-04, in benign presence of H.H. Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharajshri with participation of hundreds of saints and householder devotees. Dhoon sessions are being conducted everyday early in the morning. The Haribhaktas, belonging to all age groups male and female are being benefited by these devotional feasts beginning with devotional songs and kirtans and culminating in to soulful Dhoon Samkirtanam. Dhoon is being conducted first at the Rang Mahol court of Lord Shri Hari and thereafter at the prasadi Sabha Mandapam. Devotional tunes of the Dhoon transforms the city invironment in tranquil bliss conscious of eternal divinity. Devout souls are hosting month long Dhoon sessions or a daily Dhoon session as per their personal capacity. The satsang of Shri Narnaraynadev diocese is mot fortunate. H.H. Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharajshri guides us in our devotional activities with devotional fervour. His holiness graces this temple most regularly quite before dawn, presents early morning presents early morning Mangala – Aarti to Lord Narnarayandev and blesses his devotees at the Dhoon sessions. S. G. Mahant Swami leads these days the overseas retinue of H.H. Achaya Maharaj 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharajshri, therefore the Dhoon sessions of Dhanurmaas – Dhoon are being orgniazed jointly by the Kothari – Swamis – S. G. Brahmviharidasji and Satyaprakashdasji Swami, with the co-operation from the saints, Haribhaktas and the staff. *- Dharmprakashdas.*

Dhanurmaas Dhoon at Jetalpur Temple

Lord Shri Hari has graced the land of Jetalpur Dhaam. The Dhanurmaas Dhoon sessions are being conducted here in benign presence of Lord Shri Revati Baldevji, Hari Krishna Maharaj. Mahant Swamis S.G. Atmaprakashdasji Swami and S.G. Krishnaprakashdasji Swami have earned the pleasure of Shri Hari by inspiriting and encouraging the devotees of to monthly Dhoon and one-day Dhoon sessions of Dhanurmaas Dhoon. The saints of Sanskrit Pathshala, the saints at Jetalpur Temple, the devotees from Jetalpur town and Jetalpur areas are participating collectively in the Dharnurmaas Dhoon sessions. *- Pujari Vrajvallabhdas.*

Kankaria (Ram Baugh) Temple

Maruti-Yagya was performed here to please Lord Kashtabhanjandev Dwelling here in his child form. H.H. Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharajshri graced the Shrine and concluded the Maruti-Yagya by his blessed hands. The event was organized on auspicious fourteenth day of the dark half of Ashwin.

Mahabhishekam was presented to Lord Balswaroop Kashtabhanjandev, on auspicious Labh-Panchmi day. The idol of Lord Kashtabhanjandev was installed in ancient time by the first Acharya H.H. Shri Adyodhyaprasadji Mahrajshri. H.H.Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharajshri graced the temple and presented Abhishekam to his personal family God - Lord Balswaroop Kashtabhanjandev. The devotees were favoured by the darshan of the lotus feet of Lord Kashtabhanjadev. H.H. Lalji Maharajshri, Respected Gadiwalashri and Respected Shri Raja were present on this occasion to pay humble salute to Lord Kashtabhanjandev. Female devotees were favoured with the darshan of their Guru – Respected Gadiwalashri.

Both the events were managed most decently by Mahant Swami Guruprasaddasji and Kothari Anand Swami. Temple – priest Dev Swami had earned the pleasure of Shri Hari and Darmkul by helping Lord Thakorji in gracing attrires and ornaments. *- Paresh Patel*

Himatnagar Temple

Lord Ghanshyam Maharaj has received here festive annual Patotsava Abhishekam in presence of hundreds of devotees. The events were hosted by devotees Shri Khemabhai Devabhai and Shri J. D. Patel on inspiration from Mahant Swami Anandjivandasji. Annakut and Shangar were organized by the temple – priest Dharmkrishna Swami. *- Poojari Swami*

Celebration at Idar Temple

Satsang activities are in progress with the due blessings of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. The sumptuous Annakut and other events were organized here with the due inspiration and guidance from Mahant Swami Jagdishprasadji and festive Annakut was presented to Lord Shri Gopinathji, Harikrishna Maharaj. Deepavali Annakut – was presented to Lord Thakorji dwelling at our temple at Kukadia (Idar) under Shri Narnarayandevdesh diocese, and enlightening discourses were delivered on these occasion by S.G. Kothari Swami Satyasankalpdasji.

- Kothari, Idar Temple

Sapawada Temple

Tulsi Vivah Celebrations were organized here on auspicious full-moon day of Kartika. The events

were organized with the due blessings of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. The devotees were encouraged and inspired by S.G. Mahant Swami Premswaroopdasji (Muli) to organized festive rituals of Tulsi – Vivah. Devotees from Sapawada and nearby villages have been benefitted spiritually by this religious celebrations. *- Mukund Bhagat*

Dhariawad (Rajasthan)

S.G. Swami Shastri Purushottamprakashdasji (Jetalpur) graced this place on 29-11-04 to bless inauguration ceremony of "Mahesh Automobiles." (Prop. Maheshbhai Sharma). A Satsang Sabha was organized on this occasion. S.G. Sahstri Purushottamprakashdasji Swami graced the assembly and delivered an enlightening discouse to explain majesty and glory of this ancient Sampradaya, Lord Shri Hari and the Dharmkul. The shaw room was declared open by presenting festive Aarti to Lord Thakorji. Aarti-pooja was served by Pujari Bhaktinandandasji. *- Aarjunsinh Power*

Shri Prabha Hanumaji Mandir, Jamiyatpura

Village Jamiyatpura is a prasadi place sanctified by holy touch of Lord Shri Hari. A splendid Swaminarayan Temple has been constructed here with the due blessings of H.H. Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Koshalednraprasdji Maharajshri.

The events of Installation ceremony of the diols of God shall be organized here for a week between 21-1-2005 and 27-1-2005 and the idols of God shall be installed by H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. All the satsangis are invited to participate in this celebrations.

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Vaktapur (Prantij)

Dharnurmaas – Dhoon and Kirtans sessions were organized here at our temple with the due blessings of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri.

- Ranchodbhai Patel

The Institutional News from the H.H. Acharya Shri Devendraprasadji Kelvanit Trust

Shri Shajanand Secondary and Higher Secondary school of this trust has attained remarkable postion by the achievements of following pupils :

(1) Km. Shveta Bansilal Soni (Std. : VIII) has secured second postion (junior level – female athletics) in high jump. The state level events were organized at Dhrangadhra.

(2) Km. Mehal Chetanbhai Shah has secured postion in sub-junior national cricket team in the competitions held at New Deli.

H.H. Acharya Maharajshri conveys his hearty blessings.

- Principal, Shri Sahajanand Sec. & Sr. Sec. School.

Installation ceremonies at Vanjhar

A festive procession was organized and 30-11-04 in this village, on the occasion of completion of the temple building. H.H. Acharya Maharajshri graced the Shobha Yatra and blessed the residents of this small village. His Holiness graced the temple on 1-12-04 and installed the idols of God by his blessed hands and presented Aarti to Lord Thakorji. The events were organized under the inspiration from Swami Swayamprakashdasji. *- R. C. Patel*

Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Nava Vadaj.

Large group of the thirty five devotees (male and female) has earned the pleasure of Shri Hari by conducting a Pada Yatra of the four days duration to do darshan of the Jetalpur, Dabhan and Vartal Dhaam. The Pada-Yatra was concluded on 21-11-04 with the darshan of Lord Lakshminarayandev Dwelling at Vartal Dhaam. *- Shambhubhai Patel*

Shri Sahajanand Gurukul, Jhilvana (Patan)

A Satsang Sabha was organized here by celebate Mahant Swami Vasudevanadji (Chhapaiya), Singer saint Ramkrishnanandji and the saints to celebrate festive event of the anointment-ceremony of the seventh Acharya Maharaj – H.H. Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharajshri. Dhoon, Kirtan and enlightening discourses were presented in this special session to earn the pleasure of Shri Hari. *- Head Master, Jhilvana Gurukul.*

Devda – ka – Golia (Rajasthan)

The devotees from Vali area, Thobau, Jelatara, Dantivasa, Devda-ka-Golia, Vatera, Jodhava and Vapa have expressed their devotional pleasure by their solemn declaration of faith and trust in the Dharm Vanshi Acharya and Shri Narnarayandev Diocese. The devotees have expressded their devotional pleasure on anointment ceremony of the seventh Acharya of the diocese – H.H. Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharajshri.

- Harnathram Suthar, Mohanlal, Vapa

Youth Satsang Camp, Vapa (Rajasthan)

A youth Satsang camp was organized here on 8-10-2004 in benign presence of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri (in his Lalji form). The devout youth from Vapa and other places were come to the temple to participate in those enlightening sessions. The compers were addressed in beginning by the S.G. Mahant Swami of Ahmedabad temple and S.G. P.P. Swami (Jetalpur) and enlightening discourses were delivered by them to explain glory and majesty o Shri Narnarayandev desh diocese and this ancien Sampradaya. The faith and trust of the Marwar Satsang was admired by both the saints.

H.H. Acharya Maharajshri, who was presen there as Lalji Maharaj, blessed the devotees an

admired their faith and trust in this Sampradaya. Acharya Maharajshri promised them to grace this place twice an year to bless Marwar–Satsang. Devout soul Viram Bhagat mentioned in Chapter 120 of Bhakti Chinatamni, belonged to this place. He had been with Shriji Maharaj for a long period of eighteen years and in recent past he passed away to Akshardham at an age of 165 years. His descendents Shri Bhawarlal Khetaji Oza and Amaraji Dhanaji Oza are in this Satsang. Mahant Swami Nirmaldasji, Sadhu Hariprasaddasji and the saints from this temple have earned the pleasure of Shri Hari by orgnising this youth camp with the help from the saints from Bilia. - *Shastri Vijayprakash.*

Mehsana Temple

The Group Maha Pooja and Satsang Sabhas were organized here on 8-10-04 with the due blessings of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. The devotees were inspired and encouraged by Mahant Swami Narayanprasaddasji and Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal. There were 150 participant – devotees at the Mahapooja. The assembly was addressed by Mahant Swami Krishnaprakasddasji (Jetalpur) and Shastri Ishwar Swami (Dhariawad Mahant). - *Mahant Swami Uttampriyadasji*

The Eleventh Annual Patotsava of Delhi Temple

Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Gujarat Vihar New Delhi has celebrated the eleventh annual Patotsava of God on auspicious 29-8-04. Patotsava Abhishekam was presented by Brahmin priest Shri Jitubhai Gor (Muli). The Group Mah Pooja was presented by the host devotees Shri Sharadbhai Tank, Shri Bipinbhai Vadodaria, Shri Jayantibhai Patel and other devotees. A sumptuous Annakut was presented on this occasion and enligthtening Katha – Satsang was held by Swami (junior) P.P Swami of Narayanghat temple. Festive Aarti was presented to Lord Thakorji and Mahaprasadam was distributed to the devotees. - *Madhav Swami*

Satsang Sabha at Mokhasan

A splendid Satang Sasbha was organized here on date 6-10-04, with the due belssigns of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. The devotees from Vadu, Visnagar, Moti Adaraj, Kotha, Karjisan, Dangarva, Kalol, Zundal, Oda, Vadavswami, Pansar, Borisana, Dhanaj, Ramnagar, Bhaupura, Saij, Palsana, Sardhav, Khoraj and other villages were present on this occasion. Enlgithening discouses were presented by Mahant Swami Shasttri Ishwarjivansdasji (Dhariawad), Ram Swami (Adaraj) and Shri Udayanbai Maharaja (Visnagar), to explain gratness and Majesty of Shri Hari, Sampradaya, Dharmklu and Acharya. Shri Navinbhai, Shri Mahendrabhai and Shri Jagdishbhai have earned the pleasure of Shri Hari by their services at the Satsang Sabha. - *Shailesh Patel*

H.H. Acharya Maharajshri graces Kaliyana in His Lalji form

H.H. Acharya Maharajshri (in his Lalji form) has graced this village on auspicious eleventh day of the dark half of Bhadrapada to bless his Satsnagi followers. H.H. Acharya Maharajshri (Lalji form) graced the temple and presented Aarti to Lord Thakorji. His holiness graced thereafter the houses of sixty devout families to bless them eternal peace and prosperity. Kothari Shri Bhikhubhai Mori, Shri Arjunbhai Mori and Shri Dahyabhai Butia have earned the pleasure of Shri Hari by their devotional services. A constent Dhoon session of the twelve hours duration was organized on the bright half Ekadashi day of Margshirsha, and Dhoon and early morning religious walks were organized in Dharnurmaas. - *Prakashbhai Mori*

De-addiction Camp at Mahundra (Chiloda-Gandhinagar)

The new temple is being constructed here with the due blessings of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. Local Satsang and the construction of the temple are progressing well under the guidance from Shastri Swami Harijivandasji (Gandhinagar). A de-addiction camp was organized here at Mahundra (Chiloda-Gandhinagar) and information about the harms of tobacco, bidi, Masala and other intoxicants were discussed and printed material was distributed with A.V. presntation. Many were inspired to give away addiction and many youth have surrendered to Lord Narnarayan by this one-to-one contact.

- *Shastri Harijivandas*

Dangarva (Vanto)

Late evening Raas-Bhajan progromme was organized here on auspicious Sharadotsava day to celebrate anointing ceremony of the seventh Dharmvanshi Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharajshri. A large number of devotees were present at the celebrations to convey their devotional love and faith in the Dharmkul. - *Dabhi Mafaji Sardarji*

Bapupura (Mansa)

Dhanurmaas Dhoon sessions are conducted here with the due blessings of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. Early morning religious walk with the Dhoon are being conducted in this village without any break since last twenty years. Kothari Jeshingbhai Chodhary, Shri Dilipbhai. Becharbhai, Jakintbhai, Ashishkumar and other members of Shri Narnarayndev Yuvak Mandal have earned the pleasure of Shri Hari by their services at Dhoon and religious walks. - *Pandit Kantibhai, Bapupura.*

Installation Ceremonies at the Temple (ladies) at Viramgam

The installation ceremonies of the idols of God were organized here on 2-12-04 with the due

blessings of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. Shrimad Satsangi Bhushan Parayan (26-11-04 to 2-12-04), Shri Hari Yaag and constant Dhoon sessions were organized on this occasion. The seat of the reader-priest was graced by S.G. Shastri Swami Shrijiprakashdasji (Hathijan)

H.H. Acharya Maharajshri graced the temple and installed the idols of God by presenting festive Aarti. *- Samkhya Yogis Anandiba and Gitaba.*

Mahila Manadal, Viramgam

Shri Vachanamrit Jayanti was celebrated here at the ladies temple by organizing Parayan Katha (five days) of Vachanamrit. The events were organized by Shri Narnarayandev Mahila Mandal (Viramgam) with the due blessings of Respected Gadiwalashri. Respected Gadiwalashri graced the temple on 19.12.04 and concluded the Parayan sessions by addressing the last Vachanamrit to her female devotees.

The Sabhas of Shri Narnarayandev Mahila Mandal are organized invariably on each Ekadashi day of the month by organizing early morning religious walk. – *Samkhya Yogis Anandiba and Gitaba*

MULI REGION

Deriyali (Ranjitgadh)

Deriyali is a prasadi place of Lord Shri Hari. Lord Shri Hari had graced this place in his celibate life as Nilkanth Varni. He had bathed here at pond and had the meals of Singadia- Vachchnag (a medicinal herb).

A grand Satsang Sabha was organized here at the prasadi place to sing the praises of God. Devotional music, Kath Varta Satsang and enlightening discourses were presented by S.G. Shreejiswaroop Swami, S.G. Bhaktivihari Swami, S.G. Vishwavihari Swami and Mahant Swami Vrajvallabhdasji (Charadva Temple). A large number of devotees from the nearby villages were present on this occasion.

Sastsang Activities at Charadva Temple

A Satsang Sabha was held at the house of devotee Shri Vaghjibhai Patel to sing the praises of God.S.G.Shriji Swaroop Swami and the saints from Morvi Temple were come to deliver enlightening discourses. The Satsang Sabhas are conducted here regularly at the houses of the devotees with the due inspiration and encouragement from the Mahant Swami-S.G. Jishnucharandasji. The Mahants and scholar saints were invited from various temples to address these local sabhas. *- Chandulal G. Chavda*

Shri Swaminarayan Mandir Halvad

A quarterly Satsang Sabha was organized here on 2.10.04, with the due blessings of H.H.Acharaya Maharajshri. Katha-Varta and enlightening discourses were delivered by S. G. Shrreji Swamai,Bhaktivihari Swami and group of the saints to explain glory and majesty of the Sampradaya, Dharmkul and the Acharya. The devotees were encouraged for forsaking the intoxicants and addictions. *- Tarabundia Thakarsibhai*

Rasotsava at Surendranagar Temple

A fortnight long Rasotsava was organized here during the first fortnight of Ashwin with the due blessings of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. Raas and Kirtans were presented by the devotees and the members of the Shri Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal. Thousands of devotees have benefited by this late evening devotional programmes. *-Shailendrasinh*

Annual Patotsava at the Maksansar Temple

Lord Radhakrishnadev Harikrishna Maharaj dwelling at Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Makansar have received festive annual Patotsava Abhishekama from the dependant devotees. H. H. Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharajshri graced this shrine on auspicious thirteenth day of the bright half of Kartika and presented Mahabhishekam-Aarti to Lord Radhakrishnadev Harikrishna Maharaj.

Samkhya Yogi Rajkuvarba and Samkhya Yogi Ushaba (from Morvi) have earned the favour of Shri Hari by hosting this religious event under spiritual guidance from Mahant Swami Madhavcharandasji. Respected Gadiwalashri was present on this occasion to give devotional pleasure to her female – satsangis and Samkhya Yogis. The Samkhya Yogi ladies were come from various temples to participate in this devotional feast.The Parayan – Katha (three days) of the Dasham Skandha of Shrimad Bhagwat was organized on this occasion. The seat of the reader-priest was graced by Shastri Swami Ramkrishnadasji (Koteshwar). H. H. Acharya Maharajshri graced the temple on auspicious day of the Patotsava and presented festive Patotsava Annakut-Aarti to the Gods. Kothari Swami,Jayprakashdasji, S.G. Purushottamprakashdasji and S.G.Rajendraswami have earned the pleasure of shri Hari by their devotional services at the various events.

- Parshada Pravin Bhagat

OVERSEAS

Satsang Camp at the Bolton Temple

A Youth Satsang Camp (17th to 19th of September,2004) was organized here at our temple, under the orders of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri and the blessings of the Mahant Swami of Bhuj Dhaam.

Many Youth from Bolton, Cardiff and Oldham were present at this camp to participate in question-answer sessions, debates and discourses held on subtle religious theme of Vachanamrits and Shrikshapatri . The Kirtans, Katha Varta and

enlightening discourses were delivered by the saints and senior devotees to enlighten the new generation about the seat of the supreme preceptor, the dioceses, saints, the Acharyas and the Dharmkul. Shri Naranbhai (Cardift) and Shri Mavjibhai (Bolton) have earned the pleasure of Shri Hari by their devotional services at the camp. The satsang is progressing steadily in this area with the due blessings of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. - *Hitesh Valjibhai Halai and Hiralal Ramji Bhudia.*

Chicago (ISSO) Temple Celebrates Tulsi Vivah

The celebrations of Tulsi Vivah were organized here with devotional fervour on the auspiscious Dev-Diwali day (26-11-04) with the due blessings of H.H. Acharya Maharaj 1008 Koshalendraprasadji Maharajshri. The local devotees inspired and encouraged by Shastri Swamai Dharmavallabhdasji. The groom side of Lord Thakorji was hosted by the devotee Shri Revabhai Patel and the bride side of Tulsiji was hosted by the devotee Shri Harshadbhai Patel.

The hundreds of devotees, aspirants and local people thronged the venue to do Darshan of the celestial celebrutions of Tulsi vivah. Priest Saints S.G. Shantiprakashdas and Harinandandas have earned the pleasure of Shri Hari by presenting five Aartis of the Chaturmas (four Sacred months). Weekend Satsang Sabhas are being organized every Saturday to sing the praises of God.

- Shri Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal

Buvie Merriland (ISSO, Chapter)

Evening Satsang Sabhas were conducted here on 02-10-2004 and 13-11-2004 to sing the praises of God. The sumptuous Annkut was presented to Lord Thakorji in the Satsang Sabha of November. The Dhoon, Khata-Varta, Kirtans, Vachanamrit reading sessions are conducted in this scheduled satsang sabhas, with the Thall,Aaarti and the Nitya Niyam. A large number of devotees are attending these sessions regularly. The satsang activities are progressing smoothly with the due blessings of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. *- Kanubhai Patel*

Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Leicester (ISSO, U.K.)

Respected Gadhiwalashri, H.H. Lalji Maharaj 108 Shri Vrajendraprasadji Maharajshri and respected ShriRaja had been at Brighton Temple to attend Satsang Camp of Shri Narnarayandev Mahila Mandal. The Darmkul graced this temple on 25-12-04 on conclusion of the Briton Camp.

They were received in a festive welcome procession by S.G.Ramkrishnadasji, saints and devotees. H. H. Lalji Maharajshri favoured his devotees by presenting festive Aarti to Lord Thakorji at the Leicester Temple. H. H. Lalji Maharajshri was felicitated and honoured duely at the special assembly. The welcome speech was delivered by the President- Shri Jayantibhai. H.H. Lalji Maharajshri showered his pleasure and blessings by reciting a devotional song of S.G. Brahmanand Swami. His Holiness was saluted by the devotees by presenting group Aarti at the sabha. The female devotees were blessed by Respected Gadiwalashri at the special sabha conducted at evening.

- Hemraj Chotalia, Leicester

AKSHARVAAS

Ahmedabad (Amarai Wadi) : Shri Dahyabhai Nathalal passed away (29-11-104) to Akshardhaam amidst the chants of Shri Haris' names.

Ahmedabad (Meghaninagar) : Shri Mohanbhai Jasmatbhai Patel passed away (19-12-04) to Akshardhaam amidst the chants of Shri Haris' names.

Ahmedabad (Isanpur) : Shri Rajeshkumar Prahladbhai Chauhan passed away (26-10-04) to Akshardhaam amidst the chants of Shri Haris' names.

Ahmedabad (Harshad Colony) : The retired priest of Shri Harshad Temple, Shri Mohanbhai Raghavbhai Thummar (age-83 yrs) passed away on 12-12-04amidst the chants of Shri Haris' divine names.

Soja (Tal.-Kalol, Gandhinagar) : Shri Kacharabhai Joitaram Patel, the elder brother of the Ex-temple trustee Shri Lakshmanbhai Joitoram Patel, passed away (11-11-04) to Akshardhaam amidst the chants of Shreejis' names.

Ahmedabad : Shri Dipakkumar Keshavlal Bhavsar passed away (5-11-04) to Akshardhaam amidst the chants of Shrijis' names.

Viramgam : Rukminiben Manishankar Pathak passed away to Akshardhaam amidst the chants of Shri Haris' names.

Godhara (Panchmahal) : Smt. Manjulaben Ghanshyambhai Patel (the wife of our temple Kothari Shri Ghanshyambhai Naginbhai Patel) passed away (18-10-04) amidst the chants of Shri Haris' names.



H.H. Acharya Maharajshri presents Poojan - Archan to Shri Saraswatiji at Shri Swaminarayan Sanskrit Vidyalaya, Akshar Mahol Wadi, Jetalpur.



H.H. Acharya Maharajshri offers concluding sacrifice to Lord Holy-fire at Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Kankaria, Ahmedabad.



H.H. Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Koshalendra-prasadji Maharajshri presents Parayan Aarti Shri Swaminaraya Temple, Gavada.



The daily Dhoon session of the Dhanurmaas- Dhoon held at the prasadi Sabha Mandapam of Shri Swaminarayan Temple, Kalupur, Ahmedabd.



H.H. Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharajshri installs and invokes idols of God at the new temple constructed for the female devotees at Viramgam.



Praful Kharsani

H.H. Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharajshri installs and invokes the idols of God at Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Nava-Vanjhar (Sarkhej).