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EDITORIAL

God has given to the soul this beautiful human body. Human life is for the benediction of the soul, unfortunately it is wasted in the chase of the sense objects. This is ignorance of the soul. The soul shall be redeemed and emancipated by his life confirmed to the tenets of Shikshaptri. Lord Shri Hari has said in his Vachanamrits that, though may be a most powerful means at the hands, the carnal desires shall be most difficult to defeat without a benign refuge – Ashraya. The Kama (desires), Krodha (anger), Lobha (greed), Moha (delusion) and Maya (eternal entity) are the inner enemies who drag the soul in the cycle of births and deaths. These inner enemies have caused the fall of many greats. This small and subtle soul has no capacity to resist the on slaught of the inner enemies, but as Shri Hari has said : Those who have surrendered at the benign refuge of Lord Narnarayandev shall be able to defeat the inner enemies. Shriji Maharaj says in his Vachanamrit (Gadhada F-8) 'Due to the grace of Supreme Lord Shri Narnarayandev and the worship to Shri Narnarayandev, the kingdom of the univese and all the beatiful dames of this cosmos togather with the wealth of the universe can not tempt or divert me.' The Vachanamrits are for us. Whoever trusted in Vachanmrit, shall be protected by Shri Hari. Therefore, surrender to Lord Narnarayandev and earn the benedictory pleasure of Lord Shri Hari.

- Shastri Swami Nirgundas
Editor
Shri Swaminarayan.



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

February-2005

1. Graced Shoba Yatra and installation ceremonies at the Temple at Bilia.
   Graced Patan to bless the residence of Shri Dhirajkumar K. Thakkor.
2. Installed idols of God at Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Bilia.
3. Graced Jamsar and laid foundation for Shri Hanumna Mandir.
4. Graced Shakotsava at Mehsana Temple, and graced the house of Shri Iswarlal A. Bhavsar.
5. Graced the house of Shri Bansilal H. Chavda, Navrangpura, Ahmedabad.
6. Concluded Parayan Katha at our Chandkheda temple Chandkheda, Ahmedabad.
7. Graced Parayan-Katha organized at Shri Swaminarayan Gurukul, Kalol.
   Graced the house of Shri Ladharambhai Patel at Singarava.
8. Installed idols of God at Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Nagada vaas (old) Morvi.
9. Graced Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Idar.
10. Installed idols of God at our temple at Meda (Kadi) and concluded Vishnu Yaag.
    Graced presence at the sacred-thread ceremony to bless the host Shri Nareshbhai K. Vyas.
    Graced the house warming ceremony at the house of Shri Rajubhai P. Thakkar.
11. Graced presence at the Parayan-sessions held at the place of Shri Pravinbhai R. Patel.

12-13. Graced Village Sukhpar (Kutch) to install idols of God at the new temple.

14. Installed idols of God at our Temple at Nandol (Teh.:Dehgam) and blessed the house of Shri Chaturdas Mohanlal at Sanod.
    Graced the Maha Pooja organized at the residence of Shri Madhubhai C. Vekaria.
15. Graced the Shoba-Yatra organized on occasion of the Installation ceremony, Bapunagar (approach) temple, Bapunagar.
16. Installed the idols of God in the new temple at Bapunagar.
17. Graced the Patotsava at our Torda Temple.
18. Graced the Patotsava at our Naranpura Temple and installed idols of God at the new temple (ladies), Naranpura, Ahmedabad.

19-20. Graced Dhariawad (Rajasthan) and installed idols of God at the new temple.

21. Graced concludinrg ceremony of the Parayan held at Shri Swaminarayan Temple, Mokhasan.
    Presented Patotsava Poojan to Lord Shri hari dwelling in our Swaminarayan Temple at Kalol Shrinagar.
22. Invoked Lord Shri Dudheshwar Mahadev at the temple at Bhaupura, (Kalol).
    Graced Parayan Katha organized at the house of Devotee Shri (Late) Purushottamdas R. Patel, Dangarva.
23. Graced the dwelling of Shri Kantibhai A. Suthar, Nirnaynagar, Ahmedabad.
    Graced the house of Shri Yogeshbhai S. Patel, Ranip, Ahmedabad.
24. Graced the residence of a devotee at Meghaningar, Ahmedabad.
25. Laid foundation of the new temple being constructed at Vasana-Paldi.
26. Graced the village Mau and performed Patotsava-Shakotsava at the temple.
    Graced presence at the Maha-Pooja orgnized at the residence of Shri Thakorlal Natvarlal Soni.
27. Graced Patotsava rituals at our Limbdi temple, Limbdi, (Surendranagar).
28. Graced Patotsava rituals at Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Lunavada.

DHARMADA - DONATION

निजवृत्युद्यमप्राप्त धनधान्यादितश्च तैः ।
अर्प्यो दशांशः कृष्णाय विंशोंऽशस्त्विह दुर्बलैः ॥

The Satsangi householders shall offer to the Lord one tenth of their earning 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.

(Shikshapatri : 147)

Lord Shri Swaminaayan Bhagwan, by His specific order, directs all the devotees to do Dharmada (one tenth or one twentieth part of the earnings). This Dharmada needs to be paid to Lord Shri Narnarayandev or Shri Lakshminarayandev, in whose territory the Satsangi lives.

The donations made to an educational institution, Gurukulam or to a temple can not be treated as a Dharmada, Houscholder devotees are required to do Dhamada at the Kothar office of Shri Narnarayandev, against an authentic receipt. Dharmada may be donated in cash or kind.

Our Satsang is spreading far and large with tremendous growth and development.

The devotees – Satsangis working elsewere and abroad, may be in need of proper guidance. Hope, this clarifies the postion and duty.

The devotees, desiring to donate some extra besides statutory 'Dharmada,' may contact Acharya Maharajshri for an objective guidance in regard to a proper institution, Gurukul, temple building or social service-projects. Such guidance will add value in your additional donations.

- Mahant Swami

THE CELIBACY IS THE KING OF THE GROSS BODY

- Prof. Mahadev Dhoriani

The celibacy is the king of our body. The celibacy bestows us with wisdom, power and brilliance. Only those, who are absolute celibate, live a meaningful life in fullness and realize God – Supreme Lord. The celibate souls are virtuous and temperate. They perform celibacy of eight modes and practise it perfectly :

"श्रवणं कीर्तन केली प्रक्षलं गुह्य भाषणम् ।
संकल्पोऽध्य वसायश्च क्रिया निवृत्तिरेव च ॥

(The eight kinds of acts : to listen to a woman, to praise a woman, ti amuse a woman, to see a woman, to have a secret conversation with a woman, to wish to consume a woman, to determine the physical age of a woman and to copulate a woman are the modes of action in relation to a woman. A true celibate stays away from such acts).



A true celibate is virtuous and temperate. He maintains celibacy and avoids the eight kinds of proximity – direct and indirect. Such celibacy can not be prastised without absolute control on the sense organs and mind.

The mind has a major role in our life. We have been called Manava (human beings), due to our mind.

"स जीवति मनोयस्य मननेन जीवति ।"

(Only those are alive, whose minds (Mana) are alive and active in mental processes.)

It is said – A sound mind dwells in a sound body. The virtuous attributes like brillience, restraint, tranquility and purity of the body depend solely on such attributes of the mind. One should try to discipline his organ of taste his tongue. He should consume wholesome food – pure and balanced. Those who have won their sense organ of tastes (tongue) have won their mind. If, mind is a ocean, than the thoughts in a mind are the pearls. We should not waste these precious pearls.

Godliness and divinity of the Gods, holiness of the saints, chastity of the women and humanity of the human benigs depend to the celibacy. The celibacy is the ornament of human life. Nobility is the ornament of greatness, tranquility is the ornament knowledge, modesty is the ornament of a family and lineage, donation is the ornament of wealth, calmness is the ornament of penance, valour is the ornament of a knight, amnesty is the ornament of the valour and honesty is the ornament of religious and ethical duties. Thus, there are many ornaments, but the best among them is the celibacy. The celibacy is the most admirable among all the ornaments.

What ब्रह्मचर्य (celibacy) means ? ब्रह्मचर्य = ब्रह्मं + चरति । All our ways, means and acts should be for the Supreme Consciousness, and should be performed by us as the pure consciouness.

King Shantanu the emperor of India was known as an incarnation of ocean. He was an enlightened soul with knowledge of the scriptures and ultimate truth. But in blindness

of carnal desires he surrendered to the obligatory conditions of Ganga, and married to her. In course of time, she gave birth to the heir of the dynasty and one after another she drowned six such sons in sacred water of Gánga. King was taken aback by such merciless act of killing own sons and the heirs of the noble lineage one after another, but he was not in a position to stop her. Hovere, scared of extinction of his lineage, king Shantaun challenged Ganga and stopped her when she tried to drown their seventh child – Gangeya - Bhishma.

Rishi Parashara – father of Great rishi Veda Vyasa – was a virtuous saint, dedicated to penance and meditation of God. He too, lost his spiritual wisdom and desired to marry a fisher man's daughter Matsyagandha. Though very great in meditation and penance, he lost hold on his carnal desires and consumed that charmful lady, lost his penance and gave birth to Vyasji.

Great Rishi Chyavana was attracted to Sukanya the darling princess of King Sharyati. He married to her at the cost of penance, meditation and knowledge. Similar illusive attraction took place, between imperial rishi Vishavamitra and heavenly demsel Menaka. Vishwamitra forsook penance and meditation to have conjugal pleasures in company of Menaka. Shakuntala is the child of Vishwamitra and Menaka.

Royal hermit Pandu Raja was cursed for his carnal desires and his death was immanent if he consumed married life with his wife. Despite this curse and it's disasterous out come, he surrendered to his carnal desire and lost the life.

In nutshell, Kama (carnal desire) is the most powerful enemy of the man. Association and company of a woman strengthens and inflames the carnal desires. If woman are a fire, than the men are the pots of butter oil. They cant stop melting in presence of a woman. To maintain and protect his celibacy, one should stay away from a woman. Celibacy is the foundation of the ethical duties.

Wholesome and balanced food helps to control sense organs. It helps to protect celibacy. Holy compnay of the saints, helps a lot in augmenting wholesome thinking and creative ideas.

"જૈસે બીજ મેં વૃક્ષ છુપા, અરુ ચકમક મેં આગ,
તેરા સાઁઈયાઁ તુઝ મેં હૈ, જાગ સકે તો જાગ."

(As a tree is hidden in a seed and a fire in a load-stone, in similar way, God is hidden within inner self. Awake and arise !)

Maun (Silence) is another means to strengthen the mind. A strong and firm mind protects the celibacy. Meditational concentration (Dhyana) sharpens our intellect. Awareness about food and lifestyle, maintains physical health. Celibacy is the foundation of our spiritual life. Moreover, holy and wholesome thinking contributes considerably toward celibacy. An empty mind is a devil's workship. Don't sit idle. Don't allow your mind to roam.

Once a follower prayed to Dayanand Saraswati, 'Gurudev ! Whether the arrows of cupid harms you or not ? Dayanand Saraswati said with a smile 'Yes Kamdeva (cupid) come to me most often, but he has no scope to enter in my inner house. He never finds me idle, to look for his nonsense.' This is the secret of celibacy. Don't sit idle to the give way to enemies like carnal desires.

True realization of the Guru and true knowledge of the relationship between a disciple and a teacher (Guru), brings them togather in absolute oneness. There is no parting vail beween them. Guru has no powers based on the laws of the state, society or economy. Their relations are strengthened by selfless love and faith.

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SHIKSHAPTRI JAYANTI

- Atulbhai B. Pothiwala

The festive day of Vasant Panchmi welcomes the spring season and bids farewell to the chilling cold of winter. The spring season instills consciousness and development in the dormant state of nature. Fresh leaves, buds and flowers fill the enviorment with rejuvenation, freshness, fragrance, feelings, enthusiasm, the sweet natural music of chirping birds and humming bumble bees and the colours of butter-flies. Lord Thakorji adorns fine silken attires in place of woolen ones of winter. Thus the day of Vasant Panchmi is the litmus test of the changes in season.

Such festive day of Vasant Panchmi holds distinct status in our Sampradaya. The day has it's own majesty and glory in the axiomatic religion. The Vasant Panchmi day is celebrated as the manifestation day of Shikshapatri. Lord Shriji Mahaaj has pronounced and wrote this scripture for us on this auspicious day. Entire satsang of Lord Shri Hari celebrates this day as Shikshapatri Jayanti.

Lord Swaminarayan Bhagwan has manifested his divine self as a man on sacred land of India to benedict mankind by his message of universal welfare and ultimate good of the souls. Swaminarayan Bhagwan has blessed the mankind and his faithful followers by this blessed menas. They atain ulitmate goals of life namely : Dharma (ethical duties), Artah (welath), Kama (desires), and Moksha (Salvation), by this means.

Lord Swaminarayan Bhagwan has preached in detail the cardinal principles of the Dharma (ethical duties), Vairagya (detachment) and Bhakti (devotion) to unvail and illuminate the road of the spiritualism. These divine words of him have been made available in the form of Shikshapatri. Shikshapatri is the word-form of Lord Shri Hari. Shikshaptri was addressed to the satsang on auspicious Vasant Panchmi day of the Vikram era 1882. Sahajanand Swami himself wrote this Shikshaptri at the holy Shrine Vartaal Dhaam.

Shikshaptri is unique and distinct among the religious scriptures. This is due to it's profoundness and brevity. This small looking scripture containes only 212 shlokas, consisted each of the two lines. Though very short and handy in it's gross body, the scripture encompassed essence of all the scriptures, house holder life, ethics, politics, social sciences, health, hygiene and environment.

Though profound and eternal, the scripture of Shikshapatri is very easy to understand. Average householder can grasp easily the teachings of Shikshaptri. The preachings are such practical that one can adopt it comfortably in his personal life for a value oriented life style. Humanity, truth and non-violence are the foundations of Shikshaptri. It preaches value and virtues to grasp the higher value of humanity.

Shikshapatri teaches us to live a sinfree life - a simple and addiction free life. The scripture is written in Sanskrit language, the langue of God. The scholar saint, S.G. Nityanand Muni has translated it in Gujarati to benefit the mankind.

This small looking scripture is the constitution of the sect – Shri Swaminarayan Sampradaya. As has been explained in the scripture, a careful and unbroken practice of the Shikshapatri consigns the follower for a face to face Darshan of God. Such a faithful follower attains all the pleasures.

Shikshapatri is a practice-book. It remoulds our life style by removing sins and inner enemeis. It teaches moral lessons in

perfect living and advocates universal welfare without any discrimination. Though looking very small, Shikshaptri executes the changes like a volumous scripture.

Lord Swaminarayan Bhagwan had studied all the scriptures and the doctrines laid down by those scriptures. He had condensed entire study in a small format of Shikshapatri. It is like a great sea sealed in a pot.

The people belonging to various classes and groups of society have been addressed individually to prescribe to them the general and specific duties of am individual. This includes saints, ascetics, Acharya, Kings, householders, male and female, engaged in various occupations. Ahimsa (non-violence) is the core of all the teachings, and mankind is directed in general to stay away from everykind of violence. It forbids killing even of lices, mosquitoes and bed-bugs. It forbids suicide and self killing.

Shikshaptri advocates and preaches eleven cardinal virtues to practise them like a penance in life. Life shall be happy and fully filled, if practiced those virtues.

Bhagwan Swaminarayan has promised us without any ambiguity.

वर्तिष्यन्ते य इत्थं, हि पुरुषा योषितस्तथा ।
ते धर्मादि चतुर्वर्ग सिद्धि प्राप्स्यन्ति निश्चितम् ॥

(My male and female, disciples shall attain the four desired objects (Dharma, Artha, Kama and Moksha by practising the tenets of Shikshapatri.) *Shikshaptri : 206.*

What we desire and expect from our untiring labour ? We desire to live a happy and pleasurable life. This unending rush and labour are for the pleasures and happiness, but the true happiness is nowhere in the outer world. It is within, at the innermost. The wealth and power grabbed by flouting exiomatic religion and ethical norms, can not quench the thirst of an aspirant soul. This is the truth and one should accept it as a reality.

Here is a open challenge to the gentlemen who disliked the Satsangis of this sect. They should come forward to practise Shikshaptri in their own life to witness and experience the virtuous changes in their personal life. They will experience soulful bliss and peace of mind earned by the practice of Shikshapatri.

Collect a Shikshapatri on an experimental bases and read it attentively with the due respect. Adopt the teachings in your daily life. Practise it for an year and observe the positive changes.

व्यभिचारो न कर्तव्यः पुम्भिः स्त्रीभिश्य मांश्रितैः ।
द्यूतादि व्यसनं त्याज्यं, नाद्यं भङ्गादि मादकम् ॥

My male and female disciples shall never commit adultery nor indulge in gambling and similar vices. They shall abstain from inhaling and drinking intoxicating substances such as Bhang, tobacco, snuff and the likes. *Shikshapatri : 18*

यावज्जीवं च शुश्रूषा कार्या मातुः पितृर्गुरोः ।
रोगार्तस्य मनुष्यस्य यथाशक्ति च मामकैः ॥

(My disciples shall render lifelong services to their parents, Guru and ailing persons according to their abilities.) *Shikshapatri : 139*

मिथ्यापवादः कस्मिंश्चिदपि स्वार्थस्य सिद्धये ।
नारोप्यो नापशब्दाश्च भाषणीयाः कदाचन ॥

(One shall never make false accusations or abuse anyone even if it serves one's self interests) *Shikshapatri : 20*

This is a little from the fragrance of the two hundred twelve petalled flower, named Shikshapatri.

Come and join in Vasant Panchmi celebrations of the Shikshapatri Jayanti. Celebrate the occasion with an oath to read and practise the teachings of Shikshaptri. Our collective oath and practice of it will benedict the mankind.

LORD SHRI HARI COMMANDS THROUGH H.H. ACHARYA MAHARAJSHRI

- Gordhanbhai Sitapara

Dear devotees ! Platinum Jubilee issue of the magazine had been an eternal treasure of the blissful episodes of H.H. Acharya Maharaj Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharaj, the sixth descendant heir of Lord Swaminarayan Bhagwan. It was inspirational reading to have a souful darshan of the blissful life style and benedictory ways of His holiness. The divine episodes and the leelas of Lord Shri Hari, which are described in the holy scriptures of the sect, consigns us to the instant meditative mood, as and when we read and study the holy books. The devotee realizes at his heart the divine form of Lord Shriji Maharaj.

Lord Shriji Maharaj dwells these days among us in guise of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri and blesses and commands to us through H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. Shri Swaminarayan Magazine helps us to receive orders, preachings and darshan of Lord Shri Hari dwelling in the form of Dharmvanshi Acharya Maharaj. Worldly souls world receive limitless pleasure and bliss of Shri Hari, if they realized Shri Hari dwelled in the Acharya Maharajshri. This the blissful pleasure depend solely on the faith and trust of an aspirant soul. More the faith greater the pleasure.

In ancient age of Lord Rama and Lord Krishna and also in the recent past - two hundred years ago, when Lord Shri Hari dwelled on the earth, there were millions of people men, women and children dwelling on the earth, but only those among them who realized the divinity of God dwelling among them as a human being, were emancipated with the freedom from the births and deaths. These enlightened aspirants lived happily and were consigned to divine abode of God after the death. The contemporary souls, who were ignorant of divine attributes of God who dwelled among them in his human form, pulled on their lives by digging land, farming the fields and small time professions. If they spared any time from their jobs, they wasted it in sinful company and rustic talk. They never walked one step forward to do darshan of Bhagwan, and lived pitiably in the forest of the worldly life entangled by fearful death and birth.

Lord Shriji Maharaj is an ocean of mercy and compassion. We are too small to narrate his great benedictory deeds. Merciful Lord Shri Hari had desired to benedict mankind by his message of universal welfare and ultimate benediction of mankind. He had continued to dwell on the earth after forsaking his gross body.

In this axiomatic Satsang the sect, of him, he had installed Dev (God), Acharya (supreme preceptor), Sant (saints) and the Shastra (scriptures) and Lord Shri Hari dwells forever in these four supportive pillars of the religion. Lord Shri Hari benedicts the true aspirants through these four forms of Him.

'No time', is a standard statement of a modern man. Gentleman ! You have plenty of free time if aspired heartily for the emancipation. If you are not in a dire need of benediction, God too has no time to spare it for you. God is the Supreme Lord of Universe, but the supreme will walk the thousand steps forward, if you put best foot forward to satute Him. God will not like to 'disturb' you at present, if you have found yourself comfortable ! God himself has developed this garden of Satsang. A garden of fragrant flowers and thornless plants.

When I read the special issue of Platinum Jubilee, I was to sorry for my self. There were events, episodes and articles narrating personal experiences and inspirational

feelings received by the writers in holy company of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. I was far behind in. My contribution had been in the form of "collected speeches of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri." I am bit shy of disclosing my own experiences, but those writers have encouraged and inspired me by their presentation. I am submitting here my own experience.

The latter monsoon is a period of general ailment risking health and physical fitness. In latter mousoon of 2002 AD, my wife saw me dead in her dream state. When she disclosed this hastitantly, I too doubted about the truth and found myself healthy and fit. It is believed that dreams experienced in last quarter of night turn true, and therefore, I foresaw possible illness in days to come. Then in following few nights I did darshan of Maharajshri in my dream state and my wife did darshan of Gadiwalashri. Soon after it, I got symptoms of caugh, fever and illness. In no time I was bed ridden in serious illness. Medical tests, x-rays, blood tests and other such investingations deteriorated if further. A serious desease was diagnosed after a thorough testing. This was second attack of the same desease after a long interval of the ten years. In it's first attack it was very serious, but I was recovered well in time due to proper medical care and constant dhoon of Mahamantra. This attack too was equally serious like before. The medical treatment, though was accurate and absolute, resulted in zero recovery. I was extremely weak bodily and was not able to speak. There were no positive symptom leading towards recovery. In couple of days, I lost normal state of mind and passed through the long itervals of mental delirium, vital breath lost the balance to leave the body. I feared unwanted truth of the dream. It scared me from my vital and in a perflexed state I asked my brother to inform our relatives about my critical state. I desired to do darshan of Lord Narnarayan dev and H.H. Acharya Maharajshri dwelling in Ahmedabad Temple and waited impatiently for the day-break. I was desiring at my heart to have a dialogue with H.H. Acharya Maharajshri and the blessings of him.

With my friend and brother, I came to the temple early in the morning and did darshan of Lord Narnarayandev. H.H. Acharya Maharajsrhi blessed me by his blissful darshan. I saluted to him and sat before him at some distance. As I mentioned the dream, H.H. Acharya Maharajshri grasped instantly the core of the problem. He raised his hands in posture of blessings and in commanding firmness of Lord Shri Hari, His holiness pronounced with divine power, 'Don't worry. Your Life has been lengthened.' I experienced divine entity of Shri Hari in his well spelled blessings.

અમે એના એ છે અમ માંઈ રે,
એમ સમજો સહુ બાઈ ભાઈ રે.

(I belonged to him, he dwells in me. Know this well.)

Is it necessary to search elsewhere for the God ? Be conspiracy free and dedicate absolutely to attain God.

H.H. Acharya Maharajshri reaffirmed his godly statement, when in submission I took the dream and it's out come as a law of Lord Shri Hari and desired counsel for my relatives. H.H. Acharya Maharajshri repeated his statement and said that the life span has been expanded and extended accordingly. There should be no room for any worry. Much of the services are to taken from you in years to come, for the benefit of Satsang. Go ahead in your medical treatment, and let me know about progress. The medicines were not setting in my stomuch due to nausea and vomits. I was pulling on my days on the stretch of medicinal substances. I tried to explain it to Maharajshri. Being very brief in

his conversation, H.H. Acharya Maharajshri nodded his head silently inconfirmation and blessed me again. The symptoms of desease disappeared suddenly when we reached home. Medicines set well in stomuch and I recovered absolutely within twenty days. But fever with the high temperature broke me once again. High temperature ran for twelve days. Keeping in mind the advice of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri, I managed to visit holy shrine on the thirteenth day of ferver. I did darshan of Lord Narnarayandev and thereafter came to the chamber of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. I saluted humbly to my Guru and submitted my pleae. His holiness asked me a few Questions. `Are you regular in your medicines ?' Who is your dector ? Are you regular in consuming the holy Abhishek water of Shaligram ?' I answered it affirmatively. H.H. Acharya Maharajshri blessed me silently. Intense fever reduced to normal state and disappeared forever when I reached home. After recovery and rest of the two months, I came to the temple and did darshan of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. Maharajshri was very happy by my speedy recovery. Recalling earlier blessed words, I prayed to H.H. Acharya Maharajshri to assign to me some suitable work. Maharajshri showered his hearty pleasure and asked me to continue with my earlier assignment and service – writing articles and compiling speeches. According to Maharajshri, this was the most suitable work for a person like me.

This divine miracle proves the presence of Lord Shriji Maharaj in the form of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. As S.G. Nishkulanand Swami had said :

જેવું જે ચિંતવે જે વારે, થાય તેવાનું તેવું જ ત્યારે.

(What ever one thinks, happens in accordance to one's thoughts.)

Lord Shriji Maharaj displays his divine lilas through Dev (God) and Acharya (Supreme Preceptor) of the diocese. Lord Swaminarayan Bhagwan had lengthened the life of Brahmanand Swami, Brave Parshada Bhaguji and others. God and divine forms of God wield the divine powers to change the course of destiny. Our present Acharya Maharaj, H.H. Koshalendraprasadji Maharajshri is in great haste to give us divine pleasure if we desired and deserved such pleasure.

Shriji Maharaj has praised and admired S.G. Muktanand Swami by designating him as the "Mother of Satsang." S.G. Muktanand Swami sings the praises of Dharmkul :

ધર્મવંશ જશ અતિ સુખંકારી, સુનત પુનિત હોત નરનારી,
ધર્મવંશી કે શરણ જો આવે, સો નિજ કુટુંબ સહિત તરી જાવે.
પુરુષોત્તમ શ્રીકૃષ્ણ મુરારી, તેહિ રિક્ષત પ્રભુ ભવભયહારી,
ધર્મવંશ કે વિપ્ર હે જોઈ, પ્રાકૃત મનુષ્ય સમ નહિ સોઈ
ધર્મવૃદ્ધિ હિત દ્વિજ ભયે દેવા, કરન શ્રીકૃષ્ણ દેવ કી સેવા,
મુક્તાનંદ કે પ્રભુ સુખદાતા, ધર્મવંશ કિયો અતિ વિરયાતા
ધર્મવંશી કે શરણ જો આવે, પાપી જીવ પુનિત હોઈ જાવે,
જબ શરણાગત હોવત જંતા, તાહિ મિલાવત શ્રી ભગવંતા

રીઝે તેને શ્રીહરિ, જેને ધર્મકુળમાં હેત,
તે ધર્મમાં રહી ભજે, ભવ તરે કુટુંબ સમેત.
તે માટે એ ધર્મકુળના, આશ્રિત જે કોય થાય
અંત સમયે શ્રીકૃષ્ણ તેની, કરશો આપ સહાય.
અતિ વિકટ જમત્રાસથી, મુકાવશે ભગવાન,
અંત સમે શ્રીકૃષ્ણ પોતે, દેશે દર્શન દાન.
તેમજ સંસૃતિ ચકથી, મુકાવશે વ્રજ ચંદ,
તે ભકતને નિજધામમાં, પોંચાડશે સુખકંદ.
એજ અમારા વચનનો, દ્રઢ રાખજો વિશ્વાસ,
મુક્તાનંદનો પ્રભુ કહે, તમે અતિ અચલ હરિદાસ.

(Muktanand Kavya, Dharmakhyanam.)

(Dharm Vansh is most pleasurable. Dharmvansh purifies the souls to benedict them. Those shall be redesemed who dwelled in benign refuge of Dharmvansh. Lord Purushottam Shri Krishna protects with amnesty. Twice born of Dharmvansh are not like other people. They live for the relgion

and service of Lord Shri Krishna. God of Muktanand Swami is most pleasurable. Lord Shri Hari has earned name and fame for the Dharmvansh. The sinners shall be sinfree if they surrendered to Dharmvansh. Devout followers of Dhamvansh dwell forever in benign presence of God.

Those who love Dharmvansh shall be loved by Shri Hari. Surrender to Dharmvansh and benedict your family. Oh Lord Krishna ! Please help the followers of Dhamvansh. God protects them in tortures of the Yama, by a blissful darshan to the devout soul. God relieves them from the cycle of death and birth. God consigns them to his divine abode. Trust in my words and trust it with full fiath. God of Muktanand Swami says that Sant Muktanand is a firm and faithful devotee of Shri Hari.)

The blessed words of Almighty Swaminarayan Bhagwan, are most precious. H.H. Tejendraprasadji Maharajshri respects most religiously the constitution of this Sampradaya. Here below is an episode presenting this fact in a lighter way : H.H. Acharya Maharajshri graces the dwellings of his devotees to give them devotional pleasure. His holiness graced once the area of Bapunagar and blessed his devotees and concluded the religious visit. A senior devotee accompanying H.H. Acharya Maharajshri, pointed to a room in a house and prayed to Acharya Maharajshri to sanctify a room by the touch of his holy feet. Devotee said, Bapji ! Please favour this place by your holy foot prints. This place has some ominous effects – sort of evil spirit.' Maharajshri stepped in the room and inspected the side walls. There were photos of the opponents of the sect. H.H. Acharya Maharajshri saw at it and said, 'Get this wall cleared of this clutter, the evil shall be removed antomatically.' His holiness speaks very less but pithy and profound. Think more on the messages and apply it in your life.'

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THE CELIBACY IS THE KING OF THE GROSS BODY

The knowledge of a saint is like the water in a well. The water accumulates in a well from the streams flowing from the innermost. The knowledge of a scholar is like the water accumulated in a pond. Water from the outer surface accumalate in a pond. Each step of an aspirant is fruitful like the fruits of a holy fire, when he walkes towards a saint to salute him. The man rushing to his fatal fall, acts like an insane and insalts a saint. All are equal for a saint. True saints live above the praises and insults. They treat everyone equally.

The saints are capable to change the course of destiny. Their words are the truth and destiny. It is very easy to be a rich man, but it is mot difficult to be a saint.

The Guru - preceptors – are of the three kinds. Some are like wood, some are like paper and some are like stones. The Gurus which are like wood, fleat easily on the surface of the sea of the worldly life. They help their disciples to swim through the ocean of the worldly life. The Gurus resembling paper are not capable to swim and can not take others across the sea of the worldly life. The Gurus resembling a stone sink in the ocean of the worldly life with their aspirant disciples. Some Gurus are like a drum. They respond instantly like response of the drum on knocking it by a stick.

The saints have shown us the way to transform ego : Think again and again, and think that you are all alone, nobody is with you, nothing is yours, and you belonged not to anybody. Whatever seen and experienced is nothing but a magical mirage of the eternal entity – Maya. Think that you are pure consciouness. This all enveloping whole is supreme Consciouness.

Be alert, Oh Man !

- Vinod S. Chaudhari

Dear Devotees ! Those who walk not on the path of salvation are the fools. The soul shall not be happy for ever despite the millions of his births, unless forsook all three bodies and allurements of Maya. Lord Rishabndev shows to his sons the means of leaving Maya : 'Oh Sons ! Listen to me. The man and woman are tied firm by the rope of carnal desire. Greed, ego, tastes, delusion and other such inner enemies have caused ignorance about the house, land, progeny, relatives, wealth and comforts. Moha (declusion) is the prime cause of this ignorance. Human body is not meant for such delusion. Realisation of God, should be the aim of human life, not the carnal desires. The lower spacies, like dogs, donkeys, pigs and camels too have the carnal desires and they live for it. Therefore, Oh Sons ! Do penance, and purify your heart and soul. This would lead you to Supreme Lord and eternal pleasure.'

Lord Shriji Maharaj has explained to us the ultimate aim of human life and preached us the ideals of human life. He had guided us on the path of emancipation. We should adhere to it firmly.

Bhagwan Rishabhadev had one hundred sons. All of them listened to his preachings and the eighty one sons of him forsook householdership to practise asceticism, nine became great yogis and Ten sons stayed back in the kingdom to forsake it after some time. God can not be realized without detachment and asceticism S.G. Nishkulanand Swami says :

અણભેટે રે અભાવ છે, ભેટે ભોગવશે ભોગજી,
ત્યાગ ન ટકે રે વૈરાગ્ય વિના,
કરૂ ઉપાય હવે એહનો, ડોળી દેશ - વિદેશજી :
કોઇ રે ઉગારે મુને કાળથી, સોંપુ તેને આ શીશજી.

(Soul dislikes the objects untill he received it. Soul consumes it on receiving it. One can not forsake without detachment. I am searching here and there to submit my head to the one who protects me from the Kala.)

God may be attained by the faith strengthened by the religion, knowledge, detachment and devotion. Religion paves the ways to join Satsang. Fulfilment is attainable by the enlightement and the absolute knowledge of divine majesty of God. He knows through his soul and realizes himself separate and distinct from his elemental body. Nobody sees the soul. But realizes the pleasurable state of his soul. What is devotion ? Devotion is a most adorable meeting between soul and God or such a meeting between soul and a true saint of God.

The soul with the infinite dissatisfaction shall be at rest and shall be satisfied fully if he sits in holy company with firmness of devotion and faith. Many are sitting at Naimisharanya and some at the Badrikashram in a meditative mood to do darshan of Bhagwan. But the desires and sense objects act like obstacles and block the path of ultimate emancipation. Unperturbed mind should act like a needle of the mariners' compass pointed firmly north ward irrespective of obstacles and changes. Mind should aspire absolutely like a fish aspiring for water when taken out from a pond. There should be ardent desire for devotion of God. Ail Pururava - the worthy king of Marwar desired to disown worldly pleasures and royal powers of his kingdom. He disowned everything like a released soul and forsook all feminine obects. He never spoke the name of any woman. He rejected the shade of

margosa tree if the tree was called Limbdi (feminie form of Limbda).

Though very thirsty he would reject to drink the water if it was fetched from a virdi (a shallow pit carved in river bed to catch percolated water.) because `virdi' was the female form of a pit ! He would refuse to eat 'Rotali', despite unbearable hunger, because Rotali (bread) was the female form of a loaf ! He even rejected the loaves of Bajari, On the ground that bajari it self was feminine ! This is the kind of repulsion that leads the soul on the path detachment, asceticism, devotion and God.

A wealthy landlord in a village has two wives. He lived a most comfortable and luxurious life in his palace like villa. Attendents, guards and villagers were at his service. He ruled like a king on his ever expanding estate. His brother-in-law was equally wealthy and lived most luxurious life. He was married to sixteen women ! His king dom like estates were spread in several villages. At times he was visiting his sisters house for a family get to gather. Both the families lived very happily.

However, as the time passed, the brother in law disliked boresome life, sixteen wives and royal luxuries. Strong repulsion drew him to detachment and he declared that he will forsake one of his wives each day and on the seventeenth day he will forsake everything in absolute detachment. This news of detachment and asceticism reached to his sister, when she was helping her husband in bathing. The tears of grief fell on the back of her husband. He turned to her and asked, 'Why are you crying ?' 'I have gathered that my brother will forsake householdership on the seventeenth day by leaving his sixteen wives, one after another each following day,' Said she in a depressed mood. Her husband said, 'Look ! Don't act like a fool. That is not a sign of detachment. He will not forsake any thing, by such stupid ity in sheer anxiety.' But she argued aggressively 'That only is the way to forsake. It is absolute detachment. Have you ever though of it ? You just try to think about forsaking.' Her husband said, 'Look ! I am forsaking right now.' He rose from the seat and walked way in wet clothes. He never came back. His brother-in-law knew about this. He too forsook everything instantly and walked away from his villa. Firmness and faith are a must for the devotion of God. The saint have said. :

કાળ આવે છે કારમો, ચેત ચેત નર ચેત.

(Be ware of the adverse time.)

King Bhagiratha performed great penance to emancipate his ancestors - the one thousand sons of king Sagar. Goddess Ganga pleased to Bhagiratha and manifested her divine form to bless king Bhagirath. King Bhagiratha prayed most humbly, 'Oh Goddes ! Please descend to the earth to emancipate my ancestors by your holy touch.' Goddess Ganga said 'I am ready to come down but what about the sins accumulating in my water ? Peaple will wash off their sins in my water and I shall not be able to bear the burden of the accumulated sins.' Then the riddle of the accumulated sins was resolved most practically. 'God dwells forever at the heart of the saints. Holy touch of their feet will destroys the sins accumulated in the water.' Thus, the holy rivers like Ganga wields divine power to wash away the sins, but the true saints are such divine that a holy touch of their feet destroys the accumulated sins of past and present birth. Gangaji came on the earth with such blessings of Bhagwan. But on her way from heaven, egoist Ganga desired a platform to descend on and to settle on the earth, instead of lower loka of Patal. Lord Shiva crushed her ego by catching her absolutely in his enormous bun of hair. Lord Shiva entangled her in his hair. Bhagiratha

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TRUE SAINTS

- Prof. Surykant Bhatt

The Rishis, writers and poets have praised the true saints living as a pure consciousness. The true saints have realized God and God dwells eternally at their heart. True saints are engroussed and merged in pleasant and charmful image of God. To please God, shall be the singular aim of their life. They are merciful souls, not withstanding the pains of the others. The soul shall be emancipated by the holy company of such a saints. It is said that a Ghost will not leave a possessed one, without spoiling. On other side, a true saint leaves not a possessed one without his ultimate benediction. A doctor administers a bitter medicine to free the patient by removing the desease. His objective is noble and praiseworthy. The saints also administer most difficult penance, teachings and preachings to remove pollution of the five sense objects. At times, soul finds it most difficult to practise the prescription of a saint.

Such a true saint, preaches us the ancient history and past journies of the soul. The soul have travelled through the eightyfuor lakbbirths and deaths. A true saint explains this hard fact. Those births and deaths are like the dirt spread thickly on a mirror. One can not see the face in such a dirty mirror. Here, the soul is a miroor and the births are a thick layer of the dirt. We are not able to see our God dwelling at our heart. This dirt acts like a thick curtain and veils divine image of God. Who could clean such thick layer of dirt ? It is not possible for a common man, only a saint can do it. This birth – the birth as a human being – is most precious and rare, but in the truest sense, the rarest one is the holy company of a true saint. The saints are cool and calm like a fullmoon. The soul receives eternal coolness and heavenly bliss in holy company of a true saint.

Have you ever thought that why a true saint spares time for us in his most wholesome and pleasant time with God ? We know that they have realzed God after a paintstaking penance of a long time. Then why should they spend their precius time in preaching and teachings ?

The heart of a true saint is more tender than a delicate flower. His heart is full of love for his disciples, servent, devotees, aspirants and visitors. A true saint loves mankind. It is selfless love and he believes that the souls are the children of God. He finds it his prime duty to take them to the path of salvation. A true saint contributes at his maximum for the constructive changes and moral upliftment of his contemporary society.

સરવર તરવર સંતજન, ચોથા વરસે મેહ,
પરમારથ કે કારણે, ચારો ધરિયો દેહ.

(The lakes, trees, saints and rain are born to do good of the others.)

These kind hearted creations exist for the universal good. God has created them for it. A true saint prays to God and God answers his prayer by removing social economic and physical objstacles of the aspirants - the men. A judge listens to the argument presented by the advocates and delivers the judgement after some time. But in the case of Bhagwan, God listens attentively to the prayer presented by the saint for a devotee, and delivers the order instantly in consent to the prayer. Thus, the obstacles and pains are removed instantly by a prayer of a true saint.

Such powers of a saint are treated as spiritual or divine powers. These powers are generated by communion of the true saint and Bhagwan. Lord Shriji Maharaj himself has explained such powers of a saint:

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DON'T FORGET THE MASTER KEY OF THE MOKSHA

- Shastri Hari Swami

Dear Friends !

Listen to this most attentively.



A student went for an examination. He was little late then his reporting time. He entered hurridly, found out his seat and sat there crying and panting, Neighbouring student stopped answering questions and inquired in sympathy, 'Why are you crying ? what has went wrong ? Be at peace and tell me.' The student said, 'I am already late and now I don't find my pen to write answers. I think, I have forgotten it at my home.' The neighbouring student looked at his shrit buttons and said, 'Don't lose your mind. Pen is very much on your person. Look at your shirt buttons. It is already clipped there.' The confused boy took out his pen and began his test paper.

Friends ! What have you learnt from this true episode ? The pen was very much with him and it was clipped to his shirt, but he forgot his pen and grieved for the missing pen ! In similar way, the key of the Mokhsa, given to us by Lord Shri Swaminarayan Bhagwan, is very much in our possession. There shall be no limits to our sorrow and grief if we forgot that key. We have received a very rich heritage of the emancipating history of the sect. Ensure that you have not forgotten it. Here is a glimpse of it.

"જેને જોઈએ તે આવો, મોક્ષ માંગવા રે લોલ."

(All are welcome, come forward for the self emancipation).

The statement quoted above was declared by the saints, some one hundred eighty years ego. But, is it possible to get Moksh by a demand order ? Yes, it is possible. The seassons and nature followed the will of the men in age of Lord Rama. In similar way, Moksha is granted on demand to the followers of Lord Sahajanand. There is one simple condition : the demand as such should be made with an open heart. Heart should be clean and unpolluted.

Lord Swaminarayan Bhagwan himself desired at his free will to install eternally on the earth the divine form of God, to benedict aspirant souls, and for this he chose the land of Gujarat and the city of Ahmedabad. Ahmedabad was the first choice. S.G. Anand Swami got the temple constructed at Ahmedabad, under the orders from Lord Sahajanand Swami. Lord Swaminarayan Bhagwan himself installed the idol form of Lord Narnarayandev with a hearty hug, and on eastern side of him, he installed the idols of Lord Radhakrishnadev. His own image with the images of Lord Dharm-Bhakti were installed on at the western direction of Lord Narnarayndev. These majestic events were celebrated in all divinity in V.S. 1878 on auspicious the third day of the bright half of Falgun.

The hundreds thousands people were gathered at Ahmedabad to celebrate and particpate in these grand events. Whole city was throbbing in fervour of devotion and devotional pleasure. Most majestic holy fire, grand community feasts, special feast to all eightyfour sub castes of Brahmins, vedic rituals of installation ceremonies and national debate on Hindu relgion were the fascinating features of this grand events. S.G. Shatanand Swami had describded these celestial celebrations in his scripure of Satsangi Jivan

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Think about the devotional pleasure of the devotees at that time, when they got the first temple of the Sampradaya from Lord Swaminarayan Bhagwan himself. The first temple of the sect ruled the hearts of entire Gujarat and western region. This was the first celestial inn to distribute Moksha at free hand. Thus the foundation was laid to distribute ultimate benediction.

Thus the invocation day of this temple is most important in the history of the Sampradaya. We are celebrating this divine event by celebrating Annual Patotsava of Lord Narnarayandev. Among the Gunas, the Sattava Guna is supreme. Sattva stands for peace and tranquil bliss – spotless white. Peace and purity are the essence of human life. One should submit himself in absolute with pure heart to receive pleasure of God. As a symbol of pure heart, the milk is libated in abishekam of Lord Narnarayandev in sacred rituals of Patotsava Abhishekam.

H.H.Acharya Maharajshri himself presents Patotsava Abhishekam by following and recreating blissful view and rituals in which Lord Shriji Maharaj had invoked God by presenting Abhishekam of milk and invocation Aarti. Lord Shri Hari has promised ultimate bendiction to all those who did darshan of Patotsava Abhishem and Aarti of Lord Narnarayandev.

A soul receives Punyas of performing auspicious holy-fires, if hosts the celebrations and rituals of Patotsava of Lord Narnarayandev. He attains all four Purusharthas (supreme aims of human life) – Dharma (ethical duties) Aartha (wealth), Kama (fulfillment of desires) and attain Moksha (salvation) at the end of his life. Whoever desires salvation before God, attain it for sure. S.G. Nishkulanand Swami says 'નહીં ઉધાર ની વાત,'' there is no room for a delay. S.G. Premanand Swami sings 'Whoever wants it, may come here and get the Moksha (salvation).

Thus the free distribution of the Moksha began here at Ahmedabad. Lord Swaminarayan Bhagwan dwelled at the heart of all the aspirants. Therefore, the day the third day of the bright half of Falgun is unique and unforgettable, not only for the sect but for all the aspirants spread everywhere. We should realize glory and majesty of this eventful day-auspicious day. We should pray humbly to Lord Narnarayandev for his sheer compassion and celebrate the grand ceremonies.

Friends ! Have you learnt the emancipating history ? Now, take care and forget it not.

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'જેટલું રાજાનું ચાલે તેટલું જ રાણીનું ચાલે.''

(The powers executed by a king are executed equally by the queen.)

This means that the powers executed by Lord Shri Hari could be executed in like manner by the true saints of Bhagwan.

Lord Shriji Maharaj has said in Vachanamrit (Gadhada : L-26), 'Such a saint is engaged in activities relating to God only, he observes Panchvartaman assiduously. A saint with these attributes can not be categoried either as a human being or as a Deva (deith). Therefore, such a saint, even though in the form of a human being, deserves to be worshipped at par with God. One, who desires to be redeemed shall serve the lotus feet of such a saint.'

That is you, who has to decide. Whether the holy company - satsang – should be availed or not. Life shall be fulfilled by an instant satsang. That shall be the end of the cycle of the births and deaths.

THE INSTALLATION CEREMONY OF THE IDOLS OF GOD AT SHRI SWAMINARAYAN MANDIR, DHARIAWAD (DISTT. UDAIPUR) RAJASTHAN

(A Report from Sadhu Kirshnaprasaddas, Mahant Swami, Jetalpur)

Lord Swaminarayan Bhagwan has benedicted the mankind by practicing his doctrine of universal welfare of the world community and as the successors of his own image, he had founded the temple of God, the scriptures and the Dharmvanshi Acharya. He thus dwelled with us forever in these three forms of him, when he forsook his elemental body. Lord Shri Hari got constructed nine majestic temple and installed in those temples the blissful idols of Lord Narnarayandev, Lord Lakshinarayan dev and other divine forms by his own hands. About one hundred domed temples and about four thousand Hari Mandirs have been constructed there after.

The growth and development of the sect was limited to the region of Gujarat. As an exception and contemporary to Nand Sants the Satsang activities were conducted at the places like, Nimad, Madhya Pradesh, Khandesh, Maharastra, Bhinna Maal, Sirohi, Dungarpur- and Rajasthan. Thus the development of Satsang was very less in other regions of India.

H.H. Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharajshri of Shri Narnaranaydnev Diocese desired to his saints to conduct Satsang in those regions where Satsang activities were conducted less often. His holiness asked specifically to Mahant Shastri Swami Atmaprakashdasji (Jetalpur) and Shastri Swami Purushottamprakashdasji to lead Satsang activities in such areas of Rajasthan where residents are socially backward and were being exploited by the ills of addiction and intoxication. The disciple saints of both these Sadgurus camped and travelled extensively in this area of Rajasthan region and conducted satsang to preach ethical duties, social duties, health, hygene and moral values. S. G. Shastri Ishwarjeevandas led this saintly group. Devot soul Shri Arjunsinh Power of Dhariawad was come earlier to the benign fold of the sect at the divine will of Lord Kashtabhanjandev dwelled at Sarangpur temple (Saurashtra). Shri Arjunsinh Pawar helped and led the local aspirantas on the path of Satsang in holy company of the saints. A dedicated team of the ten satsangis came forward with a firm resolute to build a splendid temple in this region of valour, devotion and faith.

H.H. Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharajshri consented to their devotional aspiration and the farsighted members of the scheme committee Shri Natvarbhai S. Patel, Shri Lalbhai S. Patel, Shri Manilal D. Patel, Shri Amritbhai L. Chaudhari and Shri Lakshmanbhai J. Patel and others put in great efforts and acquired 1-5 acre of land at a meager cost of Rupees two lakh. H.H. Acharya Maharajshri desired to build and develop this temple as the nodal center of this region. With such intention, he directed Mahant Swami Shastri Ishwarjeevandasji to plan a spacious and five domed temple. The main temple, buildings and the compus hav been developed with in a very short period. The foundation of the temple was laid on auspicious 24-5-2002.

A well balanced three pronged plan of Satsang, funds collection and construction was carried out smoothly and simultaneously

and the temple was constructed with in two years. This sacred shrine supports well furnished administrative wing, spacious a dining hall, community kitchen, Sant Nivas and Sabha Mandapam. Installation ceremonies of the seven days duration began on 14-2-05 and the hundreds of aspirants and Satsangis came from the near by villages to extend devotional services. They served by all three means; soul, body and money.

The religious procession of the holy scripture was organized on 19-2-05 from the Darbar –Gadh (royal palace) and the scripture was brought most honourably at the temple to recite Shrimad Bhagwat Parayan. The seat of the main reader priest was graced by S.G. Shastri Swami Purushottamprakashdasji. He delivered the discourses in Hindi language. Local aspirants were benefited extensively by the discourses delivered in Hindi language. About five thousand devotees from the town of Dhariawad and the nearby villages were present regularly at the daily sessions to have devotional feast of eternal knowledge, The number was increased fabulously on each following day and about twenty five thousands people were present at the celebrations, installation rituals and invocation rituals of God. The special events such as Kavi Sammelan, Mahila Sammelan, Kirtan Bhakti and discourses were presented on each day of the week. Maha Vishnu Yaag of the three days duration was organized as an integral part of installation rituals.

H.H. Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharajshri graced this place on auspicious 19th day of February. His holiness graced first the town of Dungarpur in his religious tour of Dhariawad. H. H. Acharya Maharajshri was visiting in dungarpur fist time in the history of last one hundred years. The Sompuras (a community of the sculptors) of Dangarpur have received holy company (Satsang) of the Nand Sants. Nand Sants have frequented Dungarpur to get idols of Lord Narnarayandev and other forms of Him. About 85 families of the Sompuras were become satsangi by the holy company of the Nand Sants. Shri Swaminarayan Temple has been constructed here at the Manek chowk area of Dungarpur.

H.H. Acharya Maharajshri had here the thaal of Lord Thakorji and graced Dhariawad at about 4 p.m. A grand welcome procession received His holiness with a most majestic salute of 22 Guns. A huge procession of twenty five thousand aspirants inclusive of male, female and children, walked following the path of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. Hundreds and thousands of people stood by the sides of road forming infinite rows, garlanded flower garlands and showered flowers from their balconies. The team of Kshatriya devotees, laced with arms and weapons escorted H.H. Acharya Maharajshri and revived the divine view of ancient time where in Kathi Parshadas have escorted Lord Shriji Maharaj in religious tours and visits.

H.H. Acharya Maharajshri graced the temple on 20-2-05 at 7-00 am. and installed most ceremoniously the idols of Shri Hari Krishna Maharaj with Shri Radha Krishnadev at the heart and centre of the inner temple, and installed thereafter the idols Lord Narnarayandev, Sukh-Shayya, Shiva-Parivar, Ganpatiji and Hanumaji on the either side of the temples. Ceremonious invocation Aarti was presented personally by H.H. Acharya Maharajshri and Mahavishnu Yaag was concluded ceremoniously by His holiness with special Aannakut Aarti.

A special Sabha was organized on this festive occasion. Sabha was attended by the twnetyfive devotees to earn the pleasure of Lord Shri Hari. State and district leaders were present at this Sabha to receive blessings

of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. Shri Rameshbhai Agrawal, Chairman, •Bhaskar Group of news papers graced the Sabha as Hon. Chief Guest. He was arrived here by a chartered plane to attend this feast of spiritual enlightenment. The temple was inaugurated by him. The five hundred devotees and one hundred fifty saints were come from Gujarat to celebrate these religious events. They were impressed by the devotional fervour of Rajasthan Satsang.

H.H. Acharya Maharajshri blessed the devotees and admired devotional faith of the new aspirants from Rajasthan. While admiring devotional service of the saitns, H.H. Acharya Maharajshri said that the saitns conducting Katha-Varta and Satsang were liked more by him. Due to extensive publicity of the events, the devotees and aspirants from entire Rajasthan were turned up in a large number to attend the celebrations. Thousands of aspirants were redeemed when they received Mantra deekha and Kanthi. H.H. Acharya Maharajshri praised the devotional services of Shastri Ishwarjeevandasji and his group of the saints and honoured their devotional services with the hearty blessings. New and respectable satsangi Shri Rajendrabhai Trelar has desired in public to host the first annual Patotsava of this temple.

The saints from Jetalpur, Kalupur, Kankaria, Narayanghat, Chhapaiya, Nathdwara, Jaipur, Allahabad, Mathura, Muli, Dhrangadhra and Dholka were come to celebrate the events at Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Dhariawad.

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BE ALERT, OH MAN !

did Tapa once again to please Lord Shiva to release Ganga. Lord Shiva pleased to him and relieved Ganga. King Bhagirath rode his horse and Goddes Ganga followed him swiftly. On their way to the ashes of the ancestors, Rishi Jhanu was sat on the rout to block their path. King Bhagiratha said in hurry, 'Oh Rishi ! Please give way to river Ganga otherwise you shall be the flown in floods of Ganga.' Rishi looked at him in compassion and said, 'Where is she ?' 'Gangaji is just behind me. She shall be here in no time,' said Bhagiratha. Rishi Jhanu sipped whole siver in single sip ! King Bhagiratha prayed to Rishi to relieve Ganga for the bendiction of his ancestors. Rishi Jhanu pleased to Bhagiratha and released the stream of Ganga became known as Jhanavi due to her rebirth from Rishi Jhanu. At last she came to the ancestors of Bhagiratha and emancipated them by her holy touch. King Bhagiratha was the seventh descendant son of King Sagar. The efforts to emancipate them, were continued non-stop generation to generation and with absolute faith and trust. They received the frutis in their seventh generation. One should try constantly and honestly with faith to attain God and divine pleasure.

Sincere efforts were on since ancient time but the aims were many. King sagar desired three things : progeny, lineage and emancipation. His wishes were not fulfilled by Ganga. King Bhagiratha disowned the desires of progeny – lineage and kingdom and did penance with the singular aim of emancipation. He resolved firmly to bring ether Ganga or to give away life. Gangaji pleased to him and came on the earth due to this singular and firm aim. River Ganga flows even these days on the earth after emancipation of the sons of Sagar, Billions of souls are being emancipated by the holy water of Ganga. Those who are in touch of such a saintly soul receive benedictory fruits due to their holy touch. Be firm in your faith. Trust absolutely in God and God's divine ways. Do devotion with singular aim.

News And Notes From Shri Narnarayandev Desh

AHMEDABAD REGION

Installation of idols of God at Shri Swaminarayan Mandir Approach – Bapunagar

Many Satsangi families from the Saursastra have settled in Bapunagar suburb of eastern Ahmedabad, and many aspirants have received mantra deeksha (initiation) and Kanthi as a new Satsangi. Bapji Maharaj H.H. Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharajshri had resolved some time back at his free will to gift a place of worship – the temple, to the devout families of Bapunagar satsang. The devotees residing at Bapunagar have put in great efforts to materialise the resolute of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri and a splendid new temple has been constructed. The installation of idols and the invocation rituals were organized here at the temple and various events were organized in a week long devotional programmes inaugurated on 10-2-05.

H.H. Acharya Maharjashri graced the temple on 10-2-05 and inaugurated Shrimad Bhagwat Parayan by lighting a lamp, and opened most ceremoniousy the exhibition of the history and activities of Shri Swaminarayan Bhagwan, Sampradaya and Shri Narnarayandev Dioces. The seat of the principal reader-priest of the Parayan Satsang was graced by S.G. Mahant Swami Shastri Nirgunadasji Swami. Festive procession of the holy scripture. Incarnation of Lord Shri Kirshna, marriage of Rukmiji and other events were celebrated with devotional fervour, during Katha Parayan sessions.

A colorful religios procession was organized on 15-2-05 in graced presence of Lord Swaminarayan Bhagwan and his seventh descendant heir – H.H. Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Koshalednraprasadji Maharajshri. Cctive member of Shri Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal and Trainer-pilot Shri Kaushal Patel showered flowers enrout on the procession, from the sky by piloting an aircraft. This majestic procession was attended by the large groups of the decorated elephants, horses bullock-carts, camel-carts, tractors and musical groups of indian music and brass-band. The aspirants and devotees were favoured extensively by on road darsan of the nine great shrines installed by Lord Shri Hari. Thousands of devotees walked following the path of H.H. Acharya Maharajshrji and followed the larges group of the hundreds of saints, celibates and parshadas. Auspicious Kalasha were carried by hundreds of girls to receive God at the temple. Brass band music was presented by the scholar students of Asarva Gurukul and devotional music and devotional songa were presented by Shri Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal on the tunes of drums and jinglers. The residents of Bapungar area stood in unending queues on either side of the roads, and did Darshan of the religious procession. H.H. Acharya Maharajshri graced the inner temple on 16-2-2005 at 8-00 a.m. and did Abhishekam of Lord Ghanshaym Maharaj, Shri Narnarayandev, Shri Radhakrishnadev and other images of God. Invocation rituals of Lord Ghanshyam Maharaj were hosted by the devotee Shri Rameshbhai A. Patel. Shri Dhirubhai J. Sorathia has earned the pleasure of Shri Hari by his dedicated service in the construction of the temple and the celebrations of the grand event. Shri Kanubhai S. Patel has earned the pleasure of Shri Hari by hosting the holy fire of the invocation rituals. The family members of the devotee (Late) Shri Dhirubhai K. Sukhadia have earned the blissful pleasure of Shri Hari by hosting Bhagwat Parayan.

H.E. Governor of Gujarat State, Shri Navalkishor Sharma, Chief Secretary Shri P.K. Lehri, Ex-C.M. Shri Keshubhai Patel, Union Textile Miniter Shri Shankarsinh Vaghela, Ex-Home Minsiter Shri Gordhanbhai Zadaphia, M.P. Shri Harin Pathak and M.L.A.s were present to grace the celebrations

Renown artists and the gifted students of our Gurukulams have earned the pleasure of Shri Hari by presenting late evening cultural shaws of Dayaro, Raas, and Bhajan-Kirtan. wholesome sweet dishes were served daily in full meals as the Mahaprasadam. Almost entire residential zone was covered by these community meals. H.H. Acharya Maharajshri had honoured the religious services of Swami Lakshmanjivandasji (Guru Shastri Swami Nirgundasji) by designating him as 'sad Guru'. Swami Lakshamanjivandas had served extensively in the construction of this domed temple. H.H. Acharya Maharajshri blessed the host families and showered his hearty blessings to the satsang of Bapunagar area for their devotional fervour and the service to the temple. *- Gordhanbhai Sitapara*

Satsang-Camp at Ambaji

Lord Swaminarayan Bhagwan had addressed at times the assemblies held at the early hours or the late hours of night. The seventh descendant son of Shri Hari has addressed such out station assembly at late hours of night, on auspicious first day of the dark half of Paush this year. This Satsang camp was organized at palatial residence of Shri Harikishanbhai located at Ambaji Dhaam.

H.H. Acharya Maharajshri graced the assembly at late night. The saint and devotees were sat before him to relish sweet memories of the Vachanamrit Satsang addresed by Lord Shriji Mahararj. His holiness was dreassed in white attires resembling to his great grand father – Shriji Maharaj.

S.G. Mahant Swami Shastri Nirgundasji Swami, S.G. Swami Shastri Purushottamprakashdasji, Mahant Swami Guruprasad Swami, Kothari Anand Swami, Pranjeevan Swami, Celibate Priest Rajeshwaranand Swami and other saints were present at this special session.

The Sabha was conducted by Udayanbhai Maharaja. Shri Harikrishnabhai and his family members have earned the pleasure of Shri Hari by presenting poojan-Archan – Aarti to H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. Enlghteing discourses were delivered by the saints on divine episodes of `Shri Hari Lila Charitra' and a question – answer session was conducted to solve routine issues pertaining to devotion and devotional services H.H. Acharya Maharajshri address the assembly and directed the devotees on the path of devotion and service of God. His holiness blessed the members at the end of the session. H.H. Acharya Maharajshri is kind and merciful to the members of Shri Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal and the new aspirants. Recently initiated Satsangis were favoured by the blissful presence of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. His holiness showered his hearty blessings to Shri Harikrishnabhai and family for hosting this event for the two days. The events were inspired by Kothari Anand Swami. *- Rameshbhai Doradawala*

Shri Swaminarayan Mandir (U.P.)

The Vasant Pnachmi was celebrated here as Shikshapatri Jayanti and enlighteneing session of reciting Shikshaptri was organized on this occasion. Maha Pooja and Shikshapatri receitation were organized with the due blessings of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. The devotees were inspired and encouraged by Mahant Swami Akhileshwardasji to celebrate the event. Mahapooja was hosted by the devotee Shri Jaysinh Chitrodia.

A special assembly was organized on this occasion. The enlighteneing discourse was deliverd by Mahant Swami, on unqueness of Satsang. Local devotees and the devotees from the nearby places were favoured richly by this special celebrations.

- Pujari Sarveshwardas

Shri Swaminarayan Mandir Sabaramti, Ahmedabad

A festive Shakotsva was organized here on 26-12-04 to re-play the divine festivities of Loya Dhaam. The devotees from this place have attended month long Dhoon sessions with a daily Thaal to Lord Thakorji. Small or big all have participated with equal enthisiasm and dedication. The devotees were encouraged and inspired by the saints of Koteshwar Gurukul and were led by the senior devotees Shri Naranbhai Patel (Trustee), Shri Lalbhai Patel and others. Dhoon, Bhajan and Kirtans were presented daily to please Lord Shri Hari. Enlightening discourses were delivered by the saints to describe festive event of Shakotsava held by Shri Hari at Loya Dhaam. *- R. T. Patel, Shri Narnarayan Yuvak Mandal*

Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Rambaug, Kankaria

The Temple at Rambaugh, Kankari is a prasadi place of Lord Shri Hari. The annual Patotsava was celebrated here with the due blessings of H.H. Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharajsjhri. Lord Shri Hari has served here with love the community feast meals to the eighteyfour subcastes of Brahmin Community. The grand feast was organized on auspicious invocation ceremonies of Lord Narnarayandev dwelled at Swaminarayan Mandir Kalupur, Ahmedabad. To relish those sweet memories, the event shall be replayed on occasion of annual Patotsava of God sitting at Rambaugh temple. H.H. Acharya Maharajshri has consented heartily to present Patotsava Abhishekam and Annukut Aarti to indweller God. The Choryasi feast meals shall be served thereafter to the Brahmins belonging to all sub-castes. The event shall be celebrated at the temple on 15-3-05 at 6-30 a.m. and special Satsang Sabha shall be graced at 10-00 a.m. by H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. The feast meals shall be served after the Satsang Sabha. The devotees are invited to participate heartily in these religious celebrations. *- Mahant Swami, Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Kankaria, Ahmedabad.*

Satsang Sabhas at Anandpura, Mau and Gohjaria

The Satsang Sabhas were organized on date 22-1-05 and 28-1-05 to sing the praises of God at Anandpura, Mau and Gojharia.

The Sabhas were organized with the due blessings of H.H. Acharay Maharajshri and Dhoon, Bhajan, Kirtan and Katha Satsang was presented to enlighten local satsang. The saints and devotees were inspired and encouraged by S.G. Mahant Swami Narayan Swami and Mahant Swami Shastri Uttam Swami (from Mehsana temple)

The devotees have benefited by these devotional sessions. *-Hitendera Sinh.*

Shikshapatri Parayan at Dangarva (Talpad)

Shrimad Shikshapatri Bhashya Parayan was organized here with the due blessings of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. The sacred sessions were hosted by the family of the devotees (Late) Shri Purushottambhai R. Patel to execute the resolute of

Shri Gangaba. The seat of the reader priest of the three days Parayan session was graced by Shastri Swami Premswaroopdasji. H.H. Acharya Maharajshri blessed the host family and the Satsangis by his graced presence dated 22-2-05. To fulfil the devotional aspirantions of her female devotees, Respected Gadiwalashri graced the sessions dated on 23-2-05.

- Kothari Swami Swaminarayan Manri Dangarva.

Shri Swaminarayan Mandir Chaloda (Jitbas)

The Chalada Village of Jitba is a prasadi place of Lord Shri Hari. Dhanurmaas devotion was presented to Lord Shri Hari with the due guidance and inspiration from the Mahant Swami of Dholka Temple. Shastri Swami Hariomprakashdasji (Direcotr, Jetalpur Pathshala) and the scholar Students of Jetalpur Gurukul have earned the pleasure of Shri Hari by conducting early morning Dhoon session at this place.

H.H. Acharya Maharajshri blesses the Satsang of this place. *- Jayantibhai Patel*

Bamroli (M.P.) The Prasadi Place of the first Acharya Maharajshri Ayodhyaprasadji Maharaj

The devotees visiting this region are requested to do darshan of Lord Shri Hari dwelling at this temple. Services are readily available for overnight stay with most comfortable road for the transportation. Road ways passenger service and private vehicale are easily available.

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Mahant Swami Bamroli Temple

Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Pune (Maharashtra)

The Dhanurmaas Dhoon and Annkut festival were organized here with the due blessings of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. Many faithful devotees are participating regularly in the temple services.

- Jitendra D. Soni

Palanpur Patia and Rander (Surat) Temple

Our Temple at Palanpur Patia and Rander have celebrated the Shakotsavas respectively on 23-1-05 and 10-1-05, with leading participation of the devotees belonged to Halar region. Shakotsava was organized for the expansion of Satsang in this region. The devotees and aspirants were come from nearby towns and villages. A formal Sabha was organized on this traditional event and enlightening discourses were presented by the senior devotees to explain glory and majesty of Shri Hari and the Sampradaya. Dhoon Kirtan and Nitya Niyams were presented to please Shri Hari. *- Mahesh Maheta*

Graceful Contribution towards the life time subscription

Shri Pravinbhai Patel (Shraddha cassettes) and his family have earned the pleasure of Shri Hari by their graceful contribution towards the life time subscription of Shri Swaminarayan Magazine. Shri Pravinbhai Patel had contributed Rs. 2600/- to distribute it equally among the twenty six new subscribers (life time subscription).

Shri Patel was come forward for this service during the celebrations of invocation ceremony held at the new temple of Approach-Bapunagar. H.H. Acharya Maharajshri conveys his hearty blessings.

Ekadashi Satsangi for the Satellite area

Ekadashi Satsang is being arraged on each Ekadashi day of the year. This service is made available on regular bases without any gap. The late evening satsang (8 p.m. to 10 p.m.) is being conducted most regularly since many years. The devotees residing in this area may join this satsang on Ekadashi days. Place and time :

Samskritik Hall, Shivranjani Society,
132 ft. Ring Road, Shefali Cross Roads,
Ahmedabad-380 015. Time : 8 to 10 (night)

MULI REGION

Muli Dhaam Celebrates Vasant Panchmi Samaiya

Vasant Pnachmi Samaiya was celebrated here in benign refuge of Lord Radhakrishnadev Harikrishna Maharaj and in blissful presence of Greater Acharya Maharaj Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharajshri and H.H. Lalji Maharaj 108 Shri Vrajendraprasadji Maharajshri.

Acharya Shri Tejendraprsadji Maharajshri graced the inner temple in blissful company of H.H. Lalji Maharajshri and presented Mahabhishekam to Lord Rahakrishna Harikrishna Maharaj. A Satsang camp of three days duration was organized on this auspicious occasion under the guidance from S.G. Mahant Swami Lakshmiprasaddasji and Mahant Swami Narendraprasaddasji. Enlightening discourses were delivered at the camp by S.G. Mahant Swami Shastri Ghanshyamprakashdasji (Narayanghat), Swami Shastri Hariomprakashdasji (Jetalpur Wadi) and Swami Vasudevprasaddasji (Dhrangadhra) and other saints. The devout campers were enlightened on the subtle topics of the Sampradaya.

A special assembly was organized on this occasion. H.H. Lalji Maharajshri graced the Sabha and blessed the Samaiya celebrations. The colour festival was organized at the end of the sabha. H.H. Lalji Maharajshri graced the court yard of the temple and played with his devotees by sprinking colours and Gulal. Respectged Gadiwalashri was present on the occasion to give devotional pleasure to her female devoetees.

Mahabhishekam and Samaiya festivities were hosted by Shri Ghanshyambhai Nagindas Soni (Navsari) and his family to earn the pleasure of Shri Hari and blessings of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri.

Samaiya and Sating Sabha were managed decently by Kothari Swami Jayprakashdasji and his group of the saints. Devotional services were executed by the volunteering member of Shri Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal of Muli Dhaam. Prasadam was distributed to the devotees at the end of devotional celebrations. - *Parshad Bharat Bhagat*

Samskardham Gurkul, Drangadhra

A festive Shakotsava was organized here at the Gurukul to practise once again the grand tradition laid at Loya by Lord Shri Hari himself. The devotees were inspired and encouraged by Shastri Swami Ramkrishnadasji, with the due blessings of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. Enlightening Katha Satsang was conducted on this occasion by Shastri Swami Ramkrishnadasji.

Shrimad Satsangi Bhushan Parayan (16-1-05 to 22-1-05) was organized here in memory of Samkhya Yogi Gauriba. The seat of the principal reader priest was graced by S.G. Shastri Swami Ramkrishnadasji. H.H. Acharya Maharajshri, H.H.Lalji Maharajshri and Respected Gadiwalshri were present on this religious occasion. Samkhya Yogi Kanchanba (disciple of S.Y. Gauriba) and her female disciples were favoured by the blissful darshan of Respect Gadiwalashri (both the Gurus of the female Satsnagis). The saints and the devotees were come from all the temples of Muli desh. - *Anil Dudhrejia*

Suryanagar (Halvad)

Annual Patotsava Abhishekam was presented to Lord Shri with the due blessings of H.H.Acharya Maharajshri. The celebrations were organized on auspicious tenth day of the bright half of Maha. Maha Mantra Dhoon and Bhajan Kirtans were presented to please Lord Shri Hari. The constant Dhoon of twelve hours duration was presented by S.G. Shrijiswaroop Swami and his group of saints from Halvad. Local devotees were benefited by this religious events. - *Tarbundia Rameshbhai.*

Ranjitgadh (Halvad)

A Satsang Sabha was organized here by Shri Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal of Ghanshyamnagar. The event was organized with the due blessings of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. Enlightening discourses were presented by the saints and senior devotees to explain glory and majesty of Lord Narnarayandev, Harikrishna Maharaj, Dharmkul, Acharya and this sect. The devotees were come forward with a firm resolute to be faithful to Lord Radhakrsihandev Harikrishna Maharaj dwelled at Muli Dhaam and resolved firmly to conduct Satsang activities in all the village of Muli desh. -*Shri Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal, Ghanshyamnagar*

OVERSEAS

Buwie Merriland (ISSO, Washingotn Chapter)

The satsang session was conducted here on 15-1-05 at evening and Dhoon, Kirtan, Katha-Varta, Nitya Niyam and Aarti were presented to please Lord Shri Hari. the satsang sabhas are being conducted most regularly and a large number of devotees are participating in satsang activities. The satsang is progressing steadily with the due blessings of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri and H.H. Lalji Maharajshri. - *Kanubhai Patel*

AKSHARVAAS

Ahmedabad : Shri Parasnath Mishra (father of Shri Vachaspati Mishra, Principal, Shri Swaminarayan Sanskrit Pathshala, Jetalpur) passed away (18-1-05) to Akshardham in benign presence of Lord Narnarayan dev. May Shri Hari bless him with eternal peace of Akshardham.

Muli Temple : Senior Sadguru Kothari Swami Dharmswaroopdasji Swami (Guru:S.G. Shastri Swami Balkrishnadasji) of this temple, passed away (3-2-05) to Akshardham amidst the chants of Shri Hari's divine names. May Shri Hari bless him eternal peace.

Gandhinagar : Devotee Shri Harisinh Popatsinh (Godhavi wala) passed away (16-1-05) to Akshardham amidst the chants of Mahamantra.

Dharampura (Bharuch) : Smt. Sarojben Manibhai Patel (mother of Shri Pareshbhai, London) passed away (16-2-05) amidst the chants of Shri Hari's blissful names. May Shri Hari bless her eternal peace of Akshardhaam.

Morvi : Smt. Jayaben Bhojani (wife of Shri Dhanjibhai Bhojani passed away (19-1-05) to Akshardham amidst the chants of Shri Hari's divine names.

Mumbai : Smt. Kokilaben R. Chavda (daughter of Shri A.C. Khetani) passed away (20-2-05) to Akshardhaam amidst the blissful chants of Shri Haris' divine names.

Ahmedabad (Amli-Bopal) : Devotee Shri Sendhalal Karsandas Patel (Kundal wala) passed away (23-2-05) to Akshardham amidst the blissful chants of Shri Hari's divine names.





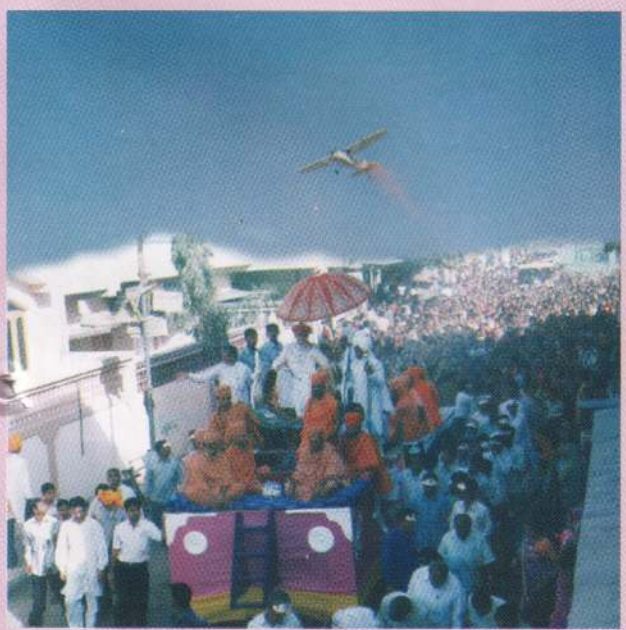
H.H. Acharya Maharajshri celebrates Shakotsava at Manekpur and Mehsana temple.



H.H. Acharya Maharajshri receives Aarti-Poojan from his devotee Shri Gopalbhai G. Chaudhari (U.S.A.) and the family at Manekpur.



H.H. Acharya Maharajshri blesses the host Shri Pravinbhai N. Patel (Engineer) on occasion of invocation ceremonies held at Approach-Bapunagar temple.





Thousands of devotees are assembled for the Katha sessions at Bapunagar-approach temple.



H.H. Acharya Maharajshri graces the religious procession in Bapunagar area. The flowers are being showered from the plane to receive H.H. Acharya Maharajshri.





H.H. Acharya Maharajshri offers coconut to the sacred fire on installation of idols at Bilia Temple.

H.H. Acharya
aharajshri presents
invocation Aarti to
Lord Bal Swaroop
hanshyam Maharaj
velling in Approach-
Bapunagar Temple.



H.H. Acharya Maharajshri invokes God at Bilia (Siddhapur) Temple.

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