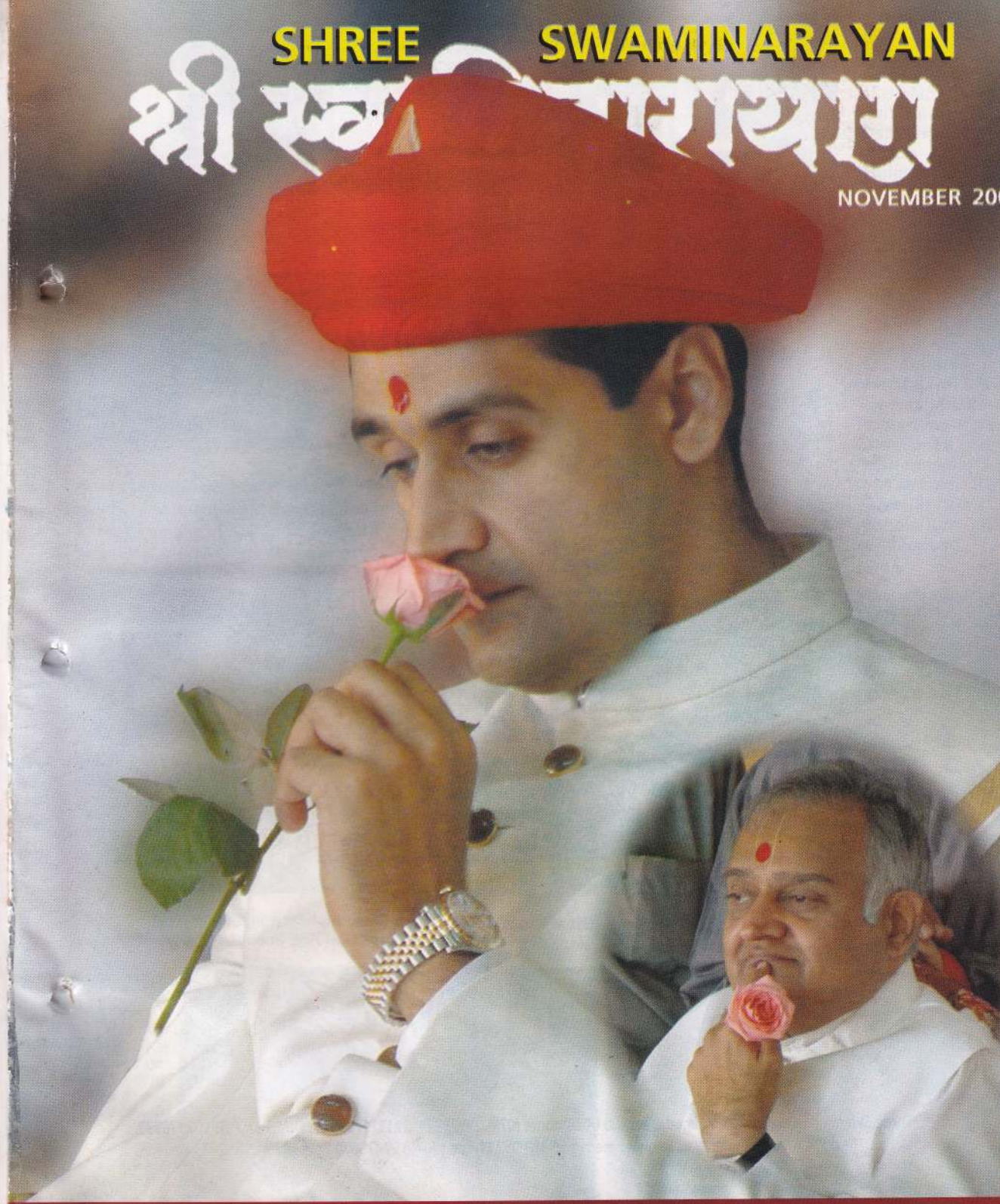
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EDITORIAL

Lord Swaminarayan Bhagwan says in Vachanamrit : G.F. 38), 'One who is a Satsangi, should try to introvert and examine his mind that in the first year, after his initiation in Satsang, his mind was like before or some what in such state, and then in the second year he had besides the worldly desires, cultivated some affection for God. Like wise, he goes examining his mund year after year to assess and adjudge the affection that he has cultivated for God and also the deep rootes desired for mundane objects that have possessed his mind, he would gradualy get rid of the worldly desires. If he does not thus examine and assess his mind and does not eradicate worldly desrires from his mind, they would multiply and become ultimately irredeemable, like the one who having an account with a grocer reduces his liability by paying regularly month after month and increases his liability by accumulating the debt. Think and act without any break. Do Satsang and do it continuously without any break to eradicate worldy desires. The desires shall be destroyed from its roots by such constant satsang and devotion. Lord Shriji Maharaj explains this with an example of filling water in an empty pond. A person emptying two pots full of water to fill a pond, but if he does so without any continuity in emptying the pot, by skipping one or more days every time, the efforts though made repeatedly for a long time shall be without any fruit. The water poured in the pond will dry out next day in absence of continuous supply. But a very thin and long canal only of one inch breadth if continues to supply water to the pond, there shall be definitely a moment when pond will overflow by such unbroken stream of water. The Satsang and devotion are like that tiny stream. The efforts though very tittle and small are but constant and continuous, without any break bear the fruits.

The fire covered under a layer of ash extinguished in absence of wind. The touch of the wind sustains heat and life of the fire. Our soul too needs such life saving touch of God. Darshan prayer and meditation sustain our walk on the path of God. Do Satsang, listen to Katha Varta, live in holy company of saints, organize Satsang sessions and attend such sesssions to celebrate blissful presence of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. These will strengthen your devotional fervour.

May lord Narnarayandev Harikrishna Maharaj shower blissful pleasure and eternal happiness of spiritual enlightenment.

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



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

October-05

1. Graced the house of Shri Prashant C. Vyas, Navrangpura.
2. Graced the house of Shri (Dr.) Nikunj. G. Aariwala, Odhav, Ahmedabad.
5. Graced the house of Shri Babubhai Parsottambhai Patel, Kalol.
   Blessed inauguration of 'Shri Ganesh Provision and General Store'. (Shri Kacharabhai Sankabhai Patel), Bopal, Ahmedabad.
   Graced the place of Shri Arvindbhai Lakshmanbhai Hirpara, Bapunagar.
   Graced the house of Shri Pankajkumar Babulal Patel, Kalol.
6. Graced the place of Shri Navinbhai M. Patel, Mehsana.
7. Graced 'Panchratna Jewellers' (Shri Shantibhai K. Jhinjhuvadia), C.G. Road, Ahmedabad.
8. Graced the house of Shri Mukeshbhai Chandrakantbhai Thakkar, Satellite, Ahmedabad.
9. Graced "Mohanlal S. Mithiwala", Navrangpura, Ahmedabad.
   Graced "Harekrishna Enterprise," Dariapur, Ahmedabad.
10. Blessed presence at the Sarasvati Poojan organized at Shri Swaminarayan Sanskrit Mahavidyalaya, Jetalpur.
11. Graced presence at the house warming ceremonies organized at the house of Shri Prakashbhai K. Gajjar, Kalol.
    Blessed Presence at the Maha Pooja organized at the house of Shri Vishnubhai Purushottamdas, Bhuyangdev, Ahmedabad.
12. Graced the house of Shri Shantilal Shamjibhai Prajapati, Raja Mehta's pol, Ahmedabad.
    Blessed presence at the inauguration of the hospital (Dr. Bhavin Rameshchandra Parikh).
    Graced the place of Shri Dipakbhai Hiralal Patel, Chandkheda, Ahmedabad.
    Graced the satsang camp organized at Shri Swaminarayan Mandir Kankaria and received Poojan Aarti from the devotees.
    Graced "Jay Scan Graphics of Shri Ramanbhai Babaldas Gajjar, Bardolpura, Ahmedabad.
13. Celebrated 34th birthday in benign presence of Acharya Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharajshri and H.H. Lalji Maharajshri.
14. Graced the residence of Shri Dashrathbhai Khemabhai Patel, Naranpura, Ahmedabad.
16. Graced 'Shriji Art Jewellers' of Shri Sanjaybhai R. Soni, Ratan Pol, Ahmedabad.
    Graced the place of Shri Jigarbhai D. Patel, Maninagar, Ahmedabad.
    Graced the place of Shri Shankarbhai S. Patel, Ranip, Ahmedabad.
    Graced the place of Shri Chandrakantbhai B. Gajjar, Ghee Kanta, Ahmedabad.
    Blessed presence at the Sharadotsava organized at Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Narayanghat, Ahmedabad.
    Blessed presence at the Sharadotsava organized in benign presence of Lord Narnarayandev.
17. Graced the house of Shri Baldevbhai F. Patel, Motera, Ahmedabad.
18. Graced the house of Shri Kantibhai B. Patel, Sayona City, Chanakyapuri, Ahmedabad.
19. Graced Patotsava celebrations organized at Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, (Sanskar Dhaam), Bavla.
20. Graced 'Dharmraj Jewellers' of Dr. Harshadbhai K. Jhinjhuvadia, Navrangpura, Ahmedabad.
29. Graced 'Delight Refrigeration' of Shri Babubhai T. Patel, Bapunagar, Ahmedabad.
30. Graced conluding ceremonies of the holy fire, organized at Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Kankaria.
    Graced Shri Swaminarayan Gurukul, Asarva, Ahmedabad.
    Graced Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Narayanghat, Ahmedabad.

THUS SPAKE H.H. ACHARYA MAHARAJSHRI

- Gordhanbhai V. Sitapara

'..... and a muslim lady earned ultimate benediction by gifting a Datoon to Shriji Maharaj. She was emancipated. If we think and ponder, we will find that Lord Shriji Maharaj has given everything to us for our emancipation. Nand Sants have said that we Satsangis should open the doors of heart to see this truth in the light of spiritual enlightenment. There is no room for and kind of miseries.

Shriji Maharaj says in Shikshapatri :

ये पालयन्ति मनुजाः सच्छास्त्रप्रतिपादितान् ।
सदाचारान् सदा तेऽत्र परत्र च महासुखाः ॥

- Shikshapatri-8

(Those who observe the rules of ethics as prescribed by the holy scriptures, shall derive happiness in this world as well as in the next.)

In is Shikshapatri, Shriji Maharaj asks us to be initially a gentleman – a real human being – sensible to feelings of others. The satsang of Shriji Maharaj can not be initiated right with the Tilaka and Chandlo – the initial stoge is humanity rising in the heart of an aspirant.

Swaminarayan Bhagwan begins his teachings with the basic virtues and asks us to not to commit violence, suicide, theft, debauchery or addiction and orders to us to stay away from having non-vegetarian meals, bribe or wine. He taught us virtue based ethical duties. He began his teachings with the shlokas about the unethical ways, which an aspirant should throw out from his life. This is the elementary stage of a pure life- holy life. One should acquire maturity by practising these rules. Such a mature aspirant qualifies himself for an initiation, Mantra and Kanthi. He placed these steps in a proper order by starting with the rules of self discipline, then Kanthi, initiation mantra and pooja. Upasana is the last stage in this progressive ladder. Shikshapatri teaches this in a most simple way, and a sincere aspirant grasps it easily, but it becomes most difficult for the one who is not a true aspirant.

રે બ્રહ્માથી કીટ લગી જોયું, જુઠુ સુખ જાણીને વગોવ્યું,
મુક્તાનંદ મન તમ સંગ મોહ્યું.....
રે શ્યામ તમે સાચું નાણું

(There is no real pleasure anywhere, if explored entire universe, right from creator God – Brahma - to the lowest one like a worm. Saintly poat Muktanand says that his mind is merged in divine form of Lord Shri Krishna. On Lord Krishna ! You are the real wealth. You are the eternal source of divine pleasure.)

There is no benediction without Maharaj. We need to realize the majesty of what we have. We do pooja and follow most religiously the devotional steps of hearty salute and Darshan Inculcate unbroken faith and trust.

Shriji Maharaj says in His Vachanamrit : There should be more enthusiasm and trust on each following day, on each following occasion. The enthusim, trust and faith which were surged and risen on the first day of the initiation should grow further steadily on each following hour and day and similar faith and trust should exist today in Darshan of Lord Ghanshyam Maharaj. The faith and trust that prevailed upon our heart and soul in our first Darhsn of Lord Naranrayan Dev, should exist in same intensity and with added faith and trust when we visit the temple in days to come. One should have a direct dialogue with his innerself to access every year the increase in intensity of faith and devotional love. Such self assessment should be an integral part of our birthday celebrations, this should be an integral part of our new year celebrations. There should be more intensity everyday in your faith and trust.

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ROYAL BARD DEDAL BHAGAT

- Prof. Mahadev Dhoriani

"ગામ દામથી નહિ ગળ્યો, દેદલ તોળો દલ.
કંઠી કારણ કોપિયો, રાજા વે રણમલ.
હરિ કારણ હદપાર હુવો, કંઠી તોડણ કજજ્.
સુપને સહજાનંદ કહે, ભૂપ ગ્રહી લે ભજજ.
પ્રભાતે કવ પ્રેમથી, દેદલ ભક્ત દહીંવાણ.
સુમર્યો સહજાનંદ શરણ, ભૂપ મોડ કળભાણ.
સહજાનંદની સાનથી, રિજ્યો ફરી રણમાલ.
દેદલ ભક્તને માન દઈ, પાસ રખ્યો પ્રતિપાલ."

This is a true story. This happened in time of King Ravaaji Thakor of Morvi State. Nobles, Lords, businessmen and ministers were present at he royal court of King Ravaaji Thakor. Dedal Bhagat came to the court, wearing on his broad impressive forehead a tilaka and a chandlo of Shri Swaminrayan Sampradaya. King Ravaaji, his ministers and the courtiers looked at him in curiosity and astonishment, as he stepped in the court. His majesty asked him lightly.

'Oh royal Poet ! To which sect belonged such a large tilaka ? What is your faith and to which sect you belonged ? Why are you bare headed ? Have you sent your head gear for a wash ?' There was tone of joking in his questions.

'His highness ! My Lord ! Why are you asking so in front of full session ? What has compelled you to act like this ? I am practising Swaminarayan faith. If you look at the constitution of this sect, you will realize it as axiomatic religion. It is axiomatic and eternal.' said the poet in self esteem.

'Oh Great Poet ! You are the son of Goddess. You belong to the caste of Charana. You are born to worship Goddess of eternal power. Who had tied to you a kanthi of such soft religion ? Such Tilak based religion can not match with the status of a royal place. Therefore, wipe of your tilak and remove your Kanthi.'

'Thakor ! Dedal is ready to sacrifice his life, but not the ethical duties to which he is dedicated to.'

It was like a shock to the court and the king. Their eye sight was caught by the person of Dedal Bhagat a kind of unearthly hue of light was emanating from his vibrating body. King Ravaaji was thrilled by such never before experience. He said in a changed tone, 'Oh Great Poet ! Believe in my words and ask for land and wealth in lieu of Tilak Chandlo and Kanthi.' Thakor asked him to test profoundness of his trust and faith.

Dedal Bhagat said, 'Thakor ! My lineage shall be ashamed if I deserted my ethical duties – my faith, in such temptation or greed.'

'Dedal Bhagat ! I have honoured you as the royal bard in my court, because of your hero worship.'

'My Lord ! I and my personal religion are independent, don't be misled by your "yes men" to disturb me in my fiath. To obstruct one in his ethical duties is a major sin. You should not force me to desert my religion or faith. I am ready to bear the wrath of the state at any extent but not ready to desert my religion - Swaminarayan Dharma. I am not at all in agreement with you. I reject it outrightly.' Dedal Bhagat responded in anger and got up from his chair at the court.

Ravaaji Thakkor pronounced in a stately tone, 'Kaviraj ! Listen to my order, before you leave. If that was some one else, he would have been assassinated instantly on disobeying to my orders. But I am helpless, that is you – a worthy son of Goddess - Devi

Putra. It you want to disobey me, better you leave my state before sunrise.' The court was taken aback by such order fram the king.

'God is great ! Oh My Dear God ! Not even a straw of grass shall be removed without your free will. Your ways are unique and unimaginable. There should be some hidden secret behind such development.' Dedal Bhagat said in a choked voice and left the court amidst grieving courtiers. He paid salute to the court by his folded hands, came back to home and paid humble obeisance to Lord Ghanshyam Maharaj installed at this house. Dedal Bhagat prayed :

કેતે નદ નદી નારે, ભરે હે સમુદ્ ખારે,
હંસન કો હેત એક, માન સરવરેસે.
બન ઉપવન કેતે, ગીનતે ન આવે પાર,
કામના કો કાજ એક, કલ્પતરુ વરસે.
વર્ષાઋતુ શરદ કાલ, ભરે નીર જલ્દ જવાલ,
ચાતક કો ન્યાલ એક, સ્વાંત બુંદ જલસે.
અર્જ કીતો ગર્જ કોઉ, જાને લજાર લોક,
ગરીબ કી અરજી એક, ગરીબ પરવરસે."

(There are streams, rivers and ocean full of water, but royal swan loves only Man sarover. There are infinite number of trees who thicken the farms, parks and forests, but the Kalpatru is the only tree that grants unfulfilled wishes. The clouds rain in plenty in monsoon to satisfy thirst of the world by its nectar like water, but the tiny bird-chatak quench its thrist in single drop of a Swati rain. I have prayed to my saviour God – Shriji Maharaj and I am not ashame of it if the world know about it. This humble servent of God has prayed to his saviour God.)

Bhakta Dedal was a spontareour poet. Following song unveils love, affection and faith of Deval Bhagat

"મદત કરોને મહારાજ, હણે અસાંજી મદત કરો.
કંઠી અસાંજી બાંધી તો કારણ, રૂઠો રવાજી રાજ ગોપીનાથ.
અધમ ઓધારણ પતીત પાવન, બાંય ગ્રહેજી લાજ
- ગોપીનાથ.
પારસ પરસે લોહરી યે તો, લોહજી વેંદો લાજ - ગોપીનાથ.
દેદલ યે દુઃખ દૂર કર્યા તે,મોડ રીઝ્યો મહારાજ
- ગોપીનાથ."

(Oh Maharaj ! please help me ! Please protect me ! Please help me immediately. I have tied to me a Kanthi (resary of fine beads) of your blissful name, and this act of me has attracted fury of King Ravaji of Morvi. Oh Gopinath Maharaj ! Oh Saviour God of poors and neglected ones ! Oh Gopinathji Maharaj, please hold my hand ! Lord Shriji Maharaj pleases to Dedal and protects his honour and prestige.)

Dedal Bhagat narrates his agonies to his Lord – Shriji Maharaj. Shriji Mahraj helps his devotee and manifests himself in front of King Molji of Malia, in his dream state. Shriji Maharaj says, 'Molji Thakor ! Dedal Bhagat is a householder devotee. He and his family depended to the income from Morvi State. He is courtier and poet of Morvi State, but the state has shattered his entity by a merciless order. Therefore, send a cavalcade of carts early next morning and rehabiliate him in your state and the court.'

Molji woke up suddenly. It was midnight. He ordered his personal attendant to arrange stately cavalcade of the carts to receive Dedal Bhagat at the royal court of Maliya. He sent official order appointing Deval Bhagat as couriter and royal bard of the state. The cavalcade led by a state representative, reached before sunrise at the courtyard of Dedal Bhagat.

The officer submits with a humble salute, 'Oh Great poet. We are at your service. These carts are for your household luggage. Please permit us to pack it for a safe transportation.

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Shri Ramanujacharya

- Chandrakant M. Pathak

'Guru Parampara' is one among the essential facts, that a satsangi must know. Swaminarayan Bhagwan has said that the grand tradition of the 'Gurus' in this Uddhava-sect, was founded and established with the first Guru Ramanujachara. Acharya Ramanujacharya is the first Guru in Uddhava Sect. He initiated Maha Deeksha to Ramanand Swami and installed him as the Guru of this sect. The period between 1017 A.D. (birth) and 1137 A.d. (demise) is the life and time of Ramanujacharya. He was born on the earth some 868 years ago. Ramanand Swami was born in 1739 A.D. and expired in 1802 A.D. Thus, Ramand Swami merged himself in divne, some 203 years ago. Then the question a rises, how could he receive initiation (Deeksha) from Ramanujacharya. The riddle stands as genuine, because Ramanujacharya was expired some six hundred years ago before the birth of Ramanand Swami. The solution too of this riddle stands equally genuine and unique. Though not possible in the world of gross matter, but it is true that Ramanujacharya himself has initiated Bhagwati Deeksha to Ramanand Swami. He did it by his divine presence in dream state of later one. Ramanujacharya has not forgotten to present a proof of such Bhagwati Deeksha. Eklavya learnt archery from Guru Drona, by installing an earthen idol of his Guru – Drona. Guru Drona inspired his disciple Eklavya through that earthen idol of him, and elightened him in that science befitting the achevement level of Arjuna. Enlightened souls are capable of displaying opulence through any means. A disciple needs to be a deserving person.

Ramanujacharya born at Bhutpuri (Perambulur) of Tamilnadu. His mother – Kantimati Devi - was the daughter of Yaamunacharya. Yaamunacharya was a leading contemporary Acharya of Vaishnava Sampradaya. He was Acharya of Shri Rangm Peeth. According to history, the Vaishnava Sampradaya grew some 970 years ago, under preceptorship of him. Shri Keshavayjavan was the father of Ramanujacharya. He initiated name Lakshman, but maternal uncle of Lakshman and worthy son of Yaamunacharya – Maharpurnadasji – suggested another name, with same meaning : Ramanuja – Younger brother of Rama.

Ramanujacharya learnt the Vedas from his father, (Shri Hari too had learnt the Vedas from father Dharmadev). In those days, the children belonged to Brahmin community, were used to get education of cardinal values and eternal virtues right in beginning of childhood, Brahmatva (eternal brahmic state) is sustained on the earth by such continueous and conscious efforts of the Brahmins. Brahmatva is eternal power to ascend upward in eternity. Muslims, even in these days, learn in their childhood the basics of their religion at the Madrasas of their community. What about contemporary Hindu children ? Are they educated in religion or ethical duties ? Ramanuja was married at the age of sixteen years, and his father left this world soon after the marriage.

Ramanuj shifted to Kanchi soon after that and learnt the Mimansa (treatise on the Vedas) from the vedic scholar Shri Yadav Prakash. His maternal brother accompanied him in study of mimansa. Ramanuja earned name and fame as a scholar of vedic philosophy. Yaamunacharya was pleased by his expertise

and enlightement, and thought seriously to install him as the successor Acharya of Shri Rangam Peeth to lead the Peeth as a successor of him. He sent invitation to Ramanuja, but expeired soon afte sending that message. Before leaving elemental body, he ordered Ramanuja to accomplish three assignments. He asked Ramanuja to write analytical treatise on the vedant sutras, he asked him to establish Dravid Kavya of Alwaro as the "fifth veda" and for eternal memory Parashara - the great writer Rishi of Vishnupurana - he asked Ramanuja to honour a suitable and enlightened Brahmin scholar as 'Parashara.'

Ramanuja renouned householdership and the world, became a sanaysi, took charge as the Acharya of Shrirangam Peeth and became known as Ramanujacharya. Acharya Goshtipurnaji initiated Ashtakshar mantra and Maha Deeksha to Ramanujacharya. He received second name "Shrimannath" from Acharya Goshtipurnaji, and the sect of him recognized him as "Bhagwan Shrimannath". He studied the doctrines founded by Yaamunacharya and took good care of the management of Shrirangam Peeth. He traveled far and large to preach and propagate Vaishnava Dharma and to advoacate the Vishishtadwait (specific monism) against Adwaita (monism). He had debates and sessions with the scholars. He argued with them and strengthened the status and position of Vishistadwaita. He discarded successfully the doctrines and the arguments supporting kevaladwaita (pure monism) propounded by Shankaracharya. He abolished classes of upper and lower castes. He initiated mantra deeksha to millions of male and female aspirants. He cleansed the sect to of remove pollutants and sins. He restrengthened the path of devotion and evedom.

Though lived a busy life, Ramanjuacharya never compromised with the supremacy of God and devotion. At his heart, he remembered constantly name and image of God. He did Darshan of God perceivable in front of him. He lived in holy presence of God in humban form. He attained supreme state of single minded meditator.

As was ordered by his Guru, Ramanujacharya wrote Bhashya (treatise) on the 'Vedant Sutras.' This treatise written by him, is known as 'Shri Bhashya' and has earned very high postion among the scholars. He supported and recommended Alwaro's Padas as the fifth Vedas, and son of his friend Kuresha was named ceremoniously by him as "Parashara" to fulfil all three promises he made ealier to the previous Achaya Shri Yaamunacharya.

Shrirangam region was a part of the Chaul territory and the chaul kings practised Shaiva sect and the Vaishanavas in the kingdom suffered a lot due to a shaiva monarchy. Ramanujacharyaji shifted to Mysore to put in action the advice of the religious scriptures and avoided adverse time and place. He lived for twelve years in Mysore state, and came back to Shrirangam after the death of Chaul king. Vaishnava sect believed that Shree or Lakshmi is the divine power of Bhagwan Vasudeva, and the grace of Lord Vasudeva is attainable through Lakshmi. Therefore, Vaishanva sampradaya is known as 'Shri Sampradaya'. The treatise on Vedant Sutra, written by Shri Ramanujacharya, is known as 'Shree bhashya." Gita Bhashya, Vedant Samgraha, Vedanta Saar, Vedanta Deep are his other scriptures.

Ramanujacharya was a true Rishi and released soul. He was free of worldly desires. By penance and detachment, he pleased Lord Vasudeva and earned oneness with God. Such released souls and satpurushas can not be

imprisoned in any cage of time or limitations. Like supreme Lord, they are capable to relieve mankind in their pains and grief. Though capable to do anything and every thing, they do nothing againt the will of God. This shows their oneness with God.

Ramanand Swami graced the region of Saurashtra and lived at the temple of Gopnath Mahadev by receiving deeksha from Atmanand Swami. Atamand Swami was an enlightened soul and a humble disciple of great Guru Gopalanand Swami. He believed in abstract state of God. He believed that God has no image – God is not bound in any form. Ramanand Swami believed in God with a form. Thus, the preceptor and disciple were at opposite ends in regard to concept of God. Ramanand Swami saluted to his Guru and left the place in search of a true Guru who believed in image or form of God. He knew that shree Sampradaya believed in image or form. He came to shirangam and did darshan of Lord Shree Rangnath Bhagwan. He halted there for a long time, and studied Shri Bhashya, Gita Bhashya nad other scriptures. He listened carefully the 'Prepannamrit' of Ramanujacharya. These Satsang sessions resulted in devotional love and majesty of Ramanujacharya.

That was auspicious fifth day of the bright half of Chaitra. It was birthday of Shri Ramanujacharya. The Birthday of Shri Ramanujacharya proved most saught after day for Ramanand Swami. His aspiration got materialized on this day. Ramanand was most happiest person on the earth – most fortunate soul, as in his dream state, he did dashan of Shri Ramanujacharya. It was early morning. Shri Ramanujacharya appeared in front of him and said, 'Oh Disciple ! I am Ramanujacharya ! I am pleased to you for your devotion. You may ask me for any thing you wished. I shall be happy to grant your wish.' Ramanand Swami says, 'I salute Thee Oh My Lord ! Oh God ! Please bless me enlightenment and help me to do darshan of Omnicient Lord Supreme. Please help me to do Darshan of Shri Hari.' Ramanujacharya initiated him Bhagwati Deeksha with the two hymns. He asked Ramanand to do Japa of Mantra for the darshan of supreme Lord. He tied a Kanthi of Tulsi beads around his neck, gave to him a rosary to do Japa and explained to him the procedure of Tilaka by drawing a tilaka on his forehead. Ramanujacharya then said to him that now he was an Acharya installed by Guru Ramanujacharya. He then asked Ramanand to benedict earthly souls by initiating mantra deeksha to them. He advised him to visit virtuous people and householders to help them in devotion and meditation. Ramanujacharya merged in divine when Ramanand Swami returned to walking state. As he opened his eyes, he found Kanthi, Rosary and Tlaka on his person. These were unchallengable proofs of the manifestation of Ramanujacharya in the dream state of his disciple. Ramanad Swami found himself most obliged. He followed the orders and will of Ramanujacharya and submitted himself for the benediction of mankind.

The scholars have found out unknown facts and more details about the life of Ramanujacharya. Shri Keshava Perumal Somaiyaji and Shrimati Kanthimathi Amal were his parents. In his early childhood, Ramanujacharya was named Perumal by his parents. 'Elya' means Lakshmana. In incarnation of Rama, he was born as Lakshmana. In incarnation of Krisna, he was born as Balrama, and in Kaliyuga he is Ramanuja. Elya Perumal lost his father in his childhood. Being an enlightened soul, he was used to have direct dialogue with Lord Varad rajan. He learnt Vedas, Puranas, upnishadas and histories at this young age of sixteen

years. He was then married to virtuous lady Tanjumal and studied thereafter the Mimansa and other scriptures under tutorship of Sanyasi Yadavaprakash. Yadva Prakahs was a firm believer of monism. Yadava Prakash tried to kill him by drowning him in river Ganga, when he found in Ramanujacharya a firm believer of special dualism and realized that Ramanujacharya was capable of destroying monism from the earth. A friend of Ramanujacharya saved his life, hid him in the forest and received protective shelter from a hunter couple. Ramanujacharya attained there meditational trance and when he return to waking state, he found himself in Kanchi ! and the forest with the hunter conple was disappeared from the scene. Lord Varadrajan and Goddess Perundevi were come to protect him in the forest.

Ramanujacharya was not happy with his family lif.e His wife was not in good term with him. There was lack of understanding, perhaps she failed to realize divine majesty of Ramanujacharya. She quarreled frequently with him. Ramanujacharya was invited to grace the seat of the Acharya of Shrirangam Peeth. He intended to know the three secret hymns before gracing the seat of Acharya, but the Acharya who knew these secret humns, was not ready to part with his scholarship. At last he agreed to spell it with a condition that Ramanujacharya should not pass it to any incapable person, and warned that if in any case he passed it to such a person, he himself shall be consigned to hell.

Ramanujacharya believed in benediction of mankind. Whoever prayed for initiating the Mantra, Ramanujacharya spelled the mantras without any reservation. The Acharya, from whom the mantras were received by Ramanujacharya, called for an explanation from Ramanujacharya for such generous distributin of the sacred mantra. Ramanujacharya tendered the explanation, 'I intend to benedict mankind. My goal shall be attained if my aspirants and disciples are benedicted by receiving these sacred Mantra from me, and I shall be less bothered for my consignement to hell, I shall be happy instead !' Acharya was pleased by such high thinking of Ramanujacharya.

There at Tirumalai exists the temple of Ramanujacharya. Shri Ramanujacharya himself has installed his idol at that temple. he had invoked his divine powers in the idol at that temple. Shri Ramanujacharya merged in divine in 1137 A.D. at the age of one hundred twenty years. His elemental body is preserved at Shrirangam temple.

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Royal Bard Dedal Bhagat

Those two furnished vehicles are for you and your family. We are here to escort your worthy self to the royal court of Maliya State.' Dedal Bhagat thanked God for his favour.

Dedal Bhagat migrated to Malia state with the first rays of rising sun. He was honoured by the King at the full court of Malia state. A manor like house was gifted to him with official designation of royal bard and handsome annual allowance.

Ravaaji Thakkor realized divine majesty of Shriji Maharaj by this miracle in front of his eyes. He felt very sorry for his rudeness and arrogance. He graced Malia day after, as a royal guest to the state, and tendered his sincere apology to Dedal Bhagat. Malia Thakor himself took initiative and sent Dedal Bhagat with Ravaaji Thakor. King Ravaaji came back to Morvi with his courtier poet Dedal Bhagat and installed him most ceremoniously at the seat of courtier poet of Morvi state. Dedal Bhagat received honour and love of King Ravaaji of Morvi State.

About Trust and Faith

- Prof. Mahadev Dhoriani

Majesty of teachings and preachings of Sahajanand Swami are beyond any measure. 'Shikshapatri' and 'Vachanamrit' are the two scriptures of Swaminarayan sect. There is constant inner war against the temptations and adversaries, and these two books are a treasure of the logical arguments and strategies to defeat those two powerful enemies, namely temptations and adversaries.

The devotees and followers of Shri Swaminarayan Bhagwan need to do devotion, worship and meditation to attain self emanciaption.

We should not surrender sheepishly in front of worldly temptations or earthly desires. We should not bow our heads helplessly at the feet of adversaries or miseries. We should not lose our hopes.

Well concentrated study of those two books invokes inner power and energy to enjoy true pleasures – true happness. These books have created positive and pleasurable waves in the western world. Thousands of youths are impressed by positive and progressive thinking of this sect. These two scriptures are a most precious gift from Shriji Maharaj.

Shriji Maharaj says, 'who is great ? One is great by the expanse of his spiritual wisdom and depth of his devotion. Those two books are parennial source of spiritual wisdom and insight. Those scriptures help and guide us to live a virtuous life.

Life is full of problems. Ailment and deseases are the problems related to our body, lean period and inflation are the problems related to our wealth and money, misunderstanding about the relatives and friends are the problems in our social life. In short, there are problems everywhere in our lfie. The life – inner and outer – has become kurukshetra. Great warrior Arjuna faught Kurukshetra war only for the eighteen days, but we, the Arjunas of out time, have to fight it bravely day and night without any break in whole life ! But here in our case, these are two chariot drivers, instead of one that Arjuna had in form of Krishna ! 'Vachanamrit' and Shikshapatri are our chariot drives.

All the problems of our life can easily be solved by these two scriptures. Answeres are there in the scriptures. 'Ready to use' solutions are there for all our problems. An aspirant has to find it for himself from these scriptures to apply it in his life. The effort in this direction shall be a grand venture to ensure all round suceess and fame. Change within will create a miracle, as like a crow singing in voice of a cuckoo ! This miracle is nothing but the effect of the virtuous teachings of both the scriptures.

Assign top priority to the Satsang and the holy company of saints, if desired to protect your wealth of purity and sanskara. Be firm mentally. Stop your mind drifting to uncalled for thinking, control desires. These scriptures are capable of strengthening your mind and spirit. These will add meditation and worship in your daily life. It will eradicate addiction from your life.

Be Lord and master of the powerful resolutes, for all round success in life. There shall be challenges from both the sides of life. There shall be temptation to defeat them, and on the other side there shall be adversities to conquer them.

Mere loud thinking and a weak will can

not support or empower us to walk firmly on the path of religion and sinfree life. This needs firm resolution and firm will. Make a firm resolute to read, study and imbibe the teachings of Vachanamrit and Shikshapatri.

It is a must to hold both the - powers power of frim resolute and power of virtuous life. The power of firm resolute controls our mind in it's monkey-business, and injects enthusiasm and ubroken will.

'De-addiction' and 'non-violence' are top priority of Shikshapatri. The powers mentioned above, help us to renounce addiction and violence. Only will-power should be enough to fight these odds. Develop strong will power, and re-dedicate yourself.

Vachanamrit and Shikshaptri empower us to put in action our resolutes. H.H. Acharya Maharajshri and the saints of His holiness make this empowerment permanent and effective by their national and international tours and religious visites. Their compassion and love are for our support and refuge. This is main path and major means to retain virtues in spiritual world.

Awareness is a must for ethical values. Cultivate awareness, be faithful and work hard to attain ultimate benediction. God's divine help shall be there to escort you on this noble path. Both these scriptures are benedictory and pleasurable. Act instantly and act in accordance to time. Act to fulfil demands of our time. We Haribhkatas are indebted to H.H. Acharya Maharajshri and the saints of His holiness, because they have put in best of their efforts to preach us ethical duties and virtues. They have done it without any break. Their untiring efforts are still on to serve mankind. This is our good fortune. We should thank Shri Hari for this eternal fift of Him : Deva, Acharya, Scriptures and saints.

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Thus Spake H.H. Acharya Maharajshri

Merciful Maharaj has showered his compassion by his emancipating scriptures. There are talks about God and a throughtful attention to such talk, helps the soul to walk steadily on path of God. It changes for good our inherent nature and personality. Maharaj has promised us eternal emancipation with blissful happiness of present life on the earth. Akshardham is here on the earth. God himself dwells with us. God is merciful and receives us happily at his benign refuge. Purify your innerself to receive eternal pleasure of God during your life on the earth. Lord Shriji Maharaj promises us four fold attainment of human life – Dharma (religion or ethical duties), Artha (wealth and prosperity), Kama (fulfilment of desires) and Moksha (eternal emancipation), right in this life of us. All our requirements fit in these four, there is nothing out of these four. The maze of the worldly ways is immense and most complicated. All our human efforts fall short to get through. There is no way out. There is no end to it. Desires and aspirations have no end. If you want to fulfil it, you may do so, but don't forget God in your each step towards such fulfilment. It is good to buy a two wheeler and thereafter a car to fulfil your progressive desires, but God should be there with you in each your progressive step. Form a habit of daily darshna of God at the temple, as like habit of having meals and water. Form a habit of a satsang with the saints as like a part of your need to be with our friends. The saints and a satsang with them are a good companionship for the welfare of our inner self.

May Shri Narnarayndev Harikrishna Maharaj bless you with eternal pleasure and unshaken faith and trust.'

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DEVOTION

- Natvarlal B. Patel (Vihar)

Lord Swaminarayan Bhagwan has explained in his Shikshapatri the core of Dharma (ethical duties), Bhakti (devotion and evedom), Gyan (ultimate knowledge) and Vairagya (detachment).

'Dharma is the right conduct as authenticated by Shruti and Smriti. Bhakti is profound love for Shri Krishna coupled with knwoledge of the majesty and magnificance of Lord Shri Krishna.' (Shikshapatri : 103)

'Vairagya is non-attachment to everything except Lord Shree Krishna. Gyan (knowledge) is comprehensive underslanding of Jiva (soul), Maya (illusion) and Ishwara (God).' (Shikshapatri : 104)

We will try here to learn from it about Bhakti – Devotion. Let it be an integral part of our life.

Shrimad Satsangi Jivan is the Dharmshastra of our Sampradaya. It is founded on principles of the Vedas, Upanishadas, Shruti and Smriti scriptures. Part two of the Satsangi Jivan contains a very important dialogue. It is between Shri Hari and his devout follower Bhalchandra Sheth. Bhalchandra Sheth was a firm devotee from Surat area.

Shri Hari says, 'Dear Devotees ! This Sabha at Surat welcomes your spiritual inquiry. Please come forward with your problem. We will try to solve it.

Bhalchandra Sheth, 'Maharaj ! Devotion is the most powerful means to relieve a soul from the shakles of the worldly life. I am submitting my inquiries about devotion. Kindly enlighten us about the kinds of devotion. Kindly preach us about the attributes of a devotee practising particular kind of devotion. Kindly tell us about their love and affection for Shri Hari.

Shri Hari says, 'Oh Great Vaishya ! Your questions are too difficult to answer even by a scholar of the scriptures. However, I will try here to explain it to you along the devotees at this religious meeting.

Devotion is a personal but selfless act of serving and praising God by the devotee who has received initiation and mantra with the idol of God from a holy Guru – preceptor. Devotion, service and worship presented personally to the idol is called devotion.

There are nine ways to do devotion : Shravana (listening stories and songs about God), Kirtana (sing praises of God), Smaran (to remember God at heart), Charan seva (physical service of God), Poojan (to do pooja of God), Namaskar (to pay salute to God), Daas Bhava (to act like a slave of God), Sakha Bhava (to act lke a friend of God) and Atmanivedi (to submit absolutely at the service of God.)

A dedicated devotee receives desired fruits by these nine kinds of devotion. Desire free souls receive emancipation by such devotion. Desire free souls are more fortunate. They do darshan of God dwelling at their heart. God lives with them forever. These desire free devotees are not expecting anything in lieu of devotion but God favour them by installing them at divine Akshardham of Him.

Oh Bhalchandra Sheth ! Inculcate unbroken devotion in holy company of the saints. A devotee, who is not so firm in his devotional ways, may recede in devotion due to an undesirable company of sinful people, but despite recede or fall, the devotion performed by him shall be fruitful to bring him again on the path of virtues and peace in

his next birth. The spiritually wise should believe in the preachings of the satpurushas and should do devotion. The devotees should respect and salute the fellow devotees who are advance in devotion. Poor devotees should be addressed with love and respect, respect them as you respect your father and mother. The saints who are virtuous like you, should be loved like brother. They should stay away from the women, hypocrites, addicts, greedy people, short tempered people, cunning people, and those noble souls who practise vrattas, Niyamas and ethical duties to please Shri Hari, shall be benefited in the form of devotional love and faith. The birth as a human being is rarest even to the deities and demi-Gods. Spiritually wise people should withdraw themselves from the sense objects. To love God is the highest reward of human lif.e

Oh Bhalchandra Sheth ! God loves such devotees. Devotion of God with love, brings devotional love of God. God fulfils wishes of his darling devotees. Small gifts like water, fruits, flowers and leaves are received warmly by God, if a devotee gifts them with devotional love.

God's divine abode is not attainable without devotion, despite untiring efforts of many births. One who is conscious in the darksness of anger and not defeated by the temptations of a woman shall be able to love God by his devotion. Deities are aspiring for the dust particles from the feet of a true devotee, who is not drawn by progeny, wife, mirror, relatives, wealth, sense objects, worldly pleasures and intoxicants. Such a pure and devout soul should be installed as Guru by a true aspirant. They should be worshipped. Those who are not honouring such satpurusha are nothing better than an animal.

Dear devotees ! We now know about glorious majesty of a true devotee. Devotion is major among the means for self emancipation. All the means are supportive to devotion. The schools and sects who believed in 'God with human form,' have treated devotion as cardinal means to attain God. Lord Swaminarayan Bhagwan has treated devotion as a ladder to attain God and Akshardham.

Lord Swaminarayan Bhagwan says, 'Devotee and his devotion are my heart and soul. They are dearer to me than my life. I dwell eternally at their heart, and they too dwell forever at my heart.'

Lord Shri Hari assigns supreme position to the devotion : 'Bhakti fosters such love for God. Gyan and Vairagya do not lead one as much as the devotion (Bhakti) in his devotional love for God. Such single minded devotion is very difficult to be accomplished. Profound devotion demands a placid mind.' (Vachanamrit G.M.-10) '..... without exuberant devotion, mere vairagya (detachment), Atmanishtha (soul's inherent power) and Dharma (ethical duties), which are only adjuncts to spiritual development, do not help one to transgress Maya. If, however, a devotee merely offers devotion but is deficient in the development of vairagya, atmansihtha and dharma, he will transgress Maya (illusion) and be redeemed. Bhakti, therefore, excels but the attributes of vairagya, atmanishtha and Dharma help in augmenting the intensity of Bhakti, which would otherwiser deteriorate under adverse factors. Therefore, the attributes of Dharm etc., should be developed along with Bhakti.' (Vachanamrit G.M.-32)

Thus, the devotion is the greatest among the means of self emancipation. Do devotion with love and with the knowledge about glory and greatness of Lord Shri Hari.

Don't Be Tied to the Illusive of Maya

- Jaidip H. Patel

Once a group of Kathi Durbars came to Shriji Mahraj and gifted a horse of noble breed. Shriji Maharaj rode the horse for a few days. In a casual converstation, they said to Maharaj, 'Maharaj ! this horse is rarest and the best among the millions of horses. It is unique, it is matchless. It's colour, body language and speed are uncomparable to the other horses. You will not find such horse in entire region of Kathiawar. This horse belongs to nobel breed. Even kings and nobles do n't have such horse.' Shri Hari listened to them thoughtfully and said in compassion and detachment, 'Is it so ? then it is the best.' The Kathi courtiers joined themselves in crorus of praise and said, 'Maharaj ! Horse is unique and marvelous.' Maharaj joined them in appriciation of horse and said with a faint smile on his lips, 'It is wonderful, Great.....!'

Maharaj rode the horse at evening and with his retinue of Kathi devotees, came to the bank of river to have evening bath. They bathed for a long time and refreshed themselves with cool and fresh water. They dressed themselves with fresh clothes and returned to the camping place. As they readied themselves for return journey, came there a needy Brhamin and stood in front of Shri Hari. Shriji Maharaj looked at him and realized that Brhamin was poor and was in need of some help from them. Shriji Mahraj held the rein of the horse and drew it towards the Brahmin. He, with due grace and decorum placed the rein in the hands of Brahmin said calmy, 'Krsihnarpana – I am donating it on name of Shri Krishna.'

Kathi Durbars were taken aback by such surprising move of Shriji Mahraj. They screamed in astonishment, 'Oh Maharaj ! Please wait for a while. Such a noble horse shall not be available any where. It is the best. Please think again and act.' Maharaj smiled at them and said, 'This one is the best, and that is why I donated it to this Brahmin. Best things are powerful shackles. Those are strongest ropes of desires to imprison us. Those should be renounced immediately.' Kathis love horses. A horse of a noble breed is life and soul of a Kathi Durbar. They take good care of the beast by treating like a family friend. Kathi Durbars lamented silently for the loss of noble horse. They disliked having a meal.

Maharaj believed in self discipline and self restraint. There was an unwritten rule for all the saints of Him. The attires and clothes if liked and loved by them, they were bound to give away them to the others. Liking and affection for the sense objects are the invisible ropes of Maya tieing the soul with the ephemeral world. Maharaj himself applied such rules more harshly and strictly for himself. He donated the horse to practise firmly the rule of absolute detachment.

As the time passed, Kathi devotees realized this eternal truth of Shriji Maharaj. They realized that Shriji Maharaj lives beyond the territories of illusive Maya. He lives beyond ephemeral world and its sense objects. Whatever He recives, He receives it to please his devotees. All His acts are for His devotees and their worldly happiness. For our convenience and comforts he acts to adjust Himself, because we devotees are practicing the rules prescribed by him in the scriptures of Shikshapatri. Shriji Maharaj is absolutely detached to the pleasure and pains.

Kathi Durbars gave away their grief and

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What Means 'Sour Butter Milk' ?

• Shastri Hari Swami

Our saints have described 'Charotara' as most beautiful country. This lush green country side of southern Gujarajt is most fertile and beautiful. Orchards and evergreen forests are main attractions of this region. Lord Swaminarayan Bhagwan has sanctified this region by His holy foot prints.

Once during his religious tour, Shriji Maharaj and his retinue of the saints passed through this region. Senior devotees like Sura Khachar and others were escorting Shri Hari, riding a horse of noble breed. It was day-break and golden rays of rising sun were illuminating the world. Some devotees were waiting at the village outskirts to receive Shriji Maharaj at their village. As the retinue reached them, they prayed collectively, 'Oh Maharaj ! Please grace our village and bless our houses. Please have 'Chhash' (morning break fast) at our house. Please come to us.' Shriji Maharaj said with love, 'Devotees ! I am getting late. Please excuse us. We are in hurry to reach Vartal. We can not halt here. Thanks for your hearty invitation.' Shriji Maharaj answered them politely and kicked the hourse for onward journey. The parshadas, of Shri Hari, looked worriedly at each other, when Shriji Maharaj rejected the invitation. They thought to halt there to have breakfast-Chhash. They were hungry and thirsty. They saw a good opportunity to satisfy thirst and hunger. They stopped there to have a quick breakfast.

They tied the horses at the village outskirts and came to the house of a devotee. These Kathi Parshadas and escorts were from Saurashtra region. This was their frist experience of hospitality of southern Gujarat. As they sat in a queue to have chhash (morning breakfast), the devout host came to them and served bowlful sour butter milk with a piece of stale bajra loaf. As they had first sip of butter milk, their hair stood eracted on their person and a shrap current of sourness passed through their teeth. The loaf was impossible to chew and to add in their agonies, host insisted persistently to have some more. Parsahdas found no way to escape this delicate attack !

They concluded the breakfast quickly, rode the horses hurridly and drived them fastest to reach Shriji Maharaj on the way. They came to Maharaj. Maharaj looked at them and in playfulness. He said to Brahmanand Swami, 'Swami ! Take your own time in arrangement of meals for these Parshadas. Don't be in hurry to serve them meals, because they had breakfast at their full satisfaction.' Kathi Parsahdas realized their blunder. Omniscient Lord Shriji Maharaj knew every thing, but parsahdas too presented their case in a funny way.they took away turban from their head. Shriji Maharaj said, 'Why are you uncovering your head ? Is there any wrong with your head ?' They prayed, 'Maharaj ! What to say ? Please look at it. We stopped there leaving you alone in this religious tour. We stopped there to have breakfast, but sourness of butter milk and staleness of loaf have removed our hair from the heads. We are showing you our bald heads.' Shriji Maharaj smiled at them and preached them wisdom.

Friends ! That occasional preaching is very important. It is highly educative. One will have to repent for his act, if he consumes meal by leaving God. Therefore, make a firm resolute in new year and be firm to have meals by serving it first to our God. The meals cooked at home should be served as Thaal to Shriji Maharaj, and should be served therafter to the family as a Prasadam from Bhagwan. This will make your life happy and joyful. S.G. Premanadn Swami sings.

"વ્હાલા એ રસના ચાખણહાર છાશ તે નવ પીએ રે લોલ."

(God consmes tasteful meals, He never consumes sour or tasteless.)

A true devotee treats them like sour buttermilk, if not served it to Bhagwan.

MODESTY MATTERS

- Sadhu Shrirangdas

This is an ancient story. It is about great Rishi Vishwamitra. Vishwamitra ! A very beautiful name, profound and meaningful. One who is friendly to the world, one who takes the world as his friend, is called Vishwamitra. He belonged to warriour community. He was a born Kshtriya. Vishwamitra desired to be a Brahmarshi. As the time passed, this well nursed desire truned in to obstinacy. Other senior Rishis tried at their best and counselled him to practise ethical duties of a Kshatriya. That was the just way to attain emancipation. But he refused them and rejected their wise counsel. He did penance to tranform himself in a Brahmarshi. This painful penance lasted for many years. He disciplined his elemental body by strict and difficult penance. That was his will power that his sense organs and gross body resisted such hard and strics penance. The penance of Vishwamitra was such difficult and unbearable that the great rishis of his time saluted to his resolute and penance and admitted out rightly that none other than Vishwamitra hold such penance for the self purification and spiritual enlightenment. The sages said to him, 'The penance performed by you is not less than the penance and purity desired from a brahmarshi. We think that, this is the proper time to visit great rishi Vasishtha who is greatest among the contemporary rishis. If he confirms you as Brahmarshi, there shall be no room for any doubt in accepting you as Brahmarshi. With bursting ego of his penance, Rishi Vishwamitra went to the Ashrama of Vashishtha Muni. Ego is the greatest enemy of the man – it is biggest hurdle in our life. God stays away from this pollution like ego. God is not attainable for an egoist.

As he entered the Ashrama, Rishi Vashishtha welcomed him and said, 'Oh Rajarshi Vishwamitra ! Please come in.' Word 'Rajarshi' fumed anger in Vishwamitra and he went back to his hermitage, 'Vashishata has no value of my hard and painful penance. He calls me Rajarshi.' An egoist man, never looks at his own fault. Vishwamitra went back and began most impossible penance, to erase remark of a 'Rajashi ! He did penance for a long time covering days, months and years without any break. Now he was hopeful – he was rather sure, about his title as a 'Brahmarshi.' Once again he went to the Ashrama with pride of his penance, but was shocked again when Rishi Vashistha welcomed him with 'Rajarshi Vishwamitra.' Egoist Vishwamitra lost his wisdom in egoist fume of anger and like an insane mendicant, he rushed to the children playing at the courtyard of the Ashrama and killed a son of Vashishtha plyaing with the children. He then went back to his Ashrama. Did again penance to attain Brahmarhi Pada and came with pride to the hermitage of Vashishtha. He killed a son of Vashishtha, when Rishi Vashishtha addressed him as Rajarshi and Rishi Vishwamitra repeated such visits one hundred times and one after another killed one hundred sons of Vashishtha. One hundred blocks of hard penance and one hundred lethal attacks on the souls of Vashishtha failed to bear the fruit of Brahmarshi. Egoist Vishwamitra not relieved himself from the ego despite tremendous penance of many years and Rishi Vashistha not changed his opinion about Vishwamitra despite loss of his one hundred sons. Vishwamitra jumped to the conclusion that the age old hermit Vashishtha was a big

hurdle in getting a title of Brahmarshi. He should kill Vashishtha to open the path of Brhamarshi Pada. He thought on it from all the angles and found it the only way to get the title of Brahmarshi.

In darkness of night, he walked secretly to the hermitage of Vashishtha. There was pin drop silence and dense darkness. The disciples of Rishi were in deep sleep at their respective huts. Only Vashishtha and his wife Arundhati were talking at their hut. Vishwamitra slipped cautiously at the back of the hut and saw the couple engaged in discussion. He gave an ear to their descussion Arundhati says, 'Look at the moon. Moon light is in it's full glory.' Vashishtha says, 'Yes. It is glorious and looks majestic like the penance of Vishwamitra. The penance of Vishwamitra is most glorious and majestic in the universe. Nobody on the earth had performed such difficult penance. No one can practise it except Vishwamitra. I have never seen a rishi like him. He is greatest among the Rishis by his hard and unbroken penance.' Vishwamitra heard it secretly. The praise and admiration melt his heart. He repented for his anger, ego and selfishness. He repented for his unsane and violent act of killing one hundred sons of Vashishtha. Though a killer of one hundred sons of him, Vashishtha has admired his penance by overlooking his inhuman act. Vishwamitra ran from his place and surrendered at the lotus like feet of Vashishtha. He prayed, 'Oh Great Rishi ! Oh Enlightened soul ! Please forgive me for my sins and ego. You are ocean of mercy and compassion and generous like the moon and the sun. please forgive me.' He held the feet of Vashishtha and wept like a small child. He was very sorry for his behaviour and action. Rishi Vashishtha looked at him and with compassion and love he said, 'Oh Brahmarshi ! Please come.' Vishwamitra got the title of Brahmarshi. He got it in no time ! He got it by a virtue - virtue of politeness. Politeness is an important virtue.

Politeness - humbleness is the essence and nectar of our life time penance. Ego and anger of inherent nature should be transformed in politness. One should be humble in his worldly life. God dislikes ego and anger. God will not receive us as a devotee of him, if dirt of ego and anger are not removed from our inner self. Be pure and clean - purify your innerself to live in proximity of God.

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sorrows, when they grasped ultimate truth of Shriji Maharaj. They acted then in accordance to free will of Shriji Maharaj and adjusted accordingly to please Shri Hari by their unbroken faith, trust and devotion. They realized true happiness and eternal pleasure of the divine abode of God.

Lord Shriji Maharaj has favoured us by assigning his Shikshapatri to the devotees and mankind. It shows us the means to please Lord Shri Hari. Almightly Lord Supreme - Sahajanand Swami has showered his eternal pleasure by installing Dharmvanshi Acharya to initiate Mantra Deeksha and Maha Deeksha respectively to the householders and detached souls. We should practise the preachings of Shikshapatri and abide by the orders of Acharya Maharajshri. Our unbroken faith, trust and devotion will earn the pleasure of Lord Shri Hari. Shri Hari Himself will reside eternally at our heart, if we cleansed the innermost by practicing vrattas and Niyamas. Lord Narnarayandev Harikrishna Maharaj may shower mercy and compassion to fulfil your devotional aspirations. Jai Swaminarayan.

AHMEDABAD REGION

Shri Swaminarayan Mandir Kalupur celebrates 33rd Brithday of H.H. Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharajshri

The 33rd Birthday celebrations were ornganized here in colourful way to wish happy birthday to H.H. Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharajshri. The grand celebrations were organized at the prasadi Sabha Mandapam in benign presence of H.H. Acharya Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharajshri and H.H. Lalji 108 Shri Vrajendraprasadji Maharajshri. The Mahants and the senior saints from major cities and towns of Gujarat were present on this occasion to wish happy birthday to H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. Aspirants and Satsangis from India and abroad were present on his most auspicious occasion. They honoured their guru by presenting flower garlands and gifts.

A special Sabha was organized on this occasion to felicitate H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. The Sabha was conducted by Shastri Swami Satyaprakahdasji on behalf of Mahant Swami. Auspicious blessed words were chanted by the scholar Brahmins and enlightened scholars in opening session and auspicious ceremonies were follwed by presenting Aarti-Poojan to Acharya Maharajshri.

S.G. Mahant Swami Shastri Nirgundasji, S.G. Swami Shastri Purushottamprakashdasji, S.G. Shastri Swami Harikeshvdasji, celibate saint Vasudevanadji, Shastri Swami Guruprasaddasji, Mahant Swami of Muli Dhaam, Kothari Krishnavallabh Swami and other senior saints have earned the pleasure of Shri Hari by conveying good wishes to H.H. Acharya Maharajshri.

Sabha was concluded with the hearty wishes conveyed by H.H. Lalji Maharajshri and H.H. Acharya Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharajshri.

Kothari Swami Dharmprakashdasji, Shastri Anand Swami, Shastri Swami Golokviharidasji and Swami Rajendraprasaddasji have earned the pleasure of Shri Hari by their service at the celebrations. Discipline and decorum were maintained by devout members of Shri N.N.D.Y.M. *-Vinod Patel.*

Dipawali festivities at the temple at Kalupur

Kali Chaudash : The event was celebrated most religiously by presenting Poojan Archan to Lord Kashtabhanjandev dwelling at Ahmedabad temple. H.H. Acharya Maharajshri graced the shrine and presented Poojan-Archan to the Kuldevata of Dharmkul.

Group Sharda (Chopda) Poojan : Group Sharda poojan is a well sat tradition of this temple. Group Sharda poojan was organized here in benign presence of Lord Narnarayndev. H.H. Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharajshri graced the temple at evening and presented poojasn Archan to the auspicious account books. H.H. Acharya Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharajshri joined this auspicious rituals to convey pleasure of Shri Hari. Thousands of traders and businessmen were present on this occasion.

Annakut : Annakut and New Year were together to give added pleasure. Spirit of celebrations and festivities was very much visible on face and eyes of the visitors and devotees. H.H. Acharya Maharjshri graced the temple early in the morning and presented Mangla Aarti to Lord Narnarayandev. Special assembly was organized on this occasion. H.H. Acharya Maharajshri graced the assembly and blessed the devotees on newyears.

Goverdhan Poojan and Aarti were presented at 9-00 a.m. in benign presence of Lord Narnarayandev. Sumptuous Annakut of many delicatious dishes was served to Lord Narnarayandev, Shri Dharmbhakti Harikrishna

Maharaj, Shri Radhakrishnadev, Shri Balswaroop Ghanshyam Maharaj, Rang Mahol Ghanshyam Maharaj and Lord Ghanshyam Maharaj dwelling at the Haveli temple. Annakut Aarti was presented at 12-00 noon. Aarti was presented jointly by H.H. Achrya Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharajshri, H.H. Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharajshri and H.H. Lalji 108 Shri Vrajendraprasadji Maharajshri. Thousands of devotees thronged the shrine to have blissful view of three descendant sons of Lord Shriji Maharaj.

Kothari Dharmprakashdasji, Shastri Swami Satyaprakashdasji, Shastri Swami Golokviharidasji, Swami Rajendraprasadasji, Swami Suryaprakashdasji, Swami Vishwavallabhdasji, Swami Achalprakashdasji and other saints have earned the pleasure of Shri Hari by extending loudable service under the guidance from Mahant Swami Shastri Nirgundasji Swami. Swami Uttampriyadasji of Muli Dhaam has rendered the round the clock service at the Kitchen to monitor quality, quantity and taste of the dishes.

- Swami Satyaprakashdas

Kankaria (Rambuagh) Temple

New Temple is being constructed here with the due blessings of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. A grand celbrations was organized on auspicious Vijayadashmi day, to present Poojan Archan to the ornamental pinnacle stone of the temple. H.H. Acharya Maharajshri graced the occasion and presented poojan Archan to the three ornamental stones. The rituals were conducted by the scholar Brahmins priests.

His holiness did poojan Archan of the ornamental stone and blessed the satsang. Devout hosts Shri Harikrishnabhai Thakkar, Shri Govindbhai (Doodhwala), Shri Kantibhai Patel (Press wala), Shri Natubhai Patel (Gamadi wala), Shri Jigarbhai Patel, Shri Natubhai patel (U.S.A.), Shri Premjibhai Kerai (California, USA) and Shri Parikh Saheb were honoured with the flower garlands.

Maruti Yagya was organized on auspicious fourteenth day of the dark half of Ashwin. H.H. Acharya Maharajshri graced the rituals and pleased Lord Balswaroop Kashtabhanjandev by offering conclusive offerings to holy fire. His holiness graced there after a special assembly and blessed the devotees.

Shodashopachara Mahabhishekam was offered personally by His holiness to please lord Balswaroop Kashtabhanjandev, Installed by the first Acharya Shri Ayodhyaprasadji Maharajshri of Shri Narnarayndev Diocese.

The grand event of Shodashopachara Mahabhishekam was organized on auspicious Labha Panchami day to bless the region with prosperity and peace. Respected Gadiwalashri, H.H. Lalji Maharajshri and Respected ShriRaja were present on this occason to pay obeisance to their Kul Devata (Family deity). The devotees were favoured with the blissful darshan of Dharmakul. Mahant Swami Guruprasaddasji, Kothari Anand Swami and Poojari Dev Swami have earned the pleasure of Shri Hari by their loudable service and decent arrangements.

A mega Satsang camp was organized here with due guidance and inspiration from Mahant Swamti Shastri Guruprasaddasji and Kothari Swami Anandprasadasji. The camp was exclusively for the ladies to restrengthen devotional fervour in area of Kankaria, Maninagar, Isanpur, Vatva, Ghodasar, Mahadevnagar and Khokhara. Respected Gadiwalashri accompanied by Shri ShriRaja graced the camp and led the Satsangi ladies on the path of devotional enlightenment. Representatives from the Mahila Satsang groups of the above mentioned areas were present on this occasion. Many from the aspirant ladies have received initiation of Mantra and Kanthi from their Guru – Respected Gadiwalashri. The camping sessions were concluded with the blessing of Gadiwalashri. About 800 Satsnagi ladies have participated in this Satsang camp.

Shri Narnarayndev Yuvak Mandal has earned the pleasure of Shri Hari and the blessing of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri by their infrastructural services for the campers. Maha Prasada meals were served at evening to all the campers and the guest lecturers. Respected Gadiwalashri conveys her pleasure and blessings to her devotees. - *Narottam Bhagat*

24th Annual Patotsva at Badrinath Dhaam

Badrinath Dhaam is the land of penance, introspection and meditation. This is the sacred place where Lord Nilkanth did penance and meditation to emancipate infinite number of souls by granting ultimate knowledge of almighty lord supreme. Surrounded by snow covered mountains, dense forests, deep vallies and holy rivers, the holy shrine of Badrinath Dhaam is being visited continuously by the pilgrim devotees. The temple of Shri Swaminarayan Bhagwan is to celebrate silver jubilee next year. Lord Swaminarayan Bhagwan, dwelling here at this temple, has blessed entire satsang by consenting to the 24th annual Patotsava.

The grand celebrations of the 24th annual Patotsava were organized here with the due blessings of H.H. Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharajshri. 'Shri Hari Vana Vicharan Parayana, Maha Pooja and Mahabhishekam were organized on this religious occasion.

H.H. Acharya Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharajshri – graced the celebrations and presented Mahabhishekam amidst chants of vedic hymns. The events of Patotsava were hosted collectively by the devotees Shri Vitthalbhai Shivrambhai Patel (Vishal organization, Ahmedabad), Shri Sakalchandbhai C. Patel (Super marbles), Shri Bipinbhai D. Soni and Shri Babubhai B. Patel. The seat of the reader priest was graced by S.G. Swami Shastri Premswaroopdasji (Narayanpura Temple) and the Katha of Shri Hari Van Vicharan was recited by him to revive ancient history Lord Shri Hari.

Mahant Sweai S.G. Shatri Nigundasji (Ahmedabad Temple) and the senior saints from all over India were present on this occasion. Thousands of devotees were come from entire Narnarayandev Desh to celebrate 24th Annual Patotsava. Mahant Swami Golokviharidasji, Shastri Swami (Late) Vishnuprasaddasji, Mukund Swami and other saints have earned the pleasure of Shri Hari by their dedicated service. - *Pranjivan Bhagat*

Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Narayanghat

Sharadotsava was organized here at our temple to sing praises of Lord Shri Hari. This colourful celebration was organized by the saints and devotees with the due blessings of H.H. Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharajshri.

H.H. Acharya Maharajshri graced the occasion in holy company of H.H. Lalji Maharajshri, Respected Gadiwalashri and Shri ShriRaja. Rasas were presented collectively by the saints and devotees to revive ancient past of this sect. Thoussand of devotees and aspirants have benfitted by this blissful view. Prasadam of Doodh Poha was distributed at the end of programme. - *Shastri Ghanshyamprakash*

H.H. Acharya Maharajshri graces 'Bhajan-Sandhya' at Satellite

Late evening sessions of the devotional songs are organized here regularly since last many years. These are Ekadashi Satsang sessions. These scheduled sessions are being organized on each ekadashi night with the due blessings of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. Many aspirants youths have received initiation and Kanthi due to these devotional sessions.

Ekadashi Satsang dated 25-9-2005 (Sunday) was an unique and enlightening session due to personal presence of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. His holiness was received with due honour and a colourful procession was organized to express devotional affection of his followers. H.H. Acharya Maharajshri graced the evening

session and received pooojan Archan from his devotees. The Sabha and evening Aarti were hosted jointly by Shri Mukeshbhai (Swaminrayan Pharmasy) and Shri Manojbhai (A.B. Jewellers, Satellite). Dhoon, Kirtan and devotional songs were presented to please Lord Shri Hari. Enlightening discourses were delivered by the accompanying saints and the devotees and aspirants were blessed heartily by H.H. Acharya Maharajshri.- *Sanjaybhai Soni, Shri Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal, Satellite, Vastrapur.*

Shri Swaminarayan Mandir Dangarva

Dandhavya Desha and Dangarva are the prasadi places of Lord Shri Hari. Devout lady Jatanba was a single minded devotee of Lord Shriji Maharaj. Village Dangarva has become known as "Jatanba's Dangarva." Devotional events were organized here during Bhadrapada, with the due blessings of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri.

Dhoon session of the 48 hours duration was organized here at Shri Swaminarayan Mandir (vanto and Talapada) to please Shri Hari and a pilgrimage was organized from the temple by the female devotees to visit shrines at Jetalpur, Dholka, Dholera, Sarangpur, Gadhada and Muli. This was a religious pilgrimage to pay obeisance to Lord Shriji Maharaj. A pilgrimage was conducted by the satsangi ladies to have holy dip at the prasadi pond of Vaghroda-Karjisan. Devout soul Jasu Bhagat has earned the pleasure of Shri Hari by conducting Katha satsang at Vaghroda. Satsang is progressing actively in this area.

- Dabhi Mafaji Sardarji.

Visnagar

The constant Dhoon session was organized here with the due blessings of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. Full day dhoon session of twelve hours duration was organized on Sunday dated 25-9-05 at 6-30 a.m. to please Lord Swaminarayan Bhagwan dwelling at the temple. Dhoon session was conducted jointly by male and female devotees. A fabulous Aarti of 225 lamps was presented to Shriji Maharaj by our faithful devotee Shri Kanubhai Darji.

- Kantilal R. Patel

Karmashakti Shri Swaminarayan Mandir

Dhoon and Kirtans are being organized here at late evening on each ekadashi day, with the due blessings of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. One such session was organized on 27-9-2005 to chant Maha Mantra Dhoon. Dhoon was concluded at 11-30 p.m. and Dhoon Aarti and Nityaniyams were presented to please Shri Hari.

- Gordhanbhai V. Sitapara

Ailing devotee recoveres by the blessings of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri

Devout soul Shri Gopalbhai Modi is an active member of Shri Narnarayndev Occhavia Mandal. He got collapsed due to sudden heart attack and was hospitalised for the intensive medical care. However, in state of mental delirium, he recollected mentally the blissful celebrations, presented to Lord Narnarayandev in benign presence of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. This memory of religious celebrations, Lord Narnarayndev and Acharya Maharajshri, revived his life in such serious ailment. Doctors too were surprised by such sudden and steady recovery. No medical treatment hold such capacity to recover a patient such speedily. Lord Shri Hari's another form has saved his life. Shri Gopalbhai Modi pays his hearty obeisance to our Guru – H.H. Acharya Maharajshri and covneys Jai Shri Swaminrayan to this axiomatic sumpradaya.

Shri Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal Organizes youth Satsnag camp at Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Approach – Bapunagar, Ahmedabad

'One day Satsnag camp' was organized here at our temple with the due blessings of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. Mahant Swami Lakshmanjivandasji has earned the pleasure of Shri Hari by encouraging local unit of Shri

Narnarayndev Yuvak Mnadal for this religious session.

H.H. Acharya Maharajshri graced the camp and led the satsnagis on the path of devotion and faith. Dhoon, Kirtans and cultural programmes were presented by the devotees. Kirtans and devotional songs were presented by T.V. artist Shri Rishabh Baldania.

Enlightening discourses were delivered by S.G. Mahant Swami Shastri Nirgudnasji and the senior saints from Kalupur and Kankaria Temple. senior Haribhaktas have earned the pleasure of Shri Hari by delivering enlightening speech on subtle topics like Dev (God), Acharya (Supreme Spritual preceptor), Shastras (scriptures) and Mandir (temple) with glory and majesty of them. The campers were served Mahaprasad Meals on behalf of Shri Chandreshbhai Patel (Lakshmi Dugdhalaya). The saints of this temple have earned the pleasure of Shri Hari by their services at the camp. - *Gordhanbhai Sitapara*

Annual Patotsava of God at Jaipur Temple

Lord Shri Swaminarayan Bhagwan and Shri Radhkrishandev have favoured Jaipur Satsang by consenting to 2nd Annual Patotsava. Mahapooja, Mahabhishekam and Maha Aarti were orngaized on this festive occasion. The devotees were encouraged for these religious events by Mahant Swami Shastri Atmaprakashdasji (Jetalpur) and S.G. Swami Shastri Purushottamprakashdasji (Jetalpur Gurukul) with the due blessings of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri.

Devout family of Shri Manubhai Mulchand Patel (President, All India Gujarati Samaj)has earned the pleasure of Lord Shriji Maharaj by hosting Annual Patotsava in memory of devout soul (Late) Mulchandbhai Maganbhai Patel.

Group Maha Pooja was organized on this occasion. A large number of devotees have benefitted by their participation in Group Maha Pooja. The event of Maha Pooja was organized right after the Mahabhishekam.

In continuation to the early morning Aarti, the grand event of Mahabhishekam was organized at 6-00 a.m. amidst devotional music and chants of vedic hymns. Mahabhishekam was offered by the Mahant Swami of Jetalpur Dham and a team of scholar saints.

The grand rituals of early morning Aarti, Mahabhishekam and group Maha Pooja were followed with sumptuous and rich Annakut and Maha Aarti.

Festive assembly was organized on this occasion to sing praises of Dev, Acharya, Shastra and saints. The statesmen, Ministers, Political leaders senior officers and religious heads were come to participate in this religious celebrations. Honourable Home Minister of Rajansthan State – Shri Gulabchandji Kataria and other leaders were present at the assembly. S.G. Mahant Swami Atmaprakashdasji (Jetalpur Dhaam), Mahant Swami of Dhariavad temple, Govind Swami from Vadatal Dhaam, Poojari Swami of Jetalpur Dhaam, Mahant Swami of New Delhi Temple and senior saints were present on this occasion. The Sabha was addressed by the dignitaries and the saints. Patotsava festivities were managed efficiently by Mahant Swami Devswaroopdasji. - *K. R. Bhagat, Jaipur*

Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Kankarawadi

Shrimad Satsangi Jivan Parayan was organized here in our temple at Kankarawadi village of Shri Narnarayandev Desh. Devout Satsangis were encourged and inspired by Swami Shri Raghuvircharandasji and Satsangi Jivan Parayan was organized by them with the due blessings of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. The seat of the reader priest was graced by Swami Shastri Shrijiprakashdasji. S.G. Shastri Harijivandas Swami (Mahundra) and Kothari Satysankalpadasji. (Ider Temple) were present on this occasion to help the devotees by their enlightening discourses. Satsangis from this area have benefitted by this feast of eternal knowledge. - *Kothari Naranbhai*

OVERSEAS

Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Leicester (I.S.S.O., U.K.)

Dhoon sessions were organized here continuously during Bhadrapada and Dhoon of the Mahamantra was presented to please Lord Shri Hari. These religious events were organized in presence of the saints from Ahmedabad temple with the due blessings of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. The Dhoon sessions of six hours duration were sponsored individually by the devotees Shri Chhaganlalbhai, Jadavjibhai, Dr. Amratbhai Bhimjibhai, Jayantibhai, Vasantbhai and Ashokbhai Tulsibhai Gohel and family. the Dhoon session dated 2-10-2005 was sponsored by Jethiben, Purushottambhai, Rameshbhai, Dharmendrabhai, Harishbhai, Ravindrabhai and Subhashbhai of Varu family, in memory of (Late) Shri Dhanjibhai Lakshmanbhai Varu. A large number of Devotees have participated in Dhoon sessions. Satsang activities are progressing well with the blessings of Acharya Maharajshri. *- Hemrajbhai Chotalia*

Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Florida-Lakeland (I.S.S.O., U.S.A.)

Ganesh Chaturthi and Radha Ashtami were celebrated here at our temple by presenting. Poojan-Archan to Lord Ganapatiji and Lord Thakorji in bengin presence of Lord Ghanshyam Maharaj, Shri Narnarayndev and Lord Radhkrishnadev dwelling at this new temple. Devotees were benefited by the enlightening discourse delivered by S.G. Shastri Swami Narayanvallabhdasji (Vadnagar Gurukul), He explained to the devotees the glory and majesty of Ganeshchaturthi and Radhashtami and enlightened them on subtle topics of Niayams, Nishchaya, Paksha, Aagya and Upasana. Mahamantra Dhoon and Aarti were presented at the end of religious celebrations and Mahaprasadam was distributed to the devotees. Satsang activities are progressing steadily with the due blessings of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri.

- Nalinbhai Patel (President)

Buwei Marriland (I.S.S.O. Washington) Chapter

Early evening Satsang was organized here on Saturday dated 24-9-05 and Katha Varta, Kirtan, Vachanamrit reading, Dhoon, Thaal and Aarti were presented to please Lord Shri. A large number of devotees were present at the Sabha. Satsang activities are progressing well with the due blessings of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. *- Kanubhai Patel*

AKSHARVAAS

Ahmedabad : Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Kalupur : (4-9-05) S.G. Shastri Swami Vishnuprasaddasji Swami (Disciple of Shastri Swami Hargovinddasji) passed away at Badrinath Dhaam amidst the chants of Shri Hari's blissful names.

Ahmedabad : (13-9-05) Devout soul champaba (mother of Shri Madhusudanbhai Patel) passed away to Akshardham amidst chants of Shriji Maharaj's blissful names.

Lasundra : (21-9-05) (Dr.) Ambalal Ramdas Patel passed away to divine abode of God amidst chants of Shriji Maharaj's blissful names.

Ahmedabad – Naroda : (21-9-05) Smt Savitaben (mother of Shri Niranjanbhai Vinayakbhai Inamdar) passed away to Akshardham, amidst chants of Shri Hari's blissful names.

Himatnagar : (30-9-05) Smt. Raval – wife of Shri Jitendrakumar Raval, passed away to Akshardham amidst chants of Shri Hari's blissful names.

Ghandhidham (Kutch) : (26-8-05) Shri Hiralal Chhaganlal Mirani passed away to Akshardham amidst chants of Shri Hari's blissful names.



H.H. Acharya Maharajshri and H.H. Lalji Mahrajshri graced Sharadotsava by presenting Aarti at Shri Swaminarayan Mandir Narayanghat.



Lord Radhakrishnadev Shri Harikrishna Maharaj at Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Jaipur (Rajasthan)



H.H. Acharya Maharajshri serve Vijayadashami Poojan Archan to ornamental stone the pennacle of th new temple - Shri Swaminarayan mandir, Kankaria, Ahmedabad.





H.H. Acharya Maharajshri with H.H. Lalji Maharajshri graces evening satsang organized by Shri Narnarayandev Yuvak Mand Satellite. Both the sons of Shri Hari have favoured Shri Mukeshbhai and Shri Manojbhai by receiving gold chain from the

S.G. Mahant Swami Shastri Atmaprakashdasji felicitates Shri Manubhai M. Patel (Host of the Patotsava) by presenting flower garlands to the host.



Shri Gulabchandji Kataria (Home Minister, Govt. of Rajasthan) at the public assembly organized at our Jaipur temple.



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H.H. Lalji Maharajshri blesses his devotees on auspicious Birthday of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri.

H. Acharya Maharajshri releases the books vritten by Shastri Swami Harikeshavdasji.



The scholar saints and senior devotees are presenting Birthday Aarti to H.H. Acharya Maharajshri.



H.H. Acharya Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharajshri presents patotsava Aarti at Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Badrinath and the devotees are earning the punyas of this blissful view.

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