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H.H. Shri Mota Maharj
performing aarti of
Shree Hari
Prakatyotsav.



On the occasion of 66th
Prakatyotsav of H.H. Shri Mota
Maharaj, the saints and devotees
performing aarti in the pious
presence of H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj.

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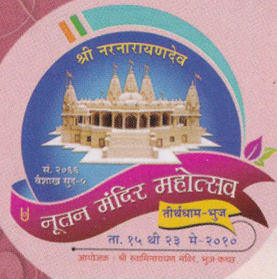


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- તા. ૧૪-૦૫-૨૦૧૦ શ્રીનરનારાયણદેવ વિશ્વયુવા સત્સંગ સંમેલન - બપોરે ૩:૦૦ કલાકે પોથીયાત્રાનો પ્રારંભ
- તા. ૧૫-૦૫-૨૦૧૦ પારાયણના પ્રથમ દિને દીપ પ્રાગટ્ય
- તા. ૧૬-૦૫-૨૦૧૦ ૧૮૮ કુંડી મહાવિષ્ણુયાગ પ્રારંભ
- તા. ૧૭-૦૫-૨૦૧૦ આંતરરાષ્ટ્રીય સમૂહ મહાપૂજા-શ્રીગણપતિ, હનુમાનજી, સુર્યનારાયણ, શિવપાર્વતી ની પ્રતિષ્ઠા
- તા. ૧૮-૦૫-૨૦૧૦ નૂતન મંદિર લોકાર્પણ વિધિ. શ્રી સ્વામિનારાયણ ભગવાને પ્રતિષ્ઠિત શ્રીનરનારાયણ આદિ ભગવત્વરૂપોની નૂતન મંદિરમાં પદરામણી, મહાભિષેક, અન્નકૂટદર્શન.
- તા. ૧૯-૦૫-૨૦૧૦ જીર્ણ પ્રસાદી મંદિરમાં નૂતન ભગવત્વરૂપોની પ્રાર્થના પ્રતિષ્ઠા.
- તા. ૨૦-૦૫-૨૦૧૦ વિવિધ આકૃતિઓથી સુશોભિત વિવિધ રથોમાં શ્રીઠાકોટજીની ભવ્યાતિભવ્ય નગરયાત્રા.
- તા. ૨૨-૦૫-૨૦૧૦ શ્રી ઠાકોટજીના વેદવિહિત અષ્ટ રાજોપચારથી વૈદિક મંત્રોચ્ચાર સાથે પૂજન ઉત્સવનાં પ્રત્યેક પ્રસંગો પ.પૂ.ધ.ધુ. ૧૦૦૮ આચાર્ય શ્રી કોશલેન્દ્રપ્રસાદજી મહારાજશ્રીના વરદ્ હસ્તે થશે.
- વડતાલગાદીના પ.પૂ.ધ.ધુ. ૧૦૦૮ આચાર્ય શ્રી રાકેશપ્રસાદજી મહારાજશ્રી દર્શન આશીર્વાદ પાઠવશે.

આ પ્રસંગે સંપ્રદાયના વિદ્વાન સંતો પધારી દર્શન-આશીર્વાદ આપશે, સનાતન ધર્મના જગદ્ગુરુ શ્રીરામાનુજાચાર્ય, શ્રીશંકરાચાર્ય, શ્રીવલ્લભાચાર્યનાં ગાદિપતિઓ તથા દેશભક્તો તથા વિવિધ ક્ષેત્રે લોક પ્રતિષ્ઠિત રાજકીય પુરૂષો પધારશે.

દરરોજ રાત્રે ભક્તિ સંગીતના કાર્યક્રમો યોજાશે જેમાં અનૂપ જલોટા જેવા પ્રખ્યાત સંગીતજ્ઞ પુરૂષો પધારશે.

વેદપાઠી બ્રાહ્મણો ધ્વારા ચતુર્વેદ પારાયણ, સંપ્રદાયના નંદ સંતોનું સાહિત્ય, વાંચન અને પ્રદર્શન.

શ્રી સ્વામિનારાયણ મહામંત્રની અખંડ ધૂન. લેખન અને પ્રદર્શન, ૧૦૮ સંહિતા પાઠ, અદ્યતન ટેકનોલોજીનું આર્કષક ૩D દ્વારા શ્રીહરિ ચરિત્ર દર્શન તેમજ ભારતીય નૃત્ય, રાસોત્સવ, સંપ્રદાયના ઇતિહાસિક રૂપકોનું આયોજન કરવામાં આવેલ છે. શ્રી નરનારાયણ દેવ મેડીકલ કેમ્પ ૨૦૧૦નાં ફુલ ૮ કેમ્પનું આયોજન સફળ રહ્યું.

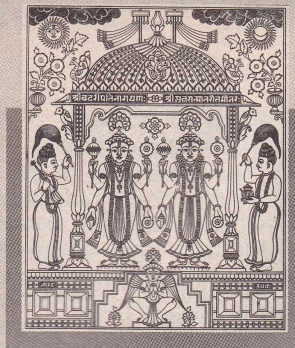
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संस्कृत

EDITORIAL

A way of this worldly life is such that, no-one likes anything which is unnecessary and in excess for him. Everyone remains away from such things and forsakes them ultimately. They just leave it which is meaningless for him. Even those things which are useless are terms as 'Excess'. As per the divine counting of the time of this universe, after every four years, one extra month (Adhik Maas) is added in our Hindu Calendar. In that year, the months of the year became 13 months instead of regular 12 months. Now everyone abandoned that month considering it useless and in excess. Therefore this 'Excess' month sought the shelter of Almighty Bhagwan and complained that, though he was also made by the Almighty Bhagwan, yet people abandon him and hate him. He asked for the guidance of Almighty Bhagwan. For him a question was, who will take care of him. Listening to his ardent request, Almighty Bhagwan was pleased with him. It is really strange and unique way of the Lord, He accepts those things and persons happily which are abandoned and hated by the people of the world. Almighty Bhagwan accepted that 'Excess' month and from that day onwards, it was called 'Purushottam Maas'. The Lord also blessed him that, when Bhajan, Bhakti and Worship of Almighty Lord are performed by the devotees, they earn the fruits thousand times than they get during other months of the years. So when we have got such a pious Purushottam Maas then many divine festivals including Patotsav shall be celebrated in Shree Narnarayandev Temple. Simultaneously, Satsang, Bhajan-Bhakti, Katha-Varta and festivals shall be celebrated in all other temples of our Sampradaya. So let us render our all services with our mind, body and money and perform special Bhajan-Bhakti and Satsang during this pious Aadhik Purushottam Maas and make our this human life worth and meaningful.

Editor
Mahant Swami
Shastri Swami Harikrishnadas



Appointment Diary of H.H. Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharajshri (MARCH-2010)

1. Graced the house of the devotee Shri Dilipkumar Nathalal Patel at village Kundal on the occasion of Yagna and also graced the house of another devotee.
2. Performed Shri Narnarayan Jayanti Pushpdolotsav along with H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj and graced the house of one devotee at Sola.
3. Graced the house of the devotee Shri Maheshbhai Laljibhai Patel, Shilaj
4. Graced Narnarayan Jewellers, India colony.
7. Graced the house of the devotee Shri Navinchandra Auchhavlal Kachhia, Balasinor on the occasion of *Parayan*.
8. Graced Jetalpurdham and performed *Patotsav Abhishek* of Shri Revati Baldevji Harikrishna Maharaj.
9. Graced the house of the devotee Shri Bhupendrabhai Barot, Satellite, on the occasion of *Mahapooja*.
Graced the house of the devotee Shri Bharatbhai Mathurdas Patel.
- 11 to 13. Graced Shri Swaminarayan temple, Hyustan, Texas (I.S.S.O. America) on the occasion of *Dasabdi Mahotsav*.
Graced *Khat-Muhur* ritual of Bayar Temple.
24. Performed *Patotsav Abhishek* of Aksharmahol Shri Ghanshyam Maharaj and celebrated *Pragatyotsav* of Bhagwan Shri Swaminarayan on the pious day of *Ramnavmi*.
25. Graced Shri Swaminarayan Temple, Nava Vadaj on the occasion of *Suvarna Jayanti Patotsav Mahotsav*.
27. Graced Shri Swaminarayan Temple, Kadi on the occasion of *Mahapooja* organized for renovation of *Charnarvind of Prasadi*.
29. Graced Shri Swaminarayan Temple, Saroda (Dholka Desh) on the occasion of invocation of the idol images.
30. Graced Shri Swaminarayan Temple, Kankaria on the pious occasion of Hanuman Jayanti.

Shikshapatri

The Epistle of Precepts

(based on Shatanand's Shikshapatri
Arthadipika)

By Pravin S. Varsani

Text 35

**One shall never insult a Guru, a person who
is great, dignified,
learned or armed.**

*Apamano Na Kartavyo Gururaam Cha
Variyasaam*

*Loke Pratischtitaanaam Cha Vudushaam
Shatradhariraam (35)*

The Lord here forbids insulting (Apamaan) of five types of persons. The first —a guru Preceptor is a very sacred institution in Hindustan. Indeed great respect is given to a Guru such that they are considered as the very form of God. 'Gu' means ignorance or darkness and 'ru' means destroy, explains *Sanskrit Kars*, and so a Guru is one who destroys such ignorance and darkness, delivering knowledge and enlightenment. **Deval Rishi** explains ten people that should be accepted as one's. (1)**Acharyaaasch**-an Acharya/spiritual leader (2)**Pitta**- One's father —in (3) **Jayeshtho Bharaataa**-one's elder brother (4) **Chiva Mahimatiha**-a king (5) **Matulaha**-a maternal uncle (6) **Shavasura**-father —in law (7) **Shtrata**-a Learned Brahmin (8) **Maataamaha-pitaamahau**- maternal and paternal grandfathers (10)**Varnashreshhtaha**-the best or highest in a community and (11) **Pitruayascha**-a paternal uncle.

Guru Mahima (the greatness of a Guru) has been sang highly of by saints and poets alike. All Sat-Shastras have markedly made an effort to glorify the great institution in Hinduism of Guru-Shiya relationship and Parampara. For such reason they are given pride of place at the heart of Hinduism. They are thus respected immensely

and so should never be insulted or slandered in any way.

Secondly, **Variyasan**- a renowned great person who has good qualities should never be insulted. In **Shrimad Bhagwat**, **Bhagvan Rishabhadeva** explains, 'Those who serve great men- *Satpurusha*, open themselves a doorway to the heavens. Those who associate with women or even associate with men who have a tendency to associate with women open themselves a doorway to hell.'

'Those men (*Satpurusha*) are distinguished. They are with level mind, devoid of anger and a friend to all. Such saintly men are indeed celebrated.

Never should these saints who project compassion and other such great qualities as well as dignified persons of a community, a King, A king's administrators, those great in a family or community with excellent discipline of behaviour, who are bestowed with great qualities, who are wealthy, those who are wise and learned with Vedantic knowledge of *Puranas* and *Shatras*;

Such Brahmin as well as those who are armed should they be disrespected or ridiculed. Those who do insult destroy themselves as all that they have is lost- **Tatkarya Hi Svasya Sarvasva Nashapateha**.'

Yagnavalkya Smruti explains, 'Brahmins and Kshatriyas should never be insulted. Also learned persons (highly educated), members of one's family, the wealthy and renowned people should always be respected and never insulted. Even elderly Shudra Caste members should be duly respected if they are educated'.

Shrimad Bhagwat says, 'Those who insult great men who are elder, wealthy, famed or Dharmic (follow their duties or religious) fall to destruction and perish. Those who do not respect others who are eminent through their birth, penance, knowledge, behaviour and caste are considered to be dead. After death they suffer terrible pains in the hells, as they are repeatedly tortured.' Skanda Puran explains, 'by insulting a *Satpurusha*, even a righteous person is destroyed through the destruction of a long fruitful life and the eradication of all his

righteous qualities.'

'**Apamaam**'- insult can be directed with the aim to demote another person.

However insults can be indirected and committed without knowledge or intent. Mahabharat's Anushaasan parva explains, 'Even in extreme circumstance he should never speak in 'Tu-kar' with great men'. Furthermore it explains: *Tvamkaro Va Vadho Vetī Vidvasto Na Vishishyate* 'To use Tu-Kar (*Tvamkaro*) with such people is indifferent to killing (*Vadko*) of such person.' Finally the Parve explains: *Tvamkaram Namadheyam Cha Jyestanam Parivarjyē-* 'One should refrain (*parivarjyē*) from speaking in Tu-kar and addressing by name (*Namadheyam*), such elders (*Jyestanam*). Thus this final statement suggest that calling elders by name is equivalent to calling them by the disrespectful and insulting Tu-kar which ultimately is compared to the killing of that person.

For these reasons it is tradition in India for husband and wives not to utter the name of their partners. Also, **Satsangi Jivan** explains that by doing so the *Ayushya* (duration of life) of their partner falls. Similarly it is unacceptable to call elders by name such as elder brother or sisters and other family members as well as elders in a community.

Anushaasan Parva explains, 'Those who wish for a long life should never consider a Brahmin, Kshatriya and a serpent as powerless as well as all are poisonous.' Therefore to insult any, can be the cause of one's own death, such is the power of Brahmins and Kshatriyas.

Guru Gita then explains, 'students (*shishyas*) with good manner should never speak egotistically with pride- *Hu-kar*, Similarly they should never speak untruthfully with their Guru. 'Those Shishyas who disrespectfully use *HU-Kar* and *Tu- Kar* with their Guru are born as demons in a land without water.'

Brihaspati explains, 'those who speak wrathfully with a *Tapasavi*, snake, armed person or *pativrata* immediately invite death. Therefore one should never cause insult by speaking angrily with these people.' Shatanand adds that

these people should always be given the right of way.

Anushanasan Parva says, 'Branmins, cows, the elderly (*Vrudh*), the tired, women and the weak should always be given the right of way. *Vrudh* here should be understood as *Vayourudh*-elder by age, *Tapovrudh*- elderly by penance, *Vayovrudh*- elderly through knowledge, *Gunavrudh* -elderly through good qualities and *Dhanvrudh*- elderly through wealth.

Yagnavalkya further says, ' The *vrudh*, those fatigued, kings Brahmins, women, the ill , a groom (*Vara*)and a person driving a carriage should always be given way.' Mitakshara expands upon this saying that 'Cha is used and therefore includes a drunk, a lunatic and a Sanyasi.

In this Shloka, Lord Swaminaryana points out the university of the Shikshapatri. Isn't just a means to a religious life. It is means to a virtuous life. The essence of this Shloka is not difficult to grasp, it is some thing that all are in one way or another brought up to become and do This *shloka* is about human courtesy and respect for one another. It teaches that we accept and praise those superior to us as such mentality can bring only moral conduct and discipline.

Indeed, this is what living is all about. It is about respect for the elders and respect for one another. Those who slander and insult others have no place in society they have not yet understood the science of living and being. These mentioned people, who are to be bowed before (*Vanddaniya*), to be respected and to be idolized should never be insulted as Those who insult in this way are not human -they are inhuman comparable to beats and therefore those who serving and respecting these great people such as the elderly, saints and Brahmins, we are serving the Lord Shree Swaminarayan will look upon us with kind heart and eternally shower his choicest and most sincere blessings. Respect for others breeds humility in oneself that brings kind-heartedness and sincerity, therefore it is very important to have such mentality that is becoming almost certainly deficient in this day and age.

Amrutvani of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj

- Compilation by Gordhanbhai V. Sitapara (Hirawadi-Bapunagar)

On the occasion of Choryasi of Kankaria Temple (Date : 19/02/2010) Even any piece of land has its own luck and destiny. This pious land of Kankaria was graced by the pious and lotus-like *Charanarvind* of Almighty Shree Hari and therefore this land was sanctified. Even Aadi Acharya H.H. Shri Ayodhyaprasadji Maharaj installed the idol image of Balswaroop Hanumanji on this pious land and strengthened it further spiritually. Shri Ashokbhai (Ashokbhai Bhatt- Honourable Speaker of the Gujarat Assembly) is present here and therefore I state one thing. Just as there is need of the weapons in the work of the administration of the State; we also need the weapons like spears in our religious and spiritual work. But our weapons are not meant to hurt or injure anybody. They are meant only for frightening and alerting others. Recently one Spear of *Prasadi* was brought in Kalupur temple. Such spears and swords were kept by the *Parshads* during the time of Shree Hari. Some of the Brahmins may not behave obediently then on such occasions, merciful Maharaj used to alert them through such armed *Parshads* and convince them to have *Prasadi* and help them to grant emancipation. When one takes such meals of *Prasadi* of Maharaj, it would generate noble thoughts in their minds and resultantly they would cherish noble feeling in their hearts.

Under the divine influence of Maharaj, the Bishop Haber came from England to Nadiad to meet Maharaj. At that time Maharaj had about 200 armed *Parshads*. When Bishop Haber observed them, he asked Maharaj what salary was being offered to those servants. Maharaj told him that, these *Parshads* were in fact kings of their villages and they were rendering their services voluntarily and they are willing to fight for Maharaj till the last drop of blood. The Bishop Haber was also provided with the facility of armed soldiers on salary. That Bishop did not know the names of any of the soldiers whereas Maharaj knew the names of each and every



Parshad. Bishop Haber thought that, in case of a conflict between these *Parshads* and his soldiers, these *Sevaks* of Swaminarayan may win the battle because they were offering their selfless and voluntary services. Thus, even the persons like Bishop Haber were granted emancipation by Maharaj. Similarly such festivals like *Brahm-Choryasi* are organized with a view to grant emancipation to the devotees; therefore all those devotees who have contributed their share or who have rendered their services are certainly very lucky.

On the occasion of Pancham Patotsav Mahotsav of Approach (Bapunagar) (19/02/2010): Just remembers the words of Maharaj. Maharaj used to say, "Whatever we are doing, we are doing for the interest and welfare of all Satsangis. If at all we have interest then it is of this *Pancham Patotsav Mahotsav*. And whatever we are doing, we are doing it for obtaining pleasure of Maharaj and for the interest of *Satsang* only. There are a number of Museums in various countries all over the world but they all are dead. Once we have visited these Museums, we do not feel like visiting them again. Whereas the Museum which is at present under construction and progress, is going to be Divine Museum capable of granting emancipation to all the visitors. Because here there would be all the Things of *Prasadi* of Maharaj. If we perform *Darshan* of the handkerchief of Maharaj, we feel like performing

its *Darshan* again and again because it is divine in nature. And therefore this Museum is also going to be divine and wonderful. *

Shiksha-Patri given by Maharaj to Sir Malcom is at present in one Museum of London. In the past when we had 10 to 12 temples in that area, we used to obtain bond of certain pounds from the Museum authorities and used to carry that divine *Shiksha-patri* for *Darshan* in our temples. Now *Satsang* and temples have increased and therefore the authorities of Museum have stopped giving *Shiksha-patri* because they thought that, frequent use of *Shiksha-patri* in this way would damage this divine *Prasadi* of *Shiksha-patri*. They made a rule that the visitors can come to the Museum for performing divine *Darshan*. These persons are not devotees of our *Sampradaya* yet they have great importance of this divine *Shiksha-Patri* and there is our only one thing of *Prasadi* in that museum. Whereas in our Shree Swaminarayan Museum, there will be a number of *Things of Prasadi* whose Divine *Darshan* can be performed by all the devotees. Once we went to this Museum along with the saints to perform *Darshan* of this *Shiksha-Patri*. We were asked not to touch this *Shiksha-Patri*. When the accompanying saints informed the Museum authorities that, this Maharaj is the descendant of 6th generation of Bhgwan Swaminarayan himself, they were overwhelmed with pleasure and surprise and we got the opportunity to touch that Divine *Shiksha-patri*. Here Shastri Swami Nirgundasji has been narrating *Katha* and *Leela-Charitra* of Maharaj. We have entrusted with them the task of noting down the details of these *Things of Prasadi* as also what use of these *Things of Prasadi* was made by Maharaj.

When we look at the Map of India during *Vicharan* of Maharaj, we would find that this *Vicharan* was clock-wise beginning from the North then North-East then South and then Maharaj stopped in Gujarat, Kachchh and Kathiavad. During this *Van-Vicharan* many kings were willing to offer their daughters and princess to Maharaj; they also ardently insisted Maharaj stayed in their states. But Maharaj did

not stop anywhere, nor accepted any of their request. Now Maharaj himself stopped in Kachchh and Kathiavad. Maharaj has taught us how to enjoy the worldly pleasure and happiness with restraint and discipline by the devotees. If any unwanted guest comes our home, then also we talk and behave with him decently and prudently. Similarly, we keep our constant contact and attachment with *Satsang* and we should accept these worldly pleasures just as like the unwanted guests. In fact real pleasure lies with shelter under Shreeji Maharaj and *Satsang*. If we learn to enjoy the pleasures of *Satsang*, then nothing else remains to be done. If some out shouts at us and tells anything, we may not remember his words, but we certainly remember the words which are whispered into our eyes. Maharaj has whispered into our ears: "**Have your firm Shelter in Me.**"

Recently one devotee informed me that he is a very good devotee, he remains under all the directions of the divine *Shiksha-patri*. But recently he has been deviated from our original *Sampradaya*; now there is no use however good devotee, he may consider himself. Shri Gunatitanand Swami has stated that, even if a devotee is doing nothing but he is simply cherishing firm faith in our *Sampradaya*, Shreeji Maharaj comes to take him to Akshardham and to grant him emancipation. And therefore every devotee and *Haribhakta* should have firm faith in the Lord Shree Narnarayandev and the Lord Shree Laxminarayandev.

In the *Sabha* at night, no one is in any kind of hurry. There is peaceful atmosphere everywhere and therefore everyone gets special and divine pleasure of listening to *Katha*. Even if anyone sleeps during the *Sabha*, he does not realize it. In the *Sabha* of Gadhpur, Maharaj used to say that, if our neighbour is found sleeping in *Sabha*, we should awaken him. Even then, if it is felt like sleeping, we should stand up at our place with discipline and start listening to *Katha*. All the saints and devotees who participated in this *Mahotsav*, deserve our blessings.

Amrutvani of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj

- Compilation by Gordhanbhai V. Sitapara (Hirawadi-Bapunagar)

On the occasion of Choryasi of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Kankaria, H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj said that, "During this whole year, we would be able to see only Museum and nothing else." H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj blessed all the devotees on the occasion of Pancham Patotsav of Approach Bapunagar temple on 22/02/2010.



Invocation of the idol image of Shri Ghanshyam Maharaj in Approach Bapunagar has completed five years. The God, the saints, the scriptures which we have got here, are not available outside Satsang. Many people in this world strive very hard to achieve and realize Almighty Lord in their life; they complete their study of the scriptures exhaustively but again they may or may not get Almighty Lord; such rare Almighty Lord Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan is with us very easily and naturally. If we go outside Satsang, we find many people who do not know how to perform *Dandvat Pranam*. Whereas even a little child who has just learnt standing and walking with his feet, knows excellently to perform this *Dandvat Pranam*. To perform *Satsang*, to listen to *Katha* are not easy things as it appears superficially. Perhaps we have got all these things very easily and therefore we cannot understand its real importance. In fact after getting this human birth, all of us have to do this thing only.

While we were just arriving at the temple, we saw that an old woman was making her grandchild perform *Darshan* and touch of the lotus-like of feet of the statue of Sahjanand Swami on *Manki* horse; she was also helping her grandchild to touch the feet of *Manki*. We thought that in this statue there is neither Maharaj nor *Manki*, it is simply an image of Maharaj and *Manki*; but how great importance and reverence that old woman has for both of them! How eager is that old grandmother to inculcating noble *Samskaras* in her grandchild! Again we

thought that, in the *Sabhamandap* of *Katha* of *Bhagwan*, even such a statue is worshipped, then how greater it would become, when one listens to *Katha* of *Bhagwan* in this *Sabha Mandap*! And therefore *Bhaktas* of *Bhagwan* should have unity and importance of themselves. Devotees should inculcate the qualities of an ideal *Bhakta*. In

Vachanamrit, Maharaj has stated that, those who simply look at the faults and weaknesses of other devotees, they should be considered as deviated from *Sampradaya*.

Every devotee has got his or her own qualities which are unique in nature. Someone may be a little touchy, someone may feel a bit of jealousy towards others. Such things would keep on going; yet a devotee should not look at such weaknesses of others and should make conscious efforts to see and emulate which is the best in others.

The Eastern area of our city of Ahmedabad is very wide. Here Shastri Shri Nirgundasji and other saints have been nourishing our *Sampradaya* through narrating *Katha-Kirtan* and talks about Almighty *Bhagwan Swaminarayan* and resultantly our *Sampradaya* is expanding. Recently when we came, a beautiful thing about the Almighty Lord Shree Narnarayandev was going on but due to lack of time it had to be curtailed and shortened. It is our major difficulty that whenever we feel lack of time then it has its first effect upon *Katha* of *Bhagwan*! Real way of happiness for each and every devotee is to go to temple regularly for *Darshan*, to listen to *Katha* and should take out some time from their time regularly for *Satsang*. It is our real wealth. It is an humble prayer to the Almighty Lord Shree Narnarayandev that Shree Hari may make all the devotees and *Haribhaktas* very happy in their life.

PILGRIMAGE OF H.H. SHRI MOTA MAHARAJ TO U.S.A. FOR SHREE SWAMINARAYAN MUSEUM

- Prahladbhai V. Patel (New Jersey) Karjisanwala

Shree Swaminarayan Museum means a divine remembrance of Shreeji Maharaj on the pious land of *Bhratkhand!* Divine idea of *Shree Swaminarayan Museum* means divine spiritual Sankalp of H.H. Shri 1008 Shri Mota Maharaj and a rich heritage of our Sampradaya!

With a noble intention that this divine Sankalp of Shree Swaminarayan Museum may reach into every corner of this world, H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj 1008 Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharaj has been performing constant pilgrimage. On Thursday 4th March 2010 H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj, Shastri Swami Nirgundasji and Kanu Bhagat graced New Jersey. On the very second day, Swami Madhavprasaddasji, Shri Prahladbhai, Shri Gyaneshbhai, Shri Sanjaybhai, Shri Harikrishnabhai, Shri Jayantibhai and Shri Kanubhai from Washington (D.C.) joined them in this pilgrimage.

In Washington (D.C.) devotee Shri Kanubhai, Shri Dikshit Shah and other Haribhaktas organized three Sabhas in four days. H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj graced the houses of all the devotees and very good services were offered. Even little children rendered their services from their pocket moneys. The ladies devotees also rendered their services liberally. On 9th March 2011, H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj graced Shri Swaminarayan temple, Cherry Hill and New Jersey. There in the Sabha organized in the temple, Video CD prepared by our devotee Shri Praful Kharsani and the interesting information furnished by the Project Engineer of Shree Swaminarayan Museum, our devotee Shri Karsanbhai Raghvani were

warmly welcomes, a flow of very good services started.

On 10th March 2010 H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj graced the house of the devotee Shri Ambalal Patel of Vadu and performed *Thaal* to Thakorji. While gracing the houses of a number of devotees, the night halt was arranged at the residence of the devotee Shri Himatbhai Patel in Raleigh City. The whole next day remained busy in gracing the houses of the devotees and in the evening departed for Orejburg and reached at the house of the devotee Shri Panjkajbhai Patel early in the morning at 3.00 hours. Amidst heavy rains and tumultuous climate, the pilgrimage continued! The next day remained hectically busy in gracing the houses of the devotees and reached at the residence of devotee Shri Himatbhai early in the morning at 2.00 hours.

On Saturday 13th March 2010, devotee Shri Nirajbhai Joshi had organized a beautiful *Sabha* in Raleigh City. The *Sabhas* was concluded at two o'clock and through self-driving for ten hours, arrived at New Jersey early in the morning at 2.00 hours. There was no rest at all! On Sunday 14th March 2010, *Janmotsav* of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj was celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Vihokan. In the *Sabha* about 120 devotees rendered their services as the hosts of the Museum.

From 16th March 2010 to 21st March 2010, 10th Patotsav of Hyustan temple was celebrated where houses of many devotees were graced and very beautiful services were rendered by the devotees. Many Haribhaktas availed the benefit of divine Darshan of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj.

H.H. SHRI ACHARYA MAHARAJ IS ESSENTIAL IN SPIRITUAL PATH

- Prof. Mahadev Dhoriyani (Rajkot)

In the spiritual path H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj is essential as Guru because the Sun in the form of Guru grants the Divine Meaning of the scriptures and *Puranas*. It is impossible to perform *Bhakti* of Shri Hari and Shri Hari *Rasamrut* without support, co-operation and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj. One obtains *Brahma* with the mercy and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj.

In Vachanamrit-60 Shree Hari has stated that, "In stead of all other means, it is the best means to get rid of desires for the worldly pleasures. It is *Ekantik Dharma* to lead a life is free from such worldly wishes. And such a person is known as *Ekantik Bhakta*. And in order to get rid of such worldly wishes, it is essential to have pious company of Guru like H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj because "गुरु भिन ज्ञान नहि, गुरु भिन ध्यान नहि." Guru like H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj is of Divine *Ekantik Dharma* and it is impossible to get this *Ekantik Dharma* without Guru like H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj. Right from the time of Shri Sahjanand Swami, this *Sampradaya* has recognized the importance of '*Dharmvansha Pragatya*' and since that time, this Divine tradition is going on incessantly!

These great guides of *Brahma-Vidya* (Spiritual Knowledge) all H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj have nourished this Vasundhara as well as *Sampradaya* with spiritual water and have helped *Ekantik Bhaktas* to reach upto the peaks of spirituality. Spirituality is the great heritage of India to the whole world. Just as in all physical sciences, it is impossible to progress without any teacher, how can one go ahead in the unknown spiritual world with the spiritual guide like H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj!

In short, H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj is no one else but the Other Form of Shree Hari himself and incessant flow of His mercy In our *Sampradaya*, our H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj is our great achievement and it is our moral and ethical duty to scrupulously follow all of His directions in letter and spirit.

The tradition of Acharya of Shree Swminarayan Sampradaya has shown the inevitable requirement of Guru for spiritual progress and its best example is **H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj, H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and H.H. Shri Lalji Mahaaj 108 Shri Vrajendraprasadji Maharaj.**

H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj is beyond any comparison because he has got a divine Sankalp to lead and help all the devotees to cross this Ocean of Life safely. There are many Gurus and teachers for natural and physical sciences of this world but H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj is the only Guru for the spiritual path and progress in the life of any devotee and all the devotees have got firm faith and realization of this divine condition at or the other moment in their life. **H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj is not only Guru but also Other Form of Shree Hari!!**

H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj is such a Guru who has realized the spirituality in His life and is capable of granting such realization to others and therefore only H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj is the real and live Other Form of Shree Hari on this earth and it is evident from the versatile and erudite personality of our merciful H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj. Only he is *Sadguru* who can grant us Complete *Gyan*. Guru is one who never allows his disciple to remain a layman; he grants his disciple the Divine Shelter in *Nirvikar Narayan-Tatva*.

Persons who are exhausted and tired after earning money and happiness need to turn towards spirituality in the end. Due to divine company of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj, one gets divine pleasure and peace. H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj is the only Caretaker of all Haribhaktas. A divine Triveni Sangam of Siddhanta (Principle), Tatvagyan (Philosophy) and Sadhana (worship) as preached by Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan is epitomized in H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj, H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj, respectively.

INDEPENDENT & UNIQUE PILGRIMAGE OF H.H. SHRI LALJI MAHARAJ OF CANADA

- Shri Narnarayandev Mahila Mandal (Canada)

Purna Purushottam Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan established Shree Swaminarayan Sampradaya and opened the doors of emancipation for all the human beings of this world. Similarly in order that all the devotees all over the world can identify our original *Sampradaya*, our H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj, H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj, H.H. Shri Mota Gadiwala and H.H. Shri Laxmishroop Gadiwala always remain busy and grant the benefit of their divine *Amrutvani* and *Divine Darshan* regularly in the *Satsang Sabha* of each and every temple of our *Sampradaya*.

Similarly at a tender age of 12 years, our future Acharya H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj followed the footsteps of His father and grandfather and started the pilgrimage of the countries overseas for nourishing our *Sampradaya*. It is a matter of great pride for the devotees of Canada that, this pilgrimage has started from Canada.

For a pilgrimage of 06 days, H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj graced Canada on 12th March 2010 alongwith H.H. Shri Gadiwala, H.H. Shri Raja and Sankhya Yogi ladies devotees. It was his first visit of Canada; it was an independent pilgrimage of H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj and it is a matter of great pride for Satsangi devotees of Canada. On 12th March when H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj graced the land of Canada, large number of devotees and Haribhaktas warmly welcomed him. At that time it was raining and yet large number of ladies devotees were present at the airport to welcome H.H. Shri Gadiwala.

The whole programme of pilgrimage which continued for six days remained hectically busy. On Saturday in the morning, H.H. Shri Gadiwala and H.H. Shri Raja and Sankhya Yogi Kokilaba and Champaba were welcomed in the temple. Many new ladies devotees took shelter of Shree Swaminarayan Sampradaya by adopting *Vartamaan* from our H.H. Shri

Gadiwala and this right is given by Shree Hari to only our *Dharmakul*. All the devotees also availed the benefit of *Mahaprasad*.

A Cultural Programme was organized in the evening on Saturday in a Hall of a school. The programme was inaugurated by H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj by lighting the lamp. H.H. Shri Gadiwala and H.H. Shri Raja also relished and enjoyed the programme replete with *Kirtan-Bhakti, Raas, Garaba and Drama*.

In the morning on Sunday H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj and the host devotees performed *Abhishek* and *Aarti* of Thakorji whose benefit was availed by a large number of devotees. This ritual was also graced by H.H. Shri Gadiwala and H.H. Shri Raja. Thereafter *Swagat Poojan* and *Aarti* of *Dharmakul* were performed. At last H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj had blessed all the devotees. In the evening a *Satsang Sabha* of the ladies devotees was organized. *Sankhyayogi* Shri Champaba began the *Sabha* with *Kirtan Bhakti*. *Sankhyayogi* Kokilaba explained in easy words, the form of Bhagwan and His importance in the lives of the devotees by explaining *Pada* of *Aurada*. It was followed by a questionnaire, wherein difficulties and questions were resolved and answered.

It last H.H. Shri Gadiwala addressed the *Sabha* and stated in her blessings that *Satsang* is like a family and since we have got this human life and more particularly when we have recognized Almighty Lord in our life then let us become humble and worship our Almighty Bhgwan Shree Swaminarayan believing *Satsang* as our family and with such a worship Lord would be very much pleased. All of us remain under the directions of the pious '*Shiksha-patri*' and we should have firm faith in the Almighty Lord. We should not compare any unhappy ardent devotee with any rich person who is not a devotee because Bhagwan always takes care of and protects His devotees. Thus,

the complicated sayings of *Vachanamrit* were explained in a very easy and lucid language. All were happy with this and thereafter *Sandhya Aarti* was performed. During this Aarti, a flower fell from the idol image of the Lord Shree Narnarayandev which was accepted by H.H. Shri Gadiwala with all humility.

On Monday and Tuesday, residences of the devotees were graced. In the evening on Monday, Toronto Down Town and C.N.Tower were visited. On Tuesday, the famous Niagara Waterfall was visited and thereby all the devotees relished the picnic and returned to their home.

In the morning on Wednesday, *Darshan* was performed in the temple and in the evening went to airport; from morning to evening, large number of devotees came to the residence and

performed *Darshan* of H.H. Shri Gadiwala. The young as well as the ladies devotees cherished a kind of fascination towards H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj, H.H. Shri Gadiwala and H.H. Shri Raja in their pious company. All big and small devotees of the temple had a divine feeling during this pilgrimage of H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj as if the Lord himself had graced their land.

During this whole pilgrimage, devotee Shri Naimeshbhai Trivedi had rendered his services as host of the residence of H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj. Swami Shri Satyaswaroopdasji, devotee Shri Nitaben Mistry and Swami Shsatri Swami Madhav Swami from America rendered their beautiful services during this divine pilgrimage. It is an humble prayer to the Lord Shree Narnarayandev that, mercy and blessings of Shri Hari may remain with all the devotees.

PILGRIMAGE OF H.H. SHRI LALJI MAHARAJ AND DHARMKUL IN TORONTO, CANADA

With the blessings and directions of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj, from 12th March 2010 to 17th March 2010 H.H. Shri Laxmiswaroop Gadiwala, our Future Acharya H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj 108 Shri Vrajendraprasadji Maharaj, H.H. Shri Raja and Sankhya Yogi ladies devotees performed Pilgrimage of Toronto Canada and granted benefit of *Darshan* to the Satsangi devotees. From New Jersey Shastri Swami Madhavprasaddas had also arrived.

With inspiration of Sadguru Shastri Swami P.P. Swami (Jetalpurdham) and under the guidance of Shastri Swami Satyaswaroopdasji, a Cultural Programme was organized in the Community Hall of Toronto on Saturday 13th March 2010 in the evening from 3.00 to 7.00 hours wherein from the young baby of 11 months to Satsangi devotees and other ladies devotees had participated. The little children devotees performed Welcome Dance, Swaminarayan Train, Raas of the young devotees, Bhangra Dance, Drama, Garba and drama of the ladies devotees and a Laughter Show programme etc. were organized all of which were based on *Kirtan* and *Bhakti*. H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj, H.H. Shri Gadiwala and H.H. Shri Raja encouraged all the devotees with their pious presence and blessed all of them.

In the Sabha organized in the morning on Sunday 14th March 2010, Abhishek of Shree Hari Krishna Maharaj was performed by H.H. Shri

Lalji Maharaj; moreover, all the children who participated in the Cultural Programme were offered beautiful trophies with the words 'I.S.S.O. Canada' inscribed on them.

To ensure that the ladies devotees can avail special benefit of Satsang and the youngsters may be inspired and encouraged towards Satsang, special Satsang Sabhas for the ladies devotees were also organized under the guidance and pious presence of H.H. Shri Laxmiswaroop Gadiwala on Sunday in the evening from 5.00 to 7.00 hours wherein these ladies devotees had performed Guru-poojan in the tradition of our Sampradaya and obtained the blessings and *Darshan* of their Guru H.H. Shri Laxmiswaroop Gadiwala.

Accepting the warm welcome and invitation of the devotees of our Vadtal Gadi, H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj also graced Shree Swaminarayan temple of our Vadtal Desh and granted the benefit of Divine *Darshan* to all the Satsangis and devotees. H.H. Shri Gadiwala and H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj graced the houses of the devotees of G.T.A. area.

The President devotee Shri Dashrathbhai Chaudhary and the Vice President devotee Shri Natubhai Patel had made all the arrangements of this pilgrimage in co-ordination and co-operation of all volunteer ladies devotees and other devotees.

- Shri Bhailalbhai Patel

UNIQUE JANM-JAYANTI MAHOTSAV OF H.H. SHRI MOTA MAHARAJ CELEBRATED 62 YEARS BACK

Some incidents and occasion in life are immemorial. Fame and distinction of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj are spread all over the world. Even at the age of 65 years our H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj has been rendering His invaluable services for the welfare and benefit for all the devotees and as well as for Shree Swaminarayan Museum.

Devotee Shri Sandipbhai Choksi found out issue dated 01/06/1947 of 'Sudha'. One beautiful article about celebration of 3rd Janmotsav of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj is published in that issue. With a view that all the devotees can share the memories of that golden moment, this article is written.

On the pious day of *Chaitra Vad-3*, Shree Swaminarayan temple, Kalupur is decorated with beautiful lights and colourful flags. A beautiful Musical Band is also playing. After Shangaar Aarti, a *Sabha* was conducted at the residence of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj wherein H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj Shri Devendraprasadji Maharaj, saints, *Parshads* and *Satsangi* devotees were present. When H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj graced the *Sabha*, He was welcomed with the garlands by the devotees who were present in the Sabha. As a mark of symbol of celebration of *Janm-Jayanti Mahaotsav*, a gift was offered by some of the devotees. Students of Shree Swaminarayan Sanskrit *Mahavidyalaya* of Kalupur temple had performed Stuti. Pradhan Pandit of *Mahavidyalaya* Shri Durganath Jha had presented a beautiful poem in Sanskrit to celebrate the birthday of H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj. Thereafter Pandit Shastri Kantilal Yagnik of *Pathshala* had presented a poem in Sanskrit created by him. Both the learned devotees had explained in detail the importance of the tradition of Acharya and the Lord Shree Narnarayandev

- Prof. Suryakant Bhatt (Bhuj)

established by Shri Bhagwan Swaminarayan. The whole *Sabha* was overwhelmed and surprised at this.

Place of Acharya is very beneficial for all *Satsangi* devotees, saints and *Parshads*. On this occasion Mantri Shri Devnaykacharya of *Sangh* had ardently requested H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj Shri Devendraprasadji Maharaj to accept the place of President of the Conference of *Sangh*. It was stated by him that, "May the Lord Shree Narnarayandev empower our H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj to shoulder the responsibilities and reins of our *Sampradaya* and also to strengthen it. Shri Maneklal Rajibhai also delivered a very good speech wherein he stated that, a sculptor does not keep his carvings with himself; similarly our H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj has not kept H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj only with himself and has offered the services of H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj for the whole *Sampradaya*.

Devotee Shri Nathjibhai Shukla has also stated that, "Place of Acharya is a Divine Place of Shree Purushottam Narayan and in him is put the divine element and powers by Shreeji Maharaj. RAj Kavi Thana Devli and Hamirdanji of Palanpur also sang the poems created by themselves:

ઉક્ષવીય સંપ્રદાય ભાગકો વસંતરૂપ
શરદ સમાન સંત પંકજ સમાન કો
સનાનત ધર્મ નભ સર કોહનુર રૂપ
નરાગ્રજ પીઠ અધિરાજ શિરતાજકો
અવધપ્રસાદ ધર્મ આસન ઉજાસરૂપ
જન્મદિન તેજેન્દ્ર લાલ મહારાજ કો

Sangitacharya Shri Vallabhdasji and saints performed *Kirtans* of Nand Saints upto late night. This whole occasion which is 62 years old, is very divine and a landmark event.

CELEBRATION OF 66TH PRAGATYOTSAV OF H.H. SHRI MOTA MAHARAJ SHRI TEJENDRAPRASAJI MAHARAJ

- Shastri Swami Narayanvallabhdasji

On the pious day of *Chaitra Vad-3* Thursday 01/04/2010 and under the pious company of the Lord Shree Narnarayandev and also in the pious company of our Future Acharya H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj 108 Shri Vrajendraprasadji Maharaj, 66th *Pragatyotsav* of our H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharaj was celebrated in the grand *Sabha* organized in the huge *Sabha Mandap*. It began with the *Kirtans* performed by the devotee Shri Jayeshbhai Soni and *Mangalacharan*.

Thereafter the learned Shri Vachaspati Mishra, Shri Kamleshbhai Shastri etc. *Brahmins* performed *Swasti-Vachan* and *poojan-archan* of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj. After *Swasti-Vachan* learned Mahant Sadguru Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji of Ahmedabad temple offered the garland to H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj. Thereafter Shri Dhyani Swami Hariswaroopdasji (Mahant Swami of Gandhinagar temple) Shri P.P. Swami (Jetalpur) and Mahant of Narayanghat temple and member of the Scheme Committee Sadguru Swami Devprakashdasji and Mahant of Chhapaiya temple and Member of the Scheme Committee Sadguru swami Brahmchari Vasudevanandji and Mahant Shastri Guruprasaddasji (Kankariya) Mahant Shastri Shreejiprakashdasji (Naranpura) and Mahant Shastri Premswaroopdasji (Siddhpur) and Shastri Swami Nirgundasji and Shasgri Akhileshwardasji and Mahant Swami Karishnavallabhdasji (Surendranagar) and Shstiri Swami Raghuvircharandasji and Mahant Shastri Ghanshyamprakashdasji

(Mansa) and Shastri Swami Anandpriyadasji and the student saint Narayanmunidas and the member of the Scheme Committee devotees Shri Dashrathbhai Patel and Shri Ramanbhai Patel etc. saints and devotees offered the garland and performed *poojan* of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj. Thereafter the saints delivered the inspirational speeches on this occasion.

On this pious occasion devotee Kothari Nandlalbhai and devotee Soni Nitinbhai and Shri Bhaskarbhai Brahmhatt had expressed the feelings of their hearts by offering the garland. Moreover little children of *Satsang Bal Mandal* Patel Krunal, Doshi Prasad, Doshi Maharshi, Kothari Darshan, Doshi Kirtan, Pavra Raturaj, Soni Abhijit, Pande Jigar etc. had offered the garlands to H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj and sang a wonderful song on the occasion of *Mangal Janmotsav* of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj. On this pious occasion our future Acharya H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj 108 Shri Vrajendraprasadji Maharaj delivered a divine Amrutvani wherein he prayed to the Almighty Lord Shree Narnarayandev for the best health for a long time for his grandfather H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and also inspired the saints and devotees for such prayer accordingly.

At lat H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj blessed the whole *Sabha* of the saints and the devotees and inspired them to make '*Shree Swaminarayan Museum*' Mahotsav a grand success. The *Sabha* was conducted by Shastri Narayanvallabhdasji (Vadnagar Mahant) which was concluded with *Dhoon* of *Shree Swaminarayan Mahamantra*.

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SPRITITUAL MEANING OF CHHAPAIYA

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The place and the village where our Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan was born is the village Chhapaiya. What is the meaning of this word 'Chhapaiya'? Do you Know? Perhaps no. So let us understand the spiritual meaning of this word 'Chhapaiya' which is illustrated very well by Vaishnavanand Swami.

Swami has stated that 'Piya' means 'Paramatma-Piya'. Here the word 'Piya' is used to mean the Almighty Lord i.e. Paramatma. This Paramatma incarnates when there emerges a desire otherwise He remains hidden. Does anyone know where he remains hidden? When we asked the question to Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan then Shreeji Maharaj has answered that lives in the hearts of the devotees. And when the heart of devotee desires strongly and passionately then I come. And when a devotee is benefited with divine Darshan of Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan in his heart then that day becomes Harinavmi for him. It is an overwhelming and pleasurable experience. Let us understand this experience in the words of Vaishnavanand Swami:

“ભુવિ કોટી પયાસ ભરે જલ પૂરન,
મોદ દધિ બઢ ઉર્ધ દીયો,
દિવિલંઘ ગયો રૂપિ લોકરૂ સત્યસુ,
વૈકુંઠથાન ડુબાઈ દીયો,
દસચાર ભરાઈ બઢી ઉર્મિ,

અતિ જોરસે અંડકો ફોર દીયો,
ગઉ લોકકું ઓર ચલ્યો અસમાનસુ,
અક્ષરબ્રહ્મ મિલાઈ દીયો.”

When Aksharadhipati incarnated and took birth on the pious land of Chhapaiya there was an ocean of pleasure for all the people of Chhapaiya and gradually this ocean engulfed the whole world and extending above from their it reached upto DEVLOCK, RISHILOK, JANLOK, BRAHMLOK and also to VAIKUNTH and from their it went up to GOLOK.

With the deities playing musical instruments, there is created a tradition of noble qualities. With the presence of Almighty God in our life, the whole life is transformed. Just as prior to arrival of any political dignitary, the roads are cleaned up and everything is placed in an order and nice placement. Similarly, when the noble feelings for Almighty God emerges the heart of the devotees, his heart becomes a pious place of Chhapaiya, all start healing the noble qualities, even the deities start performing Nritya and playing musical instruments and as a result thereof there is spread divine pleasure everywhere. One cannot imagine a night while sitting in a chariot of the Sun God.

A person who is sitting in the chariot of the Sun God never experiences the night because there is no night in the presence of the Sun God. Similarly, when we are sitting in the chariot of the Almighty God then we feel the divine Sat, Chit and Anand as described in the Upnishad and this pleasure is the from of Almighty God only. Therefore if one gets pleasure and joy in Bhajan, Bhakti, Satsang, in rendering services and also in Samagam with the saints, they should understand that they are getting pleasure with the Almighty God.

Dear devotees it has completed 228

years when Shreeji Maharaj graced this pious land of Bharat Khand and 229th year has begun and since then this pious land of Chhapaiya has become just like Akshardham. On this pious day if we determine to perform Bhakti with noble qualities like patience, unity and faith then the day becomes meaningful on the pious day of Harinavmi our hearts divine pleasure. In this way the words of Shreeji Maharaj has narrated in Vachnamrit become meaningful in our life.

PRASAD OF DUDHPAK

**- Sadhu Shrirang Maharaj
(Gandhinagar)**

Gay (Cow), Ganga (The pious river) and Gita (The famous scripture) are three milestones which are interwoven in the very texture of our Indian culture. They are mothers of our culture. During the instance times Rishies and Maharshis used to keep the cows in there Ashrams; even the kings used to keep thousands of cows. Even the people had great importance and place of cow in their lives.

There are many stories about cow in our *Puranas*. When Lord Shree Swaminarayan very young and staying in Chhapaiya, there were many cows at his home. There was one cow called Gomati, it was just like Kamdhenu.

Once Bhaktimata offered the meals to Ghanshyam Maharaj and asked him to wait

till she brings milk. But little Ghanshyam did not wait and followed his mother in Gaushala where she was milking the cow Gomati. But little Ghanshyam intervened and placed the empty glass in between and the milk started flowing into it. Bhaktimata was surprised; the milk continued and the utensil was full of milk. Bhaktimata was very much happy with is miracle. She decided to prepare Dudhpak and offer it to Thakorji and to all the members of the family.

Bhaktimata prepared very delicious sweet of Dudhpak, offered it to Thakorji and served it in the milks to all the members of the family. Dharmadev was very much surprised to know that this sweet was made by milking only one cow. Even after the milks by all the family members viz. Dharmadev, Bhaktimata, Ghanshyam Maharaj etc. there was still plenty of Dudhpak in the huge bowl. Bhaktimata distributed this divine Prasad of Dudhpak to all the villagers of Chhapaiya.

Ghanshyam Maharaj has performed many such Leela Charitra in Chhapaiya for the benefit of all the devotees. Friend's cow is very divine and pious animal and though it is an animal, it recognized Almighty God as she did recognized Ghanshyam Maharaj in Chhapaiya. Therefore, if people once to be happy then like a cow he should identify and render services to Almighty God in his life.

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Many Haribhaktas settled overseas have become members of 'Shree Swaminarayan' magazine many year back by paying the sea-mail subscription. In all there are such 27 sea-mail members. For the last one year the Indian Postal Department has stopped the Sea-mail services and therefore these sea-mail members are dispatched the issues of the magazine through air-mail. It is an humble request to these sea-mail members that, they may get life-time membership by paying air-mail subscription.

**FROM THE BLESSINGS OF H.H. SHRI
GADIWALA
'WHAT IS AAGIYARAS ?'**

**- Compilation by Kotak Varshan
Natvarlal (Ghodasar)**

Agiyaras means a combination of five senses, five *Karmas* and the eleventh mind; to renounce from all these eleven *Rasas* means *Agiyaras*. And then '*Upvaas*' means to remain close to Almighty Lord while worshipping him. There are many benefits of this *Upvaas*. Our mind and body both remain fit and agile with this *Upvaas*. Those who remain busy in the kitchen get relief from their daily chores and they feel serenity and peace of mind. They get some time to worship Almighty Lord. Just as every machine requires its service and repairing at regular period, similarly our mind also needs such spiritual service. With such *Upvaas*, Shreeji Maharaj remains very happy with us and our faith and worship are further strengthened. We can also overcome our inner enemies such Anger, Greed, etc. we can control our mind and all our feelings when we perform *Upvaas* regularly. So this *Agiyaras* is meant not only for observing fast but also for worshipping our Almighty Lord Shree Swaminarayan.

WHO IS INTELLIGENT ?

**- Sankhya Yogi Kokilaba
(Surendranagar)**

In *Vachanamrit*, Shreeji Maharaj has



showed us two great Paths one of progress and another of degeneration. Choice is ours. In more than 100 *Vachanamrit*, Shreeji Maharaj has insisted to choose the righteous path of noble qualities and progress and in more than 279 *Vachanamrit* Shreeji Maharaj has forbidden to take the path of degeneration and bad qualities. Those persons who are intelligent but do not look at their own evil qualities are in fact fools because they do not look at themselves. They should learn a message from this *Vachanamrit* should introspect so as to improve upon their inner qualities.

In *Haricharitamrit*, Shreeji Maharaj has stated that, a devotee takes only an evil path and does not behave on righteous path is a burden on this earth and gradually his worship get dried up under the burden of his own sins. Even if a devotee may be bright like a sun but if he takes only one evil quality then his own life would turn out to be meaningless and he would not attain peace of mind and also *Akshardham* after his death. Therefore all the devotees should make conscious efforts for self-introspection and should choose the righteous path as directed by Shree Hari in *Vachanamrit*.

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सत्संग समाचार

CELEBRATION OF SHREE NARNARAYAN JAYANTI PHUL DOLOTSAV IN AHMEDABAD TEMPLE

In the pious company of the Lord Shree Narnarayandev, H. H. Shree Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shree Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and future Acharya Maharaj of our Sampradaya H. H. Shree Lalji Maharaj 108 Shree Vrajendraprasaji Maharaj celebrated Shree Narnarayandev Jayanti *Phul Dolotsav* on the pious day of *Fagan Vad* - 2 date 02.03.2010 in the noon at 12.30 hours. First of all *Janma Jayanti Aarti* of the Lord Shree Narnarayandev was performed and thereafter, colourful water of wonderful *Kesuda* was sprinkled through the sprinklers run by the electric motor in the huge campus of our Ahmedabad Temple. H. H. Shree Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shree Lalji Maharaj as well as the saints and the devotees prayed with colourful water for more than one hour. It was a divine experience of celebration of *Phul Dolotsav* by all the devotees. On this occasion under the guidance and inspiration of Mahant Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji and Kothari *Parshad* Digambar Bhagat, J. K. Swami, Yogi Swami, Divyaprakash Swami and Muni Swami rendered beautiful services. The camera team of Doordarshan and E-TV had made beautiful live coverage of this occasion and therefore, all the devotees all over the country could avail the benefit of divine *Darshan* of pious occasion.

(Divya Prakashdas).

CELEBRATION OF RAM NAVMI SAMAIYA IN AHMEDABAD TEMPLE

Divine Prakatyotsav of Almighty God Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan was celebrated on the pious day of Chaitra Sud - 9 at 10.10 hours at night. Early in the morning from 6.30 to 7.00 *patotsav Mahabhishek* of Bal Swaroop Shree Ghanshyam Maharaj was performed in *Akshar Bhuvan* by H. H. Shree Acharya Maharaj at 12 hours in the noon *Aarti* of *Janmotsav* of *Leela Purshottam* Shree Ram Chandrajai Bhagwan was performed whose benefit of availed by thousands of *Haribhaktas* from the villages and the cities. Under the guidance of Mahant Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji and Kothari *Parshad* Digambar Bhagat, J. K. Swami and other saints had made beautiful arrangement on this occasion.

Annakut Darshan of *Bal Swaroop* Ghanshyam Maharaj continued upto 1 P.M. in the noon. Beautiful arrangement of the fruits for all the pilgrims was made in the temple. In the afternoon the called butter-milk was also served to all the *Haribhaktas*.

In Sabha Mandap our saints Shastri

Divyaprakashdasji, Guru Mahant Swami and famous artist Shri Jayeshbhai Soni and Shri Bharatbhai performed beautiful *Kirtans*. At 10.10 hours at night *Prakatyotsav* at *Aarti* was performed by H.H. Shree Mota Maharaj. On this occasion the beautiful programme of *Matki Fod* and fire crackers was also organized. Many devotees in large number had thronged in the temple and had availed the benefit of divine *Darshan* of *Prakatyotsav Mahotsav*.

(Tapan Patel)

CELEBRATION OF PATOTSAV OF SHREE RAVTI BALDEVJI HARI KRISHANA MAHARAJ IN JETALPUR DHAM

On the pious occasion of annual *Patotsav* of Shree Revti Baldevji Hari Krishana Maharaj and *Bal Swaroop* Shree Ghanshyam Maharaj of our Shree Swaminarayan Temple, Jetalpur Dham, Shreemad Bhagwat Dasamskandh Tridinatmak Parayan was organized. Shastri Swami Hariom Prakashdasji (Jetalpur Wadi) was the spoke person of the *Parayan* on the pious day of *Fagan Vad* - 8, Monday 08.03.2010 in the morning of 7.00 hours Shree Narnarayandev Pithadhipati H.H. Shree Acharya 1008 Shree Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj performed *Shodshopchar Mahabhishek* in Vedic tradition. Thousands of devotees availed the benefit of divine *Darshan* of this occasion in the Sabha organized on the occasion the devotee Shri Chandubhai Shivabhai Ganatra (Kaloliwala) of the host family performed *Poojan, Archan, Aarti* of H. H. Shree Acharya Maharaj and obtained the blessings. Shree Hari Yag was organized with Shri Tusharabhai Laheru as the Acharya. A beautiful *Jal Yatra* was performed on the previous day from *Akshar Mahol Wadi* to Shree Swaminarayan Temple Jetalpur Dham. Thereafter, with the directions of H. H. Shree Acharya Maharaj with the inspiration of Shastri Swami Purshottamprakashdasji (P.P. Swami) and Mahant Shastri Swami Aatmaprakashdasji and with the rendering of the services by the devotee Shri Prabhudas Patel of Kubedthal, a video CD on the life of *Gangama* prepared by Shri Yogeshbhai Pandya of Mrudang Studio was released. Further more *Satsang Sagar* book containing very useful informing about our *Sampradaya* as well as *Ghar Sabha* book prepared by Mota P.P. Swami were also released H. H. Shree Acharya Maharaj. The miracle experienced by Shri Vaibhavbhai Shah in the house of Kshliba in Mehsana was beautifully described by him. After the inspirational speeches by Mahant Shastri Swami Aatmaprakashdasji and P.P. Swami of Jetalpur Dham, Mahant Swami Guru Prasaddasji of Kankariya Mahant Shastri Swami Poornaprakashdasji of Dholka, Ghanshyam Swami

of Jamiyatpura, Shastri Hariom Prakashdasji of Akshar Maholwadi and Mahant Swami Brahmachari Vasudevanandji of Chhapaiya, H. H. Shree Acharya Maharaj blessed all the devotees. Beautiful arrangements on this occasion were made by Mahant K. P. Swami. At last, H. H. Shree Acharya Maharaj performed Annakut Aarti and granted the benefit of divine *Darshan* to all the devotees. H. H. Shree Gadiwala and H. H. Shree Mota Gadiwala had also graced the occasion to grant the benefit of *Darshan* and blessing to the ladies devotees.

(Shastri Bhaktinandandas)

Shree Swaminarayan temple, Kankaria Choryasi

With the blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and with the inspiration of Mahant Shastri Swami Guruprasaddasji and Shastri Swami Anandprasaddasji of Kankaria temple on the pious day of Fagun Sud-5 Shaher Choryasi, Patotsav and Parayan were organized from 15/02/2010 to 19/02/2010. Shastri Swami Yagnaprakashdasji was the spokesperson of Shrimad Bhagwat Panchanh Parayan. on 19/02/2010 early in the morning at 6.30 hours H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj performed Mahabhishek ritual of Thakorji and Kastbhanjandev. In the morning at 9.00 hours Shangaar and Annakut Aarti of Shri Radhakrishnadev was performed by H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj. Thereafter the host devotees performed puojan, archan and aarti of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj. H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj graced the occasion and granted the benefit of *Darshan* to all the devotees. And saints and Mahants from Ahmedabad, Jetalpur, Dholka, Muli and the Honourable Speaker of the State Assembly Shri Ashokbhai Bhatt had also arrived on the occasion. At last the Sabha was blessed by H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and it was directed to celebrated Shree Swaminarayan Museum Utsav with great fervour and enthusiasm. Poojari Swami Devkrishnadas had rendered services of Shangar to Thakorji and Narottam Bhagat and the saints had rendered the services for the kitchen. Devotees of Maninagar and Kankaria had rendered beautiful and inspirational services.

(Narottam Bhagat)

Shree Swaminarayan Temple, Ranip Rajat Jayanti Mahotsav

With the blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and the whole Dharmkul and under the guidance of Sadguru Shastri Swami Purushottamprakashdasji (Nana P.P. Swami Mahant Shri Naranghat), a grand Rajat Jayanti Mahotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Ranip was celebrated from 20/02/2010 to 24/02/2010. On this occasion Shrimad Satsangijivan Panchanh Parayan was organized with Sadguru Shastri Swami Rakmrishnadsaji (Shri Sahjanand

Gurukul, Koteswar) as the spokesperson. On the first day thousands of devotees had participated in *Pothi-Yatra*. On the next day in the evening a Grand Shobhayatra was organized in which H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj granted the benefit of Divine *Darshan* to all the devotees.

In the session of the evening, Abhishek of Gadi of Shree Hari and on the 4th day H.H. Shri Gadiwala graced the occasion and blessed all the devotees. *Darshan* of invocation of Shree Narnarayandev was also granted in the Sabha. H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj graced the occasion of Poornahuti and H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj performed aarti of Thakorji.

In the Sabha organized on the occasion, with the inspiration of Sadguru Mahant Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji (Ahmedabad), Sadguru Mahant Swami Devprakashdasji (Naranghat) and Sadguru Shastri Nana P.P. Swami (Mahant, Naranghat) 150 kg silver was collected for Rajat Tula of all the three Other Forms of Shree Hari on the divine occasion of Shree Swaminarayan Museum Inauguration *Mahotsav* 2010-2011. It is the divine *Sankalp* of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj that *Suvarna Tula* of Thakorji kept in *Pooja* may also be performed. The ladies devotees offered their own ornaments for this purpose and obtained the pleasure of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj. In this *Mahotsav*, many *Haribhaktas* rendered their services for the host of this *Mahotsav*. Ranip Committee, Mahotsav Committee and volunteer devotees of temple rendered very beautiful and inspirational services. At last H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj blessed all the devotees. (Shastri Chaitanyaswaroopdasji, Koteswar Gurukul)

Celebration of Suvarna Jayanti Mahotsav in New Vadaj Temple

With the blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and the whole Dharmkul and with the inspiration of Sadguru Shastri Swami Purushottamprakashdasji (Mahant, Naranghat temple) Suvarna Jayanti Mahotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, New Vadaj was celebrated from 21/03/2010 to 25/03/2010 on completion of 50 years of Nava Vadaj, Krishnanagar.

Many programmes were organized on this occasion of Mahotsav which included Shrimad Satsangijivan Panchanh Parayan. Sadguru Shastri Swami Ramkrishandasji (Koteswar Gurukul) was the spokesperson of the Parayan. A Tridinatmak Hariyag, Mahapooja, 51 hour Akhand Dhoon, Abhishek *Darshan*, Annakut *Darshan* etc. were also organized. A grand exhibition was also organized by Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal. A large number of devotees availed the benefit of Prasad for five days. Many devotees had rendered services for days and nights. Devotee Shri Bhikhabhai Parmar rendered services as the host of *Suvarna Jayanti*

Mahotsav. Many other devotees rendered their beautiful services on this occasion. In the evening on the 4th day, a grand **Shobha-yatra** was also organized. H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj graced the morning session and blessed all the devotees. Many devotees rendered their services for Shree Swaminarayan Museum. Sadguru Shastri Harikrishnadasji (Mahant, Ahmedabad temple) and Sadguru Swami Devprakashdasji (Mahant, Naranghat temple) had a noble Sankalp that there should be Suvarna-Tula of H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj and all the devotees and Haribhaktas rendered their services to fulfill that divine Sankalp. Simultaneously, ladies devotees also rendered their services for Suvarna Tula of Thakorji. During the whole Mahotsav many saints from various places had arrived. The Mahotsav Sabha was conducted by Sadguru Shastri Swami Purushottamprakashdasji (Mahant, Naranghat) and Sadguru Shastri Swami Chaitanyaswaroopdasji (Koteshwar Gurukul). (Shastri Swami Chaitanyaswaroopdasji)

Yuva Shibir in Balasinor

With the blessings and directions of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj '*Sneh Milan*' of Haribhaktas of Kanbha-Desh, Aantoli-Desh, Kapadvanj-Desh, Balasinor-Desh, Lunawada-Desh and Santrampur-Desh will be organized on Sunday 02/05/2010 at Balasinor. So all the leading devotees and Kothari of all the villages should contact **Shastri Vishwaswaroopdas : 9925365609**.

Celebration of Patotsav in Khan Temple of Brahmanand Swami

With the directions of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and inspiration of Mahant Swami Omprakashdasji, 24th Patotsav of Shree Radhakrishnadev Harikrishna Maharaj of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Khan (Rajasthan, a birthplace of Sadguru Brahmanand Swami) was celebrated on the pious day of Falgun Sud-7. On this occasion Shrimad Bhagwat Dasamskanda Tridinatmak Parayan was organized as Shastri Swami Vishwaswaroopdasji. In the morning at 6.30 hours on the pious day of Falgun Sud-7, Mahabhishek Shodashopchar of Thakorji was performed by H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj in Vedic tradition. Shree Narnaryandev Yuvak Mandal of Mahesana and Visnagar had rendered service for this Patotsav. After Abhishek, Shangar and Annakut aarti were performed by H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj.

In the Sabha organized on the occasion, Sadguru Swami Jagatprakashdasji and Shri Udayanbhai Maharaj narrated the talks about the Leela of Shreeji Maharaj. At last H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj blessed all the devotees for worshipping the Lord Shree Narnaryandev and Sadguru Brahmanand Swami. On this occasion Sadguru Swami Laxmiprasaddasji (Bapu), Sadguru Chandraprakashdasji, Naranpura, Aniruddha

Swami, Chandhu Bhagat and Dharmesh Bhagat had rendered beautiful services. The sabha was conducted by Bharat Bhagat of Muli. (Kuldip Bhagat)

Grand Shibir at Himmatnagar

In the pious company of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Koshalendrprasadj Maharaj and under the guidance of Idar Mahant Swami Jagdishprasaddasji and Himatnagar Mahant Shastri Swami Harijivandasji, a Grand Shibir (Yuva Shibir) of the young devotees of Sabarkantha area was organized on 21/02/2010. Sadguru Mahant Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji, Sadguru Shastri Harikeshavdasji, Sadguru Shastri Swami Narayanvallabhdasji, Shastri Swami Harijivandasji (Himatnagar Mahant) and Shreeji Swami (Sokli) had delivered their speeches on various subjects. H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj had explained in his own original way, the real ritual of Pooja.

Young devotees of 55 villages of Sabarkantha area had availed the benefit of this divine Shibir. Many Haribhaktas had rendered their inspirational services. The Sabha was conducted by Vasudevcharan Swami. At last it was pronounced to celebrate 38th Prakatyotsav of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj in Idar. (Poojari Ajayprakashdas)

Pancham Patotsav Mahotsav of Approach (Bapunagar) Temple

With the directions of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and blessings of Dharmvanshi Parivar, and with the inspiration of Mahant Swami Laxmanjivandasji, Pancham Patotsav of temple was celebrated from 16/02/2010 to 22/02/2010. on this occasion, on Sunday 31/01/2010, a Grand Shakotsav was celebrated in the pious company of H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj wherein about 20,000 devotees had participated. On Sunday 07/02/2010 about 1000 Haribhaktas had organized a Cycle Rally for propagation of Mahotsav.

Moreover Shrimad Satsangijivan Saptah Parayan, Maha Vishnu Yag, Shobha-Yatra, Mahabhishek of Shri Ghanshyam Maharaj, Chhapan Bhog Annakut, Free Medical Diagnosis camp with the services of Dr. Rasik Patel etc. programmes were also organized on this occasion.

Shastri Swami Nirgundasji and Shastri Swami Vishwvallabhdasji were the spokespersons of Parayan wherein Shree Hari Prakatyotsav, Gadi Abhishek, Yanga Purnahuti and Annakut aarti were also performed. H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj had graced the occasion and had blessed the whole Sabha. With a view to grant blessings and Darshan, H.H. Shri Gadiwala and H.H. Shri Mota Gadiwala had also graced this occasion. Many saints from various places had also arrived on this occasion. The chief host of the Parayan devotee Shri Anilbhai Kesubhai Jogani, and the chief host of the Patotsav devotee Shri Bhikhabhai Zinabhai Gajera as well as many

other host devotees had rendered their services on this occasion. (Gordhanbhai V. Sitapara)

Shree Swaminarayan Temple, Balaşinor

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and with the inspiration of Bhandari Swami Suryaprakashdasji, on the occasion of 169th Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple and Shree Swaminarayan Museum, Shrimad Satsangijivan Saptah Parayan was organized. Shastri Swami Vishwaswaroopdasji was the spokesperson of Parayan. H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj, H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj, H.H. Shri Gadiwala and H.H. Shri Raja had graced this occasion and had also granted the benefit of divine Darshan to all the devotees. On the occasion of Purnahuti of Patotsav and Parayan, Sadguru Mahant Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji and other saints had arrived and had performed Patotsav aarti. In the Sabha organized on the occasion, Mahant Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji, Shastri Swami Akhileshwardasji, P.P. Swami of Vadatal, Shastri Hariswaroopdasji had delivered inspirational speeches. Swami Nilkanthdasji, Ramesh Bhagat, Kuldip Bhagat had rendered beautiful services. Brahmswaroop Swami had conducted the Sabha. (Meet Kachhia)

Shree Swaminarayan temple, Uvarsad

With the directions of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj, Khat Muhurt ritual of Shree Swaminarayan temple (ladies) was performed by H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj on Falgun Sud-4 Thursday 18/02/2010. On this occasion Kothari Babubhai Bodhabhai Patel and devotee Shri Ghanshyambhai Patel and devotee Gordhanbhai (Sarpanch) and devotee Ishwarbhai and devotee Nathabhai etc. Haribhaktas had performed pooja, aarti of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj. On this occasion Shastri Swami Narayanvallabhdasji, Shastri Swami Premswaroopdasji, Shastri Swami Satsangibhusandasji and Shastri Vishwaswaroopdasji had delivered the speeches on the occasion. Swami Hariprakashdasji had welcomed H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj. Moreover, devotees had also offered the '*Gates of Prasadi*' for Shree Swaminarayan Museum. At last H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj had blessed the Sabha which was conducted by Shastri Swami Narayanvallabhdasji (Patel Ghanshyambhai)

3rd Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Ghatlodiya

With the directions of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj, 3rd Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Ghatlodiya was celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm. On this occasion beautiful Mahapooja was organized on Sunday 21/02/2010 from 7.30 to 11.30 in the morning wherein 150 Haribhaktas had participated.

On 21/02/2010 in the evening a *Satsang Sabha* was organized from 8.30 to 10.30 wherein Shastri Swami Satyaswaroopdasji and Shastri Suvratdasji

narrated Katha.

On 22/02/2010 at night, Shastri Swami Ramkrishnadasji (Koteswar Gurukul) had narrated a beautiful Katha.

On 23/02/2010 at night, Sadguru Shastri Nirgundasji had narrated a beautiful Katha.

On 24/02/2010 at 7.00 hours in the morning, Abhishek of Thakorji was performed by H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and had graced the house of the host and devotee Shri Shanabhai Shankarbhai and then graced the Sabha. In the Sabha, devotee Shri Virendrabhai the son of Shanabhai had offered the garland and performed *poojan*, *archan* and *aarti* of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj. Kothari Shri Somabhai and trustees and Haribhaktas of Ghatlodiya and Shri Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal offered the garlands to H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and obtained the blessings. In the Sabha organized on the occasion Shastri Swami Harikeshavdasji delivered an inspiration speech. The Sabha was conducted by Shastri Swami Premswaroopdasji. On this occasion, saints from Ahmedabad, Naranghat, Idar, Torda etc. temples had arrived. At last H.H. Shri H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj addressed the Sabha. (Pravinbhai T. Patel)

Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan Temple Kuha

With the directions of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and with the inspiration of Mahant Swami Guruprasaddasji of Kankariya temple and Swami Anandprasaddasji, Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Kuha was celebrated in the memory of Akshar Nivasi Shastri Swami Harigovinddasji. Kothari Shastri Yagnaprakashdasji was the spokesperson of Shrimad Bhagwat Katha organized on the occasion.

On the first day, H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj graced the occasion and a grand Shobhayatra was organized. The host devotees performed poojan, archan and aarti of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj. With H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj the learned saint Sadguru Shastri Swami Nirgundasji and Shastri Swami P.P. Swami from Jetalpur had also arrived on the occasion.

Patotsav Abhishek of Thakorji was performed by H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and thereafter *Purnahuti ritual* of Katha and Mahapooja was also performed. H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj was very much pleased and all the devotees were blessed. The whole Kuma Satsang Samaj offered the wooden doors of Prasadi to H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj for Shree Swaminarayan Museum. H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj was also accompanied by Mahant Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji and other saints. H.H. Shri Gadiwala had also graced the occasion to grant Darshan and blessings to ladies devotees.

On this occasion services of devotees Shri Ashokbhai Patel, Prakashbhai Patel, Arunbhai Patel, Pinalkumar Pate and other devotees were very inspirational. (Shri Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal)

Shree Swaminarayan Temple, Balwa

With the blessings and directions of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj, here Shree Bal Ghanshyam Sanskar Mandal is being run for the last nine years. About 50 to 60 children come regularly to attend Sandya Aarti. Children are imparted education about spirituality and religion and Katha Varta of our Sampradaya. Moreover pilgrimage and various festivals are also organized during the vacation. Devotee Shri Narayanbhai and devotee Shri Rajubhai have been taking very keen interest in such activities. H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj has been encouraging and inspiring this activity. (Ravi C. Chaudhary, Balwa)

Celebration of pious Purushottam Maas in the pious company of Shree Narnarayandev

With the directions of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj pious Purushottam Maas (Adhik Maas) would be observed in the pious company of the Lord

Shree Narnaryandev from Vaisakh Sud-1 (15/04/2010) to Vaisakh Vad Amaas (14/05/2010). All the festivals during this month would be celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm. To render services as the host of Utsav during this pious Adhim Kaas, the devotees may contact Kothari in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Kalupur, Ahmedabad.

Shree Swaminarayan Temple, Dhariyavad (Rajsthan)

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj, *Prakatyotsav* of the Lord Shree Swaminarayan was celebrated on the pious day of *Ramnavmi*. In the noon at 12.00 hours, *Janmoitsav Aarti* of the Lord Shree Rama was also performed in the temple. In the night at 10.10 hours, *Prakatyotsav Aarti* of Shree Hari was also performed. With the inspiration of Brahmchari Hariswaroopanandji, Gaurang Bhagat and Manthan Bhagat had rendered beautiful services. (Arjunsinh Pavar)

MULI DESH

Invocation of the idol images in Laxminagar (Tal. Morbi)

With the blessings of Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan and with the directions of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and with the inspiration of Aksharnivasi Sadguru Shastri Swami Gopalacharandasji, invocation of the idol images was celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm in the temple got constructed by his disciple Shastri Swami Suryaprakashdasji.

On 05/02/2010 Nagaryatra of Thakorji was organized and on 06/02/2010 Shobhayatra of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj was organized wherein a large number of devotees and *Haribhaktas* had participated. H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj had performed invocation ritual of the idol images of the deities of Thakorji, Shree Ganpatiji and Shree Hanumanji Maharaj.

In the *Sabha* organized on the occasion, the host devotee Shri Talshibhai Aghara family-Mavjibhai, Naranbhai, Babubhai and Kanjibhai and the chief host devotee Shri Vireshbhai Purushottambhai Patel (U.S.A.) performed aarti of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and obtained the blessings. The Sabha was conducted by Swami Krishnavallabhdasji. Mahant of Naranghat temple Nana P.P. Swami, and saints of Halvad, Dhrangadhra and Muli had delivered their beautiful speeches. Naranghat Mahant Swami Devprakashdasji, Kothari J.K. Swami, Balswaroop Swami, Das Swami (Bhat), J.P. Swami, and saints from Dhrangadhra, Halvad and Morbi had also arrived on this occasion. Ghanshyam Swami, Krishnavallabhdasji and J.K. Swami had looked after all the arrangements. H.H.

Shri Acharya Maharaj had directed all the devotees to come to the temple regularly to perform *Darshan* and blessed them.

On this occasion many *Haribhaktas* of America, Leicester, Surat, Morbi, Wankaner, Rajkot, Charadva, New Vadaj and Jivraj Park etc. places had availed the benefit of rendering their services. Shastri Swami Suryaprakashdasji was the spokesperson of *Katha* and Bal Swaroop Swami had performed *Samhita Path*. Similarly Sankhyayogi Rajkunvarba and Ushaba from Morbi had also rendered their services. (Kothari)

Shree Swaminarayan Temple, Rangpar (Tal. Morbi)

With the directions of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj, *Patotsav* of Thakorji of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Rangpar under Muli temple was performed on *Falgun Vad-6* (06/03/2010). On this occasion Shastri Swami Suryaprakashdasji had performed *Abhishek* and aarti of Shree Harikrishna Maharaj.

In the *sabha* many saints had delivered inspirational speeches. Mahant Swami Shyamsunderdasji of Haridwar temple had conveyed his wishes and blessings telephonically. Sankhyayogi Rajkunvarba and Ushaba from Morbi and other ladies devotees had also arrived on the occasion. *Annakut* prepared by the ladies devotees was offered to Thakorji. Jayprakash Swami and Jaykrishna Swami had arrived from Muli and had made arrangements of beautiful *Mahaprasad*. Benefit of this divine occasion was availed by Haribhaktas of Morbi, Jetpar and Charadva. (Pranjivan M. Makwana)

BHUJ DESH

Medical Camps in Kachchh on the occasion of Bhuj Mandir Mahotsav

With the blessings of Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan and with the directions of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and with the inspiration of Mahant Swami of Bhuj temple, various Medical Camps at following places in Bhuj Pradesh were organized with the co-operation of Matushri Meghbhai Premji Jetha Hospital and Research Centre, Bhuj run by Shri Kachhi Leuva Patel Education and Medical Trust under the auspices of **Shree Narnaryandev Medical Camp-2010** on the occasion of Shree Narnarayandev Nutan Mandir Mahotsav. Many devotees and organizations had also sponsored these Medical camps as under:

1) Nakhtrana, 20/12/2009 Shree Devashish Hospital. Sponsor: Shree K.S. Swaminarayan temple, Mombasa.

2) Dayapar, 31/01/2010 Shree Premji Mulji Vidyalaya. Sponsor: Shree Swaminarayan temple, Bhuj.

3) Kothara, 24/01/2010 Sheth G.T. High School. Sponsor: Vijay Construction & Staff, Cecils.

4) Mandvi, 14/02/2010 Shree Swaminarayan Sanskardham. Sponsor: Shree Swaminarayan temple, Nairobi, East Africa.

5) Dudhai, 07/03/2010 Shree Sardar Patel High

School. Sponsor: Elecamc : Plumbig Supplies U.K., and Baladia Medical Group of Frinend U.K.

6) Rahpar, 28/03/2010, Shree Leuva Patel Kanya Chhatralaya. Sponsor: Shri Kachchhi Vagad Leuva Patidar Samaj, Mumbai.

Matushri Meghbhai Premji Jetha Hospital and Research Centre, Bhuj run by Shri Kachhi Leuva Patel Education and Medical Trust would be organized from 16/05/2010 and it would be sponsored by Kanji Bhimji Radhavji & Sons, Nairobi, Blue Group U.K, Devrajbhai Halariya and Sons and Shri Kachchh Leuva Patel Community U.K. in Gandhidam Camp Keshavji Premji Bhudiya and Kanji Premji Bhudiya were sponsors.

Various services related to heart diagnosis and treatment were rendered in all these medical camps whose benefit was availed by about more than 20,000 devotees. Sadguru Swami Premprakashdasji, Kothari Jadavji Bhagat, Swami Balkrishnadasji, Shri Kanji Bhimji Jesani (London), Ramji Devji Vekariya (Eldorate), Kenya and Arjanbhai Gangji Pindoriya had rendered beautiful services.

H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj had blessed all the sponsor devotees for rendering such beautiful services to the society and *Sampradaya*. Services of our saints of Bhuj were also very inspirational during this whole campaign.

OVERSEAS NEWS

Shree Swaminarayan temple, Colonia (America)

With the directions of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and with the inspiration of Mahant Shastri Swami Dharmvallabhdasji and Shastri Harinandan Swami, Shivratri Mahotsav was celebrated in our Shree Swaminarayan temple, Colonia. Various programmes including the ritual of *Shivpoojan* were also performed. H.H. Shri Bindu Raja, Shri Suvratkumr and Shri Saumyakumar had also arrived on this occasion for *Darshan*. Importance of the Lord Shiva was explained beautifully by swami.

On 06/03/2010, a beautiful *Phuldolotsav* was organized in the evening from 5.00 to 8.00 hours in the presence of thousands of devotees. Shastri Swami Dharmvallabhdasji (Mahant), Shastri Harinandas, Mahant Shastri Swami Viswaprakashdasji from Cherry Hill had explained the importance of the Lord Shree Narnarayandev and *Phuldolotsav*. Many devotees of ISSO Chapters had availed the benefit of this *Phuldolotsav*. (Pravinbhai Shah)

Celebration of *Phuldolotsav* in Sine Mansion Temple

With the directions of H.H. Shri Acharya

Maharaj, Shree Narnarayandev Jayanti *Phuldolotsav* was celebrated in the pious company of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj on 08/03/2010 in our Shree Swaminarayan temple, Sine Mansion, (America, I.S.S.O). On this occasion a beautiful *Sabha* was also organized wherein Shastri Swami Nirgundasji had delivered a very inspirational speech explaining the importance of the Lord Shree Narnarayandev. Mahant of Colonia temple Shastri Swami Dharmvallabhdasji and Mahant of Vihokan temple Shastri Swami Madhavjivandasji and Mahant of this temple Shastri Vishwaprakashdasji etc. saints had made announcement of the inauguration of Shree Swaminarayan Museum in the next year and accordingly many devotees and *Haribhaktas* rendered their services for Shree Swaminarayan Museum and obtained the pleasure and blessings of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj.

Thereafter *aarti* of *Thakorji* in Hindola was also performed by H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj. All *Haribhaktas* were shown DVD of Shree Swaminarayan Museum. On this occasion devotees Shri Rajubhai (Vadu), Shri Navinbhai (Rajpur), Shri Arvindbhai, Shri Mahendrabhai, Shri Kartikbhai (Vadu), Shri Jagdishbhai (Jasalpur) etc. saints

rendered their services for construction of Shree Swaminarayan Museum and obtained the blessings and pleasure of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj. (Shastri Vishwaprakashdasji)

Shree Swaminarayan temple, Itaska, Chicago

With the blessings and directions of Shree Narnarayandev Pithadhipati Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendrprasadji Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj activities of *Satsang* are going on very nicely in Shree Narnarayandev temple, Chicago.

Here in the month of February-2010, *Shakotsav* and *Shivratri* were celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm. Shastri Swami Hariprasadji and Swami Jayprakashdasji Guru Mahant Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji (Ahmedabad), *Haribhaktas* had rendered their beautiful services on these both the occasions.

A beautiful *Katha* of *Shakotsav* was narrated by Shastri Swami Hariprasaddasji. The Kitchen Committee had prepared beautiful meals and offered it to Thakorji. On the pious day of *Shivratri* on 12th February 2010 our devotee Shri Vishnubhai Joshi had got performed *Shiv-poojan* and *Aarti* whose benefit was availed by many devotees. Shastri Swamiji had explained the importance of *Shiv Poojan* in a very easy language. J.P. Swami had provided very inspirational guidance throughout these occasions. (Vasant Trivedi)

Shree Swaminarayan temple, Los Angeles (America)

With the blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj all the festivals of our *Sampradaya* are celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Los Angeles. A beautiful *Darshan* of Shree Ghanshyam Maharaj in the snowy Himalayas were performed by the saints and the devotees of the temple. With the inspiration of Mahant Shastri Swami Dharmkishordaji, *Haribhaktas* had rendered their services upto late

night 2.00 hours. Shastri Swami had narrated the *Katha* of importance of the Lord Shiva. Here *Shree Narnarayandev Jayanti Phuldolotsav* was also celebrated in the temple. Our leading *Haribhakta* devotee Shri Premjibhai has been rendering his services in each of our festivals. Many other devotees also render their beautiful services on such occasions. Similarly Kothri, Yuvak Mandal and Yuvati Mandal also render their services on all such occasions. Mahant Swami had narrated *Katha* of *Shivratri*, *Shri Narnarayandev Jayanti* and *Dhuleti-Holi* very beautifully. With the support and co-operation of our young devotees Shri Samir, Ronak, Sumit, Nilkanth and Rasiq, a new website of our temple www.issola.com was also launched for live *Darshan* of the deities of the temple. With the blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj all festivals and *Utsav* are celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm and large number of devotees participate all these festivals. (Ishwarbhai Chaudhary)

Shree Swaminarayan temple, Toronto Canada

*With the directions of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj, poojan-archan and aarti of '*Shiksha-Patri*' was performed in our temple on the pious day of *Maha Sud-5 'Shiksha-Patri Jayanti'*. Swami Satyaswaroopdasji had narrated and read over many *Sholakas* from '*Shikah-Patri*' whose benefit was availed by *Haribhaktas*.

Under the directions contained in Shloka-84 of pious '*Shiksha-Patri*' *Shivpoojan* was performed by the Brahmins. Devotee Shri Naimishbhai Trivedi had rendered his services as host of this *Shiv-poojan*. Many other devotees had also rendered their services as co-hosts on this occasion and had obtained the blessings and pleasure of Shreeji Maharaj and Dharmvanshi Acharya Maharaj. (Shri Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal)

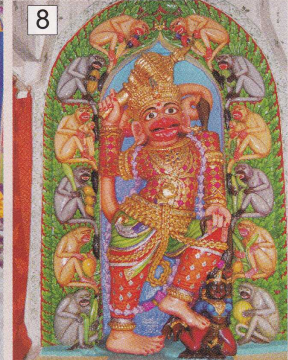
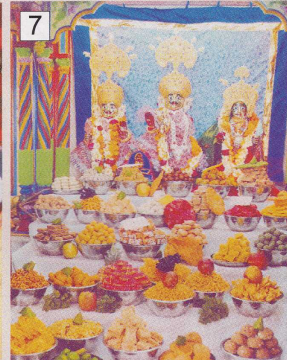
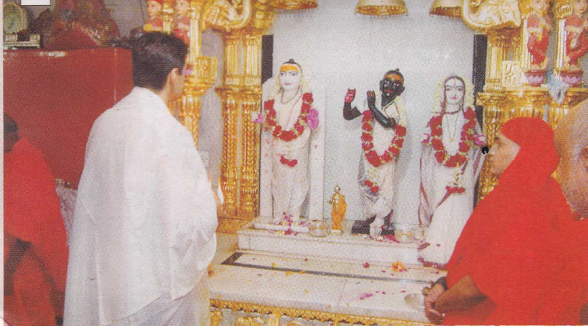
HONOUR OF OUR SAMPRADAYA

Devotee Shri Fagun Rajkotia of San Jose Daughter of our devotee Shree Jagadishbhai Shah (Semitronikwala) is the devotee of our Lord Shri Narnarayandev. Her invaluable and devout services have been appreciated by Joseph Horwedel, Director, Planning Building & Code Department of San Jose. It is an humble prayer to Lord Shree Hari that Almighty Shri Narnarayandev may inspire our devotee Shri Fagun Rajkotia to render such services.

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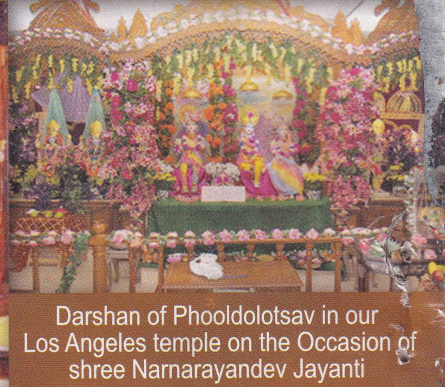
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1) H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj performing aarti of Kankaria temple Patotsav. 2) H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj blessing the devotees on the occasion of Shaheer-Choryasi and Patotsav of in Kankaria temple in the pious company of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj. The Honourable Speaker Shri Ashokbhai Bhatt. 3) H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj performing Abhishek of Thakorji in Patdi (Muli Desh) on the occasion of Patotsav. 4) H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj performing Vishnu Yag aarti in Nava Vadaj Temple. 5) H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj blessing the devotees on the occasion of Rajat Jayanti Patotsav of Ranip temple. 6) Devotees performing aarti of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj & H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj in Balasinor Temple. 7) Annakut Darshan in Khan temple on the occasion of Patotsav. 8) Divine Darshan of the idol image of Kastbhanjandev installed by H.H. Shri Aadi Acharya Ayodhyaprasadji Maharaj after renovation of Mansa Temple. 9) Haribhaktas performing Kirtan Bhakti in Samau temple on the occasion of Shree Hari Prakatyotsav. 10) Satsang Sabha in Approach Bapunagar temple in connection with Shree Swaminarayan Museum.

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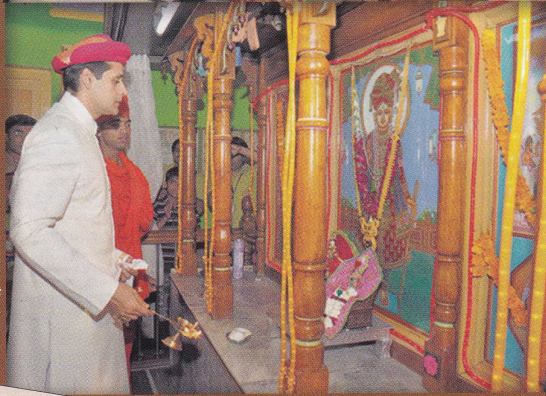


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Patotsav of
Ranip temple.



H.H. Shri
Acharya Maharaj
performing aarti
of Thakorji and
the host
devotees
performing aarti
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Form of Shree
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