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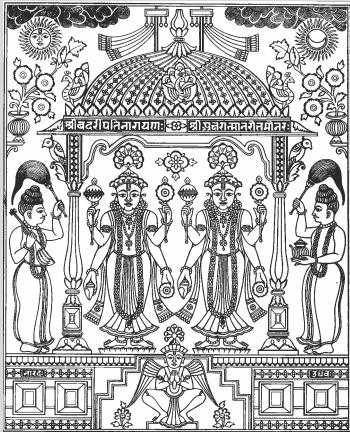
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On the occasion of the Golden Jubilee celebration of the Willesden - London (U.K.) temple, darshan of all three forms of Shri Hari.





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SHREE SWAMINARAYAN

# અરમદીયમ्

Dear Devotees,

The divine darshan of beautiful Hir Hindol in the inner temple gives joy to all. During this pious Chaturmas, one should take a special vow and perform special Bhajan. Maharaj has given us every single detail of how to live life by writing it in the pious 'Shikshapatri'. If there is no change in His commands and worship, life becomes meaningful. Nothing is left undone in the salvation of the soul.

The entire world studies many scriptures for spiritual purposes. But Maharaj has given us the essence of all scriptures in the pious 'Shikshapatri'. He has commanded us to recite it daily and behave accordingly. Even though it has been 200 years since this Shikshapatri was written, its commands are still relevant today, and even after thousands of years, it will remain an infallible weapon for the salvation of every soul, because... this is Vaani (the word) of Bhagwan Himself.

On the upcoming Vasant Panchami, we have to be determined to celebrate the 200th year Dwishatabdi (bicentenary festival) "Samaiyo" of the pious 'Shikshapatri'. We have to cultivate affection towards pious 'Shikshapatri' by contributing during "Samaiyo". The feeling to be cultivated is, "Shikshapatri is mine. I am a follower-worshipper of Shikshapatri."

Just look at our Acharya Maharajshri, how he rushes around to take care of so many temples in the country and abroad. After completing Guru Purnima festival here, He reached London the very next day to attend the 50th anniversary celebration (which was for nine days) of the London Willsenden temple. Everyone insists that Acharya Maharajshri attend their events. But now the expanse of the Satsang has grown a lot. Our temples have expanded greatly in the country and abroad. We all have to have a strong devotion to Shreeji Maharaj and maintain a continuous habit of Bhajan. Maharaj will surely make us happy in this world and the next.

As part of the environment initiative on the occasion of the Samaiyo, H.H. Shri Acharya Maharajshri has distributed Tulsi saplings-pots and thousands of Neem saplings. All devotees should take care of and nurture them. Every Haribhakta must surely try to plant one sapling per family and let it grow into a tree.

**Editor**

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**Shastri Swami**

**Purushottamprakashdasji**



**Appointment Diary of H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj  
(JULY - 2024)**

- 1 to 4 A youth camp (N.N.D.Y.) was organized under his auspicious guidance in Pennsylvania (America).
- 5 Performed Patotsav of Shri Swaminarayan Mandir in Florida (America).
- 6 to 14 Visited Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Willesden, London on the occasion of the Golden Jubilee Mahotsav.

## **Appointment Diary of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri**

**(JULY - 2024)**

- 6 On the occasion of Samaiya at Shri Swaminarayan Mandir Kalupur, he distributed Tulsi pots with his blessed hands.
- 10 Poojanarchanby saints and devotees on the occasion of Guru Purnima Mahotsav at Shri Swaminarayan Mandir Kalupur. Arrived in London at night.
- 11 to 14 Graced Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Willesden, London on the occasion of the Golden Jubilee Mahotsav.
- 21 Performed PranPratishtha of Shri Shivling at Asarwa Shri Swaminarayan Wadi Gurukul.
- 29 to 31 Visit to Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Badrinathdham for the Punah: Murti Pran Pratishtha ceremony.



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સ્યાત્તાતનિશાસ્ત્રાણિ ન માન્યાનિ કદાચન ॥૨૯॥

**“And those scriptures in which Lord Shri Krishna and the Varaha and other avatars of Lord Shri Krishna are refuted with logic, such scriptures should never be accepted or listened to. (29)**

**Commentary:** Shri Krishna, who is Parabrahman, the cause of all and Himself without a cause, and His many avatars who took place for the protection of dharma, should never be considered as valid scriptures if they are refuted with tricks and logic in false scriptures.

“Shri Krishna is not God, I have no faith in his avatars” etc. When we explain with a little enthusiasm and love to ignorant people who say “I have no faith”, they are immediately freed from ignorance and become faithful, but people like Charvak consider the world to be godless. “असत्यमाप्तिष्ठं ते जगदाहुरनीश्वरम्.” That is their view. People say that this world is created only by karma, and this natural world of three types of examination, created by the union of Purush, does not need God, believe Kapila Sankhyas. It is these people who, through their logic, cast doubt on the supreme divinity of Shri Krishna and the possibility of His avatars. There are other such atheists as well. One should not respect scriptures full of such word-webs that



refute God because reading them can also lead to bad impressions on our intellect.

Some factions, such as Pashupat and others, are led to believe that the Supreme God Parabrahman is someone else, not Shri Krishna, and they say “हिण्यगर्भः समवर्तताग्रे” अथवा “प्रजाकामो वै प्रजापतिः स तपोऽतप्यत अथवा “विश्वाधिको रुद्रो महर्षिः” and therefore they show Rudra as Parabrahman. But this view is not correct. Lord Badarayana has refuted it. The supreme divinity of Shri Krishna is established by the following Shrutis:

“नारायणपरा वेदाः” “वेदैश्च सर्वैरहमेव वेद्यः” “वासुदेवपरा वेदाः” । “एको ह वै नारायण आसीत् न ब्रह्म नेशानः । तथा

“कृष्ण एव हिलोकानामुत्पत्तिरपि चाव्ययः ।”

“कृष्णस्य हि कृते भूतमिदं विश्वं चराचरम् ॥”

Thus it is established that Shri

Krishna is the Supreme Lord, Parabrahman. In Shrutis and Smritis, Shri Krishna Paramatma is found to be the cause of the entire world. One party seems to believe that Parabrahmanis Nirguna (without attributes):- For example - to be considered worthy, because Parabrahman, by His own will, takes avatar as the lord of all avatars. "Niranjanam," "Saakshi kevalonirgunah" Ashabdam. "Asparsham Arupam." But this is refuted. The verses that negate attributes are related to Prakruti (material nature) and its despicable qualities. The verses that negate a body are also related to a material body. There is no contradiction in the existence of qualities in Lord Krishna or the existence of a non-material body. It should not be believed that 'Aakash Shariram Brahma' proves the formlessness of Brahman, because 'Aakash' means 'AasmanatKashte' i.e., Brahman with a luminous body that shines brightly from all four sides.

Furthermore, a text that refutes avatars is to be avoided. 'God never takes an avatar.' "If he takes an avatar, he does so with a material form" - such statements are disrespectful.

"अजायमानो बहुधा विजायते ।"

"तदात्मानं सृजाम्यहम् ।"

"भगवानीश आत्मानं सृजते हरिः ।

etc. those who disregard the avatars are of Asuri (demonic) origin. It is said in the Gita-

अवज्ञानन्ति मां भूढा मानषीं तनुमाश्रितम्...

राक्षसीमासुरी चैव प्रकृति मोहिनी श्रिताः ॥

Therefore, only those scriptures that establish the supreme divinity (Parabrahman), the possession of all

auspicious qualities (sakal-kalyan-gunatva), and the divine form (vighrahavatva) of Shri Krishna, as well as those that establish the despicable (heya), opposing (pratyaniyatva), possession of all auspicious qualities (sakal-kalyan-gunatva), and divine form (vighrahavatva) of Shri Krishna's avatars, should be accepted by the devotees of Shri Hari, and not others.

## Upcoming Utsav-Festivals of Shree Narnarayandev Desh

**August 21, 2025 (Thursday, Shravan Vad-13):** Taking Shree Hari Balmukundi down from the cradle.

**August 23, 2025 (Saturday, Shravan Vad-30):** Conclusion of Shiv Poojan, Kushgrahani Amas.

**August 26, 2025 (Tuesday, Bhadarva Sud-3):** Kevda Trij.

**August 27, 2025 (Wednesday, Bhadarva Sud-4):** Shree Ganesh Chaturthi.

**August 28, 2025 (Thursday, Bhadarva Sud-5):** Rishi Panchami.

**August 31, 2025 (Sunday, Bhadarva Sud-8):** Radhashtami.

**September 3, 2025 (Wednesday, Bhadarva Sud-11):** Jaljilani Ekadashi, Shree Ganpatiji's procession at 12:00 PM.

**September 4, 2025 (Thursday, Bhadarva Sud-12):** Vaman Jayanti, Aarti at 12:00 PM.

**September 7, 2025 (Sunday, Bhadarva Sud-15):** Mukutotsav Poonam. A lunar eclipse will be visible in India and is to be observed.

Vedh (observance period) begins: 12:57 PM.

Eclipse begins: 9:57 PM.

Eclipse ends: 1:26 AM.

**September 17, 2025 (Wednesday, Bhadarva Vad-11):** Indira Ekadashi.

**September 21, 2025 (Sunday, Bhadarva Vad-30):** Darsh Amavasya. A solar eclipse will not be visible in India, so it does

## GURU PURNIMA MESSAGE-2025

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**H.H. Shri Acharya Maharajshri, Kalupur Mandir, on the auspicious occasion of Ashadh Sud-15 Guru Purnima, dated 10-07-2025:** Sitting in the pious presence and at the lotus-like feet of Shree Nar Narayandev, we are fortunate that we can have such festivals and Samaiyas here. The sadhus just spoke, I have a humble request. We hear a lot that one should live under the directions and command of Maharajshri, so what command did I give? All of you are sitting, someone tell me, get up, come on, let any saint or any Haribhakta tell me that I gave this command. 212 Shlokas are written in the pious Shikshapatri, there is DeshVibhagLekh, the Satsangjivan is the religious text, and the commands given in it are to be followed by me and all of you. The point is this. I have no special command. In 2025, who listens to whose command? This is good. They don't come to fisticuffs!

In reality, being devoted to Bhagwanis the biggest thing. Just now P.P. Swami

(Jetalpur) said something very good. Maharaj searched for Ramanand Swami for so many years, but before that, he had also met people like Atmanand Swami. Those who have read will know that history. Maharaj abandoned him. Because he was teaching crooked and twisted things. Maharaj gave the commands only after having all the experience. So I don't know what command I'm going to issue. So far, no Acharya has given any new special command. So my request is not to say such things. Because if we climb up somewhere in this world, it will be difficult to get down. Since the topic has come up, let me tell you that Maharaj has said a very nice thing in the Vachanamrut. Normally, no commentary can be made on all of Maharaj's words, but some things especially touch me. In it, it is said that one should not even have the pride of being humble. Now you keep praising, "Maharajshri is humble, humble," and you get pride in that too, this is the reality! It has been seen many times, when someone is

repeatedly called “very humble, very humble,” then after ten years, one gets tired of searching for him and taking care of him. This is the reality.

The reality is that we have to live as devotees of Bhagwan, as ardent devotees of Dev. We have to do what belongs to Bhagwan. We should associate with those who belong to Bhagwan. These are Maharaj’s words! Sang i.e. the company is powerful. Maharaj has said whose company to keep and whose not to keep. Right now, suppose I am speaking, so I am asking, what is the meaning of Satsang? That which is Sat, which is true, which is eternal, which is going to remain forever. We have to associate with that. We should associate with Bhagwanand devotee of Bhagwan. Ask these saints! They are like family, so I can say this with love. I am not saying that their disciples are bad, but the maintenance is difficult. If I am wrong, let someone among you put a hand on their chest and deny it, then I will speak. Also, some of the Haribhaktas have become gurus. They also have a hobby of having disciples. So they take their disciples and do disco, sing and dance, the whole world is terrible.

Be devoted to Dev. Whatever service there is, do it where it belongs to Dev. Give charity to Dev, I especially tell the Haribhaktas of Shree NarnarayandevDesh to offer Dharmadeo. It’s fine if you don’t serve, but offer Dharmado. A person becomes happy by following the command of Bhagwan, right? So Dharmado is Maharaj’s command, not mine. We do many other things that are not necessary. We keep this much hair, that much hair, a little tuft, we do all that is not written anywhere, so let’s do what is written! So, offer Dharmado. And those who belong to Shree Narnarayandev, whose documents are of Shree Narnarayandev, and more than that, if you have a dilemma, either ask for the constitution. You have to say it clearly, or else I am here. If they don’t believe, tell them

to go to Maharajshri. I will give it to the Kalupur Mandir, take it from there.

From Badrinath, from top to bottom, all the accounts of the smallest temples function from the Kalupur Mandir. Our trustees are sitting here, they know. All receipt books - all receipts are available here. You don’t have to go to Chhapaiya, you don’t have to go anywhere. Everything happens here. Whatever belongs to Dev is going to remain. I am telling you this reality.

You see, there may be a lot of sparkling and shining, but it falls down with a thud. But I will wait. No matter how much glamor there is, let the world sparkle. But for us, the goal and aim of life is to be devoted to Bhagwan. From the time we wore Kanthi, applied Tilak, or understood Satsang, our work is just this effort and this path to become ardent devotees of Bhagwan. It’s very simple, so this is a special request.

Many people say, “Be happy.” Okay, all the Haribhaktas have love and affection, so you say that. We believe it, but we are already happy, when were we ever unhappy? We would be if you did some crooked work. If you create some new fraud or open a new shop, I will be in trouble. Whatever you do in your business is fine, but if something happens that is not of Dev or a parallel world to Dev is created, it will not be tolerated, I had said that before. There will be no compromise on principles. Not today, it hasn’t happened in so many generations, and it will never happen in Ahmedabad Desh for as many generations to come, I can give that in writing. And it is necessary for all of us to cultivate that understanding.

Today we have received such a Bhagwan, just think, I had to go to London but no, it’s Guru Purnima, today I can have darshan of Dev and all of you have also come to perform darshan of Dev today, not me. Maharaj created this position (seat of Acharya). The dignity of that position comes from Bhagwan, and that is correct. But the responsibility is very big, it is difficult. At the end of the day, this is not a thing of the

person, it is the dignity of the position. It is Guru Purnima, you have come to have darshan of Dev and Guru is only one, who is sitting inside (on the throne), there is no other Guru. (You may not say it from your mouth, but in the Dharmavanshi Acharya tradition established by Shri Hari, who is sitting on the throne, at present you are the Guru of all of us, Tyagi (renunciates) and Gruhi (householders), in the Uttar Vibhag). P.P. Swami (Jetalpur) spoke about the tradition from Maharaj's time, the meaning of which is that the name of the Acharya comes after the name of the sadhus as the guru. Whatever is there is good, father! Don't increase the maintenance. I have to call and ask every day, "Did you eat? Did you not eat?" What happened? Doesn't it happen to you? You are sitting here and you get a call, "Where have you gone?"

In reality, such a large community of brothers and sisters gathering together is a very great sacrifice. It is of the sadhus, but especially of the Haribhaktas. Because even with so much work today, taking out time, as I always say, contributing with mind, body and money and in today's time, the biggest thing is to contribute with time, which is very difficult. They made Hindola (swings), did this, did that; the young children, sons and daughters, who are working hard, it is amazing. There is no greater Satya Yuga in the world than this. Someone I met just now said, "It's a complete Kali Yuga." "Yes, it is, but only for you. We live beyond the Satya Yuga. We are a span above Akshardham. After getting Bhagwan, what Kali Yuga can you have?" But he says, "No, a complete Kali Yuga!" "Okay brother! It must be a complete one for you!" I became tense thinking what this "halahal" must be? 'Halalahal!' Then, looking at his face, I felt that this person needs a mental asylum, nothing else.

Blessed are those sons and daughters who have achieved so much progress by preserving the tradition and culture. Blessed are their parents. I had to go

abroad two or three times recently. We went to Canada. Mahant Swami said 150 crores. Not 150 crores, it's 15 million dollars. Where have we gone with 150 crore rupees from here? We spend it there, but it is a very big amount. 15 million dollars were spent for an empty space abroad for the first time.

In Toronto, a temple was built especially for the sons and daughters of every one of our villages who had gone there as students. Today, those same sons and daughters are living abroad and serving in the temples there. Thanks. Thanks to all of you, the parents, the elders, who have given these values, this all happens. This is the reality. Otherwise, there are a lot of talks, you praise me and I praise you, not like that, but I see people serving inside the country or abroad. Grandfathers bring their sons, we ask their names, just think, you feel how many values, how much they must have gained because in today's time, no one comes close by leaving all this, yet these people are serving.

Along with that, P.P. Swami just mentioned, many festivals and a lot of temple work are going on. JetalpurUtsav, ShikshapatriSamaiyo, and so many other activities are taking place and they will continue. There is no end to it. But all this happens because of Bhagwan. It happens because of Bhagwan. In all the work that happens, all of you have a contribution. Just now Mahant Swami said that a car goes from the temple with prasad and feeds those who are in need. They are making a road next to our farm. There must be 25-30 small children, sons and daughters. Now we have a big house, it's so big it's like a small village, and that house belongs to Dev. It is not ours. The land where we live is Dev's land. That place belongs to the temple. That is the place of the temple. We wear Dev's clothes, I say this clearly. The car we come in belongs to the temple, it belongs to Narnarayandev. Whatever there is, it belongs to Dev. Since a lot of cooking happens, the leftovers were being taken by

our bhagat to feed those children. One day H.H. Shri Gadiwala saw this and thought, why should we feed them leftovers? We should make more food for them. I am not saying this because it is about H.H. ShriGadiwala, but there is something for me and all of you to learn from this. So I made a call to our temple in Naranpura that we need to feed so many more people. Because if we forget the characteristic of humanity, then no matter how many malas we chant, it will not be of any use. If there is no humanity, it is all a sham. If seeing a hungry person doesn't melt your heart, then applying tilaks is also a sham. one who cannot bear to see a distressed person, one who becomes very restless with compassion..., one who gives food, wealth, and clothes, and sorrow removes it, who with a compassionate glance... Are these verses just for singing every day? We fill our stomachs and eat four times a day, we throw Ladoos, and if we don't give food to some poor hungry person, then everything else we have done is useless.

Let me tell you another thing, at our residence on the farm, so many Haribhaktas give grain and all that. Now, Dev gives us all the grain etc., so what is the point of collecting more? So there is a Hanumanji temple nearby. Whoever it belongs to, Ramroti is served there. H.H. Shri Gadiwala gets parcels made there. There must be about 250-300 people who have no home, no place to live, we don't know them, but they are in need. The point is that without humanity, religion will not work, without humanity, the Sampradaya will not work, and Bhagwan will not be pleased. This is the reality. No matter how many tilaks we apply, in the end, we will need humanity.

Today we are celebrating ShikshapatriUtsav. So Maharaj has written the same thing in the Shikshapatri, right? There should be humanity in life, goodwill, love, and affection for one another, and that affection is visible here. Otherwise, why would we gather? Today, if any Haribhakta

from this country, abroad, from a village, or from a city has a problem or we have a problem, we stand with each other. What is our relationship? I have said many times. We don't even have a relationship of Sutak. We are from U.P. you are from Gujarat, someone is from Rajasthan, someone from Banaskantha, or someone from Kutch or Kathiyawad, but remember that our father is one. Everything will change, but does a father ever change? The ones sitting on this gadi (throne) have also changed, right? There was MotaBapji, then he made me sit, forcefully! I'm telling you the truth, what if you don't believe? This position is of great responsibility. For three and a half years Bapji said, P.P. Swami knows. I said, you have to sign, I will do the hard work, you keep going. And anyway, the older the Acharyas and sadhus get, the more golden they become, so I said, 'keep going,' but after a point, you have to obey Bapji's command, right? On this Gadi, K e s h a v p r a s a d j i D a d a , Purushottamprakashji Dada, Vasudevprasadji Dada, and then Devendraprasadji Dada came - how many people sat? Have they changed or not? Have they changed for you or not? We see your generations come and go. It changes among the sadhus, a guru has his guru, but this Shree Narnarayandev sitting on the throne will not change, this will not change.

And it is a matter of pride that since Maharaj consecrated Him, He has not moved a single micrometer (1 mm) to this day. We have that Bhagwan, and we have the birthplace Chhapaiya, be proud of that, I don't need anything else. I don't need money. Many people have money, even thugs and smugglers have it, there is no happiness in that. Happiness is only at the feet of Bhagwan. It is in this Satsang. There is no such Satya Yuga anywhere else. A Sabha (gathering) is going on here, it's going on in London. If you look everywhere, in villages and abroad, not just for Guru Purnima, but any gathering is going on with

thousands of people! Just think how much Satsang there is, how much mercy of Bhagwan there is, because of which our families have been preserved, otherwise, they would have been scattered somewhere. What else would have happened? You tell me. What would have been our condition if we hadn't found Bhagwan? It's a very simple thing. Is this a wrong thing? You think about it yourself. Maharaj has made us happy with food, wealth, and clothes, so how many projects are running? Today, Haribhaktas give crores of rupees. Thanks to those devotees who give to Bhagwan after doing plus-minus from what they have to spend for their sons and daughters, that is a sacrifice. The appreciation is very big. What would happen if we didn't find Bhagwan? Where would we be? Would we have an end? So, if we think about what we have received in reality, we have got a very great thing. Bhagwan is the central place, the center point. But if we think about the package that comes with it, we get Satsang, we get brothers and sisters, sons and daughters who stand with us in happiness and sorrow. All these things are not found anywhere in the world.

I recently had to go to Canada and was talking to a friend who is a very senior attorney advocate. He was saying, what is this roaming around doing all sorts of temples abroad, as if they don't have any other work, business, or home! Now, that person has no connection to Satsang, but he told me that whatever temples are built abroad, they certainly preserve the values of us and our sons and daughters. That's when I became conscious and thought, 'Come on, let's go!' We should go, otherwise, we would get bored sometimes, right? Who would go? Sitting in a plane for 30 hours, there is no happiness in that. It's better to go by train than that, but the reality is that everything happens with the pride of Bhagwan, and we have to be careful that this pride of Bhagwan never goes away, we have to keep that continuous effort.

Because of these four feet (the feet of Shree Narnarayandev) we are happy, so let us be devoted to Dev. We should only step where it belongs to Narnarayandev. Let it sink in, don't just clap, serve where it belongs to Dev. If you have the desire and the facility, otherwise, there is so much in the world, it is not worth getting involved in all of it. If we get involved in that, we will get lost.

Now it's time for Aarti. The sisters are performing Dhoon. Have darshan of Bhagwan and be devoted to Dev. As mine, there is no need to be. It is the warmth of your affection and love that makes me go to all the villages. This Sampradaya of ours is our very big family. Before sleeping at night, take half a minute to introspect and think, has anyone else received what we have? Has anyone else received what the NarnarayandevDesh has received? I say this with a thump on my chest. Everyone is just moving their legs here and there, they haven't fallen into a ditch yet... Let's be proud of what we have received today. We are so happy. Small or big things may come and go, but in the end, our father is great, the lord of infinite universes is our father. And He takes care of us. This Dev takes care of us, let's stay under His protection, let's be very proud, keep coming to have darshan of this Bhagwan. Please be devoted to Dev, that is my request, that is my special recommendation.

Many thanks to everyone. It was just mentioned that the sisters collected rupees four crores for the kitchen of Shree Narnarayandev and you all come here for that very reason. Because a push has to come from somewhere, we know almost all the Haribhaktas, we know them, there is affection, there is love. A prayer at the lotus feet of Narnarayandev that Maharaj does very auspicious things for all of you.

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## SHREE SWAMINARAYAN MUSEUM

For the convenience of all haribhaktas and with the pious Sankalp of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and the whole Dharmkul now New Sthapana Deen of Shree Swaminarayan Museum will be celebrated on 29th of each year.



### Implementation of New Technology in our Shree Swaminarayan Museum

New technology has now been implemented in our Shree Swaminarayan Museum so that the true glory of the items kept in our museum can be easily understood. In the first hall, the section with the Pratishtha of Shri Narnarayandev and the DeshVibhagLekh is explained in detail through the medium of audio and visuals using 3D mapping. In this way, efforts have been made throughout the museum to make the visit more interesting for visitor-spectators through the use of technology in different ways.

### List of Host devotees who availed the benefit of Abhishek of Shree Narnarayandev in Shree Swaminarayan Museum-July-25

Date 11-07-2025 : Devotee Shri Dhaval Rameshbhai Patel - Mahadevnagar.

Date 13-07-2025 : Shree NarnarayandevMahila Mandal - Sabarmati-Ahmedabad Date 19-07-2025: (3:00 PM) Devotee Shri GhanshyambhaiMaganlal Patel - Kundalwala - Navrangpura

Date 20-07-2025 : (3:00 PM) Devotee Shri AshwinbhaiVasudevbhai Modi - Bhadaj-Ahmedabad –inspiration by Sadguru Ghanshyam Swami - Koteswar Gurukul

Date 27-07-2025 : P.Bh. PritMukeshbhaiVinubhaiSojitra - Approach-Bapunagar.

10 gram, 20 gram, silver coins of Shree Narnarayandev are available at Shree Swaminarayan Museum for offering it on pious occasions and for personal preservation.

**Instruction:-** On every pious day of Punam, H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj shall perform aarti in the morning at 11.30 hours in Shree Swaminarayan Museum.

# bhakti sudha

**FROM THE BLESSINGS OF H.H. SHRI GADIWALA ON THE OCCASION OF SATSANG SABHA OF EKADASHI (KALUPURMANDIR – HAVELI, "NIRJALA EKADASHI FAST")**

**(Compilation : Kotak Varsha Natvarlal – Ghodasar)**

It was just mentioned in the Katha that we have received a platter that is already served. So we have to make sure it gets digested. Just as everything gets digested if the body is healthy, in the same way, spiritual knowledge also gets digested if the "soul" is healthy, so we must make every effort to keep the soul healthy. **Maharaj has served everything and gone, but we have to eat with the mindfulness that it gets digested.** We mostly have Ekadashi on the day of Baras. The Ekadashi which is combined with Baras is very influential. According to the scriptures, observing Ekadashi that is combined with Baras gives a reward equivalent to performing one hundred Yajnas. So the meaning is that Maharaj has shown us that we get a hundred times more than what others get. Maharaj has shown us everything in every matter. We just have to do as Maharaj has said.

On the day of Nirjala Ekadashi, many people ask questions like, "Can we drink milk? Can we drink waterless tea-coffee?" Here it is to be understood that if you have taken milk and fruits, you get the reward of Ekadashi. But you don't get the reward of Nirjala Ekadashi. Another thing is that many people take water and fruit after 12 o'clock at night. That's not right, the custom of after 12 o'clock at night belongs to the British. It's not ours. And think, when does the day start? It happens only after sunrise, right? So does the sun ever rise after twelve o'clock? We should not follow English customs but Hindu Dharma; water should be drunk only after sunrise of the next day. On the day of Ekadashi, if you want to drink water before

sunrise, you can. This is all for those who can fast and for those who really want to fast according to the rules. Those who have to take medicine in an unavoidable situation can take it with water. This is all for those who want to do it. Those who have to take medicine in an unavoidable situation can take it with water. Bhagwan is Antaryami. He knows everything. He forgives in unavoidable situations. If you have to take medicine, don't get sad, just say to Bhagwan, "Please be happy." But don't make an excuse, only if there is a disease that requires medicine. There is no permission to take medicines for a cold, headaches, etc.

Secondly, when you sit for pooja, you can do 'achaman' (sipping a small amount of water), but don't drink half a glass of water under the pretext of achaman. If you gargle, the water should not go inside. The mind takes you in all directions. But you have to be mindful. On the day of Ekadashi, one should recite the Vishnusahasranam. Do not slander anyone, speak less, do not engage in worldly talks, just as you do not give food to the body, you should not give food to the senses either. That means you must pay special attention to keeping your senses in control. This Nirjala fast destroys all sins. Therefore, one should fast with faith by keeping the senses in control. The reward of the Nirjala Ekadashi fast that we do, increases in every 'Prahara' (a period of three hours). One Prahara is three hours. For example, you get 50% of the Punya (merit) for one Prahara. Then when the second Prahara is completed after that Prahara, you get much more than 100% of the reward of that second Prahara. In this way, the merit increases with every Prahara.

According to the scriptures, a person who does not drink water on the day of Nirjala Ekadashi gets the merit of donating crores of 'Pal' of gold in every Prahara. Whatever you do on this Ekadashi, be it bathing, donating, chanting, Havan, or Jagaran (staying awake), all of it becomes "Akshay" (imperishable). This means that the reward you get is imperishable. This reward is never destroyed in any situation. How many people do this? How to pass the time while hungry. So, they sit down to do

housework that has been pending for many days, thinking that since they don't have to cook today, time will pass quickly, and the pending work will also get done. You shouldn't do that, that is considered cheating yourself. What does fasting mean?

The very meaning of 'upvas' (fasting) is to stay near to Bhagwan. To remain engrossed in the devotion of Bhagwan, so much so that one forgets about eating and drinking. We also find that some people do not engage their mind in any activity other than 'bhajan' (devotional singing) so that their mind does not get diverted towards food and drink. This cannot be called a fast. Doing so will not earn any merit.

Whenever we undertake any task, there is a 'goal' or a reason for doing it. Then that task becomes easy. When we observe the Ekadashi vow, what is its purpose? Why do you do it? Because everyone else does? One should have the sentiment that Maharaj (Bhagwan Swaminarayan) will be pleased and grant me His 'sannidhya' (divine presence); only then will it be done with love. The Nirjala Ekadashi vow should not be done forcibly. One must be mentally prepared. We should decide in our minds that if we haven't faced any difficulty so far, we won't face any now. Maharaj bestows strength along with the rule. Maharaj is always standing behind us. Maharaj has not made all these rules to trouble us. Just as when parents tell a child to do something, it is not to harass them. Parents are concerned for their child, that their child does not go down the wrong path and remains disciplined. And they always stand behind their child. Similarly, Bhagwan also worries about us, His devotees in Kaliyug, and prepares us in every way so that we do not have to return to this mortal world. He wants us to come to Him and simultaneously gives us the strength. Otherwise, it is not possible in so much heat. How is it possible? Secondly, one should stay in the company of devotees, so that one gets inspired by seeing each other. When we see others, we feel that they are older than me and are still doing it. Those younger than me are also doing it. In this way, the company of a satsangi provides inspiration.

By observing the Nirjala Ekadashi vow with proper rituals, one gets the merit of all the Ekadashis of both the bright (Shuklapaksha) and dark (Krishnapaksha) fortnights of the month. The meritorious fruit of this Ekadashi cannot be described. One receives the fruit of all pilgrimages and all charities. Therefore, if the body permits, one should definitely observe it. There are two things in this. One should not make excuses. Pray to Bhagwan to grant me strength. So that I can perform this vow with ease. And when you break the fast (parana), you shouldn't immediately sit down with a plate full of food. Everything should be consumed slowly. First, drink a little water, then have lemon sherbet, then have some fruits, and then grains can be consumed. We pray at the feet of Shree NarNarayanDev that He may give us all the strength to observe the Nirjala fast and attain His grace.

## DHARMA IS THE ESSENCE OF LIFE By SankhyayogiKokilaba (Surendranagar)

Nishkulanan Swami cautions the soul, "Ā{o Ā{o Mkki fnu Āký Ā{o{kt cknw {{o Au. Ā{o īku Ā{oMkwík ð[Lk yus Ākh{ Ā{o Au." "Everyone speaks of Dharma, but there is a deep meaning in Dharma. Dharma is the word of Dharmasut (son of Dharma, i.e., Bhagwan Swaminarayan), and that is the supreme Dharma."

If we find this to be true, then our lifestyle will surely become brighter. And we can live our lives according to Maharaj's word. Still, a question arises in the mind: what is Dharma? The command given by Maharaj is Dharma. Living a life in violation of His command cannot be said to have even a trace of Dharma. What is the use of applying tilak-chandlo and talking big? If we do not follow even a single one of His commands in our lives, how can we be considered devotees?

Today in society, the meaning of Dharma has been limited to rituals like puja-path, rites, etc. In the Shikshapatri, Bhagwan Swaminarayan has given a beautiful definition of Dharma: "That which is prescribed by the Shruti and Smriti scriptures, the righteous conduct (Sadachar) established by them, should be known as Dharma." The Smriti scriptures state: yk[kh: Ākh{ku Ā{o: "Acharah paramo dharmah" (Conduct is the supreme

religion). That conduct which leads to happiness in this world, in the heavenly worlds, and in salvation is called Dharma. Eating, sleeping, fear, and sensual pleasures are present in animals just as they are in humans. Man is placed in a higher category and animals in a lower one. Why is that? Because man possesses Dharma.

It is special. And the value is only of Dharma. A person who does not have Dharma is an animal even if he is a man. For him, prayer to Bhagwan, as well as Dharma and bhakti (devotion), are impossible. There should be love and compassion for all living beings in the world. The moral code of Dharma is ultimately a letter of love. However, to maintain its existence... [text unclear]. Dharma is the foundation that preserves a person's humanity. Dharma purifies human life and makes it radiant. Dharma instills the spirit of culture in human life. Dharma makes a person ascend upwards. A life without Dharma is like a body without a soul. It has neither radiance nor light, neither life nor purity. It is Dharma that infuses life, love, and purity into life.

Dharma is not a subject to be spoken about; it is a subject of life. It is not a matter of description but a matter of coloring the soul. Our life is the first step of Dharma. A person may appear very religious from the outside, but if his inner life is corrupt and filled with hatred and malice, if anger and ego roam within, and there is greed, desire, hatred, and pride along with prejudice, then that is not the true Dharma of human life. Obstacles are bound to come in life, but Dharma teaches us how to live. If we live appropriately according to the commandments, it becomes Dharma. Dharma and life are not separate. They are complementary to each other. Dharma shows the way to live an excellent life. Dharma shows you and me the direction to become virtuous. It is for me and you to put a hand on our chests and reflect on where we stand, having set Dharma aside.

Bhagwan Swaminarayan has said in the Vachanamrut, "One who takes refuge in the murti (idol) of Bhagwan, who sings and listens to the divine deeds of Bhagwan, and who chants the name of Bhagwan, but lacks Dharma, is like one who wishes to cross the ocean with a stone on his head." Despite

Dharma being so important, most people keep dogs, cats, parrots, and many other things, but they do not keep (follow) the one thing, Dharma. And they do not care for their elderly parents. This is a tragedy of human society. If there is no love for living beings in human life, then he is far from Bhagwan. If one cannot understand the precious human life we have received, then understanding Dharma is very difficult. Otherwise, Dharma is the essence of life, the path to salvation. So let us walk the path of Dharma and become worthy of the grace of the most merciful Bhagwan Swaminarayan. Let us live to please Him, meditate, worship, and remember Him, and finally go to His Akshardham.

## THE LOVING DEVOTEE, AMBA SHETH By Thakkar VinabenNarendrabhai (Bopal)

Among the countless devotees of Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan, the staunch, service-oriented, and loving devotee from Gadhali, "Amba Sheth," is counted in the first rank. Amba Sheth was a native of Gadhali village.

Amba Sheth had a great longing to find Bhagwan. Remembering Bhagwan, he set out into the forest. He prayed to Bhagwan from his heart, and a divine voice from the sky said, "Bhagwan has incarnated. Go to Durgapur Gadhada! There you will find Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan!" Upon hearing of Maharaj's glory and influence, his emotional and loving heart became eager for darshan (sight of the divine). Just as a loving child runs to its mother, he ran barefoot and hastily to Gadhpur. Maharaj was seated in an assembly. Seeing him coming from a distance, He smiled gently and called him by name, "Come, Amba Sheth!" Amba Sheth performed prostrations. Maharaj affectionately helped him up, embraced him with love, placed a hand on his head, and he became a devotee of Maharaj.

In Amba Sheth's heart, a nectar-like love for Maharaj constantly flowed. Whatever new thing he made, he would not use it without first offering it to Bhagwan. He would also perform all services, big or small, himself. Amba Sheth's daily routine was to wake up early in the morning, finish his ablutions, and walk from his village to Gadhada to give Maharaj a datan (a twig for brushing teeth). He would

select the best datan the previous night, chew one end to soften it, and keep it overnight in a small bag of crushed cardamom. He offered this fragrant datan to Maharaj, regardless of cold or rain. He would deliver it himself, perform prostrations, touch the saints' feet, and then return to Gadhali while remembering Bhagwan. The datan was a small thing, but the sentiment was great. Pleased with this special service, which was a result of the devotee's special love, Maharaj always kept Amba Sheth's heart pure.

After recognizing Maharaj, Amba Sheth's life was elevated. With love, Amba Sheth would serve Malpua-Doodhpak (sweet dishes) to Maharaj and the saints, feeling blessed. He was always ready to serve Maharaj and the saints. Then, joining his hands, he would humbly say to Maharaj, "Maharaj! I have named you 'Nyalkaran' (one who makes others blissful). You have blessed many souls like me. Whoever meets you becomes 'nyal' (blissful)!" "I have experienced that you have the power to bestow bliss and divine happiness upon all who come in contact with you, which is why I have named you 'Nyalkaran'." Maharaj smiled gently, greatly pleased with the profound understanding of his loving devotee. Amba Sheth ordered ten maunds (a unit of weight) of sugar, had it consecrated as prasad, and distributed it throughout the village, saying "Jai Nyalkaran."

Amba Sheth had four sons and was a man of considerable wealth (two lakhs). But with his higher understanding, he considered only the two sons who kept the company of Maharaj and engaged in devotion as his true sons. He regarded the sixty thousand (currency) that was used for the sake of Bhagwan, saints, and charity as his real capital. Maharaj hugged this devotee of high understanding and placed his lotus feet on his chest.

## BADRINATH

**By Labhuben Manubhai Patel (Kundal)**

Walking from Lakshmanjhula, Varniraj (the young Bhagwan Swaminarayan) crossed forests and mountains, descended and ascended the treacherous banks of rivers, where wild animals like deer, buffaloes, tigers,

and lions, therethe twelve-year-old Varniraj, alone and fearless, roamed freely and made joyful sounds. While moving ahead He reached at Badrinath where Bhagwan Badrinath Narayan is seated. Beside him, the Alaknanda river flows with a roar as if in a frenzy. In this region, wearing nothing but a loincloth, he is unaffected by the flashes of lightning. He is sitting on a rock, observing the beautiful scenery of the Himalayas and listening to the sweet, murmuring sound of the flowing water of the Alaknanda.

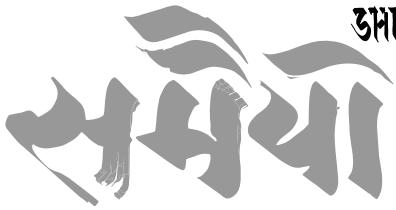
At that moment, Satyug (the first of the four cosmic ages) came to Varniraj in the guise of a Brahmin and expressed his sorrow. "Previously, everyone followed dharma (righteousness). Now, everyone has started practicing adharma (unrighteousness). Therefore, I am not respected." Varniraj consoled him, saying, "I will end your sorrow and establish Sat-dharma (true righteousness)."

Then, another man, taking the form of a merchant, arrived and said, "I am Dwaparyug (the second age). In my time, all people performed yagnas (sacrificial rituals) and yoga, practiced righteousness, and were devoted to serving the Bhagwans. All this has now stopped. O Shrihari, what should I do now?" Varniraj said, "I will find a solution for all this, do not worry," and gave him a boon.

Then a man dressed as a Kshatriya (warrior) arrived and said, "I am Tretayug (the third age). In my time, people worshipped the Bhagwans through yagnas and followed dharma. Now, no one does this." Varniraj promised, "I will ensure that yagnas, worship, and devotion are performed. Do not worry."

Afterward, a man resembling a Bhil (tribal) came and said, "I am Kaliyug (the current age). Now that you have manifested, adharma will be destroyed. So where should I live?" Varniraj replied, "You shall reside wherever adharma is practiced." Hearing this, Kaliyug was pleased, bowed to Varniraj, and went on his way.

Thus, the four Yugas presented their grievances. Bhagwan Narayan, having assumed a human form as Shri Varniraj, performed his own aarti.



## ON THE OCCASION OF SAMAIYO

### HirnaHindola Darshan at the world's first Ahmedabad temple in celebration of the Samaiyo

By the supreme grace of the merciful Shree Narnarayandev, with the directions of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharajshri and with the blessings of the entire Dharmakul, and with the beautiful inspiration of the respected Mahant SadguruShastri Swami Purushottamprakashdasji of the Ahmedabad temple, and under the excellent supervision and guidance of Sadguru Kothari Shastri SwamiNarayanmunidasji, a beautiful and artistic "HirnaHindola Darshan" (Silk Cradle Darshan) was arranged. In celebration of our upcoming grand festival, the "Samaiyo," at the world's first Shree Swaminarayan Mandir in Ahmedabad, this darshan was set up behind our main temple. It was inaugurated for devotees on 10-7-2025 by the blessed hands of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharajshri. In addition to this, the main temple was also beautifully decorated with silk.

From Ashadh Vad-2 to Shravan Vad-2, traditionally, new and artistic grand hindolas (cradles) made of zari, dry fruits, vegetables, fresh fruits, pavitra, and rakhis were created before Thakorji in the main temple. The pujari Brahmachari Swami would swing BhagwanBalmukund in them every evening for darshan.

P.P. Acharya Maharajshri praised the service of our dedicated devoteesdevotee Ranjitsinh Darbar, devoteeSureshbhai (Kothar), Shri Hardikbhai Rajpurohit, Ghatodia Mandir, R.C. Technical Mandir, and devotees from Nava Vadaj including Pankajbhai Bhavsar and others who were involved in the service of all these hindolas, and bestowed his blessings upon them. (Kothari Swami, Kalupur Mandir)

### At the pious land of Mansa in the Dandhavya Desh Bal YuvaShibir (Children-Youth Camp) and Shikshapatri Oratory Competition

By the grace of the merciful Shree Narnarayandev and with the command of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharajshri, and under the chairmanship of our future Acharya H.H. 108 Shree VrajendraprasadjiMaharajshri, a children-youth camp and Shikshapatri oratory competition was beautifully organized. This event was held in celebration of our upcoming grand festival, "Samaiyo." It was held with the inspiration of Puja Sadguru Mahant Shastri Swami Purushottamprakashdasji (Kalupur) and under the excellent guidance of Sadguru Mahant Shastri Swami Ajayprakashdasji (Mansa) and Sadguru Mahant Shastri Swami Devprakashdasji (Unava). The event took place on Sunday, 13-7-2025, from 9 AM to 12 PM at the Chaudhari Sankul in Mansa, the great sanctified land of the Dandhavya region.

Over 200 children and youth from Mansa and surrounding areas participated in the Shikshapatri oratory competition, setting an excellent example that touched everyone. Saints from the Ahmedabad temple were present on this occasion. The inspirational services of our active devoteesdevotee Vipulbhai Chaudhari (Bapupura) and Prof. Pravinbhai Chaudhari was very inspirational during the entire organization. (Kothari Swami - Kalupur Mandir)

### Sabha (Assemblies) held by Shree Swaminarayan Mandir Siddhpur-Khan (Rajasthan)in celebration of the Samaiyo

By the grace of the merciful Shree Narnarayandev, with the command of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharajshri, the blessings of the entire Dharmakul, and the inspiration of the respected Mahant of the Ahmedabad temple, Swami SadguruShastri Swami Purushottamprakashdasji, Sadguru Mahant ShastriSwamiKunjviharidasji (Siddhpur-Khan) continuously traveled and held satsang assemblies in the following villages. These were held in celebration of the Samaiyo for the 200-anniversary of the writing of the Shikshapatri, and he explained the outline of our Samaiyo to the devotees.

**Prantij-ModasaDesh:**Akrund, Deviya, Moyad, Sayra, Dhansura, Ranipura, Kherol, Bayal (Dhakrol). **ViharGeritaDesh:**Vijapur, Vajapur, Bhanpur, Jepur, Sankapura, Ranchhodpura. **Khan Sirohi (Raj.)Desh:** Khan village, Sirohi. **Siddhpur-UnjhaDesh:** He provided the beautiful benefit of satsang and spiritual stories through assemblies to the devotees of villages including Siddhpur, UnjhaPanchvati, Chanasma, Patan, Unjha Brahman Sheri, and Mandlop. (Mahant ShastriSwamiKunjviharidasji (Siddhpur-Khan))

### Activities by Shree Swaminarayan Mandir, Laloda (IdarDesh) in celebration of the Samaiyo and JetalpurDwishatabdi Mahotsav (Bicentenary Festival)

By the grace of the merciful Shree Narnarayandev and with the directions of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharajshri and the blessings of the entire Dharmakul... with the inspiration of Sadguru Kothari Swami Vishwprakashdasji and Poojari Swami Balkrishnadasji, Shree Swaminarayan Mandir Laloda organized various events in celebration of the 200-anniversary of the writing of the Shikshapatri ("Samaiyo") and the Jetalpurdham Bicentenary Festival. Among these events, a padayatra (foot pilgrimage) was organized on Ekadashi, 22-6-2025, from Lalodadham to Idardham for the darshan of Shree GopinathjiHarikrishna Maharaj. Many devotees joined this. On 6-7-2025 Ekadashi, 200 devotees participated in a bike rally from Lalodadham to Jetalpurdham for the darshan of Shree Revati-BaldevjiHarikrishna Maharaj. Here at the Lalodadham temple, in celebration of the Samaiyo and the 200 years of Jetalpur, Mahamantra dhoon (chanting) is being performed daily for 1 hour. Sain Mandal (the group of saints) here promotes and guides devotees for very good satsang. (Shastri SwamiPremprakashdasji-Lalodadham)

### Guru Purnima Mahotsav at the World's First Temple in Ahmedabad

The Guru Purnima Mahotsav was celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm on Thursday, July 10, 2025 (Ashad Sud-15), in the auspicious presence of ParamkripaluShree Narnarayandev at the world's first grand temple, Shree Swaminarayan Mandir, Kalupur.

Upon his arrival, H.H. Shri Acharya Maharajshri was given a heartfelt welcome at the main entrance by Mahant Swami and thousands of saints and devotees. After performing the Shangar Aarti of Shree Narnarayandev, a beautiful and divine silk Hindola (swing) at the rear of the Nij Mandir was inaugurated. For the convenience of the devotees, a new entrance leading to the dining hall, located below the assembly hall, was also opened. Later, in the assembly, learned students from the Swaminarayan Sanskrit Mahavidyalaya recited the SwastiVachan in Sanskrit. Saints and host families collectively performed poojan and aarti of the Dharmavanshi (the Acharya). In the Sabha, Sadguru Shastri Swami Nirgundasji, Sadguru Shastri Swami Purushottamprakashdasji (Jetalpur), and Sadguru Mahant Shastri Swami Purushottamprakashdasji extended their best wishes to H.H. Shri Maharajshri on behalf of all the saints. Information about upcoming festivals like Samaiyo, JetalpurDwishatabdi (Bicentenary) Mahotsav, Acharya Sthapan Mahotsav, and Badrinarayan Dham Murti Pratishtha, along with other religious activities was also shared.

During the event, devotees shared information about ongoing grand temple projects worth crores in Canada, Australia, Chhapaiyadham, New Nikol, Kudasan, Kalupur temple, Dahegam, Bhabhar, Shantigram and Shilaj. Shri Ram Swami had skillfully conducted the Sabha. Shri Muni Swami was praised for overseeing all the decorations, while Shri Bhandari Swami, Balu Swami, Divyaswaroop Swami, and other saints and devotees diligently managed volunteers, the youth group, parking, and prasad distribution.

The excellent arrangements, despite the presence of thousands of devotees, were seen as the grace of Shree Narnarayandev. H.H. Shri Gadiwalashri addressed and sent a note to the Sabha praising the patience and faith of all the ladies devotees.

Host devotees of Guru Purnima : Devotee Shalin Arvindbhai Donga family (Ahmedabad), Devotee Pravinbhai Natvarbhai Patle family (Sedlawala), devotee ParshottamdasTribhovandas Patel family (Bhaupura), devotee Chandrakantbhai Darjibhai Patel family (Kalapi Group – Vastral), devotee RanchhodbhaiVitthalbhai Patel family (Bhagat) (Gandhinagar), AksharNivasi devotee ShankarlalNarandas Patel family (Kothawala) through Dr. Samir Ghanshyambhai Patel, Akshar Nivasi devotee Bhaktibhai Atmarambhai Patel family (Dongawala) through devotee Narendrabhai, Shri Shrenikbhai, AksharNivasi devotee Shri Kamleshbhai (Ranip)

All host families received blessings after performing poojan and aarti of the Acharya Maharajshri. The discourse for the occasion was delivered by Swami Divyaswarupdasji. At last H.H. Shri Acharya Maharajshri blessed all the saints and devotees and strongly emphasized maintaining faith in Bhagwan and the importance of offering Dharmado. A large number of ladies devotees also gathered in the Haveli to perform Darshan and blessings of H.H. Shri Gadiwalashri. The devotees felt blessed after having the darshan of the Dharmavanshi in a disciplined manner. Although H.H. Shri Acharya Maharajshri was scheduled to attend Suvarna Jayanti Mahotsav of the Willesden Mandir, he remained present till the completion of the program in Ahmedabad due to the immense love of lakhs of devotees before departing for London at night accompanied by saints and Parshad Mandal.(Kothari Swami, Kalupur Mandir)

### Distribution of Tulsi pots by the blessed hands of P.P. Acharya Maharajshri

On the occasion of the upcoming Samaiya at Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Kalupur, on 6-7-2025, as a part of an environmental initiative, Tulsi pots were distributed to a large number of devotees by the blessed hands of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharajshri. Mahant Swami of the Ahmedabad temple and other saints were also present. (Kothari Swami, Kalupur Mandir)

## Annual Patotsav Celebrated at Shree Swaminarayan Mandir, Gomtipur, Ahmedabad

The annual Patotsav (anniversary celebration) of Shree Swaminarayan Mandir, Gomtipur, was celebrated with great enthusiasm on July 23, 2025 (Ashadh Vad-14). The event was held with the blessings of the Dharmakul and the inspiration of Sadguru Swami Abhishekprasaddasji, Mahant of KankariaRambaug temple. From 9:30 PM to 11:30 PM, visiting saints, including Sadguru Mahant Shastri Swami Narayanvallabhdasji (Vadnagar) and Sadguru Mahant Swami Abhishekprasaddasji (Kankaria), narrated Katha-Vartaon the life of Shree Hari and outlined the plans for the upcoming Samaiyo Mahotsav. The saints also spoke about the significance of worshipping the Panchdev (five deities) as instructed in the pious Shikshapatri. Mahant Swami Abhishekprasaddasji performed the Annakut aarti and all the devotees availed the benefit of divine darshan.(Kotharishri, Gomtipur Mandir)

## 200-Hour Akhand Dhoon in Karshnepura (Dist. Mehsana) as a part of celebration of upcoming JetalpurdhamDwshatabdi Mahotsav

A 200-hour Mahamantra Dhoon was organized at Shree Swaminarayan temple in Karshnepura village as a part of celebration of upcoming Jetalpurdham Dwshatabdi Mahotsav. The event was held with the blessings of Shree RevatiBaldevjiHarikrishna Maharaj of Jetalpur, Acharya Maharajshri, and the entire Dharmakul, and with the inspiration of Mahants of Jetalpurdham. On its conclusion on July 11, 2025, saints from Jetalpur, Mehsana, and Kalupur, including Sadguru Mahant Swami Krishnaprakashdasji and Trustee Shri Hariswarupanandji performed aarti and narrated Katha Vartadelighting the devotees.(ShastriJanmangal Swami, Jetalpurdham)

## 200-Hour Continuous Doon in Joshipura (Khakhariya) as a part of celebration of upcoming JetalpurdhamDwshatabdi Mahotsav

With the blessings of Jetalpurdham Nivasi Paramkripalu Sankalpsiddha Shree Revti Baldevji Harikrishna Maharaj and with the directions of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and with the blessings of the whole Dharmkul and with the inspiration of Mahant Sadguru Shastri

Swami Atmaprakashdasji, Mahant Sadguru Shastri Swami Purushottamprakashdasji of Jetalpurdham, a 200-hour Akhand Dhoon was organized in the village Joshipura (Khakhariya) as a part of celebration of upcoming Jetalpurdham Dwshatabdi Mahotsav. At the conclusion of Dhoon on June 6, 2025, saints from Mehsana and Jaipur, including Sadguru Mahant Swami Vishwaprakashdasji and Sadguru Mahant Swami Devswarupdasji, narrated Katha Vartaand performed the concluding aarti.(ShastriJanmangal Swami, Jetalpurdham)

## SATSANG NEWS FROM THE MULI REGION

### 161<sup>st</sup>Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan Mandir, Dhrangadhra (Sita Darvaja)

With the blessings of Mulidham Nivasi Paramkripalu Shree Radhakrishnadev Harikrishna Maharaj and with the directions of Acharya 1008 Shree Koshalendraprasadji Maharajshri and with the blessings of the whole Dharmkul, 161<sup>st</sup>Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan Mandir, Dhrangadhra (Sita Darvaja)established by H.H. Shri Adi AcharyashriAyodhyaprasadji Maharaj, was celebrated on July 3, 2025. On this occasion saints from the Ranjitgadh temple of Mulidham performed an Annakut aarti and narrated Katha. A four-hour Mahamantra Dhoon was also held for the peace of the souls who passed away in anairplane crash in Ahmedabad.(Anil Dudrejiya, Dhrangadhra)

### Guru Purnima Celebrated at Halvad and Charadva Temples

With the directions of Acharya 1008 Shree KoshalendraprasadjiMaharajshri and with the blessings of the whole Dharmkul, on the pious day of Guru Purnima on July 10, 2025, celebrations were held at HalvadPrasadi Mandir in the Muli region. Sadguru Shastri Swami Bhaktinandandasji addressed the Sabha organized on the occasion, speaking on the greatness of Acharya Maharajshri as the Guru of all devotees and saints, who always works for the betterment of his followers. He explained the significance of the Dharmakul in the words of SadguruNishkulanan Swami.

Similarly, at the Charadva temple, Mahant Shastri Swami Divyaprakashdasji performed Guru Poojan and spoke about the importance and glory of Dharmavanshi.(Anil Dudrejiya, Dhrangadhra)

**LIST OF SAINTS WHO WENT TO VILLAGES FOR NARRATING KATHA  
DURING THE MONSOON OF SAMVAT 2081-82**

Name of (Desh)	Name of the Mandal-dhari Saint
<b>Ahmedabad City Choryasi</b>	Sadguru Mahant Shastri Swami Purushottamprakashdasji Guru Swami Devkrishnadasji (Kalupur)
<b>Kanbha</b>	Sadguru Shastri Swami Ghanshyamdasji Guru Sadguru Swami Keshavcharandasji (Kalupur)
<b>Balasinor</b>	Sadguru Shastri Swami Rajendraprasaddasji Guru Sadguru Swami Swayamprakashdasji (Kalupur)
<b>Antroli</b>	Sadguru Mahant Swami Dharmswarupdasji Guru Sadguru Swami Jankivallabhdasji (Porda)
<b>Lunawada</b>	Sadguru Swami Anandswarupdasji Guru Sadguru Shastri Swami Vasudevcharandasji (Porda)
<b>Marusana-Katosana</b>	Sadguru Swami Ajayprakashdasji Guru Sadguru Swami Jagdishprasaddasji (Dholka)
<b>Trent Sitapur</b>	Sadguru Mahant Shastri Swami Atmaprakashdasji Guru Sadguru Swami Narnarayandasji (Jetalpur)
<b>Visnagar</b>	Sadguru Mahant Shastri Swami Narayanvallabhdasji Guru Sadguru Swami Harisevadasji (Vadnagar)
<b>Kapadvanj</b>	Sadguru Shastri Swami Ghanshyamdasji Guru Sadguru Swami Keshavcharandasji (Kalupur)
<b>Vihar-Gerita</b>	Sadguru Mahant Shastri Swami Kunjviharidasji (Siddhpur)
<b>Vadu-Dangarwa</b>	Sadguru Mahant Shastri Swami Yagnaprakashdasji Guru Sadguru Swami Guruprasaddasji (Kalol)
<b>Balva</b>	Sadguru Mahant Swami Devprakashdasji Guru Sadguru Mahant Shastri Swami Purushottamprakashdasji (Unava)
<b>Bhat-Kasindra</b>	Sadguru Shastri Swami Dhyanpriyadasji (Bopal)
<b>Viramgam</b>	Sadguru Mahant Shastri Swami Atmaprakashdasji Guru Sadguru Swami Narnarayandasji (Jetalpur)
<b>Langhnaj</b>	Sadguru Shastri Swami Sachidanandji Guru Sha. Swami Shreeprakashdasji (Muli)
<b>Mokhasan</b>	Sadguru Sha. Swami Guruprasaddasji Guru Sadguru Swami Harigovinddasji (Kalol)
<b>Unjha (Siddhpur)</b>	Sadguru Mahant Shastri Swami Kunjviharidasji (Siddhpur)
<b>Banaskantha</b>	Sadguru Mahant Shastri Swami Narayanmunidasji Guru Sadguru Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji (Kota)
<b>Por-Vavol</b>	Sadguru Mahant Shastri Swami Satyasankalpdasji (Narayanghat) Guru Sadguru Shastri Swami Purushottamprakashdasji (Kalupur)
<b>Dhamasana</b>	Sadguru Mahant Shastri Swami Divyaprakashdasji Guru Sadguru Swami Devprakashdasji (Bapunagar)
<b>Prantij-Modasa</b>	Sadguru Swami Gopalswarupdasji Guru Shastri Swami Kunjviharidasji
<b>Sanand-Godhavi</b>	Sadguru Shastri Swami Dhyanpriyadasji (Bopal)
<b>Sirohi</b>	Sadguru Mahant Shastri Swami Kunjviharidasji (Siddhpur)
<b>Sadra-Vasana</b>	Sadguru Mahant Shastri Swami Divyaprakashdasji Guru Sadguru Swami Devprakashdasji (Bapunagar)
<b>Kudal-Rajpur</b>	Sadguru Mahant Swami Sadgundasji (Himatnagar)
<b>Santrampur</b>	Sadguru Mahant Shastri Swami Vasudevcharandasji Guru Sadguru Swami Jankivallabhdasji (Porda)
<b>Nalkantha</b>	Under the care of the Kothari
<b>Khakhariya</b>	Sadguru Swami Balkrishnadasji Guru Sadguru Swami Shriharidasji

**Note: If a new village name is to be added to this region, contact Balu Swami.**

# SHREE SWAMINARAYAN

## List of devotees who offered services for Thaal to Thakorji and Rasoi (meals) to Saint-Varni Parshads in Ahmedabad temple

**Vaishakh Sud-1** Devotee MuljiHirji Kera (Mandvi-Kutch), Devotee DhanjibhaiNathabhai Patel (Surat). **Vaishakh Sud-2** Devotee Pratik Narendrabhai Thakkar (Ahmedabad), AksharNivasi Sadguru SwamiHarikeshavdasji (Bamroli Mandir - M.P.). **Vaishakh Sud-3** Sadguru Swami Prabhucharandasji (Vedroad Surat Swaminarayan Mandir), Sadguru Mahant Swami Dharmswaroopdasji (Porda), Devotee KesraDhanji Vekariya (Mandvi-Kutch), Akshar Nivasi Devotee Chimanbhai Keshavlal Patel (Ahmedabad), Devotee GhanshyambhaiSodabhai Gohil (Bhavnagar). **Vaishakh Sud-4** Devotee Dr. HarikrishnabhaiGokalbhai Patel (Sapawada), Devotee Kiran Dhiraj Pindoriya (Mumbai), Adhya Women's Hospital (Ahmedabad). **Vaishakh Sud-5** Devotee JaiminkumarBharatbhai Chaudhari (Manekpur). **Vaishakh Sud-6** Devotee KhemjibhaiRamjibhai Patel (Ahmedabad). **Vaishakh Sud-7** Devotee Nilukumar Maheshkumar Mistry (Halol), Devotee Shridhar Avinashbhai Patel (Gandhinagar), Devotee AarnaKunalkumar Patel (Dhamasana), Devotee Rajeshbhai Manubhai Pambhar (Bopal). **Vaishakh Sud-8** DevoteeKesarabenVisram Pindoriya (Mandvi-Kutch). **Vaishakh Sud-9** Devotee Ujas Mahendrabhai Patel (Mumbai), Devotee Dineshbhai Dhanjibhai Varsani (Samatra-Kutch), Devotee Ramanbhai Chunilal Patel (Ahmedabad), Devotee Arth Kaushikkumar Arvindbhai Patel (Unava), AksharNivasi devotee Purbai Vaghji Kerai (Kodki-Kutch). **Vaishakh Sud-10** Devotee Jitesh Kanji Varsani (Bharasar-Kutch), Devotee Sureshbhai Bhaktidas Patel (Ranip). **Vaishakh Sud-11** AksharNivasi devotee Kurji Karshan Varsani (Bharasar-Kutch). **Vaishakh Sud-12** Akshar Nivasi devotee Vishram Devji Pindoriya (Sarli-Kutch), Devotee Pravinbhai (Sedlawala-Ahmedabad), on the occasion of Shree Swaminarayan Mandir Murti Pratishtha (Bhayla), Devotee KantabenValjibhai Hirani (Madanpur-Kutch), AksharNivasi devotee Vaghji Manji Vekariya (Kutch), Devotee Manjulaben Vickrambhai (Zundal), P.Bh. Mayank Kamdar (Porbandar-Lilanand Magnesier), Devotee Manji Shivji Hirani (Narayanpar-Kutch). **Vaishakh Sud-13** Devotee RambaiNaran Hirani (Mandvi-Kutch), Devotee Naranbhai Chhaganbhai Patel (Gothib). **Vaishakh Sud-14** Devotee VishnubhaiHargovinddas Patel (Ahmedabad), Devotee Kaushikbhai Dahyabhai Patel (Ahmedabad), Devotee Abhishek Jasvantbhai Patel (Suraj), Devotee NitinbhaiKantilalSoni (Ahmedabad), Akshar Nivasi devotee Cheharben Dalsangbhai Chaudhari (Bhinpura). **Vaishakh Sud-15** Devotee Ramchandra Chimanlal Patel.

**Vaishakh Vad-1** Devotee LakshmanbhaiKamabhai Chaudhari (Matapura-Chhala). **Vaishakh Vad-2** Devotee Manjubai Manji Khetani (Madanpur-Kutch), Devotee ArvindbhaiShivabhaiAgola (Ahmedabad), Devotee Rohitkumar Maneklal Patel (Ahmedabad), Devotee Etulbhai B. Shukla (Ahmedabad). **Vaishakh Vad-3** Devotee Nitaben Ghanshyambhai Patel (Unava), Devotee Ghanshyambhai Shankardas Patel (Mokhasan). **Vaishakh Vad-4** AksharNivasi devotee Parsotambhai Naranbhai Patel (Chenpur), Devotee Babulal Mathurdas Patel (Ahmedabad), Devotee Jivibai Kanji Kerai (Kutch). **Vaishakh Vad-5** AksharNivasi devotee KanbaiVishram Gangjiyani (Dahinsara-Kutch), AksharNivasi devotee Ravji Kanji Hirani (Mankuva-Kutch), Devotee Mit Kalpesh Dahyala Bhavsar (Gandhinagar). **Vaishakh Vad-6** Devotee Bhaumik Nathabhai Patel (Ahmedabad), Devotee Sureshbhai Madhabhai Desai (Ahmedabad), Sadguru Swami Shreeprakashdasji Guru SwamiGhanshyamdasji (Kalupur Mandir), Devotee Kishorbhai Shah (Vadtal), Devotee Maulinbhai (Gandhinagar), AksharNivasi Devotee Pravinchandra Chaturdas Soni (Naranpura), Devotee Narsinhbhai Nathubhai Tilva (Vanthli). **Vaishakh Vad-6/7** AksharNivasi devotee Raman Bhagat (Palsana). **Vaishakh Vad-8** Devotee Parth Ashwinbhai Dhakecha (Ahmedabad). **Vaishakh Vad-9** AksharNivasi Sadguru Shastri Swami Shrikrishnadasji (Bhachau-Kutch). **Vaishakh Vad-10** Devotee Manishaben Lalji Pindoriya (Godhra-Kutch). **Vaishakh Vad-11** For the pleasure of Shree NarNarayan Dev (Ahmedabad). **Vaishakh Vad-12** Devotee Rameshbhai N. Pujara (Ahmedabad), Devotee Narharibhai M. Trivedi (Naranpura), AksharNivasi devotee Muktaben R. Patel (Ahmedabad), Devotee Veljibhai Premji Varsani (Mankuva-Kutch), Devotee Manishbhai Devchandbhai Patel (Laloda), Devotee Manji Shivji Hirani (Naranpar-Kutch), Devotee Shaileshbhai Bhavsar (Ahmedabad), Devotee Jayantibhai Nanubhai Suhagiya (Pithvadi), Devotee Ratanben Nanjibhai Hirani (Sukhparroha-Kutch), Devotee NanjibhaiRamjibhai Hirani, Devotee Kamleshbhai Patel (Salal), AksharNivasi devotee Diwaliba Vallabhbhai Nasit (Ahmedabad), Devotee Sahilbhai Hiteshbhai Soni (Ahmedabad). **Vaishakh Vad-13** Devotee Maulik Prafulbhai Patel (Buva-Bharuch), Devotee Kanubhai Bhavanbhai Sorathiya (Ahmedabad), AksharNivasi devotee Sangitaben Sureshbhai Patel (Dhamasana), Devotee Madhusudanbhai Ratilal Pujara (Ahmedabad). **Vaishakh Vad-14** AksharNivasi devotee Kanbai Virji Hirani (Mandvi-Kutch), Devotee Pravin Karshan Rabadiya (Ramparvekra-Kutch). **Vaishakh Vad-30/1** Vivan Art (Surat), Devotee Tejas Devendrabhai Patel (Nagpur-Maharashtra).

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H.H. Shri Acharya Maharajshri distributing Tulsi saplings at Kalupur temple on the occasion of the Sameyo.



An Annakut (offering of food) of dates in front of Shree Narnarayandev.



H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaajshri inaugurating the grand Hir Hindola exhibition at the Ahmedabad temple.



On the occasion of the Samaiyo, a water cooler was installed at the under-construction Nikol temple by our Kalupur temple.



In celebration of the Samaiyo, a Bal-YuvaShibir(children-youth camp) and religious education competition was held in Mansa in the presence of the saints.

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H.H. Shri Lalji Maharajshri with the youth at a youth camp in Pennsylvania (America)

In celebration of

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By the order of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shree KoshlendraprasadjiMaharajshri  
by devotees of 212 villages

## Shree Swaminarayan MahamantraAkhand Dhoon

Start:

Shravan Vad-6, Friday,  
15-8-2025 at 8:30 AM

Conclusion:

Bhadarva Sud-1, Sunday,  
24-8-2025 at 8:30 AM



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In the divine presence of Shree NarNarayanDev

·At the Sabhamandap (assembly hall) of the world's first Shree Swaminarayan Temple

By the Order of His Holiness Acharya 1008  
Shree Koshlendraprasadji Maharajshree of  
Shree NarNarayanDev Gadi

Samaiyo of 200 years of Shiksha Patri Lekhan



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Place :

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in our Kalupur temple  
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upcoming Samaiyo Utsav.

on  
12-7-25 to 23-8-25