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અસ્મદીયમ્

The Supreme, Almighty God is extremely merciful.

સ્વભાવ છે સ્વામીનો, પરદુ : ખહારી રે, વારી બહુનામીનો
કોઈને દુ : ખીયો રે, દેખી ન ખમાયે દયા આણી રે,

"The nature of the Master is to relieve the suffering of others, behold the glory of the Many-Named Lord. He cannot bear to see anyone in distress, having taken compassion..."

People of the world, weather experts, and scientists made various kinds of predictions. Ultimately, everything rests in the hands of Lord Shri Hari. He brought abundant rain throughout Gujarat and the entire nation.

All of us, as devout refuge-seeking devotees of Shri Hari, during this holy Chaturmas period, should perform extra dhun (chanting) of the Divine Shree Swaminarayan Mahamantra in every one of our temples.

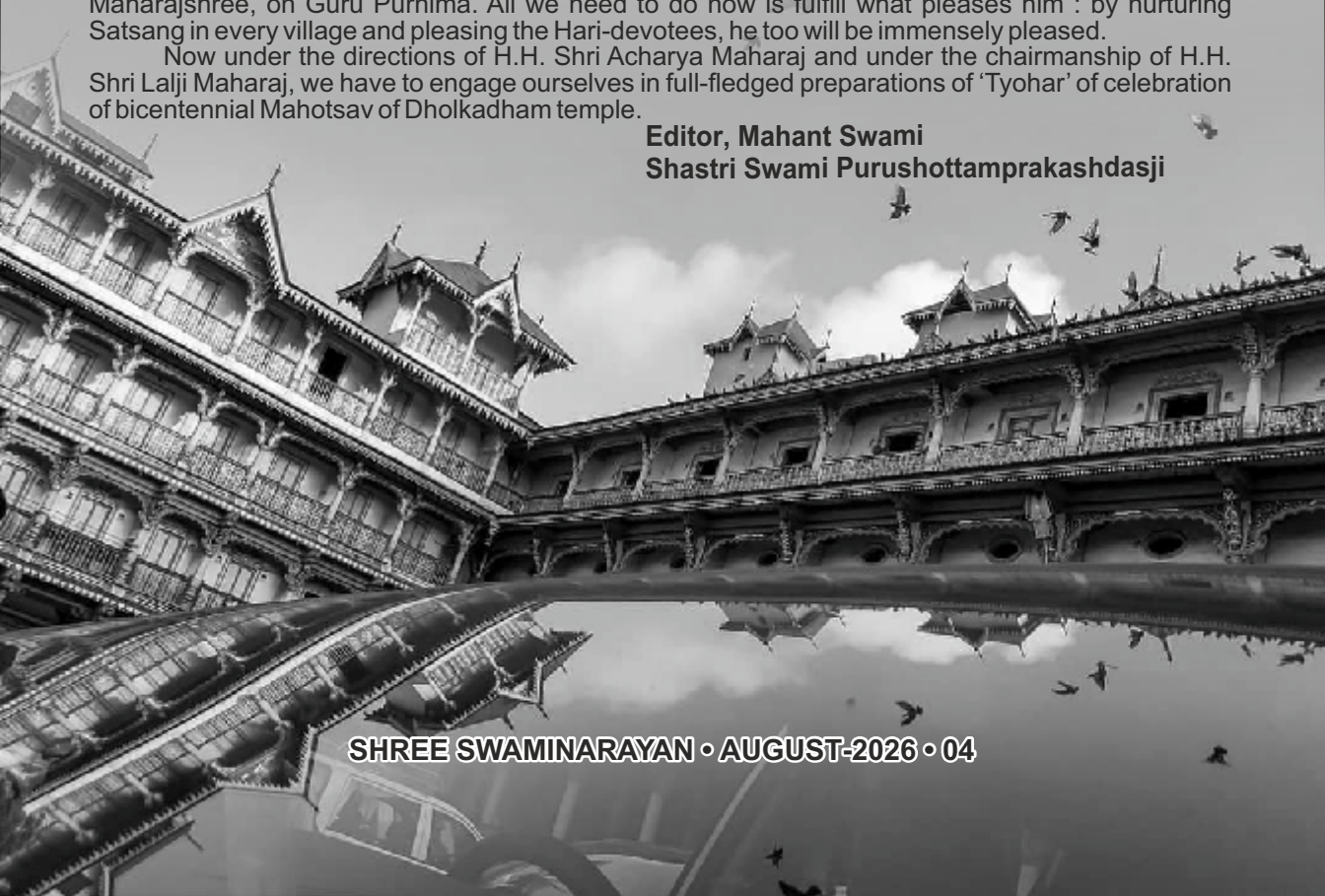
Shree Narayan Dev Desh is extremely conscious about the environment. Just recently, H.H. MotaMaharajshree, H.H. Lalji Maharajshree, Pujya Shree Raja, and the congregation of Satsangi sisters, under the guidance of the Guru of the sisters, H.H. A.Sau. Lakshmi Swaroop Gadiwalashree, planted six lakh saplings for an Oxygen Park.

The entire Dharmakul plants new tree saplings every year at Shree Swaminarayan Bagh, Shree Swaminarayan Museum, Ambli, our schools and colleges, and at their personal residences, and they nurture them diligently. Similarly, H.H. Lalji Maharajshree has warmly urged devotees in cities and every village to plant trees near village ponds, roadsides, schools, hospitals, and similar places, and to nurture them with fertilizer and water until they grow into large trees.

All of us worshipped and paid homage to our Guru, H.H. Dharmadhurandhar Acharya Maharajshree, on Guru Purnima. All we need to do now is fulfill what pleases him : by nurturing Satsang in every village and pleasing the Hari-devotees, he too will be immensely pleased.

Now under the directions of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and under the chairmanship of H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj, we have to engage ourselves in full-fledged preparations of 'Tyohar' of celebration of bicentennial Mahotsav of Dholkadham temple.

Editor, Mahant Swami
Shastri Swami Purushottamprakashdasji



Appointment Diary of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri (JULY-2026)

11 to 20	Graced Shree Swaminarayan Temple Atlanta (USA) on the occasion of its Patotsav (anniversary) and attended the Byron (Georgia) Satsang Sabha (Assembly).
25	Graced for the Divine Darshan of Shree Narnarayandev on Ekadashi.
29	On the occasion of Guru Purnima, arrived for the Darshan of Shree Narnarayandev and attended the assembly. Under the divine presence of H.H. Mota Maharajshree and H.H. Lalji Maharajshree, the Guru Pujan-Archan rituals were grandly completed by the saints and Hari-devotees.





Appointment Diary of H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj (JULY-2026)

2	Gracedvillage Pipalaj (Gandhinagar) to inspect the Oxygen Park created as part of the tree plantation drive by our Ahmedabad Kalupur Temple.
3 to 26	International Satsang Tour.
16 to 17	Graced Cincinnati Temple (USA) for a Satsang Sabha (Assembly).
18 to 19	Graced Shree Swaminarayan Temple Atlanta on the occasion of its Patotsav.
20 to 21	Graced Tennessee Temple (USA) for a Satsang Sabha (Assembly).
21 to 22	Graced Shree Swaminarayan Temple Louisville (USA) on the occasion of its Patotsav.
23 to 25	Graced Byron (Georgia) for a Satsang Sabha (Assembly); presided over the Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal Camp.
29	On the occasion of Guru Purnima, the Guru Pujan-Archan and other rituals for H.H. Shri Acharya Maharajshree were successfully concluded under his auspicious presence.



GURU PURNIMA MESSAGE FROM THREE MANIFEST FORMS OF SHRI HARI

- Compilation : Gordhanbhai V. Sitapara
(Hirawadi, Bapunagar)

H.H. Shri Mota Maharajshri, Date 29-07-2026 : Respected saints and beloved Satsangi brothers, all of you performed our worship, but even more than the worship, the love you hold is many times greater, and this relationship is not just of today. It is a 200-year-old relationship. Who introduced us? Shriji Maharaj introduced us. We are originally from Uttar Pradesh. By inviting the Dharmakul from Uttar Pradesh, Maharaj handed over our wrist into your hands. You have to take care of us, and you are indeed taking care.

I have an old letter from Ayodhyaprasadji Dada. And it was written by him in the Urdu language. At that time, the Urdu language was considered the official language. That letter was written to the police department here. In which it is written that we have come here from Uttar Pradesh. We do not know the local language here, so when we travel to outstation villages, we need police protection. Now the Haribhakta's protection is so strong that we might as well protect the police.

Truly, becoming a Guru is very difficult. I have 35 years of experience. It is very difficult. Because you only have to observe Dharma, whereas we have to observe it and also make others observe it. Two responsibilities are ours. I read somewhere in the discourses of our Nand saints that when a Guru observes sixteen Annas (100%), the disciples observe four Annas or eight Annas. So it is a very difficult task. But by the grace of Shriji Maharaj, in the tradition of our Ahmedabad Gadi, not only has the bond with saints and Harbhaktas been preserved with us, but that bond is growing stronger day by day.

If we look at the current situation, countless Gurus have emerged. Countless, because everyone loves becoming a Guru. They love it when people touch their feet. Let me give an example. Many years ago, we went to Chhapaiya on a festival occasion. A family member was with me. He was just a small child of 8–10 years. Then, when we used to step out for Darshan, naturally all Haribhaktas would touch my feet. Seeing this, that child thought, why is no one touching my feet? Then what would he do? In the afternoon, when I was resting, he would go out alone to make people touch his feet. Grown-up people wouldn't agree, so he would beat children smaller than him and make them touch his feet, saying, "Touch my feet!" So there is such enjoyment felt in making people touch one's feet.

What more can we say? We had previously created a slogan that when God assumes a human body and travels, infinite souls achieve liberation, become partakers of salvation, and become eligible for Akshardham. But when a human travels pretending to be God, he causes absolute ruin! He himself falls into hell, but along with himself, he makes infinite souls eligible for hell. Therefore, in present times, the greatest caution is needed when finding a Guru, but Maharaj is seated inside all of us, and He truly is present. So if there is any question, ask Him whether this is right or not? Maharaj will answer from within. I even believe that God resides even within a major criminal person. When he also does wrong, his conscience tells him that he is doing wrong, but that

person suppresses that voice.

The supreme incarnation Shri Hari resides inside us; He is the Guru of us all. Hearing Him, if we live our life according to His will to make Him pleased, then there is no need to do anything else. Speaking in a lighter tone, I feel an era is coming where people will give a Guru.com website. Whoever needs whatever kind of Guru can find such a Guru! Sometimes watching YouTube in free time is very entertaining. Occasionally, one sees countless small and big Gurus of various kinds, various kinds of teachings, various kinds of attires, but what we have to learn and keep in mind is that when we have obtained the supreme incarnation Shri Hari, what kind of Guru should we look for? We should look for a Guru who shows Him. Do not look for a Guru who shows himself. Renounce such a person immediately. Our history tells us, after Maharaj accepted Atmanand Swami as Guru, upon knowing that he was an impersonalist (Nirakarvadi), He abandoned him. If you realize you are sitting on the wrong train, get off peacefully. Because we want to achieve our own liberation.

Today all of you came to the festival, bestowed your love, and truly it brings immense joy. Another thing, after a few days, Lalji Maharajshri's birthday according to the lunar date is to be celebrated, but telling you according to the calendar date, today is his birthday. So, as Maharaj has said in the Vachanamrut of Jetalpur, at this time, whatever this assembly desires comes to pass, so saints and Hari-bhaktas, please pray to Nar-Narayan Dev that he glorifies the Gadi of Nar-Narayan Dev greatly. With many, many thanks to all of you, I pause.

H.H. Shri Lalji Maharajshri : Today on the sacred day of Guru Purnima, Hari-bhaktas have gathered in such large numbers from village to village, and from home and abroad, and a very large number of saints are also present. Today is special because today our principles, our original tradition, emphasize the primacy of the Deity and the primacy of the Seat (Post). The greatest specialty in the Ahmedabad region and in the original Swaminarayan Sampradaya is that there is no primacy of an individual. There is primacy of the Seat (Post). Along with that, the main primacy belongs solely and exclusively to God, the Deity.

These principles and traditions of ours must be preserved. Especially today, we must understand this and explain it to the future generation. Because as MotaBapji spoke, different things are going on in the world right now, but leaving our original Sampradaya and Nar-Narayan Dev, we must not go anywhere; if we wander, we alone will suffer the loss. Because the Deity exists, everything exists. We are all very fortunate that today we are seated before Nar-Narayan Dev. We have obtained such Nar-Narayan Dev, and we must remain His.

In addition, H.H. Lalji Maharajshri encouraged everyone to remain committed to our upcoming big festival "Tyohar" of Dholka in January-2027, and in the end, prayed at the feet of Nar-Narayan Dev so that everyone's faith in the Deity grows strong.

H.H. Shri Maharajshri : By the boundless compassion and mercy of Maharaj, we have all gathered before God. By the blessings of Bhagwan Shree Narnarayandev, we get this *Prangan* (courtyard).

Whatever is stated in the scriptures gets worn out over time and becomes diluted with interpolations. Search on Google or YouTube how Guru Purnima started. We just kept walking along blindly, right? What is the tradition, what is the principle? Behind it, I don't want to recite its story, nor will we tell the saints to speak, because until you look it up yourself, you will not even remember it. Therefore, after obtaining information on why Guru Purnima is celebrated, preserve that information and tradition. Obtaining that information is your homework. Do it if you wish; if not, we can just drag along carelessly. All of you definitely keep mobile phones. Since mobile phones were mentioned, I remembered, Bapji just spoke wonderfully. He sat on the Gadi for 35 years. It is very difficult, but during Bapji's time, there was no social media, so even 35 days might feel troublesome, but if we have obtained God, if we have obtained the manifest God, that is our pride.

Maharaj Himself held hands and created this post, seated us on the Gadi, and told everyone that Hari-bhaktas, saints, and

we, all of us must live with mutual affection, love, and emotion with one another, and we are living so. But overall, all these things happen due to the shelter of God.

Maharaj has given very few examples in the Vachanamrut, only a countable few. It starts with Sevakram. Maharaj served him, and realizing him to be ungrateful, abandoned him. It is a very simple thing, but a matter to ponder over. He regarded Atmanand Swami as Guru, but certain principles were not met, the final truth was not found, so He left him and caught hold of Ramanand Swami. Now the thing is, the tradition we have received was established by Maharaj, but so that this tradition does not get interpolated anywhere and our mindset does not alter, Maharaj gave another example in the Vachanamrut of a gold thread and a wax thread. You all must be knowing. A gold thread remains the same in every season. A wax thread becomes loose in rain or heat, and stays rigid in cold. Maharaj explained it very simply. Whether it is the smallest Hari-bhakta or the most uneducated person, everyone can understand. So faith should be like a gold thread. Whether happiness comes or sorrow comes, whether one becomes fat or thin, tall or short, whether we move forward or go backward, whatever happens may happen, but faith toward the Deity should not diminish; this thing Maharaj has stated in the Vachanamrut. We hear these examples a thousand times, but we have to introspect. You and we, all of us have to think about this same thing—that faith toward the Deity should not diminish. If faith diminishes or if the vehicle turns onto another road, understand that somewhere there is a flaw in the GPS, or it is not giving signals, or the battery is down. Charging will have to be done, something will have to be done.

Therefore, in reality, we have obtained this God. We come to have Darshan of the Deity. There is no real substance in becoming a Guru. Bapji spoke about this in detail. To put it in MotaBapji's words, Gurus have now become Entertainment (a farce). You see, people laugh 'heehee... hee', as if they went to see a circus or a show, watch it and return—this is all that remains. It has been said many times that we are not Gurus at all. The Guru is seated right there inside the throne in front... (God says we are not God. Such humble words are of our H.H. Shri Maharajshri, but you are in the position of Guru for all of us in the Nar-Narayan Dev region. You are indeed, because it is a post given by Maharaj.) Because there is no joy in becoming a Guru. One gets miserable taking care of disciples. You know, if you make disciples, how much maintenance increases! Even if four people are to be managed at home, how much care has to be taken! Managing two or three people also proves so difficult, so if the Sampradaya has to be managed, if everyone in the Sampradaya has to be taken care of, by evening one falls into bed helpless and falls sick. But the reason the weight does not feel heavy is this God. The dignity of this post—whether it is I, Lalji Maharaj, Bapji, Devendraprasadji Dada, Vasudevprasadji Dada, Purushottamprasaddasji Dada, or Keshavprasadji Dada—however many have been and however many will be, the dignity of this post will not diminish. This is the reality. Because this post was established by Maharaj Himself. Otherwise, an individual's personal dignity depends on his own hands. The more he belongs to the Deity, the more saints and Hari-bhaktas will respect him. If saints belong to the Deity, naturally you feel respect toward them, and the saints indeed belong to the Deity.

On the day of Ekadashi, we held a meeting with the saints. In which another decision was made, which I will state beforehand. The system of Deshs (regions) that is going on was not established during Maharaj's time. These are our regions. Suppose DholkaDesh comes, Viramgam comes, or Trent Sitapur Desh comes; in that, changes are now to be made in the map. So that no one gets left out. Many times what happens is that certain villages cannot be found even when searched. The whole of North Gujarat has gone to America; where are we to search? So balancing it out, drawing maps, allocating this area - that area into other groups, sitting together with Lalji Maharajshri and saints to finalize it, we want to make it so that Hari-bhaktas in every village can be reached for Dharmada (tithe). Because

everyone should get justice. There are these Hari-bhaktas of Mumbai, our Vali, and the surrounding 32 villages. In Rajasthan, no one is able to go to collect their Dharmada. Someone comes and takes it away. I have spoken to the saints. The saints have shown readiness. Whichever Hari-bhaktas belong to the Ahmedabad region, they should especially go there to collect Dharmada.

Lalji Maharajshri arrived yesterday from America. There was a camp. For a few days, we were together. By the grace of Nar-Narayan Dev, great progress and advancement are taking place. We have to do Bhajan of God, remain His; nothing else needs to be done. We will remain in shelter, and as much faith as we have in God, that is a very important thing. If 1 Mala (rosary) is less, it will not cause you any issue. Many people constantly carry a clicker counter around. I said earlier as well that Maharaj is not a mathematics teacher. Is God a mathematics teacher? It might be 10,000 or 11,000, but our mind is wandering somewhere else!

I was watching a documentary. It was six or seven minutes long, but I found it an interesting thing. Almost the whole country of Bhutan is a Buddhist country. 90% of the people are Buddhist, whether monks or nuns. Observing vows for only a few years, some observe lifelong. Until 1999, the government there decided that we don't need TV. I am saying this based on the topic of social media. Cable arrived in 1999. It is a very small and nice country. One year after cable TV arrived, people came with cameras to take interviews and make a documentary. At that time, an old grandmother spoke very nicely that earlier, if we wanted to chant God's rosary, it used to happen. Now since this arrived, we forget to chant the rosary. She says, now this happens to us, so what will happen to the children now? If TV has such an impact, will these big devices lying in our pockets let us sit peacefully? There is no opposition, but it is the reality.

Do whatever you want to do, but see to it that faith in God does not diminish. There are 1000 distractions, and even more than this will come. The future is very terrible. If you go to see the challenges of the future, you won't be able to imagine. But keeping an atmosphere of vigilance so that our faith toward the Deity remains steadfast and is preserved in the future generation, we have to give that atmosphere to our sons and daughters. The rest is up to God, and what God does comes to pass.

May Maharaj bring great auspiciousness to all of you and your families, and bestow very fine blessings; this alone is the prayer at the feet of Nar-Narayan Dev.

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H.H. SHRI AYODHYAPRASADJI MAHARAJ MADE THE WATER OF THE WELL SWEET IN GHATILA VILLAGE

- J.P. Swami (Kothari Swami Kalupur Temple)



Once Acharya Maharaj Shree Ayodhyaprasadji traveled from Ahmedabad to Kutch. In Kutch, after visiting villages like Bhuj, Mankuva, Mandvi Port, Kala Talav, Dhamadka, and others, while returning toward Gujarat, a farmer named Jetha Patel along with several Hari-devotees honored him in a village named Ghatila.Maharaj set up camp with tents in a field near a large lake situated in the western direction of the village. Everyone desired to rest for a day, so they all stayed joyfully.

The next day, as preparations to leave were underway, local Hari-devotees came and urged them to stay for a few days.

Jetha Patel said, “Maharaj! We have prepared supplies for eleven types of dishes. So our wish is that you stay here for eleven days, yet you are preparing to leave right now!”

No one else in Maharaj’s entourage had any desire to stay. Many days had passed since leaving Ahmedabad, so everyone was in a hurry to return. They started offering various reasons, saying, “If we stay for so many days, the elephants, horses, and oxen with us won’t even survive.”

“Why? On what basis do you say these animals won’t survive?” Maharaj asked. “Is an epidemic going to break out?”

“There is no question of an epidemic,” replied those opposing the stay. “For a radius of two to two-and-a-half *gaus* (several miles) around this village, there is no sweet water anywhere. There is only one well in the village, and even that contains water as salty as the ocean. This water is undrinkable for anyone. Take yesterday when we arrived as an example. Someone took the oxen to give them water. None of the oxen drank such salty water; as soon as they put their mouths to it, they turned back without drinking. But one ox drank a little bit. That ox fell ill with something similar to dysentery (*besan/jhada*) in humans.”

Then someone else said, “For the village people, drinking water comes in large earthen pots loaded on bullock carts from three *gaus* away. There are two or three small shallow pits (*veerda*) in a small pond there. How can sufficient good drinking water be supplied from that for our four hundred and twenty-five people for these many days?”

And another person added, “Furthermore, Maharaj! The month of Ashadh has begun. So if we get delayed and it rains, reaching Ahmedabad will become extremely difficult.”

Thus, everyone kept talking about quickly packing up and heading to Ahmedabad.

Hearing everyone’s remarks, Ayodhyaprasadji Maharaj, who had remained silent until now, looked at a Hari-devotee of the village and asked, “Ananda Patel! What do you say? These people are talking like this.”

Acknowledging the acute water scarcity in the village, Ananda Patel said, “Even so, we will be able to fetch as much water as needed for all of you.”

“That is fine, but what about these animals?” Maharaj asked.

“We will bring water for the animals too,” Ananda Patel and all the Hari-devotees eagerly expressed their strong wish that even if it meant facing some trouble, it would be wonderful if Maharaj stayed for a few days.However, the people accompanying Maharaj kept making the same repetitive argument : “But that is not a proper built well in the pond; they are just small shallow water-pits (*veerda*). All the villagers sleep at night by laying out cots right beside their respective pits so no one steals their water. Under such conditions, even with immense effort, the water we get for our large entourage will be

muddy, which our animals won't even drink. Drinking such water will only make them sick." Saying this, they all advised returning to Ahmedabad quickly rather than falling into such misery.

Hearing this, the Hari-devotees of Ghatila became very sad. Seeing the Hari-devotees sad made Maharaj feel pained too. Therefore, he told his attendants (*parsads*), "Wait for today and see : by tomorrow morning, the water of the only well in this village, which is completely salty, will become as sweet as sugar. Then all of you can drink to your heart's content and bathe with that water. After that, there will be no reason left not to stay here. Besides, we simply cannot leave after disappointing the Hari-devotees."

Acharya Maharaj had the divine backing of Shreeji Maharaj, so he agreed to accept the hospitality of the village's Hari-devotees.

"That is all true," said a *Garasia* named Akhabhai traveling with Maharaj. "But if it rains, what will we do? How will we reach Ahmedabad? If water fills up in the plains near Kalawad, walking will become impossible. Because the soil in that region is extremely sticky, pedestrians will face endless trouble. Once it starts raining, farmers will get busy working in their fields, so extra bullock carts won't be available either."

"Don't worry, Akhabhai!" Maharaj said reassuringly. "Until we reach the Ahmedabad temple and have Darshan of Nar Narayan Dev, it will not rain. Even if it is about to come, it will stop. Still, if any of you are in a hurry, you are welcome to leave. As for me, I will stay here; I cannot make the Hari-devotees unhappy."

The Hari-devotees of Ghatila realized that while Maharaj wished to stay, the entourage was unnecessarily causing an argument. But when Maharaj made his clear declaration, everyone chanted "Jai" (victory) to Lord Nar Narayan and expressed their immense joy.

The next day, the villagers experienced it for themselves : the well water, which was previously so salty that one couldn't even touch it to their lips, had turned as sweet as honey! The joy of the villagers knew no bounds. On one hand, there was boundless happiness that Maharaj accepted the village's hospitality, and on the other hand, the village's single biggest water problem was resolved solely by Maharaj's grace. Now they would no longer have to trek three *gaus* away to draw water, nor sleep far away at night to guard the water.

The delighted villagers celebrated a grand festival. Maharaj was honored everywhere and in every home.

After leaving Ghatila, Maharaj arrived in Ahmedabad and had Darshan of Lord Nar Narayan; exactly the very next dayl clouds burst and heavy rains poured down upon the earth, as if compensating for all those days all at once! Seeing such divine glory (*Aishwarya*), the Hari-devotees felt exceedingly joyful.

OUR VRATSAND FESTIVALS

Shravan Sud-8, Thursday, Date 20-8-2026 : Delhi Temple Patotsav.

Shravan Sud-11, Sunday, Date 23-8-2026 : Pavitra Ekadashi.

Shravan Sud-15, Friday, Date 28-8-2026 : Mukutotsav Poonam, Raksha Bandhan.

Shravan Vad-2, Sunday, Date 30-8-2026 : Taking down Shri Hari Balamukundji from the swing (hindola) in the evening at 5 : 00 PM.

Shravan Vad-3, Monday, Date 31-8-2026 : Phool KajaliVrat, Bol Choth.

Shravan Vad-4/5, Tuesday, Date 1-9-2026 : Nag Panchami, Patotsav of Jaipur Temple (Rajasthan, Chandpole Bazaar).

Shravan Vad-6, Wednesday, Date 2-9-2026 : RandhanChhath–Balaram Jayanti.

Shravan Vad-7, Thursday, Date 3-9-2026 : Shitala Satam.

Shravan Vad-8, Friday, Date 4-9-2026 (Midnight 12:00) : Shri Krishna Janmotsav, Janmashtami, Muli Temple Gathering (Samaiyo).

Shravan Vad-11, Monday, Date 7-9-2026 : Aja Ekadashi.

Shravan Vad-13, Wednesday, Date 9-9-2026 : Taking down Shri Hari Balamukundji from the swing (hindola) in the morning at 10 : 00 AM.

Shravan Vad-14, Thursday, Date 10-9-2026 : Pithori Amavasya.

Shravan Vad-30, Friday, Date 11-9-2026 : Conclusion of Shiva Worship.

Bhadarva Sud-3, Monday, Date 14-9-2026 : KevdaTeej, Shri Ganesh Chaturthi, Consecration/Installation of Shri Ganeshji.

Bhadarva Sud-4, Tuesday, Date 15-9-2026 : Rishi Pancham, Sama Pancham.

THE SANCTIFIED VILLAGE OF AMBAPUR

પ્રસાદીનું ગામ અંબાપુર

– Bipin Patel

"Bhav-sabhav-bheeti-bhedanam,
sukh-sampat-karuna-niketanam |
Vrat-daan-tapah-kriya-phalam,
Sahajanand-gurumbhajesadaa ||"

Located just 12 km from Gandhinagar, the village of Ambapur holds its own unique significance. Ambapur village houses a 700-year-old stepwell (*vav*). This stepwell was constructed in the 15th century by Rudabai Vaghela. Today, this beautiful five-storey stepwell is a protected site. Right on the bank of this stepwell resides the radiant manifestation of Mother Jagdamba. A beautiful and grand temple of the Goddess is located here. According to local legend, Lalluramji, a devotee of Mother Goddess from Mahemdavad, used to rest here while traveling to Ambaji for Darshan. At that time, this village was known as "Baudhsthala," which later got corrupted into "Budthal." When the devotee was returning with the sacred flame (*Jyot*) from Ambaji, the devout villagers welcomed the eternal flame with a grand procession (*Samaiya*) and requested to consecrate it in the village with great splendor. Then, as per Mother's divine wish, the Goddess remained residing here from that day on, and based on the Goddess's name, "Budthal" became "Ambapur." Thus, Mother Goddess resides here eternally as a divine power.

Ambapur is one of the ten "Gokul-like" villages among the group of ten villages composed by S.G. Mahanubhavanand Swami. When daughters of the community got married and came to this village, they brought along Lord Ghanshyam Maharaj, whom they had received in their upbringing. Thus, gradually the name "Swaminarayan" began to echo throughout the village, and Satsang spread and expanded.

With time, the need for a "Swaminarayan Temple" arose in the village. All the leaders together requested our then-serving Acharya, H.H. Shree TejendraprasadjiMaharajshree, for a temple, and he joyfully gave his blessings and permission. Everyone pledged together to build a temple in the village. Exactly 50 years ago, in 1976 AD, a beautiful temple of Lord Swaminarayan took shape. To construct the temple, the late Shastri Swami Hargovinddasji, late Swami Baldevprasaddasji, and late Swami Madhavprasaddasji contributed immensely toward temple construction and the idol consecration (*Murti Pratishtha*) ceremony. The divine consecration of the beautiful idols of Shree Nar Narayan Dev, Shree Radha Krishna Dev, and Shree Ghanshyam Maharaj in the inner sanctum was performed by the divine hands of H.H. Dharmadhurandhar 1008 Shree TejendraprasadjiMaharajshree. The entire festival was celebrated with grand majesty. From then on, Satsang continued to expand day by day in this village.

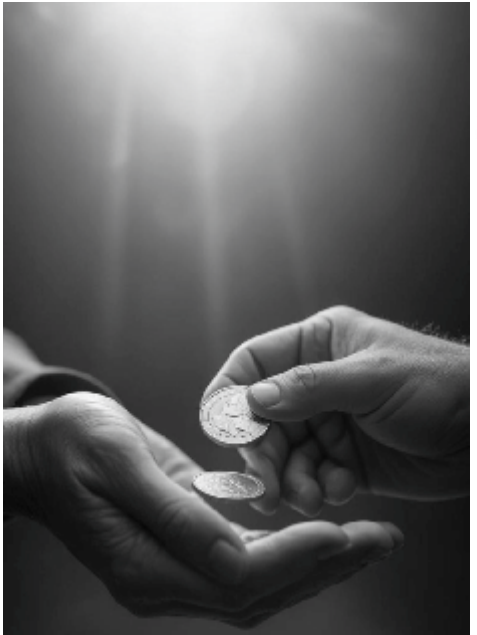
As Satsang expanded further, the village devotees pledged to create a new altar (*Singhasan*). Ten years ago, the re-consecration (*Punar Prana Pratishtha*) of Shree Ghanshyam Maharaj, Shree Nar Narayan Dev, and Shree Radha Krishna Dev on the new altar was grandly performed by the divine hands of the present H.H. 1008 Shree Koshalendraprasadji Maharajshree.

As time flowed on, 50 years were completed for this temple. Recently, the temple's Golden Jubilee Festival (*Suvarna Jayanti Mahotsav*) was celebrated. On this occasion, under the guidance of the Mahant Swami of Kalupur Temple, S.G. Shastri Swami Purushottamprakashdasji, a nightly discourse on *Satsangi Jeevan* was organized from 06-03-26 to 10-03-26. Shastri Swami Satyasankalpdasji (Naranghat) delivered the discourse. Today, Satsang has flourished greatly in the village, and now with the village connecting directly to the Adalaj-Koba highway, commuting for Hari-devotees has become very convenient.

The ancient stepwell of the village, the temple of Mother Ambaji with the eternal flame, and the Darshan at Shree Swaminarayan Temple are priceless blessings worth experiencing.

Medical Services and Clothing Donations Acceptable for Saints of Kalupur Temple

Medical services and clothing donations for saints residing at our Shri Swaminarayan Temple, Kalupur are accepted at Shri NarnarayandevKothar Office. Hari-bhaktas who wish to perform the above services for the saints should deposit the amount at the Kothar Office and obtain a formal receipt.



CHARITY AND MERIT (DAAN PUNYA)

– Gangarambhai M. Patel (Prantij)

Charity (*Daan*) means to give. Using only what is necessary from what one possesses. If one has more than required, giving it to another needy person by shedding one's pride and preserving their dignity is true charity.

The one who gives charity with one hand receives with both hands. Prosperity grows exponentially through charity. The single hand raised to give charity holds greater significance than two hands joined in prayer to God in a temple. Giving charity merely for praise/applause is not true charitable duty. In conditional charity—where one seeks praise from society, a trusteeship or position in an institution, or a nameplate installed—the spirit of sacrifice is lost. Therefore, anonymous/secret charity (*Gupt Daan*) is the highest charity. The glory of anonymous charity is unique.

The name of a philanthropist named Jagdusha is written in golden letters in history. During a horrific and severe famine, when Jagdusha sat to distribute charity, he would place a curtain in between. Only the hand of the recipient would extend underneath the curtain. The faces of the giver and receiver were not visible to each other, so the receiver felt no embarrassment or shame. Because he gave anonymous charity in this manner, his charity is etched in golden letters in history.

Charity should be given with love, a smile, and generosity, so that the donation bears fruit. Giving charity to a worthy recipient (*Supaatra*) is considered the highest form of charity. Charity given by tormenting one's own family is washed away by the tears of the family; therefore, householders should not give charity by causing pain to their family.

Giving charity to a worthy recipient brings wealth. Giving charity to an unworthy recipient (*Kupaatra*) leads to poverty. Hence, charity should be given only after assessing the recipient.

There was a millionaire merchant (*Sheth*) in Kashi who ran a free food distribution center (*Sadavrat*). A man disguised as a monk (*bawa*) came to receive food from the center. He then took cotton thread from it, made fishing nets, and started a business of catching fish. Due to this sin, the merchant lost everything. When the merchant consulted a holy saint, the saint said, "With the money from the food of your *Sadavrat*, he made fishing nets and killed countless fish. Due to that sin, your everything was destroyed. Lord will bless you."

One day, the merchant had to collect money from someone in a village on the opposite bank of the Ganges River, so he came to the banks of the Ganges. At that time, as the sun set, no boat was available, so the merchant stayed on the riverbank overnight. During the night, those killers built a campfire and were talking among themselves : "Using the money of that merchant who ran the *Sadavrat*, we made nets, and that merchant was ruined!" The merchant overheard all of this. So while those people slept, the merchant threw those nets into the Ganges River. In the morning, he crossed on a boat, returned home, and fed Brahmins, due to which the merchant became wealthy once again.

Therefore, charity should only be given after evaluating the recipient so that the charity bears fruitful results.

Tordadham Shri Swaminarayan Bij Mantra Dainik (Daily)Homatmak (Oblation) Yajna-Anusthan

By the order of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharajshri, the Shri Swaminarayan Bij Mantra Daily Oblation Yajna-Anusthan composed by Akshar Mukta Sadguru Gopalanand Swami is conducted from 9 : 00 AM to 12 : 00 PM in the morning and 3 : 30 PM to 6 : 30 PM in the evening. Through this, one gets freedom from mental, physical, and external afflictions, sorrow, poverty, and difficulties are removed, and all auspicious desires/resolutions are fulfilled.

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श्री स्वामिनारायण म्युझियम

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.

List of Host devotees who availed the benefit of *Abhishek* of Shree Narnarayandev in Shree Swaminarayan Museum

MAY-2026

07-05-2026	Devotee Prakashbhai Muljibhai Kacha & Kacha Tailors (Leicester), Prakashbhai RamnikbhaiKacha – courtesy of Prithviraj Chauhan & Colonel Chauhan.

JULY-2026

11-07-2026	Shree Satsang Samaj, Shree Swaminarayan Prasadi Temple – Halvad, Shastri Bhaktinandandasji Swami.
12-07-2026	Late PrabhudasUmedbhai Patel – courtesy of Kenop Bhupendrabhai Patel – Memnagar.
18-07-2026	A.Sau. Anjaliben Jigneshkumar Sinhav – Vanivala – currently Bopal – on the occasion of her son Yash receiving a US Visa.

List of devotees who rendered their services under Shree Swaminarayan Museum Maintenance Bhet Yojna - July-2026

Rs. 1,01,000/- :	Smt. Vimalaben Dahyabhai Patel – courtesy of Devotee Dahyabhai Narayan das Patel, Mehul Dahyabhai Patel, Purav Dahyabhai Patel (Mansa) on the occasion of Guru Purnima.
Rs. 64,000/- :	Shree Satsang Samaj, Shree Swaminarayan Prasadi Temple – Halvad, Insp. Shastri Bhaktinandandasji Swami.

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. A.SAU. GADIWALASHREE*ON THE OCCASION OF EKADASHI SATSANG SABHA (KALUPUR TEMPLE - HAVELI)*"NEVER PRACTICE IMPURE CONDUCT IN LIFE"

(Compiled by : Kotak Varsha Natwarlal - Ghodasar)

Every individual has a goal in life. Suppose everyone's goal today was to attend the Ekadashi assembly and have Darshan of Nar Narayan Dev. For that, you have to choose your route accordingly so that you can reach Nar Narayan Dev. Similarly, what are we supposed to do in our lives? Whatever the goal is, we must follow its rules. From the time a person gains maturity, there is a method to move forward according to what one wants to achieve; one must choose that path and follow its rules. To achieve what you want, you must act according to that method and live such a life; otherwise, the 'goal' will never be achieved.

Suppose you have decided that you want to walk on the spiritual path and reach *Samadhi*. If you do everything required for it, but simultaneously drink alcohol, commit wrong deeds, and think, "Let me enjoy these pleasures first, and then I will do good deeds so my sins will be washed away"—a goal can never be achieved that way. For whatever goal you have chosen, you must conduct yourself according to its proper methodology.

When we begin walking on the spiritual path, we must start with devotion (*Bhakti*). To reach God, the first condition is that you must purify your inner self (*Antahkaran*). When devotion is performed without selfish motives (*Nishkaambhaav*), the inner self gets purified very easily. That is why scriptures prescribe *Navdha Bhakti* (nine-fold devotion). If you follow it, your mind easily becomes pure. Devotion holds so much power that it encompasses all other means. Whether one is a Yogi or a Knower (*Jnani*), they too must maintain devotion. Devotion is indispensable; knowledge (*Jnana*) or yoga cannot be digested without devotion.

Devotion itself possesses so much power, so imagine how powerful devotion becomes when the power of all other spiritual practices combines with it! Devotion is the first step on the spiritual path because it can be done easily. If a new person comes into Satsang and we immediately hand them the *Vachanamrut*, it might feel difficult and create aversion. If we start them with devotion, it feels simple; even the most ordinary person can easily walk on the path of devotion.

Suppose we want to wash dirty clothes, and we have soap and brushes, but no water—how will they get cleaned? On the other hand, if we have nothing else and only water, some cleaning will still happen. Similarly, even if you have renunciation (*Vairagya*) and everything else, but lack devotion, purification won't happen. And even if one lacks deep knowledge but performs simple devotion with selfless intent, their inner self will gradually become pure. That is, through devotion, righteousness (*Dharma*), knowledge (*Jnana*), and renunciation (*Vairagya*) will all gradually enter one's life.

This is called the spiritual path to attain God; if we walk on it while desiring fruits other than God, it is considered worldly. Desiring even virtuous (*Sattvic*) fruits is not considered walking on the spiritual path. Perform devotion without expectation of fruits, and secondly, remember to abandon the feeling of doership (*Kartabhav*), because it is doership that gives birth to "I", "Mine", and attachment.

The entire universe is operated by God alone. He is also the one operating our lives. A mother holds her small child's hand to help him write. The child feels "I wrote it," but in reality, who writes it? The "Mother"—similarly, a human feels "I am doing it," but in reality, it is done through God. That does not mean that if a person does a bad deed, God is the doer of that too. How is God the doer? "God is the giver of the fruits of actions (*KarmaphalPradata*)." God

has granted humans freedom of action, knowledge, wisdom, strength, and intellect. And our Lord has taught us everything before leaving; how to use it is entirely in our hands. Electricity exists—you are free whether you use it to run a fan or grab it and die.

So the point here is : if you walk on the spiritual path, 'do not engage in impure conduct'. Keep your character pure, and your spirituality will last. If there is a hole in a pot, filling it with water may fill it temporarily, but the water won't stay. Similarly, no matter how good a path you walk on, if your conduct is not pure, you won't reach further. Therefore, strictly stay away from bad company (*Kusang*). Within every person's mind, there is an element that quickly gets influenced by the surrounding environment. Thus, one must remain cautious. Associate only with truthful and good people, and stay away from deceit.

Deceit (*Prapanch*) has two meanings. One meaning is "cheating/fraud," and the second meaning is "worldly illusion/Samsara." Here we are referring to worldly illusion. The physical world is created by God, but *Samsara* (worldly attachment) is human-created. How? When attachment arises in the mind through this world created by God, it becomes *Samsara*—that is deceit. That attachment leads us toward downfall. Stay away from such deceit.

Every person's nature is different. Every individual's flaws, talents, and virtues are different, and all of these together form one's 'nature' (*Swabhav*). A person's personality keeps changing according to circumstances. In adverse situations, 'faith' and 'devotion' can change. All of these affect our mind and behavior over time. The behavior we exhibit at that time is called 'Time-bound behavior' (*Kaal Dharma*). Even if someone isn't short-tempered by nature, they might say something due to circumstances. If that behavior repeats a second or third time, it becomes the person's permanent nature. Therefore, renounce *Kaal Dharma*—meaning, if we make a mistake once, we must become alert and exercise self-control.

If you are walking on the spiritual path, keep in mind that to reach God, you must observe all His rules and discipline; only then will spirituality endure and the goal be achieved. May God grant us all the strength to complete this journey with discipline.

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"WHERE THERE IS UNITY, THERE IS PEACE" (*SAMPTYAJAMP*)

– Sankhya Yogi Kokilaba (Surendranagar)

If asked to define unity (*Samp*), the first phrase that comes to everyone's mind is "Where there is unity, there is peace." In truth, there is no single definition of unity. But from a worldly perspective, when more than one person or living beings live together harmoniously in a group, it can be said that there is unity among them. Let us hear a legend to understand unity.

Once, Gold and Iron met in the market. Gold took Iron to the jeweler's market. There, Iron was surprised to see something and asked Gold, "When they cut you, why is there no noise? Whereas when they cut us, there is immense noise and screaming!" Gold gave a wonderful answer, saying, "The ones cutting us are Iron, who belong to a different category/community, so there is no noise. But the ones cutting you are from your own community, which is why there is so much noise when you are cut!"

Hearing this much, Iron understood everything. When Iron returned to his village, he gathered all the tools and weapons of his kind and shared this realization. They all decided to jump into the fire pit to repent, merge together, and renounce disunity. From that molten iron, a pillar was erected. When Prahlad was told to embrace this pillar, Lord Nrisimha manifested from that pillar which symbolized unity!

This is a symbolic story, but it conveys a very useful life message : where there is unity, God manifests; and where there is disunity, there is only misery and pain. Due to the unity among Lord Rama and his brothers, they were able to establish *Ram Rajya*. On the other hand, the Kauravas and Pandavas could not maintain unity, which led to the Mahabharata. Even today, it is said of a family that lives in unity that "Ramayana prevails here," while of a family with disunity, it is said "Mahabharata is going on here."

Ramanand Swami told NilkanthVarni from Bhuj to "stay by embracing the pillar." That was a message to maintain unity in Satsang and endure hardships.

Gunatitanand Swami also taught unity in his discourses. If there is mutual unity, unrighteousness will not enter. Maharaj spoke on this : a king asked for a quiver of arrows and said that even the strongest man could not break the quiver of arrows together. Then he pulled out a single arrow from the quiver and asked an old man to break it, and he broke it immediately. The king then told his prominent nobles, "If you stay together like this quiver of arrows, no enemy, no matter how strong, will defeat you, and the kingdom will remain safe." Giving this illustration, Maharaj said, "If all of you saints, attendants, and celibates maintain unity like this, even the strongest internal enemies won't be able to defeat you. But if you don't stay united, even a minor flaw will throw you out of Satsang."

God has given a teaching through the four fingers and the thumb. One day, the four fingers gathered. These four fingers represent wives/women, and the thumb is the husband/man. The thumb is male, and the fingers are female. The first finger (index finger near the thumb) said, "I am very useful, showing the path to lost travelers." If someone asks where the Satsang assembly is, it is shown with the first finger, not with the thumb.

Then the second finger said, "What you say is true; you show people worldly paths, but your work isn't like mine. I do work where you show worldly roads, but I show the path to the heavenly realm! The rosary turns on my finger alone—that is my job." Thus the two fingers finished boasting. The third finger said, "It's fine, you two are like elder sisters, so I won't say much, but we aren't useless either. What do you do? Applying a mark (*chandlo/tilak*) on the forehead is essential. If one wants to apply a *chandlo* on the forehead, it happens through me. That is true, you bring good omen, *chandlo* happens through you."

Now the small finger speaks, "You all are big, and I am small. I am useful to small people. No matter how strict a teacher is, no child raises their hand except when raising me to get permission to go outside. So everyone says I am small and an ornament. Everyone puts rings on me." Then all four gathered and said, "We are useful in some way, but this short thumb is completely useless! It comes in the way, doesn't look good, and looks mismatched when going out." Hearing this, the thumb got upset and withdrew. Then the wedding season arrived. Sweet crushed bread dish (*churma*) was served, sugar and ghee were added, and they tried to mix the *churma*. It couldn't be mixed. The four fingers just danced in the plate, but couldn't mix the food. Similarly, when catching a cold, the thumb is needed to clean the nose; even to hold a pen, the thumb is required. Without the thumb, the fingers faced all these difficulties, so all fingers apologized : "We made a mistake, please come back." So the thumb returned, but sat slightly lower. God says if you want to grab millet by making a fist, the grains don't fall out because of the thumb. Thus, God has placed such a beautiful lesson even in the five fingers of the hand—therefore, maintain unity.

Interpreting it in terms of a Satsangi, it can be defined as :

· **S (Sam-yam)** : Exercise Self-control

· **A (Paksh)** : Take the side of righteousness (*Paksh*)

· **M (Raji)** : Remain pleased/joyful

· **P (Khamaiya)** : Practice forgiveness (*Khamaiya*)

· **J (Joi-ne)** : Walk mindfully (*Joinechalje*)

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TERRIFYING CAVE (*GHOR GUPHA*) – Labhuben Manubhai Patel (Kundal, Taluka Kadi)

It was nighttime. As described by the Himalayas, when Varniraj looked inside the cave, a fierce stream of water was rushing from the front. Varniraj entered into that water. In this terrifying cave, there were poisonous insects, crocodiles, snakes, and countless venomous creatures. Seeing this scene, distress spread among the demigods. Seeing the aquatic creatures, Varniraj continued forward. Everyone became anxious about what would happen now. For three days and three nights, he walked continuously against the water stream.

"Entered the dark, terrifying cave filled with large venomous snakes, tortoises, crabs, fish, crocodiles, and frogs, walking fearlessly inside." Coming out of such a terrifying cave, there was a large water pool, and on its banks were banana trees. Hungry for three days, Varniraj worshipped the Shaligram. Then, bringing banana fruits, he offered them to Shaligram, and on the fourth day, he ate the banana fruits.

Varniraj is undertaking such a arduous journey solely for the salvation of these aquatic, forest, aerial, and terrestrial beings. Your name as the redeemer of the fallen (*Adham-Uddharak*) is truly meaningful, Varniraj!

Even today, we can see this cave. It is extremely deep and dark, with water dripping drop-by-drop from the mountain rocks above. Currently, this cave is known as the Secret Cave (*GuptGupha*). It is a form of Gupteshwar Mahadev. If this is its condition today, what must have been the situation two hundred years ago when Varniraj entered this cave?

Such a powerful current of water was flowing from this cave that its sheer sound would strike terror in a person's heart, making them not even think of plunging inside. In that cave, the 12-year-old child Shri Hari plunged during the night against the current for the salvation of infinite souls. This is the mercifulness of Shri Hari. My beloved Varniraj, the embodiment of meditation.

No incarnation has ever endured such unbearable hardship for living beings as He is enduring.

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BRAHMANAND SWAMI SENT TO JUNAGADH TO BUILD THE TEMPLE

– Bhavsar Pallaviben Vijaykumar (Langhnaj)

One day, Maharaj was sitting in an assembly when news arrived that Jivakhachar was ill. Maharaj went to the Darbargadh to see Jivakhachar. Muktanand Swami told Jivakhachar to keep his focus on Maharaj's divine form at this time, comforting him. After Swami returned to his lodging, Jivakhachar passed away. At that time, Maharaj sent attendants and arranged the final rites. After that, musical instruments were stopped from playing for two days.

Then attendants arrived from Junagadh, and Maharaj asked them for news regarding the temple. The attendants said that work was going on day and night, and Brahmanand Swami went to the Nawab's court daily, talked with him, and returned to the temple. If Swami didn't go to court on any day, the Nawab would send someone to call him for company. Hearing this, Maharaj said that the Nagar scholars of the city must have been subdued.

Earlier, when Maharaj promised Jinabhai to build a temple, Maharaj told Brahmanand Swami, "You go to Junagadh to build the temple." Swami replied, "You commanded me to compose hymns (*Keertan*); anyone can do temple construction work." Maharaj replied, "You set the mechanism/machinery in motion (*Kalchadavjo*), and take as many attendants and saints as needed for the work. Set the mechanism and compose hymns too." Swami remarked, "You sit controlling the mechanism of infinite millions of universes, yet call yourself non-doer while being the Doer!" Maharaj said, "Just as we set the mechanism of the universe, we set the mechanism for Satsangis too. Somewhere temples are built, somewhere temples fall."

Then Brahmanand Swami bowed down to Maharaj and met him. Maharaj fed the accompanying saints and attendants along with Swami, and as they prepared to leave, Jinabhai's sister Adiba said she wished to donate five hundred rupees for the temple. Maharaj told her to give it to Swami; she brought the money, tied it with the attendants, and handed it over. Maharaj gave Swami a mare to ride, and a bullock cart to carry supplies, and sent Swami to Junagadh to build the temple. At that time, two saints arrived from Jetalpur. They conveyed Anand Swami's greetings to Maharaj and reported that temple work at Jetalpur was going on day and night. Then Maharaj went to partake in the sanctified meal (*Thaal*), and after eating, Maharaj retired to sleep.

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Guru Purnima Festival Celebrated at Ahmedabad Temple

By the grace of the Most Merciful Shri Narnarayandev and under the auspicious umbrella of H.H. Shri Mota Maharajshri and H.H. Shri Future Acharya 108 Shri Vrajendraprasadji Maharajshri, on Ashadh Sud-15 Guru Purnima, Wednesday, Date 29-07-2026, the Guru Purnima Festival was grandly celebrated in the presence of a vast gathering of saints and Haribhaktas at the world's very first Shri Swaminarayan Temple, Kalupur.

As soon as H.H. Shri Acharya Maharajshri arrived along with H.H. Shri Mota Maharajshri and H.H. Shri Lalji Maharajshri, the saints and Haribhaktas laid a red carpet from the main entrance of the inner temple and gave a grand welcoming procession accompanied by the sweet tunes of the Shehnai.

Performing the Shringar Aarti of Shri Narnarayandev, bowing their heads at the feet of the Deity, and performing divine Darshan, they took their seats in the Sabha (assembly).

After the SwastiVachan ritual was formally completed by learned Brahmins, Ahmedabad Temple Mahant Swami, Jetalpur Mahant Swami Atmaprakashdasji, Sha. Swami Nirgundasji, Ayodhya Mahant Sha. Swami Narayanvallabhdasji, Muli Mahant Swa. Krishnavallabhdasji, Idar Mahant Swami, Swami Guruprasaddasji (Jamiyatpura), Dholka Mahant Swami, and other saints, along with members and trustees of the Shri Nar-Narayan Dev Temple Board, performed a group Aarti and worshipped H.H. Shri Acharya Maharajshri. Thereafter, today's Guru Purnima host (sponsor) devotee Shri DahyabhaiNaranbhai Patel (Mansawala), along with his family including Mehulbhai and Puravbhai Patel, performed worship and Aarti of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharajshri and obtained blessings. In the Haveli as well, devotee Shri Vimilaben Dahyabhai Patel and other sisters performed worship and Aarti of H.H. Shri LakshmiswaroopGadivalashri.

In the assembly, devotee Shri Mavjibhai Pindoriya (London), devotee Shri Sanjaybhai along with his son Bhavikbhai (Unawa), and our Haribhaktas from Vali Mumbai also took advantage of performing worship.

Parts 1 & 2 of the English publication of religious education for children were released by the Dharmakul. Finally, H.H. Mota Maharajshri, H.H. Future Acharya Maharajshri, and H.H. Shri Acharya Maharajshri granted the blessings to the entire Sabha (assembly). Mahant Swami's disciple Sha. Swami Satyasankalpdasji (Naranghat) conducted the Sabha (assembly) gracefully. The Mahant Swami of Ahmedabad Temple organized excellent arrangements. Thousands of devout devotees availed great advantage of worshipping the Dharmavanshi and ultimately availed Prasad, feeling fulfilled. (Kothari Swami - Kalupur Temple)

Hindola Festival at the World's First Shri Swaminarayan Temple, Ahmedabad Kalupur

Bhagwan Shri Hari initiated a divine tradition of festivals and gatherings in our Sampradaya, which will continue until the end of this universe. If any soul remembers such festivals at the end of life, their death is rectified, and they attain the supreme state.

During the months of Ashadh and Shravan, in every Hari-mandir and Shikharbaddha temple of our Sampradaya, from Ashadh Vad-2 to Shravan Vad-2, new and grand swing setups (Hindolas) are made daily before Thakorji to swing Him. By the order of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharajshri and with the blessings of H.H. Mota Maharajshri and H.H. Future Acharya 108 Shri Vrajendraprasadji Maharajshri, at the world's very first Shri Swaminarayan Temple, Kalupur, in the presence of the Most Merciful Shri Narnarayandev, daily new, grand, and divine Hindolas are created to provide beautiful Darshan in the evening. The Most Merciful Shri Narnarayandev will be very pleased with all the service-minded Haribhaktas who sponsored and served in the Hindolas throughout the month. The Mahant Swami and the saint assembly of Ahmedabad Kalupur Temple also put in service with body and mind to organize grand Hindolas, offering divine Darshan to the Haribhaktas. The Pujari saints of Thakorji offered beautiful new adornments to God for Darshan. (Kothari Swami - Kalupur Temple)

12-Hour Akhand (Continuous) Dhoon at Shri Swaminarayan Temple, Harshad Colony (Women's Temple)

By the supreme grace of the Most Merciful Shri Narnarayandev and with the auspicious blessings of H.H. Shri Lakshmiswarup Gadivalashri, on Jeth Sud-10, Date 24-06-2026, in memory of Shri Hari's departure to His divine abode, female devotees at the women's temple in Harshad Colony conducted a continuous chanting of the six-syllable "Swaminarayan" Mahamantra from 6 : 30 AM to 6 : 30 PM, offered Thal to Shri Hari, and distributed Prasad to all.Devotional programs continuously take place in the women's temple. (Gordhanbhai V. Sitapara)

Saffron Bath (Kesar Snan) at Shri Swaminarayan Temple, Approach (Bapunagar)

By the supreme grace of the Most Merciful Shri Nar-Narayan Dev and with the auspicious blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharajshri along with the entire Dharmakul family, on Date 27-06-2026, under the sponsorship of devotee Shri Rameshbhai V. Kathrotiya and his family, after morning worship of Shri Hari, Kesar Snan (bath with saffron water) of Shri Ghanshyam Maharaj was performed according to Vedic rituals by Mahant Sha. Swami Purushottamprakashdasji who arrived from Jetalpur.

Sha. P.P. Swami of Jetalpur addressed the assembly, explaining the special glory of Chandan Vagha (sandalwood attires) and Kesar Snan(the saffron bath), and anointed the foreheads of all devotees with holy sandalwood paste. The monthly Satsang assembly is being organized regularly. (Gordhanbhai V. Sitapara)

Shri Swaminarayan Temple, Adishwar (Naroda)

By the supreme grace of the Most Merciful Shri Narnarayandev and with the directions of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharajshri, with blessings from the entire Dharmakul, and in the presence of S.G. Shastri Swami Atmaprakashdasji, S.G. Shastri Swami Purushottamprakashdasji, along with S.G. Baldevprasaddasji and S.G. Harijivandasji, a Satsang Sabha (assembly) was organized at Shri Swaminarayan Temple, Adishwar (Naroda) on Sunday, Date 28-06-2026. S.G. Sha. Swami Purushottamprakashdasji and the saint Mandal from Jetalpurdham provided the divine discourse of God. The devotees of Adishwar (Naroda) organized it beautifully. The women's wing prepared meals themselves and served Prasad to all devotees. The local devotees took wonderful advantage. A beautiful Annakut of dry dates was offered to Maharaj. The youth wing performed wonderful service. (Sadhu Janmangaldas - Jetalpur Dham)

Shri Swaminarayan Temple, Laloda

By the boundless grace of Bhagwan Shri Swaminarayan and by the blessing-filled orders of H.H. Shri 1008 Acharya Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharajshri and H.H. 108 Lalji Maharajshri Vrajendraprasadji Maharajshri, various Satsang activities are taking place under Shri Swaminarayan Temple, Laloda (under the Nar-Narayan Dev region) on the occasion of the upcoming 200-year 'Tyohar' Festival of Morlimanohardev Dholkadham. During the holy intercalary month (Adhik Maas), from Date 11-06-2026 to 15-06-2026, a 5-day Shrimad Bhagavat Katha was narrated by Sha. Premprakashdasji. The Hari-bhaktas took wonderful advantage. On Sunday, Date 28-06-2026, a bicycle rally was beautifully organized by the children's wing (Bal Mandal & Balika Mandal) from Laloda Temple to Sapavada Temple. All children from the Bal Mandal and Balika Mandal participated in it. On Saturday, Date 11-07-2026 (Ekadashi), a Satsang assembly was organized, where all the Hari-bhaktas of the village took advantage of the discourse. Many such activities are being carried out by the saint assembly of Laloda Temple. A morning procession (Prabhat Feri) is also organized on every Ekadashi. All arrangements are conducted by Kothari Swami Vishwaprakashdasji of Laloda Temple, Pujari Swami Balkrishnadasji, and Sha. Swami Premprakashdasji. (Balwant Bhagat - Laloda Temple)

SATSANG NEWS OF MULI REGION

Katha Parayan on the Occasion of Adhik Maas at Surendranagar Temple

By the supreme grace of the Most Merciful Shri Narnarayandev, by the order of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharajshri, and with the blessings of H.H. Mota Maharajshri and H.H. Future Acharya 108 Shri Vrajendraprasadji Maharajshri, Shri Hari Smriti Ratriya Katha Parayan (a night discourse series) was held at Shri Swaminarayan Temple, Surendranagar during the holy Adhik Maas from Date 11-06-2026 to Date 15-06-2026, with Sha. Satsangsagardasji as the speaker. On this occasion, the Mahant Swami of Muli Temple arrived along with his saint group, delivered spiritual discourses, and pleased the Haribhaktas. (Sadhu Krupavatsaldas, ShailendrasinhJhala)

162nd Patotsav of Shri Swaminarayan Temple, Dhrangadhra (Sita Darwaja)

By the grace of the Most Merciful Shri Narnarayandev, by the order of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharajshri, and with the blessings of H.H. Mota Maharajshri and H.H. Lalji Maharajshri, in connection with the 162nd Patotsav of Shri Swaminarayan Temple, Dhrangadhra (Sita Darwaja - Men's section), from Date 17-07-2026 to Date 21-07-2026, the following saints provided spiritual discourses : Sha. Krupavatsaldas (Muli), Swa. Sevavatsaldas (Pujari, Muli), Sha. Bhaktinandandas (Muli), Swa. Mantraprasaddasji (Muli), and other saints. On Date 21-07-2026, Mahant Swami Krishnavallabhdasji and Sha. Vishwaprakashdasji arrived from Muli. In the Sabha (assembly), both saints spoke about the tithe (Dashansh-VishanshDharmada) and specifically advised everyone to donate Dharmada according to Shri Hari's command. The saints blessed and appropriately honored the Patotsavhost devotees (sponsors), devotees Shri Jagjivandas and PrabhudasSoni family. The entire event was successfully completed with the wonderful cooperation of S.G. Swa. Bhaktiharidasji. Sankhyayogi Kanchanba along with her group arrived and provided wonderful spiritual benefit to the women. (Anil Dudhrejiya - 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
Kanbha	Sadguru Shastri Swami Akhandswarupdasji (Kalupur)
Balasinor	Sadguru Shastri Swami Rajendraprasaddasji, Guru Sadguru Swami Swayamprakashdasji (Kalupur)
Antroli	Sadguru Mahant Swami Dharmswarupdasji, Guru Sadguru Swami Janakivallabhdasji (Porda)
Lunawada	Sadguru Swami Anandswarupdasji (Kalupur)
Ahmedabad (West)	Swami Bhaktijivandasji, Guru Mahant Shastri Swami Purushottamprakashdasji (Sector-2)
Ahmedabad (East)	Swami Divyaswarupdasji, Guru Mahant Shastri Swami Purushottamprakashdasji (Kalupur)
Marusana-Katosan	Sadguru Swami Ajayprakashdasji, Guru SADGURU Swami Jagdishprasaddasji (Dholka)
Trent Sitapur	Sadguru Mahant Shastri Swami Atmaprakashdasji, Guru Sadguru Swami Narnarayandasji (Jetalpur)
Visnagar	Sadguru Mahant Shastri Swami Narayanvallabhdasji, Guru Sadguru Swami Harisevadasji (Vadnagar-Ayodhya)
Kapadvanj	Sadguru Shastri Swami Ghanshyamdasji, Guru Sadguru Swami Keshavcharandasji (Kalupur)
Vihar-Gerita	Sadguru Mahant Shastri Swami Kunjviharidasji (Siddhpur-Khan)
Vadu-Dangarwa	Sadguru Mahant Shastri Swami Yagnaprakashdasji, Guru Sadguru Swami Guruprasaddasji (Kalol-Jamiyatpura)
Balwa	Sadguru Mahant Swami Devprakashdasji, Guru Sadguru Mahant Shastri Swami Purushottamprakashdasji (Unawa)
Bhat-Kasindra	Swami Narayanjivandasji, Guru Swami Mukundjivandasji (Kalupur)
Viramgam	Sadguru Shastri Swami Dhyanpriyadasji (Bopal)
Langhnaj	Sadguru Shastri Swami Sachidananddasji (Kalupur)
Mokhasan	Sadguru Shastri Swami Guruprasaddasji, Guru Sadguru Swami Harigovinddasji (Kalol)
Banaskantha	Sadguru Mahant Shastri Swami Narayanmunidasji, Guru Sadguru Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji (Kota)
Por-Vavol	Sadguru Mahant Shastri Swami Satyasankalpdasji (Narayanghat), Guru Sadguru Shastri Swami Purushottamprakashdasji (Kalupur)
Dhamasana	Sadguru Shastri Swami Ramkrishnadasji (Moti Adraj)
Prantij-Modasa	Swami Sarveshwardasji, Guru Swami Akhileshwardasji (Kalupur)
Sanand-Godhavi	Under Kothar (Under Kothar Management)
Sadra-Vasna	Sadguru Shastri Swami Divyaprakashdasji, Guru Sadguru Swami Devprakashdasji (Kalupur)
Kudal-Rajpur	Sadguru Shastri Swami Vedantswarupdasji, Guru Swami Golokviharidasji (Kalupur)
Santrampur	Sadguru Mahant Shastri Swami Vasudevcharandasji, Guru Sadguru Swami Janakivallabhdasji (Badrinath)
Nalkantha	Under Kothar Management
Khakhariya	Sadguru Swami Balkrishnadasji, Guru Sadguru Swami Shreeharidasji (Jaydevpura)
Unjha (Siddhpur)	Sadguru Mahant Shastri Swami Kunjviharidasji (Siddhpur)
Sirohi	Sadguru Mahant Shastri Swami Kunjviharidasji (Khan)

For names and offerings in **Surendranagar, Limbdi, and Morbi regions** : Parshad Bhagwan Bhagat, Guru Mohan Bhagat (Shree Swaminarayan Mandir Muli)

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

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

Jeth Sud-2 : Devotee Late Sushilaben Subhashchandra Adesara (Ahmedabad), Devotee Pravinchandra Shantilal Patel, Devotee Lalitaben Natwarlal (Ahmedabad), Devotee Late Kaluji Kanaji Thakor (Ahmedabad), Devotee Sharadaben Kantilal Patel (Ahmedabad). **Jeth Sud-3** : Devotee Late Manji Ravji Halai (Godpar-Kutch), Devotee Bipinbhai Dahyabhai Soni (Ahmedabad), Devotee Khimji Shamji Bhudiya (Kutch-Bhuj). **Jeth Sud-4** : Devotee Late Prembai Manji Halai (Godpar-Kutch), Devotee Parth Madhavjibhai Patel (Nikol), Devotee Late Hiteshbhai Bababhai Deveya (Khodu), Devotee Lilaben Dashrathbhai Patel (New Ranip), Devotee Meghji Dhanji Vekariya (Mandvi-Kutch). **Jeth Sud-5** : Devotee Kankuben Devsi Varsani (Sukhpar-Kutch). **Jeth Sud-6** : Devotee Bhanumatiben Bhimjibhai Patel (Ahmedabad), Devotee Vashrambhai Bhimjibhai Thummar (Surat), Devotee Purbai Arjan Kerai (Mandvi-Pipava-Kutch), Devotee Late Ghanshyambhai Muljibhai Kevadiya (Nana Zinjavadar). **Jeth Sud-7** : Devotee Late Pushpaben Ghanshyambhai Thakkar (Ahmedabad), Devotee Jai Dineshbhai Patel (Dhamasana), Devotee Kanchanben Jayantibhai Domadiya (Ahmedabad), Devotee Arvindbhai Valjibhai Gundaniya (Nikol), Devotee Parulben (USA), Devotee Jivantikaben Laxmikant Mehta (Ahmedabad), Devotee Ketanbhai Premjibhai Purohit (Radhanpur), Devotee Rajan Hareshbhai Gohel (Junagadh), Devotee Shaileshbhai Ashokbhai Patel (Soja). **Jeth Sud-8** : Devotee Dahyabhai Mohanbhai Patel (Veda), Devotee Teerth Manishbhai Patel (Ahmedabad), Devotee Amrutben Laljibhai Dabhi (Memka). **Jeth Sud-9** : Devotee Late Karshanbhai Lakhmanbhai Rabadiya (Sarli-Kutch), Devotee Hirbai Vaghji Kerai (Bhuj-Kutch). **Jeth Sud-10** : Devotee Mukundbhai Shantilal Ghadiyali (Halol), Devotee Het Mahendrabhai Patel (Naranpura), Devotee Ramjibhai Laljibhai Vekariya (Mandvi-Kutch), Devotee Late Dineshbhai Maneklal Desai (Bapunagar), Devotee Ishwarlal Parbatbhai Rathod (Ahmedabad), Devotee Tejeshbhai Arvindbhai Donga (Bopal). **Jeth Sud-11** : Devotee Late Manbai Lalji Khetani (Madanpur-Kutch), Devotee Premji Lalji Ravji Khetani (Madanpar-Kutch). **Jeth Sud-12** : Devotee Late Dhanlaxmiben Maneklal Bhavsar (Saraspur), Devotee Bipinchandra Dave (Australia), Devotee SakaribenDahyabhai Patel (Dangarwa), Late Sankhya Yogi Deviben Dhanji Gadani (Kutch), Devotee Late Gangaben Virji Gogari (Kutch), Devotee Late Nanuben ValjiPokar (Kutch), Swami Dharmswaroopdasji (Gadhada). **Jeth Sud-13** : Devotee Valkeshkumar Harjivandas (Gothib). **Jeth Sud-14** : Devotee Bhupatbhai Mohanbhai Gaudani (Ahmedabad), Devotee Chetanbhai Bhagwanbhai Patel (Ahmedabad), Devotee Bhagwanbhai Naranbhai Patel (Ahmedabad), Devotee Rajan Chandrakantbhai Belani (Ahmedabad), Devotee Shreya Virendrabhai Patel (Ahmedabad), Devotee Late Kesharbai Premji HarjiKerai (Kodki-Kutch), Devotee RavjibhaiTarsibhai Patel (Sabarmati), Devotee Rohit Balar (Surat), Devotee Rakeshbhai Bhagwanbhai Patel (Raysan). **Jeth Sud-15** : Devotee Vithalbhai Kachardas Patel (Mokhasan).

Jeth Vad-1 : Sankhya Yogi Amarbai Lalji Khetani (Madanpur-Kutch), Devotee Late Virbai Lalji Kerai (Mirjapur-Kutch), Devotee Miraben Udaybhai Nasit (Nikol). **Jeth Vad-2** : Devotee Dilip Premji Kerai (Madanpur-Kutch), Devotee Kamlaben Mangalbhai Patel (Gota). **Jeth Vad-3** : Devotee Gopal Lalji Vekariya (Ramparvekra-Kutch), Devotee Rajeshkumar MaganbhaiGolviya (Vadodara), Devotee Late Vishalbhai Rajubhai Patel (Unawa). **Jeth Vad-4** : Devotee Dhirubhai Khodabhai Dhori (Nana Zinjavadar), Devotee Dr. Ashokbhai Vithaldas Modi (Bapunagar). **Jeth Vad-5** : Devotee Riyansh Dineshbhai Patel (Ahmedabad), Devotee Late Shri Umakantji Tiwari (Through H.H. A.Sau. Lakshmi Swaroop Gadiwalashree, Ahmedabad). **Jeth Vad-6** : Devotee Late Shambai Veljibhai Rabadiya (Sukhpar-Kutch), Devotee Smit Viralbhai Adesara (Mumbai). **Jeth Vad-7** : Devotee DahyalaHiralalSoni Family (Ahmedabad). **Jeth Vad-9** : Devotee Dineshbhai Marghabhai Patel (Zundal). **Jeth Vad-10/11** : Devotee Kapilaben Bhupendrabhai Patel (Savli). **Jeth Vad-13** : Devotee Late Bhikhabhai Ambalal Bhavsar (Saraspur), Devotee Prembai Valji Vekariya (Sukhpar-Kutch), Devotee Rajubhai Kanjibhai Patel (Gavada), Devotee Pradipbhai Bhikhabhai Patel (Bareja), Devotee Savan Chetanbhai Vora (Nikol), Devotee Vasantkumar Natwarlal Patel (Soja). **Jeth Vad-14** : Devotee Piyushbhai Arvindbhai Patel (Gandhinagar), Devotee Shobhana Dineshbhai Patel (Ranip), Devotee Chelaji Anaji Choudhary (Dantiwada-Vali). **Jeth Vad-30** : Devotee Late Valbai Bhavan Varsani (Samtra-Kutch).

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On the day of Guru Purnima, a *Penda Annakut* (sweet offering) was offered before Lord Shree Narnarayandev and other deities at our Ahmedabad templewhose divine Darshanwas performed by thousands of devotees.





H.H. Lalji Maharajshree delivering blessings during the assembly at the new ISSO Chapter. **Knoxville (USA)**



Abhisheka Darshan of Thakorji on the occasion of **Ayodhya Temple**Patotsav.





Every year, artistic *Hindolas* (swings) are arranged at our Kalupur Temple. Similarly, a grand *Hindola* arrangement has been made this year as well.





By the order of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharajshree and with the inspiration of H.H. Lalji Maharajshree, free notebooks were distributed to students across various areas including Ahmedabad and Malpur by our temple.

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