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EDITORIAL

Result of Assembly Elections of Gujarat State is declared wherein BJP won the elections. After the victory of the Party, Shri Narendrabhai Modi made a statement, "Now we have to dispose of your questions and complaints for the next five years. We are not supposed to enjoy. We have to win your confidence."

Similarly, when Bhagwan has granted us so precious human birth then it is not to be wasted in pleasures of life. We get the human body and human life after *Punya* of so many previous lives and births; and that also after granting birth in our divine *Swaminarayan Sampradaya*, our luck is changed positively. Yet our human mind is so mischievous that, it does not allow us to worship Bhagwan so ardently.

Such a beautiful and pious *Dhanur Maas* is going on. Perhaps it is the best time and month to perform our ardent Bhakti. Bhagwan has granted us so many facilities for performing *Bhakti*. When we wake up early in the morning there is serenity. We take bath, perform daily *pooja-ritual* and we have to chant *Shree Swaminarayan Mahamantra Dhoon* constantly for half an hour. There is no disturbance from anywhere. No worry about our job or business. Just we have to sleep early at night and get up early in the morning and this is very easy for a devotee because he does so by virtue of following the principles of our *Sampradaya*. So dear devotees, please avail the benefit of *Dhoo*n in our temples during this pious *Dhanur Maas*. If we perform *Dhoo*n during this pious month then our balance would be increased. So make your life meaningful by performing *Dhoo*n during this pious *Dhanur Maas*.

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**Appointment Diary of H.H. Acharya Maharaj
1008 ShriKoshalendrprasadji Maharajshri
(December- 2012)**

12. Graced Naranpar (Kachchh).
- 14-15 Graced Bhachau (Kachchh).
16. Graced Uttar Gujarat Yuva Satsang Shibir at Kadi.
17. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Amraivadi on the occasion of Annual Patotsav.
18. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Himatnagar, on the occasion of Patotsav.
19. Graced the village Thara-Bhabhar (Banaskantha) on the occasion of Shakotsav.
20. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Jamiyatpura, on the occasion of Patotsav.
- 21-22 Graced Sukhpar (Kachchh).
23. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Por, on the occasion of Parayan.
24. Graced the house of the devotee Shri Jesangbhai Lalaji Chaudhary, Balva on the occasion of Parayan.
25. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Bopal, on the occasion of *Dhoon*.
Graced Naranpar (Kachchh).
26. Graced Naranpar (Kachchh).
27. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Gandhinagar (Sector-23) on the occasion of Katha.
Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Maniyor, on the occasion of Patotsav.
Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Kocharab-Paldi on the occasion of Parayan.
- 28-29 Graced Rampar (Kachchh).
30. Performed Shakotsav in the morning at Shree Swaminarayan temple, Naranghat and in the evening performed Shakotsav at Motera.



APPOINTMENT DIARY OF OUR FUTUR ACHARYA SHRI VRAJENDRAPRASADJI MAHARAJ

(December- 2012)



1. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Mubarakpura, on the occasion of Patotsav and Shakotsav.
4. Graced the village Delwada on the occasion of Shakotsav.
9. Graced the Show-room of the devotee Shri Sanjaybhai R. Soni, Manek-chawk.
15. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Torda, on the occasion of installation of *Vijay-Sthambha*.
16. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Dangarva, on the occasion of Patotsav.
26. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Motera.
29. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Bopal, on the occasion of *Shakotsav*.

Shikshapatri

The Epistle of Precepts

(based on Shatanand's Shikshapatri
Arthadipika)

By Pravin S. Varsani

Text-80

On days of fasting, one shall make every effort to avoid sleeping during the day as by doing so nullifies the fast, just as sexual indulgence does.

**Upavaasadine Tyajya Diva Nindra
Prayatrataha |**

**Upavaasstaya Nashyenmaithuneneva
Yanruram ||80||**

A day spent sleeping destroys the Vrata. By sleeping, the day is wasted away, which should really be used in praise of God. When sleeping, the fast becomes easier to keep and for these reasons, such days should not be passed by sleeping.

**Upavaassya Dine Ekadashyaedau
Praischitarthopavasdivase |
Cha Diya Nidra Prayatnataha
Sarvaprakarera Tyaja Na
Kartavyetyarthaha ||**

'One should not sleep during days of Upavaas for Ekadashi etc. and on days of Upavaas for Prayashit.' such days spent sleeping, destroys the Vrata of Upavaas which is similar to that of sexual indulgence. Deval Smruti explains: Upavaasaha Pranasyeta Diva Swaapacha Maithunad- 'Sleeping during the day and sexual indulgence destroys the fruits of Upavaas.' thus both are considered equivalent.

During all Vratas, Bahmcharya (celibacy) is considered to be important. Those Vratas performed without Brahmcharya are fruitless. Puranas and Dharma Shastras explain that Brahmcharya is destroyed through the association of a woman or by dreaming, say Rishis. For such reasons, on such days, one should stay aloof of the

company of women and also prevent themselves from dreaming of situations involving the company of women in this way. Thus, one should spend the day with their senses focussed away from such desires. If by accident, one does release semen on such a Vrata day, one should perform Avakirni Prayashit, as explained later.

One should understand that sleeping during the day is prohibited ordinarily for all days (as explained earlier (Sh.15). Sleeping on Ekadashi and other Vrata days is more so prohibited. Many believe that the Lord here forbids sleeping if Upavaas is performed on Vrata days and so if Ektanu (eating just once) is performed then there is no problem in sleeping. This is again incorrect. One should not sleep during the day nor indulge in sexual activities if the Vrata is kept, regardless of whether Upavaas of part Upavaas was performed, as these will surely destroy the Vrata. Now Lord Swaminarayan explains which Vrata days are worthy of praise and observance.

Text-81

The days of Vrata (self-discipline) and festivals shall be as prescribed by Shree Vithalnathji, the son of Shri Vallabhacharya, a king among Vaishnavas.

Sarvavais

**hnavrajshreevallabhascharyanandana
ha |**

**Shreevithaleshaha Krutvan Yam
Vratotsavnirnyam ||81||**

Pushtimarga's great Vaishnavacharya, Shree Vallabhacharya exponent of Suddhadvaita philosophy and great proponent of Bhakti is here remembered. Vallabhacharya's knowledge regarding Vratas and Utsavas should be accepted and practiced. The Vasihnava Raja, famed as the incarnation of Lord Agni (fire), Vallabhacharya's son Shri Vithalnathji's treatise upon Vrata days should be accepted. His astrological fixing on Ekadahi, Ankoot and all other important days in the Hindu calendar should be accepted.

SHREE GHANSHYAM MAHARAJ IN RANGMAHOL

- Sadhu Purushottamprakashdas (Jetalpurdham)



like our Aadi Acharya H.H. 1008 Shri Ayodhyaprasadji Maharaj, his son H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Keshavprasadji Maharaj was capable of performing Samadhi and during his State of Samadhi, he used to perform divine Darshan of Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan Bhagwan in Akshardham along with Anant Muktas and then he used to describe Shree Hari in front of the saints and the devotees. At that time all the contemporary saints of Shree Hari had passed away to Akshardham. Therefore many saints used to ask H.H. Shri Keshavprasadji Maharaj about the idol of Murti of Akshardham. Though there were idol images of Shree Narnarayandev invoked by Shree Hari Himself, saints were eager to know about Murti of Akshardham. Therefore H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj Shri Keshavprasadji Maharaj decided to get prepared an idol image which is very identical to Murti of Shree Hari of Akshardham.

The pious famous Lallubhai Shilpy Mistry of Vadnagar was called by H.H. Shri Keshavprasadji Maharaj and directed him to prepare an idol image as per the description of Shree Hari along with sixteen signs. As per his skill and expertise, Lallubhai brought good quality wood and started preparing the idol image of Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan. While giving shape to the idol image, there was a confusion in his mind. At night Aksharadhipati granted him divine Darshan and asked him not to be confused

and allowed him to take measures of the limbs. Lallubhai took measurements and noted them and then started the work of carving out image out of the wood. The work continued for considerable time of six months. As and when there would be confusion in his mind, Shree Hari would grant him Divine Darshan and confusion would be removed. For six months devotee Lallubhai did not talk with even his family members, wife and children and devotes his whole time behind the preparation of the idol image. After devout service and work with full concentration of six months, the idol image of Shree Ghanshyam Maharaj was made ready.

H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj Shri Keshavprasadji Maharaj Himself went to Vadnagar to bring the idol image to Ahmedabad. On observing at the idol image, the words uttered from the mouth of Shri Keshavprasadji Maharaj were, "This idol image in itself is Maharaj." Shri Keshavprasadji Maharaj was very much pleased with Lallubhai and offered him Charanarvind of his daily pooja.

Thereafter the idol image of Shree Ghanshyam Maharaj was brought in Ahmedabad and was kept in a cupboard in Rangmahol. Thaal-aarti pooja started to be performed. After some years, on the pious day of Kartak Sud-12 Vikram Samvat 1942, H.H. Shri Acharya Shei Keshavprasadji Maharaj performed the ritual of invocation of this idol image of Shree Ghanshyam Maharaj and thereafter *Vagha* and *Vastra* (clothes) were started to be offered.

On the basis of idol image of Shri Rangmahol Ghanshyam Maharaj, other idol images have been prepared in various temples of our Sampradaya but till date no exact copy of this idol image is made.

“એવી ત્રિભુવનમાં નવ દીઠી રે, મૂર્તિ મરમાળી.”

Anybody who wishes to perform divine Darshan of Shreeji Maharaj of Akshardham, then idol image is situated there in Rangmahol. Many times, this idol image of Rangmahol used to talk with Shri Keshavprasadji Maharaj. For hours together H.H. Shri Acharya Devendraprasadji Maharaj used to talk with this idol image. Even today H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj performs Dhyana while keeping this idol image in Pooja.

Many saints and Haribhaktas have divine experience of this image. We shall talk about the miracles about this idol image with the devotees and saints in the next article. But Sayajirao Gaekwar of Vadodara had ordered Lallubhai Mistry to prepare similar kind of idol image of Shree Ghanshyam Maharaj. But Lallubhai stated with folded hands that similar kind of idol image cannot be prepared by him again. This idol image was prepared about 128 years ago and even today Akhand Kirtan are performed in front of Shree Rangmahol Ghanshyam Maharaj. There is no difference between this idol image of Shri Rangmahol Ghanshyam Maharaj and Ghanshyam Maharaj of Akshardham. When one devotee demanded Moksha from Mata Bhadrakali, Mata Bhadrakali brought the devotee to Rangmahol and stated, "Moksha is here only."

The cupboard wherein this idol image was kept for some years is at present placed in Kothar of Narnarayandev wherein Prasad of Thaal is kept and therefore Prasad is also popular in our Sampradaya.

Bhavash and Suresh Sopmpura and their team are toiling hard.

Shree Ghanshyam Maharaj is present at the divine place and many miracles have happened which are experienced by the devotees and Haribhaktas. One such miracle happened very recently. One boy aged 11 years, clad in white clothes and round Tilak in his forehead came in front of one of the workers and handed over two ripe mangoes. The worker was astonished at looking at ripe mangoes. How can there be ripe mangoes without summer season? When the worker asked the question to the boy, the boy went away inside the complex and was not seen thereafter. The worker handed over the mangoes to Mahant Swami, who offered the fruits to Thakorji in Thaal and thereafter Prasad was distributed. The strong hard inner part of the mangoes is still preserved.

There are many such miracles, which are experienced by our devotees. Mahant Swami Brahmchari Vasudevanandji states that, there is not a single month where such miracles have not happened.

MIRACLE OF GHANSHYAM MAHARAJ IN CHHAPAIYA

- Sadhu Purushottamprakashdas (Jetalpurdham)

With the directions of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj, construction work of new building with marbles is going on for the last five years in our Chhapaiyadham. Mahant Swami Brahmchari Vasudevanandji, other saints and Haribhaktas working hard day and night for this noble purpose. Pilgrim devotees, who visit the place for divine Darshan, also render their valuable services. The total estimate of the construction work is about 12 crore and so far about 60% work is over. The sculptors

OUR FUTURE UTSAV

Posh Sud-15 Sunday 27/01/2013
Patotsav of Shree Prabha Hanumanji
Maharaj, Jamiyatpura.

Maha Sud-5 Friday 15/02/2013
Vasant Panchmi. Shiksha Patri Jayanti.
Patotsav-Samaiyo of Shree
Swaminarayan temple, Muli. Patotav of
Nathdwara temple. Patotsav of Shree
Ghanshyam Maharaj in Ahmedabad
Haveli.

Maha Sud-8 Monday 18/02/2013
Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan
temple, Torda.

Maha Sud-10 Wednesday
20/02/2013 Patotsv of Shree
Swaminarayan temple, Naranpura.



LOOK ! SINS ARE GETTING BURNT

- Chandrakant Mohanlal Pathak (Gandhinagar)

Once Vasto Bhagat of Khokhra village came to Maharaj for divine Darshan. When Raghavanand Swami saw him, he told, "This is an ardent devotee. When he became the devotee then not a single person of his village Motera was our devotee. But after Vasto Bhagat becoming our devotee, there are more than two hundred devotees in village Motera."

Maharaj asked Vasto Bhagat, "How you became the devotee?" Vasto Bhagat replied and said, "Earlier I became devotee of Nanak Sect. From there I shifted to Maragi Sect. From there I became devotee of Kabirji. But there also I did not find ultimate peace and satisfaction. Then I met

Tejo Koli and he guided me towards our Sampradaya.

Thereafter, a discussion took place between Vasto Bhagat and Raghavanand Swami about one Bhajan of Kabirji. Vasto Bhagat sang the Bhajan and Raghavanand Swami explained the meaning of that Bhajan. Vasto Bhagat was very much happy and satisfied with the real meaning explained by Raghavanand Swami. Thereafter, he became the disciple of Raghavanand Swami. Swami asked him to abstain from all types of addictions.

Once Vasto Bhagat asked a question to Swami, "How one can get his sins burnt?" Swamiji replied, "When the sins are burning, it is not visible. But thereafter a man becomes very pure and calm. He becomes ardent devotee and he cannot be disturbed by any worldly affair."

Once all the household things of Vasto Bhagat were burnt in the fire which broke out suddenly at night. In no time, the whole house was burnt. When Maharaj asked Vasto Bhagat, "Are you not unhappy at this accident of fire?" Vasto Bhagat replied, "Now my Guru has showed me the path of ultimate goal of life. And I am following that path very scrupulously. And therefore, I am not disturbed at what has happened with my house." Maharaj was very much happy with this ardent devotee and embraced him.

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Shree Swaminarayan Museum

પત્ર નં. ૧૩

સ્વસ્તિ શ્રી અમદાવાદ મહાશુભ સ્થાને પૂજ્યારાધે, ઉત્તમત્તમ, પરમપૂજ્ય ધર્મધુરંધર, ધર્મરક્ષક, અધર્મ ઊચ્છેદક, જ્ઞાનવૈરાગ્યાદિક' સદ્ગુણદાયક, કામ ક્રોધ લોભ મોહાદિક અંતરશત્રુનાશક, આધ્યાત્મિક અધિભૂત અધિદૈવ ત્રિવિધ તાપ દગ્ધજન, શાંતિકારક ભક્તજનો પરિદયાકારક, મોક્ષફલદાયક, પરોપકારક, કૃપાસાગર એવં અનેક શુભ ઊપમા લાયક, પ્રગટ પુરુષોત્તમ સ્વરૂપ આચાર્યશ્રી અયોધ્યાપ્રસાદજી હરિકૃષ્ણ મહારાજની ચિરંજીવી ઘણી હજો. એતાન હલવદથી લ. સાધુ માધવચરણદાસ આદિ સાધુ સર્વે તથા દવે મકનજી તથા મેતા રણછોડ આદિ હરિભક્ત સર્વેના સાષ્ટાંગ દંડવત પ્રણામ સેવામાં અંગીકાર કરવા. વિશેષ લખવા કારણ એ છે જે મહારાજશ્રીને શરીરે કસર જેવું સાંભલ્યામાં આવ્યું હતું તે શ્રીજી મહારાજે સુવાણ કરી હશે તેનો પત્ર રાવલ ગોવિંદરામ ભેગો લખવો. એટલે હરિભક્ત સર્વેને દર્શન જેટલો આનંદ ઊપજે. સાધુ તથા બ્રહ્મચારી તથા પાલા તથા હરિભક્ત સર્વેને અમારા જય સ્વામિનારાયણ કે જો. સં. ૧૯૧૯ ના જ્યેષ્ઠ વદી-૧૧ ને શુક્રવારે રાત્રે ઘટીકા ૮ ગયે લખ્યો છે ઊતાવલમાં. લ. ચરણસેવક આચારજ મોરારજના દંડવત્ સેવામાં અંગીકાર કરવા.

પૂજારાધે આચારજ શ્રી ૧૦૮ અયોધ્યાપ્રસાદજી મહારાજ હરિકૃષ્ણ મહારાજ.

Letter No.13

This letter makes it quite self-explanatory as to how noble and devout should be our feelings towards Dharmvanshi H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj. This is a letter written by our Aadi Acharya H.H. Shri Ayodhyaprasadji Maharaj addressed to the saints and Haribhaktas. This letter was written five years before his return to Akshardham on Fagan Sud-7 Samvat 1924. adjectives used in this letter give us an idea as to how important and supreme is the status of Seat of Acharya in our Sampradaya. All saints and Haribhaktas used to consider Dharmvanshi Acharya Maharaj as Other Form of Shree Hari only and they used to behave accordingly! Divine Darshan of this letter and handwriting of Dharmvanshi Acharya also granted divine Darshan of Bhagwan to the saints and devotees.

This original letter of Madhavcharandas, expressing the noblest feeling, is kept in Hall No.11 of Shree Swaminarayan Museum for divine Darshan of the saints and Haribhaktas. Solet us perform divine Darshan of this unique letter and may pray to Shree Narnaryandev that our feelings and love and affection and worship towards Dharmvanshi Acharya Maharaj may keep on increasing day by day.

- Hitendrabhai Naranbhai Patel

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2nd Sthapana Din of Shree Swaminarayan Museum

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj, beautiful Mahapooja, Mahabhishek etc. are organized in the Main hall of our Museum, on Thursday Fagan Sud-3 14/03/2013, on the occasion of annual Patotsav of Shree Naranarayandev and also on the occasion of *Sthapana Din* of Shree Swaminarayan Museum. Services of Rs.11,000/- and Rs.5,000/- has been determined for rendering services as the co-hosts of this occasion. So, the devotees and haribhaktas desirous of rendering their devout services on this pious occasion, may kindly register their names. For rendering services as the chief-host and co-host, the devotees may contact the office personally.

Contact : 9925042686 (Dasbhai) Phone No.: 079-27489597

List of devotees who rendered their services under Shree Swaminarayan Museum Maintenance Bhet Yojna December-2012

Rs.4,00,000/- Rs.1,00,000/-	One lady devotee of Ahmedabad. Dahyabhai Narandas family (Mansawala) on the occasion of marriage of Mehulbhai, through Nana P.P. Swami.	Rs.5,151/- Rs.5,001/-	Vinod Patel (Mital pump Sparces) Sikandarabad. Bhadraben Pravinbhai Sapariya (Mulund-Mumbai)
Rs.25,000/-	Patel Vitthalbhai Ravjibhai (Bapunagar-Ahmedabad) through Dr. Pareshbhai Vitthalbhai	Rs.5,000/- Rs.5,000/-	One devotees (Chandisana) for obtaining pleasure of Shreeji Maharaj Harishit Pravinkumar Bhavsar (Bopal) on the occasion of obtaining Visa, marriage in the family and on the occasion of Punya-tithi of mother.
Rs.25,000/-	Virjibhai Jerambhai Rupani family (Brighton U.K. President)		Prakshbhai Prahadbhai Patel, Jamiyatpurawala.
Rs.25,000/- Rs.11,111/- Rs.11,000/-	Jagdishbhai Gadhya (Ahmedabad) Anantbhai H. Patel (Isanpur, Ahmedabad) Patel Dhirajbhai Karshanbhai (Ahmedabad) on the occasion of birthday of Jiya (daughter of devotee Ankurbhai)	Rs.5,000/- Rs.5,000/- Rs.5,000/-	Atulbhai Pothiwala (Ahmedabad) Jatinbhai Amrutbhai Patel (Maninagar) Patel Ramanbhai Madhabhai (Ahmedabad) through Ketanbhai Dharmendrabhai Rambhai Patel (Ahmedabad)
Rs.11,111/-	Rasikbhai Shivabhai Patel (Kherol-Toronto-Canada)	Rs.5,000/-	Maheshbhai S. Patel (Lalodawal) (at present Vapi)
Rs.20,000/- Rs.7,100/- Rs.6,000/-	Patel Punambhai Maganbhai (Ahmedabad) Rekhaben M. Mistry (Ahmedabad). Akshar Nivasi Kantaben Nanji Kerai (Mandvi-Kachchh)	Rs.5,000/- Rs.5,000/-	

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04/12/2012	(Morning) Vir Pritesh Hirani, (Evening) Lav Pritesh Hirani (Kachchh at present Perth Australia)	23/12/2012	Akshar Nivasi Jatashankar Popatlal Shah (Ahmedabad) through Jagdishbha Shah) Semitronics)
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11/12/2012	Pareshbhai Juthani (Australia)	27/12/2012	Manjibhai Ravjibhai Vekariya(Baldiya) at present London
14/12/2012	Sankhya Yogi Nanbai Guru Ratanbhai (Kera-Kachchh) with the inspiration of H.H. Shri Mota Gadiwala.	30/12/2012	Varshaben Navinchandra Pathak on the occasion of birthday of the grandson Yog Bhavin Patalh with the inspiration of H.H. Shri Mota Gadiwala.
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DIVINE CHARITRA OF SHREE HARI
- Shastri HariPriyadasji (Gandhinagar)
(text in Gujarati)

While explaining the importance of the saints, Shree Hari stated, "Oh saints! You are worthy to be worshipped by all the people of the world. Services rendered to you would be considered as such services rendered to Bhagwan."

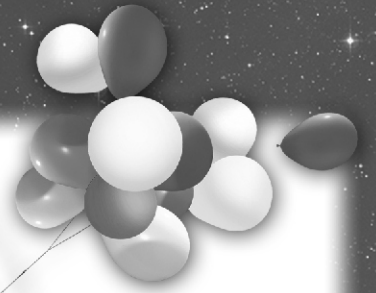
listening to these words of Maharaj in the Sabha, devotee Gosai Narangiri said, "Maharaj! Please let me offer the sweets to these saints tomorrow." Maharaj accepted the invitation of the devotee. The next day, the sweets were ready and Maharaj Himself was serving the sweets to the saints. The host devotee Gosai Narangiri was also sitting alongwith the saints and was accepting the meals and the sweets being offered by Maharaj. When Maharaj came with a dish, there was sweet in it, sufficient for one person. Looking at this, Gosai Narangiri stood up and started running. Maharaj chased him throwing pieces of sweet from the dish, till the dish was empty. The moment the dish became empty, Gosai Narangiri returned followed by Maharaj. All the saints relished this Leela-Charitra of Maharaj joyously.

Dear devotees! While narrating this Leela-Charitra of Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan, Adharanand Swami has written that, Maharaj performs such Leela-Charitra for granting pleasure and joy to the devotees.

In Bhagwad-Gita, Bhagwan Shree Krishna has stated:

“જન્મ કર્મ યમે દિવ્ય એ વયો વેત્તિ તત્વતઃ”

Thus all Leela-Charitra of Bhagwan are



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SATSANG BALVATIKA

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divine and are capable of granting serenity and peace of mind. And the devotees who cherish such an understanding, they get emancipation in their life.

WORK OF SARPANCH IS DONE

- Sadhu Shrirangdas (Gandhinagar)

This is an incident which happened before some years. Once one Mahamahotsav was celebrated in our Sampradaya. The Sarpanch of the village was also invited in the Mahotsav by the Haribhaktas. But this Sarpanch was not an ardent devotee and therefore Katha-Varta, lectures, Darshan etc. had no impact upon his mind.

However, he observed and noticed only one thing during the whole Mahotsav. There was tremendous self-discipline among all the devotees and Haribhaktas while accepting Mahaprasad at the noon. This had great impact upon the mind of Sarpanch.

Since that day, as and when he would

meet any devotee or haribhakta, he would invariably appreciate the self-discipline he had observed and witnessed during Mahamahotsav. He used to praise it, as and when such a social occasion would arise.

After many years, Sarpanch became sick. Now he was struggling for life in his bed. All the villagers and relatives used to come to meet him. Among the visitors were devotees and Haribhaktas. The moment bed-ridden Sarpanch would see the devotees, he would remember and recall self-discipline of devotees during Mahamahotsav.

Thus, by co-incidence he uttered the name of Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan so many times as he remembered the Mahamahotsav as 'Swaminarayan's

Mahamahotsav'. Therefore, when he passed away, he got emancipation and a place in Akshardham.

This is the impact of chanting rather uttering the name of Swaminarayan even unknowingly. Therefore, Shreeji Maharaj has stated in 3rd Vachnamrit of First Chapter that, 'Whosoever would remember Leela-Charitra of Maharaj, or would remember the idol image of Bhagwan then he is sure to get emancipation in life. And therefore, we organize Vishnu Yaag and also celebrate Janmastmi, Ekadashi Vrata etc, where all the saints and Haribhaktas get together. So even a sinner remembers Bhagwan at the last moment of his life, he would certainly get emancipation in life.'

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and their owner was sleeping in the cart. The driver of our car played a prank and turned around the direction of the bullock-cart and as a result thereof the bullock-cart returned home in the morning in stead of reaching at the sugar-mill. So we have to be careful, lest anybody is not changing the direction of our progress in the opposite side otherwise when we would wake up, we would find ourselves at the place from where we had started our journey.

Maharaj has clarified everything in quite clear terms. We need to understand them in their proper perspective. Yet we find that, there are people who misinterpret the meaning of Vachanamrit in their own way. Bhagwan has stated, "I am in Narnarayandev and there is no difference in me and in this idol image and therefore all the devotees should cherish ardent faith

and Bhakti towards Narnarayandev."

Maharaj has made tremendous efforts to ensure emancipation of each and every devotee of our Sampradaya. Maharaj has performed many Leela for the welfare and benefit of the devotees and Haribhaktas. Bhagwan has incarnated on this earth in human form and has remained with us for many years and has performed many Leela.

Even in the foreign countries, we find our temples and our saints. Therefore, we should perform Bhajan and Bhakti with ardent faith and trust. We should not be worried about success or failure. We should cherish ardent faith and should render our devout services to Bhagwan. So that we can uplift ourselves from Maya of this world and can ensure our emancipation in our life.

FROM THE BLESSINGS OF H.H. SHRI
GADIWALA 'ONE SHOULD NEVER
DOUBT JUSTICE OF PARAMATMA'

- Compiled by Kotak Varsha Natvarlal,
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Once one person went to a barber to cut his hair. While the barber was cutting his hair, they both were talking. The leisure talk entered into the talk about God. The barber denied the existence of God in the world. He argued that, if there was any god anywhere in this world, not a single person would be unhappy and sick. No person would be poor and there would be no difficulty in this world. When the work was over, the man went out and he saw a man with long hair and beard. The man brought the man with long beard to the barber and told that, there is no existence of any barber in the world. If there would be any, then this man would not have such a long beard. The barber argued that, for that nobody is at fault. What can a barber do when the person does not approach the barber to cut his long hair or to shave his beard.

Immediately, the man counter-argued, 'Similarly, there is no fault of God, if there are unhappy, sick and poor persons in this world. A man who wishes his hair to be cut, has to wait in a queue in the barber's shop till his turn comes. Then he has to surrender himself to the barber, so that it becomes easy and convenient to the barber to cut his hair. Similarly an unhappy, sick and poor person has to surrender himself to Almighty God. He has to follow the rules and principles laid down by Almighty God. He has to put in hard toil of ten to twelve hours everyday, in rendering services. In short, he has to make sincere and honest efforts in order to obtain the pleasure of Bhagwan.

Therefore, **one should never doubt Justice of Parmatma?** We get the result as per our Prarabdha (luck); we get happiness and unhappiness as per our luck. We do see in this world that, out of two



real brother sister of the same mother, one becomes very rich person whereas the other finds it very difficult to earn his livelihood. Parents never think bad about their children but the children get as per their Prarabdha (luck) and accordingly they get happiness and unhappiness in their lives. Similarly, Paramatma is our Parents, and our Parents never think bad about any soul. So everything is happening as per the Destiny. We need to wait for Time as Time is the supreme. However, strong we may be, we should never think others as inferior to us. We should offer our ardent worship without any pride. Because, generally a sparrow eats the ants. But when the same sparrow is unable to fly, the ants together and eat up the sparrow. We can make so many matchstick boxes from the wood of one tree. But only matchstick is required to set fire the whole forest.

Thus, mercy of Bhagwan is same and equal for all and whatever miseries or unhappiness comes in our life, is due to our own deeds. So we should always offer our ardent and humble Bhakti to Bhagwan and by getting rid of our own infirmities, we have to uplift ourselves towards Almighty God.

ACHIEVEMENT THROUGH PRAYER

- Sankhya Yogi Kundanba Guru
Sankhya Yogi Kanchanba (Meda)

Dear devotees! Everyday we stand in front of our Bhagwan for ten minutes and

pray. Now we should offer our prayer ardently and with the bottom of our heart. Because prayer is the key to happiness. Prayer is the strength of life. Prayer is a place of heart. Prayer is where our tears reside. Prayer is an inner strength. Prayer is Chintan of Bhagwan. Prayer is purification of life. Prayer is an informal talk with Bhagwan. Prayer is capable of controlling Param-Tattva. Prayer is an essential element of life. Prayer is a key to the gate of Bhagwan. Prayer is something which melts our pride. Prayer is our appointment with Bhagwan. Prayer is an inner link with Bhagwan. Prayer is personal asset of every person. Prayer helps us get rid of our baser feelings. Prayer helps us get rid of all difficulties. Prayer is a linkage which links us with Paramatma. Prayer is a medium through which we can come closer to Bhagwan. Prayer is not a demand but it is yearning. Prayer is a pious spring which cleanses our mind. Prayer is a meeting with Paramatma. Prayer is readiness to put aside everything and to have complete faith in Bhagwan and allow Him to do as per His wish.

Once Shreeji Maharaj organized Utsav of Holi in Sarangpur. Devotees and Haribhakts from various parts of the world had arrived in Sarangpur to participate in this Utsav. Maharaj was very much happy with the devotees and asked them to demand anything. Then ladies devotees of Gujarat demanded something unique which is discussed as under by

Nishkulanand in Chapter-64 of 'Bhakta Chintamani'

મહાબળવંત માયા તમારી, જેણે આવરિયાં નરનારી. એવું વરદાન દીજીયે આપે, એહ માયા અમને ન વ્યાપે. વળી તમારે વિષે જીવન, નાવે મનુષ્ય બુદ્ધિ કોઈ દન, જે જે લીલા કરો તમે લાલ, તેને સમજું અલૌકિક ખ્યાલ. સતસંગી જે તમારા કહાવે, તેનો કેદી અભાવ ન આવે, દેશ કાળ ને ક્રિયાએ કરી, કેદી તમને ન ભૂલિયે હરિ, કામ ક્રોધ ને લોભ કુમતિ, મોહુ વ્યાપિને ન ફરે મતિ, તમને ભજતાં આડું જે પડે, માગિયે એ અમને ન નડે, એટલું માગિયે છેયે એમ, દેજ્યો દયા કરી હરિ તમે, વળી ન માગિએ અમે જેહ, તમે સૂણી લેજ્યો હરિ તેહ, કેદી દેશોમાં દેહાભિમાન, જેણે કરી વિસરો ભગવાન, કેદી કુસંગનો સંગ મ દેજ્યો, અધર્મ થકી ઉગારી લેજ્યો. કેદી દેસોમાં સસારિ સુખ, દેશોમાં પ્રભુ વાસ વિમુખ, દેશોમાં પ્રભુ જક્ત મોટાઈ, મદ મત્સર ઈર્ષા કાંઈ, દેશોમાં દેહસુખ સંયોગ, દેશોમાં હરિજનનો વિયોગ, દેશોમાં હરિજનનો અભાવ, દેશોમાં અહંકારી સ્વભાવ, દેશોમાં સંગ નાસ્તિકનો રાય, મેલી તમને જે કર્મને ગાય. એ આદિ નથી માગતા અમે, દેશોમાં દયા કરીને તમે, પછી બોલિયા શ્યામસુંદર, જાઓ આપ્યો તમને એ વર મારી માયામાં નહિ મુંઝાઓ, દેહાદિકમાં નહિ બંધાઓ મારી ક્રિયામાં નહિ આવે દોષ, મને સમજશો સદા અદોષ એમ કહ્યું થઈ રળિયાત, સહુએ સત્ય કરો માની વાત, દીધા દાસને ફગવા એવા, બીજું કોઈ સમર્થ એવું દેવા, એમ રમ્યા રંગભર હોળી, હરિસાથે હરિજન ટોળી.

so dear devotees! We should also demand such things from our Bhagwan in our daily prayer. May Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan give us understanding like the ladies devotees of Gujarat.

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Gopaljivandasji blessed all the devotees. Services of the young devotees was very inspirational during the whole occasion. (Shastri Swami Vrajbhushandasji, Naranghat)

Shakotsav-Parayan at village Delwada

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and with the inspiration of Mahant Sadguru Shastri P.P. Swami of Naranghat temple, Shrimad Bhagwat Panchanh Parayan and grant Shakotsav were organized from 30/11/2012 to 04/12/2012 in village Delwada.

The devotee Shri Dahiben Bhagubhai Bapudas Patel family rendered the services as the hosts of Parayan. Devotee Shri Yogeshbhai Narendrabhai of Trimurdi Dairy Farm and Priya Dairy Farm and devotee Shri Lalsinh Revaji Gohil rendered the services as the host of Shakotsav. Sadguru Shastri Swami Ramkrishnadasji (Koteshwar) was the spokesperson of this Parayan whose benefit was availed by large number of devotees and Haribhaktas. Sadguru Shastri Swami Harikeshavdasji performed Mangal Dip-Pragatya. During the Katha, Pothi-yatra, Raas-Garba, Satsang, Kirtan Bhakti, Shri Krishna Janmotsav etc. were celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm. On 01/12/2012 H.H. Shri Gadiwala graced the occasion and H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj graced the concluding ritual of Parayan and grand Shakotsav was celebrated. Among the saints Sadguru Mahant Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji, Sadguru Mahant Swami Devprakashdasji, Brahmchari Swami Rajeshwaranandji, Sadguru Shastri Swami Narayanvallbhdasji, Shastri Kunjviharidasji, Shastri Swami Abhayprakashdasji and Madhav Swami delivered their inspirational speeches. Services of the villagers were inspirational on this occasion. (Shastri Swami Chaitanyaswaroopdasji)

Patotsav-Shakotsav at village Mubarakpura

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and with the inspiration of Mahant Sadguru Shastri P.P. Swami of Naranghat temple, 2nd Patotsav and grand Shakotsav were celebrated in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Mubarakpura.

Akshar Nivasi devotee Shri Naranbhai Kandas Patel family devotee Shri Pacchabhai had rendered the services as the host of Patotsav and Shakotsav. In the morning Abhishek of Thakorji and there after Annakut aarti were performed by H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj. Vaghar of Shakotsav was also performed by H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj.

In the Sabha organized on the occasion,

Brahmchari Swami Rajeshwaranandji, J.P. Swami, Shastri Swami Vishwaswaroopdasji, Purani Swami Vishwaviharidasji and Nilkanth Swami performed Katha-Varta and explained the importance of Shreeji Maharaj. At last H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj blessed all the devotees. Services of the young devotees was very inspirational. (Shastri Swami Chaitanyaswaroopdasji, Koteshwar)

Tulsi Vivah in Meghaninagar

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and with the inspiration of Mahant Sadguru Shastri P.P. Swami of Naranghat temple, Tulsi-Vivah was performed in Meghaninagar Ambar Society.

All the devotees of Meghaninagar organized beautiful Tulsi-Vivah wherein the devotee Shri Govindbhai Ranchhoddas Patel family availed the benefit of being on the side of bridegroom and the devotee Shri Mangalbhai Patel family availed the benefit of being on the side of bride. H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj graced this occasion and blessed all the devotees. Among the saints Sadguru Mahant Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji, Sadguru Mahant Swami Devprakashdasji had arrived Shastri Abhay Swami and Chaitanya Swami narrated Katha-varta. Many devotees availed the benefit of this occasion and rendered their beautiful services. (Shastri Swami Chaitanyaswaroopdasji)

Tulsi Vivah in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Naranpura

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and with the inspiration of Mahant Sadguru Shastri Swami Hariomprakashdasji and Shastri Swami Madhavprasaddasji, grand Tulsi Vivah was organized in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Naranpura. On this occasion Group Mahapooja was also organized. Trustee of the temple and devotee Shri Rasikbhai Dayalibhai Soni family rendered the services on behalf of the bride. Devotee Dr. Harshadbhai Kasturchand Zinzuvadia family of Bhalja Sir Mandal rendered the services on behalf of the bridegroom. On this occasion grand Shobha-yatra was also organized. Akshar Nivasi devotee Lavjibhai Bhimjibhai Patel family devotee Ranchhodbhai and Kanchanben rendered the services on behalf of the maternal side of the bride. Similarly devotee Samirbhai Ramanbhai Patel (Antarsubawala) availed the benefit of rendering the services as hosts on behalf of the maternal side of the bridegroom. H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj graced the occasion and blessed all the host devotees families of various occasions. Among the saints Dev Swami, Mukund Swami Muktaswarop Swami (Muli) and Prem swaroop Swami offered

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beautiful Thaal to Thakorji. Services of the ladies devotees of Mahila Mandal and services of Shree Narnaryandev Yuvak Mandal were very praiseworthy. All the devotees and Haribhaktas of Naranpura area availed the benefit of divine Darshan of Tulsi-Vivah.

(Vishal Bhagat)

Celebration of 1st grand Shakotsav at village Thara (Banaskantha)

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj and with the inspiration of Mahant Sadguru Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji, 1st Grand Shakotsav was organized at village Thara of balvi Mataji temple of Kanabar family Kuldevi on 19/12/2012. H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj performed divine Vaghar of Shakotsav whose benefit was availed by large number of devotees.

On this occasion alongwith H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj, Sadguru Mahant Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji, J.P. Swami, Purani Swami, Vishwaviharidasji, Shastri Swami Vishwaswaroopdasji, Nilkanth Swami and Shastri Swami Narayanmunidasji had arrived. First of all H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj graced the house of the devotee Shri Rameshbhai Kanabar at village Bhabhar wherein grand Samaiyu of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj was performed with Musical band. Thousands of devotees availed the benefit of divine Darshan.

On the pious day of Vaishakh Sud-3 ritual of Khat Muhurt of Shree Swaminarayan temple would be performed by H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj.

(Rameshbhai Kanabar)

Kalyanpura (Tal. Kadi)

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and with the inspiration of Mahant Shastri Swami Hariomprakashdasji of Naranpura temple and on the occasion of Jivatcharya of devotee Shri Labhubhai and Narmadaba (parents of devotee Shri Dhirubhai Satuniya), Shree Swaminarayan Mahamantra Dhon was organized at village Kalyanpura. H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj graced this occasion alongwith the saints and blessed the devotee Labhubhai family. Saints from various places had arrived on this occasion. Beautiful arrangement of Prasad was made by devotee Shri Pratikumar Dhriubhai. (Vishal Bhagat)

Celebration of 97th Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Sitapur

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and with the inspiration of Sadguru Mahant Shastri Swami Atmaprakashdasji, 97th Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Sitapur was celebrated with great fervour and

enthusiasm on 15/12/2012.

First of all Kirtan-Bhakti-Utsav were performed in the temple, therefore Shobhayatra was performed. Sadguru Shastri Swami Atmaprakashdasji had arrived on this occasion alongwith saints from Jetalpur and the saints had performed Shodasopchar Abhishek and Annakut aarti.

The host devotee Shri Jiviben Patel and the family were honoured by the saints with blessings. In the Sabha organized on the occasion, the saints had made announcement about the future Patotsav. On this occasion, saints from Jetalpur, Jamiyatpura, Mahesana, Naranpura and Kalol temples had arrived. The Sabha was conducted by Shastri Bhaktinandan Swami. (Shastri Bhaktinandandas, Shri Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal, Sitapur)

Satsang Shibir in Kalol

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj, Satsang Yuva Shibir of Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal, Uttar Gujarat was organized at KIRC College, Kalol. In the Shibir young devotees of Por-Vavol Desh (4 villages), Dhamasana-Kalol Desh (12 villages), Dangarva Desh (08 villages, Kadi-Rajpur Desh and Katosan Desh (16 villages) had participated. The whole programme was organized under the guidance and pious company of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj. On this occasion Harikrishna Swami (Approach temple), Shastri P.P. Swami (Mahant of Naranghat temple), Shastri Narayanvalabhdasji (Vadnagar), Shastri Bhaktinandan Swami (Jetalpur) and Shastri Ram Swami (Koteswar Gurukul) had provided valuable guidance and had delivered inspirational speeches whose benefit was availed by about 700 young participant devotees.

During the whole programme, Yuvak Mandal of Naranghat, Dangarva, Kalol and Marusana had rendered their inspirational services. The devotee Shri Mukeshbhai Patel (Panchvati, Kalol) had rendered the services as the host of Satsang Shibir. At last H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj blessed all the participant young devotees and had also performed Shakotsav and granted Guru Mantra to new Mumukshus. (Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal, Naranghat)

Shree Swaminarayan temple, Dehgam

all the devotees of Dehgam had organized beautiful Annakut in our Shree Swaminarayan temple, Dehgam and had celebrated utsav. During the pious Dhanur Maas, Shree Swaminarayan Mahamantra Dhon was also performed. Services of the ladies devotees was very inspirational on this occasion. (Kothari Harshadbhai Patel)

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Shri Narnarayandev Mahila Mandal, Himatnagar

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Gadiwala, and under the guidance of Mahant Swami and Poojari Swami of Himatnagar temple, ladies devotees of Shri Narnarayandev Mahila Mandal, Himatnagar, had offered various types of vegetables on the pious occasion of *Prabodhini Ekadashi*. Ladies devotees had performed Dhoon, Bhajan on this pious occasion. Devotee Shri Sangitaben and Bhavnaben Prajapati had rendered the services as the host of this pious occasion.

(Kalpanaben)

Celebration of 12th Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Aakhaj

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and with the inspiration of Sadguru Mahant Swami Narayanprasaddasji (Mahesana) 12th Annual Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Aakhaj was celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm on 05/12/2012.

on 04/12/2012 Kirtan-Bhakti and Katha-Varta etc. were organized at night under the guidance of Shastri Bhaktinandandasji (Jetalpurdham). Devotee Shri Jayeshbhai Soni had sung beautiful Kirtans. Shodasopchar Pooja of Thakorji was performed early in the morning on 05/12/2012. devotee Shri Natvarlal Gangaram Soni through his sons devotees Shri Pankajbhai and Yogeshbhai (Priti Jewellers, Ahmedabad) had rendered their services as the host of this pious occasion. Mahabhishek of Thakorji was performed by the saints. In the Katha-varta, the saints had narrated the importance of Shree Narnarayandev and Acharya Maharaj. The whole arrangement was made by Mahant Swami of Mahesana temple. On this occasion saints from Jetalpur, Jamiyatpura, Mahesana, Naranpura, Siddhpur, Kalol and Ahmedabad had arrived.

(Shastri Bhaktinandandas and Kothari)

Shrimad Satsangjivan Panchan Parayan in Prayag

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj, H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj, H.H. Shri Mota Gadiwala and with the inspiration of Sankhya Yogi Meghnaben of Gadhpur, Shrimad Satsangjivan Panchan Parayan was organized in our new temple under construction at Prayag from 08/12/2012 to 12/12/2012. devotee Shri Manjibhai Devshibhai Gorasiya of Mankuva (Kachchh) (at present Mombasa) had rendered the services as the host of this divine occasion. Sadguru Shastri Swami Ramkrishnadasji (Koteshwar Gurukul) was the spokesperson of this Parayan. The whole arrangement was made by Mahant Swami Narayanswaroopdasji of

Prayag. The sabha was conducted by Shastri Hariprasaddasji (Gadhpur). On this occasion, Sadguru Mahant Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji of Ahmedabad, Mahant Swami Devprakashdasji of Naranghat, Kothari J.K. Swami, Vrajbhushan Swami and Shastri Swami Govindprasaddasji (Gadhpura) had arrived. Mukund Swami, Divyaprakash Swami and Hiten Bhagat had rendered their services in the kitchen. In Katha-prasang Sankhya Yogi ladi devotees of Ahmedabd, Morbi, Suykpar and Gadhdha had remained present. The whole arrangement was made by Kothari Parshad Kamlesh Bhagat, Anil Bhagat, Sundar Bhagat, Sansul Bhagat, Ghanshyam Bhagat, Ankit Bhagat, Maulik Bhagar and Kanaiya Bhagat.

(D.K. Swami)

Shree Swaminarayan temple, Kapadwanj

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and with the inspiration of Shastri Swami Vishwaswaroopdasji, Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Kapadwanj (temple of Haribhaktas and ladies devotees) was celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm. Devotee Shri Rameshbhai S. Patel and Dhirenbhai Patel had rendered their services as the hosts of Patotsav. Devotee Shri Bahratbhai had got performed Mahapooja ritual. Anankut, Maha-aarti etc. were performed in front of Thakorji. Shastri Swami Vishwaswaroopdasji, Shastri Sukhnandandasji and Shastri Shrikrishnadasji had delivered their inspirational speeches on this pious occasion. At last all the devotees had availed the benefit of Mahaprasad. Services of Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal was very inspirational.

(Kothari Alpesh Patel)

Van-vicharan Katha in Itadara

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj, Van-Vicharana Katha was organized from 23/11/2012 to 25/11/2012 at village Itadara. Shastri Swami Ghanshyamprakashdasji (Mansa) was the spokesperson of this Katha. On this occasion Mahant Swami Krishnaprasaddasji from Torda, Ghanshyam Swami from Kalyanpura had arrived. Devotee Shri Bhikhabha Patel (B.K.Patel) had rendered the services of offering the meals to about 4000 Haribhaktas on the occasion of Amrut-parva of his parents. Services of devotees Shri Jayeshbhai Patel, Kamleshbhai and Arvindbhai were inspirational on this occasion.

(Gavaiya Chandraprakash Swami, Mansa)

Shakotsav in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Mandal

With the directions and blessings of H.H.

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Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and with the inspiration of Mahant Sadguru Shastri Swami Atmprakashdasji and Sadguru Shastri Swami P.P. Swami of Jetalpur temple, beautiful Shakotsav was organized on 22/12/2012 in our Shree Swaminarayan temple, Mandal. On this occasion Swami Shyamcharandasi, Shastri Swami Bhaktinandandasi and Shastri Swami Bhaktivallabhdasji had arrived., after Mahamantra Dhoon in the morning, Katha was performed. Thereafter, wonderful Shakotsav was performed. On this occasion Sankhya Yogi ladies devotees of Patdi, Kaliyana, Viramgam and Goraiya had arrived and had granted the benefit of Katha to the ladies devotees.

(Shastri Swami Bhaktinandandas)

Celebration of grand Shakotsav in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Dhamasana

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj, H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj and with the inspiration of Mahant Sadguru Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji (Ahmedabad), H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj had graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Dhamasana, for the first time and had performed divine Shakotsav on 25/12/2012.

On this occasion Panchan Parayan was organized and Sadguru Shastri Swami Satyasankalpdasji (Muli) was the spokesperson of this Katha. Haribhaktas of the village had rendered their services of vegetables on this divine occasion. Among the saints, Sadguru Brahmchhari Poojari Swami Rajeshwaranandji, Sadguru J.P. Swami, Sadguru Mahant Shastri Swami Purnaprakashdasji (Dholka), Mahant Shastri P.P. Swami (Naranghat), Swami Balswaroopdasji (Muli), Shastri Swami Vishvavihardasji, Shastri Vishwaswaroopdasji, Ram Swami (Aadraj) had arrived on this occasion and had also delivered their inspirational speeches. Sadguru J.P. Swami, Sadguru Shastri P.P. Swami (Mahant of Naranghat temple) and Purani Vihwaviharidasji had provided guidance during the whole occasion.

(Popatbhai, Kothari)

Shree Swaminarayan temple, Bopal

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and with the inspiration of Shastri Swami Dharmvallabhdasji, 'Sneh Milan' and Satsang Sabha of Sunday was organized on 25/11/2012 by Mahant Swami Harivallabhdasji and Kothari Amrutbhai Patel wherein all the devotees had participated. Katha-Vara, Bhajan-Kirtan etc. were performed on this occasion. Devotee Shri Khimjibhai Bhagwandas Patel and his sons

devotee Shri Govindbhai and devotee Shri Ratibhai (Medawala) had rendered the services as the hosts of this occasion.

With the directions of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj, every Sunday 'Ravi Sabha' is organized in the evening and host devotees for the whole year have already been registered. With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Gadiwala, Mahila Mandal performs Katha-Varta, Kirtan-Bhakti in the noon on every Ekadashi wherein guidance of Sankhya Yogi Gitaba of Viramgam is also obtained. For nurturing noble qualities and Samskaras among children, Bal Sabha is also organized on every Sunday under the direct supervision of H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj. Many devotees participate in Dhoon of pious Dhanur Maas.

(Pravinbhai Upadhvay)

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Celebration of 7th Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Surendranagar

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and with the inspiration of Mahant Sadguru Swami Premjivandasji, 7th Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Surendranagar, was celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm. With the inspiration of Sankhya Yogi Kamla, Akshari Nivasi devotee Maniyar Laxmichandbhai Naranbhai family had rendered the services as the host of this Patotsav.

On this occasion, Shrimad Satsangjivaj Saptah Parayan was organized from 24/11/2012 to 30/11/2012. Sadguru Shastri Swami Shreejiprakashdasji (Muli) was the spokesperson of this Parayan. On this occasion Tulsi Vivah, Mahabhishek and cultural programme for the children etc. programmes were organized. On 27/11/2012, H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj graced the occasion and blessed all the devotees and inaugurated new office. H.H. Shri Gadiwala and H.H. Shri Mota Gadiwala had also graced the occasion and had blessed all the ladies devotees. Many Sankhya Yogi ladies devotees from various places had also arrived on this occasion. The Sabha was conducted by Shastri Swami Premvallabhdasji. Under the guidance of Kothari Swami Krishnavallabhdasji, Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal had rendered beautiful services.

(Shailendrasinh Zala)

Celebration of 7th Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Balol (Bhal)

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and with the inspiration of Mahant Sadguru Shastri Swami Hariprakashdasji (Makansar), 7th

Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Balol (Bhal) of Muli Desh, was celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm.

In the morning at 9.00 a.m. H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj graced the occasion with the saints and Parshads. Saints of Jetalpur and the devotees of the village performed grand Samaiyu. H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj performed Shodasopchar Abhishek of Shree Harikrishna Maharaj and performed aarti in the temple of devotees and then graced the Sabha. In the Sabha, Shastri Swami Bhaktinandandasji (Jetalpurdham) narrated beautiful Kathamrit. The retired employees of Rajput Samaj of Balol had rendered their services as the host of this Patotsav, who performed group aarti of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj in the Sabha/ in the Sabha, Swami Balswaroopdasji the representative of Muli Mahant Swami and the former Mahant Shastri Swami Narayanprasaddasji delivered their inspirational speeches. Among other saints Shyam Swami, Mahant Shri K.P. Swami of Jetalpur, Yogi Swami, Bhanu Swami, Natu Swami, Muktaswaroop Swami, Kothari Vraj Swami of Muli and Ram Swami had also arrived on this occasion.

At last H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj blessed all the devotees and asked them to remain faithful to Shree Radhakrishnadev of Mulidham. Thereafter Annakut aarti and Thaal were offered to Thakorji and prasad was offered to all the devotees. (Khatana Jesangbhai)

Shree Swaminarayan temple (ladies) (Ghanchivad), Dhrangadhra

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Gadiwala, Vachanamrit(273) Parayan was organized by Sankhya Yogi Kanchanba, Hiraba and Bhagwatiba on the pious day of Vachanamrit Jayanti. (Priti Anilbhai Dudhrejiya)

Katha in Shree Swaminarayan tempmle, Akhiyana

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj, Bhakti Swami of Muli temple had organized beautiful Sabha whrein Kathamrit was performed. All the devotees were ardently requested to remain faithful to Muli Shree Radhakrishnadev and Shree Narnarayandev Desh Gadi.

(Priti Anilbai Dudhrejiya, Dhrangadhra)

Katha-varta in villages by saints of Muli

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj, Shastri Swami Dharmvalbhdasji and Shreejswaroopdasji (disciples of Akshar Nivasi Sadguru Shastri Swami Vigyandasji) had performed Katha-varta explaining the

importance of Shree Hari in villages Ghanshyamnagar, Dhar, Pratapgadh and Mayurnagar of Muli Desh.

(Rameshbhai Tarbundiya)

OVERSEAS SATSANG NEWS

Shree Swaminarayan temple, Atlanta

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj, Poojan of Shree Hanumanji on the day of Kali-Chaudas, Chopda Poojan-Laxmi Poojan on the pious day of Divali and beautiful Annakut in front of Thakorji in the pious day of New Year etc. were performed in our Shree Swaminaryana temple, Atlanta. Tulsi Vivah was also celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm. Under the guidance of Shastri Swami Satyaswaroopdasji and Poojari Swami Ajayprakashdasji, Chairman devotee Shri Daxeshbhai and Shri Rajubhai, all the devotees had rendered their valuable services on this pious occasion. In the weekly Sabha of the temple about 125 devotees had rendered their services as hosts. At last Thaal-aarti to Thakorji and prasad were offered followed by Mahaprasad for the devotees.

(President Dakshesh Patel, Atlanta)

Shree Swaminarayan temple, Chicago

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and with the inspiration of Swami Shantiprasaddasji, grant Annakutotsav was organized on the pious day of Dipotsavi in our Shre Swaminarayan temple, Chicago.

On 24th November 2012, Tulsi Vivah was also celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm. Dr. Hetalbhai Babubhai Patel family and devotee Shri Harshbhai Chhaganbhai Patel family had rendered the services as the host on behalf of the bridegroom. Devotee Shri Banubhai Govindbhai a Patel family and devotee Shri Riteshbhai Mahendrabhai Patel (Uvarsadwala) had rendered the services on behalf of the bride on this pious occasion of Tulsi-vivah. Devotee Shri Dineshbhai had got performed the ritual of marriage. Services of Nilkanth Swami of Muli were praised by all the devotees.

(Vasantbhai Trivedi)

Shree Swaminarayan temple, Washington

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj Satsang Sabha was organized on 3, 10, 12, 13, 14, 17, 24 and 28th November 2012 and on Saturday 1st December 2012 on the pious occasions of KaliChauda, Diwali, New Year, Ekadashiand Dev Diwali. D.K. Swami from Colonia had narrated Kathamrit for one whole

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week./ on the pious day of Kali Chaudas poojan of Shree Hanumanji, Annakut on the pious day of Nutan Varas and Bhajan-Kirtan and Katha-varta etc. were also performed whose benefit was availed by more than 300 devotees and Haribhaktas.

On the pious day of Prabodhini Ekadashi, Katha-Varta, Dhoon-Bhajan, Kirtan etc. were performed. On 1st December grand Tulsi Vivah was also celebrated in the noon from 2.30 to 6.30 hours wherein grand procession was performed. Thereafter Thaal-aarti and Mahaprasad were offered in front of Thakorji. In Tulsi Vivah more than 200 devotees had participated. (Kanubhai Patel)

Dipawali Annakut in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Colonia

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and with the inspiration of Mahant Swami all the Dipawali festivals were celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm. Poojan of Shree Hanumanji Maharaj, Laxmipoojan- Chopda Poojan on the pious day of Diwali and Mangala aarti, Shangaar, Rajbhog, Sandhya and Sayan aarti were performed on the pious day of New Year. Thousands of devotees had availed the benefit of Annakut Darshan in our temple. Thjereafter Mahant Swami had narrated beautiful Katha about importance of Bhagwan.

Young Haribhaktas had also performed Kirtan, Bhajan and laughter show at night on Sunday wherein devotees Shri Yogeshbhai, Rameshbhai, Mashruwala, Prakashbhai,

Mangobhai and his son Shyam had performed beautiful programme. At last Shastri Swami had honoured all the artists with garlands. At last prasad was offered to all the devotees.

On the pious day of Kartak Sud-11 grand Tulsi Vivah was also celebrated. On the pious occasion the hall was decorated very beautifully. Grand procession was also organized on this occasion. Many devotees and Haribhaktas had rendered their services as the hosts on this pious occasion. (Pravin Shah)

Shree Swaminarayan temple, Auckland (New Zealand)

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj, Dipavali Utsas was celebrated in front of Thakorji in our Auckland with great fervour and enthusiasm. On the pious day of Kali Chaudas poojan of Shree Hanumanji Maharaj, Laxmi-poojan and Chopda Poojan on the pious day of Diwali and Gorvardhan Pooja, Annakut Aarti on the pious day of New year and in the evening Kirtan-Bhakti in the Satsang Sabha were organized.

Thereafter in the Sabha, blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj were telecast on large screen in the Sabha. The host of Annakut Mahotsav devotee Shri Jaiminbhai Patel and Kothari of temple devotee Shri Atulbhai Patel had rendered their beautiful services. Services of the ladies devotees and Haribhaktas were very inspirational. Students of Gujarati and Hindi call were also honoured on this pious occasion. (Bipin Thakkar)

AKSHARVAAS

Mahesana – Devotee Shri Kashiramdas Karshandas Patel (father of our devotee Shri G.K.Patel (Motapwala) and member of Shree Narnarayandev Desh Scheme Committee) passed away to Akshardham on 27/11/2012 while chanting the name of Shree Hari. This has caused great loss to our Satsang.

Ahmedabad- Devotee Shri Dipakbhai Nagindas Patel (heir of the great devotee Kala Bhagat, Kundal (tal. Kadi) passed away to Divine Abode of God on 30/11/2012 while chanting the name of Shreeji Maharaj.

Ahmedabad (Bapunagar)- Devotee Shri Batukbhai Jadavbhai Bavadiya (age 46 years) passed away to Akshardham on 28/11/2012 while chanting the name of Shri Hari.

Ahmedabad – Devotee Shri Meenaben (age 50 years) (wife of devotee Dineshkumar the son of the devotee Shri Manilal T. Patel (Sojawala) passed away to Divine Abode of God on 04/12/2012 while chanting the name of Shri Hari.

Dehgam- Devotee Shri Natvarbhai Ishwarbhai Patel (Amin) passed away to Akshardham on 31/10/2012 while chanting the name of Shri Hari.

Kanjarikampa – Devotee Shri Dahyabhai Punjabhai Patel (Kothari) passed away to Divine Abode of God on 27/12/2012 while chanting the name of Shreeji Maharaj.

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