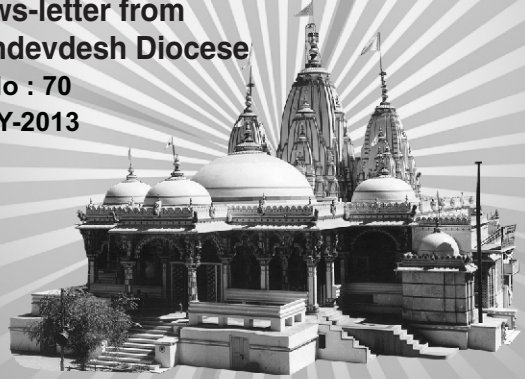




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## EDITORIAL

This time, there is considerable cold. However, it is absolutely necessary that, the seasonal cycle remains normal then only there would be everything in order in this universe.

Maharaj has been very much benevolent and granted us so many comforts and convenience. As often told by our H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj, by not following the directions of Maharaj scrupulously, we ourselves create problems for ourselves. By disobeying the directions, we invoke unhappiness and therefore we have to take extra care and we need to be vigilant in following the directions of Maharaj.

Omnipresent Shree Hari got the first temple of Sampradaya in Shreenagar (Ahmedabad) through Sadguru Anandanand Swami and invoked the idol images of Shri Narnarayandev by taking them in arms and thereby Maharaj has opened the gate of emancipation for all the devotees and Haribhaktas. 191<sup>st</sup> Patotsav of Shri Narnarayandev of Ahmedabad would be performed on the pious day of Fagan Sud-3 by H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj, H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj in Vedic tradition. Therefore, all the devotees of Desh and abroad are requested to avail the benefit of divine Darshan on this pious occasion.

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Shastri Swami Harikrishnadas

**Appointment Diary of  
H.H. Acharya Maharaj  
1008 ShriKoshalendraprasadji  
Maharajshri  
(January- 2013)**

3. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Muli on the occasion of Parayan.
5. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Mandal on the occasion of Shakotsav. Graced village Rampar (Kachchh) in the evening.
6. Graced Rampar (Kachchh).
7. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Manekpur and Mahadevnagar (Ahmedabad) on the occasion of Shakotsav.
- 10-31 Pilgrimage to Sydney and Perth (Australia) on the occasion of invocation of the idol images in new Shre Swaminarayan temple and from there pilgrimage to America.

**APPOINTMENT DIARY OF  
OUR FUTURE ACHARYA 108  
SHRI VRAJENDRAPRASADJI MAHARAJ**

**(January- 2013)**

- 11 to 30<sup>th</sup> January Grace of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Sydney and Perth (Australia) on the occasion of invocation of the idol images and 1<sup>st</sup> Patotsav of temple. From there Grace of Auckland (New Zealand).



# Shikshapatri

## The Epistle of Precepts

(based on Shatanand's Shikshapatri  
Arthadipika)

By Pravin S. Varsani

### Text-82

**My disciples shall observe these Vratas and festivals and shall adopt the mode of worship of Shree Krishna explained by Shree Vithalnath**

Vithalnath has explained that if the tenth day (Dasham) is one with a duration of a 54 Gadis and 59 Paras (1 Gadi = 24 mins, 1 Para = 24 seconds) hence 24 hours and 42 minutes then the Dasham is said to be without Vegh. If however the Dasham is 55 Gadis hence 22 hours then the Dasham is said to be with Vegh. For those Dashams with Vegh, the eleventh day should not be taken for Ekadashi Vrata Upvaas. The twelfth day should be taken instead. If the half-month contains two Ekadashis or two Dvadashis (twelfth days) then the second of the two days should be taken for performing Upavaas Vrata in such situation.

If Janamastmi is said to occur during sunrise then that day should be used for Janamasmi Vrata. If the seventh day is with Vegh or if the eighth day is with Vegh or if the eighth day is with Kashaya (decaying) then the ninth day should be taken for the Vrata. If two Ashtamis (eighth days) occur then the first of the two should be taken.

Only that Vaman Jayanti, whose previous day has Vishnushrunkha Yoga should be used. For Ramanavmi, the ninth day without Vegh of the eighth day should be taken. If the ninth day is with Vegh or if it is with Kashaya then that day should still be taken. If there are two ninth days then the first should be taken. If there is Chandra Darshan on the first day of Kartika then Ankoot Utsava should be

celebrated the day before (Amavasya). Vithalnath has not outlined Shivaratri and so Shatanand explains that Samayamayukh and others should be used. If Shivratri spreads over after twelve o'clock at night then the first day should be taken. If Shivratri spreads over two nights then the second day should be taken. Thus in this way the important Bvratas are explained. I am not sure how much of this anyone out there understands, but I have to my limited knowledge translated as best I can. This Shloka really stems into Jyotisha Shastra - Science of Astrology and so one needs to have an understanding of such subject to fully understand the influence of time, planets and stars upon Vrata days.

Also, Vithalnath's teachings upon service to Lord Krishna (Sevaritisha Krishnasya) involving what clothing, ornaments and food to offer to God at different times should be accepted. The path of service, devotion (Seva-Bhakti) as explained in Varshika Vratotsav Vidhi should be thus accepted.

### Text-83

**All my disciples shall make a pilgrimage with due rites in the holy places like Dwarika and shall always be charitable and compassionate towards the poor.**

Shatanand says that Dwarika is the best amongst holy places. By going to such holy places – Tirthas, one swims across the ocean of life (Sansar Samudra). The Tirtha is a Punya Kshetra a place of fruits or benediction. One should go to such places, perform Mahapooja of the Lord, be charitable towards Sadhus and Brahmins and celebrate such places. Shantanand explains that a Tirtha is a form of Bhakti or devotion and for such reason it is thus glorified.

Ugrashrava has said, 'O Brahmins! Visiting Tirthas makes a person more faithful (to religion) and makes him more eager to listen to the Lord's Katha'. Those who cannot perform an extensive Yatra of all holy places should visit Dwarika. Dwarika is famed here, as it is the home of Lord Shree Krishna who is

said to have resided there for a hundred years. Dwarika, the 'City of Gold' is thus famed as the greatest of Tirthas. The Eleventh Canto of Bhagwat says 'Remembrance of the holy city of Dwarika destroys all evil and spreads auspiciousness'.

The Yatra Vidhi is explained in Kashikhanda: 'Before leaving for yatra, an Upavaas should be performed and Poojan of Ganapati. Forefathers, Brahmins, Sadhus and Elders should be worshipped. Additional religious practices should be adopted, only then should one begin their Yatra. When one returns from Yatra, they should again perform Poojan of ancestors and elders.' one should never test Brahmins during Yatra. They should openly give food to the needy and they themselves should perform Upavaas. They should shave their heads and perform ancestral offerings (Shraadh). They should never look upon another woman with lustful intent. They should never lust or kill another living being or speak the untruth. Those who have control of their hands, feet and mind and who are blessed with learning, penance and fame, obtain the fruits of the pilgrimage.'

those who do not anger, who has level mind nad intelligence, an ally of trust, who performs Vratas (self discipline), who is not egotistical, who has good intentions and who looks upon others as he does himself, attains the desired fruits of the pilgrimage; such person is never again reborn in the womb of an animal or bird, nor is he reborn in a country to face hardship. Such a person attains the heavens, as he understands the path to Moksh. In such Tirtha Kshetras are destroyed his sins – Anyasthane Krutam Papam Punyakshetre Vinashyati.

Those who are capable should not eat twice, explains Skanda Puranas: 'Those that eat twice receive a third of the Punya. Those that profit from a Tirtha in some way also receive a third of the Punya. Those that only aim to make money at such places receive no fruits. Those that perform Yatra in some vehicle receive half the fruits and those who perform the Yatra with the aid of an umbrella or shoes receive a quarter of the fruits.

If a Brahmin, severely poverty stricken, makes money for his well being and then donates a tenth of what he makes to God then he does not receive any sin.

Nirnyasidhu explains further about the act of shaving one's head at Tirthas. Deval Muni explains, 'One should shave their heads and perform Upavaas at all holy Tirtha places excepts for Kurukshetra, Badrinath, Lornatirtha and Gayaji'. If one performs Tirtha again after 10-12 months then one should again shave their heads and perform Upavaas accordingly.

Visiting the Tirtha, one should respectfully pay homage to the presiding deity therein by performing Mahapooja, Alpapooja (ordinary) or at the least offering fruits. They should offer food or Dakshina (money) to Brahmins. They should perform Poojan of Vaishnavas (devotes of Vishnu) and donate cows. They should display affection for all of Gods creatures as they would friends and family. They should never mistreat anybody.

Vyaas explains, 'One should always be compassionate towards the poor, those with physical defect, those women who are poor or ill and the unfortunate. Those Brahmins that insult or disregard a poor person face destruction of knowledge just as water is lost from a broken vessel'.

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## SHREE KRISHNA PREPARED THE IDOL IMAGE OF NARNARAYAN

- Sadhu Purushottamprakashdas (Jetalpurdham)

Our Shree Narnarayandev of our first temple of our Sampradaya, Shree Swaminarayan temple, Ahmedabad, has been established by Shree Hari Himself and at that time, our Sampradaya was hailed all over the world. The Katha of the Dual Form of Shree Hari in this idol image of Nar-Narayan is really very divine. Anybody who ardently cherished Dhyana of this idol image of Shree Narnarayandev, all his sins get burnt.

With the noble efforts of the English Governor Sir Dunlop, the Queen Victoria granted the land through sale deed for our temple. Accordingly, Shreeji Maharaj entrusted the work of construction of temple to Shri Anandanand Swami, who was great sculptor and the king of Bharatpur of Rajasthan. Within a short span of two years, construction work of the temple was completed and therefore Sadguru Shree Anandanand Swami sent a message to Shree Hari to get the idol images prepared. Then Shree Hari gave valuable information about the idol images to Suddhagyananand Swami, Nrisinhanand Swami and Sukhanand Swami and sent them to Dungarpur in Rajasthan. After some days, the idol images (except those of Shree Narnarayandev) were got ready and were sent to Ahmedabad in camel-cart. As the sculptor had never prepared the idol image of Shree Narnarayandev earlier, he was very much confused, which caused considerable delay. Despite accepting rebukes from the eager saints, the delay was prolonged. Meanwhile Shri Anandanand Swami sent Parshads with a letter and sent the message that, as the construction work of the temple was over, Shree Hari is likely to grace the temple very shortly for the purpose of performing ritual of invocation of the idol



images. Even the pious day of Fagan Sud-3 Samvat 1878 has also been determined for performing the ritual of the invocation of the idol images and invitation were also sent.

All the three saints read the letter and were now worried as the main idol images of Shree Narnarayandev were yet not ready. They ardently prayed to Maharaj to grant mercy upon them and the sculptor, then only it would be possible to have idol images ready in time. The omniscient Shreeji Maharaj granted divine Darshan to the saints and asked them to dug out the idol images from the farm of the sculptor. The next day, on searching the idol images were found and with joy on their face, the saints decided to bring the idol images to Ahmedabad in two separate camel-carts.

Distance of Dungarpur was 180 km which was to be covered through camel-cart; naturally it would take minimum journey of three days. But the persons riding the camel-cart were not of this earth, they were from Dev Lok and thereafter in just night they brought the idol images to Ahmedabad the next day in the morning.

Here in Ahmedabad, Shri Anandanand Swami was also worried as the main idol images had yet not reached to Ahmedabad.

When in the morning he saw the camel-carts with idol images, he took sigh of relief. The idol images were brought in the temple and kept at safe place. Here the owners of the camel-carts refused to accept any charge, saying that, there were instructions of their Sheth of not taking any money. And in no moment they disappeared from the place.

When Shree Hari saw the idol images in the morning, He became very much happy. The history of these idol images is very much interesting and we want to tell about this aspect in this article. Katha of the idol images of Shree Narnarayandev of our first temple of our Sampradaya is as under :

Once Bhagwan Shree Krishna graced Badrikashram and performed divine Darshan of Shree Narnarayandev who was performing very severe Tapa. Bhagwan Shree Krishna performed poojan of both the forms of Shree Narnarayandev, who was performing Tapa for emancipation of Bhaktas of Bharatkhand and expressed the noble aim that, grand temple is to be got constructed in Bharatkhand and idol images of both these forms it so be invoked.

Thereafter Bhagwan Shree Krishna came to Dwarika and under His supervision, idol images of Shree Narnarayandev of Badrikashram Tapomurti were got prepared through a sculptor from the black stone.

As the most of the time of incarnation of Bhagwan Shree Krishna was spent in destroying the demons, there never came an appropriate time for having constructed the temple for the purpose. And therefore, in order to preserve these idol images till the time of incarnation of Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan and till fulfillment of this noble Sankalp, they were sent safely in a chariot to Dungarpur- the place of sculptors. One

sculptor was requested to preserve the idol images. After preserving the idol images for a long time, the sculptor did not give them to anybody but preserved them in the land of his farm. Even after five thousands years, the idol images of Shree Narnarayandev were safely dug out from the farm of the sculptor, which were got prepared by Bhagwan Shree Krishna. When Bhagwan Himself is the Sculptor of idol images and Bhagwan Himself has invoked these idol images of Shree Narnarayandev, then its divinity is beyond any words of description.

After the ritual of invocation of these divine idol images of Shree Narnarayandev, Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan stood up at the threshold of the inner temple and uttered these words, "We shall remain in these idol images of Shree Narnarayandev and would fulfill the wishes and desires of our devotees and Haribhaktas. Do not perceive any difference in Me and in these idol images. They are Our Form. Anybody who would perceive any difference, is not our devotee. [Vachanamrit Ahmedabad: 6-7; Jetalpur-5, Gadhda First: 48-74, Sarangpur-16].

Therefore, in all other temples of our Sampradaya, except the temple of Bhuj, idol images of Shree Narnarayandev are named and known with other names such as Ranchhodrai, Trikamrai etc. but at last, all the idol images are of Shree Narnarayandev only.

The idol images of Shree Narnarayandev of Kalupur Ahmedabad temple has not been copied anywhere else and would not be copied even in future because these idol images are got prepared by Bhagwan Shree Krishna. How beautiful and divine and serene and form of Purna Purushottam of Akshardham is these idol images of Shree Narnarayandev!!!

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# CELEBRATION OF MAHAMAHOTSAV IN MULIDHAM OF SADGURU BRAHMANAND SWAMI

- Sadguru Swami Shyamsundardasji (Mahant of Mulidham)

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj, H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj, H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj, H.H. Shri Gadiwala and H.H. Shri Mota Gadiwala and with the inspiration of Mahant Swami Sadguru Shyamsundardasji of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Mulidham, Shrimad Bhagwat Saptah Parayan, Shree Krishna Janmotsav, 1<sup>st</sup> Patotsav, Rukshmani Vivah, Shobha Yatra, Mahabhishek of Shree Radhakrishnadev, 14 Samhita Path, Annakut Darshan, etc. were celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm in our Shree Swaminarayan temple, Mulidham from 31/12/2012 to 06/01/2013 wherein thousands of devotees and Haribhaktas of Zalavad area participated. Devotee Shri Rameshbhai Naranbhai Khetani family through devotee Shri Kishanbhai had rendered the services as the host of this Mahamahotsav.

On the first day Pothi Yatra of Shrimad Bhagwat Saptah Parayan was performed wherein all the host devotees participated with great enthusiasm. Thereafter, Katha began wherein Sadguru Shastri swami Ramkrishnadasji was spokesperson. There were beautiful arrangements of meals of both times for all the devotees for all the seven days of Saptah Parayan. On the third day of Mahamahotsav on 02/01/2013, H.H. Shri Mota Gadiwala had graced the occasion and blessed the ladies devotees including ladies devotees of the host family. At night Kirtan-Bhakti were performed wherein devotees of Dhyani Mandal of Wankaner had performed beautiful Kirtans of Shree Brahmanand Swami. In the morning on 03/01/2013, Shri Krishna Janmotsav was celebrated during the Katha of Shrimad Bhagwat, wherein all the devotees and Haribhaktas participated. In the session of evening, H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj performed grand Shakotsav, which reminded all about divine Shakotsav which was performed by Shree Hari 90 years ago. In this Shakotsav, more than 10 thousands devotees participated. In the pious company of Shree Radhakrishnadev Harikrishna Maharaj, H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj performed divine Vaghar

of Shakotsav. At last H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj blessed all the devotees and Haribhaktas. In the cultural programme organized at night, devotee and artist Shri Pooravbhai Patel and Mayank Modi performed beautiful Raas-Garba wherein all the devotees participated with great joy and enthusiasm.

On the fifth day of Mahotsav on 04/01/2013, Tidinatmak Yagna began whose benefit was availed by the host devotee Shri Rameshbhai Khetani family. By accepting the invitation of the ladies devotees of the host family, about 100 Sankhya Yogi ladies devotees of various places had arrived on the occasion and had blessed the Satsang Sabha of the ladies devotees organized on this pious occasion. At night beautiful Satsang Dayra was organized.

On the sixth day of Mahotsav on 05/01/2013 in the morning with the directions of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj, the host devotee family and all the devotees had performed divine Darshan of Kadla of Prasadi of Suvasinibhabhi. H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj had graced the occasion and blessed all the devotees. Similarly H.H. Shri Laxmiswaroop Gadiwala also graced the Sabha of ladies devotees and blessed all the ladies devotees on this pious occasion.

On the last day of Mahamahotsav, in the morning, saints performed Mahabhishek of Shree Radhakrishnadev and Annakut aarti was performed by H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj. On the other hand Sabha was also organized wherein H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj performed the concluding ritual of Tridinatmak Yagna and then blessed the whole Sabha and also blessed the host devotee Shri Rameshbhai and other members of the family and at last performed aarti of concluding ritual of Katha organized on the occasion. Poojan of seven saints who performed Samhita Path during the Parayan and Brahmins was performed by H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj.

During the whole arrangement, Rukshamani Vivah was also organized in Haveli of ladies devotees. Devotee Shri Laljibhai had rendered the services as the host on behalf of the bridegroom, and devotee Shri Rameshbhai Khetani rendered the services as

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# WHETHER WE REALLY WANT TO PLEASE MAHARAJ?

- Jayantilal K. Soni (Memnagar)

In earlier article, we learnt about Nishkam Dharma. “નિષ્કામ વર્તમાનરૂપી ધર્મ રાખે તો બધા ધર્મ રહે, અને બધા ધર્મ રાખે પણ નિષ્કામધર્મ લોપે તો બધા ધર્મ જતા રહે છે.” In this regard there is one English proverb:

***“Wealth is lost, nothing is lost  
Health is lost, something is lost while  
Character is lost everything is lost.”***

In ‘Haricharitamrit Sagar’ Sadguru Shri Adharanand Swami emphasizes that, “In Satsang Kaam-Buddhi should never emerge in our mind otherwise the soul will have to roam in this Brahmmand.” It is provided in our Satsang that, if one thinks otherwise about any Haribhakta or ladies devotees, then he or she has to perform fasting of one day. It is observed that, in this world people lose wealth and fame for a woman. History has shown that, due to Kaam, the great Rishis and Deities had to suffer a lot. And therefore, it is absolutely necessary that, all Haribhaktas and ladies devotees follow the directionsof Shree Hari scrupulously.

In 1<sup>st</sup> Vachanamrit of Loya when Nana Nirmananandji asked the question, “What is the means to uproot Kaam?” In reply of the question Shreeji Maharaj has said, “There should be firm Atmanishtha and one should perform Brahmcharya Vrata and one should follow Panch-vartaman very vigilantly and should understand importance of Bhagwan,

then Kaam would be uprooted.”

In the same Vachanamrit, Sadguru Nityanand Swami has asked similar question, “What is the remedy to drive away the enemy called Kaam?” In reply Shreeji Maharaj has stated, “If one becomes heartlessly ready for severe punishment, then this enemy called Kaam can be driven away.”

It is with this background that, arrangement for divine Darshan of Bhagwan is made separate in our in our temples for ladies devotees and Haribhaktas of our Sampradaya. Even in the pious ‘Shiksha-Patri’ touch of ladies devotee in temple is prohibited. From this it can be understood that, how eager and concerned was Shree Hari to ensure emancipation of all the devotees and Haribhaktas!!! then we should perform introspection and should ascertain whether our behaviour is as per the directions of Shreeji Maharaj! If it is not, then immediately we should improve upon it.

Therefore, with a view to please Shreeji Maharaj, one should be very much firm in his commitment in following the directions of Maharaj scrupulously in his life. Once priority is given and appropriate steps are taken with firm determination, then it would become very easy. Shreeji Maharaj has kept open the treasure of Shree Narnaryandev, and it is upto us, how much we can obtain from it.

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the host on behalf of the bride.

On all the seven days, a series of lectures of saints for half an hour was also organized wherein Sadguru Shastri P.P. Swami (Jetalpurdham), Sadguru Shastri Swami Suryaprakashdasji (Wankaner), Sadguru Shastri Swami Utampriyadasji (Charadava), Sadguru Swami Balswaroopdasji (Muli), Sadguru Shastri Swami Satyaprakashdasji (Muli), Sadguru Shastri Swami Dharmvallbhdasji (Morbi), Sadguru Shastri Swami Nilkanthcharandasji (Halvad) had delivered their inspiration speeches.

During the whole arrangement, Sadguru Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji (Mahant of Ahmedabad temple), Sadguru Swami Devprakashdasji (Mahant of Naranghat), Sadguru Swami Krishnavallbhdasji (Mahant of

Surendranagar), Sadguru Shastri Swami Suryaprakashdasji (Wankaner), Sadguru Shastri P.P. Swami (Mahant of Naranghat), Swami Jaykrishnadasji, Kothari Swami Vrajbhushandasji, Sadguru Swami Balswaroopdasji, Swami Mukundprasaddasji, Swami Harikrishnadasji, Swami Narayanpriyadasji, J.P. Swami (Trustee of Muli), Swami Aniruddhdasji, Swami Premvallabhdasji (Trustee of Muli), Swami Satyaprakashdasji, Parshad Pravin Bhagat, Parshad Chandu Bhagat, Parshad Bharat Bhagat etc. saints and devotees rendered their beautiful services, who were blessed by the whole Dharmkul. Similarly Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal, Muli had rendered their inspirational services. The Sabha was organized by Sadguru Shastri Swami Chaitanyaswaroopdasji.

# AS IT IS

- Atul Pothiwala (Ahmedabad)

Vachanamrit of Shree Hari are so much loaded with knowledge and prudence that, more we read and cherish these divine words, more depth we would find in them.

On the pious day of Samvat 1882 Chaitra Sud-7, Shree Hari is sitting in the Sabha of Jetalpurdham. In the Sabha, Shree Hari says, "Listen, today we wish to talk in very straightforward language. Everything is done as per our wish because we are Bhagwan Narnarayan Rishi. And if any soul, who is a great sinner, seeks our shelter and remains under our directions, then at the last moment of his life we would grant him divine Darshan and place in Akshardham."

"Lord of Akshardham Shree Purushottam Narayan incarnated as Shree Narnarayandev Rishi through Dharmdev and Bhaktidevi and has been performing Tapa in Badrikashram incessantly. The same Narnaryaan Rishi has incarnated in this Kaliyug as Narayan Muni through Dharmdev and Bhakti and is sitting in this Sabha. That means Shree Krishna Purushottam Bhagwan, who resides in Akshardham, is this Shree Narnarayandev and is sitting in this Sabha. Adhipati of Akshardham Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan is always present as Shree Narnarayandev."

Moreover, Shree Hari says, "We have installed the idol images of Shree Narnarayandev by constructing a great temple in Ahmedabad and the idol images are our own Form." Shree Narnarayandev is king of this Universe (Brahmand) and is also King of this Bharatkhand.

"If you believe in these my words, then we shall take you to Akshardham from where we have come. And you should cherish ardent determination in your mind that, if you follow our directions scrupulously then we shall protect you from all types of difficulties of life. If you perform our Satsang then you would be very

much happy and if you leave our Satsang then you would be unhappy in your life."

Thus, Shree Hari has explained the things in very clear and easy language. It is better to understand our Bhagwan as He is. And if we follow our Satsang scrupulously then there is joy and pleasure in our life.

If we try to understand Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan AS HE IS then we would cherish ardent faith in Him. And for that what is essential is to surrender ourselves. We need to worship Shree Hari ardently and with utmost faith and Bhakti in our heart. We all cherish only one thing, 'We are His devotees and He is our Bhagwan.' The rest would be fine in our life.

## OUR FUTURE FESTIVALS

Maha Sud-12 Friday 22/02/2013 Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Dhariyavad (Rajasthan).

Maha Sud-14 Sunday 24/02/2013 Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Vasna-Ahmedabad.

Maha Vad-2 Wednesday 27/02/2013 Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Mahesana.

Maha Vad-3 Thursday 28/02/2013 Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Limbdi.

Maha Vad-5 Saturday 02/03/2013 Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Naranghat.

Maha Vad-6 Sunday 03/03/2013 Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Morbi.

Fagan Sud-2 Wednesday 13/03/2013 Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Charadava, Mandvi (Kachchh) and Shri Hari Krishna Maharaj, Bhuj.

Fagan Sud-3 Thursday 14/03/2013 Patotsav of Shree Narnarayandev, Shree Swaminarayan temple, Ahmedabad and Sthapana Day of Shree Swaminarayan Museum.

Fagan Sud-4 Friday 15/03/2013 Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Sapawada.

Fagan Sud-5 Saturday 16/03/2013 Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Kankaria (Rambaug).

Fagan Sud-7 Tuesday 19/03/2013 Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Khan (Rajasthan).

Fagan Sud-8 Wednesday 20/03/2013 Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Approach - Bapunagar.

श्री स्वामिनारायण

# Shree Swaminarayan Museum

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स्वामिनारायण  
म्युजियम



When Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan used to perform Vicharan in the whole of Gujarat for the noble cause and benefit of all, Haribhaktas used to offer gifts at the lotus like feet of Maharaj. Some rich Haribhaktas used to offer golden ornaments, which were in turn offered in alms to Brahmins by Shreeji Maharaj; therefore very few ornaments are left in the great tradition of Acharya. This is a photograph of one such Bajubandh (bracelet) which is kept for divine Darshan in Hall No.1 of our Museum.

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Sthapana Din of Shree Swaminarayan Museum**

Mahapooja, Mahabhishek etc. are organized in the Main Hall of our Museum, on Thursday Fagan Sud-3 14/03/2013. Services of Rs.11,000/- and Rs.5,000/- has been determined for rendering services as the co-hosts of this divine occasion.

Contact for rendering services as the chief-host and co-host of Mahapooja Mahabhishek:

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| Rs.21,000/- | Patel Karshanbhai Madhabhai through Shantaben-Biliya.                             | Rs.5,000/- | Narshi Kunvarji Marvi (Jiragadh, Surat)                    |
| Rs.15,000/- | One devotee of Dharmul, Ahmedabad.  | Rs.5,000/- | Patel Vishnubhai H., Kalol.                                |
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| Rs.11,000/- | Devotees of Balol (Bhal) on the occasion of Ganga Poojan through Ashokbhai Parmar | Rs.5,000/- | Dr.Rameshbhai Chunilal Gusani-Naranpura, through Sarojben. |
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| Rs.5,001/-  | Dr.Kantibhai N. Patel, Mumbai.  | Rs.5,000/- | Keshavlal Shankardas Patel, Langhnej through Tansukhbhai   |
| Rs.5,001/-  | Jethabhai Laldas Dangarava through Pravinbhai, Bharatbhai                         | Rs.5,000/- | Rameshbhai Tulsibhai Chotaliya Dhulkot. (at present Surat) |

## List of Host devotees who availed the benefit of Abhishek of Shree Narnarayandev in Shree Swaminarayan Museum January-2013

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| 01/01/2013 | Babulal Trikamlal Thakkar, Viramgam   | 20/01/2013 | Kapadwanj.<br>Manojkumar Amrutlal Mistry, Nava Vadaj (at present London).   |
| 10/01/2013 | Rajubhai Kantibhai patel-Dangarvawala and Ghanshyam Kanubhai Patel (at present America) through P.P. Swami (Nana) | 23/01/2013 | Indravadan Ravjibhai Patel, Naranpura.  |
| 13/01/2013 | Shree Swaminarayan temple Mahila Mandal through Shastri Swami Vishwaswaroopdasji,                                 | 24/01/2013 | Shreeji Enterprise, Nairobi. Through Hareshbhai Vrajlalbhai Soni, Vinodbhai Valjibhai, Madhusudan Jayantibhai, Nareshkumar Jayantibhai. |

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**SAMPRADAYA IS PRESERVED  
THROUGH UNITY**

**- Shastri Haripriyadasji (Gandhinagar)**

Really we are lucky that, we have got this human birth. Life of all other creatures and living beings of this earth is quite similar to human beings; the only difference between human beings and all other living beings is that, the animals and birds do not have intelligence and intellect as the human beings have. Even a man lacking in common intelligence is compared with animals like donkey only. Thus, by recognizing the value of this human life we all should perform Bhajan-Bhakti in our life.

In the lap of nature there was one beautiful village surrounded by flowing springs, sky touching mountains and deep valleys. There were some people living in this little village. There were about eight to ten happy families residing in this village. One such family was very rich and well cultured and gentle. The elder person of this family was Rasheshyamji and his wife Mangalaba. The elder son was Jayeshthjit and daughter in law Kumud; all others in the family were younger and were studying.

Sheth Radheshyam had his own firm; and the goods used to be transported to and from other villages. There was good credit of Shety Radheshyam in the village and his family was very happy. They were leading a very happy and peaceful life. Sheth Radheshyam was very religious and generous person; he used to help the poor and needy. He also used to help the people financially and therefore he had very good reputation in the village.

The other businessmen of the village were jealous of Sheth Radheshyam and it is always true that, in a village all are not good people. Accordingly, some of these jealous businessmen were busy to disturb happy and peaceful life of Sheth Radheshyam. In the village there was a woman, who was very shrewd and quarrelsome. The other jealous businessmen bribed her and asked her to do something so that, there would be quarrel among the family members of Sheth Radheshyam. The woman got ready for it.



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अलंकारिका

**SATSANG BALVATIKA**

Compiler Shastri Harikesavdasji  
(Gandhinagar)

She moved around the house of Sheth Radheyshyam and obtained the secret information about the members of family of Sheth Radheyshyam and their movements. She observed that, Jyesthjit, the elder son of Sheth Radheyshyam was the worshipper of Lord Shiva and his wife Kumud was the worshipper of Lord Vishnu. Taking this opportunity, Kumud was whispered against her husband which gave birth for quarrel between the husband and wife. The quarrel reached at its peak.

In the village one Tyagi named Shantinath was residing for some time. He was very kind and generous. He was residing in Ramji temple and used to help the poor and needy people. Once while Shantinath was passing by the house of Sheth Radheyshyamji, he overheard the quarrel going on between the husband and wife. He stopped for a while and listened to everything. At that time, the quarrel had reached the stage, and husband and wife had almost decided to leave their house and village forever. Immediately Shantinath went inside the house and called them and started talking with them. He preached them the sermons of peace and unity. As husband and wife were very religious and kind persons, they believed the words of Shantinath and begged pardon for unnecessary quarrel. Thereafter they

started living happily.

Friends! This is a very interesting and inspirational story. Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan has stated in the pious 'Shiksha Patri', "One should cherish faith in one's own Istdev and should also consider Lord Shiva and Lord Vishnu as one and the same. One should never abuse any god or goddess." So let us imbibe these valuable directions in our life and make our life happier and devout.

**EVERYBODY WANTS TO BE KING**  
- Sadhu Shrirangdas (Gandhinagar)

One Tapasvi was performing very severe Tapa. People residing in the nearby villages heard about staunch Tapa-Sadhana of this Tapasvi and started talking about it. Gradually people started visiting the place and performing Namaskar (bowing down in reverence) to this Tapasvi. Listening to this, the king of the region also came there and performed Namaskar. The moment the king

saw Tapasvi and asked him, "Why are you performing so severe Tapa?" Tapasvi replied, "So that, one day Bhagwan may grant me kingdom and I may become king of the kingdom." the king said, "I am a king. But I am not happy. There are so many miseries in my life. And there are so many difficulties in my social life." the king thought that, there is no use of such Tapa, when it has no any noble purpose. Wishes of a soul can never be satiated completely and therefore it has to take birth again and again. It is the nature of human soul to strive and struggle for comforts and for fulfilment of desires and wishes. Then he would not perform Path, Vrata, Daan, Tapa etc. for God, he would perform them for obtaining something which is worldly in nature because the human soul in itself is always incomplete and it always needs Paramatma because He is Complete and Supreme. And therefore name of Shree Hari is Purnakamay Namah.

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**SADHUS OFFERED MEALS LIKE RELATIVES**

- Shastri Harijivan Swami (Mahant, Himatnagar temple)

Bhakti and Samarpan are of Dada Khachar and therefore only Shreeji Maharaj was very much pleased with Dada Khachar. Knowledge-imparting discussions used to be held in Darbar of Dada Khachar. The meals were also offered in abundance to all. Dada Khachar had opened the cellar and treasure for Maharaj and there was no restriction on its utilization.

Once Shree Hari asked the devotees, "How would you treat and receive the relatives?" the devotees stated, "We would receive and treat them with utmost respect and would offer them the best meals and

comforts during their stay at our home." then Maharaj said, "Yes. True, in the same way whenever any Sadhu and saint comes at your home, then you should also receive and treat them like your relatives." all the devotees hailed the proposition and agreed to treat them like relatives.

Immediately beautiful meals were prepared and got ready to be served to the saints. Nobody else but Maharaj Himself served the meals to the saints. Pakwan and various types of vegetables were prepared and Maharaj started serving the meals to the saints one by one. There was joy and fervour in the hall. As Maharaj was serving, the saints could not refuse and Maharaj kept on serving them the meals. At last, the milk and sugar were also brought, which Maharaj served to the saints with great love and affection. Meanwhile a snake passed by and therefore, Maharaj asked all not to come down. After the meals were over, the saints asked Maharaj, "What was that creature like snake which looked like a man?" Maharaj said, "Sheshnaga had arrived there to perform divine Darshan of Leela of Bhagwan."

**FROM THE BLESSINGS OF H.H. SHRI  
GADIWALA 'WE BELIEVE IN GOD BUT  
WE DO NOT BELIEVE IN DIRECTIONS  
OF GOD'**

**- Compiled by Kotak Varsha Natvarlal,  
Ghodasar)**

We go to the temple of Bhagwan. We observe there that, during Samaiya, Utsav there remains a crowd in the temple. That means, the people who come in the temple, believe in God. And they come therefore only. But the proportion of the ardent lovers of Bhagwan is very less. Why it is so? The people who love Paramatma really, they cherish firm faith in the words of Bhagwan and therefore, they scrupulously follow all the directions of Bhagwan. But there are people who do not follow the directions of Bhgwan and then they complain that they are unhappy. We follow these directions as per our convenience and comforts. We have made rules as per our convenience and not for Bhagwan. If we lead our life as per our rules and regulations then it is not real surrender. So we have to live our life as per the rules and directions given by Bhagwan and not as per self-made rules. Not only that, we also have to be very much vigilant in following the directions of Shree Hari. If king Parikshit can ensure his emancipation within just seven days then why can't we do it during the whole of our life span? So we need to look inside ourselves and perform introspection and to find out our own infirmities and faults. We do not look into our inner world and then we blame the outer world and we believe that, the whole world is bad and cruel. We also blame our Bhagwan for it. But in fact our Parmatma is never partial or prejudicial towards anybody. He is neutral and equal for all. This is nothing else but His Maya. The whole world is very beautiful. It is not so bad as we believe it to be. To obtain God in life, one has to take human birth. We need to find



out our own mistakes. We are unhappy because of our own ignorance. Then what should we do? Everybody has to do his own work. For that, there are two options. One is to change the prevailing situation and the other one is to surrender ourselves to the prevailing situation. So if we would strive to change the situation and the circumstances in which we are living then 90% it would not be done and we would double our difficulties and miseries. The best option is to surrender, to accept the situation. Then what should we do to accept the situation? For that we should always cherish the belief that, all happiness of our life are due to the blessings of Shree Narnarayandev and all miseries of our life are due to our own temperament. The outer enemies injure us outwardly. But our inner enemies injure our soul. Now to protect ourselves from such inner enemies, we need to keep our inner self always pure. Then what should we do to keep our self pure? Then just as a boat is required to cross the ocean, this soul requires a human body to cross this Ocean of Life. Now if the boat is damaged during the voyage then the ocean cannot be crossed. Similarly, if our body is spoilt then this Ocean of Life cannot be crossed by the soul residing into the body. For that one needs both Bhakti and Karma. If both of them are taken recourse to then emancipation of life is guaranteed. So through our self-introspection, we need to

get rid of all our infirmities and faults and we also need to be very vigilant in following the directions of Shree Hari. We need to follow them scrupulously so that we can cross the Ocean of Life easily. We need to bring simplicity in our life. We need to learn to accept everything in our life. We also need to cherish utmost faith and trust in Bhagwan. But again we should not become dependant upon Bhagwan in every matter. By following the Principle of Karma, we also need to make our sincere and best efforts. May Shree Narnarayandev bless all for their such sincere efforts.

### **VIDURNITI**

**- Sankhya Yogi Kanchanba  
(Dhrangadhra)**

Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan has made so many efforts for granting us so many ways and means which may grant us happiness in our life. Bhagwan sent His saints to each and every village and city and tried to make the devotees stand on their own. Great scriptures like 'Satsangijivan', 'Satsangibhusan', 'Bhaktachintamani' were got prepared. Even the great scriptures like 'Vachanamrit' was got prepared from the saints. And at last Shree Hari Himself wrote the pious 'Shiksha Patri' to us, which is the essence of all the scriptures. Moreover, Maharaj also believed 'Vishnu Sahastranam', 'Shri Bhagwat Gita' and 'Vidur Niti' to be the favourite scriptures and directed that, the persons who wish happiness in their life should read and digest these scriptures.

Understanding of 'Vidurniti' in the simple and easy language of saints is very much essential. This valuable scripture explains us where and how we commit mistakes in our day to day and worldly life. The background of it is that Mahatma Vidurji is preaching Ethics to Dhritirashtra.

There are innumerable ethical advice and preachings given in this scriptures. There are Do's and Dont's of Life, which one should observe in his life. It is recognizing the immense utility and prudence that, Brahmanand Swami has created its Translation. The preachings of 'Vidurniti' are worthy to be remembered for life. So let us try to cherish the noble gems from this scriptures and make our life worthy and noble.

### **MOVEMENT OF KARMA IS UNIQUE**

**- Labhuben Manubhai Patel (Kundal, Tal. Kadi)**

The whole world is under the Principle of Karma. One receives as one gives. In other words one reaps as one sows. Nobody gives happiness or misery to others. One has to bear the result of his own Karmas only. When Nishadraj saw Bhagwan Shree Rama and Sita sleeping on the floor, he got angry upon the queen Kaikeyi. Then Laxman tells him that, "Nobody gives happiness or misery to others. One enjoys happiness or suffers miseries as per his own Karma."

In life it happens that, we tend to believe that, any person made us unhappy. Then we should remember these golden words, "Nobody is capable of making others happy or unhappy. One is simply instrumental in happiness or unhappiness of others." when one gets happiness, then he takes its credit upon himself but when he gets miseries then he blames others. This attitude is not proper. The cycle of happiness and unhappiness would keep on going on in life; and therefore, only the saints preach us to remain stable in all situations of life. We get happiness and unhappiness as a result of our own Karmas of our previous lives and therefore it is futile to blame others. Really movement of Karma is unique.



**Golden opportunity of rendering services for renovation of inner temple of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Kalupur, Ahmedabad**

With the directions of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj, renovation of inner temple of Shree Narnarayandev and golden throne of the deities of the temple is going on. So let us render our services of offering gold, as such a golden opportunity never comes twice in our life. The devotees, while rendering their services of offering gold, may obtain receipt from Kalupur temple. (Mahant Swami : Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji)

**Shree Swaminarayan temple, Vadnagar**

With the directions of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj, under the guidance of Mahant Swami Narayanvallahdasji, Prabhat Feri was organized during the pious Dhanur Maas early in the morning from 5.30 hours to 6.30 hours. The rout of Prabhat Feri was from Manor, Kapad Bazar, Baroti Bajar, Gol Vado, Arjun Bari, Nagdharo, Hatkeshwar area, Darvaja, Pandya Sheri and return to temple. Thereafter, Dhoon was performed upto 7.00 hours followed by Shangaar Aarti and Katha of Vachanamrit by Shastri Swami Vishwaprakashdasji whose benefit was availed by the devotees and Haribhaktas. On 25/12/2012, beautiful programme of Satsang was organized at the place of Prasad of Nagdhar wherein 1500 Haribhaktas had participated and Mahant Shastri Narayanvallahdasji and Shastri Vishwaprakashdasji had narrated Katha-Varta. Devotees Shri Vadilal Modi and Shri Kalidas J. Patel had performed beautiful Dhoon during Prabhat Feri. (Bhikhabhai M. Valand)

**Shree Swaminarayan temple, Kankaria**

With the blessings of Shree Hari and with the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and with the inspiration of Mahant Swami Guruprasaddasji and Shastri Swami Anandprasaddasji, Dhoon was performed in front of Thakorji during the pious Dhanur Maas in our Shree Swaminarayan temple, Kankaria. On 31/12/2012, H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj had graced the occasion and had blessed all the devotees. Shastri Swami Yagnaprakashdasji had narrated beautiful Katha about importance of Shree Hari. On the pious day of Ekadashi, saints and Haribhaktas had organized Padyatra from Kankaria temple to Kalupur temple. On the pious day of Uttarayan, saints had performed Katha and Poojari Dev Swami had offering beautiful Shangar Darshan of Thakorji. During the whole pious month, devotees had availed the benefit of Dhoon. (Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal, Kankaria)

**Katha-Parayan in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Naranghat**

With the directions of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and blessings of the whole Dharmkul

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and with the inspiration of Sadguru Mahant Swami Devprakashdasji and Sadguru Mahant Shastri P.P. Swami (Naranghat) and in the memory of Akshar Nivasi devotee Jayantibhai Prahaddas Patel (Dangarvawala), Shrimad Satsangjivan Panchanh Parayan was organized by Sadguru Shastri Swami Vishwaswaroopdasji. On this occasion Sadguru Mahant Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji, Brahmchari Swami Rajeshwaranandji, J.P. Swami, Shri Vallabh Swami had arrived and had blessed the host devotees. Shastri Kunjviharidasji had performed Samhita Path. Shastri Divyaprakashdasji and Swami Madhavpriyadas had delivered their inspirational speeches on this occasion. The concluding ritual was Parayan was graced by H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and blessed the host devotees. Shastri Vrajbhushandasji and Balu Swami had made beautiful arrangements.

(Vishnubhai Patel)

**23<sup>rd</sup> Patotsav and Shakotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Himatnagar**

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and with the inspiration of Sadguru Mahant Swami Jagdishprasaddasi (Idar) and Sadguru Mahant Shastri Swami Harijivandasji, 23<sup>rd</sup> Patotsav of Balswaroop Shree Ghanshyam Maharaj was celebrated on the pious day of Magsar Sud-6 with great fervour and enthusiasm.

On 18/12/2012, H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj graced this divine occasion and performed Shodasopchar Abhishek of Shree Ghanshyam Maharaj in Vedic tradition. The host devotee Shri Jagdishbhai (Salal) (son of Jadiba Ishwarbhai) availed the benefit of Mahapooja and poojan of H.L.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj. Thereafter, H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj graced the new Hari-temple situated in Laxminarayan society and performed first Patotsav of Hari-temple and performed Annakut-aarti. On this occasion, saints from Idar, Torda, Shokli, Mansa, Ahmedabd, Laloda, Prantij

and Nathdwara had arrived. The sabha was conducted by Shastri Swami Harijivandasji. Poojari Ajayprakashdasji and saints of Idar, Soki and Nathdwara had rendered their beautiful services and co-operation during Patotsav.

(Arvindbhai Tank)

### Shakotsav-Dhanur Maas Dhoon

Grand Shakotsav was organized in our Shree Swaminarayan temple. Saints Shastri P.P. Swami, Shastri Kunjivharidasji, Satyasankalp Swami and Mahant Swami of Himatnagar had narrated the importance of Shakotsav wherein ladies devotees had rendered their services of preparing loaves.

During the pious Dhanur Maas, Mahamantra Dhoon was organized followed by Shri Purushottamprakash by Mahant Shastri Swami Harijivandasji. Poojari Swami Ajayprakashdasji had offered beautiful Shingar to Thakorji. On the pious day of Uttarayan, the temple was decorated with beautiful kites. Group Aarti of Thakorji was also performed on this pious occasion. Shri Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal had rendered beautiful services on this occasion.

(Manubhai Patel)

### Grand Shakotsav in Hirawadi

With the directions of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and with the inspiration and guidance of Sadguru Shastri P.P. Swami (Naranghat Manant), 1<sup>st</sup> grand Shakotsav was organized at Hirawadi on 12/01/2013 in the pious company of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj. With the co-operation of the whole Satsang Samaj of Hirawadi area, beautiful Shakotsav was performed by H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj. In the Sabha organized on the occasion, Mahant Swami Laxmanjivandasji of Approach temple and Swami Harikrishnadasji had explained the importance of Shakotsav. Thereafter, Bhajan, Kirtan, Bhakti etc. were performed by Yuvak Mandal. H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj had blessed all the devotees on this pious occasion. For children of Bal Manda, beautiful Kit (bag) was released by H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj. On this occasion Yogi Swami J.P. Swami, Vishwavihari Swami, Madhav Swami had arrived and children were give prizes by these saints.

The whole programme was conducted by Sadguru Shastri Swami Chaitanyaswaroopdasji and about 1500 Haribhaktas had availed the benefit of divine Shakotsav. Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal had rendered beautiful services on this occasion.

(Mahendrabhai Patel, Hirawadi)

### Shrimad Shiksapatri Bhashya Navanah (Night) Parayan-Shakotsav

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and with the inspiration of Sadguru Shastri P.P. Swami (Mahant of Naranghat temple), from 22/12/2012 to 30/12/2012, Shrimad Shikhapatri Bhashya Navanah (Night) Parayan was organized.

Sadguru Shastri Swami Ramkrishnadasji was the spokesperson of this Parayan. In the 4<sup>th</sup> year, Katha of Shloka 86 to 121 of Shiksha Patri was performed. Akshar Nivasi devotee Natvarbhai Ramdas Panchan Naranbhai Ramdas Panchal and Chandubhai Ramdas Panchal family had rendered the services as the host of this Parayan. H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj had graced this occasion and grand Shobha-yatra was also organized and after divine Shakotsav, concluding ritual of Katha was performed by H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj.

Sadguru Mahant Swami Harikrishnadasji (Kalupur), Sadguru Mahant Swami Devprakashdasji (Naranghat) had delivered their inspirational speeches and H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj had blessed all the devotees. In the whole programme, Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal had rendered beautiful services. The whole programme was conducted by Sadguru Shastri Swami Chaitanyaswaroopdasji. (Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal, Motera)

### Vidur Niti Panchanh Parayan in village Por (Dist. Gandhinagar)

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 Sadguru Mahant Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji (Kalupur), Sadguru Mahant Swami Devprakashdasji and Sadguru mahant Shastri Swami P.P. Swami (Mahant of Naranghat temple), Panchdinatmak Shri Vidurniti Parayan was organized from 19/12/2012 to 23/12/2012 at village Por of District Gandhinagar.

Devotee Shri Ramanbhai Chaturbhai Patel family and members devotees Vikrambhai, Sumanbhai, Rajubhai etc. rendered the services as the host of the whole Parayan in the memory of their mother Akshar Nivasi Jijiben Ramanbhai Patel. Sadguru Shastri Swami Ramkrishnadasji was the spokesperson of this Parayan whose benefit was availed by thousands of devotees.

H.H. Shri Gadiwala, the Guru of ladies devotees, also graced this divine occasion and blessed the ladies devotees. Saints from various places arrived and blessed the devotees. Beautiful arrangements were made for Prasad of both the times for all the devotees during the Parayan. H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj graced the occasion and performed concluding ritual of Parayan and blessed the host family and the whole Sabha organized on the occasion. (Sadguru Shastri Swami Chaitanyaswaroopdasji)

### Shree Swaminarayan temple, Approach, Bapunagar

With the directions of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and blessings of the Dharmkul and with the inspiration of Mahant Swami Laxmanjivandasji of approach temple,, Mahamantra Dhoon was organized during the pious Dhanur Maas and thereafter Kothari Swami Harikrishnadasji narrated Katha 'Sar-Siddha' from

16/12/2012 to 22/12/2012. Similarly Katha of 'Sneh Gita' was organized from 26/12/2012 to 30/12/2012 in our Nikol temple. Padyatra with Dhoon Kirtan was organized from approach temple to Kalupur temple On 07/01/2013, and With the inspiration of co-operation of the devotee Dasbhai, Padyatra was organized from Harshad Colony temple to Kalupur temple on 06/01/2013. (Gordhanbhai Sitapara)

#### **Shree Swaminarayan temple, IloI**

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and with the inspiration of Sadguru Swami Dharmkishordas Guru Shastri Swami Anandjivandasji, Dhoon of Dhanur Maas was organized with great fervour and enthusiasm. On this occasion, Dwami Dharmkishordasji and Brahmchari Swami Harikrishnanandji from Ahmedabad and Jasu Bhagat from Karjisan et. Saint-Mandal had arrived and performed Katha-Varta and Dhoon. On 02/01/2013 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Patotsav of Thakorji was celebrated. Devotee Taraben Amrutlal Patel (mother of Kothari devotee Kiritbhai) rendered the services as the host of Patotsav. Devotee Shri Dineshbhai Soni (Himatnagar) rendered the services as the host of Annakut. On 09/01/2013 Grand Shakotsav was organized whose benefit was availed by many devotees. (Kothari)

#### **Shree Swaminarayan temple (ladies) Viratnagar (Odhav)**

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Gadiwala Satsang was organized during the pious Dhanur Maas in our Shree Swaminarayan temple (ladies), Odhav-Viratnagar wherein Katha-Varta, Dhoon-Bhajan, Kirtan-Thaal etc. were performed in front of Thakorji. On 13/01/2013 H.H. Shri Mota Gadiwala graced the occasion and performed Shree Swaminarayan Mahamantra Dhoon while participating in divine Dhoon. Sankhya Yogi Ranjanba and Naniben etc. ladies devotees performed Swagat-Poojan of H.H. Shri Mota Gadiwala. Thereafter, H.H. Shri Mota Gadiwala performed aarti of Thakorji and grace the Sabha and blessed all the ladies devotees in the Sabha. (Naniben)

#### **Celebration of 3<sup>rd</sup> Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Jamiyatpura**

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 Purushottamprakashdasji (Jetalpur) and Sadguru Shastri Swami Chhapaiyaprasaddasji (Jamiyatpura), 3<sup>rd</sup> Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Jamiyatpura was celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm. Devotee Shri Dahyabhai Ranchhodbhai and Akshar Nivasi devotee Umaben rendered the services as the host of Patotsav.

On the pious day of Magsar Sud-8 on 20/12/2012 in the morning at 8.30 hours, H.H. Shri

Acharya Maharaj graced the occasion alongwith the saints and performed Shodasopchar Abhishek of Shree Harikrishna Maharaj in Vedic tradition and large number of devotees and Haribhaktas availed the benefit of divine Darshan. Thereafter, H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj graced new house of the devotee of Shri Prakashbhai Somabhai and then performed Annakut Aarti of Thakorji and graced the Sabha. The host family performed aarti and offered Bhet-poojan of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and obtained the blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj. In the Sabha, Sadguru Shastri Swami Purushottamprakashdasji (Jetalpur), Sadguru Mahant Swami Guruprasadsasji, Sadguru Mahant Shastri Swami Purnaprasaddasji, Sadguru Swami Ramkrishnadasji, Mahant Swami Vijayprakashdasji and Hardik Bhagat delivered their speeches. At last H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj blessed the whole Sabha.

Under the guidance of P.P. Swami (Jetalpur) and Mahant Swami Guruprasaddasji of Kankaria temple Parshad Hardik Bhagat nad Kothari Himatbhai had made beautiful arrangements. The Sabha was conducted by Shastri Swami Chhapaiyaprasaddasji. C.P. Swami of Siddhpur had also rendered the beautiful services on this occasion. With the support and services of all the devotees of the village the whole utsav was celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm. (Kothari Himatbhai)

#### **Shree Swaminarayan temple, Marusana**

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and with the inspiration of Mahant Swami Jagdishprasaddasji of Idar temple, 4<sup>th</sup> Shakotsav was celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm on 16/12/2012 in our Shree Swaminarayan temple, Marusana. Devotee Shri Kalidas Gokaldas family rendered the services as the host of Shakotsav. Sadguru Swami Raghuvircharandasji performed divine Vaghar of Shakotsav. Sabha was conducted by Swami Satyasankalpadasji and Shreejiprakashdasji. Shastri Swami Vishwavallabhdasji and Shastri Swami Premprakashdasji had narrated Katha for three days on this pious occasion. (Kothari Hasmukhbhai)

#### **Shree Swaminarayan temple, Gontipur**

With the blessings of Shree Narnarayandev and the whole Dharmkul, devotees of Gomtipur, Ahmedabad area performed Shree Swaminarayan Mahamantra Dhoon in the early morning from 5.30 to 6.30 hours during the pious Dhanur Maas in our Shree Swaminarayan temple, Gontipur. (Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal)

#### **Shree Swaminarayan temple, Lunawada**

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj, Shree Swaminarayan Mahamantra Dhoon was performed early in the morning from 5.30 to 6.30 hours during the pious Dhanur Maas in our both temples of Chhapaiyadham Society and

Kadiyavad of Lunawada.

(Lunawada Satsang Samaj)

**Shree Swaminarayan temple, Kaliyana**

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Gadiwala and with the inspiration of Sankhya Yogi Babuba, grand Shakotsav was organized on Sunday 30/12/2012 at our place of Prasadi Kaliyana. During the pious Dhanur Maas, devotees and Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal had performed aarti of Thakorji, Prabhat Feri and Dhoon Kirtan and distribution of Prasad etc. On Sunday 13/01/2013, Group Mahapooja was organized in our Shree Swaminarayan temple wherein 60 devotees participated. Ritual of Mahapooja was got performed by Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji. On the pious occasion of Uttarayan Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal performed Mahamantra Dhoon in the morning from 8.00 to 12.00 hours wherein devotees rendered various types of services. Kothari Shri Bhudarbai and elderly devotees rendered their services actively. (Arjanbhai Mori)

**Celebration of Dhanur Maas in Ghatlodiya, Chandlodiya**

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj, Shree Swaminarayan Mahamantra Dhoon was performed by Shree Narnarayandev Swaminarayan Satsang Mandal (Ghatlodiya, Chandlodiya, Sola) during the pious Dhanur Maas. Prasad and flowers and garlands were offered to Thakorji on each day by devotees. Every Sund and on Every Agiyaras, Satsang Sabha is organized in the evening from 8.30 hours to 10.30 hours by this Mandal. **Place:** Shree Narnaryaandev Swaminarayan Satsang Mandal, I.D.Patel School Dairy, near Gokul Dairy, Ganesh Park Complex, Vibhag-1, Ghandlodiya, Ahmedabad-61. **Contact :** Shri Ramesbhai P. Patel (Dangarvawala) **Mob.:** 9586422601

**Shree Swaminarayan temple, Langanaj**

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj, on 22/12/2012 Satsang Shibir of ladies devotees was organized in our Shree Swaminarayan temple (ladies), Langanaj. H.H. Shri Gadiwala had graced the occasion and blessed all the ladies devotees. During the pious Dhanur Maas, Mahamantra Dhoon was performed by the ladies devotees in the temple. (Kothari)

**Shakotsav at Lei, Ratanpar, Umedgad, Sachodar**

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and with the inspiration of Mahant Swami Sadguru Jagdishprasaddasji of Idar temple, Shakotsav was organized with great fervour and enthusiasm at Lei whose arrangement was made by Mahant Sadguru Bhakti Swami of Lei temple and Satyasankalp Swami of Idar. Mahant Shastri Harijivandasji, Sadguru Bhakti Swami, Shastri P.P. Swami etc. saints had granted the benefit of

beautiful Satsang on this pious occasion. The host devotees were honoured by the saints. At last all the devotees had availed the benefit of divine Shakotsav.

Similarly, grand Shakotsav was also organized at Ratanpur, Umedgad and Sachodar in our temples, whose benefit was availed by large number of devotees and Haribhaktas of these villages. (Mothari Satyasankalpadasji, Idar)

**Celebration of 7<sup>th</sup> Patotsav of Maniyor temple**

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and with the inspiration of Mahant Swami Jagdishprasaddasji, 7<sup>th</sup> Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Maniyor was celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm. On this occasion Tridinatmak Shree Hari Aishwarya Darshan Katha was performed with Shastri Vishwvallabhdasji as the spokesperson. The Sabha was organised by Shastri Shreejiprakashdasji (Sokli) and Shastri Premprakashdasji. On 27/12/2012, H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj graced the occasion and grand Samaiyu of Maharajshri was performed by the villagers. After Abhishek of Thakorji and Annakut aarti H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj graced the Sabha organized on the occasion. The host devotee Shri Davabhai Vashrambhai patel performed Bhejt, Pooja and aarti of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj. On this occasion Shastri Kunjviharidasji, Chandraprakash Swami and Dharmkishordasji had rendered their beautiful services. At last H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj blessed the whole Sabha. The arrangement of the whole Mahotsav was made by Kothari Swami Satyasankalpadasji. (Sadguru Shastri Swami Harijivandasji)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Grand Shakotsav in our new temple of Kalol**

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and with the inspiration of Mahant Sadguru Shastri Swami Atmaprakashdasji and Sadguru Shastri P.P. Swami, 2<sup>nd</sup> grand Shakotsav was celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm on 13/01/2013. In the Sabha organized on the occasion, Kishor Mandal and young devotees had performed Kirtan-Bhakti. Thereafter H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj graced the occasion alongwith the saints. First of all, the host devotee performed poojan-aarti of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj. In the Sabha, the host devotee and the guest devotees were honoured. On this occasion, saints from Jetalpur, Mahesana, Mansa, Isand, Kankaria, Kalupur, Naranpur, Jamiyatpura, Muli, Makansar, Sapawada, Sayla had arrived. In the Sabha, P.P. Swami of Jetalpur had explained the importance of Shakotsav and loaves and also narrated Katha of services for construction work of the temple. H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj performed divine Vaghar of Shakotsav. The chief host of Shakotsav was devotee Shri Dahyabhai Manilal Patel through Pankajkumar Kiranbhai Patel (Mokhasan). About more than 4000 devotees had availed the benefit of this grand Shakotsav wherein ladies devotees

had rendered the services for preparing the loaves. The whole arrangement was made by Mahant Swami Vishwaprakashdasji of Kalol. The Sabha was conducted by Shastri Bhaktinandan Swami of Jetalpurdham.

(Mahant K.P. Swami, Jetalpurdham)

### **Celebration of divine Shakotsav in Kothamba (Panchmahal)**

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and with the inspiration of Sadguru Shastri Swami Atmaprakashdasji, beautiful Shakotsav was organized on 12/01/2013 by our Shree Swaminarayan temple, Kothamba. On this occasion, after Kirtan-Bhakti, Sadguru Shastri P.P. Swami (Jetalpurdham) had performed Katha-Varta and explained the importance of Shakotsav and loaves. Large number of devotees had availed the benefit of Shakotsav wherein ladies devotees had rendered the services of preparing the loaves. Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal had rendered beautiful services on this occasion. (Shastri Bhaktinandasji (Jetalpurdham), Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal, Kothamba)

### **Shakotsav in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Adishwarnagar-Naroda**

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and with the inspiration of Sadguru Shastri Swami Atmaprakashdasji and Sadguru Shastri Swami Purushottamprakashdasji, 8<sup>th</sup> Shakotsav was organized with great fervour and enthusiasm. On this occasion Sadguru Shastri Swami Atmaprakashdasji and Shyamcharandasji, Shastri Bhaktinandas Swami from Jetalpur, Shastri Ghanshyamprakashdasji from Jamiyapura, Shastri Swami Jagatprakashdasji from Kalupur, Sadguru Baldevprasad Swami and Harijivan Swami had arrived and had explained the importance of Shakotsav. Large number of devotees had availed the benefit of Shakotsav wherein ladies devotees had rendered their beautiful services. The whole arrangement was made by Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal and Kothari devotee Shri Navinbhai. (Shastri Bhaktinandan Swami, Jetalpurdham and Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal)

### **Celebration of divine Shakotsav at Adalaj**

With the directions of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and with the inspiration of Sadguru Shastri Swami Vijayprakashdasji, 8<sup>th</sup> Shakotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Adalaj, was celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm on 25/12/2012. After Kirtan-Bhakti, Shastri Bhaktinandas of Jetalpurdham Shri Purani Swami Vishwajivan Swami of Bhuj had narrated Katha-Varta and had explained the importance of Shakotsav. Large number of devotees had availed the benefit of this divine Shakotsav and ladies devotees had rendered their inspirational services. The whole arrangement was made by Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal and Poojari Dinesh Bhagat. (Poojari Dinesh Bhagat, Adalaj)

### **Celebration of divine Shakotsav at village Trent**

With the directions of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and with the inspiration of Sadguru Shastri Swami Atmaprakashdasji and Sadguru Shastri Swami Purushottamprakashdasji, grand Shakotsav was celebrated on 30/12/2012 at village Trent. On this occasion Group Mahapooja of Thakorji, Kirtan Bhakti and Katha explaining the importance of Shakotsav were narrated by Sadguru Vishwaprakash Swami of Jetalpurdham, Shastri Hariprakashdasji of Makansar. Sankhya Yogi ladies devotees from Patdi and Viramgam had also arrived on this occasion. Services of the ladies devotees were inspirational on this occasion.

### **Celebration of first Shakotsav at village Nana Ubhda**

With the directions of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and with the inspiration of Sadguru Shastri Swami Atmaprakashdasji and Sadguru Shastri Swami Purushottamprakashdasji, 1<sup>st</sup> Shakotsav was organized at Shree Swaminarayan temple, Nana Ubhada on 04/01/2013. In the Sabha organized on the occasion, young devotees performed Kirtan-Bhakti. Thereafter, Sadguru P.P. Swami narrated Katha about Leela of Maharaj. On this occasion saints from Jetalpur, Mahesana, Mansa, Kalupur and Naranpura had arrived. Devotee Shri Patel Bachubhai Pritambhai (Kothari) and his sons devotees Shri Jasubhai and Dineshbhai had rendered the services as the hosts of this Shakotsav. Ladies devotees had rendered their beautiful services on this divine occasion. The whole arrangement was made by Shastri Bhaktinandan Swami (Jetalpur). [Shastri Bhaktinandan Swami (Jetalpur) and Dineshbhai Patel. (Nana Ubhada)]

### **Celebration of divine Shakotsav at Narayannagar (Jetalpur Desh)**

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and with the inspiration of Sadguru Swami Shyamcharandasji, beautiful Shakotsav was organized on 05/01/2013 by Shree Swaminarayan temple, Narayannagar (Jetalpur Desh). After Kirtan-Bhakti, Sadguru Shastri P.P. Swami, Sadguru Shastri Swami Atmaprakashdasji, Mahant Swami K.P. Swami, Shastri Bhaktivallabh Swami of Jetalpurdham had narrated Katha and importance of Shakotsav. Large number of devotees had availed the benefit of Shakotsav wherein ladies devotees had rendered their beautiful services. The whole arrangement was made by Kothari devotee Shri Hiteshbhai and Yuvak Mandal.

(K.P. Swami, Jetalpurdham)

### **Shakotsav in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Vasai-Dabhla**

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and Akishar Nivasi Sadguru Shastri Swami Arjunprasad Swami and Akshar Nivasi Sadguru Swami Narhariprasaddasji and

with the inspiration of Sadguru Shastri Swami Atmaprakashdasji, grand Shakotsav was organized on 06/01/2013 by Shree Swaminarayan temple, Vasai-Dabhla. On this occasion Shobhayatra of Thakorji was organized. In the Sabha, after Kirtan-Bhakti, Sadguru Shastri P.P. Swami and Shastri Ghanshyamprakashdasji of Jamiyatpura and saints from Mahesana, Kalol, Makansar, Jetalpur, Mansa, Muli had arrived and narrated Katha and importance of Shakotsav. Devotee Shri vikramsinh Narayansinh Chavda had rendered the services as the chief-host, whereas other devotees had rendered their services as the host of Shakotsav. About more than eight thousand devotees had availed the benefit of Shakotsav wherein ladies devotees had rendered their inspirational services. The whole arrangement was made by young devotees of the village and Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal. (Shastri Bhaktinandan Swami (Jetalpurdham) and Yuvak Mandal, Vasai)

**Celebration of 5<sup>th</sup> Shakotsav in Shree Swaminarayan temple Manekpur (Chaudhary)**

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj grand Shakotsav was organized on 06/01/2013 by Shree Swaminarayan temple, Manekpur. On this occasion Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal had performed Kirtan-Bhakti. H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj had graced this occasion alongwith the saints. First of all the host devotee had performed poojan-aarti. Thereafter all host devotees and guests were honoured. On this occasion more than 45 saints had arrived. Saints from Jetalpur, Mahesana, Mansa, Isand, Kankaria, Kalupur, Naranpura, Jamiyatpura, Kalol, Muli, Makansar, Dholka, Sapavada, Sayla had arrived. On this occasion, P.P. Swami of Jetalpurdham had narrated importance of Shakotsav and loaves. At last H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj blessed all the saints and devotees. Devotee Shri Chaudhary Leelaben Ramabhai (Amjawala) had rendered the services as the chief-host of Shakotsav. About more than 9000 devotees had availed the benefit of Shakotsav wherein ladies devotees had rendered their inspirational services. The whole arrangement was made by Shastri Ghanshyamprakashdasji (Mansa), Shastri Bhaktinandan Swami of Jetalpurdham had conducted the Sabha. (Kothari Chaudhary Rameshbhai and Chaudhary Jagdishbhai-Manekpur)

**Celebration of divine Shakotsav at village Siyal (Nalkantho Desh)**

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and with the inspiration of Sadguru Mahant Swami Atmaprakashdasji and Sadguru Shastri P.P. Swami, grand Shakotsav was organized on 10/01/2013 by Shree Swaminarayan temple, Siyal (Nalkanto Desh). On this occasion after Kirtan-Bhakti by Bal Mandal

Sadguru Swami Shyamcharandasji, Shastri Bhaktivallabh Swami, Shastri Bhaktinandasji had narrated Katha and importance of Shakotsav. On this occasion large number of devotees had availed the benefit of Shakotsav. Services of ladies devotees of preparing loaves was inspirational. The whole arrangement was made by all the devotees of the village. [Shastri Bhaktinandan Swami and Arvindbhai (Siyal)]

**8<sup>th</sup> Saptah Parayan by Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal, Balva**

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and with the inspiration of Sadguru Shastri Swami Atmaprakashdasji and Sadguru Shastri P.P. Swami, Shri Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal, Balva organized 8<sup>th</sup> Gyan Yagna Shrimad Bhagwat Saptah Paryaan during the pious Dhanur Maas from 24/12/2012 to 30/12/2012. Sadguru Shastri Uttamcharandasji Guru Akshar Nivasi Sadguru Purani Swami Ghanshyamjivandasji (Bhuj-Kachchh) was the spokesperson of Katha and Shastri Uttampriyadasji (Mahesana) was the spokesperson of Samhita Path. On 24/12/2013 Shobha Yatra of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and Pothi Yatra were performed from the house of the devotee Shri Jesingbhai Lalabhai Chaudhary. The host family performed poojan of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and the Spokesperson of Katha. H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj performed the ritual of Deep-pragatya and blessed all the devotees. On 29/12/2012 H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj, H.H. Shri Gadiwala and H.H. Shri Raja graced the occasion. Bal Mandal and the grand son Jay Bakabhai Chaudhary of the host family performed poojan of H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj. On 30/12/2012, H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj graced the occasion and performed Mahabhishek and Annakut aarti of Thakorji. H.H. Shri Mota Gadiwala also graced this occasion and blessed the ladies devotees. In the Sabha, H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj performed the concluding ritual of Katha and poojan of spokesperson of Katha. The host devotee Bakabhai Jesangbhai Chaudhary performed poojan of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj. On this occasion, saints from Jetalpur, Gandhinagar, Kalupur, Mansa, Kalol, Kankariay, Naranpura, Sayla, Makansar, Muli, Ratanpar and Jamiyatpura. All the festivals were celebrated during the course of Katha. Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal had rendered beautiful services during the whole Mahotsav. The whole arrangement was made by the saints of Jetalpurdham and Shastri Bhaktinandan Swami (Jetalpur) had conducted the Sabha. About more than 15000 devotees and Haribhaktas had availed the benefit of this Utsav. [Mahant Shri K.P. Swami (Jetalpurdham) and Amrutbhai Chaudhary, Balva]

**Celebration of Suvarna Jayanti Patotsav Mahotsav in Kocharab (Ahmedabad)**

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj

and the whole Dharmkul and with the inspiration of Mahant Sadguru Shastri Swami Atmaprakashdasji and Sadguru Shastri P.P. Swami, Suvarna Jayanti Mahotsav of invocation of idol images of Shree Ghanshyam Maharaj was celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm in our Shree Swaminarayan temple, Kocharab (Ahmedabad) from 25/12/2012 to 29/12/2012. on this occasion Shrimad Bhagwat Panchan Parayan was also organized with Shastri Ghanshyamprakashdasji (Jamiyatpura) as spokesperson. When H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj graced the occasion, the chief host of Mahotsav devotee Shri Ambalal Lallubhai Patel and Sumanbhai Shakarchand Patel performed poojan-archan of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj. Then H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj blessed the whole Sabha. On this occasion Mahavishnu Yaag was also organized.. on 29/12/2012 H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj graced the occasion and performed Abhishek and Annakut aarti of Thakorji. The devotee Shri Dhirajlal Chuniilal Patel family performed poojan of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and the spokesperson of the Katha. Saints from Ahmedabad, Jetalpur, Mansa, Makansar, Kalol and Mahesana had also arrived on this occasion. At last H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj blessed all the devotees. During the whole Mahotsav, saints of Jetalpur and Vishwaprakash Swami (Kalol) had conducted the Sabha. Services of the young devotees of Kocharab was very inspirational on this occasion. (Swami Shyamcharandasji, Shastri Bhaktinandan Swami, Jetalpurdam)

#### **Dhooan in pious company of Shree Revtibaldevji Harikrishna Maharaj in Jetalpur**

In the pious company of Shree Revtibaldevji Harikrishna Maharaj and in the presence of saints and thousands of Haribhaktas and children, Shree Swaminarayan Mahamantra Dhooan was organized during the pious Dhanur Maas. Shangaar to Thakorji were offered by Poojari Brahmchari Purnanandji Swami. On the pious day of Poonam, early in the morning, H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj graced the occasion and granted the benefit of divine Darshan. Under the guidance of Sadguru Shastri Mahant Swami Atmaprakashdasji and Sadguru Shastri P.P. Swami, the whole arrangement was made by Mahant K.P. Swami and other saints. (Bhandari Kantibhai, students Sandip Bhagat, Jetalpur)

#### **Celebration of Shakotav in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Mansa**

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj, grand Shakotsav was organized on 05/01/2013 in our Shree Swaminarayan temple, Mansa. In the Sabha organized on the occasion, Kirtan-Bhakti were performed by Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal. Thereafter, H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj graced the Sabha alongwith the saints. First of all the host families performed poojan of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and then the host families and guests, invited on the occasion, were honoured.

On this occasion saints from Jetalpur, Isand, Kalupur, Jamiyatpura, Kalol, Muli and Makansar had arrived. Shri P.P. Swami of Jetalpur had narrated Katha explaining the importance of Shakotsav. At last H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj had blessed the whole Sabha and then performed divine Vaghar of Shakotsav whose Darshan was performed by all the saints and the devotees. The devotee Shri Narayanbhai Isharbhai Patel Sheth (Narayan Farmwala) had rendered the services as the chief host of Shakotsav. About more than 9000 devotees had arrived to perform divine Darshan of Shakotsav. The whole arrangement was made by Shastri Ghanshyamprakashdasji (Mahant of Mansa). Shastri Bhaktinandan Swami of Jetalpur and Shastri Hariprakashdasji (Mahant of Makansar) had conducted the Sabha. Services of Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal was also very inspirational. (Kothari Chandraprakash Swami, student Jay Patel, Mansa)

#### **MULI DESH**

##### **Shree Swaminarayan temple, Limbdi**

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and the whole Dharmkul and with the inspiration of Mahant Sadguru Shastri Swami Atmaprakashdasji and Sadguru Shastri Swami Purushottamprakashdasji and under the guidance of Mahant Sadhu Bhaktavatsaldas, Shree Swaminarayan Mahamantra Dhooan was performed in front of Shree Ghanshyam Maharaj in our Shree Swaminarayan temple, Limbdi during the whole pious Dhanur Maas. (Kothari Vandanprakashdas)

##### **Shree Swaminarayan temple, Ratanpar**

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 elder saint Swami Narnarayandasji, Shree Swaminarayan Mahamantra Dhooan was performed during the pious Dhanur Maas. Shri K.P. Swami had performed Katha of Shiksha Patri Bhashya and had explained the importance of Dharmkul. Prizes were distributed to little Satsangi children. The whole arrangement was made by Kalu Bhagat. (Kothari)

##### **Celebration of divine Shakotsav at Jamsar (Halar)**

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and with the inspiration of Sadguru Shastri Swami Narayanjprasaddasji (former Mahant of Mulidham), grand Shakotsav was organized on 04/01/2013 by Shree Swaminarayan temple, Jamsar. On this occasion after Kirtan-Bhakti, Mahant Sadguru Shastri Swami Hariprakashdasji of Makansar and Shastri Swami Bhaktinandasji of Jetalpur had performed Katha-Varta and had explained the importance of Shakotsav. Large number of devotees had availed the benefit of this Shakotsav. On this occasion, ladies devotees had rendered their beautiful services. (Parshad Divyesh Bhagat, Makansar)

## OVERSEAS SATSANG NEWS

### Shree Swaminarayan temple, Chicago (I.S.O.)

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and the whole Dharmkul, among various Satsang activities, Shree Swaminarayan Mahamantra Dhoon and festival of Makar Sankranti Utsav were organized during the pious Dhanur Maas.

Large number of devotees used to come to the temple early in the morning to avail the divine benefit of Mahamantra Dhoon. Along with Katha-Varta, Prasad was also being distributed everyday. Poojari Swami Shantiprasaddasji had narrated Katha. On the pious day of Uttarayan, Shri Dineshbhai Joshi had performed Zoli in the Sabha organized in the evening. (Vasant Trivedi)

### Shree Swaminarayan temple, Washington (D.C.)

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj, Satsang Sabha was organized in our temple on 10,15,18, 22,24 and 28<sup>th</sup> December (Agiyaras and Poonam) wherein Vachanamrit (273) reading, Janmangal Path and Thaal-aarti etc. were performed. With the directions of H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj, Shibir of children of Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal was organized on 27,28,29 and 30<sup>th</sup> December wherein 15 children had participated. (Kanubhai Patel)

### Shree Swaminarayan temple, Los Angeles (I.S.O.)

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj, 24 hour Shree Swaminarayan Mahamantra Akhand Dhoon was performed by the saints and Haribhaktas from 31/12/2012 to 01/01/2013 in our Shree Swaminarayan temple, Los Angeles. About 40 Haribhaktas and ladies devotees availed the

benefit of this Akhand Dhoon.

Our newly appointed President, devotee Shri Devrajbhai Kerai and Kothari Bhaktibhai had made beautiful arrangement of breakfast and meals for the devotees participating in Akhand Dhoon. Devotee Shri Rasikbhai had rendered the services as host of Mahaprasad. On 1<sup>st</sup> January 2013, about 400 Haribhaktas had availed the benefit of Japa-yagna. In Japa Yagna devotees of all age group from children to old age had participated. Young ladies devotees and young Haribhaktas had rendered their beautiful services in the kitchen. (Devrajbhai Kerai, President)

### Shree Swaminarayan temple, Hysten (Texas)

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 Divyaprasad Dasji and Poojari Ghanshyamcharandasji, on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2013, Zoli-Parva was celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm in our Shree Swaminarayan temple, Hyustan. In the Sabha organized on the occasion, Mahant Swami had performed Katha-Varta and Kirtan-Bhakti. On this divine occasion, throne of Shree Thakorji was decorated with beautiful colourful kites. Every devotee and Haribhakta had participated in Group Janmangal Path. (Mahant Swami)

### 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 Shastri Swami Gyanprakashdasji and Swami Narnarayandasji, Mahapooja and Satsang Sabha were organized on the pious occasion of Uttarayan wherein large number of devotees participated. Narnarayan Swami had explained the importance of offering alms on the divine occasion of Zoli-parva. At last Group Janmangal path was performed. All the devotees who rendered their beautiful services on this divine occasion, were honoured. (Pravin)

## AKSHARVAAS

**Dahod** – Devotee Shri Maniben (mother of our devotee Shri Kanubhai Jayantilal Modhiya) passed away to Akshardham on 24/12/2012 while chanting the name of Shree Hari.

**Nandol (Palanpur)**- Devotee Shri Motaben Patel Bhartiben Natvarlal passed away to Divine Abode of God on 03/01/2013 while chanting the name of Shreeji Maharaj.

**Dahegam** - Devotee Shri Vishnubhai Shantibhai Patel passed away to Akshardham on 16/12/2012 while chanting the name of Shri Hari.

**Laxmipura (at present Vatva, Ahmedabad)**– Devotee Shri Bhikhubhai Rambhai Chavda passed away to Divine Abode of God on 13/01/2013 while chanting the name of Shri Hari.

**Ahmedabad**- Devotee Shri Jayantilal Giridharlal Mistry (Dholerawala) passed away to Akshardham on 19/01/2013 while chanting the name of Shri Hari.

**Jiragadh (Halar-Muli Desh)**– Devotee Shri Gomitiben Premjibhai Varu [(age 101 years) (grandmother of devotee Shri Rajeshbhai Savjibhai Varu (Kothari))] passed away to Divine Abode of God on 08/01/2013 while chanting the name of Shreeji Maharaj.

**Mandvi (Kachchh)**– Devotee Shri Virbai Shamji Hirani [(age 87 years) (mother of our devotee Shri Naranbhai Shamji Hirani, grandmother of our devotee Shri Ashokbhai and great grand mother of our devotee Shri Harendra (London, U.K.))] passed away to Divine Abode of God on 24/01/2013 while chanting the name of Shreeji Maharaj.

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