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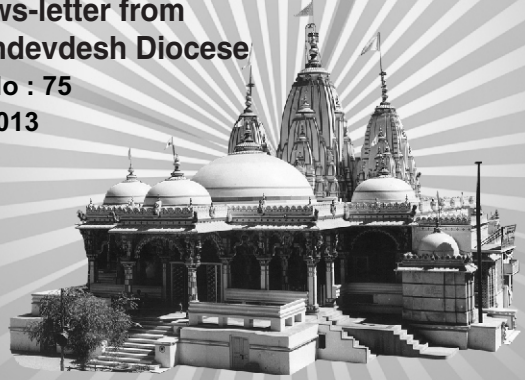
(1-2) All the Three Forms of Shree Hari performing Abhishek of the idol images in the presence of thousands of Haribhaktas on the occasion of Patotsav of our Shree Swaminarayan temple, Cleveland. (3) Satsang Sabha in Chicago temple. (4) H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj granting Darshan and H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj blessing the devotees in Sabha on the occasion of Parayan in our Ghatlodiya temple (Ahmedabad). (5) Annakut Darshan in Gandhinagar temple. (6) H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj performing Annakut Aarti on the occasion of invocation of the idol images in New Ranip temple. (7) H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj blessing the Sabha at Mahadevnagar. (8) Flower Vagha Darshan in Naranghat temple. (9) Chandan Vagha in Mansa temple. (10) Flower Vagha Darshan to Shree Hanumanji and Shree Ganpatiji in Ahmedabad temple. (11) Annakut Darshan in Aadraj temple.



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EDITORIAL

In the world created by Parmatma, human beings modernity through new technologies. By cutting the dense forests, forests of cement are being created and thereby the forests, which are natural abode of animals and other creatures, are placed under danger. The natural flow of the streams and rivers is being obstructed through huge dams. All these human activities invites the wrath of Bhagwan resulting into natural calamities and huge devastation as it happened recently in June-2013 in the pious places of Kedarnath, Gauri Kund, Chamauli, Govindghat of Uttarakhand. The pious premises of Kedarnath temple were full of dead bodies and thousands of families of the pilgrims lost their only support and thousands of people had to pass several days without food and water in the hills and valleys of the region. All praise to our Indian Army, who never care for their lives for the sake of the lives of their fellow-countrymen. This is Hindusthan where many martyrs have embraced the sacrifice of their lives for the freedom of this pious Motherland from the clutches of the Britishers. This Bharat Desh is our Motherland and during such critical time of natural calamities, there is no discrimination among the people on the basis of caste, creed, language, rich, poor, high caste and untouchables and all are united and they rush to help the affected people.

With the directions of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj, arrangement of meals was made in our Haridwar (Kankhal) and Badrinarayan temples for the affected pilgrims and the people. May Bhagwan Shree Narnarayandev grant eternal peace to all deceased animals, birds and human beings, who lost their lives in this natural disaster of Uttarakhand and Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan grant courage and patience to the family members of the departed souls.

Editor
Mahant Swami
Shastri Swami Harikrishnadas

**Appointment Diary of H.H. Acharya Maharaj 1008
Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharajshri**

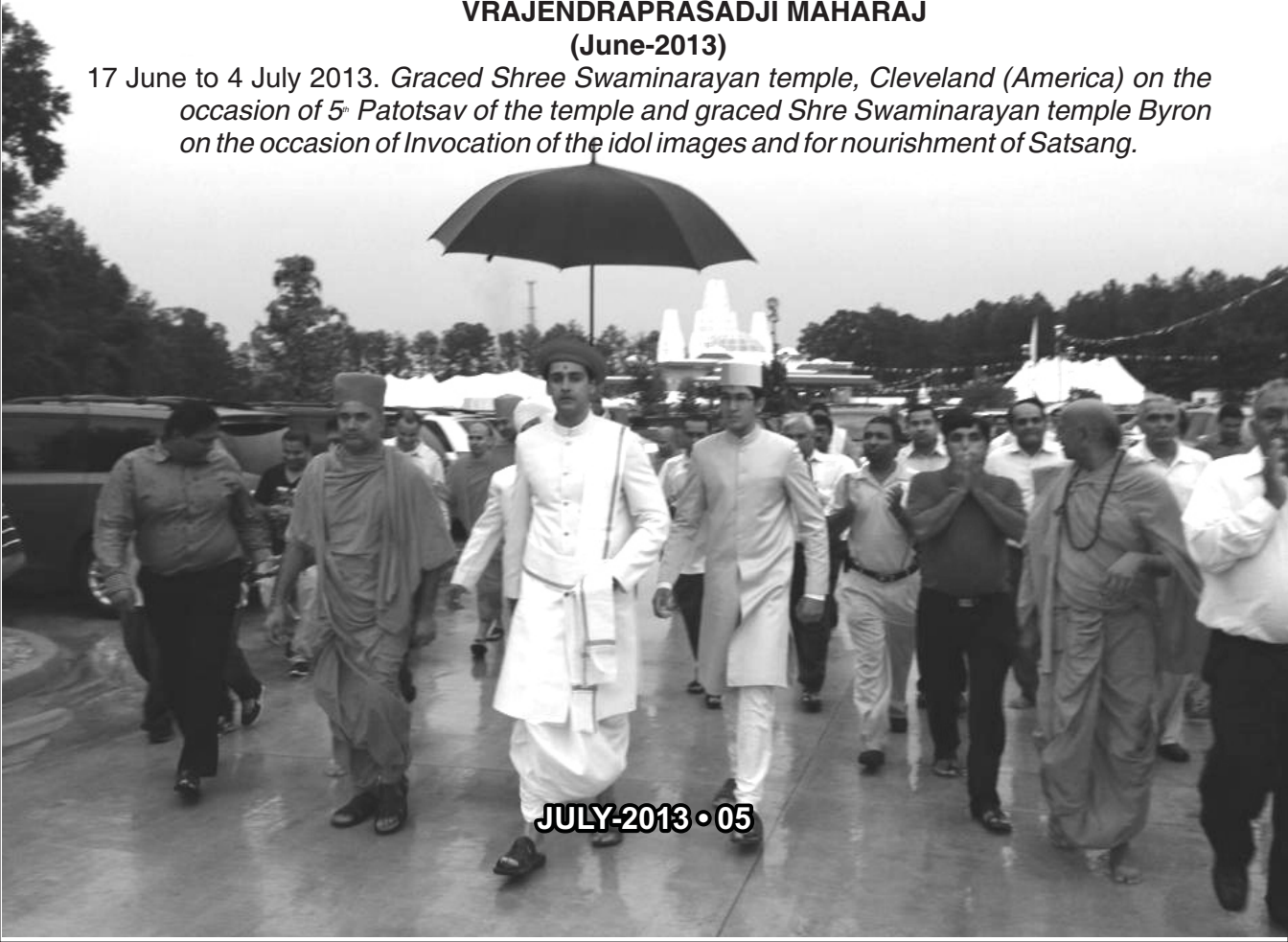
(June-2013)

- 1-2. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Samatra (Kachchh).
3. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Modasa on the occasion of Khat-Muhurt.
5. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Zulasan on the occasion of Patotsav.
6. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Khokhra-Mahemdabad on the occasion of invocation of the idol images.
7. Graced village Manekpur on the occasion of Katha.
- 9-10. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Madhapar (Kachchh).
11. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Mahadevnagar and Shree Swaminarayan temple, New Ranip on the occasion of invocation of the idol images.
13. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Aadraj (Gandhinagar) on the occasion of Patotsav.
14. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Idar on the occasion of Patotsav.
- 16 June to 3 July. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Cleveland (America) on the occasion of 5th Patotsav of the temple and graced Shre Swaminarayan temple Byron on the occasion of Invocation of the idol images and for nourishment of Satsang.

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

(June-2013)

- 17 June to 4 July 2013. *Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Cleveland (America) on the occasion of 5th Patotsav of the temple and graced Shre Swaminarayan temple Byron on the occasion of Invocation of the idol images and for nourishment of Satsang.*



Shikshapatri

The Epistle of Precepts

(based on Shatanand's Shikshapatri
Arthadipika)

By Pravin S. Varsani

Text-90

The Vaishya caste shall practice farming, trading, money lending etc., and the Shudra caste shall serve the above mentioned three castes.

The third caste Vaishyas, should practice farming (Krushi) in accordance with Parashar's laws. They should also practice money lending (Kushid) with the collection of interest in accordance with Vyavaharadyaya. Vanaparva of Mahabharat explains, 'Those who have to live off cooked vegetables every five or six days but who are still not in debt and who do not go overseas for livelihood are happy.'

Shudras, the fourth caste, are to serve the other caste members. Anushan Parva explains: Dwijshushrushaya Shudraha Param Shreyoadigachati – 'Service of the Dwijas by a Shudra leads to prosperity and greatness.' Dwijasevadi- the use of 'adi' includes service to one's parents. 'Cha' includes the practice or Dharma such as Ahimsa (non-violence) etc.

Yagnavalkya explains the ordinary or basic Dharmas for all four castes, 'Ahimsa (non-violence), Satya (truth), Asteyam (refraining from theft), Saucha (purity), Indriya Nigraha (withdrawal of senses), Daan (charity), Dama (control of themind), Daya (compassion) and Kshanti (forgiveness) are the essence of Dharma.'

Shatanand concludes by saying that he has not gone into further detail here. However one should derive the deeper meaning of Dharma from other Dharma-Shastras.

The West often look at the Indian Caste System as unfair and unjust. They bring up arguments of 'freedom of action' and 'equal rights'. However these arguments in my opinion are accrued from the ignorance of understanding the true nature and purpose of

the caste system.

The caste system isn't a way of separating or restricting people. The Caste system was designed for effective organisation and management of society.

It provides a distribution of manpower for various necessary jobs. Do we not have a White collar/Blue collar separation of the work force in the West? This is simple basis of the Caste system, except it is enforced by birth in India's Caste system.

'Enforced by birth' serves two purposes here which are dominant (i) as a result of one's past Karmas, he is born to endure the miseries or pleasures arising from a particular caste and (ii) being born a particular caste and performing actions accordingly will lead to greater effectiveness (it is believed for example that the learning capacity of a Brahmin is greater than that of another caste), hence the caste system is designed to make an organization of people more productive.

The caste system is a means of integration of society. It aims to provide for each other. In any society teachers, government officers, workers and traders are needed for effective running of a society- the caste system is simply that. The specific roles make for a brilliant formula to the organization of a society. If the caste system and the duties for each caste were followed then there is no doubt that we could return the former glory of 'Rama Rajya'.

The caste system is in no way a burden and needs to be preserved. The system does not aim to outcast any group. There is no mention of untouchability etc. of Shudras- they are Harijans (Devotees of god) and so can in no way be considered as outcasts.

Text-91

The Dwijas (twice born) shall perform the due rites following the conception of a child and perform daily rituals and Shraaddh conception of a child and perform daily rituals and Shraaddh (obsequies) at the appropriate time according to the capacity of individuals.

*Sanskaraschachnikam Shraadham
Yathakaalam Yathadhanam |
Swasvagruihanusarerna Kartavyam Cha
Dwijanamabhiha ||*

The upper three castes (Dwijatis) should perform the various Sanskars (rituals) during their lifetime. These Sanskars are forty in number as explained by Gautam Muni in Krutyachintamani:

- 1) Garbhadaan – ritual of conception
- 2) Punsavan – to protect the foetus and ensure a baby boy
- 3) Simantonayana – performed during the last month of pregnancy for mental formation
- 4) Jatmarma – preparation of astrological charts after birth
- 5) Namakarana -naming of the child
- 6) Annpraashana – first feeding of rice (usually done in temple, in front of God)
- 7) Chaulremoving of the hair for the first time
- 8) Upanayana – wearing of the sacred thread
- 9-12) Veda Vrata the four Vedic Vratas (study of Vedas)
- 13) Samavartan -bathing ceremony following the return from Vedic studies
- 14) Sahadharma Charini Sanyoga – the wedding ceremony
- 15-19) Panch Mahayagna- the five great Yagnas (sacrifices)
- 20) Ashtaka
- 21) Parvarna Sthalipak
- 22) Shraadh – offerings to dead ancestors
- 23) Shravani – ritual for full moon day of month Shravana
- 24) Agrahayarni – offering of new corn and fruit (full moon day – Magshira)
- 25) Chaitri – ceremony on the full-moon day of Aaso
- 26) Agnyadheya
- 27) Agnihotra – ceremony of fire sacrifice
- 28) Darsha Purnamaas – to mark the end of the month
- 29) Chaturmaasya – four months of observing Vratas
- 30) Agayarnesthi – ceremonious offering – sacrifice
- 31) Nirudhpasubandha
- 32) Sautramarni
- 33) Agnistoma – fire ritual
- 34) Atyagnistoma
- 35) Ukthya
- 36) Shodshi
- 37) Vajpeya
- 38) Atiratra
- 39) Aptoryaam.

Of these, 20-26 are Karmas or acts for 'Pak Sanstha', 27-33 are for 'Haviha Sanstha' and 34-40 are for 'Soma Sanshta.'

There are also eight qualities which all should have – Atma Gunas: (1) Daya Sarvabhuteshu – compassion for all living things

- 2) Kshanti- forgiving
- 3) Ansuya – non envy
- 4) Saucha – purity
- 5) Anyaasa – to not dwell in misery
- 6) Mangalya – auspiciousness
- 7) Makarparnya – non-greed
- 8) Aspruheti – non-desire or passion for possession.

Those that have the forty Sanskars and the eight Atma Gunas attain Saytujya Mukti- a special form of salvation to

become one with God – merging of the soul with Brahman (God Supreme).

Shatanand now explains the Ahanika or daily duties: Parashar says, 'Snaan- bathing, Sandhya- morning worship, Japa- chanting, Homa- offerings, Svadhayaya – study of the Vedas, Pitru tarpana – offerings to forefathers and Devta Pooja – worship of Gods are six acts to be performed daily.'

Now Shraadh is clarified, Shraadhastya sminniti Shraadhham Shraadhakhyam – 'Acts performed with faith for one's forefathers is Shraadh.' Marichi explains, 'Shraadh is offerings of the best of goods to one's ancestors, with great faith and devotion (Shradha).'

Nirnyasindha explains that ninety-six such Shraadhas are to be performed always. Of these, 12 are Amavasya (end of the month), 14 are of Manavadi Tithi, 4 are Yugadi Tithi, 12 are Sankranti Tithi, 13 are Vaidhati, 16 are Vyatipata, 16 are Mahalaya Shraadh, 4 are Ashtaka, a 4 are Anvasaka and 4 are for the first day. In this way Shraadh is performed on special days according to the astrological positions.

The Lord writes Swasvaruhyanusarerna – thus the above said rites are to be performed in accordance with 'Grahyasutra'. Therefore the purificatory rights as outlined by Acharyas and documented in 'Grahyasutras' should be taken into account.

Shruti explains: Purvarhyo Vai Devanama Madhyadino Manushyaramparahraha Pituram – 'In the first part of the day, acts pertaining to worship of God; in the middle part, pertaining to man (work); and in the final part, acts pertaining to ancestors should be practised.'

Yathadhanam – such acts should be performed in accordance with one's financial ability- one should not be greedy in such acts. Shatanand explains that performance of the Sanskars, in accordance with Grahyasutra leads to the fulfilment of all righteous acts documented in Shastras and will ultimately lead to great wealth.

Those who are unable to perform this multitude of Sanskars may perform the sixteen Sanskars of Garbhadaan etc. similarly, they may perform more than one

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TAPASCHARYA OF DHARM-BHAKTI

- Sadhu Purushottamprakashdas
(Jetalpurdham)

Dharmdev incarnated from the right arm of Brahmaji and was married to Murti daughter of Daksh Prajapati the son of Brahmaji. Responsibility of expansion of human world was entrusted by Brahmaji to Dharmdev. Since time immemorial Dharmdev and Murti are Parents of Bhawan. And therefore they were not inclined with this task. However being a son it was his duty to obey the directions of father. Therefore, both Dharmdev and Murti decided to give birth in the form of Parbrahma. Tapa is very dear to Bhagwan. After obtaining permission both Dharmdev and Murti came the pious river Sabarmati (Ganga) and started living there by preparing a hut and started performing Tapascharya. After some years, severe Tapascharya was started by chanting mantra 'Om Namō Narayanay'. They were unmoved by the climatic changes of severe heat, cold and rain. At the place named Naranghat on the bank of the river Sabarmati where Gavaiya Swami Keshavjivandasji has got constructed grand temple, Dharma-Murti have been performing severe Tapascharya. And the time of 12 crore years passed and Satyug was about to end. At that time Parbrahm Parmatma Bhagwan Purushottam Narayan granted them Darshan and asked them for anything. Dharmdev and Murti requested, "Please grant us blessing of a son like you." and the request was granted.

At appropriate time, Bhagwan incarnated on this earth through the womb of Murtiji and the deities started showering divine flowers upon the earth hailing the incarnation of Bhagwan. Thereafter, one by one Namkaran, Yagnopavit etc. Samskaras were performed and Hari, Krishna, Nar and Narayan names were kept. Since all the four sons had incarnated simultaneously, there was no question of anyone being elder or younger. After obtaining permission of the parents, Hari came to Vaikunth, Krishna came to Golok and both Nar and Narayan stayed in Badrikashram and started performing Tapascharya at the place near village Kalap.

According to the Puranas Narnarayan cut 999 Kavach of Kuchi Daitya because this demon had obtained the boon from Brahmaji that, 'A person who may have performed Tapa for one thousand years and who may fight for one thousand years will be able to cut Kavach of Daitya.' Accordingly, Nar and Narayan performed Tapa one by one and started fighting with Daitya and when the last Kavach was to be cut, the Daitya got frightened and ran away and took birth as Karna- the son of Kunti and he was born with Kavach. His one thousandth Kavach was cut by Arjun with the help of Bhagwan Shree Krishna and thereby the world was saved from the Daitya.

Dharma-Murti have been performing Tapascharya in Badrikashram from Satyuga till five thousand years of Kaliyug. Their Tapascharya is greater than that of Rishis-Munis. In Kaliyug, Aksharadhipati Parbrahm Parmatma desired to grant emancipation to the the people of this world and to grant happiness to ardent devotees.

Therefore, Leela of curse of Rishi Durvas was performed in Badrikashram and reincarnated in village Chhapaiya in the house of Dharmdev Itar Pande and Bhaktidevi.

Dharma and Murti and Bhagwan Shree Narnarayan are the basis of the success of this Sampradaya. By performing severe Tapascharya of Shree Narnarayan during Kaliyug, Dharmdev and Bhakti obtaining the blessings by having Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan as their son. Protection and development of Dharm-Gyan, Vairagya, Bhakti, Upasana are due to Tapa of Dharm-Bhakti and Shree Narnarayandev. Therefore, Bhagwan has invoked the idol images of Dharmdev and Bhaktimata in the first temple of our Sampradaya in Ahmedabad and thereafter in all other temples Forms of Dharmdev-Bhaktidevi and Narnarayandev are invoked.

In some temples it is known as Narnarayan, or Ranchhod Trikamrai but they are one and the same. In the temples of Ahmedabad-Bhuj and Junagadh the

idol images of Shree Narnarayandev are in the central inner temple. If we read Chapter Ahmedabad-67, Sarangpur-16, Gadhda First-48, Jetalpur-5 of 'Vachanamrit' we would get better understanding of the real importance of Shree Narnarayandev.

Really great is Tapscharya of Dharmdev and Murtiji; they performed severe Tapascharya for 12 crore years in Badrikashram in the pious company of Bhagwan. Before performing Pooja-Darshan of Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan, all the devotees and Haribakas should perform darshan of Dharmdev and Bhaktimata. It also conveys the essential message for all the devotees that, if any devotee ignores rendering services to his parents and wants to obtain the pleasure of Bhagwan and then it is futile and meaningless. This base and tradition of our Sampradaya should be understood properly and its real perspective. When Dharm-Gyan-Vairagya-Bhakti-Upasana etc. are coupled with Tapa of Dharm-Bhakti and Narnarayandev in our Sadhana then success is sure to come.

Arrangement in our Shree Swaminarayan temple, Badrinarayan, for the pilgrims affected in Uttarakhand Natural Calamity

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaja and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj, Mahatn Shastri Swami Golokviharidasji of our Badrinarayan temple (near Bus Stand) has made all arrangements for about 1500 pilgrims affected in Uttarakhand natural calamity. All arrangements for their stay and meals have been made by the saints in the temple premises.

H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj has suggested Mahant Swami of Badrinarayan temple that, all the pilgrims may be kept in the temple, meals may be offered to them and their proper care may be taken. Accordingly, Mahant Swami of Badrinarayan temple has made all the arrangements.

GURUVARYA DHARMVANSHI ACHARYA MAHARAJ

- Prof. Hitendrabhai Naranbhai Patel (Ahmedabad)

For emancipation of all souls Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan has incarnated from Akshardham to this earth and granted promise to move and remain in Satsang in three forms. Accordingly, Shree Hari invoked the idol images of Shree Narnarayandev in Ahmedabad and in the temples at other eight places. Thereafter, Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan himself wrote the pious 'Shiksha Patri' and directed all the saints and devotees to follow the directions contained therein very scrupulously. Thereafter, Bhagwan Shree Hari established the seat of Dharmvanshi Acharya. Thus, Shree Hari is present in our Sampradaya even today in the form of Murti, Shastra and Dharmvanshi Acharya.

In this Kaliyug it is very difficult to get real Guru. Shree Hari himself performed ardent Tapascharya for 11 years as Nilkanth Varni and He got Samarth Guru like Sadguru Ramanand Swami. In Shloka-3 of 'Shiksha Patri' Shree Hari has stated, **"Rampratapi and Iccharamji, both born of Shree Dharmdev, are my brothers. Rampratpi's son, Ayodhyaprasad and Iccharamji's son, Raghuvira- both of whom I have adopted as my sons (and established as the Acharyas of my disciples)."**

In Shloka-62 Shree Hari has stated, **"They shall worship only those idols of Shree Krishna, which have been given to them by the Acharya (of Dharmkul) or installed by Him. Other idols shall be respectfully bowed before, but not worshipped."**

Thus, Shree Hari has granted divinity in the seat of Acharya and has

got written Desh-Vibhag Lekh and has directed the devotees to follow it scrupulously. In this Lekh Shree Hari has stated that:

“સાધુ, બ્રહ્મચારી તથા પાલા એ સમસ્તના તથા સત્સંગી સમસ્તના તમો બેય ગાદીવાલાને આચાર્ય સ્થાપ્યા છે. ને તે સર્વે નિરંતર તમારી આજ્ઞામાં રહેશે ને તમારી સેવા કરશે. ને શ્રીધર્મવંશના બેય ગાદીવાલા આચાર્ય વિના અન્ય મતવાળા હરકોઈ મનુષ્ય શાસ્ત્રે તથા જોગે તથા વૈરાગ્યાદિક ગુણે વિશેષ હોય ને તેથી શ્રી ધર્મવંશના બે ગાદીવાલા આચાર્ય ન્યૂનપણે જાણ્યામાં આવે તો પણ, સાધુ તથા બ્રહ્મચારી તથા પાલા સમસ્ત તથા સત્સંગી સમસ્તને અમારી એમ આજ્ઞા છે કે જે તમારા જીવના કલ્યાણને અર્થે શ્રી ધર્મવંશના બે ગાદીવાલા આચાર્યને સદાકાલ નિરંતર માનજ્યો. ને મન-કર્મ-વચને આજ્ઞામાં રહેજ્યો ને તેમાં ફેર પાડી અન્ય આશ્રય કરશે ને અન્યને માનશે તેના જીવને આ લોકમાં તથા પરલોકમાં કોઈ કાલે સુખ થાશે નહિ ને અતિ કષ્ટને પામશે.”

This Guru has been granted by Shree Hari himself and it is also stated that, the devotees who shall render the services to Acharya shall got all his desires fulfilled. In Shloka-71 of 'Shiksha Patri', Shree Hari has stated: **"My disciples shall never enter into arguments with their Acharya, but shall honour and serve Him by offering good, money, clothing etc., according to their abilities."** Sadguru Nishkulanand Swami has stated in 'Purushottamprakash-40':

માટે ધર્મકુળ માનજો સહુ કરજો એની સેવ, અન્ય જન જેવા એહ નહિ, એ છે જાણજો મોટા દેવ. મનવાંછિત વાત મળશે, વળી સેવતાં એનાં ચરણ એ છે અમારી આગળ્યા, સર્વે કાળમાં સુખ કરણ એને પૂજે હું પૂજાણો રે, તે તો જરૂર જનમન જાણો રે એનું જેણે કર્યું સનમાન રે, તેણે મારું કર્યું છે નિદાન રે,

When ritual of offering the seat of Acharya to Dharmvanshi Acharya, who is Other Form of Shree Hari, is being performed thirty three crore deities remain present to perform divine Darshan of this divine occasion. In the whole world, Shree Hari has established only two seats, Shree Narnarayandev Desh and Shree Laxminarayandev Desh and therefore we are very lucky that we get divine Darshan of

Acharya everyday.

In Satsangijivan Prakaran-4 Adhyay-82 Shloka-9 Shatanand Muni has stated that, Dharmvanshi Acharya has become our Guru by virtue of the blessings of Shree Hari and therefore He is capable of carrying the burden of the miseries and sins of His disciples. And therefore, it is essential and beneficial for all the devotees and Haribhaktas to seek shelter under the auspices of Dharmvanshi Acharya Maharaj. Shreeji Maharaj has stated:

જેવું અમારું કુળ મનાશે રે
તેને તુલ્ય બીજું કેમ થાશે રે,
માટે વિચારીને વાત કીધી રે,
ઘણું સમજીને ગાદી દીધી રે.
(પુ.પ્રકાશ પ્રકાર ૩૯ કડી ૮)

There is marked difference between the so-called Gurus of other Sects and Dharmvanshi Acharya of our Sampradaya established by Shree Hari. Shelter of Bhagwan is not possible without obtaining Mantra-Diksha from Dharmvanshi Acharya Maharaj. Shree Hari has stated (Purushottam Prakash Prakaran-39, Kadi-5 &6)

મારા ધામમાં આવવા સહુ રે,
એવા કર્યા ઉપાય મેં બહુ રે,
સર્વે ઉપાય કીધા છે સારા રે,
તેમાં તરશે જીવ અપારા રે,
પણ છેલ્લો છે આજે ઉપાય રે,

બહુ જીવ તરશે આ માંચ રે

ધર્મવંશી અચારજ ધાર્યા રે,

ગુરુ કરીને ગાદીએ બેસાર્યા રે.

Accordingly, this year Gurupurnima Utsav is proposed to be celebrated on 22/07/2013 in Shree Radhakrishnadev temple, Muli where Gurupoojan of our Dharmvanshi Acharya Maharaj is to be performed and this is a rare occasion. So all the devotees and Haribhaktas should avail the benefit of this divine occasion.

શ્રી સ્વામિનારાયણ મંદિર સાપાવાડાનો
નવો ફોન નંબર : (૦૨૭૭૦) ૨૯૧૫૭૭

Shree Swaminarayan temple,
Ahmedabad

The member of Shree Narnarayandev Scheme Committee devotee Shri G.K.Patel (Mahesanawala) has resigned from the Scheme Committee voluntarily with a noble view that other Satsangi devotees may also get an opportunity to render the services and due to his hectic schedule. In his place devotee Shri Rasikbhai Ambalal Patel (Mokhasanwala) has been appointed as the member of the Committee by the Scheme Committee unanimously. Retired member devotee Shri G.K.Patel has rendered very ardent services during his tenure. The whole Shree Narnarayandev Desh Satsang recognizes and hails services of both the devotees.

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ECSTASY OF LOVE

- Chandrakant Mohanlal Pathak (Gandhinagar)

There was one noble person. He was very religious and was cherishing ardent faith and Bhakti towards Bhagwan. He had one field and by doing hard work in the field he used to earn his livelihood. He was leading a life of satisfaction. However, he was thinking how to ensure emancipation in life? He thought Lord Shivji is very benevolent and Mahadev is Dev of all Dev and He is easier to please. He discussed this with his wife and then he went to the place called Nana Gopnath at the sea-cost and started performing Tapa.

This man was Punjaji and he was Rajput by caste and was residing in village Panvi. He reached at the temple Naklank Mahadev, embraced the Shivlinga and started chanting the mantra 'Om Nami Shivay'. One day due to heavy tides in the sea, the temple was flooded with water. The force of the water took away Punjaji with it. Punjaji came back with wet clothes and again started performing Japa. After some time he heard a mysterious voice from the sky, "You return to your home. Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan has incarnated on this earth. He would grace your house alongwith the saints and would you guide to the path of emancipation." being pleased with this, Punjaji returned home and started working hard in his field. He had heard the name of Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan but he was not able to cherish ardent Bhakti of devotee for Him.

One day Punjaji was sitting at the outskirts of the village and his bullocks were drinking water. Meanwhile he saw two saints clad in saffron clothes. He asked whether they were saints of Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan. Then he invited them to his house and offered them the meals and during the discussion held with the saints in his house, he asked them, 'Is it true that Swaminarayan is known as Bhagwan?' saints replied, "Yes,

Swaminarayan is Bhagwan and Creator and Protector of this world. He is our Istadev. Vyas Muni has created one Brahmand Puran of twelve thousand Shlokas. In one of these Shlokas it is written that in Kaliyug Bhagwan would incarnate in the house of a Brahmin Dharmdev. This incarnation is of Bhagwan Swaminarayan."

Due to curiosity Punjaji asked, "What is the procedure to become devotee of your Sampradaya?" The saints replied, "Oh Bhagat! Our Sampradaya is Uddhav Sampradaya and it is also known as Swaminarayan Sampradaya. We shall offer you Vartamaan. You should perform Tilak, Chandlo, Kanthi. Everyday you should perform pooja of Thakorji, should offer meals first to Thakorji and thereafter only you should accept the meals. You should remain free from all types of addiction and should follow all the directions contained in the pious scripture 'Shiksha Patri' and should follow the duties of your caste. If you would do this much, you would be known as Satsangi. In the nearby village Kariyani, Bhagwan Swaminarayan often graces the house of the devotee Vasta Khachar. If you send the message, Vasta Khachar would inform you whenever Bhagwan would come there."

Once Jiva Dave of Zamrala came to Darbar of Vasta Khachar in village Kariyani. At that time Shreeji Maharaj was in Kariyani. Therefore, Vasta Khachar asked Jiva Dave to convey the message of arrival of Bhagwan to Kariyani to Punja Dodiya of village Panvi. Obeying the directions, Jiva Dave came to the village Panvi and went to the field of Punja and conveyed him the message of Vasta Khachar. Immediately Punja Dodiya started for Kariyani and reached to the Darbar of Vasta Khachar. But he was late. Vasta Khachar informed that, Maharaj has started for Sarangpur. Hungry and tired

Punja Dodiya rushed to Sarangpur. He was very eager and enthusiastic to perform divine Darshan of Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan.

On the way to Sarangpur, Shree Hari reached the village Vajeli. There Shree Hari desired to take rest at the outskirts under a tree of Khijada. Maharaj drank some water but thirst was satiated. Shree Hari was worried about devotee Punja Dodiya, who was coming towards Sarangpur, he was very thirsty and hungry and also very tired. Shree Hari asked Naja Bhagat to bring a bottle of water. The moment the bottle of water was brought, Shree Hari took it and started walking towards Punja Dodiya. Maharaj offered water to devotee Punja Dodiya who was very thirsty. Punja Dodiya drank water and then Maharaj embraced him. In this way ardent desire of Punja Dodiya was fulfilled.

After this incident, once Bhaguji went

to Bhal region to purchase dry grass for the cattle. On the way he was offering water to the camel at the outskirts of the village Panvi near the field of Punjaji. At that time, Punjaji was in his field. During their discussion Bhaguji informed Punjaji of return of Shree Hari to Akshardham. This sudden shocking news could not be tolerated by Punjaji. After some time, he recovered and then went to Gadhpur in rendering his services. He rendered his beautiful services to all the saints. But Punjaji could not survive this shock. At his end time, Bhagwan Shree Hari came, held his hand and took to Akshardham:

કોઈ કટારી કર મરે કોઈ મરે વિષ ખાય,
પ્રીતિ એસી કીજિયે હાય કરે જીવ જાય.

Real great is the ardent devotee Punjaji Dodiya of Panvi, who sacrificed his life in his ardent worship and Bhakti to Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan !!!

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Sanskar at a time – at the time of ‘Chaul’ or ‘Upanayan’. Those who cannot perform Snaan-Sandhya-Vandana at three times during the day should perform so once in the morning. Those who cannot fully perform Sandhya Vandana Karmas may perform Achamana (sipping of water for purification of the body), Pranayam (concentrated breathing), Argyadaan (worship with offerings) and Gayatri Japa (chanting of the Gayatri Mantra) ten-times.

Similarly, those unable to perform the ninety-six Shraadhms may perform Mahalaya and Samvatsarika Shraadhms only. If the full Shraadh ritual is not possible (due to financial difficulty or unavailability of a Brahmin) then offerings of a bowl of rice or flour will suffice; on such a day, an Upavaas fast may be observed. If Shraadh day falls on a day of one’s fasting, then offering should still be made to the ancestors (this opposes the commonly thought fact that Shraadh should be performed on another day when it is not one’s fast day). Shruti also explains the importance of performing various rites in various directions: Praachim Deva Dakshinam Pitaraha Praticim Manushya Udichim Rudrasa – ‘Deva worship facing

East, ancestral worship facing South, social acts facing West and worship of Shiva facing North should be performed.

Swami Sahajanand uses ‘Dwijanmabhiha’ to specify that these directives are for the upper three cases, Shudras, due to their restriction in study of Vedas, are not to perform all the Sanskas. ‘Brahmins were created from the Gayatri Mantra, Kshatriyas from Trishtumbha, Vaishyas from Jagti, but Shudras were not created from any Mantras (thus they also have not right to study the Vedas).

Shudras should perform the Sanskars according to Vyaas in Sanskarmayukh (1) Garbhadhaan (2) Punsavan (3) Simantonayan (4) Jat Karma (5) Namaskaran (6) Nishkramana (7) Annprashan (8) Chaul (9) Karnavedh (10) Vratadesh (11) Vedarambha (12) Keshanta (13) Snaan (14) Udhavaha (15) Agniparigraha and (16) Tretagnisangraha. Women should perform up to Karnavegh. In addition Vivaha (wedding) Sanskar using Mantras should be performed. Shudras, like women should also perform the nine Sanskars and Vivaha Sanskars, but without the use of Mantras thought.’

श्री श्री स्वामिनारायण



Shree Swaminarayan Museum

on the pious day of Bhadarva Sud-4 'Ganesh Chaturthi' will be celebrated in our Shree Swaminarayan Museum.

As per the directions of Shreeji Maharaj in the pious 'Shiksha Patri' and with the noble concept of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj, henceforth Ganesh Chaturthi, Hanuman Jayanti and Shiv-poojan utsav will be celebrated in our Shree Swaminarayan Museum. Accordingly, on Monday 09/09/2013 at 3.00 hours in the noon Ganpati Poojan would be performed on the pious day of Ganesh Chaturthi and in the evening at 6.30 hours H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj will conclude the rituals. Therefore devotees desirous to avail the benefit of Ganpati Poojan may kindly contact in the museum either in person or through telephone.

Speciality of idol image of Shree Ganpatiji of our Museum

Large number devotees and Haribhaktas avail the divine benefit of Abhishek of idol image of Shree Narnarayandev, which has been kept in Hall No.8 because poojan of this idol images was being performed by Shree Hari. Similarly, poojan of idol image of Shree Ganpatiji and Shree Hanumanji carved of black stone was being performed by Shree Hari. With a noble view that, devotees and Haribhaktas may also avail the divine benefit of poojan of these idol images, under the directions of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj, Abhishek of idol image of Shree Ganpatiji on the pious day of Ganesh Chaturthi, Abhishek of Shivalinga in the pious Shravan Maas and Abhishek of idol image of Shree Hanumanji will be performed in Vedic tradition on the pious day of Shree Hanuman Jayanti.

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05/06/2013	Morning – Akshar Nivasi Devotee Prabhudas bhai Umedbhai Patel-Memnagar, through Kenopi Bhupendrabhai Evening – Ishwarbhai Prabhudasbhai Patel, Bhartiben Ishwarbhai Patel, Kundal (at present Mumbai) (on the occasion of Golden Jubilee (50) years of marriage)
06/06/2013	Sankhya Yogi Nanbai Guru Aksharbai Sankhya Yogi Dhanbai _Mankuva -Kachchh (with the inspiration of H.H. Shri Mota Gadiwala and H.H. Shri Gadiwala)
08/06/2013	Devotee Jagdishbhai Keshavlal Patel through Bharatbhai, Ranip.
09/06/2013	Devotee Shree Swaminarayan Satsang Samaj Group Mahapooja through Nareshbhai Patel, Ahmedabad.
09/06/2013	Devotee Vinodbhai Laljibhai (Kachchh), Praveshbhai Manilal Soni, Ahmedabad.
16/06/2013	Akshar Nivasi Devotee Amrutbhai Narsinhbhai Patel through Jatin and Ritesh, Maninagar-Ahmedabad.
23/06/2013	Devotee Jayantibhai Naranbhai Prabhudas Patel -Unava.
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WHO IS REAL DEVOTEE?

- Shastri HariPriyadasji

(Gandhinagar)

કેરી કાચી પણ હોય અને પાકી પણ હોય
કેળુ કાચું હોય ને પાકું પણ હોય
જમફળ કાચું હોય ને પાકું પણ હોય
રોટલી કાચી હોય ને પાકી પણ હોય
ખીચડી કાચી હોય ને પાકી પણ હોય
શીરો કાચો હોય ને પાકો પણ હોય
ઘડો કાચો હોય ને પાકો પણ હોય

We understand all these things. But Bhagwan has stated that, there are types of devotees who are either very strong or weak. Then let us to Bhagwan, who is the real devotee? In reply to this question, Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan has stated that, a devotee whose Niyam, Nischay and Paksh are very strong is said to be a real devotee. And a devotee whose these three things are weak is said to be weak.

Then first thing is about Niyam. Let us talk about Niyam. There are mainly eleven Niyam. When somebody asks a question to you, 'Whom do you worship?' then your answer will be 'Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan.' Then the person will ask you another question, 'Which are main Niyam of your Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan?' then what would be your answer? Then you would guide the person to the temple and you will tell, 'Let us go to our temple where Swamiji will explain you in detail.' The thing is that, when we ourselves do not know as to which are eleven rules, how shall follow them?"

With a view that, these eleven rules are remembered by all and even by the children easily, they have been included in



**સત્સંગ
બાલવટિકા**

SATSANG BALVATIKA

Compiler Shastri Harikesavdasji
(Gandhinagar)

our daily prayer. Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan directed Premanand Swami to do something so that all the devotees may speak about these eleven rules everyday. And hence Swamiji created one Pada in our Prarthna in such a way that, everyday we speak about these eleven rules. When we perform Sastang Namaskar to Thakorji in Sandhya then we utter this pada of Premanand Swami:

**“નિર્વિકલ્પ ઉત્તમ અતિ,
નિશ્ચય તવ ઘનશ્યામ”**

This is Prarthna Pada. Here first of all seven things are asked for. And on fulfilment of these seven demands, there comes eleven rules. These eleven rules have been chosen from the pious 'Shiksha Patri'. In the beginning Swami says:

**“સહજાનંદ મહારાજ કે, સઠ સત્સંગી સુખાણ,
તાકું હોય દ્રટ વર્તનો, શિક્ષાપત્રી પ્રમાણ.”**

devotees of Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan should behave as per 'Shiksha Patri'. There are many rules

and regulations in this pious scriptures and among them these eleven rules are main:

“सो पत्री में अति लडे, नियम अेकादश जेय;
ताकि विकित कहत हुं, सुनियो सब यित प्रोय.”

Among these eleven rules, the first one says:

“हिंसा न करनी जंतु की”

We should not commit any kind of violence. Ahimsa (non-violence) is the greater form of Tapa. It is the best conduct. Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan says which is the best code of conduct. The answer is non-violence. So non-violence is the basic principle of our Sampradaya. Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan has preached non-violence at very minute and micro level. If we do not take precaution in daily life and routine activities then we commit violence unknowingly and unintentionally even while drinking water, cooking the meals etc. There are very sharp clarifications about non-violence in ‘Shiksha Patri’.

The second Niyam is:

“परत्रिय संग को त्याग”

A devotee who has married in the presence of a Brahmin and Agni (fire) then they are husband and wife. If such a married person looks at other women, then it is the greatest sin. Therefore it is essential that trust, faith and purity of the conjugal life are maintained. (continue.)

CHARITRA OF BHAGWAN ARE NOBLE

- Sadhu Shrirangadas (Gandhinagar)

Almighty Bhagwan is ready to provide shelter, energy, power to all. But to understand this one should have complete

knowledge about Bhagwan. However, one should not worry because whether one has knowledge or not, the sugar always tastes sweet. Charitra of Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan is like sugar. And it is very beneficial.

Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan Himself says that Leela Charitra of Bhagwan is the best means to ensure emancipation in life. If one remembers the Leela Charitra of Bhagwan even at the last moment of his life, he gets emancipation in his life. There are innumerable Leela Charitra of Bhagwan. Those who have listened to or have read these Leela Charitra, they are very lucky.

Once Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan was sitting in Darbar in Gadhda. Considering the ardent love and devotion of Dada Khachar, Shree Hari used to perform all daily chores Himself in his house.

Dada Khachar had thirty six calves in his field. Once these only male calves were grazing the grass in the open ground. After some time, it became difficult to control these calves, as they had become mischievous. Now all the farmers were tired. They decided to go to Maharaj to resolve this problem. All the farmers came to Maharaj asked for the help. Immediately Maharaj came in the field and started tying the calves. Meanwhile Brahmanand Swami came and praised Maharaj for this.

Dear devotees! Bhagwan is omnipotent, what cannot be done by Him? The breathing powers of all the living things of this Earth are with Bhagwan. So all of us cherish ardent faith and should perform Bhakti with all devotion.

(Tree of fulfilment of desires). It is due to noble deeds of the previous lives that, we have got Shreeji Maharaj and the saints in our life. If importance of Satsang of the saints is understood properly, it is sure to get emancipation in our life. One should leave aside pride of one's body, intelligence and wealth and should surrender the real saints and should perform Satsang in their pious company.

Brahmanand Swami has stated: “સંત સમાગમ કીજે હો નિશ દિન સંત સમાગમ કીજે માન તજી સંતન કે મુખ સે પ્રેમ સુધારસ પીજે.... હો નિશદિન સંત સમાગમ કીજે.”

Under the guidance of saints, the devotees lead a straightforward and righteous life and with the blessings of the saints they get happiness and all desired fulfilled in their life. Therefore, it is rightly stated: “શ્રીજી અને સહુ સંતો રે મળી કરજો મારી સહાય”.

MOKSHA INSTEAD OF MEALS

- **Soni Ranjanben Kantilal (Memnagar)**

Once Brahmanand Swami was returning after Satsang Vicharan. He was passing through a field. A small boy of the farmer was protecting the field. The boy got attracted towards Swamiji and offered Ponk to Swamiji. Brahmanand Swami and other saint accepted the ardent request and went to him. The boy asked them whether they would accept the meals at his house. The saints were hungry for two days and therefore they accepted the offer. The boy immediately opened his tiffin which he had brought from home and offered it to the saints. The saints relished the meals and became very much happy. Swamiji told sked the boy to demand anything. The boy told he did not want anything and therefore he had no any particular desire or choice.

Swami was very much pleased and therefore he told the boy just to remember the saint with huge belly whom he had offered the meals. Now many years passed

and whenever this grown up boy would see any saint, he would remember the saint with huge belly. At the last moment of his life, he again remembered the saint with huge belly. And Shreeji Maharaj came with Brahmanand Swami and took him to Akshardham.

दृष्टा स्पृष्टा नता वा कृतपरिचरणा भीजिता पूजिता वा ।

So when we perform Darshan of the saints, when we offer the meals to the saints and when we render our ardent services to the saints, we certainly get emancipation in our life.

KASOTI OF KANCHAN (TEST OF GOLD)

- **Parmar Bhumika Bhagwanjibhai (Surat)**

Maharaj was sitting in the Sabha. After some time, Maharaj directed Muktanand Swami to go to the villages to perform Satsang. During this time, many people used to oppose our Sampradaya, as it was just growing. Therefore, the saints were finding it very difficult. On every request of the saints, Maharaj increased the number of saints for Satsang Vicharan. At last with Gopalanand Swami, 80 saints went for Satsang Vicharan. The saints were moving in the villages for nourishment of Satsang.

On their way, some jealous people started beating the saints. But to their surprise, it had no effect upon the saints. And here in the Sabha, Maharaj was bleeding in his back and hands. At this Maharaj became very angry and the moment Maharaj tried to utter the words of destruction of the whole world, Muktanand Swami fell at the feet of Maharaj and stopped Maharaj from this curse. At this Maharaj said that, everything would be tolerated but not the torture to the saints who are rendering their selfless service. So dear devotees, all of us should render our ardent services to the saints, who are very dear to Maharaj.

Kesar Snan of Shree Narnarayandev in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Ahmedabad

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 Harikrishnadasji, Kesar Snan of Shree Narnarayandev was performed on Jeth Sud-15 Saturday 22/06/2013 in the morning from 6.30 to 6.45 by Poojari Brahmchari Swami Rajeshwaranandji of Shree Narnarayandev, Brahmchari Swami Anantanandji, Bramchari Swami Mukundanandji and Parshad Ghanshyam Bhagat. Akshar Nivasi devotee Rajabhai Kanubhai Zaveri family (Jamnagarwala) devotee Shri Rasikbhai, G h a n s h y a m b h a i , N a v i n b h a i , Viujaybhai, Jitendrakumar and Jayprakash etc. devotees had performed poojan-archan of Thakorji. Mahant Sadguru Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji of Ahmedabad temple had honoured the host family and blessed them. Thousands of devotees had availed the benefit of Kesar-Snan.

Mahamantra Dhoon in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Ahmedabad for peace of departed souls of Uttarakhand Natural calamity

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and with the inspiration of Mahant Swami

News And Notes From Shri Narnarayandev Desh

Harikrishnadasji, Shree Swaminarayan Mahamantra Dhoon was organized on 23/06/2013 in our temple for the peace of the departed souls of victims of Uttarakhand natural calamity. H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj, who were on their pilgrimage to America prayed through telephone for peace of departed soul and safe return of the rest of the people who are still missing or trapped in the affected areas.

(Shastri Swami Narayanmunidasji)

Katha Parayan in Chhapaiyadham

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj, H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and with the blessings of H.H. Shri Laxmiswaroop Gadiwala and with the inspiration of Sankhya Yogi Kamlaba, Sankhya Yogi Kokilaba and Sankhy Yogi Ushaba (Surendranagar), Shrimad Satsangjivan Panchanh Parayan was organized in Chhapaiyadham. Shastri Swami Shreejiprakashdasji (Muli) ws the spokesperson of the Katha and devotee Shri Kirtiben Shah

Suggestion to all Haribhaktas of Shree Narnarayandev Desh to offer Dharmado of 1/10th or 1/20th of their income

In Shloka-147 of the pious 'Shiksha Patri' Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan has directed as under :

निजवृत्युधम प्राप्तधन धान्यादितश्च तैः ॥

अप्यो दशांशः कृष्णाय विशोऽशस्त्वह दुर्बलैः ॥

They shall donate one tenth of their earnings, money or food grains, to Lord Shree Krishna. Those with insufficient income shall offer one twentieth.

So all the devotees and haribhaktas should follow these directions scrupulously. This Dev-Dharmado cannot be used for any other purpose in offering alms, helping the poor etc. Haribhaktas residing in Shree Narnarayandev Desh should therefore offer their Dharmado and should obtain receipt from our Shree Swaminarayan temple. One should also to see that, such an offering is not made at any other place and should scrupulously follow the directions of Shreeji Maharaj. Maharaj has granted us immense happiness and we are also very rich in our conduct and worldly affairs and therefore by taking out 1/10th or 1/20th portion of our income towards Dharmado, we should also keep our transactions neat and clean. If this is done, we would be very much happy in our life. Our devotees should not render their services for any purpose without the letter of authority of our H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj. Kothari of each temple or their representative should deposit Dharmado in the main temple in person and should obtain receipt thereof.

(Mahant Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji)

(Kapadwanj) rendered the services as the host of Parayan. About 350 devotees and Haribhaktas of Surendranagar went to Chhapaiya by train and availed the benefit of this Katha. During the Katha all the festivals like Shree Hari Prakyotsav, Fuldolotsav, Vivah of Shree Rampratapi etc. were celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm. Cultural programme was also organized by young children and Balikas. Mahant Brahmarshi Swami Vasudevanandji had made beautiful arrangements. The whole programme was organized under the guidance of Kothari Swami Krishnavallbhdasji. (Shailendrasinh Zala)

Approach Bapunagar temple

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and with the blessings of the whole Dharmkul and with the inspiration of Mahant Swami, Chandan Vagha Darshan was offered to Bal Swaroop Shree Ghanshyam Maharaj from Vaisakh Sud-3 to Jeth Sud-15 in our Approach Bapunagar temple. On 22/06/2013 Kesar Snan Darshan was offered in the temple. On Jeth Sud-10 Mahamantra Dhoon was organized in the morning from 8.00 to 11.00 hours on the occasion of Shree Hari Antardham Tithi. (Gordhanbhai Sitapara)

3rd Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Harshad Colony (Bapunagar)

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and with the inspiration of Dasbhai and with the co-operation of Haribhaktas, 3rd Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Harshad Colony (Bapunagar) was celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm on 02/06/2013.

On this occasion Group Mahapooja, Annakut, Prasad, Sabha, Katha of Dhirajakhyan were organized in the morning from 6.30 hours to 11.30 hours in the night. Shastri Swami Chaitanyaswaroopdasji had narrated Katha. H.H.

Shri Mota Gadiwala graced the occasion and granted divine Darshan to the ladies devotees. H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj had also graced the occasion. Devotee Shri Arjanbhai Desai and Shri Kasturchand Zinzuvadiah had rendered the services as the hosts of this occasion. Saints of various places had also arrived and blessed the devotees. Mahant Sadguru Shastri P.P. Swami of Naranghat temple had provided all necessary guidance.

With the directions of H.H. Shri Laxmiswaroop Gadiwala and H.H. Shri Mota Gadiwala, Mahamantra Dhoon was organized in the temple (ladies) from 1.00 to 7.00 hours on the day of Jeth Sud-10 Shree Hari Antardham Tithi.

(Gordhanbhai Sitapara)

8th Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Haridwar

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj, H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj and with the inspiration of Shastri Swami Anandjivandasji and with the guidance of Kothari Swami Hariprakashdasji, 8th Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Haridwar was celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm on Vaisakh Sud-15 on 25/05/2013. devotee Shri Amichandbhai Nathabhai Prajapati (Himatnagar) had rendered the services as the host of Patotsav.

On this occasion Jalyatra of the water of pious river Ganga was organized on 24/05/2013. on the day of Patotsav, in the morning at 7.00 hours the members of the host family devotees Shri Amichandbhai, Rakeshukumar, Sneh and Hiren and Shri Manubhai and Shri Sandipkumar, Jignesh and Dineshkumar availed the benefit of Mahapooja. Thereafter Shodasopchar Mahabhishek of Thakorji, Shangaar Aarti and Annakut Darshan were performed.

For rendering services in renovation of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Ahmedabad

With the directions of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and as per the advise of the experts of the Archeological Department, renovation work of our first temple of our Swampradaya, Shree Swaminarayan temple, Kalupur, Ahmedabad is going on in full fledged ensuring that its original sculptural art and beauty are preserved. Pink stones are being called from Rajasthan and the sculptors are giving them appropriate shapes as per the requirements. So all the Haribhaktas and ladies devotees should render their ardent services of money and ornaments for accomplishment of this noble task. The golden throne is going to be installed for the deities in the inner temple, so devotees may also render the services of gold as per their capacity and wish. All such services are going to be registered in the Book of Shreeji Maharaj. Devotees are also requested to obtain receipt for their services from Kothar of our Ahmedabad temple. We do not get such an opportunity again and therefore we should not miss the opportunity and should avail the benefit of rendering our services for this pious purpose.

(Mahant Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji)

In the Sabha organized on the occasion. Sadguru Shastri Swami Narayanallbhdasji (Mahant of Vadnagar) explained the importance of the place of pilgrimage of Haridwar, Dharmkul and Patotsav. The host family welcomed with flowers Mahant Shastri Swami Anandjivandasji, Shastri Swami Narayvallbhdasji, Kothari Swami Hariprakashdasji and all other saints. At last under the directions of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj Mahant Shastri Swami Anandjivandasji made announcement of celebration of Dasabdi Mahotsav in the pious presence of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj. The Sabha was conducted by Sadguru Shastri Swami Narayanvallbhdasji (Mahant of Vadnagar). (Kothari Shastri Swami Hariprakashdasji, Haridwar)

Rajat Jayanti Mahotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Jivrajpark

Invocation of the idol images was performed in Jivraj temple in the year 1988 by H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharaj before twenty five years. No on completion of 25 years, with the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj, Rajat Jayanti Mahotsav was organized from 15/05/2013 to 19/05/2013 in the pious auspices of H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj. On this occasion Shrimad Satsangijivan Parayan, Shree Hariyag, Mahapooja, Abhishek, Chhapanbhog, Annakut, Shobhayatr etc. were organized.

The whole programme was graced by the Dharmkul and granted the benefit of Darshan and blessings to the devotees. Sadguru Mahant Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji, Dev Swami, Shri P.P. Swami (Naranghat) had provided guidance and encouraged the devotees. Shastri Ram Swami had narrated Kathamrit on this occasion.

Haribhaktas of Jivrajpark and nearby areas had availed the benefit of rendering the services as the hosts of this Mahotsav. Services of Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal and Mahila Mandal was very inspirational. (Bharat Thakkar, Jivrajpark)

Shree Swaminarayan temple, Gandhinagar (Sector-23) Celebration of Nirjala Ekadashi

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj, Nirjala Ekadashi was celebrated in our Shree Swaminarayan temple, Gandhinagar (Sector-23). Many devotees residing in the area offered the pots of water. Many devotees observed the fast on this day and performed Sankirtan of Padas of Sadguru Brahmanand Swami in the Sabha organized on the occasion. (Vinodbhai Soni)

18th Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Mahadevnagar and Akhand Mahamantra Dhoon on the occasion of 41st Prakatyotsav of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and with the inspiraiton of P.P. Swami of Naranghat temple, 18th Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Mahadevnagar was celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm on 11/06/2013. devotee Shri

Maganbhai Dungarshibhai Patel rendered the services as the host of this Patotsav.

H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj graced the occasion on 11/06/2013 and performed aarti of Thakorji in the temple of haribhaktas and ladies devotees and then blessed the Sabha organized on the occasion. Swami Laxmanjivandasji (approach), Anand Swami had also arrived on this occasion. The Sabha was conducted by Shastri Swami Chaitanyaswaroopdasji (Koteshwar Gurukul).

On the occasion of 41st Prakatyotsav of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj, 141 minute Akhand Mahamantra Dhoon was performed by Haribhaktas and devotees on Sunday 23/06/2013 in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Mahadevnagar wherein about 700 devotees participated. (Shastri Swami Chaitanyaswaroopdasji, Koteshwar Gurukul)

Mahila Shibir in Jetalpurdham

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Gadiwala, grand Mahila Shibir was organized in Jetalpurdham. About 1200 ladies devotees of Ahmedabad, Jetalpurdham and nearby villages availed the benefit of this Shibir. The whole arrangement was made by Sankhya Yogi Bachiba and her disciples of Jetalpurdham. The Shibir was conducted by Sankhya Yogi Narmadaba. At last H.H. Shri Gadiwala blessed all the ladies devotees. All the arrangements including the meals was made by Mahant Sadguru K.P. Swami of Jetalpurdham.

(Shastri Swami Bhaktinandandasji)

Padyatra and Katha Parayan of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Manekpur

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and with the inspiration of Sadguru Mahant Swami Guruprasaddasji and Sadguru Mahant Swami Anandprasaddasji (Kankaria), 108 Kirtan Bhakti and Satsang Sabha were organized by Shre Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal Manekpur (Patel). On the occasion of concluding ritual, 'Shree Astottarshat Bhajan Sampan' Mahotsav and 'Shree Hari Aishwarya Darshan' Panchan Parayan was organized with Sadguru Shastri Swami Yagnaprakashdasji (Kankaria) as the spokesperson. About more than 115 Haribhaktas availed the benefit of Group Mahapooja organized on the occasion. On 07/06/2013 H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj graced the occasion and grand Shobha Yatra was organized. Thereafter, H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj performed Annakut aarti of Thakorji and performed the concluding ritual of Katha and blessed all the devotees. Services of Shree Narnarayandev Yuak Mandal and Haribhaktas was very inspirational during the whole programme.

Padyatra of Jetalpudham was begun in the morning from Manekpur on 08/06/2013 wherein many devotees of Gandhinagar (Sector-2) joined. Devotees performed Darshan in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Ahmedabad and Balswaroop Shree Kastbhanjandev of Kankaria

temple wherein arrangement of meals was organized by Mahant Swami and Anand Swami. After Kirtan-Bhakti-Bhajan, Padyatra reached Jetalpurdam wherein the devotees performed divine Darshan of Shree Revti Baldevji Harikrishna Maharaj. Mahant Sadguru Shastri Swami Atmaprakashdasji, P.P. Swami and Mahant K.P. Swami welcomed Padyatri. After one hour Bhajan-Kirtan, CD of Kirtan and book about 'Importance of Jetalpur' was offered as gift to all participant devotees. (Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal, Manekpur)

Shrimad Bhagwat Parayan in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Ghatlodiya

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj, Shrimad Bhagwat Parayan was organized in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Ghatlodiya from 12/06/2013 to 16/06/2013 by Shree Swaminarayan Satsang Samaj and Shree Narnaryaandev Yuvak Mandal. Sadguru Shastri Swami Chaitanyaswaroopdasji (Koteshwar Gurukul) was the spokesperson of the Parayan.

As a part of Shree Janmangal Mahotsav, Pothi Yatra was organized from the residence of the host devotee to the place of Katha. In the Katha, Shri Krishna Janmotsav was celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm. H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj had graced this occasion and granted blessings and divine Darshan to the devotees. H.H. Shri Gadiwala also graced the occasion and granted blessings to the ladies devotees. H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj graced the occasion on the day of concluding rituals. In the Sabha organized on the occasion, Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal offered garland of 1000 flowers and obtained the blessings. On this occasion saints from various places had arrived. The whole programme was organized under the guidance of Shastri P.P. Swami of Naranghat. Host devotee and local devotees and Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal had rendered the beautiful services for the snacks and obtained the pleasure and blessings of Shree Hari and the whole Dharmkul. (Chetan Patel, Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal)

Tree-plantation in village Balva on the occasion of 41st Prakatyotsav of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj

On the occasion of 41st Prakatyotsav of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj, 1100 plants of various types of fruit bearing trees were distributed for plantation. The whole arrangement was made by Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal and Bal Mandal. Besides this Janmangal Path and writing of Mantra were also performed. (Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal)

Celebration of 126th Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Prantij

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and the whole Dharmkul and with the inspiration of

Mahant Swami Madhavprasaddasji and with co-operation of Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal and Haribhaktas, 126th Patotsav of Thakorji of Prantij temple was celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm on Jeth Sud-2 10/06/2013 in the pious company of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and the saints. Devotee Shri Dipakbhai Dashrathlal Modi family rendered the services as the host of this Patotsav. H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj graced the occasion in the morning at 9.30 hours and performed aarti of Thakorji and blessed the devotees in the Sabha organized on the occasion. The Sabha was conducted by Shastri Ghanshya Swami (Mansa). H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj performed Annakut Aarti and granted the blessings and divine Darshan to the devotees and Haribhaktas. (Kothari)

Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Anandpura

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and with the co-operation of Haribhaktas, Patotsav of Thakorji was celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm on 20/05/2013. on this occasion Shastri Swami Madhavpriyadasji (Siddhpur) had narrated Katha-Varta and performed Annakut aarti. (Kothari)

Suvarna Kalash Mahotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Gothib

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and the whole Dharmkul and with the inspiration of Sadguru Shastri Swami Nirgundasji, 2nd Patotsav and Suvarna Kalash Mahotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Gothib of Panchmahal Zadi Desh, was celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm from 12/06/2013 to 16/06/2013. on this occasion, Panchanah Parayan was organized with Shastri Swami Brahmviharidasji (Mahant of Charadava) as the spokesperson. H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj graced this occasion and performed pujaan of Suvarna Kalash and Dhvaj-Dand and also offered holy fruit of concluding ritual of Mahapooja organized on the occasion. Kalash Nagaryatra, Mahabhishek, Annakut etc. programmes were organized on the occasion. Haribhaktas of Zadi Desh had availed the benefit of this Mahotsav. Saints from various places had also arrived on this occasion. Shastri Swami Satyaprakashdasji (Muli) had provided the necessary guidance during the whole programme. (Jigar Patel)

H.H. Shri Mota Gadiwala graced Dharampur (Tal. Kadi)

H.H. Shri Mota Gadiwala had graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Dharampur (Tal. Kadi) and performed aarti of Thakorji and granted the benefit of divine Darshan to the ladies devotees. H.H. Shri Mota Gadiwala graced the house and granted divine Darshan to devotee Naniba Ramjibhai (Vakil) due to her old age. (Kanchanben Patel)

Shree Swaminarayan temple, Narayanpura

With the blessings of Shree Hari and with the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008

Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and with the inspiration of Mahant Shastri Swami Hariomprakashdasji and Shastri Swami Madhavprasadadasji and Sadguru Hariprakashdasji, Keshar Snan was offered to Bal Swaroop Shree Ghanshyam Maharaj on 22/06/2013 in our Shree Swaminarayan temple, Narayanpura. On Jeth Sud-10 Anarthdhan Tithi of Shree Hari, Mahamantra Dhoon was organized for peace of the soul of the people who lost their lives in Uttarakhand Natural Calamity.

Sadguru Shastri Madhav Swami performed Kathamrit of Shree Hari Leela Charitra. With the directions of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj, Swagat was performed of the devotee Shri Rasiklal Ambalal Patel (Mokhasan) the newly appointed Member of the Scheme Committee. Devotee Shri Ghanshyambhai Patel (Fuva) and devotee Shri Jayantibhai Patel (National) have been rendering their inspirational services. (Ghanshyambhai Patel, Naranpura)

Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Zulasan and Invocation of the idol images of Shree Hanumanji and Shree Ganpati Maharaj

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and the whole Dharmkul and with the inspiration of Sadguru Mahant Shastri Swami Atmaprakashdasji and Sadguru Shastri Swami Purushottamprakashdasji of Jetalpurdham and with the co-operation of the devotees and Haribhaktas, Patotsav of Thakorji of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Zulasan and invocation of the idol images of Shree Ganpati Maharaj and Shree Hanumanji Maharaj were performed.

On this occasion Shrimad Satsangijivan Panchanh Parayan was organized from 01/06/2013 to 05/06/2013. Sadguru Shastri swami Purushottamprakashdasji (Jetalpurdham) was the spokesperson of this Parayan. Tridinatmaki Vishnu Yaag was also organized on this occasion whose benefit was availed by many devotees. On 05/06/2013 H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj graced the occasion and performed Patotsav of Thakorji and invocation of Shree Hanumanji and Shree Ganpatiji and the concluding ritual of Yagna and Parayan.

Mahant Shri K.P. Swami, Shastri Bhakti Swami of Jetalpurdham were inspirational during the whole programme. Services of Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal were very praiseworthy. (Shastri Bhaktinandandas and Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal)

1st Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Aadraj

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj, 1st Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Aadraj was celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm on 13/06/2013. on this occasion Shrimad Satsangibhusan Panchanh Parayan was organized wherein Shastri Swami Satyasankalpadasji (Muli) was the spokesperson and Saint Suvratdasji had played beautiful music.

Samhita Path was performed by Shastri Swami Balswaroopdasji (Muli).

With the directions of H.H. Shri Gadiwala, Satsangi Mahila Mandal of Bapunagar had prepared beautiful Annakut. On 13/06/2013 H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj graced the occasion alongwith the saints and Parshads and performed ritual of Patotsav of Thakorji. The devotee Shri Mukeshbhai Ramanbhai Patel (Dhamasana) rendered the services as the chief host of Patotsav. Devotee Shri Narayandas Khushaldas Patel (Mokhasan) rendered the service as the host of Parayan. The whole programme was organized by Swami Ramkrishnadasi. Haribhaktas of village Dhamasana had rendered beautiful services.

(Kothari Shri Mahotji Thakor)

Invocation of the idol images in Shree Swaminarayan temple, New Ranip

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharay 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj, H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj and with the inspiration of Sadguru Swami Devprakashdasji and Sadguru Shastri Swami Purushottamprakashdasji (Mahant of Naranghat temple) and with the co-operation of Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal and Satsang Samaj of New Ranip, our new Shree Swaminarayan temple, New Ranip is prepared, situated on Anand Party Plot Road, opp Aalok Flat in New Ranip area. Accordingly on 11/06/2013 H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj performed the ritual of invocation of the idol images in the temple on 11/06/2013. many devotees and Haribhaktas rendered their services as the hosts of this pious occasion. (Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal, New Ranip)

MULI DESH

Katha-Parayan in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Muli

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj, Shrimad Satsangijivan Saptah Parayan was organized from 30/04/2013 to 06/05/2013 in our Shree Swaminarayan temple, Muli. Sadguru Shastri Swami Shreejiprakashdasji was the spokesperson of this Parayan. This Parayan was organized in the memory of Akshar Nivasi Sadguru Shastri Swami Gopivallabhdasji, Akshar Nivasi Sadguru Swami Madhavpriyadasji and Akshar Nivasi Sadguru Swami Govindprasadasi by their disciples Sadguru Poojari Swami Jayprakashdasji and Mahant Sadguru Swami Shyam Sundardasji of Muli temple and Kothari Swami Krishnavallbhdasji.

During Katha, all the festivals were celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm. On this occasion H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and H.H. Shri Gadiwala graced the occasion. On 06/05/2013 H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj graced the occasion and performed Annakut Aarti of Thakorji and performed

concluding ritual of Mahamantra Dhoon and blessed the Sabha organized on the occasion. The Sabha was conducted by Shastri Satyaprakashdasji.

(Shailendrasinh Zala)

Narnarayannagar temple (Halvad) Patotsav

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj, 7th Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Narnarayannagar was celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm on 14/06/2013. In the Sabha Sadhu Shreejiswaroopdas made announcement that Gurupurnima Mahotsav is to be celebrated in Mulidham in the pious presence of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and requested all the devotees and Haribhaktas of Halvad Desh to avail the benefit of this divine occasion.

(Anilbhai Dudhrejiya, Dhrangadhra)

Shree Swaminarayan temple, Barvala (Morbi)

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj, beautiful Satsang Sabha was organized in village Barvala on Sunday 09/06/2013 wherein many devotees and Haribhaktas participated. Devotees were also informed about celebration of Guru-Purnima Mahotsav in Mulidham in the pious company of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and requested the devotees to avail the benefit of this pious occasion. Devotee Shantibhai Bavaria and others had rendered their beautiful services on this occasion.

(Anilbhai, Dhrangadhra)

Shree Swaminarayan temple, Ratanpur

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and with the inspiration of Sadguru Swami Narnarayandasji, Shrimad Satsangibhushan Night Katha was organized on the occasion of 9th Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Ratanpur. Shastri Swami Yagnaprakashdasji was the spokesperson of this Parayan. Devotee Shri Babubhai Adalja had rendered the services as the host of this Parayan. H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj had graced this occasion and performed Annakut aarti of Thakorji and blessed the Sabha organized on the occasion. On this occasion, H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj had established Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal. During the whole programme, Shri K.P. Swami and Kalu Bhagat had rendered their great services.

(Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal)

Invocation of idol images in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Bharada

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendrappasadji Maharaj and the whole Dharmkul and with the inspiration of former Mahant Shastri Swami Narayanprasaddasji of Muli temple, Murti Pratistha Mahotsav was organized from 24/05/2013 to 30/05/2013 in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Bharada. On this occasion Shrimad Bhagwat Saptah was organized with Sadguru Shastri Swami Bhaktinandandasji Guru Sadguru Shastri Swami Purushottamprakashdasji (Jetlapurdham) as the spokesperson. Grand

Mahavishnu Yaag was also organized on this occasion. On 29/05/2013 grand Nagar-yatra of Thakorji was organized in the evening wherein large number of devotees and Haribhaktas participated.

On 30/05/2013 H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj graced the village and performed the ritual of invocation of the idol images of Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan and Ganpati Maharaj, performed aarti and offered holy fruit in the Yagna. Thereafter, H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj graced the Sabha wherein first of all Dharmkul Poojan aarti etc. were performed. Thereafter, the host devotees performed poojan of the saints. All the host devotees honoured by H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj. At last H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj blessed the whole Sabha. The programme was conducted by Shastri Swami Hariprakashdasji (Mahant of Makansar). The whole programme was organized by Shastri Swami Atmaprakashdasji (Sayla Gurukul) and devotees of the village Bharada. Services of the young devotees and ladies devotees was very inspirational and praiseworthy.

(Shastri Atmaprakashdasji, Sayla)

OVERSEAS NEWS

Shree Swaminarayan temple, Chicago

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendrappasadji Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and the whole Dharmkul, activity of Satsang is going on very well in our Shree Swaminarayan temple, Chicago.

In the month of June-2013, saints of various chapters had narrated Katha-Varta. Accepting the invitation of Sadguru Shastri Swami Nirgundasji and Gyan Swami, devotees and Haribhaktas participated in Murti Pratistha Mahotsav of Byron. All the devotees were granted the benefit of divine Darshan and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and the whole Dharmkul. Mahant Sadguru Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji and Shastri Ram Swami had recommended all the devotees to participate in Murti Pratistha Mahotsav of Washington. Shastri Ram Swami had narrated beautiful Katha. President Shri Jagdishbhai also informed all the devotees to render their services for Pran Pratistha Mahotsav of both the temples. It was also requested to the young devotees to participate in Yuva Shibir to be held in August-2013 in Chicago temple under the auspices of H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj.

(Vasantbhai Trivedi)

Celebration of 5th Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Cleveland

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendrappasadji Maharaj, H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and our Future Acharya H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj Shri Vrajendrappasadji Maharaj and with the blessings of H.H. Shri Gadiwala and H.H. Shri Mota Gadiwala, 5th Patotsav of Shree Ghanshyam Maharaj, Shree Radhakrishnadev, Shree Narnarayandev, Shree Laxminarayandev was celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm from

16/06/2013 to 23/06/2013 in the pious company of the whole Dharmkul and the saints.

During the Patotsav Mahotsav, Shrimad Ramcharit Manas Saptah Parayan was organized and Shastri Swami Vasudevcharandasji was the spokesperson of this Katha. During the Katha, Janmotsav of Bhagwan Shree Rama was celebrated on 18/06/2013 and on 20/06/2013 Janmotsav of our Aadi Acharya Shri Ayodhyaprasadji Maharaj was celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm in the pious presence of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj.

On 22/06/2013 Shree Maruti Yagna was organized wherein about 35 devotee families had rendered their services as the hosts. On the same day in the evening after the concluding ritual of Katha, young devotees of Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal had performed beautiful cultural programme in the pious presence of the whole Dharmkul and the saints and devotees.

On 23/06/2013 in the morning, Abhishek of Thakorji was performed by all the Three Forms of Shree Hari, H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj, H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj. After the concluding ritual of Mahotsav in the noon, Chhapanbhog Annakut Aarti was performed by our future Acharya H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj Shri

Vrajendraprasadji Maharaj. Many devotees had availed the benefit of this divine Darshan.

The devotee Shri Girishbhai and Dipikaben Patel family had rendered the services as the chief-host of Pancham Patotsav. Devotee Dr. Valjibhai and Minaxiben Munjapara had rendered the services as the chief-host of Katha.

During the whole programme, the services of the ladies devotees of Cleveland temple was very praiseworthy. There was beautiful arrangement of the meals for all the seven days of the Mahotsav.

President of Cleveland temple devotee Shri Prakashbhai Patel and the members of the Committee and the whole Satsang Samaj had made beautiful arrangement of the whole Mahotsav under the guidance of Shastri swami Hariprakashdasji and Poojari Swami Shreejiswaroopdasji.

In this Mahotsav, Shri P.P. Swami, Brahmchari Swami Pavitransandji, Sarveshwar Swami, Ghanshyam Swami, Ram Swami, Vraj Swami, Swayamprakash Swami, Narnarayan Swami, Vivek Swami, Hajuri Parshad Vanraj Bhagat, Kanu Bhagat had granted the benefit of divine Darshan and blessings to all the devotees and Haribhaktas. (Rakeshbhai Patel, Darshan Patel)

AKSHARVAAS

Ahmedabad-Memnagar – Devotee Shri Kantibhai Mohanlal Patel (Former Deputy Collector) passed away to Akshardham on 09/06/2013 while chanting the name of Shree Hari.

Balol-Bhal (at present Joravarnagar)- Devotee Shri Mahavirsinh (age 19 years) (son of Shri Dipubhai and the grandson of devotee Shri Govindbhai Motibha Sur) passed passed away to Divine Abode of God on 03/06/2013 while chanting the name of Shreeji Maharaj.

Mansa- Devotee Shri Dhuliben Dahyabhai Hargovndas passed away to Akshardham on 25/05/2013 while chanting the name of Shri Hari.

Kalol– Devotee Shri Shivabhai Shankardas Patel (Dangarvawala) (age 75 years) (Member-Sevak of Shree Narnarayandev Ahmedabad Galla-Peti) passed away to Divine Abode of God on 13/06/2013 while chanting the name of Shri Hari.

Kalol - Devotee Shri Maniben (Delwadawala) (age 80 years) (mother of devotee Shri Jayantibhai Ambalal Patel) passed away to Akshardham on 17/05/2013 while chanting the name of Shri Hari.

Nandol – Devotee Shri Ratilal Ambalal Patel (age 78 years) passed away to Divine Abode of God on 31/05/2013 while chanting the name of Shreeji Maharaj.

New Naroda– Devotee Shri Nanuben Manjibhai Malviya passed away to Divine Abode of God on 24/05/2013 while chanting the name of Shreeji Maharaj.

Pethapur– Devotee Shri Rajnikant Ranchhodlal Gajjar (age 68 years) passed away to Divine Abode of God on 25/06/2013 (Tuesday) while chanting the name of Shreeji Maharaj.

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(1) H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj performing Annakut Aarti in Prantij temple on the occasion of Patotsav. (2) H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj alongwith Mahant Swami of Bhuj temple, Swami Bhaktivalbhdasji and Parshad Jadavji Bhagat on the occasion of Khat Mhurt of Vishranti Bhuvan at village Bhat. (3) H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj blessings the devotees in the Sabha at Viratnagar. (4) Thousands of people affected by the Natural Calamity of Uttarakhand were provided with the shelter and basic necessities in our Badrinarayan temple. Mahant Swami Golokviharidasji had also arranged for the meals for the affected people. (5) Haribhaktas relishing One Year Akhand Dhoon in Halvad (Muli Desh). (6) Sadguru Mahant Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji, Sadguru Mahant Swami Devprakashdasji and other saints in the First Sabha organized at Naranghat on the occasion of 41st janmotsav of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendrprasadj Maharaj. (7) Satsang Sabha in New Vadaj and Karmshakti (Bapunagar) temples. (8) Grou Parayen of Vachanamrit and 141 hour Akhand Dhoon in Mahadevnagar Dhoon. (9) Free of cost distribution of 41000 plants in village Balva. (10) Young devotees of Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal alongwith H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj on the occasion of Katha in Manekpur.

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Gurupoojan of our Future Acharya

H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj 108 Shri Vrajendraprasadji Maharaj
on 22/07/2013 in the morning at 7.30 hours.

Place : Shree Swaminarayan Temple, Kalupur, Ahmedabad



Gurupoojan of

H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharaj
on 22/07/2013 in the morning at 8.00 hours.

Place : Shree Swaminarayan Temple, Muli



15th Patotsav Mahotsav

of Shree Swaminarayan temple,
Chicago (Shree Narnarayandev Desh)
on Sunday 4th August 2013



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Sunday 1st September 2013



41st Janmotsav

of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj
of Shree Narnarayandev Desh Gadi
on Sunday (Dashera) 14th October 2013 at 4.30 hours in the evening
Place : Gandhinagar

Organized by : Sadguru Devprakash Swami and Sadguru Shastri P.P. Swami
(Mahant of Naranghat temple) on behalf of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Naranghat and
Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak mandal and the whole Satsang Samaj of Ahmedabad