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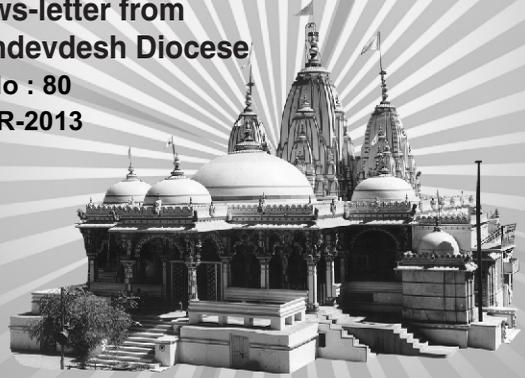




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From the beginning of new year Samvat 2070, the Winter season has started making us feel its arrival. This season is considered to be healthy for all. This is a season wherein even hard physical work does not affect the body in any way.

With a view that noble qualities are inculcated in our next generation, they may remain free from any type of addiction and with their good physical health they shine out as bright students in their studies and also with a divine objective that knowledge of our Sampradaya is obtained by them right from the beginning, our future Acharya H.H. 108 Shri Vrajendraprasadji Maharaj has been organizing Shibir of children and young devotees in Desh-Videsh and thereby He has been strengthening our next generation in all respect. Our H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj, when He was H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj, established Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal in all villages of our Sampradaya and I.S.S.O. Chapter in foreign countries and encouraged the youngsters to take interest in our Satsang activities, and now we are witnessing its ripe fruits like sweet and beautiful result. Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal of any village or temple is always found leading in rendering services in each and every Utsav and Mahotsav and we are proud of it. Recently three-day Shibir was organized in Visnagar under the auspices of our H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj wherein about 1500 students and children of villages of Dandhavya region participated. In this way, Shibir would be organized in all each and every area of our Sampradaya.

Dhanur Maas will begin from 16<sup>th</sup> December and therefore all the devotees should take the divine benefit of Dhanur Maas Dhoon in our temples of nearby villages. Haribhaktas residing in Ahmedabad may avail the benefit of Dhoon in the pious presence of Shree Narnarayandev and the whole Dharmkul and devotees may also avail the benefit of rendering services as the host of Dhoon.

Shree Narnarayandev Mahamahotsav will be celebrated in December-2014 from 24<sup>th</sup> December to 28<sup>th</sup> December 2014 in the pious presence of the whole Dharmkul, whose detailed information will be furnished to all the devotees in the issue of our Magazine.

Editor  
Mahant Swami  
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**Appointment Diary of H.H. Acharya Maharaj 1008  
Shri Koshalendrapsradji Maharajshri**

(Noveber- 2013)

2. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Kalupur and Kankaria temple and performed poojan-aarti of Shree Hanumanji Maharaj.
  3. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Ahmedabad and performed Group Sharada Poojan.
  4. Performed Shangaar Aarti and Annakut Aarti of Shree Narnarayandev on the pious day of New Year.
  9. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Karol (Muli Desh) on the occasion of invocation of the idol images.
  10. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Vavol on the occasion of Katha.
  11. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Visatpur on the occasion of invocation of the idol images.
  12. Graced Shree Swaminrayan temple, Nathdwara, on the occasion of Katha.
  13. Graced the house of the devotee Shri Kantibhai Narandas Patel (Raam) Thaltej.
  15. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Kotha, on the occasion of invocation of the idol images.
  16. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Sitapur, on the occasion of Patotsav.
  17. Graced the village Kali on the occasion of Katha.  
In the evening Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Naranpura, on the occasion of Tulsi Vivah.
  18. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Jodiya (Muli Desh, Halar region) on the occasion of invocation of the idol images.
- 20<sup>th</sup> November to 30<sup>th</sup> November. Pilgrimage to America for nourishment of Satsang.

**APPOINTMENT DIARY OF OUR FUTURE ACHARYA 108 SHRI  
VRAJENDRAPRASADJI MAHARAJ  
(Noveber- 2013)**

4. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Ahmedabad to perform Annakut Aarti of new year.  
15 to 17 Graced Visnagar Bal Satsang Shibir.



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# Shikshapatri

## The Epistle of Precepts

(based on Shatanand's Shikshapatri  
Arthadipika)

By Pravin S. Varsani

### Text 100

**They shall acknowledge the Bhashya (commentaries) on Vyaas-Sutra and Shree Bhagwat Geeta by Shree Ramanujacharya, as My Vedantic Philosophy.**

The works of Ramanujacharya (Laxmanarya) – Shribhashya upon the Vyaas Sutras (Shariika Sutra) and Geetabhashya are accepted here by Lord Swaminarayan as his Vedantic philosophy. They are considered as his Adhyatmika Shastra as they glorify the greatness of Gods 'Sakaar' (with form) nature. For this reason they should be studied and heard.

Other Acharyas including Shankaracharya have written Bhashyas upon these works. However Shatanand points out that Ramanujacharya's Bhashyas should always be considered as the superior.

Ramanujacharya was born in 1017 in Perumbudur (South India). He is the founder of the Vedantic Philosophy known as Vishishtadvaita (Qualified Non-dualism). He displayed the signs of Laxman (Rama's younger brother) and hence was named Laxmanarya and Ramanujacharya.

From a young age he began his studies from his father and later under the guidance of Shri Yadavaprakasha (an Advaita teacher). Through difference in views, Ramanuja was driven out of the Ashram and began study on his own. He then received Diksha from Yamunacharya and was then able to nurture his philosophy.

At the death bed of Yamunacharya, an enigma was present. Yamunacharya's three fingers were curved shut and would not open. However, Ramanuja solved the enigma by

saying "IF God wills, I would fulfil Yamunacharya's desires." on Ramanuja's utterance of these words all the three fingers of Yamunacharya straightened. One of the wish was that somebody should write a commentary upon the Brahma – Sutras based on the Vishishtadvaita philosophy.

Ramanuja then fulfilled his three obligations and became famed as Ramanujacharya – the propagator of Vishishtadvaita philosophy.

Note that Swami Ramananda received Diksha from the very same Ramanujacharya in dream, after leaving Atmananda Swami's Ashram due to disbelief in the 'Advaita' philosophy.

### Text-101

**Those test in these scriptures which speak the greatness of divinity of Shree Krishna, Dharma, Bhakti and Vairagya shall be considered to be of greater value.**

Texts propounding the divinity of Shree Krishna-as above the three qualities, of divine form/ body and text that are based upon Bhakti (devotion) are dear to Lord Swaminarayan. Those tests speaking greatly of Dharma (duty), Bhakti (devotion with affection) and Vairagya (renunciation) are desired by the Lord.

### Text- 102

**The message of these scriptures is that the devotion of Lord Shree Krishna is inseparable from Dharma.**

Shatanand explains that Bhakti is the very cause of Mukti (salvation) and is a part of Gnaan (knowledge). Also Dharma is the support of Bhakti and therefore Bhakti should always be practised with the aid of Dharma. In Shrimad Bhagwat, it is often explained that Bhakti and Dharma are always together and thus inseparable.

Those that live in accordance with Swadharma (personal duty) and who perform Bhakti or devotion to God, develop peace of mind and inevitably attain salvation. Such people achieve the greatest goal.

Lord Swaminarayan here points out a



very important aspect of Bhakti. Although Bhakti is devotion and love for God, it is however not the greatest path to God, if practised alone. Bhakti must be practised with Dharma, as its base. Often we may consider ourselves to be 'Bhaktas' content in our devotion to God. However, we may lack the essential basis of duty in our lives and care not for the laws governing what we can and cannot do. We must live a Dharmic Jivan as well as a Bhaktatmic Jivan.

### Text – 103

**Dharma is the right conduct as authenticated by Shruti and Smruti. Bhakti is profound love for God coupled with knowledge of the majesty and magnificence of Lord Shree Krishna.**

The next few Shlokas are very important as they define the various entities and categories which make up a Vedantic Philosophy to a certain degree.

Firstly he defines **Dharma : Dharma G n e y a h a S a d a c h a r a h a Shrutismrutypapaditaha** – Dharma is explained as the duties or right conduct as explained by Shruti (Vedas) and Smruti (Yagnavalkya's Dharma Samhita). Manusmriti explains – Shrutistu Vedo Vigneyo Dharmashastram Tu Vai Smrutiha 'The Vedas are the Shruti and the Dharmashastras the Smruti.'

Sadachar is explained as good conduct that is supported by the ideals of Loka (community) and Shastra (scriptures). Such Sadachar is simply Dharma and worthy of practice. Dharma has been explained as the support of the whole universe. Jaymini Muni has explained it as quite simply, 'Dharma is action upon permission,' (permission of elders, saints, Shastras etc. should be understood here).

Madhavacharya has explained, 'That which is duty and encouraged is Dharma.' Smruti further explains 'the acts glorified by those who have an understanding of the Vedas are Dharma. Similarly those acts slandered by such folk should be considered as Adharma.' Shrimad Bhagwat says, 'That

which is enforced by the Vedas is Dharma and that contradicting them is Adharma.'

Manu explains the advantages of living in accordance with Dharma: 'Those who obey the Dharma prescribed by Shruti and Smruti achieve fame and after death attain heavenly bliss.' Mokshadharm explains, 'Sadachar, Smruti and the Vedas are the three properties of Dharma.'

Mitakshara gives the six types of Dharma: '(i) Varna – caste (ii) Ashram – stages i.e. householders etc., (iii) Varnashram – pertaining to both Varna and Ashram, (iv) Guna – meritorious acts, (v) Nimitta – purposeful and (vi) Saadharna – ordinary or common.' Shatanand gives examples of these: Varnadharm – Brahmins should always refrain from alcohol and other intoxicants; Ashtramdharm – service to Agni (fire) and begging for good (Bhiksha); Varnashram Dharm – Brahmins accepting the punishment of Khakhara; Guna Dharm – Kings, endowed with various qualities should serve and protect the people (Praja Palana); Nimitta Dharm – is performance of Prayaschit to intone for sins; Sadharan Dharm – duty of Ahimsa (non-violence) etc.

Bhakti is now explained: Mahatmyagnanyugbhirisneho Bhaktischa Madhave – love for God Shree Krishna (Madhava), together with supreme knowledge is Bhakti. Supreme knowledge is knowledge of the greatness of God as explained by Shastras and Satpurusha (great/holy men). Shatanand here equates Bhakti with chanting of God's holy name; thus explaining that such chanting bears great fruits.

Bhakti is surrender to God. The Puranas explains, 'Those who go to God for shelter even once and say, "I am yours" are uplifted to a state of fearlessness (Nirbhaya), this is Lord Hari's custom.'

Maya Lakshmya Dhavaha Swami Madhavaha Shrikrushnastusmin – Ma is Lakshmi, Dhava is husband or Lord and thus Madhava is the husband of Lord of Lakshmi – Shri Krishna. Great love or affection for Shri



Krishna is therefore Bhakti. Shandilya Sutra explains, 'Bhakti is great love for God (Ishwar). Only those who have such love for God derive Moksha (Salvation).' Similarly Shri Vallabhacharya has explained, 'Bhakti is intense love for God along with supreme knowledge. Through such Bhakti one can achieve Mukti, but not by other means.'

Bhakti has two major types – Sadhanroopa and Falaroopa. Falroopa Bhakti is extensively explained by the Gopis in Shrimad Bhagwat – 'The Gopis seeing Govinda were overwhelmed with joy. Such Gopis, away from Krishna for even a fraction of a second, seemed like they had been apart from him for a hundred Yugas.' (1 Yuga is equivalent to between 9,32,000 and 1,728,000 earth years.) 'The Gopi's mind would follow Krishna into the forest singing His divine excellencies as she spent the day in sorrow.' 'These Gopis, dedicated to me, are deluded to their body and this world.'

The second type of Bhakti is Sadhanroopa. Sadhanroopa Bhakti is again split up into nine types – more formally known as Navadha Bhakti:

**Shravanam Kirtanam Vishnoha  
Smaranam Padasevanam |  
Archanam Vandanam Dasyam  
Sakhyamatmanivedanam ||**

These are further explained:

(i) Shravanam – Shravana or 'hearing' is essentially listening to the talks upon the excellencies of God by holy men and so in the true sense is possible only in holy company.

(ii) Kirtanam – Kirtan is singing aloud and chanting God's name and compositions on his deeds. It is often in the company of several other devotees. Music or dance may accompany it.

(iii) Vishnoha Smaranam – is the remembrance of Vishnu. The earlier two disciplines are often done in company where as Smaranam is performed alone. It is performed silently in meditation.

(iv) Padasevanam – literally means 'Service of His feet.' the feet or 'Pada' here are symbolic of other manifest thins. For

example the earth is considered his feet and so service of all beings is propounded. Any work done as an offering to God is Padaseva – such as helping in temples in some way.

(v) Archanam – this is 'idol' worship or more popularly known as 'Pooja'. It is in a way unique to Hinduism as it accepts image worship- extolling God's sakar (with form) nature.

(vi) Vandanam- literally means 'salutation' and takes the form of full prostration before the image signifying complete surrender at the feet of God. It means honouring the presence of a deity, person or thing.

(vii) Dasyam – is serving God as his most obedient servant.

(viii) Sakhyam- is love for God.

(ix) Atmanivedanam – complete surrender of the self to God.

The final three disciplines cultivate the attitude of service and surrender to God. They are there to remove all sense of ego and worldly life.

Shatanand then explains the fact that it is not what you give or do, but with what love and devotion you give or do that is of importance. God is not after your money- he is after your mind, heart and dedication. An impoverished person is just as dear to God as a multi-millionaire, if both are equal in devotion. Indeed, he who is poor but devout, is much more dear to God than somebody who maybe rich but less devout.

**Patram Pushpam Falam toyam Yo Mae  
Bhaktya Prayachati |  
Tadaham Bhaktyupahrutamshnami  
Prayatmanaha ||**

Gita explains, 'A leaf, flower, fruits or water is gladly accepted by me if offered with devotion and level mind.'

Note: that Narada Muni the Acharya of Bhakti has written that Bhakti is the fifth and best 'Purushartha' or goal of life. Thus it is beyond Dharma, Artha, Kama and even Moksha. Narada maintains that salvation is possible only through Bhakti.



# SHALINGRAM OF POOJA OF SHREE HARI

- Sadhu Purushottamprakashdas (Jetalpurdham)

In order to keep the tradition of emancipation intact, Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan performed three Sankalp: 1) Shastra (scriptures) 2) Dev-Mandir (Deity-temple) and Bhagwati Diksha and 3) Sthapana of Acharya Pada for Murti Prtistha (invocation of idol images). Among these Seat of Acharya was established on Kartak Sud Ekadashi Samvat 1882 at Vadtal. On the seat of Shree Narnarayandev Desh of Ahmedabad, Ayodhyaprasadji, son of the elder son Rampratapbhai of Dharmdev was appointed and on Vadtal Southern Desh Laxminarayandev Gadi, younger son Raghuvirji Maharaj was appointed and at that time all powers – worldly and divine-were bestowed upon the seat of Acharya.

Uttar Vibhag Shree Narnarayandev Desh and Dakshin Vibhag Shree Laxminarayandev Desh were divided in two parts Northern Part and Southern Part of the whole earth on the basis of Tropic of Cancer.

Vicharan of Shreeji Maharaj was more in Sourther Vibhag and therefore village, cities, number of devotees, rich kingdoms and rich natural resources such as rivers etc. came to Dakshin Vibhag. Considering the number of devotees and area, 70% Satsang was included in Dakshin Vibhag and only 30% Satsang was included in Uttar Vibhag, as it can be seen from the situation, facts and figures of the relevant time of this division and allocation. Nobody can doubt that there could be any partiality

by Shree Hari. But from the worldly point of view, one is likely to think on these lines.

There was no scope or any reason for any dissatisfaction to H.H. Shri Acharya Raghuvirji Maharaj of Dakshin Vibhag. When one looks from divine and spiritual eyes of HLH. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Ayodhyaprasadji Maharaj of Uttar Vibhag, one would not think about partiality. But from the worldly point of view, one would have certainly thought about it.

Shreeji Maharaj stayed for about four years on this earth after establishing the Two Seats of Acharya in Sampradaya. During that time, many times H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj Ayodhya Prasadji Maharaj thought about telling it to Maharaj but then such ideas and thoughts were dropped keeping larger interest in mind.

Before returning to Akshardham, Shreeji Maharaj graced Ahmedabad once and accepted Thaal prepared by Suvasini Bhabhi. At that time, Shri Ayodhyaprasadji Maharaj was little desolate. Shreeji Maharaj asked the reason for the same. At this, Shri Ayodhya Prasadji Maharaj narrated the genuine difficulties about Shree Narnarayandev Desh of Uttar Vibhag to Maharaj. And then prayed to Maharaj bless them so that there may be fine balance in spirituality and worldly prosperity in Shree Narnarayandev Desh of Uttar Vibhag.

The omniscient Maharaj came to know about the feelings of Ayodhyaprasadji Maharaj. With a view to offer the inner



pleasure of Self, Maharaj called for Pooja. After Aksharvaas of Dharmdev, Ghanshyam Maharaj used to perform Nitya Pooja, Nitya Snan Pooja Naivedya of Shalingaram which was being worshiped from the last few generations in the family. Even during Van-vicharan, Ghanshyam Maharaj had kept this Shalingaram with Him, used to hold it around his neck and used to perform Nitya Snaan and Pooja and Naivedya. Maharaj was taken away upto 12 miles by the flood of the river Sarayu caused by the demon; however, Maharaj had preserved this Shalingaram even during such the situation like struggle for life.

After taking reins of Sampradaya, Shreeji Maharaj used to perform Nitya Pooja of Shalingaram and thus Shalingaram Bhagwan was performed Nitya Pooja for 38 years by Shreeji Maharaj. This Shalingaram was offered to Ayodhyaprasadji Maharaj and blessed that though Uttar Vibhag appears very simple from worldly point of view but I bestow the tradition of rich spirituality and I shall always be with you.

With this unique achievement, the desolation of Ayodhyaprasadji Maharaj got evaporated permanently and he became

very much happy and bowed down at the lotus like feet of Shreeji Maharaj and said that now nothing remains to be obtained in life. Now I shall be performing pooja of this Shalingaram and shall render services to Satsang for generations to come. Since then Acharya Maharaj of Narnarayandev Desh has been performing pooja of this Shalingaram. Even when Acharya Maharaj goes to foreign countries for nourishment of Sampradaya, this Shalingaram is always kept with and nothing is accepted without offering it to this Shalingaram. H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj has been performing pooja of three forms of Shalingaram- one which is worshipped by Shree Hari in Pooja-peti, Shalingaram of pooja of Rampratapji Maharaj and Shalingaram of pooja of Ayodhyaprasadji Maharaj.

Even by performing divine Darshan of this Shalingaram, all sins are burnt into ashes. When water of Abhishek is offered to anybody, all this worries and miseries are removed. Many devotees have been availing the benefit of water of Abhishek. Everyday devotees are found at the residence of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj for availing the benefit of this water of Prasadi of Abhishek. Only lucky devotees can get divine Darshan.

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## PANCHAM BAL SATSANG SHIBIR, VISNAGAR

(Organizer: Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal, Visnagar-Nikunj Bhavsar)

In the morning in the last week of October 2013, mobile ring rang and the voice said, "Speaking from Swaminarayan temple, Kalupur. H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj Future Acharya Maharaj of Sampradaya intends to talk with you." It was the most memorable and luckiest moment to listen to divine voice of H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj. Direction came that 5<sup>th</sup> Bal Satsang Shibir is being organized at Visnagar and its dates are 15, 16 and 17 November 2013.

Immediately on the same day meeting of members of executive committee of Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal, Visnagar, Shree Sahjanand Kishor Mandal was convened and preparations started by rendering services of mind, body and money. On the same day at night all youngsters got together and arrangements were made for face-to-face meeting. After two days on 26 and 27 October 2013, 155 villages were contacted personally and Kothari/ representative were explained the purpose of divine Bal Shibir and were requested to obtain the pleasure of the whole Dharmkul. Seven teams were formed for this purpose and all the members of these seven teams started contacting people at their own costs. Considering the Diwali festivals, arrangements for despatching envelopes with self addressed covers were also made. Banners were placed at different places in the villages. Response started from 01/11/2013 and details of first 45 student-children of village Laloda was received. By 10/11/2013 details of more than 1000 participants of Shibir was

received from various 55 villages. Due to festivals information and details were also furnished through telephone and mobile. As a result thereof, at the time of commencement of Shibir, there were 1200 participants from 65 villages.

### 15/11/2013 Friday (First Day)

On the first day, each participant student was given one kit containing tooth-brush, tooth-paste, shampoo, soap, hair oil, t-shirt etc. there were arrangements of mirror and comb in each place of residence of the participants. Details of programmes of all the three days were also placed in each room. Beautiful arrangements for milk and breakfast was also made. Pass were also issued to each participant for morning tea-breakfast, prasad of noon, evening tea-coffee and dinner. At 9.00 hours H.H. 108 Shri Vrajendraprasadji Maharaj graced the Shibir alongwith saints.

Divine Pancham Bal Satsang Shibir was inaugurated with lighting the lamp by H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj. Thereafter, kirtan-bhakti started. For the first day topics of learning were 'Pooja-vidhi' and 'Swarup Nishtha'.

1<sup>st</sup> Session Nikunjibhai Bhavsar (Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal, Visnagar) explained the method and manner of performing pooja of the idol images in very simple and lucid manner. Thereafter Sadguru Shastri Chaitanyaswaroopdasi (Koteshwar) inspired the students and explained them about Swarup-Nishtha. At the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> Session all participants took their meals of noon and took rest at their allotted place of residence.

At 2.30 hours, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Session started.

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S a d g u r u S h a s t r i S w a m i Yagnaprakashdasji (Kankaria) explained beautiful on the subject Shikshapatri-Vachanamrit. Thereafter questionnaire session started wherein large number of questions received from the participants were resolved and answered by H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj and the saints.

At the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Session, H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj stated that, the purpose of Shibir is not only to obtain religious knowledge about Satsang but also that the participant should be humble gentleman with correct understanding cherishing ardent faith and affection towards saints and Dharmkul. After the dinner, all the participants enjoyed show of International Magician from 9.00 to 11.45 hours.

**16/11/2013 Saturday (2<sup>nd</sup> Day)**

The next day, all 1200 participants were present in Sabha Mandap sharp at 8.00 hours in the morning. Devotee Shri Chintanbhai and devotee Shri Maheshbhai guided the participants to perform Yoga and Manasi Pooja. After the breakfast, the session of the 2<sup>nd</sup> day started at 9.30 hours with Kirtan-bhaki.

M a h a n t S w a m i S h r i Ghanshyamprakashdasji of Mansa temple explained the subject 'Real Satsangi' with examples. Thereafter devotee Shri Narayanbhai Chaudhary (Balva) explained Panch-Vartanman. Sadguru Nana P.P. Swami (Idar) shared magic and game of Mathematics with the participants. And then it was lunch break.

At 2.00 hours in the afternoon, all the representatives of the village remained present alongwith the participants of their respective village. Arrangements were made for divine Darshan of the places of Prasadi situated in Visnagar which were

graced by Shree Hari during His visit to Visnagar. Thereafter, grand rally of the participants alongwith the banners of their respective village and slogans based on Shikshapatri was organized. The participants were also wearing the t-shirt and cap furnished by the organizers of Satsang Shibir. H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj 108 Shri Vrajendraprasadji Maharaj also participated in the Shobha-yatra. Padyatra passed through the places like house of Lalji Suba, Durlabhdas Chawk, house of Udaykunvarba, main market and Bhimnath temple and Pindariya lake. The shobha-yatra was welcomed and honoured with flowers and garlands on main roads of the city of Visnagar. Arrangements of water, cold-drinks and tea etc. were made on the route of Padyatra.

At Pindariya lake, all the participants performed divine Darshan of Samadhi of Sadguru Utmanand Swami. At the place S a d g u r u S h a s t r i S w a m i Narayanvallbhdasji of Vadnagar temple explained the importance of the places of Prasadi. H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj also blessed all the participants and asked them to develop discipline, humility and regularity in their life as they are the real beauties of life. It was also explained to the participants that, life without discipline is like zero without any other digit.

Thereafter, all the participants returned to the place of Shibir. After the dinner, beautiful Raas-Garba was organized at night on Saturday from 9.00 to 11.30 hours in the pious presence of the saints. The local orchestra of Visnagar and members of Yuvak Mandal performed beautiful Rasotsav by Kirtans of Nand saints.

**17/11/2013 Sunday (3<sup>rd</sup> Day)**

It was the day of Dev-Diwali and



Poonam. Under the auspices and divine presence of H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj and the saints all the participants of Shibir were receiving the best knowledge and Samskaras of our Sampradaya and it was a memorable experience for all of them. After Manasi Pooja an Dhyana, breakfast was served to all the participants.

Thereafter Sadguru Nana P.P. Swami (Idar) explained the subjects Dharmkul and Guru-Parampara. Thereafter, Shree Chintanbhai Kansara, the president of Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal, Visnagar delivered inspirational speech about the house of Satsangi to which participants of various villages responded to and the 1<sup>st</sup> Session was concluded.

Devotee Shri Udayanbhai Maharaja and the saints provided valuable guidance and details of various activities which can be conducted for Bal Mandal during the intervening period of the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Session. In the meeting with the organizers of such Bal Mandal, H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj Future Acharya Maharaj stated that, all such activities may be organized and done with a view to obtain pleasure of Bhagwan.

The concluding session of the last day began with Kirtan-Bhakti followed by the questionnaire with the participants. Devotee Shri Udayanbhai Maharaj explained to all the participants how to get

rid of infirmities of mind and addictions and how to grab and use the opportunities which we receive in our life. At last H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj 108 Shri Vrajendraprasadji Maharaj blessed all the participants. The services rendered by Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal, Visnagar during the Shibir is very inspirational and praiseworthy for such future programmes. H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj also asked the participants to imbibe the principles of Shibir in their lives. Devotee Shri Mahendrabhai Jayantilal Bhavsar through Dhavalbhai and Sandipbhai rendered their services as the co-hosts of this Shibir alongwith Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal, Visnagar, as the chief host of the Shibir. All the devotees who rendered their services directly or indirectly during the Shibir as well as for making all preparations of this Shibir were also honoured by H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj. In this Pancham Bal Satsang Shibir more than 500 children received Pooja-peti, 115 children received Guru-Mantra and more than 300 students adopted Kanthi. With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj 108 Shri Vrajendraprasadji Maharaj the whole Sabha of the Shibir was conducted by devotee Shri Chintanbhai Kansara and under the guidance of devotee Shri Udayanbhai Maharaja.

**Sadguru Swami Bhaktiprakashdasji Guru Sadguru Mahant Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji (Mahant of Ahmedabad temple) has been appointed as poojari of Shree Rangmahol Ghanshyam Maharaj of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Ahmedabad.**

**Sadguru Swami Aniruddhacharandasji Sadguru Kothari Swami Krishnasevadasji (Muli) has been appointed as new Mahant of Shree Swaminarayan temple, New Delhi.**



# ATMA-SANTOSH (SELF-SATISFACTION)

- Mahadevbhai Dhoriyani (Rajkot)

“જે ગમે તે મળે - તેનું નામ સુખ,  
જે મળે તે ગમે - એનું નામ સંતોષ.”

Self-satisfaction is the divine wealth and real happiness of human life lies in self-satisfaction. A person who develops self-satisfaction always remains happy in his life. Otherwise there is no end to desires and wishes of human beings in this life until death.

Self-satisfaction does not come from any comforts or wealth but it is in fact permanent state of inner mind. Getting rid of the feelings and emotions increase happiness and running after these feelings and emotions brings destruction. There is no end to human wishes and desires. The worry of price rise is not for the rich and wealthy persons but for the common and middle class persons. All people of this world consider the physical comforts as happiness in life. The wealth provides the means for happiness but not happiness. There are many rich person who are unhappy because they do not have self-satisfaction. They know how to earn money and they also know how to earn more and more money. But they do not know how to remain happy in life. Self-satisfaction and happiness of self is the real prize of hard work. The best way of life is self-satisfaction, simplicity and straightforwardness. Happiness does not bring peace. But peace and satisfaction bring happiness. The greatest achievement of spiritual life is peace and self-satisfaction.

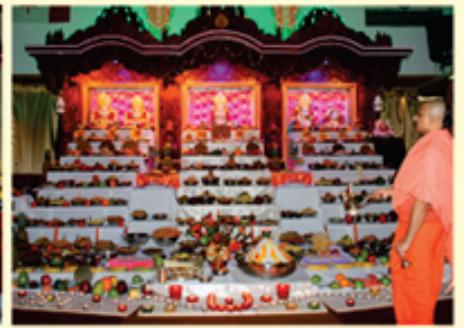
Self-satisfaction is the real gem of life. The person who has developed self-

satisfaction in life always feel happiness in life. No wealth or temptation of this world can touch such persons. The person without money is not poor but the person who is dissatisfied and illiterate is poor. “જા આવે સંતોષદાન, સહ ધન ધૂરિ સમાન.”

Once a Sadhu found one rupee coin. Being a Sadhu he did not require that coin however he kept with him with an idea that he would give it to any poor man. But for many days he did not come across any person. . Once a king was going with his army to attack an enemy kingdom. The Sadhu immediately threw the coin towards the king. The king got angry and asked the Sadhu why he threw the coin towards him. The Sadhu replied that he was in search of a poor man and as now he found the poor man he gave the coin. The king told that he was the king of the kingdom then in which respect he would be poor man. Then sadhu told him that though he had a big kingdom and so much wealth and yet he was going to attack the enemy to get more and more. Now what more evidence is required to prove that the king is poor. Self-satisfaction is the real wealth in life and the person who is dissatisfied and illiterate is poor.

The person who cannot give one hundred percent always remains suspicious and doubtful. Only that person is satisfied who gives one hundred percent in his life. There is no satisfaction when there is no perfection.

Self-satisfaction is the first step to reach towards God and it is the rich treasure of life. This is the unique key of life



**Annakut Darshan of Thakorji on the occasion of new year in our Shree Swaminarayan temples situated in India and abroad at Naranghat, Mansa, Dehgam, Atlanta, Hyustan, Toront Canada, Adminton-Canada, Auckland New Zealand, Leicester, Detroit, Cleveland and TulsI Vivah in Chicago temple.**

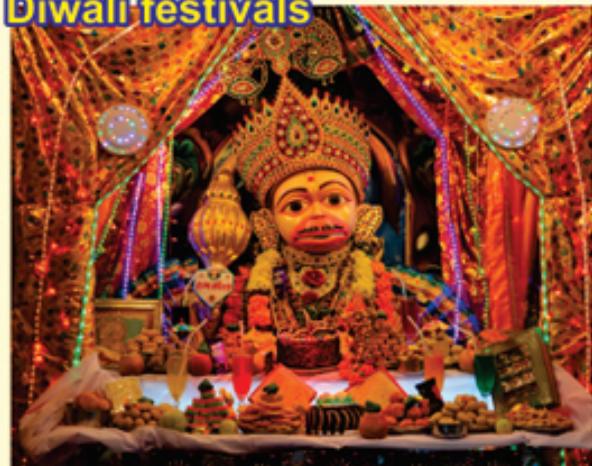




H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj performing Annakut Aarti of Thakorji on the occasion of New Year and H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj performing Abhishek on the occasion of 127<sup>th</sup> Patotsav of Rangmahol Shree Ghanshyam Maharaj with Brahmchari Rajeshwaranandji Swami and H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj performing Annakut Aarti and H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj performing poojan of Shree Hanumanji on the occasion of Kali Chaudas.



**Various Darshan in our Kalupur temple  
on the occasion of Diwali festivals**





H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj performing Group Sharada Poojan-Chopda Poojan in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Ahmedabad on the pious day of Diwali alongwith Mahant Swami and Brahmchari Swami Rajeshwaranandji etc. saints.





and obtaining of it would open up all the locks of life. The best thing in life is to inculcate self-satisfaction.

The great devotee Vastupal tells Bhagwan that he would be happy even if he is born as a little bird because as a bird he would listen to Gun-Gaan of Bhagwan and would also perform divine Darshan of the idol image of Bhagwan and thereby his birth as a bird would also be meaningful. This is the real example of self-satisfaction!!!

The root of success of human kind is self-satisfaction and self-confidence. Self-confidence is directly connected with will

power. There are various types of powers. Self-satisfaction is also one of such powers. Self-satisfaction is the king of mental kingdom. One can bring revolution in life through self-satisfaction and self-confidence. The clouds of failure disappear and the sun of success shines. From the duality of happiness and unhappiness, person chooses the path of happiness and brings flowers of happiness on the plant of self-satisfaction. In the words of George McDonald, "When we get the things we require, it is our wealth and when we do without such things, it is our power." In short, self-satisfaction is the best and perennial pleasure in life.

**OLD WOMAN WHO IS A THIEF**  
- Shastri Harijivan Swami  
(Mahant, Himatnagar temple)

# Wave of Pleasure

There is one story of Prasadi which was narrated by Shree Hari in Sabha of Vadatal. There was an old woman. She had a bad habit of stealing. Whenever she would go to attend any social function, she would take away things of others. Once she had gone to the place of one of her relatives, who had died. From there she had brought some utensils. This was her habit of stealing anything from any place in any occasion. She would not return home empty handed. Once one leading person of a village passed away. All men and women got together. This old woman also went there. Madhavdas Swami writes about this incident in his book:

“ઝીજે દન કાણ કરવા ગઈ,  
ઝેઠી કોરે સાણા પાસે જઈ,  
તે કોઠીમાંઠી પીંડલુ સાણે,  
રોતીજાય ને ખોળામાં તાણે.”

At the place, this old woman saw a hole in big storage and she thought of taking away something from the hole. She pushed her hand inside the hold and took out one string. She started taking out the string from the hole and it continued on and on. She got tired and was now confused lest somebody would come to know about it. After some time another woman asked the old woman to stand up by cutting the string. The old woman cut the string with her teeth and felt at ease. With this example, Maharaj and all devotees and saints of Sabha laughed.

The inspiration of this example is very wonderful. There is no end to worldly affairs in our life. But sometimes we should put them aside and perform Bhakti of Bhagwan.



Tejendraprasadji

## અમારો અંગત અભિપ્રાય

આપણે સૌ, નિજ મંદિરમાં સંપ્રદાયની પરંપરા અને ધારાધોરણ પ્રમાણે પ્રતિષ્ઠિત મૂર્તિઓમાં સર્વાવતારી સર્વોપરિ શ્રી હરિ સ્વયં અખંડ બિરાજમાન રહે છે તેમ દ્રઢ પણે જાણીએ અને માનીએ છીએ. આ પ્રકારની મૂર્તિઓમાં શ્રી હરિ હંમેશા પ્રગટ પ્રત્યક્ષ છે.

આજની પરિસ્થિતિમાં ઘણી જગ્યાએ આપણા મંદિરોમાં ઠાકોરજીની સન્મુખ અવનવા રંગોની લાઈટો ( જે સામાન્ય રીતે લગ્ન જેવા પ્રસંગોમાં કે ડાંસ પાર્ટીઓમાં શોભે) ઝબકારા મારતી જોવા મળે છે. આવી લાઈટો સામે આપણે પણ બે ઘડી ઉભા રહીએ તો અનુભવ થાય કે તેની અસર આપણી આંખો અને મન ઉપર કેવી થાય છે.

ઠાકોરજીની મૂર્તિના દર્શન કરતાં જ મનમાં દિવ્ય શાંતિનો અનુભવ દરેક ઈચ્છે. ઠાકોરજી આગળ ફક્ત મૂર્તિના દર્શન (નબળી આંખોવાળાને પણ) સારી રીતે થાય તેવી જ સૌમ્ય રોશની હોવી જોઈએ.

મૂર્તિ આગળ વધુ પાવર વાળી લાઈટો વાતાવરણમાં પણ ગરમીનું પ્રમાણ વધારે છે. જે મૂર્તિમાં બિરાજમાન શ્રી હરિને પણ ક્યારેય ન રૂચે.

વૈષ્ણવ સેવા રીતિ પ્રમાણે આપણે ઠાકોરજીને લાડ લડાવીએ છીએ પણ કાગળના કે પ્લાસ્ટીકના ફૂલો, કલગીઓ, તોરણ વગેરે પણ અમારી દ્રષ્ટિએ મશ્કરીરૂપ છે. જો શક્ય હોય તો સાચા ફૂલનો ઉપયોગ કરવો નહિતર ઠાકોરજી ફૂલ વગર પણ રાજી રહેશે.

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# Shree Swaminarayan Museum

સંવત ૧૮૭૮ ના વરખે ફાગણ સુદ ૩ દને આ દેહ શ્રી અમદાવાદ મધે શ્રી નરનારાયણદેવની સેવામાં લી. ખાયર ઊનડ એભલ રેવાશી ગામ ગઢડાના જત ગામ સુખપર તાલુકે કરીઆણા મુલગરી તાબાના ખાયર ઓઢા દેશાના તથા દેશાના તથા ઊનડ દેશાના તથા રાણા દેશાના તથા મોજી દેશાનાએ અમારા ઘરે ઘરણે લખી આપેલ છે તે ગામનાં ખત તથા જાતે લેણા રૂપૈયા તથા ધરતી સાંતી ૪ ની તથા વાડી કોશ ૨ ની તથા ભાગ ચોથો અજીફાનો ખરાજાત કાઢતાં ખેતરવાડી વગેરે અજીફો એ જ રીતે અમે વૈવટ કરીને ખાતા તે પરમાણે શ્રી નરનારાયણદેવની સેવાના ખરચમાં ધરમાદા શ્રી કરશનારયણ આપુ છે ને જ્યાં સુધી રૂપૈયા લેણા હોએ તીઆ સુધી વૈવટ કરી ઊપજ સરવે શ્રી અમદાવાદ લાવી મંદિરના ખરચમાં વાવરે ને જારે મુલ ગામેતી ગામ મુકાવી રૂપૈઆ આપે તે પણ સદરના શ્રી કરશનારયણ છે ને અમને એ ગામનું લખત કરી આપેલ છે તે પણ શ્રી નરનારાયણને મંદર આપું છે આ લખત અમો અમારી અકલહુંશીઆરી રાજીરજાવંતથી લખી આપું તે શહી છે.

અત્ર મતુ ખાયર ઊનડ એભલ

અતર શાખ

શ્રી ગઢડાવાલાનું મતુ ઊપર લિખુ

૧. શ્રી જગદીશની શાખ

તે શહી છે

૧. ખાયર ભૂરા ડોશા ગામ નાગડકાવાલાની શાખ

૧. ખાયર સોમલા ગોદડના ગામ બોટાદવાલાની શાખ

૧. ખાયર વશતા જૈહતા ગામ કારીઆણીવાલાની શાખ

૧. યુડાસમા પુજાજી બુટાજી ગામ ધોલેરાવાળાની શાખ

૧. દસ્તાવીજ કુરજી રામજી ગામ ગઢડાવાલાની શાખ

This is letter of Prasadi of Shreeji Maharaj with signature of Mahamukta Dada Khachar and with signatures of other leading devotees as witnesses. This letter of Prasadi is kept for divine Darshan in Hall No.9 of Shree Swaminarayan Museum.

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## SHREE SWAMINARAYAN

### List of devotees who rendered their services under Shree Swaminarayan Museum Maintenance Bhet Yojna November-2013

Rs.1,06,000/- Haribhaktas  
having affection of  
Akshar Nivasi  
Sadguru Swami  
Trikamcharandasji  
(Shree Swaminarayan  
temple, Kalupur) Guru  
Akshar Nivasi Swami  
Naranprasaddasji)  
through Purani Swami  
Dharmjivandasji.

Rs.50,100/- Pritesh Parmar-  
Canada.

Rs.25,000/- H.H. Shri Mota  
Maharaj through  
Vinodbhai-  
Ahmedabad.

Rs.21,000/- Arvindbhai Gosaliya-  
Ahmedabad.

Rs.11,000/- Dhirajbhai K. Patel-  
Ahmedabad.

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

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

05/11/2013 (Morning) Dr. Harikrishnabhai Gokalbhai Patel-Sapawada.  
(Evening) Ghanshyambhai and Hitendrabhai Naranbhai Patel family through  
Champaben- Satellite.

07/11/2013 Manguben Prahladbhai Patel through Ghanshyam and Arpit- Jivrajpark.

09/11/2013 Kantilal Chunilal Thakkar through Dhavalbhai, Ahmedabad.

10/11/2013 (Morning) Shree Narnarayandev Mahila Mandal through Sankhya Yogi  
Ranjanba and Naniba – Viratnagar  
(Noon) Shree Narnarayandev Mahila Mandal through Sankhya Yogi Manjuba  
and Bharatiba- Kalupur Haveli  
(Evening) Semitronics family through Jagdishbhai J. Shah- Ambawadi

13/11/2013 Akshar Nivasi Sankhya Yogi Prembai through Sankhya Yogi Sundarba-  
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**- Shastri Haripriyadasji (Gandhinagar)**

Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan performed Van-vicharan for seven years. During the last days of the Van-vicharan, Shree Hari graced the village Budhej. There was no invitation from anybody. Shreeji Maharaj had gone to the village Budhej on His own. With feeble body, just like a skeleton, Nilkanthvarni came to village at the age of 19 years. It was matter of worry for Varniraj, as he had nothing to offer in Thaal to Shalingaram Bhagwan carried by Him. It was the time of noon. Varniraj inquired with the persons to the persons sitting at the outskirts of the village and then went to the residence of Khodabhai Darbar. At the house old mother was present and Khodabhai had gone out. Since so many people, Sadhu, Bavas used to visit their house with an expectation to get something, the old mother also believed Varniraj to be one of such persons. She took a bowl, filled it up with grain and offered it to Varniraj. The grain was old, rotten and dusty.

Varniraj looked at the old woman. But she was careless. Varniraj told her that he wanted some ready meals, as Thaal is to be offered to Shalingaram Bhagwan. But the old woman did not pay attention to it. Varniraj asked for some flour so that he could make Bati from the flour and offer it to Shalingaram. But even that was not heard by the old woman.

But this old woman did not know that today Bhagwan had come to her place and that too for offering something and not to take anything. When Bhagwan decides to give something, then it is certainly given. Bhagwan does not think about the nature and behaviour of such person.

Therefore, Varniraj chewed some grains and the remaining were spilled over the floor in the verandah. Immediately, the birds came there and started relishing the grains. Laxmiji is power of Bhagwan. Laxmiji renders her ardent services to Bhagwan and therefore there is wealth in the house of the devotee who is blessed by Bhagwan.

Here Varniraj had come to offer everything to the devotee but old woman could not understand it. So Varniraj went to the well of the village, offered water to Shalingaram

# સત્સંગ બલવતિકા

**SATSANG BALVATIKA**

Compiler Shastri Harikesavdasji (Gandhinagar)

Bhagwan and drank some water and went away. Other women who had also come there to bring drinking water from the well, were surprised to witness that Varniraj simply stretched his hand and brought out the bowl full of water. At this all ladies started talking about that young Sadhu. The old woman also heard about the incident. When she inquired with curiosity, she found that, the young Sadhu had also been to her house.

So what is to be learnt from this incident is that we have to be very alert in our life. If we are not alert and we do not remain alert, we will not come to know at what time Bhagwan will come to us and then go away. We have to grab the opportunity by remaining awakened.

**BHAGWAN ALWAYS PROTECTS**

**- Sadhu Shrirangdas (Gandhinagar)**

Everybody knows that Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan got constructed nine great temples. Among these, the first temple of the world is Shree Swaminarayan temple, Kalupur, Ahmedabad. And the last temple is temple of Shree Gopinathji in Gadhpur. There were so many miracles when the construction work of these temples was going on. Even great difficulties were being faced by the saints and devotees and Haribhaktas. Let us know about one such incident and how Shreeji Maharaj helped.

The work of construction of temple of Shree Gopinathji was going on in Gadhpur. One big stone was being lifted with the help of the ropes. The workers were pulling the rope to lift the stone. In the middle of it, the rope started getting loose and all were frightened. Now either the rope would be broken or the

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**FROM THE BLESSINGS OF H.H. SHRI  
GADIWALA 'WE ARE PASSENGERS  
OF TWO DAYS'**

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

Why have we come to this earth? Just to eat and enjoy life? Is it the only thing or purpose of this human body which is given by Bhagwan to us? 'No'. Then all the living beings are the creation of Bhagwan and therefore all of us should live in co-operation with one another. Nature of all of us different from one another and therefore if we learn to live with helping nature, we will get real peace. Demerits of others are seen by all immediately and apparently which creates prejudice towards such persons.

How do we behave when we visit any of our relatives for two days as guests? We respect others and live with all discipline and good manners. In the same way we have to think that we are on this earth for two days; in fact we are like passengers. To lead a life with discipline is real Bhakti. We should always be ready to help others and sense of benevolence should be developed and cherished in our mind. We should be happiness in the happiness of others, and we should share the worries and difficulties of others. Upto 40 years, a man keeps on adding to his life. During the first 25 years, he acquires knowledge through information and learning. Then he earns money through service or business. Then he gets married and wife and children are added to his life. From 40 to 50 years there is multiplication of whatever is earned and obtained. And between 50 and 60 years, there is subtraction. It begins with distribution of ancestral property and wealth. Children start living separately and independently the moment they get married. This is also a kind of subtraction. And after 60 years there is division. With old age approaching, relations are not maintained due to health related problems

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**BHAKTI-SUDHA**

which result into break or gap in social relations. And this leaves a man alone in his life and he faces many difficulties. When his mind is also exhausted and tired, he is not able to perform Bhakti.

Now what is the solution of all this. The solution is to keep everything in due proportion with fine balance. We should lead a life wherein we should be helping others. We should make efforts to remove all type of selfishness in our relations. We should be very humble and straightforward. And should look at life positively. This will resolve most of the problems. And more importantly, we should remain stable in all conditions and circumstances in our life. During happy as well as hard times.

There was one king. He was religious and he used to respect and honour the saints. Being pleased with his ardent services, one saint offered him a small box containing two chits whereupon it was written 'No.1 for happy times' 'No.2 for unhappy times'. The saint told the king that, he should open Chit No.2 during his unhappy times and read it and should try to live his life accordingly and that he should open Chit No.1 during his happy times and read it and should try to live his life accordingly.

After some time, the enemy attacked the kingdom of the king and in the battle, the king was defeated. He became very unhappy. At that time he reminded of the small box given by the saint to him. The king opened the Chit No.2 and found something written on it. It was written, "This time will also go away." at this the



king felt good and at ease. After some time, the king wins the battle and regains his kingdom. Now he is happy. He again reminds himself of the small box given by the saint. Now the king opens the Chit No.1 and finds something written on it. It was written, "This time will also go away." Now the king tried to understand the message behind this one line. He understood the implications and learnt the lesson of life.

**OBSERVANCE OF NISHKAM VRATA**  
**- Sankhya Yogi Kokilaba**  
**(Surendranagar)**

Adi Shankaracharya has stated that, 'Character is the best and the most precious ornament in this world.' Character is the real wealth of a human being. Life without character is like an incense-stick without any fragrance. The person with loose character are like feeble plant, which gets swayed away against the heavy wind. Any Sampradaya-sect of the world would exist and survive on the basis of its strong base of Character otherwise it would be relegated to an incident in the history. Observance of Nishkam Vrat is absolutely necessary for any person, family, organization or Sampradaya.

Nishkam means to get rid of all desires and wishes. To abandon feeble feelings and attractions. Compared to other Sampradayas and sects, Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan has more insisted upon scrupulous observance of Nishkam Vrata and has also ensured its strict implementation. Accordingly, all the arrangements have been made in our Sampradaya, Sabha of ladies devotees are organized and conducted separately. Bhagwan also gave directions and got constructed separate temples for ladies devotees. In the temples with domes, there are separate arrangements for divine Darshan of the idol images. Even during utsav and Mahotsav, there are separate sitting arrangements for the ladies

devotees so that this pious Nishkam Vrata is not broken by anybody knowingly or unknowingly. Shree Hari was very strict in strict observance of this Nishkam Vrata. During his time Valbai and Harbai, two ladies were removed from Sampradaya and thereby observance of Nishkam Vrata was insisted upon. Shree Hari has also given directions for observance of Brahmcharya Vrata. Sadhu Purushas and Tyagi ladies devotees are prohibited to enter each other's premises.

Shree Hari has also given the directions in the pious 'Shiksha Patri' in this regard. Even Swami Vivekananda has stated that, "With Character, one gets sharp mind and intellect but one does not get Character with sharp mind and intellect." A little bit of fault and a spot in character ruins the whole life and credit of any person. The man also loses its fame and trust of the people. With Character, one also develops his personality. In order to progress on the path of Dharma-Gyan, Vairagya and Bhakti, one must observe Nishkam Vrata and there is no any alternative to it.

In this present time, there is television in every house and certain types of programmes mislead the people, especially youngsters. Now it is a critical time when Western culture is attacking our culture. People get swayed away by the advertisements and programmes being telecast in television and many of them also try to copy them in their life and therefore we find many undesirable events being reported by the newspapers and news channels. It is in such a situation and scenario that, observance of Nishkam Vrata has become absolutely necessary. Because if this is not ensured at the earliest, it would be too late and the new generation would be after obtaining Artha and Kaam only, and they would be away from Dharma and Moksha which are the first and final destinations of human life.



Therefore, it is absolutely necessary for all of us to follow the directions of Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan and to observe this Nishkam Vrata, as it is prescribed in our scriptures like the pious 'Shiksha Patri' and Vachanamrit'.

**SANTANKI SOBAT**

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

“સાચા સંતથી સરિગયાં, કેંક જીવોના કાજ,  
એવાં સંતને સેવવા, અવસર આવિયો છે આજ.  
જો મનાય તો મને માનજો, છે અતિ અર્થની વાત,  
નિષ્કુળાનંદ નક્કી કરે, સુખ થવાની એ સાક્ષાત્.”

With company of a real saint, all our weaknesses such as anger etc. are removed. In Khambhat one devotee Shri Sadashivbhai was residing. He was an ardent devotee of Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan and there were all blessings of Shree Hari upon the devotee. He was rich and happy and was well-known for his wealth. With due care and all hard work and efforts, the devotee had got prepared one beautiful Haveli for himself. The work of construction of Haveli continued for many months and the devotee himself was monitoring its construction work at every stage. He had spent much money. When Haveli was ready, he went to Sadguru Shree Gopalanand Swami and invited all the saints to grace his new Haveli.

Sadguru Shree Gopalanand Swami

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stone would drop from the above and people would be crushed under it. It was not possible either to pull the rope not to loose it.

At that time Nishkulanand Swami asked all the workers to pull the rope and to have faith in Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan. With great efforts and courage of all, the stone was placed at its appropriate place. When Maharaj heard about the incident, called all the saints and devotees and workers and asked them why did

understood that this devotee had developed excessive affection towards Haveli. Therefore, he asked the devotee to stay with him for some time and thereafter all the saints would come to his Haveli and huge Samaiyo would be performed and Shreeji Maharaj would also be invited. The devotee Sadashivbhai could not stay and stayed there for some days with the saints. During his stay, Sadguru Shree Gopalanand Swami started teaching of Sankhya Yoga. The devotee was very much happy in the pious company of the saints.

After some days a letter came from Khambhat which Sadguru Shree Gopalanand Swami read and kept with him. The next day Sadguru Shree Gopalanand Swami asked the devotee whether he would be unhappy if he happens to hear that his Haveli is burnt to ashes. The devotee Shri Sadashivbhai told Shree Gopalanand Swami that, since he had understood the importance and reality about the worldly things and wealth through Sankhya Yoga he would not be unhappy with such news. Immediately, Swamiji handed over the letter to him received from Khambhat. The devotee read the letter and was undisturbed by it. He said to Shree Gopalanand Swami that, if he would not have stayed there with the saints and if he would not have learnt the lessons of Sankhya Yoga, his life would have been perhaps the most unhappy person in his life.

they take risk and did something which was reckless and risky. Then Maharaj showed them His wet clothes and informed them that he had to make great efforts to place the stone at its place. Then Maharaj asked all of them not to take such risks again.

Devotees! Bhagwan is omniscient and omnipresent and also omnipotent. Just as great devotee Prahalad was protected by Bhagwan, He would also protect all of us. Because Bhagwan always protects..



**Grand Celebration of Utsav of Dipotsavi in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Ahmedabad**

In the pious presence of Shri Narnarayandev and the whole Dharmkul, Utsav of Dipotsavi were celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm.

**Kali Chaudas:** On the pious day of Kali Chaudas, H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj performed Poojan-aarti of Shree Kasthanjanadev in the evening at 5.30 hours in our Shree Swaminarayan temple, Ahmedabad. Poojari Parshad Babu Bhagat and Mahadev Bhagat had offered beautiful Annakut.

**Diwali:** On the pious day of Deepawali, Group Sharda Poojan (Chopda Poojan) was performed by H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj in the historical Sabha Mandap of our Shree Swaminarayan temple, Ahmedabad in the evening from 6.00 to 8.00 hours whose benefit was availed by many devotees even in this age of Computers so that ethics and honesty in business leading to prosperity and happiness in business and life are maintained.

**New Year :** Early in the morning at 5.00 hours on the pious new year Kartak Sud-1 Vikram Samvat 2070, Mangala aarti of Shree Narnarayandev was performed by H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj. At 6.30 hours Shangaar Aarti was performed by H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj. In the sabha organized on the occasion, Gor Shri Kamleshbhai had read over the Vartaro (predictions) of the whole new Year. At 12.00 hours in the noon Chhapan Bhog Annakut aarti was performed by 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Form of Shree Hari whose benefit was availed by thousands of devotees and Haribhaktas.

Under the guidance of Sadguru Mahant Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji and Kothari Parshad Digambar Bhagat, Brahmchari Swami Rajeshwaranandji, J.K. Swami, Yogi Swami, Bhakti, Swami, Natu Swami, Ram Swami and Parshad Mandal had rendered their various types of beautiful services. Saints had also rendered beautiful services for distribution of Prasad of Annakut.

(Shastri Swami Narayanmunidas)

**Khat Muhurt of Shree Swaminarayan temple (ladies) at Balasinor**

In Balasinor Sadguru Shree Mahanubhavanand Swami had got constructed one temple for our Haribhaktas. Our temple (ladies) adjoining this temple was in dilapidated condition. Hence for construction of the new temple at the place, ritual of Khat Muhurt was performed on 08/11/2013 by H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj. With the directions of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj, Sadguru Mahant Shastri Swami Atmaprakashdasji and Shastri P.P. Swami (Jetalpur) the work of the temple has started.

The host of the ritual of Khat Muhurt, devotee Shri Dhirajlal Chunilal Kachhia, co-host devotee Shri

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Govindbhai Vadilal Kachhia and trustees had performed poojan-aarti and obtained the blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj. At last H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj had blessed all the devotees.

(Kothari, Balasinor)

**3<sup>rd</sup> Varshik Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Mubarakpur**

With the blessings of Shree Narnarayandev and with the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj, 3<sup>rd</sup> Varshik Patotsav and Shakotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Mubarakpur were celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm on 21/11/2013. Our Future Achayra 108 Shri Vrajendraprasadji Maharaj performed Annakut aarti and divine Shakotsav whose benefit was availed by many devotees and Haribhaktas. The whole arrangement was made by Sadguru Mahant Swami Devprakashdasji and Sadguru Shastri Nana P.P. Swami (Mahant of Naranghat). Akshari Nivasi Bakorbhai Trikambhai Patel family and Akshar Nivasi Aadarbhai Motibhai Patel family had rendered the services as the hosts of this divine occasion.

(Shastri Swami Chaitanyaswaroopdasji)

**Shree Swaminarayan temple, Vasna (Anjali Cross Road) Ahmedabad**

H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj graced our Shree Swaminarayan temple, Vasna, on 06/11/2013 while gracing the house of the devotee Shri Rajeshkumar Lalitkumar Thakkar on the occasion of marriage ceremony of Shri Mehul (son of the devotee Rajeshkumar). H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj performed aarti of Shree Ghanshyam Maharaj and Shree Narnarayandev in inner temple. Satsangbhusan Swami and Haribhaktas performed aarti and swagat of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj with garlands. At last H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj blessed all the devotees. Devotee Shri Arvindbhai Thakkar delivered the vote of thanks. From the temple H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj graced the house of the devotee Shri Rajubhai. (Arvindbhai Thakkar)

**Shree Swaminarayan temple, Modasa**

Grand Tulsi Vivah was celebrated by the devotees and Haribhaktas on 13/11/2013 in our Shree Swaminarayan temple, Modasa. (K.B.Prajapati)

**New House-temple in Thaltej Area**

With a view that many devotees and Haribhaktas residing in Thaltej area of Ahmedabad



may get the benefit of divine Darshan, with the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and with the guidance and inspiration of Sadguru Shastri P.P. Swami (Mahant of Naranghat), at the residence of devotee Shri Kantibhai Naranbhai Patel (ram) situated at 2, Shangrilla Bungalows, Hebatpur Cross Road, near Shell Petrol Pump, 100 ft. road, Thaltej, Ahmedabad, H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj performed aarti of Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan in the house and opened the house-temple for divine Darshan of the devotees. On this occasion, Katha-Varta, Kirtan-Bhakti etc. were performed by the saints and Haribhaktas. Thereafter, H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj blessed the whole Sabha. Arrangement of Prasad was also made. (Dhanvantbhai Patel)

### **Shrimad Satsangijivan Parayan at village Vavol**

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and with the pleasure of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj and with the inspiration and guidance of Mahant Shastri Swami Narayavallabhdasji of Vadnagar temple and with the blessings of Sankhya Yogi Surajba and Sankhya Yogi Zaverba, 'Shrimad Satsangijivan Panchanh Parayan' was organized from 06/11/2013 to 10/11/2013 by Mahila Mandal, Vavol. Saint Shastri Swami Yagnaprakashdasji Guru Mahant Shastri Swami Guruprasaddasji was the spokesperson of the Parayan. On this occasion grand Pothiyatra was also organized. On the first day Mahant Shastri Swami Narayavallabhdasji of Vadnagar temple and Mahant Swami Guruprasaddasji of Kankaria temple and Kothari Shastri Swami Vishwaprakashdasji of Vadnagar temple had delivered their inspirational speeches and had initiated the Katha.

H.H. Shri Mota Gadiwala graced this occasion on 08/11/2013. and on 09/11/2013 H.H. Shri Laxmiswaroop Gadiwala graced the occasion and blessed the ladies devotes of Mahila Mandal of Sankhya Yogi Surajba and Sankhya Yogi Zaverba

On 10/11/2013, grand Shobha Yatra of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj was organized, and large number of devotees and Haribhaktas availed the benefit of divine Darshan. Thereafter, H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj performed the concluding ritual of Katha. All Haribhaktas of Vavol village performed poojan-aarti and obtained the blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj on this occasion. Mahant Sadguru Shastri Swami Harirkrishnadasji of Ahmedabad temple and Shastri Swami Vishwaprakashdasji and Shastri Swami Ghanshyamprakashdasji had delivered their inspiration speeches. The Sabha was conducted by Vishwaprakashdasji (Vadnagar). The young devotees of Shree Narnaryandev Yuvak Mandal had rendered their beautiful services on this divine

occasion. (Shastri Swami Abhishekprasaddas, Vadnagar)

### **Tulsi Vivah in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Naranpura**

With the blessings of Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan and with the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and with the inspiration of Dada Guru of Mahant Swami of the temple and also with the inspiration of Shastri Swami Madhavprasaddasji and Mahant Shastri Swami Hariom Swami, grand Tulsi Vivah was celebrated on the pious day of Kartak Sud-15 Dev-Diwali.

The devotee Shri Ghanshyambhai Shakrabhai Patel (Uvarsadwala) had rendered the services as the host of the bridegroom and grand Varghodo of Bhagwan at 3.00 hours in the noon which reached at the temple amongst Dhoon-Bhajan-Kirtan. The devotee Shri Jitenbhai Vrajil Vaghasiya family had rendered the services as the host of the bride. And devotee Shri Bholabhai Joitaram Patel (Itadarawala) had rendered the services as the host of the maternal uncle of bride.

At 6.30 hours in the evening H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj graced the occasion and all saints and Haribhaktas performed grand Samaiyu. Amongst the saints, Sadguru Swami Jagatprakashdasji Swami and Vivek Swami (Nathdwara) had delivered their inspirational speeches. At last H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj blessed all the devotees. Devotees Shri Ghanshyambhai and Natubhau (Fuva) (Karjisanwala) had rendered their beautiful services on this occasion. The Sabha was conducted by Swami Premswaroopdas. Mukund Swami, Dev Swami and Muktaswaroop Swami had rendered their beautiful services. (Vishal Bhagat, Naranpura)

### **Satsang Sabha in Sola-Chandlodiya**

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and the whole Dharmkul, grand Annakut Darshan and Satsang Sabha were organized on the pious day of Dev-Diwali by Shree Narnarayandev Swaminarayan Satsang Mandal (Sola-Chandlodia area) at Ganesh Park Complex Vibhag-1, near Gokul Dairy, R.C. Technical road, Sola. The Sabha was graced by H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and had performed Annakut Aarti. Mahant Shastri P.P. Swami of Naranghat temple, Chaitanya Swami, Madhav Swami had narrated beautiful Katha-Varta on this occasion.

On every Sunday and every Agiyaras, Satsang Sabha and Katha-Varta are performed at the abovementioned address whose benefit may be availed by the devotees. Contact : Ramesh Patel: 9586422601.



**MULI DESH**

**Invocation of idol images in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Karol (Tal. Limbdi)**

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj, ritual of invocation of the idol images in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Karol was performed with great fervour and enthusiasm. When H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj arrived on the occasion, grand Shobhayatra was organized. Thereafter ritual of the invocation of the idol image of Thakorji in inner temple and concluding ritual of Yagna were performed. Thereafter, H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj graced the sabha wherein the host devotees performed poojan-archan and obtained the blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj. Saints of Ahmedabad and Muli temple delivered their inspirational speeches. Kshatriya youngsters of the area took vow in front of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj to abandon all types of addictions. At last H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj blessed the sabha. The whole arrangement was made by Mahant Sadhu Bhaktvatsaldas of Limbdi. Devotee Narendrabhai Soni and other Haribhaktas rendered their beautiful services on this occasion.

(Sadhu Vandanprakasdas)

**Katha Parayan at Morbi**

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Gadiwala, Shrimad Satsangjivan Panchan Parayan was organized at Morbi from 08/11/2013 to 12/11/2013 wherein devotee Shri Nitaben Bachubhai family had rendered the services as the host of the Parayan. Sadhu Dharmjivandas Guru Swami Bhaktiharijdasji was the spokesperson of the Katha on this occasion. Mahila Satsang Sabha was organized by Mahila Mandal wherein Sankhya Yogi Kokilaba disciple of Sankhya Yogi Kamalaba (Surendranagar) had explained the importance of Nistha, Agya, Shree Narnarayandev and Dharmkul. Many ladies devotees had availed the benefit of this Katha.

(Hinaben Vitthalapara)

**OVERSEAS SATSANG NEWS**

**Miracle of Shree Narnarayandev in Canada**

Devotee Shri Dineshbhai Bhagat of Ahmedabad is ardent devotee of Shree Narnarayandev. Recently he visited his son Rashesh's residence in Canada. Both father and son went for interview to obtain Visa of America. In the office, devotee Rasheshbhai went to the library to pass the time and suddenly his jacket was found missing. He informed the incident to his father and Dineshbhai Bhagat suggested him to keep Badha of Shree Narnarayandev because Shree Narnarayandev is very merciful and benevolent towards all devotees and Haribhaktas. With the blessing of the deity, the thief was caught by the police and jacket was returned to Rasheshbhai. In

this way, Shree Narnarayandev performed miracle in Canada. (Rashesh D. Bhagat)

**Shree Swaminarayan temple, Chicago**

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj and with the inspiration of J.P. Swami, Shastri Swami Vishwaviharidasji and Poojari Shantiprakashdasji, all the utsavs are being celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm in the temple.

During the Dipotsavi festivals, poojan-archan of Shree Hanumanji Maharaj and Shree Maruti Yagna were performed on the pious day of Kali Chaudas. Devotee Shri Hiteshbhai and Binduben Patel had rendered the services as the hosts of this divine occasion. In the evening Path of Sundar Kand were also performed with devotee Nendas Naranbhai Patel (Nanudada) family as hosts.

Beautiful and divine Shangar of New Year were offered to deities by the Poojari and many devotees had availed the benefit of divine Darshan. In the afternoon from 12.00 to 4.00 Chhapanbhog Annakut was offered to the deities and the devotees had thronged together to perform divine Darshan. The devotee Shri Hiteshbhai and Bindiyaben Patadiya family had rendered the services as the hosts of the Annakut. In the Sabha organized on the occasion Poojari Shanti Swami blessed all the devotees for the new year. The devotee and President Shri Jagdishbhai had read over the blessings of the whole Dharmkul.

On 16<sup>th</sup> November 2013, beautiful Tulsi Vivah was organized. Wherein devotee Shri Aakankshaben and Shri Vivekbhai Brahmabhatt and the devotee Shri Rupaben and Shri Lavbhai Desai rendered the services as the host of the bridegroom. Whereas the devotee Shri Nisaben and Shri Mitulbhai Rao and Smt. Shitalben and Shri Hemalbhai Rao rendered the services as the host of the bride. With the blessings of the whole Dharmkul, satsang is getting nourished and strengthened in this area. (Vasant Trivedi)

**Dipotsavi Utsav in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Atlanta (Georgia)**

With the blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj, H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj, Dipotsavi Utsav was celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm in our Shree Swaminarayan temple, Atlanta.

On the pious day of Kali Chaudas, Mahant Swami Satyaswaroopdas had narrated beautiful Sundar Kand and also performed poojan-archan-aarti of Shree Hanumanji. On the pious day of Dipawali beautiful Vagha were offered to Thakorji. Thereafter Sharada Poojan, Chopda-poojan etc. were performed. On the pious day of New Year, throne of Shree Narnarayandev was decorated with



beautiful lights by Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal. Sweets of 161 types were prepared and offered to Shree Narnarayandev on the pious day of New Year. Devotee Shri Daksheshbhai Patel read over the letter of blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj. All the devotees had availed the benefit of divine Darshan with their families. With the blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj, activity of Satsang is going on very well.

(President Daksheshbhai Patel)

### Shree Swaminarayan temple, Leicester (U.K.)

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj, on the pious day of Kali Chaudas on 02/11/2013, poojan-aarti of Shree Hanumanji Maharaj was performed in our Shree Swaminarayan temple, Leicester. Devotee Shri Harishbhai Govindbhai Patel was rendered the services as the host of this divine occasion. On 03/11/2013, many devotees availed the benefit of Chopda Poojan on the pious day of Diwali. On 04/11/2013, many devotees performed the divine Darshan of Thakorji from 6.00 hours in the morning till 7.30 hours in the evening on New Year Day. From 12.00 to 4.00 hours grand Annakut was offered to Thakorji. Devotee Shri Mavjibhai Tank rendered the services as the chief host of grand Annakut. In the Sabha, letter of blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and Mahant Swami was read over. H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj blessed all the Haribhaktas

on cell phone and similarly H.H. Shri Mota Gadiwala also blessed all the ladies devotees on cell phone. Bhajan-Kirtan etc. were also performed in the temple on this divine occasion. (Kiran Bhavsar)

### Shree Swaminarayan temple, Hyustan, America

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj, grand Annakut was offered to Thakorji in our Shree Swaminarayan temple, Hyustan.

From 14/11/2013 to 16/11/2013, grand Tulsi Vivah was also organized wherein Raas-Garba, Satsak Samarambh, Mameru and Varghodo etc. were organized. Services of the young devotees was very inspirational on this occasion. With the blessings of Dharmkul, activity of Satsang is going on well. (Rameshbhai Patel)

### I.S.S.O. Piyorria Chapter

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj, Satsang Sabha is organized on every Sunday in I.S.S.O. Peoria Chapter. In Satsang Sabha organized on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2013, 41<sup>st</sup> Janmotsav of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj was also celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm. On the same day I.S.S.O. Establishment Day was also celebrated. Here, Satsang Sabha is organized regularly on every Sunday in the evening from 6.00 to 8.00 hours whose benefit is being availed by the youngsters and other devotees and Haribhaktas. (Ramesh T. Patel)

## AKSHARVAAS

**Ahmedabad** – Devotee Shri Kantilalbai Joitarambhai Patel (Ghanshyam Construction Co.) (Vihar) (ardent devotee of Shree Narnarayandev and Dharmkul) passed away to *Akshardham* on 31-10-2013 while chanting the name of Shree Hari. Due to physical weakness the devotee used to come to temple for divine Darshan of Dhaja (flag) of the temple even upto the last day. Aksharvaas of the devotee has created great loss to Satsang of Shree Narnarayandev Desh.

**Unava (Balva)**- Devotee Shri Lalitaben Jasubhai Patel passed away to Divine Abode of God on 17/10/2013 while chanting the name of Shreeji Maharaj.

**Dediyaan (Tal. Viramgam)** - Devotee Subhadraaben (wife of devotee Shri Bhikhabhai Danubhai Mori) passed away to *Akshardham* on 08/10/2013 while chanting the name of Shri Hari.

**Vavol (Dist. Gandhinagar)** - Devotee Shri Ishwarbhai Vitthalbhai passed away to *Akshardham* on 03/11/2013 while chanting the name of Shri Hari.

**Veda Govindpura** - Devotee Somaji Thakor (father of the devotee Shri Laxmanji Thakor) passed away to *Akshardham* on 04/11/2013 while chanting the name of Shri Hari.

**Sankapur (Tal. Vijapur)** - Devotee Sankuben Tribhovandas Patel (mother of devotee Shri Rameshbhai Patel (secretary of our Hyustan temple) and devotee Shri Bhagwanbhai) passed away to *Akshardham* on 31/10/2013 while chanting the name of Shri Hari. Even upto the last days, the devotee used to prepare and offer Thakorji in our Sankapura temple and used to inspire all ladies devotees for temple in house of Mahamuukta Vajuba in Vijapur. Aksharvaas of the devotee has created great loss to Satsang of ladies devotees.

**Havana (America)** : Devotee Rameshchandra Parikh (father of devotee Harishbhai) (age 84 years) passed away to *Akshardham* on 06/11/2013.

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(1) H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj granting Darshan in Shobha-yatra (alongwith Mahant Swami of Ahmedabad temple) and performing invocation of the idol images in Kotha temple and Shri P.P. Swami narrating Katha in the pious presence of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj. (2) H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj alongwith P.P. Swami performing the ritual of Khat-Muhurt of temple at Balasinor. (3) H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj with the saints granting Darshan in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Vasna, Ahmedabad. (4) H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj with Dev Swami performing Shakotsav on the occasion of 3<sup>rd</sup> Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Mubarakpura. (5) H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj alongwith saints granting Darshan on the occasion of Patotsav of Shree Hanumanji of Kankaria temple. (6) H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj performing ritual of invocation of the idol images at Karol (Muli Desh). (7) Haribhaktas performing Parikrama of places of Prasadi of Chhapaiyadham. (8) H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj performing the ritual of invocation of the idol images in temple (ladies) Kapadwanj and blessing the Sabha. (9) Satsang Shibir organized at Koteswar Gurukul in the auspices of H.H. Shri Gadiwala

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