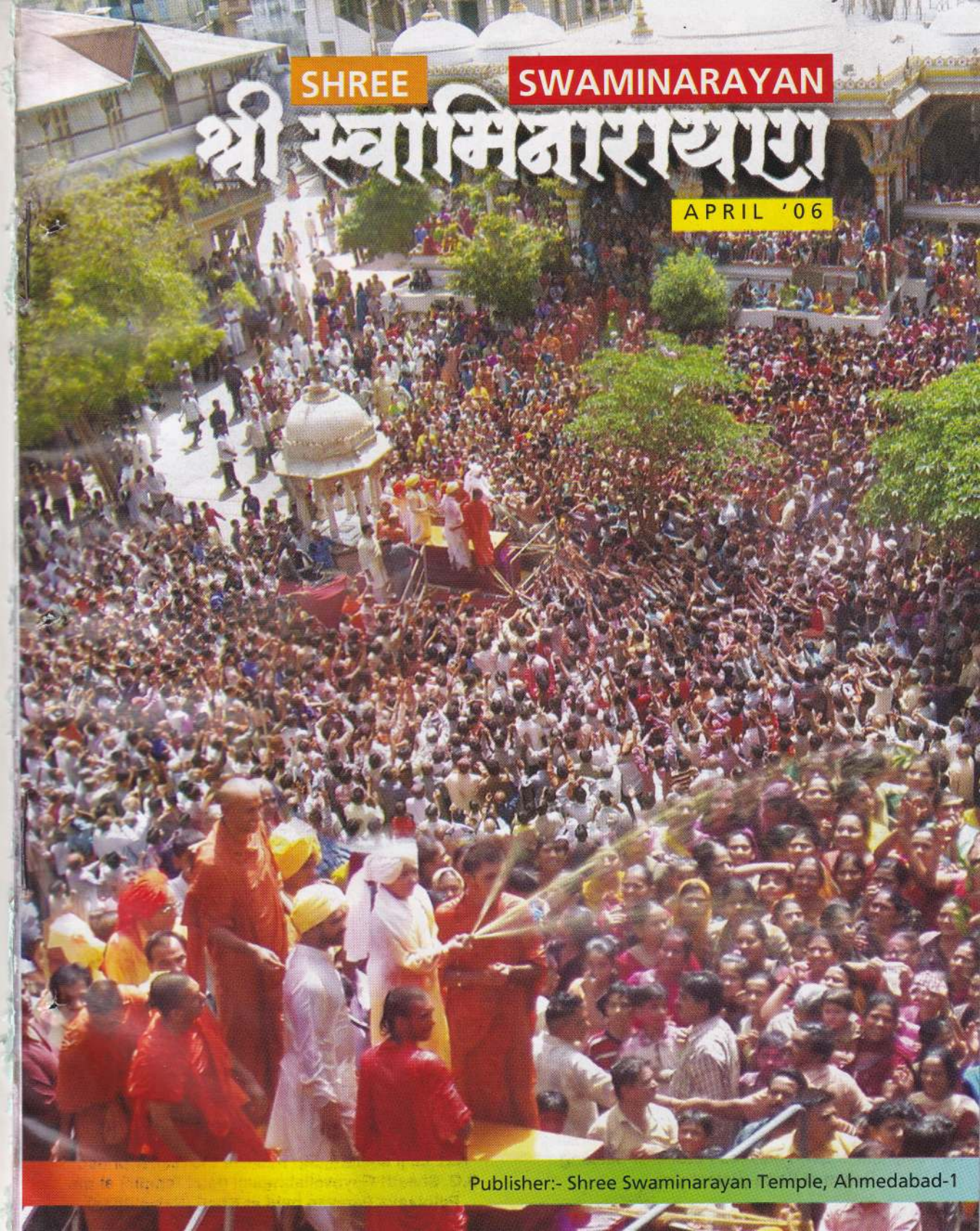


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Editorial

Festivities of Phuldolotsava are wholesome and tranquil. This festive event pronounces the manifestation of Lord Shri Narnarayandev. Similar festivities of the Vasantotsava are equally wholesome and tranquil. Atmosphere and climate are moderate and tranquil at both these celebrations. Such tranquility and divine bliss paves the path for eternal knowledge, devotion and salvation of the soul. This is why, Lord Shriji Maharaj authored 'Shikshapatri' on the auspicious Vasant Panchmi day. Lord Shriji Maharaj himself dwells in written form of Shikshapatri. Shikshapatri is the only path and the only means to attain the abode of Akshardham. One should walk with faith and trust on the path preached and paved by Shikshapatri. There is no other way to attain ultimate benediction. Imaginary scriptures and fictitioys paths can not lead a soul to supreme destination. Those are illusions to misguide the aspirants. True aspirants should act alertly.

The soul will have to surrender absolutely at the lotus feet of Shri Hari by attaching himself either to Shri Narnarayandev diocese or to Shri Lakshminarayandev diocese in accordance to his location. The soul will have to donate Dharmada (one tenth or twentieth of his annual income) to the respective diocese these are the material ways to attain salvation. While attached to the diocese through the material ways, the soul has to attach himself to Acharya by the spiritual means like Mantra (secret hymn), Deeksha (initiation), Upasana (meditation) and Gyan (eternal knowledge). Acharyas have been installed by Shriji Maharaj himself, and the relationship – material and spiritual are preached by Shri Swaminarayan Bhagwan in his Shikshapatri. These material ways and the spiritual means should be in accordance to Shikshapatri. These are the only ways to attain the divine abode of Lord Swaminarayan.

- **Shastri Swami Nirgundas**
  Editor
  Shri Swaminarayan.



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

March – 2006

1. Graced Patotsava celebrations at Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Charadava.
2. Served Patotsva Mahabhishekam to Lord Narnarayandev on auspicious annual celebration of 184th Patotsava.
   Graced The house of Shri Ashwinbhai Baldevdas Bhavsar, Navovas, Kalupur, Ahmedabad.
3. Installed idols of God at Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Kankaria.
   Graced the dwelling of Shri Jayendrabhai K. Suhagia Nikol, Ahmedabad.
4. Served Mabhabhishekam of the sixteen sacred objects and served lofty feast meals on auspicious installation ceremonies held at Kankaria, Maninagar, Swaminarayan Mandir, Kankaria, Ahmedabad.
5. Graced Patotsava Celebrations at Shri Swaminarayan Mandir Kukarwada and graced thereafter Khan the birth place of S.G. Brahmanand Swami.
6. Served Annual Patotsava Abhishekam to Lord thakorji at Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Khan (Rajasthan)
9. Graced Patotsava celebrations at Shri Swaminarayan Mandir Ranip, Ahmedabad.
   Graced Maha-Pooja events at the place of Shri Kantibhai B. Patel, Ranip, Ahmedabad.
12. Graced Public Hospital and the Hostel managed by Shri Akhil Hind Shrimali Soni Maha Mandal, Nava Vadaj, Ahmedabad.
    Inaugurated auspicious canopy built in stone at the prasadi place (Uvarsad) and graced thereafter the house of Shri Kanubhai C. Patel.

14-15 Graced Phuldolotsava at Mandvi (Kutch).

17. Graced the tenth Annual Patotsava of Lord Thakorji at Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Kolad (Kadi) Mehsana.
18. Graced the house of Shri Pushpaben Girishbhai Bhagat, Ellisbridge, Ahmedabad.
    Inaugurated victory pillar at Balva.
19. Graced the dwelling of Shri Pravinbhai Narsinhbhai Patel, Memnagar, Ahmedabad.
20. Graced Parayan Satsang organised at Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Salki (teh : Dehgam)

21-22. Graced Patotsava Celebrations at Shri Swaminarayan Mandir Jiragad, (Halar) Muli Desh.

23. Graced Patotsava organized at Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Jetalpur, Ahmedabad.

24-25. Graced Kutch-Madhapar to bless his devotees.

26. Graced Patotsava Celebrations hosted by devotees Shri Ajaykumar N. Kachhiya, at Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Balasinor.
27. Graced Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Kothamba.
28. Graced inauguration of the clinic of Shri (Dr.) Jaykrishna Bipinbhai Jain.

THUS SPAKE H.H. ACHARYA MAHARAJSHRI

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Those who have grasped the core of the constitution of this sect and have secured the power of trust and faith, who have realized the eternal glory and majesty of the Dev and the Acharya installed by Shriji Maharaj himself-these enlightened souls have the capacity to grasp the core of the preachings of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri and Dharmakul. There are others who have never had the touch of true Satsang or axiomatic sect. They behave like squirrels, raising their own tail in want of tempting sense objects. We Satsangis should strengthen faith and trust in Shri Hari and Dharmakul. Following are the preachings delivered occasionally by H.H. Acharya Maharajshri and Dharmakul.

H.H. Lalji 108 Shri Vrajendraprasadji Maharajshri addressed the special satsang held on the auspicious 184th Annual Patotsava of Lord Narnarayandev. His holiness narrated a story and conveyed it's teachings : 'God walks beside his devotee when he enjoys pleasurable time. God walks with him in the favourable time of his devotee, but in his adverse time, God himself carries his devotee to get through the odds and adversities. Therefore, a a devotee in his adverse time, should not think that God is not with him.'

- H.H. Lalji Maharajshri
184th Annual Patotsava of Lord Narnarayandev.

'Shriji Maharaj puts in the best of his efforts with a huge retinue of five hundred great saints. He did it to enlighten mankind. Shrji Maharaj has paved the path for us to walk ahead as per His direction. It is our duty to walk on the path. Britishers were not generous to others but they were impressed by Shriji Maharaj. They offered land at Ahmedabad to construct the world's first temple of this axiomatic sect. This was nothing unusual for Shriji Maharaj. Britishers were impressed by the divine majesty of Shriji Maharaj.

This the is most auspicious day for our sect 184th Annual Patotsava of Lord Narnarayandev. We should rededicate absolutely at the lotus feet of Lord Narnarayandev. We should act in accordance to Shikshapatri as an honest, ethical and faithful Satsangi. May Shri Hari be pleased with you by your Nishtha, Niyam and Nishchaya.'

- H.H. Acharya 1008 Shri Rakeshprasadji Maharajshri
(Shri Lakshminarayandev Diocese)
184th Annual Patotsava of Lord Narnarayandev.

'Maharaj has automated the accelerator of ultimate benediction. 'વહેતી કીધી અક્ષરવાટ, પુરુષોત્તમ પ્રગટી રે' with his manifestation, Shriji Maharaj has activated the main path of Ultimate Benediction. A true devotee needs only to stand on this. He will move automatically towards self benediction. Soul needs to do nothing if he locates himself firmly within the constitution framed by Shriji Maharaj. The irrational and illiterate too have been benedicted by Shriji Maharaj, because they knew the glory and majesty of God.

We are most fortunate souls. Three secret resolutes were made by Shriji Maharaj. Shriji Maharaj fulfilled each of the resolutes. God has began the service of constructing temples, by constructing here the worlds first temple of this sect. Thereafter, hundreds and thousand of temples were constructed with the grace of Lord Narnarayandev dwelling at this temple. Lord Shriji Maharaj dwelled in the idols of Lord Narnarayandev to construct these temples. We are the most fortunate souls. The world temple and Lord Narnarayndev installed by Shriji Maharaj dwells here with us. Such good fortunes are not available even to deities like Brahma and Shiva. Vrata, Japa, Tapa or homa are not a sure way to receive God. A man walks with pride if he has contact with Government officer ! We should be proud of our attainment – Shri Narnarayandev. Nand Sants have narrated these episodes in their devotional songs.

Lord Shriji Maharaj adorns many adjectives. Nirvikalpa, Uttama, Nishchya and others are a few from those adornments. These are listed in 'Nitya Niyam', but in a speedy recitation at our daily prayer, we hardly pay any attention to their hidden meaning. 'Nirvikalpa' without any option, one and only one. Uttam ati = Supreme among the best, there is nothing beyond him. These should dwell forever at our heart. Our resolute should be firm and everlasting. It should end with the end of our gross body.

Only firmness is not enough for salvation. It should be assessed and evaluated on each annual Patotsava and relession of any kind should be checked and sealed properly to maintain absolute firmness. Belong to God, Acharya will belong to you. Poorest among them are dearest to us. We will grace their huts. Those who are not belonging to God, are not any liability to us.

There are two important points. We will discuss it here at this assembly. First and foremost is Dharmada. 'Shri Swaminarayan' periodical lists this Dharmada in each of its issue. Throughout our life, we should donate Dharmada. It is one tenth of our annual income. Those who are weak, may donate one twentieth part of their income. Dharmada is a must for us devotees – satsangis. We should donate it regularly. Dharmada should be submitted to our God. I am repeating here in the presence of Lord Narnarayandev. Donate your Dharmada in accordance to Desh Vibhag – No – Lekh. Donate it only at the Kothar of Shri Narnarayandev and at the Kothar of Lord Lakshminarayandev, but not at any third place.

Second such important point is 'Museum'. Shri Swaminarayan Museum is a visible form of the resolute of H.H. Acharya Tejendraprasadji Maharaj. Pull yourself together to materialize this resolute of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. I will visit each town and village to spread the message of this ambitious project. We desire to accomplish it at the earliest. Devotees are impatient to do darshan of Prasadi items blessings.

- H.H. Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharajshri (Shri Narnarayandev diocese) 184th Annual Patotsava of Lord Narnarayandev.

LIFE DEDICATED TO LALI

- Shastri Harikeshavdasji

Dear young devotees ! Read this story. Don't think or ponder, while relishing the story. Think on it when you finish the story.

Once upon a time, there was a devotee living at a small town. He and his wife were a happy family. They had no progeny despite householder life of many years. After ten years of married life and with grace of God, the wife of the devout householder gave birth to a female child. Devout couple paid obeisance to God and devoted more time to poojan-Archan and devotion of God. They both loved their daughter.

They loved their child and unbound love prevented them from letting the child part from them. Though she was completing two years, the daughter was not allowed to walk or stand on her feet. They were carrying her in their arms, and on their lap. Excess love became a hindrance in her growth and development. Relatives and wellwishers advised the householder to help her to walk on her feet. They asked asked him to let her walk and stand on her feet. Those exercises were good for health and physical development. But love and affection were not allowing the parents. Overwhelming love and attachment kept them busy in fulfilling the smallest need and desire of their child. Due to extra-good care from the side of parents the girl child was named Lali – most loved one.

Their world and their worldly life began and ended with Lali. There was nothing else, but Lali, in their life. They looked at her, stared at her, they amused her. At times, Lali smiled at them. They felt happy and contented, when such a smile appeared on her face. But, what else could she do ? These two fools were doing nothing. Their life began and ended in Lali. They were finding nothing beyond her. This was the reason behind her smile. What did she eat ? When did she eat ? What she wanted to eat ? How much did she eat ? Is she hungry ? Hawkers and Larri-gullas become their destination to procure various eatables for Lali. She too loved to have such unhealthy – spicy – oily objects kept in the open and unhygienic way.

These spicy, oily and unhygienic eatables became the choicest items for Lali. Samosa, Dabeli, Gol-Gappa were her favourites ! She hated chapatti, vegetables and wholesome meals. Now innocent wants became changed to stubbornness and when ever she desired an eatable, she was adamant enough to have it.

The parents, blind in love and affection, always tried t their best to fulfil her wants without any thought about the future. This limitless loving, resulted in uncontrolled intake. Her belly became like a container for junk food. Lali, loved one of the parents, lost her health and became ill. Wisdom should prevail upon love in taking good care of children. Parents should act judiciously in fulfilling the wishes of their young children. Excess of any thing brings negative results. Mothers too need to be wise in the expression of love and affection. To give more than the capacity, is not love. To force the child to consume more, is not love. Our dear Lali lost health due to the love and affection of her parents. At the age of ten years, instead of playing with peer group, she was ging flat on the bed in ailment ! Reason ? Meals, snacks, namkins and junk food served with love by her parents.

However, after good medical attention and care, she recovered gradually to live a

normal life. Again there was the course of gifting charmful attires and precious ornaments to dect with ! Thus, with the physical weakness she was bedecked with jewellery and ornaments. Administrated diet was replaced again with mouth watering junk food Bhajia, samosa and Paani Puri ! Thus the days were passing with health problems and ailment of various kind. Her stomach and intestine could not bear load of spices, oil and polluted intake. Her digestive system failed due to ulcer. Treatment and medication failed to cure her, and Lalji passed away, leaving her dear parents lamenting.

Lamentation and weeping were not to fill the vacuum caused by the final departure of Lali. They thought and imaging about Lalis destination. What was she doing in heaven ? Who will serve her choicest meals ? Was there any scope at heaven for hawkers and Lari Gullas ? Was she getting those tasty eatables there ? Was she happy or not ? Thus they both were discussing between them about Lali.

A thug – cheater – got this information. Thug was very smart and selfish. He thought to encash this situation. He disguised himself in the make up of a Brahmin and went to the house of this couple.

Thug checked the loneliness of the street and knocked the door of tormented family. the householder came to the gate and invited the Brahmin to grace his gloomy dwelling. He offered a seat to the visitor and served a glass of water.

Thug had a few sips and looked meaningfully at the face of his host. Bowing to the ear of his host, the thug said to the householder, 'I am here to tell you some thing. To night, I saw my father in my dream state. He is in heaven. My father met me in my dream state and told me about his happy life in heaven. He said that they were very happy in the recent days, because a girl of eleven years was at heaven. She goes here and there in heaven displaying her child like ways. Heavenly souls love her heartily for her innocent love and child like playfulness. But she was very sad when my father came to my dream state. When he inquired with her about her sorrow, she said to my father that she was not able to forget the ornaments given by her father and mother. She looks sadly at her bare ankles, fingers and arms, she touches her bare neck and remembers her ornaments. And she told my father, that she looked very charming when she was bedecked with those glittering ornaments in gold an gems. I think that girl is your daughter – Lali. I thought it fit to convey these facts to you.'

Father and mother had become senseless in blind love, This stupid householder said to the cheater, Gentleman ! Thank you for visiting. She is my daughter. Our dear daughter Lali. It is one hundred percent true that she looked very charming in those ornaments. After her death, the ornaments and jewellery which belonged to her, have become worthless and idle. They are laid there at the bottom of the chest. Now tell me, what should we do to pass those ornaments to my daughter.'

The thug in guise of a twiceborn said with deep concenrn, 'Brother ! It is very simple. Donate these ornaments to a Brahmin who has direct link with heaven. Thus the donated ornaments will go back to Lali, through that chaste Brahmin.

The householder host pondered for a while than he shook his head in consent and said to the visitoy 'Gentleman ! Do you see your father in heaven ?'

The thug in the guise of a Brahmin said in confidence, 'Oh Plous householder ! As I said to you before, I see my heavenly father

during my dream. I had come here to console you with the confirmed fact that your daughter dwells now in heaven and my father meets her frequently. Whatever my father has said last night, I have conveyed to you without loss of time. This act of my mine is nothing but sympathy and compassion for a noble soul like you. I have not come here to collect those ornaments for your daughter. That is none of my business. I am least concerned in regard to the carrier of those ornaments. Why should I bother for the consignment ? Suppose .....

Pious householder stopped him by a sign of his hand and said, 'Gentleman ! Why don't you do me a favour ? Better, you take these ornaments. Where will I get a suitable gentleman like you to send those ornaments to my heavenly daughter ?'

The visitor was not a true Brahmin. He was a thug (cheater) in guise of Brahmin. He looked at the host and with consenting nod he said, 'Oh Pious Householder ! I consent heartily to your request. I will accept your ornaments to pass them to your daughter in heaven.'

The householder went to his room and brought a packet of ornaments. The thug received them silently and said with decorum, 'Oh pious householder ! Now there should be no burden on your mind. Feel free and happy. Your ornaments are safe in my hands. I will hand them to your daughter. Your Lali will be very happy on receiving these ornaments in time. She will shower her happiness and blessings.' He tied the ornaments in his utariyam and left the house.

A friend of the householder come after some time to console the bereaved family. He was a well experienced worldly-wise gentleman. When he looked at the face of his friend, he found there satisfaction, solace and peace instead of grief and sorrow. He inquired about it. Householder satisfied him by his explanation, 'Friend ! I am very happy today. I have discharged my duty. I have sent my daughter's ornaments to her in heaven. She will be very happy on receiving them.'

This was a bolt from the bue for the friend. He was shocked by the statement. Ornaments ! Lali's ornaments Lali is no more. She is dead. How can one consign the ornaments to a dead person. To clear his confusion, he questioned, 'Friend ! One month is over to Lali's death. Have you sent the ornaments to Lali ? Am I listening correctly ?'

Householder said, 'Friend ! It is one hundred percent true. I have sent ornaments to my heavenly daughter. A Brahmin had come here. He will carry those ornaments to my heavenly daughter – Lali. He was a nice good chap.'

The visitor friend retorted, 'Friend ! There is no such, Brahmin who leaves his life to handover those ornaments to Lali in heaven. This is a fake story. One can not travel to heaven in his gross body. He will have to discard his gross body. To discard gross body means death. Who will invite his death to do your work ? You have been cheated. Be quick and chase the cheater. He must not have gone much away from this place. Catch him quickly.'

Householder realized his mistake. He rode the horse and chased the thug. The thug was not too far to catch him, he was only three kilometer away. The householder chased him faster. The thug found him chasing. He conceived a quick scheme to fool him once again. Thug climed a tall tree his lead the householder. Houscholder saw him

climbing a tall and shady tree. He stopped his horse beneath the tree and shouted, 'You cheater ! Don't run away with my ornaments. Come down and give it back to me.' Thug said, 'Oh Pious Householder ! You have given those ornaments to pass on to your daughter in heaven. I am here at the tree top to perform rituals to send those ornaments. Believe me or come here to witness it for yourself.'

The innocent householder climbed the trunk but as soon as progressed to the higher branches, the cunning thug dropped himself right on the back of the horse. He rode the horse swiftly and vanished in the density of the forest. The householder lost his ornaments and horse, 'Oh God !' his wife screamed in agony when she found her husband empty handed without ornaments or horse. She said, 'Oh my God ! It is okay, we have lost ornaments for our Lali but what about our horse ? Where is it That too is lost to Lali ?'

Dear devotees ! Be careful, life may be lost to Lali, without your knowledge about the loss. Lali means Maya. Maya may deprive us of devotion, Satsang and worship. We may lose all these under the sinful power of Maya. Do you know, what Maya means ? Shriji Maharaj defines it in his sacred Vachanamrit. Swaminarayan Bhagwan says that the objects which are an obstacle in meditation and worship should be known as Maya. Be careful about it.

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Lord Shri Hari Paves Path for Defeating Gross Matter

- Prof. Suryakant Bhatt

The world, right with our birth and till our death at an old age, drowns us in deep add darks water of the gross-matter – Maya. At each step in our life we face gross-matter. The gross matter that tempts us, the gross matter that misleads us. The gross matter that sink us in the ocean of sins. The Maya - gross matter acts like a shackle to imprison us. It arrests us. It draws us away from the path of emancipation. The desires – wishes – have no end. Those are infinite. As soon as we fulfil a wish, a new one would come in demand. If one fulfills a desire for wealth and sense objects, the desire next to it will be to ask for wife, then progeny – children and then the marriage of children and grandchildren with a lofty rise in personal income wealth and social status. Thus desires have no end . Desires and temptations are so powerful that they defeat and draw our mind instantly. Man loses his utiliy and merges himself in such desires and temptations.

The soul has promised to God to do unbroken devotiona with love and faith, but as soon as he is born on earth, he forgets all his earlier promises and as an infant – a baby begans worldly travel on the path of emotions, affections, temptations and desires. We should know it that God has blessed this life to us to do devotion and worship for self emancipation.

Lord Swaminarayan Bhagwan has made the devotional ways easy for us souls. Omnipresent supreme God – Lord Shriji Maharaj – has made it easy for us by installing images at the temples. God has installed the seat of the Acharya to bless us with the Guru for us. Holy companionship and blessed preachings of Acharya Maharajshri ascend us to the divine abode of ultimate benediction and eternal peace. His Holiness – Acharya Maharajshri – escorts us on the path of eternal peace and sacred life. Shri Hari took good care of us by asking his Paramhansas to author the religious scriptures. Shri Hari has made those scriptures. We should listen to the Katha-parayan of these holy scriptures. This would help us to relieve ourselves from the shackles of gross matter- Maya. Despite the best of our personal efforts, we shall not be able to free ourselves from this jail of Maya. Shri Hari knows very well that this poor soul of us is helpless to relieve himself. Shri Hari has preached, therefore,the Vachanamrits to enable us to relieve ourselves from the slavery of the sense objects. These are the obligation of Lord Shri Hari which we shall never be able to repay.

Shriji Maharaj has explained to us in his holy Vachanamrit (Gadhada L-39) the Maya and the ways and means to overpower the Maya. Shriji Maharaj says, 'Maya it self is nothing but ego and desires attached to soul. The soul should avoid and eliminate the Maya, and the soul who renounces the gross matter, shall be benedicted. Ignore Maya and merge yourself in the devotion of God. This you may do right now or may do it after many years. The devout soul Prahlad, Narada and Hanuman have prayed to Bhagwan, 'Oh Bhagwan ! Shield us against ego and affection of Maya. Oh Bhagwan ! Help us to strengthen our devotional love towards your blissful form.'

This is not difficult to do. One can shed off the ropes of Maya with the sacred tools of devotion, meditation and Katha-Varta and Satsang. Shriji Maharaj says, 'A devotee of God needs strength of faith, trust and majesty

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GRACE OF GOD

- Atul B. Pothiwala

Anandjibhai was a resident of Mangrol. He belonged to the carpenter community. He was a good carpenter. People liked the furniture and artifacts crafted by him. Artist Anandji was a true devotee of Shriji Maharaj. His mind and soul dwelled eternaly in the blissful devotion of Shriji Maharaj. His mind was drawn to hearty dialogues and preachings of Shriji Maharaj. Though engaged physically in his work his mind recalled continuously the sweet memories and blissful image of Shriji Maharaj. He was chanting kirtans to the rhythmic sound of chisel and hammer. He was repeating with faith and trust the thoughts and the aphorisms pronounced by Shriji Maharaj. His body, mind and soul were dedicated to Shriji Maharaj. Anandjis wife did not like such behaviour of her husband.

Once she grabbed the opportunity and confronted Maharaj in her own style. She stood at a little distance to block the way of Maharaj and said with suppressed anger, "Maharaj ! Is it the devotional way, where in a householder stays aside his householder duties and merges absolutely into kirtans and meditation ? What would be the state of the wives like me, if their husbands abandoned jobs or earning ?"

Maharaj read her mind, and walked away without answering her. At the evening session, Shriji Maharaj found Anandji sitting engrossed in the devotion of God. Shriji Maharaj called him near his seat and said, 'Anandjibhai ! As you have taken Katha-Kirtan as your ethical duty, in a like manner, take householder duties as an essential ethical duty. Know this well and put it in practise right now. Do you want to leave your children starving ?

Anandji prayed, 'Maharaj ! I don't want to leave them starving.'

Maharaj said, 'Why are you not worrying for them ? Why have you stopped working. will not these acts of yours be a blot on me ?'

'Maharaj ! I will act as per your orders. I will discharge my householder duties.' Now intoxication began to reced. He submitted politely to the will of God. Maharaj blessed him,' Bhagat ! Now start working early in the morning. Do your work whole day. Work hard without laziness. Lazy lots can not improve their worldly life and spoil their life beyond death by their idleness. Are you going to work now ?'

Bhagat submitted, 'Maharaj ! I will work very hard. I am ready to work.' 'Do you know any craft which can produce some thing unique, some thing extra ordinary ?'

'Maharaj ! I am a craftsman. I am a good worker. People admire my products. I am blessed by you with the skills desired in an expert. Maharaj ! Please bless me.'

'Bhagat ! My blessings are with you. Art and skills are the graces of God. Try to develop it further. Use and invest it for a better life.'

There was a total change in the out look and behaviour of Anandji. Now he worked hard whole day, sharpening logs and carving artifacts with his chisel and hammer and mind.' Thus the boat of life travelled faster to reshape the worldly life and the inner self.

As time passed he desire to leave his village. He wished to tax his fortune. He desired to migrate to a mega city like Mumbai. He made up his mind to unlock his fortune in the rich city of Mumbai. He was a seasoned artist and now this was the right time to encash his expertise. This was an ascent from the soul of village-life. Now he collected the information about the ships ferrying between Mumbai and his place.

On his way to the workshop, he saw Maharaj heading towards hm. He paid salute

to Maharaj, and tried to submit his prayer, but before he uttered any thing, Maharaj looked at him with love and said, 'Bhagat. Forget about Mumbai. Your luck was swift enough to be there quite before your arrival, and was planning a very poor city life for you. Listen your good fortune awaits you here at Magrol. Don't leave for elsewhere.'

Bhagat prayed, 'But Maharaj ! .....'

Maharaj says, 'Bhagat ! I know. You have plans to earn more by visiting big cities. I admire such adventurous nature. I like such people, but your good fortune is not with you in your visit of Mumbai. If you follow my orders.....'

Anandji gathered that it was impossible to hide anything from the omniscient Lord Shriji Maharaj. Lord knows every thing and wields divine powers to help his faithful devotees. It is the will of God that nothing happens without his will. Anandji knew that Lord Shriji Maharaj was able to wipe off his ill luck. He was thrilled by this divine experience of glory and majesty of Maharaj.

He bowed at the lotus feet of Maharaj and prayed, 'Maharaj ! I am not leaving this place. I have no ambition of visiting unknown places. I wish to progress and prosper. What should I do ! Please guide me.'

Maharaj blessed him, 'Bhagat don't worry for it. Why don't you disclose another reason to distance your self from her. I think, it is a matter of top priority. Come forward and say something.

Anandji realized that Maharaj was knowing about the conflicts in his family lif.e God knew about the sparks and fire injuring husband and wife. God knew about the hidden cause of such conflict.

Anandji's wife – Rajuba – disliked devotion and Satsang. She was not respecting Maharaj. Anandji was very sorry for her attitude. He tried his best to help her to realize the divine majesty of Shriji Maharaj. He asked her repeatedly to withdraw herself from such hostility. But the efforts from his side, strengthened her biterness and hostility towards Maharaj. It was very difficult for Anandji to bear such hostile atmosphere and hate. He was ashamed of it. This was the actual reason he wanted to leave this place. Anandji did not like to allow quarrel and hate to become a cause of leaving Mangrol. He disguised it in the charmful robe of 'ambition' and submitted it to Maharaj.

Maharaj held the hand of his devotee and said, 'Bhagat ! There should be peace at home. Come on, take me to your house. Mind shall not be at peace if family life is not peaceful. Feel free and accompany me.'

'Maharaj ! It breaks my heart when she blames you and speaks untoward. Maharaj ! I can't bear it.'

'Don't mind, if she says so for me. I have no objection.'

'Maharaj ! She will create a scene and the entire neighbourhood will gathered there due to her unruly behaviour.'

'Bhagat ! Leave it to me. There are occasions, when one has to fight it out. I am with you, don't be afraid of any thing.'

Maharaj was worried today to improve the life and birth of a soul. Rajubai was shocked with astonishment, when Shri Hari stepped in to her house. Rajubai saw her husband behind Maharaj, and gathered that the excuse of his absence was of no use. She offered way in and walked away to collect rope and pot. Maharaj saw her walking towards the gate with an excuse of fetching water from the well. But Maharaj was not to allow her easily. Shriji Maharaj asked her in cool voice, 'Please give me a glass of water. I am thirsty.' Rajubai never knew that this thirst was of different kind. She had no courage to act contrary to Maharaj.

She came back with a jug, served it near Maharaj and looked at hm with hostility and

displeasure in her eyes. But she became lost to an instant Samadhi state when she saw Shri Hari eye-to-eye. In painful convulsion she screamed and cried. Hate and bitterness was visible on her face and limbs. Maharaj asked Anandji to have patience and compassion. He asked him to observe her mutely. It was visible by her constant struggle and movement of her hands, that she was trying to protect herself against some invisible attack. People had crowded to witness the scene.

She returned to the conscious state after some time, pulled herself together and looked here and there to find out the cause of her torments. There was nothing to doubt about. Maharaj was stitting quietly in front of her with a blissful smile on his face. All were quite away from her. There was nobody to touch her, but despite such distance and isolation, she was tormented extensively by some invisible force. There was no answer for the questions in her mind.

Maharaj says, 'Rajubai ! Please come here. Take this rosary and chant Gods name. You will be at peace.' Shriji Maharaj offered a rosary and she took it like an innocent child. Now she realized that malice and avarice hade taken a toll before they left her. She was now relieved from painful sins. Shriji Maharaj had helped her to relieve herself. Her saviour was sitting in front of her. He was helping her to unlock her inner self. Now there was nothing to worry. She realized selfless love for her sin-free husband and Shriji Maharaj. Now there was no malice in her heart for the majesty and divinity of Shriji Maharaj. She pulled herself together and did japa on the beads of rosary. As she moved a bead, devotional fervour rose in her heart. She thought, 'It is grace of God. God himself has come to my house. God has protected me. God has saved me. God has taken good care of me. I will have to reciprocate now. What should I do to earn His eternal pleasure ?' as she thought so in her meditative mood, Shriji Maharaj slipped away from there to leave her with such devotional feelings. Anandji too followed the path of Maharaj.

Shriji Maharaj turned to Anandji and asked, 'Bhagat ! As I know, you are a good craftman. You are good at carpentry. Am I right ?'

Anandji says, 'I have studied it thoroughly, but there is nobody in this region to apprecate such craftsmanship.'

Maharaj says, 'Anandji ! Don't worry for it. You craft some thing extraordinary. What would you make ?'

Anandji submitted, 'Maharaj ! Should I craft a swing ?'

Maharaj, 'Make an excellent swing. It would be a wonderful object, a collector's item !'

He made a swing – a wonderful swing with the eternal memory of Maharaj. It was comfortable enough for two people to swing on. A press button made the swing move automatically ! It was a wonder in the world of art and craft.

The swing was a visible blessing of Shriji Maharaj. He desired to submit it to Maharaj. He went to Shriji Maharaj and broke the news, 'Maharaj ! Please tell me when should I bring the swing to serve your worthy self ?'

Maharaj says to his devotee, 'Bhagat ! Your selfless love for me is enough to please me. I have received the swing by your wishing so. Now, present that swing to Nawab Sahib. Explain to him the details of that swing and demonstrate the automatic swinging in presence of Nawab. If he pays in cash, don't accept money. Request him for a piece of land.'

Shriji Maharaj wielded wonders to relieve his devotee from worldly worries.

Nawab Sahib was pleased with Anandji when he saw the swing and its wonder. Nawab said, 'I am proud of my crafts man.'

He ordered immediately to his minister and asked him to pay as per the wish of Anandji. Anandji prayed to Nawab to grant him a piece of land. Nawab consented to his prayer and said, 'Diwan ! Allot him a piece of land. Ensure that it is not less than 2500 Square yards.

Anandji received state's honour by following the orders of Shriji Maharaj. He owned land by the grace of Shriji Maharaj . Anandji became Anandjibhai and earned respect and honour from the residents of Mangrol – a part town in Saurashtra.

Rajubai was bit worried. She thought that, though the land was in possession by the grace of Shriji Maharaj, but there was no money to construct a house on that land. They can not survive without money. Anandjibhai said, 'Why should you place yourself in the category of the poor ? Though penniless, we are rich and wealthy by our generous heart. Maharaj is with us. All will end well by the grace of God. Stop worrying and cheer yourself.'

This trust in Maharaj bore fruits when they followed the order of Maharaj. Shriji Maharaj asked them to dig at night as, it was the most suitable time for an auspicious beginning. Bhagat followed the instruction rigidly and the work of digging and laying the foundation was carried out at night. As the work progressed, on one midnight the spade of the labourer-struk a metal pot hidden deep under the earth. The metal pot contained precious gold coins and silver. They stopped digging and unearthed the hidden pot. They carried it home amidst the darkness of night. In a low voice, he asked his wife, 'Are you satisfied ? Are you happy now ? God has removed our worry by sending this wealth.'

Rajubai says, 'Bhagat ! How could you take it as your wealth ? This wealth belongs to Maharaj. Submit it at the earliest to Shriji Maharaj. We hold no right on this wealth.' This was a major change in her thinking. She was very clear in her vision. Due to presence of Maharaj at her heart. '..... of course, it is the fruit of our hard work, but we should not be tempted by such ephemeral objects.

Early in the morning, Bhakta Anandji knocked, the door and came in to the chamber of Maharaj, with the wealth tied in a strong cloth. Maharaj is all knower and omnipresent. It was not a surprise for him. With satisfaction on his face, Shriji Maharaj says, 'There are antique metal ware in the chest. Take a jug from it fill the wealth in it and hand it to our to Nawab Sahib.'

Anandji Bhagat followed the orders pof Maharaj and with a jug full of wealth he came to the palace of Nawab. Nawab Sahib received hm with due respect and offered a seat in front of him. Anandjibhai saluted to Nawab Sahib and submitted the story. Nawab Sahib paid ear to his story and said to conclude it, 'Bhagat ! That piece of land belongs to you and the wealth dug out from your land, becomes your personal property. I can not accept this wealth. You have honoured me by this virtuous acts of yours. I am proud of my virtuous subjects. Keep this wealth for your family and your self.'

Maharaj found out another means to please the principal begun of Nawab Sahib. Shriji Maharaj asked Hhagat to buy gold with this treasured wealth and make a precious gold chain. Maharaj then advised Bhagat to gift this necklace to the prince.

Bhagat followd the instruction of Maharaj and tied the necklace to royal prince Nawab Sahib was not present there, but Begum was a wise and graceful lady. She thought that Anandjibhai was there with a purpose and that is why he was gifting a precious ornament. She asked him politely, Anandjibhai ! You r swing is a wonderful work of art. Now, once again you are here with a marvel. Kindly tell me, if I may be of any help to you. Please

don't hesitate to spell your want. I shall be happy to favour you.' Anandjibhai then submitted the facts about the land and requested here to get the land deal documented on his name. She promises him to get it done at the earliest and asks him to revisit the palace in the late afternoon. Anandjibhai saluted to the royal family and came back to his house.

He readied himself in the late afternoon to revisit the palace, but as soon an he stepped out, he found in front of him the royal messenger. He had come to the house of Anandjibhai to escort him to the royal court. The document was drawn in front of him and besides the technical facts it contained the rights : Anandjibhai holds absolute ownership of the land mentioned in this document and holds absolute right on the space above the piece of land and the entire depth below the piece of land. Whatever wealth, jewels, gems, gold or silver – dug out from the land shall be the absolute property of Shri Anandjibhai. The State, the king or others have no right to it.'

As soon as he got the documents, Anandjibhai came to Shriji Maharaj and submitted obeisance with the documents. He prays, 'Maharaj ! This belongs to you. I am submitting it to your lotus like feet.'

Maharaj was pleased with him, He helped his devotee to stand up and embraced him with devotional love. Maharaj says, 'Now for what should we wait ? Start digging. This is your good fortune. Goddess of wealth has come to you. Receive her with due honour.'

Maharaj never leaves any wish unfulfilled when he intends to fulfil the wishes of his devotee. Great amount of wealth was dug out from the land and a palace like villa was constructed by a fraction of wealth dug out from the land. Anandjibhai earned the status and honour as a wealthy courtier. He held principal postion at the committee (Panch) and the meetings.

He threw a feast and party at the top terrace of the village. All his relatives were invited there with the prominent leaders of Mangrol state. Some one asked, 'Anandjibhai Please tell us how have you acquired this status and wealth ?'

Husband and wife both were god fearing souls. They opined open heartedly, 'There is no Secret. We have followed the orders and instructions of Shriji Maharaj. These are the fruits of faith and trust.'

निजवृत्युद्यमप्राप्त धनधान्यादितश्च तैः ।
अर्प्यो दशांशः कृष्णाय विंशोंऽशस्त्विह दुर्बलैः ॥

They shall donate one tenth of their earnings, money or food grains to Lord Krishna. Those with insufficient income shall offer one twentieth. (Shikshapatri : 147)

Donate only to the holder of a sealed and stamped order of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri.

INSIGNIFICANT ADVICE : SIGNIFICANT RESULT

- Sadhu Shrirangdas

Shikshapatri is a religious scirpture. We read it daily to worship Lord Shriji Maharaj. Shriji Maharaj preaches us in Shikshapatri : Visit the temple everyday and do worship of God. Listen to Katha Varta Satsang held at the temple. Host Katha Varta Satsang for the self benediction and to benedict others. Glory and majesty of the espisodes of God are not imaginable for us. Such episodes and Kathas, if listened from a saint, even a word or two, such listening and such holy company fulfil our life.

A wealthy merchant was a devotee of God. He was used to visit temple to listen Katha Varata from the saints. He made a firm resolute to listen Katha Varta without fail. Now he was visiting the temple daily to listen Katha Varta. He was not lazy to rise early. He believed that Katha from the Satpurusha was enough to accomplish mission of human life. He believed that those were most fortunate among the souls, who have earn an opportunity to listen Katha-Varta.

Once he went to such Satsang and conscentrated in Katha and preachings. While narrating an episode, saint ehplained to the listeners to grasp reachings contained in episode, 'Preachings and advice extended by the scritprues are most valuable. Remember well this advice. Don't travel all alone. There must be a companion in your journey.' Merchant found this advice most ordinary. His business was spread in entire region. He was travelling village to village and was travelling very frequently without any compay. He did so for many years and the hundreds of such trips and travels were completed without any problem.

Merchant was a sincere listner. He thought it fit to practise in dyas to come. This advice should be tested practically. As the session concluded, he came to his home and decided to visit neighbouring village to recover dues. He got his dry tiffin to have midday meal, took a shoulder bag and walked away from his residence. As he went little away from the town out skits, he remembed the advice of religious sciprute – 'Don't travel all alone. Travel in company of some one.' But there was nobody near by what to do ? He can not go back to his town to pick up some one as a companion. As he walked little further, he saw a small animal. There were thick white hair an I'ts whole body and was looking like a large tennis ball. What was it ? He tried to touch it but the animal shrunk it's body. Merchant assumed that the innocent animal was scared of him. He thought to travel in company of this small animal. He kept it in his shoulder bag. Now he was practising the preaching of the Katha-travel in company of some one.' In company of dumb animal he resumed his journey and stopped midway to have lunch and rest beneath a large tree. He took the tiffin box and had his lunch. The animal in his shoulder bag sneaked away to ralish fresh air. He placed his shoulder bag beside him and relaxed him self with support of the stem. Traveler slept in cool and calm shade, unaware of time he lost in sleeping. Enough time was passed when he woke up. He tried to lift his shoulder bag to begin with onward journey. He saw his companion sitting on his bay with blood stained body. Merchant was shocked by the blood stains. He checked his body to locate injury but there were no bites or cuts. When he checked the area around the tree, he found a hole in the earth near the stem and a dead snake nearby it. A wave of fear shook his inner frame when he though about his position in deep sleep, his shoulder was close to the hole of the snake.

Traveler merchant now viewed in his

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Great Ascetic Celibate Mukundanandji

- Prof. Suryakant Bhatt



Mukundanand Brahmchari was a resident of Machhiav. In his householder life, he was known as Muljibhai. Child Mulji made a firm resolute to maintain celibacy by not marrying for the whole lfie. He was a Brahmin by birth and as a Brahmin priest he was earning his livelihood. His clients were very happy due to his greed free and straitforward nature. They trusted him like their family member.

An unusual happening changed the course of his life and he renounced the householdership to live like an ascetic. The story was some what like this : One his celint as ked Muljibhai to escort his daughter way back to Machhiav from the home of her in-laws. Muljibhai consented to their request and went to the house of her in-laws. It was a long journey of many hours. Muljibhai and youthful lady halted midway at one small village and arranged a room for her night halt. He himself arranged his bed out side, beneath the open sky. She went to her bed and Muljibhai spread himself on surface of the otta (platform like construction to protect the walls). Young lady was attracted to physical strength and well built body of Muljibhai. She shut her eyes and changed sides to sleep, but the image of Muljibhai and his well built body was not giving way to the sleep. She changed sides till midgnight in want of sleep and peace, but the fire of desire forced her to open the room. Muljibhai was in deep sleep. She, like a scared deer shook his body. Muljibhai woke up from deep lseep and asked impatiently about her well being. She told him that she was scared of loneliness and requested to Muljibhai to accompany her at the room. Muljibhai never had any idea about her dirty mind and sinful thoughts. He took her to room and made her to sleep. She tried same trick once again when Muljibhai went back to his place. She took some liberty to be more explicit. Muljibhai gathered what she inteneded to do, and prayed to God to protect his vow, the vow of absolute celibacy.

When they reached Machhiav, Muljibhai took her to her father's house to relieve himself from the responsibility of an escort. His oath was protected by God, therefore, he resoluted instantly to surrender absolitely at the lotus feet of God. He came to Loj and Ramanand Swami. He settled there with them and received initiation with sainthood name : Mukundanand Swami.

His life long mission was accomplished, when he received holy company of Shriji Maharaj. His body was moving on movement of the tonge of Shriji Maharaj. The orders of Shriji Maharaj was the life time aim of Muljibhai Brahmchari. He was tested repeatedly and most severely by Lord Shriji Maharaj. Mukundanand Brahmchari passed all the tests with cent percent success. In his three states – waking, dream and sleep state – did the darshan of Shriji Maharaj without any change or interruption. Absolute celibates have to practise the celibacy of eight kinds. Keeping in view the absolute detachment, Shriji Maharaj himself allowed Mukundanand Brahmchari to have dialogue with female satsangsi.

Shriji Maharaj at Gadhpur Dhaam, came once to Jetalpur and favoured his Satsangis at

Jetalpur dham. Jivuba and Laduba at Gadhpur could not bear such separation and in such state of depression, they refused to have meals. Royal family tried at the best to persuade them, but were not successful. The toughest task of persuasion was assigned to Mukundanand Brahmchari by Shri Hari himself. The Uddhava in form of Mulji, went to the Gopies in form of Laduba and Jivuba. Mukundanand Brahmchari granted them solace and blissful peace by narrating divine episodes of Shriji Maharaj. S.G. Vasudevanand Brahmcahri describes this episode in his scripture of Satsangi – Bhushan. Muktanand Muni wrote Uddhav Gita to describe this leela.

Shriji Maharaj was addressing a small assembly held at the back-yard behind the Vartal temple. Celibate Mukundanand was standing at the circular rout of daily prayer. Maharaj desired to have water. Muljibhai knew the will of God and jumped instantly from the circular rout to serve water to Shriji Maharaj. Though jumped like a money, from the balcony, like height there were no injury on his person ! He brought the water quickly and served it to Shriji Maharaj. Maharaj says, 'Celibate ! Why you jumped from balcony ?' Brahmchari prays' 'Maharaj ! Oh my Lord ! Who am I to delay your orders ? It was to take much more time, if I was to go via ladder, and who dare to injure me, when almightly you are here to protect me ?' This shows faith and trust of Mukundanand Brahmchari in divine majesty of Shriji Maharaj.

Shriji Maharaj asked once to Mukundanand to address the assembly. Celibate Swami conveyed the nectar, 'I am disclosing here the cardinal truth. Shri Swaminarayan is Supreme Lord of universe and galaxies. He is almightly omniscient and unparalleled. Surrender aboslutley to His orders. Live happily within the limits and the decorum spelled by Him. Those two points are very important in our life as a human being.'

Shriji Maharaj conveyed his pleasure, 'Brahmchari has discussed here complex issue with appropriate treatment.' Shriji Maharaj has taken a note of Mukundanand Brahmchari in his discourses of Vachanamrit. Shriji Maharaj himself has installed his name eternally in the fourth sholka of the Shikshapatri.

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Lord Shri Hari Paves Path for Defeating Gross Matter

of God. Realize soul as your own form – your image and think of it as distinct from your gross body.

Further, Bhagwan is the Omniscient Lord of infinite cosmoses. Bhagwan is the perennial source of eternal pleasures. Bhagwan is the ultimate truth. Bhagwan is the cause of all the incarnations. Remember this truth and recall it repeatedly. Shriji Maharaj has left no stone unturned to pave this path of ultimate emancipation. He did it for the benediction of his faithful followers. God has shown us easy ways to remove the complexity of Maya. Follow the teachings of Shri Hari and emancipate yourself.

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Insignificant Advice : Significant Result

imagination the real picture of the happenings. The snake was come out from it's hiding due to disturbance in surrounding. The animal on the bag might have seen the snake heading towards the shoulder to prevent the arm heading towards his hiding. The animal pounced upon the tail of the snake cought it between his teeth and withdrew the head under the shield of pinching hair. Snake might have lost his life by striking his head repeatedly on thorny person of animal. Thus, the small companion – co-traveller - protected the life of merchant. His life was saved due to compnay of an insignificant animal. The preaching was real and very precious. His life was saved by advice of the scripture. Advice was precious !

News And Notes From Shri Narnarayandev Desh

AHMEDABAD REGION

Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Kalupur, Ahmedabad celebrates Birthday of Lord Narnarayandev

Supreme Lord Of Indian Sub-continent Lord Shri Narnarayndev – received at His Ahmedabad abode the special obeisance prayers and birtyday gifts amidst colourful Birthday celebrations. The events were celebrated in a big way by Swinging Archa form of Lord Narnarayandev in a colourful and fragrant cradle of the fresh flowers. H.H. Lajji 108 Shri Vrajendraprasdji Maharajshri graced the celebrations (15-3-06) and presented Brithday Aarti in presence of thousands of devotees. Hundreds of Ochchhavia saints and devotees were assembled at the court of Lord Narnarayandev to please Him by Rangotsava –Kirtans. The sky above the temple premises was become pink due to colour of Gulal-powder.

The temple courtyard was kept ready early in the morning with the tractor load of well compounded herbal water of Kesuda flowers in extra-large containers. H.H. Lalji Maharajshri graced the platform and showered fragrant and coloruful kesuda-water on his thousands of devotees and aspirants. The saints and devotees reciprocated in like manner. Environment was filled with colour, fragrance and devotional fervour. Mahant Swami Shastri Nirgundasji and group of the volunteering saints have earned the pleasure of Shri Hari by their excellence in planning the events. The devotees, Shri Rameshbhai Prahladbhai Patel and Shri Dasharthbhai Prahladbhai Patel (Committee Member) have earned the blessings of Shriji Maharaj by hosting the evetns.

H.H. Lalji Maharajshri, clad in white attire and white turban, resembled the image of Lord Bal Swaroop Ghanshyam Maharaj. Event it self was a replica of celebrations presented earlier by Lord Swaminarayan Bhagwan.

S.G. Golok Swami, Shastri Swami Satyparakashdasji and the volunteers of Shri Narnarayandev Yuvak mandal have earned the pleasure of Shri Hari by their well planned services.

- Kothari Dharmprakashdasji

Invocation rituals, Annual Patotsava and Choryasi feast meal at Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Kankaria, Ahmedabad.

The Idol forms of Lord Narnarayndev at Shri Swaminarayan Mandir (Kalupur) Ahmedabad were installed and invoked by Lord Shriji Maharaj himself by embracing heart to heart the image of supreme Lord of Indian subcontinent. These were majestic celebrations and events were organized personally by Lord Shriji Maharaj under his direct supervision. Thousands of devout families were come from various regions to celebrate opening of the world first temple of Shri Swaminarayan Sampradaya. Hundres of tents and Pandalas were eracted around Kankaria lake to extend hospitality to the visiting aspirants. A choryasi-feast (the served to the sub castes of Brahmin community) was served at Kankaria lake to earn blessings nad good wishes from Brahmins. Earth particiles at Kankaria lake-side bear sacred touch and blissful presence of Lord Shriji Maharaj.

The first Acharya H.H. Acharya Shri Ayodhyaprasadji Maharajshri has installed her the blessed foot-prints of Lord Shriji Maharaj and a canopy in marble adorns this sacred place. Child form of Lord Kashatbhanjandev was installed thereafter by His holiness to pay obeisance to the deity of Dharmkul. A temple was built up at that place in the following decades and the place was become a sacred destination for the devotees.

A splendid temple is under ocnstruction to accommodate larger number of the visitng devotees. H.H. Acharya Maharaj Shri Tejendrapradadji Maharaj and H.H. Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasdji have favoured the satsang by construction of this Shrine.

Grand cclebrations of the installation of idols of Radhakrishandev Harikrishna Maharaj was organized in a big way at this shrine under construction. The devotees were inspired by Mahant Swami and Kothari Swami Anand Swami to celebrate invocation, Patotsava and choryasi feast. The events were celebrated on auspicious fifth day of the bright half of Falgun (4-3-06).

H.H. Acharya Maharajshri graced this prasadi place and invoked holy fire of Maha Vishnu Yaag. His holiness graced thereafter the inner temple and served Mahabhishekam to Lord Thakorji and Lord Balswaroop Kashtabhanjandev. This was Patotsava Abhishekam for Lord Kashtabhanjandev. Shanagar (full dress) Aarti was served, thereafter by His holiness and the blessings were conveyed to the devotees.

A special Sabha was organized on this occasion.

H.H. Acharya Maharajshri graced the Sabha and received Poojan-Aarti form the devout hosts. H.H. Acharya Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharajshri was present on this occasion to favour his faithful devotees. Both the Acharyas have favoured the satsang by receiving poojan Archan from the Mahant Swami, saints and devotees. Respected Gadiwalashri was present with her ratinue of Samkhya Yogi Sisters, to bless her female deovtees.

H.H. Acharya Maharajshri blessed his saints and devotees for celebrating three grand events together. Pujari Dev Swami has earned the pleasure of Shri Hari by helping Lord Thajkorji at Shangar (full dress) Aarti. S.G. Swami Gyanprakashdas, Sadhu Swayamprakashdas, Parshad Narottam Bhagat and assisting group of Saints and devotees and Shri Narnarayanadev Yuvak Mandal have earned the pleasure of Shri Hari by their service at the venue. About 25000 devotes and 300 Brahmins have received Maha Prasad thaal-meals. Ladies group of Maninagar area have helped extensively at he community Kitchen.

- Shri N.N.D.Y.M., Kankaria Maninagar

The 18th Annual Patotsava of Lord Radhakrishnadev Harikrishna Maharaj dwelled at Shri Swaminaryan Mandir, Khan (Rajashtan)

The saint cum-poet of this axiomatic sect, S.G. Brahmanand Swami was a resident of Khan (Rajasthan). Village Khan is the birth place of S.G. Brahmanand Swami.

The 18th Annual Patotsava of Lord Radhakrishnadev Harikrishna Maharaj was celebrated here at Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Khan, Rajsthan. Shrimad Dashamskandha Parayan (three days), Mahabhishekam and Annakut were organized on this occasion with the due blessings of H.H. Acharya Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharajshri, H.H. Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalednraprasadji Maharajshri and H.H. Lalji 108 Shri Vrajendraprasadji Maharajshri. The events were organized with due inspirartion and guidance from (Late) Gavaiya Swami Krishnacharandasji, Ex-Mahant Swami Balkrishnadasji and S.G. Swami Baldevprasaddasji (Muli). The grand events of 18th Annual Patotsva of Lord Radhkrishnadev Hrikrishna Maharaj were hosted by Halari Mahila Bhakti Mandal, Bombay. The seat of the reader priest was graced by S.G. Shastri Swami Gyanvallabhdasji (Muli Mahant).

H.H. Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharajshri, H.H. Lalji 108 Shri Vrajendraprasadji Maharajshri, Respected Gadiwalashri and Respected ShriRaja were present on this occasion to bless the Satsang. Dharmkul and received with devotional fervour by the Mahant Sweami Omprakahsdasji, saints and the devotees at Khan on auspicious 5th day of the March 2006.

H.H. Acharya Maharajshri and H.H. Lalji Maharajshri graced the temple on 6-3-06 before day break and presented Patotsava Mahabhishekam amidst chants of vedic hymns and devotional music. Shastri Jitubhai (temple preist, Muli Dhaam), has earned the pleasure of Shri Hari by conducting the rituals of this religious events.

A special Satsang was organized on this occasion. H.H. Lalji Maharjshri graced the session and concluded Parayan Katha by serving concluding Aarti to the sacred scirpture and the reader-priest. H.H. Acharya Maharajshri graced the sabha to bless his Rajasthan Satsang. H.H. Lalji Maharajshri accopained His holiness at the special session. The Sabha was addressed by the enlightened saints and senior devotees. Shri Nanjibhai Varu (representative of Halari Mahila Bhakti Mandal - Mumbai), Shri Kanjibhai Harjibhai Nathabhai and the sons, Shri Bhanubhai, Parbatbhai and Prakashbhai (Hosts to the colour work of the temple) have earned the pleasure of Shri Hari by presenting poojan Archan to H.H. Acharya Maharajshri and H.H. Lalji Maharajshri.

Kothari J.P. Swami, Dharmpriayadasji Swami, Aniruddha Swami, Shriprakash Swami, Parshad Kothari and Chandu Bhagat have earned the pleasure of Shri Hari by their service under guidance from Mahant Swami. All female devotees were blessed by Respected Gadiwalashri and ShriRaja.

- Kothari Bhanu Swami

Invocation of God at Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Kubadthal

The century old ancient temple at Kubadthal was reconstructed with the due blessings of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri and construction of the new temple was competed within five years with due contribution from the devotees and local residents new temple building adorns intricate sculpture in marble and Rajasthan stone. This is the frist Harimandir built in stone and marble, with a towering peak.

Grand celebrations were organized to invoke God at Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Kubadthal. Festive religious events were organized on this speciaal occasion. Shrimad Satsangi Bhushan Parayan (five days), Maha Vishnu Yaag and cultural events were organized to enlighten local satsang. The seat of the principal reader priest was graced by S.G. Shastri Swami

Purushottamprakashdasji. Maha Vishnu Yaag was organized for three days (21st to 23rd) and cultural events were organized for the five days (19th to 23rd).

H.H. Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharajshri graced this place (23-2-06) and invoked Lord Shri Ghanshyam Maharaj, Shri Narnarayandev, Shri Radhakrishnadev, Shri Hanumanji and Lord Ganapatiji, amidst the chants of Vedic hymns.

H.H. Acharya Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharajshri and Respected Gadiwalashri were present on this occasion by special invitiation from their faithful devotees. The Mahant and the saints from various temples were present on this occasion. Responsibilitis of this grand event were shared collectively by the resident and non-resident devotees from Kubadthal.

A special Sabha was organized on this occasion. H.H. Acharya Maharajshri graced the Sabha and admired devotional fervour of local Satsangis. His holiness conveyed his hearty congratulations for constructing a beautiful temple – abode of devotion and peace. His holiness blessed the donors and hosts for their valuable service. H.H. Acharya Maharajshri observed that the senior devotees from Kubadthal have lions share in services towards the sampradaya and diocese. H.H. Acharya Maharajshri blessed the audience and concluded the celebrations.

H.H. Acharya Maharajshri graced Kaloli of Jatalpur Desh

Shri Swaminarayan Mandir Kaloli (Distt. Kheda) is an integral part of Jetalpur Desh ruled by Lord Revti Baldevji Harikrishna Maharaj. H.H. Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharajshri graced this small village to bless his faithful devotees. This was the frist visit of incoming Acharya Maharajshri.

H.H. Acharya Maharajshri graced this village on auspicious 1st day of the bright half of Falguna and as soon entered the village outskirts, His holiness paid hearty obeisance to Shri Radhakrishna Mandir and Rataneshwar Mahadev Mandir on way to Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Kaloli. H.H. Acharya Maharjshri graced the temple and presented Aarti to Lord Shri Hari.

A special Sabha was organized on this occasion. H.H. Acharya Maharajshri graced the Sabha to bless his devotees. Enlightening discourses were delivered by S.G. Swami Shastri Purushottamprakashdasji (Jetalpur, Gurukul), Shastri Hariom Swami, Ghanshayam Swami and other saints to explain glory and majesty of Shri Hari, Acharya, Satsang and scriptures. The devotees and the aspirants were blessed by H.H. Acharya Maharajshri.

H.H. Acharya Maharajshri favoured the satsang by gracing houses of his faithful devotees. About 43 houses were graced by His holiness. The devotees from Nayka, Shrijipura, Vadala and nearby villages were present on this occasion.

Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Siddhpur (New temple)

Sacred town Siddhpur and the lake side of Bindu Sarovar are prasadi places of Shri Swaminarayan Bhagwan. Foundation of the new temple was laid by H.H. Acharya Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharajshri. Now this new temple is ready to receive devotees and aspirants for the invocation festivities Artists are busy these days to give final touches to this wonderful creation in red stone.

H.H. Acharya Maharajshri graced the temple on auspicious 27-2-06 and laid foundation stone for the construction of Matri Shraaddha Yatrik Bhavan (pilgrims house) and the Sant-Nivas.

The temple, built in red stone and intricate sculpture, was inspected by H.H. Acharya Maharajshri, and hearty blessings were conveyed to the satsangis. Shrimad Satsangi Bhushan Parayan (five days) was organized on this twin occasion. The seat of the principal reader priest was graced by S.G. Shastri Swami Premswaroopdasji. The events were planned and organized by S.G. Swami Shastri Premswaroopdasji.

Itadara

Patotsava celebrations were organized here at Shri Swaminarayan Mandir Itadara with the due blessings of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. Shrimad Bhushan Parayan (three days), Mahabhishekam and Annakut were organized on this occasion. The events were hosted by Shri Natvarbhai Joitabhai and family. The seat of the reader-priest of Parayan Katha was graced by Shastri Narayanvallabhdasji, and the Katha sessions were organized in memory of (Late) Joitaram Bapa.

H.H. Acharya Maharajshri graced the occasion on auspicious 16th day of February 2006. H.H. Acharya Maharajshri was received by the saints and devotees with devotional love and Aarti Poojan. H.H. Acharya Maharajshri graced the temple and presented Patotsava Aarti to Lord Thakorji. A Sabha was organized on this occasion. H.H. Acharya Maharajshri graced the Sabha and blessed his devotees. The devotees were inspired and encouraged by Mahant Swami Krishnaprakashdasji (Torda) to celebrate the events.

Late evening Parayan sessions were held by Shastri Vishwaprakashdasji, Shastri Chhapaiyaprasaddasji and Poojari Abhishekprasadasji.

Visnagar

The 35th Annual Patotsava was organized here with the due blessings of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. Shrimad Satsnagi Bhushan Paryan (seven days) and Mahabhishekam were organized on this auspicious occasion. The events were hosted by Patel Babubhai Bhagat. The seat of the reader priest was graced by S.G. Shastri Swami Chhapaiyaprasaddasji. A large number of devotees have benefitted by these religious events.

- Hardik Bhagat

Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Modasa

The 9th Annual Patotsava was organized here with the due blessings of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. Mahabhishekam was served to Lord Thakorji and Maha Prasadam was distributed to the devotees. The events were hosted by Shri Gordhanbhai M. Suthar and Shri Dharmeshbhai Suthar. Shri Shreyasbhai Kantilal Mehta has earned the pleasure of Shri Hari by hosting Maha Prasad service. Devotees have benefited by these religious events.

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Prasadi Canopy at Uvarsad

Lord Shriji Mahraj has graced this place repeatedly during his religious tours of Dandhavya Desha. The scrptures of the sampradaya have narrated those events. The land of Uvarsad is sacred prasadi of Shriji Maharaj.

H.H. Acharya Maharajshri graced this place on 12-3-06 and inaugurated the canopy, built around holy foot prints of Shriji Maharaj.

A Satsang Sabh was organized on this occasion. H.H. Acharya Maharajshri graced the Sabha to bless his devotees. The events were hosted by Shri Kanubhai Chhababhai Patel and his family. His holiness blessed the hosts and devotees. Enlgithening discourses were delivered by S.G. Ghanshyam Swami, Shastri Satyaprakashdasji Swami, Shastri Vijayprakashdas Swami, Nilkanthdas Swami and S.G. Ram Swami to describe Dadhavya desh leelas of Lord Shriji Maharaj. Shri Mahendrbhai Patel and family have earned the pleasure of Shri Hari by hosting Prasad Service. His holiness has served Aarti at both the temples.

Installation of Idols at Maniyor (Idar)

Invocation rituals were organized here at Shri Swaminarayan Mandir to invoke Lord Thakorji with the due blessings of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri, Shrimad Bhagwat Saptah and invocation rituals were organized at the temple. Shrimad Bhagwat Saptah was hosted by Shri Mohanbhai D. Patel and the service towards the throne of Thakorji were hosted by Shri Punjiben Patel. The camp and camping service towards Maharajshri were hosted by Shri Shamalbhai Kalabhai. The devotees and the aspirants were blessed by H.H. Acharya Maharajshri.

Silver Jubilee Celebration at Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Thuravaas (Idar)

Our temle at Thuravaas has celebrated Silvar Jubilee with the due blessings of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. The devotees were inspired and encouraged by Mahant Swami Jagdishprasadasji to celebrate the events. Katha-Varta, Vishnuyaag, Abhishekam and Annakut were organized on this occasion.

H.H. Acharya Maharajshri graced (25-2-06) this place and served Mahabhishekam Aarti to Lord Thakroji. His holiness graced thereafter the place of Vishnuyaag and concluded the holy fire. Annakut Aarti was presented to Lord Thakorji and Mahaprasadam was distributed to the devotees at the end of programme. The Mahants and the saints from Himatnagar, Prantij, Sapawada, Lei, Ahmedabad, Muli and Mahundra were present at thise celebrations. The saints have restrengthened the devotional fervour by their enligthtening discourses. Devotees were blessed by H.H. Acharya Maharajshri and H.H. Lalji Maharajshri. Respected Gadiwalashri had favoured her female Satsangis by her blissful presence and the blessed words.

- Kothari Satyasamkalpdas.

Shrimad Bhagwat Parayan at Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Sachodar

Shrimad Bhagwat Saptah was organized here with the due blessings of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. This sacred feast of ultimate knowledge was organized in memory of Diwalibaa (wife of Sheth Shri Madhavbhai Karsanbhai). The seat of the principal reader priest was graced by S.G. Shastri Swami Harjivandasji.

H.H. Acharya Maharajshri graced the concluding session to bless his saints and devotees. His holiness graced the inner temple and served Maha Aarti to Lord Thakorji. the Katha sessions were concluded ceremoniously thereafter, by His holiness. The devotees and the hosts Shri Harishbhai and Bipinbhai were blessed by the Dharmkul. The Sabha was conducted effectively by S.G. Shastri Anandjivandasji.

- Kothari Satyasankalpdasji

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Kirtan Bhakti and Katha Satsang were organized here at the place of Shri Harshadbhai Khari (Tabla Player) to celebrate birthday of his son – Kirshna. Mahant Swami Gyanvallabh Swami (Muli Temple) S.G. Uttam Swami, saints and devotees were present an this occasion.

Katha-Kirtans were presented by younger group of the Parshadas and saints. Religious discourses were delivered by senior saints and Mahant Swami. Prasadam was distributed at the end of devotional session.

- Harshadbhai, Muli

Satsang Seva at Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Surendranagar

There is great ascent in devotional fervour since installation of Lord Shri Radhakrishandev Harikrishna Maharaj, Shri Narnaraynev and Shri Ghanshyam Maharaj at the New Swaminarayan Temple at Surendrangar. Early morning Aarti, Shanagar (full dress) Aarti, Rajbhog (Feast meal) Aarti, Utthapan, Sandhya (dusk) Aarti and Shayan Aarti are attended regularly by hundreds of devotees. Hundreds of devotees are benefited daily by Katha Varta sessions. Devotees are participating extensively at the festivals and celebarations organized at the temple. Mahant Swami Premjivandasji, Kothari Krishanvallabhdasji and Premvallabh Swami have earned the pleasure of Shri Hari by their devotional activities at the temple. Pujari Vishwaswaroop Swami, Shantiprakash Swami and Satya Swaroop Swami have earned the favour of Shriji Maharaj by helping deities to adorn attires and ornaments. The saintly group of Samkhya Yogi Kamalaba leads female devotees in their devotional service. - *Satyparkash Swami, Muli*

Kherva (Jat's)

A Satsang Sabha was organized here with the due blessings of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. The sabha was attended by a large number of devotees. Sadhu Bhajanprakashdas, Sadhu Divyaprakashdas, Sadhu Bhaktiharidas and saints have earned the pleasure of Shri Hari by presenting discourses, Katha-Varta and Kirtans. - *Patel Amritlal, Lakhtar*

OVERSEAS

Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Colonia (USA)

Vasant Panchami – Shikshapatri Jayanti - was celebrated here with the due blessings of H.H. Acharya Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharajshri, H.H. Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharajshri and H.H. Lalji Maharajshri. The devotees were inspired and enclouraged by the temple committee and Mahant Swami Devprasaddasji to celebrate this enlightening event. Poojan-worship were served to the holy scritpure of Shikshapatri.

Shakotsava was organized in unique way with devotional fervour. Various activities of Shakotsava were co-ordinated efficiently by Mahant Swami himself with active participation of the devotees. The glory and majesty of this unique festival was explained to the devotees and next generation by Mahant Swami Dev Swami. The event was hosted by the ten devotees. Guests and hosts were duely honoured by S.G. Dev Swami. The devotees were informed about Satsang activities by Shri Nayanbhai Parikh (president) and Shri Nileshbhai Patel. The services extended by the female devotees were admired by the devotees.

Mahashivrati was celebrated at the temple in presence of Hundreds of devotees. Glory and majesty of Shivratri were explained to the devotees by Kathakar Shri Yogendrabhai Bhatt. Shri Yogendrabhai Bhatt was received with due honour by host Shri Rameshbhai Patel and Shri Upendrahai Shah. Due honour was extended to Mahant Swami by Shri Bhaktibhai (Vice President New Jersey ISSO). Enlightening discourse was delivered by Mahant Swami to explain majesty of Shivratri in accordance to scriptures of the sect. Vote of thanks was passed by Shri Nayanbhai Parikh (President). Hundreds of out station devotees were cometo the temple to celebrate this religious festival. Future programmes were out lined by Shri Nileshbhai Patel. Some interesting itmes were presented on stage by Satsangi children.

Satsang Camp : A full day Satsang camp was organized on 17-2-06 at 8 o'clock. Satsangis children, young, youthful, elders and seniors belonging to all age groups, were come to participate at the camp. Shastri Swami Hariprakashdasji and Mahant Shri Dev Swami were come with the youths from Boston. They both enlightened the campers about majesty and divinity

of Shri Hari and Dharmkul. They explained in details the methodology of Mansi Pooja (mental worship). The details were demonstrated on a extra large screen. Enlightening discourses were delivered by Shri Tejendrabhai Rao, Shri Prahlabhai Patel (New Jersey), Shri Nileshbhai Patel and others. Activities and aims of Shri Narnarayadnev Yuvak Mandal were explained to the devotees by Shri Ankit Chandreshbhai Patel. The birthday of Shri Saumyakumar and Shri Suvratkumar was celebrated on this occasion. Vote of thanks was passed by Shri Naynbhai Parikh (president). This was Satruday and Poojan-Aarti were served to Lord Hajnumaji by Mahant Swami Dev Swami. Satsang activities are progressings well with the due blessings of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri.

- Pravinbhai Shah

Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Huston

The sixth Annual Patotsava was celebrated here with the due blessings of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri.

Shrimad Satsangi Jivan Parayan (Three days) was organized on this occasion. The seat of the reader-priest was graced by Shastri Dharmvallabhdasji (Chicago). An auction was organized during concluding session to raise funds for the temple activities. Highest bildders Shri Devendrabhai (President) and Shri Natubhai (Lasundra) have earned the opportunity to unfirl Dhwaja. Annakut items were cooked at home by the female devotees. Well decorated annakut was served to Lord Thakorji. Medical and Heatlh – care camp was organized on this occasion with due assistance from service oriented doctors. Hundreds of patients were attended by the doctors. S.G. Gyan Swami and S.G. Muni Swami were present on this occasion to encourge the volunteers. Satsang is growing well with the due blessings of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. *- Ramesh T. Patel*

Buwie Merriland (Washington D.C. Chapter)

The Satsang of three hours duration was organized here on 4-3-06 to please Lord Thakorji. Katha, Kirtan, Dhoon, Nitya Niyam and Thaal were presented to Lord Thakorji and prasadam was served to the devotees at the end of session. Haribhaktas have been benefited by this devotional session.

Shri Swaminarayan Mandir Leicester (UK)

Maha Shiv Ratri was celebrated here (26-2-06, Sunday) with the due blessings of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. Mahashivratri Poojan seva were hosted by Shri Maganlal Chandulal Chauhan and Smt. Manjulaben Maganlal Chauhan. Glory and Majesty of Shiv Poojan and Shivratri were explained to the devotees by Poojari Shri Rasikbhai Jani. Satsang activities are progressing well with the due blessings of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri.

- Hemrajbhai Chotalia

Canada (ISSO Chapter)

Saturday Satsang is being orgnzied regularly to sing praises of Lord Swaminarayan Bhagwan. Sabhas are being conducted at evening between 4-00 and 6-30 p.m. Dhoon, Kirtans, Katha varta, Vachanamrit reading, Shikshapatri recitation and discourses on chapters in Satsangi Jivan are presented at the Sabha. All annual festival are celebrated regularly with great enthusiasm.

Shri Udayanbhai Maharaja (from India) graced the Sabha and explained Niyam, Nishtha, Nishchaya and Paksha with due reference to Vachanamrit.

Shri Bhailalbhai Karsandas Patel, Shri Rasikbhai Kothawala, Shri Shashikantbhai, Shri Mahesbhai Tank, Shri Dineshbhai Patel, Shri Sanjivbhai Patel, Shri Bhikhabhai Patel, Shri Natubhai and other devotees have earned the pleasure of Shri Hari by their enthusiasm at the sessions. Devotees are eager for the Darshan of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri.

- Bhailalbhai Karsandas.

AKSHARVAAS

Bavla : Soni Pushpaben J. Bhalani passed away (2-3-06) to Akshardham amidst chants of Maha Mantra.
Asarva-Ahmedabad : Shri Niraukumar A. Patel passed away Sudenly during his college education at Manglore. May Shri Hari bless him peace of Akshardham.
Chaloda (Jitba's) : Mother Champaba (Mother of Shri Rameshbhai, Kothari at Chaloda) passed away (20-4-06) to Akshardham amidst chants of Maha Mantra.
Meghaninagar : Dholiben Jadavji (Mother of Bhikhubhai Jadavbhai Babaria) passed away (18-3-06) to Akshardham.
Vadu : Shri Dahyabhai Ambalal Patel (Ex-trustee of Shri Swaminarayan Mandir) passed away to Akshardham amidst chants of Maha Mantra.
Vali (Rajasthan) : Swami Nirmaldasji (Mahant Swami of Swaminarayan Mandir) passed away on 17-3-06 at the age 72 years. May Shri Hari bless him peace of Akshardham.



H.H. Acharya Maharajshri serves Annkut Aarti on auspicious occasion of silver Jubilee Patotsava organized at Bapupura temple. (Mansa)



H.H. Acharya Maharajshri blesses Satsang at Kaloli (Jetalpur Desh) and receives Poojan Archan served by Shri Narendrabhai.



Foundation laying ceremonies of the building of Sant-Niwas at our Siddhpur Temple.



H.H. Lalji Maharajshri graces the house of his devotee at Thuravas (Idar).



H.H. Acharya Maharajshri has inaugurated the marble canopy installed at the prasadi place, Uvarsad (Gandhinagar).



H.H. Acharya Maharajshri receives Poojan-Aarti from Shri Kanubhai Patel and family at Uvarsad.



H.H. Acharya Maharajshri at the holy fire organized at Thuravaas (Idar Desh).



Devout hosts have earned the blessings of Acharya Maharajshri by serving pooja-Archan Aarti to their

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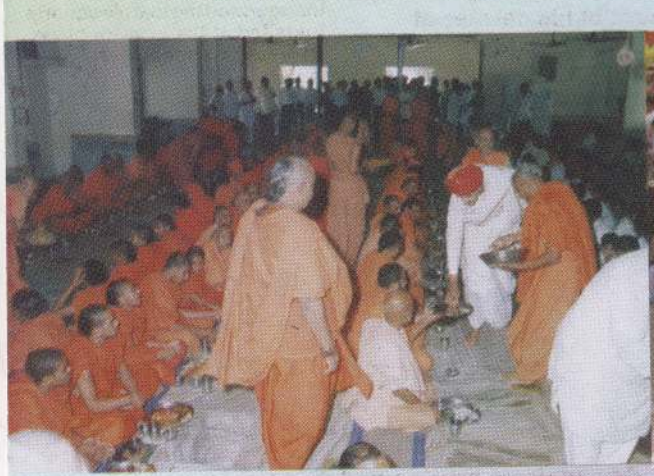


H.H. Acharya Maharajshri serves invocation Aarti at Kankria Temle.





H.H. Acharya Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharajshri blesses Satsang at Kankaria Temple.





H.H. Acharya Maharajshri serves feast meals at the Choryashi (community feast) organized at Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Kankaria.

Praful Kharsani