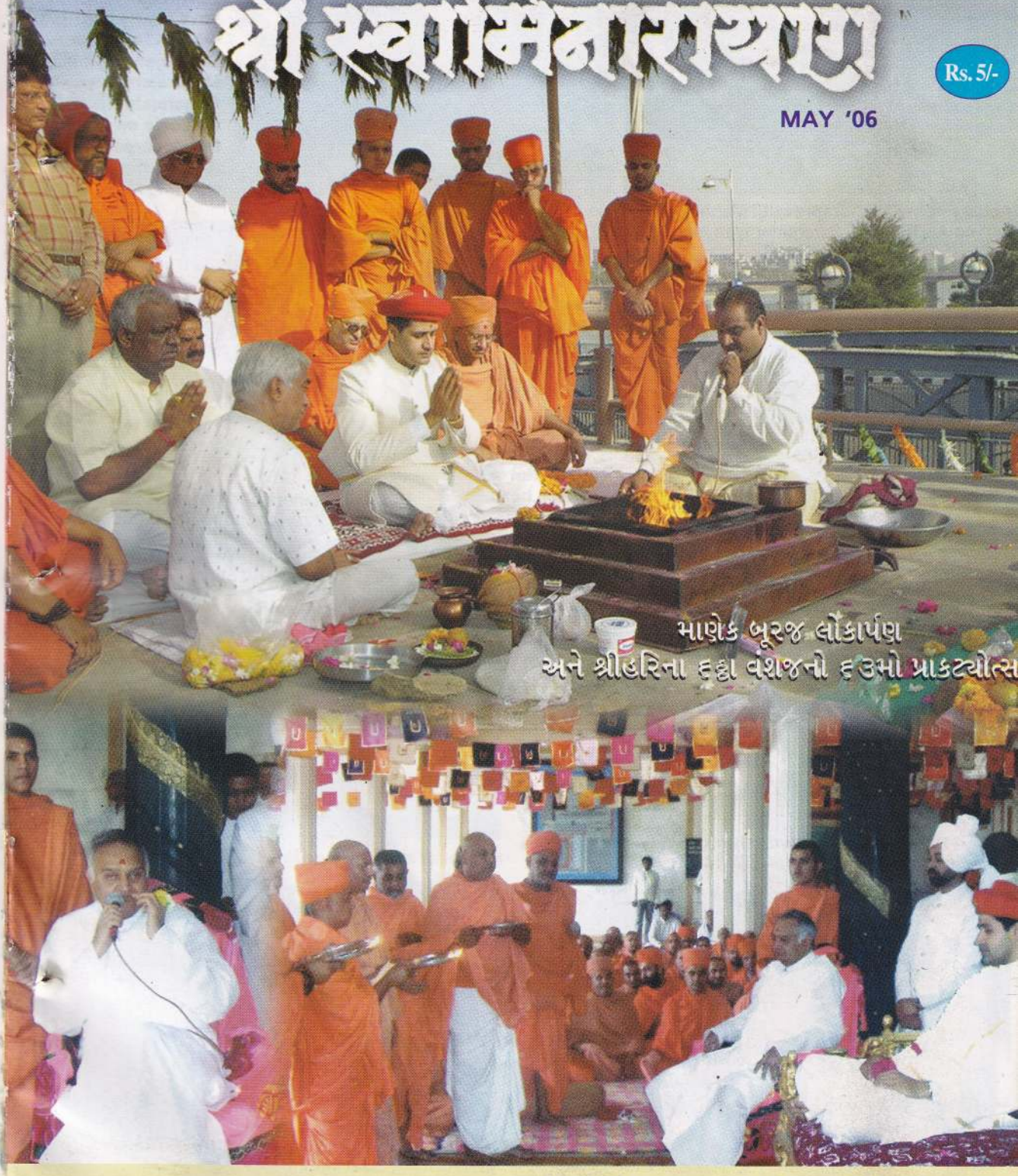
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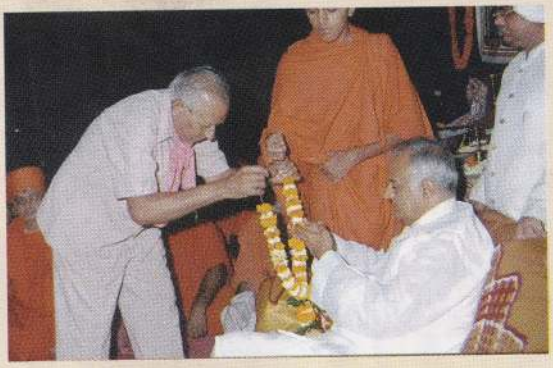
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Nandubhai Patel receives hearty blessings, when Acharya Maharajshri ties a turban on his head.



Acharya Maharajshri graces a Sabha at the place of Shri Nandubhai Patel (Motap wala)



Shri Bhagvanjibhai Parmar (Ambala-Halar) receives blessings of Acharya Maharjshri.



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Editorial

Souls desire salvation. Though they desire it, the souls hardly act to attain it. An aspirant soul, if acts sincerely to attain the salvation, his goal oriented and virtous actions consign him to the abode of God. God appears before him to favour him by His blissful Darshan. As he strives hard, day and night, and in his three states – in waking, sleeing and dream - for for his desires of the sense object, in a like manner and with similar intensity, he should strive for the self emancipation. Such sincere efforts, such intense devotion, would take the souls to divine entity of supreme Lord. Such intense devotion frees the soul of fear, birth and death. The acts otherwise, shall be like the acts of churing water or grinding sand.

A soul can not realize the majesty of salvation without favoured mercy of God. So called scholars, Gurus and Sadhus and so called Mahatmas are pempering self ego by their tricky oration. They do it to get more disciples and more followers. They hardly bother for the benediction of their audience. Bhagwan Shri Hari manifested himself in human form and dwelled on the earth to preach the souls the eternal truth. The aspirant souls need such a Guru - a preceptor - who helps the souls to realize God. There are millions who are drawing and connecting others to their own group and with them, but Swaminarayan Bhagwan has found out the one who connects us to our God. The souls shall be benedicted at His benign refuge at the refuge of Achaya Maharajshri.

Shastri Swami Nirgundas
Editor
Shri Swaminarayan.



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

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2. Graced Patotsava at Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Nava Vadaj, Ahmedabad.

5-6. Graced Kutch-Madhapar.

7. Graced Ramnavami-Shri Hari Jayanti celebrations at Shri Swaminarayan Temple and served Patotsava Mahabhishekam and Maha Aarti to Lord Bal Swaroop Ghanshyam Maharaj, Kalupur, Ahmedabad.

11. Graced Patotsava celebratiosn organized at Navagam (Jetalpur Desh) and blessed his devout followers by gracing their houses.

12-15. Graced Parayan Satsang organized at Kera and Mandvi, Kutch.

16. Graced prasadi Sabha mandapam and celebrated the 63 rd birthday of H.H. Achary Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharajshri.

17. Graced Parayan Satsang at Jhundal.

18. Graced dedication ceremonies of the 'Manek-burj' built at Ellisbridge in collaboraton by Ahmedabad Munipal Corporaton and Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Ahmedabad.
Concluded Bhagwat Parayan organized at Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Kalupur, Ahmedabad.

19-20. Graced Baldia-Kutch.

21. Installed idols of God at Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Paldi (Kankaj-Jetalpur Desh).
Concluded Parayan-Katha organized at Shri Karmashakti Swaminarayan Mandir, Bapunagar, Ahmedabad.

22-23. Installed idols of God at Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Sardarnagar, Anjar-Kutch.

24. Graced Parayan Satsang organized at Shri Swaminarayan Mandir (new), Pardhol, with night halt at Dhulkot.

25. Graced Untbet-Sampar (Halar-Muli)

26. Graced Maruti Yagya at Shri Swaminarayan Mandir Himatnagar (S.K.)

27-28. Graced Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Sirohi, (Rajasthan).

29. Graced Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Unava.

30. Graced marriage ceremonies organized in family of Shri Ashokbhai H. Gajjar, Sabarmati.
Graced the house of Shri Kalpeshbhai N. Patel, Shreyas Tekra, Ahmedabad.
Graced the house of Shri Kanubhai D. Patel, Hathijan, Ahmedabad.
Graced Zinjhuvadia Brother Jewellers (Prop. : Harshadbhai Zinjhuvadia), Shivranjani Cross Roads, Ahmedabad.

S.G. AVINASHANAND SWAMI

- Chandrakant M. Pathak

'Oh Bhavanishankar ! Come here and have a look at my foot sole. Enlightened astrologer have treated me as God by Looking at the sings and symbols printed on my foot soles. What is unusual in those lines and signs ? Please have a close look and tell me.'

Lord Shri Hari at Nava-Waas of Ahmedabad invited Shri Bhavanishankar to study the symbols adoring his lotus like feet. Bhavanishankar held gently the feet of Shri Hari for anastrological study of the lines adorning luminous foot soles of Shri Hari. He observed there sixteen auspicious signs, narrated in the book of astrology. He was thrilled by this miracle. He was in touch of a divine entity. He touched them by his eyes and forehead.

Oh Saviour Lord ! Oh Merciful God ! You are omniscient Supreme Lord. Please bless me with your eternal refuge. I am your humble devotee. Please receive me at your lotus feet. I know, why you have called me here. You are all knower Lord of Akshardham. You are wish fulfilling tree of heaven. You are the ocean of mercy and compassion.

Shri Hari smiled at him and bestowed on him the refuge at holy fellowship. Bhavanishankar belonged to upper most Nagar caste of Brahmin community. His wife Yamunaba was a religious minded lady. Bapalal, Motilal and Keshavlal were their sons, and Parvati and Kashi were daughters of them. This middle calss family lived a simple and virtuous life.

Motilal, middle among the three sons, was bit different in their children. He studied at a country school located at Dhinkva-Chowki street at Ahmedabad. They were living at the Khamar's Khadki locatedat Sarangpur, Ahmedabad. Once there was a community feast-meals organized at the community hall. No meals were to be cooked at the home, but Motilal did not liked to have such a public feast meals. He, therefore asked his Bhabhi to cook Khichadi for him. Khichdi is like a dish of cooked rice, a simple and quick preparation.

His Bhabhi cooked the dish and served it to Motilal. As he had the first morsel of the simple dish, his father came to the room and saw him having poor dish instead of feast meals. Father lost his temper and inquired with the daughter in law. She too reciprocated in manner to fuel the anger of her father - in - law. In excitement of extreme anger, he rushed to the son, grabbe the dish and threw it away. All were shocked by such sudden eruption of anger.

Child Bapalal felt it very baod. Sulked Bapalal left the house. He went to Jetalpur temple and lived there with Anand Swami. Life is very strange. An insignificant happening changes entire course of life. Mr. R. Smith, a scholar of human behaviour, has observed, "Most of the critical things in life, which become the strarting point for human destiny are the little things....."

Motilal lived thereafter at Jetalpur. This was the period when his mother Yamunaba shifted to Jetalpur to take good care of Gangaba. Gangaba was aunt of Motilal. They both – Yamunaba and Gangaba – had long sessions with Motilal to persuade him to live with them and family. They won his heart and took him with them to Ahmedabad. Motilal, though rejoined family life, he always found himself like a square peg in a round

hole. He was detached to family life and householder duties. Mother Yamnuna got arranged his sacred thread ceremonies and tried at the celebrations to get him married. But the efforts to get him married to a suitable bride, turned futile. Motilal rejected the plan outrightly. Twice born child Motilal, began his pilgrimage as per sacred thread rituals and ran towar is kashi to learn religious scritpure but instead of concluding the event by comming back, child Motilal went direct to Ahmedabad and found his destination at Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Kalupur, Ahmedabad. H.H. Acharya Shri Ayodhyaprasadji Maharajshri blessed him eternal peace and took him in this holy fellowship. His holiness sent him to S.G. Vasudevanand Brahmchari. Maharajshri initiated him Bhagwati Deeksha and the Gurumantra and conferred to him the status of celibate saint.

This celibate saint is Avinashanand Swami. S.G. Avinashanand Swami earned unbound favour of Ayodhyaprasadji Maharajshri and celibate saint Vasudevanandji. Keeping in view, his ability to form poems and songs, he was sent to the kavya shala (The school of poerty and poetics) of Bhuj, by H.H. Ayodhyaprasadji Maharajshri. He studied there the Chhandas, Pingal, Bhasha Bhooshan, Alankar and other aspects of poerty and poetics, and come back to the Satsang of Late Acharya Shri Ayodhyaprasadji Maharajshri. He escorted H.H. Acharya Maharajshri at the religious tours of Kutch, Saurashtra and Gujarat region. This was the time when he paid regular service to the sect to collect Dharmada and Naam-vero from Muli and Jetalpur areas. He belonged to the group of the saints led by S.G. Celibate Saint Vasudevanand Brahmchari. S.G. Celibate saint Udarananadji, Celibate saint Satyananadji, Celibate saints Madhavanandji, celibate saint Nirmananandji, Celibate saint Ashokanandji, Celiabte saint Devanandji and Celibate saint Kapileshwaranandji with the other seniors were the members of this group of the saints. S.G. Udaranandji, Satyanandji and Madhavanandji were good at cooking meals. Avinashanand Swami was more detached due to holy company of Vasudevanand Swami. He never broke rules and decorum of the Sampradaya. He adhered strictly to the commandments dicteted by Shikshapatri. He encouraged others to follow the preachings of Shikshapatri.

He loved and respected Ayodhyaprasadji Maharajshri. He treated Maharajshri as his preceptor and parent. H.H. Ayodhyaprasadji Maharajshri ascended to Akshardham in V.S. 1924 and the supreme seat of preceptor was graced thereafter by H.H. Keshavprasadji Maharajshri. Avinashanand Swami respected to His Holiness with love and due decorum.

Swami was troubled extremely by his own inherent temperament during his Mahantship at Mansa Temple. He and the senior devotee Narsinhbhai opposed each other in ideological differences. He resigned from the Mahantship and walked away to Makakhaad. He built there a temple with the help from the local devotees and resided there at the upper storey of the building. He was a good poet. He wrote Kirtans to sing praise of God. He wrote devotional songs describing episodes of Shriji Maharaj. He lived there steadily for some time, but meanwhile a devotee insulted him by his derogatory remarks. Avinashanand Swami felt very bad for the man and the village it self. However, he tried at his best to adjust himself and continued with Satsang activities in Langhanj, Varsoda, Maka Khaad, Mansa, Vyara,

Dashela, Sadra and Vijapur of that region. He strengthened religious fervour in this dormant locality by spreading meassage of Shri Hari. The Haribhaktas treated him like their Guru.

Though, lived a villeger's life in a small sleepy village, S.G. Avinashanand Swami has created a large amount of devotional literature. He has written 'Avadh Virah' in memory of his Deeksha Guru – Ayodhyaprasadji Maharajshri. The book of Langhnaj Leela is another such book spread in 28 chapters. The book was authored on insistance of his devotees at Langhnaj. He whote it at manekpur during Satsang sessions. Both the books were completed in V.S. 1926-1928. The 'Chhapaiya Mahatmya' (Glory and majesty of Chhapaiya) was written in 1934-35 and 'Kavit Ramayana' (Musical Ramayana) was written in 1937. 'Keshav Digvijay' describes glory and majesty of H.H. Keshavprasadji Maharajshri.

S.G. Avinashanand Swami wrote many devotional songs to convey subtle feelings and selfless love besides divine charems of God. He has described in them the episodes and divine acts of Lord Swaminarayan Bhagwan. The 'Shri Hari Leela Sindhu' (Ocean of divine leelas of Shri Hari) contains heart capturing descriptions of Shri Hari's lifeand divine acts of God. The book is written in Hindi to benefit Indian society. the Vachanamrits transformed in Hindi verse by S.G. Vaishnavanand Kavi were edited with due research by S.G. Avinashanand Swami Besides these major works, S.G. Avinashanand Swami had authored Vasudeva Mahatmya, Nishkarma Shuddhi, Bhasha-Bushan, Bhashya Vyakarana, Kavya Kuntal, Rasa Rahasya, Hari Rasa Pingal, Bhagwat Pingal, Vedanta Churni and other books.

'Shri Hari Leela Sindhu is a classic in Hindi literature. It is bedecked with figures of speech and Charms of Hindi language. The book is constructed in 14 chapters. Each chapter is like a gem churned out from the ocean ! The great work was started initially by S.G. Vaishnavanand Brahmchari and seven chapters were written by him before his ascent to the Akshardham. That incomplete volume was concluded by Avinashanand Swami by adding seven chapters in the book. His faith and trust in Shri Hari and his excellence in poetry takes the reader in divine fold of Shriji Maharaj to experience divine charms and majesty of Shri Hari.

'Hari Akhyan', Written by S.G. Avinashanand Swami is a marvel in Hindi language presenting teachings of Shikshapatri in 165 verse. Followring are a few from that great work :

रसन जसन हरि ना कहे, फसन बदत मुख फंद
छंद कहत सो रसन कुं दादुर सम दुःख कंद

(The Vedas have described the tongue as a painful organ and have compered it with the tongue of a frog, when a tongue indulge in rustic conversation instead of singing praise of God.)

A preayer to Shri Hari :

अक्षरधाम के धामी मनोहर
शाम सदा सुख धाम नमामि
नामी सदा सब नामन के
सब ईश अनीश के अंतरजामी
मुक्त अनंत उपासत है नित
भक्त एकांतिक भाव भजामी
नाम सदा निगमागम के
पुरुषोत्तम पूरन काम अकामी

(Oh Lord of Akshardham ! Oh Shyam ! Oh Giver of eternal pleasure ! I bow Thee. You are the cause of

all the incarnations. You are omnisicient ! You are omnipresent supreme Lord ! Infinite released souls are your devotees. Single minded devotees surrender absolutely in your devotion. You are supreme Lord. You are supreme and absolute. You are desire free and fully fulfilled.)

Image of Shri Hari :

धवल दुकुल हरि तन पर धारे
धुवल सुयश जग विदित उजारे ।
धवल नवल वर सुमन सुहावा
धवल हार हरि उर धरावा ।
धवल सुमाल धरे सुत धरमा
धवलदशन मुक हसन सुपरमा ।
धवल नवल सिंधासन धारी
ता पर बैठे नवल विहारी !

(Shri Hari adorns lotus write attires and spreads lotus white fame and glory. The white flower garland adorns his neck and chest. His pearl white teeth bestow pleasant smile when son of Dharmdev holds a white handkercief to receive obeisance from his devotees. Lord Shri Hari graces a white throne to bless His faithful devotees.)

Greatness of Sainthood :

सुशील संत पूजते पूजात आप शाम सो ।
दुखात संत दिल में दुखात सुख धाम सो ॥

(Poojan of a saint is like poojan and worhip of God. To give pain or displeasure to a saint is like giving pain and displeasure to Shri Hari. There is absolute oneness between God and His saints).

रचन रलत ना दर्श हित हरि हरजिन के पास ।
ताहि चरन बडवाई सम कहत बालिमक - व्यास ॥

(Great Rishi Valmiki and Vyas have said that the feet which have not walked the distance to do darshan of Shri Hari and the staints, are like the false roots suspended from the branches of a banyan tree.

Lord Shri Hari is napping after serving feast meals to the saints. Avinashanand Sweami describes the scene :

संत जिमाई शाम सो शैध्या पर करी शयन
नयन कमल सकुचित किये योग निंद सुख दयन ।

(Shri Hari had served dinner to the saints and now He sleeps on a well furnished bedstead. His eyes are shut like the delicate petals of a fresh lotus flower. He dwells in Yogic sleep to give pleasure to his devotees.)

Renown poet Sundaram undertook a research on modern Guajrati poetry. The research was conducted by Guajrat Varnacular Society in year 1940-1945 A.D. Poet Sundram observes about Avinashanand Swami. He has good hold on Pada. He has written many Pada of Shringar Rasa. Poet Dalapatram, though a Satsangi of this Samparadaya, distanced himself in writing such pada despite his status as a householder, but an ascetic and absolute celibate – S.G. Avinashanandji wrote the padas and desribed shringar without any prejudice or adverse effect. Poems are wholesome and tender.

Here is a pada describing shrinagar Rasa :

छेल छुवो न छतियाँ हमार, फाटेगो मेरे अंचरवा ।
लाख टके की लीनी सारी बिहारी, नागर नंद कुमार ॥
उरज उत्तंङ नहीं शाम चतुर, पिया, नाजुक नविन लगार ।
लोग नगर के देखे डगर में, ठाडे सब नर नार ।
अविनाशानंद के गेल न किजो, छोटी में अति सुकुमार ॥

(Oh Bal Krishna ! Don't touch my person. Don't pull my Anchal. My clothes are precious, please don't

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God Changes Course of The Destiny

- Shastri Haripriyadas

Here is a true story, There is one small village near Visnagar of north Gujarat. The village - Devada - is very small. In ancient time, Shriji Maharaj with his retinue of the Parshandas graced the region of north Gujarat and passed by the village outskirts of Devada. Shriji Maharaj and the retinue have rode the horses to reach early at Visnagar. Harakhsha and other villagers saw the retinue heading towards the village. They walked forward to receive Shri Hari at their village. Shriji Maharaj stops there and meets his faithful devotees. Harkhsha pays hearty obeisance and requests to Maharaj to grace village and bless his dwelling, 'Maharaj ! My Lord ! You can not exclude this village in your religious tour. You can not go directly elsewhere. Please grace my house.' Maharaj says 'no' to him. He prays further, 'Maharaj ! This was our good fortune. We did darshan of our God gracing this region with his retinue. Now please don't dishearten us by rejecting my prayer. Please come to house. Please grace my dwelling. Why are you ignoring your poor servent ? Please favour me and my family.' Maharaj says, 'Dear Harkhsha ! I am indeed pleased to your devotional fervour. Your selfless love has won our heart, but our visit to your house shall be a costly affair for you. Though I am very happy and contented by your devotional love, I will not like to trouble your further by imposing heavy expenses of our visit. Therefore, I am not halting here.

Harakhsha was a faithful and trustworthy – devotee. Though very strong in devotion, they were weak and poor economically. The couple was generous and kindhearted. They were ready to sacrifice life, for their God. Shriji Maharaj stared at him for a while and consented thereafter to grace his dwelling. Shriji Maharaj asseses him, 'I will grace your house with my Parshadas. But there is one condition.' Harakhsha requests happily to spell the condition, 'Maharaj ! I am ready to fulfil your condition.' God sees him calmly and says, 'You will have to promise me. I will come to your house with my retinue but no special meals should be arranged for us. Prepare only two items loaves and Daal, nothing else.' Green vegetables were not available in those days at such small villages. Potatoes were yet to come to this region – and country. Keeping in mind, such facts, Shriji Maharaj asks his devotee to cook only two items – Roti and Daal.

Harakhsa is a faithful devotee. He accepts the condition without any arguments. Youngers and followers should not indulge in arguments with their seniors. He consented to the condition and escorted Maharaj to grace his dwelling.

Harakhsha walked ahead of the retinue to arrange comforts for Maharaj and the saints. God is omnipresent and omniscient. He knew about his poverty. Now God was with him. God was gracing the house to favour his devotee – to relieve him from the ferocious jaws of misfortune. Harakhsha went to his wife and informed her about blassed visit of Maharaj and Parshadas. He spoke to her 'Look ! Maharaj has come to grace our house. As per the promise I made to Him, we are supposed to offer HIm Daal and Roti, nothing else. Don't run here and there to borrow sugar or butter oil or else.' She listens to him and disagrees thoughtfully, 'We are devotees. We can not offer such ordinary meal to our God. God is merciful. You men are very weak in worldly waisdom. We

should act wisely. As we have been borrowing the things for our visiting relatives, we in like manner, should borrow for our God. God is quite above them. We should try at our best to earn pleasure of Shriji Maharaj. Come what may, I will do at our best to serve most pleasant dishes to Maharaj and the Parshadas.' Pious lady then goes to the market with a copper pot in her hand and sell the pot to buy the items for cooking a decent meal for the thaal of Shriji Maharaj.

A furnished cot is placed under the shade of a tree at the courtyard. Shriji Maharaj graces the cot. Harakhsha sits on the ground to do darshan of Shriji Maharaj at this enlightening satsang. The thaal meals are being cooked swiftly with great care to save precious time of Shriji Maharaj and retinue. The seats are arranged quickly and Maharaj is requested politely to grace the seat to accept thaal meals. Shriji Maharaj graces the seat to have thaal, but as soon he sees the luxurious dishes served as meals, He changes his mind, leavest the seat and stands there with displeasure. Maharaj says in anger, 'I don't' want to eat.' Harakhsha prayes, 'Maharaj ! Please be kind to us. Please receive this meal to favour your humble devotee.' Maharaj says, 'No, Not at all. It is impossible. You were asked to cook only loaves and Daal. What are these ?'

Harakhsha prayes, 'Maharaj ! There is no disobedience to your order. The meal is nothing more than loaves and Daal, which were the itmes ordered by thee. There is slight change in colour. The Daal appears white (Doodh Paak) and loaves are bit brownish (Maal Poova). Maharaj ! Please forgive us for our mistake. Be kind to us and have meal.' Maharaj says, 'Bhagat ! I will have to change my openion about you. I was under impression that you are a poor householder, but now I gather that you are rich and wealthy businessman. Gift me five hundred rupees, if you wish me to have a meal here.' Poor Harakhsha ! Pennyless householder ! Maharaj was asking him to offer five hundred ruppes. Maharaj and the parshadas were not to accept the meals if the five hundred rupees were not submitted. This amount was too big and unbearable for a poor man like Harakhsha. God's acts are beyond our reasoning. Gods acts are divine. Harakhsha goes to inner room and says to his wife, 'Look ! Your feast meals have displeased Maharaj. Maharaj has conveyed his displeasure by a demand of rupees five hundred. Maharaj will not accept the thaal if money is not submitted in time.' She listens to her husband says in tranquil tone, 'If Maharaj is asking for money, we should obey to his order. We should submit it immediately.'

'But, from where ? How could we manage it ?'

'Why not ? We can manage it easily. Surrender this house to a money lender, borrow five hundred rupees and submit the amount to Shriji Maharaj.'

Harakhsha ran to the money lender and borrowed five hundred rupees. Paper currency was not in practice in ancient time. Rupees were minted in silver. He comes back, carring silver coins in a large cotton bag. He gifts money to Maharaj and prays to Him to have thaal meals. Maharaj says to him while having feast meal with the parshadas, 'Bhagat Harakhsha ! You are an unique personality. I thought, you were not so rich. No, I am absolutely wrong in my conclusion. You are a rich man. You are not poor.' Who says so ? Swaminarayan Bhawan himself says so. God takes him as a wealthy businessman. Swaminarayan Bhagwan concludes thaal and says, 'Bhagat Harakhsha ! you are wealthy and rich. Now do me a favour. You join us in

our religious tour, carrying these silver coins.

It was V.S. 1868 and monsoon was most favourable for the farm products and crop. There was ample crop of Arhar (a kind of pulse), and Arhar beans were sold at a very cheap rate of half paise per K.G. Harakhsha baught Arhar of rupees five hundred and loaded it in several carts. There were fifty matric ton Arhar. Harakhsha says, 'Maharaj ! There is fifty tons Arhar loaded an there carts. Please order me, where should I cary and unload it ?' Maharaj says, 'Bhagat ! There is enough space at your house. Store this Arhar in one large room, store it properly and lock the room. I will ask you to send it to me, as and when, required. I can not carry it in my religious tour.'

Innocent devotee Harakhsha followed the instruction and stored the beans under lock and key. He protected the material of Maharaj. He always though that the stock stored in his room was sole property of Maharaj. He stored is securely at his house.

Historical femine of 1869 devoured plant life, animals and human beings in want of water and food. Not a single drop of water fell on the earth in whole year. There was acute shortage of drinking water, cattle food and grains. Harakhsha wrote a letter to Maharaj, 'Oh Maharaj ! Draught is unbearable. Your fifty ton Arhar are stored here at my house. We are scared of pilferage and robbery. Be kind to us and permit me to send the stock to your place.'

Shriji Maharaj wrote to him, 'Dear Harakhsha ! Those beans are not ours, it is yours. I have purchased it for you. Better, you use it for your family, distribute some to the poors and sale rest of the beans. The stored grains are to last for a long time.' Harakhsha did as per message of Maharaj. He used the beans for his family, distributed some to the poors without charging any money and started to sale the rest of the stock. The beans purchased at the rate of 1/2 paise per k.g. were yielding big money at the rate of 40-paise per k.g. he sold it in thousands of rupees by the grace of Shri Hari. Needy visitors were not sent back empty handed. He favoured thousands of needy families. This was grace of God. Lofty thaals of sweet dishes were served daily to Lord Thakorji. With a prayer to the idol of Shri Hari, 'Maharaj ! Please have this thaal-meal. These sweet dishes and lofty thaal-meals are your compassion and favour. Poor Harakhsha became a wealthy businessman by his trust and faith in the words of Maharaj. Live wholesome life. Live happily, live with satisfaction. Work hard to fulfil your goals Try at your best and enjoy its results. God is with you in your life and acts. God will change your luck in good fortune.

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S.G. Avinashanand Swami

spoil it. People may notice us, please stay away from me. Oh Lord of Avinashanand ! I am young and delicate, please don't play tricks on me).

Though a hot tempered saint, he was ego free and polite at his heart. Poet Dalpatram had a meeting with him at the temple of Lord Narnarayndev. Dalpatram paid, honour and said, 'Oh Great poet ! How are you ?' S.G. Avinashanandji responded very politely :

भानु सम कवि ब्रह्ममुनि, मुक्त, प्रेम सखी जेम चंद ।
अन्य कवि उडगुण सम, कहे अविनाशानंद ।।

(Brahmanand is like the sun among the poets. Muktanandji and Premanandji are like moon: All other poets are like light warms flying in darkness of the sky.)

FAITH AND TRUST ON NAME OF GOD

- Sadhu Shrirangdas

We know, Prahlald was born to a demonic family. He was terrified by his father. His father tried repeatedly to kill Prahlad, but his intentions were not materialized. Father failed to kill his son, because the Guru of the son was more powerful than the ill intentions of his father. A powerful guru protects his disciple against all misfortunes.

You may be impatient and curious to know more about the Guru of Prahlad. Who was the Guru of Prahlad ? When he chose his Guru ? From where he received enlightenment at that tender ege ? S.G. Nishkulanand Swami answers our questions :

ગર્ભવાસથી ગુરૂ કર્યા, મુનિ નારદને નિરધાર,
નિશ્ચય કર્યો હરિભજશુ, તજશું સુખ સંસાર.

(In his foetus state he chose a Guru and appointed Naradas as his Guru. He determined to do devotion of Shri Hari and resolved to disown worldly pleasures)

It is most essential to renounce worldly pleasures, if intended to do devotion of God. Therefore, Prahlad bore the pains on himself and bore most unbearable pains given by his father – Hiranyakashipu. Hiranyakashipu was an evemy of God and his son – Prahlad was a devotee of God ! Hiranyakashipu was a powerful demonic king. His empire was spread in all three Lokas. This is why he intended to kill his son, when he found the son lost in devotion of Shri Hari. He tried to kill Prahlad by getting him thrown under the feet of an elephant but child Prahlad was saved miraculously.

He then sent his son to the school of the demons. He expected certain changes in life-style of Prahlad, but Prahlad was saved by Shri Hri despite viceful company of the demons. His peternal aunt tried at her best to kill Prahlad by placing him in fire with herself, but Prahlad was protected in the fire and anunt Holika was burnt to ashes. They then threw Prahlad from a mountain peak, but his life was saved by the grace of God. Though, was troubled extensively and repeatedly, the devout soul – Prahlad - never distanced himself in devotional services. He never forgot the name of God. He discarded relationship of his father and concentrated firmly in his relationship with God. There was no turning back. Though child, he was brave like a warrior. His bravery and self sacrifice became an icon and ideal for the mankind.

Prahlad's mother was a kind hearted lady. Out of motherly affection, she asked him to stop chanting loudly the names of God – Narayan. She asked him to chant softly at his heart. She asked him to do mental worship and chanting, instead of doing it loudly and in public. As she thought, the change in method was to pacify king Hiranyakashipu – father of Prahlad. Prahlad was an obedient son and he loved and respected his mother. He listened to her attentively and in response to her counsel he narrated following story :

Long long a go, there was a big and beautiful town at the bank of a perennial river. There were villas and palatial bungalows surrounded by lush green gardens and colourful flower beds. Villas and bun galows were furnished with luxurious furniture and comforts. To live at the town was like living in a heavenly abode – with unimaginable pleasures and joys. There were

public parks, gardens and fountains to add in charms of this town. The residents at this town were happy, contented and wealthy people.

A rich merchant came to this town to look after his business interests. He was all alone and was helped by a faithful servent. Seth liked the place to be settled there. He bought a palace like vill and lived there permanently.

Merchant lived happily at his palace like villa, however, as the atmosphere changed gradually with on set of monsoon, wind and heavy rain changed the entire scene. Tiny insects and mosquitoes bgan to invade green land ponds and streams. Merchant's villa was maintained very well, but unfortunately a shrewed mosquito invaded luxurious bed room of the merchant and lodged it self comfortably between folds of a window curtain. Sheth came to his bed room at late night and adjusted himself amidst comforts of well furnished bedstead.

Mosquito knew about this object of pleasure and headed towards him with the rhythmic tunes of this vocal music ! the Mosquito circled repeatedly in air above the head of the sleeping merchant and parked himself right on the cheek of the merchant, That shrewed mosquito bit swiftly and fled away. Mosquito bite broke the sleep of the merchant. He woke up instantly in pinching pain. Mosquito was humming above his head. Merchant tried to sweep away it by a nepkin while rubbing his injured cheek. Merchant tried to sleep again when mosquito fled away and it's humming subsided. But merchant found him again humming continuously near his ear. Merchant lost his sleep and spent night, protecting him self against the mosquito.

Merchant found himself bit tired and nevours when he left the bed. His servent observed uneasy state of his master. He inquired with the merchant, about his indisposed state. Merchant said, 'A mosquito has troubled me whole night. It's constant sound and repeated attack, have not allowed me to sleep even for a minute. I have spent whole night changing side on my bed and chasing that notorious mosquito. That mosquito hummed constantly about my ears and bit me several time despite my sincere efforts to chase it away.' The servent, when heard such agonies of his master, he says to comfort him, 'Sethji ! Let us sell off this villa and leave this town to live at some peaceful town. Why should you put your self in such trouble ?' Seth sees him in shock and says, 'You fool ! Is it a wise step to sell the villa and leave the town just due to a mosquito ?'

By narrating this story to his mother, Devout soul Prahlad explains to her that the tyranny of his father was no bigger than humming of a mosquito. A boy like Prahlad should ignore and over look him without any notice to it. Prahlad and the other devotees like adhere firmly to devotion and worship of God, without bothering for the criticism and the insults hurled on them by the vicious souls. They are firm in devotion. It is well said,

"હરિનો મારગ છે શૂરાનો, નહિ કાયરનું કામ જોને"

(The Path of devotion is the Path for the brave people. A cowerd can not walk on the Path of devotion weaker souls can not do devotion)

Dear devotee ! Be brave like Prahlad. Be virtuous like Prahlad. Be firm and faithful like Prahlad. Do devotion like Prahlad. Any age, any time, is suitable for devotion. Start it now, start it right this moment.



- Sadhu
Ghanshyamprakashdas

This is 225th year, when Lord Swaminarayan Bahgwan manifested himself in His divine incarnation. Shri Hari graced thus the Bharat Khanda for the 49 years, 2 months and 1 day. Lord Shri Hari got constructed splendid temples at Ahmedabad, Vartal, Muli, Dholka etc. nine places in His blissful presence. Not only that, Lord Shri Hari Himself installed his divine idols and images in those temples. Lord Shri Hari did so to benedict millions of souls when they come for a darshan. He ensured universal benediction, be nediction of all living beings. Lord Shri Hari promised his devotees His eternal presence in those divine images and in the idols of him. To prove that the physical existence and gross body are perishable, Shri Hari renounced his gross body and the omniscient supreme Lord dwelled thus eternally at the images installed religiously and ceremoniously at those temples and the sect. The British officers and the British Government have taken a note of the life style and spiritual hight of Lord Shri Hari – Lord Swaminarayan Bhagwan.

There were occasions when aspirants were consigned to instant meditational trance by a darhsna of Maharaj by them. There were incidents when dormant souls were sent to the spiritual state of smadhi on listening to foot steps even if, theey shut the eyes were to avaid a darshan of Maharaj. At such instant meditational trance, they were used to have darshan of the personal God belonged to their own religion or to their religious belief.

There are occasions when Shriji Maharaj got manifestated the 24 incarnations, manifesting one after another from the gross and subtle body of Him. Such manifested incarnations were merged back in similar fashion in His gross body right after the manifestation of their incarnated form. Lord Shri Hari's followers though lived in contemporary age of Kali-Yuga, they were blessed with the Darshan of the incarnations who were manifested long back billion and trillion years ago in Sat-Yuga, Dwapara Yuga and Treta Yuga ! Not only the aspirants or human beings, but the species like birds and animals were benedicted by him by consigning them to instant meditational trance. This shows that Yam-Niyam, Asana, Yogic practice or meditation were not a necessity when Lord Shri Hari desired to send them to a meditational trance.

Lord Swaminarayan Bhagwan has promised the mankind his eternal presence in the forms of Acharya saints and Religious scriptures. Lord Shri Hari renounced the gross body with that primise to his followers. Disowning or renouncement of the gross body is the symbol of the promise of Alimighty supreme Lord Shriji Maharaj.

Devout souls Dada Khachar was depressed farthest at the time funeral rituals of the gross body of Maharaj. He cried in despair, Oh My God ! 'Maraj is passed away !' Then for what should I live ? Why should I live ?' Uttering such words desparately, he rushed to the flaming pyre to jump in the flames to sacrifice himself. S.G. Gopalanand Swami ran to chase him, held his hand and sent him to have a darshan of Maharaj dwelled at the chamber. As he entered the inner temple, he saw Maharaj stood facing him with a rose flower garland in both his hands. That was the image who graced the sacred land for fortynine years and that was the image, that received funeral rituals at the pyre amidst the flames. What was he seeing ? What was the truth ? Was the body consigned to gross elements or was is the

samewalking to him ? Before he comes out from those puzzling thoughts, Maharaj says to him, 'Oh Dada ! Have you believed in, my passing away ?' With these words, Shriji Maharaj comes to him and garlands him with the garland of fresh roses. This garland of rose flowers is still there at the shrine to prove promise of Maharaj.

S.G. Premanand Swami has sung the praises of Shriji Maharaj in his Kirtans and devotional songs. He has narrated the auspicious signs seen on the person of Maharaj. There is mention of an attractive mole on tooth of Maharaj. Such a keen observer and thinkar poet guides the deovtees in regard to do and don'ts while submitting a prayer for help. Saintly poet is not demanding or asking for money, wealth, property, progeny or any sense object. He prays :

તમારી મૂર્તિ વિના મારા નાથ રે બીજું મને આપશો માં.....

(Give nothing else but your blissful image)

Similar prayer is submitted by celibate saint Jagdishanand Brahmchari.

અહોનિશ દર્શન દેજો રે, મૂર્તિ ચૈતન્યમાં રહેજો,
નાથ તમારી મૂર્તિમાં રહેજો વૃત્તિ મારી રે,

(Oh Maharaj ! Oh God ! Bless me with your constant Darshan. Let the image of yours dwell eternally at my heart. Oh My Lord ! Please concentrate me in your blissful image).

The five hundred Paramhansas and two million devotees have prayed so collectively.

શોભા સાગર શ્યામ તમારી મૂર્તિ પ્યારી રે,
મૂર્તિ પ્યારી રે નાંખુ મારા પ્રાણ વારી રે.

(Oh Eternal and Charmful ! Oh Shyam ! Your image is most charmful. I am in love of your blissful image. I am ready to sacrifice my soul for the blissful image of Bhagwan.)

What our eyes should see ? Should it see our family, world, assets children, parents, or else ? Saints are teaching us, what we are supposed to witness :

તારી મૂર્તિ રે છે જો નેણું નો શણગાર...
મને પ્યારી લાગે મૂર્તિ તમારી ઘનશ્યામજી....
પ્યારી લાગે મૂર્તિ તમારી ઘનશ્યામજી....
તારા મુખની લાવણતા મીઠી રે મોહન વનમાળી,
એવી ત્રિભુવનમાં નવ દીઠી રે મૂર્તિ મરમાળી .. તારા ..

(Your charmful image is like an ornament of my eyes. I love your blissful image. Oh Ghanshyam ! I love you. Your face is sweet and cute. Oh Mohan ! Oh Vanmali ! Such divine image is not available any where in the Lokas.)

Faithful devotees of Shri Hari live with in the orders of Shriji Maahraj by singing padas of Niyamas and chestas. While singing such Padas they ralish divine pleasure of the darshan of Shriji Maharaj.

આવો મારા મોહન મીઠડા
લાલ કે જોઉ તારી મૂર્તિ રે લોલ.....
વ્હાલા મારી સુધબુધ તે હરિ લીધી રે
તારે લટકે વેરાગણ કીધી રે..

(Oh My Mohan ! Oh My Darling ! please, come to me. Let me have darshan of your blissful image. Oh My Dear ! You have stolen my wit and wisdom by your charmful ways. I have renounced sense objects to enjoy your blissful darshan)

The 'Vachanamrit' is the first collection of prose in Gujarati literature and the writer-critics in past and present have admired its philosophic and literary heights. Modern countries like America and others too have admired now the truths and charms of Vachanamrit. 'Vachanamrit' is one among the best Hindu scriptures. The Vachanamrits

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AARTI

- Rajni Parmar

Aarti Kirtna of our God was written by S.G. Muktanand Swami – philosher and saintly poet of this sect. The Aarti was addressed to Omnipresent supreme Lord Shri Swaminarayan Bhagwan. The Aarti is so philosophic and subtle that it is very difficult to write a treatise on it.

"જય સદ્‌ગુરૂ સ્વામી, પ્રભુ જય સદ્‌ગુરૂ સ્વમી,
સહજાનંદ દયાળુ (૨) બળવંત બહુનામી."

S.G. Muktanand Swami intends to say that the Lord and the supreme preceptor of the sect are one and same. It means that Bhagwan Swaminarayan is our God and Guru. Bhagwan Swaminarayan is our personal God. Therefore we announce victory of our God and preceptor.

There may be many Gurus in one's life. For example, Shri Dattatraya made 24 Gurus. A disciple receives knowledge, devotion and blessings from his Guru. We are supposed to accept and imbibe good things, virtues and truths from them. Listenign to them is not enough for the emancipation of a listener disciple. A true disciple puts these teaching in practice. To attain ultimate destination, one has to walk on the path of God. We are supposed to practise preachigns of Shriji Maharaj.

Sahajanand means Sahaja + Anand. Sahaja means – in casual way and Anand means blissful pleasure.' Sahajanand means "blissful pleasure in casual way." Lord Sahajanand is kind and merciful. 'Balvanta' means mighty. There are many names of God. Each name of God indicates specific and unique virtue of God.

"ચરણ સરોજ તમારા વંદુ કરજોડી... પ્રભુ
ચરણે શીશ ધર્યાથી (૨) દુઃખ નાખ્યા તોડી."

(Oh God ! I bow at your lotus like feet. My unhappiness and pains disappear when I submit my head at your feet).

Bhagwan is Lord of galaxies and supreme Lord of Akshardham. Deities and demi Gods stand before him to attend to his services. God is creator and sustainer of the Lokas and the worlds. He is creator and sustainer of living world and life. Whatever we submit to him should be submitted by us with love and affection. God accepts such submission. God looks at our love, because God himself is divine form of love. This is why, unhappiness and pains vanish by our absolute submission to God. Lord Swaminarayan Bahgwan has discarded unhappiness and pains of the thousands of his followers, when God dwelled on the earth, and now in our time He dwells in the imags and idols. He destroys unhappiness and pains when a devotee submits himself at the temple and in fornt of the idol. This is why, the number of the followers expand these days.

"નારાયણ નરભ્રાતા દ્વિજકુળ તનુધારી....
પામર પતિત ઉધાર્યા (૨) અગણિત નરનારી."

Bhagwan Swaminarayan is another form of Narayana. Lord Swaminarayan dwells at our heart. Lord Swaminarayan dwells at the heart of his faithful devotees.

Electircal connection and electrical lines may be readily available at the house, but a bulb or tube light can not spread light without switching on the current. One has to switch on electric current to start light, fan, T.V. or air conditioner. In similar way, Bhagwan can not give Darshna of his blissful form without switching on the switch of devotion and knowledge. Do devotion to do darshan of God. Receive ultimate knowledge to do darshna of God. Darshan and realization of God is easily attainable by a pure and virtuous heart.

Bhagwan is brother of Nar. Nar means person. He is welwisher of the devotees. Bhagwan favours his devotees.

Dwij-kul means Brahmin-twice born. Lord Swaminarayan Bhagwan has benedicted millions of souls by his incarnation in a brahmin family ! Bhagwan was born to a Brahmin family – Amily of the twice born – Dharmdev. This is a miracle in Kaliyug – recent past. People lived a poor and backward life and indulged in un ethical ways to earn livelihood. They never knew about their ethical duties or God.

Lord Swaminarayan descended to the earth and incarnated himself in the Brahmin family to lead the mankind on the path of virtues and devotion. Lord Shri Hari led a huge retinue of five hundred Paramhansas and thousands of saints. He founded this sect and created highest seat of the supreme preceptor to lead the sect. He wrote Shikshapatri to prescribe rules and regulations for the Acharya, saints, celibate saints and holy fellowship. He ordered to them to adhere to the rules prescribed by him in Shikshapatri. He opened the gates of Akshardham for the entire Satsang.

"નિત્ય નિત્ય નૌતમ લીલા કરતા અવિનાશી
અડસઠ તીરથ ચરણે (૨) કોટિ ગયા કાશી."

Bhagwan Swaminarayn has displayed divine leelas since his manifestation on the earth. These acts and miracles give blissful pleasure to his saints and devotees. These episodes – divine leelas – take them to eternal path of Akshardham. Shriji Maharaj displayed leelas in his human form to emancipate his devotees. Aspirants and devotees have been benedicted by blissful memories of those episodes. Gross elements destroy at the time of final destruction, but God is eternal, omnipresent and almighty.

The sixty eight holy shrines dwells at the lotus like feet of Bhagwan. And the punyas equal to the punays of the one billion pilgrimage of Kashi (sacred Shrine of Benaras), can be had by touching lotus like feet of Bhagwan. Darshan of Swaminarayan Bhagwan gives the punya equivalent to the punyas earned by pilgrimage of the sixty eight holy shines and the one billion pilgirmages of Benaras. There is one condition for such earning : a devotee is needed to do darshan wholeheartedly without any ego or pollution. Bhagwan dwells in idols, Acharya, saints and the scriptures.

"પુરુષોત્તમ પ્રગટનું જે દર્શન કરશે.
કાળ કરમથી છુટી (૨) કુટુંબ સહિત તરશે."

(He who remembers God with a darshan of blissful image, shall be freed from the death and the acts of past. He shall be emancipated with his family)

Bhagwan Swaminarayan himself is Purushottam Narayan. Soul frees himself form the death, action and bonds of the world. He with his family swims through the ocean of the worldly ways.

There are many episodes circulating in the Sampradaya, wherein devotees and aspirants have been escorted personally by Swaminarayan Bhagwan. Bhagwan Swaminarayan manifests himself in front of them at the time of final breath. It is Known in the Sampradaya that God riding a white elephant comes to the devotees to help them in their journey to the Akshardham.

How a devotee should do the darshan of Bhagwan Swamianrayan ? A deovtee should be pure at his heart. He must have selfless love for Bhagwan. Such love should be deep, everlasting exciting. Such a single minded devotee should have absolute faith in God's presence at his heart.

"આ અવસર કરૂણાનિધિ કરૂણા બહુ કીધી
મુક્તાનંદ કહે મુક્તિ (૨) સુગમ કરી સિધ્ધિ"

(This occasion આ અવસર means

Shri Swaminarayan Bhagwan in his human form. Shri Swaminarayan Bhagwan has showered his compassion and pleasure to benedict souls. S.G. Muktanand Swami says that the ultimate attainment has become now easily attainable by the grace of God).

It is the highest hight of His favour and compassion that Almighty supreme Lord himself, has incarnated on the earth. Supreme Lord – Swaminarayan Bhagwan – adorn many names. All these names have become meaningful. Bhagwan has dwelled among poors, rich, religious minded, atheists, theists, fallen ones, virtuous and every kind of souls to emancipate them by his holy fellowship – holy company. Our mind and intellect are incapable to imagine hight of his mercy and compassion. Contemporarily, we all are required to practise teaching and preachings of Lord Shri Hari. We should chant the names of Shri Hari. God is not so far to reach, if we acted so.

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IDOL

(discourses) in this eternal collection contains date, time, place and location where the particulars discourse was delivered. This proves truthfulness ofthe text.

This is unqiue feature of the Vachanamrit. Such accuracy is not available in other scriptures.

In his first Vachanamrit, Shri Hari says to his aspirants. If a person has in his hand a Chinatamani (wish fulfilling stone), he will get all his wishes fulfilled. In similar way, if a person concentrates absoultuely in divine image of Bhagwan, the man in such state sees the Jiva, Maya, Ishwara and Brahm besides Vaikuntha, Goloka, Brahm Mahol and other abodes of God. Therefore, concentrate absolutely in image of Bhagwan. No means is more difficult than this, and no attainment is greater than this attainment.

The soul has to free it self from the cycle and the binding of the birth & death, in billions of the species. The soul aims at the benign shelter of Shriji Maharaj. Shri Hari says (Gadhada II, 11) : The acts, what so ever, performed by placing God at the core of the act, become a devotion of God.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The orders of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri and obedience to such order are a must for the Haribhaktas in accordance to Desh-Vibhag-No-Lekh and Shri Satsangi Jeevan. This great tradition is well in place from last 200 years.

In accordance to the tradition, as and when a Satsangi or a saint, if comes to the sangis to collect the Dharmada or to conduct Katha Varta, he comes to them carring an order (Mohar Chaap) from H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. The follower devotees are requested to ensure that the visitor tenders such a letter of order, on demand. Devotees should insist for such a letter.

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AHMEDABAD REGION

Ramnavami Samaiya at Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Kalupur, Ahmedabad

Ram Navami Samiaya was organized here to celebrate 225th manifestation day of Lord Swaminarayan Bhagwan. Grand events were organized on auspicious 9th day of the bright half of chaitra with the due permission and blessed orders of H.H. Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharajshri. The religious celebrations and vedic retiuals were organized in benign present of Lord Narnarayandev.

H.H. Acharya Maharajshri graced the temple early in the morning at 6-30 am. and served Patotsava Mahabhishekam to Lord Balswaroop Ghanshyam Maharaj dwelled at Akshar Bhuvan. Mahabhishekam was served by H.H. Acharya Maharajshri amidst mystic chants of vedic hymns. Lord Ramas incarnation was celebrated by presenting manifestation Aarti at 12-00 noon. The devotees and aspirant's thronged the temple throughout the day.

A special Satsang was conducted during late afternoon hours (at 4-00 p.m.). H.H. Lalji Maharajshri graced the occasion and gave away prizes and certificates to the meritorious students of the Dharmik – Vibhag-Examinations.

Incarnation Maha Aarti (Birthday Aarti) was served by H.H. Acharya Maharajshri to Lord Ghanshyam Maharaj and the manifestation of Shri Ghanshyam was announced amdist the chants by the chief priest of the temple. thousands of devotees were assembled at the temple courtyards to celebrate birthday of Ghanshyam Maharaj.

The events were organized by the Kothari and Kothar staff with the due guidance from Mahant Swami Shastri Nirgundasji.

- Kothari Dharmprakashdas

The temple celebrates the 63rd Birthday of the Sixth descendant heir and son the of Shri Hari

The sixth descendant son of Shriji Maharaj H.H. Achaya Maharajshri Tejendraprasadji Maharajshri received birthday wishes at the prasadi Sabha Mandam of the temple. The events were organized on auspicious 16th day of April-2006.

Colourful festivities were organized in benign presence of Lord Narnarayndev Harikrishna Maharaj to celebrate 63rd birthday of the sixth descendant heir of Shriji Maharaj. The events were chaired by H.H. Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharajshri. Thousands of saints and senior devotees were present at the prasadi Sabha Mandapam to wish 'Happy Birthday' to H.H. Achaya Maharajshri. Scholar Brahmin Priests served Birthday Poojan amdist chants of the vedic hymns and invited saints to pay obesance to Maharajshri with Poojan, archan and Aarti. The aarti then was served by the senor devotees and aspirants to earn pleasure of Shri Hari

The scholars and the saints delivered discourses to enlighten devotees and asprants. They admired devotional services and preceptorship of the Acharya Maharajshri. There was more stress on Shri Swaminarayan Museum and its quicker commissioning. Shri Swaminarayan Museum is a concept and resolute of H.H. Achaya Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharajshri. The project is in progress with the grace of Shriji Maharaj.

H.H. Achaya Maharaj 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharajshri addressed the Sabha to wish happy birthday to the sixth descendant son of Shri Hari. In his blessed words, H.H. Acharya Maharajshri appealed to the audience to ready themselves to execute the muscum project at the possible earliest. Narnmada project is life line for Gujarat. H.H. Achaya Maharajshri announced whole hearted support to this project and paid hearty prayer to Shriji Maharaj.

H.H. Acharya Maharajshri blessed the Satsang for their devotional fervour. The devotees then walked to the benign refuge of Maharajshri and paid birthday obeisance and flower garlands to Acharya Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharajshri.

H.H. Achaya Maharajshri graced university ground in afternoon to strengthen inner power of Shri Narendrabhai Modi (C.M. Gujarat). Shri

Modiji is fasting for 51 hours to restart construction work at Sardar Sarovar. H.H. Acharya Maharajshri with his retinue of the Mahants & the saints joined them for two hours and prayed to Shri Hari.

- Kothari Dharmprakashdas

H.H. Achaya Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharajshri graces Surat

Thousands of Satsangis from Narnarayandev Desh are settled in Suarat. They have earned name and fame for the sect and the dioces by their ethics in business.

Shri Narnarayandev Satsang Mandal Surat was striving for a darshan and presence of H.H. Acharya Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharajshri. Acharya Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharajshri has fulfilled the wish and graced Surat for four consecutive days - 8-4-06 to 11-4-06.

Acharya Tejendraprasadji Maharajshri and retinue were received in a colorful procession by the devotees at Surat. A grand Satsang Sabha was organized at Shilpi-ni-waadi. Thousands of devtees have benefited by this pubic meeting.

One such large Sabha was organized at Umiya Mataji Mandir (10-4-06). The objects and aims of Musuem were explained to the devotees by the enlightened saints and glory and majesty of the prasadi itmes were narraed to them with the specific episodes.

The Sabha was addressed by Acharya Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharajshri. In his enlightening dialogue, H.H. Achaya Shri explained to the devotees the majesty and historical aspect of the Museum. The Sabha was blessed by the Acharya Maharajshri

Acharya Maharajshri graced thereafter the Swaminarayan Mandirs located at Rampura, Mota-Bhagol, Varachha Road, Udhana and Ved Road.

About two hundred and more families were favoured by Acharya Maharjshri by gracing their dwellings. The devotees from Surat have gifted Rupees twenty five lakhs towards Musuem project.

Youth Satsang has conveyed it's faith and trust by escorting constantly Achaya Maharajshri with a team of one hundred youths riding motor cycles. They have reminded us about the devotional faith, trust and dedication of Bhaguji.

Shri Nandubhai Amichanddas Patel (Motap Wala) and his family have been favoured by the Dharmkul and Acharya Maharajshri. Achaya Maharajshri camped at their house.

Respected Gadiwalashri has favoured the family of Shri Bhagwanjibhai Madhavjibhai Parmer by camping at heir house at New Civil area. She stayed there for the three days.

The senior devotees Shri Nandubhai K. Patel, Shri Bhagwanjibhai M. Parmar, Shri Dayaljibhai M. Tank, Shri Manibhai Shankarbhai Patel and Shri Narnarayandev Satsang Mandal, Suraut have earned the pleasure of Shri Hari by their devotional service.

- Shri Narnarayandev Satsang Mandal, Surat

Shrimad Satsangi Bhushan Parayan in benigg presence of Lord Narnarayandev

Shrimad Satsangi Bhushan Parayan (12-4-06 to 18-4-06) was organized here at the prasadi Sabha Mandapam in benign presence or Lord Narnarayandev dwelled at Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Kalupur, Ahmedabad.

The religious events were organized with the due blessings of H.H. Achaya Maharajshri and Dharmkul. Mahant Swami Shastri Nirgundasji Swami has earned the pleasure of Shri Hari by ornganizing these events through a team of the senior saints and Kothar Staff. The events were organized in memory of Late Swami Madhavjeevandasji by the disciple group – S.G. Shastri Swami Parameshwardasji (Poojari-Rang Mahol) and others. The seat of the principal reader priest was graced jointly by S.G. Shastri Swami Harijivandasji (Mahundra wala) and Shastri Swami Shrijiprakashdasji (Hathijan). The text was read by Shastri Swami Shrijiprakashdasji (Sokali).

Mahant Krishnaprakashdasji and other saints from Torda have earned the pleasure of Shri Hari by their service at the Parayan Satsang.

The concluding session was graced by H.H. Acharya Maharajshri and Acharya Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharajshri to conclude the parayan Satang. Priest saints S.G. Parmeshwar Swami has earned the pleasure of Shri Hari by submitting precious prasadi itmes to the museum. Acharya Shri Tejendraprasdji Maharajshri has received the itmes and blessed his saints.

An occasional Sabha ws orgnzied to bless the devotees. The Sabha was addressed by Shastri Swami Harikeshavdasji, Mahant Swami Shastri Nirgudnasji, S.G. Shstri Swami Purushottamprakashdasji and other saints. They have admired devotion and meditation practised by Madhavjivandasji. H.H. Achaya Maharajshri blessed his devoteed.

The devotees from Ahmedabad, Sardhav, Katosan, Marusana, Gulabpura, Devpura and Pandharpur have earned the pleasure of Shri Hari by their service towards the cause.

-Raghuvir Swami

Lord Revti Baldevji Harikrishan Maharaj at Jetalpur Dham have received 180th Patotsava Mababhishekam

Shri Jetalpur dham has celebrated 190th Patotsava of Lord Revti Bladevji Harikrishan Maharaj with the due blessings of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri.

Shrimad Bhagwat Parayan (17-3-06 to 23-3-06) was organized on this occasion. The seat of the reader priest was graced jointly by S.G. Shastri Vrajvallabhdas and Shastri Bhaktinandandas. Shri Hari Yaag (three days) was organized on this occasion to earn pleasure of Shri Hari.

The seventh descendant son of Shri Hari H.H. Achaya Maharaj 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharajshri graced this place (8th day of the dark half of Falgun) and served Patotsava Mahabhishekam to Lord Revti Baldevji Harikrishna Maharaj. His holiness graced thereafter the Sabha Mandapam and invoked idol of Lord Swaminarayan Bhagwan, thereafter, graced Akshar Mahol Vadi and the prayer hall and installed ceremoniously the idols of Shriji Maharaj. The Katha was concluded by H.H. Achaya Maharajshri by presenting poojan Aarti to the sacred scripture.

The Patotsava events were hosted by Shri Chimanbhai P. Patel (Bhatwala), Shri Niravbhai, Shri Kalpeshbhai, Alkesbhai and the family members. Host family has earned the pleasure of Shri Hari by presenting Poojan Aarti to H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. The Hairbhktas and the saints from various places were present on this occasion. Enlightening discourses were delivered by S.G. Shastri Swami Purushottamprakashdasji and other saints. H.H. Acharya Maharajshri blessed the Sabah at the end of programme.

- Mahant Krishnaprakashdas

Patotsava of Balwaroop Kashtabhanjandev at Kankaria (Maninagar) Temple

Annual Patotsava of Balwaroop Kashtabhanjandev was celebrated here on full moon day of chaitra - Shri Hanuman Jayanti day.

Poojari Swami Dev Swami and Kothari Anand Swami have earned the pleasure of Shri Hari by serving Maruti Yayga and Patotsava under able guidance of Mahant Swami Guruprasaddasji. Acharya Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharajshri graced the shrine at evening and concluded Maruti Yagya amidst devotional chants and music. The events were hosted by Shri Jaimin Parikh. H.H. Acharya Maharajshri blessed the host for his devotion and faith. Hanuman Chalisa recitation was organized at late evening and Chalisa was recited collectively by the devotees and saints. Chalisa Path was conducted by Kashtabhanjandev Path Mandal. This devout group completes four years of service. Saints have blessed them for their devotional fervour.

- Shri Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal Sadhu Swayamprakashdas

The 7th Patotsava at Karmashakti Temple, Naroda

Lord Thakorji has reiced here 7th annual Mahabhishekam. The Patotsava events were organized by the devotees and the saints with due blessings of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri.

Shrimad Satsnagi Bhushan Parayan (15-4-06 to 21-4-06) was organized on this occasion. The seat of the principal reader priest was graced jointly by S.G. Mahant Swami Shastri Nigundasji and Shastri Swami Harijivandasji. Group Maha pooja was organized on this occasion to please Lord Thakorji. The auspicious events, mentioned in Parayn sessions were celebrated most religiously by devout listeners and hosts. Cultural events were organized daily at late evening. The events were presented by Satsangi youths and saints.

A special Sabha was organized to receive blessings of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. His holiness graced the occasion and presented Patotsava Abhishekam. His holiness graced thereafter the Prayan Satsang and presented

concluding Aarti to the sacred scripture. His holiness graced then the Sabha and received Poojan Aarti submitted by host family and Shri Shaileshbhai.

Respected Gadiwalashri was present on this occasion to favour her female devotees. The devotees have served extensively in cash and kind towards these annual celebrations.the events were managed efficiently by Shri Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal, Local branch. Shri Dasbhai has earned the pleasure of Shri Hari by his guidance to the volunteers.

- Gordhanbhai Sitapara

Shri Swaminarayan Mandir Unava

Shri Ramnavami – Shri Hari Jayanti was celebrated here with the due blessed orders from H.H. Acharya Maharajshri.

Mahabhishekam, Maha Pooja, Janmangal Shikshapastri recitation and discourses of vachanamrit were presented to celebrate 225th incarnation day of Lord Swaminarayan Bhagwan. A grand Shobha Yatra was organized at the town to strengthen devotional feelings. Mahant Swami Harivallabhdasji and Mahendrabhagat have earned the pleasure of Shri Hari by their devotional service.

- Shastri Vrajvallabhdas

Acharya Maharajshri graces first time the land of Navagam and blesses his devout followers

Lord Thakorji at Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Navagam (Jetalpur area) has favoured the devotees and saints by receiving 121st Patotsava Abhishekam. Events were organized with the due blessings of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri.

His holiness has graced this place several tiems in near past, but the present visit is the first visit of this palce as the supreme preceptor – Acharya of the sect. His holiness graced the Shrine and presented Patotsva Aarti to Lord Thakorji. A Satsang Sabha was organized on this occasion. The Sabha was addressed by Mahant Swami Atmaprakahsdasji, Shastri Swami Purushottamprakashdasji and Shastri Swami Hariom Swami. Details of Shri Swaminarayan Museum were discussed and the donations announced by the devotees were recorded. Donors have earned the plesure of Shri Hari and the blessings of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri by their service towards the museum.

His holiness has favoured the devout families by gracing their houses. H.H. Acharya Maharajshri has showered his hearty blessings to the Satsang of Navagam-Jetalpur. *- Kothari*

The Eleventh Annual Patotsava at Kothamba (Panch Mahals)

Guru Karshandas Swami has earned the pleasure of Shriji Maharaj by his effort to sustain growth of Satsang at the Zaid Desha - Panch Mahals. Faith and trust in Dev and Acharya are the means to attain self emancipation.

The three days Parayan Katha was organized and the scripture of Shri Purushottamprakash was read to strengthen spirit of devotion and dedication. The seat of the reader priest was graced jointly by S.G. Mahant wami Shastri Ishwarjeevandasji (Dhariawad) and Shastri Bhaktinandandasji. The Patotsava events were hosted by Shri Prabhudas Ravjibhai Patel and his family.

Swami Madhavprasaddasji, Haribhaktas, trustees and Shri Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal have earned the pleasure of Shri Hari by presenting Poojan Archan to Acharya Maharajshri. The saints and the senior devotees were come from Jetalpur and Ahmedabad. The Sabha was concluded with the blessings of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. *- Shastri Bhaktinandandas.*

Maruti Yagya at Dhariawad Temple (Rajasthan)

Dhariawad is a new addition in satsang. The satsang activities progressed here with the grace of Lord Hanumanji and a splinded temple was constructed in recent past.

A Maruti Yagya was organized here on auspicious full moon day of Chaitra, with the due blessings of H.H. Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharajshri. The devotees were inspired and encouraged by Shastri Swami Atmaprakahsdasji, S.G. Shastri Swami Prushottamprakashdasji and Mahant Swami Ishwarjeevandasji, to organize this religious event of devotion. Thousands of devotees and aspirants have benefited by this religious event.

- Shastri Bhaktinandandas

Patotsava at Sadara Temple

Lord Thakorji at Sadara (Gandhinagar) has received Patotsava Abhishekam to give pleasure to his devotees. The celebrations were organized with the due blessings of H.H. Acharya

Maharajshri. Mahant Swami Shastri Ghanshyamprakashdasji (Narayanghat) has earned the pleasure of Shri Hari by encouraging the devotees and inspiring them for this grand event. Mahapooja was served by Vijayaprakahsdasji. - *Shastri Purnaprakashdas*

Nava Vanjhar

Dhoon-Bhajan and Kirtan Satsang was organized here at our temple to celebrate Shri Hari Jayanti. The events were organized with the due blessings of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. Lord Shri Hari's incanration was celebrated at night by presenting manifestation Aarti to Lord Swaminarayan Bhagwan. Shri Rajubhai (Petrol pump), Shri Prakashbhai, Shri Nitinbhai and other devotees have earned the pleasure of Shriji Maharaj by their devoted service at the Satsang.

- *Kothari Ramanbhai*

Tenth Annual Patotsava at Kathlal Temple

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

H.H. Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharajshri and H.H. Lalji 108 Shri Vrajendraprasadji Maharajshri graced the shrine and presented Patotsava Abhishekam to Lord Thakorji.

A Sabha was orgazined to sing praise of Shriji Maharaj. H.H. Acharya Maharajshri and H.H. Lalji Maharajshri graced the Sabha and received Poojan – Archan from their faithful devotees. S.G. Shastri Swami Purushottamprakashdasji has earned the pleasure of Shri Hari by guiding the saints and devotees in organization of this grand event. - *Kothari Maheshkumar*

Shri Swaminarayan Mandir Nava-Vadaj (Ahmedabad)

Shri Hari-Aishwarya Darshan-Parayan-saptah (27-3-06 tio 2-4-06) was organized here with the due blessed orders from H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. The events were organied to celebrate Patotsava of God at this temple.

H.H. Acharya Maharajshri graced the shrine (2-4-06) and presented Patotsava Aarti to Lrod Thakorji. His holiness graced thereafter the Sabha and blessed his faithful devotees. The Parayan Katha was concluded by His holiness and concluding Aarti was served to the sacred scritpruè. Shri Pankajbhai Bhavsar (Shri Narnarayndev Yuvak Mandal) and his family have earned the pleasure of Shri Hari by hosting these celebrations. H.H. Acharya Maharajshri has conveyed his hearty blessings to the host family. thousands of devotes have benefited spiritually by this feast of knowledge and the religious celebrations.

- *Shri N.N.D.Y.M., Nava-Vadaj*

Results of the Annual Examinations conducted by Shri Narnarayandev Darmik Shiksha Vibhag

All India examinations were conducted on 18-12-05 to test knowledge of the religion and the Sampradaya. Total 2150 candidates were appered in the examination conducted at 22 contres, and the 1240 candidates have cleared the examinations. The examinations were conducted at the five levels namely – Bal Satang, Kishor Satsang, Satsang Parichaya, Satsang Praveen and Satsang Paramgat. First five candidates – in each category have earned prizes and the merit certificates. Cenre incharges were honuored duely at a meeting presided by H.H. Lalji Maharajshri. Prizes and merit certificate were awarded by H.H. Lalji Maharajshri at the Sabha.

-*Pravinbhai T. Patel*

MULI REGION

Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Surendrangar

Shri Ram Navami – Shri Hari Jayanti was celebrated here with the due blessings of H.H. Acharya Maharjshri. The events were organized under able guidance from Mahant Swami Premjeevandasji.

Shrimad Satsangi Jivan (Purvardh) Parayan (5-4-06 to 7-4-06) of the reader priest was graced by S.G. Satyaswaroopdasji. Saffron Abhishekam was served to Lord Thakorji and Maha Pooja – homa were hosted in group by the devotees. Constant Dhoon of the 12 hours duration was chanted to please Lord Shri Hari and manifestation Aarti was presented thereafter at 10-00 p.m. night. Mahaprasadam was served to the visitors and devotees on conclusion of the programme. - *Shailendra Jhala*

OVERSEAS

Shri Swaminarayan Mandir New Jersey (U.S.A.)

The 225th incarnation day of Lord Swaminarayan Bhagwan was celebrated here with the due blessings of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri.

Shri Ram Navami – Shri Hari Jayanti celebrations began at 11-00 with the Dhoon of the Mahamantra. The Dhoon was concluded at 3-00 a.m. and Annakut was served to Lord Thakorji, amidst devotional music and Bhajan Kirtans. A medical camp was organized (3 p.m. to 8 p.m.) by ISSO SEVA and a programme on 'bone-merrow' was presented, to benefit the Haribhaktas. Enlightening discourse was delivered by Madhavprasad Swami to explain glory and majesty of the incarnation. Rare and precious prasadi items of Shri Hari were made available for a darshan. Devotees were touched by viewing the itmes. The Raas of the Nand Sants were presented in it's traditional way by the Satsnagi girls. The one hundred and eight Shloka of Janmangal stotra were recited by the children. Group Aarti was presented bythe 251 host-Satsangis. The Satsang activities are progressing steadily with the due blessings of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri.

- Prahladbhai Patel

Shri Swaminarayan Mandir at Chicago (USA) Celebrates Shri Narnarayndev Jayanti

Shri Narnarayndev Jayanti – Phooldolotsava – was celebrated here at our temple with the due blessings of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. The devotees were inspired and encouraged by Mahant Swami Shastri Dharmvallabhdasji to organize the events of Phooldolotsava.

The throne was bedecked with colourful fresh flowers and nosegays and flower garlands of fresh and fragrant flowers were adorred by indwellar God. Lord Thakorji. Glory and majesty of Lord Shri Narnarayandev was explained to the devotees by S.G. Mahant Swami. S.G. Mahant Swami asked the doevtees to read daily the Vachanamrit number-48 of the first series of Gadhada Chapter. Swami asked them to invoke absolute faith and trust in Lord Narnaraynadev dwelling at Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Kalupur, Ahmedabad. The events of installation and invocation ceremonies in relation to Boston temple were announced by the President Shri Jagdishbhai.

Chicago temple Celebrates the 225th incarnation day of Lord Shri Hari

The 225th birthday of Lord Shri Hari was celebrated here with the due blessings of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri.

The Katha-Parayan (1-4-06 to 8-4-06) was organized to read sacred scripture Ghanshyam Leelamrit Sagar written by Bhumanand Swami. The seat of the reader priest was graced by S.G. Mahant Swami Dharmvallabhdasji.

Maha Pooja was served to Lord Shri Hari on auspicious 7-4-06. The event was hosted by Shri Dineshbhai Joshi, Many devotees have participated in this ritual. Katha-Parayan Satsang was hosted jointly by Shri Harikrishnabhai and Amarishbhai. Shri Kamleshbhai Sheth and his family have earned the pleasure of Shri Hari by hosting Annakut Aarti. Incarnation Maha Aarti was hosted jointly by Shri Vishnubhai (Sola) and Shri Vishalbhai. Poojari Swami has helped Lord Thakorji to grace charmful attires and ornaments. The events were become more memorable when devotees walked forward to announce personal donations to Shri Swaminarayan Museum. Hosts were welcomed and honoured jointly by S.G. Mahant Swami and Shri Jagdishbhai (President).

- Vasantbhai Trivedi and Vishnubhai

Shri Swaminarayan Temple Colonia (U.S.A.)

The festivals and the events of this axiomatic religion are celebrated most religiously with the due blessings of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri.

Shri Narnarayandev Jayanti Phooldolotsava (19-3-06) was celebrated here at evening (4 p.m. to 8 p.m.) in presence of hundreds of devotees and guests. Mahant Swami Harikrishnadasji (Boston) and Mahant Swami Madhavpriyadasji (New Jersey) were come to colonia to address this special satsang. Enlgithening discourses were delivered by them to explain glory and majesty of Lord Narnarayndev. Ekadashi Satsang dated 26-3-06 was organized at the temple, and Khata-Kirtans were presented by Dev Swami and the devotecs. A medical camp was organized by 'Seva' with active participation by Dr. Hemendrabhai Patel, Dr. Jasmine Choksi, Dr. Chirag Patel, Dr. Palak Patel and Dr.

Dharmishtha Patel. Glory and majesty of Ekadashi-vratt was explained to the devotees by S.G. Dev Swami. The guests were welcomed by Mahant Swami and Shri Nayanbhai Parikh (President). Mahamantra Dhoon was chanted in memory of Dr. Kiritbhai's mothers.

Shri Hari Jayanti - the incarnation of Lord Shri Hari - was celebrated at 12-00 o'clock noon. A replica of the birth place of Shri Hari was created in flowers and the green plants with due guidance from S.G. Dev Swami and S.G. Vishwaprakash Swami of Jetalpur Dhaam. A Dhoon of the 225 minutes duration was presented by the devotees, to mark 225th birthday of Shriji Maharaj. The leela chartras of Lord Bal Ghanshyam were narrated by S.G. Dev Swami. These events were hosted by Shri Rameshbhai and family by presenting birthday aarti to Lord Shri Hari.

Ramnavami Shri Hari Jayanti Sabahs were organized respectively on 7th, 8th and 9th April and enlightening lectures were delivered by the saints and the senior devotees to praise glory and majesty of Shriji Maharaj, Dharmkul, Acharya and temples. Birthday Aarti hostship was auctioned at the highest amount of $ 20000, on inspiration from Dev Swami. The host of the today's events Shri Ratilalbhai Shah was honoured duely by S.G. Mahant Swami.

- Pravinbhai Shah

Shri Swaminarayan Mandir (L.A.) U.S.A.

Shri Hari Jayanti Ramnavami festivities were organized here to celebrate 225th birthday of Shriji Maharaj. The events were organized by the devotees and the saints with the due blessings of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. The events were organized by the trust committee under inspiration from S.G. Mahant Sami Keshavcharandasji.

Shri Satsangi Bhushan Parayan (7-4-06 to 9-4-06) was organized to mark this auspicious occasion. The seat of the reader priest was graced by S.G. Swami Ghanshyamdasji. Lord Rama's incarnation was celebrated at 12-00 noon and Lord Shri Hari's manifestation was celebrated at 10-00 p.m. by presenting incarnation Aarti to God. The hosts were honored duely by a memorable gift of Shrimad Satsangi Bhushan.

The Satsang activities are in progress with the due blessings of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri.

- Natubhai Patel

Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Sydney (Australia)

Satsang activities and religious celebrations are being organized regularly with the due blessings of H.H. Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharajshri. Satsang activities are conducted by Shri Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal with due guidance and direction from Mahant Swami and visiting saints.

The discourses and occasional speeches are delivered by Shri Anjanesh Patel and Shri Vraj Maru. Web-site and Database are under Shri Suresh Patel and Shri Dharmesh Vadodaria. Shri Pankti and Shri Ghanshyam Patel, both are looking after temple library. Bhajan-Kirtan, devotional music and Satsang Sabhas are organized collectively by Tejas Patel, Bhavin Dahiya, Mahendrabhai, Rajanikant and Bobby. Following is the schedule of the Sabhas conducted in March-06.

Date	Host
12-3-06	Ravjibhai Dahiya
19-3-06	Suraj Khimjibhai Vaghajiyani
26-3-06	Ekadashi Satsang, Vraj Maru

- Tejas Patel

AKSHARVAAS

Balol Bhal : Devotee Shri Mohanbai Ganeshbhai Khatana (descendant son of Great devotee Raiya Khatana) passed away to Akshardham amidst chants of Mahamantra.

Ambapur (Gandhinagar) : Shri Ramanbhai D. Patel (11-3-06) passed away to abode of Shri Hari while chanting Mahamantra.

Narayanpar (Ravri) Kutch : Shri Karsanbhai Ramji Varsani (9-3-06) passed away to Akshardham amidst chants of Mahamantra.

Hirawadi (Ahmedabad) : Smt. Parvatiben (Mother of Shri Popatbhai Vallabhbhai) (19-4-06) passed away to Akashdham amdist chants of Mahamantra.



H.H. Acharya Maharajshri serves Mahabhishekam to Lord Revti Baldevji Maharaj at Jetalpur Dhaam.





H.H. Acharya Maharajshri serves Patotava Abhishekam at the Swaminarayan Mandir at Kothamba and Vadaj.



H.H. Acharya Maharajshri presents Aarti at Shri Swaminarayan Mandir Nava Gam.



H.H. Acharya Maharajshri serves Aarti to Lord Rokadia Dada at Jiragadh (Halar).



H.H. Acharya Maharajshri blesses Satsang at Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Kukarwada.



H.H. Lalji Maharajshri blesses the students of Shri Narnarayandev Dharmik Shikshan.



H.H. Acharya Maharajshri serves Patotsava Abhishekam at Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Kathlal.

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Prafull Kharsani

Shri Narendrabhai Modi declares fast to support Sardar Sarovar project. H.H. Acharya Maharajshri supports the cause by his benign presence and a hearty prayer to Shri Hari.