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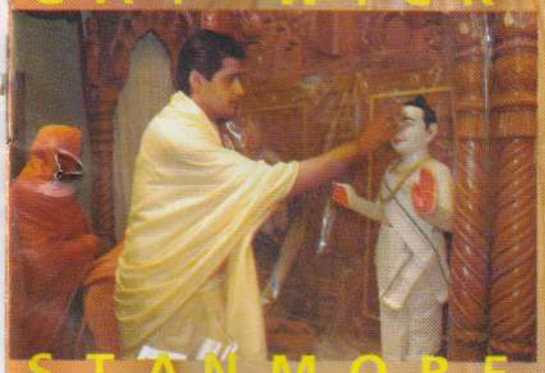
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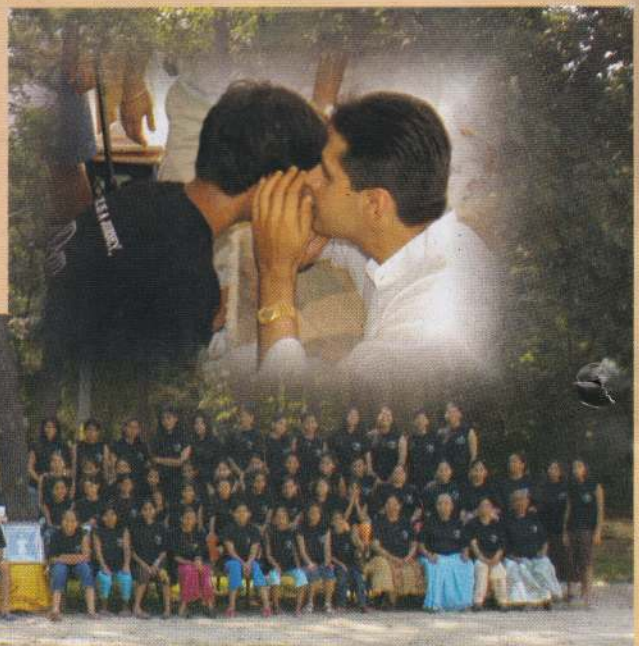
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H. Acharya Maharajshri initiates Guru Mantra Deeksha to the new aspirants present at the well attended Youth Satsang Camp (New Jersey)



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Editorial

The People have awaited eagerly for the monsoon and the rain, and when it came to Gujarat it came heavily and in plenty to give pleasure and pains in different regions of Gujarat. The sufferes of heavy rain fall, prayed to rain God to stop raining. The people, who prayed earlier to rain, were now praying again to stop raining ! Whether it rains or not, people will continue to complaint about their pains and grief. This is human nature. Man is unhappy if God is not giving, and the same man will be unhappy if God gove him in plenty. The soul shall not be at ease if God gives him wealth, because wealth attracts family problems, greed and ego. The man drown and sunk in a whirl of wealth, strives at his maximum to relieve himself of these negative forces, but his efforts turn futile in negative power of desires and affection. These self invited imprisonment pushes the soul in an unending cycle of the births and deaths. The scriptures and the saints try to relieve such suppressed souls, but adverse time prevails upon the heart and soul of such people.

The spiritually wise people should withdraw their sense organs and reject the five sense objects. They should concentrate firmly in divine form of God and should do devotion. The deviton is the prime duty of the man. The man should act wisely to connect himself to the divine ways of supreme Lord. Such detached and pure souls attain Moksha.

Jai Shri Swaminarayan.

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



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

August, 2006

July, 29 to August , 22

Installed Idols of God at Shri Swaminarayan Mandir (ISSO) Gateswick, (U.K.). His Holiness graced our temples in the U.K. In onward religious tour, His holiness graced the blessed land of the U.S.A. and served the first patotsava abhishekam to God at Shri Swaminarayan Mandir (ISSO), Colonia,U.S.A.

August,14 to August, 21

His holiness graced Boston and the re-built domed temple-
Shri Swaminarayan Temple (ISSO), Boston. The Katha Parayan with the rituals of the holy-fire and Maha-pooja were organized in blessed presence of His holiness. The auspicious gold pot was installed by His holiness amidst the chants of vedic hymns. His holiness has favoured the world wide satsang by installing and invoking idols of God in this domed temple.

August, 22.

His holiness graced Shri Swaminarayan Temple,Kalupur, Ahmedabad and concluded the overseas tour of U.K. and U.S.A.

August, 23

His holiness graced Shri Swaminaayan temple, Kankaria, to attend Shiva-poojan and Rudrabhishekam.

August, 27

H.H.Acharya Maharajshri graced Shri Swaminarayan Temple, Kalupur, Ahmedabad and served Poojan-Aarti to Lord Ganpatiji.

August, 28

H.H. Acharya Maharajshri graced Lambeshwar Pol to serve Pooja-Aarti to Lord Ganpatiji.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

H.H.Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharajshri's Birthday shall be celebrated with due decorum in benign presence of Lord Narnarayandev at Shri Swaminarayan temple, Kalupur,Ahmedabad on auspicious Vijaya Dashahara day,Monday dated 2-10-2006.

The Satsangis and the aspirants are invited heartily to earn the pleasure of Shri Hari.

GURU VANDANA

(A prayer in praise of my Guru)

- V. K. Chaturvedi

(Here below is a prayer in Sanskrit language written in praise of our Guru, H.H. Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharajshri.)

॥ श्री स्वामिनारायणाय नमः ॥

श्री नरनारायणकृपा लब्धजन्मनां स्वामिनारायण संप्रदायाचार्याणां १००८ श्री तेजेन्द्रप्रसाद हृदय श्री १००८ कोशलेन्द्रप्रसादजी महाराजानां शुभाशंसनात्मकमष्टकम्

मंगलाचरणम्

तार-हार-हीर द्युतिस्रचिजित कोटि रतीश ।
सुर-नर-मुनि सेवित चरण, जय द्वारिकाधीश ॥

चतुर्थ चरण गुप्तछन्द

भारतं शोभितं नौमि युक्ति प्रदम्
भारते भारती नौमिमूर्ति प्रभम्
शाश्वतंयातियत्रस्थभूतिश्चिरं

रत्नोष्णीषधरंसौम्यं - विद्वद्भिः परिपूजितम् ॥
स्वामिनारायणं वन्दे - छपिया ग्राम भूषणम् ॥१॥
रोलिकां वल्लभप्रेषणं - मस्तके धारणप्रियम् ॥
स्वामिनारायणं वन्दे - छपिया ग्राम भूषणण् ॥२॥
तुलसी मालिनंनित्यं - वैष्णवानां शिरोमणिम् ॥
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विशिष्टाद्वैतसिद्धान्त - तत्वानां सुविवेचकम् ॥
स्वामिनारायणं वन्दे - छपिया ग्राम भूषणण् ॥४॥
लक्ष्मीराधायुतं कृष्ण - चिन्तने सर्वदा रतम् ॥
स्वामिनारायणं वन्दे - छपिया ग्राम भूषणण् ॥५॥
सौराष्ट्रे गुर्जरे देशे विदेश धर्म वर्धकम् ॥
स्वामिनारायणं वन्दे - छपिया ग्राम भूषणण् ॥६॥
व्रजेवृन्दावने कृष्ण जन्म भूमौ सदारतम् ॥
स्वामिनारायणं वन्दे - छपिया ग्राम भूषणण् ॥७॥
सरयू दर्शनोत्कंठाधरं विप्रकुलोद्भवम् ॥
स्वामिनारायणं वन्दे - छपिया ग्राम भूषणण् ॥८॥
मुंम्वय्यां रात्रिवासञ्च कृत्वादर्शनमद्भूतम् ॥
रचितं चाष्टकं प्रीत्या - वासुदेवेन शास्त्रिणा ॥९॥
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स्वामिनारायणाचार्य - श्री तेजेन्द्र वुधोत्तमैः ॥
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स्वामिनारायणाचार्यं - गाद्यस्थंप्रणमामि वै ॥२॥
कौशलेन्द्र कृपा लब्ध - कौशलेन्द्र वुधोत्तमम् ॥
स्वामिनारायणाचार्यं - गाद्यस्थं प्रणमामि वै ॥३॥
कालूपुरामदाबाद - भूषणं जनता प्रियम् ॥
स्वामिनारायणाचार्यं - हृद्यस्थं प्रणमामि वै ॥४॥
धर्मकर्मरतं नित्यं - सच्चरित्रप्रकाशकम् ॥
स्वामिनारायणाचार्यं - हृद्यस्थं प्रणमामि वै ॥५॥
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स्वामिनारायण चार्यं - हृद्यस्थ प्रणमामि वै ॥६।
प्रसन्नवदनं शातं - दिव्यदेह प्रमायुतम् ॥
स्वामिनारायणाचार्यं - हृद्यस्थं प्रणमामि वै ॥७॥
भारते च विदेशे च - भक्तेषूत्साहवर्धकम् ॥
स्वामिनारायणाचार्यं - हृद्यस्थं प्रणमामि वै ॥८॥

पद्य

भरत मति वितारी ज्ञाति सेवाप्रकारी
चलत रमणकारी छपैयानामधारी
निज जन सुखकारी विज्ञ विद्याप्रभारी
निजगुणबलधारी भारतानन्दकारी
श्री कोशलेन्द्र चिरायुरस्तु

FREE GOLD INVITES DEATH

- Shastri Haripriyadasji
(Gandhinagar)

The holy month of Shravana is the month of devotion meditation. Aspirants and householders do devotion in accordance to faith and trust in their personal deity. The Shravana is more popular for poojan worship of Lord Shiva. Every one worships Lord Shiva during this month. Some do it without any expectation and some do it with selfish motives. Lord Shiva pleases easily to all his devotees.

Once upon a time, a group of four friends sat to gather at some place. They were good old friends. People were jealous of their friendship, their mutual trust and faith. Today they were not gathered to celebrate their friendship or mutual love. They were looking serious, serious and thoughtful like a group of big business men or industrialists. In fact they were serious and thoughtful. They were thinking and discussing about the ways and means to earn wealth. Keeping in view the sacred days, they thought to do devotion and meditation. They thought to please God by their dedication and service.Some one suggested to please Lord Vishnu. Lakshmi-Goddess of wealth- is the wife of Lord Vishnu. Some one suggested to please Lord Brahma-Creator God. Then the third one suggested to please Lord Shiva and to support his suggestion, he argued that Lord Shiva is merciful and he pleases easily by little devotion. They all supported his proposal and decided unanimously to please Lord Shiva by devotion and worship

They began with devotion and meditation in sacred month of Shravana. They went to the dense forest and came to an ancient temple of Lord Shiva. The place was peaceful and tranquil. There was a fresh water stream and a lush green tree of Billi near the temple. They started their collective effort to please Lord Shiva by devotional service. They had sacred bath and distributed among them selves the service of plucking Billi leaves, bringing fresh water, pluckin flowers etc. They collected these items with faith and trust and sat to gather to offer poojan worship to Lord Shiva. With chants of sacred hymn "Oum Namah Shivaya" they did poojan service of Lord Shiva and offered water and Billi leaves to Lord Shiva. On finishing a lot of collected material, they collected another lot of material and made this service as main part of their life. This chain of chanting sacred hymn, collecting sacred objects and serving poojan-archan continued for hours,days,weeks and months. There was no recede in their devotion or faith. The environment was transformed in eternity by their devotion and meditation.

Omniscient Lord Shiva dwells at the divine abode of Kailash with Goddess Parvatiji. Lord Shiva knew about the devotion and meditation of his devotees. Lord Shiva pleased to them and desired to bless them by his blissful manifestation. Lord Shiva and Parvatiji graced the earth and manifested themselves before the devout friends at the temple in the forest. They did Darshan of Lord Shiva and Parvatiji, paid hearty obeisance, poojan and aarti.

Lord Shiva blessed them for their devotion and offered to them a boon. Those four friends prayed collectively in humble submission, 'Oh Omnipresent Lord! Oh God! Grant us a boon that is common and equal for the four. We want gold. Oh God! Grant to

us pure gold.' Lord Shiva said, 'Oh My Children! Gold is not a source of true pleasure. It will not give you true happiness. This is my personal opinion. However, on their repeated requests, Lord Shiva granted their collective wish for the gold. A huge slab of pure gold, weighing about ten kilograms, appeared before them. Sparkling yellow metal lured them to pleasures and joys. Now, they were very happy. From rags to riches!

These millionaire friends traveled homeward carrying gold on their shoulder. They were far away from their village but now, with this wealth of gold neither it was tiresome nor a boring one. As they walked for a few miles nearing a village, they thought among themselves. Why should they suffer in hunger, thirst or discomfort? We are millionaires. We should relish goodness of life and wealth. They thought to have feast-meal to celebrate the occasion.

They halted beneath a huge banyan tree. While comforting themselves in cool shade of the banyan tree, the two among these four said, 'This place is cool and comfortable and cool drinking water is available in plenty in this small step-well. You two should visit the village to bring fresh and tasteful sweets. We two will stay here to guard our gold.' They all liked the proposal and two of them went to the village to buy the sweet and other two stayed back to guard the gold. They dug a pit, placed the gold at the bottom and covered it well by soil. Then they spread a carpet on this leveled surface and sat comfortably on it. In their casual conversation they discussed bout those two absentees and opined that they two were good for nothing and now due to them the gold will be divided into four parts, instead of lofty two! After a long discussion, they agreed absolutely and mutually to eliminate those two when they come back with the sweets.

There, on their way to village, those two prospective buyers had discussion among them about the value of the gold in their possession and compared the same with the share they were going to get as an equal. .The smallness of the share disheartened them. They concluded that the two, who waited beneath the banyan tree, were the real culprits and if they kill those two, the present quantity will jump to double. They decided to kill their waiting friends. They planned to kill both of them by inserting poison in their food and for that, purchased Laddus from a sweet shop and bought some deadly poison from elsewhere. Then in search of seclusion they hurried towards the village outskirts and sat behind a groove. They opened the packet and inserted poison in half of the laddus. For a proper identification of poisonous sweets, they dressed the laddus by the grains of some intoxicating herb.

Both the friends welcomed them as soon they reached there with the sweets and asked them to bring water from the step-well. Both of them were asked to be swift to have the feast together. They ran to the step-well, and descended swiftly the steps in the well to come to the water to fill the container, but as soon they lowered themselves, the friends outside the well killed them by throwing stones on them. Killer friends cheered the death of two friends and came down to the bottom steps to check their corpse. They were fully satisfied when they saw those dead bodies. Now the gold was to be divided equally between the two! They sat beside the gold and opened the packets to have sweets. The laddus in one looked some what special in comparison to others. They cursed and blamed their dead friends for their selfish

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KNOWLEDGE CAN NOT BE EARNED BY PENANCE

- Sadhu Shrirangdas (Gandhinagar)

This is an ancient story. In ancient time, the rishis and ascetics were used to live in seclusion of forest. They were used to live in their heritage. Hermitages were the seats of knowledge and training. The kings and the nobles were sending their children to the hermitage for their education and training. The Rishis Vasishtha , Yagyavalkya and Bharadwaj were famous for their knowledge bank and educational system. The Rishis like Dronacharya and Parashurama were known for their methodology and training. Yavakrit- the son of Rishi Bharadwaj- was an ambitious and independent youth. Yavakrit thought to learn without reading any book. He thought to learn without writing. He was residing at the hermitage of his father. The hermitage of Rishi Rebhya was very near to their place. Rishi Rebhya too was an eminent scholar like Rishi Bharadwaj. Paravasu and Arvavasu were the sons of Rishi Rishi Rebhya.Though the sons were in the age group of wledgoYavakrit, they both were become scholars by learning scriptures from their father-Rishi Rebhya. Yavakrit was a good friend of Arvavasu and Paravasu. They were playing to gather in the forest. Yavakrit was having good time with them inclusive of active participation in almost all the activities, buf he never took an initiative to read, write or learn.

As the time passed, these two scholars, Arvavasu and Paravasu, earned name and fame in high society of lords and nobles. They were invited by the kings and nobles to organize holy fires at their palaces and forts. Most often they requested the two brothers to grant admission of their children in their teaching learning sessions. Yavakrit burnt in the fire of envy and jealousy. He thought and compared himself with those two friends. They were earning name, fame and respect; and he on the other side, was loitering here and there without any thing. He knew about the root cause of their fame and progress. He knew that they have progressed in their life, by the knowledge they had earned. The knowledge only was the root cause of their progress and honor. Yavakrit now desired to earn name and fame. He desired to earn knowledge, but instead of choosing study, he chose penance as a means to earn knowledge. He made a firm resolute to do most difficult penance for the self enlightenment. He made resolute to earn knowledge without a teacher. He resolved to earn it without learning.

Yavakrit did difficult penance to please Lord Indra. Lord Indra is the king of the deities therefore, Lord Indra was capable to fulfill the wishes of Yavakrit. He spent days, weeks and months in most difficult penance, without having food or water. He set upright under the open sky and bore heat, cold, rain and storms. Lord Indra pleased to him for his penance and blessed him with a boon to grant his wish. Indra says, 'Oh My Child Yavakrit! I am pleased by your meditation and penance. Tell me, what do you want?' Yavakrit says, 'Oh My Lord Indra! I have done this penance to get knowledge. I want knowledge without reading the books. I want it without study. I want it without a teacher. Please fulfill my wish of knowledge.' Indra says, 'Oh

Yavakrit! The knowledge can not be had without a teacher. It can not be had without reading the books. It can not be had without

learning. Yavakrit! Do service of your teacher to get knowledge, learn it from your teacher and read the sacred books to strengthen the power of knowledge. A boon can not give you knowledge. Better, you know this truth and start learning from your teacher.' Lord Indra said thus to Yavakrit and returned to his divine abode.

Yavakrit was an adamant youth. He ignored the wise counsel of Indra. Once again he started penance to please Lord Indra. His resolute was changed into obstinacy. Obstinate Yavakrit was starting his daily penance after early morning rituals and bathing in the sacred water of river Ganges. One morning he saw a strange scene at the river bank. He saw an old Brahmin collecting handful sand from the bank and throwing it in the river. He was treating this act like a sacred ritual and was doing it with absolute faith and trust. His determination and trust were visible on his face. Yavakrit couldn't control his curiosity when he saw him busy little away. Yavakrit shouted from his place and asked, 'Oh Old Man! What are you doing?' Old man paid no attention to him and continued to pour sand from his fist. Yavakrit held his hand and asked, 'For what are you doing this?' The old man stood in front of him. There was firm determination on his face. The old man said, 'I want to cross the river but the water is flowing in full force. There is steady increase in the current. It is not so easy for me to cross such forceful current, therefore, I am building a wall of the sand, across the river bed. The wall will stop the water and I will be able to cross the river walking along the wall.' Yavakrit laughed at the old man and said, 'Oh Old Man! Are you a fool? Think and act wisely. Even after the thousand years, you shall not be able to build a wall of the sand by pouring fistful sand. It is impossible to build it in such manner. This is absolutely impossible.' The old man saw him eye to eye and said, 'If you could be a scholar without learning, then why I can't build a wall by this sand?' The meditation by a penance is like the sand in a fist in front of meditation for the knowledge. This brief dialogue brought Yavakrit in sense. It was unveiled truth. Lord Indra was come to him in guise of an old man. He resumed the guise to explain this truth. Lord Indra asked then Yavakrit to go back to his teacher to learn from him.

Lord Indra blessed him to receive eternal knowledge from his Guru. He blessed him with the blessed pleasure of goddess Saraswati. Yavakrit came to the hermitage as a disciple of Rishi Bharadwaj. Yavakrit learnt under his father and earned name and fame as a well read scholar.

Dear friends! Now you know how to earn knowledge. Read the books. Apply your mind and concentrate absolutely in your reading and study. Goddess Saraswati is not pleasing by the poojan-worship of a book. Goddess pleases when we read that book. Shri Hari says in his Vachanamrits: God pleases to the one who works very hard. God is not pleasing to lazy people. Shri Hari says in the Shikshapatri: Read scriptures in accordance to your intellect. Shri Hari orders us to learn and teach.

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AN UNIQUE OCCASION

- Atulbhai B. Pothiwala (Canada)

The devotees in Ahmedabad wrote a letter to Shriji Maharaj, ' Oh Maharaj! Ahmedabad is now under the rule of the Britishers. This is end of Peshwa's rule. British Officers are observing our religious rituals and religious symbols. They are very curious and inquisitive about us. They often ask, 'Who is your Guru? We want to meet him.' We have said, 'Sahajanand Swami is our Guru. Gadhpur is his residence.' They asked, 'Whether he comes here or not?' In answer to it we have said, 'Earlier ruler has banned his entry in Ahmedabad.' The officer has said with a smile, 'That ban is vanished with them. Invite your Bhagwan to visit this place. We will be happy to meet him.' Oh Maharaj! Please grant our prayer and visit this place on receipt of this letter.'

Maharaj pleased to his faithful devotees on listening to their hearty prayer. Shriji Maharaj and his saintly retinue from Gadhpur, proceeded swiftly to Ahmedabad. Shri Hari blessed his devotees on his way to Ahmedabad. Shri Hari graced with his retinue the outskirts of Ahmedabad.

This was a big event for Ahmedabad. One ruler banned his entry and another one invited him! There was no limit to the happiness his devotees. A majestic welcome was organized to receive Shriji Maharaj. Hundreds of musicians, brass band and dancers led this unique procession. Satsangis danced and sang on the tunes of musical instruments. The saints too were overjoyed by unbroken faith and trust. All were dancing and singing in front of Shriji Maharaj.

The senior saints like Muktanand Swami came down on the road to dance with the satsangis. Entire road was covered with red carpet of Gulal (red powder).S.G. Muktanand Swami took consent of Shriji Maharaj and held Kartaals in both his hands. He concentrated on divine image of Lord to draw drawings of the procession by his dancing feet. There were innumerable drawings of horse, elephant and chariot, spread on the red carpet of Gulal. The historians have taken a note of this grand shobha-yatra and that of the drawings of Muktanand Swami.

The religious procession and the chants of Maha-mantra were so majestic that it revived the spiritual consciousness of Ahmedabad. It created miracles. The merchants and businessmen were so impressed by the devotional fervour that they instead keeping account of the business dealings, inserted the entries of Maha-mantra.

The prominent businessmen such as Sheth Hirachand Choksi, Becharsheth Lashkari, Mankiwala and Chhadidar Kubersinh danced madly at the religious procession in intoxication of devotion. Entire capital city was rejoicing the welcome procession.

The residents and devotees were welcoming Maharaj by shower of sacred rice, abil and Gulal

Lord Shri Hari pleased to the residents of Ahmedabad and sanctified the streets and the lanes of this historical place. Shri Hari and the retinue of the saints came to the Nava Vaas area and camped at a suitable place. Thousands of people were come here to have blissful darshan of Sahajanand Swami. Mr. Ajubhai Patel from Narmada area was come to Ahmedabad to attend to a householder duty. He knew about Shri Hari's blessed presence and came to Nava Vaas to

pay obeisance. He came to the satsang sabha and saluted to Shriji Maharaj. Shriji Maharaj knew him very well, therefore he said, ' Oh Arjunbhai! When have you come and from where? Your native place is too far from here.' Arjunbhai said in submission, 'Oh Maharaj! Oh My Lord! Businessman Shri Manubhai is a good friend of mine His son is marrying. I am here to attend marriage celebrations.As your Lordship is here at this place, I have come here to pay you salute before attending the celebrations.' Shriji Maharaj asked, 'When the marriage is?' Arjunbhai grabbed the opportunity and prayed, 'Oh My Lord! Devout soul Mahanbhai is a good friend of mine. They are anxious to receive you at the merrige of their son. I have prepared them mentally in regard to religious decorum. Proper decorum shall be maintained in regard to ladies and gents. There shall be separate wing for the gents and ladies. They have a very large and comfortable courtyard to accommodate present audience plus others. They will be very happy to receive you and the saintly retinue. Oh Maharaj! Please grace the celebraton by your benign presence.

Lord Shriji Maharaj consented to the prayes and came to the carriage celebrations. Mohanbhai and his relatives were waiting waiting impatiently to receive Lord Shri Hari at their house. They welcomed Maharaj with flower garlands and due decorum.They paid hearty salute and escorted him to a majestic seat. Shriji Maharaj comforted himself and inquired, 'Who is marrying? Ask him to come here. I will like to bless him.' The groom,

Bedecked with precious attires and ornaments, came to Maharaj and paid hearty salute. Arjunbhai insisted him to serve Dandvat Pranam. Though the task was much difficult and unknown to the groom, he tried with due decorum to pay Dandvat Pranam. Shri Hari garlanded him happily by taking a garland from his own neck. Three generations of him received ultimate benediction. The marriage party and the guests were very happy for the good fortune of the groom and his family.

Mohanbhai, the father of the groom, came forward and paid Dandvat Pranam by resting his eight major limbs on the earth. Maharaj said, 'Your friend Arjunbhai has invited us to your place. Are you happy?' Mohanbhai prayed in excitement and emotion,' Maharaj! I feel myself most fortunate by presence of your divine majesty with your retinue of the saints. I am honored by your presence.' Meanwhile, came there a saint to interrupt with a small inquiry. The saint said, 'Oh Bhagwan! It is almost dusk and now shall be time for the evening Aarti, Dhoon kirtan and Nitya-niyama. Please allow us to leave for our camping place.' Mohanbhai was listening to them. He asked politely about the matter.Maharaj said, 'Mohanbhai! This is the time of Sandhya-aarti and dhoon-kirtans. The saints will have to leave this place for the devotion and katha-satsang.' Mohanbhai prayed, 'Maharaj! Please ask them to do it here.' Maharaj says, 'Mohanbhai! Devotional songs and service to God may last for a long time,' Mohanbhai submits his prayer, 'Maharaj! We have no problem, if it continued till midnight or beyond. Kindly tell them to organize here pooja, aarti and devotional programme. We shall be obliged with an opportunity to do darshan and devotion of God.'

Maharaj pleases to them and permits his saints to organize Sandhya-aarti and devotion at the place of Mohanbhai. Shri Mohanbhai, his marrying son, his family members and

guests joined this special session of poojan, aarti and devotion.

Shriji Maharaj then says to Arjunbhai: You have earned today the greatest punya of your life. The three generations of Mohanbhai and his son shall be emancipated. The Satsang will prevail forever in this pious family. The souls of these three generation will come to my divine abode due to the satsang. You will earn the punya of their devotion

Shriji Maharaj initiated mantra-deeksha to the householders-Mahanbhai and his son, took the family in the benedictory fold of this holy fellowship and concluded the session at about ten p.m., when Shri Hari returned to Nava-Vaas. Thus a marriage ceremony was transformed into the unique occasion by the grace of Shri Hari.

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FREE GOLD INVITES DEATH

motive of having special laddus. They decided to have those special laddus. They died instantly on having poisonous laddu.

Friends! It is truly said that the gold can not be a source of true happiness. The Lanka of Ravana was built in gold but it could not be of any use to him when Lord Hanumana burnt it to ashes. The port-town of Dwarika was built in gold, but Lord Krishna sank it in bottom of the sea. For real happiness, follow the rules of Shikshapatri: 'They shall take vocations suitable to their caste and class, according to their abilities...(140).'Do devotion, meditation or prayer but don't do it for the gold. Don't do it for the sense objects.

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H.H. Acharya Maharajshri leads overseas religious tour of U.K. and U.S.A.

there after the Cleveland, To install idols of God in the new temple at Boston.

(8) The Swaminarayn temple (ISSO), Boston is the second temple in U.S.A., built eighteen years ago by the I.S.S.O. The satsang in Boston and U.S.A. grew in multi fold in these eithteen years and existing building was too small to accommodate a large number of the devotees. H.H. Acharya Maharajshri desired to build a splendid at a specious location. This only was the way to extend comfort to the devotional services. A suitable location was selected and the plans were drawn to build a splendid temple with a specious courtyard to accommodate all satsang activities. H.H. Acharya Maharajshri was invited then to Boston to receive wise consultation from His Holiness. The devotees and aspirants were invited to host various events, idols and activities. The events and festivities, the idols and rituals all were hosted readily by the Haribhaktas. In his on going religious tour, His holiness graced the historical city of Boston, to install the idols of God in the new temple. This was a long and devotion filled programme spread in seven days to present the events like Shobha-Yatra, Shrimad Bhagwat Saptah, invocation rituals and devotional music. The thousands of devotees from Boston and the states were present at the religious procession. This was a memorable event for the American community. The twentieth day of August was the auspicious time to instll idols of God in the temple. His holiness graced the inner temple and installed the idols of God amidst the chants of Vedic hymns. The idol of Lord Ganshyam Maharaj resembles the idol dwelled at the Rang Mahol of Ahmedabad temple. Many events,objects andoccasions were auctioned at the satsang sabha. The devotees have earned the pleasure of Shri Hari by receiving them at the highest bid. Lord Narnarayandev, Shri Lakshminarayandev, Lord Radhakrishnadev and Shri Dharm-Bhakti with other forms of God dwell here to bless the aspirants.

(A report from the Mahant Swami, Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Kalupur, Ahmedabad)

DATTAS (Leaf Cale ndar) FOR V.S. 2063

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TRUST IN GOD

- Samkhya Yogi Kamalaba and Kokilaba

God loves his devotees. God takes good care of his devotees when they surrender to him absolutely with unbroken faith and devotion. God takes good care of their householder requirements and blesses them with ultimate benediction.

Lord Swaminarayan Bhagwan has promised all his follower devotees the boon of plentiful food and clothing with a decent shelter. Even in this adverse time, we satsangis are not left hungry, unsheltered or unprotected. We have all these available by the grace of Shriji Maharaj. Shriji Maharaj takes good care of us.

Sant Eknath is famous for his devotion. He was a great saint, who belonged not only to Maharashtra, but to the greater India and the mankind. He was used to live a simple life with his wife and both of them were very happy in their small family of two. Though it was a small family, there were many householder works and duties to be carried out by the husband or the wife. The chores like washing the clothes, sweeping the rooms, cooking meals for the guests, fetching sacred water from the holy Ganges and other such assignments left hardly any time for them to relax. God knew about his devotee and his various duties and therefore He desired to be there with them to help his devotees. God desired to breathe the fragrance of unbroken faith and devotion.

It is a vow and also a boon from the side of God to protect his devotees, to take good care of his devotees. God descends to the earth to take good care of the householder duties of saint Eknath.

Saint Eknathji is sat at the corridor of his house. His wife is busy in the kitchen. There is sublime tranquility enveloping his house. An unknown youth breaks in this tranquil consciousness and submits a humble prayer, 'Oh Saint! I am jobless. I want some work. Please help me.' Saint Eknath sees him with compassion and love. To help him in his struggle against the adverse time, the saint says to the youth, 'Oh Young Man! A few merchants and the landlords are known to me. I can request them to assign a job to you.' The youth submits, 'Oh Satpurusha! I don't want to do service of any landlord or merchant. I want to do service at your house. Please help me.' Eknathji smiles and says, 'Oh Young Man! Perhaps you have misunderstood me due to familiarity and publicity of my name. I am known everywhere and our society is generous enough to honor my words, but in reality I don't have any regular source of income. I am penniless. Please know and accept this hard truth.' The Youth prays again, 'Oh Saint! I am not here for money. I want a job. I want a service. I want to join duty at your house. I don't want money, little food and a shelter to sleep shall be enough for me.'

Eknathji thinks for a while and says, 'Young Man! We will be able to share our meals with you and there shall be no problem in sparing little space to accommodate you at the rear corridor of the house. If it suits to your needs, you may work here for us.' Youth agrees to the proposal without any hesitation. Pious soul Eknathji knows nothing about the divine leela of God. Almighty Supreme Lord, disguised in frame of an innocent youth is present at his house to take good care of the devout couple. Eknathji takes him as a man and accommodates him in his small family of two! For Eknathji, the world was a free inn and the people with him were the travelers

sharing bread with the others on the path of salvation.

This youthful employee says to the wife of Eknathji, 'Mother! Please be comfortable and do devotion. I know cooking very well. I will cook tasty and wholesome meals for us.' Virtuous housewife tries to go with him to the kitchen to show him various ingredients used in cooking meals but he requests her to not to worry. He assures her that there shall be no problem for him in finding place and the containers of the required ingredients. Assured lady goes back to her husband. She says to him, 'Our servant is a hard working man. He is polite and well mannered. He takes care of all our household chores. Today he has relieved me from my kitchen and had asked me to do devotion without any tension.' Eknath suggests her to show the various containers and ingredients to help the youth in cooking the food in time. She disagrees to that suggestion and says that the according to servant there shall be no problem in cooking the food in time, as he knew very well about the required ingredients and their containers in the kitchen. Meanwhile comes there the youth to interrupt this conversation by the well served plates of tasteful meal. They are amazed by his speed in cooking. Youth repeats his earlier statement and says that he is good at speedy cooking.

Eknathji consumes wholesome meal with his wife and Supreme Lord stands at the threshold to serve course and helping of their choice. This was a wonderful scene. The God, disguised as a cook, was serving food to the devotees!

God's works are beyond our imagination when God works like a householder. God took charge of all householder works and duties. Domestic duties included sweeping, cleaning, washing clothes, cooking, bringing water from river Ganges and cleaning utensils. In similar way God assisted extensively by helping Sant Eknathji in collecting sacred herbs, plucking flowers and in making sandal-wood paste for poojan.

God was caught unaware and his robe as a servant was disclosed soon to the devout couple. God was known there as Shrikhandi. Eknathji and his wife were used to sleep at the front corridor and Shrikhandi was sleeping at the rear corridor. One night,when wife of Eknathji woke up from sleep to get some thing from her kitchen, she saw bright light in the rear corridor where Shrikandi was used to sleep. She opened the window to satisfy her curiosity because the light was brighter than the light of a lamp. When she peeped through the open window, she saw Lord Vishnu at the place of Shrikandi and saw goddess Lakshmiji serving at the lotus like feet of Lord Vishnu.

She awoke her husband from his deep sleep and described to him the divine view. Both of them ran to the rear corridor to have blissful Darshan of Lord Vishnu, but there in the darkness of night they found Shrikhandi sleeping on uncovered floor. They sat there on the floor to please Lord Vishnu by their hearty prayer. God blessed them with the darshan of His divine manifestation.

TO OUR HONOURED READERS

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-Editor

HARBAI-VALBAI

- Taralaben A. Pothiwala

This is a historical event. In ancient time, Shriji Maharaj was used to dwell at Loj. Shriji Maharaj dictated a letter to all his saints and satsangis, and invited them to Kaliyani to celebrate religious festival of Prabodhini Ekadashi. The thousands of devotees came from the far flung places to participate in religious austerities of Prabodhini Ekadashi Vratt.

They woke up early in the morning on Prabodhini Ekadashi day, had early morning rituals and went for a dip at the sacred river. A satsang sabha was organized there to celebrate the Prabodhini Vratt. Shriji Maharaj graced the Sabha to bless his saints and devotees. A majestic canopy was erected there, above a raised platform and a splendid seat was installed at the centre of the platform. The both the sides of the platform were covered with the mattresses to accommodate the senior saints at the either sides of the main seat. Shriji Maharaj ascended the steps and graced the seat. Shriji Maharaj invited his senior saints to sit at the altar facing satsang sabha. Mean while came there lady Valbai and Harbai with a group of their disciples. They crossed the gathering and ascended to platform without any hesitation or courtesy. These ladies took hold of the seats among the senior saints and their disciples encircled them obediently making a seat for themselves.

Lady Valbai belonged to the sub caste of Kanabi (a sub caste in farmers) and Lady Harbai was a potter by caste. Both of them were the disciples of Atmanand Swami. They both were knowledgeable and well read, but were highly egoist. Despite ego and arrogance, Guru Ramanand Swami tolerated them for their ultimate benediction. The senior saints left the altar and walked away from the canopy, when they found the ladies sitting among them. Shriji Maharaj disapproved the behavior of Valbai and Harbai and said, 'Why have you joined the group of the saints when you have put on the attires of a lady ascetic? Why have you pushed them to an awkward condition and forced them to undergo a penance, fast and atonement? You should not visit the places where the saints are present. Act in accordance to the rules and decorum of this holy fellowship, if you desire to be a part of the sect. Don't preach to the male satsangis. Adhere to the decorum.'

This was a bitter and big pill to swallow. It ignited fire of the anger and both the ladies barked at Shri Hari, 'We both are the released souls. An occasion with the man could do nothing to us. At our mind and soul, we make no discrimination between a man and a woman. All are living beings. The carnal desires have not touched us, even in our youth; then how could it dare to touch us at such old age? More over, the greats like Guru Atmanand Swami and Guru Ramanand Swami too, never have tried to put us in the shackles of the decorum and rules, in that glorious past, then as a new comer, who are you to put us in the limiting line of decorum? We will not obey to your orders. If insisted further to put us under the control, we two with our disciples will desert the sect. With our large following, we will organize an independent sect of our own. Mind it for your self.'

Shriji Maharaj ignored the breach of decorum and continued to preach: An occasion between a man and a woman is like

putting butter oil beside a fire! No one should be proud of the self control under such circumstances. Though you have won your five sense organs, the circumstances will pull you down to the bottom. Maintain distance and decorum to protect your consciousness.

Shriji Maharaj preached them for a long time and narrated many examples showing decline and fall of the man and woman by such occasions, but adamant ladies disregarded the spiritual wisdom.

Keeping in view the call of time, Shriji Maharaj and Muktanand Swami retired to a peaceful place to have mutual consultation before arriving to a conclusion. Muktanand Swami said, 'Maharaj! Harbai, Valbai and Raghunath are very arrogant, haughty and egoist. Those ladies have behaved in like manner in presence of Guru Ramanand Swami. Ramanand Swami had ignored their misconduct. Now in present circumstances, they will mislead the aspirants, if allowed their misbehavior. We should try once again to make them understand the virtuous ways, and should be banished outright, if they disobeyed the orders.'

In his final round of preaching and counsel, Shriji Maharaj tried at the best to take them to superior plane of virtues and faith, but both the ladies were too stubborn to merge their ego in service of God. They did not budge to leave the seat.

Shriji Maharaj wielded his eternal power of the spiritual head and pronounced, 'Oh Harbai! Oh Valbai! Despite my repeated preaching, you both have opted for a discipline free life and have preferred to live in your own way. Such acts on your side, shall not be tolerated for any longer. If you are not willing to act as per the rules of this holy fellowship, you will have to quit. This holy fellowship (Sampradaya) expels you two with immediate effect.

Both the ladies were shocked by such fearless order of Maharaj. The sullen ladies left the assembly with their group of the disciples. They founded their own sect at Tramba. That fictitious sect disappeared with in few years. The self discipline and the decorum are the pillars of this sect.

DIVINE MIRACLE

Lord Swaminarayan Bhagwan confirms His eternal presence in the idols installed by H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. The residents and devotees have realized this eternal truth through a miracle that took place in our Swaminarayan Mandir, Sakodara (Dholka). The devotees and aspirants were gathered at the temple to serve evening Aarti to Lord Shriji Maharaj. Shri Narayanbhai too was there with his two grand daughters. The younger grand daughter-Dhirajba (age: 4 years) left the gathering and walked away to far end of the court yard and in child like curiosity, she peeped in to water tank. She lost balance and fell in the deep water tank. The water filled tank was ten foot deep. Elder sister shouted for help when she saw her sister falling in the water tank. The devotees and grand father rushed to the tank and rescued her from the bottom of the tank. She was perfectly fit and normal when she sat on the parapet. It was a miracle for the devotees, because there was no adverse effect of drowning, not a single drop of water could enter in passage of ears, nose or mouth. This miracle took place on Sunday, date 16.7.2006.

-Kalubhai Hirabhai Patel (Sakodara)

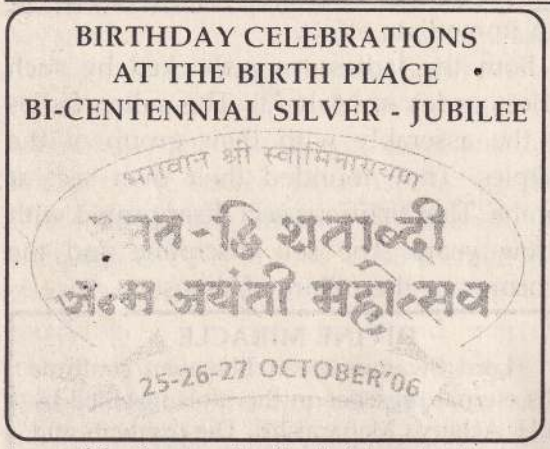
CHANGE IN THE DATE OF ANNUAL PATOTSAVA

The Annual Patotsava of Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Idar (S.K.), shall be celebrated every year on auspicious 13th day of the bright half of Jyeshtha.The satsangis are requested to take a note of this change.

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BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS AT THE BIRTH PLACE • BI-CENTENNIAL SILVER - JUBILEE



Almighty Supreme Lord Shri Narnarayandev dwelled in ancient time at the Badrikashrama to do penance for the ultimate benediction of the mankind and living beings. To incarnate himself on the earth, Lord Narnarayandev received at his free will, the curse from Rishi Durvasa and incarnated himself on the earth. He was born to pious Brahmin family of father Dharmdev and mother Bhaktidevi. He was born on auspicious 9th day of the bright half of Chaitra in V.S.1837 at 10.10 p.m. The birth place Chhapaiya is located in the northern Koshal desha and at the northern river side of the sacred river Sarayu. The birth place is little away from Ayodhya. Lord Sahajanand Swami paved the path of ultimate benediction by preaching ethical duties, ultimate knowledge, detachment and devotion. He created a huge team of the thousands of enlightened saints, ascetics, celibates and the devotees. To pave this path for the future generations, he constructed nine majestic temples, installed the eternal seat of the Dharmavanshi Acharya and wrote value oriented religious scriptures. The Sampradaya is celebrating Bi-Centennial Silver Jubilee at the birth place-Chhapaiya to materialize the sacred resolute made by Earlier Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharajshri. H.H. Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharajshri will chair the celebrations to guide and lead this holy fellowship.

The grand events of the Bi-centennial-Silver Jubilee shall be celebrated by the Seventh Descendent Heir of Shri Hari, H.H.Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharajshri and celebrations shall be organized in benign presence of H.H.Acharya Maharaj Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharajshri, H.H. Lalaji 108 Shri Vrajendraprasadji Maharajshri, Respected Gadiwalashri, Respected senior Gadiwalashri and the Dharmakul. The aspirants and devotees from India and abroad shall be present on this occasion to participate in the events at Chhapaiya Dham, in benign presence of Lord Ghanshyam Maharaj and Dharmakul. The grand events of Bi-Centennial-Silver Jubilee shall be organized at Chhapaiya- the birth place of Shri Swaminarayan Bhagwan, on auspicious 3rd ,4th and 5th (Laabh Panchmi) day of the bright half of Kartika in V.S. 2063 (25,26,27 October-2006).

The Haribhaktas, aspirants and the well wishers of this holy fellowship are cordially invited to participate in various events. There are the rare in life time opportunity to host the events at the courtyard of God. Please walk forward and join us at the celebrations.

Celibate Saint Vasudevanandji, Mahant Swami
(Disciple of: Celibate Singer saint Ramkrishnanandji)
ON BEHALF OF BI-CENTENNIAL-SILVER JUBILEE COMMITTEE,
: AUSPICIOUS EVENTS : October 25, 2006

Inauguration, Baal Charit Parayana, Shri Hari Yaag, Devotional music, Inauguration of constant Dhoon, sacred thread ceremonies for the Brahmin children, Poojan of the hot seal and donation and the circular walk in and around Chhapaiya to do darshan of the holy places in benign presence of His holiness.

October 26, 2006

Tulsi-vivah, Shobha-Yatra, Group Maha Pooja and Mantra-deeksha.

October 27, 2006

Honour and felicitations, Mahabhishekam, Poojan worship of the birth place, Annakut, Dharmakul poojan, Sant poojan, The celebration of weighing in silver.

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Saturated Fat 0g	0%
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Sodium 300 mg	13%
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Protein 3g	

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* Percent Daily Values are based on a 2,000 calorie diet. Your daily values may be higher or lower depending on your calorie needs

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Total Fat	Less than	65g	80g
Saf Fat	Less than	20g	25g
Cholesterol	Less than	300 mg	300 mg
Sodium	Less than	2,400 mh	2,400 mg
Total Carbohydrate		300g	375g
Dietary Fiber		25g	

Calories per gram :
Fat 9. Carbohydrate 4 . Protein 4

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ISSO Seva

Continuous Growth world Wide , under His Holiness 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasasdji Maharajshri "Serving the World, One Soul At a Time.". 'Seva' is derived from the Sanskrit world meaning "service".

I.S.S.O. Seva was established in July 2005 during the Florida Murti Pratisti a under the guidance, blessings & direction of His holiness 1008 Shri Koshalendrapradadji Maharajshri & His Holiness Nivrut (Retired) Acharya Maharajshri Tejendraprasadji Maharajshri. The Organization continues to grow at phenomenal speed World wide. H.H. Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharajshri has directed ISSO Seva for the following services :

- **Establishment of two Regular Heatlh Service Facilities in New Jersey and Texas Swaminarayan Mandirs.**
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- **Assisting Youth who are victims of Abuse**
- **Foster leadership, civil action, and community engagement through volunteerism and service.**
- **Charity Toy Drives for Children**

The following are the activites conducted up to date from the activities charated for : 2006-07.

Colonia, New Jersey – May 7, 2006

94 patients were cared fro during the 1 day Health Fair. The National Bone Marrow Program of New Jersey participated in the Health Fair. 31 Idividuals joined the registry by donating blood to be a potential volunteer bone marrow donor.

Weehawken, New Jersey – May 27th, 2006

65 Patients were cared for during the one day Helath Fair held during the 19th Patotsav of the Shree Swaminarayan Mandir. Over 15 units of blood were donated by our satangies to the local blood bank.

Colonia, New Jersey – August 12th, 2006

86 patients were cared for duing the Health Fair throughout the 1st Patotsav of the Shree Swaminarayan Mandir. The National Bone Organization and New Jersey Blood Donation Services participated in the Health Fair. 25 units of blood were donated by our Indain community to the local hospitals. 16 individuals joined the National Bone Marrow Registry.

Lowell, Massachusetts – August 18-20th, 2006

The Free Health Fair occurred during the Grand Opening of Shree Swaminarayan Mandir.The SAMAR (South Asian Marrow Association of Recruiters) and the Childrens Hospital of Harvard participated I nthe health fair.

Bone Marrow Drives

H.H. Acharya Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharajshri's purpose of establishment of ISSO Seva, was to help those in need, during time ofcrisis & misfortune. ISSO Seva also serves patients, diagnosed with leukemia and other fatal blood disorders, from the community who are in search of Blood Stem Cell. Donors are urgently needed to the help individuals who are looking for Donor Match. Many Individuals have been diagnosed with a form of Leukemia, and are in immediate need of a stem cell blood, or bone marrow transplant. Following are some of the Bone Marrow Drives, were set up for the satsang under the direction of His Holiness 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharajshri. We have added over 160 new donors, to the Registry, from our Mandirs.

1. Swaminarayan Mandir in Colonia, New Jersey – Sept 4th 2005 (42 New Donors)

2. Swaminarayan Mandir in Norwalk, Californai – December 24th 2005 (26 Donors)
3. Swaminarayan Mandir in Houston, Texas – March 11-12, 2005 (31 Donors)
4. Swaminarayan Mandir in Weehawken New Jersey – April 8, 2006 (25 Donors)
5. Swaminarayan Mandir in Colonia, New Jersey – May 7; 2006 (39 Donors)
6. Swaminarayan Mandir in Lowell, Massachusetts – June 10th, 2006 (25 Donors)
7. Swaminarayan Mandir in Houston, Texas – July 23rd, 2006 (14 Donors)
8. Swaminarayan Mandir in Colonia, New Jeresey – August 12th 2006 (22 Donors)
9. Swaminarayan Mandir in Scottsdale, Arizonia – August 12th 2006 (39 Donors)
10. Swaminarayan Mandir in Lowel, Massachusetts – August 19th 2006 (Donors)

Blood Drives

His Holiness 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasdji Maharajshri helped ensure that hospitals have the blood supply that they need, to treat all of their patient. The American Red Cross conducts blood drives in various locatons around the world. For this humanitarian cause, ISSO Seva teamed up with American Red Cross, New Jersey Blood Donation Services, New York Blood Donation Services, Regional Gulf Coasts, and Childrens Hpsital of Harvard to boost the blood supply in the local areas. Fellow satsangis as well as the local community members came together to donate at Massachusetts, Texas, New York and New Jersey. To help the individuals who are unfortunate to be in this situation, is a very noble and heart warming act of kindness and an example of ultimate humanity. All the volunteers and donors were extremely eager to assist and took the intiative to get involved.

DisasterAid Events

His Holiness 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharajshri's vision is to mark "I.S.S.O. Seva" as a well respected international non-profit charity to serve humanity - locally and globally - by providing not only the medical care and health education, but by providing any form of seva that will establish a safer and healthier environment for all. ISSO – Seva partners with both domestic and international charitable orgnizations in the crusade against poverty and hunger and works vigorously to provide relief to the victims of natural disasters worldwide. By serving humanity. ISSO – Seva can cultivate a safer, healthier and happier world.

Helping the Homeless One Person at a Time 2006

The Lowell Transitional Living Center - a community supported by non-profit organizations provides a safe ,temporary shelter and multiple services for homeless men and women of the Greater Lowell area in hope of putting an end to homelessness. Members of ISSO Seva Boston sponsored and organized a full vegetarian lunch and dinner for 160 homeless men and women at the Lowell Transitional Living Centrer. ISSO Seva has made arrangements to sponsor schedule lunches and dinners every month at the shelter. In addition to the scheduled lunches and dinners every month, ISSO-Seva Members have transported to the shelter any extra cooked meals from surrounding local churches & businesses.

Katrina Relief 2005

As the people of New Orleans begin to rebuild their lives, ISSO Seva has moved into a longer-term community recovery effort to assit surviviors, aid families in finding the community resources, and to help communities, meet the ongoing needs of those affected by Katrina. ISSO seva worked hard to ensure effective relief aid for the Katrina Victims. Volunteers from the Seva Organization worked together with local organizations to gather the appropriate supplies in basic need for the devastated areas of New Orleans. Boxes of canned foods, water bottles, clothing, and the toys for the children were collected in donations from New Jersey and Massachusetts.

H.H. ACHARYA MAHARAJSHRI LEADS OVERSEAS RELIGIOUS TOUR OF U.K. AND U.S.A.

The global Satsang has progressed extensively since founding of I.S.S.O. by H.H. Acharya Maharaj Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharajshri. The ISSO has become an effective nodal agency by constructing splendid temples in U.S.A. and U.K. The countries and continents like Australia, New Zealand and Sweden have been covered by this institution to conduct satsang activities as a service to Shri Narnarayandev Desh Diocese. A good number of domed temples and the ISSO chapters are active in these countries, with the due blessings of H.H.Acharya Maharajshri. The first Hari-Mandir of U.S.A., under Shri Narnarayndev Dev Diocese, was founded at New Jersey,U.S.A., thereafter, the temples and the Hari-mandirs have been founded in plenty and have been constructed each year in a non-stop series with active participation of I.S.S.O. The satsang of today has large number of our temples in almost all major cities of U.S.A., U.K., Australia, New Zealand and Sweden. The devotees in overseas countries have now plentiful opportunities, to do darshan and devotion at our temples. H.H. Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharajshri, escorted by his retinue, graces frequently these countries to strengthen devotion and satsang by conducting youth satsang camps, seminars and religious celebrations. Here is a glimpse of the religious tour which started on 12-7-06.

(1) The first annual patotsava of the Lakeland (Florida) temple was celebrated with the due blessings of H.H. Achraya Maharajshri. Lord Radhakrishnadev Harikrishna Maharaj, Shri Narnarayandev and Shri Lakshminarayandev dwell here at this temple. H.H. Acharya Maharajshri graced the temple and served Patotsava Mahabhishekam to indweller Gods. The festivities and celebrations were organized for the whole week to conduct group Maha pooja, Bhagwat Parayan Saptah, Satsang Sabhas and devotional music. His holiness graced the events and blessed his devotees. His holiness spared enough time and graced the houses of devotees to bless them personally.

(2) Shri Swaminarayan temple at Huston has received intricately sculptured domes and peaks. The grand event was celebrated in a big way on occasion of annual patotsava of God. Shrimad Satsangi Bhushan Parayan, Vishnu Yaag and other celebrations were organized. H.H. Acharya Maharajshri graced this week long festival, served Patotsava Abhishekam, offered sacred sacrifice to Lord Vishnu and blessed his devotees by his blissful presence at the celebrations.

(3) The Gat Wick is a peaceful area of London. I.S.S.O. has constructed a splendid temple by procuring a huge piece of land in this beautiful area.His holiness graced the temple and installed the idols of God, amidst the chants of Vedic hymns. The temple at Gat Wick is the fourth among the temples built in the U.K. I.S.S.O. has constructed these temples.

(4) Specious locations were chosen in Atlanta and Byron to build temples and Sant- Nivas in Georgia (U.S.A.). H.H. Acharya Maharajshri arrived here from U.K.and graced this region for the five days. His Holiness addressed here innumerable assemblies and graced hundreds of houses to spread message of Shriji Maharaj.

(5) Lord Narnarayandev and other Gods dwell at the splendid temple in Addison, Colonia.His holiness graced the temple and served Patotsava Abhishekam to God.Thousands of devotees were present at the celebratons.

(6) H.H. Acharya Maharajshri graced our temple at Detroit and served second annual Abhishekam to Lord Radhkrishnadev and other Gods. The group Maha-pooja and the Dhirajakhyan (written by S.G.Nishkulanand Swami) Parayana were organized to celebrate the event. The events of Mahabhishekam, Maha-pooja and Parayan sessions were attended by a large number of devotees.

(7) H.H. Acharya Maharajshri graced Cleveland-Ohio and chose a church, to build a temple there to give devotional pleasure to the devotees at Cleveland. His holiness got it purchased and sanctified entire piece of land by holy touch of his lotus like feet. His holiness walked on it with Lord Thakorji. After the sacred rituals, a meeting was held with the senior devotees. His holiness guided them in regard to renovation of the existing structure and suggested some modification. H.H. Acharya Maharajshri has desired to invoke God at the earliest at the renovated building of the temple. H.H.Acharya Maharajshri and the saints left

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NEWS AND NOTES FROM SHRI NARNARAYANDEV DESH

AHMEDABAD REGION

The temples under Shri Narnarayandevdesh Diocese have served food packets to the flood affected people

The heavy rain, floods and over flowing reservoirs have taken a heavy toll of life and property in many areas of Gujarat state and the city area Surat, central Gujarat and Dholka area of Ahmedabad district were put to most precarious state due to heavy rain and the overflowing dams. The villages and localities were sunk in the five to ten foot high water. Many people were trapped on the roofs and trees. H.H, Acharya Maharajshri knew about this alarming state during his religious tour of America. His holiness acted upon instantly and directed the temples at Kalupur(Ahmedabad), Jetalpur, Naranpura, Narayanghat, Kankaria, Jivrajpark,Bapunagar, Dholka etc. through their respective Mahants to organize immediate help by a substantial supply of the food packets. About two lakh food packets, containing sukhadi, puri, sev and maggaj, were distributed in flod affected areas of Surat, Kheda, Nadiad, Anand, Tarapur and Dholka. The supply and distribution were continued for some days till recede of the flood water. Acharya Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharajshri has frequented these areas to take good care of the people. *- Anil Patel*

Janmshtami at Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Ahmedabad

The manifestation and incarnation of Lord Krishna, was celebrated here on auspicious Janmashtami day. Thousand of devotees were come to the temple during the day, to pay obeisance to Lord Narnarayandev. Kirtans, Dhoon and devotion lasted for the whole day. The devotees continued to pour in till midnight, when Birthday Aarti was served to Lord Narnarayandev. The devotees and aspirants have benefited by this religious celebration.

The Homa and Maha-pooja in Shravana

The Homa and Maha-pooja were liked more by Shriji Maharaj. The Homa and Maha-pooja were served here by H.H. Lalji 108 Shri Vrajendraprasadji Maharajshri in blissful presence of Lord Narnarayandev, on Sunday dated 20-8-06.Shri surendrabhai Patel (Vishala) has earned the pleasure of Shri hari by hosting these events. Many aspirants have benefited by participating in group Maha-pooja. The events were managed decently by S.G. Dharmaprakashdasji (Kothari Swami) and the saints.

- Shastri Satyaprakashdas

Shri Swaminarayan Mandir Mathura

The beautiful Hindolas were presented to Lord Radhakrishnadev, to celebrate the events of Hindola festival. The events were organized and hosted by the devotees with the due blessings of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. The devotees have earned the pleasure of Shri Hari by rocking the cradle of Lord Thakorji. S.G. Mahant Swami and S.G. Sarveshwardasji (Poojari Swami) have earned the pleasure of Shri Hari by encouraging the devotees for this service and celebration. Shrimad Bhagwat Saptah (12-8-06 to 18-8-06) was organized here to sing the praise of Shriji Maharaj. The events and the festivities narrated in the scripture, were celebrated at the parayana sessions. Shri Sudarshanbhai Khatri and his family have earned the pleasure of Shri Hari by hosting Bhagwat parayana. *– Kothari Narendra Bhagat*

Achararya Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharajshri Celebrates Patotsava at Delhi Temple

Lord Balswaroop Ghanshyam Maharaj has received here patotsava Abhishekam, when His Sixth Descendent son and Heir graced this place. The grand festivities were organized on 6-8-06, at 7.00 a.m. Acharya Maharajshri graced the temple and served patotsava mahabhishekam of the sixteen sacred objects, amidst devotional music and the chants of the Vedic hymns. The Mahant Swami, S.G. Devprasaddasji and the Mahant Swami of Colonia (U.S.A.) have earned the pleasure of Shri Hari by their inspriration to the host family. The events were hosted by Shri Janakbhai Tank and his worthy sons-ShriSharadbhai and Shri Prakashbhai.

A Satsang Sabha was organized to serve poojan–aarti to H.H. Acharya Maharajshri.

The enlightening discourses were delivered by Swami Ghanshyamprakashdasji, S.G. Jagatprakashdasji and Swami Devswaroopdasji to explain glory and majesty of God, scriptures and the Dharmkul. The host family and thedevotees were blessed at the end of programme. A large number of devotees have been benefited by this religious celebration. *–Parshad Bharat Bhagat (Muli)*

The Hindolas at Shri Swaminarayan Temple, Mehsana

The three peaked temple in intricately sculptured stones is still under construction, however, Lord Thakorji resides comfortably at the spacious prayer-hall, near the temple under construction at Mehsana. Hindola Utsava (12-7-06 to 11-8-06) was celebrated here by the devotees with the inspiration and encouragement from Mahant Swami S.G. Narayanprasaddasji, Uttam Swami and Sadhu Harivallabhdasji. The events were organized with the due blessings of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri and beautiful Hindolas of various objects were presented to Lord Thakorji. The devout hosts have earned the pleasure of Shri Hari by swinging colorful swing of Lord Thakorji.

– Babubhai N. Chaudhari

Unava Temple

The saints and devotees have celebrated Hindola Utsava by presenting beautiful Hindolas to Lord Radhakrishnadev. The devotees were inspired and encouraged by Mahant Swami Shastri Dharmavallabhdasji (Chicago Temple) and Mahant Swami Harivallabhdasji (Unava temple). The events were hosted by the devotees with the due blessings of H.H. Acharya

Maharajshri. The Katha-satsang of Shri Satsangi Bhushan was conducted daily during sacred month of Shravana. The devotees and aspirants have benefited by the feast of ultimate knowledge. *- Mahendra Bhagat*

Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Jaipur Celebrates Patotsava

The third annual patotsava was celebrated here with the due blessings of H.H. Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharajshri. Shastri Swami Purushottamprakashdasji (Jetalpur-Gurukul), Mahant Swami Shastri Atmaprakashdasji (Jetalpur Dham) and Shastri Balkrishnadasji have earned the pleasure of Shri Hari by their encouraging support to the saints and Mahant at Jaipur.

The 3rd annual patotsava of God and the 37th annual celebration of the Bal Dhoon Mandal were organized here on 13-8-06, Sunday. The patotsava Mahabhishekam of the sixteen sacred objects was served to Lord Thakorji. H.H. Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharajshri graced the inner temple at 7.00am and served lofty mahabhishekam to Lord Thakorji, The Vedic rituals were conducted by the Brahmin priest, Shri Rajubhai Shukla. The patotsava abhishekam festivities were hosted by Shri Manubhai Patel and the family in memory of (Late)Bapulal Ranchhoddas Patel and (Late)Jadaavben Bapulal Patel. Many devotees have earned the pleasure of Shri Hari by joining the host family at the Maha pooja rituals.

A special assembly was organized to serve Aarti-poojan to Acharya Maharajshri.His holiness graced the assembly and blessed the satsang. The host devotees, Shri Manubhai Patel and his family, have earned the pleasure of Shri Hari by serving Aarti poojan to Acharya Maharajshri. His holiness blessed them with flower garlands.

Thereafter, the poojan –archana was served to the saints by the host family. The enlightening discourses were delivered by the senior saints to high-light majesty and glory of the ethical duty. They admired devotional service of Shri Manubhai and his family. The letter of blessings from the Acharya Maharajshri of Shri Lakshminarayandev Desh Diocese was read before the assembly. H.H. Acharya Maharajshri blessed the member-children (Bal Dhoon Mandal) and gave away prizes.

The devotees Shri Thakorbhai, Manubhai, Punjabhai, Navinbhai, Sureshbhai, Rameshbhai and Shri siyaram Sharma have earned the pleasure of Shri Hari by their selfless service at the celebrations. The disciples of (Late) Swami Krishnajivandasji, have announced donation of rupees five lakh to Shri Swaminarayan Museum. They announce it on behalf of their Satsang Mandal at Jaipur, Metpur and Mumbai. The disciples were inspired by Mahant Swami Shastri Atmaprakashdasji. The sabha was concluded with the blessings from His holiness and vote of thanks was passed by Shri Manubhai.

Thousands of devotees, leading in the business of jewellery, were come from Mumbai, Metpur, Cambay, Ahmedabad, Kolhapur, Hyderabad, Surat and Jaipur.

A large number of the devotees have benefited spiritually by this devotional programme.

– Mahant Sadhu Devswaroopdas, Jaipur

Shri Swaminarayan Mandir (Sector-23) Gandhinagar

The Hindola Utsava was celebrated here with the due blessings of H.H.Acharya Maharajshri. The Hindolas of various objects were presented to Lord Thakorji. The Hindolas and the Gyan satra (spiritual discourses) were the main activities of devotion. Hundreds of devotees have participated in this religious activity. The devotees have earned the pleasure of Shri Hari by rocking the cradle of Lord Thakorji.

The Katha of the Dashama Skandh was recited daily in sacred month of Shravan.The seat of the reader priest was graced by Shastri Haripriyadasji. The events were organized under guidance from S.G. Shastri Swami Harikeshavdasji. The group Maha pooja was served to Lord Thakorji, on sacred day of Ekadashi. A Satsang oriented inspirational programme was presented by the youths and children to celebrate Janmashtami. The Gyan-satra (spiritual discourses) was concluded on the last of Shravana.Devotee Shri Pashbhai (Post Master) has earned thepleasure of Shri Hari by presenting concluding Aarti.

Bal-Sabha at Shri Swaminarayan Temple, Meghaninagar

The week end Bal-sabhas are being conducted regularly.at our temple, from last ten years.The scholars, who have secured first class or above, have received the prizes in Sunday sabha (13-8-06). The prizes have instilled enthusiasm in the children.

- Ranchhodbhai Devani, Organizer

Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Bopal

The devotional activities are progressing rapidly with the due blessings of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri.

The cradles of different kind were crafted by the saints and the devotees to put it in the service of Lord Thakorji. A good number of devotees have hosted this service. The Hindola, made of thermocol, was the main attraction for the visitors. A pilgrimage was organized to do darshan of the Maha Mandirs. The Shravan is the month of devotion, meditation and discourses. Shrimad Bhagwat parayan (12-8-06 to 18-8-06) was organized at the temple to sing praise of Lord Shri Krishna. The seat of the reader priest was graced by Shastri Krishnaswaroopdasji. (Jaidevpura).The parayan sessions were conducted at night to accommodate maximum of the householders. Acharya Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharajshri graced the temple and presented concluding aarti to the sacred scripture. Shri Ratibhai Khimjibhai Patel (the Scheme committee member) has earned the pleasure of Shri Hari and the blessings of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri, when he led a team of the volunteering satsangis and helped them at the temple to supply 2500 food packets and 2500 packets of Parle-G to the flood relief camps. His holiness blesses them all.

The Sunday satsang sessions are conducted regularly at 17.30 pm to listen to the enlightening discourses delivered by the saints. The Mahila Satsang sessions are conducted on Ekadashi days, between 3 and 5 pm. Shri Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal conducts here late evening devotional sessions at the places of the satsangis.

The devotees residing at Bopa, Ghooma, Aamli and near by areas are requested to visit this temple.

–Amritbhai D. Patel

Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Naroda (Adishwarnagar)

The satsang activities are progressing well with the due blessings of H.H. Achrya Maharajshri. A special assembly was conducted here to distribute prizes to the meritorious students of the standard 10 and 12. Shri Bharatbhai Natubhai Patel (Mokhsan) has earned the pleasure of Shri Hari by gifting prizes to the students. The devotees, Shri Thakarsibhai Oghadbhai Chavda and others have earned the pleasure of Shri Hari by supprting this activity.

–Becharbhai Parmar, Timba

New temple at Ghatlodia conducts Satsang Sabha

The Satsang sabhas are being conducted regularly at this new temple with thdue blessings of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. The Haribhaktas are visiting this temple regularly to do darshan of Lord Thakorji. The pooja, Aarti, dhoon, katha-varta, Thaals and Nitya-niyamaa are served and conducted regularly to please Lord Thakorji. Lord Shri Krishna's birthday was celebrated on Janmashtami by presenting birthday aarti to Lord Thakorji. The devotees from Ghatlodia and Chandlodia areas are requested to participate in satsang at this temple. *–Pravinbhai T Patel.*

Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Vali (Rajasthan)

The constant Mahamantra-Dhoon session of the twelve hours duration was conducted here in blissful memory of S.G. (Late) Nirmaldasji Swami. The event was organized with the due blessings ofH.H.Acharya Maharajshri. The devotees from Jalatra, Dantiva, Thobau, Sariyana, Jodhava, Golia and other places were present at the session. *–Mahant Swami, Vali temple*

Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Vadu

Shrimad Bhagwat (Dashama skandha) Parayan and other events were organized here in holy month of Shravana. The events were organized with the due blessings of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. The seat of the reader priest of the Shrimad Bhagwat Parayana was graced by Sadhu Vishwaprakashdasji (Vadnagar). The Parayan Katha-satsang was hosted by Shri Ghanshyambhai Madhavdas Patel and his family. The residents of entire village were invited to feast meals on last day of the katha sessions. A large number of the devotees and the aspirants have benefited by these katha sessions.- *Shaileshbhai Patel*

Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Dahegam

The Hindola Utsava was celebrated here by presenting beautiful Hindolas to Lord Thakorji. Shri Arvindbhai Patel (Kothari) andother devotees have earned the pleasure of Shri Hari by serving Hindolas to Lord Thakorji. Janmashtami festivities were organized at the temple and birthday Aarti was served to ord Thakorji. A large number of devotees were come to the temple at midnight, to do darshan of the birthday Aarti. *–Harshad Kaka Patel*

Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Madhavgadh (Prantij)

The devotees and aspirants from this place have served Hindolas to Lord Thakorji, to celebrate Hindola Utsava. The devotees and visitors have received devotional pleasure by rocking cradle of LordThakorji.

–Bhalabhai Patel

Nandol

The Hindola Utsava was celebrated here by presenting colorful Hindolas to Lord Thakorji. The events were organized with the due blessing of H.H.Acharya Maharajshri. Kothari Vishnubhai, Shri Bhikhabhai and other devotees have earned the pleasure of Shri Hari by making cradles from the various objects. A large number of devotees have benefited by this religious programme.

- Nandol Satsang Mandal

Dolarana Vasna

The Katha-parayan Satsang was organized here in sacred month of Shravan. The events were organized at the temple, with the due blessings of H.H.Acharya Maharajshri. Shrimad Satsangi Jivan Parayana was organized on this religious occasion. The seat of the reader priest was graced by Shstri Abhishekprasaddasji (Vadnagar). The Janmashtami was celebrated by presenting birthday Aarti to Lord Thakorji. The hundreds of devotees werecome to the temple at midnight to do darshan of the birthday Aarti. *– Hardik Bhagat*

Shri Swaminarayan Mandir Dhamasana

Shrimad Satsangi Bhushan Kath was conducted daily in the sacred month of Shravan. The Katha sessions were conducted with the due blessings of H.H.Acharya Maharajshri. The Hindola Utsava was celebrated by presenting ornamental Hindolas to Lord Thakorji. The Janmashtami was celebrated by presenting Raas and devotional music. The birthday of Lord Shri Krishna was celebrated at mid night, by presenting birthday Aarti to Lord Thakorji. The birthday Aarti was served and hosted by Shri Nandubhai Naranbhai Hathibhai. The Parayan a-katha was concluded on the last day of Shravana and the group aarti was presented to the scripture to conclude parayana sessions. Shri Hardic Bhagat and Shri Popatbhai (Kothari) have earned the pleasure of Shri Hari by their selfless service. *– Shri Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal*

MULI REGION

The Janmashtami Samaiya at Muli Dhaam

The sacred land of Muli Dhaam is the prasadi place of Lord Shri Hari. The Muli dhaam is the action place of S.G. Brahmanand Swami. Janmashtami samaiyas are organized here to celebrate festive moments of Lord Krishna's incarnation. H.H.. Acharya Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharajshri and H.H. Lalji 108 Shri Vrajendraprasadji Maharajshri graced the celebrations to bless their faithful devotees.

A special sabha was organized at the Sabha mandapam to sing praise of Shriji Maharaj. The Dasham Skandha Parayana of one month duration was concluded ceremoniously, when His holiness served concluding Aarti to the sacred scripture. The katha was recited by Mahant Swami Shastri Gyanvallabhdasji. H.H. Acharya Maharajshri graced the sabha and blessed the satsang. The cultural programme of Raas and devotional songs was presented late at night and the birthday Aarti was served at midnight to announce manifestation of Shri Krishna. Hundreds of devotees were present at the birthday Aarti.

– Navaldan Gadhvi

Dhrangadhra Narsipara Temple

The Sixth Annual Patotsava was celebrated here with the due blessings of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. Lord Balswaroop Ghanshyam Maharaj dwells here at the temple. Kath a-varta, Kirtans and Dhoon sessions were organized on this occasion. *-Anilbhai Didhrijia*

Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Lakhtar

The Katha-kirtan session was organized here by S.G. Shastri Ramkrishnadasjiand his group of the saints. The principles of Vachanamrit were explained to the devotees by the enlightened saints. *– Amritlal H. Patel*

Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Lakhtar

The Hindolas were served here to Lord Thakorji to celebrate Hindola Utsava. The Hindolas of different kind were exhibited here under guidance from the saints of Bhuj temple. *–Babubhai Nanji Khuthiya.*

Parayana and Hindolas at surendranagar temple

The Hindolas were served to Lord Thakorji, to celebrate Hindola Utsava. The events were organized with the due blessings of H.H. Achrya Maharajshri. Shrimad Bhagwat Parayan (seven day) sessions were addressed by enlightened saint Shastri Swami Premvallabhdasji.

– Shailendra Jhala

OVERSEAS

Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Colonia, I.S.S.O., U.K.

The special session of satsang was conducted here at the temple to celebrate Guru Purnima by presenting poojan, Aarti and gifts to our Guru-H.H. Acharya Maharajshri.

The event was organized by the Mahant Swami Devprasaddasji with the due blessings of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. The poojan, Archan and flower garlands were presented to the photo image of H.H. Achrya Maharajshri. The assembly was addressed thereafter, by S.G. Swami Ishwarjeevandasji to explain glory and majesty of Dharmkul and Acharya Maharajshri. The letter of blessings, received from the supreme preceptor, was read before the devotees, to convey blessings of His holiness.

The Hindolas of various objects were presented to Lord Thakorji to celebrate Shravan-Hindolas. The doctors at 'SEVA' have earned the pleasure of Shri Hari by their selfless service to the patients. The people have benefited by this service oriented medical service.

H.H. Lalji Maharaj's birthday was celebrated at our Colonia Temple, presenting pooja, archan, Aarti and flower garland to the photo image of H.H. Lalji Maharajshri. Hundreds of devotees have participated in these events. *-Pravinbhai Shah*

Shri Swaminarayan Mandir (I..S.S.O.), Chicago celebrates Guru Purnima

The Gurupurnima was celebrated here at our temple by presenting poojan, Aarti and flower garlands to the photo image of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. The event was organized by Mahant Swami Dharmvallabhdasji and the devotees with, the due blessings of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. In his enlightening discourse, S.G. Mahant Swami enlightened the followers by narrating from the Purushttam Prakash the glory and majesty of Dharmkul, Guru Parampara, Guru mantra and our Dharm guru. The devotees Shri Vishnubhai (Sola wala), Shri Babubhai, Shri Jagdishbhai (President), Shri Pravin Bhagat and Mahila Mandal have earned the pleasure of Shri Hari by their service at the Guru-purnima celebrations. Hindola Utsava was celebrated here by presenting Hindolas to Lord Thakorji. *–Poojari Harinandandas*

The Eighth Annual Patotsava of God at Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Chicago

The eighth annual patotsava was celebrated here with the due blessings of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri. Shrimad Satsangi Jivan Parayan (25-7-06 to 29-7-06) sessions were conducted on this occasion. The seat of the reader priest was graced by Poojari Swami Harinandandasji.

A sabha was organized to celebrate the event. The Sabha was addressed by S.G. Mahant Swami Dharmvallabhdasji, S.G. Swami Shastri Purushottamprakashdasji, Swami Shastri Ishwarjivandasji, Shastri Keshavcharandasji, Shastri Ghanshyamprakashdasji and other saints. The Patotsava Abhishekam was served early in the morning at 8.00 am on date 30-7-06, amidst the chants of vedic hymns. The Abhishekam and rituals were conducted by the temple priest and the saints. The Abhishek and Annkut Aarti was served to Lord Thakorji amidst tunes of devotional music. The Parayan was hosted by the family of Shri Vitthalbhai and Kamalaben, in memory of their mother (Late) Pashiben. The Patotsava events were hosted by the devotees Shri Sanjaybhai, Punitaben, Pravinbhagat, Tejasbhai, Kamalesh Shah and others.

The satsang activities are progressing steadily with the due blessings of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri.

–Vasantbhai Trivedi

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The Sunday Satsang Sabha of three hours duration was conducted here on 6-8-06, and Kathavarta, Dhoon, Vachanamrit recitation, Kirtan-bhakti, Thal-Aarti and Nitya-niyams were served to please Lord Thakorji. A large number of devotees were come for the devotion. The satsang is progressing with the due blessings of H.H. Acharya Maharajshri.

Hindola Festival of Shravana



Ahmedabad Temple

H.H. Acharya Maharajshri serves Annakut Aarti at our temple (Ladies) at Vihar





H.H. Acharya Maharajshri blesses religious procession at Vihar.



The devotees at the Satsang Sabha organized on occasion of Installation of Idols of God.



Jetalpur temple



Shri Swaminarayan Mandir at Kalupur, Ahmedabad helps the victims of flood and rain by serving food packets.



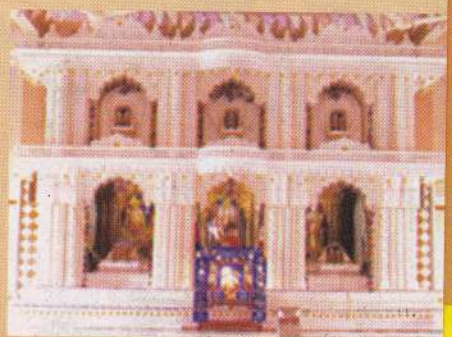
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Our Temple at Kutch – Mandvi, pleases God by

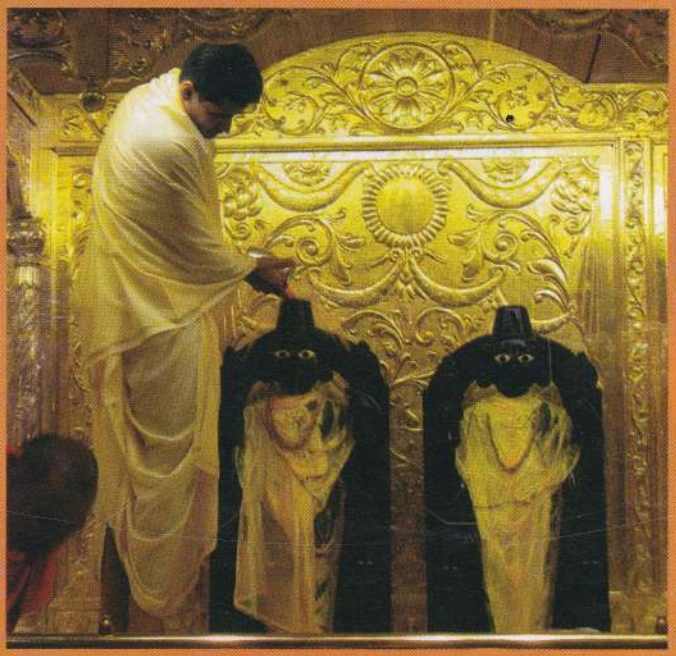


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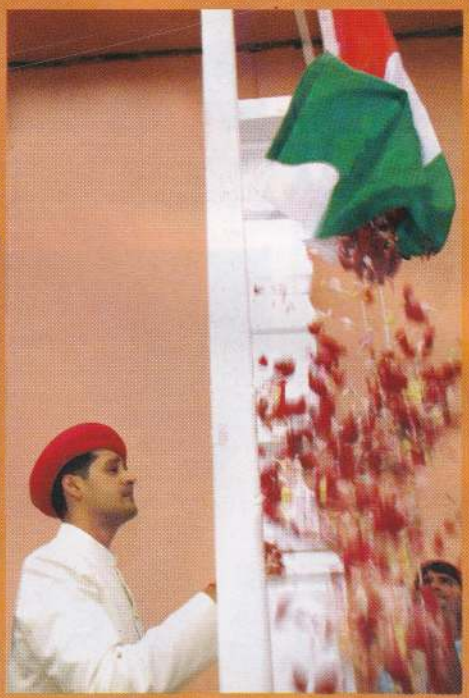
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H.H. Acharya Maharajshri serves Patotsava Abhishekam at our Colonia Temple.



H.H. Acharya Maharajshri blesses Patotsava Satsang Organized at Colonia Temple.



H.H. Acharya Maharajshri celebrates independence day and unfurls National flag at Huston.



H.H. Acharya Maharajshri blesses Stanmor Satsang in presence of S.G. Dharmanandandasji (Deputy Mahant, Bhuj Temple)



Installation – procession at Boston to invoke God at our new temple.



His Holiness with the devotees at the Rangotsava, organize at Gatwick.