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H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj performing *Patotsav Abhishek* of Thakorji in Cleve Land temple.



H.H. Shri Mota Mahara granting *Darshan* in the *Sabha* in Cleve Land temple and Shastri Dharmvallabhdasji delivering *Katha* to the devotees.



Celebration of *Fuldolotsav* by *Satsangi* children in Cherry Hill temple.





Shastri Vishwaprakashdasji performing *Pragatyotsav aarti* of Shree Hari in Cherry Hill temple on the pious day of Ramnavmi and devotees availing benefit of *Darshan*.



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Editorial

H.H. Shri Aadi Acharya Maharaj Shri Ayodhyaprasadji Maharaj, who was established on the *Gadi* of Shree Narnarayandev Desh by the Lord Shree Swaminarayan himself with the directions to all the saints and devotees to remain under his instructions and directions. H.H. Shri Aadi Acharya Maharaj Shri Ayodhyaprasadji Maharaj accepted the great responsibility of Shree Narnarayandev Desh Gadi at Ahmedabad at the tender age of 18 years. He performed pilgrimage to the villages and the cities in the *Desh-Videsh* during the critical time and introduced Shree Hari to all the human beings of this world. He got constructed the temples at Chhapaiya, Idar, Bamroli, transformed many dacoits and thieves into ardent devotees and shown them the path of happiness. H.H. Shri Aadi Acharya Maharaj also granted blessings to the village Bamroli that, any person who would enter the territories of this village, would get *Moksha* (emancipation) in his life. This promise has proved true even today and number of other deeds of benevolence and *Satsang* were also performed by him.

H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj is the son of the Lord Shree Hari. He was brave and courageous and yet very humble by nature. Though he was *Dharmacharya* and *Vachana-Siddha* and yet he was without any ego. He cherished the faith in the Almighty Lord and though he was *Gruhasthi*, yet he was like a *Sanyasi*. So let us celebrate 200th Janmotsav of our H.H. Shri Aadi Acharya Maharaj Shri Ayodhyaprasadji Maharaj on 03/06/2009 and by rendering our services in '*Shree Dharmkul Vandana Mahotsav*' being celebrated with the blessings of the Lord Shree Narnarayandev and make our life worthy.

Editor
Mahant Swami
Shastri Swami Harikrishnadas

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



(APRIL-2009)

1-2 Graced Narayanpar (Kachchh).

2. Performed Shree Hari *Pragatyotsav*- Shree Hari Jayanti Ramnavmi and *Patotsav-Abhishek* of Aksharbhuvan Balswaroop Shree Ghanshyam Maharaj.

2 to 15 Pilgrimage to Sydney (Australia) on the occasion of *Katha –Parayan* organized in our Shree Swaminarayan temple and for *Satsang*.

16 to 17 Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Surajpar, Bhuj (Kachchh) on the occasion of invocation ceremony of the idol images.

18. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple (ladies), Gulabpura on the occasion of invocation ceremony of the idol images.

19. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Lasundra on the occasion of *Patotsav*.
Graced the house of the devotee Shri Diptiben Maheshbhai, Ellisbridge.

20. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Charadva, on the occasion of *Parayan*.

22-23. Graced the house of the devotee Shri Dayalbhai of Jamsar (Halari, Muli-Desh) on the occasion of *Parayan*.
Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Jiragadh (Halar) on the occasion of *Patotsav* of Shri Rokadia Dada.

24. Graced the village Dangarva.

25. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Kalol (East) on the occasion of *Patotsav*.
Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Khokhra, on the occasion of *Mahapooja*.

27. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Unava, on the occasion of *Patotsav*.
Graced and presided '*Vijay Stambh Nagar-Yatra*' from Shree Swaminarayan Museum to Shree Swaminarayan nagar, organized in view of *H.H. Shri Acharya Ayodhyaprasadji Maharaj Janm Dwishatabdi Dharmkul Vandana Mahotsav* and performed the ritual of installation of *Vijay-Stambh*.

28. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, old Aroda (Idar Desh) on the occasion of *Patotsav*.

29. Performed *Patotsav-Abhishek* of Shree Narnarayandev of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Bhuj.

30. Performed *Patotsav-Abhishek* of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Mansa.
Graced the house of the devotee Shri Surendrabhai S. Patel, Padusma (Mansa).
Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Dholka.
Graced the village Simej.

Shikshapatri

The Epistle of Precepts

(based on Shatanand's Shikshapatri Arthadipika)

By Pravin S. Varsani

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One shall never speak such truth which might bring about harm to oneself or others, nor keep the company of ungrateful people, nor take any bribe from anyone in social affairs.

Svaparadrohajananam Satyam Bhashyam Na Karahichit

Honey is almost certainly the best policy, however there are some exceptions to this rule. Lord Swaminaryan explains that one shall not speak the truth, if such truth results in harm to oneself or others. It is said that there is absolutely no benefit in cousin harm to one self or to others. One cannot attain *Punya* through such action. In this way, the consolidation of *Ahimsa Dharma* is foremost.

Shastras write: ***Svadrohat Tav Koppaha Parsampindya Cha Tahadharma***- harm to oneself will simply invoke rage and harm to others is *Adharmic* (unrighteous).

Honesty is cherished in Hinduism. Truth (*Satya*) is one of the foundations of Dharma. But why is this so? ***Yajur Veda's*** **Brahmana** explains, "Those who speak the truth are compared to feeding *Ghee* to *Agni* (fire). By so doing the fire burns brightly, thus an honest person exudes brilliance in much the same way. They are endowed with qualities of goodness which are representative of bliss and eternal salvation. However, those who lie are compared to putting water in to the fire, thus extinguishing such brilliance. Such people have no brilliance and are forever endowed in sinful acts. Therefore one must always speak the truth".

The **Bhagwat** adds, 'There is no bigger *Adharma* than that of untruth." Mother Earth- **Pruthvi** has said, 'I am competent and strong enough to bear all. But I cannot bear and support an untruthful person."

Mokshadharma stipulates, 'Untruth is *Tamo Guni* (bad nature or darkness). From such *Tamo Guna* is born corruption. Untruth is *Adharmic*, which is *Tamo Guna* incarnate. From *Tamo Guna* is born external pain and suffering." Therefore we must always speak the truth.

Having said this, we are told to lie in certain situations. In **Brahucha Brahmana Grantha** it explains, "We must never speak falsely. By speaking falsely, one disgraces oneself. However, if by speaking the truth, one causes harm to oneself and others, then in such situation one must lie in order to save oneself and others from harm."

Shrimad Bhagwat offers three situations where it is acceptable (and without sin) to lie, One should never speak falsely. Those who speak the true become renowned. Those who speak false are considered dead, thought they are alive. However, If necessary, one may speak falsely in the following situations: (1) in front of a woman (2) jokingly (3) at a wedding (4) to maintain oneself or provide for oneself (5) to save oneself or others from harm or even death (6) for a cow or Brahmin/Guru and (7) for non-violent purposes."

Note, that there is emphasis of lying **if necessary** here. Some of the situations are seen a little questionable. To lie in front of a woman is acceptable –this to many women may seem offensive but there is a good reason for these women can not keep a secret! This is not my personal opinion but is fact. The reason for this is that **Maharaja Yudhishtira** set forth a curse to all women, that they will never be able to keep a secret as Mother Kunta did not tell the Pandavas that Karana (Radheya) was their elder brother. Therefore, if something is to be a kept a secret, then you may lie to women.

You may lie in order to get married say our saints. To slightly bend the truth or praise oneself more than what is true in order to secure a marriage, or praise a son/ daughter in such a way, is without sin.

You may lie to maintain yourself, cows and Brahmins. Therefore you may lie to get some food or to get a job say. However, in all such cause you must have a limit. To willfully and blatantly lie in such situations is undesirable.

Mokshaddharma says, "*One should speak the truth which is not likely to harm anybody, which does not accuse any body, it is not deceitful, harsh or cruel and is not slanderous.*"

Narad Muni has explained, 'The voice of truth is a means of morality and righteousness. It is a means to eternal bliss. The knowledge of the truth is difficult. However, Satya is that which acts for the welfare of all beings.' Hence *Satya* (truth) is *Ahimsa* (non-violence).

It is not always obvious what the truth is and so **Linga Purana** specifies what should be accepted as the truth." What is seen and heard, what is supposed (conclusive through knowledge)." What has been experienced and what does not harm others: such is the truth."

Yagnavalkya explains, "After speaking falsely one should rectify the consequence of speaking false and then perform *Prayaschit*.' **Kalidasa Raghuvamsa Kavya** even forbids the use of lies jokingly, The great *Dasararatha* never spoke falsely. Even jokingly, with his close friend *Indra* he would never lie, Not only that, but he would not speak harshly against even his enemy.' Thus *Dasharatha* is praised for absolute control over his speech.

Now let us consider *Lord Swaminarayan's* further message:

Kruthgnasangastyaktavyo Luccha Grahya Na Kasyachit

One shall never keep the company of '*Krutagnas*' the ungrateful that take bribes from others. Those who don not appreciate the help given to them are *Krutagnis*. Shatanand explains:

Krutagnasyatipatakitvat- Krutagnis are sinful degenerates and so should never be associated with. Those who do not appreciate others especially for their help are the worst types of people and are not worthy of existence. ***Deval Muni*** says, "*Prayaschit* for various great sins are given but no such ***Prayaschit*** is given for a *Krutagni*."

Mahabharat explains, "*Krutagnis who do not appreciate the value of friendship are the worst types of people,*" ***Vidurji*** explains the consequence of these *Krutagnis* after death, Even *Rakshases* (devils) are not prepared to eat the flesh of these *Krutagnis*: Therefore it is imperative that all contact with such people is broken. Those who speak to such people become party to the sins of that person.

Mitakshara explains, By speaking to, touching breathing near, sitting with, staying with, eating with performing a *Yagna* with, learning from, associating in weddings and otherwise with such sinful people leads to the sins of such people being absorbed by oneself."

Also one must never accept bribes- "**Luccha**" ***Kashikhand*** explain, "Bribery money and money from gamble should never be accepted.' ***Virat Parva*** (of *Mahabharat*) explains firmly, "*Those who take bribery money should be killed.*' *Yagnavalkya* in *Rajadharma* says, *"Those who live off bribed wealth should be stripped of their wealth and thrown out of the city.*" ***Manu*** in his *Smruti* explains, "*Those who take live off bribed wealth should be stripped of.*" *Rajadharma* says, "Those who live off bribed wealth should be stripped of their wealth and thrown out of the city.'" Manu in his Smruti explain, "*Those who take bribery money should be severely beaten.*" **Virat Parva** adds, "*Those who accept bribes are made to suffer. Their families also suffer and indeed their future generations suffer as a result.*'

Therefore it is important that money is acquired through honest means and never bribed out of a person. Similarly we must always watch whose company we take. These messages are for the benefit of man. By obeying these we surely will live a pleasant and fruitful life. Those who break these commandments are eternally made to suffer.

PLACES OF PRASADI OF SHREEJI MAHARAJ- AHMEDABAD TEMPLE

- Gordhanbhai V. Sitapara (Hirawadi-Bapunagar)

I feel to come out of Ahmedabad temple to describe other Places of Prasadi of Shreeji Maharaj. But it is not so easy as Shreeji Maharaj has performed a number *Leela* in this temple and there are umpteen numbers of miracles of the Lord Shree Narnarayandev.

***Leela* of Shreeji Maharaj in Ahmedabad temple** : At many places Shreeji Maharaj has initiated *Samadhi* Chapter. Even in the religious book '*Shree Harikrishna Leelamrut*' this thing about Ahmedabad temple has been narrated. Once the Lord Shree Hari graced Ahmedabad along with the saints from Meghpur. The Lord also graced the temple. After accepting the meals Shree Hari was taking rest in the spacious temple premises. Meanwhile a large number of devotees thronged together to have *Darshan* of Maharaj. Having just a glimpse of Divine Darshan of Shree Narnarayan Muni, all the devotees slipped into trance- *Samadhi* condition. During such a divine state of their minds, the devotees had a strange experience as if Light of thousands of suns was emitting out from Shree Hari. Some of them saw *Darshan* of *Golok* wherein they had *Darshan* of the Lord Shri Krishna along with Radhika divinely decorated. Some devotees had Darshan of Lord Shree Vishnu with four hands in *Vaikunthdham*. People of all the caste and *Varna* believed that Shree Narnarayan Muni himself is the Almighty Lord. Among these people there were *Yavan, Jaina, Shakta, Kaus, Shaiv, Vaishnav* and people of other religions. They all fell down on the Earth with *Darshan* of Shree Hari.

The devotees of Lord Shree Ramchandraji had had Darshan of Sita, Rama and Laxman. Devotees of Narsihh had *Darshan* of Lord Nrusinh, followers of Shiva sect had *Darshan* of Lord Shiva and Parvatiji. Others had Darshan of Lord Ganesha. Similarly devotees of the goddess had *Darshan* of *Devi, Jainas* had *Darshan* of *Tirthankar*, Muslims had *Darshan* of *Paigambar* and *Brahmgyanis* had *Darshan* of *Brahma Tej*. Worshippers of the sun and the moon had Darshan of the God Sun and God Moon' others had Darshan of Lord Vishnu sleeping at the bottom of the ocean in *Shesh-saiya*. Some of the devotees had a divine experience of Shree Hari. They all were worshipping their own gods.

Similarly it is worthy to refer the omnipresence of Lord Shree Hari exhibited on *Vedika* situated in front of the temple. At that time there were devotees Ranchhodlal the son of Jagannath Patel of Ahmedabad and his son Harivallabh. With folded hands devotee Harvallabhbhai asked Lord Shree Swaminarayan,

"Oh My Lord, I have a big question. Please advice me properly and guide me as to what should I do. There are a number of my opponents in this *Satsang*. The demonic people are jealous of *Mala, Tilak* and *Kanthi* of the devotees and they harass the devotees. I spent ten thousand rupees to get rid of this problem but it did not work. Now what should I do? Show me the solution and the way so that my faith in Satsang may never shatter. Please also tell me about those great devotees of the past who never deviated from their way of worship and religion."

Lord Shree Swaminarayan says, "Oh, Bhaktraj! Conceive your Soul as different from your micro and major body as well as the Reason. Think that your soul is Akshar Brahmarup and you are His devotee and recognize the importance of the form of the Almighty Lord. There is no better happiness in this world than the idol image of the Lord. All the happiness and pleasures of *Dev Lok, Maha Maya,Pradhanpurush Hiranya Grbha, Vairat Narayan, Brahma, Vishnu, Mahesh* and all *Siddha, Gandharva, Lokpal* are nothing before our *Akshardham*. Any worldly happiness has not even an iota of the divine happiness of our idol image. All the abovesaid

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આચાર્ય મહારાજશ્રીને લગ્નમાં હાથી ભેટ તરીકે મળતો

- Prof. Suryakant Bhatt (Bhuj)

This world is considered to be just like a dream. Generally there is no one in this world who does not have the experience of a dream. Everyone has the experience of a dream. After research and analysis by the researchers in the field, the whole science has been developed upon the dreams. The time of the dream, its details, incidents which occurred during the dream, and *Darshan* experienced during the dream all help to determine whether it is a good dream or bad one. Even the result of the dream can also be ascertained after making in-depth analysis of it.

Only the lucky fellows get Darshan of great people in their dreams. Even the Darshan of the idol images of the Almighty Lord and the saints are also considered to be good signs. Researches have found out a number of things from their analysis of the dreams. Accordingly these dreams are sometimes are forecast of some future events and incidents. They may be due to some relation of past lives or due to excessive love and affection towards anybody.

Once I had Darshan of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj in my dream. I do note down my such experiences on a paper. It was the early morning of September-2008. I performed Dandvat Pranam to H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj. He asked me to sit beside him. With folded hands I asked him that He was sitting on an Elephant. Then H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj told me something but in the morning I could not remember what was the reply. But how to ask H.H. Shri Mota Mahraj about it. Whether I would be replied as H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj was very much busy for construction work of Shree Swaminarayan Museum. At last I dared to ask H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj on the mobile. When I called at 9.30 in the morning it was found engaged but I was confident that my call would be replied. My presumption was true. At 10.15 in the morning, H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj called me and I narrated everything about the dream.

H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj smiled and informed that he had performed *Savari* (ride) of elephant. His father had received an elephant as a gift on the marriage. There were also Mahavats to take care of the elephants. His elephant was very beautiful. The elephant used to play mouth organ with his trunk and also used to perform Salami. The elephant was also the part of great procession on the occasions like *Jal-Jilni Ekadashi*.

During the times of H.H. Shri Aadi Acharya Shri Ayodhyaprasadji Maharaj, such Jal-Jilni Ekadashi used to be celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm. In the procession organized on the occasion, the saints used to create beautiful Kirtans. A collection of such spontaneous *Kirtans* entitled '*Avadh Kirtanavali*' is going to be published by our Shree Swaminarayan temple, Kalupur, Ahmedabad, on the occasion of *Shree Dharmkul Vandana Mahotsav*.

There used to be a folding staircase to sit in an *Ambadi* placed on the elephant a *Parshad* sitting at the back. A 5 to 6 km. long procession used to pass through all the main roads of Ahmedabad. The procession consisted of Silver *Palkhi* of Thakorji followed by the musical band party, *Shree Narnarayandev Auchav Mandal, Bhajan Mandli and Raas Mandli* of the gents and ladies devotees, followed by the saints and the devotees.

H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj also informed that, even today he has two such *Ambadis* which are going to be placed and preserved in Shree Swaminarayan Museum. There are also the photographs of the elephants and the procession.

When I asked about the horse-riding and swimming, then H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj informed that, in Muli temple there was last successor of *Manki* mare. He has enjoyed horse-riding very much. His grandfather know swimming very well and he also had a photograph of it. He also acknowledged that, he does not know swimming and that H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj knows swimming.

It was a great experience when H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj shared on mobile, the talks about the time of history as old as 35 to 40 years. My just reference to my dream and it was the great mercy of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj that he shared so many things with me. Such valuable information about our *Sampradaya* really inspire us all.

Pilgrimage of East Africa of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj (for the benefit of Shree Swaminarayan Museum)

- Praful Kharsani

After eagerly waiting for the days and night, the Great Day of 14th came when it was for the first time for me to accompany H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj for the Pilgrimage of East Africa. This pleasure was greater because, we had an opportunity to be in the company of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj for as many as 15 days.

Though *Moutain Govardhan* was to be lifted by H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj only, yet we also shared the burden by touching our last finger beneath it. In this way, we the saints and the devotees accompanies H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj for the Pilgrimage of East Africa.

The moment we reached Nairobi, devotee Shri Laxmanbhai & Co. started rendering services right from the airport. Since the local devotees were already informed in advance about our arrival, they all had made beautiful arrangement and were eagerly awaiting us. When we reached Shree Swaminarayan temple at Nairobi, the devotees performed our Samiaya with musical band. Since H.H. Shri Gadiwala was also there with us, all the ladies devotees had also made the preparation of performing Samaiya in a traditional way. "મોરે મંદિર આજ બધાઈ, વાગે બાજા ભાતભાત કે ઢોલ નોબત શહનાઈ રે....." Everything was going on in a disciplined way. What was noteworthy that, the children were also found busy. Some of them were applying *Chandlo* in the forehead of the devotees, others were offering *Gaumukhi-Mala* to the devotees and many others were busy in one or the other work. Later on we came to know that, these children had collected a fund of handsome amount to be offered for Shree Swaminarayan Museum, a message of inspiration to elderly devotees to render the maximum services for this noble task.

We had also prepared in advance a DVD Film describing the construction work of the Museum, its progress and how it would look like on its completion. This film was shown to the devotees and the saints in all the temples and they were informed about the grandeur and progress of this noble task.

Shastri Swami Nirgundasji, Shastri Swami Atmkprakashdasji and Shasttri Swami Satya Sankalpdasji were also informing the saints and the devotees about this noble work. In Nairobi temple, there was organized Shrimad Satsangibhusan Parayan, with Shastri Swami Nirgundasji as the Spokesperson. The talks of *Satsang* of Swamiji created deeper hunger for *Satsang* among devotees instead of satisfying it. And therefore wherever H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj used to grace the house of the devotee, the devotees insisted to organize *Satsang*. In this way H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj graced the houses, offices, mines and shops of a number of devotees. Observing H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj so busy in the schedule, one feels that, he has transformed himself from *Pravruti Parayan* into *Nivruti Narayan*.

Therefore, when the programme of grace of the devotees was going on in Nairobi, H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj arranged a programme of our tour of African Safari Masaimara because about eight of our devotees had come to Africa for the first time. Therefore, H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj took care that none of us is deprived of the opportunity to visit this great continent of Africa. During our tour to Masaimara, I did not know swimming and it was due to mercy and blessings of H.H.Shri Mota Maharaj that I was saved from being drowned. We returned to Nairobi where there was an arrangement of *Rangotsav* in the temple premises. Only a fool would miss an opportunity to be coloured with the hands of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj. Large number of devotees had thronged together in the temple premises eagerly waiting for the *Rangotsav* to bee started. A rainbow of colours was ready in the premises and this divine occasion was rare not only in Nairobi but also in the whole of Africa and the pleasure of the devotees had no end.

During our stay at Nairobi, the host devotee Shri Manjibhai of Shri Laxmanbhai & Co., devotee Shri Karsanbhai (engineer of

Museum), devotee Shri Virjibhai Raghvanjand the family were very humble while rendering their services. They took it as a great occasion to fulfill even our smallest requirement and it appeared that really they deserved to be the wealthy persons. Simultaneously devotee Shri Jaikrishnabhai Bhikhabhai also rendered his great services to H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj, the saints and other devotees. Every night there used to be a Sabha at the residence of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj wherein discussion of the schedule of the day and of the next day was held in a very light mood. In the words of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj it was congregation of '*Samaj*' at night. Here also the hosts were offering ice-cream, fruits, juice etc. Their ardent worship and willingness to render the services were really worthy to be praised in all respect.

Not only in Nairobi but in the whole of Africa, the whole Satsang Samaji was under the impact of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and was ready to do something for *Satsang* and *Sampradaya*. From Nairobi we all went to Kampala, the capital of Uganda. There, the chief host devotee Shri Premjibhai Siyani and Nitinbhai rendered great services for Shree Swaminarayan Museum and obtained the pleasure of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj. From there, while gracing by H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj the houses, offices, factories and mines of the devotees as also the small villages, we reached Eldorate. One devotee of Eldorate Shri Ramjibhai Devji had come to India in Kachchh. When he heard about the arrival of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj in Eldorate, he came back for just two days and rendered his great services to H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and Shree Swaminaryan Museum and put before the *Satsangi Samaj* a noble example worthy to be emulated.

H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj had already instructed in advance that none of the devotees should be forced to render the services and also to accept services of even a small devotee then only it would be called 'Our Museum' in real sense. But there was such a divine impact of the presence of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj that, wherever we went, the fund was being collected beyond our presumption be it Nairobi or Eldorate or devotee Shri Laljibhai of Kisumu, each and every Satsangi rendered their best services to obtain the pleasure of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj.

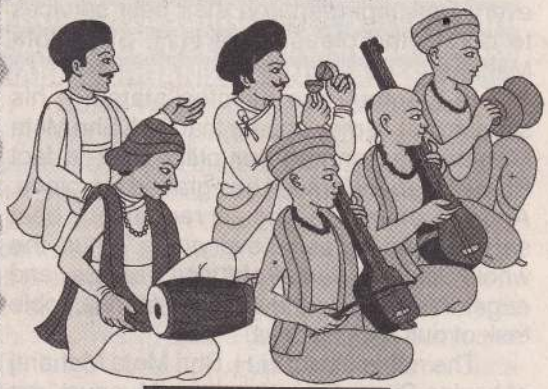
In Kisumu, one devotee stated in his speech that, 'It may appear that H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj has graced our place. But in fact Shreeji Mahaaj himself has graced our place. And therefore, we should render our best services leaving aside everything." Thus, the whole *Satsangi Samaji* of Africa was busy and eager in rendering the services for this noble task of our *Sampradaya*.

The noble aim of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj of having Shree Swaminarayan Museum can be compared with the event of finding out a pearl from the bottom of the ocean. Because, just think, in which *Sampradaya*, such Museum is prepared? When H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj has cherished this noble aim for us and for our future generations then why should we think even for a moment in rendering our services? A golden opportunity has come in our life and so by rendering our services let us make our life meaningful.

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deities worship us and without our directions, they can not move even a straw of grass. Due to our *Bhaya*, the Sun is shining, the Pruthvi is stable. Oh Buddhivant, recognize our this importance. And you will never be captivated in any worldly thing. Even the bad company will not be able to shake your devotion towards *Satsang*.

Earlier many devotees have tolerated miseries and obstacles and yet they have not lost their patience. *Pandavas, Draupadi, Kuntaji, Vasudev, Devki, Muchkand Raja, Brahman Shridama, Kandarp Vanik, Sheikh Farid, Vidurji, Jankiji* all these brave devotees have tolerated innumerable miseries, insult of the demons, have lost their properties and yet all of them have incessantly worshipped us leaving aside the worldly life. At the critical time, the great devotees like *Prahlad, Janak, Yaksha, Bali, Shibi, Dhruv, Jaidev, Ratidev, Sudhanva, Mudgal, Ambrish, Nala, Mayurdhwaj, Harischandra, Shuk, Narad, Jadbharat, Rishabhdev, Jajli, Aaruni, Upmanyu* have never deviated from the path of their Worship." Telling this, Shree Hari narrated *Akhyan* of each devotee separately.



સત્સંગ બાલવાટિકા

SATSANG BALVATIKA

સંપાદક : શાસ્ત્રી હરિકેશવદાસજી (ગાંધીનગર)

SPIRITUAL MUSIC

- Shastri Haripriyadas (Gandhinagar)

This life is like a musical instrument. If one knows to play the instrument then he can create music out of it and if he does not know then he creates noise. If one knows to live human life then he can create music out of it and if he does not know it then he creates chaos and noise from it. Kaikeyi', the mother of Shri Rama created noise in life, she could not create music in life and illiterate Tribal Shabari, who was living in a forest, created music in her life. She did not know the statesmanship and yet Lord Shree Rama went to her hut.

During the times of the Lord Shree Krishna, Gandhari, who was considered to be a *Sati* and a devout wife, could not create music in life whereas the wife of Vidurji did it successfully. *Bhaji* prepared by her was accepted by Lord Dwarkadhish.

"દૂર્યોધનના મેવા ત્યાગી, વિદુર ઘેર જઈ ભાજી માગી."

Vajiba of Vijapur, Kushalba and Sonba of Mahesana, Jatanba of Dangarva and many other ladies devotees have created Music of Life through their worship and Bhakti. So devotees, create such a Music in Life that even the Almighty Lord may come to your home and insist to accept the meals from you. The Lord is never hungry but it is ardent desire and worship of the devotee that the Lord becomes hungry. And therefore we should create such a Music that the Lord may come at our home.

There is a village Vahelal in North Gujarat. Here one Jesingbhai Patel was living. He was an ardent of Shreeji Maharaj. Once Maharaj was sitting on the *Maadh* of devotee Jesingbhai. The Lord Shree Swaminarayan asked him to demand anything. But what can a devotee demand from his God? It requires deep thinking. If such an occasion arises in our life then what should we demand? Wealth? Health? Or What? But how great a devotee must be upon whom the Lord himself is pleased!!! His heart is lit with divinity. Devotee Jesingbhai of Vahelal said that anybody who passes under this *Maadh* may get emancipation. Hail this great devotee. Observing the noble aim of the devotee, Maharaj blessed him :

"મહારાજ ! જે માઢ ઉપર આપ બિરાજો છો એ માઢની નીચેથી જે કોઈ પસાર થાય એનું કલ્યાણ કરજો. જે મકાન ઉપર આપ બિરાજો છો, નીચે રસ્તો છે, એ રસ્તા ઉપરથી જે નીકળે એનું કલ્યાણ થાય એવું વરદાન આપો."

And said, '***We shall bless those persons, who shall pass under this Maadh.***'

This is a very beautiful thing and worthy to be emulated. Here there is only benefit and no loss. So now whenever an occasion arises in our life to visit this pious place of Prasadi of Vahelal, do not forget to pass through this *Maadh*, for our reservation in *Akshardham*! There is no doubt about it because it is *Vardaan* of the Lord Shree Swaminarayan.

This is how Divine Music of Life was created by this great devotee. Friends, such a Spiritual Music is not possible without *Sadhana*. Even a common musical instrument requires great *Sadhana* to play music from it. One has to perform ardent Sadhna and Satsang of the Almighty Lord and he has to lead a noble and benevolent life then only Music of Life can be created.





ધર્મકુળ વંદના મહોત્સવ

॥ નિમંત્રણમ્ ॥

अवतीर्य निजाक्षरात्परादिह मूर्त्या बदरीवने स्थितः।
भुविभारतजीवशर्मणे नरनारायणदेव पाहिमाम् ॥

આપશ્રી આ આમંત્રણ પત્રિકા સમજી સહપરિવાર અવશ્ય પધારશો

પ.પ.શ્રી

અનંત કોટિ બ્રહ્માંડના અધિપતિ સર્વાવતારી પરબ્રહ્મ પરમાત્મા પૂર્ણ પુરૂષોત્તમ ભગવાન શ્રી સ્વામિનારાયણ સ્વસ્વરૂપે રહીને સ્વહસ્તે સ્થાપેલ બદ્રીપતિ ભગવાન શ્રી નરનારાયણ દેવની અસીમ કૃપાથી શ્રી સ્વામિનારાયણ સંપ્રદાયની અમદાવાદ શ્રી નરનારાયણદેવ દેશ ગાદીના શ્રી સ્વામિનારાયણ ભગવાનના વંશજ આદિ આચાર્ય શ્રી અયોધ્યાપ્રસાદજી મહારાજ જેઓશ્રીએ સતત ૪૨ વર્ષ સુધી ગાદી ઉપર વિરાજમાન રહીને સત્સંગ વિકાસ-પ્રચારના અનેકાનેક કલ્યાણકારી કાર્યો કર્યા તેમજ છપૈયા, સિધ્ધપુર, ઈડર, જામરોલી (મધ્યપ્રદેશ), ડુંગરપુર, માંડવી આદિ ધામોમાં મહામંદિરોનું નિર્માણ સંતો દ્વારા કરાવી અનેક મુમુક્ષુ જીવાત્માઓને મોક્ષમાર્ગી બનાવ્યા એવા પરમ પૂજ્ય વિશ્વ વંદનીય આદિ આચાર્ય શ્રી અયોધ્યાપ્રસાદજી મહારાજશ્રીના પ્રાગટ્ય ને ૨૦૦ વર્ષ પૂરા થતા હોઈ તેઓશ્રીની જન્મ દ્વિશતાબ્દી "ધર્મકુળ વંદના મહોત્સવ" અતિ ધામધૂમથી ભવ્યાતિ ભવ્ય રીતે ઉજવવામાં આવનાર છે.

આ મહોત્સવ વિક્રમ સંવત ૨૦૬૫ના જેઠ સુદ-૯ તા.૧-૬-૨૦૦૯ને સોમવારથી જેઠ સુદ-૧૧ તા.૩-૬-૨૦૦૯ને બુધવાર દરમ્યાન સમગ્ર સંપ્રદાયના વિદ્વાન સંતો, સાંખ્યયોગી બહેનો, સમસ્ત સત્સંગીઓ તેમજ ધર્મપ્રેમી જનતા તરફથી ગુરૂઋણ અદા કરવા માટે પૂર્ણ ભક્તિ ભાવથી શ્રી નરનારાયણદેવ પીઠાધિપતિ પ.પૂ.ધ.ધુ. આચાર્ય ૧૦૦૮ શ્રી કોશલેન્દ્રપ્રસાદજી મહારાજશ્રીના અધ્યક્ષ સ્થાને તથા પ.પૂ. મોટા મહારાજશ્રી તેજેન્દ્રપ્રસાદજી મહારાજશ્રીના શુભ સંકલ્પ અને ભાવિ આચાર્ય પ.પૂ.૧૦૮ શ્રી ત્રજેન્દ્રપ્રસાદજી મહારાજશ્રીના સંપૂર્ણ રાજીપાથી અને શ્રી લક્ષ્મીનારાયણદેવ પીઠાધિપતિ પ.પૂ.ધ.ધુ. આચાર્ય ૧૦૦૮ શ્રી રાકેશપ્રસાદજી મહારાજશ્રીની ઉપસ્થિતીમાં અમદાવાદના આંગણે ધામધૂમથી ઉજવાશે.
આ મહોત્સવ દરમ્યાન અનેકવિધ ધાર્મિક તથા સામાજીક કાર્યક્રમોના મંગલકારી આયોજનનો લાભ પ્રાપ્ત થશે.

આ દિવ્ય અલૌકિક મહામહોત્સવ પ્રસંગે "ધર્મકુળ" પ્રત્યે પોતાની શ્રધ્ધા-ભક્તિ અને પ્રેમની ભાવના સમર્પિત કરી પરમ કૃપાળુ પરમાત્મા શ્રી સ્વામિનારાયણ ભગવાનનો રાજીપો મેળવવા આ અમૂલ્ય અવસરના સાક્ષીરૂપ બની કૃતાર્થ થઈ પુણ્ય લાભ લેવા સપરિવાર ઉપસ્થિત રહેવા નિમંત્રણ.....

સ્થળ
શ્રી સ્વામિનારાયણ નગર,
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સરજેજ-ગાંધીનગર હાઈવે,
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મંગલમય કાર્યક્રમ

જેઠ સુદી-૯ ને સોમવાર તા. ૧-૬-૨૦૦૯ નો કાર્યક્રમ

સવારે : ૭-૦૦ કલાકે — **શ્રીમદ્ સત્સંગિભૂષણ પારાયણની પોથીયાત્રા**

પ.ભ. શ્રી રસીકલાલ અંબાલાલ પટેલ (મોખાસણવાળા)
મંદાર બંગ્લોઝ, અજન્ટા ઈલોરા હાઉસીંગ સામે, સુરધારા સર્કલ પાસે, ગણેશ પાર્ટી પ્લોટ સામે થલતેજ, અમદાવાદ-૫૪ ના ઘરેથી નીકળી શ્રી સ્વામિનારાયણ નગર વાજતે ગાજતે પહોંચશે.

સવારે : ૭-૩૦ કલાકે — **શ્રી અયોધ્યાપ્રસાદજી મુખ્ય પ્રવેશદ્વારનું ઉદ્ઘાટન**

પ.પૂ.ધ.ધુ. આચાર્ય મહારાજશ્રીના શુભ વરદ્ હસ્તે થશે.

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પ.પૂ.ધ.ધુ. આચાર્ય મહારાજશ્રીના શુભ વરદ્ હસ્તે થશે.

સવારે : ૮-૩૦ કલાકે — **શ્રી ધર્મકુળવંદના મહોત્સવનું દીપ પ્રાગટ્ય**

પ.પૂ. મોટા મહારાજશ્રીના શુભ વરદ્ હસ્તે થશે.

સવારે : ૮-૪૫ કલાકે — **શ્રીમદ્ સત્સંગિભૂષણ પારાયણ પ્રારંભ તથા વચનામૃત સંહિતાપાઠની પૂજન-આરતી**

સવારે ૮-૩૦ કલાકે પ.પૂ. ભાવિ આચાર્ય શ્રી વ્રજેન્દ્રપ્રસાદજી મહારાજશ્રીના વરદ્ હસ્તે થશે.

સવારે : ૯-૧૫ કલાકે — **શ્રી અયોધ્યાપ્રસાદજી મહારાજશ્રીના જીવન આધારીત ચિત્રોના પ્રદર્શનનું ઉદ્ઘાટન**

પ.પૂ.ધ.ધુ. આચાર્ય મહારાજશ્રીના વરદ્ હસ્તે થશે.

સવારે : ૯-૩૦ કલાકે — **શ્રીહરિયાગનો શુભ પ્રારંભ**

પ.પૂ.ધ.ધુ. આચાર્ય મહારાજશ્રીના શુભ વરદ્ હસ્તે થશે.

સવારે : ૧૧-૩૦ કલાકે — **શ્રી ઘનશ્યામજન્મોત્સવ.**

સાંજે : ૬-૩૦ કલાકે — **૨૦૦ વચનામૃત સંહિતા પાઠના તથા શ્રીહરિ મહાયજ્ઞના યજમાનોનું સન્માન**

પ.પૂ.ધ.ધુ. આચાર્ય મહારાજશ્રીના શુભ વરદ્ હસ્તે થશે.

સાંજે : ૬-૪૫ કલાકે — **પુસ્તક તથા ઓડિયો સીડીનું વિમોચન**

આદિ આચાર્યશ્રી અયોધ્યાપ્રસાદજી મહારાજશ્રીના જીવન ચરિત્ર પુસ્તક તથા અવધ કીર્તનાવલી પુસ્તક તથા અવધ કીર્તન વંદનની ૩ ઓડિયો સીડીનું વિમોચન તેમજ પુસ્તક તથા ઓડિયો સીડીના સૌજન્ય દાતાશ્રીઓનું સન્માન પ.પૂ.આચાર્ય મહારાજશ્રીના વરદ્ હસ્તે થશે.

રાત્રે ૯-૦૦ કલાકે — **ભજન સંધ્યા (રાત્રે ૯-૦૦ થી ૧૨-૦૦)**

ગુજરાતના સુપ્રસિદ્ધ ભજનીક શ્રી નીરજંન પંડ્યા તથા
શ્રી સ્વામિનારાયણ સંપ્રદાયના કીર્તનના ગાયક શ્રી હસમુખ પાટડીયા તથા શ્રી જયેશ સોની તથા શ્રી દિનેશ વધાસીયા તથા શ્રી પૂરવ પટેલ

જેઠ સુદી-૧૦ ને મંગળવાર તા. ૨-૬-૨૦૦૯ નો કાર્યક્રમ

સવારે : ૭-૦૦ કલાકે — **સમૂહ મહાપૂજા**

મહાપૂજાના યજમાનશ્રી દ્વારા પ.પૂ.ધ.ધુ. આચાર્ય મહારાજશ્રીના સાનિધ્યમાં સંપન્ન થશે.

સવારે ૧૧-૦૦ : કલાકે — **સહ યજમાનશ્રીઓનું સન્માન**

ધર્મકુળ વંદના મહોત્સવના તમામ સહયજમાનશ્રીઓ તથા રસોડામાં સીધા-સામગ્રીની સેવા આપનાર યજમાનશ્રીનું સન્માન પ.પૂ.આચાર્ય મહારાજશ્રીના શુભ વરદ્ હસ્તે થશે.

બપોરે ૧૨-૦૦ : કલાકે — **ધાર્મિક પરીક્ષા ઈનામવિતરણ**

શ્રી નરનારાયણદેવ ધાર્મિક શિક્ષણ વિભાગ દ્વારા લેવાયેલ ધાર્મિક પરીક્ષાના બાળકોને ઈનામવિતરણ પ.પૂ. લાલજી મહારાજશ્રીના શુભ વરદ્ હસ્તે થશે તથા બાલીકાઓને ઈનામવિતરણ પૂ. લાલી રાજાશ્રીના શુભ વરદ્ હસ્તે થશે.

સાંજે ૫-૦૦ : કલાકે — **શોભાયાત્રા**

ધર્મકુળ વંદના મહોત્સવ પ્રસંગની શ્રી કાબોરજી તથા પ.પૂ. આચાર્ય મહારાજશ્રી તથા પ.પૂ. લાલજી

મહારાજશ્રીની ભવ્ય શોભાયાત્રા પ.પૂ.ધ.ધુ. આચાર્ય મહારાજશ્રીના નિવાસ સ્થાનેથી નીકળી ગુરુકુળ રોડ, સુભાષ ચોક, ડ્રાઈવ-ઈન રોડ, થલતેજ ચાર રસ્તા થઈશ્રી સ્વામિનારાયણ નગર પહોંચશે.

રાત્રે ૯-૦૦ કલાકે — ***ભજન સંધ્યા (રાત્રે ૯-૦૦ થી ૧૨-૦૦)***

ગુજરાતના સુપ્રસિદ્ધ ભજનીક હેમંત ચૌહાણ.

જેઠ સુદી-૧૧ ને બુધવાર તા. ૩-૬-૨૦૦૯ નો કાર્યક્રમ

સવારે : ૫-૦૦ કલાકે — **શ્રી નરનારાયણદેવની મંગળા આરતી**

સવારે : ૫-૧૫ કલાકે — **મહાભિષેકની પૂજા વિધિ**

શ્રી નરનારાયણદેવ મહાભિષેકનું પૂજન યજમાનશ્રી દ્વારા સવારે ૫-૧૫ થી ૬-૦૦ કલાકે

સવારે : ૬-૦૦ કલાકે — **શ્રી નરનારાયણદેવ આદિ દેવોનો મહાભિષેક**

શ્રી નરનારાયણદેવ આદિ દેવોનો મહાભિષેક પ.પૂ.ધ.ધુ. આચાર્ય મહારાજશ્રી તથા વડતાલના પ.પૂ.ધ.ધુ. આચાર્ય મહારાજશ્રી તથા પ.પૂ. મોટા મહારાજશ્રી તથા પ.પૂ. લાલજી મહારાજશ્રીના શુભ વરદ્ હસ્તે સવારે : ૬-૦૦ થી ૬-૩૦ થશે.

સવારે : ૮-૩૦ કલાકે — **શણગાર તથા અન્નકૂટ આરતી**

શ્રી નરનારાયણદેવ આદિ દેવોનો છપ્પનભોગ (અન્નકૂટ) તથા શણગાર આરતી થશે.

સવારે : ૯-૧૫ કલાકે — **શ્રીહરિ મહાયજ્ઞની પૂર્ણાહુતિ**

પ.પૂ.ધ.ધુ. આચાર્ય મહારાજશ્રી તથા વડતાલના પ.પૂ. આચાર્ય મહારાજશ્રીના શુભ વરદ્ હસ્તે.

સવારે : ૧૦-૦૦ કલાકે — **શ્રીમદ્ સત્સંગિભૂષણ પારાયણની પૂર્ણાહુતિ**

પ.પૂ.ધ.ધુ. આચાર્ય મહારાજશ્રીના શુભ વરદ્ હસ્તે થશે.

સવારે : ૧૦-૦૦ કલાકે — **પ્રાગટ્ય જન્મજયંતી પ્રસંગનું પૂજન-આરતી**

આદિ આચાર્યશ્રી અયોધ્યાપ્રસાદજી મહારાજશ્રીની ૨૦૦ મી પ્રાગટ્ય જન્મજયંતી પ્રસંગનું પૂજન-આરતી પ.પૂ. વડીલ સંતો, મુખ્ય યજમાનશ્રી અને બીજા મુખ્ય યજમાનો દ્વારા થશે.

સવારે : ૧૦-૧૫ કલાકે — **સમગ્ર ધર્મકુળનું પૂજન-આરતી**

શ્રી નરનારાયણદેવ પીઠાધીશ્વર આચાર્ય મહારાજશ્રી, વડતાલ પીઠાધીશ્વર આચાર્ય મહારાજશ્રી તથા પ.પૂ. મોટા મહારાજશ્રી તથા પ.પૂ. લાલજી મહારાજશ્રી તથા સમગ્ર ધર્મકુળનું પૂજન અને આરતી મુખ્ય યજમાનશ્રી તથા સહ યજમાનશ્રી દ્વારા થશે. તથા પ.પૂ.અ.સૌ. ગાદીવાળાશ્રી તથા પ.પૂ. મોટા ગાદીવાળાનું પૂજન અને આરતી, પ.પૂ. સાંખ્યયોગી બહેનો અને યજમાનશ્રીના ધર્મપત્નીઓ દ્વારા

સવારે : ૧૦-૩૦ કલાકે — **મુખ્ય મહેમાન તથા મુખ્ય યજમાનશ્રીનું સન્માન**

ધર્મકુળ વંદના મહોત્સવમાં સેવા કરનાર મુખ્ય યજમાનશ્રીઓ અને પધારેલ મુખ્ય મહેમાનોનું સન્માન પ.પૂ.ધ.ધુ. આચાર્ય મહારાજશ્રી ના શુભ વરદ્ હસ્તે થશે.

સવારે : ૧૧-૦૦ કલાકે — **સંતોના પ્રાસંગીક પ્રવચનો**

અમદાવાદ તથા વડતાલ દેશના પ.પૂ. વંદનીય વડીલ સંતોના પ્રવચનો.

સવારે : ૧૧-૩૦ કલાકે — **ધર્મકુળના આશીર્વચન**

પ.પૂ. મોટા મહારાજશ્રીના શુભાશીર્વાદ, શ્રી લક્ષ્મીનારાયણદેવના પીઠાધિપતિ પ.પૂ.ધ.ધુ. આચાર્ય મહારાજશ્રી ૧૦૦૮ શ્રી રાકેશપ્રસાદજી મહારાજશ્રીના તથા શ્રી નરનારાયણદેવ પીઠાધિપતિ પ.પૂ.ધ.ધુ. આચાર્ય મહારાજશ્રી ૧૦૦૮ શ્રી કોશલેન્દ્રપ્રસાદજી મહારાજશ્રીના શુભાશીર્વાદ.

બપોરે : ૧૨-૦૦ કલાકે — **સમગ્ર મહોત્સવનું સમાપન પ્રવચન**

સમગ્ર મહોત્સવનું સમાપન પ.પૂ. ભાવિ આચાર્ય મહારાજશ્રી ૧૦૮ શ્રી વ્રજેન્દ્રપ્રસાદજી મહારાજશ્રીના આશીર્વાદ પ્રવચનથી થશે.

બપોરે : ૧૨-૧૫ કલાકે — **શ્રી સ્વામિનારાયણ મહામંત્ર ધૂનની પૂર્ણાહુતિ**

બન્ને દેશના પ.પૂ.ધ.ધુ. આચાર્ય મહારાજશ્રીના શુભ વરદ્ હસ્તે.

WHO IS *PAAPI* ? WHO IS *PUNYASHALI* ?

- Sadhu Shrirangdas (Gandhinagar)

Who is *Paapi*? Who is *Punyashali*? How can a common man know about this? And persons who are irresponsible in life do not think before doing anything wrong.

Once there was a great storm. There was lightning in the sky. About ten strangers were in difficulty in the forest. They passed through the forest and reached to a village. Now they were worried about how to spend the night. They found a room. But they were all worried as there was severe storm with lightning outside the room. They thought that one of them must of *Paapi* and therefore this was the situation. They were afraid of the lightning which was likely to destroy their shelter. They thought if *Paapi* person is driven out of the room, then the rest of them could be rescued. So they decided to identify *Paapi* person.

There was a tree out side the room. They held that each one of them should go outside, should touch the tree standing at a distance and should return back. The lightning would destroy the one who is *Paapi*. But all were afraid of the storm and none of them was ready to go outside. However, one by one they started, went to the tree, touched it and returned back. When it was the turn of the tenth person to go outside, he thought that now he himself is *Paapi*, so ardently requested the rest of the persons not to compel him to touch the tree. But the rest of the persons just threw him out of the room, thinking that their life was at risk due to that person only. The moment the tenth person was driven out of home, a lightning destroyed the room with all the nine persons.

These persons thought themselves to be *Punyashali* and considered the tenth person as *Paapi*. But the Almighty Lord gave His verdict as to Who was *Paapi &* Who was *Punyashali*? In '*Vachanamrit*' Shreeji Maharaj himself has stated:

"A person who is considered *Paapi* by the people of this world is not *Paapi*, and

A person who is considered *Punyashali* by the people of this world is not *Punyashalri*."

Therefore, instead of worrying about these aspects, one should perform *Bhakti, Bhajan, Satsang* and *Saint-Samagam* in their life.

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Jeth Sud-2 26/05/2009 *Patotsav* of Prantij temple.

Jeth Sud-5 28/05/2009 *Patotsav* of Vali (Rajasthan) and Bamroli (M.P.) temples

Jeth Sud-9 to 11 01/06/2009 to 03/06/2009 Aadi Acharya Shri Ayodhyaprasadji Maharaj *Janm Dwishatabdi Dharmkul Vandana Mahotsav*

Patotsav of Chhapaiyadham temple

Jeth Sud-13 05/06/2009 *Patotsav* of Idar temple

Jeth Vad-12 20/06/2009 *Patotsav* of Vadnagar temple

Ashadh Sud-4 26/06/2009 *Patotsav* of Ayodhya temple

Ashadh Sud-15 07/07/2009 Tuesday ***Guru Purnima***, *Poojan-archan* of *Dharm-Guru* of *Sampradaya* H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Kalupur, Ahmedabad

Ashadh Vad-10 Friday 17/07/2009 12th *Pragatyotsav* of future Acharya of *Sampradaya* H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj 108 Shri Vrajendraprasadji Maharaj.

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All the subscribers and readers of '***Shree Swaminarayan***' Magazine may take note that the next issue of the magazine will be issued as June-July-2009 Special Issue on 'Dharmkul Vandana Mahotsav'.

All the members and readers of '***Shree Swaminarayan***' Magazine residing in India and abroad may also take note that Janm Dwishatabdi Mahotsav of our Aadi Acharya H.H. Shri Ayodhyaprasadaji Maharaj would be celebrated from 1st June 2009 to 3rd June 2009 as '*Dharmkul Vandana Mahotsav*' in the pious presence of our H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj, H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj and the whole *Dharmkul*. Therefore, the special issue of our magazine shall be issued on this occasion with colourful and beautiful pictures and photographs of Mahotsav. This Special Issue will be issued at the end of June-2009 as a combined issue of June-July Issue-2009 and hence there would not be any issue in July-2009 which may please be noted. *-Editor*

भक्ति सुधा
BHAKTI-SUDHA

FROM BLESSINGS OF H.H. SHRI GADIWALA DELIVERED IN SATSANG-SABHA ORGANIZED ON EKADASHI

- Kotak Varsha Natvalal (Ghodasar)

We know that this human body is perishable. And therefore we should behave keeping awareness in our mind that our soul is different from this body. But we cannot behave like this, when we are unhappy. What is the reason for it? The reason is that there is Prakriti in all the human beings. It is there in three forms; (i) Sattva Guna (ii) Rajo Guna and (iii) Tamo Guna. Let us take the last Tamo Guna first.

(i) Tamo Guna : There are three characteristics of Tamo Guna. Laziness, sleep and idleness. If we take laziness first then we know that we have got human body and we should make full use of it. If we do not use the rainy water properly and preserve it in either in a lake or a dam then we waste it. Similarly if we do not use this human body properly then it is also wasted. If we do not use the time we have got and simply spend it in laziness then both Time and Human body both would be wasted which we cannot get back. Therefore everyone should perform his duties ardently leaving aside laziness. For example the saints exhaust their bodies behind worshipping the Almighty Lord and then they take *Yog-Nindra*.

Many old age people of our family are found bed-ridden and yet they do not get proper sleep. This is because their body is not exhausted. It is not necessary that one should have a long sleep. Without any dream, one can have sufficient sleep in two to three hours. If laziness and sleep are abandoned, idleness would be cured of automatically.

(ii) Rajo-Guna : When a man is found excessively attached with anything then he is said to be Rajo Guni. To cure this, he has to perform his duties and should remain satisfied in whatever he gets. Now the question is what are his duties? One gets it automatically. Just as a newly born child has its parents with him.

(iii) Sattva Guna : This is a good quality. But even after performing some benevolent and good thing, one should not feel proud of it. In order to avoid such type of pride, one should make Sattave Guna a natural course of his life. If we make our noble deeds a part of our daily schedule then we should keep on doing them regularly, it would become natural and we would not feel proud of it.

In the Sabha of Ekadashi of Sankhya yogi ladies very well explain Vachanamrit to the Satsangi ladies. All Satsangi ladies get inspiration from it and get real understanding of Satsang and thereby equip themselves to understand the Almighty Lord.

At last H.H. Shri Gadiwala graces all the Sabhas and invariably blesses all the ladies devotees. Then one feels, really Shreeji Maharaj has granted us divine pleasure in the form of Dharmkul. Really pleasure of Satsang of our original Sampradaya is unique and one cannot find it elsewhere. We have got Divine Satsang and Shree Hari has bestowed upon us everything. Now if there is any deficiency then it is in us. Therefore, it is the prayer at the lotus-like feet of the Lord Shree Narnarayandev that, Lord Shreeji Maharaj grant all of us energy to get rid of our own faults and we can worship the Lord divinely.

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SABARGANGA MAHATMYA

- Sankhyayogi Kokilaba & Ushaba (Surendranagar)

By taking bath in the holy river Ganga, one absolves of all his sins and one is sanctified. Once Badripati Narnarayandev went to take a bath in Gangaji. While he was returning after having a bath, the Lord saw Gangaji smiling in the form of a woman. When asked Gangaji said that, she is Mandakini- the best place of pilgrimage which is now sanctified and purified with the touch of the lotus-like feet of the Lord Vaman.

The Lord said that, until she had *Darshan* of the Lord Purushottam Narayan everything was in vain and therefore she should not feel proud of. So Gangaji asked the way to have *Darshan* of the Almighty Lord and the Lord asked her to perform severe *Tapa*.

Thereafter Mandakini Gangaji took birth as a daughter of Vankayan Muni and performed severe *Tapa*. Shree Hari was

pleased with her worship and asked her to demand her wish. Gangaji asked that she may have permanent company of the Almighty Lord and her demand was granted. The Lord asked Gangaji to walk towards the Southof Gadhpur in the form of a river and to help Mandavya Muni and Nilkanth Brahmin to obtain emancipation. Then Gangaji became a strong flow of water and while following the instructions of the Lord helped Mandavya Muni and Nilkanth Brahmin to obtain emancipation. Now she was waiting for the Almighty Lord to sanctify her.

Meanwhile Shree Hari graced in Gadhpur and Aksharadhipati Purushottam Narayan took bath in Gangaji along with other Muktas and sanctified Gangaji and fulfilled her desire. Thus, Gangaji has become pure and sanctified. But importance of Sabarganga is more than that of Unmat Ganga. Once Unmat Ganga was sitting on a golden throne. at that time rivers of all the places of pilgrimage went there but Unmat Ganga did not stand up and also did not honour them. But when Sabarganga came, she stood up, embraced her and took a seat on the throne beside her. Then Unmat Ganga informed all other rivers that, Lord Vaman has just dipped his toe and then only they have become capable to burn the sins of all the human beings. Whereas the Lord Purushottam Narayan himself along with Muktas has taken bath for 26 years. But Maharaj has graced Vadtal 496 times and therefore while going and returning from Vadtal Maharaj has taken bath 992 times in this Sabar Ganga and therefore she has given more respect to her. Thus, importance of Sabarganga is more than Mandakini Ganga and Unmat Ganga.

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FORGIVING SAINTS

-Sankhya Yogi Shilpaba & Shitalba (Surendranagar)

In order to strengthen the base of Satsang, the Lord Shree Swaminarayan directed the saints that everyday 10 people should be offered *Vartmaan*. When the saints asked what should they do if they do not get that many people? Then Maharaj asked them to offer *Vartmaan* even to the green trees. The soul residing in a tree takes birth in the house of a *Satsangi* and then he would identify me and would get emancipation. Secondly the saints should accept the meals only after offering *Vartamaan*. Thirdly the saints should stay at a distance where even the barking of the dogs cannot be heard. They should stay in a forest with only one cloth even during the cold season. In this way Maharaj has given directions to the saints in 114 Chapters.

Once Maharaj said that, the saints should live at night in tranquil peace and should remain under the open sky with one cloth. The saints used to follow these directions scrupulously. Once there was severe cold. Now the cold was unbearable and therefore the saints dig a big ditch in the sand, slept inside the ditch while keeping their face outside the ditch. While sleeping thus Adbhutanand Swami thought, if they all would sleep like this, any horse-rider may come and crush their heads under the hooves.

Meanwhile Maharaj came on Manki. Adbhutanand Swami held the rein of Manki. Maharaj asked who was there in this dark night? And Adbhutanand Swami introduced himself. When Maharaj asked what was he doing there, Adbhutanand Swami indicated towards other saints who were sleeping peacefully and informed Maharaj that he was taking care of all of them. Maharaj was very much pleased with Swami. When Swamiji asked to give them some concession from such a severe observance of the directions, Maharaj said that, there cannot be any concession in this regard and all the saints will have to live accordingly.

Dear devotees, Maharaj has taken a very severe test of our saints because He wanted the devotees to get emancipation through these saints only and therefore there were so strict instructions to these saints. What a firm faith of these saints in Maharaj!!! In spite of so strict instructions, they were all ardent worshippers of Maharaj and helped all the devotees to get emancipation through worship and *Satsang*.

Therefore, all the devotees should also be tolerant towards all the difficulties they face in their life while following the righteous path. May be it is the severe test of Maharaj for all of us. If we remain devout and tolerant like these saints our Lord and our Guru H.H. Shri Gadiwalashri would be pleased with us.

सत्संग समाचार

News And Notes From Shri Narnarayandev Desh

AHMEDABAD REGION

Celebration of 65th Pragatyotsav of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj

As the day of 65th Pragatyotsav of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj & retired 6th Acharya of Shri Narnarayandev Gadi, Acharya Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharaj came closer, the pleasure and happiness of the devotees were surging high. Really H.H. Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharaj has made the name of the Lord Shreeji Maharaj on every leaf and leaflet all over the world. He has never differentiated between big and small and high and low among the saints and the devotees. While having his Darshan, one feels tranquility. Therefore, when Shri Mahant Swami of Ahmedabad temple requested H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj to celebrate 65th *Pragatyotsav* of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj, H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj said that, he would be happier if *Pragatyotsav* is celebrated with simplicity and there are performed special *Bhajan* and *Kirtan* of Shree Hari on that day.

Following the directions of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj,on the pious day of Chaitra Vad-3, 65th Pragatyotsav of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj was celebrated in the pious presence of our future Acharya H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj 108 Shri Vrajendraprasadji Maharaj with all simplicity and special *Bhajan* and *Kirtan* of Shree Hari. First of all learned Pandits, Pradhanacharya Vachaspati Mishra and Kamlesbhai Gor performed Swasti Vachanand performed poojan in Vedic tradition. Thereafter, Ahmedabad temple Mahant Sadguru Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji, Jetalpur Mahant Sadguru Shastri Swami Atmprrakaashdasji and Mahant swamis of Kankaryal Dholka, Mansa, Idar, Muli, Naranpura, Naranghat temples performed poojan and aarti and obtained the blessings.

Thereafter all the members of the Scheme Committee and Karbhari performed aarti, garlanded and obtained the blessings of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj. Similarly all the devotees present on the occasion, touched the lotus-like feet of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and obtained the blessings.

In the Sabha organized on the occasion, Mahant of Ahmedabad temple Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji, Mahant of Jetalpur temple Shastri Swami Atmaprakashdasji, Shastri Swami Narayanvallabhdasji of Vadnagar explained the importance of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and also informed about various noteworthy deeds performed by him including Shree Swaminarayan Museum which is at present under construction.

On this occasion with the inspiration of the devotee Shri Sandeepbhai Choksi,many of our devotees rendered their services for Shree Swaminarayan Museum and obtained the pleasure of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj. Devotee Shri Rameshbai (Dordawala) offered a 65 feet long garland on 65th Pragatyotsav of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj.

At last our future Acharya H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj blessed the Sabha. Thereafter, H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj addressed and blessed the whole Sabha. H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj stated that, in America a person is compulsorily retired when he attains the age of 65 years. And so now he has retired completely and his services may be availed only when felt inevitable. He also stated that, in the morning while performing pooja, it has been decided to inaugurate Shree Swaminarayan Museum on the pious day of Fagan Sud-3, the day of Patotsav of the Lord Shree Narnarayandev because on that day *Khat-Muhurt* of Shree Swaminarayan Museum was performed and he blessed the Sabha. At last Kirthan, Bhakti, Dhoon and Shangar Aarti were performed by all.

(Shastri Anandjivandas)

Celebration of 183rd Patotsav of Shree Revti-Baldevji Harikrishna Maharaj in Jetalpurdham

With the directions and blessings of H.H.Shri Acharya Maharaj, H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and with the inspiration of Mahant Shastri Swami Atmaprakashdasji and Shri P.P.Swami, 183rd Patotsav of Shree Revti-Baldevji Harikrishna Maharaj was celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm on the pious day of Fagan Vad-8. Devotee Shri Ranchhodbhai Jethalal Ganatra family(Kaloliwala) was the host of the occasion. It is a place where a large number of devotees residing at various places in Gujarat and India come for Darshan while performing *Padyatra* on the pious day of *Poonam* with a number of their desires to be fulfilled viz. earning money, progress in business, job, desire to have male child, marriage, house of ownership and also to obtain the pleasure and blessings of the Almighty Lord.

On this occasion, Shrimad Satsangijeevan Panch-Dinatmak Parayan was organized with young Shastri Swami Bhaktinandasji as spokesperson. Simultaneously Hari-Yaag was also organized wherein devotees Shri Shyambhai, Ghanshyambhai, Varunbhai and Rushikeshbhai of the host family had participated.

After *Mangala Aarti* on the pious day of Fagan Vad-8, *Shodashopchar Abhishek* of Shree Revati Baldevji Harikrishna Maharaj was performed by Poojari Brahmchari Purnanand Swami, Shri P.P.Swami, Shri Shyam Swami, Shri K.P.Swami, Shri V.P. Swami etc. saints. They also performed

Panchamrit Abhishek and *Keshar Abhishek*. A large number of devotees had thronged together to have this *Divine Darshan*. After Abhishek, *Shangar Aarti* and thereafter *Poornahuti Aarti* of *Katha* was also performed wherein *pooojan* of *Granth* and the *Vakta* were performed.

In the Sabha organized on the occasion, the host family had availed the divine benefit. By booking Patotsav in their name to be celebrated after 38 years, the host family had obtained the pleasure of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and the saints.

Shri P.P. Swami and the saints had offered an image of Shree Hari to the host family and had blessed them. The Sabha organized on the occasion was conducted by Shastri Hariom Swami. After inspirational speeches of the saints, Shri P.P. Swami had blessed the host family. Thereafter thousands of devotees had availed the benefit of *Darshan* of *Annakut Aarti*. At last the host family and all the members of Shree Narnarayandev Scheme Committee had performed Poornahuti Aarti of Hari-Yaag. All the devotees had availed the benefit of Maha-Prasad which was organized by Shastri Madhav Swami. *(Sadhu Vrajvallabhdas)*

Maruti Yagna in Kankaria temple

On the pious day of Chaitra Sud-15 *Hanuman Jayanti* thousands of devotees had availed the benefit of being the host of Mahavishnu Yaag organized at Shree Swaminarayan temple, Rambaug. With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj Mahant Swami Guruprasaddasji and Mahant Anand Swami and other saints had offered the holy fruit off Maruti Yagna at 6 o'clock in the evening and had performed Poornahuti Aarti. In the Sabha organized on the occasion, Shastri Swami Yagnaprakashdas furnished complete information about Celebration of *Dharmkul Vandana Mahotsav* and asked all the devotees to render their services with mind, body and money. At night *Prasad* and *Path* of *Shree Hanuman Chalisa* were performed from 9.00 to 12.00. *(Narottam Bhagat)*

Shree Swaminarayan temple, Lei (Idar Desh)

With the blessings of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and with the inspiration of Sadguru Bhaktipriyadasji, 45th Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Lei was celebrated with great enthusiasm. Shrimad Bhagwat Katha Parayan was also organized on the occasion with Shastri Swami Chandraprakashdas (Biliya) as the spokesperson.

H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj had graced the occasion of *Poornahuti* and had performed aarti of Thakorji in inner temple and had also performed *Poornahuti aarti* of *Katha*. Thereafter in the Sabha organized on the occasion, the saints and the devotees had offered the garlands and had obtained the blessings of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj. At last H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj had blessed the whole Sabha. Many devotees had also availed the benefit of Group Mahapooja organized on the occasion. The Sabha was conducted by Shastri Swami Anandjivandas. *(Babubhai Revabai Patel)*

Invocation ceremony of idol images of Shree Swaminarayan temple (ladies), Gulabpura

With the directions of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and with the inspiration of Akshar Nivasi Sadguru Shastri Swami Hariswarupdasji, invocation ceremony of idol images of Shree Swaminarayan temple (ladies) was performed with great enthusiasm at Gulabpura. Devotee Shri Somabhai Narsinhdas Patel family was the chief host of the invocation ceremony. On this occasion, a Three-Day MahaVishnu Yaag was also organized. Devotees Shri Gandabhai, Amrutbhai and Vishnubhai the sons of Akshar Nivasi devotee Shri Kalidas Narsidas Patel were the host of MahaVishnu Yaag. All the devotees of the village had availed the benefit of being the host of one or the other kind of service during the whole ceremony. On 18/04/2009 H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj graced Gulabpura and a great Shobhayatra was organized in the village. On completion of Shobhayatra, H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj graced the temple and performed invocation aarti of idol image of Thakorji.

In the Sabha organized on the occasion, H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj offered an image of Shree Hari to all the host families and blessed the whole Sabha. Thereafter, Shastri Swami Harikeshavdasji, Shastri Haripriya Swami, Shsatri Chandraprakashdas, Raghuvir Swami, Shastri Swami Shreejiprakashdasji, Mahant of Himatnagar, Naranghat and Idar temples had delivered their inspirational speeches. At last the whole village and the Sabha were blessed by H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj. Vote of thanks was delivered by Dr.Nikikumar. all the devotees were informed about Dharmkul Vandana Mahotsav. Raghuvir Swami, Krishprasad Swami (Torda), Jagdish Swami (Idar), Shreeji Swami, Satyasankalpdas etc. saints had rendered beautiful services during the whole ceremony. *(Kothari Gandabhai)*

Shree Swaminarayan temple, Dhansura

With the directions of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj, 15th *Patotsav* of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Dhansura was organized. From 27/02/2009 to 20/03/2009 *Shrimad Bhagwat Dasam Skanda Tridinatmak Parayan* was organized. Mahant Shastri Swami Harijivandasji (Himatnagar) was the spokesperson of *Parayan*.

On 29/02/2009 H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj graced the occasion and a great *Shobhayatra* was organized in the village. Thereafter H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj performed *aarti* of Thakorji and also performed *poornahuti aarti*. In the *Sabha* organized on the occasion, devotee Shri Somabhai Vaghjibhai family and the members of the Scheme Committee performed *poojan aarti* of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and obtained the blessings. A large number of devotees who had arrived from various places, had touched the feet of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and had obtained the blessings.

Then *Sabha* was blessed by H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj. Respecting the ardent invitation of the ladies devotees, H.H. Shri Gadiwala had graced the occasion on31/03/2009. Performing *Darshan* and obtaining the blessings of H.H. Shri Gadiwala, all the ladies devotees were very much pleased.

Sadguru Shastri Swami Akhileshwardasji and the saints and Shastri Swami Chhapaiyaprasadasji were in the forefront in rendering their services during the whole occasion.

(Somabhai Vaghjibhai Patel)

Celebration of Patotsav in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Unava

With the blessings and directions of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and with the inspiration of Mahant Purani Swami Balswarupdasji, 27th Patotsav of Shree Radhakrishnadev Harikrishna Maharaj was celebrated on the pious day of *Vaisakh Sud-3 Akha-Trij*. H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj himself performed Shodashopchar ritual in Vedic tradition.

On this occasion, a three day *Parayan* describing the miracles of Shree Hari as referred to in *Shrimad Bhaktchintamani* was organized. Sadguru Shastri Swami Ramkrishnadasji (Koteshwar Gurukul) was the spokesperson of the *Parayan*. H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj had performed Poornahuti aarti of Katha.

Devotee Shri Motibhai Prabhudas Patel family was the host of the occasion. In the Sabha organized on the occasion, the learned saints had delivered their inspirational speeches and thereafter the whole Sabha was blessed by H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj. *(Nana P.P. Swami, Mahant Shri Naranghat temple)*

Celebration of 2nd Patotsav of Bhavnagarpura (Pratappura) Temple

With the blessings and directions of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj, H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj and with the inspiration of Guru Akshar Nivasi Sadguru Shastri Swami Devcharandasji (Vedic Vyakaranacharya), 2nd *Patotsav* of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Bhavnagarpura was celebrated. On this occasion *Shrimad Satsangibhusan Saptah Parayan* was organized from 31/03/2009 to 06/04/2009. Shastri Swami Ghanshyamprakashdasji (Mahant, Mansa) was the spokesperson of *Parayan*. Sadguru Shastri Swami Bhaktivallabhdasji was the spokesperson of *Samhita Path*. On 31/03/2009 H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj graced the occasion. The devotees had organized a great *Shobhayatra* to welcome him. H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj had blessed the Sabha.

Every night there were organized various programmes like *Bhajan-Kirtan* and other cultural programmes. On this occasion saints from Ahmedabad, Jetalpur, Kankaria, Idar, Naranghat temples, saints of Kalol Gurukul and Shastri Swami Harikeshavdasji, Shastri Swami Nirgundasji, Swami Jagatprakashdasji and Swami Haricharandasji (Kalol) had graced the occasion and had blessed the devotees.

On 06/04/2009 H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj graced the occasion. Both the other *Form* of Shree Hari performed *Annakut aarti* before Thakorji and performed *Poornahuti aarti* of *Katha*. In the *Sabha* organized on the occasion, H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj was very much pleased and had blessed the whole *Sabha*. The *Sabha* was conducted by Shastri Chhapaiyaprasaddasji and Swami Purnaprakashdas (Mansa). The whole village and all the guests were offered the meals during all the seven days.

Swami Vijayprakashdas, Swami Vishnuprasaddasji, Poojari Chandraprakasdhdas, parshan Bharat Bhagat (Muli) had rendered their services on the occasion. Moreover, devotees Shri Patel Mulchandbhai Kachardas, Tulsibhai Kachardas, Ishwarbhai H., Kothari and other devotees had rendered their beautiful services on the occasion. *(Narayanbhai Patel)*

Honour of bright students by H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj

With the blessings and directions of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj, students who have appeared in the examination of Std.10 and Std.12 and who will have scored more than 80% would be honoured by H.H. Shri future Acharya Shri Lalji Maharaj 108 Shri Vrajendraprasadji Maharaj on pious day of 12th Pragatyotsav of H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj on Ashadh Vad-10, on 17/07/2009 at 9.00 O'clock in the morning at Shree Swaminarayan temple, Kalupur. First five rankers of Std.10, Std.12 (Science Stream) and Std.12 (Common Stream) would be honoured with gift by H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj.

Similarly girls-students rankers in above categories would be honoured with gift by H.H. Shri Raja, in Haveli of H.H. Shri Gadiwala. So all the students, who have scored more than 80% should submit their certified mark-sheet mentioning their name, address and telephone number overleaf latest by 30/06/2009 in the office of Dharmkul Vandana Office (Sabha Mandap). After due date, mark-sheet of any students will not be accepted which may please be noted.

Note:- girls Students should submit their mark-sheet mentioning their name, address and telephone number overleaf latest by 30/06/2009 in Haveli. After due date, mark-sheet of any students will not be accepted.

Inspirational Services by Devotees

Thousands of devotees of our Sampradaya spread all over the world still cherish ardent faith and worship towards H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj, H.H. Shri Acharaya Maharaj of Shree Narnarayandev Desh Gadi, and also towards future Acharya H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj. This is because the Lord Shree Hari himself is there in Acharya and therefore only this Acharya is considered to be the other Form of Shree Hari.

Last month H.H.Shri Acharya Maharaj performed pilgrimage to America in connection

with 'Dharmkul Vandana Mahotsav'. Devotee Shri Valji Karsan Hirani and devotee Shri Bhmji Mavji Rabadia, both of them are residing in Nairobi heard about it and Shree Hari inspired them to render the services of Rs.2,00,000/- for to and fro air-ticket of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj's pilgrimage of America. Really great are such devotees.

(Brahmchari Poojari Rajeshwaranandji)

Diabetes Camp on the occasion of 65th Pragatyotsav of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj

With the directions of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and inspiration of Mahant Swami on Sunday 12/04/2009 on the pious day of Chaitra Vad-3 and on the pious occasion of 65th Pragatyotsav of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj, a Diabetes camp was organized at Shree Swaminarayan temple, Kalupur, Ahmedabad, under the guidance of devotee Dr.Rameshbhai Parikh. About 127 saints and devotees had availed the benefit of this camp. Dr.Bhavin Parikh and Dr.Mukeshbhai had rendered their services in the camp. *(Chetan Bhagat)*

Shree Swaminarayan temple, Samau

With the blessings of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and With the directions of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj, Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal, Samau, Gozaria and Indrapura had celebrated 228th Pragatyotsav of the Lord Shree Swaminarayan in the Chowk of the temple wherein a large number of devotees had participated.

(Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal)

Shree Swaminarayan temple, Ranip

About 40 devotees had organized Pada-Yatra of Shree Narnarayandev Ahmedabad, Jetalpur, Dhabhan and Vadtal places of pilgrimage from 13/03/2009 to 15/03/2009.

Installation of Vijay-Stambh of Dharmkul Vandana Mahotsav and Nagar-Yatra

In view of Janm Dwishatabdi Mahotsav of our Aadi Acharya H.H. Shri Ayodhyaprasadaji Maharaj being celebrated as '*Dharmkul Vandana Mahotsav*'on the pious day of Vaishakh Sud-3 *Akha-Trij* on 27/04/2009, '*Vijay Stambha Nagar-Yatra*' was organized in the pious presence of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj, H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj, H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj and the saints from Shree Swaminarayan Museum, Naranpura in two wheelers and four wheelers from Naranpura, Bhuyangdev, Sattadhar Circle, Sola bridge to Shree Swaminarayannagar on the site at Ganesh Housing Corporation. Ritual of installation of Vijay-Stambh of Mahotsav was performed in Vedic tradition by H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj. With the inspiration of Mahant Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji, the host of this occasion devotee Shri K.K.Jesani and his wife Dhanuben, his daughters Deepaben, Vinaben (Wilsodon, London) etc.family had availed the benefit. Beautiful arrangement of breakfast for about 3000 devotees was made by Kothari Parshad Digambar Bhagat, Mahant Swami Devprakashdasji, Swami Suryaprakashdasji,Nana P.P.Swami (Mahant, Naranghat), Brahmchari Rajeshwaranandji, Kothari J.K. Swami, Bhakti Swami, Yogi Swami etc.saints. *(Nilesh Bhagat)*

Shree Swaminarayan temple, Lasundra

With the directions of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj, 53rd Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Lasundra was celebrated on Chaitra Vad-9 by H.H. Shri Acharaya Maharaj with great enthusiasm. First of all a grand *Shobha-Yatra* was performed. Thereafter H.H. Shri Acharya Maharj performed *Annakut Aarti* in the temple of ladies. Thereafter he performed *Mahapooja* and *Annakut Aarti* in the temple of gents. In the Sabha organized on the occasion, Mahant of Ahmedabad temple Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji, Shastri Swami Ramkrishnadasji, Shastri Swami Akhileshwaranandji etc. saints asked all the devotees to render the services for '*Dharmkul Vandana Mahotsav*' accordingly Haribhaktas rendered services of 251 tins of edible oil. At last while blessing all the devotees in the Sabha, H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj said that it was his desire that even a small devotee may render services for this occasion. Services of Mahant Swami of Nathdware Swami Dharmswaroopdasji, Mahant of Sapawada Swami Nandkishordasji, Swami Vijayprakashdasji etc. saints were praiseworthy. All the Haribhaktas had availed the benefit of touching the lotus-like feet of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and had obtained the blessings. Services of *Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal* and *Shreeji Mahila Mandal* were very beautiful.

(Arvindbhai and Arunbhai)

MULI DESH

Celebration of Shree Hari Jayanti Utsav in Surendranagar

With the directions of H.H.Shri Acharya Maharaj and with the inspiration of Mahant Swami, on *Chaitra Sud-9 Shree Hari Jayanti Ramnavmi Mahotsav* was celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm. In the morning *Mahapooja, Akhand Mantra-Jaap* and at night grand *Shakotsav* and Shree Hari *Pragatyotsav Aarti* were performed at 10.10 p.m. a large number of devotees had remained present on the occasion and had availed the benefit of *Darshan*. Under the guidance of Shastri Premvallabhdas, Shree Narnarayandev *Yuvak Mandal* had rendered beautiful services.

(Shailendrasinh Zala)

Satsang-Shibir at Shree Swaminarayan Gurukul, Dhrangadhra

With the blessings and directions of H.H.Shri Acharya Maharaj, saints of Shree Swaminarayan Sanskardham Gurukul had organized a beautiful *Satsang Shibir* from 6th April to 8th April 2009 in *Vadi of Lohana caste*. About 3000 devotees had participated in the *Shibir* and Shri Ramswami and other saints had explained to them importance of Shree Hari and Dharmvanshi with examples.

(Anilbhai Dudhrejiya)

Celebration of 12th Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Shreejinagar (Tal. Halvad)

With the blessings and directions of H.H.Shri Acharya Maharaj, a Three-day *Bhakta Chintamani Katha* (miracles) was organized on the occasion of 12th *Patotsav* of Shree Swaminarayan temple. Sadu Nilkanthcharandas was the spokesperson of the Katha. On this occasion, *Abhishek-Annakut* to Thakorji etc. occasions were also celebrated. The saints had explained the importance of Shree Narnarayandev and *Dharmkul* and had insisted to remain under the directions of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and to render the services for *Satsang* and *Sampradaya*. *(Mori Maganbhai)*

OVERSEAS

Pilgrimage of H.H.Shri Acharya Maharaj to Sydney (Australia)

With the blessings of the Lord Shree Swaminarayan and directions of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj, I.S.S.O. Shree Swaminarayan temple, had organized *Shrimad Bhagwat Katha* from 5th April 2009 to 11th April 2009 at Sydney-Blacktown in the pious presence of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj. Shastri Shri Yogendrabhai Bhatt was the spokesperson of the *Katha*. Benefit of *Katha* in Boman Hall was availed by thousand of devotees. Devotee Shri Manharbhai Amin was the host of the *Katha*. With the services of Trustees of and other devotees, this divine occasion of seven days with *Mahaprasad* for all the seven days was just like invocation ceremony.

After invocation ceremony, this was the first visit of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and therefore the devotees were eagerly awaiting for the occasion. When H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj arrived on 05/04/2009 in the morning, the day had become divine for all the devotees. On the same day in the evening and in the presence of Mayor of Black Town and other dignitaries, H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj inaugurated *Shreemad Bhagwat Katha* with *Deep-Pragatyotsav*. Presence of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj for all the seven days was a matter of great thing and luck for all the devotees. Every day from morning to evening, there was a programme of grace of houses of the devotees, blessings in the evening in *Katha* and at night again the programme of grace of houses of the devotees. The words of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj that he had arrived there after much time and therefore he die not want that desire of any of the devotee should remain unfulfilled, inspired all the devotees like anything. During *Katha* celebration of various festivals like *Krishna Janmotsav, Rukshmani Vivah* were celebrated with great fervour. A great *Samaiya* of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj was also performed on the occasion. All the devotees of Kachchh region had availed divine benefit of it. With *Lesim, Band, Auchav Mandli* and the ladies devotees holding decorative pots on their heads- it was a divine scenario which compelled the local residents to come out of their home to watch it. On completion of *Katha* by H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj on 11/04/2009, H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj graced Melbourne with saints. Among the saints were Shastri Swami Purushottamprakashdasji, Shsatri Swami Ramkrishnadasji, and Parshad Vanraj Bhagat. Devotees requested H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj to grace the land every year and the proposal was accepted happily.

Observing Satsang in Melbourne, H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj was very much pleased. Even during the short stay of two days.H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj availed to the devotees the benefit of grace of their houses during the day and *Satsang Sabha* at night. It is an humble prayer at lotus-like feet of Shree Hari that, our new temple of the region may got ready expeditiously. *(Tejas Patel, Sydney)*

Shree Swaminarayan temple, Hyustan

With the blessings of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and with the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharaya Maharaj, *Pragatyotsav* of the Lord Shree Swaminarayan was celebrated with great fervour on the pious day of *Chaitra Sud-9* on 04/03/2009. In the morning *Dhoon-Bhajan* were performed, in the noon at 12-00 hours *Shree Ram Janmotsav aarti* was performed. Throne of the Almighty Lord was decorated beautifully. At night 10.10 hours *Pragatyotsav Aarti* was performed, whose benefit was availed by thousands of devotees.

(Ramesh T. Patel)

Shree Swaminarayan temple, Colonia

With the blessings of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and with the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharaya Maharaj, a *Satsang Sabha* was organized from 8.00 hours in the morning till 7.00 hours in the evening on first Saturday of the Month of March. A large number of devotees consisting of children, old people and even the youngsters and Haribhaktas of various chapters of I.S.S.SO. had participated in the *Shibir*. Mahant Swami of Cherry Hill, Vihocan and Colonia temple had explained the importance of the Almighty Lord and *Dharmkul* and had described how to live addiction-free life.

During the week-end of 28th March Sunday, a great *Rangotsav* was celebrated by H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj along with Mahant Swami of Kalupur temple, Narayanghat temple, Vadnagar temple, Shastri Swami Ramkrishnadasji of Koteshwar Gurukul and thousands of other devotees. H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj performed colour-sprinkling in front of Thakorji and many devotees had availed the benefit of Divine colours of *Kesuda*.

Shree Suvratkumar and Shri Saumyakumar of Shri Binduraja had also joined their uncle in this great *Rangotsav*. It was really divine *Darshan*. In the Sabha organized on the occasion, Mahant Swami of Kalupur temple, Ahmedabad had

explained the road-map of celebration of *Dharmkul Vandana Mahotsav*. Shastri Swami Narayanvallabhdasji and Shastri Swami Ramkrishnadasji had delivered the speeches suitable to the occasion.

At last while blessing the whole Sabha, H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj stated that, if all the festivals of Sampradaya are celebrated by all the devotees unitedly then it strengthens *Sampradaya* and had prayed Shree Hari to make all the devotees happy. H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj was very much happy.

(Pravinbhai Shah)

Shree Swaminarayan temple, Cherry Hill (America)

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharaya Maharaj and inspiration of Mahant Swami Vishwaprakashdasji, *Phuldolotsav* was celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm. A large number of devotees from Peninsylvia, Atlantic City, Vihocan temple and Colonia had participated in the celebration. Swami had explained the *Katha* of *Phuldolotsav* and had also explained the importance of Shree Narnarayan Jayanti. On 3rd April on the pious day of *Chitra Sud-9 Ramnavami*, at 12.00 O'clock *Ramjanmotsav* was celebrated and in the evening Mahant Swami Shastri Vishwaprakashdasji ahd explained the importance of Shree Hari in detail. At night *Pragatyotsav Aarti* of Shri Ghanshyam Maharaj was performed and all the Hariibhaktas had celebrated it by singing *Kirtans* of Nand saints. *(Pravinbhai Shah)*

Bruvi Merry Land (Washington, D.C.)

With the blessings of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and with the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharaya Maharaj on Saturday 14th March 2009 a *Satsang Sabha* was organized from 4.30 to 9.00 in the evening in Paris Hall of Ilkris Grace Ipiscopal Church wherein group *Katha, Dhoon, Bhajan, Thaal* and *Aarti* were performed. Shastri Swami Harinandan Swami from Cleveland had explained the importance of the Lord Shree Narnarayandev through Cell Phone and Mike. He had also explained how top perform *Mala* by Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Manda! and had also explained about Shree Swaminarayan *Mantra-Jaap*. On Thursday 19th March 2009, H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj, Mahant of Kalupur temple Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji, Shastri Swami Narayanvallabhdasji, Mahant Shri Dev Swami, Shastri Swami Ramkrishnadasji and Parshad Vanraj Bhagat had graced Shri Shiva Vishnu Temple from 5.00 to 9.00 in the evening. Mahant Swami had explained about *Dev, Acharya, Dharmkul, Dikshit-Aashrit saint* and scriptures approved by both Gadi. He had also explained in detail about celebration of our Aadi Acharya H.H. Shri Ayhodhyaprasadji Maharaj Janm Dwishatabdi Mahotsav as *Dharmkul Vandana Mahotsav*. At last H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj addressed and blessed the whole *Sabha*. About more than 250 devotees had participated in the *Sabha*.

(Kanubhai Patel)

Shree Swaminarayan Satsang Mandal, Nadola, Zambia

With the blessings of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and with the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharaya Maharaj and with the blessings of H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj, *Satsang Sabha* is organized every month regularly. Moreover, every week and on *Ekadashi Dhoon-Bhajan-Kirtan* and *Aarti* are performed in the *Sabha* for three hours. Reading of *Shiksha-Patri*, 293-*Vachanamrit* and reading of the scriptures like *Bhakta-Chintamani* are also performed in the *Sabha*. *(Jayesh R. Patel)*

Shree Swaminarayan temple, Leicester (U.K.)

with the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharaya Maharaj on Sunday 04/01/2009 Shree Swaminarayan *Dhoon* for three hours was organized in the temple. Shastri Swami Satyaprakashdasji and Shastri Swami Bhaktikeshavdasji had graced the occasion.

On 10/01/2009 both the saints had got performed Group *Maha-Pooja*. Devotee Shri Hasmukhbhai Laxmikantbhai Vadher was the host of *Maha-Pooja*. On the pious day of *Vasant-Panchmi Katha* of *Shree Shiksha-Patri Bhashya* was rendered beautifully by Shastri Swami Satyaprakashdasji and Shastri Swami Bhaktikeshavdasji. The hosts of the *Katha* were devotee Shri Ranchhodbhai Patel and devotee Shri Chhaganlal Tank. Many devotees had availed the benefit of *Katha* and *Darshan*.

1st Patotsav of ISSO Swaminaryan Hindu Temple, Auckland (N.Z.)

With the divine blessings of Lord Swaminarayan, H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj, 1st *Patotsav* of Auckland Temple took place on 21st March with the participation of many devotees, community leaders and dignitaries of Auckland. The function commenced in the morning with the *Divya Abhishek* of all the Deities. The morning program also included *Annakut* after the *Abhishek Aarti*. The devotees had assembled in large numbers to render their *Seva* (services) for the preparation of *Annakut* and other ceremonies of the day. In the afternoon Len Brown, the Mayor of Counties Manaukau arrived for the formal function. Mr.K.S. Baxi, Mr.Rajen Prasad and Ms. Carol Beaumont all Members of Parliament were also present. The leaders of various religious and community organizations had come to attend the function. They all praised the beauty and serenity of the temple and its popularity in the Indian community. In just one year the temple has made its mark by celebrating all important festivals in a fitting manner, following the Swaminarayan traditions. The program concluded with the *Annakut Aarti* after which everybody had *Mahaprasad*.

SEWA NEWSLETTER

Event : Pediatric Health Fair **Services** : * Well Child Care Visit * Developmental screenings for all under 18 years of age **Date** : April 5th,

2009-SUNDAY **Time** : 5.30 p.m. - 7.30 p.m. **Venue** : Shree Swaminarayan Temple 220 Temple Way Colonia, NJ 07067 **Moderators** :Raksha Patel, CMA 732-966-9353 Rohini Navlekar, B.E., MPA 732-429-4982 Parimal Patel, 732-261-3298 **Event** :Dental Health Fair **Services** : * Dental Check Ups for children & adults **Date** : April 25th, 2009-SATURDAY **Time** :5.30 p.m. - 7.30 p.m. **Venue** : Shree Swaminarayan Temple 220 Temple Way Colonia, NJ 07067 **Moderators** : Raksha Patel, CMA 732-966-9353 Rohini Navlekar, B.E., MPA 732-429-4982 Parimal Patel, 732-261-3298

Celebration off 1st Patotsav of our Shree Swaminarayan temple, Cleveland (America, I.S.S.O.)

With the blessings of the Lord Shree Swaminarayan, directions of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and inspiration and co-operation of Mahant Swami Harinandandasji, 1st *Patotsav* of our Shree Swaminarayan temple, Cleveland (America, I.S.S.O.) was celebrated in the pious presence of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj. *Katha* of *Sneh-Gita* created by Sadgur Nishkulanand Swami was narrated by Shastri Dharmvallabhdasji. On 18th April 2009 *Maruti Yagna* was organized in the morning at 9.00 hours. On the day of *Patotsav* on 19th April, *Mangla-Aarti* was performed at 6.30 hours in the morning whose benefit was availed by the devotees in large number. Thereafter *Maha-Abhishek* of Thakorji was performed by H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj in Vedic tradition. *Panchanh-Parayan* was also concluded by H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj along with the hosts by performing *aarti*.

In the Sabha organized on the occasion, Shastri Swami Madhavprasadji from New Jersey and Shasttri Swami Hariprasadji from Chicago had delivered the speeches suitable to the occasion. On this occasion, devotees from Chicaco, New Jersey, Detroit, Columbus, Sincinaty, Tennesse, Peninselvenia, Virginia, Dellaver, Boston, New York etc. I.S.S.O. temples and chapters had participated and all were blessed by H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj.

H.H. Shri Binduraja from New Jersey had graced this occasion and had blessed all the ladies devotees. Devotee Shri Prakashbhai, the President of Cleveland temple had delivered the vote of thanks. The *Sabha* was concluded by Mahant Swami. At last, H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj had performed *Shangaar* and *Annakut Aarti* and had availed the divine benefit to the devotees.

Devotee Shri Manharbhai and Chetnaben Patel were the hosts of *Patotsav*, devotee Shri Jaideepbhai and Reshmaben Patel were the hosts of *Parayan*, devotee Shri Prakashbhai and Krinaben Patel and devotee Shri Bharatkumar and Dakshaben Patel were the hosts of *Abhishek* and devotee Shri Girishbhai and Dipikaben Patel were the Chief Hosts of *Annakut*. Devotee Shri Rikhavchand Jivanlal Patel family had availed the benefit of the host of *Maruti Yagna*. All the devotees had rendered their inspirational services on this occasion. *(Prakashbhai Patel)*

Celebration of Hanuman Jayanti in Shree Swaminarayan temple, South Jersey

With the directions of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and inspiration and co-operation of Mahant Swami Vishwaprakashdasji on Chaitra Sud-15 on 9th April 1009 on the pious day off *Hanuman Jayanti, Panch Kundi Maruti Maha-Yagna* was organized. Devotee Shri Kanubhai Kantilal Patel (Mokhasanwala) was the Chief Host of *Maruti Yagna*. Other devotees had also rendered their beautiful services. Thereafter in the *Satsang-Sabha* organized on the occasion, Shastri Swami Vishwaprakashdasji had explained the importance of Birth of Shree Hanumanji , importance of the deity as explained in '*Purushottamprakash*'. Large number of devotees had remained present on the occasion and had availed the benefit of *Darshan* of *Maruti Yagna*. Devotee Shri Rajubhai Bhaktibhai (Vaduwala), the President of temple had delivered the vote of thanks. *(Navinbhai G.Patel, Rajpur)*

AKSHARVAAS

Ahmedabad (at present Visnagar) :Saint Saduguru Swami Haricharandasji (age 95 years), (Guru Swami Devnandandas) of Shree Swaminarayan temple passed away (01/04/2009) to Akshardham while chanting the name of Shree Hari.

Ahmedabad : Devotee Shri Umeshbhai Natvarbhai Patel (Gamdiwala) passed away (18/03/2009) to Akshardham while chanting the name of Shree Hari.

Unava : Devotee Shri Bhagabhai Aadarbhai Patel (Former Kothari) passed away (10/04/2009) to Akshardham while chanting the name of Shree Hari.

Bapupura : Devotee Shri Babubhai Prabhudas Chaudhari passed away (18/03/2009) to Akshardham while chanting the name of Shree Hari.

Chandlodiya: Devotee Shri Sakarben Nagjibhai Patel passed away (09/03/2009) to Akshardham while chanting the name of Shree Hari.

Ahmedabad : Devotee Shri Prahladbhai Dahyalal passed away (26/11/2008) to Akshardham while chanting the name of Shree Hari.

Mansa : Devotee Shri Ramanlal Maganlal Modi passed away (07/04/2009) to Akshardham while chanting the name of Shree Hari.

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Saints performing Group *Aarti* in the leadership of H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj on the occasion of 65th *Pragatyotsav* of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj.



H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj blessing the *Sabha* on the occasion of 65th *Pragatyotsav* of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj.



H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj performing invocation *aarti* of the idol images in Shree Swaminarayan temple (ladies), Gulabpura.



The host family performing *aarti* of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj in Bhavnagarpura temple with Brahmchari Poojari Rajeshwaranandji and Kothari J.K. Swami.



Haribhaktas performing *aarti* of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj on the occasion of *Patotsav* of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Ghatlodiya.



H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj blessing the devotee Shri Dahyabhai Kothari in the *Sabh* at village Kanjaripa.



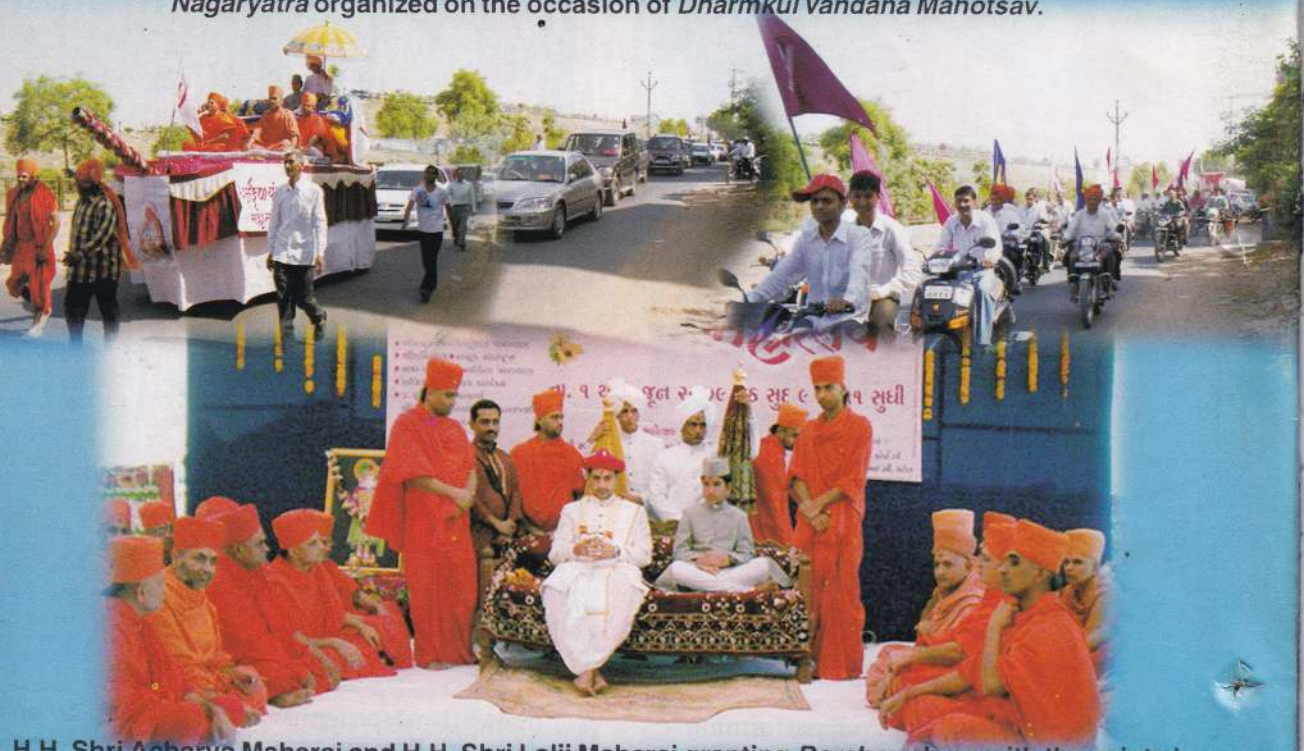
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H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj granting *Darshan* along with the saints in the *Sabha.*



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