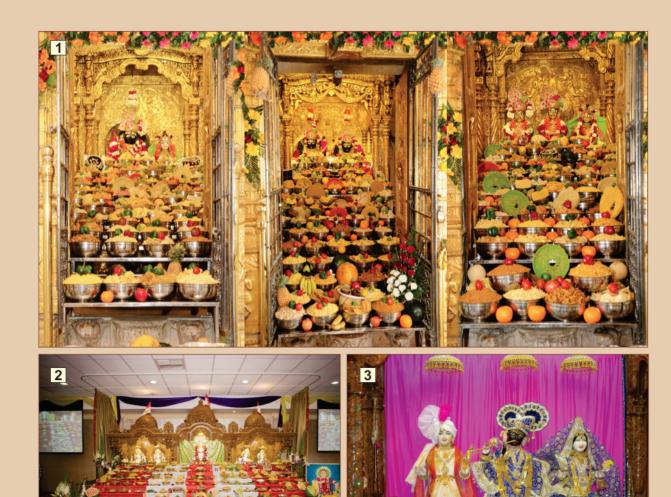
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Shree Hari intends to take all His devotees to Akshardham. And therefore in order to grant them eligibility to have the place in Akshardham, Shree Hari has granted Knowledge of His own Form and has recognized Upasana Bhakti and Pooja of Shree Narnarayandev as the easy way to get emancipation for the devotees of Shree Swaminarayan Sampradaya. By reiterating the same in number of Vachanamrits, Shree Hari has insisted for firmness in Upasana of devotees. Therefore, it is essential that, all the devotees must read these 13 Vachanamrits from this pious scriptures 273-Vachanamrit. These Vachanamrits are Vachanamrit-8,48,73,74 of Gadhda First Chapter, Vachanamrit-8 of Sarangpur Chapter, Vachanamrit-21,22 of Gadhada Middle Chapter, Vachanamrit-4,6,8 of Ahmedabad Chapter, Vachanamrit-3,4 and 5 of Jetalpur Chapter. If essence of these thirteen Vachanamrits is implemented in life, then there is no need to roam here and there in this world.

Moreover, we all are very lucky that we have got our Dev in front of our eyes. All the devotees and Haribhaktas may therefore perform divine Darshan of Shree Narnarayandev on the pious occasion of Patotsav.



Editor Mahant Swami Shastri Swami Harikrishnadas

#### SHREE SUJAMMARAYAM

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

(FEBRUAY- 2014)

- 1. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Lilapur Tal. Halvad Muli Desh on the occasion of invocation of the idol images.
- 2. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Manekpur (Chaudhary) on the occasion of Katha.
- Graced village Isand on the occasion of invocation 3. of the idol image of Shree Rokadiya Hanumanji Maharaj. In the evening graced Muli.
- Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Muli on the 4. occasion of Patotsav of Shree Radhakrishnadev and Rangotsav on the pious occasion day of Vasant
- 5. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Uvarsad on the occasion of Patotsay.
- 6. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Muvasa (Panchmahal) on the occasion of invocation of the idol images.
- Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Torda, on the occasion of Patotsav. 7.
- 8.
- Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Bhimpura on the occasion of Patotsav. Graced Shree Swaminarayan Vishranti Bhuvan, Mumbai (Wille Parle) on the 9. occasion of Kathat.
- 10. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Mokhasan on the occasion of Katha and Patotsav.
- 10 to 19 February
  - Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Adelaide (Australia) on the occasion of invocation of the idol images. From there graced Sydney (Australia).
- Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Naranghat and performed Patotsav-20. Abhishek.
- 21. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Vihar, on the occasion of Patotsav.
- 22. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Bhaktinagar (Muli Desh) on the occasion of Katha.
- 23. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Janvad (Panchmahal), on the occasion of Katha.
- Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Bhaupura, on the occasion of Patotsav. 24.
- 25-26 Graced Hyderabad (Andhra Pradesh) on the occasion of Katha. 26- to 28- February Graced Chhapaiyadham and Ayodhya to perform divine Darshan.

#### APPOINTMENT DIARY OF H.H. 108 SHRI VRAJENDRAPRASADJI MAHARAJ (FEBRUAY- 2014)

Graced Katha organized on the occasion of Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan 16. temple, Mahesana.

## Shikshapatri

#### The Epistle of Precepts

(based on Shatanand's Shikshapatri Arthadipika) By Pravin S. Varsani

#### **Text - 109**

When Lord Shri Krishna is by the side of Radhikaji, He shall be known as Radha Krishna. When He is beside of Laxmiji in the form of Rukshmini, he shall be known as Laxmi Narayan.

Shri Krishna's various forms are described over the next four Shlokas. Krishna by the side of Radha, daughter of Vrishbhanu, shall be known as Radha Krishna.

Similarly, Krishna by the side of Rukshmani, daughter of King Bhishmaka, should be known as Laxmi Narayan. Vishnu Purana explains, 'Laxmi took the form of Sita during Rama Avatara and as Rukshmani during Krishna Avatara.'

#### **Text - 110**

When he is by the side of Arjun, he shall be known as Nar-Narayan, and in the same manner, when Balbhadra or other deities are by his side, he shall be known by such other appropriate names.

When Shree Krishna is with the 'middle' Pandava- Arjuna, who is the incarnation of Lord Nara, they should be known as Narnarayan. Bhaarat explains: Arjune Tu Naraveshaha Krushno Narayana Swayam — 'Arjuna is the incarnation of Nara and Krishna is Narayana.' Similarly the Bhagwat explains, 'The two of your are the Rishis Nara and Narayana.'

In the same way, he can be known as Rama-Krishna, Satya-Krishna etc. when accompanied by Balbhadra (Balarama), Satyabhama and others.

Just to clarify, Nara-Narayan are famed as 'Bharat Khanda Na Raja'- the Lords of Kings of the Earth, who are continuously performing penance in Badrikashram for the benefit of mankind. They were born of Murti Devi and Dharma Prajapati.

#### **Text - 111**

At times, devotees such as Radhikaji and others are alongside Lord Krishna but at other times, they, with extreme devotion, dwell within Lord Shree Krishna, which at such times shall be considered as by Himself.

When the devotee is beside Shree Krishna, they shall be known as Radha-Krishna and other such names. At other times, the devotees may be within God, within his heart etc. at such times they are one with God and so Shree Krishna should be termed as alone in such case, even though God is never alone: 'Krishna is never alone without Radha and Radha without Krishna. They are always together in My heart, drowned in immense love.'

Krishna is the Lord of Lords; whose consort Radha is 'Praneshwari'- the vital spirit. Their devotees resound even today, that both Radha and Krishna continue to wander in Vrindayana.

#### **Text - 112**

Therefore one shall not discriminate between the different manifestations of Krishna, as the four armed, eight armed or thousand armed manifestations of the two armed Krishna, as they are manifestations of the two armed Krishna, as they are manifestations of his own free will.

Ataschasya Swarupeshu Bhedo Gneyo Na Sarvatha -Quite simply, no discrimination should be made between any forms of God here mentioned, as all are forms of Shree Krishna and are the one and the same.

Also the number of arms on a God does not in any way relate to the greatness of that deity, but more so they are forms which devotees have desired to have Darshan of.



## HAIL BHAGWAN SHREE SWAMINARAYAN

- Sadhu Purushottamprakashdas (Jetalpurdham)

After return of Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan to Akshardham, a rumour was spread that principles and all arrangements of Shree Swaminarayan Sampradaya inspired by Shardapith Shankaracharya Madhavtirth was against the Vedas. The learned Vedic Visharads and Dharmacharyas and Mahamandaleshwars were also made a part of this campaign against Sampradaya. The reason behind this was the popularity and acceptance which Shree Swaminarayan Sampradaya had gained in a very short span of time compared to other Sampradayas. And therefore systematic efforts started to be made to defame Swaminarayan Sampradaya. Pandits of Kashi were pressurized to make a statement that arrangements of Swaminaraya Sampradaya were against the Vedas. Thereafter Acharya Maharaj sent five learned saints and haribhaktas of Ahmedabad-Vadtal Desh with scriptures to Kashi. Shastri Balramdasji Swami of Vadtal was chief of them.

Shastrarth (religious discussion and discourse) about the principles and arrangements of Shree Swaminarayan Sampradaya was held on 06/11/1907 in the office Shree Bharat Dharm Mahamandal situated at Kashi. The meeting was headed by Pandit Maharaj Narayan Shivpuri wherein an agenda was placed by Mahamhopadhya Pandit Sudhakar Dwivedi which was supported by Mahi Mahendra Vyakaracharya Shri Jaydev Sharma of Darbhanga. More than 600 learned Pandits across the country were invited in this religious discourse. In the presence of all these learned Pandits. more than 250 questions were asked about our scriptures such as 'Shiksha Patri', 'Vachanamrit', 'Desh-Vibhag Lekh' and 'Satsangi Jeevan'. Discussions were held on each and every subject of the arrangements of our Sampradaya which were answered with strong documentary evidences and authentic documents by the learned saints and devotes like pandit laxmidas Pandit Nagardas under the directions of Shreeji Maharaj. The question No.229 of this discussion was what did the believers of Sampradaya think about Bhagwat Dham? In answer to this question, Adhyay-15 of Shrimad Bhagwat Gita was referred to and it was stated: पथनामृत-અમદાવાદ-સાતમાં શ્રીહરિએ કહ્યું છે કે; અનંત બ્રહ્માંડના અસંખ્ય શિવ, અસંખ્ય બ્રહ્મા, અસંખ્ય કૈલાશ, અસંખ્ય વૈકુંઠ અને ગોલોક બ્રહ્મપુર અને અસંખ્ય કરોડ બીજી ભૂમિકાઓ એ બધી મારી

तेशे डरीजे तेश्वयमाज छे. The answer was accepted with reverence as it was supported by 'Bhagwat Gita'. A note of all these 250 questions has been obtained from one learned person and it has been published by NGN Press of Surat. At the end of this discussion, it was held that principles and arrangements of Shree Swaminarayan Sampradaya were in accordance with the Vedas and following resolutions were passed unanimously:

Resolution No.1: Preachings of 'Shiksha Patri' written by Shree Sahajanand Swami is Vedic and benevolent in nature. Sampradaya inspired by it may be considered to be Vedic. There is no Dosh in resorting to Varnas like Brahmin etc. Kartak Sud-1 Samvat 1964 Wednesday writer Sudhakar Dwivegi (Mahamahopadhyay)

Resolution No.2: 'Shiksha Patri' written by Shree Sahajanand Swami caters to and subscribes to Vedic religion. Preachings contained in it are Vedic in nature. There is no difficulties in seeking shelter in it. Writer Kailashchandra Shiromani (Mahamhopadhya). Besides him, 22 other learned persons have signed it.

Resolution No.3: Preachings of 'Shiksha Patri' written by Shree Sahajanand Swami is Vedic as per Smruties and the follower of Shree Swaminarayan Sampradaya is Vedic. Kartak Sud-1 Samvat 1964 Wednesday writer Pandit Sangamlal Za. (Mahamahopadhyay). Besides him, 141 other learned Pandits have signed it.

**Resolution No.4**: Preachings of 'Shiksha Patri' written by Shree

Sahajanand Swami ot not eating meat and not to commit violence even for the purpose of Pitru-Yagna is Vedic. There is no Dosh in resorting to these preachings. Kartak Sud-13 Samvat 1964 Wednesday writer Subramanyam Shastri (Mahamahopadhyay) Aadi Pandit Varya.

Resolution No.5: The 'Shiksha Patri' of Shree Swaminarayan Sampradaya is in accordance with the Shruti-Smruti and the Vedas. There is no Dosh in following it by the people of all four Varnas. Magsar Sud-3 Samvat 1964 Saturday writer Bhavanishankar Agnihotri. Besides him, 42 other learned persons have signed it.

Resolution No.6: I have read 'Shiksha Patri' of Shree Swaminarayan and while considering and thinking about it I am confident that arrangements of Sampradaya is not against the Vedas. Kartak Vad-14 Samvat 1964 writer Swami Adwetanand. Besides him, 36 other learned persons have signed it.

Moreover, in the year 1940, conference of learned persons of Vadodara city was organized wherein resolutions were passed and the principles of Sampradaya were upheld.

In the Vidwat Parishad of Kashi, the victory was proclaimed with 7<sup>th</sup> Vachanamrit of Ahmedabad Chapter. So any publication or book containing this 7<sup>th</sup> Vachanamrit should be purchased and it should be read regularly. In Samvat 1964 there was 7<sup>th</sup> Vachanamrit of Ahmedabad Chapter which was presented in this Vidwat Parishad. No other Sampradaya of Bharat has faced such an arduous test and difficulties.

### DHARMOPADESH OF DHARMVANSHI ABOUT DIRECTIONS OF SHIKSHA PATRI

- Prof. Hitendrabhai Naranbhai Patel

Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan incarnated from Akshardham to this Prithvilok and granted blessings to remain here by Vicharan in three forms of temples, idol images, scriptures and Dharmvanshi Acharya. During his time, Shreeji Maharaj developed all these three forms established the structure of Sampradaya upon the strong foundation. First of all, temple was developed in Ahmedabad on the pious day of Fagan Sud-3 Samvat 1878 and himself invoked the idol image of Shree Narnarayandev in the inner temple. Maharaj has also informed the devotees that, He would permanently remain in this idol image. Thereafter, on the pious day of Maha Sud-5 Samvat 1882 Shreeji Maharaj wrote 'Shiksha Patri' in Sanskrit language and stated in its Shloka-209 that, His Vani (words) is His own form. As a last means to get emancipation seat of Dharmvanshi Acharya was established by establishing Ahmedabad-Shree Narnarayandev Desh and Vadtal-Shree Laxminarayandev Desh and established Acharya as Guru of all Satsangis and proclaimed with enthusiasm that Dharmvanshi Acharya should be respected and worshipped and that all devotees would get its fruitful result invariably. And Desh-Vibhag Lekh in this regard was got written in Gadhada on the pious day of Magsar Sud-15 Samvat 1883.

'Shiksha Patri' by Shree Hari is the basis of life of all Satsangis. It is the right and correct way to become happy in this Lok and also in Parlok. It has also been warned in this pious scripture that, those who disobey the directions contained in it, have to suffer a lot in their life. The directions contained in this pious 'Shiksha

Patri' is not only for getting emancipation in this life, but they are the directions like Jadibuttis to live simple, rich and happy life.

In Shloka-208 of 'Shiksha Patri' Shreeji Maharai has stated that. Path of Shiksha Patri' should be performed regularly. Those who cannot read it, should listen to them as even by listening to it, one becomes pious because it is written and narrated by Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan Himself. Kavi Shri Dalpatram could speak these 1to 212 Shlokas of 'Shiksha Patri' even by linear and the reverse mode incessantly. Even today the whole 'Shiksha Patri' is learned by heart by many saints Haribhaktas. Really great are those Haribhaktas who have learnt this 'Shiksha Patri' by heart. Moreover, in Shloka-209, Shreeji Maharaj has stated that, our words are our form and importance of this 'Shiksha Patri' equivalent to the importance of Shree Narnarayandev and it is in fact Vangmay Swaroop of Shreeji Maharaj.

However, devotees should keep one thing in mind that, any book when published is considered as scripture only when it is published under the directions of Dharmvanshi Acharya only. In Shloka-210 Shreeji Maharaj has made clarification that, this Shiksha Patri' should be offered to only Devi-Jiv and not to any Asuri-Jiv. It has also been discussed in the scriptures of Sampradaya as to who are Devi-Jiv and who are Asuri-Jiv. However, one thing is crystal clear that 'Shiksha Patri' which is Other Form of Shreeji Maharaj cannot be given away to anybody otherwise we would invite displeasure of Shreeji Maharaj. In Shloka-67 of Adhyay-18 of 'Shri Bhagwat Gita' Bhagwan Shree Krishna has stated

that, the mysterious preachings of Gita should be narrated only to a devout person who person who performs Tapa-Sadhana but it should not be narrated to a person who is devoid of Bhakti. Many devotees are getting 'Shiksha Patri' published in the memory of their late parents or other family members. Here we should keep in mind that, through this pious 'Shiksha Patri' we should remember Shreeji Maharaj only and nobody else. Photographs of the parents and other family members are also printed. Here one should remember that photograph of only Shreeji Maharaj should be printed and not of anybody else because 'Shiksha Patri' published by Dharmvanshi Acharya is kept in pooja and Nitya-pooja is also performed. We should understand the essence of Shloka-205 of 'Shiksha Patri' that we must follow the directions contained in it.

While getting 'Shiksha Patri', photographs of Shree Hari and Dharmvanshi Acharya must be published with it. As far as possible, alongwith original Sanskrit Shlokas, its English, Gujarati, Hindi, Marathi translation should be published because original words of Shree Hari are in Sanskrit. Even if we do not know it, we should perform poojan-archan.

Unnecessary printing of names of other persons should be avoided because Shreeji Maharaj himself has stated: "This is My Vani." However, as human beings we cannot prevent ourselves from the temptation of getting our names printed because there is famous saying in English, "1' is always capital." however, we should abandon such a sense of belongingness and should render our services for literature and should obtain pleasure of Shreeji Maharaj.

Importance of this great scriptures called 'Shiksha Patri' should be understood by all of us. We find copies of 'Shiksha Patri' at the houses of devotees with so many

markings and underlines in it. It is also found lying anywhere in the house. This is not proper. It cannot be touched with dirty hands. No any blank papers can be inserted and kept inside 'Shiksha Patri'. It cannot be read loudly. Pathan of 'Shiksha Patri' should be made with utmost sincerity, as it is found while singing our national anthem. We should constantly cherish the piety and importance of this scripture and should perform Nitya poojan-archan of it. If any of the directions contained in it are disobeyed unknowingly, we should immediately perform Prayaschit for it.

Our H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharaj is like an ocean of mercy, who always cherishes at heart the nourishment of our Sampradaya. On the pious day of Vasant Panchmi, 4 February 2014, H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj himself performed poojan-archan of this pious 'Shiksha Patri'. One Form of Shreeji Maharaj Shri Dharmvanshi Acharya performed poojan-aarti of Other Form of Shreeji Maharaj 'Shiksha Patri' in front of Third Form of Shree Hari idol image of inner temple. It was a golden moment for many devotees to perform divine Darshan of all these Three Forms of Shree Hari. After performing aarti, H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj preached many sermons from this pious scriptures and directed the writer of this article to bring all these things to the notice of all the devotees and Haribhaktas through an article. At last following words of Sadguru Nishkulanand Swami were quoted in the blessings:

સો વાતની એક વાત છે, નવ કરવો આજ્ઞાનો લોપ રાજી કરવાનું રહ્યું પરું, પણ ન કરાવીએ હરિને કોપ.

All the devotees and Haribhaktas are therefore ardently requested to cherish in their mind and heart these golden words and preachings of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and to obtain the pleasure of Shreeji Maharaj and Dharmvanshi Acharya Maharaj..

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### PILGRIMAGE OF HILL SHRI AGHARYA MAHARAJ TO AUSTRAUA

- Sadhu Ramkrishnadas (Koteshwar)

With a noble view of spreading the message of Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan across the world, H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and the saints have been performing vicharan and pilgrimage in many countries of With the blessings of Shree the world. Narnarayandev, like America, Africa and Europe, satsang has been developing in Australia, too. After construction of temples in Sydney, Melbourne and Perth, a temple has been constructed in Adelaide in a very short span of one year with the blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and with the inspiration of the saints of Bhuj. Accordingly, Pran-Pratistha Mahotsav was celebrated from 13/02/2014 to 17/02/2014. devotees and Haribhakta from Sydney, Melbourne, Perth, Brisbaine, New Zealand, U.K., Hong Kong, Africa had arrived and participated in

this Mahotsav. H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj performed invocation of the idol image of Shree Ghanshyam Maharaj and other deities in the temple and in the Sabha organized on the occasion blessed all the devotees and Haribhaktas. Thereafter, H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj graced Sydney on 17/02/2014. In both the temples of Sydney, H.H Shri Acharya Maharaj performed aarti and blessed the devotees in the Sabha organized on the occasion. On this occasion, announcement about grand Dasabdi Mahotsav proposed to be celebrated in April-2015 was also made.

In this pilgrimage, Shastri Swami Shree Purushottamprakashdasji (Naranghat), Shastri Swami Shri Ramkrishnadasji (Koteshwar) and Hajuri Parshad Vanraj Bhagat had accompanied H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj.

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In this way Shreeji Maharaj has subscribed to Shiva Pooja in the pious 'Shiksha Patri'. Moreover, during his Vicharan at number of places in Gujarat, Shreeji Maharaj used to got performed pooja-Abhishek of Shivalaya. In Dabhan, Shreeji Maharaj had got performed Rudra-Yaag Yagna and had also performed pooja-archan of Shiva-linga of Siddheshwar Mahadev and had also performed abhishek with mango-juice and had also offered Prasad to the Brahmins and saints. This Shiva-linga has been kept in Hall No.5 of Shree Swaminarayan Museum for divine Darshan.

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

#### List of Host devotees who availed the benefit of Abhishek of Shree Narnarayandev in Shree Swaminarayan Museum February-2014

- 02/02/2014 Akshar Nivasi Jagdishchandra Ramniklal Soni-Khadiya through Hetalbhai and Darshitbhai.
- 05/02/2014 (Morning) Dhajilalji Harji Rabadiya-Kera (Kachchh) at present Nairobi.
- 05/02/2014 (Noon) Dr. Anantbhai Chimanbhai Patel-Unjha.
- 09/02/2014 Akshar Nivasi Mohanlal Revashankar Trivedi family- Prantij.
- 11/02/2014 Ashwinkumar (Bachubhai) Dahyabhai Amin-Vejalpur
- 15/02/2014 Rameshbhai Ranchhodbhai Marfatia- Satellite through Jyotsnaben, Pragnesh, Gyanesh, Nira-Tej.
- 26/02/2014 Kalyanbhai Premjibhai Rabadia-Mandvi (Kachchh)

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#### ARDENT BHAKTI

#### - Shastri Haripriyadasji (Gandhinagar)

Today Devadhidev Swaminarayan Bhagwan has graced village Devaliya. Shri Kesiniba was ardent devotee of She ardently requested Maharaj. Maharaj to inform her about the programme. Maharaj informed that, the next day after the daily chores and bath, the journey would begin from the village as they have to reach village Machhiyav where Utsav is to be organized. At this, devotee Keshiniba ardently requested to stay upto noon and to accept the meals, as the devotees of the village would not like to see off Maharaj with empty stomach. At this Maharaj told that, this has to be decided next day morning.

At night Maharaj slept. Here Keshiniba was thinking as to what she should do that Maharaj may stay till noon and accept her meals. An idea struck to her mind. Keshinba woke up and went to the stable where Manki horse was kept. In the stable, Keshiniba talked with Manki horse and requested her to co-operate and help her. Then she released Manki horse and took her to the cellar of the palace and kept her there. While leaving the room, Keshiniba ardently requested Manki horse to extend her co-operation in her noble idea of offering meals to Maharaj.

The next day morning, Maharaj got ready after taking bath and directed the Parshads to get ready for their next journey. Parshad looking after Manki horse immediately rushed to Maharaj and informed that Manki horse was not found in the stable. At the directions of Maharaj, all Parshads looked around but did not find



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Compiler Shastri Harikesavdasji (Gandhinagar)

Manki horse anywhere. Immediately all of them came to Maharaj and informed that Manji horse was not found anywhere. Maharaj called the security guard of the palace and inquired about Manki horse. The security guard was very confident about his security arrangements and so he informed Maharaj that, nobody had come there during the whole night.

While all were discussing this, Keshinibai came there and informed Maharaj that, whosoever has taken away Manki horse would be caught and would be punished. But it would take some time and by the time Manki horse and the thief are found, the meals of the noon would be ready. Maharaj agreed to it.

In the noon, while offering the meals to Maharaj, Keshinibai begged pardon of Maharaj. She told Maharaj that she knew that Maharaj had offered the grass to Manki horse in the cellar. But her intention behind the whole plan was noble one i.e. to offer the meals to Maharaj. Maharaj smiled at this and happily accepted the meals and blessed the ardent devotee.

What a beautiful tuning between Bhagwan and ardent devotee!!! even Bhagwan acceps and surrenders to ardent Bhakti of the devotee. Even in 'Shiksha Patri' Shreeji Maharj has stated,

"Sheer affection towards Bhagwan is real Bhakti." this has been upheld by Nishkulanand Swami in these words:

"દાન પુણ્યને વ્રત વિધિ કરે, ભક્તિ નવધા કોય; સ્નેહ વિના સર્વે સુનું જેમ ભોજન ધૃત વિન હોય."

Therefore, all of should perform ardent Bhakti like that of Keshinibai and should obtain pleasure of Bhagwan in our life.

## HOW ONE CAN GET VIDYA (KNOWLEDGE)?

- Sadhu Shrirangdas (Gandhinagar)

This is an incident about the ancient times. During the earlier times, Rishis-Munis used to reside in the forests where they used to build and develop Ashrams. One young man was Jaidip. He thought to become a learned person. He wanted to become the best but he did not want to hold any book in his hand. Jaidip was the son of one Rishi. Ashram of Mridgal Muni was near it. Mridgal Muni was a very learned Rishi. He had a son named Jayvardhan. This Jayvardhan had become a very learned person by obtaining knowledge from his erudite father. Jaidip and Jayvardhan were friends and they used to play together, roam together in the forest, take bath together in the river. However, unlike his friend, Jaidip was not studying and therefore he remained an uneducated person.

After many years, Jayvardhan was being invited in the Sabha of learned persons. Invitations of kings and emperors were being received by him followed by the vehicles like elephants and chariots for his commutation to attend such Sabha of learned persons. Witnessing all this, Jaidip felt jealousy towards his friend Jayvardhan.

However, he know the reason for it. He had no knowledge and his friend was very learned. And this was the reason. He wanted to be respected and invited like his friend. However, he did not want to render services to his Guru and he neither wanted to hold any book in his hand. He wanted to achieve it by performing severe Tapa-Sadhana.

So Jaidip started severe Tapa to please the deity Indra. At initial stage, he used to take meals once a day. After some time, he left meals completely and started his Tapa only by drinking water. He used to endure severe hot and cold climate. With his Tapa. deity Indra became pleased and granted him divine Darshan and told him to ask for any blessing. At this Jaidip said that, he wanted to become a learned person without holding any book and without studying anything. Deity Indra replied that, in that case he would have to work hard and render services to his Guru. And the deity disappeared. Jaidip was adamant to obtain knowledge through Tapa only. So he again started performing Tapa with greater However, he did not enthusiasm. understand the basic thing that to obtain knowledge without hard work and blessings of Guru, is impossible.

Here, Jaidip went to the bank of the pious river Ganga to perform Tapa. Every morning he used to take bath in the river Ganga. One day he saw a scene there. One old Brahmin was taking a fist of the sand from the bank and used to through the sand in the flowing water of the river. He was doing it time and again. Jaidip saw him doing it a number of times. He went to the old Brahmin asked him what he was doing, but the old Brahmin was busy in his activity.

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Jaidip again asked him the same question. At this the old Brahmin replied that he wanted to cross the river Ganga and wanted to go to the opposite side of the river and therefore he was building a dam over the river with the help of the sand. Hearing this Jaidip laughed at the idea of the old Brahmin considering it a foolish idea. Jaidip told him that, with this idea, he would not be able to construct a dam even after so many lives. At this the old Brahmin replied Jaidip that when he can become a learned person without studying hard then why cannot he construct dam over the river.

Jaidip realized his mistake. In fact the old Brahmin was nobody else but deity Indra Himself, who wanted to teach Jaidip the real lesson. Immediately, Jaidip rushed to his father and narrated everything. Jaidip and his father went to Tapodhan Muni to obtain knowledge. Tapodhan Muni asked Jaidip to follow the following principle to get the knowledge:

''आलस्य मद मोहौच चापलं गौष्टि रेव च। स्तब्धता चाभिमानित्वं तथा डत्यागित्व मेवच ॥

"If a person gets rid of the seven Doshas, he can attain knowledge successfully. These seven Doshas are Alas (laziness), Moh (excessive affection towards anything), Chapalta (Over activeness), Vatodiyapanu (too much talkative), Uddhatai (Rudeness), Abhiman (Pride) and Lobh (Greed)."

''क्षणश: कणशष्मैव विद्यामर्थ च साधयेत ॥''

"If you want to be rich, use every grain, and if you want to be learned, use every moment."

सुखार्थीनः कुतोविद्या नास्ति विद्यार्थीनः सुखम् । सुखार्थीवा त्यजेत् विद्यां विद्यार्थीवा त्यजेत् सुखम् ॥"

"A person expecting Sukh (happiness) cannot get Vidya (knowledge) and Vidyarthi (a student) cannot expect happiness. Therefore, a person expecting happiness should abandon his studies or he should abandon his expectation of happiness and should study hard. Because study is Kathor Sadhana (hard work)."

Following these principles as advised by his Guru, Jaidip became a learned person. And his knowledge was being worshipped everywhere. So friends, now you must have known, how we should obtain knowledge. So be careful and study hard. One becomes a learned man by reading and studying the books attentively and not by merely performing poojan. So one should work hard. In 'Vachanamrit' Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan has stated, "Blessings of Bhagwan are always bestowed upon the person who works hard and not upon the person who is lazy."

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## FROM THE BLESSINGS OF H.H. SHRI GADIWALA 'FIRMNESS OF THOUGHT IS ESSENTIAL FOR EMANCIPATION'

#### - Compiled by Kotak Varsha Natvarlal-Ghodasar

If we want to obtain Parmatma in our life, we have to give first priority to Bhagwan in our life. We should cherish excessive affection towards our body. But we abandon Bhagwan and give more importance to our body. This body is important only to the extent that through which we perform Bhakti and can perform noble deeds in our life. This body consists Mana, Indriya, Antahkaran and we believe them to be our own. But we should accept the fact that, this body was not ours prior to our birth and it is not our body even today. Therefore, we should not cherish excessive affection and sense of belongingness towards it. Our body gets sick and it gets old after a period of time. This happens without our desire and this is the proof that our body is not our own. The fact is that this body is perishable and as we have come to this world, we are sure to leave it too. So nothing in this world is our own. However, our present is very good because we have got Satsang in our life. If we accept these basic facts in our life, we would live a peaceful and happy life with utmost satisfaction.

One Mahatma was sitting on the bank of a river. He was inviting all people to ask for anything they wanted in their life. Initially people considered him a mad person. But one of the person went to Mahatma and asked him whether he could give him wealth and fame in his life. Mahatma offered him to packets telling that one packet contained jewels and other packet contained diamonds. While opening the



packets, the man saw a paper upon which it was written 'Time' and on another paper it was written 'Patience'. On inquiry by the man, Mahatma told him that, Time is more precious than jewels, because if one has got time, he can earn jewels, but one cannot purchase Time with the help of jewels. Mahatma also told the man that, patience is more precious than diamonds. If a man cherishes patience in his life, he can get diamonds, but patience cannot be obtained even with the help of thousands of diamonds.

One cannot fulfill all his desires in his life. It is not in our hands. What we can do is to abandon the desire. Desire and wish are the reasons for birth and death. Therefore, by leaving all affections and desires, one should seek shelter of Bhagwan. This will not only give him happiness and satisfaction in life but at the end of life the man would also get emancipation. But for that we need to pray and worship Bhagwan ardently as a child calls his mother with utmost love and affection.

## IMPORTANCE - Sankhya Yogi Kokilaba (Surendranagar)

Mahatmya (importance) is soul of the whole spiritual Aaradhana. Without it, Sadhana can neither progress nor can it sustain. In Sadhana of Atyantik Mukti, Gyan and Mahatmya of Bhagwat Swaroop is pre-requisite. Just as

Purusharth is source of inspiration to get success in worldly life, Mahatmya is essential to get success in spiritual life and journey. So to get success in spiritual life importance of saints and Bhagwan are absolutely necessary. So more we know about the importance of Satsang, we would get noble qualities in our life and we would be rich spiritually.

This is an essential qualification to become an ardent devotee. This would lead us to our stable faith and Atyantik Moksha and our relations with the saints and Bhagwan would be stable and permanent. We would be the staunch followers of Bhagwan. Our inner infirmities like Kaam, Kroadh, Maan, Irshya, Matsar would be removed and we would become pure.

This importance is like electric current. Just as electricity is must to run all electronic and electric equipments of our house, this electric current of Mahatmya is essential in our religious and spiritual life. If our heart is strong, all other organs of our body would also be strong. And this is the place of Mahatmya in our life. Without Mahatmya, the life is useless. It is like dry river without any water, body without life, flower without any fragrance and meals without salt which does not give us any taste. So Sadhana without Mahatmya is also without interest. Therefore, while worshipping Bhagwan one should cherish Mahatmya of Bhagwan.

### DIVINE RANGOTSAV - Janki Nikikumar Patel (Ghatlodiya)

Shree Hari celebrated Pushpdolotsv in Ahmedabad with great fervour and enthusiasm. Hindola of flowers was got prepared and idol image of Shree Narnaryandev was placed in Hindola and divine Darshan of the deities was granted to the saints and the devotees. Shreeji Maharaj Himself performed aarti of Shree Narnarayandev.

After aarti, thousands of saints and Haribhaktas got together in the temple premises of our Ahmedabad temple. With the directions of Shreeji Maharaj, Rangotsav began. Bowls with colourful water of Kesuda flowers were made ready. Sacks of Gulal were also placed there. Sprinklers were also kept there. Slowly and gradually divine Rang-Leela of saints and Haribhaktas started. This was divine utsay. There was no any difference of any kind. Devotees were waiting eagerly to get wet from the sprinklers of Shreeji Maharaj and the saints. This was a divine scene whose darshan was performed by many devotees and Haribhaktas.

The whole temple premises was colourful with various types of colours. The earth, sky, saints, devotees, sun in the sky, Dharma and temple all were red. After Rangotsav, Shree Hari and saints went to Naranghat alongwith devotees to perform Snan. This was divine Rangotsav celebrated by Shreeji Maharaj in our Shree Swaminarayan temple, Ahmedabad.

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#### Celebration of 192nd Patotsav of Shree Narnarayandev in Ahmedabad temple

Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan got constructed the first temple of our Sampradaya in Ahmedabad through Sadguru Anandanand Swami. On completion of the work of the temple, devotees started performing divine Darshan of Shree Narnarayandev from Fagan Sud-3 Samvat 1878 and since then the city has progressed in all respects At present, thousand and lacs of incessantly.

devotees have been residing in this city.

Today on the pious day of Fagan Sud-2/3 Monday 03/03/2014, 192<sup>nd</sup> Patotsav Mahotsav of Shree Narnarayandev was performed by all the three Other Forms of Shree Hari. On this occasion, Tridinatmak Parayan of Shrimad Satsangibhushan of Sadguru Śadguru Brahmcari Swami Vasudevanand, was organised from 01/03/2014 to 03/03/2014 with Sadguru Shastri Swami Nirgundasji as the spokesperson. Shastri Swami Madhavpriyadasji Guru Shastri Swami Siddheshwardasji was the spokesperson of Samhitapath.

Akshar Nivasi devotee Mahasukhlal Jethalal Soni, Akshar Nivasi Taraben Mahasukhlal Soni family members devotee Shri Sureshbhai Mahasukhlal Soni (Patan) and the family had rendered the services as the host of this Patotsav. On Fagan Sud-1 Mahapooja etc. religious programmes were organized. In the morning from 6.30 to 7.00 hours on Fagan Sud-3, H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj, H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj performed Shodasopchar Mahabhishek of Shree Narnarayandev in Vedic tradition. Thousands of devotees availed the benefit of divine Darshan of this pious ritual.

In the sabha organized on the occasion, Mahant Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji had delivered the inspirational speech. The host family

had performed poojan-aarti had obtained the blessings of the whole Dharmkul. Thereafter, H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj had performed aarti of concluding ritual of Katha. Saints and Mahants of various places had delivered their inspirational speeches on this pious occasion. Mahant Swami had furnished information about the next Shree Narnarayandev Mahotsav. At lat H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj, H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj had blessed the whole Sabha and had asked the whole Sabha to cherish ardent faith in Shree Narnarayandev with Niyam, Nischay and Paksha.

Thereafter, H.H Shri Acharya Maharaj had performed Annakut Aarti of Shree Narnarayandev and all the devotees had performed divine Darshan. On this occasion, Sadguru Swami Haricharandasji (Kalol), Sadguru Mahant Swami Devprakashdasji (Naranghat), Brahmchari Swami Rajeshwaranandji, Sadguru Kothari Swami, J.P. Swami (Chicago), Kothari J.K. Swami, Yogi Swami, Shastri

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Narayanmuni Swami, Bhakti Swami Poojari, Natu Swai and Bhandari Ram Swami etc. saints and Parshads had rendered their beautiful services.

(Shastri Swami Narayanmunidasji) Shiksha Patri Poojan-aarti by H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Kalupur

In the morning at 8.30 hours on the pious day of Vasant Panchmi Maha Sud-5, H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj performed poojan-archan of the pious scripture 'Shiksha Patri' in Sabha Mandap of Prasadi of our Shree Swaminarayan temple, Kalupur. Thereafter, Sadguru Shastri Swami Chhapaiyaprasaddasji had read over the pious 'Shiksha Patri' and had narrated its importance. Many saints and Haribhaktas had availed the benefit of this divine occasion. In the sabha, saints and Haribhaktas had performed Pathan of 212 Shlokas of 'Shiksha Patri'. (Shastri Narayanmunidasji).

Celebration of 18th Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Naranghat

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj and with the inspiration of Sadguru Swami Devprakashdasji and Shastri P.P. Swami (Mahant of Naranghat temple), Patotsav of Shree Ghanshyam Maharaj of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Naranghat was celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm on the pious day of Maha Vad-5. Devotee Shri Vasantiben Babulal Patel (Hirapur-Naranpura) family had rendered the services as the host of this Patotsav.

In the morning on 20/02/2014, Shodasopchar Mahabhishek of the deities of the inner temple was performed in Vedic tradition. Thereafter, Annakut Aarti and Sabha were organized. The host family had performed poojan-archan and obtained the blessings of the whole Dharmkul. On this occasion, Sadguru Mahant Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji, Brahmchari Swami Rajeshwarnandji, Mahant Shastri Swami Purnaprakashdasji (Dholka), Shastri Swami Vishwaprakashdasji (Vadnagar)and saints from Kankaria, Naranpura, Appoach and Kalupur temple had also arrived on this occasion. Thousands of devotees had performed the divine Darshan of this occasion. H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj had blessed all the devotees on this occasion. Under the guidance of both Mahant Swami, services of Satsang Samaj and Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal were very inspirational.

Vasant Panchmi Shiksha Patri Poojan in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Vadnagar

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri

Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and with the inspiration of Sadguru Mahant Shastri Swami Narayanvallabhdasji, poojan-archan of the pious 'Shiksha Patri' were performed on the pious day of Vasant Panchmi in front of Shree Ghanshyam Maharaj. Kothari Shastri Swami Vishwaprakashdasji and Poojari Swami Abhishekprasaddasji ahd got performed group reading of Shiksha Patri in the sabha organized on the occasion. At last Prasad was distributed to all the devotees. (Navinbhai Bhavsar)

6th Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Bhimpura and Parayan on the occasion of Shree Narnarayandev Mahotsav

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and with the inspiration of Sadguru Swami Devprakashdasji and Sadguru Shastri Swami Purushottamprakashdasji (Mahant of Naranghat) and with the beautiful services rendered by Akshar Nivasi Chaudhary Gobarbhai Prabhudas family devotee Bahratbhai Dahyabhai Chaudhary, 6<sup>th</sup> Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Bhimpura was celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm. On this occasion, Shrimad Bhagwat Gita Panchdinatmak Parayan was organized from 04/02/2014 to 08/02/2014 with Sadguru Shastri Swami Ramkrishnadasji (Koteshwar Gurukul).

On 08/02/2014 H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj graced the occasion and performed Shodasopchar Abhishek of Thakorji and the concluding ritual of Katha. In the sAbha organized on the occasion, the host family performed poojan-archan and obtained the blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj. In the Sabha, Sadguru Mahant Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji, Shastri Swami Narayanvallabhdasji, Brahmchari Swami Rajeshwaranandji, Mahant Swami Shyamsundardasji (Muli), Shastri Swami Suryaprakashdasji, Shastri Swami Yagnaprakashdasjim Bhandari Swami Survaprakashdsaji, Shastri Siddheshwardasji, Shree Vallabh Swami, Shastri Chhapaiya Swami, Nilkanth Swami had delivered their inspirational speeches. At last H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj blessed the whole Sabha. (Shastri Chaitanyaswaroopdasji and Shastri Divyaprakashdasji)

Celebration of Mahotsav at village Manekpur (Chaudhary)

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj, H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharaj and H.H. Shri Future Acharya Shri Vrajendraprasadji Maharaj and with H.H. Shri Laxmiswaroop Gadiwala and H.H. Shri Mota Gadiwala, grand Mahotsav was celebrated from 29/01/2014 to 02/02/2014 on the occasion of 27<sup>th</sup> Varshik Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Manekpur (Chaudhary) which was got constructed

by Akshar Nivasi Sadguru Swami Karsandasji. This Mahotsav was organized in the memory of Akshar Nivasi Sendhabhai Lavjidas Chaudhary (Mukhi) andwith the noble aim of Ganga Swaroop devotee Shri Soiba Sendhabhai Chaudhary. On this occasion Shree Dhirajakhyan Panchanh Paryaan, Samhita Path, Abhishek of Thakorji, Annakut, Shobhayatra, and cultural programme at night were organized.

The devotee Ganga Swaroop Shri Soniba Sendhabhai Lavjidas Chaudhary (Mukhi) through Ramanbhai, Baldevbhai, Manilal, Muljibhai, Amrutbhai, Dashrathbhai Ishwarbhai family had rendered their services as the host of this Mahotsav. On this occasion Chokhlu of Samast Satyavis Gol Chaudhary (Anjana) Samaj was organized on 02/02/2014 wherein about 10,000 to 15,000 people of Chaudhary Samaj had participated.

Sadguru Shastri Swami Chaitanyaswaroopdasji (Koteshwar), Sadguru Shastri Swami Suryaprakashdasji (Wankaner), Sadguru Shastri Swami Shreejiprakashdasji (Hathijan) and Sadguru Shastri Swami Ramkrishnadaji (Koteshwar) the spokespersons of this Shree Dhirajakhyan Panchanh Parayan. Guidance for the whole Mahotsav was provided by Sadguru Swami Devprakashdasji and Sadguru Shastgri P.P. Swami (Mahant of Naranghat temple).

On the first day of the Mahotsav, the host family members and all villagers participated in Pothiyatra. Thereafter, in the Sabha of the devotees, H.H Shri Mota Maharaj blessed all and in the Sabha of the ladies devotees H.H. Shri Laxmiswaroop Mota Gadiwala blessed all the ladies devotees. Saints from various places had arrived and had delivered their inspirational speeches. On this occasion, series of lectures of the learned saints of the Sampradaya was also organized wherein Sadguru Shastri Swami Harikeshavdasji (Gandhinagar), Sadguru Shastri Swami Ghanshyamprakashdasji (Mahant of Mansa), Sadguru Shastri Swami Hariomprakashdasji (Mahant of Naranpura), Sadguru Shastri Swami Vishwaswaroopdasji (Kalupur) delivered their beautiful speeches.

During the whole Mahotsav, cultural programmes were organized at night on each day. On the first day Raas-Garba (Jignesh Kaviraj), on the second day Matru-Vandana (Ashwin Joshi) thereafter Satsng-Diaro (Osman Mir) and at last Raas-Garba (Devang Patel) were organized which was enjoyed by all the devotees of Manekpur village and the nearby villages. Live telecast of the whole programme was also made on the website of our Shree Swaminarayan temple, Kalupur at www.swaminarayan.in and www.livevisiter.com whose benefit was availed by large number of devotees across the world.

On the last day of Mahotsav H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj, H.H. Shri Laxmiswaroop Gadiwala and our future Acharya H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj graced the

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occasion. First of all H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj performed aarti of Thakorji of Shree Swaminarayan temple (Chaudhary) and also performed Annakut aarti of Thakorji in the noon. H.H. Shri Gadiwala had blessed the ladies devotees and granted them divine Darshan at the residence of the host devotees. H.H. Shri Lalji Mharaj had performed the concluding ritual of Katha. The host family had performed poojanarchan and had obtained the blessings of the whole Dharmkul. In the Sabha organized on the occasion, Sadguru Mahant Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji and Brahmchari Swami Rajeshwaranandji delivered their inspirational speeches. At last H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj blessed all the devotees. Thereafter, all the devotees and villagers availed the benefit of Mahaprasad.

Services of all the saints of various Saintmandal and Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal, Chaudhary, Shree Narnarayandev Mahila Mandal and the villagers of the village was very inspiration. [Satsang Samaj, Manekpur (Chaudhary)]

Celebration of Shakotsav and Varshik Patotsav in Jamfalwadi (Ramol)

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and with the inspiration and guidance of Sadguru Shastri Swami Chaitanyaswaroopdasji Guru Sadguru Shastri P.P. Swami (Mahant of Naranghat), 1st Varshik Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Jamfalvadi (Ramol) was celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm on 11/02/2014.

All the devotees got together, distributed among themselves services and rendered their beautiful services as the hosts of this divine occasion. In the morning at 6.30 hours the host devotee performed poojan-archan-abhishek of Thakorji. Thereafter Akhand Dhoon was performed in the morning from 8.00 to 9.00 by Shree Swaminarayan temple, Mahadevnagar. In the sabha organized on this occasion Sadguru Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji, Mahant of Kalupur temple, and Sadguru Shastri Mahant of Naranghat Swami Devprakashdasji, temple, Shastri Divyaprakashdasji, Sadguru Swami Nilkanthdasji, Dhastri Kunjviharidasji, and Chetan Swami and Shreeji Swami from Vahelal had delivered their inspirational speeches. Thereafter, saints performed divine Vaghar of Shakotsav and Annakut aarti was performed Mahant Swami and each host devotee. At last all the saints and devotees availed the benefit of group Prasad of Shakotsav. Services of Bal mandal was very inspirational on this occasion. (Satsang Samaj-Jamfalvadi) 1<sup>st</sup> Shakotsav at village Sayra

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj, 1st Shakotsav was performed in the village Sayra in the pious presence of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj. Sadguru Mahant Shastri Swami Akhileshwaradas was the source of inspiration for this programme. Devotee Labh Patel Hirabhai Revabhai through Ritesh Revabhai family had rendered the services as the host of this Shakotsav. The host family also performed poojan, archan and obtained the blessings of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj. Amongst the saints, Brahmchari Shastri Swami Hariswaroopanandji had explained the importance of Bhagwan. At last H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj blessed the whole Sabha. Kothari Swami Sarveshwardasji and Anandswaroop Swami and Shree narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal rendered beautiful services. (Dipen Patel)

Shree Swaminarayan temple, Modasa

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj, 16<sup>th</sup> Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Modasa was celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm by all the devotees and Haribhaktas.

All the preparations for this Patotsav were got made by Poojari Swami Vishweshwardasji (Mathura). Abhishek and Annakut and Katha-Varta were performed by the saints. Mahila Mandal had rendered beautiful services on this occasion. The whole arrangement was made by Sadguru Mahant Shastri Swami Akhileshwardasji (Mathura). (Rajnibhai)

2<sup>nd</sup> Shakotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Bavad

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and with the inspiration of Sadguru Mahant Shastri Swami Akhileshwardasji and with the services and co-operation of Koathri Shri Jagdishbhai Patel, Shri Jagdishbhai Jethabhai Patel, Shri Manubhai N. patel and Shree Narnaravandev Yuvak Mandal, 2nd grand Shakotsav was organized with great fervour and enthusiasm in our Shree Swaminarayan temple, Bayad. In the Sabha organized on the occasion Shastri Swami Ghanshyamprakashdasji had narrated beautiful Kathamrit. Saints of various places had arrived and had delivered their inspirational speeches. All ladies devotees had rendered their beautiful services for preparing loaves on this occasion. On behalf of all Haribhaktas of each village, Kothari of each village were honoured. On this occasion, all Haribhaktas had rendered their beautiful services. (Poojari Vishweshwardasji, Mathura)

Shrimad Satsangijivan Panchanh Parayan Katha in Hirawadi

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and the whole Dharmkul and with the inspiration and guidance of Sadguru Mahant Shastri Swami Purushottamprakashdasji (Naranghat), night Parayan was organized by Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal, Hirawadi from 23/01/2014 to 27/01/2014 on the occasion of next Shree Narnarayanadev Pratistha Mahotsav.

Shastri Swami Chaitanyaswaroopdasji (Koteshwar) was the spokesperson of this Shrimad Satsangijivan Katha. On this occasion Pothiyatra, Janmotsav, Gadi Abhishek, Shree Narnarayandev

Pratistha Mahotsav etc. programmes were celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm. Students of Koteshwar Gurukul had also performed beautiful programme on this divine occasion.

On 26/01/2014, H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj graced this occasion with saints and performed divine Vaghar of Shakotsav organized on the Sadguru Mahant Shastri Swami Rajeshwaranandji, Harikrishnadasji, Brahmchari Sadguru Swami Devprakashdasji (Naranghat), Shastri Divyaprakashdas, Sadguru Swami Laxmanjivandasji, Madhav Swami had arrived. Sankhya Yogi ladies devotees of Haveli of Ahmedabad temple had also arrived on this occasion. Brahmchari Swami Rajeshwaranandji had encouraged the children and students by offering them certificates with blessings of H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj and beautiful prizes for securing excellent mrks in Shree Narnarayandev Religious Examination.

The chief host of Parayan devotee Shri Ganeshbhai Becharbhai Patel (Vihar) through Ghanshyambhai and Satishbhai were honoured and blessed by H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj on this divine occasion. Devotee Shri Jayantibhai and devotee Shri Gordhanbhai who have been nourishing and looking after Ekadashi Satsang Sabha were also honoured on this divine occasion.

(Gordhanbhai Sitapara)

#### 20<sup>th</sup> Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Naranpura

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and with the inspiration of Shastri Swami Madhav Swami and his Dada Guru, 20<sup>th</sup> Patotsav of Shree Ghanshyam Maharaj of our Shree Swaminarayan temple, Naranpura was celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm from 04/02/2014 to 09/02/2014. devotee Shri Bhadraben Dilipbhai Vakil family had rendered the services as the hosts of this Patotsav.

On this occasion, Pothiyatra was organized from the residence of the host devotee to temple. In the evening at 7.00 hours H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj inaugurated Brahmanand Hall and blessed all the devotees and Haribhaktas. Panchdinatmak Katha of Shrimad Satsangijivan was organized on this occasion with Mahant Shastri Swami Hariomprakashdasji. Saints from various places had arrived on this occasion. On 09/02/2014 H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj performed Shodasopchar Abhishek of Balswaroop Shree Ghanshyam Maharaj in Vedic tradition.

At night, devotee Shri Jayeshhbhai Soni, Raj Vakil and Joy Vakil (host devotee) had organized Bhajan-Sandhya Programme. Under the guidance of Shastri Madhav Swami, Mukund Swami, Muktaswaroop Swami and Dev Swami and disciples of Mahant Swami of the temple had rendered beautiful services for offering meals to the devotees both the times.

The sabha was conducted by Shastri Premswaroopdasji. H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj also graced this occasion and blessed all the devotees and Haribhaktas. Mahila Mandal and Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal had rendered their beautiful services on this occasion. (Vishal Bhagat)

Shree Swaminarayan temple, Bopal With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj, H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and with the inspiration of Shastri Dharmvallabhdasji, Mahant Swami Harivallabhdasji and Shastri Vrajvallabhdasji, pious Dhanur Maas was celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm in our Shree Swaminarayan temple, Bopal. On this occasion, throne of Bhagwan was decorated with beautiful flowers whose divine Darshan was performed by all the devotees.

First of all, Aarti, Mahamantra Dhoon, Raas and Charitra Katha were performed by the saints. Everyday various types of Bhog were being offered by the devotees. On 12/01/2014 beautiful Shakotsav was performed in front of Shree Ghanshyam Maharaj. Mahant Swami and Kothari Amrutibhai were source of inspiration for this and many devotees had rendered their beautiful services. Saints-Parshad Mandal had decorated the temple very beautiful on the pious day of Makarsankranti. On 20/01/2014 H.H. Shri Gadiwala had graced the temple and granted blessings and divine Darshan to the ladies devotees. (Pravinbhai Upadhyay)

Shakotsav in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Mahadevnagar

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and with the inspiration of the saints, grand Shakotsav was organized and celebrated on 17/01/2014 in the pious presence of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj in our Shree Swaminarayan temple, Mahadevnagar. In the sabha organized on the occasion, Sadguru Mahant Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji, Sadguru Shastri Swami Purushottamprakashdasji (Mahant of Naranghat), Shastri Ram Swami (Koteshwar), Swami Harikrishnadasji (Approach) had delivered their inspirational speeches. At last H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj blessed the whole Sabha. The sabha was conducted by Shastri Swami Chaitanyaswaroopdasji. Services of Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandla and Mahila Mandal was very inspirational.

(Natubhai Hargovanbhai Kothari)
Celebration of 5<sup>th</sup> Patotsav of Shree

Swaminarayan temple, Mahesana
With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri
Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj
and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and with the inspiration
of Sadguru Mahant Shastri Swami Uttampriyadasji
and Sadguru Swami Narayanprasaddasji, 5<sup>th</sup>
Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Mahesana
was organized with great fervour and enthusiasm.
Devotee Shri Jasvantbhai Kantilal Modi family had

rendered their services as the host of Patotsav. Tridinatmak Katha of Siddhi Grantha by Sadguru Nishkulanand Swami was performed with Sadguru Shastri Swami Purushottamprakashdasji as the spokesperson. This Katha was graced by H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj. The host family performed poojanarchan and obtained the blessings of H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj. At last H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj blessed the whole sabha.

Among other beautiful programmes, Hariyaag, Jalyatra, Mahabhishek, Mahanaivedya, Shodasopchar Pooja, Dharmkul Pooja, saint poojan etc. were also organized and celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm. (Hitendrabhai Raol)

1st Satsang Sabha at Maninagar (Soja) on the occasion of Shree Narnarayandev Mahotsav

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj, 1st Satsang Sabha was organized in Maninagar (Soja) on the occasion of Shree Narnarayandev Mahotsav on 19/02/2014. Shastri P.P. Swami (Mahant of Naranghat), Shastri Ram Swami (Koteshwar), Shastri Chaitanyaswaroopdasji and Nilkanth Swami had narrated Katha-Varta. Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal had performed Kirtan-Bhakti and about more than 300 devotees and Haribhaktas had availed the benefit of this divine occasion.

(Kothari Motibhai)

Satsang Sabha in Marusana on the occasion of Shree Narnarayandev Mahotsav

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and with the divine inspiration of Akshar Nivasi Sadguru Swami Hariswaroopdasji, all Haribhaktas of village Marusana had organized Satsang Sabha on 19/01/2014 on the occasion of Shree Narnarayandev Mahotsav.

(Kothari, Marusana)

Celebration of 2<sup>nd</sup> Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Uvarsad

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharja and with the inspiration of Shastri Swami Atmaprakashdasji and Sadguru Shastri Swami Purushottamprkashdasji (Jetalpur), 2<sup>nd</sup> Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Uvarsad (114 years old temple of ladies devotees and Haribhaktas) was celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm.

With the enthusiasm of the devotee Shri Ghanshyam Shakrabhai Patel the host of Patotsav and the host devotee of Katha, Shrimad Satsangibhusan Kath by Sadguru Brahmchari Vasudevanand Swami was organized from 01/02/2014 to 05/02/2014 with Sadguru Shastri Swami Ghanshyamprakashdasji as the spokesperson.

On 05/02/2014 H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj graced the occasion and performed Shodasopchar Abhishek, Annakut Aarti of Thakorji. Shastri P.P. Swami, K.P. Swami (Jetalpur) and other saints had extended all support during this divine occasion.

Shastri Swami Jagatprakashdasji, Shastri Swami Purnaprakashdasji, Shastri Swami Narayanprasaddasji (Muli), Shastri Swami Atmaprakashdasji, Dev Swami, Ram Swami, Yogi Swami and Shastri Hariprakash Swami had also arrived on this occasion.

H.H. Shri Laxmiswaroop Gadiwala and H.H. Shri Laxmiswaroop Mota Gadiwala had graced this occasion and granted blessings and divine Darshan to the ladies devotees. In the sabha organized on the occasion, H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj blessed all the devotees and Haribhaktas. For all the five days, services of Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal was very inspirational. At last H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj had performed Annakut Aarti in both the temples of ladies devotees and Haribhaktas. On this occasion Shakotsav was also celebrated with great enthusiasm. The sabha was conducted by Sadguru Kothari Shastri Yagnaprakashdasji (Kankaria).

Haribhaktas of the nearby villages had availed the benefit of Katha, Darshan and Prasad. The vote of thanks was delivered by the devotee Shri Ghanshyambhai Patel. (Kothari Shri Babubhai Patel)

Shakotsav in Shree Swaminarayan temple,

Vanzar
With the directions and blessing

With the directions and blessings of H.H Shri Acharya Maharaj and with the inspiration of Sadguru Swami Swayamprakashdasji, beautiful Shakotsav was celebrated on 02/02/2014 in the pious presence of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj. In the sabha organized on the occasion, the host devotees Shri Arvindbhai Thakkar, Shri Rajubhai Thakkar, Shri Prakashbhai, Shri Nitinbhai, Ramanbhai Kothari and Jethabhai performed poojan, aarti and obtained the blessings of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj. Ang the saints Sadguru Shastri Swami Jagatprakashdasji and Shastri Hariom Swami narrated the tradition of Utsavs celebrated during the time of Shreeji Maharaj. The Sabha was conducted by Anand Swami. At last H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj blessed all the saints and devotees. (Kothari Ramanbhai)

Shree Swaminarayan temple, Nandoli With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj, Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Nandoli and Shakotsav were celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm. On this occasion saint-mandal of Dhyani Swami had narrated Katha-Varta to all devotees and Haribhaktas. The devotee Shri Dolbhai had rendered the services as the host of Patotsav and the devotee Shri Ramanbhai Chhotabhai had rendered the services as the host of Shakotsav. Haribhaktas of Kanipura, Vardhana Muvadal, Salki, Dahegam villages had availed the benefit of this pious occasion. Ladies devotees had rendered beautiful services for Annakut. Services of Kothari Vishnubhai and other devotees was also very

Shree Swaminarayan temple, Anandpura
With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri

(Kothari)

inspirational.

#### 3HREE 3WAMINARAYAN

Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj, Shakotsav was celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm in the pious presence of H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj on 26/01/2014 in our Shree Swaminarayan temple, Anandpura. During the whole Utsav, Shastri Swami Siddheshwardasji and Madhav Swami had provided inspiration and guidance. Saints from various places had arrived and had narrated Katha-Varta. Sabha was conducted by Shastri Madhav Swami. (Sadhu Jayvallabhdas)

Campaign for life-time members of 'Shree Swaminarayan' magazine on the occasion of Shree Narnarayandev Mahotsav

With the directions of our Future Acharya H.H. 108 Shri Vrajendraprasadji Maharaj, a campaign is going on to register 11000 life-time members of Shree Swaminarayan' monthly magazine. As a part of this campaign, recently on the occasion of invocation of the idol images at village Leelapur of Muli Desh and at village Bhaktinagar (Halvad) and with the inspiration of Swami Bhaktiharidasji and in the pious presence of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj, 90 life-time members were registered through the devotee Shri Anilbhai Dudhrejiya.

representatives of 'Shree All the Swaminarayan' magazine are ardently requested that they may accelerate their campaign of registering life-time members of our magazine.

1<sup>st</sup> Sabha of 42<sup>nd</sup> Janmotsav in Balva

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and in the auspices of our Future Acharya H.H. 108 Shri Vrajendraprasadji Maharaj, 1<sup>st</sup> Satsang Sabha was organized in village Balva with the inspiration of Sadgur Shastri Swami Purushottamprakashdasji (Jetalpur) and under the guidance of devotee Shri Udayanbhai Maharaja (Visnagar) on the occasion of grand Gadi-Abhishek Dasabdi Mahotav which will be celebrated in the next September and 42<sup>nd</sup> Janmotsav of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj. Here the devotee and President of I.S.S.O. Canada devotee Shri Dashrathbhai Chaudhary had remembered the incident of Shobhayatra organized at the time of Pratistha Mahotsav in Canada wherein the rain had stopped at the time of arrival of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj. Visnagar Yuvak Mandal and Balva Yuvak Mandal had rendered beautiful services.

(Kothari, Shree Swaminarayan temple, Balva)

#### **MULI DESH**

Vasant Panchmi Patotsav Rangotsav in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Muli

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and with the inspiration of Sadguru Mahant Swami Shyamsundardasji, 191<sup>st</sup> Patotsav of Shree Radhakrishnadev Harikrishna Maharaj was celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm. Devotee Shri Rameshbhai Ranchhodlal Marfatiya (Ahmedabad, at present in America) family had

rendered the services as the host of Patotsav.

On this occasion 'Shree Shiksha Patri Panchanh Parayan' was organized from 31/01/2014 to 04/02/2014 with Sadguru Shastri Swami Suryaprakashdasji as the spokesperson. Devotee Shri Kantaben Dhanjibhai Virjibhai Hirani rendered the services as the host of this Parayan. On the pious day of Vasant Panchmi in the morning at 6.30 hours H.H Shri Acharya Maharaj performed Mahabhishek of Shree Radhakrishnadev Harikrishna Maharaj in Vedic tradition. Thereafter, concluding ritual of Shree Hariyaag and Annakut aarti were performed.

H.H. Shri Laxmiswaroop Gadiwala had graced the occasion to bless and grant the blessings to the ladies devotees. Saints who had arrived from Ahmedabad, Bhuj, Jetalpur and Muli had delivered their inspirational speeches in the sabha organized in Sadguru Brahmanand Sabha Mandap. They also stated about offering dashansh-Vishansh part of earning for temples and to offer Dharmado in temples of our Sampradaya. At last H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj blessed all the devotees. Thereafter, Rangotsav of Vasant Panchmi was played and celebrated in the temple premises. The Sabha was conducted by Shailendrasinh Zala and all the arrangements of the kitchen were made by Kothari Krishnavallabh Swami. (Shailendrasinh Zala)

1<sup>st</sup> Patotsav on Ghanshyamnagar temple

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and with the inspiration of the saints of Akshar Nivasi Sadguru Swami Harinarayandasji Mandal, 1st Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Ghanshyamnagar was celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm on 21//01/2014. On this occasion, Satsangijeevan Parayan was organized from 17/01/2014 to 21/01/2014 with Sadguru Shastri Swami Shrejiprakashdasji as the spokesperson. H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj had graced the concluding ritual of Katha with the saint-mandal and had performed Abhishek of Thakorji, Annakut and Aarti and concluding ritual of Katha and Shakotsav as per tradition. H.H. Shri Gadiwala had also graced the occasion and had blessed all theladies devotees.

All the festivals were celebrated during Parayan. The Sabha was conducted by Shastri Bhaktiviharidas. Every night lectures of the learned saints were organized. The whole arrangement was made under the guidance of Kothari Swami Krishnavallabhdasji. Shastri Swami Dharmvallabhdasji and Shreejiswaroop Swami were the source of inspiration for this Utsav.

(Shailendrasinh Zala)

#### Murti Pratistha Mahotsav in Leelapur (Tal. Halvad)

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj, Shrimad Satsangijivan Saptah parayan

was organized from 26/01/2014 to 01/02/2014 on the pious occasion of Murti Pratistha Mahotsav in our Shree Swaminarayan temple, Leelapur. The whole Dharmkul had graced this village. On 01/02/2014 H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj graced the occasion and performed Pran-pratistha of Thakorji, concluding ritual of Shree Hariyag and concluding ritual of Katha. The whole arrangement of the programme was made by Sadguru Swami Bhaktiharidasji and Shastri Swami Dharmvallabhdasji of Muli Dham. H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj had blessed all the devotees and Haribhaktas. H.H. Shri Gadiwala had also graced this occasion and granted blessings and divine Darshan to the ladies devotees. The Sabha was conducted by Bhaktinandan Swami. All the devotees of the village rendered their beautiful services of mind, body and money and obtained the pleasure of the whole Dharmkul.

(Anilbhai Dudhrejiya)

Shree Swaminarayan temple, Bhaktinagar (Halvad)

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and Future Acharya H.H. 108 Shri Vrajendraprasadji Maharaj, divine Dudhpak Mahotsav was celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm on 2/01/2014 in Isanpur (Bhaktinagar) village.

H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj graced this occasion and celebrated Dudhpak Utsv and blessed the whole village. Sadguru Swami Shyamsundardasji (Muli), Kotari Swami Krishnavallbhdasji, Bhaktiharidasji Swami and Mahant of Charadva temple had also arrived on this occasion. Services of the villagers was very inspiration during this Mahotsav. (Anilbhai)

OVERSEAS SATSANG NEWS
H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj in Shree Swaminarayan
temple, Weehawken

On Saturday 15th February 2014, H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj, H.H. Shri Laxmiswaroop Mota Gadiwala, H.H. Shri Bindu Raja and Shri Suvratkumar and Shri Saumyakumar had graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, New Jersey, Weehawken. Saints and devotees of all I.S.S.O. Chapters had remained present on this occasion. First of all H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj performed aarti of Thakorji in the temple and thereafter 11th Janmotsav of Shri Suvratkumar and Shri Saumyakumar was celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm. Mayor of New Jersey Mr. P.Turner and Deputy Mayor of New Jersey had conveyed best wishes for the day. On this occasion, throne of Thakorji was decorated with light and flowers. In the Sabha, first of all Mahamantra Dhoon, Kirtan-Bhakti etc. were performed and thereafter the saints had blessed both the brothers. Mahant Swami of New Jersey, PoojariSwami and Mahant Swami our each temple had offered garlands and conveyed their best wishes to both the brothers. Beautiful cake was prepared and it was cut in the pious presence of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj, H.H. Shri Mota Gadiwala,

Mayor and Deputy Mayor of New Jersey and devotee Shri Prahladbhai Patel and other devotees and Haribhaktas. At last H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj blessed all the devotees. (Pravin Shah).

Shree Swaminarayan temple, Chicago (Itaska)

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj, H.H. Shri Mota Maharj and with the inspiration of Sadguru Mahant J.P. Swami and Shastri Swami Vishwaviharidasji and with co-operation of all haribhaktas, Shakotsav and Shiksha Patri Jayanti of Vasant Panchmi etc. utsav were celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm.

Despite heavy snow-fall and the severe cold, the devotees and Haribhaktas did not miss the opportunity of performing divine Darshan. Shastri Swami had explained the importance of Shakotsav.

In the Sabha of Vasant Panchmi Shiksha Patri Jayanti, Pathan of 212 Shlokas of 'Shiksha Patri' was performed. The saints had explained the importance of pious 'Shiksha Patri'. With the blessings of Dharmkul, Satsang has been nourishing day by day. (Vasant Trivedi)

Satsang Shibir in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Hyustan

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj, beautiful Satsang Shibir was organized during the week-end on Saturday and Sunday under the guidance of Mahant Swami Divyaprakashdasji and Swami Ghanshyamdasji. First of all, Mahamantra Dhoon, Kirtan and Katha of Shree Hari Leela Charitra were performed. Mahant Swami had narrated Katha of Yamdand during the pious Dhanur Maas. Dr. Sudhakar, Shri Manjibhai etc, devotees were honoured by Mahant Swami. At last Janmangal Path, Thaal, Aarti were performed and all the devotees had availed the benefit of Prasad. Large number of ladies devotees and Haribhaktas had participated in this Shibir.

(Ghanshyam Swami)

#### Shakotsav in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Colonia

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and with the inspiration of Mahant Shastri Swami Dharmkishordasji and Shastri Vrajbhushandasji, grand Shakotsav was organized in the evening from 5 to 8 on the last Saturday of the last month. Divine Darshan of Shree Ghanshyam Maharaj preparing Shak and Shree Narnarayan Bhagwan offering the things for Shakotsav was performed in front of Thakorji. Services of Satsangi devotees was very inspirational on this occasion. Shastri D.K. Swami had narrated Katha of Leela of Shakotsav. On the pious day of Vasant Panchmi, poojan-archan of 'Shiksha Patri' was performed. All the host devotees who rendered their beautiful services were honoured. At last all the devotees had performed the divine Darshan and availed the benefit of Prasad. (Shastri D.K. Swami)

Shree Swaminarayan temple, Atlanta

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj, poojan-archan of 'Shiksha Patri' was performed in front of Thakorji on the pious day of Vasant Panchmi. All the saints and Haribhaktas had performed Path of 212 Shlokas of 'Shiksha Patri'. The whole arrangement was maded by Mahant Swami Satyprakashdas. Divine Darshan of Thakorji in white Vagha and performing Shakotsav was organized. The devotee Shri Mukeshbhai Patel (Vaduwala) had rendered the services as the host of Shakotsav. Other devotees had also rendered their services as the hosts. Devotee Shri Rajeshbhai Patel (Dangarvawala) family and all other rendered their beautiful services and obtained the blessings and pleasure of Shreeji Maharaj and Dharmkul. (Satyaprakash Swami)

Shakotsav in Kantki Lois Ville

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharja and with the inspiration of Mahant Shastri Swami Dharmvallabhdasji and Harinandan Swami, grand Shakotsav was celebrated in front of Thakorji. In very recent future, Pratistha of temple is going to be performed by H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj. Large number of local devotees of the nearby areas had availed the benefit of this Shakotsav. President Shri Vishnubhai and young Haribhaktas and ladies devotees of Mahila Mandal had rendered their beautiful services. Many devotees had rendered their beautiful services as the hosts of Shakotsav. Saints had explained the importance of Shakotsav on this occasion. At last all the devotees availed the benefit of divine Darshan and Prasad. (Pravin Shah)

#### **AKSHARVAAS**

Ahmedabad – Kothari Parshad Digambar Bhagat (age 68 years) Guru Sadguru Chitara Swami Baldevprasaddasi (younger Gurubhai of Sadguru Mahant Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji of Ahmedabad temple) passed away to *Akshardham* on 18/02/2014 while chanting the name of Shree Hari. He had been rendering services in Ahmedabad temple for the last 50 years.

Muli – Sadguru Swami Narnarayandasji (age 96 years) Guru Vaidya Swami Goplcharandasji of Shree Swaminarayan temple Muli passed away to *Akshardham* on 17/02/2014 while chanting the name of Shree Hari.

Ahmedabad- Devotee Shri Chanchalben Ramabhai Pate (age 100 years) [mother of Shri Govindbhai Ramabhai Patel (Itadarawala)] passed away to Divine Abode of God on 03/01/2014 while chanting the name of Shreeji Maharaj.

Ahmedabad – Devotee Shri Ghanshyambhai Harilal Patni (age 79 years) (Shree Swaminarayan temple, Kankaria, Aucchaviya) passed away to Akshardham on 08/01/2014 while chanting the name of Shri Hari.

Bhaupura – Devotee Shri Tribhovanbhai Amichandbhai Patel passed away to Akshardham on 15/01/2014 while chanting the name of Shri Hari.

Ahmedabad—Devotee Shri Parshottambhai Mohanbhai Gambha (Methanwala) passed away to *Akshardham* on 20/01/2014 while chanting the name of Shri Hari.

Biliya (Siddhpur) – Devotee Shri Patel Divaliben Ambaram Siddhpura passed away to Akshardham on 21/01/2014 while chanting the name of Shreeji Maharaj.

Salad (Idar- at present Kalamaju, America) – Devotee Shri Prabhudas Vitthaldas Patel (father of the devotee Shri Kanubhai and Mukeshbhai) passed away to Akshardham on 25/01/2014 while chanting the name of Shreeji Maharai.

Dangarva – Devotee Shri Rajaji Badarji Dabhi passed away to Akshardham on 01/01/2014 while chanting the name of Shreeji Maharaj.

Manekpur – Devotee Shri Maniben Jethabhai Chadhary passed away to Akshardham on 16/12/2013 while chanting the name of Shreeji Maharaj.

Morbi – Devotee Shri Nanalal Girdharlal Jobanputra (age 85 years) (father of Mukeshbhai and Prakashbhai Jobanputra) (ardent devotee of Muli Shree Radhakrishnadev) passed away to Akshardham on 12/02/2014 while chanting the name of Shreeji Maharaj.

**Băpupura** – Devoteé Shri Chaudhary Devjibhai Manilal (age 35 years) passed away to *Akshardham* while chanting the name of Shreeji Maharaj.

**Wankaner (Muli Desh)** – Devotee Shri Hiralal Gangarambhai Zaveri (successor the great devotee Shri Chhaganbhai Zaveri of Wankaner from whom Shree Ghanshyam Maharaj had asked for the gold ornaments in Mulidham) passed away to *Akshardham* on 19/02/2014 while chanting the name of Shreeji Maharaj.

Gandhinagar – Devotee Shri Kapilaben Chandubhai Solanki passed away to Akshardham on 17/02/2014 while chanting the name of Shreeji Maharaj.

Mansa – Devotee Shri Patel Ramabhai Trikamdas (Parida) passed away to *Akshardham* on 19/02/2014 while chanting the name of Shreeji Maharaj.

**Dhamasana** – Devotée Shri Chimanbhai Mathurbhai Patel (father of devotee Shri Rajubhai Patel, the active member of Shree Narnaryadev Yuvak Mandal) passed away to *Akshardham* on 18/02/2014 while chanting the name of Shreeji Maharaj.

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(1) H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj performing Abhishek of Thakorji in Shre Swaminarayan temple Naranghat on the occasion of Patotsav. (2) Annakut Darshan in Nathdwara temple on the occasion of Patotsav. (3) H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj performing Khat-Muhurt of Main Barshakh in Chhapaiya birth place temple. (4) H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj performing Shakotsav in Vanzar temple. (5) H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj performing Shakotsav in Anandpura temple. (6) Satsang Sabha in Balva organized on the occasion of 42nd Janmotsav of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj. (7) Saints delivering their inspirational speeches in First Sabha at Maninagar (Soja) organized on the occasion of Shree Narnarayandev Mahotsav. (8) Haribhaktas availing the benefit of Sabha in Bhaopura temple organized on the occasion of Patotsav. (9) Haribhaktas availing the benefit of Sabha in Bareja temple organized on the occasion of Patotsav. (10) Group Mahapooja by ladies devotees in Kalol Panchvati temple on the occasion of 42nd Janmotsav.





(1) H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj granting divine Darshan on the pious occasion of 3rd Varshik Din of Shree Swaminarayan Museum. (2) Gunanuvad Sabha of Akshar Nivasi Kothari Parshad Digambar Bhagat in the pious company of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj organized in Sabha Mandap of Kalupur temple.

With the directions of H.H. Shri Acharya Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and in the pious company of our Future Acharya H.H. Shri Vrajendraprasadji Maharaj

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