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## EDITORIAL

Before 25 years, Shree Swaminarayan temple of Shree Narnarayandev Diocese was established in Weehawken in New Jersey State under the auspices of International Shree Swaminarayan Organization (I.S.S.O.). H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharaj performed invocation of the idol images in Vedic tradition. This ceremony became a grand history and also a memorable moment for the whole *Sampradaya*. This temple is a great historic event for our *Sampradaya* and I.S.S.O.

Now Council of New Jersey State has included this building of the temple in heritage building. This is a matter of great pride for all of us. This temple has been established at such an auspicious moment that, subsequently a number of temples of our *Sampradaya* has been established in America. Due to the temples, Indian culture and Hindu Dharma were nurtured in the people residing there and lacs of new people became devotees of Shree Narnarayandev and Shree Laxminarayandev. H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj Shri Tejendraprasadji Maharaj has toiled hard for strengthening our *Satsang* in the people residing there. Similarly our H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj has also been performing *Vicharan* in America and all other countries of the world. Following the foot-steps, our future Acharya H.H. 108 Shri Vrajendraprasadji Maharaj has also been performing *Vicharan* in these countries along with the studies and has been preparing the future generations. *Rajat Jayanti Patotsav* of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Jew Jersey, America was celebrated with great fervor and enthusiasm in the pious company of the whole *Dharmkul*. Now there would be pious *Chatur Maas*, all of us will perform special *Bhakti* of our Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan. On the pious day of *Ashadh Vad-10 Janmotsav* of our future Acharya Shri Vrajendraprasadji Maharaj would be celebrated with great fervor and enthusiasm in our Kalupur-Ahmedabad temple. The whole *Satsang Samajis* requested to avail the benefit of this divine occasion.

- Editor (Mahant Swami)  
Shastri Swami Harikrishnadas

For 24 hour live *Darshan* of Shree Narnarayandev  
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*Aarti Darshan* (Indian Standard time) \_ *Mangala Aarti* : 5.30 hours *Shangaar Aarti* : 8.05 hours *Rajbhog Aarti* : 10.10 hours *Sandhya Aarti* : 19.00 hours *Sayan Aarti* : 20.30 hours

## APPOINTMENT DIARY OF H.H. SHRI ACHARYA MAHARAJ

(May- 2012)

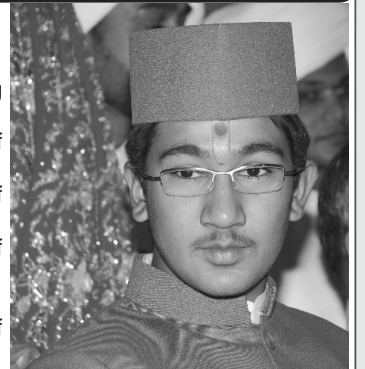
1. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Martoli on the occasion of *Patotsav*.
2. Graced the house of the devotee Shri Ghanshyambhai Chimanlal, Satellite.
3. Graced the village Sakodara (Dholka DEsh) on the occasion of *Katha*.
4. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Vali (Rajasthan).
5. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Ladpur (Panchmahal) on the occasion of invocation of the idol images.
6. Performed the ritual of *Maha-Diksha* of the saints.
7. Graced the village Latuda (Muli Desh) on the occasion of *Katha*.
8. Graced the village Halvad (Muli Desh) on the occasion of *Katha*.
9. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Dholka, on the occasion of *Katha*.
10. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Prantij, on the occasion of 125<sup>th</sup> *Patotsav*.
11. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Savgad (Panchmahal), on the occasion of invocation of the idol images.
12. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Kada (Visnagar) on the occasion of *Patotsav*.
- 13-14-15 Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Bhuj.
16. Graced the house of the devotee Shri Manishbhai Dahyabhai, on the occasion of *Mahapooja*.  
Graced the house of the devotee Shri Bhupendrabhai Patel, Paldi.
21. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple (ladies), Gundiya (Muli Desh) on the occasion of invocation of the idol images.
- 22-23. Graced Madhapar (Kachchh).
24. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Moti Aadraj, on the occasion of invocation of the idol images.
25. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Surendranagar.
- 26-27. Graced Rahpar (Kachchh).
29. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Jivrajpark, on the occasion of *Patotsav*.  
From 29/05/2012 to 12/06/2012 Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, New Jersey (America) (first temple of I.S.S.O.) on the occasion of *Rajat Jayanti Mahotsav*.



## APPOINTMENT DIARY OF H.H. SHRI FUTURE ACHARYA MAHARAJ 108 SHRI VRAJENDRAPRASADJI MAHARAJ

(May- 2012)

4. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Sakodara, on the occasion of *Katha*.
  5. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Motera, on the occasion of *Satsang Shibir*.  
Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Bapunagar, on the occasion of *Satsang Shibir*.
  9. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Prantij on the occasion of Procession.
  10. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Nava Gam, on the occasion of *Patotsav*.
  12. Graced the village Visnagar on the occasion of *Satsang Shibir*.
  14. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Memnagar, on the occasion of *Patotsav*.
- 21<sup>st</sup> May to 8<sup>th</sup> June 2012 Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, New Jersey (America) (first temple of I.S.S.O.) on the occasion of *Rajat Jayanti Mahotsav*.



# Shikshapatri

## The Epistle of Precepts

(based on Shatanand's Shikshapatri  
Arthadipika)

By Pravin S. Varsani

### Text -65

**All my disciples shall always behave as mentioned above and shall study the religious scriptures in Sanskrit and vernacular to the best of their abilities.**

**Sanskuta Devabhasha Prakruta Lokikbhasha**—Shatanand explains that Sanskrit is the language of the Gods and *Prakrit* is the language of man. *Prakrit* should be understood as Gujarati, Hindi, English etc. Study of *Shastras* in these texts should be readily performed daily. Why? – **Tasya** **Uvo Dharma Adharmaswarupagnaanmulatvaditi Bhavaha** – one understands *Dharma* and *Adharma* through the study of such *Shastras*.

**Padma Purana explains: Pashutulyo Naro Gneyaha Schastrabhyanam Vina** – 'Those without the knowledge and study of *Shastras* are mere animals.' **Vidurji** has explained, 'Those who have no knowledge are forever deluded in the vortex of material objects.'

Study of *Shashtra* destroys ignorance and uncertainty. There are many people who lack the relevant knowledge and so they are sometimes pulled into falsity through cults that teach contrary to Vedic teachings.

Knowledge is wealth, without which we are lost. The great teachings of *Rishis* passed down from generation to generation is still relevant today. I personally have found great peace by finding answers to questions by studying our *Shastras*. It goes without saying that the study of our *Shastras* is very important – this is more so for our younger generation who will undoubtedly go astray if they are not equipped with suitable knowledge.

Many say that *Shastras* are too difficult to understand or are outdated. This is utter nonsense. Nearly all of us are educated to a sufficient higher level and therefore we all have the capability and capacity to understand such knowledge. Sure, it may be difficult to grasp at first but by reading and re-reading, there is no doubt that we can all understand the principles.

One can delve as deep as they like and so it is not necessary to have full *Vedantik* knowledge. However, all should have a grasp of the basic fundamental principles of Hinduism and our *Sampradi*. Simple knowledge about the various Gods and their representations, duties, scriptures etc. are a must. Through Knowledge (*Gnaan*), one is able to secure *Dharma*, *Bhakti* and *Vairagya*.

Those who have an adequate understand are blessed. Knowledge is the food of the mind and *Vedantic* knowledge is indeed the nectar which rejuvenates the mind.

### Text -66

**A person should be assigned work after carefully considering his suitability, but not otherwise.**

This is for the benefit of both employer and employee. Those who possess the necessary skills, qualities and intellect to complete a specific task should be used for such purposes. **Yagnavalkya** explains, 'Those that understand *Dharma* should be used for tasks requiring such knowledge. A knowledgeable accountant should be sought for jobs pertaining to money matters. *Scrupulous* people should be utilized for *scrupulous* acts.'

**Vidura** has also explained, 'There are three types of persons- *Uttam* (best), *Madhyam* (middle) and *Adham* (lowest). Such persons should be used to perform *Uttam*, *Madhyam* and *Adham* tasks.' Thus only a suitable candidate should be considered for a specific job as to act contrary will not only have and undesired effect but will also put a person into unnecessary difficulty.

## Blessings of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj on His 69<sup>th</sup> *Janmotsav* (Sydney-Australia)

- **Compilation** : Gordhanbhai V. Sitapara (Hirawadi, Bapunagar)
- **Assistance** : Hajuri Parshad Kanu Bhagat

First of all hearty thanks for expressing noble and best wishes. The benefit of Janmotsav is that we get the blessings of the saints and *Haribhaktas*. The overflow of the blessings has its effect throughout the year. Many a times I do say, when we perform *Darshan* of Shreeji Maharaj in routine course then we believe Him as *Adhipati of Anant Koti Brahmand*. But when we perform *Darshan* of Shreeji Maharaj on our birthday, then we believe Him as our forefather.

When I was young then one Panditji used to teach me one *Sanskrit Shloka* of '*Shiksha Patri*':

“नाना देश स्थितान् शिक्षापत्री वृत्तालयस्थित”  
When I asked what does it mean by 'Nana Desh', then I was explained that, Ahmedabad, Muli, Bhuj, Gadhda, Vadatal etc. Desh are referred to in this word. Then I refused to believe and explained that, Shreeji Maharaj has used this word keeping all the countries of the whole world in mind. And today we see it in front of our eyes. When I was young, one enthusiastic devotee used to say that, with the growth of our H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj, there would be growth of number of temples in the countries like America, England and Australia. At that time, I did not believe those words. But today with the blessings of Shreeji Maharaj, our *Sankalps* have been fulfilled.

I am very much pleased to watch the progress and development of this temple just as I feel happy with the growth and progress of our H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj. Yet, much is to be done for this temple. It is requested that, the adjoining lands may be purchased as much as possible and all may extend their co-operation as it is our temple. It is temple of Lord Shree Narnaryandev. At the time of construction of temple in



Ahmedabad, Aanandanand Swami expressed the concern of having no money, then Shreeji Maharaj had asked him not to worry as Bhagwan who has got *Khat-Muhurt* done would also help in establishing *Kalash* at the top of the dome of the temple. So we should not be worried about anything, what is required of us is only perseverance with ardent faith and *Bhakti*.

Here many devotees from Gujarat and Kachchh region have settled and this number is sure to be increased. We all are the devotees of Shree Narnarayandev. In Ahmedabad as well as in Bhuj, Shree Hari has established the idol image of Shree Narnarayandev.

Shree Narnarayandev of Ahmedabad and Bhuj is not different from each other. Before many years, saints of Bhuj stated that, temple of Mandvi is situated in Kachchh. However administratively it is associated with the temple of Ahmedabad and then they requested that, administration of Mandvi temple should also be associated with Bhuj temple. I informed the Scheme Committee and it was unanimously resolved to hand over the administration of

Mandvi temple to Bhuj temple. But it is a very lengthy and clumsy process of handing over the properties of one trust to another trust. This is possible only with the prior sanction of the Charity Commissioner. The resolution of the Scheme Committee was placed before the Charity Commissioner who sanctioned the resolution with a note that, *"I sanction this resolution because Ahmedabad and Bhuj both temples are of Shree Narnarayandev and Acharya of both the temples are one."*

Today coincidentally, saints and Mahant Swami of Bhuj temple are present here. This is a very beautiful co-incidence. So all of us should perform *Satsang* under the auspices of Shree Narnarayandev. I am very much happy to watch the progress of our *Satsang*. Actually, I do not permit to celebrate my birthday without performing divine *Darshan* of Shree Narnarayandev of Ahmedabd. But this is the first time because all of you are members of my family. Shree Narnarayandev is present here and Acharya Maharaj has directed me to come here.

Just now swami said in the *Katha*, that one should not sleep during the *Katha*. But I also felt sleepy. It is our human body, we sleep when we are tired; secondly we sleep because we get eternal peace while listening to the *Katha* and this is natural. But in Gadhda, Maharaj has said one funny thing about it. Maharaj has said that, if one feels sleepy in the *Katha*, his neighbor devotee should awaken him; second step, if one feels sleepy despite the efforts of the neighbor, then one should perform *Dandwat Pranam*; if one feels sleepy despite *Dandwat Pranam*, then one should listen to *Katha* while standing in one corner; if one feels sleepy after this, then one should take bath in river Ghelo and then he should listen to *Katha*; and if one feels sleepy even after all this, then one should go home and sleep peacefully. (There was laughter in the

whole *Sabha*).

Swami has talked about 200<sup>th</sup> *Patotsav* of Shree Narnarayandev. This is a very important event. Yet 10 years are to come. How much progress we shall have during these 10 years! It was a time of great difficulties, when first temple was to be constructed in America. Such a delay is natural because Shree Hari intends to avail the benefit of services of each and every devotee. There may be temples with donation of only one devotee, but then one would not feel eternal peace in it. By offering whatever services, every devotee feels the sense of belongingness towards the temple; he may rightly think that, he has also rendered the services for this temple and thereby he would take special pleasure in it.

If we talk about Shree Narnarayandev then these are the words of Shreeji Maharaj that, "There is no difference in us and in Shree Narnarayandev." In *Vachanamrit-48* of First Chapter, Shreeji Maharaj has stated that, *"Every Satsangi should keep the idol image of Shree Narnarayandev in Pooja."* Now Shree Hari has not differentiated the devotee of Ahmedabad or Vadtal. Every devotee should keep the idol image of Shree Narnarayandev and it should not remain without worship. Shreeji Maharaj has stated that, devotees should cherish ardent faith in Shree Narnarayandev.

When somebody asks us, *"How do you feel when somebody praises you?"* then I reply, *"Then I do not sit here. I sit there with you, and listen the words and think that, he is praising me but he is praising Shree Narnarayandev Diocese."* There are many such *Satsangis* in our *Sampradaya*, who tell me, *"Today I got your divine Darshan in my dream."* Then I reply, *"Maharaj has granted you Darshan to strengthen your Bhakti."*

We should always be alert that, importance of Shreeji Maharaj is understood by us properly. We may get strength to follow the directions of

Shree Hari. We may get honour or we may be dishonoured but we should never be away from *Satsang*. I share with you one such incident. You may have heard it. There was *Patotsav* of Shree Ghanshyam Maharaj in Ahmedabad temple. So *Mandap* was erected in the temple premises. This prevented the pigeons from having their daily meals for three days. However, they did not left the temple and waited while sitting at the top of the domes of the temple. So like these pigeons we should also not abandon our noble and righteous path of *Bhakti* and we should cherish ardent faith in Shree Narnarayandev.

There is a rest house of Bhuj in Mumbai on the airport. I was sitting there. I saw a dog, a cat, crows and squirrel were relishing their foods in one dirty corner. Now by nature, these creatures are opposite to each other and yet considering their dire need they were found together at one place. Likewise, for *Satsang* we have to keep our ego away. So all the devotees should perform *Satsang* and *Bhakti* in co-operation of one another and should live with unity. May all the devotees progress in their *Satsang*, is the only prayer to Lord Shree Narnarayandev.

We are indebted to all the devotees who have rendered their ardent services for our Museum. Our Chief Minister Shri Narendrabhai Modi had arrived in the inauguration function of our Museum. When he came in the Main Hall, he told me that, "I feel divinity in this Hall." He suggested to name the hall as *Maun Mandir* and to see that, there is no voice or noise inside it. There is *Madh* of Vahelal in Museum. We held the hand of our Chief Minister and then we passed under the *Madh*. There are many other such *Things of Prasadi*. We have not purchased them. They are *Things of Prasadi* of our personal collection. We have received them from our forefathers which we have preserved so far. There are only 5% *Things of Prasadi*, which are received from *Satsangi* devotees. However, prior to accepting such *Things*, we have verified the facts, and have inquired about the source of such *Things of Prasadi*.

One thing is noteworthy. All *Charan-Bhet* which H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj received during pilgrimage to New Zealand, Australia etc. countries have been offered for maintenance of Shree Swaminarayan Museum. So generous the Other Form of Shreeji Maharaj!!!

### 100% result of Std.12 (Common Stream) of TERF School

Result of Std.12 (Common Stream) of this year of Shree Tejendraprasadji Education and Research Foundation (TERF) run by H.H. Shri Acharya Shri Devendraprasadji Kelvani Trust has been 100%. For the last three years, the result has been 100%. H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaja and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj are very much pleased and they bless for the progress of the school. (Principal, TERF School, Naranpur-Ahmedabad)

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## ***Kaushalya Shibir*** – Date: 13/05/2012 Sunday – Visnagar

With the inspiration of H.H Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Kaushalendraprasadji Maharaj and with the blessings of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and in the pious company of our Future Acharya H.H. 108 Shri Vrajendraprasadji Maharaj, 'Shree Kaushalya Shibir' Mahotsav was organized on Sunday 13/05/2012 from 8.30 hours in the morning till 6.30 hours in the evening. Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal and Shree Sahjanand Kishor Mandal, Visnagar, organized this *Shibir*.

As a part of its preparation, about more than 130 villages of *Dandhavya Desh* were contacted personally through five teams of Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal and Shree Sahjanand Kishor Mandal, Visnagar. The young devotees from 12 years to 20 years of age warmly welcomed the initiative and the whole Mahotsav was intimated to the people through banners, letters and telephone calls.

Early in the morning on Sunday 13/05/2012, large number of young devotees started arriving in their vehicles or in jeep or buses. In all 1351 young devotees of 65 villages participated in this *Shibir*. As a part of the arrangement, teach and breakfast were offered to all the participant young devotees.

At 9.00 hours, H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj graced the place of *Shibir* and inaugurated

'*Kaushalya Shibir*' with *Deep-Pragatya*. As per the principles of *Sampradya*, cross word Puzzle, one minute, rope stretching, *Kirtan Antakshari* etc. were performed. At 11.00 hours, H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj graced the house of the chief host and devotee Shri Hasmukhbhai Baldevdas Modi and returned to the place of *Shibir* at 1.30 hours in the noon and discussed *Satsang* with the young devotees personally.

“આસો અદભૂત દૃષ્ટ્યા આવ્યા, આવ્યા, આવ્યા...  
મારે મંદિરીએ આવ્યા.....”

Moreover, all the young devotees also participated in life-long memorable photo-session with H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj. In the evening at 5.00 hours, divine *Satsang Sabha* began wherein all the winner young devotees of the *Shibir* were encouraged with the prizes. Then H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj blessed the whole *Sabha* and directed all the young devotees to remain faithful soldiers of Shree Narnarayandev Diocese and suggested that, such a *Shibir* should become a regular annual feature which was hailed by all the devotees. Then H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj praised the ardent services of Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal and Shree Sahjanand Kishor Mandal.

### **Our Future Festivals**

**Jeth Vad-12** : 16/06/2012 Saturday *Patotsav* of Vadnagar temple

**Ashadh Sud-4** : 23/06/2012 Saturday *Patotsav* of Ayodhya temple

**Ashadh Sud-15** : 03/07/2012 Tuesday *Gurupurnima* All devotees and saints of the whole Narnarayandev Diocese would performe poojan-archan of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj in our Shree Swaminarayan temple, Kalupur, Ahmedabad. Samaiyo in Jetalpurdham.

**Ashadh Vad-2** : 05/07/2012 Thursday *HindolaDarshan*

**Ashadh Vad-10** : 13/07/2012 Friday *Janmotsav* of our future Acharya H.H. Shri 108 Shri Vrajendraprasadji Maharaj would be celebrated in our Shree Swaminarayan temple, Kalupur, Ahmedabad



## Baldevji Bapa of Jetalpur

-Sadhu Purushottamprakashdas (Jetalpur)

Every devotee who cherishes ardent faith and *Bhakti* towards Shree Revti Baldevji Harikrishna Maharaj, whose idol images have been invoked by Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan in Jetalpurdham, certainly know that anybody who wishes a baby boy has to perform *Punam* for one year by walking then his/her desire would certainly be fulfilled. Moreover, when the people are perturbed with one or the other problem they seek shelter of Shree Baldevji Bapa and they get immediate relief. Somebody may be having problems in partnership of their business, or doctors may have diagnosed that, they would never have children, some may be having children who are always sick, some may desire to pass Board Examinations with good percentage or to go abroad for higher studies or to obtain foreign Visa, they all get their desires fulfilled by cherishing noble *Sankalp* with ardent faith in Shree Baldevji Maharaj. A number of miracles are reported everyday, if all such miracles are to be referred then a huge scripture can be developed. Everyday minimum five baby-boys are weighed with *Sakar*. It appears as if Shree Baldevji Maharaj has decided to bless the devotees with five baby-boys everyday.

When any devotee expresses or ventilates any of his worry or problem in front of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj 1008 Shri Kaushlendra Prasadji Maharaj then they are made to vow to perform divine *Darshan* of Shree Baldevji Maharaj of Jetalpurdham on the pious day of *Punam* for one year. Moreover, H.H. Shri Gadiwala also directs the ladies devotees to perform divine *Darshan* of Shree Baldevji Maharaj of Jetalpurdham on the pious day of *Punam*.

Number of devotees performing divine *Darshan* of Shree Baldevji Maharaj on the pious

day of *Punam* are increasing day by day. Nowadays more than two lacs devotees, including ten thousand devotees who perform *Padyatra*, perform divine *Darshan* of Shree Baldevji Maharaj on the pious day of *Punam*.

Mahant Shastri Swami Atmaprakashdasji and Poojari Brahmchari Purnanandji are witnesses to the number of miracles. Everyday they come to know about the good news of the devotees and *Haribhaktas*. Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan had obtained two boons from Ramanand Swami with a view to make all the devotees happy in their life. Similarly, Shree Hari has been granting happiness to the devotees by blessing them with baby-boys whose benefit is being availed by a number of devotees.

There is not an incident, wherein the desire of the devotees of Shree Baldevji Maharaj has remained unfulfilled. When any of the devotees, though he may be residing in abroad, come across any difficulties in their life, they remember Shree Baldevji Maharaj of Jetalpurdham and they get rid of their difficulties.

Jetalpurdham is a very pious place and Shree Hari liked it very much. In *Vachanamrit* it is has been referred to greater than *Vrindavan*. Shree Hari used to accept the meals only when Maha Tapasvi Gangama of Jetalpurdham would address Him as '*Dear Son*'. Thus there was divine relationship of mother and son between *Bhakta* and Bhagwan. Gangama prayed Shree Hari that, "*Any devotee who comes to Jetalpurdham to perform divine Darshan, he/ she may be blessed with baby-boy.*" And Gangama has been blessed by Shree Hari and therefore, even today desires and wish of the devotees are fulfilled.

Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan Himself is present in Jetalpurdham in the form of Shree Baldevji Maharaj.

## Introduction of Things of Prasadi of Shree Swaminarayan Museum

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The photo image of Shree Ganpatiji Maharaj was prepared by the Nand Saint Shri Adharanand Swami, contemporary of Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan. This image has been worshipped by Shree Hari and hence it is pious image of Prasadi. Speciality of this image is that, here Ganpatiji Maharaj is Chaturbhuj with one eye. The water colours prepared on hard board are found intact and fresh. The size of the image is 4'-3'. Moreover, the arrangement of Things of Prasadi in the Museum began with this image placed by H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj and H.H. Shri Raja. This image has been kept in first show-case of Hall No.1 of our Shree Swaminarayan Museum.

### List of Host devotees who availed the benefit of Abhishek of Shree Narnarayandev in Shree Swaminarayan Museum (May-2012)

Date	Name
06/05/2012	Janakbhai Gokaldas Patel-Ahmedabad
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**Opinion of visiting Devotees and Haribhaktas**

I was suffering from chronic back and waist pain. Despite all types of medical treatment, I could not stand up from my bed and I was bed-ridden. One day I cherished the noble idea of Thaal-Darsan of Shree Narnarayandev in Museum. And to my surprise, I recovered and started walking and came on my foot to perform divine Darshan of Shree Swaminarayan Museum.

–Vimlaben Vinubhai Patel Bapunagar Museum is a precious jewel of our Shree Swaminarayan Sampradaya

when one can get glimpse of divine Things of Prasadi of Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan. We are very much proud of our Mota Maharaj who offered such a great and pious thing to the whole Sampradaya.

– Shastri Haarigun Swami Guru Raghuvircharandas- Umreth

Really this is a wonderful effort. It is in a way, practical laboratory of all Charitra of Shree Hari which we have read in the books. This unique effort of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj is like blessing to all the devotees.

– Suresh K., Surat

**List of devotees who rendered their services under Shree Swaminarayan Museum Maintenance Bhet Yojna (May-2012)**

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| Rs.1,11,111/- | Abhishek of Shree Narnarayandev and Abhishek in Shree Swaminarayan Museum on the occasion of Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Prantij. | Rs.15,001/- | H.H. Shri Acharya Shri Devendra prasadi Tyagi Aaryogyia Keendra, through Dr. Kanubhai. |
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| Rs.54,047/-   | New Castle all Haribhaktas through Jayesh.   | Rs.11,000/- | Babulal Kanjibhai Gondaliya- Surat through Pravinbhai and Ghanshyambhai.               |
| Rs.51,111/-   | Chhbhadiya Jignesh Ravjibhai (Sahjanand Travels) on the occasion of marriage. Grace of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj, Mandvi (Kachchh)              | Rs.10,000/- | Punambhai Maganbhai Patel- Ahmedabad.  |
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| Rs.20,000/-   | Hajuri Parshad Kanu Bhagar Guru Hajuri Parshad Vanraj Bhagar, Shree Swaminarayan Baug.   | Rs.5,100/-  | Babubhai Bhagabhai Patel-Gandhinagar.  |
| Rs.15,000/-   | Patel Punambhai Maganbhai, Ahmedabad.  | Rs.5,100/-  | Shri Ram Gaushala-Halvad.  |
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## Vyayam of Dhyam

-Sadhu Devswroopdas (Jaipur)

In *Vachnamrit-5 of Gadhda First Chapter*, Shree Hari has stated that, "One should perform Dhyam of Bhagwan and one should do so even if the idol image is not there in front of the eyes. One should not abandon *Dhyam* as a coward. Shree Hari blesses such brave devotees.

This is the smallest of all the 273 *Vachanamrit* and yet it has got the greatest importance. However, each and every *Vachanamrit* is a gold-mine in itself. *Vachanamrit* is a Life-source and one cannot live without this life-source. This scripture of '*Vachanamrit*' has been written before 200 years. However, such a minute historical details are not found anywhere in India.

आलोक्य सर्वशास्त्राणि विचार्य च पुनःपुनः

इदमेकं सुनिष्पन्नं, ध्येयो नारायणः सदा ॥

Vyasji has told that, after writing all the scriptures, *Puranas* and after careful consideration of all these things, it is found in essence that, Narayan is only worthy of performing *Dhyam*. Even in '*Bhagwat Gita*', Shri Krishna tells that: "श्रेयो हि ज्ञानमभ्यासाद् ज्ञानाद् ध्यानं विशिष्यते" "*Dhyam is higher and greater than Gyan.*" Thus, *Dhyam* is viewed higher than Knowledge in *Bhagwat Gita*. *Dhyam* has got direct relation with the mind and to control and regulate the mind is like to control and regulate the wind. On the basis of *Dhyam*, a man can control his mind. In the modern age, the man is tired of his rat-race and now he craves for peace. By performing *Dhyam*, many vital questions can be solved. If one continues his *Vyayam* (practice) of *Dhyam* regularly then he certainly gets its benefit. And we the human beings are habituated to perform such work which gives more benefits.

Shree Hari Himself has narrated one story about *Dhyam* for our benefit. Indra was perturbed with *Brahm-Hatya* and therefore he could not remain happy. His body got weakened. One day Naradji came to Indra and asked, "Why your body is so weak? What is your problem?" Indra replied, "I am suffering such misery, which nobody can ever have. I am suffering from *Brahm-Hatya*, which does not allow me to have peace and happiness." Naradji said, "I have one solution for your problem. But I am sure, you would not like to try for it." Indra said, "Why shall I not try it, when it is beneficial to me." Then Naradji said, "You should perform *Dhyam* of your younger brother, *Vamanji*." Indra smiled and said, "How can my younger brother help me get rid of my unhappiness." Naradji got offended with the reckless answer of Indra and went away.

Now *Brahm-hatya* came to Indra and started perturbing him. Indra reminded of the words of Naradji. And he performed *Dhyam* of his younger brother *Vamanji*. For some time, *Brahm-Hatya* went away. Then Indra started performing more and more *Dhyam* of *Vamanji* and then he developed such a nice concentration that, the image of *Vamanji* always remained in front of his eyes and in this way, he got rid of *Brahm-Hatya* permanently.

With this story, Shreeji Maharaj has said that, by performing *Dhyam*, our *Karma* becomes *Akarma*. Study and concentration has got great importance in *Dhyam*. Failure in *Dhyam* is real success. Such a failure does not give misery but it gives happiness. Success or failure are not in our hands, only constant efforts is in our hands.

**Real Earnings should be preserved****- Shastri Haripriyadas (Gandhinagar)**

There was a beautiful village on the bank of a river. People of all communities and castes were living in this village. They were doing their own traditional business or occupation and thereby they were earning their livelihood. There was unity and peace in the village. The villagers were hard working people and therefore they were living peacefully and happily.

Dhansukh, son of Manjibhai of this village got higher education and therefore now he did not like the village and he started dreaming about going to the city. He asked for the permission of his father. The father tried to convince him not to leave the village. The father told him that, very good teachers have been imparting very good education in the village; moreover, going to the city for education would be more costly as it would incur more expenditure. But Dhansukh was adamant in his decision for going to the city. At last Manjibhai allowed him to go to the city and also made some arrangements. The father advised him to study attentively and not to get swayed away by the urban life of the city.

Dhansukh went to the city, he studied there. Since he had inculcated noble qualities in his childhood, he obtained a good job so that, his father may not have to suffer much. In search of better job with higher salary, Dhansukh went to another city and stayed there for five-seven years and earned good money. Now he reminded of his family members and his village; so he decided to return to the village to his family and also dreamt of narrating everything how did he study and how he obtained a good job with higher salary. He got his leave sanctioned from his boss and started his journey towards the village.

**SATSANG BALVATIKA****Editor : Shastri Harikeshavdasji (Gandhinagar)**

It was a time, where there were not much facility of transportation. So one had to go by walking. Dhansukh also carried with him two-three thousand rupees which he had earned with hard work; he apprehended the robbers on his journey so he hid the money inside the bag and only kept some chiller in his pocket.

While staying at night at some good place by paying money, Dhansukh would resume his journey early in the morning. In this way, Dhansukh passed five-six villages and came very close to his own village. However, it was late evening. Immediately, Dhansukh remembered that, he had forgotten some chiller at the previous village where he had overstayed for a night. So he hid the bag under the earth keeping a sign and returned back hurriedly to the village and searched for the chiller. In the room where he had stayed for a night, Dhansukh found his chiller. Dhansukh took the chiller and again started moving towards his village. Now there was smile on his face. When he came to the place under the tree, where he had hid his bag, he saw that, somebody had taken away the bag wherein there was earning of his five-seven years. He was greatly perturbed and unhappy; he lost the earning of two –three thousand rupees for the sake of chiller.

Friends! Don't you feel that, for frivolous pleasure and gain, we lose and waste our valuable and precious life. Shree Hari has

granted us human birth which should be used to perform Bhajan-Bhakti and Satsang. We should remember the words of Brahmanand Swami.

“કોડી બદલે ગાફલ કુબુદ્ધિ, રામરતન ધન ખોયુંજી”

We have got this human birth with the blessings of Shree Hari and therefore we should perform *Satsang* and *Saint-Samagam*. If we would preserve the real earning by leading our life as per the directions of Shree Hari then we would not face the fate of Dhansukh.

### Easy way to get emancipation

#### - Sadhu Shrirangdas (Gandhinagar)

For the purpose of battle against Ravana, the army of monkeys of Lord Shree Rama constructs a bridge over the sea. While chanting the name of Lord Shree Rama, the monkeys kept on throwing stones into the sea and in no time, the bridge is about to be complete.

On the other hand, in Lanka of Ravana, people started discussing this matter. The issue reached upto Mandodari, the wife of Ravana. It was heard that, with the name of Lord Shree Rama, even the stones sail over the water of the sea. Mandodari taunted Ravana, saying that, “*Nothing sails on your name, whereas even the stones sail in the name of Rama.*” Listening to this Ravana boasts that, the stones can sail even with his name.

Taking up the challenge, Ravana and Mandodari go the sea-shore. Now Ravana was confused. He thought, “*What would be my impression, if a small stone does not sail in my name.*” thinking for a long time, he uttered the name of Rama in his mind and threw a little stone in the sea, and the stone started sailing on the surface of the water. Mandodari watched

this, and she was very much happy. She wanted to declare this event in the whole of Lanka. But Ravana stopped her and whispered in her ears that, he had thrown the stone by uttering the name of Ravana.

Now the spy of Sugriv overheard this conversation and they reported it to Lord Shree Rama. When Lord Shree Rama listened to this, he thought, “Is it true that, even Ravana threw stone uttering his name? and is it true that, the stone starts sailing when thrown while uttering my name?” Lord Shree Rama wanted to verify this and so at night, he went to the sea-shore and threw a small stone by uttering his own name. But to his surprise, the stone sank and reached at the bottom of the sea. Rama felt ashamed of himself. He looked around to see whether anybody observed this event. Immediately Hanumanji jumped from the branch of a tree and asked Lord Shree Rama why he was ashamed. Lord Shree Rama narrated everything and asked how it happened that, the little stone sank instead of sailing. Then Hanumanji smiled and replied, “*Prabhu, how can anything sail which is abandoned by the Lord Himself? Prabhu, your nature is to save others. If you abandon anybody then nobody can save him.*”

What a beautiful answer of Hanumanji Maharaj! Nishkulanand Swami has stated:

પાર ઉતાર્યા પરિશ્રમ વિના, બેસી નામરૂપી નાવ,  
જે જને જપ્યા જીભથી, તે તરી ગયા ભવ દરિયાવ.

So chanting the name of Bhagwan is the real and easy way to get emancipation in life. If we cherish ardent and firm faith in Bhagwan then Bhagwan would never abandon us and we would get emancipation in our life.

**From the blessings of H.H. Shri Gadiwala**  
(Compilation by Kotak Varsha Natvarlal-Ghodasar)

*Jivatma* is an iota of *Paramatma*. Therefore, even if one is separated from the other, it does not make any difference. If we take an example of an ocean then it would be clearer. If a drop of water is taken out from the ocean, it would make no difference to the ocean. Now the question is, when *Jivatma* is an iota of *Paramatma* then how it is surrounded by *Maya*? Then who is captivated by this *Maya*? The answer is our mind and our pride. And this is due to *Agyan* (ignorance). Now what is *Agyan*? It is lack of proper understanding. One has to understand what is relevant and what is irrelevant, what is meaningful and what is meaningless in this life. Our mind is like a monkey which keeps on jumping from one place to another. Like a monkey, our mind roams here and there in search of worldly happiness and pleasure. Now if one intends to get emancipation then he has to keep his mind free from such type of temptations of life. And for that, one has to perform *Satsang* constantly. A *Jivatma* gets wealth, worldly pleasure and happiness as per *Prarabdha-Karma* (luck and actions of the previous lives). When *Paramatma* is very much pleased with *Jivatma* then what is granted to this *Jivatma*? Company of the real saint is granted. Similarly all of us have received *Satsang* and therefore, we should be very much obliged to *Bhagwan* as He has been very much kind and merciful to all of us. Now to be eligible to continue to receive such benevolent mercy what should we do? First of all we should be humane towards the whole human kind. We should cherish utmost humanity in us and then we have to determine the principle as to what is our goal. The answer is emancipation. Then we have to start our journey in that direction. It is like keeping stones and sand in a vessel. If we keep sand first and then try to drop stones into the vessel, then it would not be possible. However, if we reverse the process and first drop the stones into the vessel and then drop sand into it then the vessel

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would accommodate both stones as well as sand. So important is to keep our principles like Stone and then *Maya* in the form of Sand will follow but it will adjust itself alongwith the stones in the same vessel which is our mind and our life. So we have to lead our life while keeping the principles in front of our eyes. This is the easiest way to reach at the goal of our life. *Bhagwan* has been very much benevolent with us and has granted us *Satsang* so it is our ardent duty to cling to it till the last moment of our life.

### Swami Shree Sahjanand

- Sankhya Yogi Kanchanba-Dhrangadhra  
(contd. From the last issue where we cherished our journey with the childhood and *Vanvicharan* of *Nilkanthvarni*). The real journey of *Nilkanthvarni* began during *Van-vicharan* wherein *Prabhu* became a social reformer, religious reformer and tried to uplift the whole society to an esteemed place of *Bhakti*.

During *Padyatra* of the whole country, *Nilkanthvarni* used to preach the scriptures with real understanding to the common people. When *Nilkanthvarni* came to *Loj*, it was a place of *Ramanand Swami* where *Muktanand* and other disciples were residing. When *Nilkanthvarni* was sitting beside a well, *Sadhu Sukhanand* felt tremendous happiness and joy. When *Sukhanand* asked, *Nilkanthvarni* replied, "We have come from *Brahmpur*, we want to go to *Brahmpur* and only they are real parents, who take me there." *Sukhanand Swami* was very much pleased with this answer and took *Nilkanthvarni* to *Muktanand Swami* and there both *Bhagwan* and *Bhakta* became the friends in divinity!

At that time *Swami Ramanand* was in *Kachchh*. But after listening about *Ramanandji* from the mouth of *Muktanand*, *Nilkanthvarni* was eager to meet *Ramanandji*. Therefore,

Muktanand and Nilkanthvarni wrote a letter to Ramanandji and requested to grace Loj. On receipt of the letter, Swami Ramanandji uttered the words in the *Sabha*, "He has come, whom I was waiting for." Ramanand Swami replied to the letter and directed Nilkanthvarni to remain under the directions of Muktanand Swami.

Ardently following the directions of his Guru, Nilkanthvarni started living with Muktanand Swami and in no time, his impact was being perceived everywhere. First of all, the common *Sabha* of ladies devotees and *Haribhaktas* was separated and it was also preached and explained that, *Tyagis* should not see even the face of the ladies. And thereby *Dharma* would be preserved.

Thus the purpose of such restrictive preaching of *Uddhav Sampradaya* was very noble. This had its own benefit. Due to this, separate arrangements have been made in our *Sampradaya* for ladies devotees. the task of preaching sermons and narrating *Katha-Varta* were entrusted to the ladies devotees, and thereby illiteracy prevailing among the ladies was removed. Even *Sadhus* also scrupulously follow the directions of Nilkanthvarni without any suspicion and pride. Thus, Loj is the best example of importance of both Nilkanthvarni and Sadhu.

Swami Ramanand came to Piplana village near the mountain Girnar; there he called both Nilkanthvarni and Muktanand Swami. And then both *Guru* and *Shishya* performed divine *Darshan* of each other for a long time!!!

### Selfless Bhakti

- Sankhya Yogi Kundanba Guru Kanchanba-  
(Meda)

Our Scriptures talk about nine types of *Bhakti*.

शास्त्रमां नव प्रकारनी भक्ति कहेली छे.

श्रवणं कीर्तनं विष्णुं स्मरणं पाद सेवनम् ।

अर्थनं वंदनं दास्यं प्य आत्मनिवेदनम् ॥

Among these Nine *Bhakti*, *Shravan Bhakti* is considered to be the best one. Yet, one may choose any of the above types as per his inclination. But while performing *Bhakti*, one

should be careful and see that there is no any kind of selfishness in such *Bhakti*. *Bhakti* should be performed without any wise and desire.

One has got a cheque of rupees one lac. Now due to ignorance, the person puts a cross on the cheque, then he would not get it encashed. Similarly, one performs *Bhakti* but if one cherishes any wish or desire for such *Bhakti*, then he would not yield its fruits.

Milk shake is useless if salt is mixed into it instead of sugar and then it cannot be cured with whatever efforts or tricks. And then nobody would relish the milkshake with salt in it. Similarly, when we perform *Bhakti*, but if we mix jealousy into it then we would not relish it. And then Bhagwan would not relish such *Bhakti*. In fact we want to please Shree Hari by offering our selfless *Bhakti*.

Shri Nishkulanand Swami has written in '*Bhakti-Nidhi*' scripture:

भक्ति करतां भगवाननी, आवी अहं ममतनी आड ।

प्रभु पासण पोयतां, आहुं दीधुं अे लोड कमाड ॥

So devotees! While performing *Bhakti* we should be careful that, our pride and *Maya* do not come in between. One may cherish as ego of self-esteem unknowingly. One may think, "Nobody is so ardent in devotion and *Bhakti* like me! Nobody is *Tapasvi* like me. Nobody is as intelligent as I." Nishkulanand Swami says that, we should not cherish such a subtle pride in us. If we become humble then we would become ardent devotees.

In *Vachanamrit-56 of Gadhda First Chapter*, Shreeji Maharaj says that, with the mixture of pride in *Gyan*, *Vairagya* and *Bhakti*, these three qualities keep on decreasing. We would not get butter from the water. Similarly we would not get emancipation by performing *Bhakti* with selfish motive. So devotees, we have to please Shree Hari by offering our selfless *Bhakti*. So let us pray at the lotus like feet of our Guru H.H. Shri Gadiwala that, Shreeji Maharaj may grant us strength to get rid of such inner enemies.



**Chandan Vagha Darshan of Shree  
Narnarayandev in Shree Swaminarayan temple,  
Ahmedabad**

Beautiful *Chandan Vagha Darshan* of Shree Narnarayandev, Shri Dharm-Bhakti Harikrishna Maharaj and Shree Radhakrishnadev and *Bal Swaroop* Shree Ghanshyam Maharaj of *Aksharbhuvan* was performed From *Vaishakh Sud-3 (Akshay Tritiya)* till *Jeth Sud-15*. H.H. Shri Mota maharaj, H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj, H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj, H.H. Shri Gadiwala and H.H. Shri Mota Gadiwaala performed divine *Darshan* of the deities. With the inspiration of Mahant Sadguru Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji, the whole arrangement was made by Poojari Brahmchari Rajeshwaranandji, Parshad Ghanshyam Bhagat, Shri Labhshankarbai, Bramchari Jagdishanand, Brahmchari Apurvanand, Bramhchari Mukundanand, Poojari Swami Parmeshwardasji of Shree Ghanshyam Maharaj. (Narayan Muni Swami)

**Celebration of 2<sup>nd</sup> Bal Mahotsav in Bapunagar**

With the directions of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and in the pious company of our Future Acharya H.H. 108 Shri Vrajendraprasadji Maharaj, 2<sup>nd</sup> *Bal Mahotsav* was celebrated on 07/05/2012 in Bapunagar Karmshaktipark Shree Swaminarayan temple.

With the inspiration of Shri P.P. Swami (Naranghat), 490 children of Approach, Harshad Colony, Badrinarayan, Karmsharkipak and Hirawadi areas of Bapunagar participated in this '*Bal Mahotsav*'. H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj graced this occasion alongwith the saints Swami Laxmanjivandasji, Harikrishna Swami, Vishwaswaroop Swami and Narayan Muni Swami. The children had performed Drama, *Raas*, Speech etc. in front of H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj. At last H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj blessed all the children and Prasad was offered to all the children. The whole arrangement was made by Sadguru Shastri Swami Chaitanyaswaroopdasji (Koteshwar Gurukul). (Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal, Bapunagar)

**Celebration of 1<sup>st</sup> Bal Mahotsav in Motera**

With the directions of H.H. Achary 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and blessings of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and in the pious company of H.H. 108 Shri Vrajendraprasadji Maharaj, 1<sup>st</sup> *Bal Mahotsav* was celebrated on 06/05/2012 in Motera village.

With the inspiration of Sadguru Shastri Swami Purushottamprakashdasji (Mahant of Naranghat temple) this *Bal Mahotsav* was organized by Shree

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Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal, Motera, wherein 70 children participated. During this *Bal Mahotsav*, outdoor as well as indoor games, beautiful drama, Raas, learning *Vachanamrit* etc. programmes were performed in the pious presence of H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj. The students who secured first, second and third rank were blessed with the encouraging prizes. Sadguru Shastri Swami Vishwaswaroopdasji, Kothari Swami and Muni Swami had delivered their inspirational speeches. At last H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj blessed all the children and praised the activity of Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal. The whole arrangement was made by Sadguru Shastri Swami Chaitanyaswaroop dasji. (Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal, Motera)

**3<sup>rd</sup> Bal Satsang Shibir in Koteshwar Gurukul**

With the directions of H.H. Achary 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and blessings of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and in the pious company of H.H. 108 Shri Vrajendraprasadji Maharaj and with the inspiration of Sadguru Shastri Swami Purushottamprakashdasji (Mahant of Naranghat temple), 3<sup>rd</sup> *Bal Satsang Shibir* was organized from 27/04/2012 to 29/04/2012 in Shree Sahjanand Gurukul, Koteshwar.

In the morning on the first day of this *Satsang Shibir* organized by Shree Swaminarayan temple, Kalupur, Ahmedabad, 350 children from 30 villages to participate in the *Satsang Shibir*. H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj graced the occasion alongwith the saints and performed *Deep Pragatya* of *Shibir*. Five *Satsang* sessions were kept in the Shibir with a view to impart understanding of the principles of our original Sampradaya and to inculcate noble Samskaras among the children. Devotee Shri Naranbhai (Balva) had explained the '*Purpose and benefits of Shibir*'. In the Session of the evening, Sadguru Shastri Swami Ramkrishnadasji (Koteshwar) explained '*Need of Pooja and Kanthi and their benefits*'.

In the first session of the 2<sup>nd</sup> day, Sadguru Shastri Swami Vishwaswaroopdasji explained '*Importance of Shree Narnarayandev and History Nine Dham (Places of Pilgrimage of our Sampradaya)*'. In the 4<sup>th</sup> Session of the evening, devotee Shri Chhanabhai Saheb (Ghatlodiya) explained '*Importance of*

*Dharmkul, saints and Tradition of our Sampradaya'*. In the last and 5<sup>th</sup> Session, Sadguru Shastri Swami Chaitanyaswaroopdasji explained '*Child and Young man of Today's Modern World*'. During the Shibir, about 100 new children obtained Kanthi, understood the importance of our Sampradaya and accepted new Pooja and vowed to perform *Nitya-Pooja*. In the cultural programmes, on the first day Night Garba and on the second day *Chocolate Utsav* and *Night Jaldhara Utsav* were celebrated. Children participated in the new games organized during the *Shibir*.

H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj graced the Shibir in the evening on the first day alongwith Sadguru Mahant Swami Shasri Harikrishnadasji, Mahant Swami Devprakashdasji of Naranghat temple, Brahmchari Poojari Rajeshwaranandji, J.P. Swami, Kothari J.K. Swami and Muni Swami. H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj was very much pleased with the the children and blessed them. On the day of concluding ritual which was also attended by the parents of the participant children, H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj blessed the children and recommended for establishing new *Bal Satsang Mandal*.

During the whole programme, Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal, Bapunagar and all other Haribhaktas rendered their inspirational services. The whole Shibir was conducted by Sadguru Shastri Swami Ramkrishnadasji and Sadguru Shastri Swami Chaitanyaswaroopdasji (Koteshwar). (Shree Sahjanand Gurukul, Koteshwar)

#### **Satsang Sabha in 31 villages**

With the directions of H.H. Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and blessings of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and with the inspiration of Sadguru Swami Devprakashdasji and Nana P.P. Swami (Mahant of Naranghat temple), on completion of 31 years of our temple of Gavada village, beautiful arrangement of Satsang Sabha in 31 villages of Mansa and Vijapur places was organized. Most of the devotees of the village Gavada live in the city and urban areas. It has also been decided to celebrate 31<sup>st</sup> Patotsav (on 16/02/2013) wherein 100 families of Shree Rama would also participate. Accordingly 1<sup>st</sup> Satsang Sabha was organized at night on Saturday 22/04/2012 in village Gavada wherein Shastri Chaitanyaswaroopdasji and Shastri Kunjviharidasji narrated beautiful *Katha-Varta*.

2<sup>nd</sup> Satsang Sabha was organized at night on Saturday 28/04/2012 in village Khanusa wherein

Shastri Vishwarsoopdasji narrated beautiful *Katha-Varta*.

3<sup>rd</sup> Satsang Sabha was organized at night on Saturday 05/05/2012 in village Gerita wherein Shastri Gopaljivandasji (Unavawala) and Shastri Chaitanyadasji narrated beautiful *Katha-Varta*.

4<sup>th</sup> Satsang Sabha was organized at night on Saturday 12/05/2012 in village Pundhra wherein Sadguru Shastri Swami Narayanvallbhdasji and Sadguru Swami Devprakashdasji (Naranghat) narrated beautiful *Katha-Varta*.

5<sup>th</sup> Satsang Sabha was organized at night on Saturday 19/05/2012 in village Aajol wherein Sadguru Shastri Swami Ramkrishnadasji, Sadguru Shastri Cwami Chaitnaswaroopdasji, Shastri Kunjviharidasji and Sadguru Shastri Nana P.P. Swami narrated beautiful *Katha-Varta*. (Report of the subsequent Satsang Sabha would be published in the next issue of the magazine)

(Rameshbhai Kothari)

#### **Panchdinatmak Shrimad Satsangjivan Parayan in Thara**

With the directions of H.H. Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and blessings of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj, H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj and with the inspiration of Sadguru Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji and Sadguru Swami Jaiprakashdasji (J.P. Swami) and with the guidance of Sadguru Shastri Swami Narayan Munidasji, *Shrimad Satsangjivan Parayan* was organized from 22/04/2012 to 26/04/2012 on the occasion of *Patotsav* of Shree Balvi Mataji of Vishwa Kanabar family at village Thara in District Banaskantha. Sadguru Shastri Swami Ramkrishnadasji (Koteshwar) and Sadguru Shastri Swami Vishwaviharidasji Guru Sadguru Sadguru Mahant Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji were the spokesperson of this *Parayan*. The whole programme was organized under the supervision of the devotee Shri Natubhai Kanabar of Virdi Girwala. On 22/04/2012, H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj graced the occasion and blessed the whole Kanabar family and all the devotees and also devotee Shri Natubhai Kanabar.

On 26/04/2012 Mahant Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji of Ahmedabad temple graced the occasion and honoured the devotees Shri Natubhai Kanabar and Shri Rameshbhai Kanabar in the Satsang Sabha organized on the occasion. Ritual of *Abhishek* was performed in the morning at 7.00 hours on 26/04/2012. Devotee Shri Narbherambhai Motirambhai Kanabar family has offered land

situated near Petrol Pump in Bhabhar on Diyodar road as may be required for construction of new temple of Shree Narnarayandev Diocese. Devotees of Kanabar family residing in Thara, Bhabhar, Diyodar villages availed the benefit of *Kathamrit*.

**Following Satsang Sabhas were organized in Bansakantha**

8500 *Haribhaktas* of Diyodar village availed the benefit of *Satsang Sabha* organized on *Vaisakh Sud-7*. 500 *Haribhaktas* of Bhabhar, Thara, Deesa villages availed the benefit of *Satsang Sabha* organized on *Vaisakh Sud-9*. In these *Satsang Sabha*, importance of Shree hari and *Dharmkul* was explained. The Sabha was organized in Balvi Mataji temple, Thara and the devotee Shri Narbherambhai Motirambhai Kanabar rendered the services as the host of the *Sabha* which was attended by large number of devotees and *Haribhaktas*. With the blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj, activity of *Satsang* is going on very well.

(Rameshbhai Narbherambhai Kanabar-Bhabhar)  
**Life Time Subscription of Magazine on the occasion of Katha in Thara**

With the directions of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and with the inspiration of J.P. Swami, more than 20 devotees subscribed for life time membership of our '*Shree Swaminarayan*' magazine through devotee Rameshbhai Narbherambhai Kanabar on the occasion of *Parayan* organized at village Thara.

**Celebration of 2<sup>nd</sup> Patotsav of Shree**

**Swaminarayan temple, Navagam (Kapadwanj)**

With the directions of H.H. Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and blessings of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj, H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj and with the inspiration of Mahant Sadguru Shastri Swami Atmaprakashdasji and Sadguru Shastri Swami Purushottamprakash dasji (Jetalpurdham) and under the guidance of Sadguru Poojari Swami Gyanprakashdasji (Poojari of Shree Rangmahol Ghanshyam Maharaj), 2<sup>nd</sup> *Patotsav* of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Navagam, was celebrated with great fervor and enthusiasm on *Vaisakh Vad-5* Thursday 10/05/2012. Our Future Acharya H.H. 108 Shri Vrajendraprasadji Maharaj performed the *Patotsav* of the deities. Devotees Shri Vinubhai Chimanlal Patel, Dakshaben Vinubhai Patel, Shri Jayeshbhai Chimanbhai Patel, Ritaben Jayeshbhai Patel family rendered the services as the host of *Patotsav*. On this occasion grand *Shobha-yatra*, *Abhishek* of Thakorji, *Mahapooja* etc. were performed by H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj.

In the *Sabha* organized on the occasion, the host devotee family performed *poojan-archan-aarti* and obtained the blessings of H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj. Shastri Swami Hariomprakashdasji (Mahant of Naranpura temple), Sadguru Mahant Shri K.P. Swami (Jetalpur) Brhamchari Shastri Purnanandji (Jetalpur) and Shastri Swami Vishwaprakashdasji (Mahant of Kalol temple) delivered their inspirational speeches. At last H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj blessed the whole *Sabha*. (Shastri Bhaktinandandas-Jetalpur)

**Padyatra of Punam from Naranpura temple to Jetalpurdham**

With the inspiration and guidance of Mahant Shastri Swami Hariomprakashdasji, grand *Padyatra* from Shree Swaminarayan temple, Naranpura, Ahmedabad, to Jetalpurdham was organized on the pious day of *Vaisakh Sud-15* wherein about more than 500 devotees participated. During their *Padyatra*, all the devotees were offered Chickoo juice. At Naranpura Camp, *Prasad* of ice-cream was offered to all the devotees. On completion of *Padyatra*, all the devotees performed divine *Darshan* of Shri Baldevji Maharaj. Prem Swami of Jetpar-Navagadh also joined in the *Padyatra*. (Ghanshyambhai Patel-Uvarsad)

**Shree Swaminarayan temple, Kaliyana**

With the directions of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and with the inspiration of Shastri Swami Purushottamprakashdsji and Shastri Swami Atmaprakashdasji of Jetalpurdham, Shastri Swami Uttampriyadasji and young and enthusiastic Shastri Swami Bhaktinandandasji had arrived in Kaliyana to perform *Dharmado* and *Katha*. Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal has been encouraged for that and henceforth Dhoon would be performed in our temple on the pious day of every *Ekadashi*. With the help of Cancer Society, Blood Donation Camp was organized wherein 96 devotees donated their blood. Every donor was offered one bag for rendering their beautiful and inspirational services. (Arjanbhai Mori)

**Shrimad Bhagwat Night Parayan in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Naranghat**

With the directions of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and the whole *Dharmkul* and with the inspiration of Shastri Swami Purushottamprakashdsji and Shastri Swami Atmaprakashdasji of Jetalpurdham, renovation of inner temple of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Naranghat, is going on. With the directions of H.H. Shri Mtoa Maharaj *Akshar Nivsa* Sadguru Gavaiya Swami Keshavjivandasji had got this temple

constructed with beautiful sculpture. This is a great temple; however, during the rainy season and during the scorching heat of the summer, the devotee face great difficulties while performing *Pradakshina* of the temple. Accordingly, H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj has directed both Mahant Swami for construction of the temple as per the science of sculpture.

Accordingly, *Shrimad Satsangjivan Night Parayan* was organized from 22/04/2012 to 28/04/2012 by *Satsang Samaj* of Naranghat, Ranip, New Ranip, Nava Vadaj, Shahibaug, and Ghatlodiya. Sadguru Shastri Swami Ramkrishnadasji (Koteshwar) was the spokesperson of this *Parayan*. H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj graced this occasion and blessed all the devotees. Many devotees and Haribhaktas rendered their beautiful services for renovation work of the temple.

(Shastri Divyaprakashdasji)

**Celebration of 55<sup>th</sup> Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Lasundra**

With the directions of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendrprasadji Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and with the inspiration of Sadguru Bhandari Swami Jankivallabhdasji and Sadguru Swami Rajendrprasadji, 55<sup>th</sup> *Patotsav* of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Lasundra, was celebrated with great fervor and enthusiasm.

On this occasion, *Shrimad Satsangjivan Panchan Parayan* was organized from 09/04/2012 to 14/04/2012. Sadguru Shastri Swami Shreejiprakashdasji (Muli) was the spokesperson of this *Parayan*.

On 14/04/2012, H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj graced the concluding ritual of *Parayan* and performed *Abhishek* and *aarti* of Thakorji in Vedic tradition. In the *Sabha* organized on the occasion, saints from Ahmedabad and other places delivered their inspirational speeches. H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj blessed the whole *Sabha* and directed the Yuvak Mandal to organize *Satsang Sabha* for one day in every month.

Mahant Sadguru Shastri Harikrishnadasji of Ahmedabad temple, Sadguru Shastri Swami Narayavallbhdasji (Vadnagar), Swami Krishnavallbhdasji (Surendranagar), Swami Jagatprakashdasji, Baldev Swami (Dholera), Mukund Swami, Vishwaprakashdasji, Shreejishwaroopdasji, Shrirang Swami, C.P. Swami, Nandkishor Swami, P.P. Swami of Dholera had arrived on this occasion. The *Sabha* was organized by Sadguru Shsati Swami Vasudevcharandasji and

Shastri Yagnaprakashdasji. Services of Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal and *Haribhaktas* were inspirational. H.H. Shri Gadiwala had arrived with *Sankhya Yogi* ladies devotees to bless the ladies devotees.

(Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal- Arvind M. Patel, Lasundra)

**Rajat Shatabdi Mahotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Prantij**

With the directions of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendrprasadji Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj, H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj and with the inspiration of Akshar Nivasi Sadguru Gavaiya Swami Keshavjivandasji and with the co-operation and services of Mahant swami Prantij temple and trustees and *Haribhaktas* of the whole Prantij Desh, 125<sup>th</sup> *Patotsav* of Shee Dharm-Bhakti Harikrishna Maharaj and Shree Radhakrishnadev was celebrated with great fervor and enthusiasm on *Vaisakh Vad-5* under the guidance of Sadguru Shastri Swami Purushottamprakashdasji (Jetalpurdham).

On this occasion *Shrimad Satsangjivan Panchan Parayan* was organized and Sadguru Shastri Swami Ghansyamprakashdasji (Mahant of Mansa temple) was the spokesperson of this *Parayan*. Moreover, *125 Kundi Shree Mahavishnu Yaag* was performed and *Ved Purush* Shri Dhirenbbhai K. Bhatt was *Purohit* of this *Yaag*.

Sadguru Mahant Swami Madhavprasadji took great pain for grand arrangement of the whole *Utsav*. *Sankhya Yogi* ladies devotees had performed 51 hour *Dhoon* on this occasion.

On the first day, *Pothi-yatra* was performed from the residence of the Chief Host of the *Parayan* devotee Shri Hasmukhbhai Kachrabhai Bhavsar, whose *Deep-pragatya* was performed by the aged and learned saints.

On the second day, H.H. Shri Gadiwala graced the occasion and granted divine Darshan and blessings to the ladies devotees. On the third day in the morning, H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj graced the occasion alongwith the saints. The Committee of the Mahotsav offered an amount of Rs.1,11,111/- for maintenance expenses of Shree Swaminarayan Museum through mahanta nd Trustee devotee Shri Kanubhai Pandya. On the fourth day, our Future Acharya H.H. 108 Shri Vrajendrprasadji Maharaj graced the occasion and grand *Shobha-yatra* was performed. In the *Sabha* organized on the occasion, H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj blessed all the devotees and *Haribhaktas*.

On the pious day of *Vaishakh Vad-5*, H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj graced the concluding ritual and performed *Rajat Shatabhi Patotsav Shodasopchar Mahabhishek* of Thakorji in Vedic tradition in the temple. Thereafter, H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj performed *Shangaar Aarti* and also performed *aarti* of Thakorji in temple of ladies devotees and also performed concluding ritual of offering holy fruit in *Yagna* and performed *aarti* of *Mahamantra Dhoon*. Devotee Shri Kanubhai D. Pandya, trustee of the temple had rendered the services as the Chief Host of the *Mahavishnu Yaag*. H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj graced the Sabha of concluding ritual and blessed all the saints and the devotees. At 10.00 hours in the morning, H.H. Shri Laxmiswaroop Gadiwala graced the occasion and blessed all the ladies devotees. Sadguru Shastri Swami Harijivandasji (Mahant of Himatnagar temple) conducted the *Sabha* which was attended by the saints from various places. (Kothari Haribhai Modi)

#### **Shree Swaminarayan temple, Zulasan**

With the directions of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj, 100<sup>th</sup> Sunday *Sabha* was concluded and celebrated on Sunday 08/04/2012 with great fervor and enthusiasm.

In the morning from 5.00 to 5.45, *Prabhat Feri* of *Shree Swaminarayan Dhoon* was performed by the *Haribhaktas*. In the evening from 4.00 to 5.30 hours *Dhoon*, and at 5.30 hours, letter was sent to Shreeji Maharaj by Baloon flying. At night from 8.30 to 9.30 hours, *Haribhaktas* were appraised through Projector about the various activities of Satsang Gosthi etc. by H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and the saints. The whole village was offered *Prasad* of sweet on this occasion. The whole programme was a grand success with the beautiful services of Shree Narnarayandeve Yuvak Mandal and Haribhaktas of the village. (Prakashbhai B. Gajjar and Piyushbhai Barot)

#### **Celebration of 142<sup>nd</sup> Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Mansa**

With the directions of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and blessings of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj and with the inspiration of Sadguru Swami Jagatprakashdasji, 142<sup>nd</sup> *Patotsav* of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Mansa was celebrated with great fervor and enthusiasm.

H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj performed *Shodasopchar Mahabhishek* of Thakorji in Vedic tradition. The devotee Shri Manilal Maganlal Luvavat family rendered the services as the host of *Patotsav* and *Katha*. In the *Sabha* organized on the occasion,

the host devotee performed *poojan*, *archan* and *aarti* and obtained the blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj. At last H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj blessed all the devotees.

On the occasion of *Patotsav*, Mahant Shastri Swami Ghanshyamprakashdasji was the spokesperson of *Shrimad Bhagwat Panch Dinatmak Night Parayan*. On the last day, the host devotees rendered the services for the meals of the all the devotees.

Shyam Swami of Jetalpurdham, Kothari J.K. Swami of Ahmedabad, Vishnu Swami, J.P. Swami, Balu Swami and devotee Bharat Bhagat (Muli) had arrived on this occasion.

(Shree Narnarayandeve Yuvak Mandal and Sadhu Chandraprakashdas)

#### **Celebration of 14<sup>th</sup> Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Khoda**

With the directions of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and blessings of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj 14<sup>th</sup> *Patotsav* of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Khoda was celebrated with great fervor and enthusiasm.

On this occasion, grand *Annakut* to Thakorji and *Prasad* of meals to all the devotees were offered. At night Mahant Ghanshyam Swami of Mansa had narrated beautiful *Katha-Varta*. Gavaiya Saint Chandraprakashdas had performed beautiful *Kirtan-Bhakti* on this occasion. On this occasion devotees Shri J.D. Thakkar and Rameshbhai had arrived from Sanand.

(Sadhu Chandraprakashdas)

#### **Celebration of 7<sup>th</sup> Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Haridwar**

With the directions of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and blessings of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj and with the inspiration of Mahant Swami Shastri Anandjivandasji and under the guidance of Kothari swami Hariprakashdasji, 7<sup>th</sup> *Patotsav* of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Haridwar, was celebrated with great fervor and enthusiasm by the devotee Shri Amrutbhai Govindbhai Kandas Patel (Dangarawala). On this occasion *Shrimad Bhagwat Dasmskand Katha* was organized from 04/05/2012 to 06/05/2012 and Sadguru Shastri Swami Satyaprakashdasji (Mulidham) was the spokes person of this *Katha*. On this occasion, *Pothi-yatra*, *Jal-yatra* etc. were also organized. On the pious day of *Vaisakh Sud-15* 06/05/2012, *Shodasopchar Abhishek* of Shree Ghanshyam Maharaj was performed in Vedic tradition and beautiful *Annakut* was also performed. Sadguru Swami Vasudevcharandasji had arrived from

Ahmedabad and had blessed all the *Haribhaktas* and the host devotees.

(Kothari Hariprakashdasji)

### Inauguration of Entrance Gate of Vahelal village

With the arrangement of Vahelal Gram Panchayat, grand Entrance Gate with marble carved idol image of Shree Hari was constructed. By accepting the ardent invitation of Chaitanyadasji Swami of Vahelal temple and the leading devotees of the village, H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj graced the village and inaugurated the Entrance Gate and unveiled the idol image of Shree Hari on Sunday 22/04/2012 in the evening at 5.00 hours. Devotee Shri Hemalbhai Ravjibhai Patel rendered the services as the host of the idol image.

On this occasion, H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj performed aarti of Thakorji and blessed all the devotees in the *Sabha* organized on the occasion. On completion of the *Katha*, H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj graced the house of the devotee Shri Umeshbhai Chimanlal Patel.

(Gordhanbhai V. Sitapara)

### Celebration of 2<sup>nd</sup> Patotsav of new temple (ladies) of Harshad Colony (Bapunagar)

With the directions of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and blessings of the whole *Dharmkul* and with the inspiration of Sadguru Shastri Nana P.P. Swami and with the arrangement and guidance of devotee Shri Dasbhai and Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal, 2<sup>nd</sup> *Patotsav* of new temple of Harshad Colony (Bapunagar) was celebrated with great fervor and enthusiasm.

During this *Patotsav*, *Panchan Night Parayan* of *Dhirajakhyan* by Sadguru Nishkulanand Swami was organized from 15/05/2012 to 19/05/2012. Sadguru Shastri Ramkrishnadasji Swami (Koteshwar) was the spokesperson of this *Parayan*. Moreover, *Pothi-yatra*, *Satsang Natika* by *Bal Mandal*, *Group Mahapooja*, *Annakut* to Thakorji and *Prasad-Bhojan* to *Haribhaktas* etc. were organized on this occasion. Mahant Sadguru Shastri Harikrishnadasji Swami of Ahmedabad temple, Sadguru Brahmchari Rajeshwaranandji Swami, Mahant Swami of Approach temple and Mahant Swami Devprakashdasji of Naranghat temple had arrived on this occasion.

H.H. Shri Gadiwala graced the occasion and blessed all the ladies devotees. H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj performed concluding ritual and *Annakut Aarti* and also blessed the *Sabha* organized on the occasion.

Devotee Shri Rameshbhai Ambalal Patel was the Chief Host of *Utsav*, devotee Shri Parshottambhai Rudabhai Suhagiya was the host of *Parayan*. Many other devotees rendered their beautiful services on this pious occasion. (Gordhanbhai V. Sitapara)

### Celebration of Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Rabadiya

With the directions of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and with the inspiration of P.P. Swami (Jetalpurdham), 1<sup>st</sup> *Patotsav* of newly constructed Shree Swaminarayan temple, Rabadiya was celebrated with great fervor and enthusiasm on Vaisakh Sud-9 30/04/2012. Shastri Swami Atmaprakashdasji (Jetalpurdham), Brahmchari Purnanandji (Jetalpurdham), Shastri Swami Hariom Prakashdasji (Kalol) rendered their great services on this pious occasion. *Abhishek* of Shree Ghanshyam Maharaj, *Annakut* and beautiful *Satsang Sabha* etc. were performed on this occasion. Haribhaktas from Kothamba, Kharol, Balasinor, Meraini Muvada, Godhra, Shahera and Ahmedabad had availed the benefit of divine *Darshan* and *Katha-Varta*.

(Kotharo Harikrishnabhai Rabadiya)

### Celebration of Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Meraini Muvada

With the directions of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and blessings of the whole *Dharmkul*, and with the inspiration of Shri P.P. Swami and Shastri Swami ATmaprakashdasji (Mahant Swami of Jetalpurdham), 4<sup>th</sup> *Patotsav* of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Meraini Muvada village was celebrated with great fervor and enthusiasm on 04/05/2012. On this occasion *Abhishek* of Thakorji, *Aarti*, *Annakut* etc. were performed by P.P. Swami and Shyam Swami. P.P. Swami had narrated *Katha* on this occasion. Services for *Annakut* were rendered by Haribhaktas of Kothamba. The devotee Shri Pravinchandra Aucchavlal Kachhia had rendered the services of the host of *Patotsav*. The host devotee was honoured with garland by P.P. Swami.

(Chimanbhai Patel-Bhatwala)

## MULI – DESH

### Shrimad Bhagwat Saptah in Halvad

With the directions of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and blessings of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and with the guidance and inspiration of Sadguru Shastri Purushottamprakashdasji (Mahant of Naranghat temple), Shrimad Bhagwat Saptah *Parayan* was organized from 02/05/2012 to 08/05/2012 on the

occasion of Shree Ram Gau Sewa Trust, Halvad. Sadguru Shastri Swami Ramkrishnadasji was the spokesperson of this *Parayan*.

Accepting the invitation of the ladies devotees, H.H. Shri Mota Gadiwala graced this occasion on 04/05/2012 and blessed them all. On 05/05/2012 H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj graced the occasion and blessed all the devotees and insisted to protect the cows. Shri Pravinbhai Togadiya of Vishwa Hindu Parishad, volunteers of Bajrang Dal and volunteers and Karyakartas of other religious and social institutions and leading industrialists and politicians had also arrived on this occasion.

On 07/05/2012, H.H. Shri Laxmiswaroop Gadiwala had graced the occasion alongwith Sankhya Yogi ladies devotees and had blessed all the ladies devotees.

On 08/05/2012, H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj graced the concluding ceremony along with the saints of Ahmedabad temple. While blessing all the devotees and Haribhaktas, H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj insisted to protect the cows who is representative of our Hindustan and Indian culture. The Sabha was conducted by Shastri Swami Chaitanyaswaroopdsji (Koteshwar). Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandla and Haribhaktas of Halvad had rendered very inspirational services during the whole programme.

(Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal- Halvad)

#### **Celebration of Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Latuda**

With the directions of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and blessings of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and with the inspiration of former Mahant of Muli temple Sadguru Shastri Swami Narayanprasaddasji, 11<sup>th</sup> *Patotsav* of Shree Swaminarayan temple (ladies), Latuda was celebrated with great fervor and enthusiasm on 07/05/2012.

On this occasion *Shrimad Bhagwat Panchan Parayan* was organized from 03/05/2012 to 07/05/2012. Shastri Swami Yagnaprakashdasji (Kankaria temple) was the spokesperson of this *Parayan*. *Sankhya Yogi* devotee Shri Labhuba was the host of this *Parayan*.

On 07/05/2012, H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj graced the village Latuda and grand Shobha-yatra was organized. H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj performed Abhishek and Annakut Aarti of Thakorji. In the Sabha organized on the occasion, Sadguru Shastri Swami Narayanprasaddasji delivered the introductory speech. The host devotee and Haribhaktas who rendered their great services were honoured by H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj. At last H.H.

Shri Acharya Maharaj blessed the whole *Sabha*. The whole arrangement was made by Sadguru Mahant Shastri Swami Hariprakashdasji (Makansar) and Sadguru Shastri Swami Atmaprakashdasji (Sayla). Sadguru Swami Anandswaroopdas and Swami Hariprasaddasji had performed rearing of *Samhita Path*.

Sadguru Swami Ramswaroopdas and Swami Nirbhayjivandas had rendered the services in the kitchen. Many saints from various places had arrived on the occasion and had blessed all the devotees. Services of the *Haribhaktas* of the village were very inspirational.

(Shastri Swami Atmaprakashdasji- Sayla).

#### **Invocation of the idol images of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Wankaner**

With the directions of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and blessings of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and with the guidance and inspiration of Sankhya Yogi Kamalaba, Kokilaba and Ushaba of Surendranagar, invocation of the idol images in Shree Swaminarayan temple (ladies), Wankaner, was performed. *Shrimad Satsangi Bhushan Panchan Parayan* was organized on this occasion from 29/03/2012 to 02/04/2012. Sadguru Shastri Swami Shreejiprakashdasji (Muli) was the spokesperson of this *Parayan*. Simultaneously, Tridinatmak Hariyaag and cultural programme were also performed. On 02/04/2012, invocation of the idol images of Thakorji was performed by H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj. Sankhya Yogi devotee Jayaba and Sankhya Yogi devotee Vijayaba had rendered the services as the host of the whole programme. H.H. Shri Gadiwala had graced this occasion and blessed all the ladies devotees. Swami Ghanshyamprakashdasji (Muli) had performed *Samhita Path*. The whole arrangement was made by Mahant swami Shyam Sunderdasji of Muli and Kothari swami Krishnavallbh Swami of Surendranagar. (Shailendrasinh Zala)

#### **Satsang Sabha by Muli temple**

With the directions of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj, Mahant Swami Shyam Sundardasji of Muli temple and the saints had organized *Satsang Sabha* in the villages of Muli Desh. Accordingly *Satsang Sabha* were performed in Kharva, Rampara, Bhadreshi, Shiyani and Lilapur. (Shailendrasinh Zala)

#### **Celebration of 8<sup>th</sup> Patotsav of Ratanpur temple**

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and with the inspiration of elder saints Swami Narnarayandasji and with the guidance of Kalu Bhagat and co-operation of the

devotees and Haribhaktas, 8<sup>th</sup> Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Ratanpar was celebrated with great fervor and enthusiasm on 04/05/2012. On this occasion Panch Dintamak Katha of Vchnamrit (273) was performed by Shastri Suvratdwaroopdas. Group Mahapooja was also performed on this occasion. Saints of Muli and Surendranagar temple had also arrived on this occasion. The Sabha was conducted by Shailendrasinh Zala. (Shailendrasinh Zala)

## OVERSEAS SATSANG NEWS

### Celebration of Janmotsav of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj in Colonia temple

With the directions of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj, in the week-end *Satsang Sabha* organized on Saturday in our Shree Swaminarayan temple, Colonia, *Group poojan* of Photo-image of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj was performed. Mahant Swami had honoured the host and co-host of this occasion with garlands. The young devotees had performed *Kirtan of Nandsaints*.

Mahant Swami Gyanprakashdasji had explained the importance of *Dharmkul* and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj. The young devotees and *Haribhaktas* prepared beautiful cake and cut the cake alongwith Mahant Swami. At last *Thaal-aarti* of Thakorji were performed. (Pravinbhai Shah)

### Shree Swaminarayan temple, Houston

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj,

*Shree Hari Prakatyotsav Din* was celebrated on the pious day of *Ram Navmi* on Sunday 01/04/2012 in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Houston. At 12.00 hours *Shree Ramjanmotsav Aarti* and at 10.10 hours at night *Prakatyotsav* of Shree Ghanshyam Maharaj were celebrated. On this occasion *Haribhaktas* had performed *Kiran-Bhakti-Dhoon-Bhajan-Raas* etc.

On Friday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2012, Shree Hanuman Jayanti was celebrated by offering *Annakut. Prakatyotsav* of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj was also celebrated with great fervor by all the devotees and *Haribhaktas*. Mahant Shastri Swami Dharmkishordasji makes all the arrangements for beautiful *Katha-kirtan-Bhajan-Bhakti* of *Bhagwan*. With the blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj, activity of *Satsang* is going on very well. (President, Houston temple)

### Washington D.C. (I.S.S.O. Chapter)

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj, *Satsang Sabha* was organized in the evening from 5.00 to 9.00 hours on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2012 in Ilkrish Church wherein *Dhoon, Bhajan, Kirtan*, reading of *Vachanamrit* were performed. *Shree Hari Prakatyotsav* was celebrated on the pious day of *Ramnavmi* and *Prakatyotsav* of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj was also celebrated with great fervor and enthusiasm by performing *poojan* of photo-image of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and by cutting the cake. At last *aarti* of Thakorji was performed and all the devotees had availed the benefit of *Prasad*. (Kanubhai Patel)

## AKSHARVAAS

**Bhaupura** : Devotee Rambhai Ganeshbhai Patel (brother of devotee Shri Laljibhai Ganeshbhai Patel) passed away to *Akshardham* on 01/05/2012 while chanting the name of Shree Hari.

**Ahmedabad (Sabarmati)** : Devotee Surajben Lalbhai Patel (wife of devotee Lalbhai Shankarbhai Patel- Dhamasanawala and Former trustee) passed away to Divine Abode of God on 22/04/2012 while chanting the name of Shreeji Maharaj.

**Visatpura (Kadi)** : Devotee Patel Odhavjibhai Jerambhai (father of the devotees Shri Kanubhai and Kirtibhai) passed away to *Akshardham* on 28/01/2012 while chanting the name of Shri Hari.

**Dhrangadhra** : Devotee Premjibhai Bhalabhai Dalwadi (aged 75 years) passed away to Divine Abode of God on 16/05/2012 while chanting the name of Shri Hari.

**Kalol (Native place Delvada)** : Devotee Ishwarbhai Jivramdas Patel (aged 72 years) (younger brother of devote Manibhai (Khandwala) representative of '*Shree Swaminarayan*' magazine and ardent devotee of Shree Narnarayandev and Dharmkul) passed away to *Akshardham* on 29/04/2012 while chanting the name of Shri Hari.

**Dhrangadhra** : Devotee Ranjanben [mother of devotee Jatinbhai Thakkar (Lalabhai)] passed away to Divine Abode of God on 23/05/2012 while chanting the name of Shreeji Maharaj.

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