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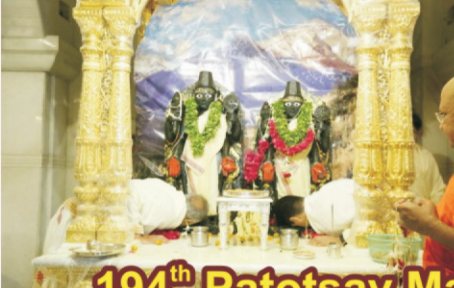
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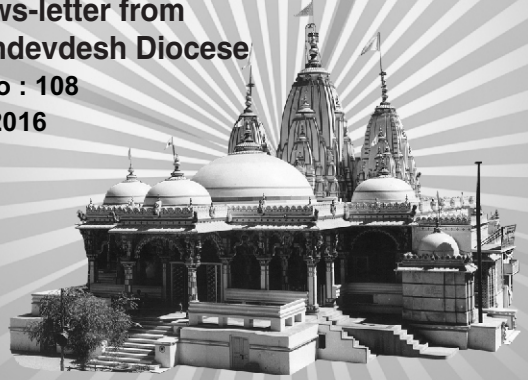


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# अस्मदीयम्

In Vachanamrit 50 of Gadhda 1st Chapter Sarvopari Purna Purshottam Shree Swaminarayan Bhagwan has stated about emancipation in life.

There are many persons who are very wise in worldly affairs but they do not take care for their emancipation; there are many persons who are very learned and erudite in religious scriptures and yet they do not do anything for their emancipation. These persons should not be construed as intelligent; but the persons who are not very intelligent in worldly matters but they take care of their emancipation such persons should be construed as intelligent. Those who are very sharp and alert for their emancipation are better than those who are alert in worldly matters.

So dear devotees if we want to ensure our emancipation, we should worship Sarvopari Bhagwan Shree Hari and we should continuously perform Dhyan, Bhajan and Smaran day and night as our real happiness lies in it.

Editor  
Mahant Swami  
Shastri Swami Harikrishnadas

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

(MARCH-2016)

1. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple Kalupur and laid open gold studded Umbara of Prasadi of Shree Narnarayandev for Darshan by devotees.
2. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Mahisa (Vasana) and performed Khatmuhrat of new temple.
3. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Kubadthal on the occasion of Patotsav Mahotsav.
5. Graced Satsang Sabha in Rajkot organized by Haribhaktas of Halar region of Muli Desh.
6. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Deodar (Banaskantha) on the occasion of Murti Pratistha of new temple.
7. Graced the houses of the devotee Shri Ghanshyambhai Manilal Thakkar and other devotees at village Bavla.
- 9-10 Graced Bhuj (Kachchh)
11. Celebrated 194th Varshik Patotsav Mahotsav of Shree Narnarayandev in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Kalupur.
12. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Adiwada.
13. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Kankaria on the occasion of Patotsav Mahotsav and Shaheer Choryasi.  
Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Motera on the occasion of re-invocation.
14. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Sapavada on the occasion of Patotsav.
16. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Approach Bapunagar on the occasion of Patotsav.
17. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Tankiya on the occasion of Katha Parayan.
18. Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Jetalpur on the occasion of Katha.  
Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Ranip on the occasion of Patotsav.
- 22-23 Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Mandvi-Kachchh on the occasion of Rangotsav.
- 24th March to 5th April Pilgrimage to Australia for nourishment of Sampradaya.



# Shikshapatri

The Epistle of Precepts

(based on Shatanand's Shikshapatri Arthadipika)

By Pravin S. Varsani

## COMMON SPECIAL DHARMAS OF ALL WOMEN (173-174)

### Text – 173

**No woman shall bathe without having clothes on and shall never conceal her periodical menses.**

***Sadhvaidhvabhischa Na Snavayam Nirambharam |***

Two shlokas conclude the additional duties for women, which apply to all women-married, widowed, and Acharya Patnis. Firstly they should never bathe naked (Nagna Snaan). To do so shows disrespect for **Lord Varuna** (God of rivers/water). **Krishna** said to the **Gopis**, when they bathed naked in the waters of Jamuna; 'You, who observe Vratas, have entered the water without clothing, and thus have insulted and shown disrespect for the God (Varuna) therein'. In similar manner, men should also not bathe without clothing, explains Shatanand.

**Suvrat Muni** says: ***Nagnasnaanam Nagnasaiyaa Manujanaam Vigarhitam*** – 'Sleeping and bathing without clothes are slanderous acts.' **Vashishta Smruti** also says, 'One should never sit upon a camel, cow or donkey. Nor should man have associations (sexual) with a women during the day, bath without clothes, walk or wander without clothes or sleep without clothing.' **Shankha Muni** explains, 'Coition during the day, bathing without clothes and looking at naked women are all atoned for by observing a full day fast (Upavas).'

***Svarajodarshanam Stribhiraopaniyam Na Sarvatha ||***

The '**Maasic Vrata**' – when a woman is upon her menstruation cycle should be observed. The reason being, during the period of menses, a woman receives a

quarter the sin of *Brahmhatya* (killing a Brahmin) from **Indra**. During the period of menses, women should observe untouchability. Those that freely touch other people subject such people from also receiving such sin of *Brahmhatya*. Even when touching utensils of the house can cause adverse effects. For this reasons, all should observe this period of untouchability during a woman's **Maasic Vrata**. This is explained further in **Rushi Panchmi Vrata Katha**.

**Shrimad Bhagwat** explains, 'In return for the blessing of always living with their husband, women accepted the fourth part of the sin of *Brahmhatya*.' Thus, this blessing was received by all women in return for acquiring the sin of *Brahmhatya* that is evident through their monthly **Maasic Vrata**. This sin is removed after she observes the three day rites. Those that do not observe the **Vrata** and keep it secret are reborn in the animal kingdom.

### Text – 174

**No woman shall touch anybody or any clothes etc. for three days during the period of menses, but can do so on the fourth day after taking a bath.**

Such a '**Rajsvala Nari**' should not touch another person of their '**Jata**' for three days. They may however touch animals. Similarly, clothing and utensils made from clay/pottery should also not be touched for three days and nights. On the fourth day, after bathing (including washing here hair), she may touch the household utensils etc.

**Bhavishyotara Purana** explains, 'A **Rajsvala** on the first day is considered a **Chandali** (the lowest kind, despicable), on the second – a **Brahmgati** (murderer of

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Brahmins), on the third – a *Dhobarna* (a washer woman) and on the fourth day she is cleansed of such impurity after taking a bath' The duties of Rajsvala are given in **Vishnudharmotara**: 'A Rajsvala, for three days, should not partake in cow's milk, yoghurt, Ghee etc. She should not decorate herself with flowers nor wear eye make-up (*Anjara*). She should not use *Kumkum* or *Chandan*, nor sleep upon a bed. She should not touch (thus should stay away from) *Agni* (fire).' **Daksha** adds, 'A Rajsvala should not perfume her body with oils, brush her teeth with *Datarna* nor wander around (i.e. go to other places or people's houses). She should refrain from bathing, eating betel leaf and sleeping during the day.'

Shatanand explains how to calculate the first day of Rajsvala dependant on when exactly *Rajodarshan* (time of menstrual cycle) take place. **Mitakshara** explains, 'If Rajodarshan occurs at night, then splitting the night-time into three equal parts, if Rajodarshan occurred in the first two parts of night-time then the previous day should be considered as the first day. If it occurred in the last third then the next day is considered the first day of Rajsvala Vrata.' Other Smrutis explain that if Rajodarshan occurs before the middle of night-time then the previous day should be considered as the first day. **Nirnayasindhu** however explains that one should act in such cases in accordance with what is accepted in the village, town, country etc.

If Rajodarshan occurs again after a short space of time then it is explained: 'If Rajodarshan occurs again after seven days then one is cleansed by merely bathing; after eighteen days, then one day of Rajsvala Vrata should be observed; after nineteen days, then two days should be observed; and if after twenty days or more then the full three days should be observed.'

Then is explained the prohibition of touch for a Rajsvala. It is even forbidden for a Rajsvala Stree to touch another Rajsvala: 'If a

Rajsvala accidentally touches another Rajsvala, then they are purified by bathing. If they touch intentionally, then they should perform Upavaas (full day fast) and partake in *Panchagavya* (five elements from a cow – including urine) for purification'. Parashar adds, 'If a Rajsvala Brahmin woman touches a Rajsvala Kshatriya woman, then the Brahmin woman should observe the complete *Ardhakrutch Vrata* and the Kshatriya woman should observe half of the same Vrata.' Thus all women of all castes should observe the Rajsvala Dharma.

**Gautama** adds that if a Rajsvala touches any other woman (not Rajsvala) or man, then the man or woman should bathe with clothes for purification: 'By touching the sinful, the lowest of persons (*Chandal*), a woman who has just delivered a child, a Rajsvala or a corpse; after cutting your hair or shaving, after sex or if one happens to smell the smoke from a burning corpse, the one should purify themselves by bathing with clothes and performing *Achmana* (sipping of water for purification).'

**Parashar** adds that if a Rajsvala has to attend a wedding, festival, Yagna etc., then she may purify herself by performing an Upavas (full day fast), and thus become free from the Rajsvala Vrata. During Rajsvala Dharma, strict celibacy should be observed and she should refrain from going to other peoples houses etc. Every year, she should observe the ***Rushi Panchmi Vrata*** in order to dissolve the sins performed during her Rajsvala days and also makes up for any faults, shortfalls and discrepancies in performing here Rajsvala Dharama.

Thus concludes the Shlokas for Grihasta men and women. Now are given the additional duties of members of the ***Tyagashram*** (those that have renounced all worldly life). These span twenty-eight Shlokas in total. Lord Swaminarayan first addresses *Naishtika Brahmcharis* and then *Sadhus*;



## LIFE SKETCH OF BRAHMA MUNI

Detail information about Sadguru Brahmanand Swami and his life before accepting Diksha is found in the book entitled "Shri Brahmanand Kavya" written by the poet Maudanji Ratnu and published before 114 years on the pious day of Fagan Sud Poonam Samvant 1958. With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Purushottamprasadji Maharaj of Ahmedabad Shri Narnarayandev Desh Gadi and H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Laxmiprasaddasji Maharaj of Vadtal Shri Laxminarayandev Desh Gadi the above said book was published by Rao Saheb Karamsidasji (J.P.) and Motilal Tribhovandas Fojdar (B.A. LL.B. Solicitor ) in Gujarati Press Mumbai. Besides the life sketch of Brahma Muni this book contains 2528 Kirtans, Doha, Chopai, Chhanda, etc... spread in 818 pages. At present, this book is not available. However, a copy was found from respect Dada Shri Mojdani Paidanji Gadhvi of village Devrasana of Mahesana District which is the village of maternal side of Brahmanand Swami. In the book the publisher has expressed his acknowledgment to some persons which includes Shastri Brahmchari Balmukunddasji of Vadtal, Sadguru Shri Haricharandasji Swami of Vadtal, Shri Ishwardas Ichharam (B.A.), Shastri Muneshwaranandji of Vadtal, Shri



Ichharam Suryaram Desai (Owner of Gujarati Press), Shri Jaishankarbhai Mahashankarbhai Raval of Lakhtar.

It is stated in this Kavi Charitra that in his Purvashram Sadguru Brahmanand Swami was Charan but looking at his Barot surname it is possible that he belonged to Bhaat Caste. His father was known as Sambhudan Gadhvi Audashia, his mother was Lalba Devi. Both husband and wife cherished utmost respect for the saints and therefore, the said who used to come to the pilgrimage of Abu Mountain range they would be certainly grace the house of this religious husband and wife. Accordingly, once Swami Ramanandji of Uddhav Sampradaya graced the house of Sambhudan Gadhvi who in turn rendered beautiful services and obtained the

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blessings and pleasure of Shri Ramanand Swami.

Accordingly on the pious day of Maha Sud Pancham Samvant 1828 a Son was born to Lalba Devi. Later on he was named as Ladudan. Right from the childhood the young Ladudan was expressing his tremendous affection towards Ishwar Bhakti

At the age of 15 years Ladudan attended the marriage function of Rana of Udaipur and in the Darbar of Rana Ladudan presented and sang Kavya created by him. Rana of Udaipur was very much impressed with the sharp intellect and poetic talent of Ladudan and with the permission of his father he was sent to Bhuj in Pingal Pathshala and all the expenses of his studies were borne by Rana of Udaipur. Ladudan studied in this school for 8 years and became master in 14 Vidyas including Pingal Shastra.

Upon completion of the studies Ladudan moved in the States of Jodhpur, Jaipur, Bikaner, Junagadh, Jamnagar and obtained great respect and gifts from the Kings of this Kingdoms. The King Vajesinh of Bhavnagar State and Darbar of Kachchh State also offered gift to the young and erudite Ladudan.

Once Bhagwan Swaminarayan graced Bhuj for some days. People of the city were discussing the miracles of Bhagwan Shri Swaminarayan. Listening to such discussions Kaviraj Ladudan went to perform darshan of Bhagwan Swaminarayan alongwith Sundarji Suthar. At that time Shri Sahjanand Swami was sitting in the Sabha in snow white clothes. The moment ladudan saw Shreeeji

Maharaj, tears of happiness started flowing his eyes and in the ecstatic mood Ladudan started singing self created Pad and he also performed Shodasopchar Poojan of Shri Hari.

Thereafter, for some days, Ladudan accompanied Shri Hari in Bhuj and everyday he used to sing new poems and obtained the praise and pleasure of Shri Hari. Thereafter, Ladudanji returned to his birth place village Khan and received respect and love and affection from his family members and the relatives. He stayed there for some time and after performing pilgrimage of Shetrunjay Mountain range Ladudan came to Palitana where he was honoured by the King. From Palitana Ladudan came to Gadhpur where he performed Divine Darshan of Bhagwan Swaminarayan. In Gadhpur Ladudan talked with Sankhya Yogi Motiba (Lalita) about importance of Purnapoorshottam. During the discussion Ladudan was so much impressed with Shri Hari that he took out from his body all his golden ornaments and offered them to Shri Hari and decided to permanently remain in the services of Shri Hari.

While performing Vicharan towards Siddhpur at village Gerita of Dandhya Pradesh of North Gujarat Shri Hari granted Maha Diksha to Ladudan Gadhvi in the year Samvat 1861 and he was renamed as Shri Rangdasji. Thus, the village Gerita is lucky to be the place where the great saint of Shree Swaminarayan Sampradaya was offered Diksha and thereby the important period of life of Swami has been written in golden words at village Gerita of Gujarat State.



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# GLIMPSES OF 20TH VARSHIK PATOTSAV OF SHREE SWAMINARAYAN TEMPLE, NARANGHAT AND SHREE GHANSHYAM MAHOTSAV.

- Shastri Swami Narayanvallabhdasji (Mahant Swami Vadnagar)

With the blessings of Sarvaavtari Ishtdev Swaminarayan Bhagwan and with the directions and blessings of 7<sup>th</sup> descendent of Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan and Shree Narnarayandev Pithadhipati H.H. Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendrprasadji Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj Shri Tejendrprasadji Maharaj and our Future Acharya H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj 108 Shri Vrajendrprasadji Maharaj and with the pleasure of H.H. Shri Laxmiswaroop Gadiwala and H.H. Shri Mota Gadiwala and with the inspiration of Sadguru Swami Devprakashdasji the disciple of Sadguru Swami Devkrushnadasji (Kathiawadi) the disciple of Sadguru Swami Laxmiprasaddasji (Marwadi) following the disciple tradition of Sadguru Sarvagyanand Swami of Ahmedabad temple, renovation of Naranghat temple was undertaken before 20 years which was started under the guidance of Akshar Niwasi Gavaiya Swami. Invocation of the idol images of Shri Dharma-Bhakti Harikrishna Maharaj was performed by H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Tejendrprasadji Maharaj. Subsequently necessary facilities were made available with the hard work of Sadguru Mahant Swami Devprakashdasji and accordingly on completion of renovation of the temple, "Shree Ghanshyam Mahotsav" was celebrated with great fervor and enthusiasm from 24/02/2016 Wednesday to 28/02/2016 Sunday. Shrimad Satsangi Bhushan Katha Parayan, 3 day Hariyag, invocation of idol images of Shree Hanumanji and Shree Ganpatiji, nagaryatra of Shree Thakorji, inauguration of newly renovated temple, maha aarti of Shree Hari, Dharmakul Poojan, Pothi Yatra, Mahabhishek of Shree Hari, Annakut Darshan, Swaminarayan Maha Mantra Akhand

Dhoon, Shree Ghanshyam Janmotsav, Medical Camp, Blood Donation Camp, Mahila Shibir, Santvani and many other cultural programmes were organised at night during this Patotsav Mahotsav under the guidance of Mahant Sadguru Swami Devprakashdasji of Naran Ghat and Mahant Sadguru Shastri Swami Purshottam Prakashdasji of Gandhingar temple, Sector-2. Sadguru Shastri Swami Ramkrishnadasji and Sadguru Shastri Swami Chaitanya Swaroopdasji (Gandhinagar) and Kothari Swami Sadguru Balswaroopdasji (Naranghat) worked hard day and night for preparation of Shree Ghanshyam Mahotsav in advance. With the inspiration of Mahant Sadguru Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji thousands of Haribhaktas and Devottees rendered their beautiful services of mind, body and money on this divine occassion.

This divine Shree Ghanshyam Mahotsav started on Wednesday 24/02/2016. In the morning 8:00 Hrs. Pothi Yatra of Shrimad Satsangibhushan Katha was performed from the house of the Chief host of the Katha devotee Shri Dahyabhai Naranbhai Patel and his wife Vimlaben Dahyabhai Patel (Mansavala) which was warmly welcomed and poojan Aarchan was performed by the learned Brahmins. Thereafter, poojan aarchan of the learned spokes persons of katha Sadguru Shastri Swami Ramkrishnadasji (Koteswar Gurukul) and Sadguru Shastri Swami Chaitanya Swaroopdasji (Gandhinagar temple, Sec-2) were performed by the Chief host of the Mahotsav devotee Shri Himmatbhai Vashrambhai Lakkad (Thaltejwala) and devotee Shri Dharmndrabhai and Manihsbhai (U.S.A.) family and the Chief host of Katha

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devotee Shri Dahyabhai Naranbhai Patel (Mansavala) and devotee Shri Mehulkumar and Pooravkumar and their brother in law Pankajmar and Dr.Pranavkumar etc. family.

Katha began with Deep Pragatya by mahant Sadguru Shastri Swami Nirgundasji of Ahmedabad temple and Saadguru Shastri Swami Nirgundasji and Sadguru Shastri Swami Bhagwatcharandasji (President, Junagadh) and Sadguru Shastri Swami Shreekrishnaswaroopdasji (K.N.Shastri, Ankleshwar) and Parshad Shri Jadavji Bhagat of Bhuj temple etc. saint Mandal. Mahant SADguru Shastri Swami Dharmnandandasji of Bhuj temple explained the importance of the pious place of Naranghat and hailed the services rendered by Mahant Swami Devprakashdasji of Naranghat temple and his saint-Mandal. Parshad Jadvji Bhagat of Bhuj temple stated that Shree Naranrayandev of Ahmedabad temple and Bhuj temple are Forms of Shree Hari only and had also hailed the services rendered by the devotees and Haribhaktas during the pious occasion of Shree Ghanshyam Mahotsav.

On 26/02/2016 Shree Narnarayandev Pithadhipati H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendrprasadj Maharaj graced the occasion. Thereafter as stated by Sadguru Shastri Swami Purushottamprakashdasji (Nana P.P. Swami, Mahant of Gandhinagar temple) and Shastri Kothari Swami Narayanmunidasji and Shastri Swami Divyprakashdasji, Mahant Sadguru Swami Devprakashdasji of Naranghat temple welcomed H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj with garland followed by welcome with garlands and poojan archan by the chief host of Mahotsav devotee Shri Himatbhai Vashrambhai family, chief host of Katha Paryan devotee Shri Dahyabhai Naranbhai Patel family and host of inauguration of inner temple Akshar Nivasi devotee Nathjibhai Iccharam Shukla and Shishya Mandal of Akshar Nivasi Ishwarlal Labhshankar Pandya and the host of Shree Ghanshyam Maharaj Patotswav devotee Shri

Poorav Dashrathbhi Patel (Chandkheda) family and the host of idol image of Shree Hanumanji Maharaj devotee Shri Prakashbhai Purushottambhai Patel family, the host of idol image of Shree Ganpatiji Akshar Nivasi devotee Rasiklal Ambalal Patel (Mokhasanwala) through devotee Shri Jayeshbhai and Sanjaybhai.

Thereafter poojan-archan of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj was performed by devotee Shri Vinodbhai Valjibhai Soni (Kenya) and devotee Shri Prashan Chandubhai Soni (London) and devotee Shri Vijaybhai Keshubhai Chauhan (Valsadwala) and devotee Shri Valji Karshan Hirani family (Nairobi) and leading devotee Shri Harshadbhai Kasturchand Zinzuwadia of Satsang Mandal of Bhalja Saheb and the chief host of Yagna Akshar Nivasi devotee Kantilal Dinanath Maharaja family and all other host devotee families and they also obtained the blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj.

H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj explained the importance of the place of pilgrimage of Naranghat temple and praised the services rendered by Mahant Sadguru Swami Devprakashdasji and Nana P.P. Swami and all other devotees and Haribhaktas. Spokesperson of Katha Sadguru Shastri Swami Ramkrishnadasji narrated beautiful Katha.

On 27/02/2016 Acharya of Yagna Shri Ashwinbhai Trivedi initiated Shree Hari Yaag alongwith other Brahmins. In the morning at 8.30 hours Gaudan Poojan and in the evening at 3.00 hours grand Nagaryatra was organized from Ranip temple upto Katha-Mandap. Every night various cultural programmes were being organized during this pious Shree Ghanshyam Mahotsav. Sadguru Swami Baldevprasaddasji, Sadguru Swami Harij3evandasji and adguru Shastri Swami Suvratswaroopdasji0Muli and Sadguru Shastri Swami Vishwaswaroopdasji and Brahmchari Swami Mukundanandji had performed



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beautiful Kirtan-Bhakti.

In the early morning on 28/02/2016 our Future Acharya H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj H.H. 108 Shri Vrajendraprasadji Maharaj performed Mahabhishek of deities. Thereafter Annakuotsav was organized. On the pious day of concluding ritual, Mahant Swami and the host devotees performed poojan-archan and obtained the blessings of our Future Acharya H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj.

H.H. Shri Laxmiswaroop Gadiwala graced the occasion. Devotee Shri Ushaben, the wife of chief host of Mahotsav devotee Shri Himatbhai Lakkad and devotee Shri Vimlaben the wife of the chief host of Katha devotee Shri Dahyabhai Patel and devotee Shri Kokilaben Baldevbhai Patel of Kukarwada performed poojan-archan and obtained the blessings of H.H. Shri Laxmiswaroop Gadiwala. On this occasion, Ganga Swarop Maniben Bholabhai Patel (Viharwala) and the wives of the host devotees performed poojan-archan and obtained the blessings of H.H. Shri Laxmiswaroop Mota Gadiwala.

on 28/02/2016 the day of concluding ritual H.H Shri Mota Maharaj graced the occasion and performed poojan of Vyaspith and Spokesperson and performed aarti of concluding ritual of Katha-Parayan. Thereafter in the sabha organized on the occasion devotee Shri J.J. Patel (Viharwala) and his sons devotees Shri Vishalbhai and Shri Abhishekbhai performed poojan-archan and obtained the blessings of H.H Shri Mota Maharaj. Thereafter learned saint and Mahant Sadguru Shastri Swami Harikrishndasji of Ahmedabad temple explained the importance and history of Naranghat temple and praised the services rendered by Mahant Sadguru Swami Devprakashdasji of Naranghat temple, Mahant Sadguru Nana P.P. Swami of Gandhinagar temple and their disciple saint-mandal and the devotees and Haribhaktas.

On this occasion, spokespersons of Vyakhyanmala Sadguru Shastri Swami

Narayanvallbhdasji (Mahant of Vadnagar temple) and Sadguru Shastri Swami Suryaprakashdasji (Muli), Sadguru Shastri Swami Vedantswaroopdasji (Bhuj), Sadguru Shastri Swami Radharamandasji (Junagadh), Sadguru Shastri Swami Hariswaroopdasji (Gadhda), Sadguru Shastri Swami Narayancharandasji (Vadtal), Sadguru Shastri Swami Siddheshwardasji (Ahmedabad) and Sadguru Shastri Swami Kunjviharidasji delivered their beautiful lectures during the Vyakhyanmala.

On this occasion saints had offered a Letter of Praise with shawl to Sadguru Mahant Swami Devprakashdasji and Sadguru Mahant Shastri Swami Purushottamprakashdasji (Nana P.P. Swami). On this occasion, Shastri Swami Vrajbhushandasji (from USA), the disciple of Sadguru P.P. Swami conveyed the best wishes on this pious occasion. Swami Bhanuprakashdasji of Naranghat temple and Swamii Paramhansdasji of Gandhinagar temple rendered their beautiful services. On this occasion Sadguru Brahmchari Swami Rajeshwaranandji (Poojari of Shree Narnarayandev) had rendered beautiful services even in the smallest matter. Sadguru Shastri Swami Nirgundasji and Mahant Sadguru Shastri Swami Atmaprakashdasji of Jetalpur temple and Sadguru Shastri Swami Shreejiprakashdasji (Hathijan) and Sadguru Shastri S.P. Swami of Gadhda had praised the whole programme. Mahant Sadguru Shastri Swami Guruprasaddasi of Kankaria temple and Sadguru Shastri Swami Anandprasaddasji and other saints.

Sadguru Swami Haricharandasji (Kalol), J.P. Swami, Kothari J.K. Swami, Shastri Narayanmunidasji of Ahmedabad temple, Raju Swami, Dharmswaroop Swami (Nathdwara), Baldev Swami (Bapu), Shree Vallabh Swami, Mahant Mukund Swami of Haridwar, Kothari Vraj Swami of Muli, Yuvak Mandal of Naranghat, Natu Swami Krishnavallabh Swami of Muli, and Shishya Mandal of Mahant Swami

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of Charadava had rendered their beautiful services during the Mahotsav.

**Host of poojan of Saints :** Pravinbhai Patel Chaturbhai family through Bhagwatiben (Mansawala).

**Host of poojan of Sankhya Yogi ladies devotees :** Patel Lelaben Kanubhai Choksi family, America (Dinguchawala)

**Host of poojan of Shree Narnarayanev Dhvaj Dand-Kalash:** Akshar Nivasi devotee Amthiben Atmaramdas Patel family through Narendrabhai (Dangarwa)

**Host of poojan of Shree Ghanshyam Maharaj Dhvaj Dand-Kalash:** Akshar Nivasi Chandubhai Odhavjibhai Soni family through Ranjanben America

**Host of poojan of Shree Ganpatiji Dhvaj Dand-Kalash:** Patel Soni Prahantbhai Chandubhai family (London)

**Host of poojan of Shree Hanumanji Dhvaj Dand-Kalash:** Soni Vinodbhai Valjibhai family (Kenya)

**Host of poojan of Shree Dharmdev-Bhakti Mata Dhvaj Dand-Kalash:** Akshar Nivasi Samrathben Odhavjibhai Soni family through Prafullbhai (Jambiya)

**Host of Prasad of noon of first day:** Ghanshyambhai Ganeshbhai Patel family (Viharvala)

**Host of Prasad of noon of second day:** Ambica Castwell Pvt. Ltd. Patel Gordhanbhai and Laljibhai, Amrutbhai Vishnubhai Patel (Ahmedabad)

**Host of Prasad of noon of third day:** Akshar Nivasi Nathiben Kalidas Narsidas Patel family, Gandabhai Amrutbhai Vishnubhai (Gulabpuravala)

**Host of Prasad of noon of fourth day:** Akshar Nivasi Rukhiben Prahladbhai Somnath Patel family (Rajpurvala) through Ravindrabhai, Bharatbhai, Amitbhai.

**Host of Prasad of noon of fifth day:** Akshar Nivasi Patel Bhaktibhai Atmaramdas family (Dangarvala), Akshar Nivasi Patel Kamleshbhai Bhaktibhai.

**Devotees rendering services for construction of inner temple:** (1) Sankhya Yogi Meghnaba Guru Kanba (Gadhpur) through Akshar Nivasi Jayantibhai Arvindbhai (2) Akshar Nivasi Gopalbhai Devji Pindoria (Kachchh-Australia) through Vishrambhai (3) Valji Karsan Hirani (Nairobi) (4) Govindbhai Khimjibhai Patel family through Sharadbhai (5) Akshar Nivasi Nathjibhai Shukla and Akshar Nivasi Ishwarbhai Pandya Shishya Mandal Rajeshbhai, Bhagvatbhai, Harivadanbhai (6) Dhanji Nanji Halai family (7) Khimjibhai Shamji Jesani (London) (8) Dhanji Lalji Pindoria family (9) Laxmanbhai Bhimjibhai Raghvani, Premjibhai Bhimjibhai Raghvani, Akshar Nivasi Kanjibhai Bhimjibhai Raghvani family (Badadiya) (10) Akshar Nivasi Nathiben Kadidas Narsidas Patel family (Gulabpura), Gandabhai, Amrutbhai, Vishnubhai (11) Akshar Nivasi Naranbhai Mohandas Dairyvala family (Dangarvavala) (12) Akshar Nivasi Jasuba Jaidevbhai Brahmhatt through Dr.Manojbhai Brahmhatt (13) Akshar Nivasi Rukhiben Prahladbhai Somnath Patel family (Rajpurvala) through Ravindrabhai, Bharatbhai, Amitbhai (14) Patel Sendhidas (Kundalvala) through Rakeshbhai (15) Mulji Lalji Varsani (Samatra-Kachchh) family (16) Shaileshkumar Govindbhai Patel (Mokhasanvala) (17) Akshar Nivasi Prafulbhai Dahyabhai Thakkar through Jaiminbhai (18) Sankalchand Chhaganbhai Patel (Morarji-Vihar) (19) Suryaben Girishbhai Patel through Ketanbhai (Rajpur) (20) Laljibhai Karsanbhai Rabadiya (Nairobi) (21) Naran Manji Kerai (Badadiya) through Kantibhai (22) Shree Swaminarayan temple, Kundal-Kadi. All Hari Bhaktas (23) Hareshbhai Vrajlal Soni (Nairobi) (24) Akshar Nivasi Somabhai Virchanddas Patel family (Itadara) (25) Girishbhai Sankalchandbhai Patel (Vihar) (26) Ganga Swaroop Shardaben Prabhudas Manek through Jayeshbhai (Dhrangadhra).



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The pious day of Fagan Sud-3 is a great day like Diwali for our Satsang and all our Satsangi Devotees, because on this day, Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan got constructed first ever temple of our sampradaya in Ahmedabad and invoked the idol images of Shree Narnarayandev. And after 189 years, 6<sup>th</sup> descendent of Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan – our H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj had offered the gift of the first ever Shree Swaminarayan Museum of Sampradaya. Upon completion of 5 years, Pancham Varshikotsav of the Museum was celebrated in this year. Every year on the pious day of Patotsav of our Museum, Mahapooja and Abhishek are performed in the presence of Three Other Forms of Shri Hari. Apart from this, Divine grand Satsang Sabha was also organised in Gopi Farm of Ognaj Area of Ahmedabad City in this year. Saints and Haribhaktas from overseas countries and many villages of Narnarayandev Desh had attended this sabha. First of all Museum and its various inside places were shown in LED Screen on the stage. Thereafter, Mahant Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji of Ahmedabad Kalupur Temple and other saints addressed the sabha wherein importance of Shri Narnarayandev and importance of things of Prasadi of Shri Hari was narrated followed by honouring the host devotees. Devotees Shri Karshanbhai Raghvani and Shri Parshottambhai (Dasbhai) were honoured by H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj on this pious occasion.

Shastri Swami Purshottamprakashdasji and Shastri Swami Nirgundasji, who imparted their great contribution for identifying and authenticating Things of Prasadi of Shreeji Maharaj in accordance with the scriptures, were also honoured by H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj on this pious occasion.

- Praful Kharsani

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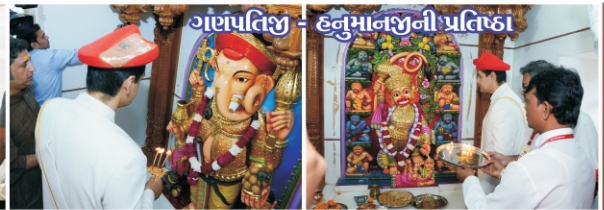
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**List of devotees who rendered their services under Shree Swaminarayan Museum Maintenance Bhet Vojna March-2016**

Rs.51,000/-	Devotee Shri Raghuvirbhai Navinchandrabhai Amin-Navarangpura.	Rs.5,000/-	Devotee Shri Rameshbhai Ambalal Patel-Sabarmati through Ushaben Rameshbhai Patel
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Rs.11,000/-	Devotee Shri Arvindbhai Donga-Bapunagar.	Rs.5,000/-	Devotee Shri Upendrabhai Baldevbhai Soni-Viramgam.
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Rs.6,000/-	Akshar Nivasi Devotee Shri Dudhiben Mohanbhai Patel-Ahmedabad.	Rs.5,000/-	On the occasion of offering Patla during Pancham Varshik Utsav.
Rs.5,000/-	Akshar Traders through Kirtibhai-Ahmedabad.	Rs.5,000/-	Devotee Shri Narendrabhai R. Bhavsar-Gandhiangar.
Rs.5,000/-	Devotee Shri Gordhanbhai Chankubhai-Morbi.	Rs.5,000/-	In the memory of Akshar Nivasi Vajabha and Jivama (Balolvala) through Laxmanbhai Jivabhai Chavda, presently at Memnagar.
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02/03/2016	Shri Vihan Pritesh Omprakash Kashav, Adelaid-Australia through P.P.Swami (Nana).
06/03/2016	Sakarben Atmaram Patel-Shahpur through Vindobhai
07/03/2016	Shri Ghanshyamdas Somdas Patel (Dalal-Dangaravavala) through P.P.Swami (Nana)
11/03/2016	Group Maha Pooja on the occasion of Pancham Varshikotsav of Shri Swaminarayan Museum-Chief Host Devotee Shri Jaswantlal Kantilal Modi family.
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15/03/2016	Shri Naranbhai Chunilal Patel-Ranip.
20/03/2016	Shri Kantibhai Bhagwandas Patel-Deusanavala on the occasion of marriage of Jayendrabhai through P.P.Swami (Mota).
31/03/2016	Shri Mavjibhai Pindoria-London.

10 gram, 20 gram, silver coins of Shree Narnarayandev are available at Shree Swaminarayan Museum for offering it on pious occasions and for personal preservation.

**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.

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બધું લાલી લેખે

- Shastri Haripriyadasji (Gandhinagar)

On various occasions, devotees like Sura Bapu and Brahmanand Swami used to narrate Katha-Varta in front of Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan. There was flavour of humour coupled with the truth in the narration of Brahmanand Swami. Once Brahmanand Swami told to Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan : “જગતના જીવને બધું લાલીના લેખે જાય.” In reply Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan asked Brahmanand Swami to explain the above saying in detail. With the great pleasure Brahmanand Swami started narrating Katha as under:

In one village, a husband and wife were residing. They had only one daughter and therefore they loved their only child-daughter very much. They used to purchase clothes, ornaments for their children and were hopeful of getting her married in a grand manner.

But in life, everything does not happen as per our expectations. In an accident the daughter of this family passed away. Now the husband and wife could not this shocking blow in their life and they were crying continuously day and night. All people came to give them consolation by narrating all types of worldly things.

A thief came to know about the unhappy incident and plight of the condition of the parents. He came with a view to take away all ornaments and precious clothes. He came there and talked with the wife when husband was out of house. He told her that he roams around in the whole universe and he also visits Swarga (heaven) where their daughter is residing at present. He also told the wife that her

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daughter was asking for the parents and their wellbeing. She was also asking for the golden ornaments and clothes which her parents had purchased for her.

At this, the wife offered all the golden ornaments and clothes to the thief and ardently requested him to give the ornaments to her daughter. Taking all the valuable things and golden ornaments, the thief ran away. After some time, the husband returned home. The wife narrated him everything. At this the husband became angry and told his wife that nobody can go to the heaven and that the person had cheated her and had taken away all the golden ornaments and all the valuable things.

The principle and the message to be learnt from this short story is that, a man runs after worldly things and pleasure for the whole of his life and ultimately does not get divine happiness. If we do not use our money and wealth properly and if we do not take proper care of it, the people like the thief of the above story are waiting to take away the same from us.

So dear friends! Just remember not to waste this invaluable human life in worldly affairs and use it for some noble work and

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services to Ishwar and performing Bhakti of Bhagwat and in doing some benevolent deeds.

### TO OBTAIN BLESSINGS

#### - Narayan V. Jani (Gandhinagar)

If the village is an interior place of the district and people have to cover long distance of walking to get a pot of water, and a few can understand this situation who may have experienced it. This type of difficulty of drinking water was being faced by one village. This situation was existing for many years.

The Sarpanch and other leading persons of the village got together to solve this issue permanently. With the support of the wealthy persons, the tools were purchased and the young people of the village started digging the well at the outskirts of the village.

After the hard work of the months, water was seen in the well. It was a day of festival for the villagers. All people thronged together at the outskirts of the village to watch the water of the water.

The elder people standing beside the well overheard the discussion going on between the well and the pot. The well was telling the pot that, the pot cannot take away the water from the well because continuous taking out of the water would

make the well empty and the well would be robbed of the natural beauty of water which it was having.

At this the pot told the well that, it is true that the water is the natural beauty of the well but the water is meant to be used by the people who need it. If the water is not used and would lying in the well, it would start stinking and it would become dirty and polluted over a period of time. On the contrary if the water would be used by the needy, the new water would come out from the inner source of the ground water lying beneath the well. This would make the water as well as the well clean and usable. The well was now convinced of the logical and convincing talk of the pot and allowed the pot to take away the water from it.

Dear friends ! the lesson we learn from this story is that, whatever knowledge and wealth we may possess, it is meant to be used for the society. Our Ishtadev Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan has directed in the pious 'Shiksha Patri' that we should pass on our learning and knowledge teach to others which we may have obtained from our Guru.

We should propagate noble ideas and conduct and Bhakti and Satsang for the well being of the society. If we do so, we would be happy in our life and we would get emancipation in our life.

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BHAKTI-SUDHA

FROM THE BLESSINGS OF H.H. SHRI  
GADIWALA ON THE OCCASION OF  
SATSANG SABHA OF EKADASHI,  
KALUPUR TEMPLE-HAVELI 'WHO IS  
KNOWN AS GYANI ?'

- Compiled by Kotak Varsha Natvarlal-  
Ghodasar

A person who knows the difference between Satya and Asatya is said to be Gyani. If milk and water mixed with each other, one cannot identify and differentiate them from outside. Only by tasting the pure milk and mixed milk one can perceive the difference. Only Hamsa (swan) can differentiate it. The bird can take out only milk and only water would remain in the container.

Similarly, a person who is Gyani, can differentiate between Satya and Asatya and he can perceive and identify the truth very easily. This is due to his awakened soul. We cannot see our Atma. But our Atma can see and perceive everything. Our Atma is non-perishable whereas our body is perishable.

There is a famous story of Nachiketa and Yamraja narrated in Kathopanishad. When Nachiketa performs Tapa and obtains the pleasure and boon of Yamraja, he asks Yamraja to give him knowledge of

Atma. Yamraja replies that, he would offer him all the wealth of the world but he cannot give him the knowledge of Atma. At this reply, sharp and intelligent Nachiketa understands the value of knowledge of Atma and insists for the same. At last, Yamraja agrees and imparts him divine knowledge of Atma.

So the thing is that, this Atma Tattva is very subtle and it is spread in the whole world. If you look inside minutely, Atma is One. But strange thing is that people behave differently. This is due to their choice and selection and preference in their life. The electricity is the same but its usage is different. At one place it keeps the place cool if used in A.C. and at other place it keeps the place hot if used in Room Heater. The same electricity joins the parts if used in welding tools and it may also break the iron if used for that purpose.

Atma Tattva is like Sun-light. The clouds may come and go but they cannot change the quality of the sun-light. Similarly, the affections and feelings and our choices and preference in our life may vary but it cannot change the essential quality of our Atma Tattva.

So we should always try to listen to the voice of our Atma and should try to follow it

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as it would never misguide us. On the contrary our Atma would provide us real and genuine guidance which we need during our critical times.

### PEACE

#### - Sankhya Yogi Kokilaba (Surendranagar)

What is peace ? is it the absence of noise and voice ? or is it tranquillity ? The real peace comes from within when we are at ease from within, when we are healthy, when we are satisfied with whatever we are having in our life. So peace comes from our stability of mind. It cannot be imposed by any outside force. It is not peace when a student is silent due to the fear of the teacher. It is not peace when people do not go out of their house during the time of curfew.

Peace brings charm on our face and it is the best tool and means to purify our inner self which we can do by performing Gyan and Bhakti of our Ishtadev.

Once Shri Hari was sitting in Darbar of Gadhpur. At that time Mukht Muni came to

Maharaj and asked Him to narrate how they can obtain peace in their life. Shreeji Maharaj smiled and asked Mukhtanand Swami to go to Ahmedabad and to bring mangoes from it. Maharaj told Mukhtanand Swami that despite performing Charitra of Bhagwan Shree Hari, he was not satisfied and did not get peace and therefore, he wanted to find peace by relishing the mangoes.

Now, Mukhtanand Swami understood what Maharaj wanted to say and thereafter, he started narrating Charitra of Shreeji Maharaj which has been referred in Vachnamrut-58 of Gadhada Middle Chapter.

Thereafter for the whole of his life, Mukhtanand Swami created the scriptures of the Sampraday and he understood that peace comes from having divine tuning and communion with our Aatma. So we should nourish and develop peace in our life as it is Life of prayer. We can get peace by surrendering ourselves and performing Bhajan Bhakti without any expectations.

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## 194<sup>th</sup> Patotsav of Shree Narnarayandev

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 Harikrishnadasji, 194<sup>th</sup> Patotsav Mahotsav of Shree Narnarayandev was celebrated with great fervor and enthusiasm.

On this occasion Shrimad Satsangibhushan Panchanh Parayan was organized from 07/03/2016 to 11/03/2016 with Sadguru Shastri Swami Nirgundasji as spokes person. The Host Devotee Shri Bhagwanbhai Nagarbhai etc.. family had vailed the benefit of the pious ritual of Yagna.

On the pious day of Fagan Sud-3, the host family had performed poojan-archan of deities under the guidance of Brahmin. Early in the morning from 6.30 onwards the ritual of Shodasopchar Mahabhishek of Shree Narnarayandev, Shri Dharmadev Bhaktimata, Shri Harikrishna Maharaj and Shri Radhakrishna Dev was performed in Vedic tradition. Thousands of devotees of Desh-Videsh availed the benefit of divine darshan of this pious occasion.

In the Sabha organized on the occasion, Poojan-archan-aarti of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj was performed by the Host Akshar Nivasi devotee Shri Nagarbhai Gordhanbhai Patel, Akshar Nivasi devotee Chanchalben Nagarbhai Patel and Akshar Nivasi devotee Vasantaben Patel Family of village Khakhariya-Visatpura (At present Ahmedabad) with the inspiration of Akshar Nivasi Sadguru Swami Shri Haridasji, Akshar Nivasi Sadguru Swami Svayamprakashdasji etc Saint Mandal

On this occasion Sadguru Mahant Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji, Mahantswami Guruprasaddasji of Kankaria temple, Mahant Swami Shyamsundardasji of Muli, Uttam Swami (Bhuj), Anand Swami (Vastral) S.P. Swami (Gadhpur), Hariom Swami (Naranpura) and on behalf of the Host devotee family

devotee Shri Vasudevbbhai Lavjibhai Patel narrated importance of Shree Narnarayandev. At last H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj blessed the whole Sabha.

The Sabha was conducted by Sadguru Shastri Swami Ramkrishnadasji (Koteswar) and Shastri Swami Narayanmunidasji. At last H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj performed Annakut Aarti.

(Shastri Swami Narayanmunidasji).

## Celebration of Shree Narnarayandev Jayanti Fuldolotsav in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Ahmedabad

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and the whole Dharmkul and under the guidance of Sadguru Mahant Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji of Kalupur temple, on the pious day of Fagan Sud-15, 23/03/2016, devine traditional Fuldolotsav was celebrated by thousands of devotees and Haribhaktas and saints in the temple premises of Shree Swaminarayan Temple, Kalupur in the pious company of our future Acharya H.H. Shri 108 Shri Lalji Maharaj Shri Vrajendraprasadji Maharaj. Under the guidance of Sadguru Mahant Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji his saint mandal of J.P.Swami, J.K.Swami, Muni Swami had made beautiful arrangements. With the inspiration of Sadguru Brahmchari Swami Rajeshwaranandji devotee shri Ghanshyambhai Shah family rendered the services as the Host of Fuldolotsav and obtained the blessings and pleasure of H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj. (Shastri Swami Narayanmunidasji).

## Celebration of Pancham Varshikotsav of Shree Swaminarayan Museum

Wwith the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj Pancham Varshikotsav of Shree Swaminarayan Museum was celebrated with a great fervor and enthusiasm.

On the pious day of Fagan Sud-3 in the noon from 2:30 to 4:30 Hrs. group Mahapooja was organized in the back side of Maunmanir of

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Museum in the pious company of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj whose benefit was availed by more than 300 devotees.

In the evening from 5 to 7 Hrs. divine Satsang Sabha was organized in Gopi Party Plot of Ognaj area of Ahmedabad city in the pious company of the whole Dharmakul. About more than 150 saints from various places had arrived on this occasion and delivered their inspiration speeches explaining the importance of Museum and Dharmakul.

The Chief Host of Varshikotsav Akshar Nivasi Kantilal Motiram Modi family and Shri Jaswanbhai and all other Host Devotees of Mahapooja and Mahant and Kothari of temples with dome and Hari Mandir were honoured on this occasion. Devotee Shri Karsanbhai Raghvani and Devotee Shri Parshottambhai Shekhpura (Dasbhai) were also honoured by H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj on this occasion.

H.H. Shri Laxmiswaroop Mota Gadiwala also graced this occasion and blessed the ladies devotees. Live telecast of this utsav was conducted by Lakshya Channel.

(Gordhanbhai V. Sitapara)

### **Varshik Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan Temple Approach (Bapunagar) and inauguration Mahotsav of new entrance gate.**

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 Laxmanjivandasji, 11<sup>th</sup> Varshik Patotsav of Approach temple was organized from 12/03/2016 to 16/03/2016 alongwith inauguration Mahotsav of new entrance gate towards National Highway No.8.

As a part of Utsav and with the Co-operation of Host Devotees 11 Grand Satsang Sabhas were organized in the Societies of the area. In each of this Sabha more than 800 Haribhaktas performed Dhoon-Kirtan followed by inspiration Speeches of the same. On this occasion one Padyatra was organized from approach temple and Kankaria temple to Jetalpur which was concluded by the Sabha wherein more than 500 devotees participated. Another Padyatra was organized from Approach temple to Museum wherein 200

devotees participated and obtained the blessings of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj.

On this occasion Panchanha Parayan of Haribalgita by Sadguru Nishkulanand Swami was organized with Kothari Swami Harikrishnadasji as spokesperson. In the pious company of H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj, group Mahapooja was organized on 13/03/2016. On this occasion H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj inaugurated newly constructed "Avadh Bhuvan" and blessed all the devotees and Host devotees.

In the morning on 16/03/2016, Abhishek of Panchamrut, fruit juice and kesar jal was offered to Shri Ghanshyam Maharaj. H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj graced the occasion and inaugurated the new entrance gate and also performed the concluding ritual of Katha and Annakut Aarti and thereafter honoured the host devotees and blessed all the devotees in the Sabha organized on the occasion. Saints from Ahmedabad (Kalupur), Jetalpur, Muli, Surendranagar, Gandhinagar (Sector-23), Kankaria, Naranpura, Idar, Himatnagar, Prantij, Morbi, Charadva, Pethapur, Vehlal, Sapavada, Vankaner, Ranjitgadh, Makansar, Aatkot, Vanzar, Nikol and Mahadevnagar temples had arrived on this occasion.

H.H. Shri Laxmiswaroop Gadiwala and H.H. Shri Laxmiswaroop Mota Gadiwala graced the occasion and blessed all the ladies devotees. On this occasion blood donation camp and cultural programme and night and Bhojan-Prasad were organized. Kothari devotee Shri Rameshbhai Khichadiya of the temple and Shri Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal had rendered their beautiful services within the whole Patotsav Mahotsav.

(Gordhanbhai Sitapara)

### **Patotsav Mahotsav and Shaheer Choryasi in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Kankaria**

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj, H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and the whole Dharmkul and with the inspiration of Mahant Sadguru Shastri Swami Guruprasaddasji and Sadguru Mahant Shastri Swami Anandprasaddasji, Varshik Patotsav of Thakorji and Shaheer Choryasi and Katha Parayan were celebrated with great fervor and occasion.



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On this occasion, Sapta Paryan of Shrimad Bhakta Chintamani by Sadguru Nishkulanand Swami was organised from 07/03/2016 to 13/03/2016 with Sadguru Shastri Swami Bhaktinandandasji (Jetalpurdham) and Sadguru Shastri Swami Vishvaswaroopdasji as spokesperson. Pothi Yatra was organized from the House of the Host devotee upto Kankaria temple wherein large number of Saints and Haribhaktas participated. H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj graced the occasion and Sabha and blessed all the devotees and explained the importance of Bal Swaroop Kastbhanjandev established by Aadi Acharya Shri Ayodhyaprasadji Maharaj and thereafter performed Aarti of Thakorji.

H.H. Shri Gadiwala and H.H. Shri Mota Gadiwala blessed the occasion and granted the benefit of divine darshan to all ladies devotees. Poojari Swami and Dev Swami used to offer Beautiful Vagha to Thakorji on each day of Mahotsav. Large Number of Devotees avail the benefit of Group Mahapooja organized during this Mahotsav.

Shri K.P. Swami, Bhanu Swami, Narottam Bhagat and Nirubhai Thaker had rendered inspirational services in the kitchen. On the pious day of Shaher Choryasi Saints from various places had offered Prasad and Dakshina Bhet to thousands of Brahmins. Shri Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal and Mahila Mandal and elder Haribhaktas rendered their beautiful services on this divine occasion. (Jigneshbhai-Shri Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal, Kankaria)

### **Laghu Rudra Yaag in Shree Swaminarayan Temple, Naranpura.**

With a direction and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and under the guidance of Mahant Swami of Naranpura Temple, Laghu Rudra Yaag was organized on the pious day of Maha Shivratri on Mahas Vad-13. Devotee Shri Mahendrabhai Bhailalbai Patel family rendered the services as Host and devotee Shri Rasheshbhai and Jigneshbhai rendered the services as Co-Host of this divine occasion.

Shastri Madhav Sawami, Mahant Swami, Trustee Devotee Shri Dashrathbhai, Ghanshyambhai (Kuva), Rameshbhai Dudhwala, Rajubhai, etc Saints and

Haribhaktas remain present at the time of concluding ritual of Laghu Rudra Yaag. This beautiful Yagna is being organized for the last 4 years. (Kothari Mayur Bhagat)

### **9<sup>th</sup> Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Ghatlodia**

With the blessings of Shree Hari and with the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj, H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj 9<sup>th</sup> Patotsav of Thakorji of Shree Swaminarayan Temple, Ghatlodia, was celebrated with great enthusiasm. H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj performed Shodasopchar Abhishek in Vedic tradition. On this occasion Ratri Katha was organized with Shastri Swami Hariomprakashdasji, Shastri Chaitanya Swami and Shastri Kunjivihari Swami as spokespersons. In the Sabha organized on the occasion H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj blessed all the devotees and performed Annakut Aarti of Thakorji. Saints from Ahmedabad, Chhapaiya, Idar, Kalol, Gandhinagar, Bapunagar, Sokli etc.. places had arrived and delivered their inspirational speeches

The Host devotee of Patotsav devotee Shri Arvindbhai Somabhai Patel (Mokhasan-at present America) family performed Poojan-Archan Aarti and obtained blessings of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj. Kothari, All Haribhaktas and Yuvak Mandal rendered their beautiful services on this divine occasion. (Chetan Patel- Shri Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal)

### **Shrimad Bhagvad Parayan in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Jivrajpark.**

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj, Shrimad Bhagvad Parayan was organized at Shree Swaminarayan temple Jivrajpark from 06/03/2016 to 12/03/2016 with Sadguru Shastri Swami Chaitanyaswaroopdasji (Gandhiangar) as spokes person with the noble sankalp of devotee Shri Dahiba Narsinhbhai Patel in the memory of Akshar Nivasi Narsinhbhai Patel and Akshar Nivasi Devendrabhai. All the festivals during Parayan were celebrated with great enthusiasm H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj graced the concluding ritual of Parayan and blessed all the devotees.

On this occasion Mahant Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji of Kalupur temple, Dev Swami of Naranghat temple and Shastri P.P. Swami of Gandhinagar temple had arrived and blessed

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all the devotees. All the arrangements were made by Shri Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal and sabha was conducted by Bharatbhai Thakkar. (Kothari- Jivrajpark Temple)

### **Shree Swaminarayan temple, Bopal.**

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and Dharmakul beautiful satsang activities are being organised in our Shree Swaminarayan temple, Bopal. Satsang Sabha is being conducted on every Wednesday by Shri Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal wherein Dhoon-Kirtan-Shikshapatri and Vachnamrut (273) are being performed regularly.

In the Sabha of February Month, basis principles of our Sampraday for characteristics of Ekantik Bhakta such as Dharma, Gyan, Bhakti and Vairagya were explained and inspirational gifts were offered to all young devotees by Kothari of temple. Thus, with the blessings of Dharmavanshi beautiful Satsang activities with involvement of devotees is being organized by the temple. (Kothari - Bopal)

### **Murti Pratishtha Mahotsav, in our new Shree Swaminarayan Temple, Deodar (Banaskantha)**

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj, H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and the whole Dharmakul and with the inspiration of Mahant Sadguru Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji of Ahmedabad temple and with the support and co-operation of devotees of Deodar and nearby villages second temple has been constructed in Banaskantha District at Deodar.

As a part of Murtipratishtha Maha Mahotsav various religious programmes were organized from 02/03/2016 to 06/03/2016. On this occasion Shrimad Satsangi Jivan Panchanha Parayan was organized with Sadguru Shastri Swami Ramkrishnadasji (Koteswar) as spokes person.

Devotee of the village had rendered their beautiful services for construction of temple and also during Mahotsav devotee Shri Dilipbhai Dhanani (Rangoli family) rendered special services on this occasion.

During the utsav Pothi Yatra, Shri Ghanshyam Janmotsav, Pratishtha, Yagna, Nagar Yatra of Thakorji, various types of

Medical Camps and cultural programmes at night were organized.

During the utsav, H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Gadiwala had graced the occasion and blessed all the Haribhaktas and ladies devotees on 06/03/2016 H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj graced the concluding ritual of Mahotsav alongwith H.H. Shri Gadiwala.

In the construction work of temple Mahant Dev Swami of Naranghat temple and devotee Shri Satishbhai Engineer (Jivrajpark) had rendered their beautiful services. Mahant Shastri Shri P.P.Swami of Gandhinagar, Shastri Swami Narayanvallabhdasji of Vadnagar, Bramchari Poojari Swami Rajeshwaranandji, J.P. Swami (Bhandari), Kothari Shri J.K. Swami and Mahant of Nathdwara had arrived on this occasion and blessed all the devotees.

Mahant Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji, Dev Swami Shastri Vishvavihari Swami, Nilkhanth Swami, Shastri Kunjviharidasji, Haripriya Swami, Natu Swami Shastri Divyaprakash Swami etc.. Saints had remained present on all the 5 days of Mahotsav. Services of devotees of Bhabhar and Tharad villages and of Narnarayan Yuvak Mandal, Deodar were inspirational.

The Sabha was conducted by Sadguru Shastri Swami Narayanmudasji and Sadguru Shastri Swami Chaitanyaswarupdasji (Gandhinagar). (Kothari – Deodar)

### **Murti Pratishtha Mahotsav in Shree Swaminarayan Temple, Modasa.**

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj, H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and the whole Dharmakul and with the inspiration of Sadguru Mahant Swami Akhileshwardasji, Murti Pratishtha Mahotsav of Shri Swaminarayan temple, Modasa was celebrated with great enthusiasm.

On this occasion Tree Dinatmak Maha Vishva Yaag, Panch Dinatmak Shreemad Bhagwat Saptah Parayan were organized by Sadguru Mahant Shastri Swami Hariomprakashdasji as spokesperson. Saints from Ahmedabad, Bhuj, Muli, Vadtal, Gadhpur, Jetalpur, Junagadh had arrived on this occasion and delivered their inspirational



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speeches. Nagar Yatra of Thakorji and Shobha Yatra of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj were also organized in the city of Modasa.

The ritual of invocation of the idol images was performed by H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj in Vedic tradition. Similarly concluding ritual of Katha and Vishnu Yaag were performed by H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj. During the Utsav Kothari Sarveshwardas Poojari Vishveswardas Shastri Vishvaswaroopdasji Vishnu Swami and in the kitchen Madhav Swami, Muktraj Swami, etc.. saints had rendered their beautiful services. Similarly, volunteer young devotees rendered their beautiful services.

The Sabha was conducted by Mahant Shastri Swami Hariprakashdasji of Makansar, Mahant Shastri Premprakashdasji of Himatnagar and Shastri Vishvaswaroopdasji. Shastri Swami Harikeshavdasji, Shastri Swami Purshottamprakashdasji of Jetalpur, Sadguru Mahant Shastri Swami Harikurshnadasji, Mahant Brahmchari Swami Vasudevanandji, Shastri Swami Narayanprasaddasji of Muli and Shastri Swami Uttamcharandasji of Bhuj had delivered their inspirational speeches and at last H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj blessed all the devotees.

During the occasion Kothari Kantibhai Prajapati, Rajnibhai, Naranbhai, Amratbhai, Rasikbhai, Harshilbhai, Hasmukhbhai, Mukeshbhai and Jasubhai Patel and Mohanbhai from Madhavagadh, Chandreshbhai and Dineshbhai from Bayad had rendered their Beautiful services, devotee Shri Hareshbhai Patel and Jaswantbhai Patel of Vaktapur rendered their services of Sound, Lighting and Mandap Services. At last Kothari Kantibhai Prajapati delivered the vote of thanks.

(Poojari Vishveshwardas)

### **Gurumantra Mahotsav in Shree Swaminarayan Temple, Gandhinagar (Sector-2)**

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and with the inspiration of Sadguru Mahant Shastri P.P.Swami and with the co-operation of Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal, Gurumantra Mahotsav was organized on Sunday 07/02/2016 in Shree Swaminarayan Temple, Gandhiangar. Devotee Shri

Maheshbhai Nandubhai Patel through Kaushalbhai (Adalaj) family rendered the services as a Host of this Mahotsav.

463 youngsters of 47 villages obtained Gurumantra and became devotees of Shri Narnarayandev Gadi and they were offered Kanthi and Pooja and they were blessed by H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj. Sabha was conducted by Shastri Chaitanyaswaroop Swami. (Kothari, Gandhinagar Temple)

### **1<sup>st</sup> Varshik Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan Temple, Vijapur.**

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and with the inspiration of Sadguru Mahant Shastri P.P.Swami and with the co-operation of all satsangi families 1<sup>st</sup> Varshik Patotsav of the temple was celebrated on 21/02/2016. Ratri Satsang Dayra was organized on this occasion wherein Shastri Chaitanya Swami and Vraj Swami had blessed all the devotees. On the occasion of Patotsav devotees of nearby villages availed the benefit of Divine Darshan of Abhishek of Thakorji, Annakut Darhan and inspirational speeches of the Saints.

On this occasion, Mahant Swami of Kalupur Temple and Mahant Shri Dev Swami of Naranghat had arrived and inspired the devotees. (Kothari, Vijapur)

### **Suvarna Kalash Mahotsav of Shree Hanumanji Temple, Rauta (Vali Desh)**

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and with the inspiration of Mahant Swami Devprasaddasji of Vali Temple and Kothari Swami Hariprasaddasji for the first time H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj blessed Rauta village. Temple of Shree Hanumanji established by Akshar Nivasi Sadguru Swami Bhaktinandandasji was in dilapidated condition and therefore its renovation was got done by Shastri Swami Vijayprakashdasji.

Accordingly, H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj performed ritual of re-invocation of idol images and Suvarna Kalash and Dhaja and Maruti Yagna were organized whose benefit was availed by thousands of devotees. (Mahant Sadhu Premprakashdas – Himatnagar)

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### Temple, Vihar.

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and with the inspiration of Mahant Swami Devprakashdasji of Naranghat Temple and Mahant Shastri P.P. Swami of Gandhinagar temple, 9<sup>th</sup> Varshik Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan Temple, Vihar was celebrated with great fervor and enthusiasm on 01/03/2016.

Devotee Shri Bholabhai Vitthaldas Patel through Mukeshbhai and Jitendrabhai etc family hand rendered the services as a Host of Patotsav. H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj graced the occasion along with Saint Mandal and performed Abhishek Aarti of Thakorji in both the temples and graced the Sabha organized on the occasion wherein Mahant Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji of Kalupur Temple etc Saints delivered their inspirational speeches followed by the blessings of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj. On this occasion services of Yuvak Mandal and Mahila Mandal were inspirational. (Shastri Chaitanyaswarupdasji, Gandhinagar)

### Khat Mahurat of new Shree Swaminarayan Temple, Unjha (Panchvati).

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and the whole Dharmakul and with the inspiration of Sankhyayogi Hansaba and Vanitaba – the disciples of Akshar Nivasi Sankhyayogi devotee Shri Gauriba (Dhrangadhra), Khat Mahurat of new Shree Swaminarayan temple was performed by H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj on 25/02/2016 in Panchvati Area of Unjha.

Devotees Shri Satishbhai Govindbhai Patel (Nugra) rendered the services as the Host of this divine occasion many other Haribhaktas rendered the services of their money, body and mind. Saints from Approach-Bapunagar, Muli, Surendranagar, Halvad, Naranpura, Siddhpur, Kalol Gurukul, Mahesana and Vali etc.. places had arrived and delivered their inspirational speeches. At last H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj blessed all the devotees. (Kothari Shri, Unjha)

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### Murti Pratistha in Shree Swaminarayan temple at village Panshina

With the direction and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and the whole Dharmkul and with the

inspiration of Sadguru Mahant Swami Shyamsundasdasji renovation-cum-construction work of the grand temple was completed at village Panshina the birth place of Akshar Nivasi Sadguru Shastri Swami Gopalcharandasji and Akshar Nivasi Sadguru Dhyani Swami. Accordingly, Murti Pratistha Mahotsav was celebrated with great fervor and enthusiasm. On this occasion Shrimad Bhagwat Panchanah Parayan was organized from 04/03/2016 to 08/03/2016 with Sadguru Shastri Swami Suryaprakashdasji as the spokesperson. Purani Swami Ghanshyamprakashdasji and Balswaroop Swami were the spokespersons of Samhita Path. On this occasion, Hari Yaag, Annakut of Thakorji, cultural programme at night, lecture series, Nagar yatra etc. were celebrated. On 08/03/2016 ritual of Pran-Pratistha of Thakorji was performed by H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj in Vedic tradition.

In the Sabha organized on the occasion, saints delivered their inspirational speeches and at last H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj blessed the whole Sabha. Large number of saints and Sankhya Yogi ladies devotees from various places had arrived on this divine occasion. The Sabha was conducted by Mahant Swami Bhaktinandandaji of Morbi temple.

The whole arrangement was made by Kothari Swami Krishnavallbhdasji, Mahant Swami Devprakashdasji (Naranghat), Vraj Swami, Harikrishna Swami, Gopaljivan Swami and Gyan Swami. (Shailendrasinh Zala)

### Celebration of Shatabdi Mahotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Patdi

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj, Shatabdi (100 years) Mahotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Patdi of Muli Shree Radhakrishnadev was celebrated with great fervor and enthusiasm from 16/02/2016 to 20/02/2016.

On this occasion Shrimad Satsangjivan Panchdinatmak Parayan was organized with Sadguru Shastri swami Shreejiprakashdasji (Hathijan Gurukul) as spokesperson. On this occasion, Nagar Yatra, Shree Hari Yaag, Shree Ghansham Janmotsav, Gadhi Abhishek, Vivah of Shree Rampratapi Maharaj etc. utsav during



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Katha and cultural programmes at night were organized.

H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj graced the occasion on the last day, performed Shatabdi Patotsav Abhishek and Annakut Aarti of Thakorji. H.H. Shri Laxmiswaroop Gadiwala had also graced the occasion and blessed all the ladies devotees.

Saints and Sankhya Yogi ladies devotees from various places had arrived on this divine occasion. Devotees of 10 villages including Patdi had rendered their beautiful services on this divine occasion. During the whole programme with the inspiration of Sankhya Yogi Shantaba, Sankhya Yogi Hansaba and Sankhya Yogi Ranjanba and under the guidance of Kothari Swami Krishnavallbhdasji all the Haribhakta and ladies devotees rendered their beautiful services.

(Kothari Naransinh B. Parmar, Patdi)

### OVERSEAS SATSANG NEWS

#### I.S.S.O. America, Peoria Chapter

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj, grand Shakotsav was organized on Sunday 07/02/2016 in our ISSO Peoria Chapter of America whose benefit was availed by many devotees. Nilkanth Swami (Hyustan) had narrated Katha by phone.

On the pious day of Vasant Panchmi on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2016, poojan-archanaarti and reading of 212 Shlokas of Shiksha Patri was performed by children. Shastri Yagnaprakashdasji from Chicago had explained the importance of Shiksha Patri through telephone. (Rameshbhai Patel)

#### Shree Swaminarayan Hindu temple, Auckland (New Zealand)

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadj Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj, Shiv Mahotsav was celebrated with great fervor and enthusiasm in our Shree Swaminarayan temple, Auckland on the pious day of Shivratri. More than 50 devotees availed the benefit of Mahapooja

organized in our temple on this pious occasion. More than 2500 devotees availed the benefit of Darshan-poojan of the deity on this pious occasion. For the last four years, about 07 youngsters of Punjab-Hariyana have been rendering their services. During this Utsav, all these 07 youngsters had rendered their beautiful services in the morning from 6.00 to 11.00 hours at night.

Chairman of our temple devotee Dr. Kantibhai Patel has been inspiring all other devotees and Haribhaktas. Saints of Bhuj temple had also arrived on this occasion and narrated Katha-Varta. (Shastri Tusharbhaji)

#### Shree Swaminarayan temple Chhapaiyadham Parsipenny (America)

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj, all Haribhaktas had performed Dhoon and Kirtan of Shivratri in the Sabha of Shivratri organized during the weekend in the pious company of Mahant swami Satyaswaopdasji. The host and co-host devotees had performed poojan-aarti and availed the benefit of Abhishek.

Mahant Swami had narrated the importance of Shivratri Parva. Devotee Shri Mahendrabhai had made the announcement that the next Patotsav would be organized in the pious presence of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj. (Pravin Shah)

#### Shree Swaminarayan temple, Hyustan

With the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and H.H. Shri Lalji Mahaaaj, Shiv Ratri Mahotsav was celebrated in the evening from 6.00 to 8.00 hours on 7<sup>th</sup> march 2016 in our Shree Swaminarayan temple, Hyustan with the inspiration of Mahant swami Bhakti Swami and Nilkanth Swami. The host family had performed poojan-aarti and availed the benefit of Abhishek. In the Sabha, the saints had narrated the importance of Shivratri. On this occasion, the host devotees were honoured by the Saints. (Pravin Shah)

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(1) Fuldolotsav in our Detroit temple. (2) Shivratri Mahotsav in our Auckland (New Zealand) temple (3) H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj performing Pran Pratistha in Dhansura temple. (4) H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj performing Annakut Aarti of Thakorji in Ghatlodia temple on the occasion of Patotsav. (5) H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj blessing the Satsang Sabha of Haribhaktas of Muli Desh in Rajkot. (6) H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj performing Abhishek of Thakorji in Patdi temple on the occasion of Shatabdi Patotsav. (7) H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj performing Bhoomi Pujan of new temple at Village Mahisa.



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