

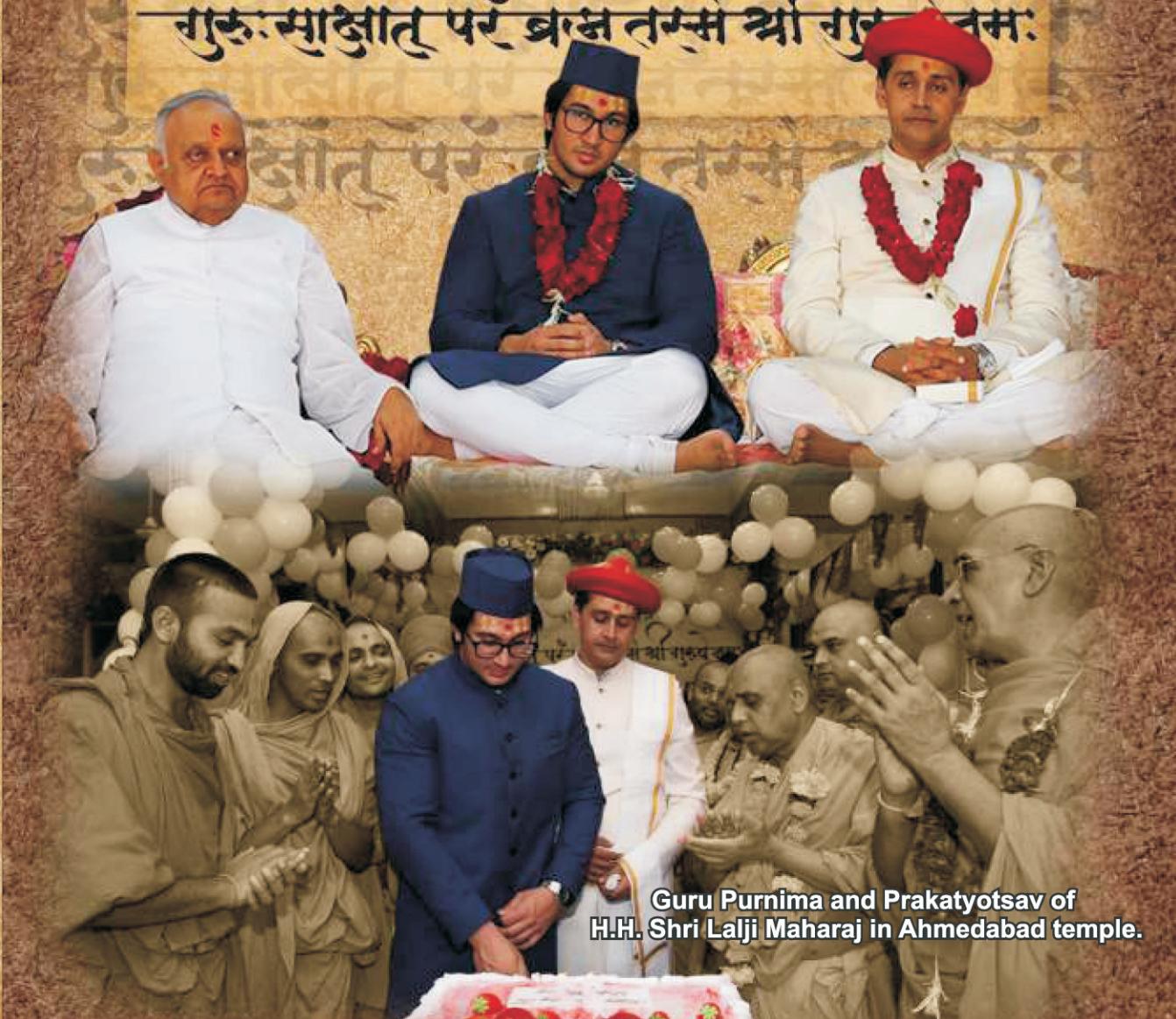
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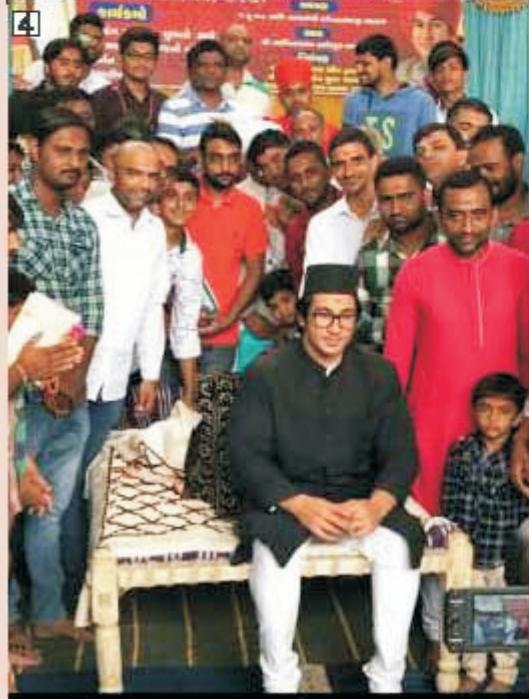
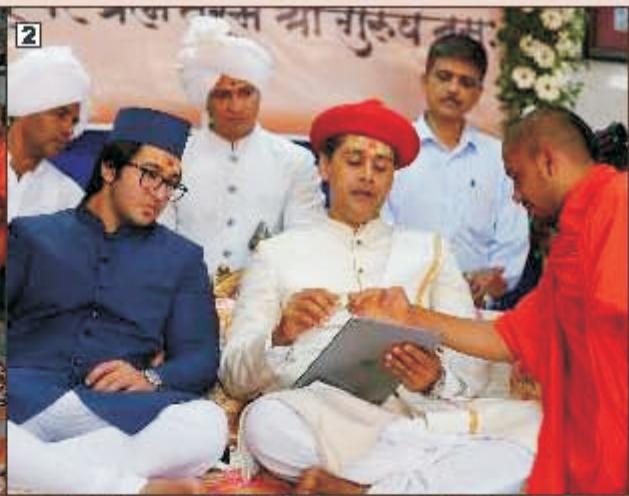
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Guru Purnima and Prakatyotsav of
H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj in Ahmedabad temple.



(1) Host devotee of Guru Purnima Mahadev and Prakatyotsav of H.H. Shri Laiji Maharaj obtaining the blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj alongwith his family. (2) Two new App. Kirtan and Nitya Niya by Kalupur temple being launched by H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Laiji Maharaj. (3) Hindola and Rathayatra Darsan In front of Shree Narayanadev in Ahmedabad temple. (4) 'Face to Face with H.H. Shri Laiji Maharaj' programme of interaction organized on 14/07/2018 at Belva wherein youngsters of Mansa and about 22 nearby villages participated and participants of 'Kirtan Seminar' were inspired by offering gifts and tree-plantation programme was also organized. (5) H.H. Shri Laiji Maharaj performing ritual of Pratiasha of Suryanarayandev in Colonia temple.

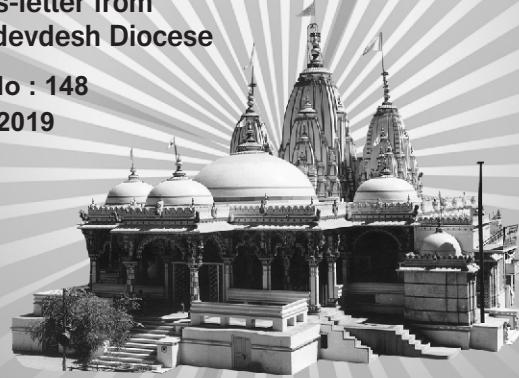


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अस्मद्विष्ट

Our country India is considered in the world as country of spiritual culture and heritage. ParbrahmaParmatma selected our country for His incarnation. This is the country of Rishi-Munis and Sadhu-Saints. One needs to perform much Tap-Sadhan in order to take birth in our country - such is the great our country.

Recently scientists of ISRO of our country achieved an extraordinary achievement. Upon successful landing of Chandrayan-2, our country became the first country to land on South Pole of the Moon and became the fourth country to reach upto the land of the Moon. Really it is a matter of pride for all the countrymen of our country. The moon is situated at the distance of about 3,844 lac k.m. from the land of the Earth. Chandrayan will reach in the orbit of the Moon on 19th of August and will revolve round the Moon upto 31st of August. This is the talk about our successful technology. Today's scientists should read our Vachnamrit regarding geography and astronomy written about before 200 years.

All our devotees celebrated Guru PurnimaMahotsav with great fervour and enthusiasm and performed poojan-archan of our present H.H. ShriAcharyaMaharaj of our Shree Narnarayandev Pith and simultaneously also celebrated in advance 22ndJanmotsav of our Future Acharya.



It was a memorable and unique experience for those who witnessed the people and the devotees thronged together in our Kalupur temple on the pious occasion of Guru Purnima. It was a working day and there was difficulty of traffic and parking and yet while looking at the people, with how much love and affection are sitting SarvopariDev, Gadi and Saints in the hearts of the devotees. At present HindolaUtsav of Thakorji is going on and a series of such Utsavs will continue upto Diwali whose divine Darshan should be performed by all the devotees and Haribhaktas.

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

(JULY - 2019)

- 3 Vicharan in America for nourishment of Satsang.
- 7 Graced Shree Swaminarayan temple, Hansville (America) on the occasion of Murti Pratistha.
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- 16 Dharmkul - Guru Poojan and celebration of 22nd Janmotsav of H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj by all the saints and devotees in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Kalupur on the pious day of Guru Purnima.
- 25 to 29 Shree Swaminarayan temple, Harrow (London) on the occasion of Patotsav.



APPOINTMENT DIARY OF H.H. SHRI LALJI MAHARAJ

(JULY - 2019)

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LALDAS GORA

- Sadhu Purushottamprakashdas (Jetalpurdham)

Reading and listening of Katha of SatsangiShiromaniHaribhaktaShriLaldas Gora among the devotees and Muktas of Ahmedabad City very useful and nourishingin the history of our Sampradaya because such devotees are considered as idol and ideal for all other devotees. How many difficulties were faced by such Haribhaktas for attaining BhagwatPrapti? He maintained ardent faith and Bhakti even during the most trying and critical times and became an expert in rendering his devout services to Shree Hari. One should perform divine Darshan of Kul-Parampara of such Haribhaktas. Research has been made here about some of the life incidents of a r d e n t d e v o t e e o f S h r e e HariShriLaldasJoitaram Gora of Navavaas of Ahmedabad who was considered one of the richest persons of Ahmedabad. In the Books of Barot, his surname was Mehta before four generations and his ancestors were known as VisavanikVaishnav in Bhinmaal of Rajasthan. In Samvat 1740 Dada Chandiyadas Mehta was residing in Asarwa, Ahmedabad and was writing Accounts books. Among his ancestors were Joitadas- the father of Laldas, Chandiyadas – the father of Joitadas, Bhimdas – the father of Chandiyadas andGoshdas – the father of Bhimdas. Due to name and fame of Gorabapa, the surname 'Gora' was suffixed at the end of the names of his successors. After one or two generations, it was stopped to write surname 'Mehta' and instead the word 'Gora' started to be written as surname after their names. And therefore people used to call the ardent devotee as Laldas Gora. The king of Ahmedabad had very good relations with Laldas Gora. He was very simple and straightforward person who

also insisted for the truth and therefore he had earned good name and fame as very close and favourite persons of the king.Being pleased with the family, the king had granted Bakshish of collecting revenues of 84 villages to Chandiyadas and therefore, their family was rich having name and fame both. Some of the family members of Dada had come and settled in village Bahiyal. Joitadas Gora - the father of Laldas had come and settled in Asarwa in the year 1805 A.D. a new house was built and there they started living. Laldas was born in the year 1830 A.D. BhaktarajLaldas Gora became famous as ardent devotee right from his childhood due to Punya and rich heritage of his family inherited by him. Honesty, simplicity and ethics were in his DNA and he had inclination towards Pooja, Path, Satsang, Bhajan etc. and resultantly whenever any auspicious or religious utsav would be organized and celebrated anywhere in the city, Laldas was simply rushed there to attend it. Nobody could perceive in Laldas Gora even an iota of pride as belonging to a very rich and famous family. Once Ramanand Swami – Guru of UddhavSampraday graced the house of devotee Ambaben situated in Astodia area. By performing divine Darshan and listening to the words of Swami, Laldas believed that, he would not get such a Sadguru anywhere else in this Kaliyug and so he became an ardent devotee of UddhavSampraday. For the time Ramanand Swami would stay in Ahmedabadd, Laldas Gora would just leave aside all his work and would come to avail the benefit of Satsang. It is surprising that, LaldasGora was considered as one of the rich persons and yet Ramanand

Swami would never ask for money from him either directly or indirectly. Laldas Gora cherished special affection that, such a Nispruhi (unattached) Sadhu would not be found anywhere in the whole Brahmand. During this time, when DamodarBhakta, Kuberdas etc. were introduced with Swami and it was specially referred that Laldas Gora is a very rich person. Then Ramdas Swami would reply that, he is a person who plays Damaru and would just avoid such talks. Subsequently after Ramanand Swami SarvavatariSahjanand Swami became the next Guru of Sampradaya. At that arose difference of opinion among the disciples and some of them did not accept Sahjanand Swami as their Guru and they separated themselves. Sadhu Raghunathdas of Ahmedabad was one of them. He tried his best to deviate the devotees from mainstream of UddhavSampradaya; however, Laldas Gora cherished an unshaking faith and devotion in UddhavSampradaya and therefore he continued to render his ardent and devout services.

SarvavatriSwaminarayanBhagwan embraced the idol images of Shree Narnarayandev and got constructed first ever temple of Sampradaya in Ahmedabad and invoked the idol images of Shree Narnarayandev and celebrated great Utsav. All tyagi-Grihi devotees and ladies devotees were invited and Sadguruslike Muktanand Swami were also called and invoked the idol images of Shree Narnarayandev in the presence of all. ShreejiMaharaj called Anandanand Swami and asked him whether there is sufficient money in Kothar to feed all Brahmins on this pious occasion, Anandanand Swami replied that the money in Kothar is not sufficient to meet with the expenses. Then at the instructions of ShreejiMaharaj, Anandanand Swami called Laldas Gora and asked him how much money he was

having? Laldas Gora told that, he had seven thousand rupees. When ShreejiMaharaj asked him whether he was willing to give that money to meet with the expenses for feeding the Brahmins? Laldas Gora went home and asked for the permission of the family members to give that money for the purpose. Upon getting permission, LaldasGora brought seven thousand rupees from home and offered the same at the lotus like feet of ShreejiMaharaj. ShreejiMaharaj was very much pleased and invited all the leading devotees and asked them to organize ShaherChorasi on the pious day of Fagan Sud-05. On the day of ShaherChorasi, JeramBrahmchari and Nanabhai Mehta etc. were called and all the devotees were suggested to render their services for this divine occasion. Devotees started rendering their services to Kothari Prabhashanker Dave and LadhaThakkar. When both of them counted the money received in devout service, it was seven thousand and half rupee. ShreejiMaharaj called Laldas Gora and seven thousand rupees were returned to him. Thus, expenses of ShaheriChorasiduring that time was seven thousand rupees. Among the rich devotees of Sampradaya are known the names of Laldas Gora of Ahmedabad and BhagaDoshiSheth of Botad. Madanlal was the son of Laldas Gora and Keshavji Gora was the son of Madanlal. This Keshavji Gora rendered his ardent services to Shree Narnarayandev. The place of Prasadi where all devotees performed poojan-archan of ShreejiMaharaj and rendered their services of seven thousand rupees has been developed and our AadiAcharyaShriAyodhyaprasadjiMaharaj has established the idol image of BalswaroopKastbhanjandev which is situated in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Kankaria – Rambaug.

HEY PRABHU – ENLIGHTEN THE WHOLE WORLD

- Shastri Nirgundasji (Ahmedabad)

अष्टपदीयम् योगानन्दमुनिकृतम्
जलधरसुन्दर मदनमनोहर हृदयतमोहर कृष्ण हरे ।
वृषकुलभुषण दलितविदूषण दिव्यविभूथण दिव्यगते
॥
जय जय जयकर दीनदयाकर जगतिदिवाकर दिव्यपते
॥१
निजनरंजन भवभयभंजन मुनिनिरंजन भक्तरते ।
मुनिजनमंडन विषयविखंन खलजनदंडन दंडविधे ॥जयजय..॥२
असुरनिकंदन सुरवृष्टनंदन चर्चितचंदन मुक्तमुने ।
भवजलतारण दोषनिवारण मंगलकारण मुक्तपते ॥जयजय..॥३
सरसिजलोचन जनिमृतिमोचन रविशशिरोचन रागिरते ।
असुरविमोहन सुरसुखदोहन वारणोहण शीघ्रगते ॥जयजय..॥४
निजहितशासन शापविनाशन हयगरुडासन सादिवृते ।
दुर्गपुरासन भक्तनिवासन भुजितकुवासना भक्तरते ॥जयजय..॥५
रचितनिजावन भक्तविभाजन पंक्तसुपावन पुण्यपते ।
शंकुरु शंकर वैरिभयंकर धर्मधुंधर योगिगते ॥जयजय..॥६
खंडितचंडं पंडितमंडं जितपाखडं दंडभटम् ।
कंपितकालं वृषकुलपालं वरवनमालंपीतपटं ॥जयजय..॥७
श्रितसुखकंदं बोधितमंदं सहजानंदं त्वधिभजे ।
कुरु तव दासं चरणनिवासं त्यक्तकुवासं योगमुनिम् ॥जयजय..॥८

While performing Stuti and requesting his IshtadevBhagwan ShreeSwaminarayan, Yoganand Muni stated that, Bhagwan You are hailed everywhere in the world and therefore please kindly destroy the darkness in the form of Agyan lying in the hearts of Jeev of this Jagat and grant them Light in the form of Gyan so that all these Jeevs can ensure their emancipation and they can burn KutsisVasan as of Vishayas from their hearts and can hold Your divine Form. How wonderful is the divine Form of Bhagwan

has been described in this Ashtak.

जलधरसुन्दर मदनमनोहर हृदयतमोहर कृष्ण हरे ।

वृषकुलभुषण दलितविदूषण दिव्यविभूथण दिव्यगते
॥

जय जय जयकर दीनदयाकर जगतिदिवाकर दिव्यपते
॥१

ShriYoganandMuni himself has performed NityaDarshan of divine and wonderful Swaroop of Bhagwan and now he has described how is this Divine Swaroop – whose human body is dark like newly accumulated clouds of the month of Ashadh, whose swaroop is so beautiful that, even Kaamdev is also attracted. I am there in the hearts of Jeev since Aadikaal and my Swaroop is such which destroys even Agyan, who has been named Shree Krishna by Markandey Muni and whose another name is Shree Hari. Who removes all Doshas of the devotees seeking His shelter and who always wears divine clothes and ornaments. Who always grants divine blessings that meansAtyantik Moksha to the devotees and by seeking Whose shelter, Jeev of this Jagat are hailed everywhere. You grant divine Light in the form of Gyan to the whole world, who is Adhipati of divinity and who is very much benevolent upon all wretched and poor people and such is My IshtadevBhagwan Shree Swaminarayan who is hailed everywhere.(1)

निजनरंजन भवभयभंजन मुनिनिरंजन भक्तरते ।

मुनिजनमंडन विषयविखंन खलजनदंडन दंडविधे ॥
जयजय..॥२

Who always grants divine pleasure to devotees seeking His shelter, who destroys the fear of death and birth and who grants divine pleasure to the whole world. Who loves all His devotees ardently who narrate

the importance of Maunvratdhari Rishis and Tapasvis. Who always destroys MaayikPanch-Vishay, who punishes the sinners cherishing AsuriVritis and who propagates various types of punishments meant for such persons and by seeking Whose shelter, Jeev of this Jagat are hailed everywhere. You grant divine Light in the form of Gyan to the whole world, who is Adhipati of divinity and who is very much benevolent upon all wretched and poor people and such is My IshtadevBhagwan Shree Swaminarayan who is hailed everywhere. (2)

असुरनिकंदन सुरवृष्टनंदन चर्चितचंदन मुक्तमुने ।

भवजलतारण दोषनिवारण मंगलकारण मुक्तपते ॥
जयजय..॥३

Who destroys persons cherishing AasuriVritis, committing Adharma and eating non-eatables. Who always grants divine pleasure by always protecting the devotees who possess Punyas and who perform Satkarmas. In Whose forehead, fragrant Chandan is smeared and archa is performed by Muktanand Muni. Who helps Jeev cross the Ocean of Life and Death. All Doshas of devotees seeking His shelter are destroyed and Who is the reason for all Mangal and Shrey of this world. Who is Master of aAnantAksharmuktas and by seeking Whose shelter, Jeev of this Jagat are hailed everywhere. You grant divine Light in the form of Gyan to the whole world, who is Adhipati of divinity and who is very much benevolent upon all wretched and poor people and such is My IshtadevBhagwan Shree Swaminarayan who is hailed everywhere. (3)

सरसिजलोचन जनिमृतिमोचन रविशशिरोचन रागिरते ।
असुरविमोहन सुरसुखदोहन वारणरोहण शीघ्रगते ॥
जयजय..॥४

Shree Hari who has incarnated as human being and whose eyes are like petals of lotus flower, who helps the

devotees get rid of Life-Death. Who grants Light to the sun and the moon who give light to the whole world. Who cherishes inclination to sprinkle Gulal upon His devotees in FuladolotsavofJanmotsav of Shree NarnarayanBhagwan. Who creates Moh in AgyaniAsuras and grants divine pleasure to devotees cherishing SattvikVrittis. Who rides upon His favourite Manki horse and Who Himself is habituated to fast walking and by seeking Whose shelter, Jeev of this Jagat are hailed everywhere. You grant divine Light in the form of Gyan to the whole world, who is Adhipati of divinity and who is very much benevolent upon all wretched and poor people and such is My IshtadevBhagwan Shree Swaminarayan who is hailed everywhere. (4)

निजहितशासन शापविनाशन हयगरुडासन सादिवृते ।

दुर्गपुरासन भक्तनिवासन भुंजितकुवासना भक्तरते ॥
जयजय..॥५

Who stabilizes all His devotees in Bhagwat Dharma and Who releases Munis of Ashram of Bhagwan Shree Narnarayan from the curse of Durvasa Muni. Who always sits upon Manki horse for performing Vicharan in the world. Whose conduct is always Sattvik and clothes simple, who resides in Gadhpur and sometimes resides in the houses of His devotees at various places. Who destroys Kuvasana from the heart of the devotees and who is always eager to take care of His devotees and by seeking Whose shelter, Jeev of this Jagat are hailed everywhere. You grant divine Light in the form of Gyan to the whole world, who is Adhipati of divinity and who is very much benevolent upon all wretched and poor people and such is My IshtadevBhagwan Shree Swaminarayan who is hailed everywhere. (5)

रचितनिजावन भक्तविभाजन पंक्तसुपावन पुण्यपते ।

शंकुरु शंकर वैरभयंकर धर्मधुंरधर योगिगते ॥ जयजय..॥६

(Con. from page 12)

BLESSINGS OF H.H. SHRI ACHARYA MAHARAJ ON THEPIOUS OCCASION OF GURU PURNIMA

- Compiled by Gordhanbhai V. Sitapara (Hirawadi – Bapunagar)

Ahmedabad Kalupur temple, Date 16/07/2019 : Wherever you may have been sitting but all of you are within the range of my eyes. I just do scanning once as to who you are and from where. This is Dev and the pious company of Dev. Talk was held about the importance of seat of Acharya. This is not a talk about pride of any individual. This is a talk about seat of Acharya which has been established by Shreeji Maharaj Himself and so it is our responsibility and also of H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj to preserve it and there is support, love and affection and feelings of all of you.

Last night at about 10.00 hours I landed and reached at about 10.45 hours at Swaminarayan Baug to take the meals of Khichdi. But I came from London just to perform divine Darshan of Shree Nar Narayandev. At the end of the day, if we talk about Guru Purnima, nobody is beyond and ahead of Shree Nar Narayandev. There is importance of Acharya but that also comes due to this Dev. So if we remain ardent devotees of our Dev, nothing else is required to be done.

On the occasion of Janmadivas of H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj (which was in fact on 27/07/2019 but celebrated here together) cake was cut and with the insistence of the saints, we offered it to H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj as Prasadi of Dev and H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj offered it to me. I generally don't take the cake. H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj found it sweet. I also found it sweet. But that sweetness is due to ardent love and affection of all the saints and devotees. All of us relish Shakotsav. Isn't it? That is because there is divine presence of Dev

with all of us during such pious occasions.

Yesterday I came. Now H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj and family go to the overseas countries. We don't take any holidays (of festivals or public holidays). The only reason for this is that, our devotees have been residing in abroad and also in the villages. Root of our Satsang is lying in the villages. Till today our villages have remained intact and protected and we are good due to these villages only. Almost small and big villages of Rajasthan have been visited by us. Recently we performed Padyatra from the village Bhagaji till Vali temple. What a magnanimous it was! I am not talking about anything or any physical thing. In fact there is no fragrance in the things but there is fragrance of Bhagwan.

Swami asked, "Why do you use Safari (Tata Safari) car? What to do? If I don't want to go or even when I don't know how to go then there is no any need to learn it. There is no such a delicious taste in Pizza which we find in Rotla-Kadhi. In our life we have received Dev and it is perfect and till we are in the pious company of Dev, we all are protected. It is a matter of pleasure that we have such a huge and wide spectrum. Those who are sitting in the front line have been doing administration and they have been doing it since long and they will do. You and me shall also do it. I believe in transparency and I will believe in. there is pleasure in simplicity. I don't like to use costly cars, because wheels of such car are moving with the support and co-operation of the devotees. This is the money of Dev and each and every rupees is of your hard work and perspiration which can be assessed in

terms of its value or denomination.

Since the time of Shreeji Maharaj, saints and our ancestors have created history and we have received all this due to it and nobody can possess it. This is a very rich heritage. H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj told that, Haribhaktas from North Gujarat have come here by walking. Many devotees of Rajasthan have come from Mumbai. Our devotees are there in every region. Many devotees go to the places of pilgrimage but they search for the places which have facilities. If they do not get the facilities, they would call up at midnight requesting to make recommendations. Once I couldn't tolerate and asked, "For what purpose have you come?" "To perform Darshan" was their reply. And so I told them to stay there where they are. Have I have asked for any facility anywhere I go? We never ask for any facility. If your heart is at ease, you will feel at ease. This is what I have experienced. There are pleasure and happiness in simplicity. Sometime back Shantibhai of Sukhpar offered us a chain. I told him that, I don't wear a chain. However, your chain is certainly a symbol of your love and affection and ultimately Shreeji Maharaj has tied us all with strings of love and affection. We have to preserve this history and we have to go ahead.

Some time back I went to Kantharia and Samla village in simple dress of Zabbha and Dhoti taking driver with me and without telling anything to anybody. I stayed with the devotees for forty five minutes each in both the villages and the villagers and the devotees were so much pleased. If we tell them in advance, they would take so much of pain and hard work in the preparation for our warm welcome etc. I also liked to know about our history from the old aged devotees of the village. Kantharia is a village of Prasadi. During the earthquake,

the temple was damaged. In order to remove the worries of the villagers, I consoled them that, temple would be got constructed. We will not lose the history granted by Shreeji Maharaj. At the house of one devotee of Samla village, H.H. Shri Vasudevprasadji Maharaj had stayed for six months at the tender age of our years. How much trust our family would have upon that devotee!

This devotee Pratik came. We have a small garden and a small Madhi (hut) is prepared behind it. This Pratik has worked very hard. He has come from village Juna Savar of Amreli district. Cow-dung has been smeared in the floor of Madhi and dry grass has been spread all around. It is better to remain on the earth than to go up. I like to remain on earth.

I would not accompany H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj on his birthday of because he would be going to U.S. and U.K. I or my family have never been worried about him. He has always been and will be for the huge family of Satsnag. Otherwise can you go out on the day of birthday of your son? I have been listening to such excuses. But birthday of H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj is not that of an individual. It is celebrated in the premises of the temple and so it is an opportunity of blessings of Dev. So let us pray to Dev that, we may get more and more strength.

I just remembered one thing. Once H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj brought an idol image to H.H. Shri Devendraprasadji Maharaj and asked to make the idol image a Prasadi. At this, H.H. Shri Devendraprasadji Maharaj rebuked him getting very angry and asked him to just go to Bapji and ask whose blood is flowing in him. Today those who have pride of shelter and pious company of Dev, he has nothing else to get in this life. I am proud to cherish

it. I am of Dev and will remain always of Dev. Even a leaf would not move without the wish of Dev. We sing this everyday but we forget it sometimes. We have got together on the pious day of Guru Purnima. For all of us Shree Narnarayandev is our Guru and our everything and Reason for all reasons.

We have got an opportunity remain in the premises of this temple and all of you have been standing behind and performing Tapa which I will never forget. How can we forget even the ladies devotees? All these ladies devotees have been performing

Sabha by going to the villages under the guidance of H.H. Shri Gadiwala. Moreover, all these ladies devotees have also been rendering their devout services for 'Aangan' project started recently under the auspices of H.H. Shri Gadiwala. It cannot be forgotten that, these children are going to imbibe Samskaras through these ladies devotee only. It is an humble prayer at lotus-like feet of Shree Narnarayandev that, all of you become happy and prosperous and render your devout services to Satsang.

(Con. on page 9)

Who has created the pious ShikshaPatri as a part of constituting Sampradaya in order to protect the devotees and who crated Tyagi-Grihi, Bai-BhaiVibhag for the protection of the devotees and who has satisfied the devotees and the saints by offering them sweets during the time of the meals. Who is Swami of the whole Punya and who granted divine happiness and grants Kalyanto the devotees. Who is ferocious for the enemies of Dharma and who has always held Dharma. Who is the goal of Yoga-Siddhasand who grants Moksh and by seeking Whose shelter, Jeev of this Jagat are hailed everywhere. You grant divine Light in the form of Gyan to the whole world, who is Adhipati of divinity and who is very much benevolent upon all wretched and poor people and such is My IshtadevBhagwan Shree Swaminarayan who is hailed everywhere. (6)

खंडितचंडं पंडितमंडं जितपाखं दंडभटम् ।

कंपितकालं वृषकुलपालं वरवनमालं पीतपटं ॥ जयजय..॥७

While preaching His devotees, who has broken Mata of Nastiks like Charvak and Vaammargis, who has win over the hypocrites and who respects

SatyavadiPandits. Who is expert in punishing the offenders. And whose eyesight threatens Maya and who takes care of the successors of Dharmkul and who has held necklace of flower and who always wears yellow silky clothes and by seeking Whose shelter, Jeev of this Jagat are hailed everywhere. You grant divine Light in the form of Gyan to the whole world, who is Adhipati of divinity and who is very much benevolent upon all wretched and poor people and such is My IshtadevBhagwan Shree Swaminarayan who is hailed everywhere. (7)

श्रितसुखकंदं बोधितमंदं सहजानंदं त्वधिभजे ।

कुरु तव दासं चरणनिवासं त्यक्तकुवासं योगमुनिम् ॥
जयजय..॥८

Who always grants divine pleasure to devotees singing and listening His Charitra, who grants Gyan of His Swaroop even to those AgyaniJeev who are mentally restarted, who grants pleasure to the devotees very easily. You are Sahjanand Swami and I Yoganand Muni ardent worship you. Please get me rid of all typesof Kuvasana and accept me a Your servant and grant me place at your lotus like feet such is my humble prayer. (8)

શ્રી સ્વામિનારાયણ



SHREE SWAMINARAYAN MUSEUM



GadhiAbhishek of our Aadi Acharya Shri Ayodhyaprasadji Maharaj upon the seat of Shree Narnarayandev of Ahmedabad was performed at the age of 17 years and he rendered the services to Sampradaya for 42 years as Acharya. During that time, it was a matter of joy to perform divine Darshan of AcharyaMaharaj in the procession during Samaiya – Utsav. Accompanied by saints-Mahants and followed by elephants and horses nicely decorated and thousands of devotees would be standing with folded hands and bowing down in reverence and armoured Parshads would be standing around AcharyaMaharaj, AuchhavMandals going ahead in the front row performing Dhoon and Auchhav. Ladies devotees performing singing of Mangalkirtan while remaining within permissible Maryada of Sampradaya. Bhudevs performingSwastiVachan in Vedic tradition and leading saints would be holding beads in their hands with half closed eyes performing naam-smaran. One would get into the state of Samadhi while performing divine Darshan of such a divine scene.

પદ્મામણીમાં સાથે જાવું, નીચું જોઈને નિષ્કામી થાવું.
શસ્ત્રધારી થાવું શૂરવીર, ખરે વખતે ખોવું નહી નીર.

(Harileelamrit Kadavu-09, Vishram-12)

Silver bases were given to Parshads of ShriAcharyaMaharaj for their special identity. Even the British Magistrate would support them and special orders were being issued with number. These original bases of Parshad of AyodhyaprasadjiMaharaj have been preserved in DharmvanshiAcharya tradition and the same have been offered by H.H. ShriMotaMaharaj in our Shree Swaminarayan Museum for divine Darshan by our devotees.

Whether there are Parshads or weapons, nothing is without the directions of AcharyaMaharaj in our Sampradaya. It is the fundamental rule to scrupulously follow all the directions of ShriAcharyaMaharaj. Considering this humility, even the original sampradaya was provided all required assistance by the rulers of the time.

By knowing and understanding the history of our Sampradaya, one can understand the respect and reverence people used to cherish towards our Sampradaya and one would be in a position to understand the importance of DharmvanshiAcharyaMaharaj, Saints and Parshads.

These bases of Parshads have been kept in Hall No.11 of our Shree Swaminarayan Museum for divine Darshan by all the devotees and Haribhaktas.

- Prof. HitendrabhaiNaranbhai Patel

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Shree Mahavishnu Yaag Yagna in Shree Swaminarayan Museum July – 2019

07/07/2019 Rameshbhai G. Kachhadia – Bapunagar through Jyotiben and Jatin and Darshan and daughter-in-law Nilamben.

List of Host devotees who availed the benefit of Abhishek of Shree Narnarayandev in Shree Swaminarayan Museum-July-2019

07/07/2019 DevinabenBharatbhaiJadva – Bolton (U.K.)
(Afternoon) Vasantiben P. Patel – Maninagar through Anishaben and Khush
11/07/2019 BharatbhaiShambhubhaiHirpara – Vadodara.
14/07/2019 RamanbhaiChaturbhai Patel – Sabarmati.
(Afternoon) KantibhaiGovindbhaiParmar – Kalupur.
21/07/2019 DhirajbhaiLabhubhai Patel – Kalyanpurwala – Memnagar.
(Afternoon) JaiminPrafulbhaiThakkar – Vastrapur (Narnarayan Pharmacy)

List of devotees who rendered their services under Shree Swaminarayan Museum Maintenance Bhet Yojna-July-2019

Rs. 26,600/- Sankhya Yogi Sundarba Guru Sankhya Yogi Ratanba – through Sankhya Yogi Champaba and Sankhya Yogi Bhartiba Kshamaben (BhaljaSahebMandal) – Ahmedabad.
Rs. 5,100/-
Rs. 5,000/- Bhagwatbhai F. Shah – Gandhinagar with the inspiration of SadguruShastri Swami Harikeshavdasji.
Rs. 5,000/- Minaben K. Joshi – Bopal.
Rs. 5,000/- JayendrabhaiSoni – Paliyadwala – Ranip on the occasion of birthday.
Rs. 5,000/- Sankhya Yogi Babuba and MahilaMandal – Swaminarayan temple, Kaliyana – on the occasion of Guru Poojan.

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.

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.

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SATSANG BALVATIKA

Compiler Shastri Harikesavdasji (Gandhinagar)

FOR OBTAINING PLEASURE OF BHAGWAN

- ShastriHaripriyadas (Gandhinagar)

With the beginning of the pious Chatur Maas it is the beginning of a season of special Bhajan and Bhakti. Hindola Mahotsav in the temples and pooja of Shivji and special programmes of Katha-Varta are organized during the pious Shravan Maas. Devotees go to listen to Katha more zealously. Friends! Do you know that Shree Swaminarayan Bhagwan liked it very much to listen to Katha-Varta? Therefore only, among special Niyams of the pious Chatur Maas, ShreejiMaharaj liked eight Niyams and the first of these eight Niyams is to listen Katha of Bhagwan. So friends let us read one incident of listening to Katha.

Ishtadev Swaminarayan Bhagwan graced Kachchh-Bhuj in order to grant happiness of divine Darshanto the devotees. While performing Vicharan in various villages, ShreejiMaharaj graced the villages Mankuva and Rampura. Shree Hari stayed for one day at the residence of one devotee and from there Shree Hari reached at the bank of river Rukmavati situated to the West of Rampura. This place was very much liked by Shree Hari. Bank of the river, beauty of trees standing all around, beautiful music of the flowing water of the river which

naturally fell down upon a Shivlinga – akhandDhara flowing continuously!

There was forest, peaceful atmosphere, trees and the forests situated around the river Bank. ShreejiMaharaj stayed here at the bank of the river for fifteen days. Maharaj was accompanied by PragjiPurani. Maharaj asked Purani, "Purani! Let us do one thing. We organize here BhagwatSaptah." Purani said, "Who will come to listen to this Saptah at this place?" but with the directions of ShreejiMaharaj Katha was organized and PragjiPurani was the spokesperson and ShreejiMaharaj became the listener ! gradually people of Rampura village started coming. Everybody was listening to Katha. Even PragjiPurani was enjoying his narrating of Katha. The only reason for their joy and pleasure of pious company of ShreejiMaharaj. Secondly to listen to Katha is a spiritual action. It is not a worldly action. Many a times, people relegate Katha, Parayan to a worldly matter and one does not get peace of mind. There people are craving for and running after their name and fame only.

Bhagwat is ParamhamsaSamhita. The scriptures are meant to wash off the dirt of our mind. Katha and Parayan are meant to make us stronger. We make the scriptures a means to create an atmosphere or to earn name and fame for us. In fact, mysteries of the scriptures are to be imbibed into ourselves; however, we keep them at superfluous level only and so it does not yield us the desired result.

When Katha-Parayan are organized its purpose has to be considered. Whether it is meant for peace of mind? Or for strengthening Satsnag. Sometimes we commit mistakes in our life, sometimes we do not and sometimes we commit less mistakes and Katha is meant for maintaining the accounts of it. Katha

teaches us everything. Katha is not merely a means of entertainment. It is the mirror of life of devotee.

Purani read Katha for seven days. While reading Katha, mind of Purani did not go anywhere except image of ShreejiMaharaj. Everyone was having wonderful and divine peace and pleasure both.

On the last day, ShreejiMaharaj said, "Puraniji! There is no Dakshina. What shall we do now?" Purani said, "What is the need of any Dakshina? Your pleasure is my Dakshina only." While they were talking, some of the devotees of Kachchh came there and performed SastangDandwatPranam and offered Bhet at the lotus like feet of Maharaj. ShreejiMaharaj gave all these items received in Bhet to Purani. Thus, a great event was organized at the bank of river Rukmavati.

Friends! You read this incident, Isn't it? So listening to Katha is very good. Our IshtadevSwaminarayanBhagwan also used to listen to Katha-Parayan time and again for preaching. So you will also listen to Katha. Won't you? During this pious Chatur Maas, all of you go to the temple and read or listen to Katha and thereafter narrate Katha to others. You will obtain pleasure of Maharaj.

Furthermore, Dwishatabdi year of Vachanamrit is going on and so don't forget to read Vachanamrit. All of you read and listen and also inspire others to do so. ShreejiMaharaj will be very much pleased with all of you.

TALK OF SHRADDHA IS UNIQUE

- Narayan V. Jani (Gandhinagar)

Dear Friends! GurupurnimaUtsav was completed recently. How lucky we are that, we are not required to search Guru. SwaminarayanBhagwan Himself has

established Dharmvanshi Guru. So let us talk about how a disciple cherishes ardent faith towards his Guru. Shraddha (faith) is very much important in life. A person without Shraddha does not achieve anything. And therefore, it is rightly stated in our scriptures "શ્રદ્ધાવાન લભતે શત". According to the scriptures, a person who has Shraddha in Swaroop of Bhagwan and in Vachan of Guru, gets all his work done very easily. Talk of today is going to be very useful to know what work is being done by Shraddha.

It is a talk of those times when one was required to search for real Guru if he cherishes inquisitiveness to obtain Gyan. After obtaining Guru, he would render his ardent services and would obtain the pleasure of his Guru and therefore he would pass the test conducted by Guru and then only Guru would impart him his Gyan.

In one village, there was a rich businessman. He had earned name and fame in the village. He had only one son and he was brought up with utmost care. Somehow the son of this rich businessman cherished the desire to obtain knowledge about Vedas and Vedant. He told this to his father who inquired in all four directions and they got to know about one real Guru. The rich businessman willingly gave his consent to obtain knowledge while staying with the Guru.

This young son reverently bowed down at the feet of Guru and introduced himself and narrated the reason for his coming there. In order to test the curiosity and inquisitiveness of the young son, Guru decided to perform pilgrimage and to take his new disciple with him. Steep mountains, deep valleys and dense forests, both Guru and disciple used to live happily. Despite being very hungry and thirsty, both of them were very much happy. This disciple used to render his ardent

services with great enthusiasm. He would obtain Bhiksha and would offer them to Guru and he would take whatever is left out. Sometimes Guru would become angry or would refuse but the disciple would never get discouraged. Guru observed increased Shraddha and affection in the disciple.

One day Guru and disciple walked a lot and after some time they took rest under a shady tree. The moment disciple sat down, he slept due to exertion to his body. Guru saw a black poisonous snake advancing very fast towards the disciple who was sleeping. Guru got frightened for a fraction of a second but he knew about Jadibutti (herbs which would cure any unknown diseases). Guru chanted a Mantra and the snake stopped there; it could not move ahead. So the snake became angry. By chanting another Mantra, Guru granted power of speaking to the snake. And the snake started telling the reason why he had come there.

Hey Mahatma! This disciple who is sleeping now, is my enemy of my previous birth and life. I was searching him for many days and he is found today. I want to take revenge by biting him in his neck and drinking his blood. The snake requested Guru to let him go and take revenge. The Guru thought, if he would allow the snake to do what it wanted, then he would never forgive himself because the disciple had placed complete faith in him and with his utmost feelings the disciple has been rendering his ardent service to him.

Guru told the snake that, if at all the snake wanted to drink the blood, then it can drink his blood. But the snake was not ready for that. Now Guru started convincing the snake and asked to forgive the disciple. Guru tried everything but the snake did not agree.

Meanwhile there was lightning in the sky and an idea of a trick struck to the mind of

Guru. Guru asked the snake to wait there, as he himself would offer it the blood of the disciple to which the snake agreed and waited there. Guru took out an edged knife and peeled off the outer layer of the skin of the disciple and offered the blood which spilled over to the snake. The snake was satisfied by drinking the blood offered and went away. Guru applied Jadibutti and cured the injury caused with the knife.

Guru was uneasy as to why the disciple did not say anything while blood was taken out with knife by him. The disciple replied that, a disciple is never hurt or done injustice by his Guru. Everything that is done by Guru, is always for the welfare and benefit of his disciples. So I just lied down at ease cherishing utmost faith in you.

This incident and the understanding of the disciple made his Guru very much happy. This Shraddha and feeling of utmost trust towards Guru cherished by the disciple was like a temple and the Sun of Knowledge started shining in the heart of the disciple. And the disciple became an expert in Vedas and the Vedant. The disciple performed DandvatPranam to his Guru and the pilgrimage was accomplished.

Friends! By cherishing utmost faith and Shraddha in every action and act of Guru, the disciple achieved the highest goals in his life! Similarly, while cherishing similar kind of Shraddha in Swaroop of Bhagwan and Vachan of Guru, a devotee becomes happy in his life. How lucky we are that, we have got an opportunity of divine Satsang and Saint-Samagam! So we should perform ardent Bhakti of Bhagwan and should make our human life meaningful.

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BHAKTI-SUDHA

(FROM THE BLESSINGS OF H.H.
SHRI GADIWALA)

- Compilation by Kotak Varsha
Natvarlal - Ghodasar

On the occasion of Ekadashi
Satsang Sabha (Kalupur Haveli):

“Alertness in life is the biggest shield”: When difficulties and obstacles come in life, a man thinks that his luck is bad but this is not so every time and always. Our carelessness and casual approach create difficulties. Our carelessness is our great blunder of our life. We cannot think with prudence during our difficult times and we get confused. Then what should be done? When we walk on a new and unknown path, we do not know whether the soil is hard and how is the road ahead; so we check it by gently placing our leg. This is alertness. So we should not get frightened during whatever difficult situation in our life. We cannot escape it and so we should face it bravely. We should think patiently about the ways and means to come out of such a situation. Alertness in our thoughts and careful behaviour are known as shield. We cannot see the future so we should think about the consequences of whatever we are going to do and should be alert. If we keep this alertness, hard work which we are required to do during such difficult time is reduced to half. So we should never be hasty.

In life a person starts copying others when he does not get anything. Everybody knows that, there is an examination in the school. Those who do not know anything, they try to copy from others and get through the examination. But in life this is not so. In

the examination of the school, question paper of all the students is same. But in life every person has his own examination paper which is quite different from others and so one cannot pass it merely by copying others. In life, one has to find out the answers of the questions. And the battle will go on in life and so its solution is to be searched by himself only. And for that everyone is required to make efforts while placing trust. We become unsuccessful when we abandon our efforts. The biggest reason why we fail in the examination of life is that we make tiny efforts. For obtaining 100% result, we have to put in 90% efforts and the remaining 10% are to be left upon the luck or destiny.

How soft is the rope which we use to take out bucket of water from a well! But over a period of time, the same rope develops cut at a specific place of the stone with which it is rubbed regularly. So by working hard, we would be able to develop such cuts in our destiny. So efforts should never be abandoned. If we try to cut a tree with an axe, it is not cut by first attempt, second and third attempts make a mark upon the tree and with the last attempt the tree is cut. Similarly, we need to make constant efforts to overcome the difficulties. While facing the difficulties, we should never think negatively that this work cannot be done by me. Positive and strong thoughts should be cherished then the difficulties would appear small. If our thinking power would be small, difficulties would appear bigger. We have to behave as per Agya and Niyam. Faith and determination strengthens the efforts.

Due to trying tests in life, the lateral life turns out to be good and happy. Whatever may be the situation, something good is hidden even during the critical time. Clouds may be dark and they may be thundering but there also there is a golden outer line. Right now there is very climate around and this is not liked by the people but if we think from a different angle due to this heat water is evaporated which causes good rains. This rain grants us cooling effect and happiness. Thus, if we cherish the belief that something good is hidden in the bad, our life becomes easier. But if we simply worry about difficulties and think how shall we live this difficult life, we get tired mentally and physically. But we should rather think that, everything is happening as per the wish and desire of Maharaj then we would not get tired. We should remember Shreeji Maharaj at every moment of our life while cherishing utmost faith and our life would become easy.

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MOH
- Sankhya Yogi Kokilaba
(Surendranagar)

Those who want to become Sadhu with utmost honest and to become real devotee of Bhagwan, they face all the difficulties. relatives, family members, parents, body, senses and inner self and his own nature – all these prove to be obstacles in his spiritual journey. All these difficulties do not allow the devotee to perform Bhakti as essentially these obstacles do not like that Jeev should perform Bhakti of Bhagwan. That means all these are destinations of Moh. This army is different that an army deployed at the border. These inner enemies are quite different than the enemies outside. Even their method of waging war is quite different, as they all reside in our house and then fight against us. They make a show of being our well wishers but ultimately they spoil our path

of Moksha. Moh itself is only one but its soldiers are many which come to us in different forms through different things. For example, a mirror causes Moh towards our body, a woman causes Moh in man and vice versa. All these things appear very soft initially and nobody likes to abandon however severe damage they may cause in the spiritual journey.

Maharaj has narrated swaroop of Moh to Anandjibhai Sanghadia which is “રક્તફૂંદ સદા પૂતં”. Not being able to perceive one's own mistake, not to see any mistake in one's own work and deed, one's own children appear very simple though they may be very smart and one's wife appear very good natured even if she may be quarrelsome by nature. All this is Moh.

This Jeev keeps on searching mistake of other persons even if there may not be any mistake but it does not see it's own mistakes – this is Moh. Moh is a kind of mental disease. There is much difference between mental disorder and physical disease. Treatment of both these diseases is quite different from each other. The major difference is that, a person who is suffering from mental disorder considers others as mentally retarded but he never thinks that he himself is a patient. In fact such a person considers even a doctor to be a mentally retarded person and considers himself healthy and normal person. A person who is suffering from this Moh can never see his own mistakes. Another specialty of Moh is that, it is not destroyed so easily as it is very difficult to destroy it. “મરે પણ મોરચો નાવ ત્યાગો”.

In the great epic Ramayan, Ravan is considered an embodiment of Moh. There is much similarity between Ravan and Moh. When Ravan came forward in the battlefield to fight against Bhagwan Shree

Ram, there happened strange incident. With cutting of hand or head of Ravan everytime, another hand or head would emerge at the place. This continued for a while and Bhagwan Shree Ram was confused for a while thinking now what to do? When we are sitting in Katha of Bhagwan and we get engrossed in listening to any incident then we feel that now we are free from Moh. But the moment we stand up and come out of the place of Katha, all our love and affections – which are due to Moh – emerge again in our mind – like hands and head of Ravan.

We should not think that we have win over this Moh. This battle is to be fought for the whole life. Moh can be destroyed only with the blessings of Bhagwan. Ravan can be killed only by Bhagwan Shree Ram – he cannot be killed by Vali or Parshuram. So if we want to fight against Moh – we should have Bhagwan with us, should always remain under the directions of Bhagwan and should perform Saint-samagam and to perform Bhakti of Bhagwan then only Mayik Doshas would be destroyed.

There was a devotee namely Laviyo. He used to render his ardent services to the saints in Junagadh temple and he also cleaned the temple premises. But he was not free from Vasana of Stri and Dhan etc. due to his hard luck, wife of Laviyo died and he was very much unhappy. However, he saw a married woman of his caste who was very beautiful. This woman was married. But this Laviyo thought if this woman becomes a widow, he can get married with her. He told this to Ladha Rathod. Ladha Rathod told him that if he would render his devout services of cleaning the temple for six months his wish would be fulfilled. This Laviyo cherished this sankalp in his mind and started rendering his services. Sadguru

Gunatitanand Swami was omniscient and so he came to know about the desire being cherished by Laviyo. About four years passed and Laviyo kept on rendering his services cherishing his desire in the mind but he did not think about getting married with any other appropriate woman of his caste. After four years, the husband of that beautiful woman died. Laviyo immediately rushed to the house of the parents of that widowed woman and proposed them to get married with that widowed woman. The parents consented and Laviyo brought woman home after getting married with her. As he did not cherish good idea in his mind, he could not enjoy his worldly life. His wife became sick of a disease for first six months and Laviyo had to render his services to cure her. When the wife was cured, it came the end-time of life of Laviyo. Shreeji Maharaj and Gunatitanand Swami came to take him to Akshardham. But due to Moh, Laviyo refused to come with them and ardently requested to allow him to live in this world for some time. At this, Gunatitanand Swami told Maharaj that this Laviyo has rendered services to the saints in the temple and so he may be helped to get rid of this human body. Thereafter, Gopalanand Swami showed Laviyo the form of his wife which told Laviyo that she is going to Akshardham. Listening to these words, Laviyo also got ready to go to Akshardham and his soul left his body and took seat in the chariot. But when the soul did not find his wife in the chariot, it became very unhappy and dropped down in Ilavant Khand on the way and met with Asadgati. So one should not cherish Moh for anything.

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REALIZATION TO PATHAN
- Labhuben Manubhai Patel (Kundal,
Tal. Kadi)

One Pathan was employed in an army in Junagadh. Once he was passing by the outskirts of the village Zinzavadar.

Surprisingly he felt serenity and peace of mind; all his desires got subsided and he saw divine light. He thought a Fakir or Oliya must be residing in the village.

So he entered the village and asked Alaiya Khachar about Fakir or Oliya. Alaiya Khachar took him with himself and brought him in front of Shreeji Maharaj. When Pathan performed divine Darshan of Maharaj, he realized the divinity and he performed Namaz in front of Maharaj. Maharaj granted him the experience of Samadhi wherein he performed divine Darshan of eighty thousand Payagambar. Thereafter, this Pathan ardently requested Maharaj to keep him in the service as Hajur. Maharaj told him to cherish idol image of Bhagwan in his heart and visit the houses of devotees and at the end of his life, he would be granted Kalyan and Moksh. With these words, Maharaj went towards Kariyani.

BLIND FAITH

- Harshaben Shaileshkumar Patel
(Prantij)

Like happiness every person comes across miseries and difficulties in life. Sometimes, proportion of miseries is much more than happiness. Bhut, Pret, Pisach, Dakini, Brahm Rakshash are such miseries which cannot be seen even though one may be suffering from them. If there is any enemy, he would cause all such miseries and ailments of body like incurable diseases. Resultantly, perturbed people take recourse to various types of means and ways to get rid of such miseries.

Some persons seek shelter of Bhagwan or Guru or any saint or Sadhu and get rid of such miseries through faith and trust. Whereas some people take the guidance of Tantrik, Bhuva, Jagariya, Muth and persons knowing black magic to get rid of their miseries. But this short-cut method proves to

be futile and a person is robbed of his money. What is not done by the people who do not have children or persons who want to become millionaire overnight? Such people do not hesitate to take away lives of innocent children of other persons!!! In the modern age of science and technology not only illiterate persons but many educated persons also take recourse to such short-cut methods and they lose their money and get trapped.

Swaminarayan Bhagwan has written that, a man comes across happiness and miseries according to his Prarabdha and only Parmeshwar Narayan is capable of granting such happiness and miseries to the human beings. So one should cherish ardent faith in Narayan Bhagwan only.

It is not true that, the tools of black magic such as Tantra-Mantra have its lasting effect upon human beings otherwise the great kings would not remain on their throne for the whole of their lives who have naturally many enemies. If these Mantra-Tantra has any effect, then why the kings would engage and maintain the whole army for the protection of the kingdom? If a man can live with the help of such Mantra-Tantra, then nobody would die!

So one should not believe in such black magic and its tools like Mantra-Tanta and should cherish ardent faith in Bhagwan and should perform Bhajan and Bhakti of Bhagwan. To seek shelter of Purna Purushottam Narayan Bhagwan is the only way to become happy in life and so we should not waste our valuable time and life behind such blind faith.

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શદ્ધાવિહોણી જિંદગી જગમાં કદી ફળતી નથી.”

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Celebration of Guru Purnima and 22nd Janmotsav of H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Kalupur

In the pious company of Shree Narnarayandev and the whole Dharmkul, on the pious day of Ashadh Sud-15 Tuesday on 16/07/2019, Guru Purnima Mahamahotsav and 22nd Janmotsav of our future Acharya H.H. Shri 108 Shri Vrajendraprasadji Maharaj was celebrated with fervor and enthusiasm by all the saints and devotees.

First of all H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj, H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj performed Shangaar Aarti of Shree Narnarayandev and took their seats in Sabha Mandap of Prasadi. Learned Gor of the temple Shri Kamleshbhai performed reading of Swastivachan and poojan of Dharmkul was performed in Vedic tradition. Thereafter, saints who had arrived from various places and temples had performed poojan-archan and aarti of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj. Shree Swaminarayan Satsang Mandal, Vali (Rajasthan), devotee Shri Kishanbhai Mali (Mumbai), devotee Shri Magilalbhai Chaudhary, devotee Shri Harishbhai Purohit and devotee Shri Maganbhai Chaudhary who rendered the services as the host devotee of Guru Purnima Mahotsav performed poojan-archan and aarti of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj. Thereafter, H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj offered Khes of Prasadi to all the host devotees of Guru Purnima Mahotsav. Thereafter members of our Shree Narnarayandev Temple Trust Board and former members and leading devotees also performed poojan-archan and aarti. H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj blessed all the devotees and graced Shree Swaminarayan Museum. The sabha was conducted by Sadguru Shastri Swami Ramkrishnadasji (Koteshwar). On this occasion, Sadguru Mahant ShastriSwami

Harikrishnadasji (Kalupur Mahant), Sadguru Mahant Shastri Swami Narayanvallabhdasji (Vadnagar Mahant), Sadguru Mahant Shastri Swami Purustottamprakashdasji (Gandhinagar Mahant)and Prof. Shri Hitendrabhai Patel explained the importance of Guru Tradition of Sampradaya and importance of Guru Poojan.

Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal and Bal Mandal had offered 22 feet long garland to H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj on the occasion of celebration of 22nd Janmotsav. Two new mobile applications viz. 'Nitya Niyam' and 'Kirtan' by Shree Swaminarayan temple, Kalupur were launched by H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj and they were accompanied by Shastri Muni Swami, Mahant of Kota temple, Shastri Swami Chaitanyaswoopdasji (Gandhinagar), Shastri Divyaprakashdasji (Mahant, Naranghat temple) and Shastri Swami Gopalivandasji (Prantij temple).

With the inspiration of Sadguru Mahant Swami, Shastri Ram Swami made announcement of devotee Shri Dahyabhai Patel family of Mansa as the host devotee of Guru Purnima Mahotsav of the next year. At last H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj and H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj had blessed the whole Sabha. Grand and beautiful arrangement of the whole Guru Purnima Mahotsav was made by Shri Haricharan Swami (Kalol), Shri J.P. Swami, Kothari J.K. Swami, Bhandari Yogi Swami etc. saint Mandal under the guidance of Mahant Sadguru Shastri Swami Harikrishnadasji. Shree Narnarayandev Yuvak Mandal rendered inspirational services. (Shastri Swami Narayanmundas – Mahant of Kota temple)

Hindola Darshan in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Kalupur

All Utsavs of our Sampraday are being celebrated as per Vaishnav tradition. Hindola Darshan of Thakorji is organized every year from Ashadh Vad-02 to Shravan Vad-02. Everyday in the evening at 5.00 hours Hindola of various natural flowers, fruits, dry fruits, Rakhdhi, chocolate dry fruits, etc. are offered to Thakorji. Saint Mandal of Mahant Swami of our Shree Swaminarayan temple, Kalupur-Ahmedabad, Haricharan Swami,J.P. Swami,

Kothari J.K. Swami, Bhandari Yogi Swami, ShastriMuni Swami etc. saints and Parshad Mandal and staff had rendered their beautiful services for Hindola Darshan. Poojari Brahmchari saints of Thakorji offers divine Hindola Darshan and Shree Narnarayandev Auchhav Mandal performs singing of Kirtans of the Nand saints. The devotees who intend to render their services as the host devotee of Hindola may contact Kothar office. (Kothari Shasri Narayanmuidasji)

58th Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Vadnagar

With the blessings of Shree Narnarayandev and with the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and with the blessings of the whole Dharmkul and with the inspiration of Sadguru Mahant Shastri Swami Narayanvallabhdasji of Vadnagar temple and Kothari Shastri Swami Vishwaprakahdasji, 58th Patotsav of Sarvopari Shree Ghanshyam Maharaj of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Vadnagar was celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm on Jeth Vad-12 on Sunday 30/06/2019. In the memory of Akshar Nivasi Bhavsar Shantilal Narottamdas and AKshar Nivasi Bhavsar Prabhavatiben Shantilal their sons e Shri Vijaybhai and Madhuriben Vijaybhai Bhavsar, Jeetkumar etc. family members rendered the services as the host of this Patotsav. On this occasion Shrimad Bhagwat Panchanh Parayan was organized with Sadguru Shastri Swami Narayanvallbhdasji and Kothari Shastri Vishwaprakashdasji as the spokespersons. Purohit Shastri Jayeshbhai Ratilal Vyas was the spokesperson of Samhita Path. The host devotee of Jeth Vad-12 had performed ritual of Mahapooja and thereafter the saints performed Shodasopchar Mahabbishek of Thakorji and offered Annakut. Poojari Swami Dharmvihardasji performed aarti.

On this occasion Mahant Shastri Swami harikrishnadasji of Ahmedabad temple had conveyed best wishes to the host devotees. Haribhakas of Vadnagar and those who had come from outstation had performed divine Darshan and availed the benefit of Mahaprasad. Mahant Sadguru Shastri P.P. Swami from Gandhinagar temple had narrated beautiful talks about supremacy of Bhagwan.

Mahant Swami Dharmswaroopdasji of Kankaria temple, swami Madhavpriyadasji (Jamiyatpura), Swami Jayvallabhdasji from Idar etc. saints had also arrived on this occasion. Trustee and devotee shri Navinchandra Manilal Modi delivered a vote of thanks. Sadguru Shastri Swami Narayanvallabhdasji had conducted the Sabha. Devotee Shri Vadilal Modi had made beautiful arrangements. (Poojari Swami Dharmvihardas Guru Shastri Narayanvallabhdasji – Vadnagar)

105th Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Ayodhya

105th Varshik Patotsav of Shree Radhakrishnadev Harikrishna Maharaj of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Ayodhya situated on the bank of river Sarayu which has been sanctified by Balswoop Shree Ghanshyam Maharaj was celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm with the directions of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and with the pleasure of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj and with the inspiration of Sadguru Mahant Swami Devprasadji Guru Swami Jagatprakashdasji. This Patotsav was celebrated on the pious day of Ashadh Sud-04 on Saturday 06/07/2019 by Sankhya Yogi Devuba and Sankhya Yogi Jashuba the disciples of Akshar Nivasi Sankhya Yogi Nanbai Karshan Varsani (Kera – Kachchh). On this occasion Shree Ghanshyam Bal Charitra Panchanh Parayan was organized from 02/07/2019 to 06/07/2019 with Sadguru Shastri Swami Narayanvallbhdasji (Vadnagar) as the spokesperson. Devotee Shri Karshanbhai Manjibhai Hirani and devotee Shri Amarbai Karshanbhai and son Ravjibhai, Lalbhai and Premjibhai family had rendered the services as the host devotee of this Parayan. Saints from various places had arrived on this pious occasion of Patotsav. Sadguru Shastri Swami Jagatprakashdasji, Sadguru Shastri Chhapaiyaprasaddasji, Sadguru Shastri Swami Viveksagardasji had sat in Samhita Path. On this pious occasion Mahant Sadguru Brahmchari Swami Vasudevanandji of Chhapaiyadham and Mahant Sadguru Swami Devprasaddasji of this temple and offered Smriti-Bhet to the host devotee of Katha Shri

Karshanbhai and his sons by tying turban around their heads. Brahmchari Shastri Hariswaroopanandji (Member) the Kothri of Chhapaiya temple and narrated Leela Charitra of Balswaroop Shree Ghanshyam Maharaj and had explained its importance. On the occasion of Patotsav, Poojari of Shree Radhakrishnadev of Mulidham J.P. Swami, Parshad Bharat Bhagat, Poojari Dharmvihari Swami from Vadnagar, Vishnu Swami, Parshad Babu Bhagat, Hardik Bhagat from Ahmedabad and saints of Allahabad temple had arrived. Gor Pandit Sandesh Tiwari of Ayodhya temple had got performed ritual of Abhishek – Poojan. Among the services in the kitchen, Parshad Bhupat Bhagat, Sumit Bhagat, Poojari Tiwari and Hargovan Bhagat etc. had rendered their beautiful services. Sankhya Yogi ladies devotees of Kachchh- Kera had also rendered their beautiful services. (Shastri Swami Narayanvallabhdasji – Mahant Vadnagar temple)

Satsang Sabha and Hindola Darshan in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Mehsana

With the blessings of Paramkripalu Shree Narnarayandev and with the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and with the inspiration of Sadguru Mahant Shastri Swami Atmaprakashdasji and P.P. Swami (Jetalpur) and with the guidance of Mahant Swami Narayanprasaddasji and Shastri Uttampriyadasji, beautiful Satsang Sabha was organized from 9.00 to 10.30 hours at night on Sunday 22/06/2019 wherein young Kathakar Shastri Swami Bhaktinandandaji (Jetalpur) narrated Leela of Sarvopari Shree Hari. From the pious day of Ashadh Vad-02 various types of Hindola Darshan is performed in front of Thakorji whose benefit is being availed by many devotees and Haribhaktas. (Hitendrasinh Bhagat – Mehsana temple)

Murti Pran Pratistha in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Devpura (ladies devotees) (tal. Viramgam)

With the blessings of Sarvopari and Sarvavatari Shree Swaminarayan Bhagwan and with the directions of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and with the blessings of the whole Dharmkul, shishya Mandal of Akshar Nivasi Sadguru Swami Hariswaroopdasji and the whole Devpura village had celebrated Murti Pran Pratistha Utsav of Shree Swaminarayan

temple, Devpura (ladies devotees).

On this occasion, Tridinatmak Shrimad Bhagwat Katha – Yagna, Abhishek of Thakorji and Annakut etc. pious rituals were performed. On 11/05/2019 Saturday Vaisakh Sud-07 H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj performed Pran Pratistha of Thakorji in Vedic tradition. At last H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj blessed the whole Sabha. (Kothari - Devpura temple)

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Guru Purnima Mahotsav in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Muli

With the blessings of Mulidham Nivasi Shree Radhakrishnadev Harikrishna Maharaj and with the directions of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and with the blessings of the whole Dharmkul and with the inspiration of Mahant Sadguru Swami Shri Shyamsundarddasji of Muli temple, on the pious day of Ashadh Sud-15 Guru Purnima on 16/07/2019 all the saints and devotees performed poojan-archan of photo-image of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj as well as of photo-image of Sadguru Brahmanand Swami in Brahmanand Sabha Mandap. In the Sabha Sadguru Shastri Swami Suryaprakashdasji had narrated the importance of Dharmkul and Dharmvanshi Acharya Maharaj who is Guru of the whole Samprdaya. Devotees of Zalavad, Bhal and Halar Pran had also availed the divine benefit of Dharmkul Poojan. On this occasion, Kothari Harikrishna Swami, Kothari Vraj Swami, Parshad Bharat Bhagat etc. Saint-Mandal had made beautiful arrangement. (Kothari Swami Muli temple)

155th Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Dhrangadhra

With the blessings of Mulidham Nivasi Shree Radhakrishnadev Harikrishna Maharaj and with the directions of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and with the blessings of the whole Dharmkul and with the inspiration of Sadguru Swami Bhaktiharidasji, 155th Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Dhrangadhra was celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm on 09/07/2019. On this occasion, Bhaktihari Swami and Dharmjivan Swami from Morbi temple etc. saints had performed Katha-Varta, Dhoon-Kirtan and Annakut-Aarti of Thakorji. All the devotees availed the benefit of divine Darshan, Katha-Varta and Prasad. (Anil Dudhrejiya – Dhrangadhra)

OVERSEAS SATSANG SAMCHAR

Murti Pran Pratistha in I.S.S.O. Shree Swaminarayan temple, Huntsville (America)

With the blessings of Shree Narnarayandev and with the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and with the blessings of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj and the whole Dharmkul, a very beautiful temple with modern facilities was constructed as Satsang-Kendra for performing Satsang by the devotees residing in Huntsville (America). From 03/07/2019 to 07/07/2019, Murti Pratistha Mahotsav was celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm.

As a part of this Murti Pratistha Mahotsav, Shrimad Bhagwat Parayan, Mahavishnu Yaag, Pothiyatra, Mahapooja etc. various programmes were organized. Utsav began with Deep Pragatya. Under the directions of H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj, Sadguru Mahant ShastriSwami Shree Atmaprakashdasji and Poojari of Thakorji of Jetalpurdham Brahmchari ShastriSwami Purnandji inspired the devotees for collecting the required fund.

On the occasion of Murti Pratistha, Shri Yogendrabhai Bhatt the spokesperson of Shrimad Bhagwat Katha narrated beautiful Katha. All the devotees of our I.S.S.O. had remained present on this occasion. All the devotees who had rendered their beautiful services right from the construction of temple till this Utsav, were honoured. Saints from each temple of I.S.S.O. had remained present. H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj graced the occasion and performed Pran Pratistha of Sarvopri Shree Ghanshyam Maharaj, Shree Narnarayandev, Shree Laxminarayandev etc. Dev in Vedic tradition and at last blessed the whole Sabha and also honoured Brahmchari Swami Pavitranand by offering garland.

The whole arrangement for the construction of the temple was made by Mahant Sadguru Shastri Swami Atmaprakashdasji and Shastri P.P. Swami. (Brahmchari Swami Pavitranandji)

32nd Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Weehawken

With the blessings of Shree Narnarayandev and with the directions and

blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and with the blessings of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj and the whole Dharmkul and with the guidance and inspiration of Mahant Swami Narnarayandasji of this temple and with support of all the devotees and Haribhaktas, 32nd Patotsav of Thakorji of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Weehawken was celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm. On this occasion Panchdinatmak Shrimad Bhagwat Katha was organized with Shastri Vishwavahiridasji as the spokesperson. Devotee Shri Rameshbhai Marfatiya family rendered the services as the host devotee and devotee Shri Rashmibhai Patel family rendered the services as the co-host of Katha. Devotee Shri Shaileshbhai Patel, Shri Maneklal Patel and Shri jashubhai Chaudhary rendered the services as the Chief-host of this Patotsav. 12 saints of our I.S.S.O. temples had performed ritual of Shodasopchar Abhishek and had performed Aarti and had blessed the whole Sabha and all the host devotees were honoured. At last all the devotees availed the benefit of Annakut Darshan and Prasad. (Baldevbhai Patel)

Satsang Sabha in Shree Swaminarayan temple, Colonia

With the blessings of Shree Narnarayandev and with the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and with the blessings of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj and the whole Dharmkul, beautiful Satsang Sabha was organized in the Saturday evening from 5.00 to 7.00 hours during the weekend by Mahant Swami, Bharat Bhagat and all the devotees. First of all young devotees performed Dhoon-Kirtan and thereafter Mahant Swami had narrated katha. All the host devotees were honoured. At last Thaal-Aarti of Thakorji, Nitya-Niyam, Hanuman Chalisa Path etc. were performed and all the devotees availed the benefit of Prasad. (Pravin Shah)

Shree Swaminarayan temple, Parsippany Chhapaiyadham

With the blessings of Shree Narnarayandev and with the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri

Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and with the blessings of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj and the whole Dharmkul and with the inspiration of Mahant Shastri Swami Abhishekprasaddasji of the temple, grand Rathyatra was organized in the Saturday evening from 5.00 to 8.00 hours during the weekend in our Shree Swaminarayan temple, Parsippanny. Host devotee family had placed Bhagwan in Rath and was brought in the Throne in the main hall and all the devotees had performed Dhoon-Bhajan. Swami had narrated beautiful Katha. The host devotees and all the devotees who rendered their devout services were honoured on this occasion and at last all had performed Janmangal Path, Thaal, Aarti etc. followed by Prasad. (Pravin Shah)

Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple,

Allan Town (Vadtaldham)

With the blessings of Shree Narnarayandev and with the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and with the blessings of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj and the whole Dharmkul and with the inspiration of Dharmkisor Swami, 4th Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Allan Town (Vadtaldham) was celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm from 23rd to 30th June 2019. On this occasion Katha of Shree Vishnu Puran was narrated by Swami. Prior to the beginning of Katha, Pothiyatra was organized amidst Dhoon-Bhajan and Kirtan. Mahant Swami had performed Abhishek and Annakut Aarti of Thakorji. All the host devotees and volunteer devotees who rendered their beautiful services were honoured. Saints who had arrived from our I.S.S.O. temples had also delivered beautiful lectures. At last Aarti, Thaal of Thakorji were performed followed by Prasad. (Pravin Shah)

Rathyatra in Shree Swaminarayan temple,

Houston

With the blessings of Shree Narnarayandev and with the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and with the

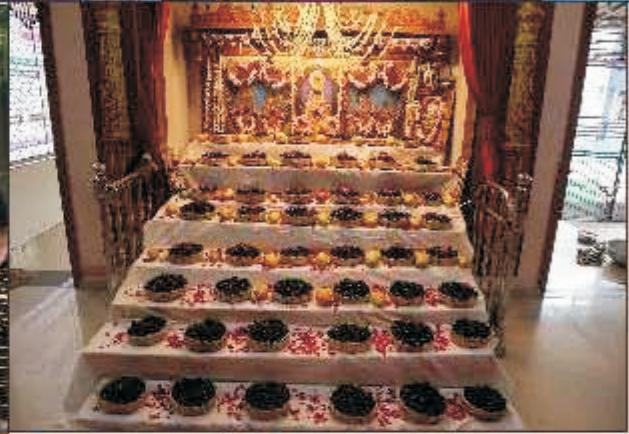
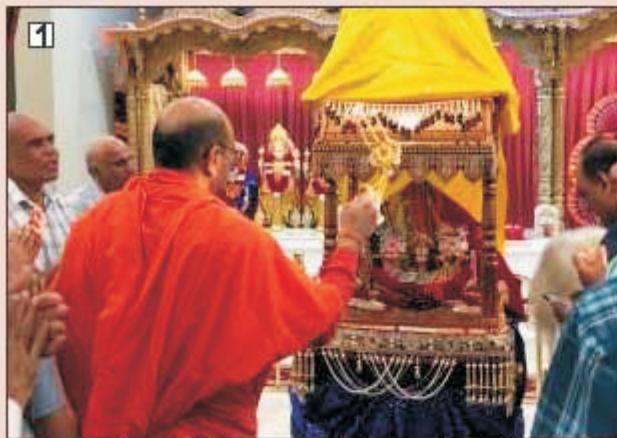
blessings of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj and the whole Dharmkul, Rathyatra Utsav was celebrated from with great fervour and enthusiasm in the evening from 5.00 to 9.00 hours on the pious day of Ashadh Sud-02 and 2nd July 2019 under the guidance of Suvrat Swami and Mahendra Bhagat.

The young devotees had placed Thakorji in beautifully decorated chariot and the saints and the chief host devotee Shri Asitbhai Trivedi and other Saint-Parshad Mandal had performed aarti of Thakorji. While performing Dhoon-Bhajan and Bhakti, Rathyatra was taken upto Astalaxmi temple where ladies devotees and Haribhaktas had performed Raas-Garba while remaining under the limitations of our Sampraday and thereafter Rathyatra was returned to the temple. Mahant Swami had narrated beautiful Katha of Rathyatra. The host devotees were honoured and Thaal was offered to Thakorji and thereafter Nitya-Niyam were performed followed by Prasad. (Pravin Shah)

14th Patotsav of Shree Swaminarayan temple, Lakeland

With the blessings of Shree Narnarayandev and with the directions and blessings of H.H. Shri Acharya 1008 Shri Koshalendraprasadji Maharaj and with the blessings of H.H. Shri Mota Maharaj and H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj and the whole Dharmkul, 14th Patotsav of our Shree Swaminarayan temple, Lakeland was celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm from 5th to 7th July 2019.

On this occasion, Mahant Swami had narrated Katha of Shrimad Satsangi Jeevan. Yogi Swami (Boston) had conducted the Sabha very beautifully. Shodasopchar Abhishek, Annakut Aarti of Thakorji were performed by the saints. All the devotees who rendered their devout services were honoured. Announcement was also made of grand celebration of next 15th Patotsav. Services rendered by all the ladies devotees and Haribhaktas were praised. At last all the devotees availed the benefit of Mahaprasad. (Rasik Shah)



(1) Rathyatra Darshan In Parsippany (America) temple. (2) Rathyatra Darshan organized by our temple on the roads of New York. (3) Rathyatra and Jambu Utsav Darshan organized by our New Ranip temple. (4) Annakut Darshan In front of Thakorji on the occasion of Patotsav of Ayodhya temple. (5) Artistic Hindola Darshan in front of Thakorji in Mehsana temple. (6) Amrotsav Darshan in Gandhinagar Sector-2 temple.



(1) H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj performing Murti Pratistha and Annakut Aarti in Huntsville (America) temple.
(2) 25th Shibir of Shree Narayanand Yuvak Mandal organized in America in the pious company of H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj wherein H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj and members of Yuvak Mandal in various events. (3) H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj celebrating his 22nd Janmotsav by cutting cake in Colonia (America) temple alongwith H.H. Shri Raja, Shri Bindu Raja and Suvratkumar and Saumyakumar. (4) of H.H. Shri Two new App. Kirtan and Nitya Niyam by Kalupur temple being released by H.H. Shri Acharya Maharaj and H.H. Shri Lalji Maharaj.

Calendar 2020

Attractive calendars for the year 2020 alongwith photos of Shree Narayanand and Balswaroop Ghanshyam Maharaj will be published recently by Kalupur temple. For advertisement of their business, occupation etc. devotees will be provided facility of printing of these calendars with minimum 250 copies.

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